



THE COURT

1972



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—to the writers, photographers, artists and to our printers.

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Editorial

"The Magazine is dull." "The Magazine is boring." Such have been the comments made to the editors for long enough about the lay-out of *The Court*, so this year your new brooms have attempted to sweep clean, and they hope you will appreciate the result. They feel that it has come at the right time because never before has the editorial body had such a mass of contributions ranging from poetry to personal experiences. As is always the case, though, it has not been possible to publish every item, but if your poem or story has not been included this year, do not despair. Try again in 1972 and every year thereafter. After all, there is something to be said for the story of Robert Bruce.

The same principle should also apply to our day to day living. How often do we keep on trying? Or is it more generally a case of the approach negative and "let-someone-else-do-it" formula? This year so many of you have shown that you can achieve good results in various spheres of School-life—not the least being your literary efforts for what is, after all, your magazine. Now let the minority follow the good example set by the majority, and you will find that the world will be a happier place in which to live.

College News

At the end of the year we said farewell to Mr. J. H. Ducker and his family, who are leaving us in favour of Scotland and a different type of school. We wish them all the best and thank Mr. Ducker for all he has done during his time here.

At the start of the academic year we welcomed Mr. A. W. Crowther to the Common Room as a part-time member of the English Department, and next term we look forward to welcoming Mr. M. Charles and Mr. A. G. Ridell as temporary additions to the staff.

We offer our congratulations to Mr. R. A. Esau on his marriage to Miss Jenny Griffiths and to Mr. S. C. Oxlade on his marriage to Miss Diana Cruickshank. We also offer our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whittington on the arrival of a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Jones on the birth of a daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Partridge on the birth of a son.

During the Spring Term we had a most informative lecture on "Drugs" given by Sister Patricia, a leading authority on the subject. At the end of the term the 4th and 3rd Forms presented a play apiece, which we hope will be an annual event.

In the Summer the 1st VIII rowed for the first time at Henley Royal Regatta and acquitted themselves well. The term ended with a sponsored

walk, which raised something in the region of £1,300 to go towards the establishing of a permanent servery for the cafeteria system.

In July the Headmaster welcomed Mr. A. Chenevix-Trench as Guest Speaker on Speech Day.

During the summer holidays the first phase of the appeal was put in motion so that we now have a refurbished and refurnished Classroom block.

In October we welcomed some 30 Headmasters of No. 10 District I.A.P.S., who held their meeting here and were then entertained by the School Prefects and, later, the Common Room.

College Officials

September, 1971

Head of School J. W. Lundie

BURR	WELSH	SKIPWITH	EVERETT
<i>Head of House::</i>			
*J. W. Lundie	*P. E. L. Hunting	*R. G. Lester	*I. R. Baldry
<i>House Prefects:</i>			
C. M. R. Richardson	R. D. Hay	*D. A. S. Adams	*R. J. Dand
E. K.-L. Thong	M. M. Williamson	R. V. Smith	A. P. N. Yates
A. G. Britton	C. Viney	J. R. Lazenby	M. V. Patterson
		R. A. Willis	G. N. M. Hodgson
		D. A. Meech	P. J. Soward

* Denotes School Prefect

Sports Captains:

<i>Rugby Football</i>	-	-	-	I. R. Baldry
<i>Rowing</i>	-	-	-	M. L. W. Fabb
<i>Hockey</i>	-	-	-	E. K.-L. Thong
<i>Cricket</i>	-	-	-	
<i>Squash</i>	-	-	-	A. D. Gordon
<i>Fencing</i>	-	-	-	R. D. Hay
<i>Shooting</i>	-	-	-	R. J. Dand

Salvete

BURR	WELSH	SKIPWITH	EVERETT
<i>January:</i>			
G. R. G. Cooper	J. A. Levinson	P. C. M. Aylwin	P. B. Black
R. R. Duckering		C. R. Dean	C. J. Crookshank
		R. S. Halbert	G. S. Forrester
		V. F. Rakmil	W. G. M. Hudson
			J. A. Lomax
			A. J. Matthews

<i>May:</i>	R. P. Hancock R. P. P. Wilson	E. M. W. Cripps R. D. W. Lear P. F. Scatchard	M. G. Scatchard J. C. Torrie
<i>September:</i>			
P. S. R. Adams	S. S. Barnes	M. A. Anderson	H. E. Alireza
P. T. Bradshaw	N. J. S. Brown	H. C. P. Corke	T. Brunston
C. J. Guinness	T. C. Burrough	C. R. Duesbury	Y. Fujii
D. S. Hall	A. M. F. Flett	C. P. Hayman	I. H. Malby
J. D. Lindlar	S. R. Holtzman	C. Petit	S. P. Minchin
J. Pongpanich	S. D. Lackford	D. S. Sharpe	R. I. Parkinson
J. S. Roberts	W. St. J. S. McAlester	M. J. Trueman	R. S. Silberrad
N. J. Woolf	P. Morpuss	R. N. Warner Smith	C. Truman
	S. R. Toppin	C. B. Waples	W. R. C. Watson
	R. A. Williamson	F. Zihni	

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BURR

<i>March</i>	-	G. N. Nicholas	-	-	3rd Form; Cdt. in C.C.F.; to complete education in New Zealand.
<i>July</i>	-	A. G. Ridell	-	-	U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (8), "A" (2); Head of School; 1st XV; C.U.O. in C.C.F.
	-	J. N. Falk	-	-	U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (4), "A" (1); School Prefect; Capt of Rugger; Hockey XI; Capt. of Athletics; D. of E. Gold Award; Sgt. in C.C.F.; to Enfield Technical College.
	-	W. B. Ritchie	-	-	G/VI; G.C.E. "O" 6; House Prefect; A/B in C.C.F.; to H.E.R.E., Harwell.
	-	K. H. Sturgis	-	-	G/VI; G.C.E. "O" (5); Cpl. in C.C.F.; to Estate Management.
	-	G. M. Broughall	-	-	5th Form; Cdt. in C.C.F.; to Watchmending Apprenticeship.
	-	D. B. Collis	-	-	5th Form; G.C.E. "O" (3); Cdt. in C.C.F.; to South Oxfordshire Technical College.
<i>December</i>	-	C. M. R. Richardson	-	-	U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (5); House Prefect; L/Sea. in C.C.F.
	-	E. A. Eden	-	-	G/VI; Cpl. in C.C.F.; to Engineering Apprenticeship.
	-	J. V. Cooper	-	-	G/VI; G.C.E. "O" (3); Sgt. in C.C.F.
	-	J. S. Roberts	-	-	L/VI; G.C.E. "O" (8); to continue education.
	-	J. D. Lindlar	-	-	3rd Form; to continue education.

WELSH

<i>March</i>	-	I. H. Graham	-	-	L/VI; G.C.E. "O" (4); House Prefect; Hockey XI; Fencing VI; D. of E. Gold Award; Cdt. in C.C.F.; to Kingston Technical College.
<i>July</i>	-	A. H. Dean	-	-	U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (5), "A" (2); Head of House; 1st XV; Hockey XI; Squash V; Tennis VI; D. of E. Gold Award; L/Cpl. in C.C.F.; to Bristol Polytechnic.
	-	M. A. Shaw	-	-	U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (4), "A" (1); School Prefect; Hockey XI; Cricket XI; D. of E. Gold Award; Sgt. in C.C.F.; to Essex Institute of Agriculture.

	S. Wellby	- - -	U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (6), "A" (2), School Prefect; 1st XV; Rowing VIII; Squash V; Tennis VI; Cpl. in C.C.F.; to High Wycombe Art College.
	M. D. Lloyd	- - -	U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (5), "A" (2); House Prefect; Tennis VI; Fencing VI; to Music College in France.
	T. M. McGuigan	- - -	U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (5), "A" (1); House Prefect; 1st XV; Tennis VI; Fencing VI; Cdt. in C.C.F.
	D. G. Johnston	- - -	L/VI; G.C.E. "O" (4); Squash V; A/B in C.C.F.
	P. M. Kidson	- - -	G/VI; G.C.E. "O" (2); 1st XV; A/B in C.C.F.
	S. Kabotsky	- - -	G/VI; G.C.E. "O" (2); 1st XV; to American Air Force.
	J. Levinson	- - -	G/VI; G.C.E. "O" (1).
	T. R. Blount	- - -	5th Form; G.C.E. "O" (1); A/B in C.C.F.; to Technical College.
	K. Ishiguro	- - -	3rd Form; Cdt. in C.C.F.; to complete education in Japan.
December	C. R. L. Bonham-Carter	- - -	U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (4); P/O in C.C.F.; to Berkshire College of Agriculture.

SKIPWITH

July	N. J. Chiswell	- - -	U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (5); Head of House; 1st XV; Hockey XI; Cricket XI; D. of E. Gold Award; Sgt. in C.C.F.; to Farnborough Technical College.
	R. Hamilton	- - -	U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (6); "A" (2); to Secretarial Course.
	D. C. Banks	- - -	U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (7); House Prefect; 1st XV; Rowing IV; L/Sea. in C.C.F.; to Twickenham College of Further Education.
	E. M. Brown	- - -	U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (3), "A" (1); House Prefect; D. of E. Gold Award; L/Sea. in C.C.F.; to Further Education.
	M. R. L. Hodgson	- - -	U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (7), "A" (1); House Prefect; Rowing IV; A/B in C.C.F.
	J. A. L. Wills	- - -	U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (7); House Prefect; 1st XV; Rowing IV; Cdt. in C.C.F.; to Further Education.
	A. Childs-Clarke	- - -	U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (5), "A" (1); L/Sea. in C.C.F.
	M. H. J. Hale	- - -	U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (7); L/Cpl. in C.C.F.; to Technical College.
	T. A. Smith-Vaughan	- - -	L/VI; G.C.E. "O" (4); A/B in C.C.F.; to continue education overseas.
	N. P. H. Wrinch	- - -	L/VI; G.C.E. "O" (4); Rowing VIII; Shooting VIII; Coxswain in C.C.F.; to Slough Technical College.
	T. J. Rohn	- - -	G/VI; G.C.E. "O" (1); Rowing IV (cox); Cdt. in C.C.F.; to High Wycombe College of Technology and Art.
	C. P. G. Wild	- - -	G/VI; G.C.E. "O" (1); Rowing VIII; Cdt. in C.C.F.

EVERETT

March	C. J. Crookshank	- - -	5th Form.
July	M. R. Hayman	- - -	U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (5), "A" (2); Head of House; 1st XV; Capt. of Hockey; Capt. of Cricket; A/B in C.C.F.; to the National Westminster Bank.
	J. O. A. Thompson	- - -	U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (4); School Prefect; L/Cpl. in C.C.F.; to St. Luke's College, Exeter.
	R. J. Culshaw	- - -	U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (5); House Prefect; Squash V; Tennis VI; Cpl. in C.C.F.; to Labrador.
	L. J. Phemister	- - -	L/VI; G.C.E. "O" (6); L/Sea. in C.C.F.; to Further Education.

G. J. Heath	-	G/VI; G.C.E. "O" (5); A/B in C.C.F.; to High Wycombe Technical College.
J. D. Hincklieff	-	G/VI; G.C.E. "O" (5); 1st XV; Hockey XI; Cricket XI; D. of E. Silver Award; L/Sea. in C.C.F.; to family business.
P. A. Huntington	-	G/VI; G.C.E. "O" (1); 1st XV; L/Cpl. in C.C.F.; to Further Education.
G. B. T. Mobsby	-	3rd Form; Cdt. in C.C.F.; to continue education in London.
December		
G. H. Corrie	-	G/VI; Cdt. in C.C.F.
R. A. M. Page	-	G/VI; A/B in C.C.F.
S. W. Lomax	-	5th Form; Cdt. in C.C.F.; to Australia.
K. E. Burgett	-	4th Form; Cdt. in C.C.F.; to continue education in U.S.A.

Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme

Enthusiasm in the Scheme has continued to flourish at all levels of the School. We have had 4 Bronze Awards, 10 Silver and 4 Gold since the last edition of the *Court*. We hope that by the time the next edition is to hand we shall be able to record at least a further 17 Gold—nearly all these people have only one or two sub-sections of parts to complete—a further 20 Silver and a further 20 Bronze.

Last Easter three Gold Groups and three Silver Groups visited the Lake District. All except one of the Gold groups were successful. In all there were 45 of us at Langdale and all seemed to gain much from their stay there. Our aim is always to have the correct proportions of safety, self-enterprise and adventure. Due to the support of the Senior Boys who have gained their Gold Award, the common sense shown by the boys taking part in expeditions and the enthusiasm of the Staff we have so far managed to keep these ingredients present in, what appear to be, balanced doses. We were particularly grateful for the help of Mrs. Guillaume and Sister Grayson with the Cooking, Dr. Dean with so many things that they are too numerous to mention, to Mr. Roake and Mr. Reading for their invaluable assistance as Assessors and to Major Lee, who is rarely mentioned in connection with the Scheme but who is a tower of strength at all times. This coming Easter we shall return—this time with two Gold Groups and 6 Silver Groups—in all a party of 54. I apologise to those boys who could not be found places—about 20 were disappointed but accommodation will not allow us to take any more.

We are still anxious to discover courses for those boys who are doing their Gold Service section and their Gold Residential. Four boys are helping with the local youth club and a number are helping at Boro-court as part of the Service section. Residential courses are difficult to

find and any suggestions which anyone may have would be welcomed. At times it would be encouraging if members showed as much enthusiasm for the "academic" aspects of the scheme as they do the Expeditions. It is not so much the lack of willingness or enthusiasm to start which is lacking but the staying power—it is so much easier to watch the television than to do something constructive and in the end more rewarding. Any help which parents feel able to give in the holidays to encourage their sons to make positive use of their leisure time would be appreciated and would, I am convinced, be for the benefit of their sons for the future.

BRONZE AWARDS

M. D. A. Carmichael
M. Hayes-Fisher
J. M. P. Clayton
R. J. Douglas

SILVER AWARDS

E. K.-L. Thong
M. Guillaume
A. B. Leake
A. J. Campbell
R. D. Hay
P. J. Soward
R. J. Dand
M. D. A. Carmichael
M. V. Patterson
G. N. M. Hodgson

GOLD AWARDS

E. M. Brown
I. H. Graham
M. A. Shaw
H. Zylstra

The Walk

When the School as a whole decided to take part in a Sponsored Walk as its contribution to the Endowment Fund, in a moment of enthusiasm in April, I pledged myself to take part. Getting sponsors was not difficult, but most seemed to feel that 10–15 miles was enough, and the Henley Doctors offered £5 provided I walked one mile—but no more if I walked 30. A Headmaster friend had made 20 miles on his Walk, a son had completed 30, so there were certain targets which professional pride and family honour would have to be aimed at.

A short time before, Sir Colville Deverell, one of our Governors, indicated his willingness to be my companion, and as I gave him several years, I felt all was well. The day dawned, misty and ideal. We were in the first bus and morale was high. From the start, Sir Colville set a perfect pace, but early conversation was ominous. He rarely walked less than 15 miles a week, and loved walking. However, Aston to Shiplake took less than two hours and no refreshment was necessary. Here we were joined by two boys—Cedric Nixon and Bernard Baldwin—and off we went again. By Caversham, it was very hot, and blisters had appeared—so did a vital flask from the hip pocket. All along the refreshment points, manned by the ladies, were havens of sympathy and also of forceful encouragement. Caversham to Whitchurch was unbelievable. Tarmac for some of the time, hay for the rest. It was uncomfortably hot, and every now and then we met with those already on the return journey. My suggestion that perhaps honour would be satisfied at Whitchurch met with no response



After the great walk

Photo: Rev. B. Wilks

at all from my companions. So, after further foot attention and flask assistance, back we started.

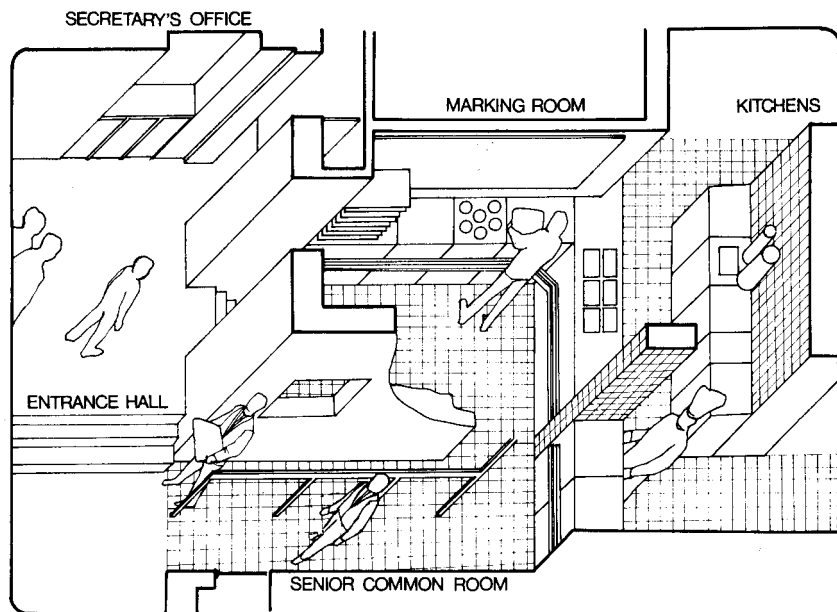
Rumours had been coming through that the Landlord of the Roebuck at Tilehurst had put aside a special room for us, but would he observe closing time? So off we set again, 12 miles to go. We made the Roebuck at 2.25, to be most warmly welcomed and to find at least 20 walkers of all age groups. Some clearly were not going to move on until closing time, but to most it was the saving grace.

By now, Sir Colville was setting a gentler pace, but clearly had no intention of giving up—though we did have a half-hour break at Caversham, and after all, six miles wasn't all that far. So off the four of us set. Bernard Baldwin developed a stitch, and we did not think we would see him again, but he caught us up by Sonning Bridge, where George Wright was standing giving maximum encouragement.

"John, I think you should lead now." Was Sir Colville flagging? Clearly not, but in his usual charming way he was suggesting that it might be advisable if I set my own pace. The last three miles were made easier by the thought of refreshment and a bath, and we came in strongly, if not quickly.

That evening, leavers were greeted by their Headmaster in a dressing gown in his drawing room, and the next four days were sheer misery. Four toe nails were the only real casualties. The hero was Sir Colville, for without his encouragement we should have stopped; but above all, perhaps, there was enormous satisfaction, and that went for all the others who made it. There will be one man, at least, who whenever he sees the new Servery will not forget the towpath of the Thames from Aston to Pangbourne.

J.D.E.



Axonometric drawing of the new servery

Architects: Williams Wright Associates

Library Notes

As far as personnel are concerned, there has been a wind of change blowing through the archives. In July we bid farewell to J. N. Falk, who had been a faithful servant to the community throughout his career here and despite many other commitments proved himself a good head librarian. At the beginning of the academic we lost the services of M. A. Alireza, A. C. Clark-Kennedy, A. R. Crawford, A. D. Fergusson-Edgar and J. N. Cottrell, all of whom had given two years' service in their capacity of Assistant Librarians, and our thanks are due to them for all they did.

Their leaving, however, left a big gap as the Librarian Staff was reduced to M. Guillaume, head librarian, I. R. Fraser, N. G. Mount, and P. E. Percival-Smith, so it was up to Guillaume to do some recruiting. R. S. Halbert and A. M. Leach had shown interest during the Summer Term and were found willing to serve full-time, and gradually a nucleus of new boys formed so that in the end we welcomed to the ranks N. J. S. Brown, T. Brunson, Y. Fujii, S. D. Lackford and R. S. Silberrad, and we are very grateful to them all for filling the void.

In the coming year we hope to introduce a book-selling system, which will operate from the Library, details of which will be published in due course.

During this year we received the following presentation copies, for which we are most grateful:

The Greeks and Their Gods	-	-	-	-	-	given by Lt. Col. J. Spragg
The Greek Comedy	-	-	-	-	-	given by Lt. Col. J. Spragg
The Government of Great Britain	-	-	-	-	-	given by Lt. Col. J. Spragg
Economics: Fact and Theory	-	-	-	-	-	given by Lt. Col. J. Spragg
The Geological Map	-	-	-	-	-	given by Lt. Col. J. Spragg
The Origin of Continents and Oceans	-	-	-	-	-	given by Lt. Col. J. Spragg
A Commentary on Shakespeare's Richard III	-	-	-	-	-	given by Lt. Col. J. Spragg
Chaucer—An Introduction	-	-	-	-	-	given by Lt. Col. J. Spragg
Le Lis et Le Lion	-	-	-	-	-	given by J. H. Ducker, Esq.

Speech Day

This year there were only two possible dates available for Speech Day, namely May 29th—Whitsuntide weekend—and July 3rd—Henley Regatta Finals Day. The former was selected and as it was a holiday week-end it was also decided to cut down the programme so that parents and their sons could get away a little earlier. As a result of this, Speech Day became a Speech Morning with everything finished by 1 p.m.

The Reverend Stephenson-Clarke, of Holy Trinity, Henley-on-Thames, conducted our Commemoration Service, which was attended by a fair number of parents considering the comparative earliness of the hour.

After the service there was little time in which to wander round the very varied and excellent exhibitions and before one knew where one was one was seated in the marquee awaiting the arrival of the chief dignitaries.

They duly took their places and the Chairman of Governors, Mr. A. H. Southorn, C.B.E., rose to welcome the guest speaker, Mr. A. Chenevix-Trench, M.A., Headmaster-elect of Fettes. He then had a few words to say about the School. The year 1970-71 had been one of consolidation, he said, during which time the Red House had become Burr House and the Boat Club had acquired a new VIII and a boathouse of considerable dimensions.

In addition, the Governors had been busy planning for the future, which inevitably meant that more money was required, as a result of which he regretted that the fees had to be increased yet again. He then explained the reason for a Speech Morning. "The basic reason is that as outside Examining Bodies insist on bringing the date of "O" and "A" Levels further and further forward, we were left with the choice between to-day and Finals Day of Henley; and, since this is a holiday week-end, we felt that we owed it to parents to interfere as little as possible with any other plans they may have made for these few days." The Chairman then made the point that Education involves more than just academic study and that here at Shiplake we try to play our part in the life of the Parish in several varied ways ranging from having two representatives on the Parish Council to maintaining the grass surrounding the War Memorial. Mr. Southorn then invited the Headmaster to present his report.

In his opening remarks Mr. J. D. Eggar referred to the progress that had been made during the twelve years of the school's existence and then, looking to the future, he said that it was hoped that the school would be able to provide a sports centre and a new classroom complex if the appeal at present in progress proved to be the success that everyone hoped it would be.

He then turned his attention to the boys, "who make the school tick." The seniors continued to set the right example, as a result of which the school as a whole had had a fair measure of success, in particular in the examination room. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme continued to flourish, as did drama, and in many other fields there had been marked progress. On the Sports field the Rugger XV had a disappointing season but the Hockey XI lost only one match and the Under 15 XI were unbeaten. On the river, too, the school had had its share of success at Reading and Wallingford Regattas.

In his closing remarks, the Headmaster returned to his original theme of "Do we achieve our aims?" and concluded by saying, "But above all, ahead is the future. I feel this is exciting. We still have much to do to make ourselves really modern, comfortable, well-equipped and compete as a school community in this changing but exciting world. You have given us what I regard as our best advertisement—the boys. I hope you feel we do our best to prepare them for the future."

After presenting the prizes, Mr. Chevevix-Trench then delivered his address. His main theme was that of understanding—applied to parents and boys alike. Serious though his main topic was, it was interspersed with anecdotes about personalities ranging from his own nanny, through Dr. Spooner and George Bernard Shaw to the young schoolboy at Shrewsbury. “There was a very small boy at Shrewsbury who was always late and always in trouble. One morning he cannoned into me as I came out of my house with my books and I said, “Late again, Smith?” and he said, with the most charming smile, “Bad luck, sir, so am I.” He was a very understanding child.”

He then addressed himself directly to the boys, by saying, “Sometimes people have asked me what I really think is the point of going to school in an age when after all things are changing so fast.” His reply to this was to quote an author of over one hundred years ago, who wrote, “You go to a great school not so much for knowledge as for arts and habits—for the habit of attention, for the art of expression, for the art of entering quickly into another person’s thoughts, for the habit of submitting with humour and good grace to rebuke and reputation, for the art of indicating agreement or disagreement in graduated terms, for the habit of regarding minute points of accuracy, for taste, for discrimination, for mental courage and soberness, but above all you go for self-knowledge.” He then pointed out that education never ends but develops throughout our lives. “Your job is not simply to amass knowledge. It is to use facts as you come across them.”

Mr. Chenevix-Trench then had a few words to say on the importance of being able to communicate, “the art of being able to enter quickly into another man’s thoughts,” and the courage—“the one irreplaceable virtue”—to be able to stand up for what you know to be right. “Courage is all; all goes if courage goes. That then is what I wanted to say to you all.”

So the speeches came to an end and all dispersed to the various house points to shiver briefly on the cool, cloudy and damp terraces, staying just long enough to say “Hello ” and “Goodbye ” and to down a welcome glass of wine or sherry.



Prize Winners

Form Prizes:

3C	-	-	-	-	-	-	P. K. T. Armstrong
3B	-	-	-	-	-	-	R. S. Halbert
Junior Reading	-	-	-	-	-	-	R. S. Halbert
3A	-	-	-	-	-	-	J. A. H. Hale
Third Form General Knowledge	-	-	-	-	-	-	J. A. H. Hale
Third Form Project	-	-	-	-	-	-	D. G. H. Dunbar
4C	-	-	-	-	-	-	A. J. B. Clayton
4B	-	-	-	-	-	-	R. J. Douglas
4A	-	-	-	-	-	-	J. M. P. Clayton
5C	-	-	-	-	-	-	T. R. Blount

Fifth Form Prizes:

Art Subjects	-	-	-	-	-	-	D. A. Youngs
Science Subjects	-	-	-	-	-	-	D. A. Youngs
Mathematics	-	-	-	-	-	-	D. A. Youngs
Headmaster's Music Prize	-	-	-	-	-	-	D. A. Youngs
Middle School Essay	-	-	-	-	-	-	D. A. Youngs
Science	-	-	-	-	-	-	S. P. Weller
Modern Languages	-	-	-	-	-	-	C. S. Smith

Junior English Essay	-	-	-	-	-	-	N. R. Sargeant
Junior Art	-	-	-	-	-	-	G. F. Thomas
Fourth Form General Knowledge	-	-	-	-	-	-	J. C. Inglis
Junior Poetry	-	-	-	-	-	-	V. F. Rakmil
Fifth Form General Knowledge	-	-	-	-	-	-	A. J. Campbell
Sixth Form Science Prizes	-	-	-	-	-	-	P. J. Soward

Sixth Form English	-	-	-	-	-	-	M. J. Hale
Sixth Form Modern Languages	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rosemary Hamilton
Senior Reading	-	-	-	-	-	-	M. D. Lloyd
Senior Essay	-	-	-	-	-	-	M. D. Lloyd
Senior Poetry	-	-	-	-	-	-	M. D. Lloyd
Senior Art	-	-	-	-	-	-	M. D. Lloyd
Senior Music	-	-	-	-	-	-	M. D. Lloyd
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Medal	-	-	-	-	-	-	E. M. Brown

Headmaster's Special Prizes	-	-	-	-	-	-	J. O. A. Thompson
							S. Wellby
							J. N. Falk
							A. H. Dean

Sixth Form Mathematics	-	-	-	-	-	-	N. J. Chiswell
Senior General Knowledge	-	-	-	-	-	-	M. R. Hayman
Sixth Form Science	-	-	-	-	-	-	A. G. Ridell
Head Prefect's Prize	-	-	-	-	-	-	A. G. Ridell

The Endowment Fund

No School today is ever able to make major capital improvements from its annual profits, least of all a new School which has not any large endowments. We have moved a very long way since 1959, but still we lack a number of things we would like to have.

Our previous Appeal, launched in 1963 and 1964, had raised over £25,000 and enabled us to develop Welsh House, build two new classrooms, and three additional science rooms.

This time the Governors decided to employ a professional firm, Richard Maurice, and the plan was to phase the Appeal in stages so that we could complete each stage as money became available, yet at the same time reserving the right to change priorities if necessary. Thus already Stage One, the modernisation of the Classrooms in the Stable Yard, has been largely completed with new windows, new blackboards, new paint, but above all, new Formica-top tables and chairs which are claimed to be "boy proof." Four rooms still remain to be completed and we hope for a small Language Laboratory.

A new Servery, partly the result of the Sponsored Walk, will be built in the Easter holidays. After that it is in the lap of the gods, but extra form rooms for a Maths., Economics, and Geography block are next on the list.

Unfortunately the Appeal did not get off to a good start—on the first day of the Postal Strike—and anyhow the first half of 1971 was not the best of years in which to raise money. However, after slow beginnings, things began to move in June and July, and by September our first target of £25,000 was passed. But we must have £35,000 at least, so much still remains to be done. At the time of going to print, the amount has reached £28,000.

In addition, ten years ago many parents and others loaned the School money with which to build Everett House. Some, whose sons have long since left the School, very generously have extended their loans. This more than anything else has given us the immediate cash to pay for the Appeal so that we could start at once. Obviously the quicker we can reach our target, the quicker we can build and the sooner we shall complete this stage of our development.

J.D.E.



Chapel Notes

This year has been one of settling down and development. After a long period of experiment, it has, I think, been both an asset and a relief to have a whole year in which the pattern of worship has been allowed to develop, dare I say it, more or less traditionally. There has, in fact, been one change, and I think an important one. Lessons are now read by anyone who cares to volunteer, with the result that the reading has improved and has brought a more family atmosphere into the service.

Perhaps the most startling improvement has been the general desire to participate more. The singing is rapidly becoming something of which to be proud in a small school and there are far fewer complaints about compulsory services. I think possibly that we are discovering that boredom comes from doing nothing and that to have a purpose and a faith is to fulfil our true destiny.

Good progress has been made in helping Charity through the covenanting of money. Since this system started, the following sums have been given:

£50 to Borocourt,

£68 to Pestalozzi Village,

£82 to St. Katharine's Convent, Parmoor;

in other words, six terms have produced £200.

We have had another year of happy association with Shiplake Parish, and thank them for the continued use of the Church, without which our difficulties would be tremendous. For the first time this year the whole School joined in the Village procession on Rogation Sunday, much to the bewilderment of the cows on Mr. Doble's Farm.

We were very pleased to welcome the new Bishop of Oxford on Confirmation Day, and he has promised to come and talk to us on a more informal occasion. The following were Confirmed on November 26th:

Adams, Matthew Talbot St. Barbe
Aylwin, Peter Charles Maxwell
Barnes, David Nicholas Vincent
Beaumont, Timothy David
Borland, Andrew
Brandreth, Benjamin Lance
Brindley, William James
Burgett, Kenneth Earl
Clark-Kennedy, Andrew Charles
Collett, David Alexander
Cooper, Garth Robert Gordon
Duckering, Robin Richard
Dudgeon, John Pierson
Forrester, Gregg Scott

Havard, Mark William Kenneth
Haydon, Michael Reginald
Huntington, Benjamin James
Jackson, Peter John
Lambert, Frederick Graham Anthony
Low, Simon John
Mason, Edward Francis
Matthews, Andrew John
Mitchell, Steven Clifford
Patterson, Maxwell Victor
Percival-Smith, Paul Ernest
Torrie, James Courtenay
Trueman, Malcolm Jeffrey

Once again, we are very grateful to all those who help to run the Chapel: Sister, the Masters' wives, Lesson Readers, Chapel Committee, and Chapel Squad, and the Choir, who have cheerfully kept up last year's

tradition of doing a fine job of work which culminated in a first class Carol Service, much appreciated by all who were able to be there. They also kept up last year's tradition of not putting away their surplices!

In 1972 we look forward to a year of further development with so much increased co-operation.

Amongst those who came to preach to us were: The Reverend Maurice Turner, from Crowthorne; Mr. R. Sale, Headmaster of Brentwood School; The Reverend J. Stephenson-Clarke, from Holy Trinity, Henley; and Mr. G. V. Surtees, Headmaster of The John Lyon School.

Burr House

Looking back on our first full year in our newly acquired house, I think we can say that in many ways we have had a successful twelve months. At the top Alan Ridell and John Falk led the house well and those below responded accordingly. In the short Easter Term, the Senior XI Hockey lost a most exciting first round game against Everett by the odd goal, and in the Junior League we won our last game against Skipwith, in muddy conditions, to win the shield. We also won the Chess Competition, thanks mainly to the enthusiasm of Edmund Thong, but alas fared sadly for the first time in the Music Competition and surrendered the trophy to Skipwith.

During the summer term new names were added to the prefectorial ranks so as to ease out the old brigade and blood the new, so it was that Bill Ritchie, Anthony Britten and Edmund Thong moved up the ladder, with Mark Jones joining them as a sub-prefect. So all was set for a good summer term with James Lundie and Christopher Richardson ready to lead the new team. Unfortunately, successes did not come our way and I feel it best to say that we tried our hardest at every sport but it was just not good enough, except in shooting where we won the shield yet again. Academically, too, we could have done better, although of the "O" level candidates Donald Gordon and Philip Carson deserve mention. Even so, the term ended on a very high note with the sponsored walk. All but one boy walked, twenty-three covered the whole thirty miles and of the remaining twenty all but three completed eighteen miles.

So we came to the end of the academic year when we said goodbye to Alan Ridell, John Falk, Bill Ritchie, Keith Sturgis, Graham Broughall, and David Collis, all of whom contributed something to the life of the school during their stay here, but in particular mention should be made of the first two, who led the house so well during 1970/71.

We entered the new year with James Lundie as head of house and school, with his new team of prefects giving him fullest support. On the rugby field our Seniors met severe opposition from Everett and we were heavily defeated, but the Junior XV went into the final round against

Everett and won a most exciting game in extra time. In the Cross Country Competition those who took part gave of their very best but to no avail. At the term's end we said farewell to Elvyn Eden, sub-prefect, and John Cooper, both of whom have done so much for the house in many ways. John Cooper, I am sure, will always be remembered for his musical talents. We also said goodbye to Joe Roberts and John Lindlar, both of whom had been with us for one term only.

So, another year is past and we look forward with confidence to 1972.

Everett House

After the excitement of new building and major changes in personnel, which have marked the last two years, Everett has had a quiet and steady year. The year was marked by rather more games success than usual. Eight Shields and the Golf Cup were won, which is the best we have done for a number of years.

Great credit for a successful school year which ended last July must be given to Mark Hayman, who ran everything remarkably well and provided first rate leadership on the games field. He managed all this without impairing his Exam results. We feel sure that Barclays Bank have obtained a first rate trainee in our ex-head of house.

The majority of the present prefects held office last year and this has meant a very happy, though lengthy, Autumn term. Ian Baldry and Robin Dand are school prefects; Guy Hodgson, Max Patterson, Allen Yates and Phillip Soward complete the team and Michael Fabb is the School's Captain of Boats. There are several seniors in the House who might have held posts of responsibility in a year when there were fewer leaders available. Although some have been disappointed, they have backed up Baldry and his team most helpfully.

Materially the house has changed little this year. There are plans afoot to create some single rooms—a long felt want—and the Bursar's staff have repainted the building inside and out. By half term it was obvious that our television set was literally dying of old age before our very eyes. Extravagant schemes for colour television were debated but were found to be financially unsound. One parent offered his assistance to help us purchase a new set at an advantageous price, but thanks to Dr. Borland we now have a very serviceable set, which will, we hope, help to postpone for some time the need to buy a new one.

Fortunately Everett's life does not revolve around television but depends much more upon a lively team spirit. This is, however, not all conquering as our feeble performances in Inter-House Debates, in the Music Competition, and in Athletic Standards revealed last year. There is no room for complacency and a great deal depends now on all those who have joined Everett since September 1970.

Skipwith House

On reading through the House Record Book the thing that stands out in the Spring Term of 1971 is not so much our success in various activities, which was considerable, but the House Spirit and determination shown on the games field, in competitions, and on the academic side.

The final of the senior house hockey was a desperate struggle, but we were unable to get the better of Everett even though we forced extra play, and we lost by one goal. In the junior matches we again seemed fated for even with the talent of S. R. Coston and S. C. Mitchell, the team again finished second, one point behind Burr. Another near miss came in the Inter-House debating competition when the Skipwith team held the attention of the School with their passionate speech-making on the European Economic Community. However, Welsh House's machine-spun-rhetoric won the day and Skipwith gained yet another second place. The Skipwith team was made up of: E. M. Brown (Chairman), A. Childs Clarke, R. G. Lester, J. R. Lazenby, and M. A. Humble. They were disappointed but received some compensation in winning their House Colours for their efforts.

The music competition was anticipated with mixed feelings, for we had now finished second so many times that a repetition of this could not bear thinking about. But on the night the whole House rose splendidly to the occasion and at long last the coveted music shield was in Skipwith territory. D. A. Youngs was superb and won the individual music prize, while the Head of House, N. J. Chiswell, had so encouraged the singing of the House song, "The Pirates' Song" from the Pirates of Penzance, that this item swept the board. Our Head of House also distinguished himself in hockey by playing for the 1st XI and being awarded his 1st XI colours. The House also provided the core of the second XI and were well represented in the under-15 side.

During the Summer Term, boys from Skipwith held key positions in every School team: in cricket, J. R. Lazenby and N. J. Chiswell both played for the First XI, with the latter gaining his School colours. In the House matches we suffered from the fact that the majority of our sportsmen were rowing or playing tennis. On the court our tennis star was undoubtedly D. A. S. Adams, who played in the School 1st VI and was awarded his First Colours. But we had not sufficient good players to defeat Welsh to whom our juniors also lost. Our revenge came in the House Regatta where Skipwith's three crews overwhelmed all opposition and won both the senior and junior shields. Skipwith provided four members of the College 1st IV, namely: D. C. Banks, M. R. C. Hodgson, J. A. L. Wills (stroke and captain of boats) and T. J. Rohn. Likewise in the First VIII Skipwith were well represented by R. G. Lester, N. P. H. Wrinch, C. P. G. Wild and D. Tchang as cox. It was not surprising that we did so well. All those mentioned were awarded their First Colours for Rowing.

The swimming sports gave Skipwith yet another second place, again behind Welsh, but we were more than compensated by having the first girl swimming for our team, Rosemary Hamilton, a unique event in the annals of the House and the School and one we hope will be repeated.

The summer activities drew to a close with the athletic sports. In the standards we held the lead for most of the term but were edged into second place a few days before the end of the competition. R. Halbert, S. Mitchell, M. Carmichael, D. A. Meech, D. A. S. Adams and N. J. Chiswell all scored a high number of points, but everybody in the house did his best. In the actual Athletic Sports meeting at the end of term the training of our best athletes paid off and we won a resounding victory. At the end of term House Colours were awarded to C. P. G. Wild, N. P. H. Wrinch, R. A. S. Willis, D. A. Meech and S. Akhavan. Finally we said "good-bye" to Nick Chiswell who will be missed in every activity of School life and particularly by his house, which he led well. We also extend our best wishes for the future to Derek Banks, Michael Hodgson, Mark Brown, Adrian Childs-Clarke, James Wills, Mark Hale, Nick Wrinch, Charlie Wild and Tim Rohn, all of whom will be sadly missed in the House and J.C.R. Lastly we wish Tommy Smith-Vaughan good luck on his return to the Nicaraguan Jungle.

The Autumn Term saw the appearance of a strong team of new prefects led by R. G. Lester as Head of House, D. A. S. Adams as Lieutenant of House, assisted by R. V. Smith, M. A. Humble, J. R. Lazenby, D. A. Meech and R. A. S. Willis as House Prefects. Later these were joined by S. Weller and D. Youngs as Sub-Prefects. We have welcomed eleven new boys, all of whom have settled down well in the amicable atmosphere of the House.

The "O" Level results had been good and half our new Lower Sixth now had four or more "O" Level passes to their credit. Some of these already have private studies but the "Soccer" enthusiasts of the House are sharing room 216 and we hope to arrange some more privacy for them next term. The juniors are at present all doing prep. in cubicles which most have decorated and painted. At the end of this term we again did well in the Rugby and Cross Country. In the final of the rugby the House met a strong team from Everett and in a ding-dong battle were finally defeated. It was an excellent game and both teams were congratulated on the high standard of their play. Much credit goes to D. A. S. Adams for his captaincy of our side, well supported by S. Mitchell, D. A. Meech, A. Campbell, S. Akhavan, and a newcomer to rugby football, M. Anderson. All these also played for the School First XV and gave our team a good hard core of trained players. Our juniors made up in keenness what they lacked in weight and experience but they lost to Burr. In the cross country Skipwith senior team ran well and won the shield. S. Weller was the overall winner with R. G. Lester second and D. A. Meech fourth. The juniors also put up a good performance. M. D. A. Carmichael was the winner with S. Mitchell third and R. S. Halbert fourth, but unfortunately

some of our juniors were not able to maintain the pace and we narrowly lost the junior shield, a clear lesson that in cross country running all must train as hard.

Finally, the term has seen a number of social events, including the now traditional Skipwith Bonfire Night party. A number of juniors have continued to go over to Shiplake House for bonfires and tea during the later part of term. We have warm congratulations to extend to our House Tutors: first to Mr. Oxlade on the occasion of his marriage in January 1971, second to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whittington on the birth of a baby girl during the summer holidays and finally we had great pleasure in welcoming Mr. N. A. Randall of Reading University as our new resident House Tutor. We also wish to thank all these and Mr. D. H. Drury, our Housemaster, for all their efforts on our behalf during the past year.

Welsh House

Looking at the wall in the Games Room, it is with regret that one sees some empty hooks where Shields once hung. It has not been a good year for Welsh House sport, but two competitions must certainly stand out. Firstly, the Debating Shield. As year succeeds year, it becomes an increasingly onerous task to retain this Shield, which we have never lost since its initiation. This year's team consisted of C. Viney, P. E. L. Hunting, M. D. Lloyd, P. F. Baldock, and was chaired by R. D. Hay, and the motion "That in the opinion of this House, colour prejudice is aggravated by the mass news media." The keynote was seriousness, and while other Houses threw away their chances with flippancy, we found to our relief that we had again won the Competition by a clear margin. The other Shield which deserves particular mention is the Swimming Shield. We knew we again had a strong senior team, captained by M. M. Williamson, backed up by such old hands as S. Wellby and M. Hawkins. What was so very encouraging was the outstanding performance of the juniors. G. Thomas, technically a Junior, won his events in the Senior team, and A. Clayton, having rarely dived before, broke the School plunge record by 4 feet. Both S. Wellby and M. M. Williamson also broke School records.

In the other events, the summer term was our best. In Hockey, we had a very inexperienced team and just lost to Skipwith. We lost the Squash Shield 5—0 against Everett's four members of the Squash 1st V. Our Cricket team resembled a Rowing VIII, but even so got through the first round and made 97 for 6 in the final (highest score S. Wellby—32). Alas, Everett made 98 for 1 in a very short time. We had better hopes of the Tennis Shield, but in spite of inspired play by the Captain, A. Deane, narrowly lost the Senior Shield, though we gained the Junior. We won the Athletics Standards, with records by M. D. Lloyd (Javelin), and J. M. McGuigan (Captain, Discus). But our main hopes were pinned on the

Rowing event, boasting as we did so many of the 1st VIII and 1st IV. It was most disappointing that we did not take either Shield. The Christmas term offered us little. Our senior Rugger XV also was comprised of too many oarsmen, and we were defeated by a record(?) 78—0. The Juniors had a close and hard game until H. Alireza suddenly broke through a couple of times and none of us was fast enough to catch him. Both Cross Country teams did well, but only made second place.

Two other events deserve mention. We came a close 2nd in the Music Shield, due almost entirely to the varied talents and leadership of M. D. Lloyd, whose performance in this and the School Concert were among the finest musical achievements this School has attained. Our part in the School Play was also above average; nearly half the cast, including all the prefects.

At the end of the Summer Term, Head of House A. H. Dean left, with two excellent grades in "A" Level Mathematics, and S. Wellby, Vice-captain, with two perhaps less good but, dare I say, more unexpected "A" Levels in Ancient History and Art. M. D. Lloyd in addition to his memorable performances in music and drama, scraped "A" Level French, M. A. Shaw gained an "E" in Maths. and J. McGuigan an "E" in History. P. E. L. Hunting is now Head of House, and the other House Prefects are R. D. Hay, C. Viney and M. M. Williamson. A. Leake and D. Dalzell have their House Colours.

Dramatic Society

"Antigone" at Shiplake College

CAST									
<i>Ismene</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Bridget Sellers
<i>Antigone</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Elizabeth Padfield
<i>Guards</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Michael Fabb
									Benjamin Huntington
<i>Chorus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Charles Viney
									John Muir
									Michael Pike
									Gavin Thomas
									Andrew Leach
									Mark Williamson
									Thomas Blair-Fish
									Victor Rakmil
<i>Kreon</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	David Youngs
<i>Sentry</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Robert Hay
<i>Haimon</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Robert Halbert
<i>Teiresias</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	David Tchang
<i>Messenger</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Peter Hunting
<i>Eurydike</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rosemary Bulford

Sophokles' "Antigone" is an excellent choice for a school production. It is a moving story, the characterisation painted in bold primary colours that young actors can interpret convincingly without the need of a sophisticated technique, and its staging offers enormous opportunities for imagination and invention, using the full resources of a production team of designers, musicians and the effects department.

Also—it is short. This is no aspersion on school productions, but the problem so often with a Shakespeare play is the great amount of plot to be got through, and the amount of words to be learnt, which too often reduces its performance to mere feats of memory. But with a play of one and a quarter hours long there is no such drawback: the economy and compression of the Greek convention allow more time for detailed rehearsal, and more time to develop ideas and effects. Most important, the tragedy moves inexorably to its climax without the irritation of the interval, and this too is an advantage for young actors. The audience does not have to be wooed back after coffee and biscuits; the mood can be set, developed and intensified, as the play unfolds mercilessly, and the Theban Royal Family are once more hurled into self-destruction.

In the performance given on Wednesday, October 27th, the cast found and sustained the mood well, and gave a rendering of the play which had considerable vigour, sincerity and understanding. It was presented in a fresh and lively translation by Mr. Dudley Fitts, and given a strong imaginative production by Mr. David Welsh. No pains had been spared to achieve authentic detail: the set itself, with its patterned dancing floor and frescoes of The Bull Dancers (painted by Mr. Welsh and Mr. David John) was beautiful; Mrs. Jennifer Welsh's costumes were striking and harmonious.

At the heart of the play is the Chorus. Their presence is constant, and their role an extremely demanding one. Not only do they chant, drum, dance and mime, but, most difficult of all, they must respond to everything and reflect the mood of the main protagonists. This on the whole they achieved well: they were involved and sympathetic commentators. There were moments when eyes grew glassy, but with no place of retirement apart from the stage itself, this was forgivable. It was a small stage for the dance sequences, and at times lack of space reduced the steps to Eightsome Reel routines. They were most effective in the sequences demanding strong emotions: in the Ode "Fortunate is the man who has never tasted God's vengeance," in "All Dance's beauty was locked away in a brazen cell," with its accompanying mime of revenge and death; and at the moment when we think Antigone is saved, and the mood changes swiftly and violently from rejoicing to despair. The speaking of the Chorus was of variable standard: there were some good voices, notably Mark Williamson and Michael Pike, and the interaction of speaking and tape-recording was effected with considerable skill and success. There were times when some of the sense and poetry of the lines were lost: sharp images such as the "lithe fish" and "the timeless labour of stallions"

did not have the impact they should, partly because the Chorus sometimes had difficulty in topping the sound effects and music. They needed to experiment with a wider range of vocal colour to match the different textures of the sounds, which were most ingenious. The choice of elec-



The Chorus

Caption on Page 27

tronic and Indian music was exciting, as was the drumming—at which Charles Viney excelled.

If the play itself is short, the same cannot be said for the role of Creon, whose presence, like the Chorus', is almost perpetual. Creon's task is to present the case for law and order against the deeper sympathies which are aroused by the action of his niece. "Anarchy, anarchy! show me a greater evil," he contends to Haimon; he must portray the struggle between the demands of the two moralities to give the play its dramatic conflict. David Youngs established the necessary dignity of the part, which was a particular achievement in a costume which, appropriate as it was, called for greater resources of movement and gesture than he at present possesses. He spoke on the whole with strength and good sense, although his acting is not yet sufficiently mature to show the development of character, and to effect Creon's sudden collapse, and his transformation from competent administrator to grief-stricken husband and father.

His two nieces are strongly contrasted characters: Ismene all softness and "gentle sorrow," Antigone resolute in her defiance. Bridget Sellars showed a good feeling for her part, easy stage movements and an attractive voice. She could have made more of the final rousing of her courage, and her offer to die with her sister—an offer brusquely thrust aside by Antigone. Elizabeth Padfield struck the right note immediately with her interpretation of the title-role. She showed the vein of granite in Antigone's character, although she needed a little more imagination and humanity to lift the final climax off the ground to give it its full force. She is a tall actress, and must beware the tendency to stoop on the stage, and avoid wandering, meaningless movements; but her striking good looks and telling voice made her a convincing and compelling tragic heroine.

Antigone never encounters her lover Haimon on the stage, so the relationship never has a chance to develop between the two, and Haimon has to indicate the strength of his love for her on his own. The deeper psychological motivations of the character Robert Halbert left well alone, but he brought freshness and vitality to his characterisation, and showed a good voice and persuasive speaking.

David Tchaing's Perresias' provided one of the high points of the evening. He has an excellent stage presence, and his deliberate delivery of his lines showed how effective stillness can be. His entrance heralded a quickening of the tension of the tragedy.

Robert Hay tackled his role as the Sentry with assurance; sometimes too much assurance. As the man who dares to answer Creon, back he brings a certain comic relief to the play, but at the same time he must keep the natural tension between ruler and subject. Robert Hay tended to become over familiar, which endangered the convention, and reduced Creon too much to "one of the boys" in their scene together. On the other hand, Peter Hunting retained the convention well in his interpretation of the Messenger, and managed to bring authority, sensitivity and intention to his catalogue of catastrophes.

At the receiving end of his terrible news is poor Eurydike, who is hurtled straight into the maelstrom of disaster. Once on the stage she hardly had anything to say, her only task being to respond silently, before retiring to her death. The wordless response she is called upon to make is difficult for any actress; Rosemary Bulford did her best, and managed to awaken our sympathy for the unhappy queen.

Benjamin Huntington was rather a chilly looking guard, but he and Michael Fabb carried urns and bore stretchers efficiently.

All in all, this production of "Antigone" showed much enthusiasm, care and attention to detail, and considerable imagination and understanding.

Katrina Hendrey.



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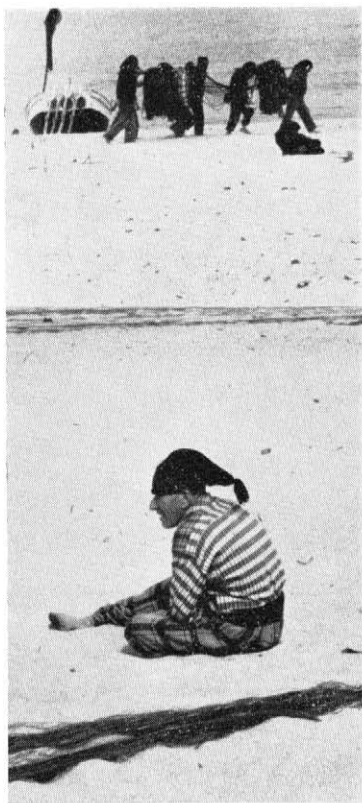
Sentry (Robert Hay), Antigone (Elizabeth Padfield), Guard (Benjamin Huntington), Ismene (Bridget Sellers), Guard (Michael Fabb), Kreon (David Youngs) and below, The Chorus.

Photos: David Carpenter of Oxford.

Contributions

Life/Death

Whispy little sea shells nestle in cracks;
Silvery water splashes the sand;
Crabs crawl across open spaces;
The sun cracks the paint on keels;
Boats lie on the beach in waves of sand;
And amongst it all, an old man;
Who's darning nets for the younger men;
Overhead, seagulls circle like vultures. V. RAKMIL.



Fishermen of Nazare

Photo: V. Rakmil

He wanted to see how the leaves would die

He wanted to see how the leaves would die
before they marched him away
weary yet glad he touches old prison walls
ivy peeps round window like spear tips
towers and greys walls span before him
his eyes leading him into the perfect loneliness.
The tumult dies the fall begins
whirling gently down like broken fragments
the motion of a fleeing dream and the trees
hold out their dead branches as fingers of a man's hand.
Each dead leaf turns like a second of the night
forgotten in all its pains
soon the leaves will have died in their sleep
long long ago and his tears fall as thick
as those leaves that portend death
and he heard the lock wheel on the door turn
its grind unreal
soldatesque they matched him to the gallows
in the air of rumpled clouds the black leaves shiver
like wounded men on a battlefield
laughing he emptied the essences of his existence
and he knew now he could die bravely and not alone
for he had never heard the leaves complain.

J. R. LAZENBY.

To Men lost in War

Pageants of naked women
Wailing loud,
Persecuting their husbands loss,
Mourning for colourless corpses,
Dead as lifeless spheres of iniquity,
They cling like dewdrops to memories
Like bitches to their offspring
Even as God to His son,
contemplating facts before them,
Their lacking lives behind them,
Men dead, husbands lost,
Children crying,
Wailing,
Beating at their mother's breast,
Undertakers in sombre black,
Sallow cheeked,
Divine yet not holy,
Priests give burial,
Ashes to ashes and dust to dust,
Forgotten and past
Yet husbands to the last.

M. HUMBLE.

Russia

Crucify your artists.
Lurk in the shadows with your righteous verdicts.
The freedom of the poor comes in gifts of black.
The tapestries are destroyed by fists of cruelty and hands of unworthiness.
You the spectators at the circus cannot curb and strangle the freedom that exists uncovered.
While pens are broken men work on.
I love the fires of freedom.
I loath the keys of chains.
The day awaits when you will be judged by judges of the just.

C. VINEY.

Children on a Hill

Running wild splitting the air with laughter.

Race to the top and down and around.

Almost flying in a whirling expression.

The sun's obedient warmth.

I stand smiling at their presence; yet drawn with pavement
eyes to the city's glass.

Cage of paranoid pleasure.

They fall like leaves on a tree.

To join the one-armed-bandit treadmill.

C. VINEY.

The Earth

R. Duckering



The Children have gone

A mother's eyes search
the house is empty
the garden is cold
the tortuous laburnham
where they played
is weeping in a shower of golden leaves
the sand has finally settled
and the sun lays yellow
paved stones out to its centre
and on . . .
. . . into the red light
the lines lead on
into the mass of fire
her eyes are drawn in
and there they are
there they hide
alone, quiet and helpless seated in the sun.
D. A. S. ADAMS.

Death in a Room

As the clock on the wall struck six it struck a chord inside of me,
The old man lay in the chair encrusted in a chair gazing with
staring rampant eyes,
That displayed the apathetic blindness of his birth.
The old woman who laughed when the wind whispered in her
ear.
And it was the wind which laughed at her.
The window out onto prophets, reflected in on the migrating
sorrows of age.
We will journey into it and they will journey out of it.
But I will taste the smell of that room.
I will see the sight of those shadows.
I will feel the touch.
And I will be afraid.

C. VINEY.

The Stoned Jew

Today my soul is sure proud
i rescued life from a jew whose visage had melted
like that of Stephen's
and now the park has turned to sleepiness
i remembered how i had found him rending screams
beneath the tattered network of the trees
the half glimpsed leonine-like clouds
the handful of stones
the boots that struck
and then ceased
and in his eyes i saw memories all sheeted
and the rocks that had splintered to pieces
on his pitiful back
he tried
how he tried to hide from the expressionless
faces of his onlookers
melancholy swelled out of his dark eyes
the sudden quiet no tribute
i gave him a cigarette
later he persecuted the butt
but never in the sense of retaliation
just seeking heart's ease the sleepiness of the park
reminded him of the backwater
tears that drop and catch in his windblown hair
and i felt a strange delight
when through all that pain and warm blood
he smiled and told me his biblical name.

J. R. LAZENBY.

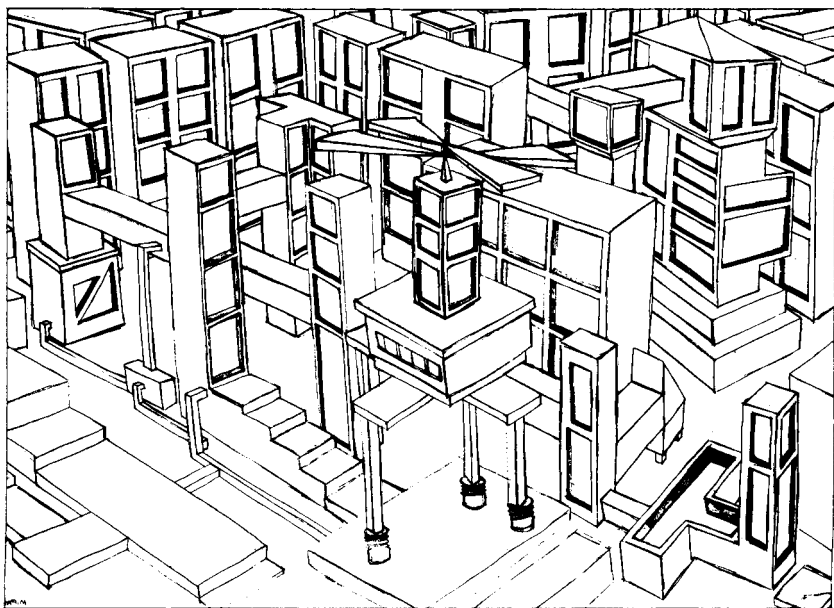
The City through My Window

Like candles in neat rows alight,
Across the evening sky from left to right
Burning sentries astride the motorway path.
Tearing sky from earth like a flaming staff;
All this, from my window I can see.

Safely, racing cars dash beneath their guarding beams,
Sending me lighted messages, or so it seems,
Neat pair of red and white
Come into view, and then disappear from sight;
All this from my window I can see.

Like a caravan on ice they flow,
From where they come I'll never know.
I could watch for hours this changing spectrum,
But I am baffled by the light,
And in time my mind goes numb.
All this, from my window I can see.

M. ANDERSON.



The Silent City

M. Fabb

The "End of Term Racketeers"

"I think it's the biggest racket" were the words of the Headmaster as K. Sturgis, A. M. Jones, E. Eden and myself walked out of his study, having gained his "consent" to go on a Geology expedition to search for fossils and see some of the structures which had so far only been portrayed on the blackboard for us.

We set off in Keith Sturgis's Mini on Tuesday, June 29th, at 9 a.m. To put it mildly, the car was crammed; at our feet, on our laps, and between us were tents, sleeping bags, bacon, beans, geology hammers and cookers. After collecting a few more provisions from home, we headed towards Moreton-in-the-Marsh, leaving behind us a trail of paraffin fumes from the Primus stove between my feet. I never did quite work out what was wrong with it.

After we had had lunch, we went to a quarry at Ashton Magna which was the property of the Gloucestershire Brick and Tile Company. We gained permission from the manager and hacked our way forward into the quarry face, where we were lucky and found several good fossils.

We moved off at about 4 p.m. to find a camp site. We gained permission from a haymaking farmer to camp in his field. I was woken up by the song of birds but had second thoughts about the wonders of nature when I found it was 4 a.m. We had a healthy breakfast and moved off to Snows-hill quarry which turned out to be a dead loss because all we found was one miserable lamellibranch, which smashed when I tried to get it out of the rock. We packed up disheartened and tried to find the Huntman's quarry, which was still being worked. We found the Foreman, who was good enough to tell us that they were blasting so we decided that if we saw a belemnite with T.N.T. stamped on the side we wouldn't try to take it home with us. We pressed on regardlessly and fruitlessly, as we didn't find a single fossil.

We had better luck though at the Blockly Station quarry and found the best and most numerous specimens yet, although I was a little disconcerted about the form I had to sign on agreeing that the company should accept no responsibility for any bodily loss or damage. It was there I distinguished myself by calling the others over to help me remove a piece of obsidian from the earth which after about fifteen minutes of delicate archaeological type excavation we found to be the top of a Guinness bottle.

That night we slept in a field near Woodstock as the next day was to be spent at Shiplake for cricket matches and to watch the School row at Henley.

At about 5 p.m. all except Mark Jones set off for Basingstoke, where we were to meet him at the Red Lion coming back from his cricket match. We found a magistrate in a village named Broughton who was willing to let us camp in his field.

The next day we had a look at Portland Bill but we didn't find a lot

to see, so we went along the coast to Charmouth, which is about three miles from Lyme Regis. At Charmouth we had a somewhat bracing swim and found only a few small ammonites. We had difficulty that night in finding somewhere to camp cheaply and in the end found ourselves camping in the field of the original country bumpkin to whom we paid 15 pence.

I was disappointed with Lyme Regis, because we found only a few fossils. Mr. Jones was right when he said we would find fossils which we "could" pick up and take back to school, unfortunately "could" was the operative word as only a man with about the same mechanical specification as a medium-sized crane could have even budged the fossil-containing rocks, let alone carry them a mile back to the car.

Our final stop on the expedition was Lulworth Bay, which really was worth seeing. The whole of the surrounding rocks have been fantastically folded.

Time was getting on, however, and we had to be back by Sunday for the swimming sports. We didn't arrive back at Shiplake until about 11 p.m. Saturday night due to a mechanical mishap in the Mini.

I should imagine that G. Pringle has started a tradition at Shiplake and from his day on, there will always be, like us, some "End of term racketeers."

W. B. Ritchie.

It is May, 1971, and I am getting ready to leave Shiplake, after the best year of my life. I feel I have learned so much during the last twelve months. Being with my father on many of his visits outside Japan, I have seen Arabs, Persians, and Americans, amongst others and often you try to guess what a people will be like before you enter another foreign land. My year in England has shown me that it is quite impossible to judge a people on just a week's visit.

I remember my first night at Shiplake. When I got to bed I thought, "Can I stand up amongst the foreigners?" Luckily I soon found a number of kind friends. I found my first Sunday the worst for there was so much less to do; in fact Sunday has been the most difficult day throughout my stay here.

Smoking was the thing that shocked me most. In Japan very few between the ages of 15—19 smoked and I was always very surprised when I saw English boys heading towards the bushes.

After the long summer holidays I found myself playing the "Gentleman's Game"—Rugby Football. I enjoyed it very much but, perhaps, not as much as the "Hooligan's Game"—Soccer. Because I liked the Rugby matches so much, I believe that this term was my best here.

What else did I find strange compared with Japan? Seniors' Privileges, just because you had been in the school a few terms. This is rare in Japan. At Shiplake we had very few outings during term. At home we had many more. They were fun and taught us a great deal. The exams in England were not very difficult but took a long time. In Japan things were the other way round.

In the Spring Term I enjoyed the Third Form project very much and during it I learned a great deal about England. I shall miss going to watch Arsenal during the holidays.

As I pack up and get ready to leave I feel it is a great pity that I have to leave such a wonderful school.

K. Ishiguro.

Music Notes

In the Inter-House Music Competition Burr lost the shield, held by them for the past three years, to Skipwith, who were first with 84 marks. Welsh came second with 81, Burr third with 70 and Everett scored 60. The adjudicator was Mr. P. C. Ruddick, Director of Music at Henley Grammar School. The standard of performance throughout was higher than in former years, and the competition provided an enjoyable evening of music.

Several visiting bodies of musicians have given concerts at Shiplake during the course of the year, whether under the auspices of the Music Department or not. These include the Summer Concert of the Henley Symphony Orchestra, given in the marquee on June 27th, a visit by the band of Parkhouse School on May 22nd, and a performance by a "popular" group of players on June 26th.

The School Summer Concert took place on July 4th, during a spell of extremely hot weather. The instrumental players overcame the tuning difficulties occasioned by the high temperature very successfully and the intonation throughout the evening was very accurate. The Band played ten short pieces in all, by composers ranging from Hilton to Schumann. An ensemble new to our ears was a saxophone quartet, and of its contributions Templeton's "Bach goes to Town" was very well received. Among other items we enjoyed a piano solo—Schubert's Impromptu in A flat—played by an old boy, Stuart Barham, and two improvisations by Marc Lloyd, the first on the guitar and the second in which he played, very adroitly, the flute and the piano simultaneously. For him it was his last concert as a boy here, and we wish him every success in the future. David Youngs' contribution to the programme was two movements from Dunhill's Phantasy Suite for Clarinet, played with his usual reliability.

The Christmas Concert took place on December 5th and as usual included carols, including three for the audience to join in. The guest artist was Helen Cooper (violin), who was accompanied by James Stobart. She played two concerto movements, by Kabalevsky and Vivaldi respectively, and the last movement of Dvorak's Sonatina. It was good to hear some string playing at Shiplake again, especially of such a high quality. David Youngs provided the solo contributions from the School, playing a clarinet solo and a piano solo, the latter an Etude of his own composition. This concert was the last for John Cooper, to whom we extend our best wishes for the future.

We also take this opportunity to thank all those who came to help with the concerts—visiting teachers, friends and old boys—and those who give their support by joining the audience.

Chess Club

During the Spring Term the Chess Shield proved a most interesting and exciting competition. Matches were played on an all-play-all basis, and all was set for a grand finale when Burr and Skipwith each won both of their matches against Everett and Welsh. It appeared that Skipwith would win since S. Coston had a substantial material advantage against N. Junat. However, Junat mated Coston with his only remaining piece to win the Shield for Burr.

The Autumn Term has seen a revival of the Chess Ladder Competition. Third and Fourth Form boys play every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, with the object of moving higher in the ladder. At the moment, the leader is Y. Fujii, but he will have to be at the top at Easter in order to win the competition.

Although Chess is popular amongst the younger members of the School, the number of Fifth and Sixth formers who attend meetings is most disappointing at present. Those who are interested are most welcome to attend.

The Greek Club

During the last year the Greek Club has maintained a membership of about a dozen people.

The year started by the reading of some of Aristophanes' plays. Being the only surviving "Old Comedy" playwright we took particular interest in his works, and read "Ekklesiazusae," "The Birds" and "Thesmophoriazusae." By way of contrast we also read Euripides' "Hekabe." During the term we had a very successful trip to the Young Vic to see Sophokles' "Oedipus." This production was played to a packed house—in spite of the hard seats, and in no way disappointed the audience. The acting of the main characters, mostly young members of the Company, was superb, and the handling of the Chorus was particularly effective, with its use of varied rhythmic material and original dance formations.

The majority of the summer term was spent discussing and reading much of the "Last Days of Sokrates" by Plato. This study led to many interesting discussions on philosophy, so that we failed to reach Sokrates' death by the end of term.

The society did not meet during the winter term, because most of its members were involved in the School Play, a production of Sophokles' "Antigone," a choice inspired by our previous visit to the Young Vic. The details of this play can be found elsewhere in the magazine.

Natural History Society

This has been a successful year for the society, which caters for all branches of Natural History. The keenest section, led by D. Collett, are those who keep rabbits, hamsters and caviaes. Although we lack proper accommodation for this activity, we have done our best and raised subscriptions to provide hutches. We bought one large run and D. Dunbar made another to his own design. The rabbit population is now five and we are grateful to Mr. John for giving us a beautiful pair of caviaes. Now, with enough hutches, we look forward to breeding successes.

It is a pity that so few boys take part in field work in the school grounds but it is hoped that with the encouragement given to the younger boys by project work, this may improve. There is a tremendous amount of wild-life in the vicinity which mostly goes unnoticed. In the Summer term, though, parties of boys made visits to the Bix Nature Reserve, famous for its flora.

Next term we shall hold indoor meetings to show films and hear talks by members. As the days get longer, we shall be found more by the river and around the ground.

S. C. Oxlade.

Sailing Club

This has not been a good year for the club on account of our continual loss and damage caused by vandals. After getting the boats and equipment into good order, all our hard work was ruined by hooligans. Our main project now is to build a new compound for boats alongside the rowing boathouse, and this will start next term.

The encouraging side to the year has been the emergence of some talented sailors among the younger members of the school. In our matches against Bearwood College we were soundly beaten in the summer, when we sailed very badly, but this last term, although again defeated, we sailed extremely well. In unfamiliar boats, on a strange water, and in very strong winds, we did very well to adapt to the conditions and sail a close race. C. B. Waples, a new member, sailed very competently and handled a large dinghy with impressive ease.

During the course of the next two years we hope to replace our ageing Cadets with Mirror Dinghies, which have many advantages. These boats can be built from kits, and so this will also provide members with boat-building experience.

SAILING CLUB OFFICERS

<i>Commodore</i>	-	-	-	-	-	S. C. Oxlade, Esq.
<i>Captain</i>	-	-	-	-	-	A. P. N. Yates
<i>Vice-Captain and Bos'n</i>	-	-	-	-	-	D. S. Cooke
<i>Junior Bos'n</i>	-	-	-	-	-	M. J. Barclay

Sixth Form Society

At the beginning of the spring term the officers of the Society were Alan Ridell, vice-president, and Mark Lloyd, secretary.

The first meeting of the term was concerned with Simon Wellby's lecture on "Modern Art" which appears to have converted some members to an appreciation of Modern Art. Next the Society discussed prisons and whether they are the cure or punishment for crime. Exactly how much the members were against the idea of prison was demonstrated in the final voting, where only one member raised his hand for them as they exist today. In the absence of the secretary J. O. A. Thompson undertook the difficult task of documenting P. B. Bleackley, Esq.'s lecture on the German philosopher Nietzsche. Although well prepared and in some parts amusing, Thompson maintained that it was above the mental capacity of most of the members. Miss Barbara Cooper gave a lecture on her "Impressions" of the world next. Although good, the effectiveness of her talk was diminished by a faulty projector, which did not do justice to her excellent colour slides.

Adrian Childs-Clarke's lecture on "Abstractions" was good, and well received by the society. Talking of human perfection, love, and truth he concluded his talk with a marvellous quote from Max Erhmann, "With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy." Mark Lloyd, the secretary, spoke on "Buddhism"; he gave an interesting and entertaining history of the religion and what it stands for. One meeting was delayed until the summer term and this was a lecture by Mrs. Rodgers, who is herself Russian, on "Russia." Altogether it was interesting and revealing. The Society also went on an expedition to London to see "Conduct Unbecoming," which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. An excellent exhibition in the summer term compiled by members of the society was also very much appreciated. The exhibition portrayed the various lectures and other activities of the Society over the preceding year. David Johnston made an effective display on "Education" while Phemister and Patterson made exhibitions on "Modern Art" and "Napoleon." Miss Barbara Cooper's lecture on "Impressions" was also displayed; of the others the ones concerned with Nietzsche, Buddhism and photography excelled.

The society's annual dinner was very good despite the fact that the guest of honour, David Tomlinson, Esq., was unable to come at the last minute. The president, D. F. K. Welsh, gave a speech to conclude another "society year," saying that the papers given by boys had on the whole been better prepared and more interestingly delivered than before. The standard of discussions had also improved.

In September Society officers were as follows:—James Lundie (vice-president) and Charles Viney (secretary). It has been a profitable and interesting term for the Society. The first meeting was concerned with a

discussion on "Music," which since it involved nearly everyone, was more lively than some. The following week James Lundie, Esq., gave his lecture on the "Vasa"—a Swedish boat which has been recently salvaged. Though long and assiduously constructed, honestly I cannot say that it inspired the imagination of the assembled company. A discussion on "The future of Public Schools" was the next topic with which the Society was concerned. Though inconclusive it did allow room for some ridiculous opinions to be aired, and was in this way profitable for some.

Peter Hunting gave a lecture on "A history of Everest." Much trouble had been spent over the compiling of the talk; it was interesting and in some parts enlightening. F. G. Markham showed a film on "India." Apart from the hypnotic effect of the camera-tape recorder apparatus it was a beneficial and educational evening. Charles Viney gave a lecture on the "Oz trial and its Implications" which was met with mixed approval from the society, although proof of some interest lay in the fact that a creditable number of people remained behind afterwards to view the "printed matter" concerned with the trial. Brother Noël of the Franciscans has recently talked to the Society on Trades Unions. Being a member of the Electrical Trades Unions himself he gave an informative account of the struggles and achievements of the Unions. On September 24th the society went up to London for its termly outing. Most members went off to see the new Greek Rooms at the British Museum. "A Voyage Round My Father" was the main objective of the evening; although well acted, the conclusion was predictable and indecisive compared to the forceful attitude of the play's theme.

Shooting

As in 1970, 1971 was an abortive year as far as the "Country Life" Competition was concerned, owing to the Post Office strike. The result of this was that the competition was postponed until May, an impossible month for us and many other schools, which was a pity as we had the possibility of a reasonable VIII, under the captaincy of R. J. Dand.

Throughout the Summer Term we fired the Empire Test concurrently with the House Competition. Out of 130 who fired, 23 qualified as Marksmen, 36 as First Class, and 29 as Second Class. Burr retained the shield in the House Competition with an average of 53.6, a slightly increased score on 1970, the year when recruits took part for the first time; Everett were second with an average of 51.6, Skipwith third with 45.5, and Welsh fourth with 31.7. It is a pity that so many members of the C.C.F. still do not appreciate their responsibility in this Test towards their house. Far too many do not fire before the House Competition deadline and so their House average must inevitably suffer.

We hope to enter a team for the "Country Life" Competition this

year and have been practising as and when time permitted during the Winter Term, 1971, but it seems to become increasingly more difficult for members of the squad to find enough time to practise regularly.

Finally, I should like to express my thanks to Dand for all he has done during the past year in his capacity as Captain of Shooting.

The Thirty Club

Aston? Who had ever heard of the place before we peered at the Thames river bank in the early morning mist of a July day? Striding out we pass places that have only been names in rowing reports before this morning. Temple Island; Remenham Club; Fawley; the Barrier. Henley Bridge is busy with traffic—almost always one man in a car—Lower Shiplake is busy with mothers collecting children and delivering them to school. The river bank at the boat houses is well populated for so early in the day. Cards are signed and drinks taken and the stride is resumed.

At Sonning Bridge general rejoicing—we have got here before Mr. Wright. The line of march now enters an industrial zone, natural beauty is left behind and instead gas holders and tower blocks rapidly succeed the power station. A rainbow bridge spans the Kennet—"Phew, this will be awkward on the return trip." Reading has no riverside beauties until Caversham Bridge but the next refreshment point obscures even these. The sun breaks through and emphasises the wisdom of the young lady mowing hay on the outskirts of Reading. On top of a tractor and wearing a bikini she is far removed from the "Solitary Reaper" admired by Wordsworth.

Untidy and overgrown, with broken down fences, the railway embankment runs alongside the river now. The air of neglect must cause the Directors, who once made the G.W.R. the smartest railway in the world, "turn in their graves." Underfoot the going is hard and uneven—often the tow path is crumbling away. The planned route now brings us to the main road—Jaguar and Jensen vie with each other in attempts to cause a serious accident. A gap in the stone wall and a splurge of oil on the ground indicates the site of a recent error of judgment.

"Turn to the right—down through Purley"—Many small boxes in which humanity sits to look at smaller boxes. "Follow the river from Mapledurham," continued the instructions. The famous Mapledurham House cannot be seen from the river. As the sun beats down in the heat of the day Whitchurch Bridge seems a mirage in the distance. Lunatic hay makers drive tractors like Jehu; six or seven workers lean busily against a large pipe at so much an hour. With such jaundiced thoughts we come to Whitchurch; report in; drink copiously and turn about. Now every few minutes we encounter our colleagues in this enterprise—words of encouragement or gloom are exchanged according to one's mood.

Now, like Edmund Blunden's carrying party on the Somme, "Our hope was out of action." Caversham Bridge is the point of no return. Why give up now? Why linger here with those who dropped out at Whitchurch and have hurried by lorry to a self satisfied picnic tea? Salter's Steamer—The Nuneham—offers temptation and an easy ride home. Nuneham now seems to be the one Thames-side beauty spot we haven't trudged through today. As expected the Kennet Bridge is sheer agony. At Sonning the tramp is still asleep in the grass where we saw him this morning. On the hotel lawn afternoon tea is being taken but we know where we are going now. Across several fields journey's end can be seen. The going underfoot is rough, every step is an agony. Somehow there ought to be crowds to cheer us—but there is none. Still we are now some of the sixty-four who constitute the Thirty Club.

Young Farmers' Club

The Club has had a particularly active year with many visits and talks. One of the most popular events was several visits to Mr. Gore's farm for clay pigeon shooting. We are indebted to Mr. Gore for providing the cartridges and clays and to Mrs. Gore for some superb lunches. Most of the visits and lectures have been made possible by Mr. Douglas and here again the club has been very fortunate. In the summer term the boys kept a dozen Capons, which were sold at the end of term. This proved a very popular activity and it is hoped that it will be repeated in the future.

C.C.F. Notes

Army Section

This year we had the pleasure of being inspected by a parent, Major-General C. W. Dunbar, C.B.E. Major-General Dunbar, who is the Director of Infantry, inspected the Contingent in the morning and visited the Army and Navy Sections separately in the afternoon. He saw part of the Army Section firing on the miniature range and then visited the rest of the section either organising or taking part in an Orienteering exercise held in the vicinity of the College grounds. The Major-General made suggestions about altering our training programme to take more account of our facilities and promised to try to provide more for adventurous training and particularly canoeing.

In June our cadets took the first tests in the revised proficiency examination. The results were very satisfactory and thirteen credits

were awarded in Test I, Inspection and Drill. At Camp ten boys also passed the Orienteering test, which now replaces the map reading tests. A further fourteen boys passed this test this term. As a result, J. A. Russell became our first cadet to be awarded a certificate under the new arrangements, having already obtained the Silver Award in personal survival swimming and successfully taken part in a D. of E. Bronze Award expedition.

Our senior cadet, Cadet Under Officer A. G. Ridell, was awarded a Royal Naval Flying Scholarship and learnt to fly at the Oxford Air Training School at Kidlington in the Easter holidays. He completed a further five hours flying time at the end of the course and obtained his Private Pilot's licence.

The best recruit this year was J. P. Dudgeon, runner up being N. Jumat.

Field days were again spent in the training areas near Pirbright and at Churn range. The Annual Camp was held at Okehampton in the Dartmoor training areas. Mr. M. W. Mash attended the camp with the contingent to run the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award expeditions on the moors. The weather was fine, which was lucky as we were in such an isolated area. Conditions might have been grim on wet days as there are few recreational facilities near Okehampton other than the moor.

R.N. Section

1971 has been a year of steady progress in the Section. Changes in the syllabi for Proficiency and Advanced Proficiency, together with the departure from the Section of several senior Cadets, has resulted in a shortage of fully qualified Cadet Instructors, but it is hoped that this position will be relieved soon.

Easter Term was spent preparing for the General Inspection, when the Section staged a "Royal Tournament" type race between the teams which involved carrying a heavy car wheel, first of all on level ground, then across the river in Assault Boats, over a jackstay, and finally up a steep bank to deliver it to the Inspecting Officer—an exercise which proved most enjoyable for all who took part.

In the Summer, we at last managed to get everyone out to sea for Field Day—half spending the whole day in the Solent carrying out navigation exercises in the Fleet Tender "Froxfield," and the rest learning how to handle smaller boats in Portsmouth Harbour under the guidance of the Staff from the Command Seamanship School.

Field Day in the Autumn again gave us the opportunity of using the "Froxfield" in the Solent, while others joined up with the Army Section to fire .303 at Churn Range.

Senior Ratings during the year were as follows:

Spring Term	-	-	-	Cadet Cox'n N. P. F. Wrinch
Summer Term	-	-	-	Cadet Cox'n J. W. Lundie
Autumn Term	-	-	-	Cadet Cox'n A. P. N. Yates

R.A.A.

Athletics

The Inter-House Standards Competition went very well with a slight variation on previous years. This time standards were held every Tuesday and then at varied times on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday so as to give everyone the maximum opportunity to turn out. I should like to thank all Captains for the good turn outs we did achieve. The Inter-House Athletics Shield was run on the same basis as in previous years except that this time we had only two groups, A and B, owing to the age discrepancies among the four houses.

Results:

INTER-HOUSE STANDARDS

1st	...	Welsh	561pts.	ave. 11.68
2nd	...	Skipwith	514pts.	ave. 10.48
3rd	...	Burr	404pts.	ave. 9.39
4th	...	Everett	412pts.	ave. 8.07

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS

1st	...	Skipwith	223pts.
2nd	...	Everett	196½pts.
3rd	...	Welsh	176pts.
4th	...	Burr	162½pts.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS FOR 1971 AND RECORDS

Group A

100 yds.	-	P. J. Soward (E)	10.5 Rec.
220 yds.	-	Soward	25.3 Rec.
440 yds.	-	N. J. Chiswell (S)	57.3 Rec.
880 yds.	-	D. C. Banks (S)	2.19.0 Rec.
1 Mile	-	L. J. Phemister (E)	5.06 Rec.
High Jump	-	T. M. McGuigan (W)	5' 3" (Rec. McGuigan 5' 6")
Long Jump	-	I. R. Baldry (E)	18' 9"
Shot	-	Banks	34' 5½" Rec.
Discus	-	McGuigan	96' 10" Rec.
Javelin	-	M. D. Lloyd (W)	116' 8" Rec.

Group B

J. M. P. Claytop (E)	11.9 (Rec. Soward 11.4)
M. A. Alireza (S)	26.6 Eq. Record
S. Akhavan (S)	63.0 (Rec. H. Massaquoi (E) 59.7)
S. C. Mitchell (S)	2.24.7 Rec.
Mitchell	5.08 Rec.
E. Alireza (W)	4' 7" Rec.
P. A. Andersen (B)	15' 4" (Rec. Soward 17' 9")
J. M. P. Clayton (E)	30' 10½" (Rec. Massaquoi 34' 10")
J. K. Muir	90' 3" Equals Rec.
Andersen	106' 3" Rec.

Boat Club

The 1970-71 Season has been a milestone in the history of the Boat Club. We saw the arrival of a new racing shell eight from Donoratico, collected by Leander Club at Easter and purchased at a cost of £1,000. This marked the final stage in the Appeal which started three years ago in the "Mileage makes Money" Boat Club Sponsored Row and which reached over £2,000 in the end. With this money a fleet of boats has

been built up and last Summer we saw the completion of a new Boathouse suitable for housing eights. With this as a sure foundation, the School Club has earned some promising results.

At the Reading Schools' Head-of-the-River, the first competitive event of the year, Shiplake came 1st and 3rd having entered two eights. At Reading University Head on March 13th, a week later, the First VIII collected the Novice Pennant coming 30th out of 121 entrants, and in spite of having to row a substitute at the last moment. The Colts VIII put up a fine show on the three-mile course by defeating our own second crew. Again the Colts did well in the Henley Head-of-the-River Race when they raced as two fours. The "A" crew came 2nd in their class racing in rough conditions with a strong head wind. Meanwhile the Senior IV, whose efforts throughout the season never faded, rowed very well at Henley and came 7th overall.

Thus ended the pre-Regatta season and we prepared our boats for racing during the last part of the Easter Holiday. The great event came when the trailer arrived safely from Italy with the new eight aboard. Several days were spent in rigging her, since fine adjustments were required to suit our lightweight crew. But she was ready in time for several outings to be held during the holiday, with the crew based on



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Leander, and they were already confident they could handle her before the term started.

At the start of the Summer season the main emphasis was on racing for the junior crews, and they were prepared for a number of regattas. The Junior Colts split up into two fours for Gloucester Regatta and the "A" crew rowed with determination until knocked out in the semi-final. The "B" crew were not so fortunate as they had a "row-over" and then had to meet a fresh crew in the second round almost at once. However, the Regatta provided useful experience for the younger boys and they were tuned up for Reading Regatta where again they put up a fine performance but failed to win through. This is the first time that three junior crews have raced in Regattas and it augurs well for the future that they more than held their own against tough Public School opposition.

The Colts VIII also had a promising season. They again went to Gloucester in two fours. The "B" crew were knocked out early in the afternoon but stayed to cheer on the "A" crew who were alongside Pangbourne "A" until two's blade broke and the race was over for us. At Reading Regatta the Colts, now once more rowing as an eight, went off to a false start in the first round. When they got going again, they failed to hit their stride and lost by a narrow margin.

With the arrival of a new boat for the 1st crew we were able to give the "Sims" Eight, which the School has now purchased, to the second crew and thus nine more senior boys were given the chance of some top class racing. They raced well at Gloucester but were not up to Hampton Grammar School's crew, who had trained more consistently at Easter. They were dogged by further defeats at Reading and Marlow but never lost heart and saw some fine racing. We hope to boat another second eight in the coming season if examinations permit enough seniors to continue rowing as a sport.

The first Four were the "heavies" of the Club and mainly a Skipwith crew, stroked by the redoubtable J. A. L. Wills. They made their Summer debut at Wallingford Regatta and managed to involve themselves in one of the most exciting dead heats on record. Then in the re-row they crushed the opposition by a wide margin. This effort may have taken a lot out of them for in the semi-final they were just beaten by Hereford by one length. Hereford, a fine crew, then went on to win the restricted fours at this Regatta. It was unfortunate that this four were not given any chance to show their ability at the Pangbourne School's Regatta where they were not called to the start on time, due to a change in the programme, and thus were disqualified due to absence. Racing at this Regatta was farcical due to the poor conditions and inequality of the lanes and the National Press commented that it will not be long before the National Schools will be held at Nottingham.

The First Eight also had a good season. They won a trophy at Wallingford, beating in turn a number of Oxford Colleges, of whom Lincoln and St. John's were the best. The weather was appalling with continuous drenching rain and a mill race stream but the crew were ably

coxed and rowed intelligently. Again at Reading they raced well in the Schools event to capture the silver "Viking Ship" trophy, which was considered very apt. They beat Abingdon by a powerful start and the issue was never really in doubt. Shiplake set up the fastest time of the afternoon. Events at Pangbourne are best left unrecorded. Crews were lucky to get started at all in many events and in one of our races Winchester were pinned sideways on to the starting punts for twenty minutes due to the stream. Marlow was also made tricky by flood conditions but the organisation was better and in spite of this most of the races got away on time. The First Eight had an exciting race with Emanuel School First Eight to whom they lost by two feet. Our performance at Regattas justified an entry to Henley Royal Regatta where we were given a bye on the first day and then raced St. Pauls, Concord of the United States who were a seeded crew. At the start Shiplake went into the lead but St. Paul's slowly caught up and beat us by a margin of five seconds. For a first appearance at Henley most experienced observers felt that we had not been disgraced.

The School crews were as follows:

1st IV
bow M. R. C. Hodgson
2 S. Welby
3 D. G. Banks
stroke J. A. L. Wills
cox T. Rohn

1st EIGHT:

bow C. Wild
2 R. G. Lester
3 M. M. Williamson
4 A. P. N. Yates
5 P. E. L. Hunting
6 N. P. H. Wrinch
7 A. B. Leake
stroke M. L. W. Fabb
cox D. Tchang

COLTS EIGHT:

bow A. Campbell
2 J. Skipper
3 I. Cruikshank
4 D. Dalzell
5 P. Baldock
6 S. Weller
7 A. Rant
stroke S. Varnals
cox K. Cooke

2nd EIGHT:

bow T. A. Smith-Vaughan
2 W. B. Ritchie
3 C. Viney
4 A. G. Britton
5 J. W. Lundie
6 R. A. S. Willis
7 P. M. Kidson
stroke R. D. Hay
cox G. Forrester

JUNIOR COLTS EIGHT:

bow A. Burghes
2 B. Humphrey
3 G. Thomas
4 M. Carmichael
5 A. Clayton
6 T. Gore
7 M. Pike
stroke R. Douglas
cox P. Hullah

With Henley over we turned to our own House Regatta where Skipwith swept the board. The final results were as follows:

SENIOR ROWING:

1st Skipwith
2nd Welsh
3rd Everett
4th Burr

JUNIOR ROWING:

1st Skipwith
2nd Welsh
3rd Burr
4th Everett

Cricket Club

1st XI

In contrast to last Season, as the results show, this was a far from successful season, although we had the necessary ingredients for a more than competent team. The one ray of hope in the otherwise Stygian gloom is to be gleaned from the fact that many of the team will be here next year and even the following one.

Hayman wanted to lead the team by his example with the bat, but perhaps the burden of captaincy was too great, and his batting lacked the confidence and dependability of previous seasons. Too often he was caught behind the wicket or in the slips nervously pushing forward to a ball that was moving away from him. The team could have done with some good innings from him, but it was not to be. As captain, he handled the bowling well, but one often felt that he failed to put pressure on incoming batsmen and, in this, he lacked the support of the fielders.

This perhaps spotlights one of the weaknesses of the team. It was potentially a good fielding side, with Packer being the most outstanding but it rarely managed to field well for a whole match or for successive matches.

The bowling was potentially strong with a spearhead of three fast/medium bowlers to choose from. Packer and Elmer usually opened and both bowled well on occasions, although both lacked consistency in line and length. Packer often tried to bowl a little too fast when a drop in speed would have increased movement off the ground. Elmer was determined to do well, and tended to become easily disheartened by lack of success.

Thong, bowling slow and slow/medium cutters, was usually the most successful bowler, with an uncanny ability to drop the ball on the spot from the very first over. He could be relied on to block up one end when runs had to be kept down.

One weakness in the team, as in many school teams today, was the lack of spin-bowlers. Dand, bowling his leg-breaks, was often expensive, which was only to be expected from a right-arm bowler attempting to maintain a length with leg-breaks. However, he settled down towards the end of the season and could be a useful asset next term. Patterson was another young player who bowled very well on occasions, and he too should be a useful player to call upon next season. Lazenby made a fleeting appearance in the team, but he was unable to command a place for long. It is to be hoped that he will regain form and interest by next year.

The batting was, as has been hinted at, not as strong as one would hope for in a First XI. Most members of the team showed that they were able to play a good innings, but most of them lacked sufficient concentration to build up a good score. My disappointment in their lack of success

in this direction was never greater than in the match against the South Oxfordshire Amateurs, when a succession of very immature and lackadaisical shots led to a very ignominious defeat.

Looking to the future, there is likely to be considerable competition for places next season and the season after. This can only be good, and the fortunes of the Cricket Club should be improving.

The regular members of the XI were:—M. R. Hayman (Capt.), A. M. Jones, R. A. Elmer, A. C. Packer, N. J. Chiswell, J. D. Hincklieff, E. K.-L. Thong, R. J. Dand, M. V. Patterson, A. D. Gordon.

The following also played:—J. R. Lazenby, M. A. Shaw, D. Youngs, K. Sturgis, J. O. A. Thompson, G. Corrie.

Old Colours were:—M. R. Hayman.

Full Colours were awarded during the Season to:—A. M. Jones, E. K.-L. Thong and N. J. Chiswell.

Second Colours were awarded to:—A. C. Packer, J. D. Hincklieff, R. J. Dand, M. V. Patterson, A. D. Gordon.

D.S.P.

RESULTS

- May 1st. v. Radley 3rd XI. Away. Won by 5 wickets.
Radley 82 all out. (Elmer 4 for 22, Packer 3 for 13).
Shiplake 84 for 5.
- May 8th. v. Stoneham School. Home. Lost by 21 runs.
Stoneham 63 all out. (Lazenby 3 for 29, Packer 3 for 14).
Shiplake 41 all out.
- May 12th. v. Reading School. Away. Lost by 10 runs.
Reading School 140 for 6 dec.
Shiplake 130 all out. (Packer 44).
- May 15th. v. Headmaster's XI. Home. Match abandoned.
Headmaster's XI 145 for 8. Rain stopped play.
- May 22nd. v. Bearwood College. Home. Lost by 17 runs.
Bearwood 87 all out. (Packer 3 for 31).
Shiplake 70 all out. (Hayman 37).
- June 12th. v. Redrice School. Away. Match Drawn.
Redrice 93 for 7 dec. (Thong 5 for 21).
Shiplake 56 for 9.
- June 13th. v. South Oxfordshire Amateurs. Home. Lost by 83 runs.
S.O. Amateurs 169 for 8 dec. (B. Hopkins 40, M. Ladd 52).
Shiplake 86 all out. (Thong 24).
- June 19th. v. Abingdon School 2nd XI. Home. Match drawn.
Shiplake 96 all out (Elmer 28, Chiswell 33).
Abingdon 74 for 6. (Thong 4 for 18).
- June 23rd. v. Oratory 2nd XI. Away. Match drawn.
Shiplake 126 for 7 dec. (Gordon 26, Packer 29).
Oratory 54 for 9. (Thong 4 for 20).
- June 27th. v. Old Vikings. Home. Match drawn.
O.V.S. 168 for 7 dec. (R. Devas 105 not out).
Shiplake 163 for 9 (Gordon 24, Packer 29, Hincklieff 70).
- June 29th. v. Lord Wandsworth's College. Away. Match drawn.
Shiplake 142 for 7 dec. (Jones 26, Packer 26, Chiswell 51).
Lord Wandsworth's 85 for 6 (Thong 4 for 7).
- July 6th. v. Reed's School. Away. Lost by 93 runs.
Reed's 185 for 9 dec. (Barlow 98).
Shiplake 92 all out. (Packer 38).
- July 9th. v. Olympia-Viborg (Central Jutland) C.C. Home. Lost by 9 wickets.
Shiplake 83 all out.
Olympia-Viborg 84 for 1.

1st XI AVERAGES

BATTING

	No. of innings	Runs	Not Out	Highest Score	Average
A. Packer - -	12	242	1	44	22.0
E. K.-L. Thong - -	9	78	3	24	13.0
M. R. Hayman - -	11	119	1	37	11.9
N. J. Chiswell - -	11	112	1	51	11.2
J. D. Hincklieff - -	12	121	1	70	11.0
R. A. Elmer - -	12	121	0	28	10.08
A. M. Jones - -	12	102	0	26	8.37
M. A. Shaw - -	4	16	1	11	5.3
R. J. Dand - -	10	26	5	8*	5.2
M. Patterson - -	8	27	2	11	4.5

* Indicates not out.

BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. Packer - - -	123	28	276	25	11.04
E. K.-L. Thong - -	123.1	39	285	25	11.4
R. A. Elmer - - -	90	19	235	16	14.7
J. R. Lazenby - -	32	4	99	6	16.5
M. A. Shaw - - -	12	0	33	2	16.5
M. Patterson - -	75	17	212	11	19.27
R. J. Dand - - -	37.1	1	149	6	24.8

Wanderers XI

Because of the weather, we were unable to wander any further than our own pitch and the result was that we won two matches, lost one and drew two. No fewer than twenty-five different people played for the team on different occasions and so we were able to maintain our aim of giving a game to anyone who wanted one.

I am at a loss to explain why the gentle lobs of Mr. Esau managed to mesmerise seventeen members of visiting teams, but deceive them he did. The Headmaster showed that skill with bat and ball does not disappear as the years go by.

Several boys contributed useful innings and Jones reserved his best performances for the Wanderers' matches and ended up with an average of 39. Packer gave us a glimpse of sun-drenched Barbados with an enterprising (if not faultless) innings against Reading University Academic Staff C.C.

Everyone, however, contributed to the overall success of the team. Sister Grayson once again organised the teas throughout the season, despite the repeated provocation of pads and clothes on the tea-tables. Many thanks to her, and to Brooke Bond-Liebig (Blounts Court C.C.), who provided wheels for the new sight-screens, and to Lt.-Col. Travers and his band of helpers who assembled them.

D.S.P.

RESULTS

- May 9th. v. Blount's Court C.C. Won by 12 runs.
Wanderers 71. (M. R. Hayman 28).
Blounts Court 59.
- May 16th. v. Bearwood Stragglers. Match drawn.
Bearwood 143. (Blake 72, R. A. Esau 6 for 22).
Wanderers 126 for 5. (A. M. Jones 41 not out, D. S. Partridge 40).
- May 18th. v. Reading University Academic Staff. Match drawn.
Reading U.A.S.C.C. 144. (Lazenby 3 for 35, J. D. Eggar 3 for 30).
Wanderers 139 for 9. (Packer 32, Stewart 35).
- June 26th. v. Shiplake Memorial Hall. Lost by 3 wickets.
Wanderers 117 for 9 dec.
Shiplake Memorial Hall 119 for 7 (R. A. Esau 4 for 21).
- July 4th. v. Coppid Hall. Won by 3 wickets.
Coppid Hall 123 (Megnough 32, R. A. Esau 6 for 34).
Wanderers 124 for 7. (D. S. Partridge 47).

2nd XI

The 2nd XI played five matches this season, winning two, losing two and drawing one. If one remembers that the team was not a settled one because of illness and promotions to the 1st XI, then the team may be complimented on the results. As well as providing a useful pool of reserves for the 1st XI, they managed to play some good cricket and to enjoy themselves at the same time. A season in the 2nd XI is often a stepping-stone to the 1st XI and there were signs that several of the younger members of this team will be promoted before long.

RESULTS

- May 6th. v. Crookham Court 1st XI. Away. Won by 56 runs.
Shiplake 86 for 9 dec. (Shaw 21).
Crookham Court 30. (Lazenby 9 for 7).
- May 13th. v. Cokethorpe School. Home. Match drawn.
Shiplake 126 all out. (Hincklieff 68).
Cokethorpe 105 for 7.
- May 22nd. v. Bearwood College 2nd XI. Home. Lost by 4 wickets.
Shiplake 32.
Bearwood 33 for 6.
- June 2nd. v. Reed's School. Home. Lost by 9 wickets.
Shiplake 58.
Reed's 60 for 1.
- June 29th. v. Lord Wandsworth's College. Home. Won by 8 wickets.
Lord Wandsworth's 47 all out. (Shaw 6 for 14, Thompson 4 for 12).
Shiplake 48 for 2.

Under-15 XI

Cricket in the Junior Colts side continued to be rather a mixture. There was considerable talent and a great deal of individual success. However, I did not feel that the team spirit was as good as that of other Seasons. The side was unfortunate to lose Hodson through injury so early; he started promisingly—5 for 16 against Stoneham—and is a good all-rounder.

Generally, the bowling was more reliable than the batting, though

there were some good individual scores. Clayton hit a spirited 27 against Pangbourne, and Mitchell and Coston made 34 and 60 respectively, which together with Stewart's 5 for 37 and Low's 4 for 46 gave us a decisive victory against the Oratory.

Alireza, M. and Coston put on 80 against Lord Wandsworth's, but unfortunately the match ended in a draw.

Special mention must be made of Coston, who was the outstanding fielder in the side. How many more matches would be won if everyone fielded like this.

Mitchell captained well, if a shade too diffidently. He should go on to make good scores in the future.

Cozens' bowling was a useful contribution, as was his general attitude in the team.

If Low continues to bowl as he did this season, many wickets should come his way in the future.

RESULTS

v. Abingdon School	-	-	-	-	Lost by 7 wickets
v. Stoneham School	-	-	-	-	Won by 10 runs
v. Cokethorpe School	-	-	-	-	Lost by 4 wickets
v. Lord William's G.S., Thame	-	-	-	-	Abandoned
v. Bearwood College	-	-	-	-	Lost by 11 runs
v. Redrice School	-	-	-	-	Won by 1 wicket
v. Pangbourne College	-	-	-	-	Lost by 68 runs
v. Oratory School	-	-	-	-	Won by 5 wickets
v. Lord Wandsworth's College	-	-	-	-	Match drawn
v. Reed's School	-	-	-	-	Lost by 9 runs

Under-14 XI

RESULTS

v. Bearwood	-	-	-	-	Shiplake 60	Bearwood 60
v. Reading School	-	-	-	-	Lost by 100 runs	
v. St. Piran's	-	-	-	-	Won	

Fencing Club

The Club at present is very low in numbers, which is a pity because we have W. H. Jones, Esq., British Academy of Fencing, as our instructor, and the fees are very reasonable.

Most of our matches now take place at College, but the results over the year have been very disappointing. During the year R. D. Hay (captain), A. J. B. Clayton, and D. G. H. Dunbar gained their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award for Fencing. Dunbar also attended a course in July in Norfolk under W. H. Jones, Esq.

I should like to thank I. H. Graham, our captain for 1970/71, for all the hard work he put into the club and also congratulate him on gaining his Silver Award for Fencing in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

T.S.M.

Football Club

We have played 15 matches, won 5, drawn 3, and lost 7. The juniors have played one game which they lost 4—5. As one can see from our results, we have a long way to go. We have some talented players amongst the seniors as well as the juniors. But the biggest of our problems is that we do not have enough competition for places in both teams, especially the senior team. Last year we were helped greatly by Mr. D. S. Partridge and Mr. R. A. Esau, who often played with us on Tuesdays, and they were joined this year by Mr. N. A. Randall.

In the senior team we have Mark Jones in goal, who is a very confident goalkeeper and is always sure of himself. Max Patterson is a very calm and sure player when under pressure. Guy Welbrock-Smith is a very encouraging captain and a steady player, who also sets a good example to his players. Charlie St. George (H.G.S.) has played only one game for us and he was by far the man of the match; he tackled, headed and passed well. We hope he can play for us more often. David Akhavan is a very determined and hard player and never gives up. Nick Chiswell always controlled the mid-field, where he had an excellent season before leaving. Stephen Mitchell has good ball control and accurate passes and is a good defender. Eddie Dirnfeld has always played as a striker. He has good days as well as bad ones. David Argenti is a very good centre-forward, with excellent foot work and a very powerful header; he has always been a menace to the opposition's defence. Mohamed Ali Reza uses his height well when heading the ball. He can play well if he wants to. Phemister was a very skilful and determined player. We also have two newcomers this season in H. Alireza and D. Nops, who looks promising for the future.

A. ALIREZA, Secretary.

Hockey Club

1st XI

Almost inevitably the beginning of the season was marred by inclement weather and for the first few weeks practice was limited to a concrete area. It is to the credit of the team, therefore, that they started so well when they had had very little match preparation.

It was apparent from the outset that it was not going to be easy to select a balanced side, because we were fortunate in having a good deal of competition for all positions. As it turned out, however, we were able to keep an almost unchanged, and very successful, side together for the whole season.

The main weakness in the team appeared to be in defence where there was an initial inability to cover and a susceptibility to the through-ball. Hayman, at right-back, was a tower of strength, although he often relied more on power than skill. By the end of the season, however, he had remedied his deficiency in the latter.

The problem in defence was solved in the best way possible and that was by the development of teamwork and rapport between halves and backs. Guillaume, at left-back, always played steadily and could usually be relied upon if others made mistakes, although he was often very slow in turning.

Hinckleiff, at centre-half, played far better in the second half of the term when he curbed his natural inclination to move too far forward, and he always distributed the ball intelligently.

Another of the initial problems was the failure to create links between forwards and halves, and because of this the team failed to press home the advantage on several occasions when the forwards lacked support from behind.

The obvious solution was for the inside-forwards to concentrate more on their roles as links between halves and backs and to feed the wingers and centre-forward. This began to show results and enabled our wing-halves to regain their positional sense. Thong, at right-half, used the ball intelligently and his stick-work improved noticeably as the season progressed. It was obvious that he preferred to flick the ball rather than hit it and this had obvious disadvantages on the wet pitches we inevitably encountered. As the pitches dried out, he came into his own and his distribution speeded up.

The other half, Patterson, played a similar role to that of Thong and he always tackled well and used the ball to good effect. If any criticism is to be levelled at the halves, it is that they were unwilling to hit the ball square to open up another avenue of attack.

The inside-forwards were expected to get through a great amount of work, which entailed covering in defence and then joining the attack, and this they did very effectively. Dean played at inside-left and, in addition to being leading goal scorer, he managed to do a great deal of work in midfield. His almost non-stop running did much to improve the general efficiency of the team. For most of the season Jones played a similar role to that of Dean as the other inside forward, and he too contributed a great deal in midfield and in attack. Towards the end of the season, Gordon stepped into the inside-right berth and for the few matches he played his was a different role because of the nature of his play. He preferred to push and flick the ball and for that reason he was used in midfield to feed the wingers and strikers.

Chiswell was effective at centre-forward mainly because of his determination and willingness to fight for the ball. He was a skilful player, but one felt that he could have created a few more openings if he had not held on to the ball for so long. However, this must not detract from the fact that he was a very useful player to have at the front.

Baldry began the season in goal and the sight of this padded juggernaut descending on unsuspecting attackers was often frightening. His determination to win the ball made up for his lack of skill and he made several good saves, but he eventually hit a patch when he appeared to lose his concentration. Shaw replaced him in goal for the last few matches and showed good anticipation when stopping at least three certain goals.

This leaves only the wingers of whom not as much use was made as was perhaps desirable. Falk, on the left, had the attributes of a good turn of speed and good stick-work. When he was given a ball to run on to, he caused more than a little discomfort behind opposition defences. Johnston, on the right, was an efficient winger because he did exactly what his position required. On numerous occasions he managed to beat the defence, take the ball to the corner and then centre firmly to the back of the circle. With a little more luck this could have led to more goals than it did.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the season was the lack of histrionics that at times seems to be an integral part of modern sport. It was a pleasure to be associated with a side that obviously wanted to win and enjoy the hockey at the same time.

A successful team inevitably has a successful captain and Hayman was obviously a well-liked captain whose suggestions and actions were always based on careful thought and appraisal of the situation.

Perhaps mention should be made of the award of Colours. Normally Second Colours would be awarded to those boys who had played well and contributed to the success of the team both on and off the field during the course of the season. In view of the success of the side this season, however, it seemed fitting that Full Colours should be awarded to all those players who were regular team members. This should not lower the value of the Full Colours, but should show that the side was an above-average one.

Old Colours were M. T. Hayman, E. K.-L. Thong, J. D. Hincklieff and J. N. Falk.

Full Colours were awarded during the season to A. H. Dean, and at the end of the season to M. Patterson, M. Guillaume, N. J. Chiswell and D. G. Johnston.

Second Colours were awarded to I. R. Baldry, A. M. Jones, A. D. Gordon and M. A. Shaw.

RESULTS

Jan. 21st	v. Crookham Court (Home)	-	-	-	Won 7—0
Jan. 23rd	v. Reading School (Away)	-	-	-	Cancelled
Feb. 6th	v. Radley College 3rd XI (Away)	-	-	-	Won 2—1
Feb. 10th	v. Newbury G.S. (Home)	-	-	-	Drew 1—1
Feb. 13th	v. St. Edward's School 3rd XI (Home)	-	-	-	Won 4—1
Feb. 24th	v. Reading Bluecoats (Home)	-	-	-	Won 6—2
Feb. 25th	v. Lord Wandsworth's College (Home)	-	-	-	Won 2—1
Feb. 27th	v. Reed's School 2nd XI (Away)	-	-	-	Won 2—1
Mar. 3rd	v. Henley G.S. (Away)	-	-	-	Lost 1—3
Mar. 11th	v. Masters' Common Room (Home)	-	-	-	Won 5—2
Mar. 13th	v. Bearwood College (Home)	-	-	-	Won 3—0
Mar. 14th	v. Old Vikings XI (Home)	-	-	-	Drew 1—1

Played: 11. Won: 8. Lost: 1. Drew: 2

2nd XI

It would be surprising if a successful 1st XI was not backed by a successful 2nd XI. This season's 2nd XI was more successful than the results would suggest. Several of the players were capable of filling a gap in the 1st XI and the team was capable of playing very good hockey. They were perhaps unlucky to lose by the odd goal on the three occasions that they were defeated, but this does not alter the results.

Not enough goals were scored because there was often a lack of incisiveness in the forwards when chances had been created by good midfield play. On the other hand, too many goals were conceded because of lax marking and careless mistakes at the most inopportune moments.

Regular members of the team were:—J. O. A. Thompson (Capt.), R. A. Elmer, R. J. Dand, I. Graham, A. N. Hodges, D. A. Youngs, S. Mitchell, J. M. McGuigan and G. Welbrock-Smith.

Also played:—S. R. Coston, M. Hodson, I. R. Baldry, D. A. Adams, A. M. Jones A. D. Gordon.

RESULTS

Feb. 6th	v. Radley College 4th XI (Away)	-	-	Won	5—2
Feb. 10th	v. Newbury G.S. 2nd XI (Home)	-	-	Lost	1—2
Feb. 13th	v. St. Edward's School 3rd XI (Home)	-	-	Lost	0—1
Feb. 17th	v. Leighton Park 1st XI (Away)	-	-	Drew	1—1
Mar. 13th	v. Bearwood College 2nd XI	-	-	Lost	2—3

Played: 5. Won: 1. Lost: 3. Drew: 1

D.P.S.

Rugby Club

Before I relate to facts, statistics and, perhaps, a little surmise, I should like to pay a sincere tribute of thanks to all those who have helped me in so many ways with the continued development and running of the Rugby Club: to my colleagues, Messrs. Ducker, Partridge, Wood, Wells-Furby, Randall and the Reverend Wilks for the hours they have given to coaching, refereeing and playing the game and for the valuable advice they have given me; to Mr. Webb, the groundsman, for looking after the pitches; to Sister Grayson for caring for injured players; to the House Matrons for looking after the boys' clothes, and, particularly in this context, to Mrs. Cooke for very kindly attending to the 1st XV kit this term and to my wife for doing so while Mrs. Cooke was ill; and finally to Miss Tomalin, the School secretary, who has helped me in so many respects that it is impossible to list them all.

The 1971 season has seen the second year of experiment with 1st XV colours. Last season the team sported black and red hooped jerseys, white shorts and maroon socks. This season we have been even more ambitious and I hope that we have now conclusively established the colours with 2in. black, 2in. maroon, $\frac{1}{2}$ in. white jerseys, black shorts and maroon socks.

I believe that the boys are proud to wear these colours and many outsiders have commented on their aesthetic effectiveness.

The 2nd XV also clamoured for distinctive identification and they were rewarded with the following colours: plain maroon jerseys, black shorts and maroon socks. They have, I might add, worn these colours with the distinction their originality demanded.

We have also purchased twenty hollow plastic flag posts with flags in diagonal black and maroon and three pairs of touch-judge flags to match. Now that we have founded the basic heraldry we must ensure that it is blazoned forth with pride.

I have drawn up the statistics of the School's playing records over the last three years on the grounds of which I wish to make a few suggestions.

			Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1969	1st XV	-	10	9	0	1
1970			10	4	2	4
1971			12	4	0	8
1969	2nd XV	-	3	2	0	1
1970			5	2	0	3
1971			8	6	0	2
1969	Colts XV	-	11	1	0	10
1970			7	1	0	6
1971			8	2	0	6
1969	Junior Colts		8	3	1	4
1970			8	5	0	3
1971			8	1	0	7
1969	U/14 XV	-	1	0	0	1
1970			2	1	0	1
1971			7	3	0	4

There have been suggestions this term that the 1st XV fixture list has been improved beyond the range of our numerical strength and the depth of our abilities; I do not share the pessimism of such criticism. There have been suggestions this term that we are paying reprisals for the accuracy of the Caralps' boot in 1969; but Carlos Caralps would be the first to agree that kickable penalties invariably come from pressure on the opposing team, and he would be the first to remember that the majority of points scored in 1969 came as a result of co-ordinated team-work.

There is, obversely, truth in my argument that there was the sort of boy like Docker, Pringle, Tomlinson, Newton and Gingell playing rugby at Shiplake in 1968/69 who has been missing from the game in 1970/71. This sort of boy is not necessarily a good ball player, or a first class athlete, but he can push in the tight and he can hold his own with any schoolboy in the rucks and the mauls. The sort of boy I have in mind is engaged in other pursuits at Shiplake at the present time.

This brings me to my conclusion about the future of 1st XV rugby at Shiplake, which is that Shiplake College 1st XV rugby will not only survive, but will flourish on its existing level, if first, it has access to the indispensable talent which must be made available in a school of this size, and if second, there is systematic coaching throughout all the games in the school.

I have personally been responsible for establishing the 2nd XV fixture list and consequently I am delighted that the 2nd XV should have had such resounding success this season. Of course, a great tribute for this success goes to Mr. Ducker who at last has had some recompense for the thankless task of coaching two sub-standard Colts' XV's.

Our organization at the top level has been severely disrupted by injuries this term, and time and time again, 2nd XV players have had to stand in for 1st XV players. Not only have they done creditably, but at least two of them, Meech and Weller, ended the term as regular 1st XV team members: the advent of the 2nd XV fixture list has clearly brought an important edge of competition to the game at the top.

The Colts' XV does not seem to fare well and the reasons are two-fold; first, it has been my policy to transfer mature players from the Junior Colts of one year to the 1st XV of the next, and second, with certain exceptions, Shiplake fifteen year olds seem to reach a hiatus which prevents them from playing hard and constructive rugby. I shall, therefore, endeavour to accelerate my attempt to reduce and weaken the Colts' fixtures.

At the bottom of the school also there is little doubt that realistic consideration must be given to over-demanding fixtures.

As I stated at the beginning, Shiplake College Rugby Club is still developing, but the happy day will soon arrive when our fixture list no longer demands manipulation.

For the third year running a large contingent of staff and boys (approximately 80) visited the Varsity Match at Twickenham, where, ironically enough, for the third year running the balance tilted in favour of the Dark Blues: a result which, for me personally, was succinctly reflected in the subfusc gloom of the fog which enveloped the Thames landscape, a gloom punctuated only by the radiant faces of Messrs. Eggar, Bleackley, Ducker, Wells-Furby and countless other Oxford supporters.

Earlier in the term, with thanks to Mr. Wells-Furby for making the occasion possible, a party of masters and boys saw a delightful exhibition of fast, open rugby by the British Lions, in the guise of Major Stanley's XV, playing against Oxford University at Iffley Road.

It gives me great pleasure to end this report on the triumphant note of congratulating Ian Baidry on being the first member of Shiplake College to be selected to represent a County's Schools R.F.U. 19 Group. He has doggedly overcome the injuries which have plagued him this term to achieve this distinction, and I look forward, with considerable excitement, to watching him in his debut performance for Oxfordshire v. Buckinghamshire on Friday, December 17th, 1971. R.A.E.

1st XV

In the first week of training Hodgson broke his collar bone, an event which marked the beginning of a cataclysmic cycle that lasted until well after half-term. Not only was Hodgson the only established hooker available, but he was also manifesting the form which had etched a place in

my memory two years earlier, when he had played as a Junior Colt. We met this emergency by putting Eden into this highly specialized position; a position which he held with resolution until Burghes, a Colt, was discovered in late October.

In our first match v. Reading School we met a vastly more mature team which played with cohesion and blasted holes in our defence with fast movement of the ball and efficient three-quarter handling. In this match Elmer disappointed at full-back and the three-quarters generally showed poor form, giving away try after try by mis-handling, poor positional play and lack of mental participation.

Even so the team were deserted by that fickle goddess, luck. On three occasions good scoring opportunities were created but, by the flimsiest of margins, not converted. On one such occasion a short penalty was spun out to Mitchell, who darted past several defenders and diving at full stretch grounded the ball inches from the Reading line.

In our next match, on September 25th, we entertained Redrice School who, as it transpired, were by far the most successful team for miles around. Not only were they ultimately unbeaten, but they also drew with the Oratory and defeated the highly successful Bearwood XV with considerable ease.

Early in this match the major catastrophe of the season occurred when Ian Baldry, our captain and source of inspiration, severely damaged his knee. With his injury an ominous gap loomed in our defences and it was not long before this was fully exploited by the gigantic Redrice forwards and by their skilful halves, Amonoo and Terpougoff.

We lost this match by 24 points to nil and it became clear to me that we would have to find a new full-back and work extensively on three-quarter line defence and the means by which the forwards could gain some possession. The last point was a particular source of worry because, in the next week of training, we lost our experienced prop forward from 1970, Patterson, with a badly wrenched ankle, and for the next few matches he had to join the dispirited Baldry on the touch-line.

With a stop-gap front row, a No. 8 replacement and no one to gather the ball in the line-out we decided that Anderson, M., a new boy and a recruit from American Football, was the only person who could help us. With his scintillating torpedo-throw he could place the ball anywhere into, or over, the line-out. He was urged, in fact, to throw the ball on certain occasions well over the line-out, thereby allowing a ruck to form from which we stood an increased chance of gaining possession. This device benefitted us against Ranelagh and created several exciting scoring opportunities against Reed's School, Cobham.

In our next encounter v. Ranelagh School on October 2nd the team failed to capitalize on the important advice that I had given them about the sharply sloping pitch, and a 0—0 score-line at half-time culminated in a 14—0 victory to their opponents who demonstrated that they, certainly, could be skilful exponents of the peculiar advantages of their own venue.

In this match Gordon, who had been promoted from the 2nd XV

three-quarter line to the 1st XV full-back berth, made one crucial error which only slightly detracted from an otherwise convincing performance, and Youngs, making his only appearance before the School play, proved that rugby was far from being "all Greek" to him.

When we travelled to Reed's School, Cobham, on October 9th we had lost three key forwards, two three-quarters and Bonham-Carter who had gone to a wedding; perhaps, as one wit suggested, to get married. The team duly lost by 58 points to 0, but, as I pointed out in my match report at the time, I had nothing but admiration for the team's inexorable defensive tackling and their unflagging spirit.

Adams played a magnificent game and the relieving kicking of Mitchell and the cover-tackling of the flank forwards, Baldock and Clayton, had to be seen to be believed.

In this match the abilities of Parkinson and Argenti were under close scrutiny: in the case of the former, he lacked the motivation needed to give his desperately needed strength and height to the 1st XV cause; in the case of the latter, he had neither the volition nor the altruism to lend the wealth of his talents to the Schools' senior side. Argenti is potentially one of the best three-quarters that I have seen at Shiplake and I hope that next season he will not be unimaginative enough to allow himself the spurious comfort of a reward incommensurate with that of his singular ability.

After a mid-October debacle in which a radically depleted Shiplake side allowed themselves to be defeated by 4 points to 3 by an infinitely inferior, yet vastly more purposeful Lord Wandsworth's College 2nd XV, I demanded that they drag themselves from the abyss of demoralization and put up a good performance against the Old Vikings.

Fortunately on Sunday, October 24th, three corresponding factors led to the most ruthless destruction of Old Vikings' rugby that I have witnessed. Baldry returned to the game; Holman (prop), Burghes (hooker) and Gore (2nd row), fresh recruits from the Colts' game, proved that they were good enough for 1st XV rugby; and finally, the advice that I gave, that the ball should be swung relentlessly from touch-line to touch-line, was followed to the letter. The Old Vikings were run off their feet by a young and disciplined side by 36 points to 0.

After half-term Bearwood College, then having won ten matches out of ten, beat us by 20 points to 4. In fact they scored ten of their points in the first five minutes and in the second half both teams scored a try apiece. This was a creditable performance against a side which had beaten Reeds' School, Cobham, by 33—10.

The next two matches against Henley Grammar School and Abingdon School 2nd XV were upsetting and demoralizing, and failure in the second was a direct consequence of the frustration and exhaustion caused by the first. In these matches controversial tries were allowed against us and a vital try of ours was disallowed; it is better that I say no more.

In the next three matches against Pangbourne 2nd XV, Newbury R.F.C. Schools' XV and Theale Grammar School it at long last became possible to field the same boys on each occasion. The team got into their

stride and played some positive, precise, spectacular and refined rugby. The forwards gave meritorious displays of line-out drill and rucking, an important factor of the game, on which we had been concentrating throughout the term. The three-quarters, in their turn, ran with zest and executed some intricate manoeuvres. In three matches the team scored 132 points against 6; a remarkable achievement in itself.

In making an assessment of individual players' abilities and performance I shall endeavour to be as objective as possible and where praise is due I shall render it without fear of appearing too complimentary.

Baldry has been a fine captain, exemplary in the skill and determination of spirit which he has given to the execution of his task. He has, above all, supported me with absolute loyalty and he has initiated procedures without waiting for my encouragement.

Patterson has once again made his quiet yet persistent contribution to the team's progress and his work in the set pieces has been invaluable. Baldock likewise has given his best for a second season. His understanding of the finer points of the game is clear from his shrewd positional play, and his tackling has been excellent. Jones, another member of the 1970 XV, has really grown in stature as a scrum-half this year and he has learnt to throw a fast and accurate pass. Adams has often surpassed himself at first centre and, although he has a tendency to be inconsistent, he has scored tries in attack, and has defended bravely when it has been necessary.

Of the newcomers to 1st XV rugby, Soward has proved himself an extremely fast and penetrating left wing. Even though he was deprived of the ball in the first half of the term, he made up for it from then on. Gordon has developed into an extremely reliable full-back; he fields the ball well, he falls and tackles without hesitation and he runs with great determination. His problem is that he lacks the speed to launch incisive diagonal attacks. Meech has manifested strength and drive at prop forward and Bonham-Carter and Weller have worked hard in the 2nd row; the latter is a valuable find for 1972. Hodgson has hooked extremely well in the limited time that has been available to him after injury, and Lundie has given good support throughout the term.

Clayton has proved that he is a player of immense potential at open-side flank forward; he took some breathtaking tackles throughout the course of the season and it will be a long time before I forget him scything down the Abingdon left wing at full stretch, five yards from our goal-line. Mitchell is also another young player of indubitable class. He was asked to play fly-half this term and he has had a long struggle mastering the art of this position and trying to fit in with my demands. For a long time his problem was that he failed to distribute the ball early enough, and indeed, often enough and, when he did make a break, he tended to go inside his man and become bottled up with the pack. I think he has learnt his lesson now and he played really well in the last few matches. He is a keen player and he always gives 100% of himself; moreover there is no one who tackles and falls with more courage than he does.

Holman joined our ranks at a crucial stage of the term and undoubtedly-

ly made a major contribution to the improvement of the team. He is strong and not only feeds the ball back well to the scrum-half, but also seizes the right opportunities to burst through from the line-out or the maul. Gore and Burghes also did well in the team and they are good prospects for next season.

At 2nd centre Akhavan often had trouble holding the ball, but when he did grasp it he proved that he could run with considerable strength and conviction; I am surprised, in fact, that more tries did not come from him. It was often his misfortune to beat three or four men, but to fail to get past the last. Campbell also was an extremely determined runner and his speed and tenacity on the right wing gained us many vital points. When he got close enough to the opponents' goal-line there was really very little that could stop him because he was already two feet off the ground and parallel with it. These were the moments when I grimaced with anxiety; on the one hand with fear that the ball would be dislodged from his grasp by his self-imposed impact on the ground, on the other hand with fear that even the wiry Campbell would not emerge from that collision.

For all those connected with 1st XV rugby this has been an exhausting and frustrating season. It has been one of unrelenting struggle against misfortune and the danger of demoralization. Ravaged by injury a very young and immature team have come of age in the face of adversity and defeat, and have triumphed to play the best rugby that I have seen in my time at Shiplake. At least ten boys who should be at the school next season have played regularly for the team this year. No one appreciates more fully than I do the struggle that they have had, and no one admires more strongly than I do the sheer guts and endeavour which they have displayed.

It has been an honour to coach this side; they have borne defeat bravely and they have given me good reason to be proud of them in victory.

Team: I. R. Baldry, P. F. Baldock, M. V. Patterson, D. A. S. Adams, A. D. Gordon, A. M. Jones, D. A. Meech, S. Akhavan, J. M. P. Clayton, S. C. Mitchell, A. J. Campbell, C. R. L. Bonham-Carter, G. N. M. Hodgson, M. J. Holman, J. W. Lundie, S. P. Wefler, M. A. Anderson, E. A. Eden, A. H. M. Burghes, T. W. Gore.

Touch Judge: J. B. Cozens.

1970 Colours: I. R. Baldry, P. F. Baldock, M. V. Patterson, D. A. S. Adams.

1971 Colours: A. M. Jones, P. J. Soward.

Results:	Away	v. Reading School	-	-	-	-	-	Lost	0—52
	Home	v. Redrice School	-	-	-	-	-	Lost	0—24
	Away	v. Ranelagh School	-	-	-	-	-	Lost	0—14
	Away	v. Reed's School	-	-	-	-	-	Lost	0—58
	Away	v. Lord Wandsworth's 2nd	-	-	-	-	-	Lost	3—4
	Home	v. Old Vikings	-	-	-	-	-	Won	36—0
	Home	v. Bearwood College	-	-	-	-	-	Lost	4—20
	Away	v. Henley Grammar School	-	-	-	-	-	Lost	6—7
	Away	v. Abingdon School 2nd	-	-	-	-	-	Lost	0—16
	Home	v. Pangbourne 2nd	-	-	-	-	-	Won	25—0
	Home	v. Newbury R.F.C. Schools' XV	-	-	-	-	-	Won	78—0
	Home	v. Theale Grammar School	-	-	-	-	-	Won	29—6

Played: 12. Won: 4. Drawn: 0. Lost: 8. Points: For 181; Against 201

R.A.E.

2nd XV

The season began with a crop of minor injuries inflicted by the unusually hard ground, a factor which also contributed to an understandable unwillingness to tackle too hard, with the result that the team which met Reading 2nd XV on the first full Saturday of the term was certainly not fit and had hardly played together as a team. However, in spite of a 40 points defeat, the form and talent displayed in this match gave encouragement for better things to come.

Once the 1st XV's composition had been settled, two or three weeks and two more defeats later, the 2nd XV began to develop a strong team spirit and a fair degree of skill. This, coupled with a will to win and some really hard and determined play, gave them their first victory in a hardy fought game played in torrential rain at Lord Wandsworth's. This was the turn of the tide. There followed two more hard fought victories, against Bearwood and Abingdon, in which the team's potential really began to show itself. The climax of the season came with a splendid game against Pangbourne in which every player without exception played to the best of his form. It was a joy to watch a Shiplake team, and a 2nd one at that, moving the ball around so confidently and skilfully, attacking with initiative and defending with impregnable certainty. At last it seemed that all the training and practice was being brought to fruition.

With four victories in a row behind them the team were all set for a final victory in their last match against Newbury Schools' 2nd XV. A victory it proved to be but a most unsatisfying one it was, played against an opposition whose greatest success was in the variety of ways in which they threw the rule book to the winds. Even in these circumstances, however, Shiplake played with restraint and self-control, and brought their season to a successful conclusion with their fifth victory in a row.

Team: Full Back: R. A. Elmer; Threequarters: J. N. Cottrell, M. A. Alireza, E. K-L. Thong, G. H. Corrie, A. N. Hodges; Halves: D. Argenti, C. Viney; Forwards: S. P. Weller, E. A. Eden, W. B. Henry, J. W. Lundie, M. A. Anderson, T. D. Beaumont, G. N. Welbrock-Smith, D. A. Youngs, R. I. Parkinson.

Matched: Played 8, Won 5, Lost 3.

J.H.D.

Junior Colts XV

This was not a successful season and this may be attributed to several factors. It was a young side that lacked experience and this meant that physically, and often psychologically, they were overwhelmed by their opponents. Their morale was dealt a severe blow in the first match of the season, when, with virtually a scratch side, they were soundly beaten by a strong Reading School side.

The tackling was one of the weaknesses, with many players preferring to tackle high. Perhaps unfortunately, they managed to escape the injuries that normally result from such an ineffective course of action. The pack usually found itself up against taller and stronger opposition, and while

holding their own in the tight, they were out-jumped in the line-outs and out-pushed in the loose rucks. One of their weaknesses was their inability to work together in the loose, and to cover the three-quarters in defence.

The three-quarters played well in patches, but they failed to fulfil their true potential. They lacked penetration, because they were unwilling to run hard once they felt the ball in their hands. All could tackle well, but they occasionally missed their men and, with the lack of cover from the back row, this was disastrous. Alireza H., at fly-half, captained the side well and he led by his example of hard tackling and hard running. He kicked intelligently into the open spaces and this often created useful openings.

These players had the makings of a good team, and occasionally they played good rugby. Unfortunately, the lack of competition in practice games made it very difficult for them to improve their skill. Next season, with several young members staying on in the team, and several good ones coming up from lower games, it could be a good season. Whether it is or not will depend largely on their willingness to practise and train hard so that they may gain the benefits of both. Lethargy and lack of co-operation cannot have any part in a team game.

The team was chosen from the following:—Alireza, H. (Capt.), Brandreth, Beak, Nops, Hodson, Hopkin, Brown, Barnes, S., Lear, Adams, M., Burgett, Barclay, Hale, Duckering, Teeters and Bradshaw.

RESULTS

v. Reading School (Home)	-	-	-	-	-	Lost	0—82
v. Reed's School (Away)	-	-	-	-	-	Lost	4—40
v. Lord Wandsworth's College (Home)	-	-	-	-	-	Lost	0—10
v. Bearwood College (Away)	-	-	-	-	-	Lost	4—54
v. Henley G.S. (Home)	-	-	-	-	-	Won	8—0
v. Wellington College "B" (Home)	-	-	-	-	-	Lost	0—24
v. Pangbourne College (Away)	-	-	-	-	-	Lost	0—35

Squash Club

In the Spring Term the seniors came up against very strong opposition in the schools they played. The results were not too disappointing; out of the 5 matches played they won 2. S. Wellby, the 1st string, encouraged the team giving them support all the time. D. Culshaw improved considerably during this term. There was very little difference between Wellby and Culshaw and in the House matches Culshaw beat Wellby. A. C. Packer came to the school in the Winter of 1970 knowing very little about the game, but with great experience of tennis. He soon showed his abilities in both the senior and junior teams. G. Hodgson, A. Dean and D. Johnston, who played for the seniors, also played with enthusiasm and determination.

In the juniors the 3rd string for the seniors, A. C. Packer, played 1st string. J. Cottrell, D. Dalzell and M. Alireza, who were 3rd, 4th and 5th strings, found themselves a little too weak when playing against larger schools than ourselves. The winter term results were:

SENIORS	v. Pangbourne College	-	-	-	-	Lost	5—0
	v. Carmel College	-	-	-	-	Won	3—2
	v. Reading Bluecoats	-	-	-	-	Won	4—1
	v. Leighton Park	-	-	-	-	Lost	4—1
	v. Oratory School	-	-	-	-	Lost	3—2
JUNIORS	v. Pangbourne College	-	-	-	-	Won	4—1
	v. Reading Bluecoats	-	-	-	-	Lost	5—0
	v. Leighton Park	-	-	-	-	Won	3—2

The House match was won by Everett House. The House teams were: Everett: Culshaw, Gordon, Packer, Hodgson, Soward; Welsh: Wellby, Dean, Johnston, Cottrell, Dalzell; Burr: Ridell, Crawford, Buyla, Richardson, Jones; Skipwith: Smith, R., Alireza, A., Adams, Hayes-Fisher, Meech.

By the winter term, we had lost two of the best seniors and as the majority of the squash players are under the age of 16 and inexperienced we only arranged to play two senior matches. A. C. Packer moved up to 1st string and G. Hodgson moved up to 3rd string and played well considering he broke his collar bone earlier on in the term. A. Klinger and R. V. Smith have improved since the spring and are now playing with confidence.

The juniors proved themselves to be too strong for Reading Bluecoats but were unable to reach the standard of Pangbourne. Dalzell played well in both matches, winning both. As a result of the Field Day two juniors, M. Alireza and A. Alireza, were unable to play in one of the matches but played well against Pangbourne. Nops, Hopkin and W. Yeung, who played as substitutes for the Alireza's, played very well.

This term's results were:

v. Junior Pangbourne College	-	-	-	-	-	Lost	1—4
v. Reading Bluecoats	-	-	-	-	-	Won	5—0
v. Senior Oratory School	-	-	-	-	-	Lost	2—3
v. Senior Carmel College	-	-	-	-	-	Lost	5—0
v. Junior Leighton Park	-	-	-	-	-	Cancelled	

A. D. Gordon, Captain.

Swimming Notes

The poor summer meant that the Swimming Bath had very little use this year. It is hoped that before long we can investigate the possibility of having it heated. In the meantime a small group of boys have visited the Reading baths fairly regularly and others took the A.S.A. Personal Survival Silver Award, under the aegis of the C.C.F., and various Duke of Edinburgh awards. The Swimming Sports aroused lively interest, as usual,

and two records were broken, W. Williamson winning the Senior 6 lengths freestyle in 85 4secs., some 5 seconds faster than the previous best time, and S. Wellby the Senior 3 lengths breaststroke in 50 5 secs. Both these Welsh boys contributed to their house winning the Sports with 69 points. Skipwith came second with 47, Everett a close third with 46, and Burr brought up the rear with 29.

Tennis Club

The tennis club was at its maximum capacity with 51 full time players. The 1st VI won three of their matches and lost four. The results:

Pangbourne School 1st	-	-	-	-	-	Lost	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ —5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Wellington College 1st	-	-	-	-	-	Lost	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ —6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oratory School 1st	-	-	-	-	-	Won	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ —3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bradfield School 1st	-	-	-	-	-	Lost	3—6
Lord Wandsworth's 1st	-	-	-	-	-	Won	6—3
Abingdon School 1st	-	-	-	-	-	Lost	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ —6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Reading School 1st	-	-	-	-	-	Won	3—2
Shiplake College Staff 1st	-	-	-	-	-	Won	

The following played for the 1st VI: A. H. Dean, A. C. Packer, D. S. Culshaw, D. A. S. Adams, G. N. M. Hodgson, M. D. Lloyd, D. Johnston and S. H. McGuigan.

The juniors were less successful with the following results: Won 0, lost 5. The team was captained by S. C. Mitchell. The following also played: S. N. Coston, R. S. Douglas, E. Alireza, S. Akhavan, J. M. P. Clayton, R. A. M. Page, A. D. Gordon, G. Hancock, N. Nops.

The senior house matches were won by Everett; the team consisted of Culshaw, Packer, Hodgson and Soward. The runners-up were Welsh, with Dean, Wellby, Lloyd and Viney. The junior house matches were won by Welsh, the team consisting of Alireza, Stewart, Hancock and Nops, the runners-up being Skipwith, with Mitchell, Coston, Jackson and Russell.

It was again arranged to play an inter-school tennis tournament with the staff playing with the boys. The staff and their wives gave very good support to this. After many close games Mr. Wood and Culshaw finally won, the runners-up being Mr. Bleackley and R. V. Smith.

The school entered the Boys' Schools' Championship played at "Wimbledon All-England Courts" again this year, but when it was realised that the key players would be abroad, we had to scratch.

G. N. M. Hodgson, Secretary.

