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Editorial

Another year in the School's history has come to an end. Many boys will soon be entering D.H.S. for the first time, to face years of hard work which can be exhilarating and sometimes tedious. Other boys are leaving to go to universities and training colleges, or to take up careers in completely new surroundings.

How does the sheltered, academic grammar school prepare the young man for his drastic plunge into everyday life? The transition must, of necessity, be sudden and startling, and the youth will begin to wonder if his high school rugby and Latin will prove of any real use to him.

In fact, sixth-form life is a good preparation for the harsh and unsympathetic world. This does not mean that sixth-formers are treated harshly and without sympathy, on the contrary; but the young men are forced to rely on their own initiative and self-discipline. They are not compelled to work, but do work because they have been taught to study in the lower school, and because they realise that a little industry now, when learning is comparatively easy, will save years of toil in later life. To the members of the junior school I would say, "Make the most of your years at a grammar school, and be grateful for the wonderful opportunities you have."

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School Notes

Another school year has almost ended and, in fact, when this edition of the School Magazine is published, the new academic year will have begun. For we are proposing, in future, to publish the summer number in September so that it can give a complete picture of the term's activities. This does mean that the task of preparing copy for the printer has to be performed in the last week of term and we hope that, to ease the worries of future editors, contributors will, whenever practicable, submit their articles as early as possible. Please note that the next edition of the magazine will be in January.

Four members of staff are leaving us this term and they will be greatly missed, for all, in various ways, have made most valuable contributions to the life of the School. Mr. Berry is leaving to take charge of the mathematics department at Stoke Damerel High School for Girls; Mr. Stankley to be head of the physics department at the Kelvin Hall Brinknell High School, Kingston-upon-Hull; Mr. Larkins to take a post at Kingswood Grammar School, Bristol; and Mr. Gell to join the teaching staff of the Guildhall School of Music and to engage in free-lance conducting and teaching. To all four we wish success and happiness in their new spheres and hope that they will call upon us whenever the opportunity offers.

It is pleasing to note the space we devote in each edition of the magazine to the activities of the Old Boys' Association. Its continued success reflects the esteem that former pupils have for the School. Our links with the association are many and varied and we are grateful to them for their continued interest. In particular, we should like to thank them for the cup which they presented recently to join our collection of swimming trophies, and for the hospitality they extended to the staff after the annual Staff *v.* Old Boys cricket match. Mr. Austin, the secretary of the London branch of the Old Boys' Association, informs us that they are anxious to meet the new set of students proceeding to study in London this autumn and any of the second and third year men. The proposed time of meeting is early in November. May we suggest that the students concerned get in touch with Mr. Austin at his address which appears at the head of the notes from the London branch in this edition. We hear that R. M. Widdecombe and D. G. Head are willing to get the Old Boys in Bath organised and that D. S. Taylor and his brother are ready to organise an autumn get-together in Bristol.

Again we must pay tribute to the invaluable support of the Parents' Association. They have continued to assist the School in many ways and we are grateful to them for all the hard work they do on our behalf. The garden party was held on Wednesday, July 20th, and the combination of fine weather and the customary support of parents resulted in a near-record profit of over £210.

The annual inter-house speech contest was held during the Easter term and this year the shield was won by Drake. This, together with the opportunity provided in the autumn term for boys to take the English-Speaking Board examinations, emphasises the importance attached to the ability to speak clearly and fluently. We trust that both these activities will be supported by all parents.

Speech Day will be on September 23rd and our guest speaker will be Lt.-Gen. Sir John Glubb, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.

Finally we extend our congratulations to Mr. Smith on his marriage, and our best wishes for the future to him and Mrs. Smith.

In Memoriam

J. H. LAKEMAN

(INSTRUCTOR-LIEUTENANT, R.A.F.)

We record with sorrow the death of J. H. Lakeman who came to the school from Minehead in 1948 and left, after taking his G.C.E. "O" Level in 1952, to join the R.A.F. He was killed in a collision in mid-air.

We extend our sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

PRAEFECTI VALETE

- M. I. J. WOODWARD. Entered School 1952; G.C.E. 'O' level 1957; G.C.E. 'A' level 1959; Inter. B.A. 1959; Prefect 1958-60; Head Prefect 1959-60; 1st XV 1957-60 (Captain 1959-60); Colours; Senior Athletics team 1958-60 (Half Colours); 2nd XI Cricket 1959-60 (Captain 1960); Drake House Captain 1958-59; Vice-Chairman of Science Society 1958-60; School Choir. Entering Pembroke College, Cambridge.
- R. C. SEARLE. Entered School 1952; G.C.E. 'O' level 1957; G.C.E. 'A' level 1959; School Prefect 1958-60; Deputy Head Prefect 1959-60; 1st XI Soccer 1957-60; Colours; 1st XI Cricket 1958-60 (Vice-Captain 1960); Dramatic Society 1955-60; School Choir 1956-60; Drake House Captain 1959-60. Entering Royal College of Music, London.
- R. BRISCOE. Entered School 1952; G.C.E. 'O' level 1957; G.C.E. 'A' level 1959; Prefect 1958-60; Vice-Captain of Grenville House 1959-60; School Librarian 1959-60; Editor of School Magazine 1959-60. Entering Exeter University.
- J. W. QUICK. Entered School 1952; G.C.E. 'O' level 1957; G.C.E. 'A' level 1959; Prefect 1958-60; Gilbert House Captain 1959-60; 1st XV 1957-60 (Hon. Secretary 1959-60); Colours; 2nd XI Cricket 1958-60; School Athletics team 1958-60. Entering Goldsmiths' College, London.
- K. W. H. SADLER. Entered School 1952; G.C.E. 'O' level 1957; G.C.E. 'A' level 1959; School Prefect 1958-60; Raleigh House Captain 1959; 2nd XV 1958-60 (Captain); 2nd XI Cricket; Dramatic Society. Entering Sandhurst.
- S. A. HODGE. Entered School 1952; G.C.E. 'O' level 1957; G.C.E. 'A' level 1959; School Prefect 1958-60; Secretary of Aeronautical Society. Now entering Reading University.
- J. C. JEFFERY. Entered School 1952; G.C.E. 'O' level 1957; G.C.E. 'A' level 1959; Prefect 1958-60; Secretary of Arts Society 1960; Assistant Scout Master; Dramatics Society. Going on voluntary Commonwealth service.

- J. M. MCGEE. Entered School 1952; G.C.E. 'O' level 1957; G.C.E. 'A' level 1959; School prefect 1959-60; 1st XI Soccer 1957-60 (Captain 1959-60); Colours; 2nd XI Cricket 1958-60; School Air Training Squadron.
- G. E. G. PALMER. Entered School 1952; G.C.E. 'O' level 1957; G.C.E. 'A' level 1959; School Prefect 1958-60. Now entering St. Catharine's, Cambridge.
- E. M. PICKERING. Entered School 1952; G.C.E. 'O' level 1957; G.C.E. 'A' level 1959; School Prefect 1958-60; Assistant Scout Master. Now entering Newland Park Training College.
- D. H. RUBERRY. Entered School 1952; G.C.E. 'O' level 1957; G.C.E. 'A' level 1960; School Prefect 1960; 1st XI Soccer 1958-60 (Vice-Captain 1959-60); 1st XI Cricket 1958-60 (Captain 1959-60); Colours. Now entering the City of Nottingham Training College.
- K. F. R. VIRGO. Entered School 1953; G.C.E. 'O' level 1958; G.C.E. 'A' level 1960; School Prefect 1960; 1st XV 1958-60 (Vice-Captain 1959-60); Colours; School Athletics team 1958-60. Proceeding to Sandhurst.
- J. E. TAYLOR. Entered School 1955; G.C.E. 'O' level 1957; G.C.E. 'A' level 1959; School Prefect 1959-60; Grenville House Captain 1959-60; School Athletics Captain 1959-60; 1st XV 1958-60.

Careers

This school has had a careers department for some eight years now and, in that time, considerable experience has been gained which can be of vital concern to the school-leaver and his parents.

In co-operation with the Youth Employment Office it is most comprehensive, and not only can advice on the career in question be given but advice on the firm offering the job which, in some cases, can be revealing and profoundly influence the parents' choice. In a few cases firms with well-known names offer to provide training in order to get intelligent, eager and willing but inexpensive labour. Few facilities are granted for study or evening classes, and the one day a week at the technical college is not allowed. The boy does not qualify in the professional examinations and thus, while providing skill and experience, remains cheap labour and cannot easily move to another post. It is hard enough to qualify by apprenticeship with backing and encouragement by incentives. Without these aids it is usually impossible.

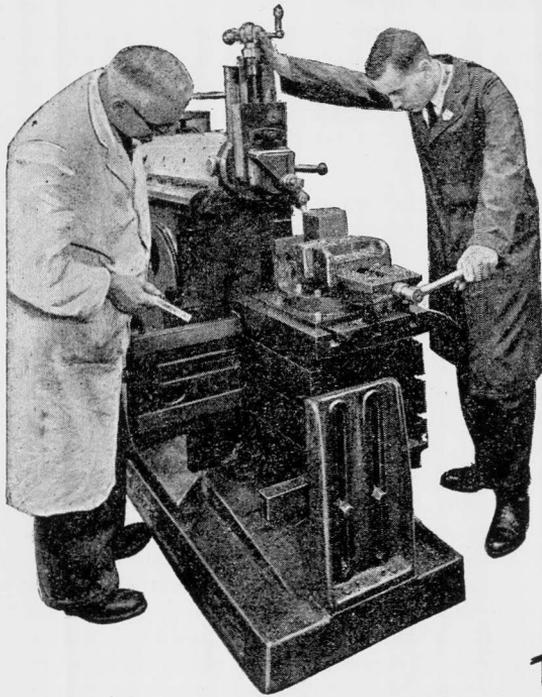
Again, some firms of national repute are not altogether efficient in their handling of apprentices. Too much responsibility is placed on the boy himself. Slackness is not immediately checked, and the boy is always considered old enough to know where his duty lies. Contact with parents revealing the exact state of affairs is not always forthcoming, and so valuable years are wasted.

These notes, therefore, should show parents the wisdom of checking all the facts beforehand. The grammar school leaver with "O" levels in English and Mathematics and a few other subjects is becoming a much-sought-after young man, and the recruiting literature is becoming more attractive and appealing and consequently needs more critical examination.

W.H.W.

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“Macbeth”

The chief impression, which should colour all others, given by Mr. Whitfeld's production of *Macbeth*, was of its unified seriousness of conception, of a constructive respect for the play which had infected the whole cast during their work on it, and of the intention transmitted through them by the producer to present as loyally as they could the full dignity of the masterpiece, and not to be content with an adaptation considered suitable for schoolboys. As a result, pleasure at the production's successes was deepened by what was basically a renewed admiration for the play itself.

Concentrated attention to the verse rightly emphasised it as the dimension in which the violence of the plot becomes tragedy. This concentration had its drawbacks; some lines were protracted into shapelessness, the last words at times exaggeratedly isolated. Macbeth's deliberations immediately after Duncan's murder robbed the scene of some of its urgency. But the audience's attention was directed to the verse, not to something easier to convey but less important, and fluctuating lighting, not just ornamental but always meaningful, was used throughout to emphasise the currents of the imagery.

Perhaps there has never been a really good *and* balanced Macbeth. What one hopes for, in going to see a new interpretation of the character, is not an adequate all-round performance, but a distinctive portrayal in which certain facets of the role stand out so compulsively that one can never again underestimate their power and importance. Gregory Walker's Macbeth was living, from his first appearance, in a private nightmare which obsessed his attention so clamorously that the echoes of the real world seldom penetrated it. He made clear the incorrigible loneliness of the man forced

“on the torture of the mind to lie

In restless ecstasy.”

Brooding over his poetry, self-accusing eyes seldom fully aware of any other character on the stage, this Macbeth seemed most at home with the Witches, finding his own exploits, even his own passion for power, too illusory to distract him for long. Yet the performance was most compelling in moments of nihilism or self-loathing—in the cavern scene, in the hollow aftermath of the banquet, or when “fallen into the sere, the yellow leaf” (an especially fine, wholly satisfying rendering of this subtle speech).

Lady Macbeth (David Pike) rose best to her most appallingly testing moments, the invocation of the “murdering ministers” and the sleepwalking. At other times she lacked the urgency to drive the scene faster than her husband wanted to go, and her sparseness of gesture, swathed in her cloak, sometimes made the spectator fidget; but in her first and last appearances her tense rigidity,

allied with a fine and ably controlled voice, became an advantage in suggesting a strain threatening imminent collapse.

The quality of the supporting cast really did support, and never just compete with, the two principals. First praise must go to the ensemble; to the unstagey vigour of the climax, and to the Lords who provided an always positive, varied and intelligent background reaction to the doings of the protagonists; their sunset valediction to the doomed Duncan had a spectacular dignity which stuck in the memory. Outstanding among them were David Wilson, who gave Ross an authoritative honesty in which his command of verse seemed only natural, and Christopher Beattie, a splendidly mordant Lennox. The three witches, with fingers and scuttling movements like tarantulas, invested their oracles with the eldritch potency of spells; Paul Brock looked especially sibylline in the cavern scene. Malcolm Woodward's Banquo had the uncompromising extrovert integrity that incurs the embarrassed resentment of lesser men, and after death haunted Macbeth with a zombie relish that remained grave, never in the least ludicrous. Kenneth Sadler had the rare gift of seeming to find blank verse a natural form of speech; expansive gesture and emotion both seemed wholly spontaneous, and his Macduff, distinctly Viking in appearance, emerged with impulsive ferocity as the weapon of retribution. Paul Slade, as Duncan, and John Bowden, as Malcolm, also brought out the best in their verse, the latter's lucid diction suggesting the rather chilling precocity of the boy prematurely turned symbol.

This production celebrated the Dramatic Society's twenty-fifth anniversary, and provided an experience and a standard which perhaps only those involved fully appreciated.

P.L.

THE CRICKET CLUB

President : THE HEADMASTER

Master-in-Charge : MR. WAYNE

Captain : D. RUBERRY

Vice-Captain : R. SEARLE

Secretary : M. J. RYDER

The beginning of the season saw the introduction of three or four new faces to the 1st XI. From the previous season's team the services of J. Parsons, D. Holliday, R. Widger and M. Smith were lost and from the outset it was extremely clear that they would be sadly missed. This was confirmed after the first six matches when only one win was recorded and that against a weak Infantry Junior Leaders' team. During this period, we were humiliated at the hands of Torquay Grammar School and Plymouth College, who bowled us out for 39 and 45 runs respectively. Up to the end of term (excluding the match against Plymouth C.C. "A" team) a further three have been won. For the second year running we were defeated by the staff! This pathetic result was summed up

rather aptly by one member of staff after the game: "To some older players, the School used to beat the staff."

On the whole, therefore, it has been a very disappointing year, with the batting just having the edge over the bowling. There is one bright spark in this sad tale and that is the gradual improvement of the fielding which sometimes was a joy to watch and considerably helped the team's other failures.

The 2nd XI has had a moderate season, earning one creditable draw against a strong Plymouth College 2nd XI, and from the rest winning as many as they have lost. The team's morale has been high and, if there had been more determination and concentration, it would have proved a strong, if not formidable, combination.

The Colts XI, ably captained by John 4A, who won a place in the final Devon under-15's trial but was unfortunately unable to attend, has proved a capable side, recording fine wins over Tavistock School and Launceston College. In the match with the latter a total of 162 runs were scored by the School side against their opponents' 34.

The Junior XI, this season, has had a very young team, including two first formers, but in spite of this it has won seven out of eleven matches and proved the most consistent team in the school.

Once more we would like to thank all masters who have kindly given up their spare time for our enjoyment and also the ladies of the Parents' Association who have worked extremely hard behind the scenes in providing the various teams with excellent teas.

M. J. RYDER, *Secretary*.

Full Colours: Re-award: Callicott.

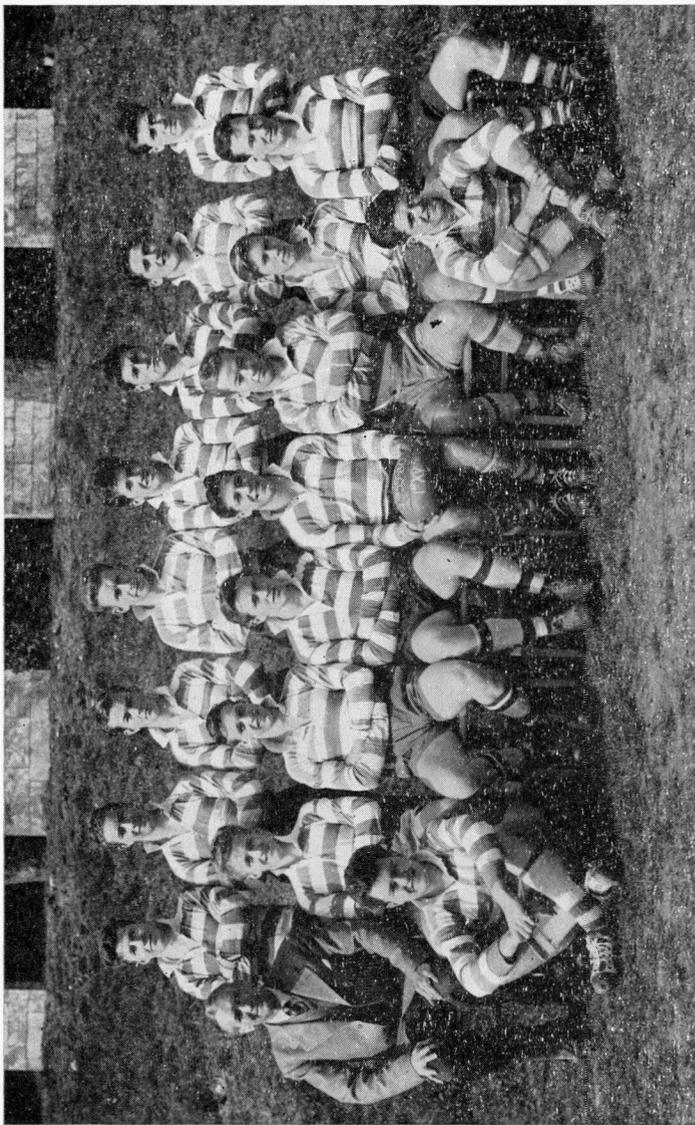
New awards: Warn, Ruberry and Searle.

Half Colours: New awards: Ryder and Oxley.

<i>Record</i> :			P	W	D	L
1st XI	..	..	15	4	2	9
2nd XI	..	..	11	6	2	3
Colts XI	..	..	14	7	-	7
Junior XI	..	..	11	7	1	3

THE RUGBY CLUB

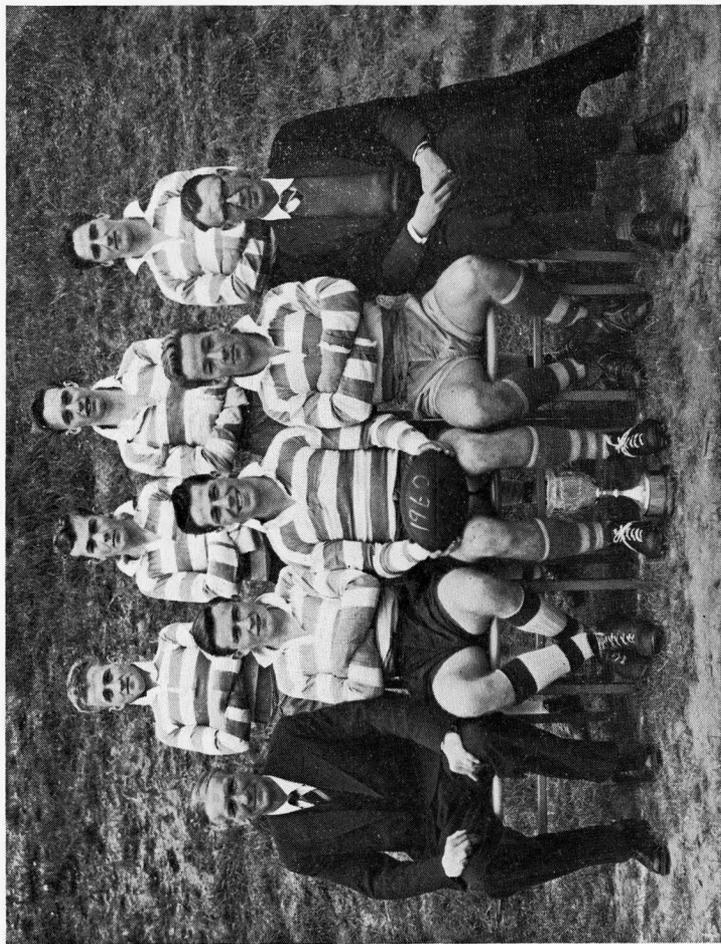
The 1st XV record was not an outstanding one but, nevertheless, more games were won than lost. The weakness lay in the lack of power amongst the forwards which did not give a fast three-quarter line a regular service despite the fine hooking of Virgo, the vice-captain. Axworthy, Finemore and French were prominent in the three-quarters who scored most of the side's tries.



1st XV. RUGBY 1959-60

Back row (left to right): P. Cohen, B. Tozer, J. French, M. Hender, J. E. Taylor, D. J. Wilson, P. Wright, P. Thorne
Second row: Mr. W. Nash, B. Finemore, J. W. Axworthy, J. W. Quick (*Hon. Sec.*), M. I. J. Woodward (*Captain*),
K. F. R. Virgo (*Vice-Captain*), S. R. Vittles, C. J. Dungey

Front row: R. Ley, R. Gent



PLYMOUTH RUGBY COMBINATION SEVEN-A-SIDE COMPETITION
Winners 1960

Back row (left to right): B. Finemore, J. French, J. W. Axworthy, P. Wright
Front row: Mr. W. Nash, J. W. Quick, M. I. J. Woodward (*Captain*), K. F. R. Vingo (*Vice-Capt.*), Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)

The highlight of the season was the winning of the Plymouth Rugby Combination seven-a-side trophy. This triumph followed a disappointing showing in the Devon Public and Grammar Schools' Sevens and did much to atone for it, as we beat Plymouth College, the winners of that competition. Other teams beaten in the competition were Plymouth Albion, the previous holders of the cup, Kingsbridge "A" and Kingsbridge "B" (after a thrilling semi-final tussle lasting into a second period of extra time), and O.P.O.'s in the final. Thus we became the first school to win the trophy and our thanks are due largely to Mr. Nash for his devotion to our training.

The season ended with the pleasant visit of our friends from St. Julian's, Newport, and the close game, played before the whole School, at the Brickfields, which we won six points to three. We hope they enjoyed their stay with us. Finally, the Rugby Club offers its congratulations to the captain, Woodward, who led the pack for the Devon Public and Grammar School teams and was selected for the South-West England side; to the vice-captain, Virgo, who hooked for Devon; to Finemore, Axworthy, Vittles, French, Dungey, Virgo, Quick and Woodward who were awarded colours; and to Wilson, Gent, Cohen, Taylor, Ley and Wright who were awarded half colours.

The 2nd XV were more enthusiastic than skilful with the result that more games were lost than won, but more important was the fact that there were so many volunteers to play rugby that several 3rd XV games were successfully arranged. It is by this sort of support that the strength of the Rugby Club is increased and our thanks are due to Mr. Warn for his continual encouragement to senior boys who play rugby.

The Colts, trained by Mr. Lunnon, had a fair season, winning six and losing seven games. The whole team have tried hard this season but have often been without their best player, the captain, Powderly, whom the Rugby Club congratulate on being selected for a final England trial. Let us hope that he will later gain that elusive England cap for the School.

The Juniors have been the most successful team this season and as such must be congratulated on winning the Griffin Cup. Under Mr. Mallinson's experienced coaching, they have produced an attractive brand of open rugby and their handling and running with the ball, instead of fruitless kicking, has served as an example to senior and junior teams alike.

Under the "new management" of Mr. Pring, the under-13's have maintained a high standard, losing only three games. Their success is promising for the future, as too is that of the under-12's. Under Mr. Stone's watchful eye, they have quickly picked up the basic principles of the game and have enjoyed encouraging success, losing only two games out of the eleven played.

In conclusion, our thanks are due to the Parents' Committee for teas and to long-suffering masters who have trained, refereed or watched teams, in weather often inclement.

M. I. J. WOODWARD (*Rugby Captain*).

Results :	P	W	L	Points	
				F	A
1st XV ..	21	12	9	242	132
2nd XV ..	17	6	11	141	191
Under 15 ..	13	6	7	173	229
Under 14 ..	11	10	1	222	39
Under 13 ..	12	9	3	311	41
Under 12 ..	12	10	2	202	26

THE SOCCER CLUB

Captain : J. M. MCGEE *Vice-Captain* : D. RUBERRY *Secretary* : M. J. RYDER

The past season has been one of rebuilding and experiment following the gradual departure of experienced members of the 1st XI. The beginning of the season saw many young faces in the side and, consequently, the first few matches were lost when a little more urgency and confidence might have brought victory. As the season progressed, the team settled down and improved, especially under heavier conditions which suited their style of play. Successes were recorded against Britannia College, Dartmouth, Seale Hayne Agricultural College, H.M.S. Figgard and Sutton High School. This year also a couple of matches were arranged against the staff who, although showing much enthusiasm and actually being in the lead at one stage in the first game, eventually succumbed to the superior fitness of the School team. We offer congratulations to Hayes who twice represented Devon Grammar Schools and to McGee who played once.

A strong nucleus of the team is available next season and we look forward to greater success than has been achieved this year.

The main feature of the 2nd XI, noticeable throughout the season, was its team spirit. Although not always successful they played with a will to win and never became disheartened under pressure. Their most creditable results were victories over Britannia College, Dartmouth, and H.M.S. Thunderer 2nd XI.

The under-15 XI enjoyed a moderate season and obtained third position in the local league. It possessed a deal of skill but was somewhat lacking in physique and determination. Congratulations to Morgan who represented Plymouth Schoolboys.

The under-14 XI proved capable of playing very good football and its final record hardly does justice to their ability. The team contains several players of high potential who should do well as their stamina increases.

The under-13 XI had an indifferent season for although a number of defeats were by small margins, the team generally lacked size, determination and teamwork. Several players are under thirteen again next season and should benefit from their experience.

Sincere thanks are again due to those masters who devote so much of their time to our welfare on the sports field and to the ladies who provide refreshment for our visitors.

Full Colours: Re-award: McGee.

Awards: Hayes, Ryder, Sanders, Searle.

Half Colours: Awards: Gill, Horne, James.

<i>Record</i> :	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>Goals</i>	
					<i>F</i>	<i>A</i>
1st XI ..	19	9	3	7	50	49
2nd XI ..	19	8	3	8	61	60
Under 15 XI	22	9	5	8	40	36
Under 14 XI	19	8	4	7	54	43
Under 13 XI	12	2	1	9	12	27

THE ATHLETICS CLUB

The athletic season began with the taking of standards at all levels. Drake House obtained the most standards with Grenville and Raleigh Houses very close behind. This was followed by all the mile and jump finals which are held before Sports Day, because of the large number of events. The House Competition on Sports Day was much closer than usual. Our programme consists of sixty-eight events, and nineteen records were broken and one equalled. The House Shield was won by Raleigh House, whilst the Senior Cup was won by B. Finemore for the second year in succession; J. W. Axworthy was the runner-up. With so many events to carry out, the success of the sports depends so much on the members of staff who act as officials. It is a great credit to their efficiency that once again the events were kept to time.

The Devon Public and Grammar Schools' Sports were held at Kelly College on Saturday, 28th May. For the first time ever we won this athletic championship, in fact this was the first occasion on which any grammar school in Devon has won this championship. It was a really good team effort, although outstanding performances were achieved by B. Finemore who was first in the long jump (21' 8½") and hop, step and jump (41' 11"), and second in the pole vault (9' 6"). K. Lilley was second in the high jump (5' 7"), J. Taylor second in the mile (4 min. 37.6 sec.), and J. Axworthy, second in the hurdles (15.6 sec.).

In our match against H.M.S. Fisgard we again retained the Morrell Cup, winning by 82 points to 58 points. K. Lilley won all three jump events. We were without B. Finemore, our best jumper, so the results really showed the strength of our second strings.

For the first time we took part in a Royal Naval invitation meeting, and did very well to come second to the local club, Devonport A.C. Devonport A.C. had 79 points and we had 68 points. We might have done better, but for a misunderstanding at one of the relay take-overs.

Further we took part in a Royal Naval invitation relay meeting. Of the five relays, we won three, and were second in the other two relays, which was a good result.

The junior athletic team competed against Kelly College, Plympton Grammar School, and Tavistock School, and finished well in front with 90 points, Plympton Grammar School 56 points, Tavistock School 40 points, and Kelly College 31 points. Of the ten events we won six. In the long jump, J. Powderley jumped 19' and also won the 220 yards and 440 yards.

J. Forse (weight, junior) and B. Moore (discus, intermediate) were selected to represent Devon in the S.W. Counties' championships. K. Lilley (hop, step and jump, intermediate), B. Moore (discus, intermediate), J. Powderley (220 yards, junior), J. Bennet (100 yards, junior) and J. Forse (weight, junior) were selected to represent Plymouth in the Devon championships.

For the national championships the following boys have been nominated: J. Powderley (long jump, junior), B. Moore (weight, intermediate), J. Axworthy (hurdles, senior) and B. Finemore (long jump, senior).

In the Plymouth schools' sports, the junior team (under 15) won the championship. Against our local rivals, Sutton High School, we won by 141½ points to 127½ points. It is a full programme with both senior and junior events. In the senior events, J. Axworthy broke the meeting record for the hurdles (15.6 sec.), K. Lilley the high jump (5' 8") and J. Taylor the mile (4 min. 34.4 sec.); in the junior events J. Powderley in the long jump (18' 9"). It has always been a very close match and since the meeting was revived in 1952, Devonport has won three times and Sutton four with one match a tie.

In our annual match against Truro School at Truro we continued with a good win by the wide margin of 166 points to 108 points. Of the fourteen senior events we won twelve and of the thirteen junior events we won ten events. B. Finemore established a new school best performance with a vault of 10' 2½" and J. L. Lee (under 15) the 880 yards in 2 mins. 13.7 secs.

Internally, Form Sports have been held which always prove very popular. There is no doubt that the general standard of athletics in the school has improved and that there is a genuine

interest in the sport throughout the school. Whereas competition against other schools is important for the better athletes, it is really very important that every boy should get enjoyment from his participation in athletics at his own level, whatever his standard. In all, this was the most successful of all seasons in athletics.

COLOURS AWARDED:

Full Colours: Taylor, Axworthy, Finemore, Lilley, Ryder.

Half-Colours: Moore, Quick, Barret, Davey, Lewis, Virgo, Woodward.

W.N.

Sports Day 1960

Once more Sports Day was a day of prolonged sunshine and this sunshine moderated by a stiff breeze seemed to spur on our athletes to great efforts. To the seventeen records broken last year were added a further seventeen. At the beginning of the meeting, Drake, Grenville and Raleigh Houses were "neck and neck" but the afternoon was to show that Raleigh and Grenville were the strongest Houses and that there was little to choose between them, although Raleigh did get the verdict.

Although the athletic achievements were as a whole, the best of any school in Plymouth it should be noted that they would have been even better if Sports Day was not held at the very beginning of the athletic season and school term. Furthermore, this year the best athletes in the school had to come to Sports Day within a day of making their fine effort at Kelly College. Finemore, to crown his great jumping at Kelly, was the Victor Ludorum for the second year in succession and he must surely be one of the most stylish and proficient athletes D.H.S. has produced in recent years. Powderley, the —15 cup winner, deserves a special mention for his record breaking 440 yards. The record for this event had stood since 1936 and this shows, more than anything else, how fine a runner Powderley is and we hope, will continue to be. In the junior school there were several record breakers, among whom Dan, Putt and Knowles stand out.

The cup winners were:

House Shield: Raleigh

+16 Cup: B. Finemore

—16 Cup: K. Durston

—15 Cup: J. Powderley

—13 Cup: R. Putt and R. Woodward

Relay Cup: Gilbert

+16 Runner-up: J. Axworthy

—16 Runner-up: B. Ashman

—14 Cup: D. Dan

—12 Cup: J. Knowles

Our thanks are due to the Commander-in-Chief Plymouth for permission to use the Brickfields, to Captain Aylen, R.N., for presiding over our meeting and to Mr. Nash and the rest of the staff and boys who between them made this year's Sports Day not only possible but a resounding success.

P. COHEN.



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The Swimming Sports

This year the weather for the sports was not all it might have been, and I am sure the Headmaster was not the only person present, who felt no inclination to join the competitors in the water. Five records were broken at this year's meeting, rather less than in previous years and it would seem that, apart from Atrill and his stalwarts, there is less interest in swimming in this school than in athletics.

The most notable achievements were, needless to say, performed by Atrill who seemed to be in a different race from his fellow competitors. In the first form, Willcocks stood out as the best swimmer, and it is interesting to note that all the champion swimmers at D.H.S. belong to swimming clubs, where they receive expert instruction to improve their style, which is by far the most important thing in any swimming event. Other winners of note were Burgum and Couch, the latter proving that frequently determination is of more value than physical size. Amongst the sixth form, there was much evidence of press-ganging with some competitors twenty-yards behind the winner at the finish. Taylor was the only sixth-former who seems to be able to swim fast when compared with performances in the junior school.

One feels, that if swimming is not to remain the Cinderella of sports at D.H.S., boys should be allowed to go swimming in their games periods. Swimming is a sport in which a great deal of practice is necessary and nobody can expect first-class swimming sports when no boy is allowed to improve his swimming in school time.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Cresswell for bestowing the cups, and to all members of the staff who helped to run the sports so efficiently and smoothly.

P. COHEN.

House Notes

DRAKE

The school year is now almost over, and it is with pride that I can record that Drake has done even better than it did last year. We have retained the St. Levan Shield, and by an even larger margin. Although outstanding in only rugby and swimming, it has undoubtedly been our all-round consistency which has seen us through.

We must congratulate our senior and junior rugby teams who gained maximum points to win the rugby cup in magnificent style. Well done! Unfortunately, however, circumstances piled up against the soccer teams, who, with strong teams on paper, could only manage to come second. The cricket teams were also second, but the case here was different. They played with tremendous zeal and did extremely well indeed.

The House has always managed to do well in athletics and this year was no exception. It is true that we were only third but when it is remembered that the three leading Houses finished so closely, it can be seen that we far from disgraced ourselves. We must congratulate Finemore who retained the "Victor Ludorum" Cup for the second year, with a fine record run in the 120 yards hurdles which was probably the high-light of Sports Day. Congratulations also to Dan who won the —14 Cup.

For the first time for several years Drake won the swimming sports, thus capping a magnificent year. The real spirit of the House could be seen here. Everyone tried really hard, and this is the spirit which makes for a successful House. Well done Couch, who won the —16 Cup.

Although the points do not count for the shield, it is with pleasure that I record that Drake won the Inter-House Speech Contest. In face of a large deficit left them by the juniors, the seniors became inspired and eventually overhauled Grenville in the final events of the evening. Well done!

This year sees the departure of most of the senior prefects who have done so much to put the House at the top, and many other senior boys who have all helped in their own way. The best wishes of the House go with them.

Woodward and myself would like to extend our thanks to Mr. Nicholas whose support has once again been unfailing, and all others who have helped to make this year such an enjoyable and successful one.

R. C. SEARLE, *House Captain.*

GILBERT

With another session of House activities behind us, Gilbert can look back on a year of very mixed results with fine performances on both the soccer and cricket fields, but with disappointments in both rugby and athletics. But generally a pleasing improvement in spirit, and consequently in results was noticeable. What is not yet realised in Gilbert is that often the average boy can affect the outcome of inter-House activities more than the exceptional boy. This was only too apparent this year in athletics where, on Sports Day, and in pre-Sports Day events, Gilbert were at the top. However, the standards, although bettering last year's, were far from satisfactory so that the fastest was left at the start. Performances on the day were excellent and those who took part have little of which to be ashamed. Knowles and Putt won individual cups and Gilbert won the Revington Relay Cup for the first time. But if each boy in the House had passed one more standard we should have won the athletics and perhaps the St. Levan Shield whereas we have to be content with third position.

Gilbert maintained its supremacy in soccer, being undefeated this season, thereby softening the effect of our rugby results which

once again left too much to be desired. Out of three senior and three junior games only one junior game was won, although the juniors were potentially quite strong. The seniors were not strong on paper but, nevertheless, showed a spirit which was a credit to Gilbert.

In the summer term, fortunes were once again either exceptionally bad or exceptionally good. Some fine teamwork on the cricket field resulted in our coming a close second in cricket after being bottom last year. This achievement was made possible mainly by the performance of the senior wide which was strong in every department.

Gilbert can also be credited with an enthusiastic performance at the swimming sports, eventually finishing last after a hard-fought contest. Willcox and Sidey won individual cups.

For what little we have won this year we have lost a lot; Mr. Berry, our House Master for over ten years, is leaving us to take up an appointment elsewhere. Mr. Berry has been an inspiring leader through thick and thin, and his exhortation and guidance, directed at every member of the House will certainly be missed during future terms. We wish him every success in the future.

J. W. QUICK, *House Captain.*

GRENVILLE

The past year has been one of only moderate success for the House, and in the final placings for the St. Levan Shield, Grenville was placed fourth. The House has, however, done far better during the year than the St. Levan Shield position might indicate.

The competition started off in the winter term with the senior House rugby matches. Our team this year was captained by Vittles, who played and captained magnificently.

Team spirit in the senior team was very strong and this made up for a certain lack of outstanding talent, and in our first match we defeated the more fancied Raleigh side. Our second match was against Drake and we were disappointed when three of our most senior and experienced players were unable to play. Consequently or otherwise we lost the match after a very close game. In our third match against Gilbert we again won which placed Grenville second in overall positions for the senior half of the rugby competition.

The junior rugby team was very young this year and many of its members will be in the team again next year and some the year after. We did not expect any outstanding performances from them. They did, however, play with much determination which is to their credit and the matches were far closer than many predicted.

At the beginning of the winter term McGee was elected School Soccer Captain and Ruberry Vice-Captain, and they therefore captained our House team, which included only three 1st XI players and two 2nd XI players.

The seniors beat Drake 3-1 but lost to Gilbert and Raleigh. The inexperience of many players showed up especially in the second half of the matches when the pace of their play always slowed up considerably.

The junior team was, as with the rugby team, very young this year and they lost all their matches. We look forward to next year when we hope they will do much better.

The House cricket team was captained by Ruberry who, at the beginning of the season, was elected School Cricket Captain. The team was not a strong one, including only two 1st XI players and two 2nd XI players.

The seniors drew one match with Raleigh but lost to Drake and Gilbert. The junior team did slightly better; they beat Gilbert but lost to Drake and Raleigh.

After having won the chess cup for three consecutive years we were this year placed fourth. Again the team were young and inexperienced and we expect better of them in the future.

In the Speech Contest the House did better than was expected in being placed second. We thank Mr. Larkins for giving up much of his time to training those boys who were in the team.

Perhaps the most exciting section of the St. Levan Shield was the School Sports. Before Sports Day with the points accumulated from standards and pre-Sports Day events the positions of the top three Houses—Drake, Grenville and Raleigh were very close. During Sports Day itself the lead changed hands several times and at the end Grenville was placed second, only half a point behind Raleigh.

We must congratulate Woodward on winning the under thirteen cup and Powderley who won the under fifteen cup. Taylor who captained the House team was also School Athletics Captain.

The final competition, the Swimming Sports, was held on the last Monday of term. It was close all the way but Drake pulled ahead at the end on the relays and so Grenville were once more placed second. We must congratulate Tucker who won the —14 cup, Woodward, the —13 cup and Taylor, the Swimming Captain, who won the over 16 cup and the championship cup.

The House is much indebted to our Housemaster, Mr. Mallinson, and we thank him for all the hard work and time which he puts into the House activities.

J. E. TAYLOR, *House Captain.*

RALEIGH

Well done Raleigh! At last we have left behind us that lean patch which has dogged us for the past few years. I am pleased to report that the House has put its back into all activities this year and it is because of a united effort that we have done so well. Our success in the athletics sports was a fine example of this—

thanks to all doing their utmost in the standards we gave our athletes a real chance on the actual day. Whilst mention must be made of outstanding individual performances, such as Axworthy, the team captain, who was Victor Ludorum runner-up, Durston (-16), Forse (-15), and Lightfoot (-14), it is to be remembered that all competitors contributed to our victory.

The results of the winter competitions were only fair, but congratulations to the juniors for their enthusiastic displays both on the soccer and the rugby field. In both cases, the teams were built around two or three school players, but all of them played with zest. Ryder captained the senior soccer team, and under adverse conditions they gave a spirited display.

If the senior cricket team had played with equal vigour we may have won the competition. The juniors, organised and led by Broad, were undefeated in this sphere. The other activity that counts towards the St. Levan Shield is swimming, and this year Raleigh were third. With the notable exception, Atrill, the House lacks swimming talent. All credit to those who entered, and thanks to those who gave me assistance in selecting the team.

In the two competitions which do not decide the St. Levan Shield, Raleigh have again done well. The chess captain, Ryder, steered us into equal first position with Drake. His coaching of the first formers has already paid dividends—they won three ten-board matches very convincingly. The junior Speech Contest was won by the widest of margins by Raleigh, but regrettably the seniors were not in the same class.

All through the year I have had the fullest support from Axworthy, Pickering, Ryder and the House prefects; they have made my job enjoyable and helped to give the House a successful year. Thank you Mr. Warn for your guidance and enthusiasm; the House continues to benefit from your experience. This year second in the St. Levan Shield competition; next year—first?

K. W. H. SADLER, *House Captain.*

Out of School Activities

SENIOR SCOUT LOG

Lately, a senior scout troop has been formed under the supervision of Mr. Thompson (S.M.S.), and a Cambridge Queen's Scout. There have been only a few meetings so far, and there are only four members at the moment, but we are hoping for an increase in numbers soon. Our activities have included many hikes, cooking and pioneering. We have a few ideas for the future, and when our numbers swell a little, we shall be able to realize them. Any member of the upper school will be welcome. Our meetings are at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in the Scout Hut.

J. MILLS.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Now that the School is co-operating with the system of "security" introduced last term, the library is functioning much more efficiently, and it is to be hoped that there will be no further need of prolonged book-checks.

The range of books in the library has once again been significantly increased, particularly in the hobbies' section, and a corresponding rise in the number of junior boys using this section has been noted. It is a startling fact, however, that boys in the "C" streams read more than those in the "A" streams—at least, the latter take out fewer books! We hope this will be remedied next term.

One facility provided by the library, which is often ignored, is the wide range of magazines, both general and specialist. We feel that far more boys would use them if only they know that they were there.

We should like to express our appreciation of R. Briscoe's term of office until pressure of work forced him to resign, and also our whole staff, who have worked even harder than usual this year, often until 5.30 in the evenings. G. Burt (5L), the School Deputy Librarian, deserves our special thanks for his constant hard work, and Buley and Ellis (3A) must be congratulated on their successful year as junior Librarians.

Finally, our gratitude (and, indeed, that of the whole school) is due to Mr. Whitfeld, without whose continued help and encouragement the library could never have functioned as well as it has.

M. B. HARRIS, K. J. NORMAN, *School Librarians.*

THE FIELD CLUB

The Easter and summer terms saw the arrival of several new members and, as a result, two new groups started. One made a study of reptiles and the other embarked on under-water swimming and some aspects of marine biology. The photographic section purchased a set of lighting equipment and now has facilities for the indoor photography of specimens.

A larger party than usual, six carloads, this year visited Mr. Hurrell, who afforded us all a very enjoyable evening as well as an entertaining one. Having been shown around, a few members remained to participate in a badger watch on the Moor and were rewarded on this, their first attempt. We are very grateful to Mr. Hurrell for his continued interest in our Field Club. Kitley Lake was also visited by a smaller party during the summer term.

Two noteworthy observations were recorded last term, namely the presence of a whimbrel at Cadover Bridge on June 19th, and the extremely late passage of terns across the Sound on May 21st. We would once again like to thank Mr. Dodd for the interest he shows in all our activities.

A.D.P.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

The total membership this year is one hundred and twenty-eight. This figure is slightly lower than that of last year, which is rather surprising as there is now a larger sixth form, and on two occasions the recorded membership has been even higher than that of last year. There has been no support from the second year arts sixth, and very little from some of the fifths and fourths. Detailed persusal of the statistics reveals that these forms include the people who would benefit most from what the society offers, and it is hoped that those who are eligible for membership next term will give the matter most earnest consideration. The attendance at film meetings was small when measured against the total membership. The audiences at the lectures, however, were large, and this is very gratifying, but it must be remembered that these functions are open to the whole school, and the fact emerges that there are far too many passive members.

The Society enjoyed five lectures last session. The first two of the three which took place in the winter term were reported in the previous issue. The last lecture of the winter term was given by Mr. H. G. Hurrell, the well-known naturalist, in which he showed three films. This lecture produced a record attendance figure of ninety six boys. The spring term programme was opened by the visit of Mr. H. L. Laverick, Works Manager of the Cleveland Bridge and Engineering Company. His lecture was entitled "Building the Tamar Bridge." The speaker surveyed the main techniques employed in bridge building and gave interesting details of the difficulties encountered in this particular project and the ways in which they have been overcome. The concluding lecture of the session was given by Mr. R. C. T. Buchan, Chief Physicist of the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, on "Radioactive Isotopes in Medicine". Mr. Buchan brought several pieces of specialised equipment with him, and used these to perform extremely interesting demonstrations. The Society offers its grateful thanks to all these gentlemen for giving their valuable time to the preparation and delivery of these very enjoyable and instructive talks.

During the year many interesting films have been shown, a high percentage of them in colour, covering a large field of subjects and catering for many tastes. They are important in that they gave an insight into the industrial applications of science which is difficult otherwise to obtain at school. A particularly stimulating title for those intending to take up electrical engineering in the future was *On Course with A.E.I.*, sponsored by Associated Electrical Industries and dealing with the varied training schemes available.

In the spring term the Committee decided to inaugurate a Science Society project. This was to be the construction of a cathode ray, oscilloscope. Work on this has been started by a small group of members, and it is hoped that the Society will

eventually own a valuable instrument. Other sections of the Society continue to flourish. Daily meteorological reports are provided, our notice boards are kept filled with interesting articles, and the annual exhibition of work carried out in the darkroom will be held at the Garden Party.

As is customary, several excursions have been arranged to take place towards the end of the summer term. A party of members paid a visit to the Mayflower shoe factory of Messrs. C. & J. Clark, at Whitleigh, where the introduction of modern methods and materials into a long-established trade was studied. The J. Arthur Rank Organisation permitted another group to inspect the technical equipment at the Gaumont Cinema, where much apparatus usually kept from the public eye was examined. Yet another party was entertained at the Oakfield Press of Messrs. Clarke, Doble & Brendon, where many printing processes of great intricacy, precision and elegance were observed. The Society thanks the managements and personnel of these organisations for allowing us to come and making us so welcome.

The demand for the weekly publication *The New Scientist* continues. Copies of *Science Club* are sold twice a term, and the Society is a subscriber to the authoritative journal *Contemporary Physics*.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Mr. Coombe, on behalf of the Society, for his invaluable help in its running.

R. F. DONNE, *Honorary Secretary*.

THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

The Society has had an interesting year. We have been host at two inter-school debates, at one of which we invited Miss Joan Vickers, M.P., and Mr. J. Mitchell, late chairman of the Plymouth Campaign for Unilateral Disarmament, to be the main speakers.

I fear, however, that in the past few months interest in debating has very much waned. Perhaps this is due to the fact that we have limited the numbers at the end of term debates.

The highlight of our activities was the school election which took place at the time of the General Election. The three candidates were all from U6A—Briscoe (Constructive), Jeffrey (New Elizabethan), Woodward (Idealist). Although we did not use the real party names, each of the candidates obviously represented views of national parties. Woodward spoke from an S.P.G.B. platform, Jeffrey a Conservative one, and Briscoe, Labour. The campaign was a lively one and the whole school joined in the spirit of the thing. Jeffrey was elected with an overall majority.

I hope debating increases its following next year. It is good training in thinking for one's self, expressing oneself logically and coherently and in voluntary discipline. It can be, and is, fun and can build up self confidence. We are very proud in this country of freedom of speech. It would be a pity if this privilege became obsolete.

JOHN C. JEFFREY, *Hon. Secretary*.



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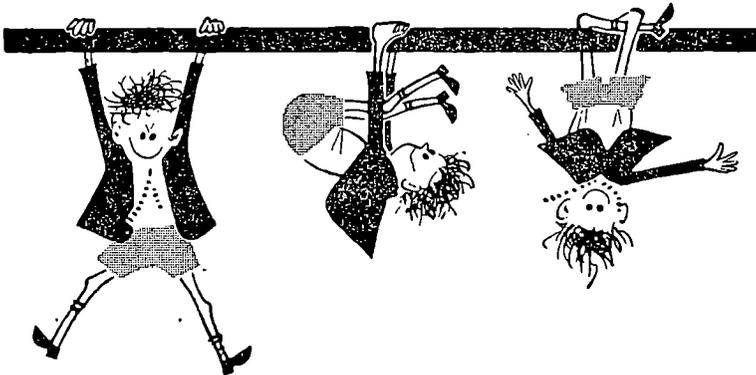
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THE MUSIC SOCIETY

A distinguished choral conductor, and a respected and lovable man, Mr. Gell has been with us for his one and only year. In that year, he has carried on the work started by Mr. Crump in maintaining an enthusiastic choir and orchestra, and he has worked very hard in that year stirring the upper school into activity. Indeed he has found it difficult to form a substantial bass and tenor section.

Nevertheless, at the beginning of the summer term, Mr. Gell introduced a very fine concert, a result worthy of all his endeavour. A large choir opened the evening with the "Viking Song" and the "Agincourt Song". The leader of the orchestra, M. J. Amery, was also the solo instrumentalist for the evening, and delighted the audience with his agility with a violin. He was accompanied by Keith Prowse at the piano.

One of the highlights of the evening was a collection of sea-songs, sung by R. C. Searle, helped by the choir. Searle has gained admission to the Royal College of Music, and this was his last concert in the school. We wish him luck in his musical career. Good luck, Reg.!

The orchestra, which, as one of its items, performed Sir Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" was augmented by guest players. To these, and to Mr. Stone, a faithful helper, we extend our thanks.

Noy, already a well known soprano, was to have rendered "My heart ever faithful." After much hard rehearsal, however, his voice broke, and we were robbed of this pleasure. Bad luck, Noy!

Such a showman is Mr. Gell that, after a funny and rousing performance of "Widdecombe Fair," he had the audience singing, and enjoying every minute of it!

We shall be sorry to see Mr. Gell go. We shall miss his enthusiasm and vigour. The orchestra and choir would like to thank him sincerely for his hard work.

G.F.W.

THE SAILING CLUB

At the beginning of the school year, the building of the next two "Cadets," *Falcon* and *Golden Hind*, was started. The difficulties encountered were more easily solved as a result of the experience gained from the building of the *Revenge*. The completion of a second boat will mean that racing can start on our own water.

In the current sailing season, we hope to race in the Sound against other schools, and the first race has already been organised, the result of which is eagerly awaited.

We again thank Mr. Dodd, Mr. Adams and Mr. Osborne without whom there would be no Sailing Club. Especial thanks are due to Mr. Osborne whose technical skill has enabled us to convert a few planks into a racing boat.

P. GARLAND.

THE CHRISTIAN UNION

I am writing this report at the end of the summer term, and looking back over the last two terms' work, I see a very bright hope for the future.

We have a hard core of members, of about a dozen, and it is on these that I hope the Christian fellowship of the senior school will continue to grow and bear fruit. Naturally we have been under criticism a number of times with such comments thrown at us as, "You hope to get members, but look at old so and so, he's a 'bright hope' if ever there was one," or "Christianity does not seem to have done much for you, does it?" But when will our critics begin to realise that "Christ came into the world to *save* sinners" and that as long as we really try to achieve the command "Be ye perfect" then God is on our side.

We have again had a very varied programme which has included a "Fact and Faith" film, an "Any Questions" session, Bible studies and talks on modern day problems. We would like to thank all members of the staff who have helped us, and especially Messrs. Cross and Hopford who continue to give us their advice and guidance.

It was hoped that we should be able to start a junior school section this term, but we have been unable to owing to the pressure of examinations; so with God's help we will start this next term.

I should like to finish by reminding all boys, that the Christian faith is very much a faith of communal activity and worship, and only by this witness can we really hope to leave an impression on those who have not yet come to God.

J. NORMAN, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE PRINTING GROUP

The Printing Group has continued to flourish, many hundreds of tickets having been printed; also a four-page concert programme, a P.D.G.S. film society programme, and, just completed after much sweating and anguish, the Annual Swimming Sports programme, which the Group prints every year.

The Group now has a thermostatically-controlled drying machine made by A. D. Pearson, and we are indebted to him for this valuable time-saving addition to our equipment, by means of which we are also able to produce a special type of printing with a raised surface (similar in appearance to die-stamping). We also now possess stocks of tickets and paper, thus rendering us more independent.

We again held a display at this year's Garden Party, when we printed note-paper to order. Because we had so many orders last year, we had to cut down this year to avoid any possible disappointment.

Once again we are indebted to Mr. Brimacombe for his encouragement and assistance.

A. J. BILLINGS.

THE STAMP CLUB

The Stamp Club has continued to hold regular meetings this term although it usually ceases to function during the summer, owing to the diverse rival attractions for members. One very well-supported competition was held, and entries were of an unusually high standard. The Club is at present engaged in preparing the customary philatelic display for the garden party, and members are willingly lending both their time and stamps to try to make it the best display ever.

It is regrettable, however, that the Club is kept going by a small band of faithful members, and that more of the large number of boys who collect stamps do not attend our meetings. These are held on Wednesdays at 4 p.m., and a wide range of competitions and quizzes are held. Film strips are also shown twice a term. If you are interested in stamps, please come along to a meeting and see how much you enjoy it.

The club regrets that B. Kressinger, the former secretary, has had to resign and would like to thank him for his long and active tenure of that office; the continued service of Cardew as treasurer must also be acknowledged.

Last, but not least, we must thank Mr. Hopford, without whose help and encouragement the Stamp Club might well have ceased to function.

M. B. HARRIS, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This new Society held its inaugural meeting on the 4th of March, when fourteen members of the school attended and officials were elected. It was realised that the pressure of the school timetable for the end of the summer term would make meetings difficult to hold. Indeed, only two further meetings were possible. The Secretary addressed the Society on "The Monmouth Rebellion" and an American historian, Dr. Bushong, gave a lively account of "The American Civil War," which was well received by the thirty-five boys present, a most encouraging attendance. A full programme is in preparation for the autumn term and it is hoped that members of the fourth, fifth and sixth forms will wholeheartedly support this new venture.

K. J. NORMAN, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

Although the Society was formed near the end of the spring term, four films had been shown by the second week of the summer term. These were *The Hunting Jet Provost*, *Vickers Valiant* and two films dealing with the Bristol Britannia.

In the future, we hope to show as many films and filmstrips as possible. A school trip to Farnborough in September has already been organised, and it is hoped to run further excursions to the Exeter Airshow, July 9th, and the Culdrose Air Display on July 15th.

Mr. Smith kindly consented to become President of the Society, while Hodge, U6, and Thomas, 4A, were elected Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Smith for all his help, Mr. Coombe for the use of the laboratory and projector, and Doidge M6S and McCarthy L6S for projecting the films for the Society.

S. A. HODGE, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE AIR TRAINING CORPS

May, 1960 saw a vigorous recruiting drive for 2336 squadron, which, unknown to many, is a joint D.H.S.—Tamar squadron. The result was thirty brand-new, keen cadets. Being a member of this squadron may now be classed as belonging to a school activity.

The new cadets have started well, many of them being in the process of learning from which end of a rifle the bullet comes. One of the cadets, Drake, is taking a weekend gliding course at R.A.F. St. Eval in Cornwall. There is a trip to R.A.F. Mountbatten proposed, where there will be an opportunity of training in R.A.F. marine craft. Other activities include the Wing athletics, in which the squadron did particularly well. Lightfoot and Dan are to be commended for their performances. In the inter-squadron drill competition, 2336 squadron was not well placed. This was not unexpected, however, since the new cadets had only been training (from scratch) for six weeks!

To ensure a good continuous rate of recruitment, it is proposed to set up a recruiting committee among the cadets, which will be responsible for information and propaganda.

The committee will consist of cadets: Kressinger, Dan, Churchward, Lightfoot, and Robjohns.

If any boy, fourteen years of age or over is interested in joining us, please do see one of the above cadets, or any other member of the squadron, and obtain information. G.F.W. (2336 sqdn.).

Parents' Association

At the outset of these notes we record with profound regret the sudden death of a member of our Committee, Mr. Vic Gent who, for a number of years, helped the Association and the School most willingly in many thoughtful and unobtrusive ways. Our sympathy has already been expressed to Mrs. Gent and we hope that friendships which she has made among us will help to sustain her during the years ahead.

The Association's activities have followed their usual pattern and have been well supported. Two "At Homes" were held, the senior during February, the junior during May. Both parents and staff find these occasions informative and stimulating, and of ultimate benefit to the boys' education.

In March the whist drive attracted fewer people than usual but, thanks to the generous provision of prizes by tradesmen and parents, brought financial gain to the Association.

In May a full coach load visited Dartington Hall where we were welcomed graciously, told something of the development of the estate, and conducted around the magnificent grounds. Tea was taken at Totnes and the journey home via Dartmouth and Slapton was not uneventful!

The hectic garden party is just over and has yielded the splendid profit of £210. The weather was kind and the School and grounds were thronged with visitors who enjoyed the displays and were cheerfully separated from their loose cash.

We have entertained the guests at the Music Society concert; provided refreshment for the Devon Grammar School F.A. and all cricket visitors; assisted financially the boys helping with the National Land Utilisation Survey of this area; contracted to provide two Bituturf wickets at the cricket nets and guaranteed the funds for the full expenses of Speech Day.

We thank all those who work so diligently for the Association and we look for the continued support of all parents to further our efforts for the benefit of the School.

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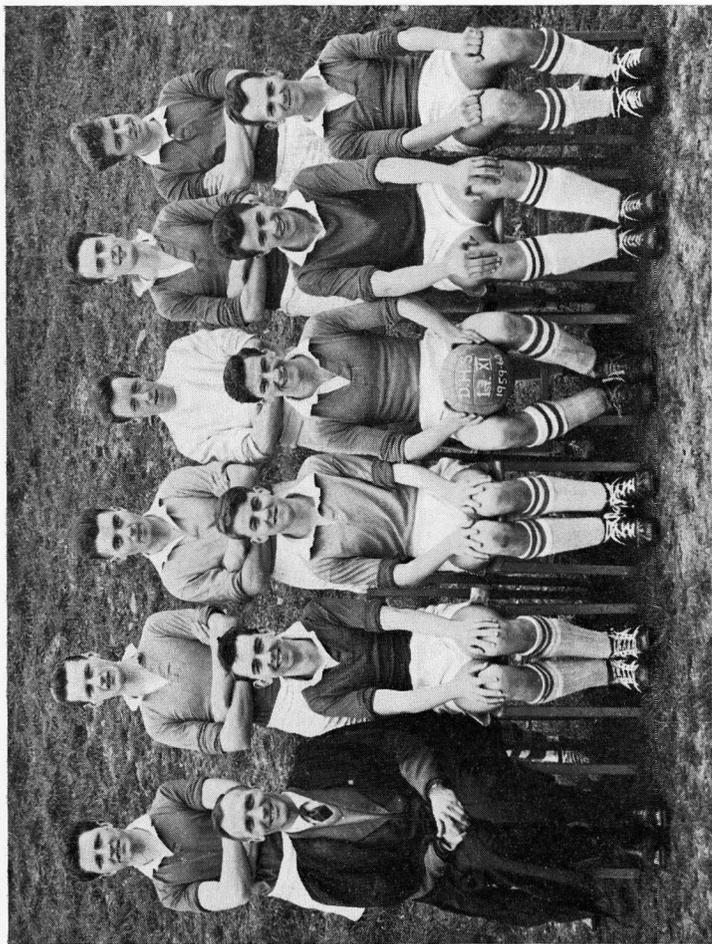
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Correspondence

Goldsmiths' College,
University of London.

Dear Sir,

I have, during the last two years at the above college, experienced aspects of both university and training college life and would recommend its three-year training or the General Degree Course followed by the Teaching Certificate. Both these and other courses are offered by this college which shares the advantages of university and training college life.

However, since you frequently have letters commenting on the universities, I should like to take this opportunity of commenting on aspects of training college life. I hope this will be of help to the many members of school now going direct to training college. There is, of course, no typical training college; some fall short of the standard one would hope to see, but others achieve a high level of results.

The critics of the "training college system" are many, and frequently students are dismayed at certain aspects of their new life, particularly the low academic standards expected of students intending to teach to "O" and possibly "A" level standards. However, much of the criticism often heard early in the session, is not founded on fact. It is important that the reasons for the students' presence at college are remembered: it is a course of training for a profession, not merely a time for study, and personal development in a specialised field, and "basic" subjects, especially mathematics and English, are of the utmost importance to the non-grammar school teacher. The prevalent idea that today every secondary school teacher is a specialist is far from the truth. A friend of mine is forced to teach ten subjects! Criticisms of a system must be carefully considered. However, there is another matter which deserves comment, the much discussed word in the training college—responsibility.

As soon as they are trained many teachers are responsible for the lives of a class of forty or more children. It seems reasonable to assume that the teachers themselves will have enjoyed a large degree of responsibility long before they have a class of their own. All too often this is not the case, especially now that National Service has been abolished. The protected schoolboy returns to school as a teacher having been carefully taught and nursed while at college. Personal development is slight and the product is of little use if our educational standards are to be improved. Surely all students should be able to decide for themselves such matters as the times they keep, the attendance of lectures, where they live and eat, and how they dispose of their money. If they cannot do this successfully they are surely not suited to mould young lives.

The remedy lies not only with the Ministry and college authorities but with the students themselves, particularly those from the better grammar schools. They must keep in mind the aims of the profession and be given the opportunity to show whether they are really suited to it long before they qualify. Then and only then will our teaching standards improve and the full aims of education be realised.

Finally, inevitably, the news of fellow Old Boys in London. The "organised" side is fully covered by the report from the London Branch; the unorganised side is also very much in evidence in London. In fact, it is difficult to visit "town" without meeting an Old Boy—and you find them in some funny places!

Yours faithfully,

M. H. DINGLE.

Pavillon du Cloître,
8 Rue d'Entrecasteaux,
Aix-en-Provence, France.

Dear Sir,

Aix-en-Provence has often been described as a city of youth and culture. The accent on youth springs from the presence of 5,000 students of law, letters and the humane sciences at the university, founded in 1409. Its culture derives from its past. *Aequae Sextiae* was founded in 123 B.C. by the Romans and it later became the capital city of Provence until the growth of Marseille ousted it from this position. Its culture is kept alive today by, amongst other things, a good theatre and a world-renowned music festival.

Another aspect of Aix is its international character. Tourism, of course, accounts for much of this but the university provides the more important manifestation, as the foreign students naturally live more intimately with the city than the itinerant tourist.

This international character is perhaps best seen in this private hostel at night when most of the students are in! There are about 100 students of both sexes in residence, the largest national groups among them being provided by the British, American and German contingents. During the day, the hostel is very nearly deserted, but at night the common room is filled with lively discussion. The exchange of ideas is indeed international but the means of the exchange is the language of France: it is rare that one hears other languages.

International, yet not so. The majority of the students have submerged their national character and assumed a French one. Those who have not stand out like British tourists on the Côte d'Azur. This is, perhaps, the most striking aspect and the virtue of a prolonged stay in France. One ceases to be British; one

“adopts” the country and becomes Franco-British. If only this sort of relation could be extended, there would be much less bickering and much more understanding between peoples.

Yours faithfully,

R. C. SHUTE.

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For the third year running the Annual General Meeting was followed by an informal gathering and buffet supper. Once again it was a great success and the pattern will remain for future years. This year it will be held in the Dolphin Restaurant, Co-operative House, on Wednesday, 28th December—a prominent note to be made in all diaries, please! It would help considerably if tickets were purchased at least a week in advance—from any committee member, at the School or from the Secretary. This assists in catering.

The profit from raffles and some generous donations enabled the Association to present the School with a silver cup for the under 12 swimming championship.

Another gift to the School was a set of bound copies of the magazine covering the years 1922 to 1950 inclusive. These were passed to the Association by the late Cyril Gill's widow. The Headmaster hopes to have all copies of the magazine bound but still requires numbers 4, 7, 8, 10, 14, 28 and 35. If any Old Boy has these and is willing to let the School have them his gesture would be greatly appreciated. If you know of anyone who, you think, may have any of these numbers will you please let me know?

A further appeal, this to previous members of the committee. The Vice-Chairman's insignia and several committee badges cannot be traced. I should be pleased to collect any which become available.

It is hoped to form a Bath and Bristol branch of the Association. Anyone interested should contact D. G. Reed at 9 Cavendish Place, Bath.

Is anyone interested in taking over the duties of "bucket and sponge man" at Old Boys' soccer matches? A volunteer for this task would be more than welcome. If an Old Boy is not available would a parent take on these duties?

Much thought and work has been devoted over the past months to organising a social event outside the Christmas period. A dance or social cannot be relied upon to attract sufficient Old Boys to guarantee success—we do not wish to be associated with a flop! An alternative was an informal gathering at the Plymouth Cricket Club after the annual cricket match against the staff. This went very well but was mainly attended by those interested in cricket.

A great many Old Boys leave the city each year and of those who remain, many go to other associations and clubs for their pleasure and leisure. All school-leavers should at least consider joining our badminton, rugger and soccer clubs before looking elsewhere.

BERNARD GILBERT, *Hon. Secretary.*

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and students to be co-opted

We are very sorry to lose Mike Allison who has now left London on completion of his university course. The paid-up branch membership for 1960 is eighty-three. Recent leavers who have joined us include J. H. Bennett, J. A. Spry, J. Lewthwaite, R. T. F. Williams, T. C. Blackler. Other additions are C. A. McLeod, O. C. Leach, L. Tovell, G. A. Graver, J. H. Francis, N. Dark.

A list of members is available from the Secretary. "Dicky" Brooks, who retired from the Chair this year, has been ill, but is making satisfactory progress.

PAST EVENTS.

The Annual Meeting on February 19th was the occasion of a presentation to "Dicky" Brooks, founder, then Secretary and lately Chairman of the Branch.

A reunion on May 21st brought many unexpected meetings.

The Annual Gathering at Trent Park on July 23rd to meet Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds will be over when this is printed. In spite of holidays and school occasions over one hundred visitors are expected.

COMING EVENTS.

A welcome to students probably on November 7th.

A dinner or reception on January 21st to take the place of the usual pre-Christmas dinner.

If students in London will keep me up-to-date with their addresses, I will send them circulars.

THE OLD BOYS' SOCCER CLUB

The principal honours of the 1959/60 season are taken by the Reserve XI, in Division 2 West. They fought strongly throughout the season and were runners-up in the league table. Congratulations.

The 1st XI were not without their share of glory. As reported in the last magazine, they reached the third round of the Devon Senior Cup and had to play Civil Service from the Plymouth and District League. Three goals early in the first half gave an interval lead of 3-2. The second half resulted in a great struggle without further scoring.

In the next round, the side tackled strong opposition in the South-Western League side, Tavistock, on their own ground at Langsford Park. In a very hard game the Old Boys lost to a goal early in the second half and another in injury time. The side was certainly not disgraced in an exciting game.

League form was disappointing and the side finished just below half-way in the table.

Let us hope for continued success for the Reserve XI and better fortune for the 1st XI.

Thank you again Mr. Warren. E. DAMERELL, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE OLD BOYS' RUGGER CLUB

The season 1959-60 was a very successful one for the Old Boys as far as the number of games won and points scored are concerned. This success was largely because of the fact that we managed to turn out, regularly, a full side of enthusiastic players. Much good work was done for the team by Maurice Brereton, who worked hard in recruiting and contacting players, and Colin Harris, who kept a tight hand over the club's finances. We have a good fixture list for next season and we shall welcome any fresh recruits for the team especially young players who have recently left school.

J. SOUTHERN, *Hon. Secretary.*

PERSONAL COLUMN — *News of Old Boys*

Just in case you have not noticed it we have decided to publish the summer issue in September at the end of the summer term rather than have to report cricket results in December.

We have been delighted with the constant stream of Old Boy visitors. Do remember you are always welcome no matter how busy we are. Will you have a look in all trunks, cases etc. and retrieve any first team photographs pre 1940 you do not want, send them to us and we will frame them.

Congratulations to P. M. Miller on his first at Oxford, and to C. H. Wood and Gordon Wood who have taken up excellent appointments in actuarial work. Congratulations also to Robin Seager who is having an excellent time at Oxford. His translations of Spanish poems are first class.

Here's news for you all.

- G. COLLINS. Chief Clerk to Southampton L.E.A.
- B. COLMAN. Has an upper 2nd and an appointment with I.C.I. (Plastics Division). Well done.
- B. NEILL (1948-54). Called in to see us. Is now with British Railways as a Student Engineer and is working in Plymouth. Moves to Reading shortly.
- G. T. ROSS, Hong Kong. Congratulations on a baby daughter, born June 12th.
- JOHN LUXTON. Appointed Deputy Head of a new Grammar Technical School at Filton.
- COLIN BRAY. Appointed to the staff of Battersea Grammar School.
- L. S. MILLS (1926-33). Under Secretary, Highways Administration Minister of Transport.
- R. S. CORY (1929-37). Chief of Intelligence Branch, Customs and Excise.
- JOHN COLLEY. Our first School Rugby Captain is now Headmaster of Market Harborough Grammar School.
- D. G. WATTS (1948-56). Appointed Classics master at Gravesend Grammar School. Had Colours at cricket, tennis and soccer for Bristol.
- C. E. MATTHEWS (1947-55). Commissioned in the Army and off to Kenya this summer.
- P. W. TAYLOR. Now with Caracas Petroleum as a Geologist cum Engineer. Called in to see us. Remembers Dr. Pearce well. Married with two children, a boy and a girl, brought the family with him.
- G. W. J. MATTHEWS (1945-53). Now holds a Research Assistantship in Chemistry at Exeter. Married but as yet no family.
- I. PENGELLY (1948-56). A 1st in Biology. Well done. Appointed to teach Biology at Poole Grammar School.
- BEN WARLOW (1948-56). Called in after a world tour in H.M.S. *Gambia*; met Commander J. B. Goodman on board.
- J. M. WIDDECOMBE, O.B.E. Brings us news for you Bristol and Bath Old Boys. With the help of D. G. Reed he is going to organise an O.B.A. branch in the area. Do rally round and give him all the support you can. It will be grand to meet if only once or twice a year.
- D. W. RUSSELL. Now has a Merchant Navy cadetship with Holt & Co. Hopes to qualify in the Engineering Branch.
- T. C. BLACKLER. Dual congratulations. Married and appointed to Ardingly School to teach Chemistry.
- D. G. BLACKLER. Still plodding on at Edinburgh with his M.A. in Psychology and is thoroughly enjoying life in the north.
- JACK SIVIOUR and "GINGER" WALKER. Both were awarded Travelling Scholarships with the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and both are off to Canada.
- R. J. G. TRUSCOTT (1948-54). After qualifying as an Electrical Fitter has now joined the Merchant Navy and hopes to go further in the Engineering Branch.

- T. RUMSEY. Called in with his wife to say cheerio. He is off to Massachusetts to take a degree in Business Administration. Well done.
- L. GREEN (1952-58). Now with H.M. Prison Commission in London, finds the work most interesting and very varied.
- G. R. WATTLEY (1941-49). With the Ministry of Works in London. Called in on a visit to Plymouth. Is married with three children. Hopes to contact Tex as soon as he can.
- JOHN BADCOCK (1948-56). Is spending his time wandering round France and Germany. Tried to contact Barry Cross in Paris, hoped for a free dinner, but missed him. Says he will catch him on the return visit.
- B. H. COUSINS (1943-51). Called in on his way from Ireland to Malta. Says his wife is to follow later with the first—or will it be twins. I hope to see them in October.
- F. G. RICKARD (1937-45). Now Assistant Divisional Education Officer for N.E. Derbyshire. Would be glad to meet any O.B.'s who visit Chesterfield. Do call in on him.
- K. P. CROWLEY. With the Customs and Excise. Has met De GRUCHY, B. SHORT and D. HOOPER at the London Airport.
- R. PULLEN (1947-54). Writes to tell us that he has changed appointments and is now with Birds Eye Food Ltd. as an Assistant Works Study Manager. He has been for three years with Pirelli and needs wider experience.
- F. CORK (1949-55). Now stationed just outside Dusseldorf. Hopes to meet any O.B.'s who venture that way. He is with the Military Police!
- C. A. RICH (1948-53). Has his 1st Mate's Certificate and is off again to the Far East on board the *City of Agra*. Has recently met M. DOOLEY, J. COLES and J. SMITH all of whom have their 1st Mate's Certificates. Well done indeed.
- P. T. JAGGER (1945-50). Congratulations. Called in to tell us he was to be married. PETER ALLGOOD was his best man.
- J. W. BUZZO (1949-55). Now with Overseas Tankships (U.K.). Got a distinction in Maths in the recent examination. Hopes to qualify in the Engineering Branch but wants above all to go to sea.
- W. P. BOWDEN. "Bill" to us all, called in again and gave our 6th form a great deal of excellent advice on Careers. Thank you.
- B. E. SHARE (1948-56). Stationed at Elgin in Customs and Excise and has met C. RUSE (1948-56), M. GRIFFITHS (1945-51). This will please C. WAITES who, like "Bill" Bowden, has helped our chaps a great deal in explaining careers.
- TONY SOPER. You will all have seen his programmes. Now wish him all happiness. He is married.
- M. ALLISON (1949-56). Is working hard with the London Branch trying to keep contact with all university chaps. Do drop him a line.
- M. J. STEPHENS. Invited me up to Oxford to have a meal with all the Old Boys up there. PAUL MILLER and Mike did all the donkey work. I merely enjoyed myself, and what a pleasure it was to meet you all, even though I'm not as young as I was and climbing high walls at my stage of life after a magnificent meal is quite a trial.
- A. T. BROOKS. I've kept this till last, "Dicky", because I wanted to round off this magazine with a personal thank you for all the work you have done in keeping the Old Boys together. Every Old Boy I've ever met thinks the world of you and we all wish you all the good in the world. We shall hope to see you at various gatherings from time to time but in the meanwhile enjoy a rest and get fit again.





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