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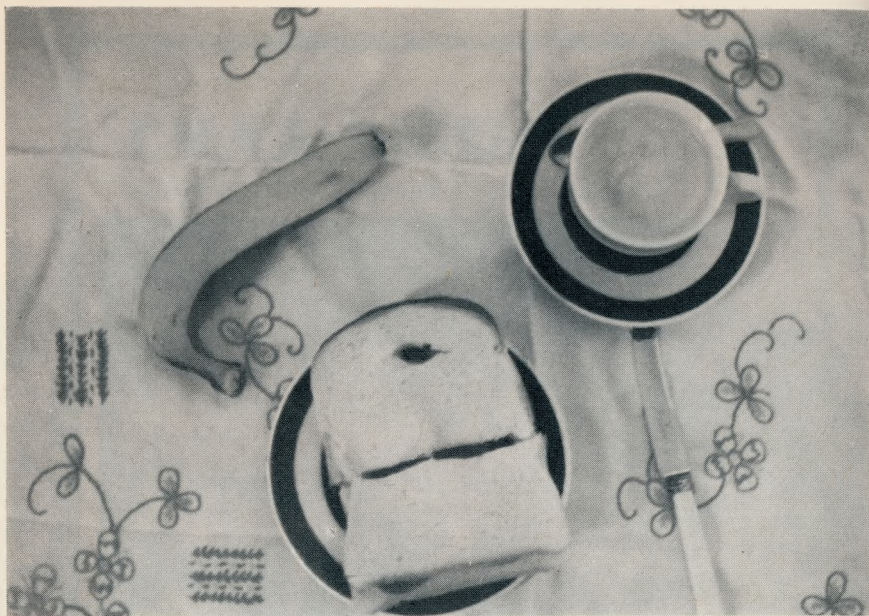
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STILL LIFE (1)



STILL LIFE (2)

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THE WYCOMBIENSIAN

(THE MAGAZINE OF THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, HIGH WYCOMBE)

The Editors of this edition were Peter Ping, Keith Clarke, Michael Rose, Peter Muckley, Chris Dainty and Tony Whitaker. Thanks also to Dave Wadams for his assistance. The cover is Cliff Saunders' work, and he and Tony Blundell did the inside decorations. Thanks again, everybody.

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EDITORIAL

The flowers thrust forth their radiant blossoms, the trees spread shadows of soothing splendour upon the undaunted glades of our life, and once again the raptures of Spring are around us. It is at a time like this, when nature really expounds the beauties which God bestowed on our world that one cannot fail to feel compassion for those who are unable to enjoy its magnificence. Consider the people who have no minds, or those who stand by whilst the activities of Tariq Ali are perpetrated throughout our sacred Isle. What right has he, or anyone, to try and put over humane views to us? Do these protesters honestly believe that the British are apathetic and completely devoid of thought?

Avoiding the issue, and nodding affirmatively, let us return to this magazine and its contributors. My predecessor mentioned the fact that the number and standard of articles handed in had declined. He did, however, praise the critical works (which he could not include) for their intellectual prowess. Unfortunately, the critics have given up and the editors' lot is not a happy one (happy one). I would therefore like to ask for the removal of restrictions on constructive articles before the literary minded amongst us are stifled. Surely such freedom can only benefit the magazine considering that, excepting a few 'originals', most of the reports tend to read like long obituaries rather than lively precis.

Finally I would like to express gratitude to all the contributors who handed their articles in on time. I also extend my sympathy to those persons (Staff and Students) who were unable to compose their notes within the three months time limit.

Thank you.

PETER R. B. PING.

P.S.—House reports will be in the next issue.

SCHOOL NOTES

The Summer Term begins on April 21st. Half Term is from May 26th to 30th; and term ends on July 18th.

Speech Day will be held on Wednesday, July 16th, when the principal speaker will be the Headmaster of Eton.

Mr. T. V. Sheppard retired at Christmas after 23 years' service to the School. We send him our best wishes for a long and happy retirement. We were also sorry to lose at the end of the Christmas Term our Director of Music, Mr. J. S. Dawes, who had been with us for 12 years, and who had made such a great contribution to the musical life of the School. He has gone to a similar post at a Roman Catholic school at Slough, where we wish him every success. We welcome in his place Mr. E. G. Holmes, B.A. (Southampton), who comes to us from Warwick School.

The School Confirmation service, taken by the Bishop of Buckingham, was held in the School Chapel on March 21st. A report appears elsewhere in this issue.

SPEECH DAY, 1968

This year, as an experiment, Speech Day was held on September 27th and not as has been customary in July. The Guest Speaker was our Member of Parliament, Mr. John Hall. In his Report the Headmaster referred to the great interest Mr. and Mrs. Hall had always taken in the life of the School. He drew attention to the continuing need for more accommodation and to the overcrowded conditions under which much of the work had to be done. But in spite of this very gratifying results had been achieved, at O and A level as well as in university awards and entrance. Games and other out of school activities were in a flourishing state; and for this satisfactory situation as well as for the academic successes he wished to pay tribute to the devoted service of the Staff. The interest and unflinching support of the Governors were very much appreciated.

Mr. Hall in his address to the parents and school said that among all the things being said about the younger generation to-day he would like to stress his belief in the idealism of the young, and the sense of the call to service and selfless action which he had observed so widely. The world into which they would be growing up desperately needed young men who thought and felt in that way, and for the tasks in front of them those who were now boys at school needed to equip themselves as thoroughly as

they could, and to strive really to know the answers to the problems of the world today.

After the conclusion of the proceedings in the Queen's Hall the new Tucker Memorial Room, to be used by the Sixth Form, was opened by Mrs. Geoffrey Folley, daughter of the late Headmaster.

At the Commemoration Service held later in the Queen's Hall the visiting preacher was the Rev. Eric Hague, the Vicar of High Wycombe.

SPECIAL PRIZES

HEADMASTER'S PRIZE: R. Gash.

GOVERNORS' READING PRIZE (Presented by Ald. R. P. Clarke):
P. J. Smith.

GOVERNORS' CLASSICS PRIZE (Presented by Mrs. R. P. Clarke):
P. J. Bedwell.

GRAEFE CUP FOR BEST C.C.F. CADET (Presented by the late Ald.
W. Graefe): P. R. Grafton.

HARTE CUP FOR BEST R.A.F. CADET (Presented by Wing Com-
mander C. S. W. Harte): A. Leech.

GILES KEEN MEMORIAL CUP FOR BEST NAVAL CADET (Presented
by Mr. & Mrs. Keen): D. Crees, T. Wills.

SOCIAL SERVICE PRIZE: D. R. Trent.

ART SHIELD (Presented by A. Hastings Esq.): D. Mills.

HOPE CUP (Presented by Mr. & Mrs. Hope): N. J. J. Lumby.

THORNE PRIZE FOR ENGLISH (Presented by Mrs. A. M. Bayley):
A. D. N. Havard.

WESTNEY PRIZE FOR MUSIC (Presented by The Rev. Michael
Westney): M. D. Goldring.

FLETCHER PRIZE FOR GREEK PROSE COMPOSITION (Presented by
C. T. Fletcher Esq.): S. M. R. Hill.

STANLEY MALE PRIZE FOR LATIN: P. M. J. Costello, S. E. Jones.

PHILATELY CUP (Presented by Lt. Col. S. E. Hands): P. F.
Rundell.

J. C. R. DAVIES PRIZES FOR MODERN STUDIES: D. R. Lishman,
J. Woodhouse, N. J. Moon, J. D. Tomlinson.

LANCE MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR PERSISTENT PROGRESS (Presented by
Ald. C. W. Lance, J.P.): 1st year, P. I. Poskett; 2nd year,
A. Devey.

RAFFETY HOUSE CUP FOR SCHOOL WORK: Tucker.

FORM PRIZES

FORM 1A:

- 1st J. Glenister
- 2nd R. E. Quiney

FORM 1B:

- 1st S. Edwards
- 2nd P. Poskett

FORM 1C:

- 1st L. J. O'Callaghan
- 2nd D. J. Dunster

FORM 1D:

- 1st S. M. Gay
- 2nd S. Amin

FORM 1E:

- 1st K. Tanner
- 2nd M. J. Waring

FORM 2X:

- 1st M. A. Pope
- 2nd M. I. Jones
- 3rd C. P. Edwards

FORM 2Y:

- 1st J. E. Underwood
- 2nd P. M. Stevenson
- 3rd D. M. Edwards

FORM 2A:

- 1st P. Barrett
- 2nd M. F. Bedingham

FORM 2S:

- 1st G. N. Clutton
- 2nd A. D. Cockett

FORM 2T:

- 1st R. P. Prior
- 2nd J. J. P. McGuckin

FORM 3X:

- 1st C. R. Rollason
- 2nd S. R. Crisp
- 3rd P. D. Evans

FORM 3Y:

- 1st P. G. Wood
- 2nd C. Langridge
- 3rd G. M. Wilson

FORM 3A:

- 1st E. H. L. Chapman
- 2nd P. A. Logan

FORM 3S:

- 1st C. Froude
- 2nd R. Allnutt

FORM 3T:

- 1st A. P. Paine
- 2nd M. W. D. Oldnal

FORM 4Y:

- 1st R. Barrett
- 2nd P. B. Jay
- 3rd E. J. Youens

FORM 4A:

- 1st T. Amin
- 2nd D. R. Gillespie

FORM 4S:

- 1st S. Cooke
- 2nd S. J. Godfrey

FORM 4T:

- 1st R. J. Martin
- 2nd I. M. Grice

FORM 4X:

- 1st P. M. J. Costello
- 2nd { S. E. Jones
R. P. J. Staynor

FORM 5Y:

- 1st A. P. Gee
- 2nd S. L. Wright
- 3rd J. Woodhouse

FORM 5A:

- 1st P. N. Collins
- 2nd A. R. Jackson
- 3rd R. P. Hipgrave

FORM 5S:

- 1st P. N. Farnsworth
- 2nd G. R. Parkins
- 3rd R. C. Leegood

FORM 5T:

- 1st K. V. Pickering
- 2nd J. D. Tomlinson
- 3rd J. W. Everett

SPEECH PRIZES:

6th form A. N. J. Pearson
 5th form J. Woodhouse
 R. O. Davies
 4th form B. C. Kneller
 3rd form D. A. Lowe
 2nd form P. R. Hotchkiss
 1st form S. M. Gay

NEATNESS PRIZES:

5th form A. P. Gee
 4th form A. D. Carthy
 3rd form M. J. C. Reed
 2nd form T. Hardy
 1st form C. Burnham

FORM 6—1ST YEAR:

Classics S. M. R. Hill
 Modern Languages
 R. I. Hamilton
 French C. D. J. Edwards
 German C. E. T. Lowe
 P. R. Somers
 English P. A. Muckley
 History M. J. Cavey
 C. C. Cutler
 History & Geography
 N. Smith
 Geography
 T. R. Gilson
 Science & Mathematics
 R. Davison
 T. W. Smith
 E. S. Sloan
 Economics
 C. A. Vecchi
 Zoology I. C. Hickman

FORM 6—2ND AND 3RD YEARS:

Modern Languages
 2nd year I. S. Elliott
 German
 2nd year P. Marcan
 3rd year A. G. Pearson
 French
 2nd year R. A. F. Woodman
 3rd year C. N. Bloxham
 English A. N. J. Pearson
 History
 2nd year P. D. Thomson
 3rd year R. Gash
 Economics
 A. R. Hood
 G. P. Smith
 Geography
 2nd year R. B. Stevens
 3rd year R. J. Martin-Fagg
 Science & Mathematics
 2nd year A. Arbaney
 D. E. McColl
 J. N. Woolley
 Music P. Vernon
 Botany G. F. Johnson
 Zoology
 2nd year H. Barker
 Biology G. A. B. Shelton

OPEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

S. W. Coniam
 B. P. Hills
 M. J. Lowe
 M. G. Miles
 D. Morton
 J. S. Robinson
 G. A. B. Shelton
 P. E. Winter

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES, 1968-69

We congratulate the following on gaining Open Awards:

A. Arbaney — Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences,
 Selwyn College, Cambridge
 I. S. Elliott — Open Exhibition in Modern Languages,
 St. Catherine's College, Oxford
 P. H. Fraser — Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences,
 Jesus College, Cambridge

- G. F. Johnson — Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences,
Corpus Christi College, Cambridge
- A. P. Le Messurier — Open Scholarship in Engineering Science,
Pembroke College, Oxford
- D. E. McColl — Open Exhibition in Mathematics,
Selwyn College, Cambridge
- J. N. Woolley — Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences,
King's College, Cambridge

Places at Oxford and Cambridge for 1969:

- B. D. Baddeley — St. Catherine's College, Oxford
for Metallurgy
- A. Boreham — Wadham College, Oxford
for Chemistry
- S. D. Hoath — Lincoln College, Oxford
for Physics
- A. R. Hood — Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge
for Economics
- J. T. Hughes — Churchill College, Cambridge
for Mathematics
- P. Marcan — Jesus College, Oxford
for German
- R. B. Stevens — St. John's College, Cambridge
for Geography

University Places 1968 (1969*):

- H. Barker — Southampton University
- J. G. Berks — Manchester University
- P. M. Berks — Manchester University
- C. N. Bloxham — Lancaster University
- M. J. Cole — Royal College of Music, London
- P. M. Colley — Sheffield University
- T. G. Cowell — Birmingham University
- M. T. Coysh — The City University
- D. R. J. F. Crees — Nottingham University
- J. M. Cunliffe — Dundee University
- P. G. Darling — Kent University
- *S. W. David — Imperial College, London University
- P. R. Dean — London Hospital Medical College,
London University
- A. P. Dickinson — Birmingham University
- J. N. Elderkin — York University
- P. G. Engel — Manchester University
- N. R. Evans — Imperial College, London University
- M. J. Farnsworth — Nottingham University
- C. M. Feek — Westminster Medical School,
London University

- P. T. D. Fulton — King's College, London University
 C. P. Gilson — Manchester University
 M. D. Goldring — Royal College of Music, London
 P. R. Grafton — Sheffield University
 S. W. Gundry — Nottingham University
 B. M. Gwynett — Swansea University
 A. D. Hamlyn — Imperial College, London University
 R. J. Harris — Reading University
 A. D. N. Havard — Sheffield University
 *B. J. D. Kerr — Nottingham University
 D. H. P. Laxen — Lancaster University
 B. P. Llewellyn — Nottingham University
 R. J. Martin-Fagg — Leicester University
 D. C. Mills — Leicester University
 D. H. Morris — Nottingham University
 S. J. Owen — Bristol University
 W. Paskiewicz — Lancaster University
 A. G. Pearson — University College, London University
 *A. N. J. Pearson — East Anglia University
 S. R. Pettit — Cardiff University
 J. H. M. Powell — York University
 V. F. Power — Loughborough University
 C. P. Radley — Leeds University
 A. J. Rollins — Reading University
 M. J. Samways — Nottingham University
 M. Schlaefli — Southampton University
 M. D. Singleton — Southampton University
 P. P. Simons — East Anglia University
 G. A. B. Shelton — St. Andrews University
 *G. P. Smith — Durham University
 J. B. Smith — Leeds University
 P. J. Smith — Manchester University
 T. E. Smith — Birmingham University
 G. M. Stephenson — East Anglia University
 B. Syms — Dundee University
 P. D. Thomson — Lancaster University
 S. E. Toms — Royal Veterinary College,
 London University
 *D. R. Trent — Leeds University
 P. G. Vernon — Hull University
 R. J. Waller — Leeds University
 J. J. Ward — Manchester University

- A. J. Weiss — Royal Dental Hospital,
London University
- B. G. Wood — Sheffield University
- *R. A. F. Woodman — York University
- P. S. Wright — School of Oriental & African Studies,
London University
- C. J. Young — St. Andrews University

The Editor apologises if he has been misinformed at any stage and would be glad to hear of any omissions.

CHAPEL CHOIR CONCERT

On Saturday, 29th March in the Queen's Hall the school Chapel Choir, augmented by some day-boys and masters and directed by Mr. J. E. Burnell, gave a very interesting programme of sacred and secular music.

A small professional orchestra (among whom we were delighted to see Mr. D. Watmough, a former master at the school, playing the viola) opened the concert with a performance of a Mozart *divertimento*, played with most pleasing crispness and spirit.

This was followed by a group of four unaccompanied choral items, the anonymous fifteenth century Agincourt Song, 'Quam pulchra es' by Dunstable, the magnificent 'When David heard that Absalom was slain' by Thomas Tomkins, and 'My soul, there is a country' by Parry. These were sung by the very capable small group of staff and boys who had provided the vocal music in the six productions of 'Century'.

The first half of the concert ended with perhaps the most interesting and effective item of the evening. This was a setting of Psalm 86 by the English composer Gustav Holst. It was accompanied by the orchestra, which began the work with a short introduction immediately commanding attention. The first part of the psalm was set to a plainsong-like melody, with the voices in unison. The middle section contrasted solo tenor and soprano with the chorus, and a thrilling effect was made by the return of the opening music, this time accompanied by strings and organ.

The second half of the concert began with the *Concerto grosso* No. 8 by Corelli, in which the orchestra was joined by Richard Hickox, our organ scholar at Queens, Cambridge, who played the harpsichord. This was followed by 'Chiare fresche e dolci acque' (Clear, fresh, sweet waters), a madrigal in five sections by the sixteenth century Netherlands composer Arcadelt, with words by Petrarch sung in the original Italian.

An anthem by Handel, 'O praise the Lord, ye angels of his', made an effective conclusion to the concert. The work consists

of an orchestral prelude, an opening chorus, solo sections for counter-tenor and bass and a rousing final chorus. Special praise must be given to Peter Bedwell (counter-tenor) and Brian Fox (bass) who sang the solo parts.

The concert was a very worthwhile occasion, and our congratulations and praise must go to Mr. Burnell for such an enjoyable evening, for the amount of time and energy he spent in rehearsing the choir and for producing the concert in general. It is to be regretted that the number of boys present at the concert was so small.

P. MARCAN.

CHAPEL NOTES

The Confirmation Service was held in the Chapel on March 13th and 15 candidates (their names are listed below) were presented to the Bishop of Buckingham, the Right Reverend Christopher Pepys. In his talk to the candidates, the Bishop reminded them of the eternal significance of the step they had taken and of their constant need of the strength that prayer and the sacraments would supply.

The following day, the newly confirmed made their first Communion at a service celebrated by the Chaplain. There were noticeably fewer people present at the service this year, nevertheless it is still an inspiring occasion and, for some of us, one of the most memorable events of the School year.

Andrew M. Clarke
Huw R. Devey
Terence Dowdeswell
Jonathan W. Everett
Nigel A. Fraser
Kevin R. Goulding
Colin Grafton

Christopher J. Head
Philip R. Hide
Timothy J. Howarth
Alan G. Lewis
David J. Stevens
Robert C. Thorne
Fraser I. J. Wallace

Quentin N. D. Wallace

A.J.S.

'THE MIKADO'

It was altogether appropriate that the performance of *The Mikado* in December 1968 was such a good one, as it was Mr. Dawes' last production here. The school owes him a great debt of gratitude for all the sterling work he has done in this sphere in a long line of Gilbert and Sullivan operas under his direction stretching back to *Patience* in 1956. Indeed, this year's production had other links with the past, for Yum-Yum's father was a principal in *The Gondoliers* of 1948!

The whole of the cast entered thoroughly into the spirit of the thing, and the audience enjoyed it very much. The singing was

tuneful and vigorous, and the traditional by-play was most amusingly presented.

At this distance of time there is little point in commenting on the performance of each principal; and in any case it was the excellent team-work of the whole cast that made the performance so satisfying. It is, however, not always easy to find a good tenor among schoolboys, and R. D. Lord is to be congratulated on his excellent performance as Nanki-Poo. Gilbert's elderly ladies (to whom he is so unkind) also present difficulties for a school, but B. V. Gray dealt most convincingly with the part of Katisha.

As usual, a very large number of both boys and staff had contributed a great deal of hard work towards the successful presentation; and in particular our thanks are due to Mr. Dawes for his outstanding musical direction, and to Mr. Dennis Smith for his lively production.

'CENTURY'

For the past two Terms the School has experienced 'Century'. This imaginative project, originating from the fertile mind of Mr. Dennis Smith, was an attempt to portray a century in all its aspects, politics and religion, art, literature and everyday life, through the media of slides, verse, drama and music. The period of time covered was from the fifteenth century to the twentieth century in six chronological episodes, three in the Christmas Term and three in the Easter Term. And it has been a magnificent success. From the beginning, it attracted large and appreciative audiences which contained a pleasingly high proportion of young people.

Mr. Michael James produced the first three performances; Mrs. Jane McVey did the eighteenth century; Mr. Roger Humphris and Mr. Tony Williams (a young student-teacher) the nineteenth century, and Mr. Dennis Smith the twentieth century. The programmes, designed by Mr. Dennis Smith, were folders on the lines of 'Jackdaws' containing sheets of background information on the century. Thus, the usual folder contained sheets on The Historical Background to the Century, Religion, Music, Literature, Architecture, Costume, Furniture, and Mathematics. Each sheet was written by a member of Staff and contained a tremendous amount of useful information on its particular topic, making the entire programme well worth its two shillings price.

One of the most pleasing features of 'Century' was the opportunity it gave to large numbers of boys to participate in one way or another. There were some constant faces: John Woodhouse (a realistic Dr. Johnson); C. M. Dainty (a super villain in the Victorian melodrama); Tim Lowe (who brought a touch of The

Goons to his sixteenth century rustic); Geoffrey Parkins; Geoffrey Biggs and Andrew South (who were the accompanists); David Morris (a memorable Wackford Squeers in the nineteenth century); Ian Ferguson, the projectionist; Andrew Dixon, the photographer, who was responsible for the majority of the slides shown, and many others made a significant contribution. From the seventeenth century the cast was joined by a group of sixth-form girls from Lady Verney School. These added new interest and variety to the performances, and really came into their own in the twentieth century with some vivacious song and dance numbers. Inter-School co-operation of this kind is most encouraging, and one hopes 'Century' will be a portent for more joint ventures in the future.

Mr. John Burnell must be congratulated on the fine performance of his small choir of Staff and boys. Songs and anthems like 'When David heard' by Tomkins and Handel's 'Zadok the Priest' were beautifully rendered, and did much to enhance the overall effect of each production.

Each producer had to achieve two related objectives. First, with so much material to choose from, he had to be selective rather than comprehensive. Secondly, he had to hit the right balance between instruction and entertainment. These objectives were not always realised, so that some productions were perhaps a shade too long and contained rather too much emphasis on the spoken word and not enough on the eye. We learn, so we are told, eighty per cent of what we do through what we see, and those productions which had more slides tended to be correspondingly more successful. All the slides shown, however, were magnificently revealing, and made an instant impact on the audience.

It may be invidious to do so, but this reviewer must single out for special mention the 'Twentieth Century'. Superbly produced by Mr. Dennis Smith, it was lively and informative; it made ingenious use of light and sound effects; it held the audience's attention from the very beginning: in fact, it had the hall-mark of a professional production and it provided a fitting climax to the series. No wonder a colleague turned to me and said—of the whole series: 'It's all good for History'. My word, it most certainly was!

D.G.J.

COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE

On Friday, March 21st, a Commonwealth Conference having as its theme 'Kenya and Nigeria', was held for 244 sixth-form pupils in South Buckinghamshire Grammar Schools. The Conference was opened by the Rt. Hon. the Earl Howe, Chairman of Buckinghamshire Education Committee.

The Chairman was Mr. P. T. Hammond, M.A., from the Commonwealth Institute, and the two lecturers were Mr. Robin

Hallett, M.A., on 'Nigeria', and Mr. Peter Tulloch, M.A., on 'Kenya'. In addition, Mr. J. Samways, B.A., a member of Staff, showed some excellent slides on 'Nigeria' which he had taken when he was a Voluntary Service Organisation volunteer in that country.

In the afternoon the pupils sent in questions to be answered by a panel comprising the three visiting speakers who were joined by four African students, two from each country under discussion. The Conference ended at 4.0 p.m. with most of those who had attended being more aware than before of the problems facing the two countries.

D.G.J.

WYCOMBE ACTION GROUP

Since September when the new committee took over, W.A.G. has been busy raising money in many different ways to finance the entertainments we have provided for the less fortunate members of Wycombe's community. November saw us running a fireworks party for about 40 children, marred only by their insistence on using the excellent though rather glutinous cups of soup we provided, as 'Molotov Cocktails'. The last two days of 1968 were taken up by an Old People's party on the 30th and a Children's party on 31st December. Both went extremely well, the former being a little less nerve-shattering than the latter, but all 70 guests seemed to enjoy themselves.

Our latest venture was to go to Wembley to see *Dick Whittington on Ice* on Monday, February 17th. The coach left Wycombe at 1.30 p.m. with 38 screaming children and 10 brave helpers. By 7.30 p.m. when all the kids had been delivered home safely, we were left with 10 exhausted helpers and one quivering coach driver.

We have had several very successful money-raising activities including a barbecue in October and a Folk Concert in November, which together raised £100. A further £55 was raised from our stall at the United Charities Bazaar in the Town Hall, and from carol singing in Wycombe's pubs around Christmas. But all this money is still not enough to provide our annual holiday in Kent for 24 children, and so on the 13th April we are running a sponsored walk on a circular 30-mile route from Wycombe and there will be a full report of the success of this venture and many others, in the Autumn issue.

G. ROOKE.

Wag Folk Concert, 25th October 1968

School talent combined brilliantly with incredibly professional talent to make the third fantastic Wycombe Action Group Folk Concert a wonderful and incredibly fantastic success. Chris

Dainty, Nick Miles, and then the Four Folk smashed the concert off to a brilliant start. Alastair Pearson, accompanied by Mick (the) Rose and Mrs. Hilary Blythe continued the unbelievably high standard.

Yogi made a stupendous return, though without the Jug band, and showed the multitude some excellent guitar work. Local schoolteacher Richard Elias teamed up with bass player Adie Broadway for a few fantastic numbers and the finale starred the highly professional folk singer, Peter Cox.

Cliff Saunders and Paul Burgess were the unbelievably and absolutely tremendous comperes and overall the concert was sans comparison.

(We thought the original article needed to be expressed with more clarity.—*Eds.*)

C.C.F. NOTES

Army Section

In the past term there was a departure from tradition in the arrangement of the annual Inspection at the end of the Easter Term instead of midway through the Summer Term. It is hoped that the change will provide an opportunity for the more desirable adventure training in place of the ceremonial training which the Inspection necessitates often when the weather is at its best.

Unforeseen circumstances were responsible for two changes in the nomination of Inspecting Officer, but it was Colonel J. H. Clarke, M.C., Adjutant Quartermaster of H.Q. Eastern District, Colchester, who took the Salute.

Here again there was a slight departure from custom when the Senior Cadets took charge of the whole parade. With the exception of a few hair styles which would have done credit to any of the women's services the turn-out was of a high standard and Drum Major A. Broadway was particularly congratulated on producing a creditable and efficient band in the shortest possible time. The change from the old rifle drill could no longer be resisted and the new drill was used for the first time for a ceremonial occasion.

The Formal Parade was followed by a variety of interesting training activities which included an inter-Services shooting match, the building of a Burma Bridge, R.A.F. air-sea rescue equipment, the complete ignition circuit of a motor vehicle, radio operation and a demonstration of the Hovercraft plans which it is proposed to build by the engineering section.

Easter Camp

For the third successive year, Arduous Training was based on 89 Week End Training Centre at Leek with a strong contingent

of 29 cadets. A strong easterly wind and the remains of earlier snow did not seem a very inviting prospect on arrival but the warm sunny days over Easter contributed largely to the success of the Camp. The preliminary training in the clear mountain air produced tremendous appetites with which, happily, Bill's steak and chips, roast pork, sherry trifle, etc. coped admirably.

A three-day exercise with two nights on bivouac was the main activity and this practised everyone in almost all the subjects of the syllabus and reached its climax with a night exercise which produced its usual suspense, excitement, confusion and amusing incidents.

A truce was declared on Saturday afternoon for recruitment training but Easter Sunday found everyone armed to the teeth for a platoon exercise with the W.O.s and Sergeants acting as enemy and being rapidly chased by each of the three sections of the platoon in turn from one ambush site to the next. The final assault had to be delayed whilst the platoon turned its hand to fire-fighting to extinguish a heath fire which had it taken a good hold would have deprived the local gentry of their grouse shooting for many moons to come. This respite allowed the enemy to make a little more preparation for their final stand but Cadet R.S.M. C. R. Brocklehurst's merry men pushed on up the valley and liquidated the enemy with a determined two-prong attack.

A final day on initiative exercises, which ranged from a 'wounded man' rescue operation to rope crossings which satisfied the appetites of all Tarzan aspirants. The evening found Staff Sergt. A. Boreham's team enjoying free drinks and chocolate as a reward for the winning team.

It was disappointing to be without Capt. M. M. Davies whose activities in connection with a student exchange in Germany prevented him from attending the Camp. The officers' quarters were as a result less adequately heated than usual but it was pleasing to welcome the newly commissioned officer 2nd Lieut. R. W. A. Humphris, whose energy and enthusiasm made its impact on the Camp.

R.P.

DARTMOUTH TRAINING SQUADRON '68

Cadets joined the Squadron at Rosyth and were accommodated in the messes of H.M.S. *Scarborough*, H.M.S. *Eastbourne* and H.M.S. *Torquay* for the week's cruise.

The first taste of naval life came when hammocks were issued and cadets tried to lash them with very amusing results! On rising,

we cleared the mess and then stood on the quarterdeck as the squadron proceeded to sea, passing under the Forth Bridge.

Once at sea, the fleet of 53 ships gathered and was reviewed by Admiral Sir Varyl Begg. Most cadets were overawed by this impressive show.

The squadron then proceeded through the Pentland Firth to the Isle of Arran. Here there was a sailing regatta. Also there was a race round Holy Island and then an evening ashore at Lambash.

Then we steamed down the Irish Sea where we were made thoroughly familiar with the ship and assisted on gunnery exercises.

We all had a chuckle when someone cheekily pinned his trousers to the masthead!

Finally we sailed into Devonport to conclude a worthwhile cruise.

V. R. GUBBINS.

LONDON SAILING REPORT

(The Editors thought they would summarise a long report)

It is a scheme to teach resourcefulness and teamwork.

We spent a week on the *Lily Maid*.

It is 59' long.

There were 8 of us

We left Gosport.

We lost a life-jacket.

I could not sleep.

No one drowned.

We worked very hard.

We met Mr. P. A. Taylor.

It became foggy.

It cleared.

We arrived at Gosport.



MY BEAUTIFUL ISLAND

Here on my sad island I sit
in the evening
comforted by the gentle hum of
tiny insects and the soft ripple of the surrounding stream
No other noise disturbs my peace, for my ears
will not hear them.

I lay on my back in the damp earth
between the quietly rustling rushes
the stars form faces and visions in the sky
between the limp dangling ivy
hung branches

I don't believe that anyone
exists outside my island, I am the
solitary sovereign of my beautiful melancholy domain
me and the insects.

I drift off to sleep drowsily . . .
on waking, they had been and gone
leaving a motorway in their wake
a motorway across my island
my sad peaceful island.

K. ANON.

The cement mixer gently stirs
its death-white child
 inside its pressed-steel womb
 chewing
 churning
 like some old cow turned out to pasture.
It stands alone
 amidst the frosty bricks and piles of sand
 chugging contemplatively
till some narrow-minded Artisan
 with one deft moment of his steady hand
 cuts off its life-blood
 without a second thought
and grimacing at its last sad throttled chugs
 upturns the bowl.
The white conception sprawls
 glistening across the frosty ground
 sad, dead, alone
 in the early morning.

My hands touched the mirror
And my face has kissed the water
Reflecting lost emotion
Without meaning and reason
 And the song that I was singing
Became distance without meaning
For the vision is wearing thin now
And my soul is crying
 softly
 to be free
To fly like the sea-birds
Where the morning cannot find me
And to bathe in evening shadows
Where the moonlight shimmers
 softly
 on the sea

THE LAST HUNT

The morning dew was still on the grass and the chilled air was filled with floating vapour above the huddled group on the hillside. The horses pawed the ground impatiently but couldn't move for the great crowd of foxhounds, their tails upright, their ears cocked and alert, their heads pointing towards the central orange ball low in the sky. The hounds sniffed the cool breeze: it was there, or not, yes!—the hot sink of fox swam towards the anxiously waiting cold, shiny, black noses.

All at once, action. The leading dog bounded off, his companions following. The waist-coated gentlemen spurred on their

horses, the hunt was on. Away, the red-coated white-breasted four-footed bounder pricked his long black slender ears. With a jump and a snort he was away, all his instincts sharp. His first thought was his earth, but then the instinct for the safety of his family struck him. He darted away, away from his home, from his family, from his . . . life? To his death?

The bloodthirsty hounds had the scent, they announced their excitement in a wail that carried on the fox-filled breeze, the horses galloped on, one of them below a blaring horn. The quarry was now galloping, hatred filling his eyes that were tight black slits in the filtered sunlight. The hot breath panted fast from his open mouth, his sharp silver teeth glistening. He slowed now to a canter as he leaped and bounded the tufts of grass between the evenly spaced trees. The hunters, closer and closer came. The fox, his ears full with the sound of his life-blood pounding at his skull, full with the sound of baying hounds, galloping horses and blaring horns, stopped, turned and got ready to make a stand. He was in a cave, but not safe. He wanted to rest, to lie down, to sleep, to get away from these majestic creatures who rode horses, whom he didn't understand and whom he hated.

The hound entered and amidst a growling flash of teeth and the eye-aimed claws could be seen the fox, now leaving the bloody corpse in a corner as another two hounds faced him, his strength was going more and more as the blood dripped to the sandy floor. His eyes narrowed, his gums rolled back showing his blood-white teeth. His ears were flat back on his neck that had its fur ruffled, tinted with blood. He raced outside, there was a crack and he felt the hot searing death carrier hit him in the rear leg, he couldn't run, couldn't escape. Suddenly another crack and the thud as the bullet hit home, but it wasn't felt. He rolled on his side, the red stain on his beautiful red and white fur grew, dripped silently to the ground. The fox lay there, but in his eyes . . . hate!

T. G. CROMACK.

BIRDS

Sparrows twittering in the trees,
Blackbirds hopping by;
The Swift that, with the utmost ease,
Swoops backwards through the sky.

The Robin trills its merry song,
Making the garden gay;
And as the stars appear in a throng,
The Robin flies away.

The Magpie, coloured black and white,
Swoops down upon a tree;
It is such a beautiful sight,
So wonderful to see.

J. SAVAGE.

ON WATCHING AN ADVERT. IN ADVERSITY

. . . and all my secrets were revealed. All the revealed revolved before myriads of unknown, unknowing minds. They saw my food, my friends, my faith, myself; I was known and ceased then to be. The loud laughter lasted long and hurt.

P. A. MUCKLEY.

Yet I know your so-called mystery,
Your tired eyes and bitter loneliness . . .
We met before we were ever born.

CHILD MURDER

It is spring

Through the early dawn light
a blurred shape hurries
clothed in mist
through the bracken
between sapling clumps.

Glancing about him, uneasily, as he goes
shoulders hunched;
his hands,
shaking and dirty,
sunk deep in the pockets
of his blood-spattered coat.

Nearing the road, he cowers in the bloom,
unnecessarily,
from a passing lorry.

then, stumbling on a frozen wheel-rut,
he reaches the safety
of his car,
and his cold tears fall on the hard
grey dashboard

It is summer

Children's shouts echo across the common
as the sun breaks cover, and filters
with a stimulating glow
through the leaves
of the tree
on which the children play
unaware of the terrible secret
it harbours
beneath the dark, damp
leafmould
at its feet.

A. BLUNDELL.

A BAS LA SOCIETE DE CONSOMMATION ?

'Something is clearly stirring under the surface of our inherited assumptions and conventional wisdom about the societies we live in . . . Capitalist and Communist.' So spoke the observer amid the cataclysm of the French Revolution—one of the most important (and prophetic?) political events in Europe since World War Two.

The events in May were foreshadowed by a rash of student guerilla attacks in the Latin Quarter of Paris. This type of action is, of course, not confined to Paris or France—all over the civilised world students are finding neo-capitalism fails to satisfy the principles that society should be striving to achieve. What gave the situation its blatantly revolutionary characteristics was the intervention of the proletariat (you and me). All the pragmatists, the pundits, the pop-sociologists, the cynics were confounded as class-struggle reared its ugly head. A spectre again haunted Europe.

Detonated by the repression of the students, the workers acted. The French Communist Party (PCF) and the communist-dominated trade union (CGT), originally attacking the student 'anarchists, adventurists and Trotskyites' were forced to support the strikes in order to control them. They watched with barely-concealed horror as the workers flirted with the 'adventurists' and began to occupy the factories and rejected the 'economic demands' put forward by their bureaucratic masters as insufficient.

However: Paris was not Petrograd; May did not reach October. The beginnings of a revolutionary situation developed; the decline of the PCF as a revolutionary organisation was completed. The conjunction of revolutionary situation with revolutionary party did not materialise.

With the government, the PCF did a deal. The ending of the strikes (with suitable pay awards) in return for the dismantling of the groupuscles who had so usurped the party's power. Indeed, the dissension, intrigue and faction within the fabric of the left nearly resulted in the nihilization of their gallant comrades' efforts. By depriving the workers of any revolutionary perspectives and objectives—and attacking those which appeared spontaneously—it ensured the victory of the 'Party of Order'.

The 'Parties of Order' will learn much from France, May 1968. Their opponents must also . . . on the theoretical level and on the inspirational. What is Past is Prologue.

JIM TOMLINSON.

SEASCAPE IN PERSPECTIVE

Beneath the sun
dark creatures crawl
beneath the sea
dark waters boil
and foam and crash
against the cliffs
where hangs the sun
stands me
from depths of green
the cold sea swirls
from heights of rock
come raucous gulls
that circle low
amidst the spray
and crash unseen
below.
and from the waves
the cold wind sprays
on to the land
a misty haze
that gleams and shimmers
in the light
and paves
a gleaming road on sand
down which
the sultry full moon glides
the ruling sovereign
of the tides
to greet its humble servant
sea
where hung the noble sun
stood me.

A. BLUNDELL.

MORNING

Naked rooftops;
spindling aials
rising out of a misty dawn.
Parchment sky awakes
and cold sun rises
through the mist
for the billionth time;
Joyless, it has occurred again—
Morning.

DAVE TAPLIN.

tinker tailor soldier sailor richman poorman
 an elderly caretaker
 on the steps of the Victorian and Albert
 ate Devonshire toffees from a bag
 slowly, to make them last
 and as he chewed each toffee
 he wondered if it would be his last
 a bus passed
 another wrapper drifted slowly to the ground
 to join the others in the dust
 slowly he made his way past
 the ageing pewter mugs and rows of
 grotesque statues, trying to look as though he
 wasn't going anywhere
 he reached the cloakrooms on his third toffee
 Evening Joe
 Evening Arbuthnot
 nice day
 lovely day
 very nice
 yes . . .
 like a toffee Joe
 No ta Arbuthnot, gives me teeth jip, toffees do
 Devenshire, Joe
 always have, always will
 say it's a nice day, Joe
 . . . yes

must be off, got to dust the gents afore six
 mind you I used to eat toffees s'good as anyone . . .
 see you then
 . . . dozen at a time. I remember once this sergeant said
 to me he said . . .
 . . . reaching the gents, he fumbled with
 the key to the broom cupboard . . .
 bloody locks get worse every day
 . . . at six o'clock he locked the gents, and made his
 way arthritically home
 friday June 25th 1966: Survived 36 Devonshire toffees today
 beggar man thief

THE MOLE

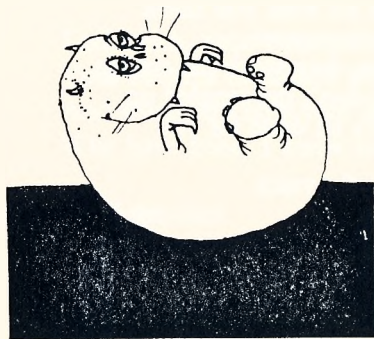
As the frost stung the encaptured brown surface of the virgin
 morning, a small and weary mole could be seen scraping his route
 home through brazen hollows and clefted plains. He hated winter
 and its icy conduct. To our furry burrower hard soil and cold tea
 were comparable only to hard tea and cold soil. Yes, I suppose he

does appear to be either ignorant or uninformed; but this should not distract one from his clarity of thought.

I first became connected with the underworld in 1214 when, purely by chance, I stumbled across a Vietnamese soldier's body (there were enough of them about) which bore the name 'Mole & Sons, Undertakers' upon its breast pocket. I searched for an address, but found only quantities of scented rubber. Nevertheless, I possessed a vital lead and decided to try and follow it up. My dog became more and more jealous as he saw my affection turning towards someone else. He leapt at my lead but suddenly fell away. He felt quite choked off about the whole thing, and since then he has looked reasonably dead. Perhaps I should think and be humane; the blackbird did recover enough last year to be poisoned by the lovely children.

A better idea suddenly struck me. Put an advert in an underground newspaper asking for Mole & Sons to contact me. This was bound to reveal the elusive undertaker's identity. Sure enough and true to form I received the illuminating reply by return of post. A meeting was subsequently arranged, and on the 11th Nov. 1964 I left my two-storey rabbit hutch for the Mole establishment.

My preconceived ideas about Moles were shattered when the door of the undertakers was opened by a preconceived mole. Regardless of this stiff treatment I thrust my way inside only to behold the mirror of reality. A voice said that I was to look deeply into the reflections if I wanted to see the manager. I must admit that I was bitterly disappointed by what I saw. What did I see? Well, there was a large rotting shape, somewhat similar to the human form, and this was very slowly being covered with earth by a little, old, weary and home bound pacifist. Needless to say, I could have complained, but to tell you the truth I rather liked the moles.



PETER PING.

TWO SIDES OF THE TANGENT

Although we touch we seldom meet
But on the outside;
The dawn inside lies lost
As any dawn.

The hall of mirrors, stark and staring madly,
Shows just reflections, naked as the day.

Although we touch we seldom meet
But on the outside
The night inside lies unawakened
As any night.

BARNEY PAYNE.

DEATH . . .

Death is here;
Under the dark eaves that swallow
 the grey stone walls,
In the dribble of smoke limping from
 the once proud stack
That witnessed the hate of wars and
Stood to meet at last the enemy
 that always wins.
No hope shines from the staring windows,
No glimmer of love can touch the threshold
The iron on the door means all.

ANON.

AH!

Not at all what you think
my little puppet
 when they work the strings
 you don't get tangled up
 it's all done for you

the voice

 told our hairy little friend

He would have money
He would have a house
 a wife

 furry kiddies and things

 You can think what you like
As long as you keep quiet about it.

A. NONNY.

THE SONG OF THE WEST—PART ONE

Only a windy breath
 through the dying
leaves of autumn
will tell its secret

Only the fallen twigs
 snapping underfoot
know the answer
 to the question
that
 I ask

 Though
The roots of the oldest oaks,
The branches of the tallest elms
 cry to the world
They talk to the shadows
 of their
 long lost souls,
 For who will listen?
And wisest of the wise
The Mellyrn lies lost forever

 For
Beneath some starlit canopy
Or by some falling water
Its golden leaves they fall no more
Amidst the Elvish laughter

Lothlorien, your vales are gone,
Your streams of mithril silver,
And where are now your kindred fair
Who have gone, I know not whither.

Of Fangorn dark
 men speak no more
And Mirkwood lies forgotten,
 But who can say
 Their power is gone
For who will dare to prove it?

And
While all men sleep
And deepest night enfolds the earth,
While darkness reigns in peace—

Under the moon, till break of dawn
In the Towers of the West
The fires still burn
Which light the crest
Of each succeeding hill;
And beyond these mounds
Of grass and stone
There breaks upon the farthest Sounds
The anthem of the Sea.

The Sea that bears all lives away
The Sea of boundless shores,
The Sea that casts the world in two
And on which
Silently the White Ship floats,
Its sails unfurled and free,
It drifts on endless voyages
In search of
A Silver Tree

PHIL SEALEY.



CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

This has not been a good year statistically. The general mood of apathy that the school has fallen into has affected us like other societies. This apathy coupled with our lack of enthusiasm at times has meant small meetings and the falling of our numbers. It is hoped that with new blood this trend will be corrected before the society is threatened with extinction. But there is encouragement, however, from a young and growing Junior Christian Fellowship started this year, which promises a more hopeful future.

HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society, incorporated into Forum in 1966, took on a new lease of life last September and its members have enjoyed an instructive and varied programme for the last two terms.

The highlight of the year has been a fascinating series of talks by Mr. Green, Curator of High Wycombe Museum, on the town's history right from prehistoric times to the present. These were illustrated by slides and a selection of the documentary and archaeological data which enables Wycombe's history to be written. As a follow-up, we saw a series of slides depicting the various aspects of life in Medieval England; this threw some light on that much neglected field, social history.

On a more topical note, however, we have been treated to talks by the German and French assistants on the contemporary political situations in their respective countries, this being followed by an open Forum in which they told us of their impressions—both good and bad—of Great Britain.

As always, the Society has been very dependent upon the History Staff, particularly Mr. David Jones who has expended much time and energy in arranging the programme and to him, as to all our guest speakers, we offer our thanks.

PETER RICHARDS (Chairman).

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

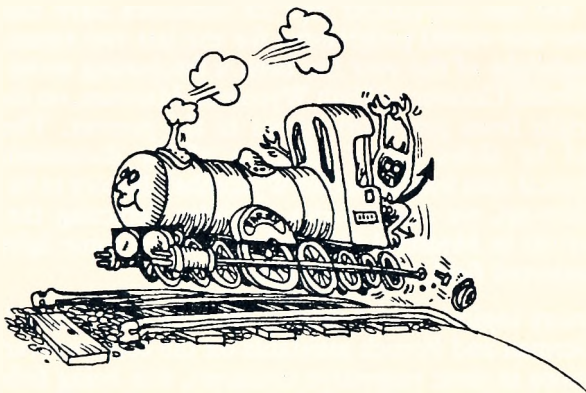
One rainy November lunchtime a dozen drenched fourth-years congregated in the History room for an audition for a debate against Sir William Borlase the following January. The selected team, a quartet of the most able orators of the post-Churchillian era, lost by 771 points to 769. All impartial observers from the R.G.S. agreed that the better team lost. Drawn away to the Technical School, our second team bowed out of the competition in a slightly less impressive fashion, but the room's acoustics were, by all accounts, distracting to all but accustomed ears.

Since those early days, the society, under the auspices of Messrs. Moffat and Humphris, has commenced bi-weekly debates in the music room which, although attracting a constantly increasing audience, have not yet had the sad task of turning disappointed crowds away.

This article is not intended to be an advertisement for our debates, which (just for the record, you understand) are held at 4.15 p.m. on alternate Tuesdays, but to inform the reader that behind the polished wooden door which proudly bears the inscription 'Music Department' lies a treasure-trove of astonishingly eloquent debaters waiting to be discovered. Why shouldn't it be you that makes the scoop? If not you, someone else will.

H. G. L. RUSSELL.

MODEL RAILWAY CLUB



The club has been one of the most active societies in the school, although progress was hindered in the Autumn Term while the layout was moved to new premises. This removal enabled long awaited alterations to be carried out on both the baseboards and track.

This year, much to the relief of British Railways, we have had only one trip, this being to Clapham Transport Museum. We

have also held quizzes and talks, although our film section tends to be the most popular. In the Summer Term we propose to arrange an evening of railway films—we hope all members will attend. The summer also sees the departure of several senior members of the Committee—we hope that their work can be continued.

M.R.C. COMMITTEE.

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

After a break of four years the society is again flourishing with ninety members. Support in the Upper School and Sixth form is very poor, but the series of fortnightly films has been well attended by junior boys. The feature film *Les Snobs* was rather disappointing. Our thanks go to I. Ferguson, who projected all the films, and to the assistants, Mons. Mettra and Herr Grimm.

R. HAMILTON.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This term has seen the completion of the new darkroom, a spacious extension of the original, built by members. These improved facilities have led to a great increase in society activity. The dark-room is in use each lunch-hour and regularly after school.

The society has been busy taking passport photographs and preparing material for the 'Century' productions. The healthy bank-balance has enabled the society to purchase various pieces of new equipment.

A. DICKSON.

Ed. note.—The school greatly appreciates the extensive and elucidating photographic contributions which so greatly enhanced the 'Century' series.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

The society, working in closer co-operation with the Natural History and Astronomical societies, has endeavoured to raise the standard of its activities and, I think, can claim to have succeeded.

There was a very enjoyable and worthwhile visit to the Amersham Radiochemical Centre and we have been given two first class lectures on Radioactivity and Animal Communications. Films have continued to be shown on a wide range of topics.

The scope and intensity of activities should increase once the Summer examinations are over, and it is hoped to reach an even larger section of the school. We owe much to members of the Staff for their time, support and energy, especially Mr. Mander.

T. W. SMITH.

SHOOTING

Under the captaincy of G. R. Martin a new and very able team began the season with a series of postal matches shot under *Country Life* and 'Tin-Hat' conditions. Unfortunately the progress evident in the subsequent scores was not reflected in the overall results. Although a score of more than 700 out of 800 was achieved for the first time in a 'Tin-Hat' competition against Newcastle-under-Lyme, the low scores achieved in the *Country Life* competition were rather discouraging.

Next term the house .22 competition has to be decided, but most of the term will be spent shooting .303 at Bisley and Otmoor. This is an especially demanding exercise and the great sacrifices made by the officers, including Mr. R. Hollingworth, are very much appreciated by all and undoubtedly contribute greatly to the general good spirit of the activity.

SOCCER CLUB

Master-in-Charge: Mr. J. D. Lingard

Now at the end of its first complete season, the club can be well satisfied at the tremendous start it has made. Active membership is the largest in the school, and the colourful club notice board has served not only as a home for all the details of various activities, but also as an interesting magazine of topical and critical comment.

Despite the atrocious weather, 11-a-side matches have flourished. Although still incomplete, fixturewise, the 3rd and 4th year leagues have already been won by the talented 'A' stream sides. The standard of play has improved considerably since September, and no team shows this more than the enthusiastic Staff XI. Formed originally for exercise only, they have matured into a fine team capable of only four defeats in 19 games. The two School *v.* Staff matches, however, both resulted in three goal victories for the School. In another prominent match, the Staff scored a fine win over the H.W. College Staff, also by three goals. At the time of writing, their biggest test was still to come, a visit to League Cup town, Swindon, to play an attractive fixture against Headlands School Staff. Many other senior games between 6th, 5th form, and Staff representative sides were all thoroughly enjoyed.

The other main feature of the season was the Autumn term indoor inter-form 3-a-side competition. This proved popular even by Soccer Club standards, and of 32 teams entered, 6A2 were deserved winners with 6A1 finishing as runners-up. The popularity of the tournament showed itself, when 58 teams were

entered for the Spring term 3-a-side. These were split into senior and junior sections but as yet the competition remains unfinished.

With the cricket season now upon us, activities will naturally be limited. I am sure, though, that any films, discussions and quizzes will be well supported. Finally, I would like to thank the Staff members, especially Mr. Lingard, for their time and effort spent organising and supervising matches. Without this help, of course, none of the activities would have been possible.

K. BARRETT.

Many of you will have heard that we lose Keith Barrett at the end of this school year. Not all of you I am afraid will realise just how much the club will miss him. Barrett was entirely responsible for the 3-a-side games. In addition he has given hours of his time to refereeing, organising the upper sixth team, and to writing and arranging much of the material that has appeared on the soccer club notice board. In the process he has acquired a fine organising ability, and the characteristics of an excellent referee. His presence will be sorely missed next term. If his successor is as efficient and enthusiastic, we shall all be very fortunate.

J.D.L.



RUGBY

1st XV

Played 23, Won 10, Lost 11, Drawn 2

Pre-season training indicated that the 1st XV would be a good team and that it would take a very good team to beat them. Unfortunately, it was soon apparent that our fixture list was full of very good teams.

Initially, we possessed a satisfactory balance of mature ball players and youthful flair, but as the older boys left it was discovered that the latter quality was not enough to win matches by itself.

Many of the games against our established 'enemies' were close, although by the final whistle we often just failed to attain our rightful supremacy. Nevertheless, the morale of the team remained high throughout the season aided by some very entertaining rugby, instigated by the basketball players amongst us.

David Beasley was the most outstanding forward, his brother, Peter, being dominant in the line-out, for when he managed to get his 6 feet 6 inches of frame off the ground nobody could beat him.

Adey Broadway hooked well all season, and his ferocious bursts frightened opposition and team mates alike. Gordon Black and pack leader Ian Pattinson showed tremendous stamina at props, and many opposing front rows have remarked on their high standard. Jim Tomlinson held the scrum together at second row, and although by many his job is under-rated, his team mates

certainly appreciated it. From many shadows the stocky phenomenon of Jerry Cook appeared, and with ball crushed in hand he burst through all opposition that stood in his path.

Graham Taylor, the youngest member of the team, often disguised his age by playing thoughtful and eager rugby in the difficult position of open side wing forward. The backs suffered throughout the season from injuries and from boys leaving the school. Huggins, Stevens and Hongskula provided the nucleus of a strong threequarter line, but after Christmas a younger group emerged, who at times played together admirably.

The half-backs Gamester and Brown showed uncanny understanding at times but occasionally their wires crossed, especially near the touchline.

Brown's tactical knowledge set up some fine and attractive movements, and this plus his sound defence, made him a good all rounds crum-half, although even he would admit his left boot would fit both feet.

Miles played erratically in the centre, scoring some good tries with incessant backing-up, and quick acceleration. He, too, was an expert kicker.

Not many players play prop one week, wing forward the next, and the rest of the season at centre. Chris Woodbridge achieved this with strong tackling and forceful running, which made him a worthwhile centre.

The team was blessed with two fast wingers, Chris Bridger and Michel Nublat. Bridger's acceleration and well-disguised side-step helped him to score many fine tries. Nublat was not so fast but being small and compact, he was hard to stop.

Child's clever positioning and positive play at full-back makes him an impressive prospect for the future.

The team thanks Mr. Learmonth for spending so much time in building up the team to reach its peak, and with the team being fairly young, I feel its peak is still to come.

S. B. GAMESTER.

2nd XV

Played 18, Won 8, Lost 9, Drawn 1.

The 2nd XV has had a mixed season with a depressing start but ending up in triumph. Our rugby developed from poor to good and although we would rather forget our earlier games we can proudly remember our later games where we showed we were capable of co-ordinated and forceful rugby. This season will not

be remembered for the points, but it can be remembered for the team spirit which developed fully towards the end.

The forwards were the mainstay of the team with the small yet strong trio of Brown, Howland and Brocklehurst forming a united front row. The second row pushed well and the back row dashed around the field with Jarvis well in the lead.

Thorne played well all season as scrum-half, feeding the ball out to Pickering with whom he formed a good partnership. The backs had a mixed season generally, because of frequent changes caused by first team requirements, but Smith and Cavey stand out for their good and consistent play.

Our thanks go especially to Mr. Samways who sweated it out on the field with us in training sessions and froze on the touchline giving us encouragement.

The following played regularly:—

C. Brocklehurst, P. J. Howland, M. J. Brown, D. P. O'Hanlon, R. O. Davies, J. C. Marcinkiewicz, G. F. D. Basterfield, J. E. D. Thain, W. W. C. Jarvis, A. Whitaker, R. L. Thorne, K. V. Pickering, C. Smith, M. J. Cavey, P. C. Ellingham, C. J. Anderson, I. M. Hutchinson, G. R. Parkins, and A. R. Jackson.

A. WHITAKER.

3rd XV

Played 18, Won 8, Lost 10. Points For 139, Against 206

After a bad start to the season, the standard of play steadily improved, and in the period just before Christmas, nearly all the matches played were won. After Christmas several games were cancelled, and those played lost, because of lack of practice, illness, and 2nd XV requirements.

Horswell proved to be a very reliable hooker, and Parkins at scrum-half, and Haynes at number eight, provided much needed experience for the forwards. Lewis and Ross, centres, with Ellingham and Richardson on the wings combined to produce some attractive rugby.

The team owes much to Mr. Clegg's encouragement.

Regular players:—

Connell, Ellingham, Giles-Morris, Haynes, Hodd, Horswell, John Lewis, Newton, Perkins, Richardson, Ross, Sloane, Thomas, King, England, O'Hanlon.

C. CONNELL.

Under-14 XV

Played 11, Won 5, Lost 6

The Under-14 XV enjoyed an indifferent season. Well beaten on six occasions and on five others frustrated by the appalling weather of the past season, they continued to play with a good spirit and should look forward to better things next season.

Several newcomers showed promise. Perceval became an increasingly reliable full back and always tackled well. Hunt had many of the terrier-like qualities of a good scrum-half but needed a pause and an exaggerated draw-back before getting his pass in. When he learns to overcome this disastrous delay he should be excellent in the position. Wood played in several forward positions and was a useful addition to the scrum. In the loose play, however, he lacked the fire to turn to good account his admirable following of the ball.

Of the older established players, Woosey impressed most for his running, tackling, and kicking. The other winger Costello always played soundly as did the fly-half Woodbridge who was most efficient as captain. All the forwards showed up well at times, Spencer especially so, but the wing forwards were small and the larger members of the pack too docile. Consequently good opponents tended to take command and exploit some poor midfield defence.

R.C.F.

HOCKEY

Although so many fixtures have been lost through the weather, the season has been in many ways a very successful one: the First and Second XIs won most of their matches, a Third XI took the field in a variety of forms, and the Junior XI showed great promise: seven of the Colts gained selection for the County team. The most heartening news came on St. Patrick's Day when Hockey became the school's fifth major sport. The officials of the club have proved very willing and efficient: Andrew Turner, ably supported by David Caffall, has led the team with drive and dedication, while Don Dixon, and later John Bailey, have done the secretarial work very well indeed. Next year's fixtures have been in the hands of Richard Staynor, while Roger Eley, Neil Cliff and M. Keep have captained their XIs in their own ways. Thanks are also due to all the masters who have given their time so willingly to umpire and coach the teams.

1st XI

Played 21, Won 14, Drawn 5, Lost 3, Goals for 51, Goals against 9.

Inclement weather has severely hit the Hockey fixtures this season; 13 of our matches have been cancelled owing to some

whim of our 'sunny English clime'. However, despite this the team has done extremely well.

The redoubtable M. Meager has been in goal all season and has proved a valuable asset. In fact he has had little to do, but when necessary he has proved more than a match for most forwards. D. Caffall and I. Hickman have played throughout in the full back positions. Their hard tackling and covering have been a sound base on which the rest of the team have been able to build. T. Smith, the now battle-scarred veteran, was a reliable right-half, particularly towards the end of the season. A. Turner captained the side from centre-half, and on his left C. Cutler played solidly in defence.

The forwards have played somewhat erratically, showing occasional flashes of brilliance. R. Worley on the right wing played efficiently and towards the end of the season was beating his man quite easily. D. Peterson played at inside-right and must be commended for his chasing back and harrying his opponents. The centre-forward position was robustly filled by M. Daniel whose shooting reflected his style of play. R. Staynor and D. Dixon have both played at inside-forward with distinction, and Staynor's ball control has bemused many defences. J. Bailey on his day produced many effective bursts often resulting in goals: his total for the season reached 20.

The team has played well all the season, but I feel that much credit must be given to the defence as a whole. Thanks must be given to Mr. P. A. Taylor for his admirable coaching and support throughout the season, and to the boys who have played as reserves when called upon.

A. M. TURNER.

Postscript—Seaford Tournament, 1969

The Bucks Schoolboys' team again played at the Seaford Tournament on April 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and finished third of the twelve teams. In six games they conceded only 2 goals, both in losing to Norfolk. Kent were held to a draw, and Surrey, Hampshire, Hertfordshire and a German touring side were all defeated. The Bucks team included five boys from the R.G.S., Meager, Caffall, Hickman, Turner and Staynor.

P.A.T.

2nd XI

Played 16, Won 8, Drawn 3, Lost 5. Goals For 38, Against 21.

The 2nd XI began the season very well, but deteriorated rather in the later part. The number of matches actually played was reduced by the bad weather. We were fortunate in starting with several members of last year's team, and were able to keep a fairly stable

eleven for the first half of the season. Later, however, the demands of the 1st XI and the conflict of several players' Saturday commitments had its inevitable effect on the run of success.

Fairley proved very capable in goal. Selecting the full-backs was the greatest problem, although a consistent pair was eventually found in Kramek and Hipgrave. The experience of Duckworth at left-half was invaluable, and at centre-half Daniel played well enough to fall prey to the 1st XI. The half-back line was completed by Hollis. Morrent, Fogg and Dawe were very capable understudies so that our half-backs have always held the team together.

The forwards were inherited from last year. Stocking became a useful right-winger, and when he left at Christmas Lowe was the obvious replacement. Anderson filled the difficult left-wing position. Eley and A. Amin at left and right inner and Biggs at centre-forward formed a successful combination despite their contrasting styles, sharing 26 of the goals scored.

We would like to thank Mr. Taylor for his guidance, and also Mr. Blythe, who has devoted much time and effort to refereeing.

Amin (A.), Anderson, Duckworth, Eley, Fairley and Morrent were awarded half colours during the season.

R. M. ELEY.

BASKETBALL

Played 20, Won 17, Lost 3

1st Team Averages:

<i>Forwards:</i>	<i>Games</i>		<i>Free Shots</i>		<i>Points</i>	<i>Average</i>
	<i>played</i>	<i>Fouls</i>	<i>Made</i>	<i>Missed</i>		
P. Brown	18	13	16	12	274	15.2
K. Anderson	19	21	16	32	248	13.0
L. Thorne	18	14	1	1	93	6.6
<i>Backs:</i>						
C. Saunders	17	31	9	19	169	9.8
D. Beasley	17	34	3	9	121	7.1
P. Beasley	17	17	0	12	104	6.1
J. Bailey	15	15	2	0	42	2.8

Also played:—R. Hongskula, P. Woodford and J. Marcinkiewicz.

With the nucleus of last year's squad, plus an abundance of talented youngsters, the School Basketball team has once again enjoyed another extremely successful season.

The team had no difficulty in finishing top of the newly formed Bucks League, losing only one match to Dr. Challoner's. (This in fact was our first defeat in the last three years of inter-school competition). The league includes some schools who had played

little basketball before, and it was not surprising that we amassed 293 points in two games with one school. Our only real rivals were Dr. Challoner's, and it was fitting that the play-off for the Bucks Trophy was between our team and their 'squad'. The match was held at the U.S.A.F. army base and it was undoubtedly the event of the season. From being four points down at half-time, the team suddenly exploded into action and, cheered on by many supporters, ran rampant in the later stages of the game to win by 39 points to 25.

Our success was due to efficient team work and accurate set shooting, with our unrestricted fluid style allowing much individual improvisation. K. Anderson improved greatly this year to become a very forceful player in attack; and with P. Brown (the captain) scored nearly half of the team's total points. D. Beasley, an experienced first teamer, adapted himself to the accustomed position of pivot with zeal, which showed in his flair for creating set moves. Of the backs, P. Beasley, a tenacious rebounder in both defence and attack, added a height to the zone which was somewhat lacking up front. C. Saunders, a determined driver, scored many baskets in his normal flamboyant way, and defended well. L. Thorne, G. Parkins and J. Bailey added depth to the team, and should provide an excellent basis for next year's squad.

Special thanks should be given to Mr. Derek Stubbs, a player of great ability in his own right, whose coaching and organisation helped us to aspire to the honours we gained. Our gratitude is also extended to all our supporters, both Staff and students, whose noisy support has psychologically won us many a match before the start!

K. Anderson gained 1st team colours.

P. Brown, D. Beasley, P. Beasley, K. Anderson, C. Saunders and P. Woodford gained County vests.

P. BROWN.

R.G.S. v. Dr. Challoner's (League Cup Final)

This was the final game of the season. The culmination of the newly instituted Bucks School League and the decider between the two oldest rivals. Earlier in the season our opponents had spoilt our three-year inter-school unbeaten record and the desire for revenge coupled with the already intense rivalry between the two teams made for a spectacular match. The game was played in the U.S.A.F. base gymnasium, magnificent by any standards, and a most fitting venue for this ultimate confrontation of the finalists.

Over 500 enthusiastic supporters were assembled on the terraced seating and the atmosphere was electric. The game

started slowly, the teams weighing each other up and anticipating the usual frenzied ending. Some accurate shooting by Challoner's gave them an early lead which they maintained until half-time. But some resolute defending by Saunders and P. Beasley prevented them from consolidating their early superiority.

In the second-half the R.G.S. came out a more settled side and produced the quick fluent play we have come to expect, D. Beasley leading the attack with his usual creativeness and Brown coolly scoring with his uncanny accuracy. After 10 minutes of the second-half Challoner's still held their slender lead. Then the R.G.S., spurred on by the unerring support from the sideline, produced some scintillating play and within 10 minutes had built up an invincible lead, the chief scorers being Brown and Saunders. By the end of the game the R.G.S. were playing their best basketball and richly deserved the 39-25 win.

Team: P. Beasley, J. Bailey, C. Saunders, D. Beasley, R. Thorne, P. Brown, K. Anderson, J. Parkins, J. Marcinkiewicz.

K. PICKERING.

Under 15s

Played 12, Won 8, Lost 4

The Under 15 team emulating the success of the senior team to a certain extent, have also concluded a highly successful season. In the Bucks League they finished second to Mill End, not because of insufficient skill, but solely because of a lack of height in their team.

The team's performances have fluctuated between mediocrity and brilliance. Both the guards, Lewis and Weston, have rebounded exceptionally well throughout the season, the former finishing third in the averages. Of the forwards, Thorne and Saunders, the captain, both played consistently well throughout the season; the former though a year younger than the rest of the team deserves special mention for finishing top of the averages. Ing, whose flair for scoring with his unorthodox shots, was also a valuable asset to the team. Spencer, Fraser and Clarke also played fairly regularly for the team.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Matches played 38, Won 32 (teams beaten 23),

Lost 6 (teams lost 4)

In Cross-country there can be no compromise between victory and defeat; the enjoyment of the sport, for most of us, lies in the enjoyment of victory. Bearing this in mind, and our very good

record of last year, this season has been one of disappointment. That we did not attain the high standards which we set ourselves was due rather to the brilliance of Haberdasher Aske's and St. Nicholas schools, than to any lack of effort on our part. These two teams continually beat us in the many cross-country meetings (in particular relay races) in which we took part. Even so by anyone else's standards we did quite well and will, I feel sure, do even better in the near future.

The first team won more matches than ever before and more of our runners represented Bucks than in recent years. We also inaugurated an annual relay at the R.G.S. (in which we came 2nd); for which Peter Berks generously supplied a cup and presented it to the winning team. The Culham College Youth Relay was won by us and, in fact, our lowest position, in a total of 9 relays, was a quite creditable 7th place, out of 34 teams from all over the south of England, in the Guildford Relay. We did very well in winning both the youth and boys sections of the Bucks A.A.A's Championships; despite strong opposition from local athletic clubs.

It is encouraging to note that the junior team is one of the most promising the school has had and, if they maintain their interest in running, they could well become one of the strongest teams in the south of England. They have already done very well finishing 2nd in both the John Lyon Schools Race and in the Langley Schools Relay. J. Crowley did very well in the latter race and is already, at fifteen, capable of beating anyone in the school. Next year, with hard training, he should realise his full potential and finish in the top fifty in the National Schools' Championships.

Although there were no outstanding runners in the senior team, N. Hunt and C. Glithero, by their sheer determination, produced some very good performances when we most needed them, and it is to them and D. Ikin that we owe most of our success in the relays. A. Arbaney and M. Blaxland improved steadily throughout the season and ran very well in many of our inter-school matches. The performances of R. Brook, P. Burgoyne and J. Lord tended to vary but all of them contributed to the success of the team, as did I. Johnson, C. Chamberlain and R. Elvery.

In conclusion I should like to thank R. Brook for all the hard work he has put in organising our fixtures and all those people who helped mark the course (especially those masters and boys who officiated at our relay). I must also express the gratitude of the whole team to Mr. R. W. Brown for his enthusiasm and the encouragement he has shown us, and for the congenial atmosphere which he has done so much to create within our team and which has been very noticeable in our relationships with teams from other schools.

P. BURGOYNE.

Runners who represented the School:

SENIORS

Burgoyne, Hunt, Brook, Glithero, Arbaney, Blaxland, Ikin, Lord, Chamberlain, Elvery, Muckley, Marsh, Hamilton, Orme.

INTERMEDIATES

Crowley, Johnson, Tredwell, Planas, King.

JUNIORS

Thorne, Woosey, Town, Cormack, Humphrey, Johnson.

BADMINTON '68/69

The season started off well with a team that consisted of three previous first six players, but after Hoath and Hongskula left early on in the season, the first pair, Zahler and Morgan, were split up to even up the strength of the team. But even so with Wood, Whiten, Broadway and Andrews playing regularly the school won seven out of their nine league fixtures to come third in the West London schools league.

This year the club membership has almost trebled, with many promising players coming from the junior school. Four junior six matches were arranged with equally enthusiastic schools and the team succeeded in winning two of them. The second six also had several fixtures but were not very successful. Gray and Jones played regularly as first pair, but because of a lack of enthusiasm by other sixth form members the team had to be made up from junior players who naturally lacked experience but nonetheless played well. A few, Lumby, Sharpe, Tapin, Miller and Spencer showed that there is the prospect of a strong team in the future.

As usual our thanks go to Mr. Coldham who has spent much of his time in running the club, but also we would like to acknowledge the efforts of several other masters in spreading the badminton gospel. Lastly, our thanks go to those who helped to collect funds for equipment and a number of incidental expenses, including the provision of a second court.

Full colours this season have been awarded to R. Wood and P. Whiten. Half colours have been awarded to C. Andrews, A. Miller and A. Broadway.

JEFFREY J. MORGAN.

CHESS

Results

			<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
Seniors ....	....	....	15	9	2	4
Under 16s	....	....	9	8	0	1
Under 14s	....	....	7	4	2	1

The club has continued to thrive and can now boast a membership of over 100. The keen interest and ability of the players in our three teams are shown by our creditable results.

Even though the first team lost Hendry, Baddeley and McColl at Christmas, they played very competently throughout the season, the top three boards playing in all Bucks junior and open matches. In the London under-16 championship, Stevenson did very well to be placed 7th. In the Reading Congress at Christmas, Saunders was 3rd in the under-18 section whilst Cowan won 1st prize in the under-15 section.

The juniors lost only one of their matches and show great promise for the future.

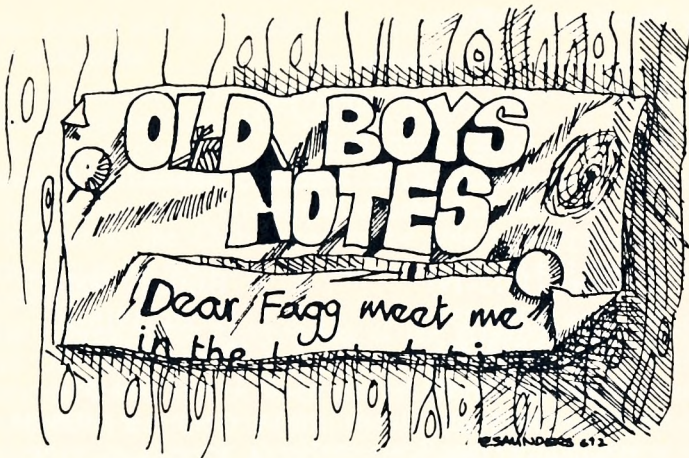
For the second year running a R.G.S. Jamboree was held, where ten teams of local rivals enjoyed a full day's chess. The Staff 'fielded' a team, but their courage did not affect us—we won 9—0. Finally, I would like to express thanks for the support of Mr. Clark and the adjudicating of Mr. Keith Hyde (an Old Boy).

Players:—

Seniors: Stevenson, Saunders, Bradford, Cowan, Walne and Barterfield.

Juniors: Kramek, Glenister, Waddington, Lockwood, Pearn, Austin, Guha, Darrington, Liebscher and Woodward.

S. T. BRADFORD.



THE OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS' CLUB

The Annual General Meeting

The A.G.M. was held in the E. R. Tucker Memorial Room at 6 o'clock on Saturday, March 22nd, 1969. Thirty-five Old Boys were present. The Chair was taken by the President, Mr. Malcolm Smith.

Before the formal business began, the President expressed satisfaction that after so much talking and planning, the Memorial Room was at last in use.

The Minutes of the last A.G.M. were then read, confirmed and signed. Arising out of the minutes:—

(a) The Financial Report—the Hon. Auditor A. E. Franklin Hole was present and explained the balance sheet, a copy of which was available for each member present. He expressed reasonable satisfaction with the finances of the Club.

(b) The E. R. Tucker Memorial Room—Mr. Smith spoke of the gratitude the School felt to Old Boys who had helped so much to provide such a useful room for the use of the 6th Form.

(c) The Cricket Club had enjoyed a quiet season in 1968 and was still in need of players.

(d) The Sports and Social Club—G. E. Green said that Old Boys who wished to make use of the Memorial Room on Friday evenings as a base for enjoying the swimming and tennis facilities available at the School, should contact him.

The Election of Officers

The officers for 1968–1969 are:—

The President: Malcolm P. Smith, Esq.

The Chairman: G. E. Green, Esq.

Vice-Presidents: Col. L. L. C. Reynolds, Messrs. G. A. Grant,
P. L. Jones, S. Morgan.

Committee:

N. H. Theed (1912–19)

R. W. Bartlett (1900–07)

G. W. Reay (1917–23)

S. E. Hands (1915–20)

G. E. Green (1940–46)

J. K. Prior (1934–40)

G. C. Rayner (1937–45)

J. P. Lord (1934–38)

G. W. West (1935–40)

S. A. Goulborn (1928–36)

R. S. Wombwell (1960–67)

W. A. C. Knowles (1951–58)

The Rev. A. J. Skipp (1929–37)

Hon. Secretary: M. M. Davies, Esq.

Hon. Auditor: A. E. Franklin Hole, Esq.

There being no other business the Old Boys departed in all directions to explore the School, which had been kept open for them and which some of them had not seen for 30 years.

The Annual Dinner 1969

The Annual Dinner was held on Saturday, March 22nd, 1969, in the New Canteen at the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe. 120 Old Boys were present and enjoyed the intimate atmosphere and splendid meal provided by Mrs. Doris Rich, the widow of an Old Boy.

There was no Guest of Honour and therefore only two speeches. J. K. Prior (1934–40), Old Boy and Governor, proposed the toast to the School and Club and prefaced his remarks by expressing his own great pleasure at being back at the School for the Annual Dinner. The School had developed a remarkable spirit over the last 100 years because during that long time it had enjoyed the dedicated rule of only three Headmasters. Mr. Sam Morgan had taken over for the 100th year and now Mr. Malcolm Smith had the formidable task of controlling this sprawling giant of a school which had 1,150 boys in it but buildings to house comfortably only 900. Constant demands had to be made to cope with the difficulties but the limit had been reached and with the overcrowding and squeezing there was danger of the personal touch being lost despite the fact that the School had nearly 65 masters. The Old Boys appreciated what the School had done for them and would bear in their thoughts Mr. Malcolm Smith, the Headmaster

of the School and the President of the Old Boys' Club—the two were indivisible.

The Headmaster was introduced by G. E. Green (1940–46), the Chairman of the Club. Mr. Smith said he appreciated very much the linking of the School and Club in one indissoluble toast and welcomed back to the School the 120 Old Boys present. Next year he hoped that more Old Boys, who lived farther afield, would be present as the Club hoped to be able to supply overnight hospitality in the homes of Old Boys who lived in and around High Wycombe.

He expressed his appreciation of the generous gifts received from Old Boys to help furnish and fit out the E. R. Tucker Memorial Room and he knew the 6th Form were very grateful. He intended that the 6th Form should set up its own committee to regulate its affairs in the Memorial Room as an experiment in self government. No staff would be involved. Although he knew that the committee were already meeting difficulties, he felt sure that his confidence in the boys was justified and that this experiment would not result in anarchy.

The School continued to do much good work and quite considerable success had been achieved in the Oxford and Cambridge Open Examinations. 120 boys had filled in U.C.C.A. forms for entry to university in 1969 and a large proportion would succeed in gaining places.

Games flourished and out-of-school activities, particularly in dramatic form, were very lively indeed. He commended the efforts of those who had produced the 'Century' series—six evenings of original presentations of English History from the 15th to the 20th century.

Mr. Smith concluded his remarks by paying tribute to the older masters who soldiered on. They were the soul of the School and had the difficult task of adapting themselves in the spirit of service to the constant changes going on around them.

Births

JONES, G. D. B. (1947–54). On March 26th 1969, to Dr. and Mrs. G. D. B. Jones, a daughter, Driana Branwen.

GEE, C. J. (1952–59). On November 7th 1968, to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gee, a second daughter, Alison Christine.

PATTINSON, M. R. (1953–60). On November 28th 1968, to Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Pattinson, a son, Nicholas Michael, a brother for Simon Timothy.

SLATTER, D. M. (1954–58). On November 3rd 1968, at 36 Baronsmead Road, High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Slatter, a daughter, Tina Kjaer, a sister for Jan.

Marriages

GOULBORN—LYNSKEY. On March 29th 1969, at St. Mary's Church, Oatlands, Weybridge, S. C. R. Goulborn (1957-64) to Miss Catherine Mary Lynskey.

FOWLER—STEVENSON. On October 19th 1968, in Bideford, N. Devon, J. N. Fowler (1954-62) to Miss Elizabeth Stevenson.

MAYO—HAWKINS. On August 10th 1968, at All Saints Church, Wellington, Salop, R. H. Mayo (1955-62) to Miss Janet Linda Hawkins.

STOCKWELL—PERRIN. On September 14th 1968, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Ipswich, Suffolk, R. A. Stockwell (1954-61) to Miss Susan Perrin.

VERE—NEWALL. On February 15th 1969, at All Saints Parish Church, High Wycombe, R. F. S. Vere (1952-57) to Miss Rosemary Alice Newall.

Deaths

PAUL ROGERS (1955-59). On February 14th 1969, aged 24 years, as a result of a motor accident.

Paul Rogers was a popular member of the South Bucks Motor Club and was regarded as one of the most promising rally drivers in the area.

CYRIL MORRIS (1914-19). On August 18th 1968, aged 64 years, in Llangranog, Cardiganshire.

Cyril Morris of Handy Cross Farm, High Wycombe, was one of Buckinghamshire's top and best known farmers. He was equally well known for his excellent record of public service, particularly with the Wycombe Rural District Council, on which he served for 18 years. He was one of the most enlightened and progressive farmers in the county and won the King George VI Cup for the best kept farm on many occasions. A devout Christian, he served as churchwarden at Little Marlow Parish Church for five years and was a sidesman for many years. The climax of his lifetime of service to agriculture in the county came in January 1968 when he was awarded the M.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Edith Morris, two sons and two daughters.

STAFF

Mr. GLYN YOUNG, M.C., B.A. (1948-52). Some Old Boys will be interested to read that Mr. Young was recently appointed Headmaster of Gosport County Grammar School. He left the R.G.S. to teach at Dauntsey's School near Devizes and then became Headmaster of Hardley County Secondary School near Hythe in 1959. We wish him every success.

OLD BOYS

AVERY, N. F. (1957-64) was back at School for the Annual Dinner. After failing his first year examinations in engineering at Leicester University he had to leave and then joined Bristol Siddeley Engines Ltd. who sent him to Bristol Technical College where last summer he passed his H.N.D. in mechanical engineering. His employers have now sent him back to Leicester University to do research into electro-chemical machining for an M.Sc. He hopes his experience will help other Old Boys to keep on trying. He got engaged last Christmas to Miss Gray who was then at Bristol University. Through her he ran into C. FEWTRELL (1959-65), P. R. BEASLEY (1958-63) and P. MERRINGTON (1957-64) who were all flourishing.

BACON, J. R. (1958-65) graduated in Chemistry and Physics at Leeds University last July and is now researching there in Biophysics for a Ph.D. He was interested in D. S. LEVIN's (1961-67) notes on Finland. He returned there himself for a month of idleness beside the lakes, although his friend only owns a leaky rowing-boat. He informs us that P. M. RAWKINS (1958-65) graduated from Leeds in Sociology and is now studying for an M.A. in London, Canada.

BANHAM, M. J. (1943-51). One of our 6th Formers was interviewed recently for a place at Leeds University by M. J. Banham who is now Fellow in Drama there.

BEATTIE, D. G. (1959-66) is spending a year at Freiburg University devoting most of his time to Middle High German. He likes it so much out there that he doesn't want to return to Birmingham. J. W. CLARK (1960-67) is also doing German at Birmingham and is a tower of strength in the department and in various teams. B. P. LLEWELLYN (1961-68) called in with Beattie. He is reading English and Theology at Nottingham but looks as if he is preparing to play the leading role in the Oberammergau Passion Play.

BELSHAM, I. J. (1960–68) writes from Henderson Hall, Newcastle University. He finds his course in architecture interesting and exciting. He has only three set lectures each week and the rest of the time is spent on projects. He has tackled a youth hostel for Otterburn, a library for Wylom and a British Pavilion for a trade fair in Milan. Belsham lives in a hall of residence but L. C. NORTH (1960–67) and A. M. DORMER (1959–67) live in flats and find it cold. Belsham plays hockey for the university 2nd XI (an odd game for the 1st XI). He is secretary of the tennis club. The team is a strong one with three full county players but he expects to be seen off by Sheffield with P. J. MOORES (1957–63) and D. G. ORCHARD (1956–62) in their team. North is captain of the Soccer 2nd XI and Dormer is treasurer of the Rag Charities Appeal. He has seen C. C. KOEFOED-NIELSEN (1961–67) who looks very different from the other students at Newcastle.

BENNETT, V. A. (1919–23) is enjoying his semi-retirement in Vermont but he keeps up his New York apartment as he is consultant to a couple of companies (340 East 64 Street, N.Y. 10031, New York).

BERKS, P. M. (1961–68) is reading History at Manchester University and is thinking about giving up running for soccer! The university team runs 80 miles a week and Berks, although willing, lags behind a bit. Manchester University is a swinging place with plenty to do but a big problem is apathy. Too many students just sit back and do little for the Union. Sport is neglected and Leeds surpasses them at most things.

BLOXHAM, C. N. (1960–68) is resident in Cartmel College at Lancaster University, where the School is well represented. He sees B. J. B. FOX (1959–68), W. PASZKIEWICZ (1960–67), E. A. THOMSON (1957–67), R. L. HERON (1960–67), D. P. H. LAXEN (1962–67). They may not know that G. P. M. WALKER (1953–60) is in charge of the Slavonic Section of their university library.

BOWMAN, J. C. (1755–61) writes from R.A.F. Wittering with no real news (his words). He spends most of his spare time involved in scout activities—camps, outings, pack meetings, soccer matches. He dislocated his collarbone playing rugby and is now devoting his energies to getting rid of his 1947 Alvis and 700 c.c. motorcycle, to pay for the running of his Swallow Doretta sports car. He spent a weekend with M. F. FORRESTER (1957–62) and wife home on leave from Lagos. At the Queen's review of the R.A.F. last July he bumped into

R. D. SMITH (1955–60) who had just completed his basic flying training and was going on to an Advanced Flying Training School. Smith as an engineer officer is able to spend a couple of years flying before returning to an engineering job—very nice on an extra 27/- a day flying pay.

BROWN, C. P. (1955–62). The Law Society announced in October 1968 that he was successful in Part II of the Qualifying examination. He is now a solicitor.

BRYANT, A. W. (1920–23). In 1920 Mr. Arnison gave him his own private examination for entry to the R.G.S. and told his father that he thought the School would make something of him. Bryant has made a very considerable success of his life as a wholesale foods distributor and is this year President of the Flackwell Heath Golf Club.

CAPELL, C. E. (1960–68), studying German at Jesus College, Oxford, has gained a Heath Harrison Junior Scholarship.

CHALMERS, G. W. A. (1965–67). We are glad to hear that 'Sandy' Chalmers who is working in the Horticultural Section of the Slough Parks Department has successfully completed the first part of his City and Guilds examination.

CUTLER P. J. (1916–24) retired recently to Bognor Regis and to show his appreciation for what the School had done for him, he donated a sum of money, the interest from which is to provide a prize each year. He took an open Science Scholarship to Reading University in 1923 and subsequently gained a degree in medicine at University College Hospital. He built up a large general practice in Northampton where he remained until retirement a year ago.

DAVIS R. J. (1962–68) spent much of last August with J. P. COLLEY (1960–67) in St. Tropez teaching the natives the finer points of rugby. He hopes the French will forgive him for taking N. R. M. THORNE (1961–67) down with him. Davis started at Nottingham University School of Agriculture at Sutton Bovingdon last October. Any Old Boy will find a warm welcome there.

DINGLE A. E. (1958–61) writes from the Department of Economics, Monash University, Clayton, Victoria, Australia. He left Nottingham University in 1964 and taught for a year in a Technical College. He felt he had no vocation for the job and managed to set out to study full time for a doctorate at the London School of Economics. He was worried when his money ran out but his wife earned enough to keep them both (on a boat on the Thames at Eton). His thesis is concerned

with the Prohibition Movement in Britain in the last 30 years of the 19th century. He is particularly interested in the United Kingdom Alliance. He went to Australia last October with a post as tutor in Economic history and economics. He finds University life stimulating out there and soon there is to be an addition to the family.

ELLIOTT I. S. (1962-69) gained an Open Award at Oxford in January last and is now working in Strasbourg. He lives in a hostel for university students. Anyone can enrol at a French university as long as he has his 'baccalaureat' and (there is as a result) a very high percentage of examination failures. He works as a translator in a factory which produces pulps for paper-making. The official language is French but the locals speak 'alsacien' which is a sort of garbled dialect form of German mixed with various French-type words. His sister works in Tübingen and he visits her—the bus ride through the Black Forest is magnificent.

EVANS J. L. (1955-61) at last after 7 years in the R.A.F. he is going abroad and will be for the first time on a station which has aircraft. He goes to the Accounts Flight, R.A.F. Akrotiti, Cyprus.

FARMER A. S. (1958-66) returned from his field course in the Scilly Isles last summer and is now girding his loins for his finals.

FERGUSON, M. R. (1956-63) writes from Nuremburg where he is teaching English as a full-time member of the staff at one of the town's biggest grammar schools. This suits him well and he has been given responsibility for 5 classes—very mixed in age and ability. He has a feeling that some of the staff have their doubts that an Englishman, especially one who by their standards should still be at university can really be achieving anything positive. The children however like being taught by a real Englishman. It is a mixed school and this makes the children better behaved and more conscientious in his opinion. There are 36 to 42 children in the average class and it can be very exhausting. Marks (or rather grades) dominate the lives of nearly all the children and pressures from teachers and very often the parents to gain good grades can cause great stress and unhappiness. Starting at 8 a.m. is another feature of German school life that he is not very enthusiastic about.

FLETCHER P. R. (1960-62) The invitation to the Dinner did reach him at R.A.F. Muharraq, B.F.P.O. 63 but 3,500 miles was too much to cover.

FOWLER, A. M. (1951-59) is still working at the Agricultural Research Station in Kano, Nigeria, where he is involved with a serious disease of groundnuts which is the major export crop of that region. He and his wife enjoy the life out there very much. The north of the country is virtually unaffected by the civil war but imported items get steadily more expensive—a double whisky, when obtainable, costs 15/-. His brother J. N. FOWLER (1954-62) gained his B.Sc. Honours Degree and C.N.A.M. in Civil Engineering last Easter at the Woolwich Polytechnic. He is still working for Sydney Green Ltd. of Henley-on-Thames but is on leave of absence for a year to gain design experience with Sir Alexander Gibb and Partners in Westminster. He is engaged in design work for the M.4. Motorway. He lives with his wife in Plumstead, S.E.18 and joins the crush to work every morning. He hopes to come back towards civilisation at the end of the year when he resumes work for Sydney Green.

FRASER, I. (1933-36) Lt. Cdr. Ian Fraser V.C. is leading British divers to dive for oil and gas off the Dutch coast. Fraser is joint managing director of North Sea Diving Services Ltd.

GLASS, D. A. (1956-61) 'Sandy' Glass, a chartered accountant, is now working in Hong Kong and lectures part-time at the university there. He met a former member of the R.G.S. staff Mr. Gareth Roberts on the hockey field recently. His brother P. M. GLASS (1957-64) gained his degree in Civil Engineering at Cambridge and is now working on the design of the Trans Pennine Motorway (M62) for the West Riding County Council in the same department as D. S. CULLEY, (1955) 63—who was a year ahead of him at Cambridge.

GOULBORN, S. A. (1928-36). Life has not become leisurely for him after his year as Mayor. He is now chairman of the Borough Health and Housing Committee and finds it absorbing work. He has also just been made a Justice of the Peace for the Borough and also sits on the Anglo-American Community committee. He is also chairman of the committee which is trying to raise £35,000 for the Parish Church Preservation Appeal. He has also been elected to the Rotary Club of High Wycombe. His son S. C. R. GOULBORN (1957-64) after two years as commercial advisor to the director of commercial policy at English Electric, has joined the local firm of Lintafoam as personal assistant to the marketing director.

HAMMETT, R. W. (1954-61) writes from Kigezi College, Butobere, P.O. Box 90, Kobale, Uganda in reply to his Dinner invitation. 4,348 miles kept him away. He left his job in Plymouth and flew (in Sept. 1968) to teach in a boys' secondary school in the S.W. of Uganda, 27 miles east of the Congo border. There are 430 boys in the school and they do the equivalent of 'O' Level in four years. All the study is in English and the boys are quite remarkable in the way they cope. 'O' Level is a passport to a good job out there, so they work, but only at what they think will get them through 'O' Level. They are nearly all boarders and they speak a variety of languages. Hammett has been trying to learn Rukiga.

HANDS, S. E. (1915-20) has won a silver award in Israel for his Israel and Palestine Mandate stamps. It was considered audacity for an outsider to win against the locals with stamps in their country of origin.

HARRISON, R. N. C. (1956-64). Lt. Harrison of the Royal Signals has (according to *The Times*) got himself engaged to Grisilda Susan, elder daughter of Brigadier and Mrs. W. S. Milkin.

HATHAWAY, I. R. (1963-65). After three years at King Alfred's College, Winchester, Hathaway has been appointed to the staff of Warren Field Comprehensive School, Slough. He teaches English at this big school and it presents quite a challenge as many of the pupils are London children who live in an overspill area nearby. It is all very stimulating and very tiring.

HAVARD, J. E. (1958-64) is now doing a B.Phil. in Philosophy at Pembroke College, Cambridge.

HOLGATE, M. J. (1961-67) writes from RMB 329, Kojowop, W.A., Australia, to continue his saga. In September 1968 he was living 200 miles north of Perth in the bush. The nearest town is 80 miles away and the nearest neighbour ten miles. He has resorted to farming as a means of sustaining life and is now thinking seriously of trying to get a place at an agricultural college in England. Australia is very short of farm managers. Life suits him—there is no hustle and bustle. The only person you'll see in a month is probably the postman who comes twice weekly. He helps his employer with the accounts, rides horses around the farm, reads, sleeps.

HEDGELAND, N. M. S. (1961-68) has commenced a two-year course in Librarianship at Ealing Technical College.

IREMONGER, M. J. (1954–62) has been officially notified of the award of his Ph.D. The flat partnership between R. A. KEELEY (1953–61) and D. M. WILCOX (1954–61) and himself has now broken up. Keeley is doing top secret research at Aldermaston and in his spare time works on his Ph.D. Wilcox hopes to finish his Ph.D. at Imperial College soon. Iremonger has joined I.C.I. Plastics Division at Welwyn Garden City and is enjoying himself working on the structural applications of thermoplastics. He often sees R. SIMMONS (1953–61), now married and living at Downley who is also making rapid strides in the electronics industry and managing to find some time to work for a higher degree.

JONES, G. D. B. (1947–54) was accepted as a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries at a ceremony held in Burlington House.

KEFFORD, M. H. (1959–65) after a year in Malaya is back in Hong Kong and Intelligence Officer to the battalion. Those masters who tried to teach him French will be amazed to hear that he has qualified in Gurkhali and has also learned to speak some Hindi, Malay and Cantonese. He is also a qualified Karate expert and plays soccer and basketball for the battalion. Old Boys and present boys will be interested to read this extract from his battalion (2nd Bn. 7th D.E.O. Gurkha Rifles) Newsletter of 31st August 1968:

‘We had an unfortunate road accident on the 13th August when a Land Rover of ours went off the road and overturned in an attempt to avoid a head-on collision with a civilian lorry coming round a bend on the wrong side of the road. One of the five men in the Land Rover managed to free himself but all civilian vehicles that passed refused to stop. Very fortunately our convoy of vehicles for the move to Hong Kong arrived under Mike Kefford. The four men trapped almost certainly owe their lives to Mike’s prompt rescue and first aid. He himself received petrol burns whilst extricating them.’

KNOX, A. J. (1958–65) is on his last lap of Electrical Engineering at Edinburgh University. It is hard work but he is sure he can cope.

LAWS, W. H. N. (1958–64) is now married and the only Englishman working in the Japanese Trade Centre in London. It is all paying dividends.

McCOY, B. A. (1946–51) has no news to give about himself—he leads a dull accountant’s life, but his brother D. G. McCOY (1949–54) is with I.B.M. in New Zealand. His address is 93 Grafton Road, Roseneath, Wellington and he’d be delighted to see any Old Boys in N.Z.

MARTIN-FAGG, R. J. (1962-68) had a trying first term at Leicester University—first of all with his course—the Geography course is proving to be very mathematical in content. Secondly as representative of the 1st year students, he found the 'go-ahead' attitude of the student body there rather disconcerting. Self-rule has many problems apparently. He sees D. C. MILLS (1961-68) who is drawing very good posters for the Rag and had a caricature of the Union President published recently in the University paper.

MAUN, I. C. (1960-67) wrote from Pembroke College to say that he would be very busy during the next three years at Cambridge studying the 19th century in German and the 17th century in French. When the Hon. Sec. saw him last he had just started a 12-hour stint on the drums as part of the Cambridge Rag Week.

MAY, D. J. (1951-60). Dr. Dudley May writes from Switzerland. He obtained a Ph.D. in Chemistry at Imperial College in 1966 and with a scholarship went to Zurich for two years. Then he took a job with Perkin-Elmer A.G. there because he wanted to stay in Switzerland. Last August he married a Swiss girl and they live in Mullerwis 20, 8606 Greifensee. Perkin-Elmer suits him well—they have factories in America, Germany and one in Beaconsfield, which means he can come home on business. What made him go to Switzerland was his long-standing desire to learn German. As a little boy he wanted to learn German but various pressures drove him to Science at the end of his first year at the R.G.S. He now speaks German and manages the Swiss German dialect pretty well.

MITCHENALL, N. D. (1961-66) is now working for a living and has joined the commuter ranks. He helps to manage the estate of the University of London in the office of a large old-established firm of Estate managers in Westminster. He bumped into P. P. SIMONS (1960-66) in Rhodes last June. Simons, sporting a gigantic beard, was on his way home from nine months in a Kibbutz.

MOISEY, C. U. (1958-60). Dr. Moisey was inspired to write on reading the Old Boys' Notes. He has been married for over a year and is now a Registrar, training in surgery at the General Hospital in Leeds. Last year he was at the World Scout Jamboree in America as medical officer to the British contingent (1,300 members). His brother F. R. MOISEY (1958-64) continues his studies in Agriculture in Leeds. He spent last summer looking after a ward of old men at the local hospital in Ilford.

MONAGHAN, G. A. (1959-66) has completed his basic flying training at R.A.F. Leeming, near Northallerton, Yorks. He joined the R.A.F. in 1967 and in due course was awarded the Radley Trophy for the student showing the greatest all-round improvement in professional and personal development during the basic flying training course.

MORRISON, M. F. (1960-67) had a wonderful time last summer in Greece with the Crusaders' Boys' and Girls' Association. His name was put forward by his college for the Mason Scholarship in Classics and he was successful. He now has £50 a year for two years but doesn't really know what to do with it.

MYERSCOUGH, C. J. (1957-64) writes from Churchill College. He recently won a Smith's prize of £50. This is a university-wide competition for graduates who have done four terms of research. One submits an essay on work done so far. He has also been invited to a conference in America in June, at which he hopes to give a paper. He hopes the recent decision to admit women to Churchill will make the place even more attractive to R.G.S. men. He adds that the three who came up this year seem to be making their mark on the college.

OWEN, S. J. (1961-68), reading Law at Bristol University, recently met D. A. J. MEMBRY (1958-66) who is doing good work there with the Red Cross Society, and also A. B. NEWITT (1963-68) briefly. After the rigours of the Classics VI, university is a rest cure for Owen. Five days after arriving at Bristol he found himself interviewing Tariq Ali for the university newspaper.

PESCOD, P. J. (1961-65) completed his H.N.D. in Business Studies at the City of Westminster College and then took the Institute of Marketing's Diploma as management trainee with the Rank Organisation. He left them to join a firm of stock-brokers who made him a Blue Button and gave him a grounding in Stock Exchange practice. Just before writing he had joined a new firm of brokers where he is assistant to a partner.

PETERSON, M. R. (1957-64) has just started the final college period of his three-year H.N.D. Sandwich Course. He should be finishing when this appears and then rounds it off by getting married in July.

PYE, G. (1942-48). Glyn Pye writes from 2739 Rafael Street, Chico, California, 95926, U.S.A. He loves to keep in touch with the School. Chico is 250 miles north of San Francisco and is a farming and light-industrial area. It is hot in summer,

100–115 deg. and in winter 50–30 deg. He was working for the Mobil Oil Company but had an accident in February 1968 requiring back surgery. He hopes to be back at work in January 1969. His letter ends: 'My home is open to any member—staff or student—of the R.G.S.'

RENNIE, K. J. (1956–61). In July Rennie left I.C.I. at Billingham and came to the north-west to work for Van den Berghs and Jurgens Ltd. at Bromborough in the Wirral—more commonly known as Stork Margarine. He is working in the engineering department as assistant plant engineer. He is still active with the Parachute Regiment (T.A.) and went to Germany for annual camp last year. He met Old Uplymer A. J. OXLEY (1954–62) when on a course in Durham last year.

ROBSON, P. G. (1952–59) did a four-year Sandwich Course in Electrical Engineering with E.M.I. Electronics at Hayes and at Brunel College of Technology, Acton. He gained a Dip. Tech.(Eng.) with 1st class honours and then it was decided to make Brunel into a university, so he underwent a 're-ordination' ceremony and ended up with a B.Tech. He married and went back to full time research at Brunel which gained him a Ph.D. to go with his B.Tech. His was the first Ph.D. at Brunel for the Electrical Engineering and Electronics Department. His thesis was on 'Phase Locked Loops'—a topic in Communication Engineering. Since leaving Brunel he has been with Plessey in their research labs. at Romsey, near Southampton. He has two daughters. He wonders what would have happened to him if he'd gone to a proper university, which in his opinion is no place for an engineer. He can thoroughly recommend the sandwich course for would-be engineers. It was his contact with the Signals Section of the C.C.F. at the R.G.S. which set him off on the path he has followed for the last nine years. The Signals Section has done this for many boys.

ROLLINS, A. J. (1966–68) reading Chemistry at Reading University finds the course stimulating and has no grumbles.

RUNDELL, J. (1960–67) writes from Charles Morris Hall, Leeds where he is in his second year studying Electrical and Electronic Engineering (another Signals man). It is a mixed hall with one house for 120 women and two houses for 150 men—a well balanced community. He shoots regularly with the Rifle Club, D. M. REA (1958–65) is the hon. sec., and is now in the 'E' Team with an average of 92 ex 100. He is an active member of the O.T.C. and has passed certificate B, parts I & II. Last summer he went to two weeks annual O.T.C. camp at Cuttybragge near Stirling.

SELWYN, E. W. H. (1914–20) retired recently after 40 years at Kodak Research Laboratory where he was chief physicist and manager of Information Services. He was B.Sc., A.R.C.S., D.I.C., F.Inst.P., Hon.F.R.P.S. Many publications and patents bear his name and he has written two books: *The Theory of Lenses*, published by the Institute of Physics, and *Photography in Astronomy*. Some of his papers had considerable influence on the thinking of photographic scientists, notably those concerned with graininess and granularity and the 'Selwyn Granularity Coefficient' was named after him. 'Spike' Selwyn accepted an invitation to become Principal of the London School of Medical Photography in 1964, the Institute of Physics awarded him a Fellowship and he was selected for the award of an Hon. Fellowship of the Royal Photographic Society in 1968. He certainly seems to have deserved his retirement.

The Hon. Sec. has to thank A. M. HARCOURT (1943–51) for this information. Harcourt works for Kodak with very many other Old Boys and is shortly taking up a new post as supervisor of Kodak Quality Control Laboratory. He sees B. ('Blondie') BAKER (1944–49) regularly at work.

SEYMOUR, R. J. (1961–64) graduated in Chemistry at Essex University in 1967 and is now working as Research Engineer for Simon Engineering, Cheadle, Cheshire. His brother W. J. SEYMOUR (1961–66) obtained his purple for shooting at London University but instead of exploiting his scholarship with Babcock and Wilcox, Engineers, downed tools and has gone over to manage Marks and Spencers.

SHARP, D. J. (1959–64) writes from No. 73 Squadron, R.A.F. Akrotiri, B.F.P.O. 53. In December 1968 he was nearing the end of two years in this island paradise and is now probably in Germany. His squadron had been everywhere in those two years—from Gib. to Sharjah in the Persian Gulf—and the heat had driven them to many an air-conditioned bar. He had found a wife too.

SINNATT, B. (1946–53) was delighted to be back at the School for the Annual Dinner. He is off soon with his wife and daughter to Ethiopia. He will be sales manager for the Shell Company of Ethiopia for two years.

SLOTKIN, P. M. (1950–57) writes to correct details about himself in the last edition of the magazine. He took a degree at Jesus College, Cambridge, not at the other place. He then moved to Oxford intending to do a Diploma in Economics but gave it up after one term and decided to work for a living instead. Philip Slotkin, M.A., F.I.L., Translator, 63 Parliament Hill, Hampstead, N.W.3.

- SMITH, G. P. (1961–68) found the work as a porter at Wycombe General Hospital very interesting and profitable before going up to Durham University to read Law.
- SMITH, R. D. (1955–60) received his wings on passing out of the Flying Training School at Syerston near Newark. He joined the R.A.F. at Henlow as a technical cadet in 1960 and qualified as an electrical engineer. He is a fine athlete and has represented the R.A.F. and the Combined Services at athletics.
- STANNERS, J. F. (1933–40) who is head of Corrosion Research with BISRA has been appointed a member of a committee set up by the Minister of Technology, the Rt. Hon. Anthony Wedgewood-Benn, to enquire into the problems of corrosion and protection of metals.
- STEVENS, D. W. (1931–38). Professor Stevens wrote from Accademia Monteverdiana Inc., 25 Claremont Avenue, New York 10027. He received his invitation to the Annual Dinner on the day of the dinner. The letter took nearly two months to arrive and was delayed by (a) stoppage in steamship operations, (b) lack of postage (surcharge 15 cents), (c) the fact that a 2X boy in the German set addressed him as Professor Stevens. As Prof. Stevens writes—‘the letter didn’t really stand much of a chance.’ He conducts two of the Henry Wood Promenade Concerts (Albert Hall) this summer—an English programme on July 29th and a Monteverdi/Machaut programme on August 13th.
- STOCKWELL, R. A. (1954–61) graduated from Nottingham University in 1964 and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1967. 1968 was the first year he had not sat an examination of any sort or another since the 11 Plus! By way of celebration he got married and is now living at Northwood. P. J. THOMPSON (1952–61) was his best man.
- WAKEFIELD, D. A. (1958–65) was at the Annual Dinner and able to give news of himself and other Old Boys. He qualified recently as Supply Officer at Chatham and returned to Dartmouth as an officer, to the same squadron in which he’d been a cadet three years ago, H.M.S. *Tenby*. He has now volunteered for service in submarines and has been accepted. He gave more news of M. H. KEFFORD (1959–63) who has passed his Captain’s examinations—second in the Army and quite unprecedentedly quickly. D. M. NORTH (1956–60) is at Chatham as Flag-Lieut. to Flag Officer, Medway, Vice-Admiral Sir John Parker. He is married with a daughter. B. R. WRIGHT (1949–54) was also at the Dinner, glowing with bonhomie. He is a Lt. Commander and Deputy Supply Officer at H.M.S. *Osprey* at Portland.

WALKER, M. G. (1945-52) got his 1st in Botany and Zoology and is now working for his M.Sc. in Entomology at Birkbeck College. Apparently Modern Languages were not really his line although he gained an Open Award in French and German many years ago. He and Dr. Dudley May must get together.

WINDSOR, P. (1952-53), Reader in International Relations at the London School of Economics, has just written in conjunction with Adam Roberts a book, *Czechoslovakia 1968*, published by Chatto and Windus, 15s.

WINTER, P. E. (1960-67) was unable to attend the Dinner as he was climbing in Wales with the Cambridge University Mountaineering Club. Cambridge is apparently wonderful.

YORKE, M. R. D. (1961-65) completed his degree in History at Cambridge and then spent some time in America last summer visiting many of the people he'd looked after last year on their tour of Europe. He started work in September for a firm in Newcastle manufacturing engineering equipment. He is in the export department and finds his French and German useful after all.

ZANDER, M. (1946-51) and WARNER, G. (1948-54). On 27th October 1968 the *Sunday Times* reviewed two books—both by Old Boys: *Lawyers and the Public Interest* by Michael Zander, Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 70s.; and *Pierre Laval and the Eclipse of France* by Geoffrey Warner, Eyre and Spottiswoode, 65s. Zander makes a detailed and weighty attack on the practices of his own profession. Warner's book is described as a first-rate study which will remain an authority for a long time to come.

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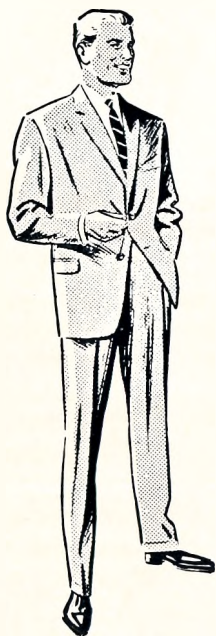
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