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Editorial

This is always that part of the magazine where a senior boy, whilst trying to be intellectual, often ends by being trite or hackneyed. It is not easy to be original in looking back over five, six or seven years in School and this last one in particular.

Certainly some obvious factors have to be remarked upon – you have read them before: lack of enthusiasm, failure to attend school societies. After the 3rd or 4th form, societies seem to become an expediency for gaining employment or filling a gap on a U.C.C.A. form. How many really attend meetings because they enthusiastically wish to? How many senior boys regularly attend the Debating Society, for instance?

The reasons for the decline are apparent; pressure of work in the 6th and the feeling that time is too precious to be wasted on non-academic endeavour; pressures to start earning are also acute and many boys take little or no interest in anything which has not a material end in view. It is this later group which a school really ought to cater for. They are going to find time to spare in this fewer-than-40-working-hours-a-week world. Leisure can be profitable as well as enjoyable. The Craft Club, the Art Club, the Printing Club and the Writers' Circle are but a few societies which deserve support and which will repay – even materially – effort put into them. And who knows – once the spark is ignited enthusiasm may follow.

In the final analysis it still is true that you are rewarded according to your own endeavour.

School Notes

In September, 1964, we welcomed to the staff Mr. Farrington, who joined us as Music master; Mr. Prime who joined the English department; Miss Howie who filled the vacancy in the Physics department, and M. Pilarge, our French assistant for the 1964/65 academic year. Mr. Farrington left after one term, returning to his former school. Mr. Prime left at the end of the summer term and is to take up an appointment on the English staff at The Grammar School, West Bridgford, Nottingham. Miss Howie is leaving to teach Physics at St. Bartholomew's Grammar School, Newbury, Berks, and M. Pilarge is returning to France. We also have to record the departure of Mr. Pring who is joining the Mathematics staff of Plymstock School in September. Mr. Pring joined the staff in 1958 and has done excellent work in the school, both in and out of the classroom. We are grateful to him for his efforts as Housemaster of Grenville House, for his enthusiastic assistance in the Rugby and Cricket Clubs, for his work with the Dramatic Society and for his numerous other activities. Our best wishes go with him and with the other departing members of staff.

An unusual and memorable occasion this year was the presentation of the Lees Trophy for the best A.T.C. Squadron in Britain to the School (197) Squadron. At the ceremony, held on Tuesday, July 27th, Air Commodore Coward presented the cup to Flt.-Lt. Bence, Commanding Officer of 197 Squadron who took the parade. The trophy is awarded to the best of the eight hundred and fourteen squadrons and to win it is an outstanding achievement.

In the academic sphere, an outstanding feature of the year has been the number of Sixth Formers taking "A" Levels and the high percentage of these who are seeking to enter universities. Between fifty and sixty students have been accepted at universities, subject, in some cases, to satisfying the universities' requirements in "A" Level subjects. We hope the results will confirm the belief that this has been the school's best-ever year in this sphere.

The school Scout Troop is to visit the International Scout Chalet in Kandersteg, Switzerland, during August, and we hope to receive a report of their trip in time for publication in this magazine.

We are sorry to hear of the illness earlier in the year of Des Cory, the Secretary of the Bath and Bristol branch of the Old Boys' Association, and of his recent accident, and trust that he has now completely recovered from both.

Congratulations to Tony Ward, Plymouth C.C.'s wicket keeper, who made his County debut for Devon on August 4th. He was selected to play against Cornwall at Peverell Park.

Speech Day this year will be on Thursday, September 30th, and the prizes will be presented by Professor R. M. Barrer, D.Sc., S.C.D., F.R.I.C., F.R.S., Dean of the Royal College of Science.

Praefecti Valet

- P. R. BENTLEY. Entered 1960; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962/63; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1954. Grenville House Captain; 2nd XI Soccer (Captain). Left to read Physics at Bristol University.
- N. I. BOND. Entered 1958; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963/64; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; Queen's Scout; 3rd XV Rugby; Chess Club. Left 1965 to read Building Technology at Manchester University.
- R. J. BOX. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961/62; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; Chairman of Science Society. Left 1965 to read Electronic Engineering at Birmingham University.
- G. S. BROWN. Entered 1961; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963/64; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; 1st XI Tennis (Captain); 2nd XV Rugby (Captain); Tennis Half-colours 1964. Left 1965 for Keele University.
- R. J. BULEY. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961/62; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; 2nd XV Rugby (Captain); Editor of School Magazine; Christian Union Committee Member. Left to read English at Pembroke College, Cambridge.
- R. S. BURROWS. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961/62; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; A.S.M. School Scout Troop; Gilbert House Captain; Chess (Colours). Left 1965 to read French and Spanish at Liverpool University.
- P. J. COOPER. Entered 1960; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962/63; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955; A.S.M. School Troop; Ten Tors 1962-65. Left to read Mathematics and Economics at London School of Economics.
- R. W. C. COSE. Entered 1967; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961/62; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; Science Society, Rambling Club. Left to read Chemistry at Sheffield University.
- P. G. COX. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; 1st XI Soccer Captain (Colours); Christian Union. Entered Executive Civil Service 1965.
- P. A. CRESSWELL. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961/2; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964. School Vice-Captain; Captain Chess Club. Left to read Archaeology and Anthropology at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge.
- J. D. ELLIS. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; 2nd XI Soccer; House Soccer Captain. Left to read Town and Country Planning.
- D. G. FOWLER. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; Drake House Captain; 3rd XV Rugby. Left 1965 to read French at Sheffield University.
- J. GORDON. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; Soccer 1st XI (Colours); Cricket 1st XI. Left for Westminster T.C., Oxford.
- D. C. W. HAGELL. Entered 1963; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; School 1st XI Cricket (Colours); Hon. Secretary School 1st XV Rugby. Leaving to read Chemistry at Edinburgh University.
- J. M. HARDING. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961/62; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; Raleigh House Captain; 1st XI Cricket (Captain); 2nd XI Soccer (Captain); Left 1965 to read Economics at London School of Economics.
- D. B. HARRIS. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961/2; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; Gilbert House Captain; Secretary Chess Club; Secretary School Athletics (Half-colours). Left to read Mathematics at Clare College, Cambridge.
- D. J. HAWKINGS. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; Leader of Rambling Club. Chairman of Railway Society. Left to enter Civil Service Executive (Admiralty).
- R. P. HOPFORD. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961/62; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964. Captain of Sailing Club; Raleigh House Secretary; Science Society. Left 1965 to read Mathematics at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

- R. P. KEALEY. Entered 1963; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963/64; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; Science Society. Left 1965 to read Electrical Engineering at Bristol University.
- D. H. KEMBLE. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; Rugby 1st XV (Colours); A.T.C. Left 1965 to read Modern Languages at Reading University.
- A. J. KIRBELL. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; Secretary of Soccer (Colours); Drake House Captain. Left 1965 to read Economics at London School of Economics.
- C. P. MURPHY. Entered 1958; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962/63; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; Grenville House Captain; Deputy School Librarian. Left 1965 to read Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Queen's College, Oxford.
- A. J. MURRAY. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; Chairman of Aeronautical Society. Left 1965 to take up an appointment in the Executive Civil Service.
- A. P. NEWAY. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961/62; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; Committee Member of Historical Society; School Athletics Team. Left 1965 on an Open Scholarship in Economics at Pembroke College, Cambridge.
- C. D. PARSONS. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961/62; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; Chairman of Junior Railway Club. Left 1965 for Teachers' Training College, Redlands, Bristol.
- R. W. PUTT. Entered 1958; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; Captain Rugby XV (Colours); Athletics (Half-colours). Left 1965 for Camborne School of Mines.
- D. W. RABEY. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961/62; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; Leader of Rambling Club; Gilbert House Secretary. Left 1965 to read Geography at Reading University.
- D. M. ROBERTSON. Entered 1958; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965. School Librarian. Left 1965 to take up an appointment in Westminster Bank.
- J. R. SHEARER. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961/62; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964. School Captain; Secretary of Science Society. Left to read Mathematics at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.
- R. S. TROUT. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964. Secretary of Christian Union. Left 1965 to read Classics at Durham University.
- A. J. WAYNE. Entered 1958; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; House Cricket Captain; 1st XV Rugby (Colours); 1st XI Cricket. Left to read Mechanical Engineering at Newcastle University.
- A. J. WILSON. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; 2nd XV Rugby (Captain). Left 1965 to enter St. Mark's and St. John's Training College, London.

Our good wishes go also with the following boys who are leaving from the Sixth Form, and with all others who left school during the year.

- R. VAN BALLEGOOV. Entered 1962; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965. Science Society. Returning to Netherlands to take up a career in Electronics.
- B. D. BISHOP. Entered 1958; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965. Entering Insurance with Co-operative Society.
- P. BROCK. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961/63; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964. Writers' Circle; Committee Member of Plymouth Film Society. Left to read English at N.W. Polytechnic, London.
- T. S. BUCKLER. Entered 1962; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963/64; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; House Swimming and Cricket. Left to read Mechanical Engineering at Bristol C.A.T.
- D. C. CHANNON. Entered 1958; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963/64; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; Chess Club; Science Society. Left for career in Accountancy.

- D. CURRELL. Entered 1958; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962/63; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; Secretary of School Marionette Society; School and House Athletics. Left to read English at St. Mark's & St. John's Training College.
- M. EDWARDS. Entered 1963. G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; Sailing Club; Science Society. Left to read Medicine at London Hospital Medical College.
- R. W. FORD. Entered 1957. G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962/63; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; Secretary of Stamp Club; Captain of House Athletics; Vice-Captain of School Athletics Team (Colours). Left to read Physics at University College, London.
- R. E. GOULD. Entered 1958; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962/63; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; 2nd XI Soccer; Chairman of Music Society. Left to read Law at Liverpool University.
- J. D. HILLS. Entered 1959; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; Chairman of Arts Society; Editor of School Magazine; Writers' Circle. Left to enter a career in Journalism.
- M. R. HUGHES. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; School 1st XI Cricket (Vice-Captain; Colours); 2nd XI Soccer. Left for career in Crown Agents for Overseas Governments and Administration.
- D. K. JOHANSEN. Entered 1958; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962/63; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award. Left to read Physics at Leeds University.
- B. J. KINGS. Entered 1958; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962/63; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; House Athletics and Cricket. Left to enter a Banking career with Barclay's Bank.
- C. J. LIDDICOAT. Entered 1958; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; 2nd XI Soccer; Captain of House Soccer; Science Society. Left to take up an appointment with S.W.E.B.
- J. A. LARGE. Entered 1960; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965. Left to read Economics at London School of Economics.
- A. G. MARSDEN. Entered 1961; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962/63; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; Science Society. Left to read Medicine at Manchester University.
- J. W. MAUNDER. Entered 1958; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962/63; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; Secretary of Sailing Club; 1st XV Rugby. Left to read Commerce at Aberystwyth University.
- S. MELLOR. Entered 1958; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963/64; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; House Rugby and Chess; Tennis Club; Science Society. Left for career in Banking.
- C. J. MILLER. Entered 1958; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; School Chess Captain; Science and Music Societies. Left to read Chemistry at Nottingham University.
- R. M. PARKER. Entered 1958; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; House Athletics Team. Left to read International Relations at Sussex University.
- C. REED. Entered 1963; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; Science Society; Rambling Club. Left to train in Dentistry.
- P. ROWLAND. Entered 1959; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962/63; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; Literary and Debating Society. Hopes to train in Business Management.
- J. R. SAUVEY. Entered 1958; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; House Athletics Team; Aeronautical Society; Science Society. Left to read Medicine.
- G. B. SMITH. Entered 1958; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965. Left to read Commerce and Administration at Portsmouth College of Technology.
- R. W. STEPHENS. Entered 1960; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; House Chess Captain; 1st XV Rugby (Colours 1964-65). Left to read Architecture at University College, London.

- N. R. TUCKER. Entered 1960; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962/63; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965. House Soccer and Swimming Captain; Secretary of School Music Society. Left to read French and Latin at Lancaster University.
- J. A. VINCENT. Entered 1958; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; House and School Chess Teams; Science Society. Emigrating to Canada for course in Electronics.
- P. J. WHITE. Entered 1962; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; School Orchestra; Secretary of Inter-school Music Society. Left to read Music at Wadham College, Oxford.
- R. F. WHITE. Entered 1958; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; 1st XI Soccer (Half-colours); House Athletics Team. Left for career in Civil Service Executive.
- R. K. WOODWARD. Entered 1958; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962/63; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; Half-colours at Rugby; Captain of House Athletics and Rugby; Science Society. Hopes to enter Civil Service Executive.
- D. J. WOOR. Entered 1963; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1963; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1965; 1st XV Rugby (Colours 1964-65); Secretary of Athletics Club. Left to read Mechanical Engineering at Bristol University.
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STOP PRESS

On going to press we have received news of the following successes. We congratulate—

- R. G. HAYDON who has gained a place at Selwyn College, Cambridge, to read Mathematics;
- A. W. WICKSTEAD who has gained a place at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, to read Mathematics;
- R. W. DENNELL who has gained a place at Pembroke College, Cambridge, to read Archaeology; also
- M. DAVISON (1957-62), on his Upper 2nd B.Sc. Honours in Psychology and a Commonwealth Scholarship. He is proceeding to the University of Otago in New Zealand for Research. Davison was married quite recently—we wish both him and Mrs. Davison every happiness.
- J. REID (1949-56) called in to see us. Now a Town Planner with the City of Westminster Authority.
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We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following publications: Plymptonian; Coathanian; Tamaritan; St. Boniface Magazine; Stoke Damerel High School Magazine; Plymouth High School Magazine; Devonian; Plymothian; Hove Grammar School for Boys Magazine; Truronian; Penwethers School Magazine. Many thanks, and we apologise for any inadvertent omissions.

Speech Day 1964

November 5th is generally notable as a night of festivities, fireworks and fun. November 5th, 1964, however, was just Speech Day, and naturally it was a field day for potential comedians reveling in the inappropriateness of the occasion.

However, as the more serious aspect of Speech Day soon became apparent, so the Headmaster's apology about the coincidence of dates calmed many potential Fawkes's in the school. He further assured everyone that there would be an opportunity for "fun and games" afterwards. In his address he offered his sincere thanks to the Parent-Teachers' Association, the Staff and Education Committee for their services to the school during the past year.

Advice was offered to parents and boys about further studies in the Sixth. "Sixth-form work", he said, "ought to have, must have, as one aim, better opportunities in later life, but the main object must clearly be that of developing these talents which boys do possess."

He then outlined the schools' academic achievements during the past year. A total of 192 Advanced Level passes were obtained, and a combined total of 850 "O" Level passes by the fourth and fifth forms. "I think it is fair to state here," he added, "that we are prepared to let any boy sit the examination if we think there is a slight hope that he will pass. It may be that in this we are wrong from some points of view, but from others we are justified."

The Lord Mayor, Alderman T. H. Watkins, who presided, followed the Headmaster's report with his address. "We expect, and are accustomed to receive good reports of D.H.S.," he said, praising the school on its achievements. "Common sense is not so common," he continued, and stressed the need for pride by boys in their school.

He concluded by expressing his desire to see a university in Plymouth which he felt would be amply served by D.H.S.

The school was honoured this year to have as its guest speaker Mr. L. Slater, Master of University College, Durham, who, after distributing the prizes, addressed the school. He mentioned the importance of further education, especially in technology, in our age of automation. Further education, he felt, was all the more desirable for in the future it would "teach us what to do with our leisure." There was certainly no shortage of places at university for the scientist, he added, and thought that this trend would continue.

The votes of thanks were proposed by Alderman T. H. L. Stanbury, Chairman of the Education Committee, and seconded by Councillor L. Hill, Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Several hundred boys streamed out of the Guildhall intent on acting on the Headmaster's opening remark, as well as satisfying their desires to commit arson.

The Guildhall is still, however, intact.

CAREERS

It is always pleasing to welcome Old Boys to the Staff Room, especially so when they report contentment with the job selected and understanding guidance from those appointed to supervise their initial training. This is not always so and, on occasion, we feel that cavalier treatment occurs which we find hard to believe deserved, having known the boy for more than seven years and sent him off with our blessing.

A recent television programme may well have made some third and fourth formers curious about the careers of Preventive Officers in the Waterguard Service. It cannot be of immediate interest, for the minimum age of entry is 19 years. It is, however, a job which catches the imagination of young and old alike, and smuggling has ever had romantic and glamorous associations. The qualifications for entry are on a par with the Clerical Civil Service, namely English and Maths. and three other subjects at "O" Level.

Preventive Officers reach a maximum salary of £1,200 p.a., with chances of promotion to higher grades.

A determination to enter the Service at 19 might well give a boy opportunity to move around a little, gaining experience and maturity before presenting himself. It might be possible to seek an interview while under age to avoid disappointment. It is of interest to note that the Customs and Excise entry in future will accept as one of the five "O" Levels demanded, one non-academic subject, *e.g.* Art or Music or Woodwork, but it cannot be one of the two subjects to be passed in the same examination at "A" Level.

A recent innovation by the Admiralty came in during the "A" Level examination and so could not be announced to the sixth forms, for closing date was July 7th. It is that in future there will be a school entry direct to Manadon to the R.N. Engineering Service. All members of the Service are to be civilian officers with salary scales, allowances and superannuation rights.

Three "B" grades at "A" Level in Pure and Applied Mathematics and Physics will qualify for interview, following which successful applicants will spend the first year at Manadon and then to the R.N. College at Greenwich to read for an honours degree, B.Sc. London external in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. This could well appeal to the able boy with a leaning towards the Navy but reluctant to become a full serving naval officer. A probationer at 17 receives £660 p.a. and £815 at 21. Prospects are excellent and ability will not go unrewarded. The work when qualified embraces design and development of systems and machinery, controlling installation in ships under construction and organizing refits in H.M. Dockyards. Electrical engineering includes heavy current generation and electronics, while mechanical engineering deals with pro-

pulsion, auxiliary machinery and guided weapons installations. It is clearly a training which equips a boy for engineering in many spheres and demands serious consideration by the able boy.

Another point for the school to remember is the development in our own city of a first-class School of Navigation. Celebrating its centenary in 1962, it seems but a short while ago that it was in Block A beside us here in Stoke.

Today it is housed in the fine new building of the College of Technology and equipped with the latest navigational aids and devices for teaching, by a full-time highly qualified staff of twenty-two, not to mention numerous visiting instructors. Marine radio and radar training are also available. The whole range of Merchant Navy qualifications from pre-sea courses to that of Extra Master can be gained from the instruction available. Three Halls of Residence run on shipboard lines, add greatly to the efficiency of the school. Sandwich courses for M.N. apprentices are conducted in conjunction with and sponsored by several of the large shipping lines. This means that no longer need our boys move off to Liverpool or Southampton to train for the Merchant Navy; boys from other and distant parts can come instead to Plymouth!

One final note: Mr. Dowrick, an Old Boy, Manager of the National Provincial Bank at St. Andrew's Cross, invites us to send boys keen on banking to see him. He called on us recently and dealt fully with the excellent prospects he has to offer. W.H.W.

The School Concert

The Annual Concert was held in the School Hall on December 8th, 1964. The hall was completely filled, and the audience once again proved to be most appreciative, which is most important for the performers, especially the younger ones.

The National Anthem and School Song were performed by recorders, choir and orchestra, and this item was more successful than at previous concerts. There was a greater unity between the various instruments. The second-year recorder group then played three Christmas Carols, accompanied by guitars. This is very difficult to perform effectively, but, apart from the usual overblowings, was much appreciated by the audience. The choir and audience then sang "Once in Royal David's City".

This was followed by D. Willows, who played the 1st movement of Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto, No. 3*, transcribed for violin and piano. This was definitely one of the most promising solos of the evening, for Willows displayed remarkable power of interpretation for a first-former. He was accompanied by P. R. Buttall. P. G. Mitchell then played *Staccato Etude in C* by Rubinstein. He showed a much more mature approach than in previous years and gave a polished and convincing performance.

The next item was a soprano solo by C. Luckcraft, who sang "How beautiful are the feet" from Handel's *Messiah*. His was an accurate but somewhat cautious performance; he was sympathetically accompanied by P. R. Buttall.

The *Valse, Op. 15* by Arensky was played by Mr. R. N. Aiton and P. R. Buttall, on two pianos. This delightful piece was performed with the utmost clarity, both pianists maintaining a perfect whole.

The first half was concluded by a full-blooded rendering of "Hark! the herald-angels sing", by the choir, orchestra, recorders and audience.

The orchestra began the second half with "The Minuet and Trio" from Haydn's *Oxford Symphony*. Under the capable direction of Mr. Aiton, the orchestra fully rose to the occasion and gave an authentic performance. This was most rewarding for all those who took part, considering the absence of any instrumental tuition in the school.

P. R. Buttall then played the *Sonata in C sharp minor, Op. 27, No. 2* (the "Moonlight") by Beethoven, in which he displayed the extremes of tone colour and mood from the idyllic *adagio sostenuto* to the tempestuous *presto agitato*. This was decidedly one of the best items of the evening, and was very well received.

Two violin solos were then performed by S. C. Bentley - a *Rondino on a theme of Beethoven* by Fritz Kreisler, and *Moto perpetuo* by Carl Böhm. He showed good tone in some of the passages, for a performer of his age. He was accompanied by R. Wood, whose playing was not always as competent as one would have expected.

The next item was an innovation - a performance of the well-known *Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 2*, arranged for eight hands on two pianos. The performance had all the necessary brilliance to receive a warm response from the audience. The performers were Mr. R. N. Aiton, P. Luft, P. R. Buttall and P. G. Mitchell.

Innovation followed innovation, and the audience was delighted with the *Clarinet Trio in E flat, K. 498*, by Mozart. For this item, we were helped by P. Wright (clarinet) from Public Secondary School for Boys, and by Mr. D. E. Stone (viola) who so kindly stepped in at almost the last minute when P. White was unfortunately indisposed. The school extends its heartfelt thanks to its two "outside helpers". P. R. Buttall was the pianist. This was warmly received by the audience, and was one of the musical highlights of the concert. It was, however, rather disconcerting that the audience should clap at the end of the Menuetto.

The choir, unaccompanied, then sang "Blest are ye that endure to the end" from *Elijah* by Mendelssohn. This was a disciplined performance under Mr. Aiton, though by the end the choir had dropped a semitone in pitch. The choir, orchestra, recorders and audience concluded the concert with "O come, all ye faithful".

The concert was, as usual, a great success, though the element of sadness pervaded throughout. This was Mr. Aiton's last concert with us, before leaving to take up an appointment in Sussex. Our thanks are due to all who took part, to all who helped "back-stage", and especially to Mr. Aiton for his continued help and inspiration. All parents present agreed that this was certainly one of the best concerts ever, and a fitting tribute to Mr. Aiton.

SPORTS DAY 1965

After a damp start to the day, the sun eventually broke through just before the first event, producing reasonable conditions for the competitors. The results after the pre-Sports Day events had been decided were: Grenville first with 80 points; Drake second with 70 points, Raleigh third with 65 points, and Gilbert fourth with 59 points.

The winner of the Senior Standards Cup was Gilbert with 305½ points. The winning of the Standards Cup is produced by the collective efforts of a House and is a good guide to the team-spirit that there is in a House. The winner of the House Championship Shield was Drake, and the winner of the *Victor Ludorum* Senior Cup was A. Davis with a very impressive 31 points.

Other Cup winners were:

Under 15 Championship Cup	R. J. Jenkins (18½)
Under 14 Championship Cup	S. F. Tindsley (23½)
Under 13 Championship Cup	S. F. Davies (19½)
Under 12 Championship Cup	A. I. Muldowney (13½)

The following performances were very commendable: The record achievement of Davis, L6Sc. of 5 ft. 6¼ in. in the Senior High Jump; Sawle's excellent track successes; Muldowney's record achievement in the under-12 High Jump.

Although six records had been broken before Sports Day, only three were broken on Sports Day itself. Perhaps the reasons why few records were broken were the greasy surface and the stiff breeze on the final straight.

We were very pleased to have the new Lord Mayor, Alderman P. D. Pascho as our guest, especially as we believe that it was one of his first tasks after having taken up his office.

At the conclusion of the sports the trophies and certificates were presented by A. A. Brown, Esq., Senior Organiser of Physical Education for Devon. We thank him for attending and for the good advice he gave the competitors.

Once more we extend our thanks to Mr. Nash and all the other masters who took part as officials for helping make Sports Day a success.

The Swimming Sports

Mr. Vanstone has been recognised for many years as an excellent Sun God, as he has been able to bring us fine weather many times for this event. Unfortunately Mr. Vanstone's power this time proved only partially effective. However, the weather was enduring, and so the events took place as usual.

Grenville started very well but unfortunately this initial effort petered out and Grenville came last.

The final results were: 1st, Gilbert with 70½ points; 2nd, Raleigh with 49 points; 3rd, Drake with 42½ points; and finally Grenville with 41 points.

Davies proved to be an excellent swimmer and we feel sure that he will do extremely well in the future for he was the only one to break a record.

The only team event record to be broken was the under-13 relay event.

Winners of the individual championship were as follows:

Under 12	Kneebone (Grenville)
Under 13	Davies (Raleigh)
Under 14	Atrill (Raleigh)
Under 15	Berryman (Gilbert)
Under 16	Knowles (Gilbert)
Over 16	Davis (Grenville)

We should like to thank Mr. Martyn, the Chairman of the Old Boys' Association for presenting the prizes and all those who helped to make the event its usual success.

Form 4A Excursion

At half-past eight on a wet Sunday morning in July, twenty-one exam-weary fourth formers, accompanied by Messrs. Whitfeld and Scott, congregated at Bretonside. From there a coach took them through the fresh, green scenery of Devon into Somerset, and to their first headquarters, Bath. The centre of Bath lies in a basin, and terraces of Georgian and Victorian houses rise up on all sides, presenting an architectural beauty with which the boys soon became acquainted.

The first three days of the trip were typical of a British summer; miserable and wet, and so were spent in visiting cathedrals, abbeys, and Roman remains. The cathedrals, especially, showed in their majesty and humility, strength and delicacy, the heights of the art of building.

On the third day the party ventured across the border into the land of the legendary wild and rebellious Welsh, after stopping for a tour of the Slimbridge Wild Fowl Trust. The wonders of nature seen here were contrasted the next day with the wonders of man,

when an extensive steel mill near Newport was visited. Helmets were donned and the spectacular and dangerous processes involved in making steel were eagerly absorbed. A long journey north saw the lovely Welsh scenery exchanged for the flatter countryside around Stratford. Here the puzzling but impressive Shakespeare Memorial Exhibition was visited and in the evening the boys enjoyed one of the lesser-known of Shakespeare's plays, *Timon of Athens*. Next came the modern and imposing Coventry Cathedral where the party was told about the work the Cathedral is doing at home and abroad, and was helped in finding out about the unique interior of the Cathedral. In the afternoon the party visited a coal mine. This was really an exciting experience to see the conditions under which the miners work.

Then a change from the dank and dismal atmosphere of the coal mine to the ancient Warwick Castle, rich with history. A reminder of school followed with a tour of Christ College at Oxford University. The excursion was rounded off with visits to car and tank museums and to a swannery. The party returned after a trip that had proved a most enriching experience, all grateful to Mr. Whitfeld and Mr. Scott for making it possible.

The Inter-House Speech Contest

Five or six weeks before the event the English staff suddenly realised the imminence of the Speech Contest and during the lunch-breaks they could be seen scurrying along followed by a host of small boys with angelic faces and sweet voices. These activities warned the school that the dreaded Inter-House Speech Contest was at hand.

A week before the contest the competitors were heard by the English staff and so this saved the audience on the day of the event from being plagued with sub-standard entries, as well as saving time on the actual day.

The Junior Contest was a very closely fought battle between Raleigh and Gilbert. These two Houses proved to be much superior to Drake and Grenville. The points at the end were: Raleigh 18, Gilbert 17½; Drake 11 and Grenville 4½.

The Senior Contest was also a lively affair and once more Raleigh showed how strong a team it was. Highlights were the high standards reached in the duologues and the entertaining choral-speaking which was reasonably performed by all.

The final positions were Raleigh first with 47½ points; Gilbert second with 39; Drake third with 27; and Grenville fourth with 11½; as compared with Raleigh 41½, Gilbert 36, Drake 22½ and Grenville 20 points in 1964.

We should like to thank once more Mr. W. Flint, M.C., L.G.S.M., who so kindly gave up his time to adjudicate in the Speech Contest and whose comments we found most helpful.

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The Athletics Club

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The season began in late March with the track standards, followed in May by field event standards and the pre-Sports Day finals. Before Sports Day, Gilbert were leading with 613 points, followed by Drake with 608½ points. A fierce battle resulted on Sports Day. It was not until near the end of the meeting that Drake went ahead and were finally the winners. In all there were nine new School records.

In the Plymouth Sports, the school gained eighteen first places, among these being the -14, -15 and -17 relays. Twelve boys from the school later represented Plymouth in the Devon School Sports. As a result A. Davis and Sawle were chosen to represent Devon at the Nationals, which this year were held at Watford. Davis reached the semi-finals of the -19 120 yards hurdles.

The Devon Public and Grammar School Sports were to be held at Exeter, but owing to heavy rain were postponed. They finally took place at Kelly College with a depleted number of schools competing. The School team finished fourth over-all. A. Davis won the high jump.

It was at this stage that really bad weather took over, and the match with Sutton High School was cancelled; also the first form match with St. Boniface's College was postponed. Luckily there was a slight mid-week improvement in the weather and a Junior match with St. Boniface's College was held. Our Junior team, well led by Tindsley, won easily, the points being 91-49 in our favour. In this match Holland broke three match records. There were also good performances by Chenery, Sawle, Parsons, Jenkins and Symons.

Unfortunately, owing to examinations, St. Boniface's College could not raise a senior athletics team, so our Senior team went down to Truro School untried in competition for six weeks. However, after a very close contest, which was preceded by a cloudburst, we won by 6 points. This was due to a good all-round team performance, especially by the Juniors. The highlight of this match was the 440 yards which was won by Davis in the last few yards.

Windy conditions marred the otherwise fine day when the Senior team had its final match against H.M.S. *Fisgard*. Although we won the relay, *Fisgard* had an over-all stronger team and retained the Morrel Cup by twelve points. Holland, competing in the Senior team for the first time, gained second place in the javelin and third place in the pole vault.

There were several competitions in the lower school. The Form Sports were won by 1S, 2A, and 3A - Lugg of the first form did well to win four events; Davies and Ash were prominent in the second form, as were Waugh and Herbert in the third form Sports. The belated first form match with St. Boniface's College was won convincingly by the College, 106 points to 75.

This was disappointing as our team has some good potential and could have done better. However, Muldowney, Brockington, and Burbidge did well in their events.

We should like to thank Messrs. Nash and Stone for the work they have put into this season's athletics. Their valuable coaching has maintained the high standard of athletics in the school this year.

Full Colours: Re-awards: E. L. Combes.

New Awards: A. Davis, N. I. Bond, R. W. Ford, G. F. Malloch,
R. W. Putt, D. J. Woor.

Half Colours: New Awards: R. W. Stephens, C. Liddicoat, F. W. V. Noy,
G. E. Cox, P. Morris, D. Hooper, G. Aveyard.

The Cricket Club

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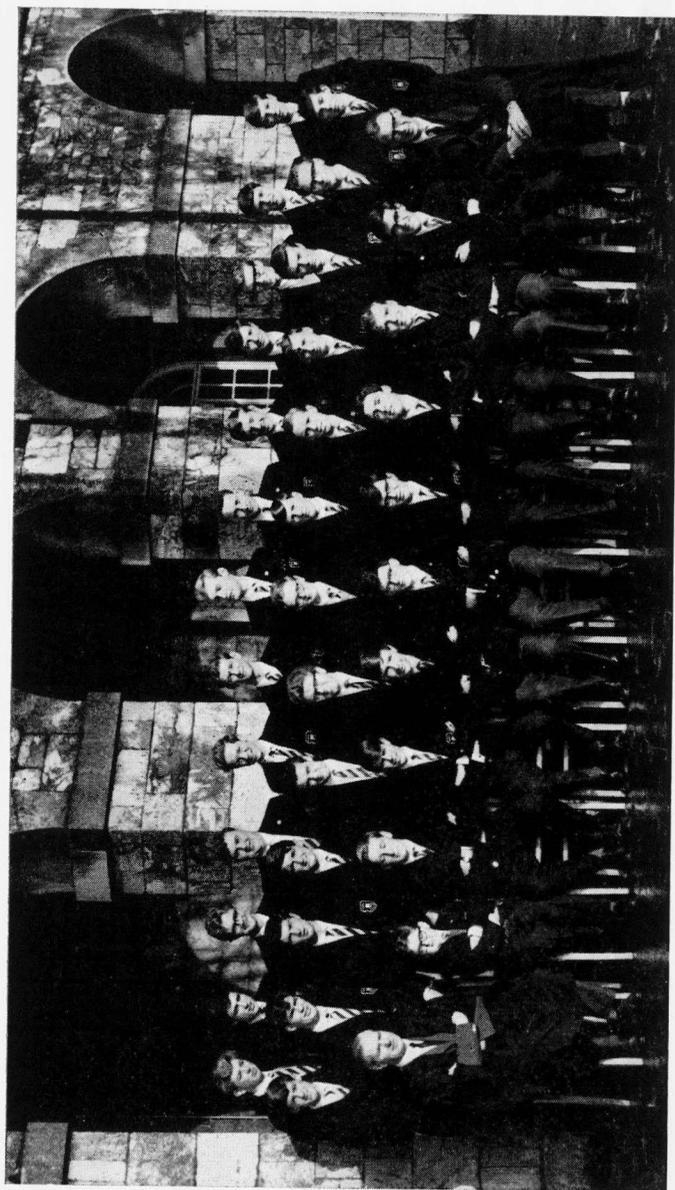
With seven of last year's 1st XI still playing, we looked forward to a successful season. However, as has happened so often in recent years, having bowled out our opponents for a very mediocre score, our batting let us down with monotonous regularity. Perhaps the main reason for this was the very wet wickets we played on almost weekly, especially towards the end of the season. The highlight of the season was our very exciting win against Plymouth C.C. "A" team, when the winning run was scored off the last ball of the game. Our last match, against the Staff, was played on a very placid wicket and a draw was the inevitable result in a high scoring game.

The 2nd XI captained by Warren, had a season of mixed fortunes, with two good wins against Totnes G.S. and St. Boniface's, losing six games (five to school 1st XI teams), and drawing with Plymouth College in a high scoring game. In all, a total of twenty-three boys played for the 2nd XI this season, thus giving everyone a game who wanted one.

The Colts XI, coached by Mr. Pring, have also had a rather average season and most of the better performances were due to individuals. The team was captained by Jenkins.

The Junior XI, coached by Mr. Clayton and captained by Hills, had a commendable season's cricket but were unlucky on several occasions when, with victory in sight, time ran out. Many of the team played for the Colts XI and so allowed younger boys to gain experience.

We congratulate Orchard on being selected to play for Devon in the under-15 age group. Finally we must thank all the members of Staff who have given up their free time to coach teams and to umpire matches; and especially Mr. Wayne for his untiring and valuable assistance in both the coaching of teams and in the organization of matches. The Ladies' Committee of the Parents' Association must also be thanked and congratulated for the excellent teas which they have provided for all home matches.

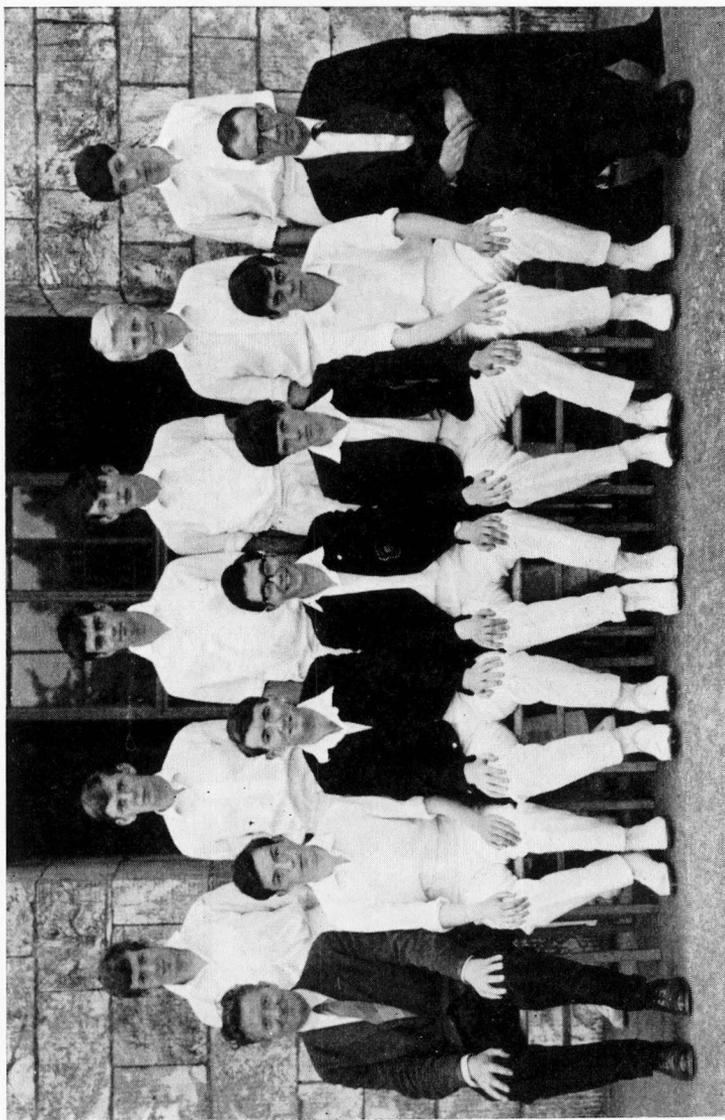


SCHOOL PREFECTS 1964-65

Back row (left to right): A. J. Kirbell, E. L. Combes, R. W. Cose, C. D. Parsons, R. P. Hopford, A. J. Wilson, R. J. Box, D. H. Kemple, P. Warren, G. D. Thomas, D. J. Hawkins, S. Gordon, J. D. Ellis

Middle row: A. J. Wayne, D. M. Robertson, R. W. Putt, D. C. Hagell, R. M. Gorczynski, P. G. Cox, R. S. Burrows, G. S. Brown, C. P. Murphy, J. A. Murray, P. T. Jones, R. G. Haydon, A. M. Taylor

Front row: Mr. H. Mallinson, R. S. Trout, D. B. Harris, D. G. Fowler, P. A. Cresswell (*School Vice-Captain*), J. R. Shearer (*School Captain*), J. M. Harding, P. A. Bentley, R. J. Buley, D. W. Rabe, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)



1st XI CRICKET 1965

Back row (left to right): A. J. Wayne, G. Squire, J. R. Nuttall, G. Simpson, D. G. Sparks, D. M. Hooper
Front row: Mr. F. Wayne, A. J. Fortune, D. C. W. Hagell (*Hon. Secretary*), J. M. Harding (*Captain*), M. R. Hughes (*Vice-Captain*),
J. N. Hughes, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)

	<i>Record</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>
1st XI	11	2	3	6
2nd XI	9	2	1	6
Colts XI	10	2	3	5
Junior XI	10	3	3	4

Full Colours: Re-awards: M. R. Hughes, D. Hagell
 New Awards: J. R. M. Harding, J. R. Nuttall

Half Colours: Re-Awards: D. G. Sparks
 New Awards: D. M. Hooper, G. Squires, A. J. Fortune, J. N. Hughes,
 A. J. S. Wayne, A. Holland.

The Soccer Club

The school 1st XI had a moderate season. They won all matches against other schools except Plympton G.S. (lost twice) and Tavistock School (draw) but were less successful than usual against their other traditional opponents, H.M.S. *Thunderer*, Britannia College, Dartmouth, and H.M.S. *Fisgard*. The main fault was an unwillingness on the part of most of the forwards to shoot when opportunity offered. However, the team was undefeated in the Easter term and, as at least six of the team are available next season, the future prospects are good. We congratulate P. Cox and P. Harper on being selected for Devon Grammar Schools against Cornwall.

The 2nd XI did not do very well this season due to a number of factors, partly because the team was constantly changed, partly lack of ability and team-work, and partly lack of enthusiasm.

The under-15 XI had a good season and, but for one or two lapses, would have obtained a high position in the local league. They did well to reach the semi-final of the Senior Cup and lost narrowly in weather conditions almost unfit for play. The team was too dependent on the three boys who played for Plymouth Schoolboys. We congratulate Eastel, Jenkins and Mumford on their selections for representative teams.

The under-14 XI and under-13 XI contain many very promising players who, at present, lack both physique and the ability to play as a team. They have shown great enthusiasm and appear to have the makings of a very good team by the time they reach the senior school.

We would thank all those masters who have accompanied teams and who have refereed. We would also record our appreciation of the help in referee-ing given by two Old Boys of the school, D. Fowler and P. Hobbs. Finally we would once again thank the ladies of the Parents' Association who provided refreshment for all our visitors.

Full Colours: Re-Awards: Cox, Kirbell.

New Awards: Langmead, Gordon, Morris, Harper, Squire.

Half Colours: New Awards: Gould, White, Richards, Cox, Newey.

	<i>Record</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>A</i>
1st XI	..	18	9	4	5	58	39
2nd XI	..	12	2	3	7	19	40
Under 15 XI		16	11	0	5	44	27
Under 14 XI		15	9	2	4	63	41
Under 13 XI		20	10	2	8	61	53

A. KIRBELL, *Hon. Secretary*

The Rugby Club

At the beginning of the season, we found ourselves lucky in having the same three-quarter line as at the end of last season apart from the scrum-half position. Stephens, who played on the wing last year, formed a new half-back partnership with Malloch at fly-half, producing satisfactory results. The centres and wings, namely Wayne, Woor, Gadsden and Woodward all improved as the season progressed, and produced some very good rugby by times. Sparks at full back showed soundness and ability and should go far in senior rugby. Ringwood, with his very sound technical knowledge of hooking, was well supported by two newcomers to the 1st XV, Gorczynski and Hagell, both of whom played hard and skilfully. In the first half of the season, Kemble and Buley played in the second row with good results, but at Christmas Buley and Harris (who played at No. 8) left school. After many changes, Denney and Maunder finally held down the second-row position and Kemble moved to the No. 8 position, showing great skill in the line-outs. Combes, the vice-captain, impressed everyone with his stamina and hard tackling at open side wing forward. This year Putt at blind side was Captain, and by his skill, fitness and enthusiasm set a fine example to the rest of the team.

On the whole, the results were very satisfactory, but several times we lost games which we should have won, by throwing away many scoring chances. Plymouth Albion Juniors fielded a very strong team this year. We played extremely hard, but a try at the end of the match clinched it for the Juniors 3-11. This season we had a new fixture against Exeter University 3rd XV and after an excellent game, during which we gave a fine display of fast open rugby, we eventually won 13-8. Unfortunately, we did not compete in the Devon Public and Grammar Schools "sevens" this year due to a clash of dates with a school examination. We congratulate Putt and Ringwood who played for Devon Public and Grammar Schools XV. The season reached a climax with the matches against St. Julian's H.S. and Newport H.S. which this year were played at Newport. This year we were accompanied on the tour by St. Boniface's College 1st XV, who were also to play the two Newport schools. It was a new experiment and it proved a very successful one. The first game against St. Julian's was a "thriller" and due to a try near the end of the match we finally won 9-8. The match against Newport H.S., like that against St. Julian's, was played in brilliant sunshine, but we lost to a strong Newport side 3-8. We enjoyed tremendous hospitality from our hosts, and on behalf of the teams we should like to thank all those people who made it possible. Again our thanks go to Mr. Nash for his guidance and helpful suggestions, and to the Parents' Association who provided teas for visiting teams and financial help for our tour.

The 2nd XV had an average season so far as victories and defeats go, but the team scored some notable successes against Tavistock, 34-0, Saltash G.S., 46-0, and Exeter University 4th XV, 12-11. This last match was probably the best the team played all season, for they were 11-0 down at half-time, but fought hard for a well deserved win. Praise must be given to the

Captain, Brown, who was the mainstay of the team. During the season over twenty-five boys played for the 2nd XV. Mr. Warn has been in charge and we thank him for his efforts. Thanks should also go to Mr. Prime who looked after the team on several occasions.

Mr. Smith and the Captain, Noy, have looked after the 3rd XV, which during the season provided games for over forty boys. Again, the idea has been to give as many boys as possible a game. This, of course, reduces the strength of the team, but in spite of the fact that many games were lost, the team played with plenty of spirit. We appreciate very much Mr. Smith's patience and effort with the team.

The under-15 XV had rather a mixed season. They had some heavy losses and some big wins. The Captain this year was Orchard, and he proved to be very efficient. The team consisted of many good individual players like Orchard, Chenery, Norris, Holland, James, Symons, but there always seemed to be a weakness in backing up. Norris and Chenery played for Devon (under-15). Mr. Pring is leaving our school, and we should like to thank him sincerely for his work for Rugby over the years he has been at Devonport. We wish him well in his new appointment.

The under-14 XV won about as many matches as they lost. This was probably due to the fact that in many cases they were smaller than their opponents. However, they have very promising players such as Axworthy (the Captain), Tindsley, Waugh, Herbert, Parsons, Atrill, Craig, and Rogers. These boys should do well in the future. Mr. Scott has very carefully guided them into good attacking type of rugby.

From the record point of view the under-13 XV was the most successful team in the school and have been awarded the Griffin Trophy. They had a very strong running Captain in Davies. Their success has been due to very good team work and regular training. It would be perhaps unfair to single out any special names because all the boys who played have done very well. Mr. Clayton put in a lot of time with these boys, and we feel sure that he is well satisfied with his efforts.

Mr. Stone again produced an excellent under-12 XV from boys who had little knowledge of rugby at the beginning of the season. Their enthusiasm for regular training was quite exceptional. Bennett did a first-class job as Captain. He is a very sound player with a good knowledge of the game, and his captaincy, together with the enthusiasm of the team, was the secret of the success.

In conclusion, the Rugby Club would like to thank masters and parents for their help during the season. Without them we realize it would be impossible for us to play our home games. Again, we draw attention to the fact that we have to carry out our home games on very poor pitches at Ham. One day we hope that we shall be able to play our home games on decent level pitches.

Full Colours: Re-Awards: Putt, Kemble.

New Awards: Combes, Malloch, Ringwood, Woor, Wayne, Gadsden, Sparks, Gorczynski, Stephens.

Half Colours: New Awards: Hagell, Woodward, Denney.

<i>Record</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>A</i>
1st XV ..	26	14	0	12	324	216
2nd XV ..	18	8	2	8	169	175
3rd XV ..	19	4	0	15	105	330
Under 15 XV..	16	6	0	10	249	233
Under 14 XV..	17	6	1	10	177	182
Under 13 XV..	18	16	0	2	325	83
Under 12 XV..	16	12	0	4	241	94

G. E. MALLOCH, *Hon. Secretary*

The Tennis Club

The Thursday evening tennis practices have continued though they have, as always, been hampered by the shortage of courts. Nevertheless, they proved to be a useful guide when the team was being selected.

The team – composed this year of various combinations of Brown, Lang, Harris, Haydon, Knowles, Munn, Tucker, Smith and Goodwin – has had mixed fortunes. The season began with a disastrous 8–1 defeat by Plymouth College. The match against Totnes was, as usual, rained off and that against B.R.N.C. Dartmouth was lost 6–3. Victories were, however, obtained in the matches with Kelly College and H.M.S. *Fisgard*.

As always, thanks are due to Mr. Tamblin and Mr. Collette for their interest and advice.

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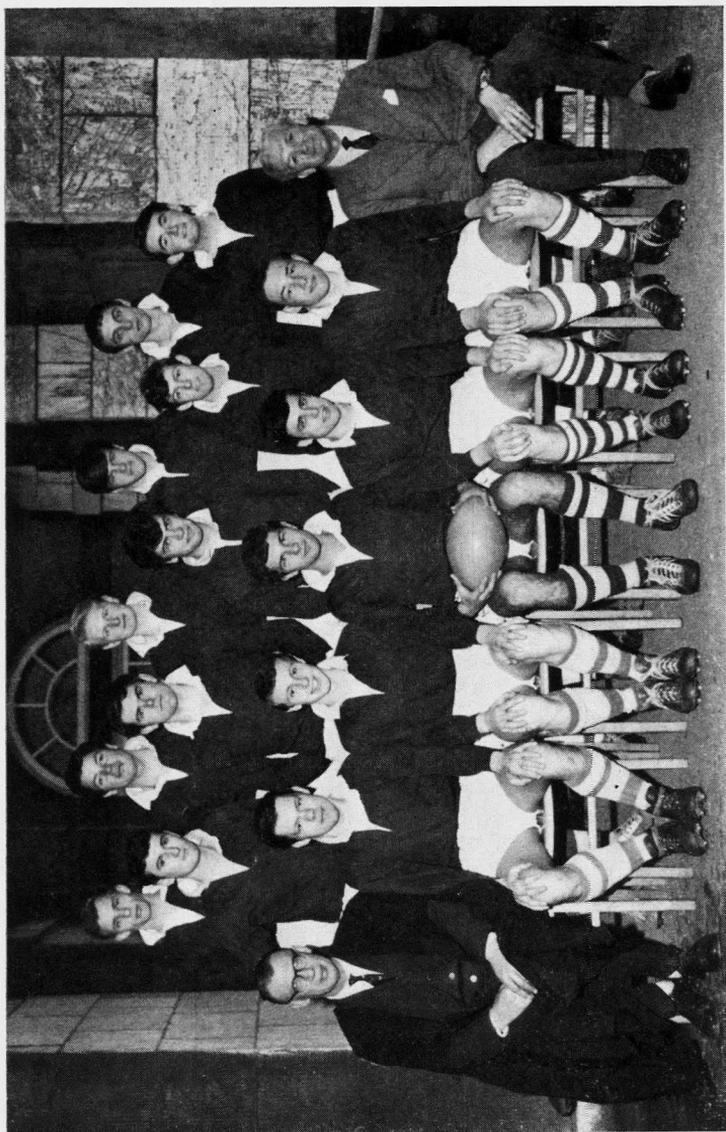
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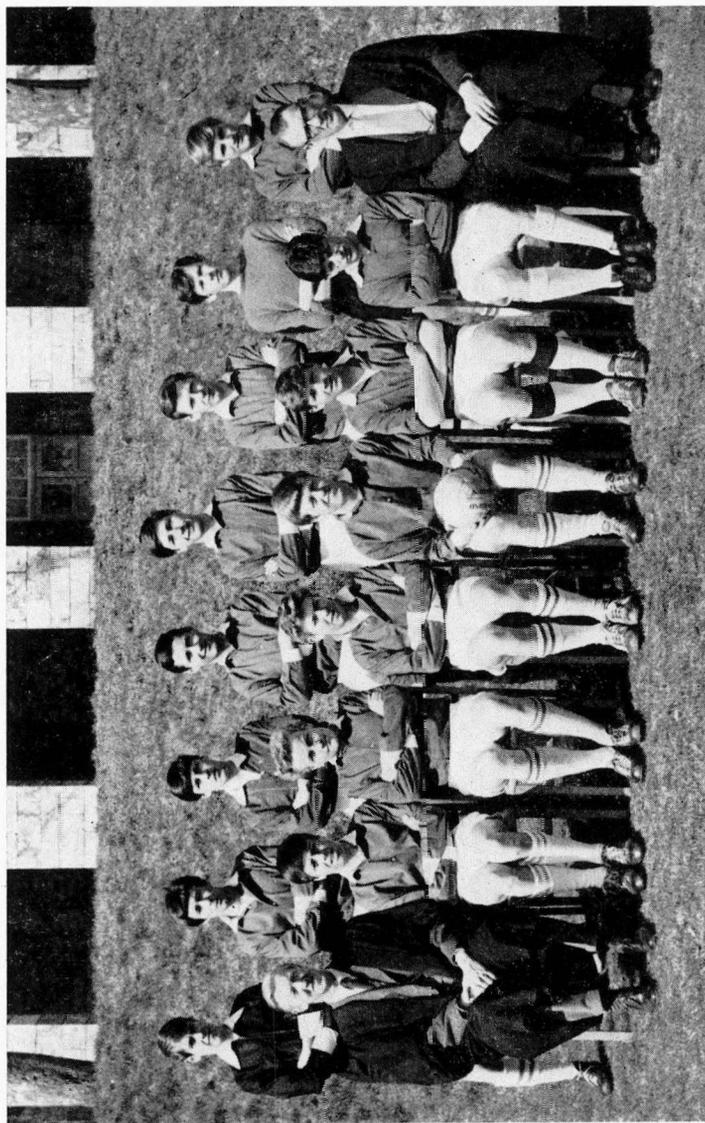


1st XV RUGBY 1964-65

Back row (left to right): D. Woor, P. Gadsden, D. Sparks, R. M. Gorczynski, R. W. Stephens

Middle row: R. Woodward, J. W. Maunder, R. Denney, A. J. S. Wayne, D. Hagell

Front row: Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*), K. Ringwood, G. F. Malloch (*Hon. Secretary*), R. W. Putt (*Captain*),
E. L. Combes, D. H. Kemble, Mr. W. Nash



1st XI SOCCER 1964-65

Back row (left to right): D. G. Fowler, A. P. Newey, J. Gordon, P. A. J. Morris, R. F. White, G. Squire, R. J. Langmead, W. P. Gould
Front row: Mr. H. G. Warren, K. Roe, G. M. Richards, A. J. Kirbell, P. G. Cox (*Captain*), P. D. Harper, G. E. Cox, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)

House Notes

DRAKE

A splendid revival took place in the achievements of the House after a disappointing beginning. We commenced the year with great ambitions of success in the winter games only for them to be dashed to the ground in the eventual outcome. We entered the Summer term with some "trepidation" concerning our ultimate position in the St. Levan Shield; however, circumstances were radically altered by the brilliant captaincy of M. R. Hughes who led our cricket team to first place, and turned the tide of gloom.

Although there was no dearth of exuberance in our Rugby teams, they could achieve only two victories between them, with the result that Drake finished last. E. Combes, the Rugby Captain, distinguished himself both on and off the field and was a source of endless encouragement to the Junior team. In the football competition, we were third. There were, however, many encouraging signs. Our Senior team has abundant ability and our poor results can be attributed to lack of determination. This is no reflection on the fine captaincy of A. P. Newey.

In the Cricket we had an outstanding team, and both our Juniors and Seniors won all their matches. This is the first time in the history of the St. Levan Shield that the House has won all its matches. Much credit must be assigned to Sparks and Holland in the Seniors and Waugh in the Juniors. Our Senior team was ably and intelligently captained by M. R. Hughes.

For the first time in six years we won the Athletic Sports. This was due to the great efforts of Sparks, the Athletics Captain, and the wholehearted support of the rest of the House. This was demonstrated by our winning the Junior Standards Cup. We also won the Relay Cup and Muldowney won the -12 Cup.

In the Swimming, Drake finished third. We have never had very talented swimmers but our team spirit enabled us to avoid last place and thus share the St Levan Shield.

In the competitions which do not count towards the St. Levan Shield our record was once again one of dismal failure. We came fourth in Chess and third in the Speech Contest.

It has been most heartening to watch our revival this year. After the winter games the coveted St. Levan Shield seemed to have eluded our grasp. But our determination eventually prevailed.

I should like to express our deep gratitude to our Housemaster, Mr. Nicholas, who by his unswerving drive and dedication has guided us to eventual success in this past year. Our thanks are also due to Fowler and Kirbell who were successively House Captain. We can look back on the past year with satisfaction, but this is not the time for cosy complacency. We must strive to win the St. Levan Shield outright next year.

F. COFORD

GILBERT

This year has been remarkable in that the captaincy of the House has changed with each term, the three captains being Harris, Kemble and Burrows. What has not changed, however, has been the marvellous House spirit which has prevailed throughout the whole year, and which has enabled us to win the St. Levan Shield once more, holding the trophy jointly with Drake.

The fact that it has been the Senior House which has provided much of the success in the various activities should not detract at all from the sheer enthusiasm and keenness of the juniors.

In the winter games, Gilbert won both the Soccer and the Rugby Cups. The two highlights of the season were the Soccer team's 2-0 win against Drake, and the defeat of a strong Raleigh side by the Senior Rugby team, who won 9-5 playing with only fourteen men. The Juniors were particularly young this year and, although they lost all of their matches, they never once gave up the fight (which at times was very much one-sided) and we wish them more success in the future.

In the Chess Competition the Seniors were by far the strongest team on paper, but we had to concede first place to Raleigh, whose all-round strength was greater.

The highlight of the Easter term was the Speech Contest which was won as usual by Raleigh, despite the terrific amount of hard work put in by our Speech Captain, D. H. Kemble. We were second in both Senior and Junior events and were unlucky to lose first place in a very fine choral-speaking effort.

In the summer term, the main event is, of course, the Athletic Sports. Once again the supremacy of the Senior House was illustrated by our convincing win in the Senior Standards Cup, awarded this year for the first time. The Juniors, although obviously not as strong as the other houses, were encouraged considerably by the Seniors in charge of their age groups, and did very well to gain third place in the Junior Standards Cup. We came to Sports Day with a slender lead, which, as expected, did not prove to be enough. We were overhauled by Drake, but until the final events the lead was constantly changing hands. However, Drake's strength in the relays began to tell and we finished 12½ points behind.

The spirit of the House was especially evident in the Cricket matches, where the Seniors played above themselves, realising that we needed every point we could get and that the Juniors, for all their enthusiasm, were not likely to gain many. They lost only to the very strong Drake side and won a fine victory against Grenville in the final over of an exciting match.

We arrived at the Swimming Sports needing to beat Drake by two places to share the St. Levan Shield and by three places to win it outright. The Gilbert team, efficiently and enthusiastically captained by Knowles, finished clear winners by the tremendous margin of 21½ points. Drake finished third. All the team made a most commendable effort; special congratulations to Knowles, who won the -16 Cup, and Berryman, who won the -15 Cup.

We congratulate those twelve members of the House who were made School Prefects this year. They will understand if, for reasons of space, we do not mention them individually. The thanks of the House go to the captains of the various activities: D. H. Kemble (rugby and speech), P. Morris (soccer), D. B. Harris (chess), A. J. Wayne (cricket), G. F. Malloch (athletics), and J. Knowles (swimming), and to Mr. Wayne for his help in the Speech Contest. It is our privilege to be able to express once more the deep appreciation of the House of the encouragement and guidance given throughout the year and in every activity by Mr. Barkell. However, the biggest tribute that we can pay to our Housemaster, to the officials and to each and every member of the House is to quote last year's Gilbert notes: "It is incumbent on all members of the House, however senior or junior they may be, to ensure that the House Spirit is carried through to 1965." We are proud to report that this has been the case.

R. S. BURROWS, *House Captain*

T. VAUGHAN LANE, *House Secretary*

GRENVILLE

In the past year, we have had a number of disappointments, but also a few pleasant surprises. In the Rugby, the Senior side failed to win, but this was expected; and the Junior team delighted us by winning all three of its matches. The Athletics team managed to come third, mainly because of the efforts of a few, but the success of the Chess team delighted us all. The Soccer results, although not inspiring on paper, were better than expected, and the future should be even better. The Cricket teams also did much better than expected, and contain a number of promising young players. The final event of the year, the Swimming Sports, got off to a fine start, the House leading until half-way through, but this was not to last, and the House finished last.

The results of the past year would have been much worse were it not for the drive and enthusiasm of Mr. Pring, our Housemaster. Although he has only been with us a year, he has so impressed us with his spirit that we regret that he must leave us so soon. At the same time we must welcome Mr. Warren, our new Housemaster, and wish him luck for the coming year.

A. WICKSTEAD, *House Captain*

RALEIGH

At this time last year I reported that Raleigh had experienced an indifferent year. Again this is the general tone of my report, although I am pleased to say that there has been a distinct improvement in many realms.

We started the year by congratulating Shearer and Cresswell on being appointed School Captain and School Vice-Captain respectively, and Hagell, Warren, Cooper, Brown and Górczynski on being appointed School Prefects. This gave us a strong administrative "staff".

The winter brought its usual joys and disappointments. In Rugby the Juniors and Seniors both had average seasons. The Juniors, under the excellent captaincy of Tindsley, an outstandingly strong runner, lacked size but played three close matches, winning one. The Seniors under Górczynski's

inspired leadership had the best team on paper but largely because of poor teamwork could win only one match, although providing us with the outstanding game of the season in an excellent match with Gilbert.

In Soccer an indifferent Senior team lost all its matches despite the efforts of School Football Captain, Cox. The Juniors, however, had many excellent players and with Davis and Luff outstanding won all matches by a comfortable margin. This augurs well for the future.

The Chess teams played to their usual high standard and, with Lee-worthy in the Juniors and Cresswell in the Seniors outstanding, we again won the Chess Cup.

The spring term saw busy preparations for the Speech Contest, again one of the most popular events of the year. Raleigh, I am pleased to report, have won the trophy again, which means we have remained supreme in this often neglected sphere for three consecutive years. We were strong in both Senior and Junior contests and won both events. Our thanks are due to Mr. Whitfeld again for coaching the team so thoroughly and for offering untiring advice and help at all times.

On Sports Day we could finish only fourth, but we have a fine Junior team and have great hopes for the future. Downs, Tindsley and Ford deserve congratulations for being winners of the -13 Cup, the -14 Cup and the runner-up *Victor Ludorum* Cup respectively.

In Cricket our Juniors, who promised so much, lacked vital experience and achieved only moderate success, winning one match. The Seniors, who had a strong team on paper, disappointed persistently and lost all three games.

Our performance was brighter in Swimming, however, and we finished a good second to Gilbert. Davies won the -13 Cup and broke the only individual record of the afternoon, the -13 freestyle, while Atrill won the -14 Cup.

And so the year has ended and we in Raleigh have mixed feelings: We have achieved little in the St. Levan Shield contest but we are delighted to have won the Speech Contest again. We have great hopes, however, for our Juniors are the strongest and keenest in the school. Our thanks go again to Mr. Warn for his continued help and guidance and lastly our congratulations to Gorczynski on being appointed School Vice-Captain for the year 1965-66.

J. M. HARDING, *House Captain*

Crédit is due to Harding for his House Captaincy this year. His ability to organise has led to an increased sense of urgency, at least amongst the younger members of the House, and we look forward to greater success in the future. Our good wishes go with Harding as he commences his studies at the London School of Economics.

E.W.R.W.

Out of School Activities

THE ARTS SOCIETY

This year was really an attempt to see whether there was any real benefit from the fusion of the Writers' Circle with the Debating Society to form the Arts Society. General conclusions are at present that there is no real advantage other than convenience: two birds can be killed with one stone. Even so, this year's programme is best outlined by separate treatment.

The emphasis in this year's activities of the Writers' Circle was undoubtedly satire. The styles of various satirists were analysed in fortnightly talks by members of Staff. Mr. Clayton dealt with Pope and Orwell – the latter with close reference to *Animal Farm*. Mr. Prime dissected Swift and Thurber – without too much blood being split – and Mr. Whitfeld analysed Huxley and Samuel Butler. Various projects were then proposed, based on the lectures, and P. B. Evans and G. C. Hore both won prizes.

The final term was spent reading *The Flies* by Jean Paul Satre. The idea of play reading was generally felt to be a worthwhile innovation.

The Debating Section had a lively year; that is, as lively as debates with an average attendance of ten will permit. The main difficulty was not so much finding speakers – although even these are rather sparse with only ten members – as finding suitable subjects. Therefore clichés abounded.

The first debate "Britain for the British" was intended to be about immigration. Confusion about the motion, however, did not prevent idealism from winning the day. The second motion, "Nationalisation is the Panacea of Modern Society", was decided more by the preponderance of young socialists present than outstanding debating.

The subsequent debate, "That this house is convinced that R.I. in schools cannot but be harmful" saw a return to the platform of J. Harding in opposition. Again a quibble about the wording of the motion routed the forces of "enlightenment", led by myself and R. Dennell – much to the pleasure of Mr. Cole.

The final debate was an inter-schools one, with Stoke Damerel High School for Girls. Attendance figures would have been expected to rise sharply, but still there were the inevitable ten (to fifty girls). The motion was, "Is Britain's place with America or Europe?" Twelve decided for Europe; eleven for America. The remainder abstained; or possibly by abstaining supported a view from I. Jacobs who thought that Britain's place was with the U.S.S.R. The speakers for Europe were A. Bargery, seconded by Miss M. Francis; while the case for America was supported by M. O'Brien and seconded by Miss V. Saunders.

It has been a good year and thanks must be extended to all who contributed; especially to Mr. Whitfeld and the ubiquitous ten. Let us sincerely hope that next year we will see at least an ubiquitous eleven.

J. D. HILLS, *Secretary of the Arts Society*

A.T.C.

This year the Squadron has risen to a peak of achievement, having won the Lees Trophy, which now makes the Squadron the best and most efficient A.T.C. unit in the whole of the United Kingdom. This surpasses even last year's effort when the Squadron were runners-up.

All the greater credit must go to our officers and Guards of Honour, the latter of which was trained by Warrant Officer Nicholas, an excellent drill instructor, and achieved a standard of drill equal to many units of the R.A.F.

However, personal achievements have been many and outstanding. Corporal Binns has now gone to R.A.F. Cranwell, and Flight-Sergeant Waldron has obtained an R.A.F. commission, a Flying Scholarship and finally completed an advanced gliding course, which certainly makes him an outstanding cadet.

Corporal Williams completed an Outward Bound scholarship and also Corporals Hendy, Dunbar and Mugridge have been awarded camps in Germany, which is the first time three cadets have been selected from one squadron.

In the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme the Squadron has obtained, this year, no fewer than twenty-two bronze and silver awards, with many younger cadets entering the scheme.

In sport the Squadron has done better than ever before, being the top A.T.C. unit in Devon Pentathlon. However, we failed to win the Wing sports by one point, but Cadets Symons and Holland are representing Southern Region A.T.C. in the A.T.C. Nationals at Uxbridge.

Although we have many new cadets in the Squadron, I should like more to join, as we have difficulty in keeping up squadron strength due to cadets leaving school.

Although the top squadron in the U.K., our H.Q. is cramped and we hope, because of this award, we might have an extension. However, in the meantime, the Guard of Honour fill many appointments whenever Senior R.A.F. personnel visit the city.

Finally, on behalf of the Squadron, I should like to congratulate Flt.-Lt. Bence, our Commanding Officer, who has been awarded a long-service medal and also to thank Flt.-Lt. Warren for his never-ending services to the cadets.

CPL. A. R. MUGRIDGE

THE CHESS CLUB

Last year my predecessor began the Chess notes with the words, "The Chess Club has enjoyed its most successful season ever." This statement applies equally well to this year. Once again the school won both the Plymouth School Trophies, although we had to be content with sharing first place in the Senior Trophy, the Goodman Cup, with our arch-rivals, Plymouth College, after two drawn play-offs. This is a splendid achievement as the team no longer had the services of two of its best players from last year, A. Bebbington at London University and D. Harris, who departed to

darkest Africa half-way through the season! More praiseworthy is the fact that the school reached the last sixteen in the *Sunday Times* National Knock-out Tournament, finally succumbing to Battersea Grammar School 2-4, in nearly six hours of play.

In the Junior School the picture is, if anything, better still. The team finished the year undefeated in both the competitions it entered and was, in fact, last defeated in October 1963. In the Horley Cup they beat off a strong challenge from a vastly improved Plymstock School - a team which will have to be very carefully watched in the future. They also became the first team to win the Bruce Cup - the Devon under-14 Knock-out Competition - beating Barnstaple Grammar School 3½-2½ in the final! The team was captained by P. J. Gross, who set a fine example to the others by obtaining an unbeaten record in Junior School Chess by winning both the Plymouth and the Devon under-15 Individual Championships, and by representing Devon on several occasions. P. Cresswell, C. Miller and N. Robinson also played for Devon and the last two, together with R. Burrows, received new awards of full colours.

In the House competition, Raleigh took the final honours, Gilbert just beat Grenville into third place, and Drake brought up the rear. The Dinnertime Chess Club was perhaps not quite as well supported as last year, but it still continues to turn out the talented young players ever needed to maintain our reputation in Chess circles. P. Gross won the rung tournament and M. Irish took the first form championship. We congratulate these and all those who took part, successfully or otherwise, in the Devon Junior Chess Congress at Christmas.

In conclusion it is my pleasure, on behalf of all the officials and members of the Chess Club, to express our thanks to Mr. Adams, Mr. Clayton and Mr. Milton who, besides continuing in their unflagging support and encouragement for the teams, have given us considerable help with our transport problems in this year when our Chess horizons have broadened considerably. We are indeed grateful, and it is to be hoped that the results produced by the school provide some small compensation for the deficiencies of the Staff, since this year they were defeated 10½-2½ by the school, both teams being depleted (perhaps the school to a greater extent?) by the demands of the Bruce Cup Final which was played at Barnstaple on the same day.

R. S. BURROWS

CHRISTIAN UNION

The Christian Union has continued to function this year under the guidance of Mr. Hopford. Unfortunately the middle-school Christian Union has stopped functioning, and I should like to take this opportunity to say 'Thank You' to all those concerned who put in so much time and effort in an attempt to keep this society running.

The attendance this year has been around ten or so members at each meeting. There has been a distinct decrease in membership during the Summer term due to the competition of examinations, cricket, athletics and

the fine weather in general. In spite of this there has been a hard core of members with whom we have been able to delve into such controversial topics as Christian Unity.

Next term's programme consists of several interesting points. Before half-term we are planning to take a look at other religions, i.e. the Mormon religion, the Jehovah's Witnesses, etc., while we are devoting the meetings to "Genesis" in an endeavour to try to sort out some of the complicated parts of it.

In the second part of the term there are going to be three talks, one on morality, the second concerning itself with Christian ethics, and the third entitled, "Why a stable?", dealing obviously with the Christmas theme. In addition to this there is going to be an "Any Questions" session at which I hope to have three outside people to answer questions submitted beforehand to the chairman by members. Then, of course, will come the final meeting at which we shall discuss next term's programme.

I am considering restarting the prayer meetings in Stoke Damerel Church. As well as this, I am also considering starting a Christian Union for the junior members of the school, so if there are any members of the first, second and third forms who are interested in this, would they please come and see me.

Next year we are all going to make a determined effort to try to overcome this lack of support, and at the same time to increase our own knowledge and faith in our religion. We are, therefore, fighting the complacency and apathy in our school, and we are looking forward to a year of great endeavour and witness throughout our school.

F. Nox, *Hon. Secretary*

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

This Society was formed in the Autumn term of 1964. The first debate which was on "Whether Blood Sports should be abolished", was very well attended. The next debate was held just before we broke up for the Christmas holidays, and was "That the True Spirit of Christmas has been lost by Overcommercialisation". This debate was also well attended.

After the Christmas holidays, it was noticed that the attendance at our debates was declining. These debates were, however, very interesting and on contrasting subjects, such as "Plymouth should be made Capital of the South-West", and "As the Queen is only a figurehead, Great Britain should become a Republic".

In the Summer term, after much thought, it was decided that a new type of entertainment was needed to keep the Society a success. Therefore a "First Impressions" was held, similar to the B.B.C. programme, with masters as the mystery guests. This was a tremendous success. After that another debate was held on "Whether the Police should be Armed". This was reasonably well attended.

It is hoped that next year's third-formers will carry on the Society and that more people will attend the debates. Lastly, the committee would like to thank the English staff for its valuable co-operation.

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MUSIC SOCIETY

The inauguration of the new committee took place at the beginning of the Autumn term. It was unanimously agreed to alter the day when the Society should meet from Tuesday back to Friday owing to the low attendances on Tuesday evenings.

The term's programme opened with a "Juke-Box Jury" which proved very popular, as did a programme on "Rhythm and Blues" the following week. However, the encouraging start did not last, for the attendances at classical and jazz programmes were, as usual, disappointing. Mr. Whitfeld gave us a great deal of pleasure with his programme entitled "Desert Island Discs", while a general debate in the library on music in general provided an entertaining evening.

The great apathy which the school shows towards any cultural entertainment was displayed by the very mediocre attendances when guest speakers visited the school at the Society's invitation - speakers such as Mr. Bob Myers, who gave a talk on the "Meaning of Music", and Mr. Sloggett from Yardley's, who talked about the piano.

The Society met only once a fortnight during the Spring term. After a feature on the "Rolling Stones" came a classical programme on modern-day composers and a jazz programme on Duke Ellington.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Aiton, and especially to Mr. Farrington for his encouragement to the Society in general, for arranging trips to see *Così fan tutte* and *Fu Tsong*, and for the treat he gave the committee on the eve of his departure for Leeds.

N. TUCKER, *Hon. Secretary*

THE ST. LEVAN PRESS (School Printing Group)

This year has been one of the most successful yet for the Printing Group, which has now definitely consolidated itself both financially and in its membership. At the beginning of the year we were pleased to welcome to the group Collins (5L) and Crowley (3C), thus bringing our strength up to six. The group is somewhat limited in the number who can actively participate, but it is hoped that membership may be increased again next year.

The Group has expanded in all directions during the year and this has been made possible by the greatly increased amount of work done. More work was done in the Autumn term than in the whole of any previous year; the total income from work done for the school, its societies and members amounted to over £47 in the school year. The income has gone towards building up increased and varied stocks of cards and paper, new type cases and accessories for the printing machine.

Under the invaluable guidance of Mr. Brimacombe the Group has ventured into new designs for many tickets, and the Swimming Sports programme had a completely redesigned cover and inside layout. The Garden Party produced the annual chaos within the Group, the problem being increased by the Swimming Sports coming on the following Monday. The "Roger Giles" and "Rules of the Lodging House" cards were on sale again

this year in their folders, after the interest and amusement they aroused in 1964, and are still available from the Printing Room (price 6d.). We must thank Mr. Brimacombe for the patient research he made into the Arms of Devonport resulting in the card presented by the Group at the Garden Party, copies of which are still available on request. This, we anticipate, will be the basis of a more detailed production next year.

This year may be considered as the first year of a new era for the Group, following its gradual establishment under the Pearson brothers. We have now reached our most prosperous peak despite heavy expenditure, and much of the success of the Group must be attributed to Mr. Brimacombe and his brother for their help and guidance. We sincerely thank them.

P. T. JONES, 6A

RAILWAY CLUB

The Railway Club has had a very good year and, although our choice of activity is rather limited, the programme has not been monotonous. At Whitsun a party of thirteen boys, in the charge of Mr. Scott, paid a visit to the Swindon railway workshops and to the Great Western Railway museum. In addition to this visit a number of our members travelled to Fowey to make the journey on the last train to run over that branch line.

We have had two interesting talks by boys of the school; one about the railways of South Wales and the other on the Great Western Railway bus services in the Westcountry. A number of films have been shown and this has been the greatest strain on our funds: finance has been our biggest headache. With the limited scope of our hobby a small membership is inevitable and because of this our funds are limited.

In conclusion, I should like to thank Mr. Scott for coming to Swindon with us despite very short notice.

C. D. BARRETT, *Hon. Secretary*

THE RAMBLING CLUB

This year saw the departure of David Hawkings and David Rabey, who had both played a major part in reviving this activity. Their loss is a considerable blow and it is to be hoped that the Club will not lapse too much in consequence.

The programme was, inevitably, interrupted by the winter and summer G.C.E. examinations but in the intervening periods we had some very enjoyable, and occasionally strenuous hikes, during which we visited Hexworthy, the Avon Dam, and many other places on the South Moor. We also made one of our rare incursions into the North Moor, climbing High Willhays and eventually finding Cranmere Pool.

The Club is at present handicapped to no small degree by the lack of support from the sixth form. Perhaps we are falling between two stools by appealing neither to the hardened long-distance walker nor to the easy-going ambler. It is to be hoped that those members of the Club who are at present in the fifth form will continue their support next year and also take some part in organising hikes.

It has been refreshing that our hikes have been attended by fourth-formers, a number of whom successfully took part in the Ten Tors Expedition. We offer them our congratulations and hope that they will continue their association with the Club, forming a core of seniors for future years.

R. HAYDON, 6S

SAILING CLUB

The past year was generally a successful one for the Sailing Club. Although during the Winter term sailing on the Creek was somewhat restricted because of alterations to the dam, nevertheless much use was made of the Enterprise dinghy. However, most of the term was spent in refitting and repainting the boats in preparation for the summer. When the boats were moved to the Barbican, sailing began in earnest, not only during school time, on Wednesdays and Fridays, but also after school. The Enterprise, in particular, was raced quite successfully.

In the races held during Commonwealth Technical Training Week a school team competed against many other schools and finished runner-up to the Mayflower Sailing Club. This was a very good performance on the part of the team. This year the Helmsman Trophy races were held in good weather conditions at the end of July. The championship was won by Hitchcock. Congratulations also go to Morbey who, in the Open Cadet Meeting held in July, won the David Wines Trophy for club-owned boats.

There were two new additions to our fleet this year. One of these was the recently built rescue boat, a G.P. 14 dinghy, which was named *Chunky* and for which we hope to be able to obtain a full set of sails and other necessary but costly equipment. The other addition was a "bass" boat, an even larger rescue craft to be used next year. For this our thanks are due to Ernesettle Secondary Modern School. Construction of this boat was begun immediately, and by the beginning of the Summer term a fair amount of work had been done. A new outboard engine was also purchased and for this we very much appreciate the work of Mr. Prestwich, the then organiser for Physical Education in Plymouth.

In conclusion, we once again thank Messrs. Adams, Collenette and Osborne for their unfailing advice and support.

J. W. MAUNDER, *Hon. Secretary*

SCIENCE SOCIETY

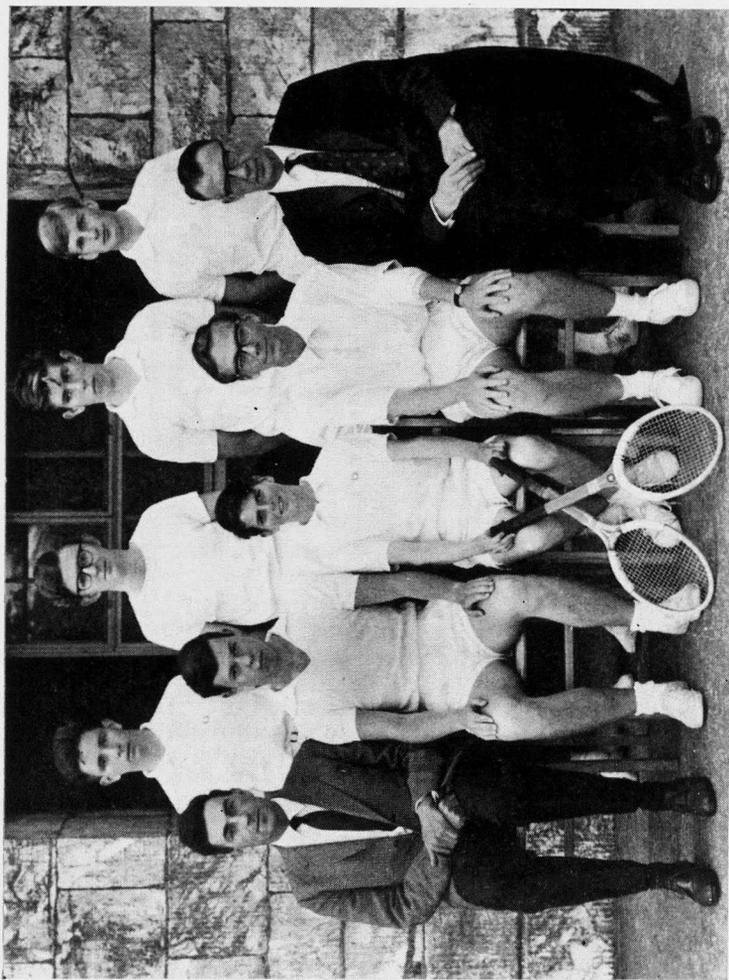
Once more the Society has had an extremely successful year, even though the membership has fallen disappointingly lower than usual. The Winter and Spring terms were once more taken up with the showing of films, and lectures by various persons, namely Mr. Angus (of the Staff), Mr. Harris (of the Plymouth Junior Astronomical Society), Mr. H. G. Hurrell (the naturalist), and Mr. A. Pearson (an Old Boy of the school). These lecture meetings were open to the whole school and one (Mr. Hurrell's) was attended by over 150, whilst Mr. Angus's drew over 100.

At the start of the Summer term the selection and ordering of films for the coming session was completed. It was also decided to hold the Annual



ATHLETICS (SENIOR) TEAM 1965

Back row (left to right): R. W. Stephens, F. W. V. Noy, A. J. S. Wayne, A. Davis, G. F. Malloch, G. E. Cox, C. Liddicoat
Seated: Mr. W. Nash, R. W. Putt, R. W. Ford, E. L. Combes (*Captain*), D. J. Woor, P. Morris, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)
On ground: D. Hooper, G. Aveyard



TENNIS 1965

Back row (left to right): R. J. Goodwin, N. Tucker, C. J. Smith, P. Munn
Front row: Mr. J. D. Collenette, J. Knowles, E. Lang, R. G. Haydon, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)

General Meeting at the beginning of the Summer term instead of at the end, as is usual, in order to improve attendance. This worked in as much that the attendance increased to about twenty-five from the previous average of about ten, which is in spite of the drop in membership. The officers and committee members for the coming session were elected, and will take office at the commencement of that session.

The usual visits were held at the end of the Summer term, and this year parties went to the College of Technology, Fisons Ltd., B.B.C., Hatfield Electronics, and a model farm. Also in the past year the Society has been active in other fields, a start being made on a film of the school's sporting activities, and the anemometer being completed for the meteorological section. The Society's financial state continues to be healthy, although a small loss was made on the past year's dealings. Lastly, we must thank the members of Staff who have given their time to the Society, not only Mr. Poole, our treasurer, but also the others who supervised the outings at the end of the Summer term.

A. WICKSTEAD, *Hon. Secretary*

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

The past year has brought no startling changes in the Library; the necessary work has been done cheerfully, the occasional upsets being dealt with easily as they occurred. The Spring term saw the long-awaited installation of two new bookcases which now house the Reference section, and at the same time the general bookshelf lay-out was altered for the convenience of the school as well as that of the librarians.

Since the beginning of the school year, the regular and systematic book check has been in progress unsuspected by the school as a whole, which was the primary intention of such a check. It is, however, depressing to note the large number of books which appear to be missing from the shelves after only three thousand have been checked. This apparent "loss" of books, coupled with the wilful defacement of books and magazines, has shown a complete indifference on the part of the school towards one of its most important establishments, a place to which each pupil will turn in very real need at some time in his school career. The school as a whole is requested to help the librarians to help them.

After a successful year in the Junior Library, Murray (3A) will be joining the main staff of the School Library together with four of his colleagues; to all of them I offer my best wishes for the difficult job they will have to perform over the next four or five years. My congratulations go to Mike Crew who, at the time of writing, has been provisionally appointed School Librarian. I hope he will enjoy the job he will perform as much as I have. Having spent five years working in the Library under as many School Librarians, I have found this a most enjoyable part of my school career. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the many people I have worked with and in particular the staff who have worked under me for the past year; and Mr. Whitfeld, who has done much to help and guide me as well as the rest of the Library in the past years. The best of luck to you in all the remainder of your school careers.

D. M. ROBERTSON

THE STAMP CLUB

During the past year the Club passed through a phase of low attendances. The total membership is fourteen, all of whom are from the lower school. Even the events of the Spring term failed to revive interest. We had a film strip on Canadian stamps, the loan of a very valuable display of West Indian stamps, and several competitions were held, two of which were won by Dendle.

Once a fortnight we received a packet of about a thousand stamps, priced at one penny each, for the members to pick through, instead of the usual approvals.

Early in the Summer term came news of a link between our school and a school in Mungwi, Zambia. They have a newly-formed Philately Society and would like to exchange stamps with the members of our Stamp Club, so we have sent them some stamps and details of how our club is run, and hope to receive a reply sometime during July.

This year, especially, we thank Mr. Hopford for his support, without which the Club would probably have come to an abrupt end. Let us hope that the few remaining members return next year to swell the numbers and help make the Club what it once was.

R: W. FORD, 6S, *Hon. Secretary*

18TH DEVONPORT SCOUT TROOP

Last year I remarked that the troop needed to be kicked into action now and again. In September a terrific kick was administered by Mr. Attewell who promised to organise a visit to the International Scout Chalet in Kandersteg, Switzerland – if the troop's progress merited it. However, it was hard to detect any appreciable change. The troop was not transformed overnight into a model bunch of cherubim (thank goodness!), neither did they get any worse. A normal rate of progress was maintained and in short, the year has been quite normal.

The Wednesday section of the troop has had good support, the members who left to join the Seniors being replaced by new ones from all parts of the Junior school. The Friday section was short in numbers during the winter, but then new recruits came to support the nucleus of experienced scouts, some of whom have been together for nearly four years. The picture, therefore, is generally good. Both sections will welcome new recruits, not only from the recently arrived first form, but also from anyone under the age of fifteen who is interested.

During the year the troop has taken a much wider interest in outside competition. The Senior Scout Cross Country Shield has long been regarded as the property of the troop, but this year I managed (by devious means) to get the Juniors interested, and we sent a formidable entry of seven teams. We came second in the team event and were unlucky not to produce the over-all winner. One of our runners (who shall remain anonymous) was in the lead when he decided that he could jump over the last fence – which was really much easier to go under. He discovered his mistake when he was

sitting in the mud on the other side, and could manage only second place. Congratulations also go to the other runners, all of whom, I am sure, gave of their best. It has been a long time since we entered the Scout Football Competition, but a team represented the troop this year and reached an advanced stage of the competition. In athletics pride of place must go to Ian Muldowney, who added six inches to the Junior High Jump record, clearing 4 ft. 7 in. – about a foot higher than his A.S.M. can do!

The Ten Tors Expedition was, as usual, well supported by the troop. Last year's successful Hound Patrol once more finished the course easily, as did Merlin Patrol who took only eighteen hours over the thirty-five miles on their first attempt.

In purely Scouting activities we congratulate Rob Crossley, Ian Rogers and Nigel Wood on gaining their Scout Cord – the acme of Scouting in the Boy Scout Troop. Several others have gained their First Class Badge and there are yet others who have nearly done so. All that they have to do is to write up the log to their First Class hikes – which often proves a major obstacle as it requires at least two hours of concerted effort!

The biggest Scouting function of the year has, of course, been the trip to Kandersteg. This is described elsewhere, but I should like to thank Mr. Attewell for making it so enjoyable. The fact that the troop is flourishing is due, to a large extent, to his efforts and also to those of the Group Committee. Their work is so selfless that it is often taken for granted, and it would do the boys good to think sometimes of what is done for them behind the scenes.

R. G. BURROWS, A.S.M. (Wed.)

P. J. COOPER, A.S.M. (Fri.)

SENIOR SCOUT LOG.

We have had an extremely successful year with a good deal of enthusiasm from everybody. At the last count we were twenty strong, which makes us quite large for a Senior troop.

In the Autumn term we notched up a notable success in the Cross Country Competition when we entered two teams, with the "crack" team retaining the shield for the fourth successive year and the other team coming third.

At Whitsun we again entered the Ten Tors Expedition (which is now almost becoming a tradition) and all six of our "fifty-mile" team (P. Cooper, R. Burrows, D. MacLeod, G. Aveyard, J. Stevenson and R. Wood) finished the course in good time and received medals and certificates. This means that many of us now possess three Ten Tors medals! We even have dreams of putting in a "sixty-mile" team next year!

Badge work has progressed steadily. We congratulate I. Bond and P. Cooper on gaining the Queen's Scout Badge, and D. MacLeod, G. Aveyard, P. Stuckey and R. Wood who have recently completed it. We congratulate also D. MacLeod, G. Aveyard and J. Orchard on gaining the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award. More Queen's Scouts are expected in the near future.

Three of our Seniors, P. Cooper, G. Aveyard and R. Wood are going on the Bloodhound Expedition which is organised by the International Scout Club and promises to be an exciting time on the Continent. A report of this will be in next year's magazine.

We wish all the best to R. Burrows, P. Cooper and I. Bond who are now leaving us.

To finish on a rather sad note I have to echo the words of P. Cooper in last year's log that still our great lament has been concerned with our lack of a Warranted Senior Scouter. However, great thanks are due again to the continued assistance of Mr. Attewell, without whose "kick in the pants" now and then, some of us would probably have fallen by the way-side.

We go forward with as much enthusiasm as ever and hope for even greater successes.

R. Wood

The Scout Troop Expedition to Switzerland, 1965

On Saturday, August 7th, the 10.30 train to London drew away from Plymouth Station, carrying with it a large part of the School Scout Troop at the beginning of their Summer Expedition to Switzerland. It is my task to describe this expedition, but I must warn the reader that in such a short space much must be left out. For further details of our travels he should consult one of the logs written by the members of the party.

We arrived in London without incident, and were met by Mr. Attewell who took us by Tube to *Baden-Powell House* where we were to spend the night. Each patrol was able to go sight-seeing with its Scouter both on the Saturday evening and on the following morning. We left Victoria for Folkestone on Sunday afternoon and had no formalities to deal with as we embarked for a very smooth passage to Boulogne. Our first impressions of French railways were not favourable, but most of us managed to get at least some sleep on the long, tiring journey to Basle. It was lucky that we had eight hours to wait here since most of us were suffering from an excess of travelling. We saw most of what was worth seeing in Basle and then braced ourselves for another journey. Swiss railways, however, turned out to be much better than their French counterpart and we enjoyed a fast, comfortable ride to the Swiss capital, Berne, where we spent two days. Whole books have been written about Berne and so I cannot hope to describe it here, but I am sure that it left a lasting impression on the party.

On Wednesday, August 11th, we travelled to our ultimate destination, the International Scout Chalet at Kandersteg.

Our excursions from Kandersteg were numerous - the Gemmi Pass, for a view over the Alps, the likes of which few of us have ever



*The Scout Troop visit to the
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seen before; the Blausee, "the bluest lake in the world", with its trout nurseries; the Oschinensee with its boating facilities and magnificent situation. We went by train through the nine-miles-long Lötschberg Tunnel at the end of which we took a coach for a trip right up the valley of the Rhone to the very glacier which is its source, and then along some of the most fantastic feats of road building through Andermatt and the Süsten Pass, along the shores of Lake Brienz to Interlaken and then back to Kandersteg. We climbed the Gellihorn (7,493 ft.) on foot and the Niesen (7,750 ft.) by funicular railway; we spent a day among the modern shops in Interlaken; we were transported by coach, train, boat (across Lake Thun), cable car and chair lift; we ate everything from spaghetti Bolognese to egg and chips; we sweltered in the sun at Kandersteg and shivered in the snow at the Süsten pass; we played bridge at the top of mountains and took literally hundreds of what came to be known as "pretty pictures". It was a hectic fortnight but we all enjoyed it immensely.

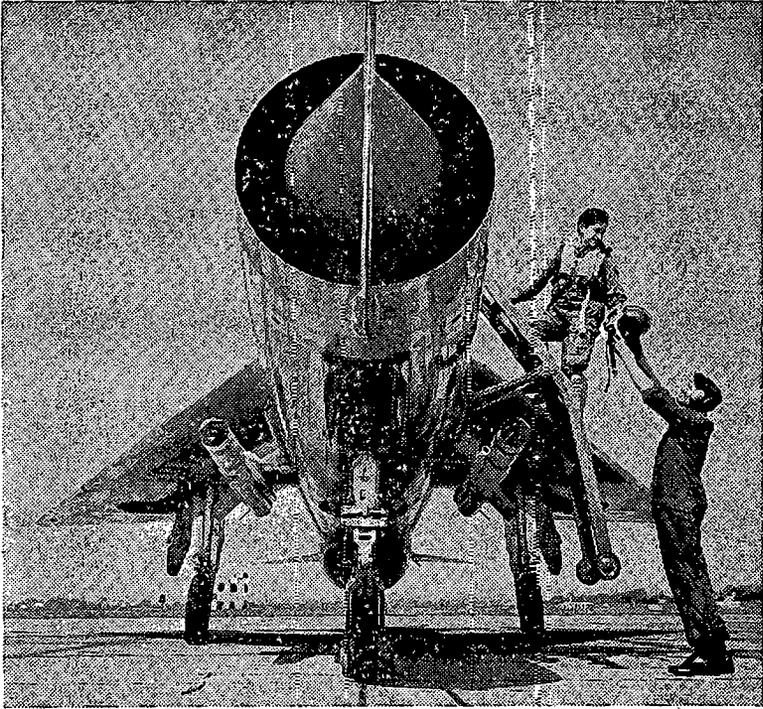
At the end of it all, we travelled back from Kandersteg direct to Basle where we caught the overnight train to Boulogne. This time people got to sleep a lot easier and as a result felt much better when we boarded the ferry. The weather soon changed all that because we had a rough crossing.

That evening, once more on *terra firma* in London, we went to see *Oliver!* at the New Theatre. In spite of gloomy predictions by the pessimists in our number, this turned out to be a grand evening enjoyed by all and a worthy end to a magnificent fortnight.

We stayed that night in *Baden-Powell House* and left for Plymouth by the 13.30 train on Sunday, August 22nd. One incident added spice to the homeward journey - for some reason or other our seats from Paddington were not reserved. Some of us commandeered the restaurant car and had a comfortable journey, but most of the troop spent the time in the guard's van as the train was absolutely packed. Still, as Colin Whitby was heard to remark, reclining in his restaurant-car seat as the train pulled out from Reading . . . "c'est la vie"!

Our special thanks go to Mr. Attewell who organised the expedition ever since it was a mere idea. We are also indebted to Colin Whitby who organised the catering, and to John Stuckey who took care (very good care!) of the financial side of the trip. A special word of thanks must also go to the other Scouters and P.L.'s, without whose help the task of organising such a large party would have been a lot more difficult.

R. S. BURROWS, A.S.M.
18th Devonport



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C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

Dear Editor,

LEEDS

Thank you very much for the copy of the school mag. – it certainly brings back memories!

I am enjoying myself tremendously in Leeds, and working hard to boot. The first-year course is very stimulating – Renaissance drama, poetry and prose – and when one considers that this includes such as Skelton, Lyly, Sidney, Donne and Moore, one sees what a comprehensive study of 16th century English thought and life this is.

The only facet of the course which I find difficult to appreciate is the amount of work that has to be done – the main course, English Honours, includes Phonetics, Anglo-Saxon Lit., Lang., and history (archaeology) sociology, the History of Language (cum dialects, word-changes, vocabulary, foreign influences), and the all-embracing Literature course, on which I should be happy to spend the whole of my 3 years studying! To cap this, I have Philosophy and Italian as one-year subsids, each with as many sub-divisions. All this in 30 weeks !!

To balance this, however, the social life is as hectic, and to achieve the necessary balance between work and play is the thing which is as important as ability in one's subject.

But enough of this: how is the school progressing in our absence? I should be very interested to hear of the progress of the Writers' Club, or Arts Soc., and any creative writing mags. or socs. which may have been formed since my last visit to the school. We produce an excellent poetry mag. here every week, and I'd be pleased to send you a sample copy – perhaps the School Library would like to subscribe to it? (I can't resist a plug.)

I hope to hear from someone at school soon – please give my regards to all at school, and I hope to be able to visit the establishment again soon.

Thank you again for sending the school magazine.

Best wishes,

ROGER BROOKIN

Dear Sir,

CAMBRIDGE

It may seem a rather trite remark, but it ought, nevertheless, to be emphasised that Cambridge is exactly what you yourself make of it. More than in most communities, the undergraduate is free to give, and to gain, as much or as little as he pleases. The opportunities are endless – but so too are the means to avoid those opportunities. There are some who come down from Cambridge with a feeling of

futility or – even worse – with a chip on their shoulder, claiming that, for various reasons, they have been denied a fair crack of the whip. To these, I can only say that they should recognise that the limitations are their own, and that if they have failed to seize the chances no-one can be blamed except themselves. Freedom there is; and one needs to be fairly mature to use that freedom wisely. Because of this, those from homes where growing children are encouraged from an early age to make decisions for themselves have a very considerable advantage.

To those going up to Cambridge. I would say this. Make up your mind what you want to do and do it well. Do not become a “talented fritterer”. This does not, of course, mean that I advocate mono-mania; it is perfectly possible to gain a Blue or to become President of the Union *as well as* gain a First. I would question whether those who gain Firsts and accomplish nothing else have really taken full advantage of the University – it must indeed be a sorry specimen who can excel in one field only at the expense of all else.

A school like D.H.S., where senior boys are allowed relatively wide freedom of choice in so many fields, is an admirable preparation for Cambridge life. Cambridge is a challenge – and only the undergraduate himself can determine what he makes of that challenge.

Best wishes,

MARTIN HARRIS

Mungwi Secondary School,
P.O. Mungwi,
Kasama, Zambia.
9th June 1965

Mapolani Mukwai,

At the moment I am surrounded by bush, three hundred miles from the nearest town of over ten thousand people. My present occupation before entry to university is helping to teach boys at Mungwi Secondary School in the Northern Province of Zambia. This is the most desolate region of the country as all the wealth lies in the Copper Belt on the Congo border.

The school is situated seventeen miles from Kasama, the capital of the province, on the road to Isoka. When it was built, there were plans to construct a new prosperous centre around it, but these seem to have been lost and so the staff and pupils are rather isolated. It is a boarding school for four hundred boys and in order to maintain discipline, the staff houses are very near to the school buildings. The boys have two main examinations: a second year exam. which eliminates one-third of the pupils and the Cambridge external G.C.E. certificate in the fifth year.

School begins at 7.00 a.m. with two lessons before breakfast. On two days of the week tobacco is picked at the school farm in

order to raise money for the Houses. After a twenty-five minute break for breakfast, lessons continue until 1.30 p.m. In the afternoon, boys have either school maintenance, games, societies, prep. or free time with two and a half hours set aside in the evening for official prep. Because the school is so isolated, sports events against other schools are very difficult to arrange, and the boys have to amuse themselves for a lot of the time. This is not as easy as in England because of the lack of sports equipment, games, books, newspapers and radios. On Wednesdays, the monotony is broken by a film show in the assembly hall; the films have usually completed their circuits in British cinemas two or three years ago, and although an admission charge of only sixpence is made, the boys are so poor that only half can afford to attend.

The staff come from eight nations, ranging from Australia and S. Africa to Britain. It is always changing because of rapid promotion; or a general dissatisfaction with the school, and this hinders the work of teaching. It takes a long time for a new voice to be understood, so if the boys have three or four different masters for the same subject in a year, they will not learn much. Although they learn English, the head of the English department is qualified only in General Science, owing to the shortage of staff and consequently, the standard of English is not tremendously high. Because we are a community in ourselves, there is often a considerable amount of friction between individuals, from which no-one can escape.

The countryside, stretching for a hundred miles on every side of us, is a flat plateau covered with bush and grasses. It is occasionally broken by hills or a slight river valley. Granite out-crops are found in various places, and these have caused wonderful waterfalls. The Kalambo falls near Abercom drop for seven hundred feet, and at the end of the wet season, these are an amazing sight. Some of the rocks have drawings on them, believed to have been made when the bush-men were in this area on their way southwards. The land falls three thousand feet in the vicinity of Lake Tanganika which is still two thousand feet above sea-level. When looking down on the lake from the nearby hills, one can often see over a hundred miles along the Congo.

The height of the country keeps the weather considerably cooler than at similar latitudes along the coast. This month is the coldest of the year and night temperatures are occasionally as low as 40° F. During the day it warms up considerably, but rarely does it rise above eighty degrees in summer or winter. The rains officially end in April, but owing to the presence of a Plymothian, this was altered, and we had a slight shower in June – the first in this month for several years. The wet season lasts from October to April, and during this time the grasses grow fifteen feet high, the roads are often flooded, thunder and lightning produce fantastic effects and crops grow in abundance. The dry season, on the other hand,

brings the danger of bush fires, turns the roads into dust bowls and bakes the ground, but it does make the country more accessible and enables one to see the native life.

The scenery in Tanzania is far more pleasant than that in this part of Zambia. More fruit and vegetables are grown, hills and valleys are more frequent, the bush changes into grass-lands and woods, and the people dress far more colourfully in bright Japanese cloth. In the major cities, every race mixes quite easily, producing skin colours from pale white, through yellow to dark black. Coco-nut palms and coral cliffs decorate the coast line where the sea-temperature is a pleasant 72° F. Mount Kilimanjaro enables one to see the amazing sight of snow only 3° S. of the Equator, and the animals are 'at home' in the many Game Reserves to visitors. The people are very friendly and helpful, and although influenced greatly by Europeans and Indians still, fortunately, maintain to a large degree their old customs.

I have found teaching here very enjoyable although giving me a lot more work than I expected. My official job was to help with the sport, but I have a full time-table on top of this. The ages of the boys range from twelve to twenty-four, although no check can be made on this. Despite this variation, a form can usually be treated as a similar one in England, as mentally the boys are all alike.

Finally, I would like to make an appeal to all boys in the school in helping to develop this link between Devonport and Mungwi, as it can help to create a better understanding between different people. Boys here are interested in learning, but have not yet received adequate facilities to occupy themselves all the time. We at Devonport can alter this.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID BEST HARRIS

Extract from a letter from an Old Boy living in Australia.

Broulee, Via Moruya,
N.S.W., Australia.

25th March 1965

It was very pleasant for me to receive your letter of the 15.1.65 and to have news of the old school. I had only a short period to revisit the school during my leaves from France, and unfortunately they corresponded with the winter and summer recesses. I would have answered your letter earlier as I have been waiting to receive news of Mr. Holding, but he has not been to see me as yet, and I would appreciate very much a talk with him. I had a very nice and enlightening letter from Mr. Bostin, who gave me a lot of news of the old district.

I find your remarks about the changing of education very interesting as at the present time the system of education is about to

change very considerably in N.S.W. It is following a report conceived by the Whyndam Committee, and adopted by the Education Department of N.S.W.; I do not know the whole facts, but it appears from schoolteacher friends of the wife that the school leaving age is to be extended for those whom teachers consider have the ability, and a separation of the duller type will take place for consideration in what is termed the 'opportunity classes'. Pupils are given a great deal of assistance here, as no child thinks of walking these days; it is all buses with none of the foot-slogging that we had to do, and sometimes a lot of running if Monsieur Jacques thought that a little overtime would do us good. The boat for home left Pottery Quay at 5.15 p.m. and the next at 6.30 p.m., and we faced two hours' homework after we had arrived home, perhaps walking from South Down. I note too that the scholarship acceptances are much higher than when we received ours. We were the first Scholarship boys at the High, and I can assure you that we were not very well received; in fact, we were in Coventry for four weeks, but on being placed in the third form, it was found that our Maths was up to fifth form standard while our French and Latin were *non est*, so the headmaster, Mr. Treseder, arranged that during Maths periods in the third form, we were sent to the Kindergarten class and informed that we had to catch up in twelve months the standard of French and Latin of Form 4 before we could be advanced. I can assure you that it was a struggle, but we must have got there somehow. I still remember during my period in France that I should have taken more notice of Monsieur, who would have been astonished at my attempts in French when I was a Billeting Officer.

My life in N.S.W. has been a varied one. A "farmer's boy" until the war, I was then on the railway for a period of three years, and then on a farm of 1,440 acres in what is called a marginal area (i.e. where rainfall is low), but next door to the vast irrigation area of the Murrumbidgee, where cotton, rice, wheat, fruit and vegetables are grown and sheep are reared.

After another period in the Second War, but on the Home Front of the Staff, I was then pleasantly retired here, with long beaches at the back door and a few fish now and again. I was mostly occupied with the running of the local Bowling Club, having just finished a rather hectic period with the construction of a new Club House costing £60,000, mostly collected from the N.S.W. curse of poker machines.

The village of Broulee is a very ancient one, being the port of the south coast before any of the towns or villages which have been settled since; the ships came here direct from the Old Country and whaling fleets also called. Very little trace of the old times are here now, but my wife, who is an ardent archaeologist, sometimes picks up traces of the old times.

Thank you again for your interest in me, and if any of the present boys of the School wishes to have any information about this country I should be only too pleased to help them. There is no doubt that there are great opportunities in this country, especially at the present time in the West and North.

Please excuse my typing as it is not my profession and the machine is new. If I wrote, I am afraid that you would not be able to understand it all, as my writing days were left behind at school.

Yours sincerely,

C. R. HARRIS, J.P., F.R.I.C.M.S.

The Parents' Association

The activities of the Association have followed their usual pattern during the current year, and in the main, they have been well supported.

The first event was the Annual General Meeting held in October at which the business section was followed by a presentation to Flt-Lt. Bence in appreciation of his work with the School (197) A.T.C. Squadron, and then by a Brains Trust composed of Miss Brogden, Mr. Graham Cocks, Mr. Best Harris, and Alderman Stott, who answered questions of an educational nature.

The Whist Drive in November attracted some one hundred and fifty parents and friends who played for some excellent prizes donated by firms and parents.

The experiment of holding the Annual Dance on a Friday proved very successful and a most enjoyable evening was spent dancing to Ted Coleman's orchestra in the Lower Guildhall. Attendance was one hundred and seventy-four.

The Senior and Junior "At Homes" enabled parents to discuss the progress (or otherwise) of their sons with members of staff and it proved difficult to deal with all who came in the time available.

During March we were happy to accept the invitation of D.H.S. Girls Parents' Association to a friendly Quiz Contest at their school. The evening proved enjoyable in spite of the fact that we lost the contest, and we hope to return the hospitality at a later date.

The March Whist Drive attracted fewer people than usual, some ninety attending. During this month the Committee Dinner was held at a local hotel and opportunity was taken to thank retiring members for the services they had rendered the Association.

The re-introduction of the coach trip in July proved very successful. We were privileged to visit Exeter University where a comprehensive tour was arranged and conducted by the Secretary

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The proposed Buffet Dance last year had to be cancelled owing to lack of support. This was a great disappointment to the Committee, but it confirmed their conviction that our members are not interested in such functions.

The 1964 Annual General Meeting was very successful as a social event and also financially – thanks to the grand raffle run by Eric Cock and Eddie Cox. There were a number of our staunchest members missing and it is hoped they will remedy that this year. We meet at 7 p.m. on the 29th December, 1965, in the banqueting suite at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel. Please make a prominent note in your diaries!!

Local members should follow the fine example set by those belonging to the Bath and Bristol Branch. Their A.G.M. last year had an attendance of two-thirds of their membership. This is a credit to their hard-working Secretary, Des Cory. All at Plymouth sincerely trust he has recovered from his illness.

The Whist Drive run in aid of the Soccer club last year proved extremely profitable – thanks to the generosity of those members who donated prizes. Thanks are also due to Mrs. Slatter and her ladies for providing refreshments and selling tickets.

The Committee was depleted again this year – this time by the departure of Maurice Brereton to Cardiff on promotion with Thomas Cook & Son Ltd. The Rugby club will also miss his services.

It is interesting to note that one-half of the present Committee have served continuously for ten years. They are the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Asst. Secretary, Gilbert Polkinghorne, and Badminton representative Dave Malloch.

Our Soccer club successfully carried our name to the Channel Islands at Easter on a three-match tour. They emerged as victors on each occasion and left a favourable impression with the Jersey F.A.

A notable feat by an Old Boy was the 102 not out scored by Rhys Adams whilst playing for the Staff versus Plymouth "A". The accomplishment was marked by the presentation of a tankard at the gathering following the annual cricket match versus the Staff. He was top scorer in that match with 79 out of 152 for 4 (Dave Pike

27; Terry Davey 26). Time saved the Staff who had 79 runs on the board for 8 wickets at the close of play.

The annual match against the School resulted in a victory. Played in continuous rain we made 37 (young Dave Pike 21) and then dismissed the School for 28. Vic. Woodfield played a real captain's part in taking 6 for 16, ably supported by 3 for 9 from Michael Gilbert.

By the time these notes appear we shall be looking forward to our Christmas gathering following the Annual General Meeting. I hope everyone will make an effort to attend this year.

BERNARD GILBERT, *Hon. Secretary*

The London Branch

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It is pleasant to be able to report another successful year for the London Branch. We are getting a gradual infusion of younger members whom we are delighted to welcome, but it seems very likely that there are many others floating about the London area of whom we should like to hear, both for their good and ours.

At the reasonably well-attended Annual General Meeting last autumn members were keen to show their appreciation of "Tex" Austin's long service as Hon. Secretary by electing him a joint President with A. T. Brooks.

Our Annual Dinner, again held at Schmidt's, was greatly enjoyed by those present, who were most entertainingly diverted by witty speeches from the Headmaster (after battling nobly with London's traffic problems), F. H. Pearn, and "Tex". We were also delighted to welcome Henry Whitfeld and a good showing of our younger members. It was a particular pleasure to all of us to have Mrs. Simmonds in our midst.

Our most recent function has been the visit to the grounds of Trent Park Training College, by kind permission of the Principal, Mr. T. R. Theakston, on 24th July. Those who gathered for this annual occasion were blessed by one of our intermittent sunny days and the swimming pool was well patronised. After tea, arranged by Mrs. Simmonds, "Dicky" Brooks, our President, put on a film show in the College Hall to an appreciative audience of all ages. We were very pleased to see at Trent Park Les Adams, now steadily and happily recuperating from a major internal operation last autumn. We wish him continued progress, and an early return to the counsels of the Committee.

The Bath and Bristol Branch

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The Bath and Bristol branch has been involved in rather less activity than usual during the past year. This has been due in no small measure, to the sickness of the Secretary for a long period during the earlier part of the year when initial arrangements for our activities are made. We continue our friendly interludes with Sutton High School O.B. and by the time these notes are in print we hope to have beaten them in a Golf Approach match.

Departures are making inroads into our membership and the balance is not being maintained by new arrivals. All readers of this magazine are invited to keep a weather eye open and put anyone in the district, and particularly new arrivals, in touch with the Secretary. It is gratifying, however, to report that some members of the branch who have been transferred elsewhere in the country are maintaining contact.

One certain reader of the magazine will be Tex Austin, to whom the branch sends its good wishes.

The Old Boys' Rugby Club

The 1964/65 season is over and our results, I am sorry to say, were the worst I can remember over a period of sixteen years, with only five matches won, one of these being a close tussle against the school. Lack of players due to old stalwarts leaving the district and no new influx from the School were the main factors for such a poor season. Derek Childes, our Captain, was injured in the first practice match and this kept him out of the side for more than half of the matches. Another set-back was that Maurice Brereton, a campaigner over many years, obtained promotion and moved to Cardiff. Others to move included Peter Lakeman to Bristol, John King to Newcastle, John Ellis to London and Stuart Vittles who joined the R.A.F.

On the social and fund-raising side we fared better. A Dance run early in the season was well attended and raised £35. The "Westcountryman" competition brought in over £100 and a Jumble Sale raised £10. The expenses of running the club go up each year and we have to work hard to get in the money.

All away matches were enjoyed, including one in London against Shirley Wanderers. The match was lost but a visit to Twickenham afterwards to see an International compensated us for our earlier defeat. This is the second time we have made this journey and, as it is so popular, we intend to make a similar trip each season.

We look forward to the coming season with mixed feelings. The enthusiasm is there but the playing strength as far as numbers are concerned will again be low. We would welcome ANY boys leaving

school who wish to continue their Rugby, who like to play the game hard, and enjoy the social activities after the match, to join us at Bickleigh Down.

The Old Boys' Soccer Club

1964/65 was another successful season, particularly for the 1st XI. The 2nd XI, improved considerably after a poor start.

The 1st XI finished fifth in the Premier Division of the Plymouth Combination League and also reached the semi-final of the Premier Cup. Injuries to a number of players had an unsettling effect on the side and points were dropped which should have been won. John Shinner was injured in January and did not play again and Brian Cooper was unfit for several games including the semi-final. The good cup run produced some exciting games including a 6-5 victory over Plympton, after being two goals down at one stage, and also a 2-1 win over Eggbuckland after extra time.

The improvement in the 2nd XI results dated from the signing of A.G. Soby in goal. He played well and created a new confidence in the defence. There were several new players including H. Atrill and J. Gordon, who both played several games for the Premier side as well. At the end of the season the 2nd XI were awarded the Division I Sportsmanship Cup, the second time that such an award has been won by an Old Boys' side.

For all concerned this was an enjoyable year including for sixteen of the players a short but successful tour of Jersey at Easter.

B. MARTYN

The Soccer Club Tour of Jersey

On the 15th April, sixteen members of the Old Boys' Soccer Club left Plymouth on their first ever tour of Jersey. The outward-bound trip was very eventful: we had hoped to fly from Exeter, but owing to weather conditions we ended up going by boat from Weymouth. Not all soccer players are good sailors and one or two were not very interested in the voyage!

The club played three games in four days, and with the team playing some excellent soccer we won all three. Victories were against two Old Boys' teams, Old Victorians 6-0 and Old Hautlians 2-1; and the remaining game against Georgetown 5-1.

The tour proved to be successful in many ways, but the important one was that a tremendous team spirit developed, and I think the tour will be remembered by all who took part for a long time. The Jersey F.A. were most impressed with our standard of play, and perhaps the club will make another tour one year.

Players who went were, T. Davey (Captain), B. Cooper, V. Woodfield, B. James, J. Mountjoy, D. Carne, D. Philpotts, D. Gill, R. Dare, D. Hoskin, D. Pike, T. Kirbell, J. Harding, D. Casey, J. Blake.

V. B. WOODFIELD

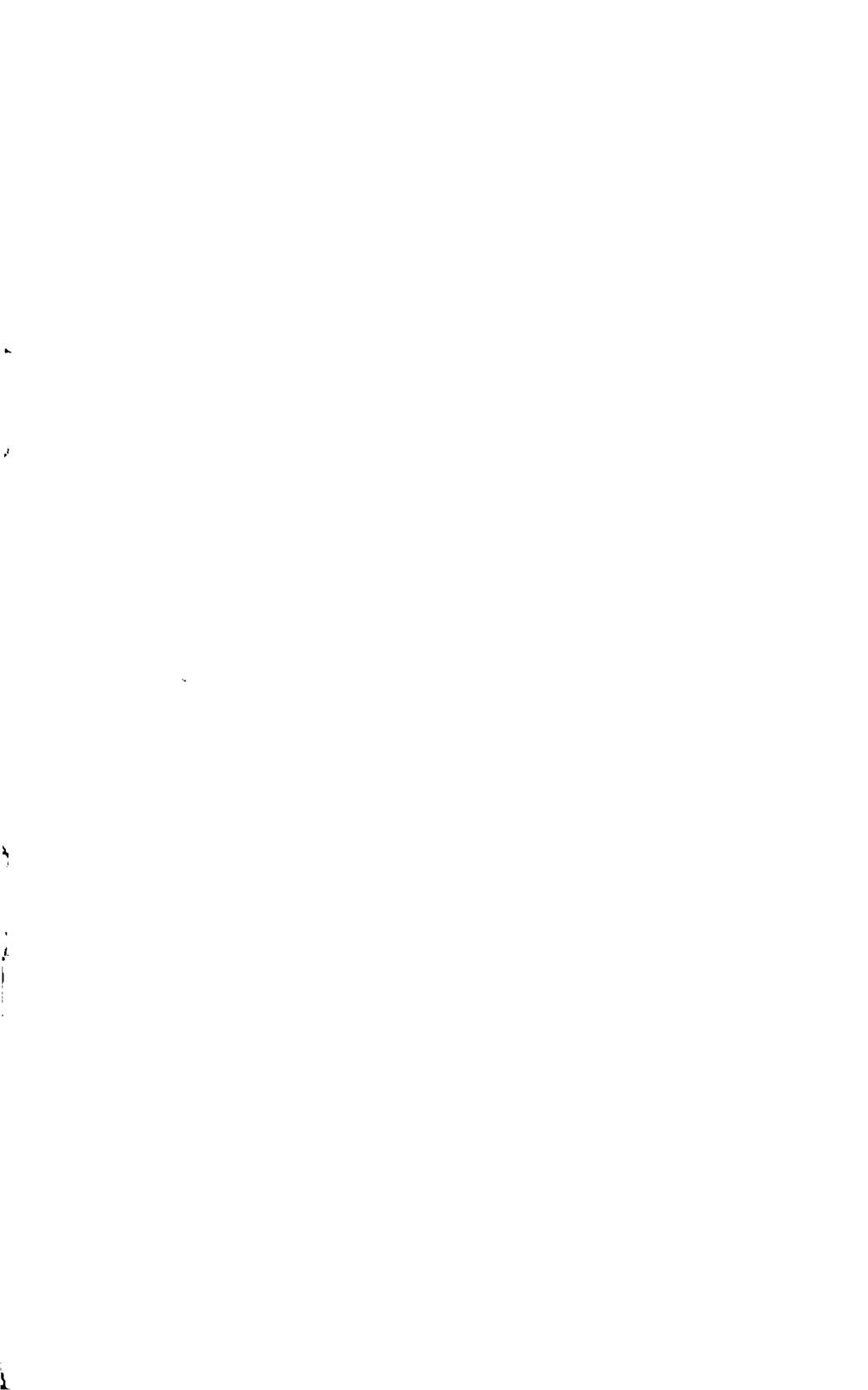
O.B.A. Personal Column

This has been a very good year indeed in so many ways and not least of all in the fact that so many Old Boys have called in at School. Rarely has a day gone by without one or more dropping in bringing us news not only of themselves but also of other Old Boys they have met on their travels. One very pleasing aspect of this is the number of younger Old Boys who are active in the London and Bath branches, nor must I forget the very pleasant evening at Oxford or Cambridge. I'm told that Reading will soon have a branch of its own too! Our congratulations to all of you who have done so well in your various spheres of life but especially to L. R. Murray (1906-1912); to Dr. Ward, appointed Professor of History at Durham; to Graham Ashworth, promoted to the post of Director of the Civic Trust of Great Britain for the N.W. area; and to B. Tozer, M. Best Harris, A. J. Dawe and B. Skinner, all of recent vintage, who gained 1st's in their Degree examinations; and to Mr. Wherry, awarded a C.B.E.

- C. H. DOWRICK (1934-40) called in at School. He has been appointed Assistant Manager of the Plymouth National Provincial Bank. He is delighted to be back and looks forward to O.B.A. functions. Married and has two daughters.
- G. J. DOWRICK (1938-46). C.H. gave us news of his brother who has his Ph.D. - congratulations - and is lecturing at the Wye Agricultural College.
- F. GODFREY. Quite accidentally we have news of Godfrey, who is now Chief of Police of the Southern Area British Railways Police. We hope to hear more of him.
- R. L. DAVEY (1953-61). Called in at School to tell us about his new job as Senior Sales representative with Nebisco in Shipley. He says he is enjoying life too much to get married.
- P. PENGELLY (1954-62). Has his degree in Chemistry and is off to Ada Ghana to do a year with V.S.O. He expects to teach in secondary schools.
- R. A. BOWDEN (1954-62). After taking an Honours degree at Keele in English and Politics has decided to take a Diploma in Education and then teach.
- K. DURSTON (1955-62). Congratulations on his B.Sc. (Imperial College) in Mining Engineering. Now has a job with International Nickel Co. Ltd., and after a stay in Canada hopes to proceed with Research.
- B. SKINNER (1954-61). Called in at School looking very cheerful indeed. He is the first Old Boy to get a degree in Automotive Engineering. He has now joined Ford Motor Co.
- L. ROWE (1949-56). Married recently and still prefers to live in Canada but hopes to visit England in the near future.
- R. HYDE (1951-58). Now resident Inspector for St. Austell and East Cornwall Branch of the Globe Assurance Co. Congratulations on his promotion. He hopes to call in at School next term.
- W. R. BRYANT (1922-28). Called in with his wife on a visit to Plymouth and thoroughly enjoyed a chat with some of his contemporaries on the Staff. Bryant is a Chartered Accountant and Borough Treasurer of Weston-super-Mare. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant have one son who is at Durham reading Medical Physics.
- LT. "TUC" WILSON (1954-62), LT. M. SQUIRES (1954-59) and LT. J. DAVIES (1953-60) are all serving with the R.A.O.C. in Germany and are thoroughly enjoying life.
- M. E. R. WALFORD (1948-56). Congratulations on his Ph.D. He is now a lecturer in the University College of Rhodesia. We hope to hear more of him in the near future.
- D. BEST HARRIS (1958-65). Is reaching the end of his stay in Zambia. He will have a lot to tell us on his return.

- LT. J. NORMAN (1953-59) and LT. M. BARRETT (1953-60) are both at Shrivvenham and awaiting the results of their B.Sc. examinations this August. We wish them both the best of luck.
- LT. KEN SADLER (1952-60). Also with the R.A.O.C., writes from Aden suggesting that we form an O.B.A. Branch in the R.A.O.C.
- R. G. WHITTING (1951-58). Heard of Ken Sadler's suggestion and wrote telling us we certainly ought to have an O.B.A. Branch in Lloyds Bank where in the last seven years the following Old Boys have found posts: J. R. F. COOPER (1952-59), T. W. CHISWELL (1952-59), R. K. REYNOLDS (1949-57), B. M. D. JAMES (1955-61), E. F. FLOYD (1955-62), I. D. COLE (1956-63), B. W. MEATYARD (1955-62), I. H. R. KIRBELL, P. A. HUGHES (1955-62), P. COHEN (1954-61), K. SMITH (1957-64), J. STUCKEY (1956-63), M. C. ADAMS (1948-49).
- C. R. HARRIS, J.P., F.R.I.C.M.S. has written a most interesting letter to us from New South Wales and we publish an excerpt. We always enjoy news of our older Old Boys.
- VIC WOODFIELD (1944-49). So well known to Old Boys in Plymouth for his splendid service to the O.B.A. and especially the Soccer Club, is to leave Plymouth on promotion. Congratulations and all our best wishes.
- JOHN SOUTHERN (1940-45). Writes a fascinating letter from Masindi School, Uganda, where he is spending two years teaching in secondary schools. He expects to return soon to England. The O.B.A. Rugby Club will welcome his return.
- DR. R. WARD (1935-43), of the Ward-Pengelly prize duo, has been appointed Professor of History at Durham University. Our sincere congratulations.
- JOHN YATES (1951-59). Now a rising member of the Metropolitan Police Force. He enjoys driving a fast red sports car - always just within the legal speed limits.
- P. WRIGHT (1953-60). Called in at School to tell us about a stay in France. He is now training with Unilever to take up an appointment in Personnel Management.
- T. ROGERS (1953-60). Is now embarking on a degree course in Philosophy at Manchester University. Has spent a long holiday with WRIGHT in France.
- I. G. CRIDDLE (1959-64). Now at *Fisgard* from where he moves to *Collingwood*, Portsmouth, in September after a period of leave.
- F/O "GINGER" Walker (1953-60), now a Technical Officer at Cranwell, called in and gave us cheerful news of F/O Bebbington flying Canberras overseas, P/O Drake converting to Lightnings, F/O Bungay learning to be an Instructor, P/O Felwich doing very well at Cranwell and F/O Knight enjoying life on leave.
- R. COLEMAN (1954-62). Congratulations on being awarded a British Commonwealth Fellowship in Law at the University of Chicago, and all good wishes.
- MAX WILLIAMS (1952-58). Now with Richard Hudnot Ltd. Called in at School on his rounds. Is married, living in Torquay, and hopes to see more of the O.B.A. now.
- CAPTAIN McMANUS with R.E.M.E., commanding a unit within the Royal Tank Regiment, is off to Germany shortly. Now has a son and hopes that he will follow in father's footsteps.
- LT. SANDERS (1954-61), with the Royal Tank Regiment - is looking forward to serving in Germany, possibly under Capt. McManus.
- M. J. AMERY (1954-62) is now with West Silten Pharmaceuticals Ltd., as Medical Representative and is thoroughly enjoying his work.
- J. ROTHWELL (1946-52). Now working in London, has contacted the O.B.A. Branch there and reports having met T. C. BLACKLER (1950-56), A. J. ADAMS (1953-60), J. B. SQUANCE (1953-61), J. B. SIVOUR (1951-58), B. MONTGOMERY (1953-61) and K. HOLLOWAY (1946-52). It is good indeed to know that recent vintage Old Boys are keeping in touch with the various branches.
- G. A. HURST (1950-58). Congratulations on his 1st at Bristol in Pharmaceutical Chemistry.
- R. W. BERESFORD (1949-54). Called in on leave but missed us. However, he left a note. He is married and has two children.

- B. BLIGHT (1950-58). Has left Esso and is now a Lecturer in the Bristol C.A.T. and was married recently. He anticipates coming down to visit us in the near future.
- R. MITCHELL (1956-63). Midshipman in the Royal Navy, landed in Karachi and bumped into J. WILCOCKS (1949-56) who was also enjoying a walk. Mitchell writes saying that it turned out to be quite an evening.
- R. J. LARK (1914-21) writes a most interesting letter of his time at School when Mr. Treseder was Headmaster. He is Senior Lecturer at the Belfast College of Technology in Engineering Geology and hopes that some Old Boys will think of a degree course in this subject. There are excellent prospects.
- M. LOVELESS (1957-62). Now with the Devon Police, has just gone on a C.S.V. course, similar to V.S.O. but in England. He is thoroughly enjoying his life in the Police Force and strongly recommends the profession to those who like an active life.
- J. G. WILLIAMS (1951-57) writes a fascinating letter to us telling us about his life since leaving School. After a spell in Insurance he joined the R.A.F. and has served particularly in the Middle East where he was the Middle East Champion and Record Holder for the half-mile. He hopes shortly to go to Loughborough.
- RAY SHUTE (1950-58) called in to see us. He is still unmarried and is enjoying life with John Laing & Co.
- D. G. SNELGROVE (1937-42) is now a Captain Padre after taking his degree at Cambridge. Is married with two children and enjoyed his visit to School.
- J. P. RYAN (1954-60) called in to see us. He is now with the Bristol Police Force, is married and has a son just seven months old. He too recommends service with the Police Force.
- LT. M. J. BARRETT (1953-60) called in to tell us that he is married and is still enjoying life. Still manages to do some sailing, too.
- G. MASON (1952-58). Congratulations on a wonderful World Tour with the Stratford-on-Avon Orchestra and on his recent marriage. He has decided to settle down in Birmingham working full time as a translator.
- D. DAYMOND (1953-61) is hoping shortly to go back to Finland to resume teaching.
- BOB GRIFFIN (1952-60) called in to see us. He is now teaching in Birmingham and obviously meets Geof Mason & Co. at all the usual places. Bob says there is nothing more rewarding than teaching!
- M. BEST HARRIS (1954-62). Left Cambridge, where he was Chairman of the University Labour Club, with a First Class Honours Degree in Linguistics. He has been awarded a Studentship in Linguistics at London University for two years. He hopes eventually to teach.
- GRAHAM ASHWORTH has been promoted to the post of Director of the Civic Trust of Great Britain for the N.W. area. He and his family will shortly be moving to live in the Manchester Area.
- J. H. FRANCIS (1924-32). After many years with the Ministry of Defence has now been transferred and is an Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Overseas Development.
- J. G. GRANT (1926-31), who returned from Bahrain last year, has been posted to Gosport.
- REV. A. R. LEIGH (1947-55), of St. Mary's Vicarage, Lewisham, has recently married. We offer congratulations and best wishes to him and his wife.
- A. MAUNDER (1931-37) should now be back from his tour of duty in the Far East. We shall be glad to learn of his present whereabouts.
- E. C. SMITH (1948-53) has been transferred from Plymouth to London and recently called on the Secretary of the London Branch. A keen cyclist, he is often out with the local club.
- M. BENNETT (1950-56), after several years in London, has returned to Plymouth on transfer.
- B. H. COUSINS (1943-51) is now a Principal in the Army Department of the Ministry of Defence. We congratulate him.
- I know the following have all got married this year. News of others will be welcome. Congratulations to them - JOHN ELLIS, JOHN COOK, ARTHUR QUICK and JOHN QUICK, JOHN PARSONS, BARRY BLIGHT and BARRY WIDGER.



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