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EDITORIAL

For over twenty years now we have endured a prolonged and somewhat uneasy peace, broken by intermittent and isolated incidents of violence. Has this peace in any way affected our social security and progress? Both the standard and cost of living have risen beyond all proportion since the war, but has the nation, or indeed the world, taken care to improve not only the material things but also those that affect our ethical and moral ways of life?

Today, Britain can boast that not only the upper crust of her society enjoys a certain amount of affluence but also those who half a century beforehand would have been looked upon as the unfortunates. Undoubtedly Britain has in the last twenty years changed considerably from the old aristocratic Britannia who ruled the waves; for from the ashes of the Second World War has emerged a New Britain and a New World. The war left its participants in a weak and forlorn position, but sheer strength and resourcefulness made possible the emergence of new and fresh ideas. However, now these ideas would appear to have grown stale. Have twenty years of prosperity undone the five of strife?

Today, Britain wallows in an economic rut of despondency that is looked upon by the politician as being the result of government mismanagement and probed by the economist who looks for the cause in either a Malthusian or Ricardian Theory. Both unquestionably have sound arguments, but it does not need a professional to tell us the real cause stems from our inability to work hard and appreciate what we already have.

Looking back, it is apparent that a material characteristic of ours is to start working hard only when under pressure. In nearly every war in which we have been involved, we have found ourselves prepared at least a year after it has started. Our success in military campaigns can only be accounted for by another charac-

teristic in us that displays a persistent stubbornness unequalled by any other race in the world.

Thus we find ourselves in this economic crisis because for the past twenty years we have not had a common enemy to wage our efforts against and as a result we have spent most of the time fighting ourselves. The so-called "spiral inflation" is only a synonym for the "vicious circle" phrase which is caused by the continual rise in prices, which is immediately followed by a demand for a rise in wages. This demand is weakly submitted to and in consequence, prices are raised again and so it goes on.

The Editors are not suggesting that a war is the only means of snapping Britain out of her present lethargy for by now we should have learnt to rearrange ourselves without resorting to violent and uncivilized methods. We must realise that our high living is over. We have slipped into a world where only material gains seem to mean anything. It is up to us, the younger generation, to accept our new responsibilities and prevent this social decline from becoming a major landslide. If we do not do it, then a more violent form of change may be necessary which will then only be admitting defeat and at the same time will halt our progress in other fields.

SCHOOL NEWS

We record with the deepest regret the death of Mr. D. J. Skipwith (Headmaster, 1960—1962) on June 6th while on his way home from Peru. A report on a service held in memory of him appears elsewhere.

During the course of the year there have been more changes in the Common Room.

At the end of July we said farewell to Mr. H. E. Wells-Furby, who has taken up an appointment as Headmaster of Christ's College, Blackheath.

We also said goodbye to Brigadier Anstruther, whose gentle but firm approach was appreciated by all those who came into contact with him. We wish both him and his wife good luck in their new-found job in the South of France.

This term we welcomed to the Common Room Mr. D. H. Drury, who has joined us from Emanuel School, London, where he made a name for himself in the rowing world, and who has taken over Skipwith House as well as the History Department; Mr. C. D. Anderson, an Old Reptonian, who teaches English and Geography and has made his considerable self felt already on the sports' field; and Mr. I. R. Walker, who has joined the Physics Department. We wish him well in the Scottish Rugby Trials.

We offer our congratulations to:—

Mr. B. J. Hare on his marriage to Miss M. Thomas;

Mr. J. F. Brown on his marriage to Miss A. Mee;

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Humphries on the birth of a son.

On Founders' Day the Headmaster welcomed as Guest Speaker Mr. John Hay, M.P.

Since the last issue of this magazine, two timber bungalows have been erected on the campus for the benefit of two resident members of the staff, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Gilliat and Mr. and Mrs. D. F. K. Welsh.

The new sports field has proved a great success, and its splendid condition is a credit to all concerned, not least to the hordes of stone-pickers in the early stages of its development.

During the year we have received a teak seat, *in situ* on our Cricket Ground, from Mr. and Mrs. Trotter and Andrew Trotter.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

September, 1966

Head of School .. J. C. B. Clayton

<i>Burr</i>	<i>Welsh</i>	<i>Everett</i>	<i>Skipwith</i>
Head of House J. C. Pyper*	J. C. B. Clayton*	N. A. Smallbones*	R. C. Lester*

<i>House Prefects</i>			
R. C. Hutchings*	I. Ievers	D. McNeill	B. Papadimitriou*
C. A. Rowan*	M. Mackenzie-Charrington	S. Phillips	A. Hodgson
D. A. Gray	A. Rayne	C. Pelloe	
		P. Griffiths	

Sub-Prefects
R. P. Taylor
B. B. Eveleigh

* Denotes School Prefect

<i>Sports Captains ..</i>	<i>Rugby Football ..</i>	..	J. C. B. Clayton
<i>1966/67</i>	<i>Cross Country ..</i>	..	B. B. Eveleigh
	<i>Rowing ..</i>	..	R. C. Lester
	<i>Hockey ..</i>	..	R. P. Taylor
	<i>Shooting ..</i>	..	R. P. Taylor

SALVETE

<i>Burr</i>	<i>Everett</i>	<i>Skipwith</i>	<i>Welsh</i>
<i>January</i>			
D. N. Caston	N. D. Eveleigh	R. S. Bingley	
A. H. Clark-Kennedy	M. P. Haas	P. de Meo	
R. M. Dodd	R. R. Marchant	M. L. Deane	
R. J. D. James	A. N. P. Meagher	P. H. Doeg Smith	
S. R. Moller	I. K. F. Robertson	N. W. Gingell	
H. Zylstra	P. R. Salisbury	A. D. Polak	

May

H. V. M. Birch
J. F. Lawson
S. D. Lewis

C. W. R. Fryer
H. F. Tatam

L. R. J. Buchanan
D. M. Geerke
D. J. Hopkin
A. C. Hosegood
R. J. A. Luckock
R. Namdar

September

S. M. Barham
J. A. Burgess
J. N. Falk
D. M. Lansdowne
A. G. Ridell
G. D. Taylor

S. N. Birks
S. J. M. Catliff
R. J. Culshaw
T. G. Featherstone
M. R. Hayman
A. D. Hitchcock
J. D. Kettle
A. J. Neale
M. T. Phillipps
D. G. T. Rawson
J. O. A. Thompson

D. G. Banks
E. M. Brown
N. J. Chiswell
J. B. Franklin
M. H. J. Hale
K. R. Mitchell
C. A. Neal
D. G. V. Reece
M. D. Reid
A. J. Sandover
J. A. L. Wills

M. B. Clegg
A. H. Dean
D. H. Fraser
M. F. Hawkins
J. M. McGuigan
P. V. Mentzel
F. J. Roper
C. C. L. Swann
N. B. Swann
T. L. I. Vickers
D. D. B. Whitham

VALETE

April

M. L. Deane .. IIIrd Form.
W. G. Sherriff .. G.C.E. "O" (4); House Prefect; Rugger XV; L/S. in C.C.F.; D. of E. Gold.
A. S. Trotter .. G.C.E. "O" (6); House Prefect; L/Cpl. in C.C.F.

July

S. E. Ayers .. Vth Form; Cdt. in C.C.F.
A. L. Barbour .. G.C.E. "O" (4); School Prefect; Rugger XV (Capt.); Cricket XI (Capt.); Hockey XI; Tennis; Squash; L/Cpl. in C.C.F.
C. F. E. Barlow .. G.C.E. "O" (5); House Prefect; Sgt. in C.C.F.; D. of E. Gold.
A. J. S. B. Batten .. G.C.E. "O" (2); Rugger XV; Cricket XI; Sgt. in C.C.F.
R. T. Beddingfield.. Vth Form.
C. N. Brown .. Vth Form; Cdt. in C.C.F.
S. B. Bruce .. G.C.E. "O" (2); L/Cpl. in C.C.F.
T. M. Callingham.. G.C.E. "O" (5); House Prefect; Cricket XI (Sec.); Sgt. in C.C.F.
V. J. C. R. Chappell G.C.E. "O" (2); L/Cpl. in C.C.F.
I. G. Cooper .. G.C.E. "O" (1); Jun. Rowing IV; Cdt. in C.C.F.
P. de Meo .. IIIrd Form; U/15 Cricket XI.
R. J. Forsyth .. G.C.E. "O" (5); House Prefect; Rugger XV; Cross Country (Capt.); Athletics (Capt.); Cpl. in C.C.F.; D. of E. Gold.
M. C. Harding .. G.C.E. "O" (2); 2nd Rowing IV; Cdt. in C.C.F.
J. M. Heale .. G.C.E. "O" (6); "A" (1); House Prefect; Cricket XI; Hockey XI; Tennis (Capt.); Cpl. in C.C.F.
K. de C. Hepburn .. IVth Form; Cdt. in C.C.F.
R. J. Killinger .. G.C.E. "O" (1); Cdt. in C.C.F.
M. A. Law .. G.C.E. "O" (3); Cdt. in C.C.F.
R. C. M. Little .. G.C.E. "O" (1); Cdt. in C.C.F.
A. M. Menikides .. G.C.E. "O" (1); Cdt. in C.C.F.
R. K. McAusland .. G.C.E. "O" (2); Cricket XI; Hockey XI; Cdt. in C.C.F.
R. Namdar .. IIIrd Form.

A. H. Patmore ..	G.C.E. "O" (8), "A" (2); Head of School; Rugger XV; Cricket XI; Hockey XI (Capt.).
S. G. Perry ..	IVth Form.
P. M. Philby ..	G.C.E. "O" (9), "A" (3); House Prefect; Rugger XV; L/Cpl. in C.C.F.
G. Pidley ..	G.C.E. "O" (5), "A" (1); Head of House; Hockey XI; C.S.M. in C.C.F.; D. of E. Gold.
C. B. Porter ..	G.C.E. "O" (4); L/Cpl. in C.C.F.
K. J. Rendle-Mervill	House Prefect; L/Cpl. in C.C.F.
C. R. A. Sallon ..	Vth Form.
P. Tamworth ..	G.C.E. "O" (7), "A" (1); School Prefect; Rugger XV; Cricket XI; Hockey XI.
K. G. Taylor ..	G.C.E. "O" (1).
C. P. C. Warcup ..	G.C.E. "O" (6); House Prefect; 1st Rowing IV (Cox); A/B. in C.C.F.
A. M. Waugh ..	G.C.E. "O" (7); Head of House.
<i>December</i>	
T. C. Cheatle ..	G.C.E. "O" (1).
J. P. I. Duncanson ..	Vth Form.
B. B. Eveleigh ..	G.C.E. "O" (4); Sub-Prefect; Jun. Rowing IV; Cross Country.
I. C. Fairbairn ..	G.C.E. "O" (2).
A. P. L. Loos ..	Vth Form.
C. L. D. Rumsey ..	Vth Form.
J. H. V. Samuel ..	Vth Form.
W. F. S. Taylor ..	G.C.E. "O" (2).
P. L. Wingfield ..	G.C.E. "O" (1)

SCHOOL PRIZES, 1966

A. FORM PRIZES

Remove ..	..	..	..	..	D. N. Towle
4A ..	..	..	..	..	M. B. Williams
4B ..	..	..	..	..	C. P. Newton
4C ..	..	..	..	..	P. Judges
3A ..	..	..	..	..	J. Bartholomew
3B ..	..	..	..	..	R. R. Marchant
3C ..	..	..	..	..	M. P. Haas

B. SCHOOL PRIZES

<i>The Barron Essay Prize</i> ..	..	..	C. R. A. Sallon
<i>Senior Essay Prize</i> ..	..	..	C. R. A. Sallon
<i>Junior Essay Prize</i> ..	..	..	<i>Not awarded</i>
<i>Senior Poetry Prize</i> ..	..	..	<i>Not awarded</i>
<i>Junior Poetry Prize</i> ..	..	..	<i>Not awarded</i>
<i>Senior Reading Prize</i> ..	..	..	C. R. A. Sallon
<i>Junior Reading Prize</i> ..	..	..	W. A. Gray
<i>Junior Music Prize</i> ..	..	..	A. D. Haycock, N. J. C. Godwin
<i>Senior Art Prize</i> ..	..	..	J. M. Heale
<i>Junior Art Prize</i> ..	..	..	G. R. Bell
<i>Choir Prize</i> ..	..	..	C. Mantel
<i>Senior General Knowledge</i> ..	..	..	R. C. Lester, J. C. B. Clayton
<i>Junior General Knowledge</i> ..	..	..	G. W. M. Farmiloe

C. SUBJECT PRIZES

<i>6th Form English</i>	..	..	..	P. M. Philby
<i>5th Form English</i>	..	..	..	C. McKinney
<i>5th Form Mathematics</i>	..	..	..	N. A. Smallbones, P. M. B. Lane
<i>6th Form History and Economics</i>	..	..	..	P. Tamworth
<i>6th Form Geography</i>	..	..	..	P. M. Philby
<i>5th Form Geography</i>	..	..	..	J. Pyper
<i>5th Form French</i>	..	..	..	J. G. Stevenson
<i>No Science Prizes awarded</i>				
<i>Ancient History</i>	..	..	..	P. M. Philby
<i>Latin Grammar Prize</i>	..	..	..	I. M. D. Cochrane
<i>"A" Level Prizes</i>	..	..	..
<i>"O" Level Prizes</i>	..	..	..	J. Ievers, R. C. Hutchings, R. J. Devas
<i>Head Prefect</i>	..	..	..	A. H. Patmore
<i>Headmaster's Special Prize</i>	..	..	..	G. Pidsley, A. M. Waugh, A. L. Barbour

FOUNDERS' DAY

This year we were blessed with fine weather on Founders' Day, when we welcomed Mr. Hay, M.P., as our guest speaker. The day began with a commemoration service in the Parish Church, after which parents and boys were at liberty to browse round the various exhibitions, which had been set up by the boys themselves, and to witness some displays which are designed to show parents what we are attempting to do at College in the way of outdoor activities. After this the campus was deserted when everyone dispersed for lunch.

And so to the main business of the day. At 3 p.m. precisely Mr. Goodenough, Chairman of the Governing Body, rose to address the assembled multitude. After welcoming Mr. John Hay as the main speaker for the afternoon, he went on to pay a "most heart-felt tribute" to Mr. Carter-Ruck, who has relinquished his position as Chairman of Governors but has agreed to remain on the Governing Body. Mr. Goodenough stated that the school owed a great deal to Mr. Carter-Ruck's guidance and leadership from the top during times of difficulty, when he was Chairman.

The Chairman then referred to the financial side, where, he said, "the school is running currently with a small surplus of income for running expenses", in addition to which the Appeal Fund had been a success and the school had received some very acceptable "gifts."

Even so, the Chairman felt bound to point out that there was no room for real complacency and that parents might well have to face another increase in the fees in order to be able to meet rising costs and the "virtual certainty of a further award under the Burnham Scale."

On the scholastic and sporting side of the school, the Chairman was pleased to report improvements in the "A" and "O" level successes and in rowing, the Duke of Edinburgh Award and shooting.

The Chairman then went on to welcome two new members to the Governing Body, namely Mr. J. C. Wykes, who was Headmaster of St. Bees and is now Director of the London Educational T.V. Service, and Professor J. H. Dunning, who is head of the Economics Faculty at Reading University.

In conclusion, the Chairman paid a warm tribute to the Headmaster, Mr. J. D. Eggar, who then rose to present his report on the school year.

After welcoming everybody to Founders' Day and after reporting the sad loss of Mr. D. J. Skipwith, the Headmaster had a few words to say in praise of the Governing Body. This led him to amplify the Chairman's financial comments by enumerating various sums of money that had been acquired by the College and also by giving some details about the building programme. On the question of work, the Headmaster said that he was not fully satisfied with the results at "A" and "O" and he went on to expound the College's policy on this matter—namely, to ensure that no boy would ever sit an examination unless he was equipped to do so, although, he added, "there is a limit to how much you can prune."

The Headmaster then reviewed the College's outdoor activities, which, although not outstanding (especially on the rugby field), had made us many friends. Even so, the emphasis must be on "hard work—and more hard work." Mention was also made of the growing interest in the Arts side of school life, of our transference of loyalties from the A.C.F. to the C.C.F., and of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, in which we have produced nine Golds, five Silver and eleven Bronze "since I last spoke."

After referring to the departure of Mr. J. F. Foster, and the impending departures of Mr. H. E. Wells-Furby and Brigadier Anstruther, the Headmaster turned his attention to those members of the modern generation, who find it difficult to adapt themselves "after the age of sixteen to the changes from holiday to school" and who as a result try to find fault with the internal running of an institution. Here, at Shiplake, they are very much a minority group but "all of us—staff and boys alike—are heartily sick" of their constant criticisms.

In conclusion, the Headmaster said,

"My policy has always been to give the maximum of freedom and have the minimum of rules, with the criteria that co-operation between Masters, Prefects and boys is the basis of a happy and efficient school. We are drawing nearer to that ideal. All the time, by discussion and experiment, we are trying to see how we can improve our teaching methods, the running of our Games and Societies and so on. We in our turn, ask from the boys their help. This present generation is as good as any past one, but with the

world changing so fast, it is apt to get its priorities muddled and put material pleasures too high and the things of the spirit too low. The greatest value that should come from a boarding school education is not that one has been automatically fitted for the Boardroom, but that you have learnt to live with all sorts of different people, to give and take, to meet with success and failure, to learn the meaning of work and how to do it for yourself, and, above all, by developing your talents, to find yourself.

“These are perhaps high aims, but they are not unattainable. All I ask from parents and boys alike, as I already ask from the Staff, is that they help us, and really help us to attain our full hopes.”

After presenting the prizes, Mr. Hay then addressed the school and visitors. He got away to a good start by announcing that he had asked for an extra half-holiday for the school, which had been accepted. After casting his mind back to his own schooldays, he said all he could remember of his Prize Days were the two admonitions that came out year after year—“to work hard and play hard,” and “to remember that one’s schooldays were the happiest of one’s life.” He disagreed with them both. He then turned his attention to College, and after congratulating the Headmaster and boys on their achievements so far, he was prompted to say that being a young school had undoubted advantages. He considered the main one to be the fact that such a school is not “hidebound by tradition” but rather is a free agent to evolve its own. Again, from the very position of the school, there was every opportunity for a boy to learn how to occupy his leisure time. It is a pressing need of our time, he said, “to train and to teach the pupils who pass through, to think for themselves.” After telling the boys that it was his firm belief that “there never was a better time for boys to be alive” than today, he concluded with these words:

“I find I have been doing exactly what those Reverend Gentlemen did at my School prize giving. I have been giving a lot of good advice and delivering homilies on present and future conduct. But perhaps it is an inevitable pattern. A pattern which is inevitable because it is right for someone detached from the School on the day to day activities of the School and not directly connected with it, as a parent, to take a view and perhaps to give a few observations on it of this sort. Whether that is so or not, I am still enormously grateful to you for the honour you have done me today in inviting me to the ceremony, and I will watch with, I suppose I should say, say, a certain proprietorial interest, the future success of this school and its pupils, to whom I would like to wish the very best of good fortune.”

It was then time for refreshment, discussions between parents and staff, and the garden party. In another forty-five minutes the day’s festivities were over.

MEMORIAL SERVICE



On Saturday, July 9th, 1966, a memorial service was held in Shiplake Parish Church for Mr. D. J. Skipwith. The text of the address delivered at that service by a close friend of his is here recorded.

"It is now almost ten years since I first met D. J. Skipwith in our twin capacities as Assistant Masters at St. Andrew's College, in South Africa, and during our time out there together and our subsequent odyssey through the continents of Africa and Europe I felt that I got to know him as well as anyone else who knew David. But this is no conceit on my part; he was not an easy person to get to know, but once one managed to get past his reserve there was much character to be found.

"He served his country well in war but few are the people who know exactly what he did, although many of us have heard him reminisce on the lighter-hearted side of his varied escapades. This, I think, revealed one of the aspects of David's inner nature. He was always loth to talk *about* himself in serious vein. Rather did he prefer to keep such thoughts *for* himself.

"In his rôle as a schoolmaster he was very much the same. He preferred, rightly or wrongly, to tackle a problem himself, whatever its immensity, rather than thrash it out with others. Some people, I know, found it difficult to understand this approach to life, but to others, including myself, it revealed his courage—a courage that existed in both peace and war—a courage not only of a physical nature but also that other sort of courage that comes from being convinced that one is doing the right thing. Indeed, he hated worrying others with such problems, his policy always being,

‘ why worry two people, when there is cause for only one to be worried ?’

“ One of his most endearing qualities, however, was his human outlook, especially where boys were concerned. There are, no doubt, many who have passed through his hands who could not help feeling on occasions that they were escaping without their due portion of punishment, but I am sure that on reflection they appreciated, and still do appreciate, David’s methods of handling certain incidents in which they were involved.

“ He was, indeed, a gentleman in every sense of the word and a true christian who possessed that great quality of sympathy for others, who was never afraid to fight for that which he thought was right, and who tried to put into practice the motto for this school: *Exemplum Docet*.

“ Shiplake College has indeed lost a devoted servant; the best compliment we can pay him is to show that same determination of spirit and go on from strength to strength.”

ENDOWMENT FUND

When this Endowment Fund Appeal was first launched in 1964, we asked for £30,000. This target was regarded by many as being far too optimistic, but as we go to print, we have reached £24,960. This has been contributed by over 140 Governors, members of the Staff, Parents and Old Boys of the School. It is clear that we need the £30,000, but it may be of interest to readers to know how far we have carried out our original intentions.

Our first project was the additional classrooms, and these were completed in September, 1964. There followed the modernisation of the Vicarage to be taken over as Welsh Boys House, and the building of a house for the Headmaster in the grounds of the School.

In addition, we have since, through the generosity of parents who originally loaned us money for Everett House and who have extended their loans, been able to enlarge Welsh House, originally the Vicarage, to hold 50 boys.

There still remains the Gymnasium and Assembly Hall to be built. This is, of course, a major project and, if it is to be done at all, it must be well done. The Governors are very well aware of the urgent need of these buildings, but are equally determined that they should not be started unless we are in a position to complete them to a high standard.

It must be made clear that the repairing and alterations to the Tithe Barn has nothing to do with the Development Fund. The majority of the money for this has been given by an anonymous donor, who has loaned us £1,250, interest free, for a period of 5 years.

We have now reached the maximum numbers that the School can hold at the moment, and are therefore in a period of consolidation. An extra Science building is still required, and it is hoped that we may be able to do this within the next 12 months. After that, it will be our clear determination to deal with the problem of the Gymnasium.

MR. H. E. WELLS-FURBY

Mr. Wells-Furby came to Shiplake in May, 1960, and was therefore almost one of the founder members of the School.

Quite early in his career here, he took over Skipwith House from the then Headmaster, and he has run it ever since.

During his time at the School he started the Nautical Society, which developed into something of tremendous value to the intellectual life of the School.

He was a fine teacher of History in the form-room, as his "O" and "A" level results so clearly show.

Outside the classroom, he ran the School Cricket from the very start, and showed tremendous enthusiasm. He was always prepared to give up any amount of time to the job, and many boys must have benefitted greatly from his drive.

Since Mr. Foster left the School in December, 1965, Mr. Wells-Furby has been Second Master, and in that sphere his organising ability has helped enormously in the efficient running of the school.

He will perhaps be best remembered as Housemaster of Skipwith House, which he ruled with a firm but understanding hand. Many boys in difficulties realised what a good friend he was and how wise was his judgement.

He started the School Magazine and again, through his own drive and efficiency, he made it into a first-class production.

He leaves with our best wishes, and our thanks to him for six years of most useful service to our community, and the sure knowledge that he will always be most welcome here. We wish him, his wife and Richard the very best of luck on their new home at Blackheath, and to Hans in particular, our best wishes for every success as Headmaster of Christ's College.

CHAPEL NOTES

So much has happened since the last series of Chapel Notes that it is difficult in the amount of space available to give more than an outline.

It was decided quite early in the year that the time had come for us to change from Shiplake Parish Church to a Chapel of our own. It was becoming difficult for us to fit our services with those

of the Parish, and it was apparent that the money we were paying out could be better employed in building and furnishing our own Chapel.

We offer our thanks to the Vicar and Shiplake Parish for allowing us the use of the Church over such a long period.

The change from Church to Chapel and the resultant stabilising of the times of our church services has enabled us to get a much easier routine going on Sundays and out of this a pattern is beginning to emerge. It is heartening to see more consistency in the attendance at Holy Communion. On the whole, the school seems to have accepted the change and I hope are enjoying it.

The conversion of the Tithe Barn presented a real challenge and due to the enormous efforts of those concerned in its rebuilding it is easy to see at this present stage what a very attractive building it is going to be. Mr. J. W. Whittington and Colonel W. H. C. Travers have worked there in every available spare moment and we owe them a real debt of gratitude. Many others have helped, financially and otherwise, in making sure, in this very in-between stage, that the Chapel always looks a fit place in which to worship every Sunday. Our thanks are specially due to Sister M. Grayson who helps with the Altar and the flowers on every occasion and has presented us with a magnificent altar cloth, which she made herself.

Mrs. W. H. C. Travers is hoping to provide us with more hassocks which are being made by old people at Reading and Miss M. Tomalin sees to the church linen.

I think the worst job of all is done by J. C. Pyper, C. A. Rowan, and R. Annan, who efficiently control a large band of willing helpers in the setting up and taking down of the interior each week. A thankless task always well and uncomplainingly done.

We should like to thank Shiplake Parish for their generous presentation of two lovely prayer books and a book stand. Any gifts like this will help us to complete the task more quickly.

A final word of thanks to Mr. J. C. Smith and his vastly improved choir, also to Mr. M. D. Duncan for the support he always gives to this and other aspects of our worship.

As I write this, arrangements are being made to install the organ before the end of the term. In conclusion of this section I should like to thank all who have been concerned in any way with this truly mammoth task.

We all enjoyed the visit of Brother Michael in Lent and hope some day we may be able to persuade him to come again. Many members of the school gave much of their time to take part in readings from "the Man Born to be King," and though at times the attendance was rather disappointing, I feel sure it was very much worth doing.

We have welcomed a number of visiting preachers throughout the year, amongst whom were The Rev. E. Ward, Chaplain to the Queen, The Rev. Canon Watts and the Rev. Mark Dalby,

from the Hambleden Valley Group, The Rev. J. Deuchar, The Rev. G. Whitfield, Headmaster of Hampton Grammar School, and The Rev. Hedley Prescott from Wargrave.

The following were confirmed by the Bishop of Oxford on Wednesday, November 23rd, 1966:—

R. E. Alexander, R. F. G. Allum, R. J. Barnish, J. Bratt, P. H. Doeg Smith, M. J. A. Donald, D. M. Geerke, P. Greenwood, J. Hamilton, D. M. Hawkes, J. W. W. A. Helps, A. J. Huddleston, M. J. Knights, D. B. Leake, S. J. M. Ledingham, R. R. Marchant, R. D. Newton, T. H. Parker, G. J. St.C. Pringle, N. W. Reynolds, J. E. Richards, I. K. F. Robertson, S. A. Rowan, P. J. Shakespeare, A. R. H. Spence, T. F. Wells, N. H. Williams.

In conclusion, we can say that this year we have seen a new project safely started and we look forward to its completion in the not too distant future.

BURR HOUSE

We started the year with A. M. Waugh as Head of House, supported by T. M. Callingham, A. S. Trotter and R. C. Hutchings. The Easter Term was a rather difficult one because Mr. M. M. Gilliat was living out and a certain amount of vital contact with the members of the House was inevitably lost. This, however, was rectified when the move into the new bungalow took place early in March. On the sports field the Seniors nearly reached the hockey final while the Juniors swept the board in the Junior League and we gained our first shield for a long time—a shield, incidentally, presented by J. P. Turner (B. 1959-65). At the end of the term we said farewell to Trotter, who served the House loyally in every way and left us a memorial of him in the shape of a garden seat, now *in situ* outside the Pavilion.

The Summer Term saw J. C. Pyper replace Trotter as House Prefect, and we enjoyed a slightly improved measure of success when we won the Shooting Shield, after a very close tussle with Skipwith, and then shared the Swimming Shield with Skipwith. Moreover, we were not disgraced in the House Rowing or Athletics, in which sports Pyper and R. P. Taylor showed great enthusiasm, as did all those under their command. We again came second in the Corps Competition. Our cricket, alas, did not come up to expectations owing, in the main, to shoddy fielding. In the field of drama the House provided a good quota for the school play, which was most encouraging—M. A. Rawlings and P. Shakespeare playing fairly major parts.

Our "O" level results were, I fear, rather disappointing but we hope for better news early in January.

The end of the Summer Term saw the departure of Waugh (8 "O" level passes), who is now in Brighton studying Hotel Management and learning the hard way by waiting at Mayoral Banquets, amongst other things, and Callingham (5 "O" levels), who is trying to find his niche in the world of spirits! We also said goodbye to

C. N. Brown, who served the House well in sport and kept many of his contemporaries amused with his huge repertoire of stories!

The Winter Term started with Pyper as Head of House, supported by Hutchings, C. A. Rowan and D. A. Gray. This team has worked hard and enthusiastically to build up the feeling of success in the House and their efforts bore fruit. We won the House Singing and Music Competition, for which the Dramatic Shield has been allocated, and rounded off a splendid evening of House effort with a rousing rendering of "Waltzing Matilda," professionally conducted by N. A. Row, white carnation, baton and all! Both rugby teams reached the final, the Juniors just failing to win in the dying minutes against a determined Skipwith team of only fourteen men. In the Senior final the tables were turned in very similar circumstances. Our fourteen braves just pulled the match out of the fire in the last five minutes, P. Abhakorn having had to leave the field in the first half.

Our volunteer Carol Singers ventured forth on a miserable Sunday night and again proved our singing superiority by collecting the largest amount of all four Houses. Indeed it has been a good term, with every single member of the House contributing something. The only leaver was B. B. Eveleigh, who rounded off his career by winning the Senior Cross Country the day before we broke up. We wish him well at Barnstaple Technical College.

During the year we have enjoyed visits from several ex-members of the House, including S. P. B. Myers, escorting a mini-skirted "Deb.", N. W. Willcock, J. A. Osborne C. P. M. Bingham, J. H. Barham, J. D. Culme, W. A. Coy and several others. Now we look forward to a successful 1967 and more visits from erstwhile members of the House.

WELSH HOUSE

Though the House is still disproportionately young, we have now reached a point where there is a strong body of 5th Formers; and we are at last housed more or less as a unit, Housemaster and House Tutors included. J. C. B. Clayton continues as Head of House, and we would like to congratulate him on his appointment as Head Boy. C. R. A. Sallon, C. P. Warcup and J. Heale have been replaced by J. Ievers, C. A. Rayne and J. C. MacKenzie-Charrington as House Prefects. We also welcome Mr. C. D. Anderson as House Tutor.

We won our first two shileds this year, Debating and Junior Cricket. The Debating Shield was being contested for the first time, and all teams found the task of creating a precedent a stiff one. Some fine leadership by Sallon aided by his brother, Clayton and J. H. White, narrowly put us ahead. The Junior Cricket Shield was an even narrower match, the result depending on the last over

of the day: J. A. F. Ashburnham and M. J. Knights bowled consistently, and were aided by N. M. Lyttleton and keen team support. Almost the same team, captained by Heale, had to represent us in the Senior Shield, and the more experienced opposition proved too much for us.

In other House competitions we have not disgraced ourselves but never really looked like winning, perhaps we have been relying too much on individual talent. In Hockey, Knights was outstanding, Clayton led the rowing, C.C.F. and Rugger, Heale the Tennis and MacKenzie-Charrington the Squash.

In Athletics and Cross Country Ievers continues to inspire some sometimes unwilling Seniors, and D. M. Geerke was a particularly promising entry of the Summer Term. Taylor showed good form on the golf course, Lyttleton at Chess, and Sallon at Swimming.

Mention should also be made of B. Harrison, who seems to be in every house team! Though there are no House Shields for them, it is good to notice the interest and success of Lyttleton and R. F. G. Allum in Boxing, and P. C. Sallon and A. R. H. Spence in Fencing.

This term N. J. Godwin organised our Choir with great efficiency, and though we did not win we were well placed, the prize for the best instrumentalist going to Dean, a very promising violinist in his first term.

Several improvements have been made to the buildings over the year, an extension of two dormitories and a bathroom have been built on, new bicycle racks have been provided and central heating installed. The amount of clearing and bull-dozing that has been done is immediately apparent to anyone entering the School Drive.

C. W. Hunter Smart has taken over from Rayne the task of organizing parties to keep the gardens neat, an arduous job which he is performing with the utmost tact and efficiency.

In the Summer the following boys left us: Heale, with 6 "O" levels and a "B" in "A" level Art, Warcup with 6 "O" levels, and Sallon with 5. Less distinguished academically, but no less missed are R. L. Killinger and S. E. Ayers.

EVERETT HOUSE

Since our last House Notes appeared in print we have had a change of Housemaster. Mr. M. W. Mash was appointed Housemaster to succeed Mr. J. F. Foster in January of this year. There have been a number of changes in all departments of the House. In January the attic studies came into use and have proved and are proving a very valuable feature of House life. A number of the Senior boys gave up a week of their Christmas holidays to help decorate the upstairs rooms; and the Day Room and Senior Dor-

mitory were changed round. The lockers which were in the upstairs dormitories were transferred to the Day Room to be used as tuck boxes.

Under the guidance of A. H. Patmore, the Head of House, and his Prefects, the organisation of the House ran extremely smoothly and efficiently.

Success came to the House in work and sport. Patrick Philby (a House Prefect) gained three extremely good "A" level passes and is now at Kent University. Anthony Patmore passed two "A" levels and a number of pleasing successes were noted at "O" level—particularly among those taking their "O" levels for the first time. In the sporting sphere we retained the Hockey and Chess shields and gained the Athletics Shield and the Junior Rowing Shield.

This term Nigel Smallbones has taken over as Head of House. In even this short time he has proved an extremely capable and efficient School and House Prefect. In the House he is assisted by P. Griffiths, D. McNeill, C. Pelloe and S. Phillips. In the House all Juniors now have tuck lockers in the day room; the boots have been transferred to wire cages in the wash room; the Senior Day Room now has its own television and a number of new armchairs; the Prefects' Study is now equipped as the Prefects' Day Room. We are hoping to start a Junior Library, obtain a new television for the Junior Day Room and install a sink for the Senior Day Room. We also hope that our "O" level results will be by far the best to date and to be able to retain the various shields which are being competed for this term. So far we have lost the Senior Rugger Shield but this was not without a hard struggle—it was a good clean game deservedly won by Burr.

SKIPWITH HOUSE

Skipwith has enjoyed a successful year both in and out of the classroom. Because the Athletics had been moved forward to the Summer, the Easter Term seemed somewhat lacking in house competitions. However, we did reach the final of the Hockey Competition, which we narrowly lost to a very strong Everett side. Our only leaver was N. G. Sheriff, a very able house prefect who has since emigrated to the U.S.A., where he hopes to join the American Marines.

The Summer Term also proved rewarding; we retained the Athletics Standard Shield and won both the Senior Swimming and Rowing. However, it was a Term for goodbyes. G. Pidsley, our very loyal and outspoken Head of House, left along with P. Tamworth, another school prefect, who supported both the House and the School in many sporting activities. He is at present at University in Ireland. R. J. Forsyth, C. F. E. Barlow, and K. J. Rendle-Mervill, our House Prefects, also left and we wish them all the

best in their future careers. It was at the end of the Summer Term that we unfortunately had to say our goodbyes to Mr. Wells-Furby, who after four and a half years of devoted service to the school and more especially Skipwith House, has accepted the post of Headmaster at Christ's College, Blackheath. We thank him for all he has done for us and hope that he and Mrs. Wells-Furby will enjoy their new task and make it as much a success as they did Skipwith.

The Autumn Term marked a new era in Skipwith House. Not only did we greet Mr. D. H. Drury as a new Housemaster but we re-staffed the officials of the House with a practically new team of Prefects. As yet it is too early to judge the organization of the House but the Christmas Term has been a most enjoyable and successful one for the House. Efforts have been made to increase the quality of work by introducing certain privileges to those who excelled in their tri-weekly cards. On the rugby field we enjoyed a particularly good term. The Junior team, far from being the favourites, fought against heavy odds to win a most gallant and well-deserved victory. The Senior team also reached the final but were unfortunate in losing to Burr in a very close and exciting match. At the end of term we retained the Senior Running Shield in a most convincing style, having three runners in the first five places.

Thus another year in Skipwith's history has come to an end. We look forward to 1967 with high hopes and trust that Skipwith, though the smallest House in numbers, will consolidate her position, and from there seek higher realms of success.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The news that the Dramatic Society had decided to produce the first part of Henry IV was received with some apprehension in certain circles in the School. It was felt that a play requiring such a large cast and presenting such technical problems was too ambitious a project for a school of 190 boys, especially as no "O" or "A" level candidate could be permitted to take anything but a small part. (As it turned out something like 90 per cent. of the cast were no higher than the 4th form, and most had very little or no acting experience). Despite this the production was seen as an educational venture of a missionary nature and designed to convince the actors that nothing is more satisfying and rewarding to play in than Shakespeare, and the audience that it is certainly worth watching.

Being an open-air production, unlimited acting space was available. Too often school productions are hampered by totally inadequate stages and a big production is virtually impossible. The set for Henry IV was designed to centre round and grow out

of one of the impressive stone staircases, and to incorporate the acacia tree. The audience were to have the action all round them so that they could feel that they were truly in the centre of things. All the simple backcloth was intended to convey was that the action of the play took place in medieval times.

The underlying aim of the production was to evolve a piece of communal creative activity on a scale greater, in sheer physical numbers, than ever before in the history of the School. Henry IV would be a challenge to all concerned—the producers, the acting talent of the boys, the depth of cultural and creative interest in the School, and the preservation of the standards of the Dramatic Society. It was hoped that as many boys as possible in the School would make their contribution to this conception of drama seen as a vital educational force. So the Art department was called upon to design costumes, with the idea of evolving colour schemes which took into account the grouping of the characters on the stage. This would be virtually impossible to achieve if all the costumes were to be hired; in fact no more than two or three came from professional costumiers in the end, the great majority bearing testimony to the generosity of parents and the resource and unremitting toil of Sister Grayson and her team of needle-women. The History department was asked to undertake historical research and under the guidance of Major Blatchley-Hennah emerged with a mine of useful information, ranging from an exact drawing of Prince Hal's sword, with authentic measurements, to replicas of Early English arches. Many boys improved their woodwork skills in the furtherance of the play, under the tireless and enthusiastic tutelage of Mr. Whittington, and the construction of stage and set served to initiate more than one into the pleasures of making simple wood constructions. The English department advised on textual difficulties: it was found that many lines that were unintelligible on a reading were perfectly logical when translated into action—a sure vindication of the principle of acting rather than reading Shakespeare in schools. The programme was designed in School, and only the lack of a School press prevented its being printed within the community.

The producer, being new to the School, knew nothing about anybody's potentialities. He could not know the real possibilities of the boys and had to rely on guidance from others. The whole venture was planned carefully, rather as a military operation, with rehearsal schedules, costume rehearsals, lighting rehearsals, first and second dress rehearsals, and these were as faithfully adhered to as was humanly possible. The boys responded, in the end, with enjoyment and vitality.

Naturally lip-service had to be paid to the difficulties of the play itself, and consequently the text and conception of the play had to be simplified in order to concentrate upon its pageant qualities, with emphasis given to action, scenic effect and atmosphere, and the production geared to the known acting abilities of the

boys in the major roles. The text was cut with two aims in mind: first to reduce the length of the play to approximately two hours—here some of the longer speeches were severely pruned as part of a realistic assessment of boys' capacity for sustained speech; second to eliminate obvious difficulties of production—all the female parts except that of Mistress Quickly were cut out, for example. The cuts were arranged so as not to prevent the more important themes from standing out, especially the conflict between Prince Hal and King Henry, with its present-day parallel so strikingly relevant to a modern generation of schoolboys—the conflict between the teenager and the older generation. In fact, the play provides a vindication for the seemingly irresponsible behaviour of the teenager in the person of Prince Hal, who shows that in the end he is capable of playing a useful role in society. In the comic scenes the lines which were topical in Elizabethan days and therefore unintelligible to a modern audience were those chosen to go. In the other scenes some of the rather complicated historical detail was sacrificed. The emphasis being on action the first scene was not played "still" in the council chamber, but given a live slant, as much action as possible being read into it. This emphasis on action was maintained throughout and brought to a climax in the battle scene, when virtually the whole cast staged a very realistic fight on the staircase.

As the whole production was designed as a piece of teamwork, so many people contributed so much that it would be pointless to thank individuals here. But the producer is grateful for those who in the beginning gave him their moral support in this venture of faith, and all those who gave valuable practical support in the various stages of the production.

HENRY IV, Part I

<i>King Henry IV</i>	..	..	..	..	..	C. Mantel
<i>Prince of Wales</i>	..	..	..	..	..	M. A. Rawlings
<i>John of Lancaster</i>	..	..	..	..	..	G. R. Bell
<i>Earl of Westmoreland</i>	..	..	..	..	..	D. J. McNeill
<i>Sir Walter Blunt</i>	..	..	..	..	..	J. R. A. Nayler
<i>Earl of Worcester</i>	..	..	..	..	..	M. A. Law
<i>Earl of Northumberland</i>	..	..	..	..	..	A. B. Docker
<i>Hotspur, his son</i>	..	..	..	..	..	P. J. Shakespeare
<i>Edmund Mortimer</i>	..	..	..	..	..	H. Wyndham-Smith
<i>Earl of Douglas</i>	..	..	..	..	..	S. R. Moller
<i>Owen Glendower</i>	..	..	..	..	J. W. Turner	Lashmar
<i>Sir Richard Vernon</i>	..	..	..	..	..	J. S. Cullis
<i>Sir John Falstaff</i>	..	..	..	..	..	Mr. J. C. Smith
<i>Poins</i>	..	..	..	..	..	K. de C. Hepburn
<i>Gadshill</i>	..	..	..	..	..	P. J. H. Judges
<i>Peto</i>	..	..	..	..	..	J. M. Smith
<i>Bardolph</i>	..	..	..	..	..	D. Guillaume
<i>First Carrier</i>	..	..	..	..	..	P. de Meo
<i>Second Carrier</i>	..	..	..	..	..	R. M. Green
<i>Sheriff</i>	..	..	..	..	..	P. J. H. Judges
<i>Vintner</i>	..	..	..	..	..	A. J. S. B. Batten
<i>Francis</i>	..	..	..	..	M. Mackenzie-Charrington	

<i>1st Traveller</i>	S. J. M. Ledingham
<i>2nd Traveller</i>	P. R. Salisbury
<i>Mistress Quickly</i>	A. D. Polak

Produced by Mr. M. M. Gilliat, Mr. J. C. Smith, Mr. D. F. K. Welsh

Directed by Mr. J. C. Smith

Wardrobe Supervision, Miss M. Grayson; *Lighting Direction*, Lt.-Col. W. H. C. Travers and J. H. White; *Set and Costume Designs direction*, Mr. C. Wills; *Make-up direction*, Revd. B. Wilks; *Set construction*, Mr. J. Whittington; *Additional research and designs*, Major F. Blatchley-Hennah; *Stage Management directed by* M. D. Smith.

HENRY IV, Part II

This year witnessed a departure from tradition for the Shiplake College Dramatic Society. The production was a bold venture in that three members of the staff undertook to be responsible for three separate sections of the play. The continuity of the performance was proof enough of the skill and hard work of Mr. M. M. Gilliat, Mr. J. C. Smith and Mr. D. F. K. Welsh.

Mention must also be made of those many people who made an invaluable contribution to the success of the production: Mr. J. W. Whittington for the construction of the set; Col. W. H. C. Travers for the lighting; Sister M. Grayson for many of the costumes; and Mr. C. W. Wills for the scenic effects, and their various assistants.

The producers were handicapped by the fact that many of the more experienced actors were not available because of examination commitments; however those juniors who were called upon to fill important roles, notably Rawlings as *Prince Hal*, and Shakespeare (himself!) as *Hotspur* performed very creditably although their diction was at times too hasty. Mantel as *Henry* projected a regal bearing but his supporters and their opponents were less convincing, largely because of the stilted way in which they conducted some of their deliberations. This contrasted with the liveliness of the bawdy scenes with *Falstaff* and his companions. Indeed Mr. J. C. Smith as *Falstaff* by his very presence on the stage always brought out the best in the supporting characters, and greatly enhanced the whole production.

The handling of the battle scenes, with full and excellent use being made of the setting, was imaginatively and effectively executed and they were a feature of the production. The juniors who took part in these and the inn scenes performed with a refreshing lack of self-consciousness which augurs well for the future.

The producers by their persistence and energy did much to offset the lack of acting ability among such a young cast, and one hopes that the experience gained by the more junior actors will be allowed to show itself more fully in the future.

“OTHELLO”

Rain did as much as it could to dampen the glittering gala “Midnight Matinée” performance of “Othello”, but the Midnight Matinée committee, annually used to such conditions, handled the occasion with commendable skill and precision. At a quarter past nine, we marched our way under the canopied entrance to the music of the Royal Air Force Pipe Band. We bought our programmes in the perfumed heat of the crowded foyer, trying to recognise as we did so a few of the famous faces in the crowd. Soon we took our seats, to be entertained once more by the Pipe Band, and then fanfared by the Corps of Trumpeters, Royal Air Force, Halton. After this musical interlude, the lights dimmed and we all waited in the wine-bottle red auditorium for the first provincial showing of “Le Poulet.”

This amusing little French film told the story of a young boy's love for a chicken that is condemned to be eaten. After many attempts to save the chicken from the pot, the boy finally succeeds. The social observances of simple French country life are refreshing and entertaining.

This was followed by another short French film, “Happy Anniversary.” This was far more sophisticated, but equally amusing. It showed a couple who are about to celebrate their wedding anniversary. We see the husband shopping for gifts, in the crush of a Parisian rush-hour, and we glimpse at the wife, lovingly preparing an exquisite dinner, especially for the occasion. The husband, however, is caught in impossible traffic conditions, and naturally the wife consumes the whole dinner herself. This cleverly produced film proved an amusing diversion before the serious business of the evening commenced.

This special evening was in aid of the Cancer Research Fund, and the treasurer of the fund thanked the spectators in the smoke-filled auditorium for their generous contributions, and went on to tell of the important steps that were being achieved with donations.

It was late when the main film of the evening began, but despite the time, it lost none of its brilliance, sincerity, and depth of meaning. *Othello the Moor* was portrayed magnificently by Laurence Olivier. His voice rumbled in a deep, rich negro accent, and reminded some, no doubt, of the Stratford production of “Othello,” where Paul Robeson played the part of the Moor. Olivier's negroid walk and actions were masterly, and because of these he managed to portray a certain leonine quality—the gentleness of a baby and the rage of a wild beast. This contrasted, as it was meant to, with the sweet obedience of *Othello's* wife *Desdemona*, played by Maggie Smith.

On film, however, it was Frank Finlay as *Iago* who seemed to be the most successful. The dramatic close-ups of this evil and jealous man, trusted by all, proved to be very effective. *Iago* was an easier past to play than *Othello*, and his smooth, quiet, satanic

character contrasted with the greatness, goodness, and vulnerability of *Othello*. It was indeed ironic that the white *Iago* should be so "black" and the black *Othello* so "white."

Contrasted once more with *Iago* was his wife *Emilia*, played by Joyce Redman. She was the faithful lady-in-waiting to *Desdemona*, faithful even when she was stabbed by her own husband in the end. Other players coloured the scene: *Cassio*—the man whom *Othello* believed was making love to his wife, and was in the end, the cause of his death; *Rodrigo*, the oily rogue who befriended the evil *Iago* for what he could benefit from it, and indeed, was suitably repayed in the end.

The climax was typically Shakespearean. All ends were tied, all ties were ended. The plot, like a volcano, erupted and finally died. We were all impressed and moved.

As far as the actors were concerned, the film was a great success. But the actual film production of "*Othello*" left much to be desired. The stage sets were used as an economy measure and, one feels, were not right for the medium chosen. The sound was not as good as perhaps it ought to have been. But these faults, compared with the greatness of the film, are microscopic. We all thoroughly enjoyed our evening, and our special thanks are due to Mrs. Turley, who obtained the seats for us, and to Mr. Gilliat, who organized the evening.

Those who made up the party were:—

M. M. G., J. F. B., A. Patmore, A. Waugh, P. Philby, R. Lester, C. Sallon, S. Phillips.

C. R. A. Sallon.

MUSIC NOTES

This year has been one of growth, and if the achievement has not measured up to the activity there seems no reason why it should not in the near future.

The annual concert had to be produced by a new Director of Music at the end of a very short first term, from what might be described a very raw musical material. There were, for example, three boys able and willing to perform on musical instruments, and only one brave enough to play the piano in public! It was essential, therefore, to get outside help, first in the persons of June Mills (oboe) and James Maddocks (violin), whose contributions to the programme were polished and professional, and second by calling on members of the teaching staff to give their assistance with the Haydn Toy Symphony, which ended the programme. It was hoped that their example in exposing their humble musical talents to the mercy of a school audience would inspire some of the boys to come forward and "have a go" at learning a musical instrument.

Past concerts have always included an instrumental ensemble:

this one of seven players (only three of whom were boys) must have been one of the smallest to date. But it was pointed out that it must be regarded as a seed, which this time must blossom and bear fruit. In fact, by the end of the Autumn Term it had grown into an ensemble of twelve players. We must continue to nurture and sustain it until it has grown into a full-size wind band.

The Choral Society was reassembled for the purpose of this concert and sang three folk-songs. The singing was quite well-balanced and convincing, but it lacked somewhat in cohesion and unanimity, which was almost entirely accounted for by the unwillingness of most of the singers to look at the conductor. However, the main thing was that people sang with enjoyment. The programme also included clarinet and guitar solos, and two songs in the popular idiom, sung with remarkable artistry and musicianship by Fairbairn and Lane.

A second concert took place just before Christmas, of a more informal nature, and this included community singing by the whole School.

An innovation this year was the Inter-House Music Competition, which was adjudicated by W. A. T. Agnew, Esq., Director of Music of Repton School. Each house contributed a piano solo, a part-song, an instrumental solo and a unison song. As far as the solo items were concerned Skipwith was unfortunate inasmuch as it possessed only one boy, a beginner on the 'cello, to enter for the instrumental solo, and no pianist at all! Tomlinson very bravely stepped into the breach in this latter case and taught himself an easy arrangement of a Christmas carol. But it does pinpoint the desirability for each house to try to encourage its members to take up musical instruments. This affords an admirable opportunity for the boy less gifted athletically or on the games field to get a chance to do something for his house.

The piano solo was won by Barham, playing Burgmüller's *Ballade*, and Dean came first in the instrumental solo, winning the Headmaster's prize for the best individual contribution of the evening, with Tchaikovsky's *Chanson Triste*. Skipwith's part-song gained highest marks in this class, with Burr's a very close second, and these two houses tied for the first place in the unison song. Final marks, out of 200, were Burr 171, Welsh 162, Skipwith 159 and Everett 146.

On the 18th October we were visited by the band of the R.A.O.C. conducted by Captain Mitchell. In a short but attractive programme which provided a happy blend of instruction and entertainment, it demonstrated that the military band has developed enormously regarding both the scope of the music it performs and the techniques and methods of arranging it. This was followed on the 19th November by a visit of the Gabrieli Ensemble, a group of five very accomplished brass players. Their programme embraced music of five centuries and went right up to the present day. In this

respect it provided an object lesson in catholicity of taste; moreover every item was played with the same infectious zest—old as well as new.

At the end of the Autumn Term we maintained the custom of sending out parties of carol singers into the neighbourhood from each House.

With the move into the new Chapel it was decided to reform the Chapel Choir on a smaller basis and the numbers were cut down to 24. The trebles consisted of boys new to the School in September and there was quite a degree of vocal aptitude among them. The alto and tenor lines have both worked hard and developed well. The climax of the Autumn term's work was the Carol Service, which took the form of nine lessons and carols. Well-trodden paths were avoided—old favourites were sung more informally at the School at the concert—and the scheme of the service was designed to require equal participation from choir and congregation. Among the latter's contributions were "Of the Father's Love Begotten" and "Personent Hodie," sung in the original Latin, and the choir's carols included "O Jesu most kind" (Bach) and "Past three o'clock." Members of the Chapel Choir are:—

Trebles: Barham, Fraser, Chiswell, Rawson, Mentzel, Dean, Lansdowne, Kettle, Neale, Brown, Catliff, Luckock.

Altos: Tomlinson, Mantel, Judges.

Tenors: Fairbairn, Lawson, Doeg-Smith.

Basses: Mr. Duncan, Barrow, Hayock, Rawlings.

LIBRARY NOTES

During the past year the Library has undergone many changes, substantially that of the finishing of the task of turning over to the Dewey Decimal Classification System. Some changes too, have been made in the organisation of the Library to increase its efficiency. Notably the change of dividing the Library into seven departments, with a librarian to look after each, has met with great success. During the next year, it is planned to acquire more shelves in order to accommodate the ever-increasing number of books.

We apologise to the users of the Library who have suffered any inconvenience while these changes have been taking place, but it is pleasing to record that the number of books taken out during this past year have been more than that of last year. I feel that this number would be even greater if patrons of the Library made more use of the index system, which is there for their use and not for any other reason.

As Head Librarian I should like to record my thanks to all librarians for their voluntary work in the Library during the past year, and especially to A. J. Emck.

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

J. F. Foster, Esq., Cassell's *Natural History*, vols. 1—6; Major F. T. W. Blatchley-Hennah, *Napoleon—The Last Phase*; D. F. K. Welsh, Esq., *Learning and Instinct in Animals*; Mrs. Skipwith, 106 assorted books from D. J. Skipwith's personal Library; P. Kirwan (1964), *Uganda*; Colonel W. H. C. Travers, *The Willow Cabin*.

G. W. M. Farmiloe.

SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

During the Summer Term it had been decided that the Sixth Form was big enough to have a society of its own. Thus, the Sixth Form Society came into being the following term as a means of promoting and enlarging the cultural interests of its members.

The Society functioned for the first time in the Christmas Term with a membership of seventeen.

The Inaugural Meeting held on the first Sunday of term determined the rules of the Society and then the election of the officers for the session 1966/67. Mr. D. F. K. Welsh is President of the Society with J. C. B. Clayton as Vice-President, and R. G. Lester as Secretary. Since the Inaugural Meeting, the Society had listened to talks on such topics as "Greek Architecture," "Ecology," "World Population," "Probation Service," and "Glasgow and the Firth of Clyde." In addition there have been heated discussions on very controversial subjects.

On October 13th, the Society, like the other School Societies, had the day off to visit places of interest. The Society, in the course of the day, visited the British Museum and then went to see "An Evening with G.B.S." at the Criterion Theatre, Piccadilly. Max Adrian, who portrayed Bernard Shaw through three phases of his life, did so in a brilliant and witty fashion considering that he was alone on the stage for the whole of the performance. Regrettably, though the acting was of a particularly high standard, it was not enough to prevent eyes wandering and eyes closing!

The Society, as yet still in its infancy, has quickly proved a most useful way of expressing our thoughts and ideas to the advantage of one another, and we now hope the Society will gain strength from the influx of future sixth formers.

R. G. Lester (Secretary).

THE GREEK CLUB

This year, the Greek Club has read the *Odyssey* by Homer, three plays by Euripides: *Iphigenia in Tauris*, *Hippolytus* and *Alcestris*, the fables of Aesop, *The Peloponnesian War* by Thucydides and *The Last Days of Socrates* by Plato is at the present being read.

On the 13th of October for the Society Expedition Day, the Greek Club went to the British Museum in London and then saw a play called "An Evening with G.B.S." at the Criterion Theatre, Piccadilly.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We have had a good year on the whole. Our success in the outing to visit the *Cutty Sark* and the National Maritime Museum called for a visit in the Spring Term to see H.M.S. *Discovery* and the Imperial War Museum. In the Summer Term our Society was "dormant" except for an exhibition of works which we shared jointly with the Coin Club, which was popular.

At the end of the Summer Term we said goodbye to Mr. H. E. Wells-Furby, who had supported the Society since it was founded, with much regret.

At the beginning of this term owing to the reorganization of clubs and societies our membership decreased but we have changed from being a Nautical History Society to a Historical Society. We have affiliated ourselves to the Coin Club and have held several joint meetings with them. We have also had several interesting discussions amongst members on both subjects. Our main concern during this term was the outing on October 13th to H.M.S. *Victory* in dry-dock at Portsmouth. This outing was very popular and we held it jointly with the Coin Club.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. D. H. Drury, who succeeded Mr. H. E. Wells-Furby as master-in-charge of the Society at the beginning of the term, for all the invaluable help he has already given to the Society.

G. W. M. Farmiloe (Hon. Secretary).

ART SOCIETY

The Art Society was originally founded three years ago, and, since then, many of its founder members have left.

During the last Christmas and Easter Terms many famous men were kind enough to come and lecture to us. Among them were John Piper, the painter and stained glass designer, Peter Winchester, the Architect, Robin Pittman, the well-known Art Master who was at that time teaching at the Sir William Borlase Grammar School at Marlow, and others.

Visits to art exhibitions at the Royal Academy and the Tate were also arranged.

During the Summer Term there was little official Society activity. Many of the members were able to pass the "O" level and "A" level G.C.E. exam. and many contributed to the summer art exhibition at the school. During this winter term the Dactyl Societ has had to meet on Tuesday rather than on Sunday. So far two Classical films have been shown in order to inspire paintings. Art

exhibitions have been visited in Reading. It is also hoped that a party will be taken to see the Rouault painting exhibition at the Tate Gallery before the end of term.

Our best wishes are sent to all members of the Dactyl Society who have left and especially to Tony Philpot and John Heale who are now studying art in Southampton.

THE COIN CLUB

The Coin Club has had a fairly quiet year on the whole. Meetings were held regularly during the 1965 Winter Term, and a number of boys attended meetings with the Reading Coin Club, to which we are affiliated.

In the Spring Term of 1966, the main outing took in the Royal Mint, and a special display of coins and medals by arrangement with the Curator of this department of the British Museum. Further meetings of the Reading Coin Club were also attended. In the Summer we staged a joint exhibition with the Nautical History Society (now the History Society), which, although smaller than the year before, was nevertheless a distinct success. At the end of the term we said goodbye with much regret to S. B. Bruce, who had founded the club in January, 1964, and D. Guillaume, our Chairman.

This term we had a joint outing with the Historical Society to H.M.S. *Victory* at Portsmouth, which was a great success.

Finally I should like to thank Major Blatchley-Hennah for all the kind and thoughtful interest he has taken in the club over the past year.

G. W. M. Farmiloe (Hon. Secretary).

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club has had a successful year. It meets on Sunday evenings in the Winter and Spring Terms, during which time the Inter-house Shield Competition was played. The Shield was presented by Mr. F. Barham and Everett House won.

1st, Everett, 36 points; 2nd, Burr, 26 pts.; 3rd, Skipwith, 13 pts.; 4th, Welsh, 10 pts.

In the final round between Burr and Everett all the games proved to be very exciting and close, but Everett won on points.

The Club is preparing to hold several matches with other schools in the future, and is also hoping to start postal chess soon.

The Society outing in the Spring Term took the Chess Club to the Planetarium and then to the Imperial College, London, where we saw the IMB computer. Although the talk on the machine was complicated, seeing people and the machine in action was extremely interesting.

D. A. Gray.

YOUNG FARMERS' REPORT, 1966

The first meeting of the Winter Term, 1965, was on September 26th. This was a very full meeting as we had twenty new members to vote into the club. What with filling in their membership cards and briefing them about the club and what it does, our evening was soon over. The next few meetings were discussions amongst the club as well as a quiz. On the 24th October R. Forsyth, an honorary member, gave a most interesting lecture on "game keeping" and how to protect your property. We had our first lecture of the term by Mr. Hinde on 31st October. The lecture was about the purposes of various fertilizers and also the way in which they are used. He brought a collection of samples of many different things used in the production or application of fertilizer. It was a most enjoyable and interesting evening. At the beginning of November Mr. Whittington, one of the masters, gave us a most interesting lecture on I.C.I. and the life of the Camera and its parts. The first film of the Christmas term came at the end of November on the 21st. We had two of them, "Locusts at Horthorndale," a slightly disappointing film of the breeding of locusts, and "Game Harvest," which was about the rearing and protection of game birds, which was most interesting. On the 28th we joined the Coin and Stamp Club with our film "The Surf Boats of Accra," which was about the way the cargo had to be landed by native surf boats from the cargo vessels as there was no natural harbour. The other film, "Movement is Money" about transport, rounded off a nice evening.

To the first meeting of the Easter Term Mr. Coffe came and gave a very good lecture on general farming. At the second meeting on 13th February Miss Rowles gave an interesting talk on America and showed many coloured slides. At the same meeting it was announced we would be visiting the Fords Factory on March 10th. The next week we again had two more interesting films, one about the really tough car rallies and how the cars lasted and the other one about a police Zephyr going as fast as possible from London to Edinburgh but keeping to speed rules. On March 10th we had the 4th A.G.M. Our visitors were Mr. Doble, Mr. Keeble, Mr. Stracey, and Mr. Wright. The reports were read by the secretary and it was mentioned that we visited the Oxfordshire Show but did not compete, also our visit to Fords had to be cancelled at the last minute so we went to the London Zoo. The club leader spoke to the visitors about visiting them for practical lectures. C. L. D. Rumsey stood down as Treasurer and M. G. Mackenzie-Charrington took his place.

During the Summer Term we went again to the Oxfordshire Show, this time competing but with rather an inexperienced team so we did not win, but even so, it was great fun.

At the first meeting of the Christmas Term, 1966, we had to vote in 25 new members. The Treasurer asked for a more prompt

paying of subscriptions as they had been rather slack beforehand. The next week we had two short films and the week after a quiz. On Thursday, 13th of October, we went to the Oxfordshire Forestry Commission experimental plant and saw how new trees are made and grown. During the afternoon Mr. Lee took us around the Oxford University Forest and sawmills. He knew a lot about this forest as he had worked there while studying. It was a most interesting day. The Young Farmers' Federation held an inter-club quiz in which we were beaten by 1½ points by the Watlington team. Since then we have had various films and quizzes and discussions around the club. Throughout the year we have done quite a lot and our membership continues to rise steadily.

BIRD WATCHING SOCIETY'S OUTING TO SLIMBRIDGE

On a dull, wet morning we all crammed into the school car on a visit to the Severn Wildfowl Trust at Slimbridge. The Bursar kindly drove us down there and on the way we made a list of species of birds seen. Unfortunately the weather was not on our side and few birds were willing to show themselves, but I was fortunate enough to see a roedeer standing among some young trees. No unusual species were accounted for on the way down but we saw a number of pheasants and a few mallard.

As soon as we arrived the rain stopped, the skies cleared and it remained sunny and warm for the rest of the visit. We started by looking around an exhibition which included wildfowl distribution and their numbers and also the work being carried out by The Trust. We then walked outside and saw a number of ponds where wildfowl were free to roam but some of the geese and ducks had their wings clipped to prevent them from flying away. Probably the most recognised success of the Trust was Peter Scott's successful attempt at breeding the nearly extinct Hawaiian Goose, which is now well established again. At the Trust there were approximately two hundred species of wildfowl. Of the completely wild species seen were a flock of pink footed geese out on the marshes, known as the "Dumbles," which we viewed with binoculars from the top of an observation tower. Of the British species of duck seen there were: Mallard, Teal, Shoveller, Tufted Duck, Pintail, Pochard and Widgeon. These were particularly noted as they are more common than other European species. The most colourful was the mandarin drake who had just regained his winter plumage.

At half-past three we were on our way back to school after a very enjoyable visit to one of Britain's most well known wildfowl reserves.

A. J. G. Dickson.

SAILING AND CANOEING CLUB

The Sailing and Canoeing Club continued to be popular during the Summer Term, and the combined membership increased to more than seventy boys.

In addition to the three School sailing dinghies (Cadets) there were eight private dinghies owned by Bell, G., Shakespeare, Bingley (Cadets), Baverstock (Lapwing), Harrison (Enterprise), Cochrane and Guillaume (G.P.'s), and Pringle (Mirror). Although no sailing matches were held against other schools, a good deal of racing practice was put in, notably by Bell, Baverstock, Emck, Wyndham-Smith, Bartholomew and Smith, G., who have all entered for Duke of Edinburgh sailing awards. A noteworthy D. of E. Gold Award for Sailing was achieved by Guy Pidsley, the Club Captain. He has been succeeded as Captain of Sailing by Bell, G., who should also be in the running for a Gold.

The new Canoe Park adjoining the Wet Boathouse was extended at the beginning of the Summer to provide extra accommodation for the 48 canoes of the Canoe Club. Some of the more venturesome members of the club fitted sails to their canoes and were able to stem the river current with less effort, but with more duckings.

On Founders' Day all the Sailing Club dinghies and some representative types of canoe were brought up to the Upper Lawn for display, and were a great source of interest to many of the parents.

E.F.R.B.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD NOTES

Since our last notes Richard Lester, Guy Pidsley and James Mackay have all visited Buckingham Palace to receive their Gold Awards.

During the Easter Holidays two groups of boys joined St. Edward's C.C.F. at the Outward Bound Training School at Towyn, one Group taking the Gold Award Expedition Section and the other group undergoing Arduous Training. We were exceptionally well looked after thanks to the efforts of Major Greenway and his staff of instructors who gave up their Easter break to look after us. Because of poor map reading the Gold group were unsuccessful. We were extremely lucky in having good weather and both groups learnt some rock climbing and canoeing and everyone took part in the early morning swims and the assault course (both of which were enjoyed in varying degrees!). In the summer three groups—one Gold and two Silver—visited Titchcombe Bungalow. One of the Silver Groups passed their test (or at any rate completed the course—we have not as yet had the official result). The Gold group failed due to exposure to the sun! and the other Silver Group due to the fact that they divided into two parties on the first day—thus

breaking one of the most fundamental rules of expedition work. Fourteen boys are to visit the Challacombe area this Easter for expedition work.

We are grateful to those members of the Common Room who act as instructors and examiners in the Pursuits Sections and to Dr. Hunt (the Assistant Medical Officer of Health for Berkshire) who with Miss Grayson prepares the candidates for the First Aid Examinations. We are very anxious to increase the scope of the Pursuits which we can offer and hope that anyone who may be able to give instruction or may be able to act as an examiner in almost any field of activity will get in touch with us. So far we are able to offer the following rather limited number of activities in this section:—

Mr. M. M. Gilliat, Reading; Major Blatchley-Hennah, Marksmanship; Mr. M. D. Duncan, Rowing; Captain E. F. R. Byng, Sailing and Canoeing; Mr. J. B. Wood, Young Farmers.

We are also most grateful to Mr. Morris for all the work he does in instruction and testing for the Physical Fitness Sections and to Mr. M. D. Duncan for all the time he gives up in the holidays on Expedition work.

THE C.C.F.

In our new guise as Combined Cadet Force, we have had an interesting and successful year. First, we have found ourselves far more on our own, to make arrangements for camps, visits, etc., and secondly our income as a unit will gradually allow us to provide essentials and later extras which will make the Corps a fully self-contained Unit.

When first we were formed we found ourselves limited to 100 Cadets and this proved inadequate for the School. It was with relief that we obtained permission to increase our strength to 140 cadets, with two additional officers. We are now in process of absorbing the increase which we hope will also lead to our having built an adequate armoury for the safety of our weapons.

The Sections report their activities separately.

NAVAL SECTION

This section was established in September, 1964, under Sub-Lt. Jenks (the Bursar), with H.M.S. *Vernon* as Parent Ship. Our teething troubles, such as ill-fitting uniform, were gradually smoothed out. Mr. Morris was truly inter-service, and seemed to know as much about the Navy as he does the Army.

Winter training was confined to drill and basic seamanship in the classroom, which tended to become rather boring. In the Easter holidays, 12 cadets in two sections of six spent a week in camp at H.M.S. *Vernon*, the torpedo school, at Portsmouth, and had their first experience of training with the Royal Navy.

We managed to get out in the open a bit more in the Summer,

and put a mast up at the Boat House for our C.C.F. Naval Ensign, but the real focus of the year's work was the cruise.

Twelve cadets, under Rowan, C. A., the Bursar, and Mr. Gapper, cruised out of Plymouth in a 60ft. diesel tender—H.M.T. *Alnmouth*—and visited Fowey, Helford River, Falmouth, the River Fal, Brixham and Dartmouth. They had fine weather, learned a lot of seamanship and pilotage, caught a lot of fish and had a run ashore in all these ports.

Lyttleton and Row then transferred to H.M.S. *Tenby* for a cruise to the Inner Hebrides and back.

The Able-Seaman Cadet examination was taken in the Spring Term, 1966, and all except two passed. The Proficiency Test is expected to take place in the Summer Term of 1967.

THE ARMY SECTION

The last article under this heading a year ago described the transition of the Contingent from its old to present status. The present task is to review the progress we have made as a C.C.F. over this period. To begin with, life went on very much as before; perhaps too much so, as certain Proficiency Candidates found to their cost in June, when they found that the Proficiency Test was not quite the mere formality previous standards had led them to expect. However, those worthy of the qualification passed without much quibbling.

During March a very successful series of outings was organized, with detachments visiting 81 Maritime Trg. Sqn. RCT at Portsmouth, H.Q. 14 Air Despatch Regt. RCT at Odiham, and the Army School of P.T. at Aldershot. This October a detachment under CSM/SSI Morris took part in a beach assault exercise with the Oxford & Bucks T.A. Battalion off the Dorset coast, but their operations were curtailed by bad weather.

Fortunately, during this, our incubation year so-to-speak, we were spared an Annual General Inspection; but this is an event we shall have to look forward to in June, when we shall be inspected by a representative of the Vice-Admiral Commanding Reserves. Therefore the climax of the year was the Annual Camp at St. Martin's Plain, Shorncliffe, where we had been accepted only at the last minute owing to our original choice, Lulworth, being suddenly required by the Ministry of Defence for more serious military purposes. This change of plan meant that, as late-comers, we were accommodated in marquees instead of huts, which, on the first day's showing, might well have proved disastrous. The writer can testify to never having himself been quite so cold and quite so wet for quite so long as he was on the firing point of Hythe "A" Range.

Under these conditions, the shooting results were remarkably good; eighteen cadets classified, of whom 12 achieved first-class or above. The unexpected efficiency of the butt-marking, performed by those cadets whose small-bore performances prevented their

classifying, under Mr. Morris's supervision, enabled the whole programme to be completed ahead of schedule, whereupon Colonel Travers somewhat rashly, in the opinion of the author (but then the Colonel wasn't as wet as he was), offered monetary prizes for egg-bulls. The results must have exceeded the Colonel's expectations, if not his pocket.

Meanwhile Mr. Morris had cultivated excellent relations with the Camp Quartermaster, and we were able to exchange the most porous of the marquees for a comparatively waterproof one, and acquire a hutted office and stores, to the disadvantage of another contingent which had not come in yet. Thereafter the weather smiled on us until the penultimate day, when we spectated at the Command Fire Power demonstration in a cloud-burst. The Adjutant was optimistically preparing to cancel the "Night-Op," but being the conscientious fellow we knew him to be, he rather foolishly rang up Ryde Airport Met. Office, and on receipt of a favourable report, the go-ahead order for "Operation Skinlake" was given; the result was a long damp night preparing to repel multiple dawn attacks from the Skinners' School, most of which were dealt with satisfactorily, many through the initiative of Sgt. Barlow's dog.

The last day was mainly devoted to rest and refit, and the presentation of a cake to Cpl. Ievers and his tent for surpassing the others in the daily Lines inspections. Had there been a cake for the cadet who never failed to head the queue of some thousand cadets for breakfast every morning it would have gone to Yates without a doubt. For L/Cpl. Hodgson and Cadet Mill this was not the end; the day after camp dispersed they accompanied the Adjutant to Larkhill for the 250th Anniversary of the Gunners.

What with a Sapper Commanding Officer, and a Gunner commanding the Army Section, it is an excellent thing that our officer strength has been augmented by an honest infantryman for a change, namely Mr. B. J. Hare, late KSLI., who has joined us to complete our recent increase in establishment. Starting the year with nearly fifty recruits, such an increase is more than justified, and we hope in the not too far distant future to lose most of the vestiges of our former less exalted status.

C.C.F. NAVAL SECTION

THE NAVAL CRUISE

The Naval Section of our Cadet Force was established in September, 1965, and we were lucky enough, out of all the contingents in England, to get one of the cruises available in Naval Tenders in the Summer holidays of that year.

Two days after the Summer Term ended, the Bursar and Mr. Gapper (who is a Chief Schools Instructor) drove down to Plymouth, taking Mr. Dean, the School chef, as a "non-cooking" guest.

We took a bus from Shiplake on July 21st to Reading Station, and then caught the train to Plymouth. We were in uniform and L/S C. A. Rowan was in charge. Naval transport took us down to the Dockyard and to H.M. Tender *Alnmouth*.

We spent Friday afternoon getting acquainted with our 100-ton 60-ft. diesel ship and some of us went ashore in Devonport that evening.

We sailed at 10 a.m. Saturday to take on water, and then to anchor in Plymouth Sound where we did some seamanship and other training before sailing for Fowey down the Cornish coast.

Every day we did a trip and went into harbour at night, visiting Helford River, Falmouth, Brixham (by night passage past the Eddystone lighthouse), Dartmouth and so back to Plymouth. On the last half day we lay close to the Eddystone fishing. Very sick making!

We went ashore each evening, except for three cadets on duty, who minded the ship, and ran the boat routine.

Several incidents are worth remembering. First we passed Dodman Point, on the Sunday, and the Bursar told us how it had claimed hundreds of lives since men first went to sea. He did not recommend passing it without some power and some knowledge of the weather forecast. One week later to the hour the motor launch tragedy occurred with the loss of 27 men, women and children holidaymakers off this dangerous place.

The following day we had some wonderful fishing for whiting and mackerel south of Falmouth, catching 250 or more in an hour or two. We saw the Bursar pull in six at a time more than once on his rod. We had a huge feast that night.

On the way to Dartmouth we exercised "Abandon Ship," all of us—except the ship's regular crew of five—going ashore in the boat and on life rafts for a run round Slapton Sands, before using the same method to get back to our ship. Oak went too.

On the last day but one, we went into Plymouth to transfer Row and Lyttelton to H.M.S. *Tenby*, a Frigate of the Dartmouth Squadron, for another cruise to the West Coast of Scotland and back.

Sleeping in a hammock was difficult at first, but we soon got used to it. We started in wonderful weather and, though it became worse, it was never really bad. It was a great week, and the Bursar, Mr. Gapper, Mr. Dean and Oak obviously had a good time too.

SHOOTING NOTES

The 1965-66 season opened with a preliminary survey of the September recruits, plus a few "extras" firing a modified "Empire Test"; from November onwards we concentrated on practices for the known marksmen under "Country Life" competition conditions. At this stage I should like to say how grateful I was to

Prichard, who as Captain of Shooting until Christmas and knowing therefore that he personally would be unable to compete in the competition itself, limited his own shooting to assistance in zeroing rifles and otherwise devoted himself to organizing practices and postal matches for the Easter Term.

In January, Barlow, with a name well known in the Rifle world, took over, and "Country Life" practices intensified. By then the potential team had been eliminated down to a dozen or so, most of whom had to sacrifice parts of their exeats for regular Sunday morning Landscape practice. Meanwhile various postal matches on the Grouping, Rapid and Snap-shooting series were fired, with the following results:—

Feb.	5th	v. Blundell's (731)	.. ..	745 (Won)
"	12th	v. St. Paul's (756)	.. ..	746 (Lost)
		v. Charterhouse (764)	.. ..	746 (Lost)
"	19th	v. Barnard Castle (705)	.. ..	755 (Won)
		v. Wellington College (775)	.. ..	755 (Lost)
"	26th	v. Stowe (718)	.. ..	740 (Won)
		v. Sutton Valence (746)	.. ..	740 (Lost)
		v. Allhallows (738)	.. ..	740 (Won)

The teams were selected from Barlow, Elliott, Forsyth, Taylor, R., Dickson, Emck, Newton, C., Saehan, Menekides, Smallbones and Drummond-Forbes.

"The Country Life" competition proper was fired during the week ending 12th March, kindly refereed by Mr. Welsh. Out of the 160 Schools competing in Class "A", the College was placed 61st, with a Group, Rapid and Snap total the worst of the term (737), but the best Landscape of the term (143). However a team average of over 92 per cent. for the first time was not altogether unsatisfactory, and the team consisted of Barlow (Team Leader), Forsyth, Elliott, Taylor, R., Dickson, Newtown, C., Menekides, Emck, and Drummond-Forbes who substituted for Barlow in the Landscape.

The entire Summer Term was given over to the "Empire Test," from which we are starting the new season with some 25 marksmen contending for places in the "Country Life" team, fired concurrently with the House Match. This resulted in a last-minute victory for Burr House with a *per capita* average of 65.9 ex 80; Skipwith House came second with 63, Everett was third with 61, and Welsh (four of whose members failed to complete within the stipulated time) scored 50.

F.T.W.B-H.

ROWING, 1966

It was with considerable regret that members of the Boat Club were to hear of Mr. E. M. Hall's decision to leave us in December, 1965. His success as Master i/c. Rowing can be measured not only by the very considerable number of races that we won in the previous two years, but also by the ease with which I was able to take over a

smoothly-running machine. We said good-bye also to Mr. Richard Green at the end of the Summer Term, and wish him well in Canada. We welcomed Mr. G. W. Wright to the School in January. His vitality and enthusiasm soon made themselves felt on the "tow path."

Five crews practised in the Easter Term. Much of this practice was rather spasmodic, owing to the conflicting claims of Cross Country and Hockey. The First Crew, however, were able to treat it as their major sport, and rowed four days a week. For the first time we were able to take part in a Head of the River Race, at Kingston, where IVs were entering for the first time. It was a useful experience and added much interest to the Easter Term's rowing. We finished 7th, out of 14 IVs, and also managed to beat seven VIIIs as well. It is impossible to compare this result with the VIIIs, but on the whole the result seemed very reasonable. No other School IVs took part.

Our first event of the Summer Term was a trip by the 1st and Colts IVs to St. Edward's School, Oxford, where we had a training day with their 2nd VIII. In IVs, we were undoubtedly masters, while in the VIII later on the tables were reversed. This was a good day's rowing and it is notable as the first time we have rowed against a School crew at St. Edward's and not a House IV.

PRIVATE RACES

- May 18th v. Henley Grammar School at Henley
 Colts IV v. H.G.S. "A", won by 4 lengths
 2nd IV v. H.G.S. "B", won easily
 June 7th v. Carmel College and Berkhamstead, at Carmel

Of the six races in which we took part, we won none, but four of the verdicts were by less than half a canvas. Lack of knowledge of the course, combined with little rest between races, did not help us, and the rowers looked as if they were rather flustered. However, the Colts "B" put up a fine performance. This was the first time Shiplake has produced four representative crews.

WALLINGFORD REGATTA (May 21st)

- 2nd IV .. *Lost* to Nautical College, Pangbourne.
 Colts IV .. *Lost* to Neptune.

READING CLINKER REGATTA (May 28th)

- 1st IV .. *Lost* to Abingdon.
 2nd IV .. *Lost* to Nautical College, Pangbourne.
 Colts IV .. *Lost* to St. Edward's School; *beat* N.C. Pangbourne.

WALTON REGATTA (June 4th)

- 1st IV .. *Beat* Weybridge, *lost* to St. George's College.

OXFORD CITY REGATTA (June 4th)

- 2nd IV .. *Beat* Falcon R.C., *beat* Leys School, *lost* to Crowland.
 Colts IV .. *Beat* Reading School, v. Cokethorpe (*disq.*).

MARLOW

- 1st IV .. *Beat* Henley Grammar School and King's College School, *lost* to Wellington.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS

- 1st IV .. *Beat* George Watson's and Reading Blue Coat School, *lost* to Eastbourne College and Aberdeen Academy.

PANGBOURNE & WHITCHURCH

- 1st IV .. *Beat* Hereford High School and Junior Tradesmen B.C., *beat* Strode School, *lost* to Wellington College.

2nd IV . . . *Beat* Henley Grammar School, *beat* Nautical College, Pangbourne, *lost* to Abingdon.

Colts IV "A" *Beat* Windsor Grammar School, *beat* Nautical College, Pangbourne "A", *lost* to Nautical College, Pangbourne "B".

Colts IV "B" *Lost* To Nautical College, Pangbourne.

READING TOWN

Three coxed pairs took part, of which one lost narrowly in the final.

THE CREWS

1st IV	2nd IV	Colts "A"	Colts "B"
Hudson	Mantel	Eveleigh, B.	Menikides
Pyper	Harding	Gray, D.	Annan
Clayton	Lane	Kingstone	Cooper
Lester (Capt.)	Papadimitriou	Griffiths	Newton, C.

Sallon, P. M-Charrington, M. Harrison Ledingham
Baverstock rowed as a substitute for Colts "B" against Carmel College;
Cooper rowed as a substitute for Colts "A" at Oxford City.

The crews were less successful than usual, but this was not surprising because

- (a) the 1st crew were competing often in events of higher standard than before;
- (b) the two Senior IVs contained three boys of Colts age, caused by the large exeat—only 45 boys were left from a Boat Club of 80 the previous summer;
- (c) only one member of the 2nd IV had ever been coached before the beginning of the season.

Despite this, spirits were always high and we approach the 1967 regatta season with many of last year's oarsmen still with us. We hope for very much better results.

In September we welcomed Mr. D. H. Drury to the school. We cannot fail to benefit from his wealth of experience, particularly as he wishes to concentrate on coaching Junior Colts—something which has never really been possible before.

HOUSE ROWING, SUMMER, 1966

It was decided that crews other than school crews should be organised under a House basis. This then enabled us to have a House Rowing League and Sculling Competitions.

The acquisition of seven sculling boats from Radley had made this possible and even though somewhat archaic in condition they proved most valuable especially to the junior members of the club.

THE HOUSE FOURS' LEAGUE

This was run on a system whereby House crews rowed against each other during the term. Points were awarded, two for the winner, zero for the loser.

The result was a win for Everett in both Senior and Junior Leagues. Though both Skipwith and Burr gained as many points as the eventual winner in the Junior League it was decided that Everett were the winners because they had recorded the fastest times.

SENIOR SCULLING

The Senior Sculling event unfortunately attracted few competitors mainly because the senior part of the boat club did not use the sculling boats so frequently as the juniors.

The final was between J. Pyper and A. Hodgson, with Pyper as the eventual winner.

JUNIOR SCULLING

This was much more hotly contested because 27 boys had entered. The races were three abreast and in this way we were able to have both a quarter-final, semi-final and the final, which was raced on Founders' Day. S. Chick won the final, beating Docker and Butler in the fastest time of the term, 1min. 14.5 sec.

HOUSE ROWING COMPETITION

Because of the sculling boats and two matched tub pairs we were able to enlarge the competition into a small regatta lasting for three afternoons. The number of competitors from all the houses combined totalled about 65, which gave quite a large number of the boat club a chance to represent their House.

Points were awarded on the following system:—

	<i>Fours</i>	<i>Pairs</i>	<i>Sculls</i>
1st	10	5	5
2nd	7	3	3
3rd	4	2	2
4th	2	1	1

Skipwith won the Senior Shield in some very close racing and because of the points system, though Skipwith won by six points, the last race was the one that would decide the winner.

	<i>Burr</i>	<i>Skipwith</i>	<i>Everett</i>	<i>Welsh</i>
Fours	7	10	2	4
Pairs	2	5	3	1
Sculls	3	1	5	2
	<hr/> 12	<hr/> 16	<hr/> 10	<hr/> 7

Skipwith winners.

The Junior was again a very close event with some very good racing. Everett were the winners but again it was only decided upon in the last race, which was the fours.

	<i>Burr</i>	<i>Skipwith</i>	<i>Everett</i>	<i>Welsh</i>
Fours	2	4	10	7
Pairs	2	3	5	1
Sculls	3	5	2	1
	<hr/> 7	<hr/> 12	<hr/> 17	<hr/> 9

Everett winners.

Taking the term as a whole it is undoubtedly true to say that the standard of rowing has improved because more have been able to take part in House events. With the acquisition of more boats we hope that the standard will continue to rise so that the House competitions will become just as important as some of the school events.

R. C. Lester.

1st XI CRICKET, 1966

RESULTS

May	14th	Away	Stoneham School 67 for 7 dec., Shiplake 65. <i>Lost</i> by 2 runs.
„	21st	Away	Radley College 3rd XI 158 for 8 dec., Shiplake 114 (Tamworth 45). <i>Lost</i> by 44 runs.
„	26th	Away	Cokethorpe School 99 for 8 dec., Shiplake 100 for 4 (Barbour 64 n.o.). <i>Won</i> by 6 wickets.
June	2nd	Home	Shiplake 88 (Saehan 33 n.o.), Crookham Court 20 (McAusland 5 for 5). <i>Won</i> by 68 runs.
„	5th	Home	Shiplake 175 for 3 (Tamworth 69, Taylor, R. P., 75), Old Vikings 107. <i>Won</i> by 68 runs.
„	15th	Home	Shiplake 114 (Smith, M., 48), Nautical College, Pangbourne 3rd XI 40 (Batten 4 for 8). <i>Won</i> by 74 runs.
„	18th	Home	Shiplake 117, Lord Wandsworth's College 2nd XI 24 (McAusland 7 for 7). <i>Won</i> by 93 runs.
„	26th	Home	South Oxfordshire Amateurs 198 for 4 dec. (Baxter 119 n.o.), Shiplake 120 (Taylor, R. P., 40). <i>Lost</i> by 78 runs.
July	9th	Away	Shiplake 92, Oratory School Colts XI 93 for 5. <i>Lost</i> by 5 wickets.
„	16th	Home	Shiplake 133 for 8 dec. (Tamworth 41), Abingdon School 2nd XI 87 for 7. <i>Drawn</i> .

CRICKET, 1966

This season's 1st XI was a disappointing side, seldom producing cricket of a worthy standard. There were several mature and proven players left from 1965 and in spite of three weeks cold and miserable weather at the start of term the prospects seemed good enough.

It was immediately obvious, however, that there would be problems, and so it proved. The attitude to serious practice was unwilling and immature, with the result that, when we found ourselves in a tight corner, there was no resilience in our game and we tended to crumple sadly. The weaker opponents were dismissed easily enough, but that is hardly a substitute for producing good cricket when it really matters. I do not wish to give the impression that everything about the cricket is bad, but if we are to do better next year the players will have to put in more effort if they are to derive any real satisfaction from their cricket.

The avowed intention of some of the senior players was to "play for fun." This they did, with disastrous results, not the least of which was that the majority of the side, on their own admission, did not in fact enjoy their cricket. This was partly due to the fact that the team, for a variety of reasons, was never a united one, and also to the fact that cricket is only a really good game when it is played properly, at whatever level.

We have excellent facilities here for cricket, an attractive ground and a much improved wicket for which we are very grateful to our groundsmen; and the comments I have made are made with next season in mind, when we shall have a younger side who could do very well if we can only make the most of the ability available.

The 1966 XI had the individual ability to defeat nearly all their opponents, but did not have the team ability, which at cricket is a very nebulous thing and shows itself only at times of stress, to raise its game when the occasion demanded. McAusland bowled consistently well, and was well supported on occasions by Batten, but the batting was brittle in spite of the good performances of the openers, Tamworth and Taylor, R. P. Saehan also, with his placid temperament, played some sterling innings and is a useful prospect for next season. In the field our limitations were most obviously exposed and the general standard of fielding was low. If the members of a team, or some of them, consider fielding as only a tiresome chore, we shall never be really good and our bowlers will not be given the encouragement they deserve.

In the meantime, we await next season hopefully. If the players would believe in themselves and their colleagues and try to play as well as possible, in practice as well as in matches, we would be much more successful and really enjoy the game.

B.J.H.

1st XV RUGBY

P 12; W 4; D 1; L 7

As far as results alone count, this season was no better than previous seasons. However, from the point of view of rugby, the team's performance improved a great deal, not only technically but also in the spirit of performance throughout the season.

A fuller analysis of the results shows a tangible record of this improvement.

Of the first six matches, five were lost and one drawn and then out of the remaining six, four were won and two lost, the last one by 11 points—12 points to the Old Boys, a rather unlucky loss as the school played some good rugby which was nullified to some extent by the heavier Old Boys, and two good penalties by Slatter swayed the issue the Old Vikings' way.

The record in fact could have, and should have, read W 6; D 1; L 5. But, in successive games, one against Marlborough College, which was lost 11—13, and the other against Reading School, the team after being comfortably in the lead gave away silly points to lose both games in the last few minutes. This tendency to do silly things under pressure was the worst feature of the team's play, while their best features towards the end of the season were the spirit of the forwards and some good handling and running by the three-quarters.

Matches the school team will want to forget are those against Radley College, Marlborough College and St. Edwards, where the team's play was very poor in spirit and technique. Matches the school will want to remember were against Reading School for the good rugby played most of the time; against Abingdon for the way the team fought back and hung on to win, and against Henley

R.F.C. Colts, where they played well to beat bigger and older opponents.

Three telling factors in the season were:—

(1) The numerous injuries suffered at the beginning of the season, which never allowed the team to settle down;

(2) The majority of the team were young and the majority of the opponents were older and physically stronger;

(3) Most of the team had come straight from the Colts, where they had had a very bad season, losing all their matches and this resulted in beginning the season with a very diffident team, but, as confidence increased throughout the season, so did the playing performance.

The best team we played was Saracen "A" School XV, while the worst teams were Marlborough and Stowe.

Individual players on the whole improved throughout the season.

J. C. Mackenzie-Charrington	Improved after a very shaky beginning to become quite competent.
C. Mantel - - -	Always played with great spirit.
M. D. Smith - - -	Potentially a good player who will improve—tends to be self-defeatist.
R. P. Taylor- - -	A strong runner who improved throughout the season.
M. R. P. Abhakorn - - -	Tried hard at all times.
P. Saehan - - -	Played well throughout the season; a nicely balanced player who played with great spirit.
N. A. Smallbones - - -	A good long service, a trifle slow but always gave his best.
J. M. Hudson - - -	Always tried hard.
D. J. McNeill - - -	Always played with spirit and on the whole hooked quite well.
B. J. Papadimitriou - - -	A good tight scrummager whose loose play was not so good due to lack of knowledge of the game.
C. A. Rowan - - -	Shared one prop position with Hudson—again played hard.
J. C. Pyper - - -	Potentially a useful forward; tends to forget what he has been told in the heat of the moment.
J. C. B. Clayton - - -	Improved throughout the season as a captain and player; towards the end of the season covered well in defence.
P. Griffiths - - -	Improved after a shaky beginning; will become much better as a back row forward when he tackles low and hard.
R. C. Lester - - -	Converted centre who played well throughout the season with a noticeable improvement in technique as the season progressed.
D. W. King - - -	Always played with great spirit if not great technique; when his technique improves, he will be a very useful player.

A. H. Hodgson, R. Annan, R. C. Hutchings, P. M. G. Taylor, H. Wyndham-Smith, I. C. Fairbairn, and P. M. B. Lane have all represented the school team at one time or another, but due to injuries never made regular appearances.

COLTS RUGBY

The Colts have not had a very successful season if measured in results, but on the whole their efforts have merited something better. The pack was fairly strong and held their own in the set scrums and had a fair share of possession from the lineouts. In the loose, however, they lacked mobility with the result that an erratic three-quarters line was not given the support it needed to get moving to good effect. P. M. G. Taylor played particularly well in the lineouts and was ably supported by C. Newton, J. W. Turner-Lashmar and J. J. Baverstock.

Behind the scrum, H. Wyndham-Smith strove hard to control the play with support from B. Harrison and I. D. H. Towle; nevertheless the tackling was weak and this had a decided bearing on the results, particularly in the last match where the strong R.M.N.S. Wokingham ran up a big score against us.

Colours were awarded to Wyndham-Smith, I. D. H. Towle, P. M. G. Taylor, Turner-Lashmar, Baverstock, C. P. Newton and A. D. Hayock.

Results of matches were:—

St. Edward's School Colts "B" XV	..	<i>Lost</i>	3—17
Radley College 2nd Colts XV	..	<i>Lost</i>	3—6
Wellington College 2nd Colts XV	..	<i>Won</i>	8—3
Park House School Colts XV	..	<i>Lost</i>	3—8
Reading School 2nd Colts XV	..	<i>Lost</i>	3—6
R.M.N.S. Wokingham Colts XV..	..	<i>Lost</i>	0—28

JUNIOR COLTS VX

P. 9; W. 5; L. 4; Pts. for 94, Pts. agnst. 89

One of the most encouraging features of this XV was the determined spirit with which it played all its matches. Of the four lost games, only one could have been considered a possible win and that result was probably caused by staleness arising from several matches in close succession. An example of this spirit was shown by R. D. Newton, who, giving as always a masterful display of attacking rugby, led his side to a 16—14 victory in the second half of the Pangbourne game after being 14—nil down at half-time. Special mention should also be made of R. P. Hall, G. J. St.C. Pringle, D. M. Geerke, K. R. Mitchell, S. A. Rowan, J. M. Falk, for consistent excellent performances.

The following also played:

A. B. Docker, J. W. W. A. Helps, N. P. F. Turley, W. J. E. H. Stevenson, L. R. J. Buchanan, J. H. Mathews, G. P. Smith, J. F. Lawson, J. N. V. Sheppard, H. Zylstra, T. L. I. Vickers, S. G. Lewis, J. O. A. Thompson and G. D. Taylor.

M.D.D.

HOCKEY

This year we had a fairly young team, and we played some very exciting hockey. We were led by A. H. Patmore who was easily recognisable in the half-back line, and proved to be the fortress of our defence. The forward line was well represented with A. L. Barbour and M. J. Knights being our main attackers.

Although we played good hockey we were liable to let up after about three-quarters of the way through the game. We did this in a match against Crookham Court, and conceded three goals in the last ten minutes, but this was put right and in the return match we beat them very comfortably. Out of seven matches we won three, drew two and lost two. The only team by whom we were beaten in both matches was Abingdon Hockey Club, which fielded a very good side but we put up a very good fight. At the end of term we played the Common Room which turned out to be a very enjoyable game and a perfect ending to a good season.

MATCHES PLAYED:—

(H) Henley H.C.	1—1	(A) Beaumont	2—0
(H) Crookham C.	5—3	(A) Abingdon H.C.	4—6
(H) Henley G.S.	2—2	(A) Crookham C.	7—1
(H) Abingdon H.C.	1—3		

ATHLETICS

This year for the first time Athletics were held on Tuesday afternoons in the Summer Term with the result that only one day was lost because of bad weather.

In the Standards Shield performances were not as good as in previous years probably due to the lack of effort put in by many to achieve a reasonable standard of fitness. From the beginning there was a keen battle between Everett and Skipwith with the latter finally coming out on top by the very narrow margin of 6/1000 of a point. Skipwith owe a great deal to Forsyth and Papadimitriou for urging them on especially on the final day.

On Sports Day, which unfortunately was marred by the weather, the contest was again seen to be between Everett and Skipwith, with Burr fighting hard. In the end Everett proved to have too many individual stars and won by 169 pts. to 162. There were some notable performances during the sports finals especially from Forsyth, R., and Barbour in the Seniors, Shaddick in the Inter. and Geerke in Juniors.

We also held our first Inter-School Athletics match v. Abingdon and though we lost we put up a good performance. Perhaps on this day more than any other the need for regular training in the early part of the term was shown.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING, 1966

The standard of the runners was considerably higher than the previous year. Robert Forsythe was Captain of the senior team, and proved himself again and again to be a most determined runner. Unfortunately he left at the end of the season, though with a large record of successes behind him.

The first match of the season was on February 2nd against St. Edwards and Bloxham. Shiplake entered only the junior team but came second, B. B. Eveleigh and N. A. Row coming first and second respectively. The next match was a road relay against St. Edwards, Cokethorpe and Abingdon. We entered a senior and junior team and came fifth in the juniors and fourth in the seniors. On 17th February the juniors beat Gillotts School at an away match, Row and J. W. W. R. Helps coming first and second.

On Saturday, February 19th, there was an away match against Abingdon, Bloxham and Kingham.

The seniors came third with R. J. Forsyth coming first, and the juniors came first with Eveleigh leading them home. The most successful run was at the South Oxfordshire Championships. Shiplake entered the junior team, with Eveleigh and Row coming third and fourth out of 67 runners. We won the South Oxfordshire Championships Cup.

On 20th February the senior team beat Henley Grammar School decisively with Forsythe coming equal first.

On 9th March there was an over-15 match against the Oratory and Bluecoats; Shiplake came first, with Forsythe coming first and Eveleigh and Batten equal second.

The most disappointing match was at Blackheath. Forsythe sprained his ankle badly after a very promising start. There were 108 runners and our team came 17th out of 19.

At the Oxfordshire Amateur Athletics Association Shiplake came second. There was a misunderstanding with the markers and our position could have been improved. Eveleigh came sixth followed by Talbot Baker. This was the last run of the season.

Our senior team consisted of the following:—

R. Forsyth (Captain), A. J. S. B. Batten, D. J. McNeill, K. J. Rendle-Mervill, R. G. Lester, A. H. Hodgson and C. Eveleigh who left half-way through the season as well as Rendle-Mervill.

The Junior team consisted of:—

B. Eveleigh (Captain), N. A. Row, M. D. Smith, J. Talbot-Baker, J. W. W. A. Helps, T. J. Wright, G. R. Bell.

SQUASH

There have been eleven matches played of which five have been won and five lost; one has been drawn and five others were cancelled. This cancelling of matches did not help the teams to better their scores. And so we did not do quite as well as the 1965 season.

Schools we have played include Nautical College, Pangbourne, the Oratory, Bluecoat, and Bradfield Junior.

Congratulations to Everett House who again won the inter-house squash shield. They beat Welsh House in the final round 4—1, and they won the first round against Burr House by beating them 5—0. Welsh House won their first round against Skipwith House with a 3—2 score.

TENNIS

Though potentially our team was quite strong, the other sporting commitments of almost all the strings prevented them from practising sufficiently. As a result our fixtures, against Beaumont, Slough Grammar School, Langley Grammar School, Henley, and Queene Anne's, though much enjoyed, were not as successful as might have been. The Athletics events at the end of the term prevented our first pair from taking part in the Boys' Schools Tournament at Wimbledon, and it is felt that with cricket and rowing, and also athletics now taking place in the summer term, tennis must take the form more of a relaxation than an inter-school sport, until we have better facilities.

The house matches, which included some exciting games, were won by Everett.

BOXING

Boxing at Shiplake has been going through a quiet period and has of necessity been confined to a few fixtures with outside schools.

We have had some keen support from the junior part of the school and this prompted us to take up a fixture with Eton College in February, which we lost by five bouts to two.

In the return match in October, after careful matching, we had a very encouraging win by six bouts to four. In this match Lyttleton and Mitchell had convincing wins.

We now look forward hopefully to our forthcoming fixture at Winchester College in December.

BOXING WINNERS, 1966:—

At Eton (February): C. P. Newton, N. M. Lyttleton.

At Eton (October): J. H. V. Samuel, K. R. Mitchell, R. G. G. Allum, N. M. Lyttleton, G. D. Taylor, T. L. I. Vickers.

At Winchester (December): P. Saehan, R. G. G. Allum, J. W. W. A. Helps, N. W. Reynolds.

BOXING COLOURS, 1966:—

Old Colours: P. Saehan (Capt. of Boxing).

New Award: J. H. V. Samuel.

Half Colours: K. R. Mitchell, N. M. Lyttleton, R. G. G. Allum, R. J. D. James, J. W. W. A. Helps, N. W. Reynolds.

SWIMMING

Our Swimming Sports this year took place in the pool at Park Place School and many of the competitors showed their ignorance of A.S.A. rules and this resulted in there being six disqualifications. However there was some very good swimming with Skipwith having been disastrously behind after the Junior events coming back magnificently in the Seniors to share the shield with Burr, each having 43 pts. They owed much of their success to Mantel for some fine Breaststroke and Freestyle swimming in both individual and relay events.

We were invited to send a Junior team to Park Place School for a match and though we were narrowly defeated all members of the team did very well.

Those representing the school were:—

<i>Freestyle</i>	-	Smith, G. P.
<i>Backstroke</i>	-	Leake, Pringle.
<i>Breaststroke</i>	-	Helps, Alexander
<i>Plunge</i>	-	Helps, Wright.
<i>Obstacle Race</i>	-	Newton, R., Pringle.
<i>Team Relay</i>	-	Green, Hosegood, Stevenson, W., Horewood-Willks.
<i>Medley Race</i>	-	<i>Freestyle</i> - Newton, R., Wright
		<i>Backstroke</i> - Pringle.
		<i>Breaststroke</i> - Reynolds.

GOLF

The game has continued to flourish as a minor sport and at the moment we have more boys than ever before using the facilities provided by Henley Golf Club.

Unfortunately the results of the two school competitions were not recorded in the *Court* last year. The Edwards Bowl, for parent and son partnerships, resulted in a win for Dr. Taylor and W. F. S. Taylor last year and was won by Mr. Tamworth and P. Tamworth this year. The Inter-House competition for the Hartley Cup was won from Skipwith last year by Everett, who retained the cup this year.

The editors, R. C. Lester, S. B. Phillips, and R. J. Devas, acknowledge with thanks the receipt of all contemporaries.

OVS NOTICES

1. Hockey match v. College, 12th March, 1967. Mr. P. M. Devas has been appointed Secretary for Hockey and will circulate details later.
2. It is proposed to hold a dinner at the School on Friday, 31st March next. The tickets will be £1 each for a four course meal including sherry, wine and port. This will be a "stag" function and notices will be sent out later.
3. Questionnaires will be sent to all members early in the New Year so that we may be kept up to date with members' situations. The Committee would much appreciate these being completed and returned.
4. The A.G.M. and Cricket Match v. College will be held on 4th June, 1967.
5. Rugger Match v. College will be held on Sunday, 22nd October, 1967.
6. Congratulations to John Bryan (B. 1959-1961), on his marriage on October 22nd, 1966.

TO ALL READERS

As you will have noticed there is a slight change in both the size and colour of the cover. We did not want to make too many changes without asking you, the reader, to give your own ideas. So we ask you now for any suggestions and comments as to how to improve both the look and the content of *The Court*.

Yours faithfully,

THE EDITORS.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, March	12th	..	O.V.S. VI v. College Hockey XI.
Friday, March	31st	..	O.V.S. Dinner (at College.)
Sunday, June	4th	..	O.V.S. XI v. College Cricket XI.
Saturday, June	10th	..	Founders' Day.
Sunday, October	22nd	..	O.V.S. XV v. College Rugger XV.

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