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## Editorial

As you flick your way cursorily through these pages before condemning yet another edition of the "old school mag" to some dusty alcove, for wistful perusal a decade hence, please try to remember that this is primarily your magazine. It is meant to be both a recollection of the year's successes and failures, and a reminder to you that those hours spent daily at a grubby desk mean something more than swotting for examinations, something more than learning how to play chess or rugby; they are the only time in your life when you are able to sit back, to look at yourself forming into a person.

Try it now. Look at yourself, deep down inside. Do you like what you see? If you saw that person coming down the road, would you be glad to meet him—or sad? Are you a book-reading, certificate-gaining nothing? Are you a rugby-playing, coffee-drinking nothing? Or are you tending carefully that "vital spark of heavenly flame" which alone distinguishes you from the rest of creation?

If you use the record contained within these pages, you will find a guide of the way to develop your individuality—the out-of-school activities. You may choose the sporting organisations, the scientific or the artistic societies, or those devoted to pure hobbies, but it is essential for your own good to find an interest beyond the monotonous horrors of everyday life, in which we are becoming more and more the instruments of our own physical and spiritual destruction.

The way to smash completely that glass wall which lies between you and reality remains for you to discover, but you may be assured that it does not lie in the pursuit of the pleasures of the flesh or of the academic world. Its absence has something to do with the untimely disappearance of *Senior New Writing*, whose ashes have frozen despite the valiant efforts of a few dedicated persons.

Far be it from us to criticise you—we all suffer from the effects of living our life in this sardine-tin society. It is far too easy for us all to complain that the fault lies not in ourselves, but in our stars; yet in our souls we know that this is only partly true, and that it is the duty and secret hope of each one of us to try to break through into the sunlight of self-realisation and self-expression.

## School Notes

News of the death of Mr. H. A. T. Simmonds, O.B.E., M.A., a former Headmaster of D.H.S. and at all times a friend and supporter of the School and its Old Boys' Association, was received with deep regret. We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Simmonds and her family.

We have to announce this term the departure of three members of the Staff. Mr. A. J. Lunnon is leaving to take up a Lectureship in Geography at St. Luke's College, Exeter. Mr. M. J. Parsons has already left for the United States where he will be engaged on teaching duties at the University of Illinois. Mr. R. K. R. Thornton is going to Manchester University to study for a Ph.D., his subject being "Late Nineteenth-Century Poetry". We thank them all for the valuable work they have done at D.H.S. and wish them success in the future, as we also do to our French Assistant, Monsieur Lambert, who is returning to France after a year with us.

We welcomed the opportunity to act again as host school to the Post-War Society on May 17th, when the conference was concerned with a discussion on "Advertising". A report of the conference appears elsewhere in the magazine.

The Inter-House Speech Contest was held this year on March 29th and incorporated several new features, including the recitation of original poems written by sixth-formers and the performance of original dialogues written by both Senior and Junior boys. The quality of the entries in this section was encouraging. Another innovation was the holding of the Speech Contest during school hours—the Senior contest in the morning and the Junior in the afternoon. Inevitably its impact on the school as a whole was much greater and we hope that standards of speech throughout the school will improve as a result. We thank Mr. Basil Harvey, B.A., L.R.A.M. for acting as adjudicator and for his valuable advice, and congratulate Raleigh on winning the shield.

Speech Day next term will be on Friday, November 8th.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following publications: Devonport High School for Girls Magazine; The Truronian; Hove Grammar School Magazine; Notre Dame School Magazine; The Coathanian; The Suttonian; The Tamaritan; The Plymptonian; Queen Elizabeth College Magazine; Oak Leaves (Public Secondary School); The Devonian; The Plymothian; Stoke Damerel High School for Girls Magazine. Many thanks, and we apologise for any inadvertent omissions.

## Mr. H. A. T. SIMMONDS, O.B.E., M.A.

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Mr. Simmonds became Headmaster of Devonport High School in 1932, and those of us who were fortunate enough to have been in the Sixth Form then now realise that we saw the beginning of a new era in the school. The strict discipline on which we had been brought up, and for which we were grateful, gave way to a greater conception of personal responsibility. We were thrilled to be asked to form a games committee; one boy's sister, now a parent of two sons in the school, submitted designs for a new "colours" blazer and the Prefects were given more authority in the running of the school. Older boys were exhorted to bring as many Old Boys as they could find to meet the new Headmaster.

Soon, the curriculum in the Sixth was extended and Universities not previously tried were talked about. Politics were a feature of the Headmaster's weekly lessons with a freedom of expression previously unknown. In fact, the accessibility of the Headmaster was something which endeared Mr. Simmonds to us.

In the years up to 1939 the school expanded and the enthusiasm grew; new staff came and were soon actively engaged in all manner of things concerning the school and the Old Boys. The Headmaster rarely missed a match and contained his own love of soccer enough to encourage the XV with unmistakable sounds and comments.

But perhaps his most important contribution to the school was his interest in each boy's future, and he had an amazing ability to be able to help in some fateful moment. The presence of his own sons in the school added an humanising influence especially as each boy was noticeably different from his brothers.

Mr. Simmonds soon became involved with local affairs and was Assistant District Commissioner for Rover Scouts from 1933-41 and for Devon for a similar period. He was responsible for the 1936 Westcountry Jamboree at Home Park which was attended by Lord Baden-Powell.

When the war came the school remained in Plymouth for a year and Mr. Simmonds had the tremendous task, common to all Headmasters at that time, of keeping the sense of purpose of learning while coping with continual staff changes, air raids and the nerves of the boys. In retrospect, it was a year when the school became a closely knit body and mutual help was everywhere present. This was just as well because the evacuation to Penzance now took place and Mr. Simmonds' efficiency, courage, and good humour were essential. It was a difficult job well done, especially as few of the staff had had previous experience of boarding schools. When he left to go to Tottenham one realised that there was regret on his part and the school was sorry to see him go.

However, Old Boys continued to regard him as a personal friend and when the war was over called on him in London, continuing the process begun in Plymouth where his house in Salisbury Terrace had ever-open doors and where Mrs. Simmonds became the friend of very many of us. The Headmaster's wife had established the reputation of being superhuman in doing all the things she managed to do while bringing up her large family.

When Mr. Simmonds moved to Trent Park Training College as its Principal the Old Boys were invited to meet in the beautiful grounds of the College for their annual summer outing. Families of D.H.S.-ians continued the association they had begun at school in pleasant surroundings, and he was still interested in everyone's progress. He returned to Plymouth from time to time, and came down to unveil the plaque at the school's old buildings in Albert Road.

His death in London on November 22nd, 1962, shortly after his retirement came as a surprise although he had not been particularly well for a year or two. Dr. Cresswell aptly summed up the feelings of all of us when he said, "He will be greatly missed by old D.H. S.-ians. His influence is still evident at the school. He set and maintained the highest standards and we have tried to emulate them."

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## THE SCHOOL CONCERT

On a bright but cold evening early in April, a large number of parents, friends and pupils were gathered in the School Hall for the Music Society's annual concert. Considering the scant support that this event has received in recent years, the attendance was surprisingly good, and those who had made the effort to attend were not disappointed. Planning a programme for an event of this kind is always difficult for while one would like to include as many of the school's musicians as possible, there is always the danger of the concert becoming a collection of heterogeneous items yoked by violence together. This difficulty was successfully overcome by the inclusion of rather longer solos and duets by the school's more advanced instrumentalists.

The school choir opened the programme and, unfortunately, did not perform with the urgency, accuracy and confidence that is required for the first item in a concert. This sense of nervousness and uncertainty was also noticeable in the brass consort and the recorder group, both ensembles suffering from a distressing out-of-tuneness. However, the fourth item on the programme, the slow movement from *Bach's "D" minor Double Violin Concerto* did much to compensate for this rather faltering opening. Bridle and White, both promising violinists, gave a competent performance of this exacting work. This improvement was maintained in Philip Mitchell's piano solos. In

the third movement of the "E" *major Sonata* of Beethoven, Mitchell displayed a commendable technique for one of his age, though he lacked the maturity of musical insight which this work undoubtedly demands. His second piece was of slighter stature, a pleasant composition by Raff entitled *La Fileuse*, and this was rather more within his range of interpretation. Mitchell displays considerable promise and it is hoped that we shall hear more from him in future concerts when his musical understanding will be on a par with his technical achievement. Next came a performance of *Essay for Orchestra* written by Mr. Aiton especially for the use of the 1st year violin class. There were a number of awkward moments in this item, but these were fortunately outweighed by the enthusiasm of the young violinists. It is always a problem to decide whether or not to include in a concert instrumentalists with very little experience, especially when one is aiming at a fairly high standard of performance, but the decision to include them in this case proved more than justified. The first part of the programme was brought to a spirited conclusion by P. R. Buttall and Mr. Aiton who performed, as a piano duet, a number of dances with a distinctly southern flavour.

The second part of the concert opened with the *Valse from Coppelia* played by the full school orchestra. This was an efficient and musical performance that augured well for future years when this very young orchestra will have gained in experience. The orchestral item was followed by two piano solos, exacting works by Beethoven and Chopin, which were performed from memory by P. R. Buttall. This was undoubtedly the musical highlight of the evening, for Buttall's playing was fluent and mature—though one could have wished that a concert grand had been available, as the music room piano was hardly equal to the demands made upon it by this experienced soloist. A complete contrast to this item was afforded by two of the school's youngest musicians, both in the first form, S. C. Bentley, violin, and P. A. Henwood, piano, who played *Wide Awake*, a slight yet cheerful piece by Markham Lee. Both of these young musicians played accurately and with a confidence which earned them much applause from an appreciative audience. A new venture this year was the inclusion of a small choral ensemble who sang *Now is the month of Maying* by Morley. Madrigal singing is exacting and madrigals—a very intimate musical form—are always difficult to perform in a large hall. However, the singers performed with vigour and succeeded in communicating to the audience the *joie de vivre* of this delightful setting. Next came the famous third movement of *Mozart's "E" flat Horn Concerto*. M. Adams was the soloist in this difficult movement, which he played with a spirit and style that showed musical understanding. The final items in the concert were both choral. First came the senior choir in a performance of Purcell's *Man is for the Woman made*. Vitality was the keynote of their singing, and despite a certain raggedness in the entries, they

acquitted themselves well. The seniors were then joined by the rest of the choir for Coleridge-Taylor's *Viking Song* which was performed twice, as an encore was required. In the encore the choir lost any previous inhibition and nervousness, bringing the evening to a rousing close.

A polished, mature performance is not expected of school musicians, but all items showed what is most important—a musical awareness. The result was a concert of a standard higher than it has been for some years. Thanks are due to Mr. Aiton who by virtue of his hard work, encouragement and guidance made this enjoyable evening possible.

J: A. BOWDEN

## Speech Day 1962

“This must give the chairman of the Finance Committee something of a shock” were perhaps the most startling words that the school heard on October 12th, 1962. They were spoken by the Headmaster and referred to the total number of boys leaving this school for university—34, including 11 for Oxford and Cambridge—an academic performance which matched anything since he had been at the school, for all boys with sufficient qualifications gained a place, in spite of the much-publicised lack of university education available.

The Lord Mayor, Alderman H. G. Mason, who presided, believed that there was need for greater understanding and loyalty, acceptance of personal discipline and responsibility among boys today. If they accepted a specific course of study or a particular profession, it would entail self-limitation, self-discipline, and responsibility, which were essential in education.

Air Vice-Marshal S. W. R. Hughes, Air Officer Commanding No. 19 Group (Coastal Command) R.A.F., who distributed the prizes, told us that the life to lead was one in which we could “Venture Adventure”, that we should attempt a job which we enjoyed doing and taxed our abilities rather than one which gave a safe pension and “good prospects”. He thought that a career in the R.A.F. would offer us such an exciting time. He encouraged us to hold on to individualistic opinions against all opposition. He concluded by expressing his opposition to the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

There were the three traditional Votes of Thanks, by Alderman Leslie F. Paul, Chairman of the Education Committee; Alderman Miss E. K. Pryor, Chairman of the Governors; and H. J. Pollard, School Captain. Miss Pryor's witty comments, and her pleasant voice dancing before the background of her stimulating personality gave us a most interesting and entertaining ten minutes.

The school creek was once more adopted as a common denominator of many a speech, a topic which raises many laughs but few results.

## PRAEFECTI VALETE

- A. P. BALL. G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960/61; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1962/63. Left February 1963 to join Woking Grammar School.
- A. R. BENNETT. G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963; Raleigh House Secretary; Athletics (Half-colours). Left July 1963 to read Metallurgy at Swansea University.
- R. C. DARE. G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1962; House Association Football Vice-Captain (Colours). Left July 1963 to join the Customs and Excise.
- M. E. ELLIS. G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960/61; G. C.E. 'A' Level 1963; School Librarian. Left July 1963 to read Biochemistry at St. Catharine's College, Oxford.
- R. G. ELLIS. G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963. Left July 1963 to read Metallurgy at Leeds University.
- J. FORD. G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1962; School Vice-Captain; School and House Cricket Captain (Colours); Chairman Music Society. Left July 1963 to take up an Open Exhibition in Mathematics at Imperial College, London University.
- A. J. W. GERRARD. G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960/61; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1962; Hon. Secretary Field Club; House Soccer Captain; Hon. Secretary Cricket Club 1963 (Half-colours). Left July 1963 to read Geography at King's College, London University.
- P. GRAHAM. G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960/61; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1962/63; House Soccer Captain (Half-colours). Left 1963 to join Portsmouth Technical College.
- P. M. HAWKYARD. G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960/61; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963; 1st XV Rugby (Colours); 1st XI Cricket (Colours); School Athletics Vice-Captain (Colours); House Vice-Captain. Left July 1963 to read Law at Exeter University.
- M. D. HILLS. G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960/61; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1962/63. Left to train for Air Traffic Control.
- L. H. HUGHES. G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963. Vice-Captain 3rd XV; School Pianist. Left July 1963 to join the Executive Civil Service.
- J. L. LEE. G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960/61; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1961/62/63; Grenville House Vice-Captain; 1st XV (Colours); Chess (Half-colours). Left July 1963 to take up Open Scholarship in Mathematics at Keble College, Oxford.
- J. LEY. G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960/61; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1962/63; House Rugby Captain (Colours). Left to read Sociology at Glasgow University.
- D. W. LIGHTFOOT. G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1962; Raleigh House Captain; Vice-Captain 2nd XI Cricket; President Debating Society. Left July 1963 to read Classics at King's College, London University.
- D. L. MILES. G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960/61; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963; Chairman Science Society; Treasurer Field Club. Left July 1963 for Plymouth Technical College.
- B. J. MOORE. G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1962; Captain Athletics (Colours). Left to join the Executive Civil Service.
- D. K. PIKE. G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960/61; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963; 1st XI Cricket (Captain 2nd XI Cricket). Left July 1963 to read Civil Engineering at Imperial College, London University.
- H. J. POLLARD. G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960/61; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1962; School Captain 1962/63; House Rugby Captain (Colours). Athletics (Colours). Left July 1963 to read Geography at Reading University.
- J. POWDERLEY. G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960/61; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963; Grenville House Captain; School Rugby 1st XV Secretary 1961/62; 1st XV Captain 1962/63 (Colours); Athletics Captain 1962/63 (Colours). Left July 1963 to read Mechanical Engineering at Bristol University.

- J. D. PRIDDLE.** G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960/61; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963; Raleigh House Vice-Captain; Assistant Editor School Magazine; Hon. Secretary Science Society. Left July 1963 to take up Smith Open Exhibition in Biochemistry at Christ Church College, Oxford.
- M. J. SCOBLE.** G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963; House Cricket Captain (Colours) House Soccer Captain (Colours). Left July 1963 to join Camborne School of Mines.
- M. R. STEAD.** G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1962; House Captain. Left to join London School of Economics.
- A. D. STRONG.** G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963; House Speech Captain. Left July 1963 to join St. Luke's College, Exeter.
- J. R. STUCKEY.** G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960/61; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963; House Athletics Captain; Queen's Scout, Secretary Senior Scouts. Left July 1963 to join Lloyds Bank.
- D. P. WILLIAMS.** G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963. Left to read Chemistry at Liverpool University.

## The Swimming Sports

Once again fate was kind to us for our Annual Swimming Gala; the weather was warm and, in spite of cloud, the sun broke through frequently, making conditions ideal for what proved to be a very enjoyable afternoon. The fact that seven records were broken and one equalled testify to the excellent prevailing conditions as well as to the peak form of the competitors.

Competition was keen and, although Gilbert were the eventual victors, Raleigh was a close second, followed by Grenville, with Drake bringing up the rear. Despite extreme and obvious reluctance among members of the School to participate in this gala, there were some fine individual performances by those who did and the under-12, under-13, under-14, under-15, under-16, over-16 Championship Cups went to Atrill, Williams, Knowles, Gadsden, Coombes and Atrill respectively.

The sweeping success of the above champions over their fellows laid stress on the fact that swimming is a badly neglected part of a young person's education. The painfully apparent gulf between the good swimmers and the rest who, nevertheless, were enthusiastic enough to enter, is a sad state of affairs in such a great seaport as Plymouth. However, it must be admitted that in general, school swimming has improved slightly in recent years but quite obviously it will take a long time before it attains an equal position to other sports such as athletics and cricket in the curriculum of the School.

Our special thanks are extended to Mr. John Southern, Chairman of the Old Boys' Association, who presented the trophies, and to the members of staff, especially Mr. Vanstone, for a most exciting and smooth-running afternoon.

B. R. ATRILL, 6A

# Careers

With each new intake of boys in the 1st forms we have a new intake of parents who, in many cases, are making their first contact with a grammar school. It is to these new friends of D.H.S. that these notes are addressed, though others whose sons are already with us may need the reminder. All parents must assuredly know how much wider is now the field of opportunity and how many more are the careers which will be opened to their sons by the education they receive here during the next few years. There are, however, two hazards.

Not all parents will know that two of the many subjects their sons will study *must* be brought to a successful conclusion in order that a worthwhile General Certificate of Education may be taken away five years or so later. These two subjects, English Language and Mathematics, form the basis of all demands made by the professional bodies controlling the careers into which their sons may opt to go for further training.

All university courses demand them. All branches of the Civil Service demand them. All three Services demand them. All commercial and industrial apprenticeships demand them. Time and again a boy will have to stay on an extra year, and sometimes two, in order to get them, and here is it plainly a case of "time means money". Add to all this the sobering thought that some schedules of qualifications add the seemingly innocent proviso "at one and the same examination" and it should be crystal clear that here are two subjects which must never be taken lightly. No true education can be developed without at least the first of these two subjects. Neither ought to prove unduly difficult and foundations of success can be laid early by parents worthy of the name if they insist on a *wise use* of the school and town libraries. A reading list, devised by the English staff for each year in the school, leaves no possible excuse for the parent who allows his child a diet of rubbishy comic strip cartoons and too much "telly". For the other subject, mathematics, one need only say, no extra coaching will be needed by the boy who *attends* properly and applies himself steadily at all times to the moderate demands asked of him. All experienced staff will agree that this is no more than the normal outcome.

And, in conclusion, if there be need to explain what prompts this article it is the yearly procession to my desk of young men eager to be self-supporting but unable to produce a G.C.E. beginning "English, Maths, and . . .".

W.H.W.

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# THE RUGBY CLUB

*Master-in-Charge:* Mr. W. NASH

*Captain:* J. POWDERLEY *Hon. Secretary:* N. R. VOSPER

Many of last year's 1st XV players fortunately did not leave school and these, coupled with an encouraging complement of newcomers, formed a formidable team, which played hard, fast and successful rugby. But for the bad weather which caused the cancellation of seven games the XV's record might have been even better.

The team had to wait until its eighth match for its first defeat, at the hands of St. Boniface's College and had there been more open rugby by the side as a whole the 6-3 points result might well have been reversed.

Powderley, the 1st XV's captain, set an excellent example to the rest of the team by his never-failing enthusiasm and his all-out effort on and off the field.

The forwards played well as a pack after the first few games: their rolling and slipping of the ball became quite a feature. Smith, probably one of the best hookers the School has produced, got a great deal of the ball. His props, Ley and Baldry, gave him excellent support. Ley, in particular, made much use of his powerful build. Forse and Davies in the second row were well matched. The rear rank of Putt, Kemble and Souness were very lively, but lacked experience of the specialised type of back-row play which is so necessary. The superb fitness of Putt was very evident throughout the season. Unfortunately Smith left at Christmas. His place was taken by Roberts who, though not so experienced, improved with every game. The long lay-off after Christmas, seemed to affect the forwards, more than backs, and they never really reached the standard of play shown in the first term.

John, the stand-off half, is to be congratulated on his excellent handling of the ball in every condition and his elusive breaks. Powderley and Rowell in the centre, together with two hard-running wingers, Pollard and Lee, scored the majority of the team's tries. Hawkyard at full-back could not be faulted in his kicking, handling and superb tackling.

The Rugby Club congratulates Powderley, Ley, Vosper and Forse who represented the Devon Public and Grammar Schools XV.

The results of the tour to Newport were not as successful as was hoped, the team drawing 3-3 points with St. Julian's High School and losing 0-5 points, after a scrappy match, with Newport High School. We would like to thank the parents of the Welsh players for their kind hospitality which helped to make our three-day stay so enjoyable.

In the Easter Holidays, the team lost 3-14 points, after an excellent game to the very strong West Monmouth School, Pontypool—a touring side which contained several Welsh School representative players.

The 2nd XV captained by R. O. Davies have had a moderately good season, winning ten of their seventeen matches. Tenacious forward play, however, was sometimes let down by poor handling in the backs. The back-row

of Pyne, Pengelly and Coombes, must be one of the best the 2nd XV have had, their terrior-like tackling proving an inspiration to the rest of the team. We thank Mr. Warn for his enthusiasm in looking after this team.

Once again as many boys as possible were given a game in the 3rd XV, forty-one boys representing the School in fifteen matches, five of which were won. The losses were mainly due to inexperience and a lack of continuity in the ever-varying teams. They were well captained by Mitchell and managed by Mr. Smith.

The under-15 XV under the watchful eye of Mr. Scott and admirably captained by Best-Harris, had a very good season. Backs and forwards combined well to form a sound team with initiative and enterprise. They have an exceptionally promising centre in Gadsden who reached the final England trial and was travelling reserve for the England team.

We congratulate Best-Harris, Gadsden, Rhodes, Gorczyński and Malloch on their selection for the Plymouth XV and Harris and Gadsden who also represented the South-Western Counties XV as well as Devon.

The under-14 XV were very fortunate in being in the hands of Mr. Mallinson, who has done so much for the School rugby. They played some very sound rugby in spite of their modest record. This was no doubt due to the fact that on many occasions they were rather out-weighted. Their captain, Knowles, was an efficient leader.

The under-13 XV were a very enthusiastic team and with Mr. Pring in charge have won eight and drawn one of their fourteen matches.

Mr. Stone, who has the difficult job of teaching the first principles of the game to novices, has again succeeded, as the record of the under-12 XV shows. One result of note was a 20-0 pts victory over St. Boniface's College.

The Rugby Club thank Mr. Nash for his unfailing support and encouragement. Thanks also to the masters who supervise and referee for the teams, to the guesting referees, and to the Parents' Association who have given both practical and financial help to the teams, including a set of new rugby jerseys to the 1st XV. In conclusion, we should like to draw attention to the difficulties we experience in running seven XVs with only two pitches.

	Record	P	W	D	L	Points		Cancelled
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1st XV	.. ..	22	15	3	4	298	73	7
2nd XV	.. ..	17	10	0	7	221	99	6
3rd XV	.. ..	16	5	2	9	134	187	8
Under-15 XV	.. ..	16	11	1	4	241	82	8
Under-14 XV	.. ..	13	5	2	6	98	114	7
Under-13 XV	.. ..	14	8	1	5	162	95	6
Under-12 XV	.. ..	13	11	0	2	230	21	6

*Full Colours:* Re-Awards: Powderley, Ley, Vosper.

Awards: Souness, Forse, Lee, Pollard, Hawkyard, John

*Half Colours:* Awards: Baldry, Putt, Kemble, J.M. Davies, Roberts, Rowell

N. R. VOSPER, *Hon. Secretary*

# THE SOCCER CLUB

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

*Captain:* M. SCOBLE     *Hon. Secretary:* C. S. BURNS

Despite the departure of several experienced players, the 1st XI had another successful season. With no really outstanding performer in the team this success was due to sound footballing ability, a fine team spirit and the exceptional captaincy of M. Scoble.

Among the team's better performances were victories over Britannia R.N.C. (Dartmouth), R.N.E.C. (Manadon), Plympton G.S., St. Austell G.S. and King Edward VI. G.S. (Totnes). We were surprisingly defeated by Liskeard G.S., and deservedly so by St. Luke's (Exeter) and H.M.S. *Fisgard*. The season was concluded by an entertaining match against the Staff in which the School gained a comfortable 6-1 victory, to the delight of a large crowd.

We extend congratulations to Burns, Cox, Owen and Gerrard who played for Devon Grammar Schools F.A. on their London tour and against Warwickshire G.S.F.A. at Dawlish.

The 2nd XI has been very inconsistent but the team has not been a settled one owing to the calls of the 1st XI. In the main they were handicapped also by lack of physique.

The under-15 XI played a large number of matches and ended with a very creditable record which, with a little more certainty in front of goal, could have been even better. We congratulate Squires and Salmon on representing Plymouth Schoolboys.

The under-14 XI had a rather lean season, they were small and suffered from lack of positional sense and team work.

The under-13 XI had a disastrous start to the season but then discovered a sound combination and had a most successful time, losing only one of their last twelve matches.

We should like to thank Mr. Warren and all masters who have made our games possible and the Ladies' Committee who have provided refreshment for our visitors. We have been greatly helped also by Adams (M6Sc) and Fowler (L6A) who, as qualified referees, have officiated at a number of School matches.

Record	P	W	D	L	Goals	
					F	A
1st XI .. ..	17	11	3	3	55	31
2nd XI .. ..	16	6	2	8	44	51
Under-15 XI .. ..	21	13	3	5	56	29
Under-14 XI .. ..	13	6	1	6	19	27
Under-13 XI .. ..	17	10	2	5	52	41

*Full Colours:* Re-awards: Burns, Cox.

Awards: Scoble, Dare, Martin, Gerrard, Owen.

*Half Colours:* Re-awards: Graham, Nichols.

Awards: Morris, Down.

C. S. BURNS, *Hon. Secretary*

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# Sports Day 1963

Every year the indomitable efforts of Mr. W. Nash to develop the athletic ability of boys at D.H.S. is rewarded by their performances on Sports Day. This year was no exception: in excellent track and field conditions, nineteen records were broken, including all six relay records, and two were equalled. Those individual performances of especial note were Lightfoot's two records in the under-16 mile and 880 yards, Chenery's two records in the under-13 440 yards and weight, and the two records of Davis in the under-12 100 yards and 220 yards. But the main interest of the afternoon lay in the keen contest between Grenville and Gilbert for the Championship Shield. As a result of "previous events" and "standards", Gilbert held a slender lead over Grenville, but this was soon eliminated and the two Houses continued to vie with one another until the final relay when the honours went to Grenville. The positions of the Houses were—

Grenville 630 points	Raleigh 548½ points
Gilbert 620½ points	Drake 496½ points

This year the school was honoured by Vice-Admiral G. D. A. Gregory who presented the House Shield and Victor Ludorum Cup to J. Powderley of Grenville. The other prizewinners were:

Relay Cup: Gilbert and Grenville  
Treseder Cup for Runner-up: P. Hawkyard  
Under-16 Cup: R. Lightfoot  
Under-16 Cup for Runner-up: E. Combes  
Under-15 Cup: G. Malloch  
Under-14 Cup: D. Hooper  
Under-13 Cup: M. Chenery  
Under-12 Cup: C. Davis and S. Tindsley

R. J. BULEY

## THE ATHLETICS CLUB

*Master-in-Charge:* Mr. W. NASH

*Captain:* J. POWDERLEY

*Hon. Secretary:* P. LIGHTFOOT

The season started as usual with an extensive scheme of standards in which every boy in the School took part. These standards play a very important part in the House Athletic Championship. As a natural sequence the School Sports took place at the Brickfields, and a very high standard was attained, with nineteen records being broken. The winners, Grenville House, were led to victory by the School Athletics Captain, Powderley.

At the Devon Public and Grammar Schools' sports we gained a creditable third place out of the eighteen competing schools. Morgan, in the pole-vault, gained our only first place, but the team as a whole backed well.

In the Plymouth Schools' sports we carried off the three team trophies, in the Intermediate (under-17), Junior (under 15) and under-14 sections. Subsequently twelve boys of the School were selected for Plymouth at the Devon Schools' sports; ten of them were placed in the first three in their

respective events. Harris, Malloch, and Lightfoot each won their events and then represented Devon both at the South-West Counties' and the National Championships.

The senior team retained the Morrell Cup in their match against H.M.S. *Fisgard* for the eleventh successive year. On the track we won all seven events, but in the field events their was a distinct weakness.

For the first time we competed against St. Boniface's College on the School field. We gained a decisive victory in both the senior and junior sections. A notable performance was achieved by Malloch, who won four events in the junior section.

The match against Sutton High School was closely contested, the result being in doubt right up to the last events. Finally, Sutton clinched the result in the relays, to win a match of twenty-seven events by eight points. There were good performances by Lightfoot in the mile, and Burns in the triple jump, and by Malloch, Harris, Davis, and Roper in the juniors.

Unfortunately the match against Truro School was cancelled because their track was waterlogged. The match against Totnes Grammar School was another new fixture. Conditions were difficult owing to the rain, but it was a very enjoyable competition, and we won by 145 points to 112.

In addition to the inter-school matches, we had first, second, third, and fourth year inter-form matches; the winners were 1N, 2B, 3B and 4C.

Finally, our first-form team had a match against St. Boniface's College first year and we achieved a narrow victory by 66 points to 58. The enthusiasm for this match was something to be remembered.

Over the years we have achieved a very high standard in athletics. We do sincerely hope that the junior school will continue to train in order that this high standard can be maintained in the future. We extend our sincere thanks to Messrs. Nash and Stone for their continued help in our efforts, and to the Parents' Association for supplying teas.

*Full Colours:* Re-awards: Powderley, Hawkyard, Lightfoot, Pollard.

Awards: Stone, Bennett, Morgan, Burns.

*Half Colours:* Awards: Lee, Ford, R.

P. LIGHTFOOT, *Hon. Secretary*

## THE CRICKET CLUB

*Master-in-Charge:* Mr. F. WAYNE

*Captain:* J. FORD

*Vice-Captain:* R. JOHN

*Hon. Secretary:* J. GERRARD

From last season's 1st XI the services of J. Oxley, C. Booth, R. Smith, J. Whysall were lost and into their places stepped A. Down, D. Shillabeer, F. Hawton and J. Harding. The team started off the season with a win in a low-scoring match against Torquay. We suffered our first defeat at the hands of Plymouth College, a match which we at one stage looked like winning. The reason for this defeat was a general lack of good batting. Our batting, which on paper should have been our strong point, very often turned out to be our weakest aspect. A total of ten matches were eventually played, a lower total than usual due to the bad weather. One of those cancelled was the Staff versus School match.

The 2nd XI, captained by Pike, had quite a successful season, winning six and losing three matches. One of their more creditable wins was that against Plymouth College. The seconds quite often had to supply the 1st XI with players, but in spite of this they managed to keep up their good record.

The Colts XI can be said to have had a fairly successful season, winning five out of their nine matches. But, as often before, they seem to rely on two or three boys for their successes.

The Juniors have had, on the whole, a rather disappointing season. This was not surprising as only two of last year's team were left, the other places being occupied by second-formers playing in their first School team.

The first-form team played two matches at the end of the season and won both of them. A good omen for the future.

We congratulate Sparks, Hooper and Harris who were selected for the Plymouth Schools Under-15 XI. Sparks and Hooper went on to play for South Devon against North Devon in the final county trial.

Once again our thanks are extended to Mr. Wayne, Mr. Pring and Mr. Scott, who have kindly given up their free time to coach the teams, and to all masters who have umpired matches, and also to the ladies of the Parents' Association who provided teas which were greatly appreciated.

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

*Full Colours:* Re-awards: Ford, John, Scoble, Hawkyard, Burns.  
Award: Shillabeer.

*Half Colours:* Re-awards: Gerrard, Vosper, Down.

J. GERRARD, *Hon. Secretary*

## THE TENNIS CLUB

For the past few years Tennis has been the Cinderella sport of Devonport High School; a tennis team has existed, but fixtures have been few and far between, and victories non-existent. This year has seen the turn of the tide; we have played more matches and have won a large proportion of them,

Our very first fixture brought us our first victory, over King Edward VI Grammar School at Totnes, and this was followed by a resounding win over Saltash Grammar School in the first round of the Schools Challenge Cup Competition. Our first reverse was suffered at the hands of H.M.S. *Fisgard*, who beat us by the narrowest of margins, five matches to four. In the next round of the Cup we, not surprisingly, lost to Plymouth College, who sported a couple of Junior Wimbledon players in their line-up! We gained a shock win over Kelly College but in our next fixture we were mercilessly crushed by Plymouth Cricket Club, eight matches to one. Here our lack of experience was shown in the face of more mature opposition: we were, however, victorious by the same margin in the return match with King Edward VI, giving our best performance of the term. Thus, of the eight matches played to date, we have won five.

The club extends its thanks to Mr. Tamblin and Mr. Collenette for their help and guidance, and apologises to the latter for the despair he must have suffered watching us at practices! Thanks also to our captain, R. J. P. Mitchell, and to Mrs. Gracie and her team of ladies for the excellent teas provided at home matches.

Altogether this has been a very successful season for the Tennis Club; but one last word: can nothing be done to improve our playing facilities? We have to play our home matches on what must surely be the worst courts in the city where, no disrespect to the groundsman intended, he is fighting a hopeless battle against the forces of nature.

NIGEL STONE, *Tennis Secretary*

## London 1963

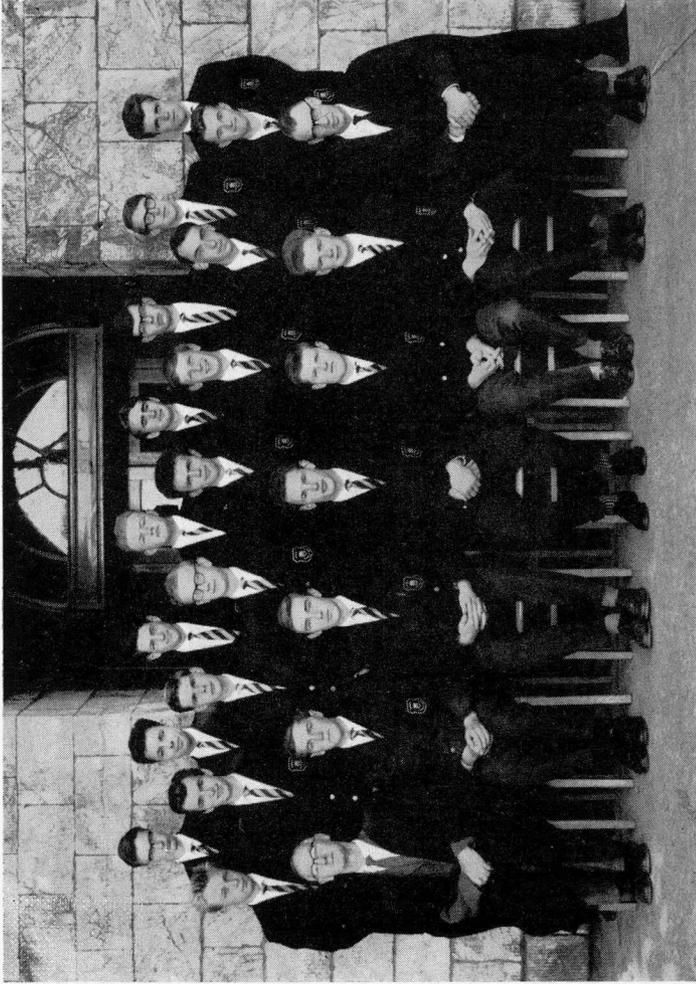
It was a cold, cheerless evening. In the thick gloom under the steel girders of Paddington Station a brave crowd of lads kept their worst fears at bay. They sang. Brave and free, the memorable words echoed through the murky haze: "High in name, in fame, in aim."

The occasion, March 23rd, 1963, zero-day for the big D.H.S.-Stoke Damerel offensive on the Metropolis. The afternoon had been spent soaking in the delights of Shakespeare's memorable *King Lear*, performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company. A very touching *King Lear* was interpreted by Paul Scofield, who showed to great effect the juxtaposition of microcosm and macrocosm in the storm-scene. Alec McCowen as the fool was a perfect foil to Lear, and although Cordelia was, I felt, rather insipidly portrayed, Goneril and Regan showed themselves up as truly "tigers, not daughters". Edgar and Kent were well played, and the scene in which Gloucester loses his eyes, always difficult to portray, was carried out with horrific and realistic effect. The sets were well designed and suited their purpose admirably; and for once the minor characters did not smash the "willing suspension of disbelief" which we could not help but experience.

The evening had been a true test of the boys' characters. Some, the more learned—or perhaps the more anxious to please—suffered the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, while others defied their inhibitions and enjoyed a "delightful romp" at *An Evening of British Rubbish*, which turned out to be exactly what it claimed to be. But perhaps the most enjoyable evening's entertainment was had by those who "visited relatives"—all of whom seemed to live in Soho!

The return journey was rendered more interesting than one could have wished. A small party of boys, accompanied by a master, were lost to the attractions of cosmopolitan delights and Buley's tea-pot, not to be seen again for two days. Those more punctual caught the train, and, after a long wait, trying to eject the occupants of our "reserved" carriage, eventually arrived in Plymouth. It was a cold, cheerless morning.

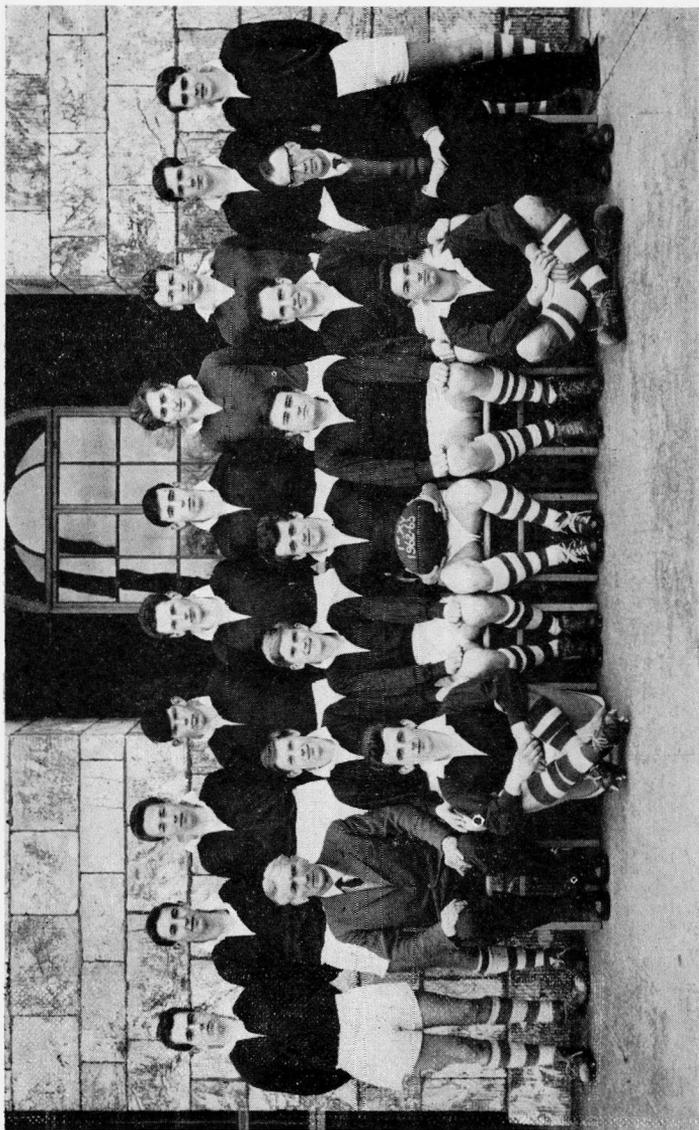
R. M. BROOKIN



PREFECTS 1963

*Back row (left to right) :* M. K. Pearson, E. S. Goss, J. Turner, L. H. Hughes, J. L. Lee, J. D. Priddle, D. L. Miles, J. Powderley  
*Centre row :* D. Williams, A. D. Strong, M. E. Ellis, D. Pridcaux, A. R. Bennett, P. M. Hawkyard, J. R. Stuckey, D. K. Pike  
*Front row :* Mr. A. C. Trucman (*Senior Master*), A. J. W. Gerrard, R. C. Dare, H. J. Pollard (*School Captain*), D. W. Lightfoot, T. L. Orchard, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)



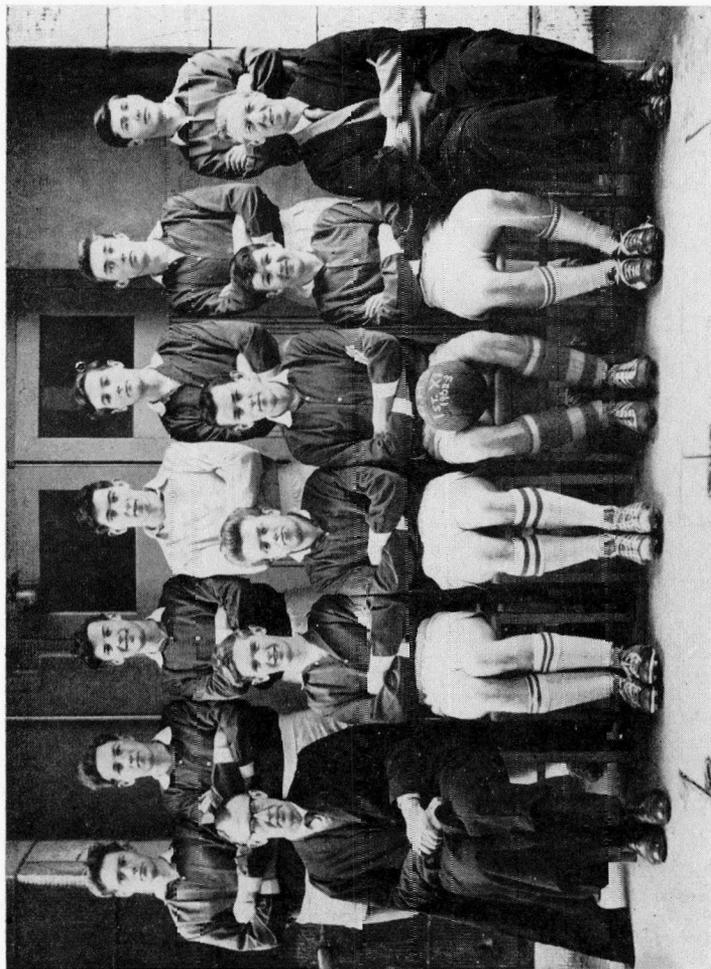


1st XV. RUGBY 1962-63

*Back row (left to right) :* R. S. John, P. W. Rowell, D. H. Kemble, J. M. Davies, H. J. Pollard, J. A. Souness, M. R. Thomas, J. Ford, J. E. Baldry, J. L. Lee

*Centre row :* Mr. W. Nash, P. M. Hawkyard, N. R. Vosper (*Hon. Secretary*), J. Powderley (*Captain*), J. Ley (*Vice-Captain*), J. F. Forse, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)

*Front row .* P. Roberts, R. W. Putt



1st XI. SOCCER 1962-63

*Back row (left to right):* B. R. J. Martin, D. L. Hosking, G. A. Nicholls, C. S. Burns, A. J. W. Gerrard, R. C. Dare, P. A. J. Morris  
*Front row:* Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*), A. G. Down, P. G. Cox, M. J. Scoble (*Captain*), J. W. A. Owen, Mr. H. G. Warren

# House Notes

## DRAKE

Drake House fortunes are at their lowest possible ebb. It seems difficult to pin the blame for the dismal record this year on any particular section; but it is obvious that the individual members of the House must shake themselves out of the complacency into which they seem to have fallen. Every House activity and competition depends upon the solid backing of the House as a whole, and only when this is achieved will success come. The capacity for loyal support is not entirely absent in the House, as has been shown in comparatively recent years, and it is for the House to decide to give of its best once again.

The only result worth mentioning in this year's competition is the Speech Contest, in which the hard work put in by the team and coaches resulted in an overall second position for the House.

Congratulations go to M. Stead, T. Orchard, E. Goss, I. Turner and D. Prideaux on their appointment as School prefects, and to R. Pengelly, I. Baldry, G. Nichols and N. Vosper who were appointed House prefects.

Our thanks are due to the Housemaster, Mr. Nicholas, the Captain and Vice-Captain and to the Captains of the individual activities (Rugby, Vosper; Soccer, Nichols; Chess and Swimming, Baldry; Speech, Buley; Athletics, Souness; Cricket, John) for their efforts in organising and coaching teams for the competitions.

Finally, a word to everyone concerned with the welfare of the House. Our fortunes are at rock-bottom, and there is only one direction in which they can move. Let us see to it that next year the effort of every single member of the House will restore Drake to our former place at the head of the St. Levan Shield Competition.

T. L. ORCHARD

## GILBERT

Our hopes at the start of the year of retaining the St. Levan Shield for the third year in succession were not fulfilled. We were narrowly beaten by Grenville in one of the closest finishes for a long time.

In the winter games, the House had a clean sweep, winning both the overall Soccer and Rugby competitions. The winning of the Senior Rugby Competition was a delightful change after having occupied either the third or fourth places for some years. The Junior Rugby side, as was expected, won all their matches convincingly.

In the activities that lie outside the St. Levan Shield Competition, we were third in the Inter-House Speech Contest. We were also third in the Chess Championship and in the Sailing, which we won last year.

Although we went to the Brickfields with a lead of 6½ points on standards and pre-Sports Day events, this lead proved to be too small to prevent Grenville from overtaking us and from eventually beating us by nine points. On Sports Day our athletes achieved some very creditable

performances and, in doing so, broke three records. The hours of coaching put into the relay teams were rewarded on the day when we shared the Relay Cup with Grenville, breaking two records in the process.

The Senior Cricket side, which on paper appeared quite strong, proved disappointing in the field, winning only one out of their three matches. The junior team had the same record as the senior team, winning one, drawing one and losing the other match.

As is usual Sidey put a great deal of effort into organising the Swimming team and his efforts this year and those of previous years were justly rewarded when we won the Swimming Sports by a comfortable margin.

Thus the year finished on a successful note and it is hoped that every boy will, in the coming year, strive to regain the St. Levan Shield.

J. GERRARD, *House Captain*

## GRENVILLE

Last year was disappointing in the history of Grenville since we were third in the St. Levan Shield Competition. So with nothing to lose and everything to gain we set out to restore Grenville to its proper place. At the outset of the year, J. Powderley was appointed House Captain and congratulations go to J. L. Lee, R. Ellis, J. Ley, D. K. Pike, R. C. Dare and M. J. Scoble and also to J. M. R. Stone on their appointments as School and House prefects respectively.

The seniors set the trend of events by winning two of their three rugby matches—those against Raleigh and Gilbert—and drawing with Drake. Points from these matches made us first in the Senior Rugby. The juniors did not fare so well, winning only one match against Drake and losing the other two—even so they played with a great deal of spirit.

The fairly strong Senior Soccer team, captained by M. J. Scoble, did not lose, winning against Drake and drawing the other two. The juniors did even better, winning two and drawing the other with Gilbert.

In the Speech Contest the seniors were third in the senior part of the competition. However, hardly any of the juniors survived the preliminary eliminating rounds. We were placed fourth altogether in this competition, which is *no* reflection of the hard work put in by Mr. Parsons, N. Stone and D. K. Pike. It is fortunate that this does not count for the St. Levan Shield.

It is fortunate, too, that Sailing does not count for the St. Levan Shield since, having very few members of the Sailing Club, we were placed fourth.

However, the most coveted title, the Athletics, went to us. In previous events and standards we were only a few points behind Gilbert. We made up the deficit early in the afternoon and remained a few points ahead of Gilbert all through the competition, and it was not until we had won the last race that we were certain of victory. Congratulations go to Hooper and Chenery who won the under-14 and under-13 championships respectively.

The Senior Cricket side, captained by M. J. Scoble, won two of their matches and drew unexpectedly with a strong Gilbert side. The juniors won two matches and drew with Raleigh. This fine effort made us overall winners in the Cricket.

Before the Swimming Sports started we had eight points lead in the St. Levan Shield Competition and so the result could have no effect on the outcome of the major competition since Gilbert, our nearest rivals, could not gain eight points. Our progress was not very distinguished in the Swimming and we were placed third.

Thus Grenville, who were third equal last year, have shaken off the shackles of apathy and have won the St. Levan Shield owing to a consolidated effort by the whole House. This result would not have been achieved if it were not for the guidance and enthusiasm of our Housemaster, Mr. Mallinson, and we take this opportunity of thanking him.

J. POWDERLEY, *House Captain*

## RALEIGH

Were enthusiasm the sole key to success, Raleigh's position in this year's St. Levan Shield Competition would have been greatly improved. We were fortunate indeed to have eleven of the twenty-five School prefects, and seventeen House prefects were appointed in an attempt to establish a closer liaison between the individual member and the House "bureaucracy". Also to this end we have instituted rather laboriously a card index system to facilitate team selection. As a result of this, and of our united interest in "OXFAM"; the House spirit has run as high as ever. Nonetheless, the necessity for such efforts to promote morale is a sad reflection on the House system in our school; for, as long as the House is regarded merely as a suitable venue for prayers on a Wednesday morning, and not as an opportunity for the *average* boy to develop his varying potential, the true House-spirit will never be realised.

Although enthusiasm has been high and organisation efficient, in almost all spheres Raleigh has suffered from a singular dearth of talent. To this generalisation there are certain notable exceptions, principally in the chess teams, led by P. A. Cresswell; swimming, with B. Atrill, P. Gadsden, T. Williams and R. Atrill; and in athletics with C. Davis, S. Tindsley and R. P. Lightfoot. Consequently in soccer, under P. Cox, rugby, under M. Down, and cricket, under D. Shillabeer, our record has been unimpressive.

However, in the chess matches and Speech Contest, where industry can atone for lack of innate talent, our record was considerably better. Although we certainly have no monopoly of eloquent voices, Mr. Whitfeld and some senior boys coached for half-a-term and their blood, sweat and tears were rewarded in the results, for mediocre boys like A. Leftley and S. Tindsley won their events by sheer hard work and by a very real desire to be coached, to co-operate and to win. Congratulations to all of them.

Finally we must thank our Housemaster for his moral leadership and the House prefects for their efficiency. If the House can reproduce this year's enthusiasm, I am sure that, given the run of the ball, greater successes will come our way next year.

D. W. LIGHTFOOT, *House Captain*

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# Out of School Activities

## A.T.C.

For members of the School squadron the past year has served to show even more the tremendous potential of an A.T.C. unit attached to the School, and there is an exasperating realisation of the almost certain supremacy of the squadron if more active support was given by the middle and upper school. In comparison with the size of the school and the scope which an A.T.C. unit can offer, the smallness of the squadron's numbers is lamentable. The commendable achievements of such a young—in both senses of the word—squadron indicate the potential heights to which it could aspire if a more active interest were shown. Nevertheless, such agitation must not overshadow the successes of the past year.

The ever-present rivalry with Sutton High School manifested itself at the Wing Sports, and, despite the praiseworthy efforts of all who competed, the absence of senior cadets proved significant, and the squadron was once again narrowly beaten into second place. This prevalent weakness did not extend to individual performances, and of the eight cadets who proceeded to the Southern Region Championships, Lightfoot and Burns will represent the region at R.A.F. Uxbridge next month. Lightfoot is to be further congratulated on his win at the national cross-country meeting, and on a successful completion of a gliding course. A team of three, Evans, Kemble, and Williams, somewhat startled the Army authorities when they won the Devon County pentathlon; an event which, previously exclusive to Army cadets, had been extended to A.T.C. and Sea Cadets to "provide a little competition". The Sea Cadets, incidentally, came second.

Friday nights at "197" have slipped by uneventfully. The inclusion of lectures, shooting, and occasional exercises in the syllabus, caters for a variety of interests. Indeed, a spectator's impression of the squadron is probably limited to a picture of ceaselessly drilling cadets. Much of the squadron activities take place at week-ends, and after Friday nights.

Cadets Zeal, Sutherland and Atkinson have left to serve in the R.A.F. We wish them luck. This brings one to mention the good fortune of Bungay. He has now recovered from the effects of passing out (quite literally) from a helicopter while suffering from peritonitis. After an eighty-foot fall and an operation he has now resumed flying training.

At present, the squadron is anticipating its annual camp which takes us this year to R.A.F. Catterick, in Yorkshire.

This journal would be incomplete without an expression of grateful thanks to Flt./Lt. Bence for his tireless dedication, and to Dr. Cresswell and members of the Staff for their help and toleration.

D.H.K.

## CHESS CLUB

This year we came second in the Goodman Cup with a very strong team. Plymouth College, who won the trophy, were only one point ahead. Robinson captained the School junior team which was unlucky to come

only fourth in the Horley Cup. A second VI has been formed this year with Fowler as captain. It has won several matches, including one against the School junior team. Because of this new team many more keen players have had the opportunity of representing the School in match play.

Raleigh and Grenville tied for the Chess Cup with seven points, with Gilbert and Drake close behind with six and four points respectively.

The School produced twenty-two entries out of a total of one hundred in the Devon Junior Congress held at Plymouth College. In the Devon under-18 championship Cresswell was runner-up and in the Devon under-15 championship Harris was runner-up. Searle won section E of the Junior Open Championship.

In the Christmas holidays Bebbington, Cresswell and Scarle played against Smyslov, Russian ex-world champion, in a simultaneous display held at Plymouth Chess Club. Though the others lost, Bebbington managed to draw with this world-class player.

Throughout the year, the Dinner-time Chess Club has prospered with a record membership of over seventy, mostly from the first and second forms. Because of this, several new sets have been bought. Several senior boys gave some of their lunch times to instruct first-formers with the result that there was a record entry of thirty-eight in the First-form Championship. This was won by Gross who also won the Rung Tournament.

In the winter term, thanks to the financial help of the Parents' Association, the school team went to Jersey by boat to play Jersey High School for Girls in the *Sunday Times* Knockout Competition. We were entertained by the girls during our week-end stay, during which we won our match. Also, we were shown around the island and later there was a dance. No member of the team who visited Jersey will easily forget the hospitality of the people.

We were eventually knocked out of the competition by Public Secondary School. After the visit to Jersey, the School team drew three-all in a simultaneous match against Mrs. Bruce on Westward Diary. As a result of this, Westward Television presented the School Chess Club with a cheque for five pounds.

We would like to congratulate Cresswell, who played for Plymouth and Devon, and Harris and Miller, who played for the Plymouth and Devon junior teams.

The year was rounded off by the School versus Staff match which the School won because of its strength on the lower boards. In conclusion we should like to thank Mr. Adams and Mr. Thornton for their support and encouragement during the past year, especially in training the junior team. We wish Mr. Thornton, who is leaving, every success for the future.

P. CRESSWELL, *Hon. Secretary*

## THE CHRISTIAN UNION

This year our programme has consisted of Bible studies and meetings of general interest. It started with a visit by the Rev. L. B. Arulpragasam from Ceylon. The Rev. J. Parkinson, Mr. E. Trout and the Rev. J. Herklots also

gave talks on various topics. A stimulating talk was that by the Rev. C. Day on "The Evidence for the Christian Faith". However, the most encouraging of our meetings have been the series of Bible studies throughout the year led by the Rev. G. May; these would be even more useful and instructive if led by members of the Christian Union itself.

It has been disappointing that we have not seen many new faces at our meetings during the past year. The reason for this decrease in support must lie with the members themselves, whose enthusiasm and faith seem to have evaporated in the course of the year.

The last two terms have seen the introduction of the Middle School Christian Union which is now beginning to gain a foothold. It owes much to the guidance and advice of Mr. Pethick. On behalf of the members of the Senior Christian Union I would like to express our gratitude and thanks to Mr. Hopford for all that he has done, and we look forward to his continued assistance in the coming year.

J. TURNER, *Hon. Secretary*

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Two meetings were held in the Autumn term. The Rev. D. Winter addressed the Society on "The Evangelical Awakening" and this proved a most interesting occasion. We also visited the City Museum when Mr. Barber (the City Archaeologist) showed us around the Archaeological section and gave an instructive commentary with many references to the Plymouth area. This was well supported.

In the Spring term Mr. Crocker, one of the student masters from Exeter University, spoke to us on "Ancient and Mediaeval Architecture", illustrating his talk with some excellent slides. The attendance at this entertaining meeting was somewhat disappointing. At the end of the term we went on a conducted tour of Saltram House, near Plympton. We all enjoyed the visit and were much impressed by this stately Georgian mansion, especially with its interior decoration by Adam. Once again there was more support for such an external visit than for the meetings held at school.

Up to now the support for the Society has rested largely on the Sixth Form, but it is hoped that more interest will be shown in the coming year by those in the lower school. Finally we would like to extend our thanks to Mr. Evans for his unfailing support and interest.

M. R. MILLETT, *Hon. Secretary*

### LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

Despite M. B. Harris's gloomy forecast in last year's magazine, the Society has been thriving over this school year. We have made it our aim to extend the activities of the Society, so that we should not confine ourselves to debates, but include some speakers on topics of literary interest.

During the Autumn term two debates took place. The Society faced the Music Club with the motion that "pop" records were commercialised emotion rather than music, and the Science Society with the motion that "man is becoming the parasite of machines". Mr. Donald Bentley of the Swarthmore Settlement gave the Society a most interesting lecture on "Some Aspects of French Literature".

In the Spring and Summer terms, among the debates was one with the Christian Union, in which we proposed that "a Christian must be a Pacifist"; with Tamar School that "it is better to be Red than Dead"; that "amusements are for the benefit of the ignorant"; and with the Literature Group of Plymouth Arts Centre that "Plymouth is a cultural desert". The guest speaker for this term was Mr. Leonard Bennett who spoke about Henrik Ibsen and his influence on English Dramatists. This meeting, although poorly attended, was informal and most informative. We also attended Mr. Thomas's lecture on "The struggles of a young poet", held under the auspices of the Writers' Circle.

We feel that the Society has now overcome its lean period and is once more flourishing, and we are confident that, in the future, its strength and influence in the school will increase. We offer our whole-hearted thanks to the Arts Centre for being such charming hosts, to Mr. Bennett and Mr. Bentley for speaking to us, and, of course, to Mr. Whitfeld who had continued to be our mainstay of enthusiasm and advice.

R. M. BROOKIN

## JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

This school year has seen the remarkable development of the School Junior Debating Society into a forum for the interchange of conflicting ideas in the Junior School. Five debates have so far been held and another is planned.

The motion of the first debate called for the introduction of co-education in schools, and it was carried almost unanimously by a house of over forty boys. In the second one, almost that number voted to keep the death sentence. One debate was held in the Spring term, calling for the abolition of the monarchy, but the motion was rejected by a narrow majority.

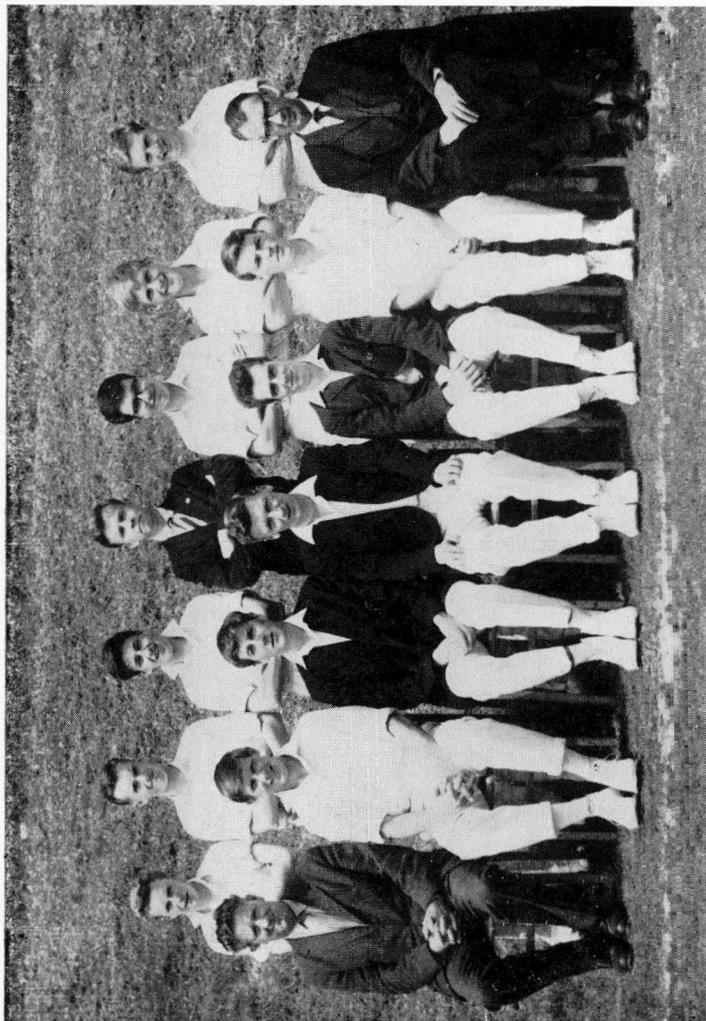
After a lively debate on the Beeching Plan, a motion calling for its scrapping was unanimously supported. This debate, although it was probably the best held, was rather disappointing because of poor attendance, mainly due to a "Juke Box Jury" in the music room. The motion of the last debate called for a general election after the recent security scandals and this was supported by three-quarters of those attending. It is also planned to round off this successful year with a debate on "Ban the Bomb".

All the debates were well attended and the speeches have been remarkably good. The policy of trying to avoid a monopoly of third-formers speaking has been adopted as often as possible and even first-formers have spoken from the platform. It may have been difficult to persuade boys to speak from the platform but there has never been a lack of speeches from the floor.

The main reason for the success of the society has undoubtedly been the intensive advertising. Without this, the Society would have floundered, and it will only survive by this constant "pumping".

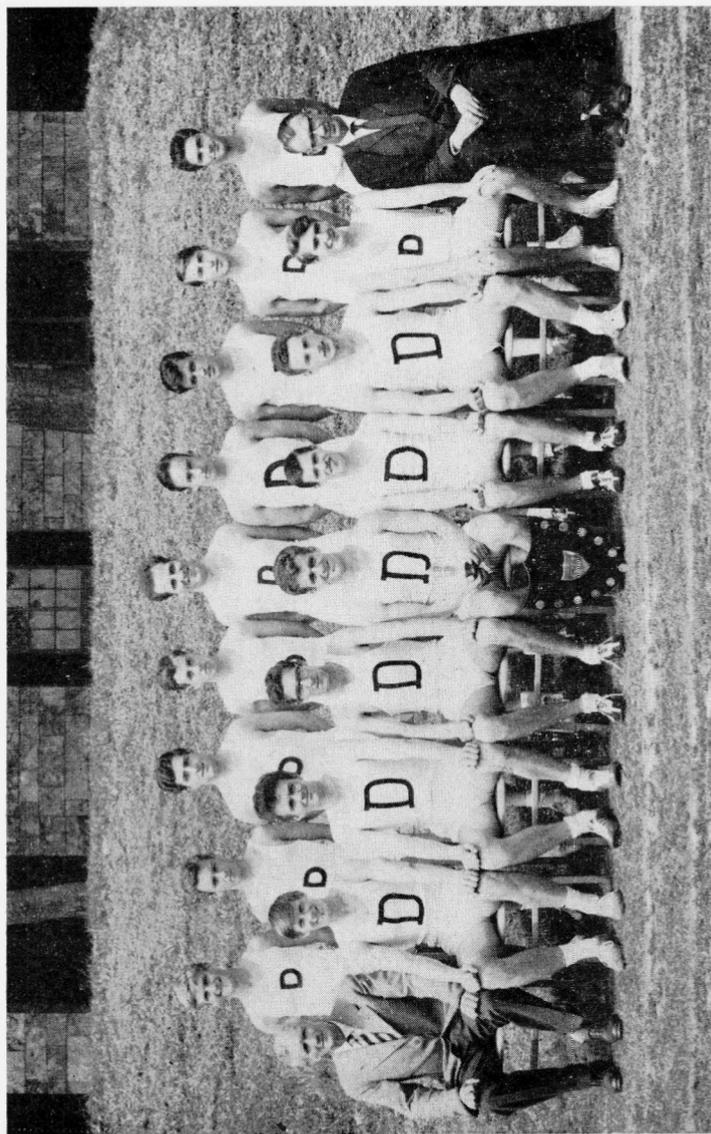
The Committee would like to thank the English staff for their help, and is also grateful to Lightfoot of the Upper Sixth who acted as Chairman.

P. B. EVANS



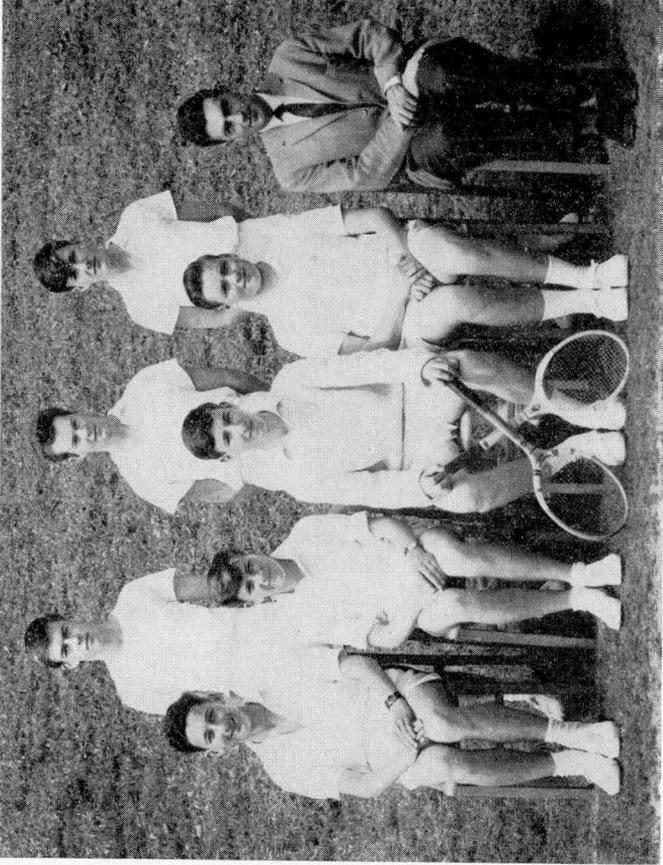
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*Front row:* Mr. F. Wayne, P. M. Hawkyard, A. J. W. Gerrard (*Hon. Secretary*), J. Ford (*Captain*), R. S. John (*Vice-Captain*),  
D. Shillabear, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)



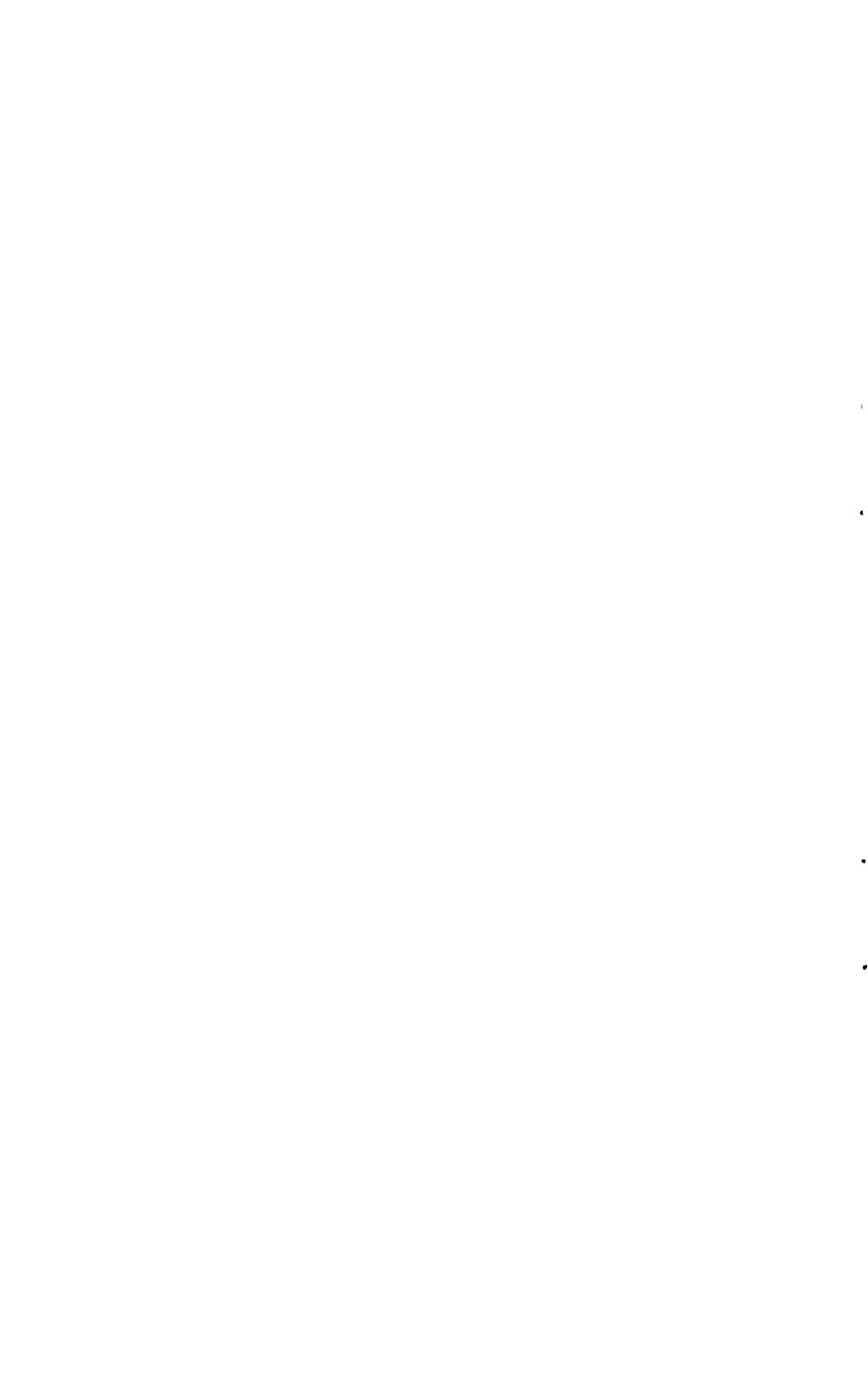
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*Front row:* Mr. W. Nash, P. Hawkyard, A. Bennett, J. Stone, J. Powderley (*Captain*), P. Lightfoot (*Hon. Secretary*),  
J. Pollard, J. Lee, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)



1st VI. TENNIS 1963

*Back row (left to right):* G. Stanbury, T. Alphey, G. Brown  
*Front row:* L. Williams, P. Martin, R. Mitchell (*Captain*), N. Stone (*Hon. Secretary*), Mr. J. Collenette



## MUSIC SOCIETY

The term beginning September 10th saw the inauguration of a new committee, with John Ford of U6 as Chairman. At their first meeting it was decided to put greater emphasis on serious music whilst still leaving enough lighter entertainment to make the term's programme lively and enjoyable. This seemed to promise much, but due to lack of enthusiasm on the part of the organisers, some of the programmes were below the previous year's high standard.

The two performances of "Juke Box Jury" were, as always, well-attended, and so were a quiz on popular music and a review of its development. In contrast with this love of the flippant, however, attendance was disappointing for classical programmes and only mediocre for jazz ones.

In February there was a live jazz concert given by Mr. Frank Fuge and members of his orchestra, accompanied on occasions by members of the Society. This proved to be really hot, and was fine entertainment. Two other jazz programmes were not well prepared and lacked final polish, but an original idea was a programme of jazz versions of famous shows given by Brian Gracie of 6A.

The final comment on this year's activities can only be one of pointing out that mixed programmes cannot succeed without a great deal of concentrated effort and that the temptation to take the easy way out by running records must be avoided at all costs.

Membership dropped in the Spring term.

A criticism of the Music and Choral Concert is included elsewhere in this magazine.

A. Rook

## PLYMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOLS FILM SOCIETY

The past year was a crucial one for the Society, and new attempts were made to set it on a sound financial footing. Standards were modified to combine, wherever possible, "commercial appeal" with "good cinema". Yet in spite of the efforts of the Committee, the Society has become yet another victim of the stifling materialism so indicative of our age.

"The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars,  
But in ourselves, that we are underlings."

The failure of the Society should be upon the conscience of all those who pride themselves on their ability to think discriminatingly and especially on those members of the Upper School, whose apathy proved "the straw which finally broke the camel's back". It cannot be contended that a programme which combines the grandeur of "The Hidden Fortress" and "Henry V" with the appealing humanity of "World of Apo" and "Ballade of a Soldier" is restricted in its outlook. Indeed, the ironic contrast between the physical and psychological eruptions of the cosmos, provided by the wonderful French films "Volcano" and "Les Quatre Cents Coups", was deeply challenging to those who perceived its implications. Comedy was provided by Buster Keaton in "Sherlock Junior" and Hitchcock's "The Lady Vanishes", whilst the inimitable Chaplin film "The Gold Rush" in a

way symbolised the aims of the Society and, indeed, of all good cinema; the comedy inherent in Chaplin is unsurpassed in entertainment value; yet its pathos requires the vicarious participation of the audience. This is the essence of "good cinema", and this is what the Society has tried to impress upon its members since its inauguration in 1957.

It is never easy to write an obituary, particularly when, with a little effort, the "tragedy" could have been avoided. Indeed, it is ironic to note that a record audience of over 300 was present at the Society's final meeting on May 10th to see Laurence Olivier's "Henry V"; the Society would have thrived on a regular membership of half that number. One is tempted to despair and suggest "R.I.P." as a suitable epitaph, yet dare one timidly put forward "*Resurgam*" as being more appropriate? Perhaps the Lower School will recognise the latent potential of that epitaph, and will raise a revitalised phoenix from the ashes of our apathy.

Meanwhile we must wait—and hope.

R. C. DARE, *Hon. Secretary*

### THE PRINTING GROUP

During the past year the group, whilst flourishing, has been forced to slow its pace a little owing to the external examinations being undertaken by its members. However, despite this, experiments in style and colour have been continued and all the usual orders have been met. We are very pleased to be able to say that the £25 borrowed from the School Parents' Association has now been returned to them and the group's finances are still in a very strong position. Nevertheless, during the coming year, some of the group's reserves will be used to buy certain articles and new type faces which, so far, have had to be borrowed.

Next year will also see some additions to the group's members, since during the past year the active membership which has dwindled to three, will once again be raised to a minimum of six. Thus the next year will prove to be one of the most notable for the group since it was founded in 1958.

M. K. PEARSON, M6A

### RAMBLING CLUB

Once again the Rambling Club has staggered to its feet after a long period of inactivity. Numbers are, however, regrettably small owing to the lack of support from the fourth and fifth years. This reflects the apathetic attitude of so many who refuse to expend a little energy in discovering the pleasures which the "great outdoors" has to offer. Since the re-birth of the Club there have been several successful hikes, mostly on Dartmoor.

Members have been given the opportunity to study some of the many interesting aspects of the moor such as the Merrivale Antiquities which are an interesting Bronze-Age relic. Other places visited have included the Walkham Valley, Vixen Tor, King's Tor, the Erme Valley, Duck's Pool, Staldon Moor, the Avon Dam, Stoke Beach and Wembury.

The Club's past policy has been to march across Dartmoor on marathon hikes of twenty-five to thirty miles which have given the Club the reputation

of being for only the fittest boys. This, however, is not now the case. Our hikes never exceed fifteen miles and frequent stops are made to inspect items of interest. Every boy from the third year upwards is physically capable of participating in our activities and we hope to see many more coming out with us in the 1963-4 season.

Finally, we must thank Mr. Dodd without whose help the Club would never have been re-started.

D. J. HAWKINGS, L6A } Club  
D. W. RABEY, L6A } Leaders

## SAILING CLUB

After spending most of the winter months fitting-out the boats, the boys were glad when they were finally able to move them down to Phoenix Wharf. From here they have sailed with a fair amount of success against the other "cadet" squadrons based on Plymouth. But by far the best results were obtained by the two boats using Terylene sails.

The House matches were sailed off in unexpected and fierce conditions and this produced even more exciting racing than usual. Last year's winners, Gilbert, were narrowly beaten by Raleigh and Drake who share the cup.

The competition for best helmsman was held at the same time, and there was a terrific battle between the boys concerned, the cup finally going to Hopford.

This year we were again unfortunately beaten in the race held for the Commonwealth Technical Training Week Trophy, but the helmsmen did very well to finish at all in the extremely hazardous conditions that prevailed on the day.

The G.P. 14 which we started to build last year is still progressing and we have high hopes that it will soon be finished and sailing.

This season the club was again fortunate in having another competent captain in D. McKee, who was ably supported by the most efficient treasurer yet, I. Kirbell.

Once again our thanks go to Messrs. Adams, Collenette and Osborne, especially for arranging facilities for sailing in the Sound, and their unending and enthusiastic assistance down at the quay.

THE SAILING COMMITTEE

## THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Although the library got off to a bad start this academic year, it soon recovered and it has been working very efficiently ever since. All duties, from "new books" to "shelves in order" have been very well done, and I should like to say that it is impossible for me to single out people to thank them individually. So I wish to thank all the members of the Library Staff very much. However, there are one or two people who have not worked as well as they could have done; I will leave it at that and to their consciences.

The end of the Summer term brought the annual full-scale book check, with the usual problems and headaches, but the team spirit has been kept alive by social events such as parties and hikes when possible.

The number of specialist books in the library has been considerably increased during the year, with the result that shelf shortage is becoming

acute. An attempt to rectify this is to be made next year, when it is intended that a fiction library be built in the Upper-Sixth Form, thus providing room for another 500 books in the main library. Probably the form-room itself will function as a reading room in the lunch-time.

No one seems to know of the large number of reference books which are kept in the Librarian's office, and which are for use by anyone who enquires. Many really interesting and useful books are kept here because of their size or costliness, and it is hoped that a list of these will soon be placed on the library notice-board.

A new system of book issue will be inaugurated in the Autumn term. This will involve every boy in the school having his own library tickets which he will keep himself, the number of tickets depending on his year. This should be a more personal, time-conserving and efficient way of dealing with book issue and return.

I shall be leaving next term and that means that the library will continue under the leadership of Michael K. Pearson. We thank Collins and Evans for their year as Junior Librarians, and we congratulate the following who have gained position in the Library Society: R. Buley (L6A) and D.C. Prideaux (M6Sc) who have been appointed Deputy School Librarians; Wyatt (2A) and Hurley (2B) who have been appointed Junior Librarians; and Howarth, Evans, Martin, Trethewey and Truscott who have been appointed Assistant Librarians.

Lastly, but not least, our hearty thanks go to Mr. H. Whitfeld, the nucleus of this Society, for his invaluable help to me and the library. I wish all the librarians every success in the future.

M. E. ELLIS, *Senior Librarian*

## THE POST-WAR SOCIETY

This year the School was host to the Post-War Society. The session opened, on May 17th, with a Service at Stoke Damerel Church, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. Adams. Then, after light refreshment, the Conference opened under the chairmanship of the Headmaster. The discussion was on "Advertising". Mr. A. Seldon of the Institute of Economic Affairs and Miss Barbara Motton of Butcher's Advertising Agency spoke first, followed by Dr. Hudson of Exeter University. After lunch, discussion groups led by the above, and by Mr. H. M. Stracey of Westward Television, Mr. Curren of Tecalemit Ltd., and the Rev. A. J. Reid of the Advertising Inquiry Council, discussed various aspects of modern advertising, including "The Ethics of Advertising" and "The Effects of Advertising". Next, the groups reported to a Forum of the speakers, who discussed points of interest and answered questions from the floor.

The evening ended with a Dance in the School Hall. Thanks are due to the speakers for giving up their valuable time to the extensive research and preparation they had so obviously undertaken, and for travelling some distance to speak. We also thank Miss Connet and her staff for their invaluable co-operation, and the Parents' Association Ladies' Committee for refreshments, and Mr. Warren for his aid during the Dance.

J. D. PRIDDLE

## THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

This year the Science Society has held its ground, a membership of 106 compares with 105 of last year; and an average attendance of 50 with 52. With many other School societies complaining of apathy, we have, at least, not fallen back.

The open lectures were well supported—Mr. Ray's interesting talk on Russian Technology, illustrated with his own colour slides; Mr. H. G. Hurrell drew his now expected 150; Mr. Hall talking on Goonhilly and the Telstar Project drew 100; and Mr. Pollack from Mount Batten aroused interest in Meteorology. To these speakers our thanks are extended for their time and preparations.

The summer excursions were fully attended as usual, applicants being turned away. Visits were to the Gasworks, Waterworks, Fine Tubes Ltd., R.A.F. Mount Batten and Plymouth Technical College. Thanks are due to these organisations, and to Messrs. Angus, Dodd, and Collett for their assistance.

Unfortunately, due to lack of photographic enthusiasm, there was no Garden Party Display this year—but ciné films of the 1938 School Sports, the first Society film made, and the Geographic Field Expedition, the latest Society film, were well supported.

Earlier in the year the Science Society debated with the Literary and Debating Society the motion that "Man is becoming a slave to the Machine", and successfully opposed the motion. To improve liaison between the "Two Cultures", a special Arts representative has been appointed to the Committee next year.

Thanks are due to Mr. Poole who, in his first year as leader and treasurer, has often made us look, not unprofitably, at the familiar things of the Society from another angle.

J. D. PRIDDLE, *Hon. Secretary*

## SENIOR SCOUT LOG

The year has been one of outstanding success for the senior scout troop. There are now more than 20 members, the majority of whom are rapidly advancing towards their Queen's Badge. What is perhaps more important is that they have helped the junior troop a good deal.

P. Cooper has the honour of representing Devon at the World Jamboree in Greece. P. Cresswell has gained his Queen's Scout Award and T. Orchard and J. Stuckey their Duke of Edinburgh awards. The "Ten Tors" team also distinguished itself by completing the course with time to spare last Whitsun.

The troop has continued to enter most of the local Association events with great honour—indeed the cross-country team retained the shield last September. The troop is very pleased to welcome Mr. R. Jenkins who will take over as Senior Scoutmaster in September. However, we would all like to thank Mr. E. R. Attewell who has managed to maintain the troop on such a firm basis and trust that his hopes will be fulfilled by the considerable number of seniors that there will be next year.

J. R. STUCKEY, *Troop Secretary*

## SCOUT LOG

The past year has been a successful one for the troop. Progress has been made with regard to scout cords, five of which have been obtained by members of the troop, and also numerous proficiency badges. Large numbers of first-formers have joined the troop to replace those who have gone into the seniors.

Comparatively few people attended Whitsun camp mainly because of the "Ten-Tors". In this year's expedition one of the patrols which the troop entered attained second place, finishing one hour behind the winners.

Numerous patrol activities in the way of camps and hikes have been organised with a fair amount of success. The Summer camp this year was held in the Scilly Isles and was instructive to all concerned. Finally, we are deeply indebted to Mr. Attewell without whose help the troop could not have continued.

P. A. EVANS, D. A. HENDER, G. K. SIMPSON

## SIXTH-FORM SOCIETY

The initial meeting of this newly-formed society consisted of an illustrated talk, given by the Headmaster, on "France". It was interesting and contained much first-hand knowledge of French people and customs, which one cannot find in a textbook. The meeting was well attended and we felt that perhaps the Sixth-form Society was off to a good start.

Vain delusion! The enthusiasm which greeted the Headmaster's talk was not sustained in the following meetings. The two talks which followed: "My experiences as a City Councillor", given by Alderman Miss K. Pryor, and "National Productivity Year", given by Mr. Freer, were very poorly attended. But, despite this, both of the speakers gave themselves wholeheartedly to their task and produced informative yet amusing speeches.

I do, however, feel that such poor attendance rather defeats the purpose of these meetings and I urge the sixth-formers to give their future support to a society from which they can all gain a great deal.

E. S. Goss (U6)

## STAMP CLUB

The Club has one more year of interesting meetings behind it. The support has remained steady and is, in fact, largely the same term after term. Are there any other stamp collectors in the School? Your interest in the hobby will be increased by joining us.

The Club is still largely supported by the junior school, with only a few senior members. We feel that interest so often dies because a person does not specialise in collecting certain issues, and sees no possibility of completing his collection in the future, so that he loses enthusiasm.

Stamp designing competitions have recently been held, and this new form of competition has proved popular. Members were asked to design stamps for the international Lifeboat Conference, and the entries were of a high standard. Other activities included an auction and a thematic competition. Understandably, most members prefer outdoor activities in the Summer term, and the pressure of examinations forces senior members to

stay away. Because of this, no meetings were held in the Summer term, except to arrange the Garden Party display, which we hope will be as successful as usual.

England (2A) has now succeeded Ford (5SI) as Treasurer. We thank them, with Manton (5SII) (Approval Secretary), for their services, and also, of course, Mr. Hopford, without whose support the club could not succeed.

J. CAUDELL, *Hon. Secretary*

## WRITERS' CIRCLE

At the beginning of this year a new School society was formed to foster the creative spirit which we knew was latent in the School. The venture has proved to be a success, with steady support from some half a dozen boys who take writing seriously, and visits by other members of the School to our more spectacular meetings.

The inaugural meeting took the form of a lecture by Brookin on Haiku, a Japanese form of poetry. Members were invited to write their own haiku, and a fortnight later we heard the results of their efforts, when the evening was stolen by Stan Willis's excellent poem.

A tape recording of "The Flip Side", a satire on commercial radio stations and their propaganda methods, provided an enjoyable and thought-provoking evening which was so successful that an "overflow" meeting was held in a lunch-time break to discuss fully the implications of the work.

Mr. Thomas (not R.S.), who spent a year at D.H.S. as a student teacher, gave us a very helpful and inspiring talk about his poetry, why and how he wrote it. The detailed reference which he gave of the emergence of one of his poems helped all potential poets among us, and we thank him most sincerely for making the long journey to come and speak to us.

Just before an informative series of lectures on writing a short story, by Mr. Whitfeld, the group visited London to enjoy "King Lear" at the Aldwych Theatre, of which trip a notice appears elsewhere in this magazine.

A break-away group has formed of those more adventurous and creative spirits who are interested in play-writing, and they are, at the moment, intent upon producing a full-length play, of which we hope that you will hear much more in the future.

The Inter-house Speech Contest this year was a momentous occasion. For the first time original works by members of the School were included in the contest, and the Writers' Club's members won their classes—Hill's imaginative duologue and Willis's exciting piece of writing took the first and second prizes, and Brookin won the sixth-form poetry prize with "Sheepstot Churchyard".

We should all like to thank Mr. Whitfeld for his unfailing enthusiasm and invaluable guidance, and Mrs. Whitfeld for putting up with us in her lounge for meetings of the play-writing group.

R. M. BROOKIN

# Correspondence

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## CAMBRIDGE LETTER

Dear Sir,

July, 1963

It is not for us to pontificate on the advantages or otherwise of a Cambridge education. Each of us has had to adopt for himself an equivoise between work and relaxation: is it best to sacrifice that possible first for the Presidency of the Union or for a Blue? Is academic distinction the sole criterion of time well spent? Each of us who came up last year has found his own solution to this crucial problem.

Dai Evans found the combination of the T.V. set, telephone booth, and Common Room all close by his study rather too distracting for his life of Contemplation, War on Want, and . . . History. Not only has he moved to a distant garret but he has grown a magnificent beard as defence against a hostile world.

Regan Scott has attained that so coveted entry into Cambridge social life, parties with Nicholas Kaldor and Kingsley Amis being not the least of his achievements. He has been working hard, too, for the Cambridge A.E.U. Remember! Bill Carron was knighted! As next term's Secretary of the University Labour Club, his political future seems assured.

The elusive "Fred" Ackroyd can only be found in on the oddest occasions. An incessant round of social activities, both secular and sacred, absorbs the greater part of his time. On fine Saturday afternoons he can be seen punting vigorously in the direction of Grantchester, unleashing reserves of energy totally unsuspected by Mr. Nash.

Martin Harris, displaying his usual excess of enthusiasm, has achieved a measure of distinction in many spheres of Cambridge life. As Advertising Manager of the university Labour magazine, *Forward*, he has revealed his true nature: "profit before principle" is now his *raison d'être*. Labour's results in Cambridge are a testimony to his efforts in the field of local politics. His subsequent election as Labour Party Liaison Officer of the Labour Club was a foregone conclusion. His attempt to represent the Labour Club at cricket ended rather rapidly when he was sent off the field; he was at the time the twentieth fielder!

John Bowden is more difficult to assess. His principles, if any, he keeps locked in his room. Torn between the various warring factors in the English faculty, he is forced, albeit unwillingly, to think for himself. His membership of the "Arnold" Education Society has only crystallised his decision to avoid state schools and to teach at Marlborough.

When Phil Pengelley can be persuaded to abandon the nearest hostelry, he can be seen at the Bridge tables poring over greasy packs of well-thumbed cards, thus proving that his last year at school was not spent in vain. Not in this field alone has he won notoriety for while attempting to propel a punt in the right direction, he succeeded in tipping the four occupants into the icy waters of the Cam. This term has seen his co-option to the Labour Club Committee on which D.H.S. is now more than adequately represented.

For all of us at Cambridge, our first year has seen a widening of our horizons and a deepening understanding of our role in society. It is scarcely credible that a boy fresh from the 'A' level rat race, unless he is exceptionally mature, could fully appreciate and benefit from the freedom and opportunity that Cambridge life affords. We are all agreed that a third year in the Sixth Form has proved an invaluable asset in preparing us for university life.

But it must never be forgotten that the atmosphere at Cambridge is almost wholly artificial in its persistent adherence to social inequalities and petty traditions; the present system of college admission is responsible for this regrettable situation. For those who succeed in gaining entry, whether by guile or by genius, the opportunities in every field are limitless.

CAMBRIDGE EX-D.H.S.

### OXFORD LETTER

Dear Sir,

St. John's College.

You will doubtless be relieved to hear that three terms in this venerable institution have left me in good health, despite the efforts of the College caterers to poison me with uniformly bad food. However, the tempting breakfast of porridge, dried-egg and leather toast is not generally consumed, for the good reason that it is at 8.20 a.m.

My incoherence at this hour was readily apparent when I had breakfast with the President in Michaelmas Term. During this intriguing ceremony I delicately dropped the butter-knife in my tea and proceeded to wipe it on my handkerchief: I was coldly reminded that I had a napkin—thitherto unused.

Soon after came the Annual Orgy of the College Classical Society, at which the presiding deity was Robert Graves, classical exhibitor of St. John's, Professor of Poetry and prolific author (he has eight children). Officially he was the "guest-speaker", but this was a misnomer, since the nature of the proceedings was not conducive to speech.

But Oxford is not all food and drink: it is, we are told, the Mecca of culture and learning, the repository of the liveliest minds in Britain. All too lively are the politicians; every term I have the irksome task of telling the 6 ft. 3 in. Liberal representative to leave

the room, after he has exposed my complete ignorance of affairs of state. At least the Conservatives and Labourers are smaller.

Lastly I would remind nascent freshmen that an umbrella is an essential here. Apart from warding off nimbalexcretions this useful implement can also serve as a toasting-fork, lightning-conductor, and a support for delicate bibliophiles or unsteady inebriates, and for the peregrinator can be an invaluable protection against the cows, bulls and in-betweens, sheep, hens and the other wild animals that infest the Oxford countryside.

Hoping that this information will not go unheeded,

Yours,

C. A. P. BINNS

Extracts from a letter from COLIN SMITH in ISRAEL

Anglo-Saxon Hostel,  
33, Rehov. Aharon Rabinovitz,  
Kyriat Yovel,  
Jerusalem.

The education in Israel is different in quite a few ways from that of England. Here the elementary schools take pupils from the age of five until they are fourteen. This is the compulsory school age. The hours of study in the first five classes are from 8 a.m. to 12 noon or 1 p.m., and in the higher classes from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., with one long day in the week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This schedule is true of most of the schools and the other schools would not have a schedule much different, and all schools work a six-day week.

After the elementary schools there are various types of grammar schools. There are academic schools and also quite a lot of good vocational training schools, at least in Jerusalem. I have visited one, in a party from my school, which concentrates on printing and fine engineering. At this school they do arts subjects for two days a week, and for the other four days work on their own specialised subject. Another type of school is the agricultural school, where they study for half a day and work the land for the other half. There is yet another school called Gymnasia, which prepares candidates for university.

When the State of Israel was proclaimed, a difficulty came about regarding a common language. When the common language, Ivrit, did emerge, another difficulty arose. A lot of immigrants were coming into Israel every day, each speaking his own language, so, to get everyone speaking Ivrit, the "Ulpan" system was started, teaching Ivrit to people of all ages. My parents and next-to-eldest brother attend an Ulpan and from the first day that they attended the teachers talked nothing but Ivrit and made themselves understood very well.

One of the best-paid professions in Israel is bus-driving because of what they have to go through in summer when the temperature reaches 90 deg. F. and over. Teachers are also well paid although many of them have not been to university. At the moment Israel is short of skilled labour as most of her immigrants come from the East and have never had an opportunity to learn a trade. Israel needs more Western immigrants who can bring their skill and knowledge into the country.

Regards,  
COLIN SMITH

Plymouth.

*July, 1963*

Dear Sir,

Leaving school in the summer of 1962 meant my spending a year locally before starting a three-year course at a Training College. Finding myself at a loose end on Saturday afternoons, I tentatively offered my services to the Old Boys' Soccer Club.

It is an ill-founded impression in the School that the Old Boys' Soccer Club is third-rate and should be joined only if no other club shows interest. At the start of the past football season, I too believed this to be largely true. It took but one game to prove to me that the contempt was ill-founded. This reputation is so far from the truth that I am completely baffled as to where it originated. I have yet to find the answer to this, but I feel it imperative that an effort should be made to rectify the situation, hence this letter.

The club is unique in this part of the world because of the tremendous appetite for the game on the part of its members. This enthusiasm is reflected by the devotion to sportsmanship, both on and off the field, which is sometimes lacking in other local clubs and also in the more general structure of the game. This spirit, together with no mean ability, has led to a most successful season for both the 1st and 2nd XI's in the Plymouth Combination League.

And so, if you are leaving school and wish to play in local football, join the best local club, namely, Devonport High School Old Boys, and I for one guarantee you a most rewarding and enjoyable season.

Yours sincerely,

J. S. OXLEY

## Parents' Association

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In spite of the departure of several members of the Committee, who had served for many years, we were encouraged at the Annual General Meeting to find a number of volunteers among parents of young boys who were willing to take their places. After the business part of the meeting we were entertained by Mr. Best Harris with some excellent slides of the development of Plymouth, including some magnificent shots of the new city.

The Whist Drive in November was the largest we have ever organised and at one stage we wondered whether all those attending could be accommodated. The profit to funds was nearly £20.

The Annual Dance in December in the Lower Guildhall was a very enjoyable occasion though we would have wished for a larger attendance.

Parents were given the opportunity to talk to the masters who teach their sons at the Senior At-Home on March 5th, and the Junior one on April 1st. These events always draw a very large number of parents who are eager to know of their son's progress and they usually last a long time.

The March Whist-Drive was well attended and yielded a profit of £16.

We decided on a whole-day Coach Trip in June and were privileged to visit St. Michael's Mount, at the invitation of Lord St. Levan. This proved to be the most memorable excursion we have ever had. The day was gloriously sunny, the island was enchantingly beautiful, the guide was amusing and informative, and the high tea most welcome. On the way home we drove through Penzance and revived memories for some of us of the days during the war when we were evacuated to that town.

We have just ended term with the Garden Party in which parents, boys and staff have worked with tremendous enthusiasm to entertain and amuse the huge crowds who came in spite of the dull weather. In spite of the fact that rain fell during the afternoon, the day was a great success and yielded a profit of over £220.

We would thank all those, especially the Ladies' Committee, who have helped us through another successful year.

H.G.W.

# D.H.S. Old Boys' Association

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In common with many other bodies our activities last winter were severely affected by the weather. The snow arrived in Plymouth on the day of our 1962 Annual General Meeting and curtailed the attendance. The President commented on the high number of "exiles" who were present and also paid a tribute to the late Mr. H. A. T. Simmonds.

The three raffle prizes were won by the Treasurer, Secretary and Assistant Secretary. However, they were all passed back to form some of the prizes for a whist drive which the Secretary ran in the School Hall in aid of the Old Boys' Soccer Club. I would like to record my thanks to those Old Boys who gave me thirteen prizes for that event. I already have one for the next venture—any further offers will always be appreciated!

Our Badminton, Rugger and Soccer clubs continue to thrive but will welcome new players at any time. Their successes in local sporting circles are due in no small measure to their hard-working secretaries and also a keen sense of fair play and sportsmanship.

Being a soccer fan myself it is my pleasure to follow the fortunes of our 1st XI each Saturday. The players and I would like to see more Old Boys on the line. No doubt next season I shall need to share my support with the 2nd XI when I hope to see my son in action. Time certainly flies when one finds oneself the father of an Old Boy. On this subject it is pleasant to record that the youngest son of our Auditor, George Rooke, is now wearing the green and white cap. Also the nephew of our Badminton Secretary, Dave Malloch, has shown up exceptionally well in the school athletics team. Eric Warn, of course, is another of our Committee whose son is now an Old Boy.

The exceptionally bad weather also prevented us holding our sports gathering at Easter but we had our usual dry Saturday to be beaten by the school cricket XI once again! Thursday, July 25th, was also fine and an interesting game against the staff resulted in a draw.

The 1963 A.G.M. will be held at the Dolphin Restaurant on Monday, December 30th—I hope all members in Plymouth that day will join us.

BERNARD GILBERT, *Hon. Secretary*

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Since the last issue of the magazine we have lost an old friend and President, H. A. T. Simmonds, and also another loyal friend and supporter, B. C. Oades (formerly of the Treasury). They will be sadly missed.

We had our Annual Dinner in January, very well attended in spite of the appalling weather, and we were very glad to see again the Headmaster and Henry Whitfeld. The A.G.M. took place in March. In July we shall again meet at our summer picnic at Trent Park, thanks to the generosity of the new Principal, and look forward to seeing Mrs. Simmonds and some of the family.

We have heard with great regret that Desmond Quick ('24-'28), residing at Wickford, Essex, has gone blind and "Tex" would like to hear of anyone who could arrange to call in.

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We were lucky enough to pick one of the better days of this summer to run a car rally. Members of the newly-formed Old Suttonians Association were invited to join in, but between us we could only muster six cars. However, those attending enjoyed a very pleasant run. Dobbins of Old Suttonians won, with Len Truscott (D.H.S.O.B.A.) running a close second.

In June there was an informal get-together at a local hostelry. This time the weather wasn't very good, and this is accepted as the excuse for the poor turn-out.

By the time these notes are published we shall have met Old Suttonians again on the field of battle. The game is cricket, and we hope to avenge our defeat at skittles last year.

Welcome home to Gordon Pike (1931-36) who left us two years ago for Aden. He has now returned to Shrivenham, near Swindon.

Aubrey German on the other hand has departed for Scotland.

Please note my address at the head of these notes and if you hear of any Old Boy coming to this area do let me know.

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

### THE OLD BOYS' RUGGER CLUB

The last season, 1962-3, was a good one for the Old Boys' R.F.C. There was keen competition for places in the XV, and the main problem for the Committee was not who to get to play on Saturday but who could be dropped without causing ill-feeling. The playing record was good, far more matches being won than lost, and the points record was high despite the eleven matches missed due to the freeze-up.

A successful trip to London was enjoyed by the club, a game being played in the morning versus a London club side, and in the afternoon ringside seats for the delightful England-Scotland International. The club's finances improved considerably due to two very successful dances organized by D. Snell and J. King.

Of playing members we lost John Cook to the army but comparative newcomers such as J. Ellis, D. Bennett and D. Childes have given excellent service to the club in the past season.

We should like some young players just left school to come along as the average age of the playing members is getting very high.

J. SOUTHERN, *Hon. Secretary*

### THE OLD BOYS' SOCCER CLUB

This has been the most successful season to date. The 1st XI achieved third position in the Premier Division, missing the runners-up place by only one point. We were fortunate to have J. Oxley with us for the season and some measure of our success must be due to his fine play. D. Phillpotts came into the side midway through the season and played well, retaining his position from then on.

After a fine run in the early part of the season the 2nd XI slipped a little but still managed to finish in fifth position. A few new faces appeared quite regularly and it is hoped that they will remain with us.

Neither side was successful in either of the Cup competitions that they entered, having the misfortune to meet strong sides in the early rounds.

We are always glad of any support we can get and, in particular, would welcome anyone prepared to act as a first-aid man.

B. MARTYN, *Hon. Secretary*

## PERSONAL COLUMN — *News of Old Boys*

It certainly seems a long time since we last published the magazine. I do hope you will find this—our first once-a-year number—up to standard and full of interest.

Did you notice that ten Old Boys are currently Heads of Plymouth schools? . . . and as you read through this list you cannot help but notice how much D.H.S. does in the field of education.

We do thank the new Principal of Trent College, Mr. T. R. Theakston, for his kindness in allowing the London Branch to continue their Annual Outing in his college grounds. London Old Boys should contact "Tex" about the tree-planting ceremony in October.

Thanks to Dudley Thomas the Bath and Bristol Branch continue to thrive. Old Boys in the area owe it to us to give him their full support.

- R. K. BUNGAY (1956-62). Commissioned in the R.A.F. this month.
- R. C. HYDE (1951-58). Congratulations on his A.C.I.I. We hope to see him in the South-West soon.
- R. SHUTE (1948-56). Has an appointment with A. Laing and is attending the Polytechnic for a further degree.
- C. I. CHATFIELD (1948-56). Is now posted—Customs and Excise—to Southampton.
- M. ALISON (1948-54). Has an appointment to teach History at Raynes Park Grammar School.
- J. R. PARSONS (1952-59). A degree, a wife in August and an appointment at St. Albans School. Well done!
- W. J. BADCOCK (1948-57). Good to see him bowling again in the O.B.A. v. School match. Has an appointment at Maidenhead Grammar School.
- C. W. EVANS (1930-1936). Has been appointed Headmaster of Victoria Road Junior Mixed. He succeeds another O.B., Ewart Pryor. We wish them every happiness and success.
- M. H. BARRETT (1953-60). 2nd Lieutenant R.E.M.E. is at the R.M.C. taking a degree in Science.
- J. P. NORMAN (1953-60). Also at the Royal Military College taking a degree and is posted to R.E.M.E. as a 2nd Lieutenant.
- A. C. HAM (1938-45). Called in to see us. Continues to thrive at Farnborough and has been appointed Principal Scientific Officer.
- BRIGADIER J. E. S. STONE. Is enjoying his appointment as Director of Work Study to the Army—and must be doing well since he has been asked to stay in the post.
- COLONEL H. PEATHEYJOHNS. Has retired with rank of Colonel. We wished him an enjoyable retirement but he tells me he has joined Exesham Electronics and will now start to work.
- COMMANDER DOLTON (1927-33). Now at Admiralty as Employment Liaison Officer. Has moved to Maidenhead.
- H. COLES (1927-33). A contemporary of Dolton is now Company Secretary and Chief Accountant to the Falk Stadelmann Group.
- W. A. SIMMONDS. Former School Captain has been appointed Director of Industrial Research to the Gas Council. Dare we hope for speedily reduced prices?
- NORMAN DARK. Has been appointed Principal of the Camberwell College of Further Education.
- P. W. KENNARD (1953-60). Congratulations on his 2/1 Honours in English. Is going out to Sierra Leone as an Assistant Lecturer.
- J. SOUTHERN (1941-48). This year's Chairman of the O.B.A. is to take up a teaching appointment in Nigeria for two or three years.
- J. ATHERTON (1947-55). School Captain in 1954 is also taking up a teaching appointment in West Africa.
- G. J. PARTRIDGE (1948-57). Appointed Biology master at Sir George Monoux Grammar School.
- A. G. HANNAFORD (1947-53). Called in to see us. Married with one child and now a Flight-Lieutenant.
- J. M. GRANT. Cousin of Colin Grant and nephew of the late Hubert Grant has gone out to Bahrain.
- K. F. READ is off to Canada as Sales Manager with Glaxo-Allenbury.

- H. DOWRICK (1948-55). Will soon be back in Plymouth as Assistant Manager in the National Provincial Bank.
- D. CHISWELL (1947-54). Is moving back to Exeter with Barclays Bank. We look forward to seeing him again.
- D. BLACKLER (1950-58). Has written us a long and cheerful letter telling us of his aspirations, endeavours and activities. Should be in London this October at the L.S.E.
- R. McLEAN. Now appointed to the Statistical Department of Kodak Ltd., New York. Address: 2039 Norton Street, Rochester 4, New York. Will welcome visitors. Married and has a son, Thomas.
- C. S. DAVIES (1954-62). Has thoroughly enjoyed his first year in the Honours School at Sheffield. His letter is typical of the many I have received. They thank us. I would like to thank all of you for all you do and have done for the School.
- A. B. STINCHCOMBE (1935-42). Has enjoyed an exciting life so far. After Southampton University he went to R.A.F. Cranwell and is now a Squadron Leader at the Air Ministry in the Operational Branch. He recently met Flight-Lieutenants Higson and Hodgson. Higson is stationed at Portsmouth and Hodgson is in Kenya.
- TERRY BLACKLER (1951-58). Has been appointed Assistant Lecturer in Chemistry at Norwood Technical College, London.
- J. PHILPOTTS (1941-47). Called in to see us. He is now Head of the Exeter Technical College Engineering Dept. He hopes to visit us more frequently. now he is in the area.
- D. DRAKE (1955-61). Commissioned as Pilot in the R.A.F. and is thoroughly enjoying every day of his life.
- C. K. WOODFIELD (1946-54) wrote me a fascinating letter from Rio de Janeiro. He and his family are enjoying warm sunshine—and plenty of hard work. He is in the British Information Service so anyone thinking of going to South America should write to him.
- T. B. KNIGHT (1955-62). Invited me to R.A.F. Henlow where I was most royally entertained. He is also very happy in the work and gets plenty of flying.
- ARTHUR BENNETT (we won't quote his dates), writes to tell me about the School at the beginning of the century. I daren't publish all the details . . . our present boys might rebel.
- J. D. BURT. Is he our oldest Old Boy? Writes another interesting letter from Port Elizabeth, South Africa. He, Bert Mantle and Arthur Bennett are in touch with each other.
- R. ANNISS (1953-60). Congratulations on a Distinction in his final year at Redlands. He also had "Colours" at Soccer and now hopes to get a job in Plymouth, We hope he does, too.
- L. R. MURRAY (1917-23). Congratulations on being elected Senior Vice-President of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries—a very high honour indeed.
- H. W. LOCKWOOD (1919-24). Now the authority on pensions in the S.W.E.B. and a very active person in the Spastics Schools supporters movement.
- W. S. VISICK, contemporary of Lockwood, writes to tell us he hopes to visit us soon. He says he has never worked so hard as he did when at D.H.S.—and adds how glad he was he did work then.
- K. E. DRUMMOND (1917-27). Managing Director of the Westminster Motor Insurance Association, instigator of the gift to the City Plate and Treasurer of the London Branch, called in last time he was in Plymouth. He enjoyed his visit and is sure, like all Old Boys, that School Days are worth enjoying.
- F. E. KNAPMAN (1919-28) has now retired to Plymouth from Anglesey. We hope to see him at the A.G.M.
- K. SADLER (1953-60) and J. C. CORNWALL (1953-60) have passed out at Sandhurst and are now commissioned. Congratulations.
- A. J. COLLINGS (1952-59). Is now fully embarked on a M.Sc. research course in Chemistry at Birmingham.
- D. E. PROSSER (1945-54). Now with Mullard Radio Valves and has an excellent appointment in America. He expects to stay there for at least five years. He also says he has no feminine entanglement as yet.
- T. H. BLACKLER (1950-56) has joined the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and after training in London goes out this September to the Washington Branch.



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