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## Editorial

A Grammar School education is a privilege and an enriching experience to many who partake of it, but there is one aspect of it which, compared with the Public School system, is stunted and ill-nurtured. This is the moral and religious welfare of its students. This is partly explained by the fact that the champions of free grammar schools were men of non-conformist religious views, by and large, and therefore wanted to separate education from religious propaganda in the same way as the State is separated from the Church.

However, by the time that a young man reaches the sixth-form he is at the first major crossroads of his life, the transition from childhood to adult responsibility. To be able to face this successfully, a boy needs a basis of morality and philosophy on which he can pin his hopes for the future. A baby is not born with ethics as he is with arms and legs, nor does the sixth-former always know by instinct what is worth while and what is not.

If he is not to drift through life without ever finding port like some "Flying Dutchman" he must have a pattern of behaviour on which he can base his own. I would suggest that his mentor might be Jesus Christ as revealed to us in the New Testament.

An upright, honest man is of more use to an employer than one who is academically bright but little else. Prime Ministers are not always brilliant men but if they are wise men they can accomplish much on behalf of mankind. Academic achievement must never be scorned but something more is needed if satisfaction is to be attained in living and this, I think, is submission to God's laws, which like everything else, must be learnt while we are young enough to do so.

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## School Notes

This copy of the school magazine, published in January under the new arrangements, goes to print just before Christmas. It can be considered as having a double function since it might be said that it both looks forward to and back on the Christmas holidays. It is not out of place, therefore, to express the hope that all members of the school may enjoy a pleasant relaxation after their efforts during this long term and, in the same breath, to suggest that they return to school resolved to face the challenges of the spring term with renewed vigour and determination.

To take up the threads of our life where we left them in September, we welcomed at the beginning of the term five new members of staff. Mr. R. N. Aiton, B.A., succeeded Mr. Gell and is now running the Music Department; Mr. J. D. Collenette, B.Sc., joined the Physics Department in place of Mr. Stankley; Mr. M. J. Parsons, B.A., fills the vacancy in the English Department caused by the departure of Mr. Larkins; Mr. E. R. Attewell succeeds Mr. Berry in the Mathematics Department and Mr. D. L. Thomas, B.Sc., has joined the Biology Department. We extend a hearty welcome to them and hope that their stay with us will be a long and happy one.

Speech Day on September 23rd proved a memorable occasion. We had as our guest speaker Lt.-Gen. Sir John Glubb, and were privileged to hear an inspiring address from him. A full report of the occasion will be found elsewhere in the magazine.

A significant event in October was the opening of a Bath and Bristol branch of the Old Boys' Association. Significant, for it is yet one more indication of the affection and esteem felt for the school by its former pupils. We hope in future magazines to be able to publish details of the activities of the new branch, alongside those of the parent organization here in Plymouth and of the London branch.

It is not the purpose of these notes to poach on the preserves of other contributors to the magazine and, as usual, we include reports of the numerous out-of-school activities elsewhere. But the mere number of articles in this section is interesting in itself. We have received at least twenty items and that means an extremely

wide choice, with something to suit almost every taste. The vitality of this side of school life is shown both by the continued success of old established societies and by the appearance of new ones such as the Historical Society. Membership of at least one society should be an accepted part of each boy's school career.

On December 7th and 8th we had our annual visit from the examiners of the English Speaking Board. Support for this is growing and almost a hundred boys offered themselves for examination. We congratulate the candidates who gained distinctions: J. D. Surman, L.6Sc., J. R. Shearer, 4A, Harvey, 2A, and Evans, 1W, also the twenty-one boys who reached the credit standard. The value of this examination is obvious. Parents will have an opportunity of showing their support for this aspect of school life when the Inter-House Speech Contest takes place next term.

We should like to support the appeal made, in his Career Notes, by Mr. Way, to Old Boys, asking them to write to give us information about their careers. A good response will lead to more variety in our Correspondence section, which, at present, is supported mainly by our university students.

Congratulations to M. A. Gilbert of L.6Sc. who helped to rescue a fifteen-year-old girl from the sea at Perranporth last August. He has been awarded the Royal Humane Society's testimonials on vellum.

A successful innovation this term was the holding of an additional Carol Service for parents on Thursday, December 15th. The Carol Service for the school took place on the afternoon of Friday, December 16th.

### PRAEFECTI VALETE

- J. W. AXWORTHY. Entered School 1953; G.C.E. "O" level 1958; G.C.E. "A" level 1960; School Prefect 1960; Raleigh House Captain 1960; Vice-Captain School Athletics; 1st XV; Plymouth Albion R.F.C.; Devon Athletic Club. Left in November 1960 to join the Executive Civil Service.
- S. R. VITTLES. Entered School 1953; G.C.E. "O" level 1958; G.C.E. "A" level 1960; School Prefect 1960; 1st XV; Senior Athletics; Grenville House Rugby Capt. and Athletics Vice-Captain. Left School in September 1960 to join Executive Civil Service.
- K. VIRGO. Entered School 1953; G.C.E. "O" level 1958; G.C.E. "A" level 1960; School Prefect 1960; 1st XV 1958-60 (Vice-Captain 1959-60), double colours; School Athletics team 1958-60, half colours; House Captain Gilbert. Proceeding to Customs and Excise.

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## Speech Day 1960

It is not often that a school is privileged to have, as guest speaker on Speech Day, a man as renowned as Lt.-Gen. Sir John Glubb, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., better known to us all as Glub Pasha. On Friday, September 23rd, 1960, that honour fell to our school.

After the distribution of the prizes, Sir John addressed the school on a theme somewhat different from what one would have expected from a professional soldier. He began by asking, "How can we equip our boys to face, undaunted, any of the changes or vicissitudes that may confront them?" He went on to define education as the difficult job of prophesying what would happen in the future and allowing for it. He then stated that many people seemed to lack an objective in life for which they could work. He concluded that the answer to these problems lay in a belief in the power of God, whom he referred to as "the boss", and that science, by probing the miraculous complexity of mind and matter, was in fact proving his existence and the necessity to follow a Christian way of life.

The Headmaster, in his report, said that the numbers on the school roll had increased from 585 to 709 in seven years, but despite the added strain on staff and accommodation, we had managed to house the overflow from the Technical College's External B.Sc. examinations. He went on to say that the 'A' level results had been "solidly pleasing", for out of 131 boys in the sixth form, 50 had sat the examination from a range of 23 subjects. At 'O' level, 68 boys passed in five or more subjects, some of these being fourth-formers, who were creating a precedent. However, he cautioned those who might be led to think that ten or eleven 'O' level passes were a sign of an educated person; they were not. The school societies were still flourishing, indeed new ones, for example the Historical Society, were already fast establishing themselves. He made special mention of the Dramatic Society's production of *Macbeth* to mark the silver jubilee of the School Dramatic Society. In every field of sport, the previous year had been an exceptional one, with some magnificent successes, such as the winning of the Devon Public and Grammar Schools' Athletic Championship.

The Lord Mayor, Alderman F. J. Stott, J.P., presided and in his address, congratulated the school generally on all its achievements, but further stated that we must be constantly aware that the changing world was a challenge to education to keep abreast of the times.

A vote of thanks to Sir John and the Lord Mayor was proposed by Alderman L. F. Paul, Chairman of the Education Committee, and it was seconded by Councillor Miss E. K. Pryor, Chairman of the Board of Governors, and Dr. Andrew Scotland, M.A., Director

of Education. The final vote of thanks was given on behalf of the school by R. F. Donne, the School Captain, in a sincere and stirring speech. The evening finished with the customary singing of the school song. Mr. Aiton and the choir deserve warm commendation for their effort in providing pleasant musical interludes in an otherwise formal evening.

R. J. COLEMAN.

## Careers

Some years ago, an appeal was made in these columns to Old Boys well established in their jobs to write home as it were and reveal the inside story, so that it could act as a guide to those not committed to any particular career.

There is a considerable difference in reading of the qualifications, training, pay and prospects, as set out on a careers poster or an extravagantly illustrated brochure issued by some firm or organisation badly in need of recruits and the actual story brought back by the young man already in training with the firm. While one hesitates to suggest sharp practice, one cannot expect to see the other side, the less attractive prospects highlighted. This is where Old Boys can help, where the past can help the present, and here a definite request is made. Please write to me, no matter what your job and tell us your opinion. All material will be sifted and the relevant helpful comments used. Please don't think your job unimportant; we want news and views of all your occupations, favourable and otherwise, so that guidance can be given to those to follow you.

Seldom do we see a career dramatized as vividly as we are now seeing in the career of Civil Engineering. Most of us have watched the rebuilding of our city, culminating in that intricate maze of steel and concrete now emerging as the Civic Centre, but here in front of us rises the first suspension bridge to be built in these islands since Menai and Clifton. What a challenge and temptation to the able boy destined to be an engineer and capable of high qualifications! The opportunity is unique for all able boys at D.H.S., and to enable them to see matters close at hand it is hoped to take up a small party of those interested in finding out more about the career. Ability to take pure and applied maths. at 'A' level, and physics too will be needed. If you are interested please see me next term, and we will visit the site.

W.H.W.

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# House Notes

## DRAKE

At the end of the summer term, we regretfully said goodbye to Searle, our House Captain, and to Woodward, the School Captain. The House wish them all happiness and prosperity in their chosen careers. The new school year started with French being elected House Captain, Doidge Vice-Captain and Couch House Secretary.

This year saw the departure of most of the senior prefects, who have done so much to put the House on top, and the best wishes of the House go with them. Congratulations are due to Binns, Davies, Evans, Griffiths, Pengelly and Squance, who have been made school prefects and to Burrows, Couch, Sanders and Wilson, who have been made House prefects.

The new school year started very slowly, due mainly to the cancellation of House rugby and soccer matches because of the heavy rains. However, we must congratulate our senior rugby team, who have played magnificently under the able leadership of Wilson and who have so far gained maximum points by beating Grenville 9 points to nil, and Gilbert 36 points to nil. Well done!

The only senior soccer match which has been played ended in a very disappointing draw with Raleigh 2-2. With such experienced players as Sanders, Oxley and Roberts, together with a good all-round team we should see some better results in the future.

In competition not connected with the St. Levan Shield, Drake has not done so well. The senior chess team under Couch has managed to win only one of its games, whilst the junior team has not yet recorded a win.

On the whole, therefore, Drake has started the new school year quite well, and with a little more determination and spirit, combined with the natural ability of every member of the House, we can retain the St. Levan Shield for the third year in succession.

Last, but not least, our thanks are due to Mr. Nicholas, for being a continual source of guidance and encouragement in all House activities.

J. F. FRENCH, *House Captain.*

## GILBERT

The autumn term is always one of little House activity. A very large number of the senior members of the House left us at the end of the old year and this year we have only two members of the House in the upper sixth—R. Donne and K. Virgo. We congratulate Donne on his appointment as School Captain, and F. Ackroyd, A. Dawe, M. Harris, K. Norman, and A. Thorning, who have been appointed school prefects.

At the beginning of the year K. Virgo was appointed House Captain and Captain of Rugby; K. Norman, House Secretary;

J. Horne, Capt. Senior Soccer; J. Morris, Capt. Junior Soccer; C. Miller, Capt. Senior and Junior Chess; and P. Holman, Junior Rugby.

Owing to the adverse weather conditions, only two of the three senior rugby games were played, in which we went down to Raleigh by 52 pts. to 3 and to Drake by 36 pts. to nil. It seems that we have not shaken off the bogy that dogs our rugby, but we have high hopes of our promising junior team, whose one fixture this term was cancelled.

As usual, our dismal rugby record is balanced by our fine senior soccer team, who, in the one game played so far, triumphed over Grenville by 5 goals to nil.

In chess, we are in the unusual position of having only one established player, S. Willis, in the senior school. Our senior House team consequently includes five juniors and the fact that they have won one game and lost two by narrow margins proves their worth! In the junior section they have won all three games.

At the end of last year, Mr. Berry, so long associated with Gilbert, left the school. In his place we are very pleased to welcome Mr. Barkell, under whose guidance Gilbert hopes once again to rise to supremacy.

K. VIRGO, *House Captain.*

## GRENVILLE

The unfortunate weather which we have suffered since September has resulted in the postponement of several House rugby and soccer matches, and these will be played in March.

At the end of last term, we lost the services of J. E. Taylor, last year's House Captain, who did so much to contribute to the successes of the House.

We extend our congratulations to C. J. Booth, R. M. J. Gent, C. O'Brien, C. Revans and C. Whitby, on their appointment as school prefects and welcome them as officials of the House.

Of the few games which the House has played since the beginning of the school year, the most outstanding were the two senior rugby matches. The Grenville team, captained by R. L. Davey, lost a very exciting match (9-0) against a strong side from Drake. In their second match, the forwards played extremely well and with good support from the three-quarters they managed to beat a very experienced side from Raleigh.

The senior soccer team in their one outing on the field, lost (5-0) to Gilbert. It is to be hoped that they will do better when House matches are resumed in March.

Both the junior soccer and junior rugby teams have not been seen on the field this year because their fixtures have been cancelled as a result of bad weather.

The senior chess team has played two matches under its captain, J. Lee. Although it is a fairly young team and, therefore, lacks

experience, it is playing well and won the second of its two matches. So far the junior chess team has won two out of its three matches.

The House would like to extend its thanks to Mr. Mallinson, whose guidance and enthusiasm have been unfailing. We look forward to our successes in 1961 with every confidence.

J. DAVIES, *House Captain.*

## RALEIGH

Usually during the autumn term, House activities appear to wane as more and more out-of-doors events are postponed owing to adverse weather conditions. This gives the House an opportunity to reflect on last year's triumphs and disappointments and to gather strength and spirit to win the St. Levan Shield for this year.

The House has already taken a big step towards obtaining this coveted prize. The senior rugby team scored a resounding success over Gilbert by beating them 52 points to 3, but suffered a narrow defeat against Grenville. Axworthy and Knight must be congratulated on their outstanding play.

The senior soccer team only managed to draw with Drake but, with outstanding players like Ryder and Gidley, the House expects future successes.

Both chess teams scored convincing wins over Gilbert and Drake, and with Ryder's able and spirited captaincy, we should secure the chess championship.

The House would like to thank Axworthy, who left at half term, for having done and achieved so much in all spheres of House activities, especially athletics and rugby. We all wish him every success in his future career.

The House extends its congratulations to Davis, Davison, Pearson, Sinnott, Ryder and Warn, on being elected school prefects and especially to Ryder on being elected Captain of the school soccer and chess teams.

Finally, the House would like to extend its sincere thanks to Mr. Warn for being a continual source of encouragement and inspiration in all activities.

B. MONTGOMERY, *House Captain.*

## THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

"WHO ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?"

Early next term (the week 14th to 18th February) the Dramatic Society will be presenting Nikolai Gogol's satirical comedy, *The Government Inspector*. Gogol's international reputation is founded upon this "profoundly" amusing play and upon his novel *Dead Souls*. The latter plays a major part in the development of Russian fiction through its "symbolic realism", while the play is one of the great milestones in the evolution of Russian drama. Although it is a comedy of incredibly absurd situations and mistaken identity, Gogol has a moral reason for making the audience laugh. The

humour, in its exploitation of the petty corruptions of small-town government, has a bite like a whip-lash.

It is based upon a typically Gogolesque situation: a mistake over the status of a young spendthrift who is, at the beginning of the play, penniless and in imminent danger of arrest. The town officials are thrown into a frenzy of ludicrous fear (they might well be afraid!) by the report that an inspector is to be sent to them to inquire into the administration. Malpractice, inefficiency and general corruption are widespread. The "Gorodrichy" or Mayor, inspired by false reports of the town gossips, identifies the stranded, junior civil servant as the inspector, travelling "incognito". Confusions are magnificently confounded from this moment on. Understandably, the play has tremendous satirical possibilities and does not end without a final, and devastating twist.

The play is set in early nineteenth-century Czarist Russia, when the civil service had a quasi-militaristic framework. However, although the historical setting is important, the play is relevant and apposite today, and the humour is "timeless". We hope you will all attend, despite the fact that you may be found "laughing at yourselves". As Czar Nicholas I. remarked after the first performance: "Everyone has received his due, and I most of all."

## THE RUGBY CLUB

*Master-in-Charge*: MR. NASH    *Captain*: J. F. FRENCH    *Secretary*: D. J. WILSON

The 1960-61 season, as with many other years, has brought its own crop of difficulties and drawbacks. Unlike last year, when the pitches were so baked by incessant sunshine that they were unplayable, this year the grounds have been inundated by the torrential rains, a phenomenon which has established itself as a regular feature of our Saturday excursions onto the rugger field. In consequence, many games have had to be cancelled.

French, the captain of the 1st XV, has set an excellent example to the rest of the team by his sound, hard tackling, and penetrating runs through the opposition. In combination with the hard-running Axworthy on the wing he has scored 33 points.

Unfortunately, we lost Finemore early on in the term, and we wish him well in senior rugby. His place as stand-off half has been admirably filled by Knight who, by his speed off the mark and safe handling, has opened up many gaps to give the rest of the backs good scoring chances. His success has been due, in part, to the sound passing of Tozer at scrum-half. The outsides have been well supplied with the ball by the resolute hooker and pack-leader Virgo, but the forwards generally, have been lacking in determination and will power, and seem slow in getting across to the loose mauls and fighting for the all-important possession.

The newcomers, Forse and Powderly, have had a hard initiation into 1st XV rugby, and we hope that they will continue to play

with the same courage and resourcefulness that they have shown so far. Out of the 14 scheduled games, 5 have already been cancelled, but it is hoped to rearrange the Plymouth College match. We look forward to playing the touring team, Birmingham, over the Christmas holidays, and with even greater expectations to our biennial trip to Newport at Easter. At the time of writing, our unbeaten record still stands, although there are several hard matches still to be played. French, Virgo, Thorne, Knight, Cohen and Wilson, have been nominated for the Devon Public and Grammar School Trials, which take place over Christmas, and we wish them the best of luck.

The 2nd XV, captained by Burrows, has had a fair season so far, playing 8 games, and winning 4 of them. Once again, the forwards are not getting enough of the ball, and, in consequence, the backs stand little chance of scoring. The outsides, coached by Mr. Warn, although severely handicapped by lack of possession, have played large parts in such notable wins as those over Tamar S.S. (50 points to nil), and St. Boniface College II (9 points to 8). The speedy back row of Davey, Scott and King, D., has practised, with some measure of success, the art of harassing the opposition, and King's improvement promises promotion before long.

This year, because there has been such a demand for a game of rugby on a Saturday, a 3rd XV has come into being, which, to date, has been most successful. Mr. Smith has helped with this team, and Evans has been a keen captain. They have played 6 games, of which they have won 3.

The under-15 XV have an enviable record, winning all of their 8 games by such scores as 46 points to nil, and 31 points to 6. This is undoubtedly due to the very expert guidance and judgement of Mr. Mallinson. Congratulations are due to Lee, Baldry, Whysall, Crisp and Harris who were selected to play for Plymouth Schoolboys and additional congratulations to Lee, Baldry and Whysall, who have represented Devon. It was just hard luck that Vosper, the captain of the team, was edged out of a place in the Plymouth team, by last year's Devon scrum-half.

The under-14 XV are a very competent team and led by Holman, they have, to date, lost only 1 game. The forwards fight hard, and give the backs a lot of the ball, which they use to good effect. Helped by Mr. Pring, they look set for a distinguished season.

The under-13 XV, with Mr. Lunnon in charge, are a very enthusiastic team, and promise well for the future. The under-13 team has always had a strong tradition for playing good rugby and this term, with Salmon as captain, are doing very well.

Mr. Stone, in charge of the under-12 team, has had the difficult job of introducing new boys to rugby. Their results so far, show that they have quickly grasped the rudiments of the game.

We wish to thank Mr. Nash for all the hard work which he has put in to make this Rugby Club as efficient and successful as it is. Also the Club is grateful to Mrs. Gent and the Parents' Association for providing such excellent teas for visiting teams: to the masters who refereed matches or "chaperoned" away teams: and finally to all those who have helped the school rugger in any way. This is not just a yearly-repeated formula, but an expression of our sincere and heart-felt thanks.

RESULTS to date	P	W	L	D	Points	
					F	A
1st XV ..	10	9	0	1	210	20
2nd XV ..	8	4	4	0	126	63
3rd XV ..	6	3	3	0	50	33
Under 15 XV	8	8	0	0	184	24
Under 14 XV	9	7	1	1	141	46
Under 13 XV	7	6	1	0	172	15
Under 12 XV	6	5	0	1	63	15

D. J. WILSON, *Hon. Secretary.*

## THE SOCCER CLUB

Last season's young 1st XI has matured into a strong, capable team with no outstanding performer but general all-round ability. At the half-way stage of the season their eight wins in ten games include victories over a good Plympton G.S. side and a rugged Britannia College, Dartmouth team. We are happy to inaugurate fixtures this season with Teignmouth G.S. and look forward to our games with them. We congratulate R. Gill and B. James on being selected to play for Devon Youth v. Surrey at Dawlish recently.

The 2nd XI has suffered many cancellations and has a rather changeable team, but seems to be achieving more consistent form with two consecutive victories.

All the junior teams suffer from being small physically, but both under 15 XI and under 14 XI play attractive football with moderate success. The understanding which they are developing should prove beneficial as they get stronger. We congratulate B. Lewis on selection for Plymouth Schoolboys.

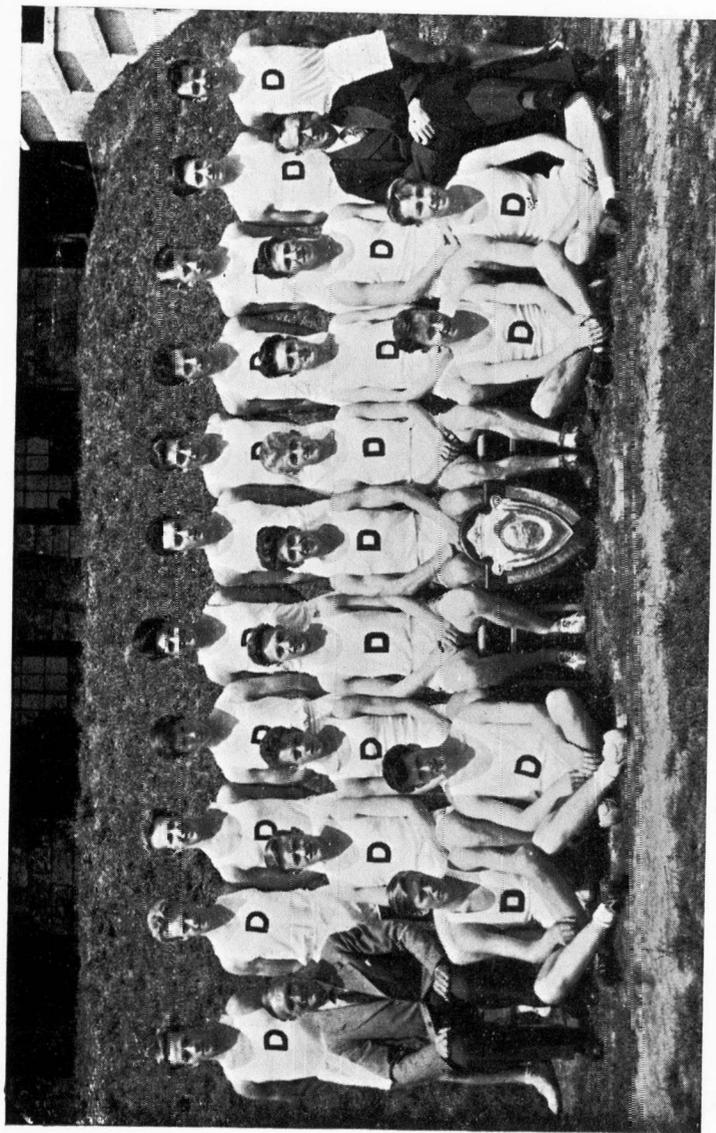
The under 13 XI has not reached a settled state, nor yet learnt the value of teamwork, but contains a number of promising players and should improve as the season progresses.

Our grateful thanks are due to all masters who referee our games and accompany our teams and to the ladies of the Parents' Association who provide our visitors with refreshment.

Record	P	W	D	L	Goals	
					F	A
1st XI ..	10	8	0	2	43	19
2nd XI ..	5	2	1	2	14	21
Under 15 XI	8	1	2	5	12	27
Under 14 XI	6	4	0	2	24	16
Under 13 XI	6	1	3	2	12	16

J. OXLEY.





### ATHLETICS TEAM, 1960

*Back row (left to right):* K. Virgo, C. S. Davies, B. L. Burrows, M. Barratt, B. J. Moore, J. Davies, D. Lewis, J. Pollard, K. J. Durston, P. Thorne, P. Sanders

*Centre row:* Mr. W. Nash, J. W. Quick, K. Lilley, J. W. Axworthy (*Vice-Captain*), J. Taylor (*Captain*), B. Finemore, M. J. Ryder, M. I. J. Woodward, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)

*Front row:* S. R. Vittles, I. C. Tallack, R. Davey, T. Knight

# Out of School Activities

## SCIENCE SOCIETY

As regards membership, the Society made a rather disappointing start. The Committee had decided, for an experimental period, to allow the third year to join, but the membership at the time of going to press is only one hundred and seven compared with last year's total of one hundred and twenty-seven. This considerable drop may be attributed almost wholly to the complete lack of support from L6A and 5S2. The year's programme is arranged so that it can be of value to all members, whether of an arts or science bias. It should be realised that, in addition to giving entertainment and evoking interest in scientific matters, the activities of the Society and its specialist groups provide the members with varied background material which may be of considerable assistance to them when they sit "General Papers" and subsequently appear before interviewing boards.

This term we have enjoyed three talks by visiting specialists. Our first speaker, Mr. Collyns of Messrs. Marples, Ridgeway & Partners, delivered a lecture entitled "Building the Laira Bridge". Mr. Collyns brought along a large model of the proposed new structure as well as many photographs of different stages in its construction, which all combined to produce a most interesting and topical talk. The principles of Archimedes and of Moments are often regarded by the beginner in the study of science as particularly unpleasant theoretical concepts used as bases for abstruse calculations, so it was most helpful to be shown the applications of these fundamental ideas to engineering generally and, in particular, to the pontoon which ferries the long precast concrete spans from one side of the river to the other.

The visit of Mr. Hurrell produced a record attendance of one hundred and twenty, which reflects the popularity of Mr. Hurrell's annual description of some of his field work, illustrated by selections from his excellent films. In these days of mass instruction by radio and television the audience is remote from the speaker, and it is at once refreshing and inspiring to be on more intimate terms with him. Many members took advantage of this opportunity of having informal discussions with an acknowledged expert.

An unusual event during the term was a conducted tour of the new Civic Centre building in Royal Parade. For obvious reasons, only a representative party could be accommodated. The fortunate few were cordially welcomed and ably conducted by Mr. Lincoln of Messrs. Humphreys, Ltd., Mr. Bassington and Mr. Parsons. It is awe inspiring to stand at ground level and look upwards at the impressive building, but those who accomplished the necessary climb are emphatic that the view is even more breath-taking when surveyed the other way round. The Society thanks all these

gentlemen for the time and the care taken in preparing and giving these lectures and tours.

Some interest has again been aroused by the cine equipment which the Science Society possesses. A group of members has decided to attempt to make a film about Millbay Docks, and it is hoped that they will be successful. Many, perhaps, do not realise how much apparatus is possessed by the Society, and what excellent opportunities it provides in, for instance, the photographic field. The electronics construction team continues to make slow but steady progress with its assignment, and eventually the Society will possess another piece of equipment—an oscilloscope. Any suggestions for such projects to attract the attention of members who do not usually take an active part in our activities should be made to the appropriate form representative, who will, in turn, present them to the Committee, which meets on the first Thursday of the month.

The Society continues to sell copies of *Science Club*. This magazine, costing only fourpence, provides interesting items with a scientific basis for readers of most ages. The weekly publication, *The New Scientist*, is also sold to a large number of boys, and contains articles on contemporary scientific trends and discoveries. Any boy wishing to join this scheme should apply to the Treasurer.

R. F. DONNE, *Hon. Secretary*.

## THE RAMBLING CLUB

At the time of writing, the summer is but a memory, and the winter is rapidly approaching, foretold by the fact that Dartmoor has had its first fall of snow. The next few months are, perhaps, the ones enjoyed most by the adventurous Rambler, with strong winds and driving rain or snow to compete with, as well as the natural hazards of the moor.

Our name is often inappropriate, because it leaves an impression of first-formers idly walking along a summer lane, a fact which is anything but the truth. Our aim is to keep as far away from roads as is possible, and most of our time is spent deep in the moor.

Ours is perhaps the school society that has least connection with academic life, but nevertheless, our activities have been rather hampered by G.C.E.

During the summer holidays, we held a week's camp on the fringe of the moor, and were able to visit Bronze Age remains including stone rows, hut circles, and kistvaens. Despite the fact that some of the boys had little or no experience of camp life, the old hands helped the new, resulting in a very eventful and thrilling camp, which everyone enjoyed.

Next year we hope that more boys will show an interest in outdoor life, and we shall be able to enlarge our membership still further.

R. KING, 6A, *Leader*.

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## SCHOOL LIBRARY

The school library has been functioning well this term and this is due, in no small measure, to the fact that everyone now co-operates with the private study arrangements. It is also very pleasing to note that far more books have been taken out this term than ever before; over 1500 were on loan at the end of November. The interesting innovation of bringing junior forms occasionally into the library during English periods has paid handsome dividends in doubling the number of books on loan to the forms in question.

The various auxiliary departments of the library have also been functioning well this term. The repair section has kept up with an ever-increasing volume of work under the direction of Curry (5L). Pearson (5S1) has tried hard to arouse interest in the weekly window displays. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking our staff, fifteen boys who consistently work hard and enthusiastically to keep this vital department of the school running smoothly. Bowen (3C) and Robertson (3B) have made a good start in their year as junior librarians. However, it is the continual guidance of Mr. Whitfeld, the library master, which has been the key to our success, and we gratefully acknowledge his untiring efforts.

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

## THE POST WAR SOCIETY

This term's Post War Society meeting was held on November 25th at Stoke Damerel High School for Girls. I have no doubt that the members of the Post War Society will join me in extending thanks to the senior girls and staff of Stoke Damerel High School who helped, in no small measure, to make the day a success.

The Society assembled at St. Michael's Church, Albert Road, for the service which was conducted by the Rev. Neill, Vicar of St. Michael's. He reminded the sixth-formers present that they were the responsible citizens of tomorrow and that any decisions they made concerning their own and other people's behaviour must be made wisely and in the realisation that their standard of conduct could influence people for good or evil.

At the conclusion of the service, the Society adjourned to Stoke Damerel High School where it was addressed for the remainder of the morning on various aspects of crime and punishment by such speakers as Mr. Maloney, the Governor of Dartmoor Prison; Mrs. Norman Sitters, J.P., a local magistrate; Mr. H. R. Greville, senior Probation Officer; and Miss W. Elkin, Howard League for Penal Reform.

The members of the Society, drawn from Plymouth and District Grammar Schools, after an excellent lunch, split into several groups for informal discussion of various topics relating to crime. Each group was led by a member of staff of the schools taking part or one of the principal speakers. Each group, during the course of

its discussion, formulated two questions which were put to our panel of speakers later in the afternoon. The panel, presided over by Miss Dixon, Headmistress of Stoke Damerel High School for Girls, was posed varied and difficult questions concerning such subjects as corporal punishment, prison living conditions and the predicament of the homosexual versus the law.

At the end of this question and answer session, the main business of the Society was over. After tea, those members who so wished, stayed for a "social evening", which provided some light relief after a day of intense sociological investigation. I feel sure that the Post War Society, by bringing to light various aspects of modern life, of which people must be otherwise largely ignorant, is of great value to the grammar school sixth-former who so often lacks a really broad outlook.

P. COHEN, 6Sc.

## THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

In our debates this term, we have kept in mind our first aim as a School Society, which is to produce boys who can think for themselves and express their thoughts logically and coherently. The number of junior boys attending our meetings has increased considerably, both because we have debated topical questions and because we have tried to dispel the notion that debaters are boring bigots. Although we do recognize the value of disciplined debating, we felt that attracting a larger number of boys was more important at this stage.

Our debates have been successful—Dr. Fidel Castro was put on trial in a mock courtroom debate at one of our meetings. Feelings ran high on both sides and the outcome was a serious yet entertaining survey of opinions held by both senior and junior boys. The Y.M.C.A. invited the Society to arrange a debate for them and in this debate they became enlightened about Trade Unionism and Devonport High School as well. The major debate this term was on unilateral nuclear disarmament. We felt this to be such an important question that we invited two "outside" speakers to open the debate. They were Mr. E. Foulkes, the Clerk of the Court, and Councillor R. C. Scott, a member of the campaign for nuclear disarmament. We were glad to see so many boys present and especially the regular members of our Society. An inter-school debate at Sutton High School brought the term to a close on a serious note, the motion being: "We are dominated by fear!"

The subjects of the term's debates have been mainly political and we hope that the speaking experience gained will help boys to think and speak for themselves in our troubled world. A debating society is essential in all schools and we hope that our efforts have fulfilled the needs of our own school.

R. J. SCOTT, 6A, *Hon. Secretary.*

## THE CHRISTIAN UNION

During our meetings this autumn we have had several Bible discussions as well as meetings of general interest. Among those of general interest have been a talk by Miss U. Mason, a missionary, who returned from the Congo last July; a visit by Mr. English from the Guild of Social Service; and a visit by Mr. Steele of the Y.M.C.A. We also had an "Any questions" session, the panel consisting of four local ministers of different denominations, and a "Fact and Faith" film.

On the whole, the attendance has been encouraging but it is disappointing to note that attendance at the Bible discussions and also at the prayer meetings which are held during the dinner hour on Thursdays have not been as good. The cause of this, I would suggest, is that too many boys are interested in Christianity only as a theory and not as a practical reality. When it comes to finding out more about our faith by the difficult processes of studying the Bible and conscious prayer there are all too few ready to try. In other words, less talk and more practical Christianity!

However, a small group of members have wholeheartedly tried to discover ways in which we, as Christians, can serve our fellows. For example some boys have pushed patients from Cann House to Argyle F.C., others have visited boys in the school who have been sick for long periods and two further groups have concerned themselves with interesting more boys in Christianity.

The members of staff have, more than ever, assisted in the growth of the C.U. this term and we thank them most sincerely for the help they so readily give.

In conclusion, I should like to reiterate the purpose of the Christian Union. This is to instruct and help those who have already accepted the Christian way of life and also to interest more and more people in it. If all those who call themselves Christians came together, bringing their friends with them, then the Christian Union would exert a far more powerful influence in the life of the school than it does at present.

F. ACKROYD, 6Sc.

## D.H.S. DANCING CLASS

This year the class has started well with good attendance from both girls and boys. The eagerness to learn to dance quickly overcame any social inhibitions the boys may have had, with the result that most of them are already fairly proficient ballroom dancers.

As before, the number of boys in the class is confined to twenty, and the large number of applications has shown that the need for another dancing class to cater for the remainder of the sixth-form is very necessary.

We should like to thank our ever-patient partners at D.H.S. for Girls, our very able instructress, Miss S. Tout, and our unfailing pianist, Mrs. Bradley.

J. DAVIES.

## SAILING CLUB

This term has seen the completion of two more "Cadets". *Falcon* was launched at the beginning of the autumn term, enabling us to start racing, and only a few weeks later *Golden Hind* was also afloat. Most of the problems encountered during the building of *Revenge* were successfully avoided with the result that construction was speeded up considerably.

Thus, with three out of four boats on the water, the Club is really beginning to take shape. By the end of this year *Squirrel* should be finished too, and our initial aim will be achieved. However, we hope to go on to build a craft of different design, for training purposes.

We have had a few capsize, but, with the institution of a series of sailing tests, the general standard is steadily being improved. In fact, we were able to record our second victory when we sailed against Public Secondary School in September.

The aim of the Club, which is to create an interest in sailing and to teach boys the rudiments of the sport, is certainly being achieved. Thanks for this are due to Mr. Adams, Mr. Osborn, Mr. Dodd and to Mr. Collenette, who joined us at the beginning of this term.

F. BEBBINGTON, *Captain of Sailing.*

## THE FIELD CLUB

The start of this academic year saw the introduction of a new feature to the Club. Each member was asked to give a lecture on a topic in which he had an especial interest, and as a result lectures were delivered on "The Chemistry of Seawater", "Plankton", "Identification of Birds", and other equally interesting topics.

As in previous years, a number of trips were arranged, at the beginning of the term, on Friday evenings. In spite of the appalling weather these were held.

For many years a gull count has been taken on Stonehouse Creek, once a week, but this term the count has been stepped up to twice a day by two members whose enthusiasm has been undeterred by wind or rain. Among the more unusual birds to be seen were a greenshank, a little auk and, possibly, a little grebe. Two ringed shags were on the creek and one ring number was eventually determined. It appears that it had been ringed as a pullet on Skokholm in 1951. The creek also provided opportunities for plankton netting with a home-made trawl. We have to thank the Sailing Club for their assistance in this exploit.

The Erme count for the Wild Fowl Trust continues once a month in all weathers. In November, a shoveller duck, the first on record, was observed.

No report of the Field Club would be complete without reference to Mr. Dodd's invaluable help, without which the Club would be in great difficulties.

A. NEWTON.

## SENIOR SCOUT LOG

This term our numbers have increased to nine, and this number will probably remain steady for quite a while. This, actually, is quite large for a senior troop. We have had many hikes in groups for various badges and most of us are now on the way to getting the Queen's Scout Badge. We should like to thank Mr. Thompson and Mr. Attewell for the time they have spent in helping us at our meetings and making them interesting. There has been keen competition between the two patrols, "Mallory" and "Scott", and in the winter we hope to gain more badges of a theoretical nature and so there should be some extra Queen's Scouts by Easter. If any members of the school over 15 would like to join the troop, our meetings are on Mondays at 7.30 p.m. in the Scout Hut.

J. MILLS, *P.L.*, *Mallory Patrol.*

## THE SCOUT LOG

This term has seen a successful and promising beginning to the year. We extend a warm welcome to Mr. Attewell who has taken the position of Group Scoutmaster and wish him every success in his new post. With the arrival of Mr. Attewell the Troop started to enrol a large number of new recruits who have helped to make the Troop one of the largest in Plymouth. There are still, however, a few vacancies for new members and they are invited to attend the Troop meetings which are still held each Wednesday at 4 p.m. We also welcome Colin Whitby who has joined us and is helping enormously with the successful running of the Troop.

A varied programme of activity has been accomplished this term with special emphasis on Proficiency Badge-work. The Scout Hut in the school grounds has been undergoing fairly extensive reconditioning and eventually we hope that the Troop will have a large and comfortable headquarters.

Once again we must thank the members of the Parents' Committee, who work hard to provide us with new and better equipment. Finally we extend our thanks to Dr. Cresswell for his unfailing support and interest.

A. DOIDGE and J. DAVIES, *Assistant Scout Masters.*

## A.T.C.

The D.H.S. and Tamar Squadron of the A.T.C. has now been recognised as a major school activity, D.H.S. Flight having about thirty members and recruits are steadily flowing in.

We extend our congratulations to Gregory Walker on passing the entrance examination to R.A.F. Technical College, Henlow, where he is now under training and congratulations also to Cpl. Drake, who has flown solo and been awarded his "A" and "B" gliding certificates. Several cadets have been flying in Chipmunks and Cadet Sutherland won a special trip in a Tiger Moth from which he emerged rather windswept.

Now the winter season is here we have lectures on a variety of interesting subjects including a first aid course. The Squadron, as a whole, is involved in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, and many preparations have been made for the spring, when the exercises will begin; at the moment we are engaged with the hobby side of the award.

The major attraction for the summer is camp. This year we hope to go to a R.A.F. Station in N. Ireland or Scotland, but the allocation and dates have not, as yet, been decided. In the near future we are also visiting R.A.F. Mt. Batten for training in the air/sea rescue craft.

There is never a dull moment in the A.T.C. and I hope more boys who wish to have an interesting and instructive hobby will join. We certainly fulfil our motto "Venture, Adventure".

CPL. B. KRESSINGER, 2336 Squadron.

### THE BADMINTON CLUB

The Badminton Club started rather slowly at the beginning of this term but it has picked up rapidly. We have played two 1st VI games and one 2nd VI against other Plymouth Schools, and, although we have only secured one win, we are rapidly gaining experience.

The Club membership is restricted to twenty players as our play is now limited to the lunch hours. However, the Club will gladly consider any enthusiastic players for next term's membership. The Club extends its congratulations to Oxley, who was last season's champion.

The dance at the end of the summer term, to help increase funds, was not very successful.

The Club would like to thank Mr. Warn for his unfailing interest and guidance.

B. MONTGOMERY, *Hon. Secretary.*

### THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Two meetings were held in the autumn term. We are grateful to Mr. Smith for reading a paper on "Some Spanish experiments in democratic government", at which the attendance was nineteen, and to Mr. Best Harris, the City Librarian, who gave a lecture of great interest on "An outline history of Plymouth from the earliest times to 1939" which he illustrated with slides. Sixty boys from all sections of the school attended. A programme of five meetings is in preparation for the spring term. We shall have visits from Mr. Welsh (the City Archivist), Mr. Best Harris and Mr. Meade-King (the Headmaster of Plymouth College), while it is hoped to show a film at one of the other meetings. The support for the Society lies mainly in the middle sixth, but it is hoped that membership from all the fourth, fifth and sixth forms will increase.

K. J. NORMAN, 6A, *Hon. Secretary.*

## AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

Two films have been shown to the Society in the past term. The attendance at these was very good, the new intake of first-formers providing a large number of interested spectators. We are planning a much fuller programme for 1961.

The Society has run two outside trips, one to the R.N.A.S. Culdrose on 15th July and one to R.A.E., Farnborough, on September 10th. Both were well supported and proved very enjoyable.

The Society regrets that its first Secretary, S. D. Hodge, who assisted greatly in the formation of the organisation, has left for a post with de Havilland Ltd. R. Davis has been elected to replace him.

Our thanks are also due to Mr. Smith who has continued as President, giving much of his valuable time to the Society.

S. N. THOMAS, *Hon. Secretary.*

## THE STAMP CLUB

I am glad to be able to report a considerable increase, both in membership and in enthusiasm since my last report. A varied programme has been carried out in which we have had film strips, auctions and competitions. Amongst the winners of the latter were Ratcliffe (1N) in the competition entitled "My favourite country on stamps", Floyd (L6A) in the Thematic Competition, and Faunce (2A) in the Monochrome Competition. Manton (3C) won the prize for the greatest enthusiasm and initiative. The Club's activities ended, as is usual in the Christmas term, with a visit to the G.P.O. sorting office at Pennycomequick on December 6th. I should like to thank all those who made the visit possible.

It is hoped to arrange an equally attractive programme next term. Anyone interested in stamp collecting should come along one Wednesday at 4 p.m. and see how much he enjoys himself!

I would like to express my thanks to Floyd and Rabey, the other two committee members, for their constant hard work and also to Mr. Hopford for his continued interest and support.

M. B. HARRIS, 6A.

## PLYMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOLS FILM SOCIETY

This term, in spite of numerous difficulties, the Society has celebrated its third birthday with a certain measure of success. We began the session, a little later than expected, with the very emotional Greek film, *A Matter of Dignity*, and, *Two Men and a Wardrobe*, a satirical comment on human existence. From there we progressed to the superbly filmed, *The Boyar's Plot*, a lasting tribute to the undoubted genius of Sergei Eisenstein in the field of film production. Next came *On the Waterfront*, which gave many of us our first chance to see Marlon Brando and his own variation of Stanislavsky's "method", or natural, school of acting. It had a very

mixed reception, and I am sure that discussions as to its merit and potency will continue for quite some time. On December 16th, *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme* was shown, and in combination with *Chairy Tale* and *A Tribute to Massingham*, constituted a delightful evening of light entertainment to conclude a most varied and interesting term. On the same evening, the committee met to discuss the programme for Easter, and I can promise that although the films do not feature such box-office attractions as Steve Reeves or Christopher Lee, they have individual qualities of the highest order.

This term has also seen the introduction of a series of lecture notes which are designed to give an insight into the problems and, indeed, the motivation behind the films. This additional "service" was somewhat abused at first, but now the mountains of crumpled paper have dwindled to molehills. It is hoped to hold a film discussion group over the Christmas holidays, and if the experiment proves a success, then they too will become a regular feature.

In conclusion, I would simply like to say that without the many hours of hard work which Mr. Whitfeld puts in behind the scenes, there would be no Society, and in consequence, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking him, and Mr. S. Keen, for enabling so many of us to spend such enjoyable Friday evenings.

Prospects are good for next term, provided that we get sufficient members, and, therefore, I urge people to order their tickets as soon as possible.

D. J. WILSON, *Hon. Secretary.*

## THE CHESS CLUB

Chess, although such an ancient game, plays a prominent part in the life of a large section of the junior and middle school. All boys are given a good opportunity to participate in this leisurely, but very thrilling, sport. The lunch hour Chess Club caters for many boys who would be otherwise unoccupied. In order to supplement the present supply of chess sets and clocks, a nominal subscription of one shilling per term per boy is charged.

The School Horley Cup team (under 14) commenced the term with a close fought contest against Public Secondary School, last year's winners. However, the juniors were successful and continued to be undefeated throughout the remainder of the term. Their results included a 6-0 win over Plympton Grammar School and a 5-1 victory over St. Boniface's College. Until the last match of the term the Goodman Cup team was also undefeated. Sutton High School were beaten on adjudication; Tamar Secondary School, Plymouth College and Widey Technical Secondary School were all defeated decisively. Unfortunately this team was beaten by 3½ points to 2½ by St. Boniface's College and thus share the first place at the end of one term.

In *The Sunday Times* tournament, which is based on an age handicap, the school A team beat Plymouth College A team and

the school B team beat Torquay Grammar School for Girls. Unfortunately in the next round the A team was opposed by the B team. The A team was victorious and thus continue in the competition alone, in an effort to become Westcountry champions.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Adams, who has continued to be the source of our success. The Chess Club will regret Mr. Berry's departure because of the support he has given the chess teams for many years. However, in his place, we welcome Mr. Thomas and hope that he will assist the Chess Club to continue as a very successful organisation.

J. D. COUCH.

### THE PRINTING GROUP

The Printing Group has continued to flourish, although the autumn term is, as usual, rather an inactive term for orders. However, several batches of tickets have been printed, including those for the annual functions of the Parents' Association. The next large order will probably be the school play tickets, starting off the rather hectic spring and summer terms, when the printing room continually resounds to the clank of the press.

There are a few vacancies in the Group, so would any first or second former who is interested, and would like to train in the Group, please get in touch with me.

A. J. BILLINGS, 6Sc.

## Parents' Association

We are happy to report what appears to be an upsurge of interest in the affairs of the Association, for attendances at all three functions this term have been most encouraging.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 16th November, and the Secretary reported that the Association had provided all the expenses of Speech Day, arranged to pay for the installation of two "Bituturf" wickets in front of the school, helped finance the School printers to obtain more basic equipment, increased the Welfare Fund (administered by the Headmaster), and entertained all visiting teams. The elections were followed by films and talks from Mr. H. G. Hurrell about the seal and birds at his home on the fringe of Dartmoor. We enjoyed his visit very much and thank him for coming.

On 22nd November, we held a Whist Drive and had thirty-five tables, more than ever before, in fact, we have to buy further packs of cards in case we have even more supporters next time!

For our Annual Dance, on December 7th, we tried a new venture by moving to the Lower Guildhall, and it proved a most popular experiment. Nearly one hundred and fifty parents, staff and friends spent a most enjoyable evening.

Next term we plan another Whist Drive and two "At Homes", and look for your continued support.



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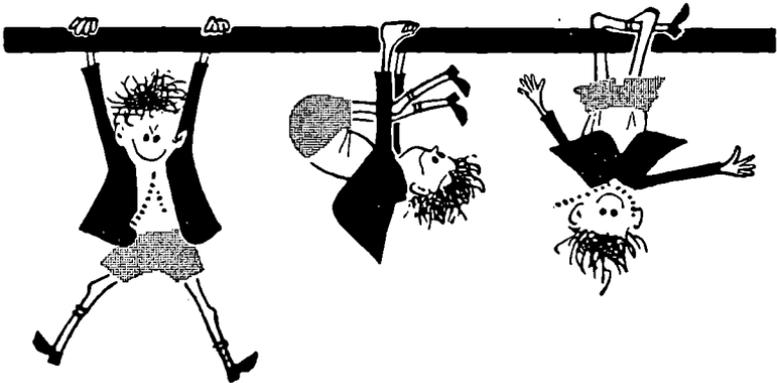
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# Correspondence

Royal Military College,  
Sandhurst.

Dear Sir,

It is not easy to recall how I felt when I first walked up the steps of the grand entrance to the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, because so much has happened in the 12 weeks between then and now. The first term as a junior is extremely full, and no day is like another. It is because of this that time goes so quickly.

The work is mainly military this year and it is very interesting. A lot of attention is paid to drill—the day after we arrived they had us marching around in squads, still in civilian clothes, and looking more like juvenile delinquents than potential officers. This image was emphasized by the haircuts which were compulsorily inflicted on us on our day of arrival.

Tactics take up much of the time, learning about the way in which modern warfare would be conducted by the British Army. We have been taught to use and handle many different weapons, and we have been given a thorough grounding in the use of maps and of compass. Signals, communications and P.T. all form part of our curriculum and there is plenty of opportunity to indulge in any sport from rugger to swimming or from fencing to pot-holing.

This may seem a rosy picture but a person must be prepared for hard work when he enters Sandhurst. It is no joke when you have to spend the night sleeping in an open slit trench in the pouring rain or competing in the steeplechase, running two miles through knee-deep mud and water.

However, once the junior term is left behind, then there is plenty of opportunity to indulge in whatever one wants to indulge in. All tastes are catered for.

At present, there are four D.H.S.O.Bs. here, and although I do not see much of them, John Norman, Mike Barrett and John Cornwell all seem to be enjoying themselves as much as I am.

If anyone is at present hoping to join our ranks I should be pleased to hear from him and give him any help of which I am capable.

Yours faithfully,

K. W. SADLER.

Exeter College,  
Oxford.

Dear Sir,

Most places with any claim to fame are, I think, a little disappointing when they are actually visited; when the real is substituted for the imaginary it is often not without some feeling of anti-climax. Oxford I found to be one of those few places which live up to one's expectations. The prevailing atmosphere of musty

seclusion and splendour was just as I had always imagined it. I shall not, however, dwell upon the aesthetic qualities of Oxford, for there is nothing I could say that has not already been said far more elegantly in poetry or prose.

Few people need reminding that life in a university is many-sided, though which side assumes priority is largely a matter of taste. I imagine I shall disillusion many who regard Oxford as a place of leisurely learning when I say that here one is required to work hard! Most of us find that we need to put in at least a certain minimum of "sweated labour", and the sense of urgency is aggravated by the fact that each term here is of only eight weeks' duration. But I have said that the life has many sides, and study is but one of them; the fact that most of one's time is spent studying merely signifies that there is much to be done, and that these years of full-time study are in most cases "never to be repeated", as the basement bargains say—or simply that one enjoys study!

As regards sport, I think it is true to say that individual colleges cater for both the exceptionally good and the exceptionally bad, by virtue of the large number of teams fielded. Falling without doubt into the latter category myself, I am able to testify to this, as I run in the College cross-country team, albeit more often than not bringing up the rear!

There is, in any university, a profusion of clubs and other activities to meet every taste and eccentricity. My own particular interest is the University Air Squadron, which is essentially a flying club run by the Royal Air Force. Each member learns to fly in the capable hands of R.A.F. instructors, men possessing infinite patience! I mention this in view of the newly-formed Cadet Corps and Aeronautical Society at the school, for which the air squadron is, of course, the natural sequel at university level.

I have given no account of the customs which surround life here, and at times seem to cement it together, and what I have said is necessarily very sketchy and one-sided. For a comprehensive and entertaining description I would strongly recommend Dacre Balsdon's book "Oxford Life". Yet what I regard as the most important part of university life is the most elusive to describe, for it pervades all other activities. A university is not just an academy, but is a breeding ground for every sort of "-ian" and "-ist" by which people style themselves. It is a place where, if one feels anything, one tends to feel it strongly: if a man is a politician he will rave at the Union; if he is a nuclear disarmament he will march in protest; if an atheist he will be an argumentative one; if a Christian a very active Christian, and so on. If any time in life can be said to be one in which ideas and attitudes are crystallised, the years spent at university are such.

Yours faithfully,

M. J. STEPHENS.

The University,  
Leeds, 2.

Dear Sir,

Having recently spent one year in a French "lycee", preceded by three months at a German university, I have naturally taken a little time to accustom myself once again to the friendly grime of a northern industrial city.

It is a far cry from the summer heat of Antibes to the winter chill of Leeds, from "pâté de foies gras" to Yorkshire "pud", but northern warmth and hospitality is ever available and decidedly welcome.

The French nation is perpetually being classed as an agglomeration of forty-four million individuals. We English, on the contrary, conform to a traditional pattern on this side of the Channel, yet, as a nation, stand somewhat apart from our Continental neighbours. It is surprising what a difference a short expanse of water can produce. The "flegme anglais" is as legendary in France as the sight of baggy trousers and braces on the Cote d'Azur.

But we are satisfied with our lot, a fact which undoubtedly contributes to our naivete and amiability. Glowing descriptions of sun-drenched resorts on the south coast of France leave Yorkshire landladies singularly unmoved. For them, Scarborough has no equal. We find solace and comfort in our traditional cup of tea, while the French grow excitable over a litre of wine and the Germans carouse with a tankard of strong beer. But these are superficial considerations, and often the sole barrier separating us from other European countries is one of unfortunate misunderstanding.

I would strongly advise anyone (whether a student of languages or not) to avail himself of any opportunity to make a prolonged stay in any of the European countries. Not only will he gain a greater insight into the customs and institutions of that country, but he will return with a more critical attitude towards the defects of his own country, and, what is more, with a greater appreciation of its merits.

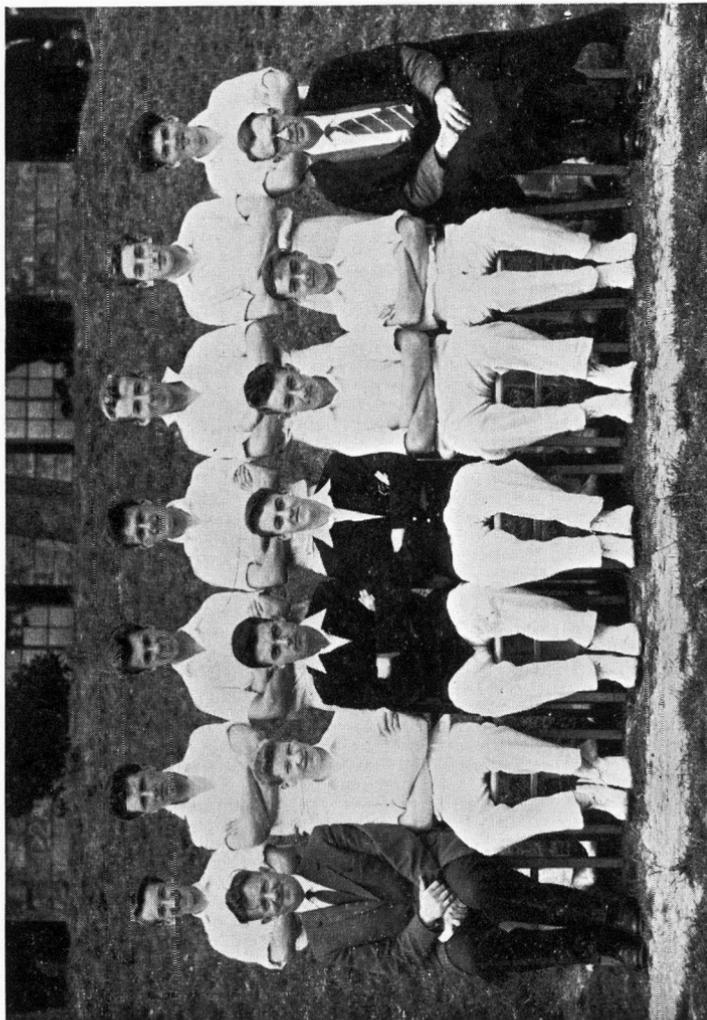
Yours faithfully,

W. J. BADCOCK.

Pembroke College,  
Cambridge.

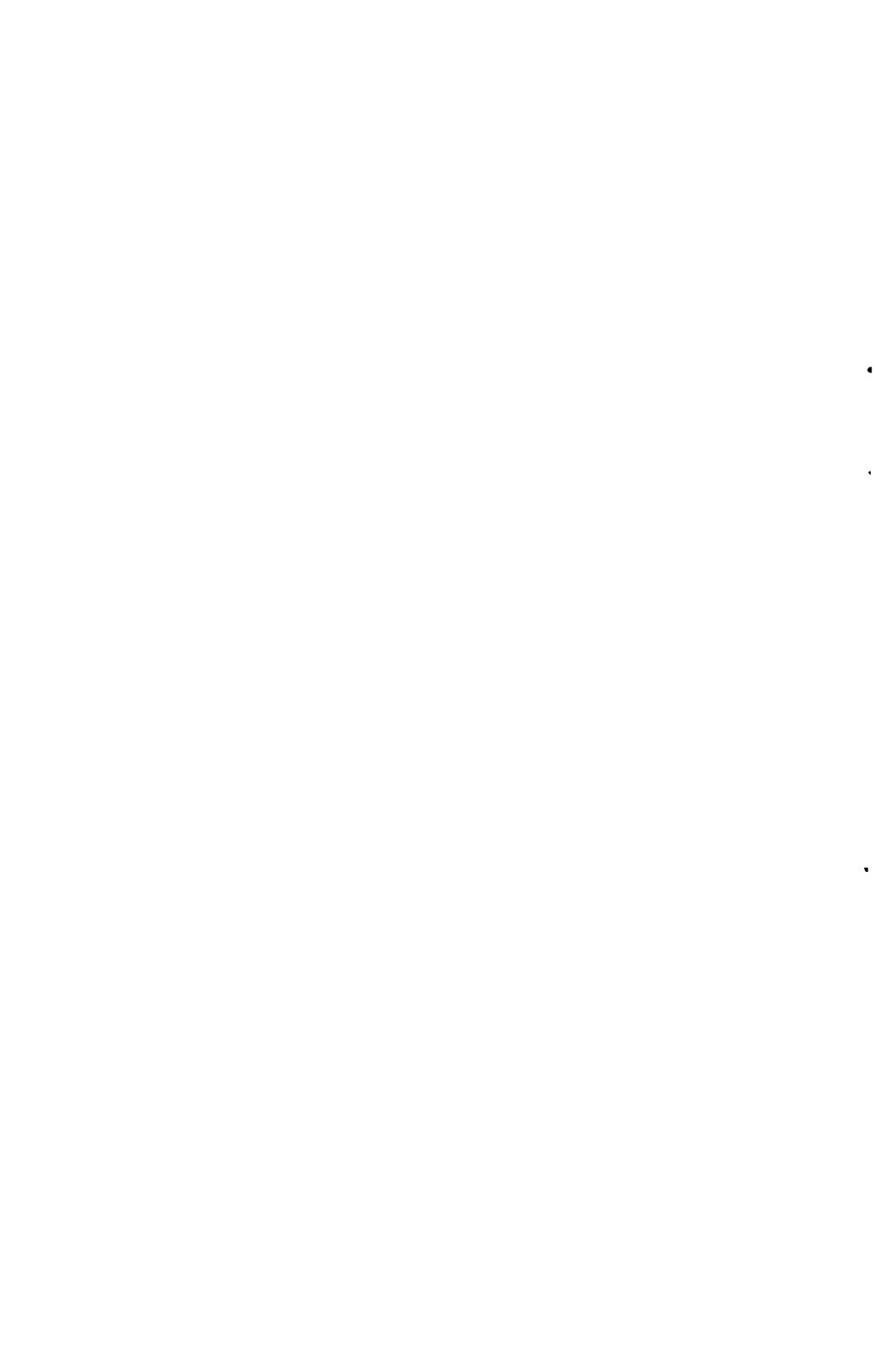
Dear Sir,

At the time of writing, my first term at Cambridge is drawing to a close. The terms are very short and consequently everything is bundled hectically into seven or eight weeks. The overall impression of Cambridge life is, therefore, rather kaleidoscopic. So much to be done and seen in so short a time makes one wonder, on reflection, what one substituted for sleep. Late hours were certainly a common feature, usually spent arguing about any topic from politics to Lady Chatterley. Somehow, one managed to rise bleary-eyed for lectures in the morning.



1st XI. CRICKET, 1960

*Back row (left to right):* D. R. Philpotts, B. M. James, J. F. Horne, R. G. Gill, P. R. Warn, D. Lewis, C. R. Parsons  
*Front row:* Mr. F. Wayne, J. S. Oxley, R. C. Searle (*Vice-Captain*), D. H. Ruberry (*Captain*), L. Callicott,  
E. F. Floyd (*Scorer*), Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)



What is so stimulating about university life is the large amount of freedom and independence which the undergraduate enjoys. Certainly I have experienced little compulsion since I have been here. Lectures or supervisions are not compulsory and work is largely a personal matter. Social life is present in abundance, but once again the undergraduate is free to be as anti-social as he likes. The immediate task of the freshman is to find a balance between social activity and academic study. In the welter of activity which goes on in Cambridge, this balance is understandably hard to attain.

It is easily possible not to do enough work and probably harder, but still possible, to do too much. The latter is as much of a sin in Cambridge as the former. The College system provides a corporate life in much the same way as the House does in a school. The freshman soon finds that there are many ways in which he can take an active part in this corporate life but he should beware of doing too much. Societies providing for every conceivable interest exist. All sports are catered for at all levels.

In this way, Cambridge is "all things to all men". Culture is all around and the opportunities should not be ignored if full advantage is to be taken of university life. The only advice I can give, after one term at Cambridge, is that the sixth-former should broaden his interests as much as possible and try to achieve a balance between study and an active social life.

Yours faithfully,

M. I. J. WOODWARD.

P.O. Box 150,  
Kaduna

Dear Sir,

My family have received many enquiries as to what on earth I am doing in this part of the world so I feel that it is about time that I did a bit of explaining. Let me firstly make it quite clear that I have not joined the Foreign Legion, gone in search of Dr. Livingstone, or begun a private mission to rebuild the walls of the British Empire. I am out here entirely due to my own folly under the auspices of the Royal Commonwealth Society, the Church Ecumenical Council and the Boy Scouts of Nigeria on the Voluntary Service Overseas Scheme. No one forced me into it. I know there were a number of people who have been trying to get me to go to a number of warm spots, and kept telling me so, but this was my own idea and I had no reasons except for my own particular brand of lunacy.

The sun is stinking hot, I'm broke for six days out of seven due to the fact that I only get one pound a week to keep me in luxuries, and I am enjoying every minute of every day that I have been out here. To a large extent I have to fend for myself, I get into vast difficulties due to the fact that my understanding of the language

is, to say the least, not so hot, and yet I would, without any hesitation, recommend this scheme to anyone at D.H.S. If there is anyone who is thinking of going on this scheme I must warn him that there is no telling where you might get sent. It might be to the Arctic Circle, to the desert or to the steaming jungles of the world, but I can guarantee that, if you do go, you will learn a lot more in that one year than you will in ten at a university. It is not unrewarding, despite the diminutive size of what you earn. There is a wonderful feeling in helping others, there is a reward far greater than money can assess in the friendships you make with people, who though they are so different in all respects, colour of skin, religion, temperament, way of life and customs, are so eager to learn from you, willing to help you, and, sometimes quite embarrassingly, grateful for what you have done.

The idea of this scheme is get young people from all parts of the Commonwealth to understand and help one another. The work we are sent out to do is not useless, indeed it is very often of immense value. The scheme is not one to get people to do, at a very small cost, jobs that others would do for a much higher salary. The work we do is work that would not be done by anyone if it were not done voluntarily. I am doing youth work. Not as a professional youth organiser, but as someone who has come out, willing to be as an equal to these people. Not as a person who has come out to teach my own customs and way of life to these people, but as one who has come out willing to share their customs and way of life, and to help them to build their youth organisations on an accepted world-wide basis but incorporating their own traditions, not to suppress their way of doing things, but to develop them.

The youth organisation that I am working with most of all is the Boy Scouts. The basis of this organisation is the same throughout the world, but there is plenty of scope for each country to have its own traditions. The essential thing with all youth organisations is to get the younger people to run their own affairs. My job, therefore, is not to show them how to camp, or teach them what to sing at a camp fire, but to show them that they are capable of holding a responsible position and making decisions, not only in theory but in practice. I do other things as well, as I am at this moment running a youth club for boys in a remand home and helping any other voluntary organisation that asks for my help.

If you do decide, any of you, to have a year of Voluntary Service Overseas, you will not necessarily do the same sort of thing as I am doing as the sort of thing you do is decided by your interests. I was considered to do one of three or four things which tallied with my interests. They thought of giving me work that involved my interests in other things, such as politics, in places as far apart as Malaya, S.W. Africa, Singapore, Fiji and Ghana. The

final choice was more or less left to myself. I know of other boys and girls who have gone abroad. One, who was interested in engineering, has been sent on a project which involves that in S. Rhodesia, one who was a member of the Red Cross has gone to Malaya to do work that involves her interest in that field, and so the story goes on. All over the world there are young people putting their skills and interests to a practical and valuable task. Teaching others and learning a lot for themselves.

Some people think that it is not worth leaving the comfort and security of home for a year's adventure like this—but there have always been people without imagination and the spirit of adventure, but I don't think they are wrong, although I do pity them. If they are content to spend their lives seeing the rest of the world in the blue-grey light of the ju-ju box in the corner it's up to them. For my part, I shall never regret or forget seeing my first tropical sunset, or smelling the roasting of groundnuts in the big open mud ovens, or listening to the sounds of the African night, or sitting around a camp-fire, listening to the fascinating rhythms of Africa in their natural context, and I am sure that there is no one who has received a grammar school education who wouldn't feel the same thrills and emotions that I have.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN C. JEFFERY.

*The following are extracts from  
letters received*

Dear Dr. Cresswell,

H.M.A.S. Anzac  
c/o G.P.O. Sydney, Australia.

At present I am serving with the Royal Australian Navy, on loan from the Royal Navy. I was educated at D.H.S. before leaving in 1949 to join Dartmouth. Last week, the ship I am serving in was engaged in a training cruise in the waters around Tasmania. It was with an eager expectation that I heard we were going to visit Devonport. I clearly remember, during my early days at D.H.S., towards the last years of the war, that we received food parcels from a Devonport High School in Tasmania; little did I think then that I should ever visit that town or the school, but the opportunity has arisen, and I felt I should seize it. I wrote to the Headmaster, informing him of my visit to the town, and asking him if I might visit the school, to express my personal thanks to anyone (perhaps on the staff) who might have assisted in the organistaion of those parcels; also to have an "inquisitive" look at a sister school (perhaps one should say brother school, but as D.H.S. Tasmania is co-educational my original word shall remain).

Needless to say, I received a very warm welcome from Mr. Jacobs, the Headmaster. As well as a most interesting tour of the school, I met a number of the staff. Four of them, Messrs. Matthews, Brazier, Beversyakley, and Brotherup, had all been students at the school and had made contributions, whilst the librarian, Miss Francombe, was able to show me all the school magazines you have been sending for many years now. The deputy headmaster, Mr. Childs, was a teacher at the school when the idea was started.

My sincere regards to any of the staff who may still remember me, especially those of sixth forms days: Messrs. Warn, Coombe and Tamblin.

Salaam,

GILBERT HITCHENS.

“B” Squadron Cadets’ Mess,  
Royal Air Force Technical College,  
Henlow, Bedfordshire.

Dear Sir,

I am now settling into the life of the College, and the work that goes with it. The course here for cadets has only just been lengthened from 3 years 1 term to 4 years 2 terms, to accommodate a course for a Diploma of Technology (Mech.Eng. or Elec.Eng.). The previous passing-out qualification was Higher National Diploma. In fact all technical cadets, whether university entry or Henlow entry, have the opportunity to train to Honours Degree level.

The Dip.Tech. course is very comprehensive, covering pure maths., applied maths., physics and—although not a qualification for entry—it is desirable to have done chemistry up to A level standard. This general course lasts for one year. At the end of that year, the university cadets go to their various universities, and the Henlow cadets are split into electrical and mechanical syndicates.

At the beginning of the second year, vigorous, concentrated workshop training takes place prior to one term of industrial training. Another, more advanced period in industry takes place in the third year.

If there are any boys thinking about Henlow—or Cranwell—I should be very pleased to see them and give them an insight (some of which is very critical), or if they or you prefer it, I would write to them,

G. WALKER.

#### LETTER FROM LEVACK, ONTARIO

Dear Dr. Cresswell,

We never thought, when sitting in our classroom at school, that one day would find us sharing a room and working together in a mine, 3,000 miles away. We were both given this chance of summer work under the auspices of the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy and the International Students’ Exchange Scheme.

Our first sight of Canadian life was that everyone owned a large car and drove on the wrong side of the road. Car ownership has reached such proportions here that when we walk along the road, drivers slow down and stare at us to see if we are insane. Canadians use their cars for travelling any distance further than the car is from the house.

We were hired in Sudbury and proceeded to Levack (pop. 3,100) 30 miles away. We enrolled at the mine and registered at one of the clubhouses. Our working place is on the 3,000 ft. level. It takes about three-quarters of an hour to reach the working place, using two shafts and a train. Our first jobs consisted mainly of shovelling, carrying and sweating. The latter most of all. The type of mining carried out here is called "cut and fill". In simple language this means that the ore is removed from the rock and the ensuing hole is filled with sandfill to prevent the ground from collapsing. This all sounds very simple, but it calls for good supervision and miners.

We have been helped by the assistant superintendent of the mine, who has done much for us in the way of getting us qualified as drillers and slushermen. The latter sounds like a drunk, but is, in fact, an operator of a compressed air machine which scrapes the broken ore into chutes ready for loading into cars. The miners are quite strong and of many nationalities. Many reach large proportions due mainly to drink and partly to work. A common occurrence is for a miner to save for six months and then drink all his savings on a two-month binge.

Levack has two supermarkets, one drug store, one restaurant, one cinema, one post office, and one jail. There is very little entertainment which probably accounts for the large families hereabouts. At this time of the year everyone goes wild on fishing and hunting. The best bag so far this season is three game wardens, two duck shooters, and a cow. This was disqualified from a local competition, however, because the game wardens were out of season. (With acknowledgements to Tom Lehrer.)

Perhaps before we close we should mention our wages. Our basic is \$86 a week. This is offset somewhat by a high cost of living, a haircut being \$1.25 and a bottle of beer being 40c.

VICTOR WALKER and J. B. SIVIOUR.

13, Sunderland Avenue, Belvedere,  
Salisbury, S. Rhodesia.

Dear Sir,

The following information is restricted to my own experiences at Prince Edward School.

School life differs in many ways from that in Britain. School starts at 7-45 a.m. and continues until 1 p.m.; there is a half-hour break mid-morning and, on Wednesdays we return for 1½ hours.

There are seven periods of forty minutes (more on Wednesdays). Sport and P.T. are not compulsory in the sixth-form, though there are excellent facilities—ten pitches for rugby, cricket or hockey; an outdoor swimming pool; seven tennis courts and several squash courts; also a new hobbies block has just been finished.

The school is 40% boarders out of a total of 850. As far as education goes, standards are lower, I think, for you pass Cambridge 'O' level at only 33%, while certain marks in certain combinations of 'O' level subjects can secure entrance to a South-African university. Most prospective candidates wait and take a Subsidiary Certificate at the end of the lower-sixth and then, if they pass, take Higher School Certificate or 'A' level to enter university. This is because Matriculation exemption, as it is called, means a sudden jump from the fifth-form to university, while the Higher School Certificate course dovetails with the first year at university, and our Honours list is used by various firms to give bursaries.

Yours sincerely,

BRIAN R. THOMPSON.

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## **STONEHOUSE CREEK**

### *Save the Rates!*

The school needs playing fields.

It is evident that the city has refuse which it must dispose of and it is equally evident that an early decision must be taken as to which method of disposal shall be the policy of the city. May we not hope that this refuse, which costs nothing, will be used to create something of real material and moral value. To incinerate or compost the refuse is expensive and pays little dividend. To reclaim land with this refuse is not expensive and pays an enormous dividend. Surely the policy of reclaiming land such as would be done if Stonehouse Creek were filled in is a wise one. It would even save ratepayers' money. There would be no need for the transport every day to take boys to distant playing fields. We should have fields we could take a pride in, perhaps even be responsible for. Posterity would benefit. Generations of boys to come would have cause to be proud of the foresight of the present day Council.

Will you do what you can to help us realise this vision before it is too late.

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My request for committee badges and Nos. 4, 7, 8, 10, 14, 28 and 35 of the school magazine in the last issue produced two badges but no magazines. May I again appeal to members for their assistance? Even if you have none yourself perhaps you know someone who has? My third request was for a trainer or first-aid man to help the Soccer Club. Here again I have to report failure. If anyone is holding back, now is the time for him to come forward.

Whilst talking sport, I have been asked if any Old Boys are interested in hockey or squash. The former has been suggested as a new activity for the Association. The latter is already a thriving concern at Cann House, Tamerton Foliot. Anyone interested should contact Mr. David Smeeton at 50 Torrington Place, North Road, Plymouth.

Last October saw the opening of a Bath and Bristol Branch, when our President, Chairman and Treasurer attended an inaugural meeting at Bath. Some thirty Old Boys were the first members of the new Branch of which Mr. J. M. Widdecombe was elected first Chairman. The Secretary is Mr. D. G. Reed, 9 Cavendish Place, Bath, who will be pleased to hear from Old Boys in the area. They hope to run a skittles match early in the New Year—contact Des. Reed for details.

Last month, members of the Committee commenced a campaign in an endeavour to persuade the local authority to fill in Stonehouse Creek and provide a playing field for the school. Our idea was that the Forder Valley Controversy could be resolved by using the creek as an alternative. At the time of writing the matter is in its infancy and being overshadowed by the proposed airport at Harrowbeer. Tipping at Stonehouse would prove less costly than using Forder Valley, as the distance would be far less and roads are already available. A playing field adjacent to the school would save the cost of sending boys further afield. Vision is required. The objective is a field where we can return the hospitality at present extended to our teams by schools blessed with the requisite accommodation. Any support for our endeavours will be very welcome.

At the latter end of the past year, the Committee lost its Chairman when Bob Collings was transferred to London. He has been an active member of the Committee for three years and, at the time of writing, is recovering from a cartilage operation. We wish him an early return to good health, and success in the Metropolis.

It is hoped that we shall be able to hold a re-union at the Albion Clubroom on 29th March, 1961. The event to be preceded by rugger and soccer matches against the school. Plans for this are proceeding.

B. GILBERT, *Hon. Secretary.*

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and Students to be co-opted

The Trent Park outing was, as usual, a great success though a crop of children's ailments kept away the Chapmans, Burrows and Crowthers. Stuart Watson, who last year turned up on the Sunday after, got the date right this time. Altogether, we were about one hundred strong. The autumn meeting had to be changed to November 4th. There were no students available except Reg Searle and Mike Allison. Colin Bray made a welcome reappearance and among the new faces we welcomed: E. Cook (1930-37), M. Winterton and D. Martin (1953-56). T. H. Burton (1919-26) also attended this meeting and had a fine time swapping reminiscences with "old hands" like A. J. Millet, S. A. Evans, J. Herridge, Ken Drummond, A. R. Pike, A. J. Swan and A. Rowden. Captain Gosling could not attend this meeting unfortunately but he hopes to be able to join us at a meeting in the near future. We had an attendance of forty.

The Christmas dinner clashes usually with so many of our members' other activities that we have abandoned it this year. Instead it is hoped to hold a dinner at "The Cock Tavern" on Saturday, January 21st. A new departure will be that members will be able to bring their sons and daughters in addition to their wives if they so wish, providing that they are old enough. It is hoped that the School will be represented.

The Secretary and Treasurer travelled to Bath for the inaugural meeting of the new Branch to convey the London Branch's best wishes for the "infant's" future. John Beattie has paid a call on the Secretary. After six months more in London he will be returning to Plymouth. We should welcome news of O.Bs. in London who

have so far evaded us—Clements, Blewett, Woodfield, Ralph, Ashworth and others.

I ran into Campbell-Davies recently at Twickenham and one of the Maddock brothers in Whitehall.

C. F. AUSTIN, *Hon. Secretary.*

### THE OLD BOYS' SOCCER CLUB

The fortunes of the Club have been very mixed, up to the present time. Only four wins have been recorded by the Club so far. The 1st XI have had two league successes and the 2nd XI two cup wins. The 1st XI have lost five matches by the odd goal in games which could have gone either way.

The 2nd XI managed to reach the second round of the Devon Junior Cup, but were beaten at Roborough. In the Challenge Bowl they did very well to beat Yealm United on the United's ground after holding them to a draw at Victoria Park.

The lack of a regular, natural goalkeeper for either team has partly contributed to the Club's disappointing performances. The substitutes have always done their best, but experience is an essential to a goalkeeper.

We have to congratulate W. Joint and B. Richardson on their recent marriages and we wish them every happiness in the future.

Thank you again, Mr. Warren.

ERIC DAMERELL, *Hon. Secretary,*  
5 Trelawney Road,  
Peverell, Plymouth.

### PERSONAL COLUMN — *News of Old Boys*

This has been a really vital term in O.B.A. activities, but perhaps the outstanding event was the formation of the Bath and Bristol Branch. Thank you J. M. Widdecombe and D. G. Read. I was able to go up to the opening meeting, and I was delighted to see so many Old Boys there with a special welcome for Mr. Austin and Ken Drummond from London. I hope too, to go up to the London January meeting with Mr. Tamblin. Another interesting event has been the discovery of a prize given to Charles Pinwill in 1860. It bears the inscription "Devonport and Stoke Grammar School" and Mr. Best Harris is trying to trace the origin of this ancestor of ours. There seems no doubt that the original school of the Devonport and Stoke Grammar School was somewhere about 1821 when Devonport had at least twice the population of Plymouth, and that this school is the one which eventually becomes "Ryder's", subsequently D.H.S.

I still wait hopefully for news of the old magazines and for any orchestral instruments you may no longer need.

- J. BADCOCK (1949-56). Is to spend a year abroad in a German School.
- M. J. WINTERTON (1950-56). Writes from London. He has been on a Commando Wing course in Belgium, says Mr. Nash wouldn't believe the things he has done. But his next venture is to be a parachute course!
- G. DAWLISH (1937-45). Has now moved to Wye near Ashford, Kent.
- A. DARK (1948-51). Is now at Buckhurst Hill.
- R. J. MARSH is now at Uxbridge and R. BOOTES at Fareham.
- COLONEL H. A. BAGELY has now taken up a teaching appointment. Says his sympathies, somewhat belated, are now entirely with those who struggled with him.
- G. A. F. HITCHENS, R.N. Has written us two fascinating letters, extracts of which appear in this issue. We do thank him for visiting D.H.S. Tasmania and congratulate him on his F.R.S.
- TOM BURTON (1919-26). Now at Epsom College, has recently appeared on TV telling of his exploits in the icy regions of Iceland. He is inspiring us to think of a similar effort.
- Assist. Commissioner D. WEBB was in charge of the St. Pancras operations. It's nice to know D.H.S. keeps the law.
- BILL WARWICK. All rugby players remember him; is working hard in Cardiff, but gets down to Plymouth now and then.
- TIM HEALEY, R.N. Is now on the C-in-C's Staff Plymouth, and is looking forward to visiting school again.
- JOHN BEATTIE (1952-59). Writes very encouragingly about the Post Office Student Apprentice Scheme—was one of the first in Gt. Britain to get one.
- R. MILLER (1950-57). Has been called to the Bar.
- PAUL MILLER (1949-56). Wrote and gave me the news of his brother and all the Oxford chaps. They all seem to have gravitated to London.
- G. E. WALKER (1952-60). Is really enjoying life at the R.A.F. College, Henlow. He adds, however, that it is an exacting course.
- K. SADLER (1952-60). Sends us news of the chaps at Sandhurst. They all appear to be fit and well and working twice as hard as ever.
- M. H. DINGLE (1950-57). Is working hard in Leeds, but expects to join us again at Xmas.
- M. J. WOODWARD (1952-60). Is having a good run at rugby at Cambridge—also works hard!
- J. JEFFREY (1952-60). Now in Nigeria. Most of you will have read of the splendid job he is doing with the V.S.O. He found all the Scout books used out there were compiled by Mr. Sparrow.
- R. K. YOUNG (1952-58). Has done very well with BP Tanker Ltd. He hopes to qualify as an engineer.
- T. WEBB (1951-58). Is in the R.A.F. Band and will be visible on TV in the Royal Tournament Show.
- T. J. LONG (1940-47). Granted a Regular Service Commission in the Armament Branch of the R.A.F.
- L. F. SPARK (1950-57). Successful in the Open Executive Competition and writes most interestingly of his work in Cornwall.
- B. R. PERRETT (1949-57). Has called in when on leave from his duties in the Executive. He too is very cheerful.
- PROFESSOR J. LAWLOR. Spent a very enjoyable morning with us early in September. He was delighted, like DR. MAY, with the new school site.
- S. HODGE (1952-60). Writes very interesting letters about de Havillands. There are some splendid opportunities there.
- D. GROCOTT (1943-50). Successful in the examination for promotion to H.M. Inspector of Taxes. He is married with a young daughter. Will be in City 16 District.
- R. J. G. TRUSCOTT (1948-55). Is now with Ellerman Shipping Line as 3rd Electrical Officer on the *City of Durban*.
- C. A. OAKLEY. Has now returned to Glasgow University as Head of the Department of Industrial Psychology. He is at present engaged on writing three books on The History of the British Film Industry, and another which will have references to D.H.S. We look forward to them. He hopes to call in school next June.
- J. C. PERRY. Awarded an Electrical Cadetship to Greenwich, now at Bristol University on a degree course.

## THE BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Married, Single and Family</i>	<i>Any interesting details</i>
J. E. Boyce (1939-1946)	7 Tynning End, Bath	Married, 3 daughters	
R. W. Lock (1938-1943)	8 Johnstone Street, Bath	Married, no children	
H. D. D. Thomas (1945-1950)	53 Bloomfield Ave., Bath	Married, 2 children (1 boy, 1 girl)	
P. J. Nicholas (1933-1939)	27 Marsden Road, Kingsway, Bath	Married 3 daughters	
D. E. Ackland (1932-1940)	32 Minster Way, Bath	Married, 2 daughters	
E. C. Arscott (1921-1929)	14 Lyncombe Hill, Bath	Married, 1 boy, 1 girl	
T. Webb (1951-1958)	No. 5 Reg. Band, R.A.F. Locking, Weston-super-Mare	Single	
B. Neill (1948-1953)	1 Down Avenue, Foxhill, Bath	Single	
D. P. Miles (1941-1949)	12 Park Street, Bath	Married, 1 son	
R. A. Denyer (1926-1933)	3 West Lea Road, Weston, Bath	Married, 1 girl, 1 boy	
F. W. J. Lawrance (1923-1933)	Overdale, Greenway Lane, Bath	Married 1 son (aged 20)	Assistant Director Navy Accounts (Staff). Represent Admty. S. Western Region Comitée on Civil Service Council for Further Education.
W. J. Hobbs (1936-1938)	22 Pulteney Street, Bath	Married, 2 daughters (6 & 11)	
R. F. Townsend (1934-1940)	28 Monsdale Drive, Henbury, Bristol	Married, 2 sons (12 & 2½) 1 daughter (10)	
L. A. Pike (1931-1936)	97 Kinsale Road, Knowle, Bristol 4	Married 2 sons (16 & 11)	
E. C. J. Garland (1923-1928)	70 Winchester Rd., Brislington, Bristol	Single	
R. J. G. Hodges (1928-1937)	29 The Tynning Widcombe Hill, Bath	Married, 1 son (15) 1 daughter (12)	
C. S. Holt (1931-1936)	3 East Lea Road, Weston, Bath	Married, son (2) daughter (8)	
G. Pike (1931-1936)	74 Queen's Road, Devizes, Wilts.	Married, son (18)	
A. R. Smale (1916-1922)	105 West Town Lane, Brislington, Bristol 4	Married, son (29) daughter (27)	
L. R. Truscott (1929-1935)	44 Bloomfield Drive, Odd Down, Bath	Married, 2 boys	Hon. Sec. Bath and County A.C., Capt. Bath Civil Service Athletic Club
N. W. Clark (1949-1956)	57 Townsend Ave., Keyham, Plymouth		Customs and Excise Bristol

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Married, Single, and Family</i>	<i>Any interesting details</i>
R. J. Cheshire (1926-1931)	87 Newbridge Hill, Lower Weston, Bath	Married, 2 daughters	Southern League Football Referee
D. G. Reed (1933-1939)	9 Cavendish Place, Bath	Married, 1 son (5½)	
J. M. Widdecombe (1919-1928)	The Mead, St. Catherine, Batheaston, Bath	Married, 1 son (22), 1 daughter (13)	O.B.E. Deputy Director of Arma- ment Supply, Admiralty. Has travelled all over the world in his 30- years' Admiralty service.
R. A. Newton (1931-1938)	"Shaston", 36 Bradford Road, Combe Down, Bath	Married, 1 daughter	} Not at the meeting .
A. P. German (1927-1933)	"Daneshill", Winsley, Bath	Married, 1 daughter	
T. Jackson (1933-1938)	1 Great Stanhope Street, Bath	Single	
L. J. Taylor	3 Hylands Grove, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol		
N. S. Taylor	20 The Crescent, Henleaze, Bristol		
R. Powlesland (1948-1950)	256 High Street, Batheaston, Bath		

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