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Editorial

Let us concede, if only for argument's sake, that such a record as this School Magazine serves an important function. Then surely it should be given the scope to carry out that function, as far as its natural limitations permit? This issue, however, has been cut to almost half the normal size. I must stress that this has arisen from force of circumstances, and that responsibility attaches to no individual. If "blame" is to be attributed to anyone, it must be attributed to all of us, for the reduction is due to an attitude omnipresent today; our modern way of life has decided that everything must justify its existence only by an affirmative answer to the question "Does it pay?" No one, it seems, has the courage, or even the desire, to disagree.

A School Magazine is not a commercial proposition and should not be judged as one. The School, however, has no choice but to decrease its size. The income and expenditure must balance. Our whole system of education is in a similar position. Getting value for money is confused with getting tangible objects. A desire for sumptuous glass palaces of education is evident enough, but for the wrong reasons, and with unfortunate results, for lavish façades screen the same outmoded ideas; to "stone walls do not a prison make" we may well add, "nor marble pillars a school." It is time we learned to distinguish between what has real value, and what merely costs a lot of money. When the right things secure the right amount of financial backing, then it will not seem altogether ridiculous that money should retain an overwhelming initiative.

The situation of our School Magazine illustrates the contemporary condition where money and real value are too often divorced. In a capitalist society such as ours, capital should work for the interests of the society. We must see that it does. We must try to act for our own further betterment, and we must be prepared to pay for the things we believe in; then the School Magazine will be worthy of the activities it represents.

School Notes

In the interests of economy, it has been decided that the School Magazine will become an annual publication, appearing in September each year. Contributions should be sent to the school before the end of the summer term.

Changes in staff are few this term. Mr. A. B. Jeffery, B.A., who succeeded Mr. Thomas at the beginning of this term, is returning to Exeter University for a year to take a diploma in Education. His place will be taken in September by Mr. Scott, B.Sc., already known to the School as he was here on teaching practice last term. Our French assistant, Monsieur R. Treilles, is returning to France after spending the year with us.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Aiton on their recent marriage and wish them both well for the future. Mr. and Mrs. Osborn have our good wishes on the recent addition to their family. We were sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Coombe and hope that her recovery will be speedy and complete.

The School Concert was held on April 2nd and received encouraging support. It saw the successful launching of the new School Orchestra and was a most successful venture.

The Praefecti Valet column gives some indication of the School's success this year in the gaining of university places. We look forward to another year of comparable achievement.

Speech Day next term will be on Friday, October 12th. Prizes will be presented by Air Vice-Marshal S. W. R. Hughes, C.B.E., A.F.C., A.F.R.A.C.S., R.A.F.

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL PLAY

There were two departures from tradition in this year's production of Andre Obey's "Noah". The first was Mr. Parsons' decision to encourage his cast, wherever they wished to do so, to make a free adaptation of the text, and, within certain necessary limits, to move freely about the stage. This approach gave the performances a charming spontaneity and immediacy. The second was production "in the round". Although at first his schoolboy actors failed to realise that they were talking to people behind them as well as in front of them, audibility improved steadily with each performance, and this production left no doubt in my mind of the intimacy and audience-involvement which this treatment makes possible.

The play centres on Noah, a simple peasant farmer who, although essentially unheroic, finds himself cast for a heroic role and rises gloriously to the challenge by virtue of his unwavering, unquestioning faith. It is an exacting part, requiring sensitivity, imagination and restraint. Once again, David Wilson achieved a personal triumph, revealing all three of these essential qualities,

together with a most mature control of silence. Mr. Parsons very wisely eliminated the sentimental rainbow at the end of the play and enabled Wilson to rise to a much finer, half-tremulous, half-defiant final conversation with his God before the lights finally faded.

Acting honours go to John Bowden who really got into the skin of Ham, a part completely alien to his own temperament, and provided Noah with some convincing opposition; Edward Floyd, who made an individual out of what could so easily have been a type; Brian Milligan, quite convincing as the vain, seductive Naomi, and Stephen Hiscock, whose characterisation of Mrs. Noah was sincere and at times artlessly moving, gaining confidence with each successive performance. Roger Brookin had a more straightforward part but tackled it with an infectious vitality. Leslie Ninnis made a fairly convincing Ada. Of the animals, some had more chances to shine than others; the fairest comment is that each enthusiastically and effectively interpreted his animal nature! Anthony Hughes had a small part but was suitably savage and died with X-certificate horror.

Our thanks are due in particular to Mr. M. J. Parsons for giving us a most interesting production; to Mr. E. Attewell, who went to enormous trouble to ensure adequate lighting effects; and to parents and friends who helped to make the play such a success.

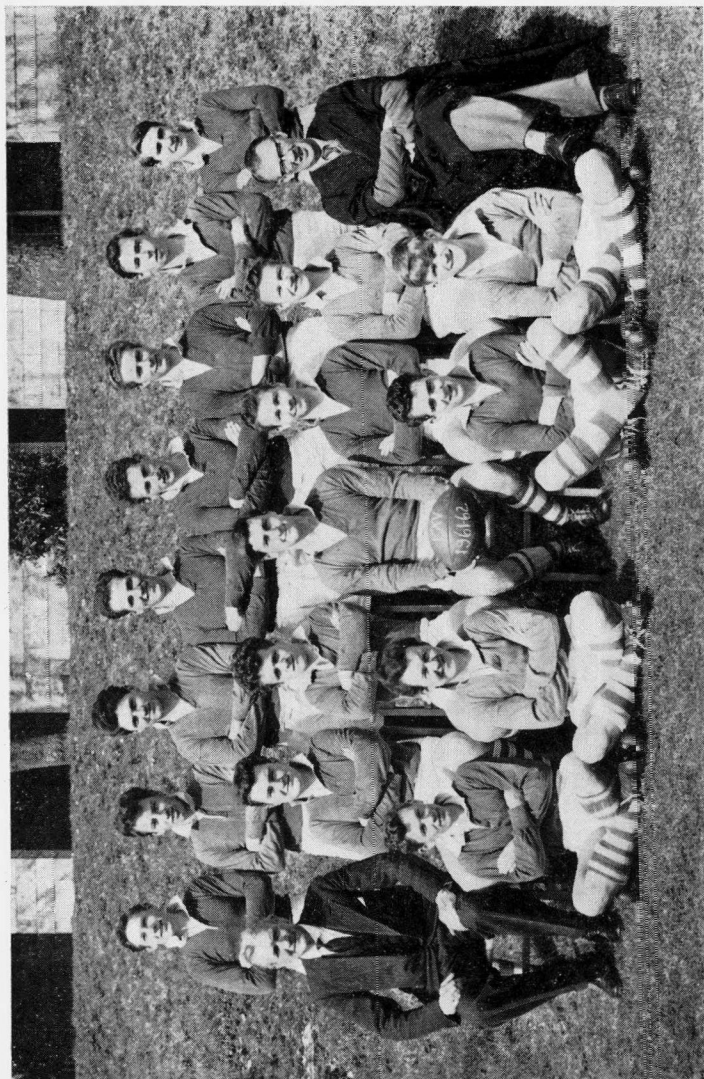
PRAEFECTI VALETE

- G. ANDRUSZ. Entered School 1954; G.C.E. "O" Level 1959; G.C.E. "A" Level 1961; Plymouth Athletics. Left in July 1962, to pursue Russian studies at Birmingham.
- A. BIGNELL. Entered School 1954; G.C.E. "O" Level 1959; G.C.E. "A" Level 1961; Secretary of Chess Club 1961-2; 1st XV. Left in July 1962 for St. Andrew's University.
- A. J. BILLINGS. Entered School 1955; G.C.E. "O" Level 1959; G.C.E. "A" Level 1961; Chairman of Field Club; Leader of Printing Group. Left in July 1962 for St. Peter's College, Oxford.
- C. BOOTH. Entered School 1954; G.C.E. "O" Level 1959; G.C.E. "A" Level 1961; Captain of 2nd XV, 1961-2; House Captain. Left in July 1962 for St. Peter's College, Oxford.
- J. BOWDEN. Entered School 1954; G.C.E. "O" Level 1959; G.C.E. "A" Level 1961; Chairman of Inter-Schools Music Society. Left in July 1962 for Selwyn, Cambridge.
- R. J. COLEMAN. Entered School 1955; G.C.E. "O" Level 1960; G.C.E. "A" Level 1962; House Secretary; Secretary of Film Society; Editor of School Magazine. Left in July 1962 for Jesus College, Oxford.
- J. D. COUCH. Entered School 1955; G.C.E. "O" Level 1960; G.C.E. "A" Level 1962; 1st XV 1961-2; House Secretary; Chess Captain 1961-2. Left July 1962 to read Commerce at Birmingham.
- B. CROSSFIELD. Entered School 1959; G.C.E. "O" Level 1960; G.C.E. "A" Level 1962; 2nd XV, 1961-2; Secretary and Treasurer of Music Society. Left in July 1962 on a Student Apprenticeship with Clark's Ltd.
- C. S. DAVIES. Entered School 1954; G.C.E. "O" Level 1959; G.C.E. "A" Level 1961; House Captain; Captain of 3rd XV, 1961-2; Secretary of Tennis; Athletics. Left in July 1962 for Sheffield University.

- M. C. DAVISON. Entered School 1958; G.C.E. "O" Level 1959; G.C.E. "A" Level 1961. Left in July 1962 to read Psychology at Bristol University.
- A. J. DAWE. Entered School 1954; G.C.E. "O" Level 1959; G.C.E. "A" Level 1961; House Captain, 1961-2; Secretary of the Science Society; Senior Athletics. Left in July 1962 to take up an Open Scholarship at Wadham College, Oxford.
- D. EVANS. Entered School 1954; G.C.E. "O" Level 1959; G.C.E. "A" Level 1961. Left in July 1962 for Selwyn College, Cambridge.
- M. B. HARRIS. Entered School 1954; G.C.E. "O" Level 1959; G.C.E. "A" Level 1961; State Scholarship 1961; School Librarian; Secretary of Literary and Debating Society. Left in July 1962 for Queen's College, Cambridge.
- T. B. KNIGHT. Entered School 1955; G.C.E. "O" Level 1959; G.C.E. "A" Level 1961; House Captain; Vice-Captain 1st XV; Captain of Tennis; Vice-Captain Athletics; Victor Ludorum 1961-2. Left in July 1962 for R.A.F. Henlow.
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- K. J. NORMAN. Entered School 1954; G.C.E. "O" Level 1959; G.C.E. "A" Level 1961; State Scholarship 1961; House Captain 1961; School Captain 1962. Left in July 1962 for Exeter College, Oxford.
- J. S. OXLEY. Entered School 1954; G.C.E. "O" Level 1959; G.C.E. "A" Level 1961; Soccer Captain 1961-2; Devon Soccer; Athletics; Cricket Captain; Badminton Captain. Left in July 1962.
- P. PENGELLY. Entered School 1956; G.C.E. "O" Level 1959; G.C.E. "A" Level 1961; State Scholarship 1961; Deputy Head Boy 1961-2. Left in July 1962 for Emmanuel College, Cambridge.
- M. J. REVANS. Entered School 1959; G.C.E. "A" Level 1961; House Vice-Captain; Science Society Committee Member. Left for Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, July 1962.
- A. SUTTON. Entered School 1954; G.C.E. "O" Level 1959; G.C.E. "A" Level 1961. Left for Sheffield University, July 1962.
- A. G. THORNING. Entered School 1954; G.C.E. "O" Level 1959; G.C.E. "A" Level 1961; State Scholarship 1961. Left in July 1962 for Trinity College, Oxford.
- D. J. WILSON. Entered School 1954; G.C.E. "O" Level 1959; G.C.E. "A" Level 1962; Rugby Captain 1961-2; Secretary of Film Society 1960-1.
- R. J. SCOTT. Entered School 1954; G.C.E. "O" Level 1959; G.C.E. "A" Level 1961; State Scholarship 1961; Editor of School Magazine. Left in July 1962 for Trinity College, Cambridge.

Careers

Some years ago, these notes dwelt on a matter very serious to the fifth-former leaver with a moderate G.C.E., and by recent experience it seems the time is ripe for a repetition. Briefly, it means beware of the unscrupulous firm which captures junior staff by high initial salaries, and is purposely vague about future increments and rigid scales of remuneration coupled with age ranges. Always we hear of splendid opportunities for boys with drive, initiative, and so on. It is almost axiomatic that the firm that really does offer assured prospects, a pension, security and happy employment does *not* offer starting salaries 50 per cent above others. One may argue that, if a mistake has been made, it can be remedied by leaving and



1st XV. RUGBY 1961-62

Back row (left to right): P. M. Hawkyard, R. J. Whysall, B. J. Moore, J. F. Forse, J. Pollard, B. Tozer, J. A. R. Souness, J. L. Lee
Centre row: Mr. W. Nash, J. Ley, J. Powderley (*Secretary*), D. J. Wilson (*Captain*), T. Knight, R. Smith, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)
Front row: A. J. L. Bignell, J. Couch, R. John, N. Vosper



1st XI. SOCCER, 1961-62

Back row (left to right): B. S. Morgan, P. Graham, A. J. W. Gerrard, C. S. Burns, G. A. Nicholls, B. Lewis, M. J. Scoble
 Front row: Dr. J. L. Cresswell (Headmaster), B. R. Martin, P. G. Cox, J. S. Oxley (Captain), D. L. Felwick,
 J. W. A. Owen, Mr. H. G. Warren.

trying elsewhere, but this is dangerous, both from the point of pensionable service and also loss of time in learning the elements of the routine of that particular calling.

As time slips by it becomes increasingly difficult to learn the rudiments with an easy acceptance, and without question harmony is lost between instructor and pupil. Successful completion of the preliminary, intermediate and final stages of the professional bodies' examinations does not greatly worry the "boss", for you are a useful employee already; if qualified, you can demand the rate for the job, but you will not do it any better and you may have to change jobs in order to get the increased salary. It is better by far to consult your Youth Employment Officer, or Careers Master. They will know the frequency of staff changes of the local firms, the surest indication of the firm's interest in its employees.

W.H.W.

THE CRICKET CLUB

Master-in-Charge: MR. F. WAYNE

Captain: J. S. OXLEY *Vice-Captain:* J. FORD *Hon. Secretary:* R. JOHN

From last season's successful 1st XI the services of P. Warn, M. Ryder, J. Horne and C. Parsons were lost and they were replaced by C. Burns, N. Vosper, R. Smith and C. Booth. On paper, this appeared to be a strong side but, nevertheless, we had to wait until our fourth match, against Tavistock, before we registered our first victory. This lack of success in the early part of the season was mainly due to poor fielding and, if more attention was paid to this side of cricket, I am sure the team's record would have looked brighter. However, after this poor start, the team gradually improved and a good ten wickets win was recorded over Plympton G.S. The Staff-School match proved to be an incredible affair; the School was shot out by Messrs. Warn and Pring for a paltry 49 and then proceeded to dismiss the staff for 28, the last three batsmen being run out!

The 2nd XI proved to be a much stronger combination than expected, especially in bowling. The highlight of the season was the game with Plymouth College—which ended in a tie. Towards the end of the season, the seconds had to supply the 1st XI with several players, thus weakening themselves, but despite this they lost only one of their last six matches which was a very creditable performance.

The Colts XI, under the captaincy of Harding, had a disappointing season, winning only four of their thirteen matches. This was mainly due to weak batting and lack of experience. The batting reached its lowest ebb when the team was dismissed for 8 against Tamar after shooting their opponents out for 23! Nevertheless the Colts beat a Plymouth Schools XI and all of their wins were by a substantial margin. Congratulations are extended to Harding of 5L and Sparks 3A who reached the final Devon trial (under-15 age group).

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The Juniors have enjoyed a fairly successful season, winning six of their eleven matches. However, too much has depended on the combined efforts of Sparks and Gardner, and it is noticeable that when these two failed with the bat, the team almost invariably lost. However, their bowling was strong, a fact which was seen after the first match when they dismissed Saltash for 7.

Once again our thanks are extended to those masters who have kindly given up their free time to coach the teams and umpire matches, and also to the ladies of the Parents' Association who provide excellent teas for the teams on Saturdays.

RECORD				P	W	D	L	T
1st XI	..	..	..	14	5	4	5	-
2nd XI	..	..	..	10	5	1	3	1
Colts XI	..	..	..	13	4	2	7	-
Junior XI	..	..	..	11	6	1	4	-

Full Colours: Re-awards: Oxley, John.

Awards: Ford, Scoble, Hawkyard, Burns.

Half Colours: Awards: Whysall, Vosper, Gerrard, Smith.

R. S. JOHN, *Hon. Secretary*

THE RUGBY CLUB

Master-in-Charge: Mr. W. NASH

Captain: D. J. WILSON *Vice-Captain*: T. B. KNIGHT *Hon. Secretary*: J. POWDERLEY

The 1st XV has shown definite improvement in the Easter term, having won six games and lost only three. A notable win was that over Barnstaple in which, trailing 10-3, we made a remarkable come-back to win 17-10. Congratulations to Smith and Wilson on selection for the Devon Public and Grammar Schools XV.

Under extremely rainy conditions, we beat St. Julian's High School, Newport, in a hard-fought, but friendly game. We should like to thank everyone who helped in making the Welsh boys' stay so successful.

The 2nd XV under Mr. Warn won only three games in the second half of the season. This, however, was probably caused by the 1st XV's requirements making selection of a regular team impossible.

Mr. Smith and the 3rd XV captain, Davies, have managed to obtain a presentable team and to give everybody a game, which is the real function of a 3rd XV. Forty-seven different boys have represented this team.

The under-15 XV, coached by Mr. Pring, have won most of their games, and one of note is the win of 19-8 over St. Boniface's College.

The under-14 XV, coached by Messrs. Thomas and Osborne, have been the most successful team. Their captain, Salmon, has played a great part in many of their victories.

Mr. Mallinson's under-13 XV have had a moderate season, but have the basis of a solid team which can be exploited later.

The under-12 XV, under Mr. Stone, ended a good season with two confident wins over Saltash and Burrington.

In the annual seven-a-side tournament held at the Rectory, the School, having had a bye in the first round, were eliminated in the second round.

We are again indebted to Mr. Nash and his colleagues for their services, to the Parents' Association for their financial aid, and to those lady members of this association who provide teas for us. We are glad to report that the new pavilion at Ham will be functioning next season, but we are still managing to carry out all our fixtures on only two pitches. To execute the programme of a school of our standing we feel that more and better pitches are needed.

RECORD

Team							Points	
	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against		
1st XV	24	12	2	10	205	160		
2nd XV	19	9	4	6	177	81		
3rd XV	21	9	0	12	191	211		
Under-15 XV	19	13	1	5	396	105		
Under-14 XV	17	16	1	0	325	37		
Under-13 XV	16	10	1	5	232	96		
Under-12 XV	13	8	4	1	153	39		

Full Colours: Awards: N. Vosper, R. Smith, T. Knight, J. Ley, J. Powderley.
Re-award: D. J. Wilson.

Half Colours: Award: J. Couch.
Re-awards: J. Forse, B. Tozer, J. Pollard.

THE SOCCER CLUB

Master-in-Charge: Mr. H. G. WARREN

Captain: J. S. OXLEY

Hon. Secretary: D. L. FELWICK

Apprehension was the keynote at the beginning of the season due to the fact that only Oxley and Morgan of last year's team were available. However, with fine team spirit and much determination, a much better record was achieved than we expected and we won one game against each of our strongest opponents, Plympton Gr., R.N.E.C. Manadon and H.M.S. Fisgard. We congratulate Oxley on inspiring captaincy and on his selection for Devon Youth and Devon Grammar Schools, and also Morgan, Burns, and Cox on selection for representative games.

The 2nd XI had a very indifferent season and lacked both cohesion and experience. They suffered heavy defeat at Kingsbridge and Saltash, yet achieved creditable wins over R.N.E.C. Manadon and Seale Hayne Agricultural College.

The under-15 XI continued to try to play good football and, while they often succeeded, they seemed to lack the finish and determination which win matches, though it must be admitted that their opponents were often a heavier side.

After a promising start, the under-14 XI faded somewhat but were unfortunate to experience injuries to two regular players which kept them out of the team for much of the season. There is still a serious lack of team work.

The poor record of the under-13 XI is largely due to lack of physique and a certain amount of bad luck, a number of matches being lost by a small margin. They will improve as they get older.

Once again we thank Mr. Warren and his colleagues for refereeing our matches and the Parents' Association for providing a new set of shirts for the 1st XI, and refreshments for all our visitors.

RECORD

				P	W	D	L	F	Goals A
1st XI	..	..	..	21	13	3	5	73	33
2nd XI	..	..	..	15	4	2	9	47	58
Under-15 XI	..	..	..	21	8	3	10	46	44
Under-14 XI	..	..	..	14	6	1	7	35	31
Under-13 XI	..	..	..	19	4	1	14	34	66

Full Colours : Re-awards: Oxley, Morgan.

Awards: Felwick, Burns, Cox, Lewis.

Half Colours : Awards: Nicholls, Martin, Graham.

D. L. FELWICK, *Hon. Secretary*

THE ATHLETICS CLUB

The competitive athletics season opened on Saturday, May 26th, with the Devon Public and Grammar Schools Sports at Kelly College. The School team was placed fourth out of a record entry of twenty schools. The School gained two first places, Hawkyard in the high jump, and Moore in the shot, the latter setting up a new School best performance.

The junior athletics team began its season on Wednesday, May 30th, at Kelly College, with a match against Kelly College, Plymouth College and Plympton Grammar School. Once more two first places were gained, Harris winning the discus, and Woodward the high jump. The team was placed second.

The annual match with H.M.S. Fiscard for the Morell Cup took place on Wednesday, June 6th. The School team gained a convincing victory, losing only three of the fourteen events. The match provided few surprises, and most events were won comfortably. As usual, the Navy provided an excellent meal, which was very much appreciated.

The following boys are to be congratulated on gaining representative honours during the season:

For representing Plymouth in the Devon school sports:
Moore, Lightfoot, Morgan, Malloch, Putt, Harris.

Morgan was selected to represent Devon in the South-Western Counties Sports, and Hawkyard and Malloch represented Devon in the All-England Schools Sports.

On July 11th, the annual match with Sutton High School took place at Marsh Mills, resulting in a narrow overall points win for Sutton. The senior school team lost, while the juniors won. The senior team was very heavily hit by injuries and absences, and the close result was a tribute to the School's reserve strength.

The match against Truro School took place on Tuesday July 24th, Truro winning by two points.

Once again the School owes a very great deal to the knowledge and guidance of Messrs. Nash and Stone.

B.J.M.

Sports Day 1962

Track and field conditions are the prime considerations in judging any athletics meeting in retrospect. Although, in previous years, the weather has been tolerably good, this year rain marred the earlier events of the day. The track was saturated by a downpour just after the start, which sent both spectators and competitors under cover for about ten minutes.

Despite water lying on the track for the first half of the afternoon, slowing it thereafter, nine records fell. Another record, the under-15 mile, was broken before Sports Day in those twenty-five events decided at school.

Those performances of especial note were Putt's under-15 880 yards; Hodgson's under-13 100 yds., and Raleigh's open relay. The Victor Ludorum Trophy was won jointly by J. Powderley and T. B. Knight, with A. R. Bennett a close runner-up.

But, although the prospects for individual awards are eagerly followed during the afternoon, Sports Day is really a House competition. Every boy has contributed, in some measure, to the success (or failure!) of his House by his standards.

Before the day, on the basis of previous events and standards, the positions were: Gilbert 489½ points; Raleigh 438; Grenville 400; Drake 373½. The final placings were: Gilbert 637½; Raleigh 565; Grenville 507; Drake 480½. The House Shield was accepted on behalf of Gilbert by their captain, B. J. Moore.

At the conclusion, the Chief Constable of Plymouth—Mr. J. F. Skittery, O.B.E.—presented the certificates and cups.

Finally, it must be added that, without the efforts of the Staff, who turn out as officials every year, and especially Mr. Nash, who is behind everything from the start of the season to the final presentations, there would be no such thing as Sports Day.

J. D. PRIDDLE

The Swimming Sports

Monday, July 23rd, was an excellent day as far as the swimmers were concerned: the weather was warm, but the cloudlayer prevented it from becoming uncomfortable. The fact that eight records were broken testifies that ideal conditions were of benefit to the competitors, who were themselves in good form.

Raleigh House have an obvious predominance in this facet of the School's activities. They led the second House, Gilbert, by 15 points at the end, won the Relay Cup outright and in fact won, or shared in, all trophies except one. It was also obvious to all present that the only competitors who really looked at home in the water were members of local swimming clubs. The sparkling performances of Atrill, Gadsden, Marsden, and Baldry are by no means unconnected with their membership of these organisations. In a seaport like Plymouth, all young people should swim adequately while those with natural talent should develop their gift: a club is the best way to achieve both of these aims.

The prizes were presented by Mr. Eric Damerel, Chairman of the Old Boys' Association, the majority of which, as usual, were for best performances in the different age groups. Worthy of special note, in this connection, is Williams, who won the under-12 trophy; his performance demonstrated the superiority of technique over size. At the close, it was generally felt that the swimming had been good, and the afternoon's sport well worth while.

House Notes

DRAKE

The past School year has been a frustrating one for both House Master and House Officials alike, for, after having taken the lead in the contest for the St. Levan Shield by winning the Rugby Cup and obtaining second place in the Soccer Championship, the enthusiasm of the House, as a whole, declined rapidly. The first indications of growing indifference among the majority of the House members were reflected in the results of the Chess Championship and Speech Contest. Drake came fourth in both these events due, in the former case, to an almost complete lack of ability and interest in the game, and, in the latter, to an unwillingness on the part of most of the team to attend rehearsals.

The performance in Athletics was even more disappointing, and the general absence of "house spirit" was displayed by the final total of standard points. The main weakness lay in the under-15 age group. The number of standards obtained by this group made it blatantly obvious that few boys had made the effort even to attempt any. It is, therefore, ironical that two members of the House were "individual champions" on Sports Day: Mumford won the

Under-12 Cup, and Dan the Under-16 Cup. We congratulate them for saving a little of Drake's former reputation in the field of athletics. If the rank and file of the House are prepared to make a more determined effort in the standards next year, we shall undoubtedly fare much better in the Athletics Championship.

The cricket result proved to be equally dismal. In theory, the teams were potentially strong; their performance, however, was disappointing, particularly that of the junior team. This resulted in the House coming last in the Cricket Championship, having obtained only 5 points.

In the last event of the year, the Swimming Sports, there was evidence of a rekindling of "house spirit," for although Drake possesses few boys with any worthwhile swimming ability, a full team was presented and third place was achieved.

Finally, I would like to express our gratitude to Mr. Nicholas for his continued help and guidance during the past year. Let us hope that next year our performance in every activity will be a credit to him and the great name of Drake.

JOHN A. BOWDEN

GILBERT

As the summer term draws to a close, all members of Gilbert can reflect on a year's record of which they can be proud. Not only members of teams, but everyone in the House has made a real effort to give Gilbert the St. Levan Shield for the second successive year. This spirit and enthusiasm was shown particularly in athletics, where the House set up a new record number of points with 637½.

The year's record reads:

Soccer: Senior 1st, Junior 1st; *Rugby*: Senior 3rd, Junior 1st.

Speech Contest: Senior 1st, Junior 1st; *Choral Speaking*, 1st.

Chess: Senior 1st, Junior 3rd; *Cricket*: Senior 1st, Junior 3rd;

Athletics: 1st; *Sailing*: 1st; *Swimming*: 2nd.

Just reward indeed for the House Captain who has spent hours coaching, encouraging and supporting the teams, and organising the efficient running of the House.

In the winter games, the senior soccer side won two and drew one match, the juniors winning all their three matches. The senior rugby side scored a victory in their final match, giving them one win and two defeats, whilst the juniors won two and lost one match.

During the Easter term the Speech Contest took place. The team, coached and practised by Mr. Wayne and Harris for more than half the term, came first in every section, running out winners by nine and a half clear points.

The athletics provided the opportunity for every boy to play his part in the success of the House. Despite having fewer boys than Drake or Raleigh and having several athletes injured, Gilbert held a 12½ point lead on standards. The athletics team, led by B. J.

Moore, did very well in the sports to give Gilbert a win by 72½ points, providing seven record performances as well as a new record number of points.

The senior cricket side, captained by P. M. Hawkyard, were undefeated in their matches, winning one and drawing two; the junior side won one and lost two matches.

Crossfield and Sidey again sacrificed a great deal of their time to train the swimming team, which was forced into second place by the powerful Raleigh team, completing a year's record of which everyone can be proud.

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm, and the magnificent record of the past year has been achieved with enthusiasm, hard work and determination. It is a high standard indeed set for next year and it should be every boy's aim to do better than ever before and clinch the "hat-trick" for Gilbert.

GRENVILLE.

In the previous issue of the magazine, it was forecast that Grenville, with an unusually small number of boys in the upper school and with only two Prefects—C. J. Booth and M. J. Revans—for most of the year, would have a difficult time. It must now be reported that this forecast was accurate and that we are fourth in the St. Levan Shield competition.

In spite of plucky efforts by outweighed teams, all senior and junior rugby games were lost; the soccer competition produced one senior draw and one junior victory, so Grenville began the summer term with the dismal total of four points and no hopes of high achievement. Cricket at least offered some consolation; the seniors beat Raleigh and drew with Drake; the juniors won two of their three games; so finally we were second, only one point behind Raleigh.

In the Athletic Sports, Powderley, our athletics captain, shared the Victor Ludorum Cup with Knight, of Raleigh; Woodward won the Under-15 Cup and Davis shared the Under-14 Cup with Short, of Gilbert. Congratulations on these fine individual efforts; but they were not well supported and we were no higher than third. Thus, when the last competition, the Swimming Sports, began, we were already certain to be fourth in the Shield and gave a lamentable display. We won only two of twenty-eight events and—far worse—owing to two cases of illness and to inefficiency in selecting the team and reserves, we competed in only two of six relay races. So we were not only beaten, but disgraced. Those returning in September must resolve that, though we cannot command success, we can try.

In the activities that lie outside the St. Levan Shield competition, we were third in the Inter-House Speech Contest. This is the first time that we have fallen below second place. Once more,

we did well at chess. The seniors shared first place in their championship and the juniors were second in theirs. Together, we had eleven points, giving us second place to Raleigh, who had thirteen.

H.M.

RALEIGH

For the second successive year, we have come second to Gilbert in the St. Levan Shield competition. A weakened junior House rugby team was narrowly defeated by Drake House but convincingly won their remaining two matches. The senior House rugby team comfortably defeated Grenville and Gilbert, leaving the result of the rugby championships dependent on the last match against Drake. We were beaten 6-3 in a very spirited match and so finished second in the championship.

Both senior and junior House soccer teams have had an unsuccessful season, only one senior match being won in the whole soccer competition.

The pre-Sports Day events of the athletics came very early in the summer term, thus causing more of a dilemma than usual. By Sports Day, Gilbert held a very commanding lead, which proved to be unassailable. We maintained a clear lead over Grenville to finish as runners-up. The House won the Revington Relay Cup, and individual cups were won by Knight (Victor Ludorum), Bennett (Treseder Cup for runner-up), Lightfoot (under-16 runner-up).

The senior House cricket team defeated Drake, drew with Gilbert and lost to Grenville. Good support from the junior House team, who won two matches and drew the third, enabled us to win the cricket championship.

For the third year in succession we have won the Chess Cup. The junior House chess team was undefeated, and the seniors lost only to Gilbert. Unfortunately the chess competition does not count towards the St. Levan Shield.

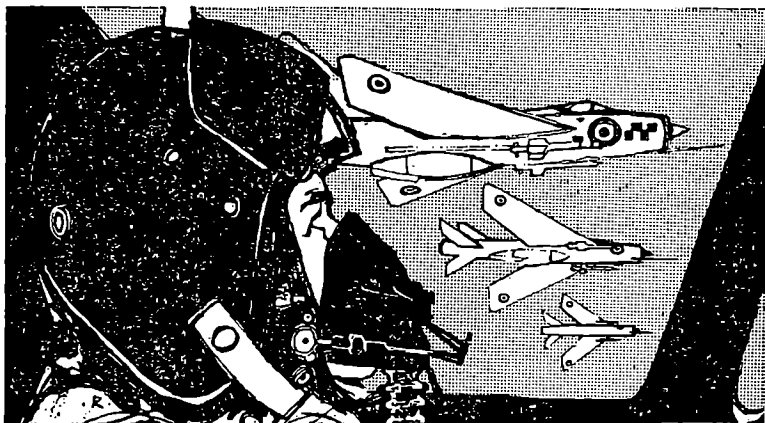
The speech contest began with a very mediocre performance from the junior House who came last. The senior House, however, had a much better evening.

Once again this year we have won the swimming. Out of eight cups that were presented the House captured six and had a share in the seventh, and of the nine records broken, eight were broken by members of Raleigh; a very fine performance. Special mention must go to Atrill, Marsden, Gadsden and Williams for their outstanding performances.

Again this term every member of the House has contributed to the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief and we hope that this fine gesture will continue. We should like to congratulate Sutton, Durston and Ford on becoming School Prefects and finally to thank Mr. Warn for his guidance and inspiration.

R. J. COLEMAN, *House Secretary*

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Out of School Activities

AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

The academic year, 1961-62, has been the most successful that the society has ever had. Several factors have contributed to this. At last the society has its own notice board which is quite well sited. More subscribers, plus a small grant from the Parents' Association, enabled us to plan ahead far more than in previous years, and the Lent term saw, for the first time, a printed programme. Beside the usual films, we had several visiting speakers, including Flight-Lieutenant Southwold on "Aircraft Armaments" and Mr. Nicholas reminiscing on his wartime experiences in the R.O.C. Return visits of both these speakers have been arranged.

The local weather this year deigned to let the "Plymouth Air Show" take place and, although no official party was arranged, many boys of the school visited it. At the time of writing, arrangements have just been completed for a trip to Farnborough on September 8th. Forty boys and one master will go to this, the last and possibly the greatest of the old type Farnborough Air Shows.

Our thanks to the officers during this year, who were Mr. Smith, master-in-charge; R. Bungay, Treasurer; E. S. Nelson Thomas, Secretary; and A. C. Robins, Assistant Secretary.

E. S. NELSON THOMAS

A.T.C.

After passing through a difficult initiation stage which followed the formation of the School squadron, we at "197" are beginning to come into our own, both in squadron activities and the achievements of individual cadets. Flt/Sgts. Kressinger and Drake have both secured flights abroad—to Singapore and Italy respectively. Drake is to be further congratulated on his attainment of a Flying Scholarship and we wish him well. In the sphere of gliding courses, which every cadet may undertake when he is sixteen, Bungay and Zeal have done well with their newly earned "proficiency" (Zeal) and Advanced Training (Bungay). Returning to squadron activities, the squadron has won the first of many .303 shooting matches against 2336 Squadron, and proudly sports the appropriate shield. Eight cadets travelled to R.A.F. Innsworth to participate in the S.W. Region athletics on behalf of Plymouth Wing. This number is an encouraging increase on last year. Moving to the present, we are just recovering from a night exercise which took place on Dartmoor—its course is best left unpublished. However, we eagerly look forward to our summer camp which is at Lynton-on-Ouse this year. Twenty cadets will be going. Finally we would add a reminder. The Air Training Corps offers many opportunities and memorable experiences for those among you who would "venture adventure." Why not join us—a rapidly expanding squadron?

D.H.K.

CHESS CLUB

The 1961-62 chess season was one of the unluckiest seasons for our school chess league teams. At the official ending of the Goodman Cup league, our team, after dropping only four points, were equal first with St. Boniface's College. Under the rules of the competition a play-off match was authorised, resulting in a decisive defeat for the School.

The Horley Cup (under-14) team, after a shaky first half, played better in the latter part of the season and managed to gain second position in their league, behind a very strong Public Secondary team.

These two teams—competently led by their respective captains, Couch and Harris—owe their success not to any outstanding individuals, but an all-round team effort which has been consistent throughout the season.

I should like to congratulate Couch and Cresswell, both of whom played for Devon in a junior county chess match; also Harris, Bebbington and Miller, who have represented Plymouth against Exeter.

The Dinner-time Chess Club has continued to encourage the junior school to learn to play and improve their game of chess. The first-form Championship Prize has been won by Grundy, with Gibbons a close runner-up; the prize of £1 for the boy on the highest rung in the club's competition has been won by Robinson.

This year the annual Staff v. School match ended in a record win for the School 14-2.

The House Chess Cup was keenly contested this year but again Raleigh (9 points) were the final victors; other positions: Grenville (7 points), Gilbert (6 points) and Drake (2 points).

In the forthcoming season, the School's proud record in chess will remain untarnished if the new first-formers enthusiastically participate in the many competitions that are run for their benefit. Mr. Adams and Mr. Thornton are always on hand to coach and train our members; for all their work in the past we are all very grateful.

A. J. BIGNELL, *Hon. Secretary*

THE CHRISTIAN UNION

In planning last year's programme an attempt was made to make the meetings as varied and interesting as possible. We have had three "Fact and Faith" films, several Bible studies and talks given by visiting speakers. Of these, the Bible studies have been the most useful and have helped to increase fellowship; it is to be hoped that more Christians, especially those young in the Faith, will take an active part in this type of meeting. The prayer meetings are still being held in Stoke Damerel Church every Thursday dinner hour; it would be encouraging if more regular members of the Christian Union would attend these meetings.

Almost all our members come from the fifth and lower-sixth forms; and there is little support from any of the other forms. For this reason, a Junior Christian Union is being formed, which will mainly be run by the juniors themselves.

If you are interested in joining the Junior Christian Union, come along to their meetings. Bring some friends with you, if you come. If you can't, come yourself!

Finally we should like to thank R. Mitchell, our former Secretary, for all the work he has put into arranging the programmes.

J. TURNER, *Hon. Secretary*

FIELD CLUB

Since the last publication, the daily gull counts on the creek and the monthly wildfowl counts on the River Erme have been continued. The latter have been slightly disappointing. It now appears that even the secluded stretches of the River Erme are being invaded by humans.

During the cold spell in January, several interesting birds were driven into the creek, the rarest being an ivory gull, a species which has been recorded fewer than a hundred times in the British Isles. Others included Slavonian and little grebes, common scoter and a party of seven coot which remained for a month. Among observations elsewhere were spotted redshanks, red-necked grebe, great northern diver and pintail on the River Exe. One interesting trip made by two members was to the Slapton Bird Cabin. At the cabin they were fortunate in seeing several birds caught and ringed. The offshore watch also proved interesting with three species of terns, a diver, common scoter, garganey and fulmar.

On the 11th May the Club spent an enthralling evening as the guests of Mr. Hurrell, the highlight being the astounding tricks accomplished by Mr. Hurrell's seal, Atlanta. I should like to express the Club's thanks to Mr. Hurrell for his hospitality.

A. J. GERRARD, *Hon. Secretary*

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

It is perhaps typical of the attitude prevalent in our society today that the Literary and Debating Society is dying, if not dead. With the departure of R. J. Scott, it would appear that the last spark of enthusiasm for independent thought has been extinguished, in the Senior School at least. Many, so wrapped up in their own specialist studies, are content to isolate themselves completely from the problems around them, and this augurs ill for the day—not so far ahead—when they will be called upon as citizens and electors to pass judgement on many issues. It is to be hoped that the departure of this year's upper sixth will not lead to the final dissolution of this invaluable feature of school life.

M. B. HARRIS, U6.

MUSIC SOCIETY

Society meetings in the spring term again proved to be successful, with an interest being shown by many. Again "Juke Box Jury" was well supported, although it tended to lure people into the Society who were not keenly interested in music. This was clearly shown when we attempted to introduce more serious music to our members, when the average attendance at our concerts was very low compared with our membership, standing at 73. We hope that this apathy will *not* continue. We should like to thank Messrs. P. Luke and R. Prowse for their performances at these concerts.

Perhaps the highlight of the term came when a Musical Quiz was arranged between the staff and the boys, in which Messrs. Stone, Thomas, and Scott beat the boys by 54 points to 48.

Many members continue to show a keen interest in jazz, both modern and traditional. We are indebted to Messrs. K. Rowe, G. Bert and B. Lloyd who kindly assisted us at our jazz concerts. Also, at his lecture entitled "My taste in jazz," a pleasingly large audience greeted the Rev. Stuart King.

Finally, our thanks go to Mr. R. N. Aiton on his continued support to our society throughout the year. R. MEMMOTT, 6Sc.

PLYMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' FILM SOCIETY

Good cinema should be an extension of experience: a vicarious form of living, with a reality, different in kind, as far as substantial life is concerned, but similar in its effect on men. In "All Quiet on the Western Front," members of the society were given the chance to see, and live, a ghastly episode in the history of mankind. By skilful use of symbols, and careful use of a montage technique, Lewis Milestone created a film which became part of the memory of those who saw it: the noise, those boots, and the leering face of the dead Frenchman, all swim into the mind's eye, just as they seemed to float into focus during the picture; they become part of those who saw it, and that is good cinema.

The Indian film, "Aparajito," and the Japanese "Throne of Blood," were also good cinema, and shared the characteristics of "All Quiet": all three showed a different approach and attitude, but all three were alike in involving the spectator in the drama of living. That is the function of the cinema. The other films, "A Night at the Opera" and "North-West Frontier," were not in the same class, especially the latter: a tongue-in-cheek piece of hokum about "pukka sahibs," and a quaint, old railway-engine.

The society still rests too heavily on support from D.H.S. for Boys. Next year new attempts are to be made to stimulate more general interest. Join the society, and the frontiers of experience may be pushed beyond the door of the next coffee-bar.

ROBERT J. COLEMAN, *Hon. Secretary*

THE PRINTING GROUP

During the last two terms the group has continued to flourish. In the spring term the usual orders were printed, including the large order for school play tickets. The autumn term's experiments in two-colour letter-headings have been continued, and in the summer term we printed a three-colour letter-heading for the School Press. This was undertaken as part of the group's entry for an "Adana" competition.

The Open Day display has, as usual, been the focal point of the group's summer activities, being preceded by the printing of the Swimming Sports programme and Open Day concert tickets. The group now looks forward to a busy, but slightly less hectic, autumn term.

M. K. PEARSON, L.6A

RAMBLING CLUB

The rot has spread. Last year we blamed the paucity of meetings on the junior school; this year we must face up to the truth—that there is an astounding lack of initiative and leadership in the upper school. Floyd has no longer been able to lead us, and of 150 sixth-formers there is not one willing to devote some time to the needs of the junior school. Once again it is Britain's favourite cry—"Apathy!"—which deprives independent societies of the guiding hand they so badly need. The sixth form refuses to give its attention to anything which is not pure "pleasure"—we have been brought up to do as we like, much to our own detriment. Yes, we in the sixth form have never had it so good—maybe we have had it too good.

R. M. BROOKIN, L.6A

SAILING CLUB

This year has been especially interesting for the members of the Sailing Club, since the boats were moved down to Phoenix Wharf. From here we sailed regularly with a fair amount of success; but by far the best results were obtained by *Golden Hind* with terylene sails.

The House Matches were sailed off under difficult conditions, Gilbert narrowly defeating last year's winners, Drake. The competition for best helmsman was held in force 5 winds, and this brought forth the best in everyone. It was deservedly won by Garland who, like many of the older members, is unfortunately leaving us this term.

This year we were again beaten in the races held for the Commonwealth Technical Training Week Trophy; but in the open meeting for International Cadets, a very good show was put up by all our boats, since there were only a small number using cotton sails.

In the latter part of the term we were very fortunate to obtain the timber for a G.P.14, which we hope will be finished fairly soon.

This season we were lucky to have another competent captain in P. Fielding, who was ably supported by the Treasurer, P. Ford.

Once again our thanks go to Messrs. Adams, Collette and Osborne, especially for arranging facilities for sailing in the Sound.

I. KIRBELL, R. PENGELLY and

D. MCKEE, *Sailing Committee.*

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Once again I am able to report that this term the library has been used more than ever before. Perhaps the most pleasant feature has been the increase in the number of juniors using the facilities provided. Interest has been aroused by the novel "Top Ten" scheme devised by P. T. Jones, a system whereby the junior forms have been encouraged to compete in the number and variety of books which they read. The Publicity Department, ably directed by Shreeve, has also fostered interest in the many facets of the Library.

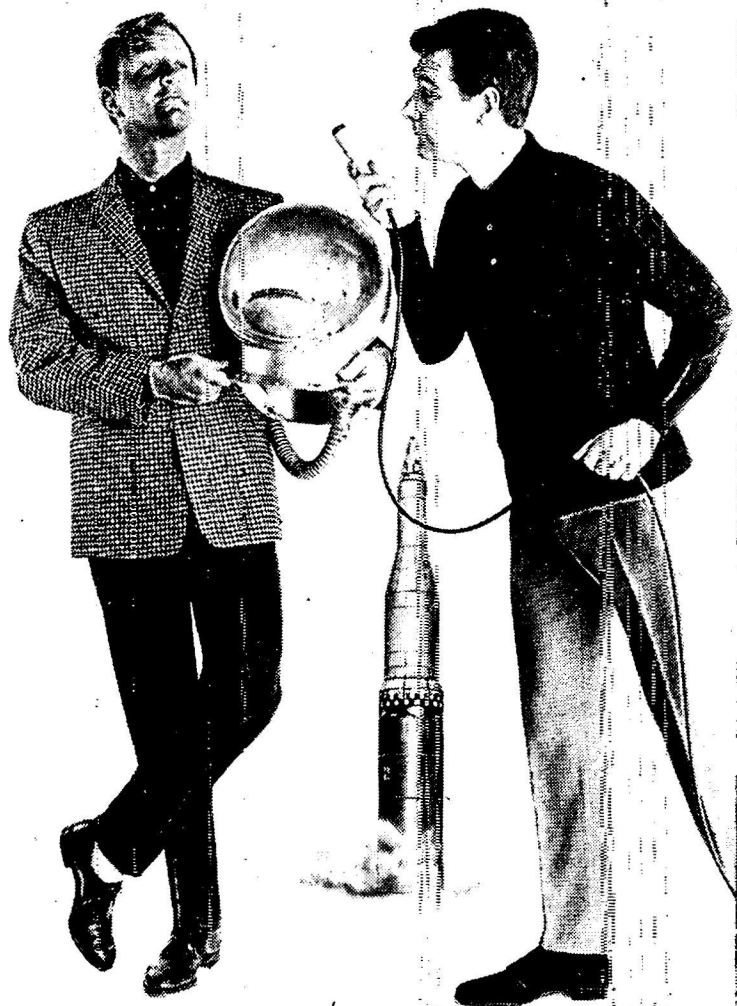
The end of this term (July) will see a lot of changes. Pollard (3a) has completed a most satisfactory year as Junior Librarian; we have equally high hopes of his successor, P. B. Evans (2a). My most important task this term, however, is to congratulate my own successors, M. Ellis (L6Sc.) and M. Pearson (L.6A). It seems very strange to be handing over my responsibilities after being Librarian for so long and I should like to use this opportunity to thank most sincerely the library staff; all have proved most loyal helpers and—more important—friends. Mr. Whitfeld, of course, has helped and sustained me in the difficult years now past. May the team long remain together—best wishes for the future, all of you!

MARTIN HARRIS

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

This year the membership of the Society, standing at 105, has been lower than last year, but the attendances at film meetings rose to an average of 52. The five lectures have been well supported as have the three trips organised for the summer term.

In the winter term the Society was given lectures by Messrs. Billings, Prout and Davies, of the Plymouth Weights and Measures Department, Mr. H. G. Hurrell, and Mr. Appleby of British Nylon Spinners Ltd. In the spring term Mr. Ashford, of Smiths Ltd., gave a lecture entitled, "Flight Instruments in a modern Airliner", which was illustrated with actual instruments, slides and a film of various devices, including the "automatic pilot" apparatus. Mr. Angus, of the School Chemistry Department, gave a lecture on "Chemiluminescence", illustrated by chemical experiments describing how much greater efficiency might be obtained by producing light in this way than by conventional methods. To these speakers the Society extends its sincere thanks for their most interesting lectures.



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In addition to the customary Garden Party Photographic Exhibition, a similar display was held at the end of the Easter term, exhibits being judged by a panel of masters, Messrs. Coombe, George, Lunnnon, and Tamblin, to whom we offer our sincere thanks.

At the end of the summer term the Society ran three excursions: to Bush Radio, Griffin & George, and Rancó Controls; the Society thanks the organisations concerned and also Messrs. Collenette, Poole and Way, who accompanied the respective parties.

During the Garden Party, film shows, including a colour film of Plymouth made by the Society this year and the Photographic Exhibition, were held.

This year the Society loses its stalwart leader and treasurer, Mr. Coombe. It is with much regret that Mr. Coombe has tendered his resignation after seventeen years with the Society, but for several reasons he feels that he is unable to carry on next year. We are indeed sorry to lose Mr. Coombe and appreciate the invaluable services rendered to the Society by him. We welcome his successor, Mr. Poole, who has helped the Society so much this year.

SCOUT LOG

During the last year, the School Scout Troop has continued to grow in size and has at last become the largest Troop in the city. This, of course, has its difficulties. Amongst our recent activities have been Ten Tors Expedition, Patrol Leaders' training camp, Queen's visit, Easter and Whitsun camps and the proposed summer camps.

The Scout Troop entered two teams, one from each half of the Troop, for the under-16 section of the Ten Tors Expedition. One of these teams finished the hike, as a complete patrol, and won medals. The other finished with five members and won certificates. Both teams had to walk the 35-mile course and finished in the most commendable time of 19 hours.

Both Easter and Whitsun camps were well supported and a full programme was carried out. Two summer camps are proposed, one for each Troop, both at Castle Drogo in the Teign Valley. On the 26th July the Troop turned out at Phoenix Wharf to see the Queen. A recent patrol leaders' training camp, run by the Chaplain, Fr. Shotter, was well supported by both Troops and much was learnt by all those present.

M. DREW, R. J. SEARCHFIELD, *Troop Leaders.*

SENIOR SCHOOL SCOUT TROOP

During the summer term, good progress has been maintained, especially in out-of-door activities, as the excellent results of the Venturer Badge testify. The Troop has grown from strength to strength and is now composed of three patrols.

The highlight of the term was the completion of the Ten Tors course; despite the very hot weather encountered, the journey of 50 miles was finished with two hours to spare and there is no doubt that it will be a life-long memory for every participant.

The Troop had the privilege of sending three members to Gilwell Park to receive their Queen's Scout Certificate from the Chief Scout, and one to St. George's Chapel, Windsor, to attend the annual Queen's Scout parade.

A four-day expedition is planned during the holidays for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, for which those who have already gained their Queen's award have been aiming recently.

As there are so many seniors now, a very successful future is expected, but it must not be forgotten that we also have an obligation to help our "younger brothers".

In conclusion, I should like to thank Mr. Attewell for his continued interest, and also Dr. Cresswell, who has helped us considerably, especially with the organisation of the Ten Tors Expedition.

J. R. STUCKEY, *Troop Secretary.*

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THE STAMP CLUB

During the spring term the Club enjoyed a very varied selection of activities, as well as the usual competitions. A talk, illustrated by a film, was given by Floyd, M6a, on the subject of "New Zealand Stamps". Everyone enjoyed Floyd's lecture, and we thank him for it, and also for his services as Secretary, a post he has now relinquished because of 'A' level exams. Floyd also took part, with Caudell (L6A) and Cooper (4A) in a Stamp Brains Trust, in which Mr. Scott acted as Question Master.

Other activities included an auction and a stamp quiz, and work was carried out on the school album. A "Treasure Hunt", in which members searched for clues to stamps, hidden in 'C' block; was held at the end of the term.

The sports and exams, as always, reduced the numbers of members and meetings considerably during the summer term. Arrangements for the Garden Party display were made, however, and Thematic and Stamp Designing Competitions were organised to obtain material for this.

Once again we should like to thank Mr. Hopford for his advice and support; Ford, 4A, for acting as Treasurer; and Manton, 4C, as Approval Secretary.

J. CAUDELL, *Hon. Secretary.*

Parents' Association

The activities of the Association have followed their well-known pattern and have continued to be well supported.

In February, we held the "At Home" to the staff for the parents of boys in the senior school. There were many discussions concerning the boys' progress and it is generally agreed, both by masters and parents, that the evening is well worth while.

During March we held our second Whist Drive, and, although attracting fewer people than in November, it was very successful. There were twenty-six tables of players and some splendid prizes.

The annual coach trip in May explored what for us was new territory. We went to Tintagel and, on a glorious day, enjoyed the beauty of King Arthur's country. An excellent tea was taken at Tintagel, and we returned via Calstock.

July has seen the organisation of the Garden Party. The weather was sunny and there seemed a large number of parents and friends. We were glad to see a number of former members of staff and parents who had helped us in years gone by. The overall profit looks likely to be rather less than last year though it should be over £180, a good return by any standard.

We have had a very active sub-committee investigating and publicising the possibility of filling Stonehouse Creek to provide

playing fields and, although progress is slow, the matter is being pursued. Two sets of terylene racing sails have been provided for the Sailing Club and the Rugby and Soccer Club have been given shirts for their 1st teams.

The Ladies Committee have continued to provide refreshments for all our visitors and they know how much their services are appreciated.

One cannot close these notes without reference to the retirement from our committee of Mrs. Gent and Mr. and Mrs. Hannaford. The latter have rendered wonderful service over eleven years, and Mrs. Gent has been a most efficient and hard-working "Chief Mother" for a number of years. It is quite impossible to express in words how much their willing service has added to the pleasure and graciousness of many of our functions. We thank them most sincerely.

H.G.W.

Correspondence

Admiralty Offices,
H.M.S. Mauritius.

Dear Sir,

We have now been in Mauritius for more than six months, and we are, at last, fully settled into a completely new existence. We arrived here on September 12th, after a thirty-three hour flight from London Airport, via El Adam in Lybia, Khartoum in the Sudan, and Mombassa in Kenya.

Mauritius is a small island in the Indian Ocean, of about 720 square miles area, and almost entirely surrounded by coral reefs. The land rises gradually from the coast, to form a central plateau varying in height from 1,000 to 1,900 feet, on which are situated the main towns.

The island lies within the tropical cyclone area, but the cyclones are spaced very irregularly over the years. From 1945 to 1960 not one cyclone affected the island, but then in January-February 1960 two in quick succession wrought havoc, completely destroying the sugar crop, on which the island's economy depends entirely. *Le Mauricien*, one of the local newspapers, feels that so much damage has been done to the sugar crop that the island's economy is once more very shaky, and it might take years to restore it.

With all the different nationalities here, it is difficult to find a common language, and although English is the official language, it is not understood outside the towns. The language of instruction in primary and non-government schools is French, but in government-aided schools teaching is in English. Attendance is not compulsory, but most children do attend school.

In "H.M.S. Mauritius" the Admiralty offers a wide range of entertainment in the evenings, as there is little available elsewhere.

Darkness descends at about 7 p.m. at the moment; at about 5 p.m. in the winter, after which there is no life at all on the island.

In six months our way of life has altered considerably, but I would not wish to exchange my previous way of life for this one permanently. Whatever attractions Mauritius may have, they are outnumbered, in my opinion, by those of England!

Yours sincerely,

DAVID C. PRIDEAUX

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1962 brought an unprecedented event in the annals of the Association. Donations from members all over the country, plus some from abroad, were devoted to the purchase of two Georgian silver sauce boats to form our gift to the Civic Plate collection. Mounted on wooden plinths inscribed "PRESENTED BY DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION", one bearing the City Coat of Arms, the other the School Crest, they were presented to the Lord Mayor in his parlour on the morning of Saturday, 23rd June, 1962. All those present can be seen in the photograph in this issue.

The Lord Mayor graciously entertained us to coffee and sherry, then personally conducted us over the new Civic Centre. Our members from London and Bath were particularly impressed, but the greatest surprise for all was the magnificent view from the roof deck. As a token of our gratitude the Headmaster presented a plaque of the School Crest to the Lord Mayor as a personal memento of the occasion. Arising from this, the President, Chairman, Secretary and their wives were guests at the opening of the new Civic Centre.

Other news in brief

Winter sports gathering at the Albion Clubroom on the 16th April, again an enjoyable evening. The match against the Exiles (mainly Plymouth Albion) resulted in real open rugby. Soccer players mainly absent, being involved in a Combination Cup semi-final at Millbay Park.

Cricket versus the School best forgotten—Saturdays to be avoided in future!

Cricket versus the Staff followed by the usual gathering at Plymouth Cricket Club on July 26th. Success for the Old Boys by seven wickets, but only Dave Malloch of the non-cricketers turned up for beer and pasties!

Friday, 28th December. Annual General Meeting in the Dolphin Restaurant. Everyone in Plymouth for Christmas is expected to attend.

• BERNARD GILBERT, *Hon. Secretary*

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The London year started very pleasantly in January with the Annual Dinner. Some eighty members, their relations and friends, enjoyed a good meal, a good exchange of reminiscences and some very entertaining post-prandial speaking.

By the time these notes appear we shall have had our last opportunity to picnic and admire each other's children at Trent Park. H. A. T. Simmonds having retired this year, he and Mrs. Simmonds take with them our warmest best wishes for a happy retirement.

Of the nominally formal activities of the Branch there is only the A.G.M. to report, which was disappointingly attended. Do some of the members not realise the pleasant blend of formality and informality they miss by not attending the A.G.M.'s?

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In March we had a "beer and skittles" evening at Saltford, and although the attendance was a little disappointing, those of us who did make it had an enjoyable evening. Len Pike was acclaimed champion skittler after a knock-out competition, and Bristol again beat Bath, 3-2. I can't think the Bristol "old boys" have any superior skill at the art and can only assume that the Bath contingent had difficulty in distinguishing the skittles. Next time we must have the match at the beginning of the evening!



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PRESENTATION TO THE PLYMOUTH CIVIC PLATE
BY THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION



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Presentation to the Plymouth Civic Plate by The Old Boys' Association

Left to right : B. Gilbert (Secretary, Plymouth), C. F. Austin (Secretary, London), K. E. Drummond (Treasurer, London), E. E. Cock (Vice-President), R. J. G. Hodges (Bath), The Lord Mayor, F. W. Lawrance (Chairman, Bath), E. Damerell (Chairman, Plymouth), A. R. Pike (London), Dr. J. L. Cresswell (President).

There has been insufficient support to run a coach to Trent Park which was what the committee had planned. However, we still hope to be represented by two or three from the branch.

Membership is still fairly static. Des Cory (1931-37) arrived two or three months ago, but John Boyce (1929-36) leaves for Gibraltar in August and Don Miles (1941-49) leaves in September for Scotland.

The report of the presentation of silver sauce boats to the "City" will be reported elsewhere in this issue, but we would like to congratulate the organisers of the appeal for such a splendid effort. Being the Treasurer of this branch as well as Secretary, I often despair at getting subs. out of "Old Boys", but this effort has renewed my faith.

H. D. D. THOMAS, *Hon. Secretary*

THE OLD BOYS' BADMINTON CLUB

Whilst the past season was as enjoyable as previous years, the team's efforts in the League were handicapped by a lack of suitable reserve strength. With the return of former players next season, we are assured of the necessary strengthening. The Club's success in the Churches League annual tournaments was again maintained, when Colin Smith and Miss Isobel Irish won the mixed doubles event. This was an excellent effort; it was mainly the playing ability of this pair, which ensured our remaining in the First Division.

D. F. MALLOCH, *Hon. Secretary*

THE OLD BOYS' RUGGER CLUB

1961-62 was in many ways the Club's most successful season. We played a record number of games—38; won 23, drawn 7, lost 8. Points for, 488; against, 214.

In recent years the club has managed to improve its fixture list; next season we play several new teams, our main limitation being the increasing cost of travel. Although our playing strength has increased, the club will greatly welcome new recruits from School.

This coming season we hope to have a Rugger Dance, and a trip to London, playing a game in the morning and watching an international match later.

J. SOUTHERN, *Hon. Secretary*

THE OLD BOYS' SOCCER CLUB

1961-62 proved one of the most successful seasons enjoyed by the Club. Despite a gloomy outlook before the season started, the playing strength and club spirit were the best yet.

The first team had an indifferent start but settled down well, achieved fourth position in the Combination Premier League and reached the semi-final of the Combination Cup.

The second team fielded a very young team throughout, but held their own in their first season in Division 1.

T. DAVEY, *Captain*

PERSONAL COLUMN — *News of Old Boys*

Like all contributors I too have been told how many words I may write. May I therefore thank everyone for the generous support which made possible the donation of silver to the Civic Plate. I knew we could do it. Thank you.

You are probably aware that Mrs. Coombe has been very ill, but fortunately is now recovering. We wish her a speedy complete recovery.

Speech Day is on October 12th. We shall be glad to see you.

Captain PORTER, R.E.M.E., recently appointed to Army Air Corps met at his station Lt.-Colonel D. TEMPERLEY Officer Commanding, Captain R. JUNIPER, who has just qualified as a pilot, Major G. WHITE O/C Corps Centre Workshops and F/Lt. M. HURRELL co-pilot of a V-Bomber. All are married—Colonel Temperley has five sons!

M. HORSWELL called in, has just finished 2nd year at City of Birmingham Training College.

R. SEAGER also called the same day. We are expecting very good news of him at Oxford.

D. A. CORCORAN (1954-59) has now an appointment with the Post Office Service in Plymouth.

A. R. LEIGH was ordained this year and is serving as a curate at St. Mary's, Lewisham.

T. C. BLACKLER (1948-56). Teaching at Ardingly College, has a second son. Congratulations!

D. BLACKLER (1949-57). Brother of above, got his M.A. at Edinburgh.

C. MATHEWS (1948-56) is now in Kenya where he has met J. PEMBERTON (1948-56), T. HANDCOCK (1946-54) and R. HODGSON, who dates back to Albert Road and Penzance. They are all fit and well and often think of us.

P. F. WICKENDEN (1949-56) has gained a 2/1 Honours. Well done! He is also a Scout Master.

R. SHUTE (1949-57) has also got a 2/1 Honours. He is enjoying another year abroad.

I. E. DAYMOND (1950-58) has an appointment with the British Council teaching English to foreigners. He is to be stationed in Finland. He got a 2nd at Cambridge. Well done!

M. WOODFIELD (1946-54). Has gained a 2/1 London Hons. and is now posted with the Colonial Office to Brazil. He is married and expects an increase in the family in September.

M. C. WOTTON (1944-52) has taken a regular commission with the R.A.M.C. and is stationed at Chester. He now has a daughter and expects a further addition in October.

R. COOMBE (1942-49). After leaving the Army entered industry. Called in to see us when on leave from San Francisco. Married but as yet no family.

D. G. BALDWIN (1949-55). Is just completing his first year as a geography master at St. Martin's, West Drayton. He enjoys life, was married in May and is looking forward with DAN DINGLE to getting a job in Plymouth one day.

TONY SWAN's wife has been very ill. May we wish her a speedy recovery and congratulate HORNE and BOSSOM on their increases in family.

BILL CHAMBERS has a new job—something like Z cars—which we hope will give him more time for Committee work!

T. BURREING (1950-58). Has been transferred to the Bank of South-West Africa.

TOM COTTLE (1926-33) is an Inspector of Police at Harrow.

C. REVELL, 1914 Vintage, asks can anyone contact ANGLE, BAILEY, BROWN, COOK, COLEMAN, COOMBS, DONNELLY, DANDY, DOWNING, ELLISON, GLASSON, HILL . . . all his 1914 class!

A. PEARSON (1956-61) has been in charge of the first Oxford Lundy Expedition, and is now preparing his kit for a visit to Turkey and Greece.

GRAHAM COCKS has been elected a City Councillor. Congratulations! As one of the two Liberals, he is sure to enjoy himself.

JOHN SHIELDS-GRAY is very active in the Arts Centre of the City.

W. S. VISICK of Albert Road vintage hopes to call in and see us. Anyone visiting Bedhampton please call on him.

J. NORMAN, K. SADLER, M. BARRETT and J. C. CORNWELL, have all qualified at Sandhurst. Barrett and Norman are going on to Shrivenham.

M. WOODWARD. Congratulations on a splendid rugby season at Pembroke.

My apologies to all Old Boys whose news I have not given. I've exceeded my quota by over a hundred words. But do continue to write to us, please.

LATE NEWS

P. M. MILLER, School Captain 1954-55, who gained a 1st class in Law at Oxford, has been awarded the Eldon Law Postgraduate Scholarship and is also James Mould Scholar of Gray's Inn. Well done!

R. MILLER is now married and living in London—106 Park Road, Hampden Hill. He will welcome Old Boys at any time.

R. SEAGER, 1st Class in Lit.Hum. Derby Scholarship. State Studentship at Oxford.

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