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SERVICE TO OTHERS

Editorials need not be long. The best are those that make one point and leave it at that. In the next article tribute is paid to the retiring Chairman of the Governing Body, Mr. Peter Carter-Ruck, and to Mr. Aubrey Goodwin, who has relinquished the position of Vice-Chairman. As the Headmaster said on Founders' Day, we are most grateful for what they have done and we are glad they will be remaining on the Board of Governors.

The hard work of the Governing Body has put all those connected with the School in their debt and we should not lose sight of the need to repay our debts in service to others. "*The Court*" itself is very grateful to the support and interest shown by the Governors since before we first went to press six years ago. Since then we have doubled the size of the magazine and trebled its circulation. We have expanded more than we could have hoped to in 1960 and the freedom to go ahead as far as possible is still much appreciated.

In repaying our debts by serving others we must remember to do so naturally and not ostentatiously. What you are matters most. As the Principal of Jesus College said to us on Founders' Day: "Exemplum Docet does not mean a ticket for exemplary conduct but does mean that he or she teaches by example and the more unconsciously the better."

THE GOVERNING BODY

Since the last issue of *The Court*, there have been various changes in the composition of the Governing Body of the School.

Our Chairman, Mr. P. F. Carter-Ruck, resigned from this office at the Governors' Meeting in October, owing to pressure of other work. He has been Chairman of the Governors since the School first operated a Governing Body, and has not missed one of the forty-five meetings that have been held. During this time, he has been of enormous help in every possible respect in building up the School and it is good to know that he will continue on the Governing Body so that we can always call upon his expert advice.

The new Chairman is Mr. F. R. Goodenough, who was elected to the Governing Body in October, 1963. Mr. Goodenough has wide Banking experience, and lives locally.

As announced on Founders' Day Mr. Aubrey Goodwin has also felt that he must relinquish the position of Vice-Chairman. He is one of the original Governors and has always been a tower of strength. Particularly important has been his work as Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, which has done so much of the spade work preparing plans for expansion.

Two new Governors have been appointed, Mr. J. C. Wykes, ex-Headmaster of St. Bees, and now Director of Education for Independent Television; and Professor J. H. Dunning, a professor in Economics at Reading University.

A list of the full Governing Body is put below followed by a list of the School Staff (with their subjects) together with a list of the out-of-class activities in which they take part.

SHIPLAKE COLLEGE

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 P. BLEACKLEY, M.B.E., M.A. (Oxon) French and German
 J. F. BROWN, B.A. (Hull) English and Geography
 CAPTAIN E. F. BYNG, C.B.E., R.N.Retd., D.I.C. (London) Mathematics
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 J. B. WOOD, M.A. (Dublin) Geography
 G. W. WRIGHT, B.A. (London) Biology

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Art C. WILLS, A.T.D.
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Speech Training MRS. M. BEAN, A.G.S.M. (Speech and Drama)

Bursar

COMMANDER R. F. JENKS, D.S.C., R.N.Retd.

School Medical Officer

DR. A. J. SALMON, M.B., B.S. (London), D.CH., D.Obst., R.C.O.G.

Sister

MISS M. GRAYSON, S.R.N.

School Secretary

MISS M. TOMALIN

Activities are supervised as follows:

<i>Cricket</i>	.. ..	The Headmaster, Messrs. Wells-Furby, Hare, Bleackley, Brown and Wood, Rev. B. W. Wilks.
<i>Rowing</i>	.. ..	Messrs. Duncan and Wright.
<i>Rugby</i>	.. ..	Messrs. Humphries, Brown, Wood, Duncan and Rev. B. W. Wilks
<i>Hockey</i>	.. ..	Col. Travers and Mr. Wood
<i>Athletics</i>	.. ..	Messrs. Brown, Mash and Morris
<i>Tennis</i>	.. ..	Mr. Welsh
<i>Squash</i>	.. ..	Messrs. Welsh and Bleackley
<i>Cross Country</i>	.. ..	Mr. Mash
<i>Duke of Edinburgh's Award</i>		Mr. Mash
<i>Golf</i>	.. ..	Mr. Lee
<i>Combined Cadet Force</i>	..	Col. Travers, Commander Jenks, Major Blatchley-Hennah, Mr. Welsh, Mr. Lee, Mr. Morris
<i>Estate Work</i>	.. ..	Mr. Lee
<i>River Bank Project</i>	..	Brigadier Anstruther and Mr. Whittington
<i>Shooting</i>	.. ..	Major Blatchley-Hennah
<i>Sailing and Canoes</i>	..	Capt. Byng
<i>Boxing</i>	.. ..	Mr. Morris

School Societies are assisted as follows:

<i>Senior Debates</i>	..	Mr. Bleackley	<i>Young Farmers</i>	.. ..	Mr. Wood
<i>Junior Debates</i>	..	Mr. Gilliat	<i>Woodwork</i>	.. ..	Mr. Whittington
<i>Dactyl Arts</i>	..	Mr. Wills	<i>Photographic</i>	.. ..	The Chaplain
<i>Greek Club</i>	..	Mr. Welsh	<i>Nautical Society</i>	..	Mr. Wells-Furby
<i>Bird Watching</i>	..	The Bursar	<i>Electronics</i>	.. ..	Col. Travers
<i>Chess</i>	.. ..	Mr. Mash			

FOUNDERS' DAY, 1965

Anxiety about the unseasonable weather haunted preparations for Founders' Day and cold and rain threatened the open air play all the previous week. However, 19th June, 1965, began with clear skies and bright sun and the meteorological office confirmed that fine weather would last all day. This proved to be the case; the outdoor displays were able to go ahead as planned in the morning; family parties were able to picnic in the grounds and tea was taken outside after Speeches in the afternoon. In a wet summer we were fortunate to have a fine day in contrast to the downpour we experienced in 1964.

The Guest of Honour this year was Mr. J. T. Christie, Principal of Jesus College, Oxford, and formerly Headmaster of Repton School and more recently Headmaster of Westminster.

A sign of the progress of the School was that we needed a larger marquee than ever before to accommodate parents and other guests, as well as the whole school.

The Chairman of the Governors, Mr. P. F. Carter-Ruck began by reminding parents that the first Founders' Day had been in 1960. "At that time the School was a brave new challenge." On the sixth Founders' Day the School comprised four Boarding Houses and was only sixteen short of two hundred in strength. A

contrast to the thirty of the early days. He had found the greatest pleasure in working with Mr. Eggar and he paid tribute to the devotion of the Governors. "There has been a great unity of purpose," he said, "the results of which are apparent for all to see."

Mr. Carter-Ruck continued that it had been his task in previous years to report upon financial and material progress and to outline plans for the future. It had been for the Headmaster to report upon achievements in Scholarship and Sport. However, he wished to emphasise the achievements in rowing—thirty-two victories in nine regattas—and in Rugger and Cricket. In the academic field the sixth had expanded to twenty-four aiming at "A" levels. Her Majesty's Inspectors had visited the school and initial official recognition had followed.

The Chairman went on to report the achievement of Charitable Trust Status and generous contributions to the Endowment Fund which now stood at over £20,000. These had strengthened the school financially. Of projects announced the building of a gymnasium was the only one unstarted. When this had been provided the opening of a fifth House and an advance to two hundred and fifty would follow.

In welcoming Mr. Christie, the Chairman said that a number of distinguished men had given of their time to present prizes and address us. Mr. Christie had the advantage of speaking from experience as Headmaster of two leading schools. In re-reading accounts of previous Founders' Day addresses the most valuable advice urged again and again was to make the most in every way of time at school.

Turning to the future the Chairman uttered a note of caution. Much had been done by the Headmaster, and the Governors supported him enthusiastically. However "The doldrums when no project seemed to move forward" could hold back the Viking Ship of Shiplake just as much as rough weather. He spoke from recent experience; "To finish a race with little or no wind required more concentration, energy and drive than any normal conditions or rough weather." For this reason the School had to press forward to higher numbers, to the erection of a gymnasium and to the furtherance of the School's name in scholarship and sport.

Mr. Carter-Ruck went on to say that four reasons made the public school more important than it had ever been. Falling standards needed to be maintained; the public school more than any other institution could do this. Secondly, with parents living abroad, with numerous broken homes, boys with potential needed the stability of a public school. Thirdly, the preservation of choice provided the only option to a mediocre and second-rate alternative. Fourthly, the availability of boarding school education equipped those boys of character and ability to serve the community. It would be absurd to surrender all this to dogma. However, complacency was a danger and the future of great schools lay in progressive thinking.

Mr. Carter-Ruck concluded as follows:—

"What I have said this afternoon would be incomplete without, also, a word of appreciation to the administrative staff at the School who do much behind the scenes to make all a success, and to the Headmaster's charming wife for all her work.

“Lastly I should like, if I may, to reflect what I said to the boys in 1960. It is unlikely now there will be any hearing this for a second time. If there are I would flatter myself anyway if I believed they still remembered what I said.

“I asked the boys then and I ask again that you remember these overriding aims:—Firstly, do not waste your time at School. Those precious days at School you can never have back. Secondly, have a sense of the contribution that you can make both to your School and your contry, and, in future years, to your families. Whether you be giving your live to the services, to manufacture of commodities, to the professions, or in the kindness and happiness you extend and bring to others, you should have that sense of service.

“Finally bear in mind that you have got two alternative courses open; either the right one or the wrong one; either to go up or go down; to work hard to to slack; to be careful or careless; to be considerate or inconsiderate and the decision as to which of these roads you take is yours and one will lead to happiness and the other will not.”

Having welcomed parents and the guest of honour, the Headmaster announced that the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. P. F. Carter-Ruck, would be relinquishing the Chair at the end of the year. Mr. A. P. Goodwin had also relinquished the position of Vice-Chairman. The Headmaster paid tribute to their services and then went on to report the up-to-date results of the Appeal. He felt parents had been generous in the extreme.

In going on to describe the visit of Her Meajesty's Inspectors the Headmaster said that their report had been helpful in every way. Many of their recommendations were being introduced. The powers of conversation of the boys had, at lunch each day, charmed, excited and finally horrified the Inspectors. How could boys who could talk like that be so easily defeated by the examiners?

Mr. Eggar reported encouraging “A” level results and a better “O” level standard. We were looking forward to our first University entrants in October. He drew parents' attention to the exhibition of the new Maths. Laboratory that would, from September, help Maths. teaching in the lower school.

In referring to the encouraging records of the Boat Club and the most successful Rugby XV so far the Headmaster felt that boys were realising more and more that real enjoyment comes not just from playing but from team success, fight and final sense of achievement. In addition he looked forward to a time when every boy would make full use of the scope available for both indoor and outdoor hobbies.

Mr. Christie confessed that he was “Shamelessly academic” and could not produce the short, sharp and staccato comments of a Field Marshal on a Prize Day nor could he imitate the bland, pastoral style of a Bishop. He felt Guest Artists were a late development. Early prize days were celebrated by cock fighting and dancing round the maypole and ended with a silver collection for the headmaster!

Mr. Christie went on to congratulate the Headmaster on the School's record in a successful year. He felt there was much to be gained from being able to start a school without the consciousness of too many traditions. Character, responsibility, independence of mind, the readiness to take on authority were all needed. They came better as by-products than as dictates of tradition. He went on to define education as "a person to person link up." In this link up parents had a vital part. Prayers, legends, country sports and games; patriotism all begin in the teaching of the home. "So shall the good man teach his son." The unconscious lessons from parents, conversation at breakfast, the books left about at home, all had a greater effect than the lessons in the classroom. Few older people could retake "O" and "A" level exams but the really worthwhile things that matter in life will be apparent in a person at once, if he has learned them at home.

To the masters Mr. Christie repeated advice he had given before; one had to say "Come on, look the way I am looking" and not "go on" and never "Look at me." To the boys, he said: "You can do much for the reputation of the School you are helping to make." What people from Shiplake were like, jolly good chaps or doubtful characters, would be the basis of the outside world's picture of Shiplake."

Mr. Christie brought his address to an end by considering the mystique of boarding schools—if there was any. Boarding Schools involved full-time control. Boys met challenges as they went up through school and they learned to make life easier for others. "You slowly grow up from thirteen to eighteen and get more responsibility and freedom. It is very much part of your job to think of the younger ones to control them and encourage them." All this would be lost if Public and Grammar School were turned into Sixth Form Colleges.

SCHOOL PRIZES

Form Prizes:—4A, D. King; 4B, K. G. Taylor; 4C, J. Talbot Baker, M. R. P. Abhakorn; Remove, I. Towle; 3A, M. B. Williams; 3B, C. P. Newton; 3, J. A. Yates.

School Prizes:—*Barron Essay Prize*, H. P. Seaford; *Senior Essay Prize*, A. H. Philpot; *Junior Essay Prize*, Not awarded; *Senior Poetry Prize*, A. H. Philpot; *Junior Poetry Prize*, R. P. Hall; *Senior Reading Prize*, J. H. Barham; *Junior Reading Prize*, A. Menikides; *Senior Music Prize*, H. P. Seaford; *Junior Music Prize*, J. H. Hindmarsh; *Senior Art Prize*, P. J. Bell; *Junior Art Prize*, K. G. Taylor; *Choir Prize*, J. H. Barham.

Subject Prizes:—*6th Form English*, R. G. Lyon; *5th Form English*, J. Ievers; *6th Form Mathematics*, A. M. Waugh; *5th Form mathematics*, J. Ievers; *6th Form History*, R. V. Johnson; *5th Form History*, R. J. Devas; *5th Form Geography*, P. M. Philby; *5th Form Geography*, Not awarded; *6th Form French*, R. G. Lyon; *5th Form French*, S. B. Phillips; *6th Form Chemistry*, Not awarded; *5th Form Chemistry*, J. Ievers; *6th Form Biology*, Not awarded; *5th Form Biology*, R. C. Hutchings; *5th Form Physics*, Not awarded; *5th Form Physics*, R. C. Hutchings; *5th Form Latin*, K. J. Rendle Mervill; *Ancient History*, R. G. Lyon; *Latin Grammar Prize*, S. B. Phillips.

Special "A" Level Prize:—J. P. Turner.

Special "O" Level Prize:—P. M. Philby.

Headmaster's Special Prizes:—N. J. Hill, J. R. Stephens

ENDOWMENT FUND

Last year in *The Court* I reported that, as a result of the two Appeals launched in 1960 and 1964, we have been given or promised £17,933. Since then the Fund has risen to £22,000. Our target remains £30,000.

During the last year three of the four original items of the Appeal have been completed. The two new classrooms costing £2,200; the Headmaster's house in the grounds, and the purchase and alterations of the Vicarage to house Welsh House.

Part of the money for the last two projects has been raised on mortgage. But the fund as it stands at the moment is not big enough for us to contemplate any further major capital development much though we need the Gym.

On the advice of the Appeals Committee, I have ceased sending out follow-up notices, except to the parents of new boys, but may I repeat what I said last year, the response has been magnificent, but more is still required and any donation or Deed of Covenant, however small, will be most welcome. J.D.E.

MR. J. F. FOSTER

The end of 1965 is also the end of John Foster's sixth and last year here. Although he may not relish paeans of printed praise, Old Boys and Parents and many here now will agree we must not let him go without paying due tribute to his work here. Six years of service would be unremarkable in most schools but here it is nearly the whole life of the school. Mr. Foster now feels he must gain experience of a different type of school so he has accepted the post of Senior Biology Master at Barnstaple Grammar School.

From the early days he has been in the thick of things, as a housemaster, a persuasive and occasionally sarcastic teacher, and a time-table wizard. He has scored many firsts in our short history, the first and so far only Master i/c. Rugby, the producer of our first plays and, when the school became large enough, the first to hold the post of Second Master. In addition he acted as Headmaster for a period before the arrival of Mr. Eggar.

In the early days Everett House was small in numbers but never poor in spirit. Soon it was rich in accommodation and its palmy days as dominant sporting house began. This success gave Mr. Foster the greatest pleasure.

Not so much noticed by boys but of great importance has been Mr. Foster's ingenuity. He has often spotted the weakness in some new idea, he has been able to suggest ways of getting round difficulties of space and shortages; he has been full of helpful ideas for boys seeking their first posts after leaving.

Mr. Foster has more than once confessed to liking work. His devotion to the School has often kept him away from his family and it is to be hoped that in future Mrs. Foster and Timmy and Sarah will see more of him.

In addition to all he has done here Mr. Foster has also served on the Parochial Church Council and has helped to start a parent/teacher Association for the village school. Our very best wishes go to Mr. and Mrs. Foster in their new home.

SCHOOL NOTES

There have been a number of changes this year. We welcome Brigadier Anstruther, Major Blatchley-Hennah and Messrs. Humphries and Whittington. There will be three new masters in January, 1966: Mr. J. C. Smith will take charge of music, Mr. B. J. Hare will teach English and History, and Mr. G. W. Wright will strengthen the Science side.

Mr. Hartley left in March and is now a lecturer in French at Windsor. His efforts to build up Golf in the School met with marked success. He was in charge of the Library and presided over the School Debates in unflappable manner.

Mr. J. Southall has joined the Educational Service of the Coal Board. His ability to clarify the problems of Sixth Form Scientists was much appreciated by those in difficulties. During his two terms here while awaiting a University post in Canada Mr. Richard Green convinced many that modern poetry and rowing go together. His unorthodox approach is much missed.

Mr. E. M. Hall is taking up Lecturing in Law at Reading. His record as a Rowing Coach was indeed a fine one and we hope we shall still see something of him next summer.

Mr. R. Nolan is returning to Gloucestershire. We wish him every happiness in his home county and thank him for his efforts to strengthen the music during his time here.

During the year, once again, parents have been most generous and we would like to acknowledge the following gifts:—

Library books, given by Mr. P. C. Hodgson and Mr. H. B. Patmore;

Cheque to help the Pavilion Fund, given by Mr. W. B. Lane;

Cheques to help the Maths. Laboratory, given by Messrs. E. S. Clark, A.J. Durham, A. W. Drummond Forbes, S. J. Forsyth, W. B. Lane, F. G. Perry, E. M. Richards, A. P. Rowan, L. A. Rumsey, G. A. Taylor;

Equipment given to help the Maths. Laboratory, by Barclays Bank Ltd., and Mr. H. S. Samuel;

A School Flag for the Cricket Pavilion from Mr. J. F. Foster.

If any parent of any leaver would like to give something by which his son might be remembered, our most pressing needs are teak seats to go round the grounds, and extra books for the Library.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of many of our contemporaries. These are placed in the Library and those interested in the lives of other schools are well advised to look at them.

CHAPEL NOTES

By far the biggest item in the Chapel Notes this year is the long list of those who have been Confirmed. This is, of course, due to the decision to change the date of Confirmation permanently in the future to late November, which meant two Confirmations during 1965. The February one was by the Lord Bishop of Reading and the November one by the Lord Bishop of Dorchester. The following are the names of those Confirmed:—

February, 1965:—Keith Butt, Christopher Carter, Ian Clark, Peter Clark, Richard Devas, Andrew Dickson, Adrian Emck, Brian Eveleigh, Ian Fairbairn, William Gray, Paul Griffiths, David Guillaume, Richard Hall, Richard Harvey, Jonathan Heale, Arnold Hodgson, Robert Killinger, Donald King, Peter Lane, Peter Lockyer, Julian Mackenzie-Charrington, Mark MacKenzie-Charrington, Christopher Mantel, Christopher McKinney, Paul Milne, Terrence Muirhead-Smith, Christopher Newton, John Osborne, (Mark Overton), Jonathan Pyper, Charles Rowan, Clive Rumsey, William Taylor, Nicolas Willcock, Philip Wingfield, Hugh Wyndham-Smith.

November, 1965:—Robert Annan, John Ashburnham, Peter Barrow, George Bell, Timothy Cheatle, Stephen Chick, Ian Cooper, Martin Cresswell, John Cullis, Alastair Drummond Forbes, Timothy Elliott, Guy Farmiloe, Nicholas Farr, John Gingell, Nicolas Godwin, Peter Goodall, David Gray, Alistair Hayock, Keith Hepburn, John Hindmarsh, Charles Hunter Smart, Peter Kingstone, Christopher Lawton, Alasdair Loos, Peter Mathews, Allen Miller, Roderick Morrell, Mark Rawlings, Nicholas Row, Timothy Scorer, Colin Shepherd, James Talbot Baker, Martin Tomlinson, Kenneth Taylor, Peter Taylor, John Turner-Lashmar, James White, Michael Williams.

I am glad to be able to report a growing interest in the aims of the School Chapel; it is most encouraging to see a much better attendance at the purely voluntary services and to notice that many members of the School are not only regular church attendants but also show the results of this attitude to the School and those around them.

There is, of course, still much to be done and perhaps the more Christian we become the more acutely we shall recognise this, but I do feel that we have made a start.

As a temporary measure, we have been experimenting more and more with allowing a choice of service to those who have been Confirmed. It is too early yet to say whether this has been a success or not, but again there have been encouraging signs.

We have been particularly fortunate in the standard of the Sermons we have heard from visiting preachers. Amongst those whom we have welcomed, were The Reverend W. G. Fallows, Principal of Ripon Hall; The Rev. K. Ball, Vicar of Leatherhead; The Rev. C. Proctor, late Chaplain of Repton; The Rev. D. Street, Chaplain of Abingdon School; The Rev. H. O. Duncan, Vicar of Stadhampton; The Rev. M. Payne, Vicar of Henley, and The Rev. Canon D. Tasker, Treasurer of Southwark Cathedral.

We have much enjoyed the occasions when we have shared our Sunday worship with the Parish of Shiplake, and we hope and believe that they have too.

The Chapel Committee chose some worth-while charities for our support, but it is disappointing to record that our collections have not been as good as they could have been, and I do hope that our growing Christian awareness will produce better results in all forms of giving in the future.

There is much more to be said, but no space in which to say it, so I will end by offering our most sincere thanks to Mrs. Eggar, Sister Grayson and Mrs. Jenks for their care and thoughtfulness in looking after the Chapel flowers; to Miss Tomalin for the Church linen; to Mr. Duncan for his energy and support at all things to do with the choir and the Chapel; to Mr. Gilliat for his encouragement to those who read the lessons; to Mr. Mash, who is always there to help with seating arrangements; all those Masters and boys, servers, members of the Choir who, in one way or another, lend their support; and to Mr. Nolan, for his contribution in the realm of music. To him we wish happiness and success at his new school.

B.W.W.

C.C.F.

Our first application to become a Combined Cadet Force was handicapped by a reduction in recruiting during a period of retrenchment. However, we applied again this summer for permission to form a contingent of the C.C.F. and at the end of the term a Board from the Ministry of Defence was convened. On the basis of the previous record of the A.C.F. and the training facilities we have been able to provide, the Board gave approval for the establishment of a C.C.F. contingent with a Naval Section of thirty and an Army Section of seventy.

It is apparent we can maintain a larger number than this and action is now in hand to increase the ceiling to one hundred and twenty; though approval is anticipated, it is not possible to forecast the allocation between the two sections. The possible formation of an R.A.F. section has been held over for the time being.

The new establishment has enabled us to accept gratefully the assistance of further officers and we have welcomed Commander R. F. Jenks, who, with the rank of Sub-Lieutenant, now commands the Naval Section, and Major F. T. W. Blatchley-Hennah, who, as a Captain, takes command of the Army section.

Official approval is awaited for the formation of a Signals Troop, which has in fact been in semi-official existence for the last two years. When this is recognised we shall be able to obtain necessary supplies of equipment which will really make it practical to give technical training to senior cadets under Lieut. R. M. Lee.

Meanwhile the Corps has continued to play its part in the school programme. In this connection it may be again emphasised that the greatest scope for boys to exercise their own abilities in initiative and command comes as they reach more senior status and corresponding promotion. We owe much to the senior N.C.O.s in this category who have volunteered to continue their service in the Corps.

A new departure has been to organise the senior boys to carry out a project that will be a great training asset, namely the construction of an assault course in the quarry adjacent to the school rifle range. The ground has now been cleared and a demand sent in for supply of stores from military resources, with which we will build the various obstacles.

The change in status offers us far greater scope in the choice of camps and this coming year it is hoped that a really big contingent will go to a week's camp at the end of July with the Royal Armoured Corps at Lulworth. The date of the end of term has been adjusted to make this possible. Arrangements for the Naval section camp have not been finalised but details will be circularised to all interested as soon as possible.

There remains to mention the very close competition for the Corps Inter-House Shield at the end of the Summer Term. This was won by Skipwith House, but the result was in doubt until the final marks were totted up. The competition was in three parts, of turn out, drill and initiative, in all three a rising standard of efficiency was shown. This is our main aim.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

Once again we have had a very successful year. Six Gold Awards have been presented during the course of the year and eleven Bronze. By the time *The Court* is published we shall have had another three Gold Awards and five Silver and we shall have had representatives attend both Presentations at Buckingham Palace.

EXPEDITION SECTION:—We have been extremely fortunate in having had the assistance of the St. Edward's School C.C.F. with the organisation of our Gold and Silver Expeditions. A party of Silver expeditioners attended Annual Camp in the Brecon Area last Easter and proved themselves worthy of the Silver Series Expedition Award. They were very fortunate in many ways—the week chosen turned out to be the hottest week of the summer. The two groups were made up from: Eveleigh, B.; Talbot-Baker; Griffiths, P.; McAusland; McKinney; Muirhead-Smith; Pyper and Pease. Later in the same holidays we joined St. Edward's in Snowdonia but this time we were not so successful. The weather was atrocious—the Officers were washed out of their base camp!—and the going on the mountains was treacherous. On the second day of the expedition a number of our party had to come down from the mountains because of exhaustion caused through exposure. We would like to put on record our sincere thanks for all that the Mountain Rescue Team did for our party, not only did they rescue them but they also took them back to their hostel and gave them a first-class meal and refused payment for any of their services. In addition we would like to record our appreciation of the way in which Nigel Sherriff handled the whole situation, he saved his party from a great deal of discomfort by his swift and intelligent action. The Mountain Rescue Team were very high in their praise for his efforts.

Four of the same party, not deterred by their lack of success in Snowdonia, again joined St. Edward's but this time in the Exmoor area during the summer holidays. Despite very bad weather conditions, having learnt a great deal from their experiences in Snowdonia, they all passed very convincingly and were in fact very highly praised for their efforts by the Examiner—Major A. J. C. Cochrane, of St. Edward's School, who has proved a very good friend of us all at Shiplake, and we are very grateful to him for all the work he has done on our behalf to make these Expeditions so successful and enjoyable.

In October a number of boys took part in a Bronze Expedition in the Stadhampton area and proved themselves to the satisfaction of the Examiner, Major F. T. W. Blatchley-Hannah. We would thank both the Rev. Duncan, the Vicar of Stadhampton, and Mr. Watts, a Stadhampton farmer, for all their help with this expedition.

PUBLIC SERVICE SERIES:—Throughout the year First Aid Classes have been held for the various St. John Ambulance Brigade Examinations. Without the help of Dr. Wells-Furby and Sister Grayson none of this would be possible and we do thank them very sincerely for all the time they devote to the Award Scheme. We are also very grateful to both Dr. Salmon and Mr. J. F. Brown for the time they have spent in conducting the various examinations.

PURSUIITS AND PROJECTS AND PHYSICAL FITNESS SECTIONS:—Work in preparation for the Award of these two sections receives less publicity as it goes on throughout the year occupying the boys' time when they are free from lessons and sports. We are still very anxious to widen the scope of the activities which we can offer the boys in the Pursuits Section and if any Parents feel that they could be of assistance in training or examining boys in a particular pursuit I should be delighted to hear from them. We are particularly grateful to Mr. T. S. Morris for his assistance with the Boxing, Mr. M. M. Gilliat with the Shooting, Captain E. F. R. Byng with the Sailing and Mr. J. B. Wood with the Young Farmers.

Gold Awards presented:—C. F. Barlow, J. Clayton, D. O. Cowan, C. J. P. Eveleigh, R. J. Forsyth, R. P. R. Kirwan.

Bronze presentations:—B. B. Eveleigh, C. Brown, J. Talbot-Baker, D. A. Gray, P. Griffiths, P. B. Lane, R. McAusland, C. McKinney, J. Pyper, T. Muirhead-Smith, R. P. Taylor, I. Fairbairn, P. Goodall, A. Menikides.

BURR HOUSE

This year J. P. Turner continued as our Head of House. His prefects were J. Barham (school prefect), J. Sainsbury, N. Willcock and A. Waugh, who became the new Head of House in the Winter term. His prefects were J. Mackay, T. Callingham, A. Trotter and R. Hutchings. A. Waugh continued the good work of John Turner throughout the term.

We were glad to hear of Mr. Gilliat's marriage to Mrs. H. A. St. George. In the Autumn we welcomed Major Blatchley-Hannah as our resident House Tutor. He has already shown the Corps what a stalwart figure he is.

Although the House has not had a great deal of success on the sports field, we have shown considerable House-spirit in all sports and activities, and have managed to reach the finals in many of the inter-House competitions. We did especially well in the House Drill Competition, and we only lost the shield by $2\frac{1}{2}$ points.

At the end of the Summer Term we were sorry to see John Turner leave after such a successful career at the school. He excelled academically and also contributed much to the rowing.

We must not only remember the past but look to the future, and judging by the beginning of the year there is much success in store.

T.C.

EVERETT HOUSE

Everett House still leads. We have had a more difficult year in more ways than one. We have, however, kept our predominance in the Inter-House competitions.

The Spring Term: The new Head of House was J. Stephens, the other school prefect being R. G. Lyon. The other House prefects were J. M. Sutcliffe, M. Crowder, A. H. Patmore and P. Bell. It was a bleak term but we won the Hockey shield but lost the Athletics Standards shield.

The Summer Term: The prefects and House prefects remained the same. We retained the Cricket and Tennis shields. We lost the Junior Rowing shield but gained the Senior! We also lost the Corps shield.

The Autumn Term: We gained a new Head of House, A. H. Patmore. He is the first Everett Head of School and has carried the traditions of the House into the running of the School. The other School prefect is A. L. Barbour. The House prefects are R. V. Johnson, P. M. Philby, R. N. Parker and M. J. Matthews. We have retained both the Senior and Junior Rugger shields, a considerable achievement since both opposing teams were in theory superior. The Junior Cross-Country was won at the end of term.

This last term has been one of impending change. Our immensley popular House Master, Mr. J. F. Foster, is leaving and is being succeeded by Mr. M. W. Mash. By next term work studies in the roof will have completed. The Senior Dormitory and Senior Dayroom will have been changed round and those two rooms, plus the Prefect's Study, repainted.

The success of the House over increasing competition in the past year is due to the superb House spirit, and the "drive" of our departing Housemaster.

We welcome Mr. Mash as our new House Master and look forward to continued success under his guidance.

R.V.J.

SKIPWITH HOUSE

Once again we must report a modest year. Both academically and in sports we have not fully reaped the fruits of victory within our grasp. In the last twelve months we have lost the Hockey Shield but gained the Cadet Force Shield, the Junior Rowing and Senior Cross Country Shields.

The winning of the Athletics Standards Competition in March was our first success of the year and was a real team effort. We lack outstanding sporting talent at the moment and this success pointed the way to other successes, to work as a team. Ultimately the team must triumph over individuals. Considering our fewer numbers we did well to be within five points of Everett's winning total on Sports Day.

Last year's Head of House was H. P. Seaford, who has joined the Navy. By vitality and personality he pulled us together and got us to give a good account of ourselves throughout the year. G. Pidsley has taken his place since September and while Seaford now helps Britannia to rule the waves Pidsley copes with the ups and downs of the House, aided by P. Tamworth, D. Burton, C. Eveleigh, P. Forsyth and N. Sheriff.

Eveleigh and Burton are leavers at Christmas and we wish them well. Eveleigh has been in the 1st XV, 1st IV and Cross Country teams and Burton has been prominent on the rugby field. Otherwise we shall be of much the same strength for the rest of the year.

P.T.

WELSH HOUSE

Now we are a New House with a new House. All the members of Welsh House are now established in the Old Vicarage. The Vicarage grounds have been cultivated and cleared by a strong group known as the House Horticulturists. A grass tennis court has been turfed and all the necessary equipment supplied. This was done by the generosity of the parents who raised one hundred and forty pounds.

Unfortunately there is still limited success on the sports field, but there are signs of better things for the future.

This year we were very sorry to lose Nicholas Hill, our first Head of House. We also lost Laurence Hutchings, Peter Bromwich, John Pewtress, three very valuable House Prefects and David Cowan and Michael Griffiths, two useful seniors.

J.C.B.C.

J. D. EGGAR'S XI v. B. H. VALENTINE'S XI

The new Cricket Pavilion was opened with a special match on May 23rd. Light rain was falling as the Headmaster introduced Lord Cobham to a sizeable crowd of parents and friends of the School. As a former Governor General of New Zealand, former President of M.C.C. and an ex-County Captain, Lord Cobham was ideally suited to open the building. He declared that he liked the style of the building considerably more than the architecture of many of the seventy odd buildings he had opened in recent years. In addition he was heartily bound to approve its purpose.

A joke about cricketers and the rain served to drive away the clouds and Lord Cobham promptly declared the building open so that play could start forthwith.

Having won the toss the Headmaster's XI made a brisk start. Their progress was halted by the left arm slow bowling of D. B. Carr, assistant secretary of M.C.C. He took wickets regularly on a drying pitch. By mid afternoon the sun shone strongly and the gloom of the morning was forgotten.

Three wickets fell quickly at the start of the innings of Valentine's side and they never fully recovered. Although the later batsmen played steadily after Carr had held the fort early on, the innings closed for 105, 58 runs short of the target.

Two former Captains of the School, A. H. Slatter and N. C. Fawkes, held their own in distinguished company, as did the 1965 Captain and Vice-Captain.

We have waited for a pavilion for a long time and are most grateful to the many people who made the opening match a success. We are lucky to have an attractive ground and it was most pleasing to see a number of well known cricketers playing here. A special word of thanks must go to the Bursar and his staff for what was done to complete the project before term began.

J. D. EGGAR'S XI		B. H. VALENTINE'S XI	
R. A. Hutton c. & b. Carr	24	J. M. Hutton, c Doudney, b. R. Hutton ...	0
R. D. Montgomerie, c. Slatter, b. Carr	47	J. G. Larking, c. Waghorn, b Dunbar	4
N. C. Fawkes, b. Carr	14	D. B. Carr, st. Waghorn, b. Ricketts	30
K. E. A. Doudney, b. Carr	1	A. J. C. Cochrane, b. Dunbar	10
M. D. Peregrine, c. J. Hutton, b. Rowand .	32	A. L. Barbour, b. Dunbar	19
J. D. Eggar, c. Carr, b. J. Hutton	24	Sir Colvill Deverell, b. Rankin	5
C. H. Rankin, b. J. Hutton	0	A. H. Slatter, b. Peregrine	11
M. R. Ricketts, st. Saunders, b. Carr	7	B. H. Valentine, c. R. Hutton, b. Peregrine	13
D. H. Waghorn, c. & Bb. Carr	6	P. W. S. Rowand, c. Doudney, b. Sutcliffe .	5
J. M. Sutcliffe, c. Deverell, b. Carr	0	J. J. McPartlin, b. Peregrine	0
J. G. Dunbar, not out	1	C. Saunders, not out	1
Extras	7	Extras	7
Total	163	Total	105
<i>Bowling: Carr, 7 for 46</i>		<i>Bowling: Dunbar 3 for 23, Peregrine 3 for 16</i>	

CRICKET, 1965

The highlight of the summer was the coming into use of the long-awaited pavilion. A rather dreary summer led us to need its protection from wind and rain all too often.

A departure from previous practice came this season when we decided to draw a distinction between the matches against other schools and the friendlies against local clubs. The latter are now assigned to the "Wanderers." One of these was won and three lost. The Wanderers suffered rather from the shortage of reliable batsmen in the upper part of the school. This was the main weakness of the First Eleven and we depended for too many runs upon all rounders.

The side was well captained by A. L. Barbour. He had many ideas of his own, he was always thinking of expedients to dislodge the opposition and it was a fair reward for effort that most changes he made in bowling and field placing brought results. He scored more runs than anyone else but never satisfied himself or his admirers that he was doing full justice to himself.

Runs rarely came with fluency from both ends and the one batting discovery of the year was R. Taylor, who on 1964 reputation was a successful colts opening bowler. Our front rank bowlers, J. M. Sutcliffe, R. McAusland, A. Batten, too often found themselves having to make runs as well as take the wickets.

Sutcliffe, vice-captain this year, was our most experienced bowler and always threatened danger. He was never collared and his economical twenty overs every match will be much missed in future. McAusland and Batten remain as the spear-head for 1966 and their increased experience should bring them greater success.

The ground fielding was rather cumbersome and there was more willingness to signal fours than to cut them off. The rapid improvement in our outfield which has already begun to come from expenditure on new equipment should lead to an improvement in this department. The 1965 side might have been our best ever if it had stopped runs in the field with as great a determination as it went for catches.

Regular members of the 1st XI were: A. L. Barbour, J. M. Sutcliffe, P. Tamworth, M. J. Hill, R. McAusland, A. J. S. Batten, R. P. Taylor, P. Forsyth, R. Parker, J. M. Heale. A. H. Patmore and P. Saehan played several times.

Prospects for 1966 seem encouraging. Six of the 1965 XI remain and there will be considerable competition for places amongst those coming up from the undefeated Colts XI. Our thanks are due to the Headmaster for his efforts to improve our cricket facilities, as well as for his expert advice. Mr. Wells-Furby will remain in overall control of Cricket, but after six seasons he is handing over the coaching of the 1st XI. Mr. Hare, who arrives in January, will take over.

RESULTS

May	13th	Away	..	Crookham Court 52 (McAusland 7 for 13), Shiplake 55 for 2. Won by 8 wickets.
„	15th	Home	..	Stoneham 97 (McAusland 5 for 14, Barbour 5 for 26), Shiplake 68. Lost by 29 runs.
„	22nd	Home	..	Shiplake 77, Radley 3rd 78 for 2. Lost by 8 wickets.
„	27th	Home	..	Shiplake 84, Cokethorpe School 59 (Sutcliffe 5 for 8). Won by 25 runs.
„	30th	Home	..	Old Vikings Match.

The Old Boys of the School were defeated in an exciting match which remained open till the very end. The First XI batted rather uncertainly against leg-spin bowling. Several half chances in the field were eagerly snapped up by the Old Boys on a cold and dismal afternoon.

The Old Vikings innings suggested at first that the School would get home with something to spare as five wickets were down for 38. After that the score mounted steadily and an aggressive stand by Barrett and Gutteridge seemed to have won the match, when, in gathering gloom, the School Captain turned the scales by a brilliant run out of Bryan. The School snatched victory by seven runs after the Old Vikings had needed ten runs with three wickets left.

FIRST XI		OLD VIKINGS	
Hill, b. Fawkes	8	Wells-Furby, c. Barbour, b. McAusland...	4
Taylor, b. Hamlyn	20	Osborne, c. Hill, b. McAusland	8
Barbour, lbw., b. Osborne	8	Fawkes, b. Sutcliffe	6
Tamworth, c. & b. Osborne	0	Devas, b. McAusland	10
Sutcliffe, c. Barron, b. Osborne	1	Slatter, b. McAusland	2
Saehan, c. Bryan, b. Osborne	4	Barrett, b. Batten	24
Batten, b. Gutteridge	21	King, c. & b. Batten	5
Parker, c. & b. Slatter	5	Bryan, run out	5
McAusland, lbw., b Fawkes	11	Gutteridge, c. & b. McAusland	12
Forsyth, not out	0	Barron, c Taylor, b. Sutcliffe	1
Heale, c. Barrett, b. Osborne	1	Hamlyn, not out	0
Extras	9	Extras	4
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Total	88	Total	81
<i>Bowling: Osborne 5 for 23</i>		<i>Bowling: McAusland 5 for 27</i>	

June 12th Away .. Shiplake 136 (Batten 32), Lord Wandsworth's 2nd 105 for 7. Drawn.
 „ 27th Home .. Shiplake 115 (Batten 35, Connery 5 for 42), South Oxfordshire Amateurs
 118 for 3. Lost by 7 wickets.
 July 3rd Away .. Abingdon 2nd 154 for 7 dec'd., Shiplake 113 for 8 (Barbour 52). Drawn.
 „ 10th Home .. Shiplake 137 for 9 dec'd. (Barbour 46), Oratory School Colts 100 for 7.
 Drawn.
 „ 17th Away .. Shiplake 176 for 9 dec'd., Wellington College Occasionals 70 for 6. Drawn.

WANDERERS RESULTS

June 5th Wanderers 111, Wellington College Occasionals 112 for 3. Lost by 7 wickets.
 „ 26th Coppid Hall C.C. 111 for 8 dec'd., Wanderers 112 for 6. Won by 4 wickets.
 July 17th Coppid Hall C.C. 114, Wanderers 18. Lost by 96 runs.
 „ 18th Shiplake Memorial Hall C.C. 58, Wanderers 55. Lost by 3 runs.

COLTS' CRICKET

It is unusual for a junior side to have an unbeaten record and every member of this side deserves a share of the praise for the season's achievements. Several members of the side had played in 1964 but this year there was a marked contrast to the previous year in the willingness of everyone to co-operate and to spend much longer at practice. Nonetheless the game was played as it should be, with a certain light-heartedness, obvious enjoyment and determination to succeed.

There was not much chance for high scoring as several matches were won rather easily. Deserving of special mention are King, 51, and Smith, 41, in the match against Leighton Park. There was also a very carefully made 24 by Knights against Crookham. It would be difficult to pick out any individual batsman of the season as most members of the side were capable of getting runs and did so when the occasion demanded.

When a side has done well a little criticism is useful. Knights showed great determination but as he develops he must eliminate his tendency to extreme caution. Smith, M. erred in the opposite direction. He will make runs when he gives himself time to settle down. Saehan played sensibly and well but often lost his wicket unluckily.

R. J. Devas captained the side efficiently but must learn not to be cautious when the situation demands the taking of a risk. The fielding was patchy at times but some very good fielding came from Loos, MacKinney and Ashburnham. Towle should develop into a good player as he gains in confidence. Promising newcomers were Ashburnham, Godwin and Milne. Milne in particular, in a very good bowling side, showed up as a very useful medium pace bowler.

The season ended with a weakened side playing two matches against St. Piran's Preparatory School. These were great fun and we hope to repeat and extend Prep. School fixtures for our younger players.

May	12th	Royal Merchant Navy School 76, Shiplake 77 for 6. Won by 4 wickets.
„	15th	Stoneham 40 (Smith 7 for 15), Shiplake 41 for 3. Won by 7 wickets.
„	25th	Reading School 73 (Devas 6 for 15), Shiplake 75 for 5. Won by 5 wickets.
June	3rd	Shiplake 112 for 7 dec'd., Crookham 34. (Devas 5 for 3). Won by 78 runs.
„	26th	Shiplake 135 for 4 dec'd., Leighton Park 32 for 9 (Smith 5 for 11). Drawn.
„	29th	Reading 35, Shiplake 36 for 3. Won by 7 wickets.

ROWING

The season of 1965 was even more successful than that of 1964. Our first fixture was on March 11th when our 1st and 2nd crews went to Oxford to row against two House Fours of St. Edward's School. In windy conditions the 1st crew won by 9 seconds and the 2nd crew by 5 seconds. Our only other non-regatta fixture was against Henley Grammar School, who brought their 1st and 2nd crews to Shiplake on June 8th. Our 2nd crew beat their 1st crew by ten lengths and our Junior crew beat their 2nd crew by three lengths, over a course of approximately half-a-mile.

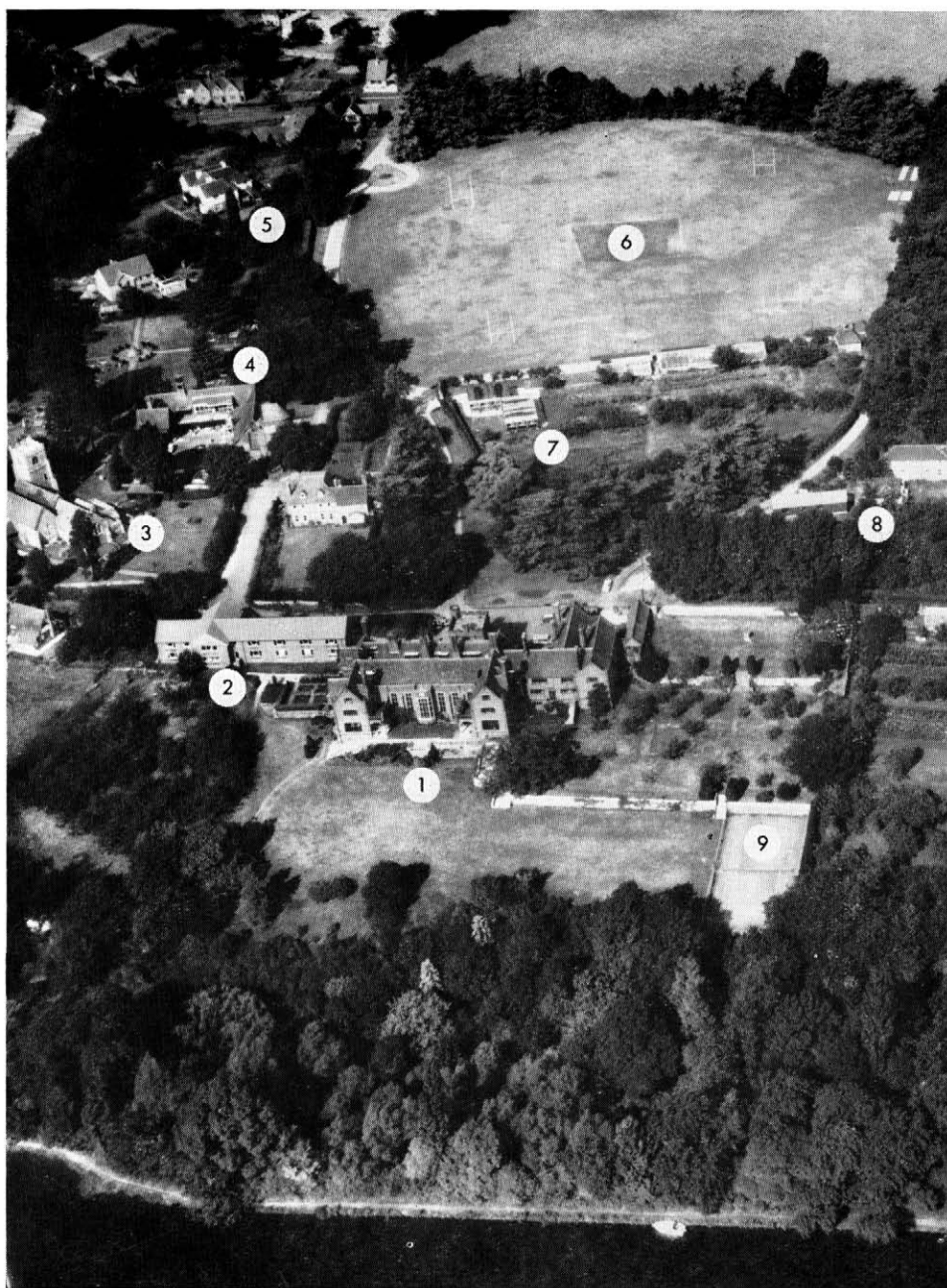
Our record at regattas, in which we won seven trophies, was as follows:—

WALLINGFORD, May 21st and 22nd: The 1st and 2nd crews both entered for the Novice Fours, for which event there was such a large entry that it was rowed in two divisions, our two crews being drawn in separate divisions. Our 2nd crew beat Culham College, Haileybury College, and Oratory School, but lost in the semi-final to Sutton School, who were beaten by two feet in the final by Pangbourne Nautical College. In the other division the 1st crew beat Reading University, Royal Grammar School High Wycombe, Haileybury College (breaking the record in this heat by 2 seconds), Wallingford Rowing Club, and, in the final, Barking Rowing Club, thus retaining the cup won in 1964. In the Junior School Fours, our Junior crew had a bye in the first round, beat Henley G.S. easily in the second round, but lost in the semi-final to Pangbourne Nautical College, who won the final.

READING JUNIOR (or CLINKER BOAT) REGATTA, May 29th: Our 2nd crew did particularly well in the Novice Fours, beating Reading University, Sussex University, Tonbridge School, and Thames Tradesmen R.C., but losing in the final to Wallingford R.C. The 1st crew, having won Novice Fours at Wallingford, had to move up a class to Junior Fours. They beat the Royal Agricultural College and Reading University but lost in the final to two strong crews from Poplar and Blackwall R.C.,



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| 4. Classrooms | 9. Tennis Court |
| 5. Welsh House | |



PART OF THE PLAYING FIELDS



THE RIVER LOOKING TOWARDS THE BOATHOUSES



EVERETT HOUSE



WELSH HOUSE

a club which rows throughout the year on the Tideway. Our Junior crew beat Ashmead School, but lost to Monkton Combe School, in the Junior School Fours.

MARLOW REGATTA, June 19th: The 1st crew, which had improved considerably since Reading Regatta, entered for the Public Schools Fours, which we had lost by only two feet in 1964. Strode School, the 1964 winners, were again entered, with two of their winning crew still rowing for them. There were nine entries, including Tonbridge, Windsor Grammar School, Haileybury, and Wellington. In the first round we drew Strode and King Charles School, Kidderminster, who came with a reputation of four regatta wins already gained during the season. We won by a length, after being behind in the early stages. In the final we beat Tonbridge by $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths, with Royal G.S. High Wycombe (who used a new type of lighter boat) a few feet behind Tonbridge. Thus the name of Shiplake College came to be inscribed, in such distinguished company as that of King's, Canterbury, and Winchester, on a cup which dates back to 1879 and which used to be competed for at Henley Royal Regatta.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS REGATTA, PANGBOURNE, 23rd June: In the absence of any information to the contrary we assumed that, as in 1964, we would not be allowed to enter our 1st crew since it had competed at Marlow. So we entered the Second crew, only to find that last year's restriction had been lifted. This meant that the 2nd crew met some stiff opposition. They did well, reaching the final by finishing second in each of two qualifying heats (in which four crews competed), beating King's School, Rochester, Carmel College, and Winchester. In the final we were 4th, behind Becket School (1st), Latymer (2nd) and St. Mungo's, Glasgow.

PANGBOURNE AND WHITCHURCH REGATTA, 26th June: This was a particularly memorable occasion for Shiplake since our three crews all reached the finals of their events, and two trophies were won, a third being lost by only a few feet. In the Novice Fours, the 2nd crew beat Haileybury College in the first heat, Marlow R.C. and Pangbourne Nautical College in the second, and Strode School and Wallingford R.C. in the final. In the Under-17 School Fours the Junior crew beat Wellington College, then Magdalen College School, to reach the final in which they beat Pangbourne Nautical College, but lost by four feet to Reading Blue Coat School. In the School Fours, after beating Sutton School in the first heat and Wellington College in the second, the 1st crew won a tough fight in a head-wind by three feet against a heavier crew from Abingdon School.

READING WORKING MEN'S REGATTA (henceforward to be called "Reading Town Regatta"), 10th July: Because of the unusual stipulation as to the age limit for Junior School Fours, we could not enter our Junior crew for this regatta, instead, they entered for Egham Regatta (described below). Our 2nd crew entered for the Junior Fours event, in which only two other crews (Eton Excelsior and Pangbourne R.C.) took part; we won comfortably. In the School Fours, our 1st crew beat Cokethorpe "A" and Cokethorpe "B" comfortably, and, in the final, met the stern four of Sir William Borlase's School's 1st VIII, a strong crew averaging 12 stone to

our 10 $\frac{1}{4}$. In spite of a brisk head-wind we started at an effective 42 strokes per minute, and did not drop below 38 at any point of the course. We won by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. The circumstances and result of this regatta served to high-light the progress made by the Boat Club in three years. In 1962, a Shiplake crew set off upstream and returned a good deal later, flushed with achievement, to report that they had reached Sonning (and found white people living there). In 1965, two of our crews rowed up beyond Sonning, almost to Reading, won their races in a regatta, then rowed their boats home again.

EGHAM REGATTA, 10th July: Rowing in a borrowed boat, our Junior crew beat Beaumont College, but lost by half a length to Windsor Grammar School.

UPPER THAMES REGATTA, 22nd July: This was arranged at short notice at the invitation of the Blue Coat School on their water at Sonning. We entered a newly-formed Under-15 crew which did very well, winning two heats and losing narrowly in the final. Our Junior crew, in the under-16 event, won two heats and lost in the semi-final, but the story of the 1st and 2nd crews is a chapter of accidents. We had lent our two best boats, *Viking I* and *Viking II*, to be used as "pool" boats, and *Viking I* was being used by a Strode crew; it was making its way up the course, during a race in which our 2nd crew was leading comfortably from a Blue Coat crew, in a heavy downpour which impaired visibility, and was struck by our 2nd crew's boat, damaging it appreciably but badly damaging the borrowed boat that we were using. We were awarded the race, but it was a shaking experience. Whilst this was happening, our 1st crew, also in a borrowed boat, was sitting in the rain at the start, waiting for a Berkhamsted crew. We were awarded the race on a "row over," but were then immediately told to get into another boat, go back to the start and row against Berkhamsted who had now belatedly arrived. Disconcerted by all this, we rowed well below form and lost by $\frac{3}{4}$ length. As we were obliged to re-row a race that we had been awarded, it seems logical to treat this as a nullity. Our 2nd crew then lost to another Berkhamsted crew by $\frac{1}{2}$ length, and this crew won the final.

STAINES REGATTA, 24th July: Mainly because Henley Town Regatta was this year to take place more than two weeks after the end of term, it was decided to enter instead for Staines Regatta. There was no Schools Fours event, so our 1st and 2nd crews both entered for the Junior Fours event, which had a strong entry of 19, including two crews from Germany and one from France. Our second crew lost by 1 length to the French crew, Soci  t   Nautique de la Marne, Joinville, which then lost to Strode School who then lost to Staines B.C. Our 1st crew beat Quintin R.C. in the first heat by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, then Midland Bank by 4 lengths. We then met, in the semi-final, the German crew from Minden, a powerful crew, averaging twelve stone. They led from the start, and, by half-way, had a lead of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. We then began steadily to pull them back, we were level 100 yards from home and gradually nosed in front to win by three feet, a truly tremendous race, reflecting great credit on the fighting quality of our light crew and particularly on Lester, our stroke. In the final we beat the home club, Staines, by $\frac{3}{4}$ length, a fitting climax to a splendid season.

HOUSE ROWING, (July 13th and 14th)

As there were now four houses, it was decided to have a "knock-out" competition, using *Viking I* and *Viking II*, with House Rowing Captains tossing for choice of boat or station.

RESULTS

<i>Semi-finals</i>	<i>Senior</i>	..	Skipwith beat Welsh, 4½l., 2m. 53s. Everett beat Burr, 6l., 2m. 41s.
	<i>Junior</i>	..	Welsh beat Everett, ¾l., 2m. 41s. Skipwith beat Burr, 3l., 2m. 33s. (record).
			(shorter course)
<i>Finals</i>	<i>Senior</i>	..	Everett beat Skipwith, 4l., 2m. 35s. (record).
	<i>Junior</i>	..	Skipwith beat Welsh, 2l., 2min. 34s.
<i>Winning crews:—</i>			
	<i>Senior</i>	..	Everett: Matthews (cox), Rellie (str.), Stephens, Marchant, Crowder.
	<i>Junior</i>	..	Skipwith: Tomlinson (cox), Lester (str.), Hudson, Sherriff, Mantel.

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL ROWING RESULTS

	<i>Races won</i>		<i>Races lost</i>
1st crew	19	..	1
2nd crew	14	..	5
Junior crew	7	..	5
Junior Colts	2	..	1
Totals	42	..	12

(The number of crews beaten was many more than 42, since there were often three crews in a heat, and there were sometimes as many as 19 crews entered for events that we won).

SCHOOL CREWS

1st	..	..	Matthews, M. (cox), Lester (str.), Eveleigh, C. J. P., Turner, Crowder (on the finals day of Wallingford Regatta Warcup coxed in place of Matthews, who was ill).
2nd	..	..	Johnson (cox), Griffiths, M. (str.), Stephens, Rellie, Marchant. (Lyon rowed in place of Rellie against St. Edward's, Oxford).
Junior	..	..	Warcup (cox), Sherriff (str.), Clayton, Pyper, Hudson. (Mantel rowed in place of Hudson at Wallingford and Reading Regattas).
Junior Colts	..	..	Hindmarsh (cox), Griffiths, P. (str.), Eveleigh, B., Gray, Leigh-Pemberton.
Coaches:—1st crew, Mr. E. M. Hall; 2nd crew, Mr. N. D. Duncan; Junior and Junior Colts, Mr. R. Green.			

Although all our crews performed creditably, pride of place must go to the 1st crew. They had an exceptionally fine stroke in Lester, and a shrewd and experienced cox in Matthews, the only remaining member of the 1964 1st crew. They responded quickly and intelligently to coaching, they always raced with tremendous spirit, and they were a fine example of the doctrine that a good crew is something more than the mere sum of its component parts. Their regatta record, six finals and five trophies, speaks for itself. E.M.H.

SHIPLAKE COLLEGE HARRIERS

The greater size of many of the schools we ran against was made up for by regular training and determination to do well.

In December, 1964, the School represented Oxfordshire A.C.F. at a meeting at Aldershot. Five other Counties were defeated and the trophy was won for Oxfordshire, together with silver medals for the individuals.

The main event of the coming season will be a two mile road relay to be held at Shiplake. Eight other schools are expected.

SENIOR MATCHES, 1965

- Jan. 20th v. Oratory, won 27—55.
Feb. 10th Triangular Match v. Bloxham and Kingham Hill. Shiplake came third in both Senior and Junior races but R. Forsyth gave a good lead as Captain by winning the Senior event.
„ 11th v. Crookham Court at Crookham, won 25—56.
„ 17th v. Crookham Court at Shiplake, won 25—58.
„ 20th v. Abingdon at Abingdon, lost 56—26.
„ 24th Triangular Match at Shiplake v. Reading Bluecoat and Oratory, won by Shiplake, with Bluecoat second.

First String Colours to R. Forsyth, J. Pewtress, C. Eveleigh and M. Griffiths.
Second String Colours to B. Eveleigh.

JUNIOR MATCHES

Matches won: v. Crookham Court both home and away; Oratory at home. The Juniors came second in the triangular match with Blue Coat and Oratory, they ran well to come only three points behind Oratory. The Juniors came third in the triangular match with Bloxham and Kingham Hill and lost both their matches with Gillott's School, one by 5 points and the other by 1 point.

Colts Colours awarded to A. Menikides and K. Rendle-Mervill.

HOCKEY, 1965

Hopes were high at the start of the season with several players from 1964 available and with some promising juniors coming forward. These hopes were not realised and the final playing record was dismal: played eight, won one, lost seven.

Good potential was shown by some players but there was not enough solid team play against sometimes older and frequently more experienced sides. That extra shooting power our opponents had was missing when we were in the circle. Marking was too slack and the outstanding weakness was lack of co-ordination between backs and forwards. Hill (the captain), Patmore, Sutcliffe and McAusland played steadily and earned their full Colours. Barbour, Saehan, Pidsley, Smallbones, Hutchings and Pease were awarded half-colours. Altogether seventeen players were tried, which suggested there were too many places not filled by reliable players.

ATHLETIC SPORTS, EASTER, 1965

If ever a House Competition was plagued by atrocious weather it can never have been worse than the Inter-House Standards Competition and the Inter-House Sports Competition. Rarely did we have a dry day during this period.

The Standards Shield was won quite convincingly by Skipwith. This was undoubtedly due to the efforts of Harry Seaford, the School and Skipwith House Captain of Athletics, who organised not only the Standards Competition but also the House Competitions outstandingly efficiently.

STANDARDS SHIELD

1st	Skipwith	..	222 pts.	..	ave. per boy: 5.84
2nd	Everett	..	287 pts.	..	ave. per boy: 5.74
3rd	Burr	..	224 pts.	..	ave. per boy: 5.209
4th	Welsh	..	195 pts.	..	ave. per boy: 4.62

The Finals of the Inter-House Sports Competition ran very smoothly and we were very fortunate in the fact that the weather at last took a change for the better. This competition turned out to be a very determined struggle for the Shield by Everett and Skipwith, with Everett at the end of the afternoon the winners once again.

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS SHIELD

1st	..	Everett	..	..	163 pts.
2nd	..	Skipwith	..	..	158 pts.
3rd	..	Welsh	..	..	121.5 pts.
4th	..	Burr	..	..	99.5 pts.

LAWN TENNIS

The entire Senior VI were members of the First XI and were short of practice all the summer. No match was won except that against Wycombe Court—a girls' school that has now ceased to exist!

We entered the Boys' Schools Championships at Wimbledon and our Junior pair did reach the second round of the plate before being defeated. The Senior pair were P. Tamworth and A. Barbour, the Juniors J. M. Heale and J. Mackenzie-Carrington.

The Inter-House Tennis was won by Everett, who again defeated Skipwith.

SQUASH RACKETS

In the Spring Term two Junior matches were played and both were won. The Seniors won a fixture and lost three. In the Autumn the Seniors have won three matches and lost three. The Junior record continues to be good, three matches won and only one lost.

Everett won the Inter-House Competition.

SHOOTING

Practice for the *News of the World* competition took place during the Winter Term, 1964, during which we had a postal match against Henley Grammar School, which they won by 753 pts. to 721 pts., ex. 800 pts. We duly won the County round of the *News of the World* competition and passed on to the National round, in which we came 20th out of 85 teams with a score of 730 pts., ex. 800 pts. The VIII for all three matches were as follows: W. A. M. Prichard, C. F. E. Barlow, S. K. Brown, T. J. H. Elliott, I. N. Maclean, A. J. Rellie, P. Saehan, R. P. Taylor.

Colours were awarded to the following: Prichard, Barlow, Brown, Elliott, Rellie and Taylor.

During the Summer Term, 1965, practice for the House Shield took place and in the actual competition the results were: Skipwith (377, ex. 400), Burr (371), Everett (359), Welsh (356). The individual scores of the winning team were: Barlow 96, R. J. Forsyth 95, Brown 93, Elliott 93.

Over the past year recruits in the A.C.F. have continued to fire the Empire Test with the following results: Marksmen 13, 1st class 26, 2nd class 30.

I should like to express my thanks to Prichard, who has been a keen and efficient Captain of Shooting and who will, I am sure, prove the same under my successor, Major F. T. W. Blatchley-Hennah. M.M.G.

FIRST XV RUGBY

The Editor regrets that an official report on the 1st XV has not come to hand and apologises for the inaccuracy of any facts.

Several well tried players remained from 1964 and there were some useful newcomers from the U/16 age group of the previous year. In the end the playing record is fairly creditable but it does not compare with that of 1964. Won 3, drawn 3, lost 7.

The success of 1964 resulted in a number of fixtures being strengthened. This is an inevitable development as our playing standards improve and as we go up in the quality of our fixtures there is bound to be a period of adjustment and some defeats.

A second reason for our modest record was that several of the experienced players had serious injuries and an eye injury deprived the side of the Captain, A. L. Barbour, for most of the season. Ill luck usually batters onto an injury-smitten side and the more reserves we had playing the more the bounce of the ball seemed against us. In a small school there has to be some experimenting early in the season to find the best combination available. In the past experiments in new positions for able players have generally succeeded but this year they did not. However, a mistake was made in persisting with some of these experiments for far too long.

In spite of all that went wrong there is much on the credit side. Two or three of the matches lost could have gone the other way and then the overall record would have been creditable. There was some sound work in the set scrums and in the loose from forwards who generally had to give away weight and height to their opponents. The Vice-Captain, A. H. Patmore, showed improved skill as a dribbler but never quite reached his full potential in the line out. Pease was a tireless open side wing forward with a devastating tackle. Strong and determined play came from N. Sheriff and C. Eveleigh. Outside the scrum P. Tamworth improved steadily both in attack and in covering. Some of his tackles were in the top-class. At scrum half, in the centre after Barbour's injury, and at full back, there were weaknesses in tackling and falling that no side could afford and it was fortunate that few of our opponents spotted our weaknesses early enough to play on them with an effect that would have been truly devastating. NEMO

COLTS' RUGBY

The U/16 XV, although stronger than in recent years, had only mixed fortunes this season. The pack was sound with a useful back row in which King mainly showed the way. M. Smith's hooking was good and the line out work and loose play of Pyper a great asset.

As a pair the half backs improved and Saehan at out-half had the ability to penetrate the opposition defence. His main fault was to hold on to the ball too long. Taylor, the Captain, and Abhakorn, in the centre, provided good support.

Colts Colours were awarded to Taylor, Saehan, Smith, M., King, Pyper and Abhakorn. Results: Won 2, drawn 1, lost 4. J.B.W.

JUNIOR COLTS' RUGBY

The attacking strength of the side was forward. The strength of the defence was in the backs who showed a greater spirit in adversity than the forwards. Amongst the backs there were some capable tacklers, whose enthusiasm made up in an exceptional way for their slowness of build.

Wyndham-Smith was outstanding and outspoken as Captain and gave to the whole side a great example from the key position of scrum half. P. M. Taylor showed promise as a place kicker.

The following played regularly: Newtown, C., Helps, Hepburn, Ashburnham, Godwin, Knights, Wyndham-Smith, Baverstock, Newton, R., Spence, Bell, Loos, Hall, Taylor, P., Hayock.

Also played: Shakespeare, Pringle, Judges, Turner-Lashmar, Green, Docker. Results: Won 2, drawn 2, lost 3. Points for 95, against 79. M.D.D.

RAPE OF THE BELT

Benn Levy's light hearted version of Heracles' Labour of taking the treasured Belt from the Amazons was performed in June. The Gods were not as kind to the Dramatic Society as they were to Heracles and Theseus. On only one night did this outdoor production proceed from start to finish uninterrupted by rain. On the other nights forced moves to indoor sets spoiled the continuity of the action. The players, however, are to be congratulated on not being thrown out of their stride by these moves. The move indoors required a considerable adjustment both to moves on a smaller stage and modulation of voice.

The number of "blooded" actors was much reduced by the demands of "A" level exams and the main parts were played by boys new to central characters in School productions. Pidsley achieved huge pomposity as *Heracles* and his ego was well supported and enlarged by Philpot as *Theseus*.

McBurnie and Rawlings were two fine Amazon Queens, the one sultry and sophisticated, being offset by the shy naivety of the other. Rawlings, a new arrival, was very successful in his first production here. *Zeus* (Barham) and *Hera* (Pearson) sat on their Olympian thrones enjoying and mis-directing the frolics of the mortals. Barham was most effective in his "Song of Love."

Mr. Foster had rather more storms to weather during rehearsal than usual. Then there were the storms during performances. Yet in the end much was achieved and a great deal learned by younger actors. In the early stage of production a line in the play "I don't know what to say" summed up the difficulties of an inexperienced cast. We were a long way from that fumbling beginning by production night.

CAST

in order of appearance

HERA	..	..	..	..	..	..	Simon Pearson
ZEUS	..	..	..	..	..	..	John Barham
HIPPOBOMENE	..	..	..	..	..	..	Paul Milne
THESEUS	..	..	..	..	..	..	Anthony Philpot
HERACLES	..	..	..	..	..	..	Guy Pidsley
ANTIOPE	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mark Rawlings
DIASTA	..	..	..	..	..	..	Keith Hepburn
ANTHEA	..	..	..	..	..	Mark MacKenzie-Charrington	
HIPPOLYTE	..	..	..	..	..	..	John McBurnie
THALESTRIS	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nicholas Row
Stage hands/AMAZON ATTENDANTS							

Michael Helme, John Hindmarsh, Paul Shakespeare

Prompter: P. M. Philby

Producer: Mr. J. F. Foster, assisted by: Mr. R. F. Green

Wigs and Costumes by Messrs. Charles H. Fox Ltd.,

Make-up by Miss M. Tomalin and Mr.

Lights by J. Mackay.

J. Foster.

Sets built by J. H. Barham, The Cast, I. N. MacLean,

Artistic Impetus: Mr. Christopher Wills.

C. M. Porter, I. D. Towle, T. C. Gosselin.

Trumpets: S. B. Bruce and Mr. P. Rixon.

Scaffolding by courtesy of Mr. Frank Barham

Thunder: Mr. John Southall and Zeus.

MUSIC

The Chapel Choir has remained in strength about thirty during 1965 but there was a notable departure of several stalwarts in the Summer. The Choir has continued to sing occasional Anthems and hymn-descants which have been much appreciated by the congregation. The Choir outing was to St. Albans this year, on July 19th, and this was enjoyed by both Choir and Servers. The two Carol Services again included choral items, solos and descants.

The main activity of the Lent Term was the preparation for the annual Concert, and, for this event, a Choral Society of about fifty, including four masters, was directed and accompanied by the Director of Music, Mr. R. Nolan. The Concert took place on March 26th and featured the Choral Society, a small orchestral group, a recorder ensemble, several instrumentalists and guest soprano, Miss Elizabeth Humphries. The orchestral group also performed in the Great Hall during the viewing of the exhibitions on Founders' Day.

Instrumental instruction on a variety of instruments has flourished this year and a Guitar teacher now comes regularly. Some boys have continued Music "O" level courses with Mr. Nolan, and several have been successful in piano and theory of music grade examinations.

THE MUSICAL SOCIETY

The Society met regularly during the Lent and Christmas terms at 8.15 on Tuesday. A committee consisting of one boy from each House with the Chairman, Mr. R. Nolan, planned the programmes. A number of parties attended concerts in Henley and Reading throughout the year, including the Summer Term when the Society was officially "resting." Average attendance this year has risen to about 35 and subjects have included musical shows like "West Side Story" and "The Sound of Music," and Poetry Readings with Jazz.

The year ended with the customary Carol Service and with House Carol parties touring the area at the very end of the term. These parties raised a considerable sum for charity.

R.C.N.

THE SYLVAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

The Sylvan Chamber Orchestra gave a Concert to the School in the Great Hall on Saturday, February 13th. This was the first orchestral concert we have had from visiting musicians, and the Great Hall lent itself well to the occasion.

The orchestra is some 30 strong, formed from professional musicians (including music teachers) and gifted amateurs in the area. As with most such orchestras, there was a shortage on the string side and a very strong woodwind section. The string shortage was further aggravated by the absence of some of the regular viola players through ill health and this resulted in the orchestra being rather out of balance occasionally, especially in the Brahms Serenade in A (Opus 16) in which the violas are the only section of strings scored for, the two remaining viola players finding it hard to compete with the rest of the Orchestra and sounding a little thin in their more exposed passages.

The Concert opened with a Telemann Suite in A minor for Flute and Strings, in which Mr. Gordon Bradley was soloist with easy brilliance. This was followed by one of the two modern pieces which were to be the favourite of most of the audience, the Dance Extrana for two Clarinets, Bass Clarinet and ample percussion by Smith. This was very much enjoyed, but perhaps helped to make the Brahms Serenade which followed it seem a little heavy and dull.

After the interval, two Mozart pieces (Symphony in C K.199 and the Lucio Silla Overture K.135) both adequately performed, sandwiched a fine performance in great humour by Miss M. Kingdon Ward of the other modern piece MacDonald's Cuban Rondo for Clarinet, Piano, Strings and Percussion, of which there was almost every conceivable variety. In this, Mr. Barry McBeath, who conducted the concert, also played the solo piano part.

It was to most an enjoyable evening and we hope we will see the Orchestra again before too long.

J.F.F.

SHIPLAKE COLLEGE CONCERT

FRIDAY, MARCH 26th, 1965, at 8.0 p.m.

PROGRAMME

NATIONAL ANTHEM

CHORAL SOCIETY

Song of the Steppes *Knipper*
Waltzing Matilda *arr. Wood*

'CELLO AND HARMONICA (Julian Sainsbury and Simon Pearson)

Drink to me Only } *arr. Nolan*
Home, Sweet Home }

RECORDER ENSEMBLE (Nicholas Godwin, John Gingell, Michael Helme, Christopher Mantel and Christopher Newton).

All through the Night }
My Bonnie } *arr. Nolan*
The Vicar of Bray }
The British Grenadiers }

RECORDER SOLO (Nicholas Godwin)

Sonata in G; Allegretto , *Hook*

VIOLIN SOLO (John Hindmarsh)

Chanson Triste, Op. 40, No. 2 *Tchaikovsky*

PIANO SOLO (Mr. W. R. Hartley)

Study in A flat major, Op. 25, No. 1 *Chopin*
Canzonetta del Salvatore Rosa *Liszt*

GUITAR AND VOCAL SOLO (Paul Girling)

The Fox and the Goose } *arr. Girling*
Five Hundred Miles }

CHORAL SOCIETY

Deep River *arr. Verrall*
The Soldiers' Chorus (from "Faust") *Gounod*

PIANO DUET (Harry Seaford and Mr. Ronald Nolan)

Il Maestro e lo Scolare *Haydn*
Sonatina *Weber*

FLUTE SOLO (Mr. Richard Green)

Sonata No. 10 for Flute and Piano: Adagio, Giga *Loeillet*
Andante for Flute, K.V. 315 *Mozart*
Sicilienne de Pelléas et Melisande, Op. 78 *Fauré*

SOPRANO SOLO (Elizabeth Humphries, accompanied by Dr. A. Salmon)

Old American Songs *arr. Copland*
1. Ching-a-Ring Chaw (Minstrel Song)
2. The Boatman's Dance (Minstrel Song)
3. I bought me a Cart (Children's Nonsense Song)
Telephone Aria for a Doctor's Wife who sings *Geoffrey Rand*

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

"The Fairy Prince" music *Arne*
Chansonnette *Old French Dance*
Rustic Dance *Carse*

CHORAL SOCIETY

The Daniel Jazz (Cantata) *Chappell*

This year's Concert involved more members of the School than usual. It featured the first performances by the newly formed Choral Society, performances by a Chamber Ensemble and by Dr. and Mrs. Salmon. In addition there were a variety of solos and other items by members of the staff and by boys.

Some of the combinations were unusual, for instance, pieces for cello, harmonica and piano (Sainsbury, Pearson and Mr. Nolan). Some were very usual, for example, the Recorder Ensemble. Here Godwin, who later gave a fine recorder solo later, gave an able performance which demonstrated the lack of practice, or perhaps lack of experience before an audience, of the other participants.

It was good to find the Chamber Ensemble in existence. It added to the variety of the evening. The Choral Society produced some excellent effects, especially in ebullient performance of Daniel Jazz, which made up in enthusiasm for what it lacked in final consonants.

On the professional side we were once more charmed by Dr. and Mrs. Salmon (including Geoffrey Rand's "Telephone Aria for a Doctor's wife who sings") and by a first appearance of Mr. Paul Girling, who sang and accompanied himself on a guitar.

Mr. Nolan is to be congratulated on the variety of the items and on the enthusiasm of his performers.

LIBRARY NOTES

At the moment the Library is undergoing extensive re-organisation so as to bring it into line with most Public Libraries. The main project is the introduction of the Dewey Classification System, which means that every book has had to be re-catalogued and numbered. In addition, a new card index system has been undertaken, and I apologize for all the inconvenience caused to the many users of the library. Unfortunately it is all taking much longer than was anticipated, but we hope that it will be completed next term.

I should like to thank all librarians, and especially K. J. Rendle-Mervill and R. V. Johnson, for their voluntary work.

We record with thanks the following presentations to the library:—

H. B. Patmore, Esq.: Twenty-three volumes on Science and Rocketry.

J. S. Southall, Esq.: Inorganic and Theoretical Chemistry.

M.M.G.

A VISIT TO STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

On October 20th the two sixth forms (P. M. Philby, A. M. Waugh, A. H. Patmore, C. R. A. Sallon and R. C. Lester) went at the invitation of Stoneham School, Reading, to see the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of "Hamlet." We arrived in sufficient time before the production to be able to lunch in comfort.

The play itself was excellently produced by Peter Hall, whose line of attack was that *Hamlet* was obsessed by sex in so far as women are to blame for all evil and therefore must be attacked first, before even attempting to eradicate the evil that they cause. This theme was convincing because we felt that *Hamlet* was not delaying the murder of his uncle purely for reasons of procrastination. The performance of David Warner as *Hamlet* deserves special mention, whereas Glenda Jackson as *Ophelia* was in our opinion not up to the company's well-known standard, although she redeemed herself to a great extent in the "madness" scene. All the other actors, however, and especially *Claudius*, gave full and pleasing support. Certain interpolations by the producer were not only amusing but did not distract from the plot or the tragedy in any way, but, if anything, added to it.

Seeing the play greatly increased our understanding of it and it was in particular beneficial to the second year sixth form, as "Hamlet" is one of their set books.

We all felt that it was well worth going to see this production.

P. M. Philby and A. M. Waugh

SAILING AND CANOE CLUBS

The Sailing and Canoe Clubs were very active on the river during the Summer Term, and there was a combined membership of some 65 boys, about a third of the School.

Members of the Sailing Club who owned their own boats were P. Bell, the Sailing Captain (Cadet), Harrison (Enterprise), Baverstock (Lapwing), Guillaume and Shakespeare (Cadets) and Cochrane (G.P.). These were backed up by the three School dinghies (Cadets) and provided good opportunities for sailing. A sailing race was held against Wellington College over the course at the Henley Sailing Club and resulted in a win by Wellington by a narrow margin of 29½ points to 25. Next summer it is hoped to organise more of these sailing races, and marker buoys and starting posts will be laid out to provide our own practice course. On Founders' Day, all the sailing boats took part in a Sail Past as part of the River Display.

The Canoe Club mustered some 40 canoes, all privately owned. These included two double canoes, and several fibre glass and collapsible canoes. These were all kept in the new Canoe Park next to the Wet Boathouse, where there was direct access to the river. At the beginning of the Summer Term a canoe expert from the Oxfordshire Youth Organisation came down to the School and gave a demonstration of canoe handling and life saving. On Founders' Day, a Canoe Slalom competition was held as part of the River Display and was won by Smith, M., in a fibre-glass canoe.

During the term a canoe expedition was made up-river along St. Patrick's Stream and back through Shiplake Lock, under the supervision of Willcock. This proved popular and it is hoped to have similar expeditions next Summer, further afield.

E.F.R.B.

THE GREEK CLUB

The Greek Club has had a very satisfying year as we have read a fair selection of authors, Xenophon's narrative "The March Up Country," "Hecabe," "Electra," "Women of Troy" and "Ion," by Euripides, the "Searching Satyrs" by Sophocles, "Agamemnon" by Aeschylus and "The Wasps" and "The Poet and The Women" by Aristophanes. The "Odyssey" by Homer is now being read.

During the Summer Term the club went to see the "Thesmophoriazousae" (Parliament of Women), also by Aristophanes. The outing was much enjoyed by all, the production of the play being good. Having read many plays during the year, it was interesting to see how they are acted. Aristophanes' wit was appreciated by all.

At the end of the Summer Term, many members of the Senior Greek Club left, including the Secretary, J. A. Barham, who had given the club his valuable service since its origin. The club has been restored to its former size by new members and graduates from the Junior Greek Club. The Secretary of the Senior Greek Club, which now numbers nine, is P. Philby. The Secretary of the Junior Greek Club, numbering eight, is P. Sallon.

The Junior Greek Club has read the following books: "The Peloponnesian War," by Thucydides, the "Iliad," by Homer, and a selection of Aesop's fables. We were shown slides of Delphi, and other sites, this term by the President of the Society, Mr. D. F. K. Welsh, and one of the newest members, G. Harewood Williams.

BIRD WATCHING SOCIETY

This Society started up quietly in the Winter Term of 1964, membership increasing from three to six during the term.

We had the good fortune to be able to obtain affiliation—for £1 per year—to the Reading Birdwatching Society, which holds meetings and lectures every month in the Zoological Lecture Room of Reading University. The first of these we attended on a Wednesday night at 8 p.m. was enlivened by the presence of a real live eagle from Central Africa with a wing spread of over 6 feet. This bird thrilled us all by taking off and flying across the Lecture Theatre.

The Reading Birdwatching Society also organises monthly outings on Sundays, some of which we hope to attend later.

We ourselves were greatly indebted to Mr. Scorer (father of T. Scorer, of Burr House) for driving five of us on a visit to the Severn Wildfowl Trust at Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, on Sunday, March 7th. It was the Sunday after the week of snow, but Mr. Scorer's Volkswagen station wagon made light of the journey and everyone had a wonderful day.

A competition organised by the Bursar, who is Treasurer of the Society, and held throughout the Spring Term was won by T. Scorer and A. Dickson, and prizes, consisting of books about birds, were presented at the last meeting of the term, on Tuesday, March 23rd.

Due to pressure of other activities the Society did not do very much in the Summer Term, but we received a magnificent gift from Mr. Cowan (father of Cowan, of Welsh House) of two pairs of binoculars for use in the field.

In the Christmas Term we started with renewed keenness and attended several of the Reading Birdwatching Society's Evening Lectures and one outing at the local gravel pits.

R.F.J.

THE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

The Club held its third A.G.M. in February, 1965, and is now well established thanks to the entry of some 24 new members since January last to make up for departing seniors leaving the School.

In the Spring Term we heard a lecture on Cattle Breeding from Mr. D. Bone and held a film meeting jointly with the Coin Club.

In the Summer Term we visited Mr. Doble's Farm, Henley Brewery and the Oxfordshire Show. We hope to renew our entry to competitions in this show next year.

In the Autumn we have had two lectures by Mr. Hinde and Mr. Whittington. There have also been two film meetings.

S. CHICK.

CHESS CLUB

Membership is strong and any other School interested in postal competitions is asked to get in touch with us. During the year interest has centred around the Inter-House Chess Shield, won by Everett.

COIN CLUB

The Club has been fortunate in its affiliation to the Reading Coin Club whose programme has been of great interest. Until July Mr. J. Southall gave us immense support and advice on many points. The main event of the Summer Term was a large scale exhibit of coins and medals on Founders' Day.

Major Blatchley-Hennah took over as our Senior Member in September. We are very grateful for his kindness in accepting our invitation. Films on the History of Coinage have been the main interest this term. Visits to the Mint, the British Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum are planned for March 3rd, 1966.

D. GUILLAUME.

THE NAUTICAL SOCIETY

The Society has been more active recently. During the Spring Term Captain Byng gave an illustrated talk on the Naval aspects of D-Day.

During the Autumn we have had a quiz, a discussion on the Battle of Trafalgar, and a number of films provided by shipping firms which illustrated the British Merchant Service at the present time.

In addition we had a more practical bent to our rather theoretical studies by a visit to the *Cutty Sark* at Greenwich, followed later in the day by a visit to the National Maritime Museum. The general feeling was that there was so much still to learn that another visit before too long was called for.

BOOK REVIEW

"COPYRIGHT — MODERN LAW AND PRACTICE"

by P. F. Carter-Ruck and E. P. Skone James (Faber)

Resentment against another person for the unauthorised exploitation of one's own creative efforts is instinctive, and probably finds its earliest expression in the form of the furious exclamation "Copy-cat!" It also finds legal expression in various complicated enactments and judicial decisions which are marshalled and discussed with authority by the authors of this new book on copyright.

It is a formidable work, which includes copies of the relevant legislation, both national and international, and which considers the practical application of the law by reference to a large number of actual cases, containing many well-known names, such as the B.B.C. and—since copyright can exist in a football fixture list—Littlewoods Pools.

The book is pre-eminently one for legal practitioners, who doubtless will consider the purchase price of seven guineas as money well spent, but there is much in it that may interest, instruct and warn the layman. For example, it points out that a sound-recording, which is the subject of copyright, may—without infringing the copyright—be played, without licence from the owner of the copyright, for recreational or educational purposes in a school, but only if those present are directly concerned with the activities of the school. Some people may also be surprised to learn that the writer of a letter retains the copyright in it, so that the recipient may only publish it with the writer's consent. It is useful, too, to know that remedies for infringement of a copyright include payment of damages and the granting of an injunction, which is a judicial order forbidding the continuance or repetition of the infringement.

The learned authors have done a valuable service by producing such a comprehensive study of such a complex subject, but as the law is made for man—and not man for the law—it does not stand still, and this may well make a revised edition necessary before very long.

E.M.H.

A PORTRAIT OF OURSELVES

The Magazine Committee decided to find out something about our opinions and habits. The project was left rather late and we were astonished by the labour involved in counting the answers. Just as we were issuing the questionnaires we found they read "Do not answer seriously." The "Not" was hastily crossed out. However, the 75 per cent. of the school that filled in the answers did so helpfully and we feel the answers reflect the views of all age groups in the School. An overall impression is that on very few subjects is opinion equally divided.

65% believe in the equality of black and white people but surprisingly only 28% support the present policy over Rhodesia. 76% like foreigners, presumably because 47% are used to regular travel abroad.

Politically only 17% support the present Government. However 59% supported its action in giving the M.B.E. to the Beatles.

We seem ambitious. 50% like the idea of going to University, but only 19% find exams easy.

What are we like? 16% wear glasses and 19% write with the left hand. 8% do not like parties. 40% admitted to smoking during the holidays. A very large figure (70%) admitted to going to "X" films. 15% have nightmares regularly. It is a pity we did not check if there was a link between nightmares and "X" films. The great majority (83%) live in the South of England. 83% also support the Monarchy. Modestly only 20% write poetry. 80% claim to be able to swim.

Us and the School: 60% like Boarding, but only 33% like being organised. However 45% approve of the prefects system. Rowing is more popular (46% take part) than the Cadet Force (35% approval).

The universal target of schoolboy critics everywhere, the food, obtained the approval of 17%, but as Boarding (60% approval) and institutional catering go together we suspect some bias on the food question.

These results do not look much in cold print but they do represent a great deal of work by the assistant editors. In addition thanks are due to G. Pidsley (Distribution) and to R. Beddingfield, M. Smith and B. Harrison who counted many of the answers.

OLD VIKINGS SOCIETY

At the Annual General Meeting in May N. A. Barron resigned as Hon. Secretary and John Hawkins was elected in his place. We have to thank Barron very much indeed for his hard work on behalf of the Society, much of it done from Bedfordshire, at a time when he has been involved in full-time study.

The Committee is at the present time: T. R. Hands, Chairman; J. T. Hawkins, Hon. Secretary; A. H. Slatter, P. M. Devas, D. C. Gutteridge, J. A. Osborne and N. A. Barron.

The 1965 Cricket Match is reported on page 19 and was watched on a gloomy and cold afternoon by a good number of Old Vikings and their friends. Many remained for drinks in the new pavilion afterwards.

The 1965 Rugby XV was stronger than the team fielded the previous year. Our defeat by 11—3 was rather our own fault for we pressed for long periods especially in the second half and poor finishing prevented us from scoring several tries. The side was J. Hawkins, N. King, P. Forsyth, P. Hinton, R. Barrett, D. Gutteridge, W. Coy, P. Cornelius, P. Devas, J. Osborne, R. Shingler, J. Stevens, A. Slatter, J. Marchant and G. Coulton.

Will all members please note that Saturday, April 2nd, 1966, is the date for the Cocktail Party and Buffet Supper. The place: the Special Forces Club. Exact details will be sent to you later.

The date of the A.G.M. and Cricket Match will be June 5th, 1966. Please note this is a move away from the traditional date which has been the last Sunday in May.

The membership of the Society now exceeds 150, together with a number of Honorary Members.

Those in the School before December, 1960, will be very sorry to hear of the serious illness of Mr. Harry Sykes. Members of that generation will be pleased to know that Brigadier Gaskell remains fit and well and sends his good wishes to all who remember him.

A generous sum was collected by Old Vikings as a tribute to the services of Mr. J. F. Foster.

Below we are able to give some information about thirty-five Old Vikings but we would be glad to print more if we had it. Letters from far or near are always welcome and any accounts of interesting experiences will be welcomed for inclusion here. A Barron is now in his second year at the National College of Agricultural Engineering. P. M. Devas joined him there last October.

The following are at Technical Colleges doing advanced courses:—Marchant (Oxford)

P. Forsyth (Slough), A. Philpot (Southampton), C. R. Keele (Bournemouth).

C. Allain and G. Coulton are at Wycombe College of Art.

J. S. Banyard and W. A. Coy are with the John Lewis Partnership.

N. H. King and John Hawkins are two of many Old Vikings in Advertising.

M. S. Crowder is with Lazard Brothers and H. Strachey is with Westminster Bank.

J. Culme is with Sotheby's.

P. Cornelius is with the Continental Grain Company.

W. Adams, P. Hinton and C. Mould are with their family businesses.

R. Peacock, D. Gutteridge and N. Willcock are with building firms.

In the new year G. Berry takes over a mushroom farm at Woking.

P. Lund is in Photography.

M. Griffiths is with W. H. Smith at Leicester.

Graham Crowder is with a firm of Motor Trade Wholesalers.

J. Bromwich is with the export division of Rover Cars.

N. Sharp is with an American Company exploring for oil in Libya.

N. Hill sailed for South Africa at the end of November, where he hopes to settle.

J. P. Turner writes that he is much enjoying his first term at St. Andrews University.

Harry Seaford is finding his first term at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, exacting but equally enjoyable.

R. Lyon hopes to visit Australia next summer.

S. Stracey is now at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester.

John Osborne is now in his second year at Guy's Hospital School of Dentistry. He read a lesson at the School Carol Service as a representative of the Old Vikings Society.

SALVETE

JANUARY, 1965

J. A. F. ASHBURNHAM
P. S. BARROW
R. J. BARNISH
C. G. BUTLER
J. S. CULLIS
A. DRUMMOND-FORBES
R. J. C. ELWES

T. C. N. GOSSELIN
G. M. W. FARMILLOE
M. J. KNIGHTS
A. P. L. LOOS
N. M. LYTTLETON
R. S. MILL
S. G. PERRY
M. A. RAWLINGS

C. W. HUNTER-SMART
J. A. YEATES
C. S. LAWTON

MAY, 1965

A. B. DOCKER

T. PARKER
J. E. RICHARDS
P. J. SHAKESPEARE

M. TOMLINSON
T. WELLS

SEPTEMBER, 1965

R. F. ALLUM
R. E. ALEXANDER
J. BARTHOLOMEW
R. BEDDINGFIELD
R. A. BOWMAN
J. BRATT
M. J. DONALD
R. M. GREEN
P. GREENWOOD

J. HAMILTON
N. HAREWOOD WILLIAMS
D. M. HAWKES
D. A. HEY
A. J. HUDDLESTONE
C. G. KEPPLER
D. B. LEAKE
S. J. LEDINGHAM
R. D. NEWTON

G. J. PRINGLE
N. W. REYNOLDS
R. SHADDICK
J. N. SHEPPARD
G. P. SMITH
J. M. SMITH
W. J. E. STEVENSON
N. P. TURLEY
M. O. WEATHERLAKE
J. R. NAYLOR
T. J. WRIGHT

VALETE

APRIL, 1965

P. BROMWICH (House Prefect)

R. C. DUNCAN

T. MUIRHEAD-SMITH

JULY, 1965

J. BANYARD (House Prefect).
P. BELL (House Prefect).
J. BARHAM (School Prefect).
G. AVIS.
M. CROWDER (1st IV).
D. J. O. COWAN
M. GRIFFITHS.
N. J. HILL (School Prefect, 1st XV, 1st XI,
Captain of Hockey, VI Form).
L. HUTCHINGS (House Prefect, VI Form).
M. HELME.
R. LYON (School Prefect, VI Form).
P. LUND.
I. MACLEAN.

A. MARCHANT.
J. M. PEWTRESS (House Prefect).
H. P. SEAFORD (Athletics Captain, School
Prefect, 1st XV, VI Form).
E. SAMUEL.
J. M. SUTCLIFFE (1st XI, 1st VI, House Prefect,
Squash V).
J. STEPHENS (School Prefect, 1st XV, VI Form).
J. SAINSBURY (House Prefect).
D. OWEN.
J. TURNER (School Captain, 1st IV, VI Form).
N. WILLCOCK (House Prefect, 1st XV).
C. CARTER.
S. BROWN.

DECEMBER, 1965

A. ABRAHAMS
D. BURTON (House Prefect, 1st XV).
C. CLARK.
P. EDWARDS.
C. J. P. EVELEIGH (1st IV, 1st XV).
R. V. JOHNSON (VI Form, House Prefect).
G. KIRK.
C. LEIGH-PEMBERTON.

J. MACKAY (House Prefect).
R. PARKER (Captain of Boxing, 1st XI).
M. PRICHARD (Captain of Shooting).
A. RELLIE (House Prefect, 1st XV).
N. SMITH.
J. MCBURNIE.
M. PEARSON.
M. PEASE (House Prefect, 1st XV).