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## ***Editorial***

After the portentous fanfares of last year's editorial, nothing short of some apocalyptic event could prevent the arrival of the new school magazine from being an anti-climax. But such grandiose expectations are, in reality, quite unjustified. The style and tone of the magazine are being quietly and gradually altered, but we must clearly restrain ourselves from practising frenzied mutilations on print and format. To put it epigrammatically, what is needed is Revolution without the 'R'.

You will notice, for instance, that from the old Correspondence section has evolved 'Forum', a pretentious title for an open debating column. Here is an opportunity for any boy to express his opinions on school life, however unconventional or anti-establishment, with his freedom limited only by Editorial prejudice and the blasphemy laws. In addition, you may discover, cunningly concealed within these pages, a poem written by a member of the school's (non-existent) creative writing group. (The clandestine nature of this inclusion is necessitated by the grim determination of the English Staff to monopolise literary items for the non-existent "Senior New Writing").

Apart from this, we have also taken the liberty of rewriting a number of the articles. This was originally necessitated by the need to shorten the magazine (on being presented with last year's bill, the Headmaster dictated, *ex cathedra*, drastic economy measures), but it is also proving to be a means of making the articles more interesting and lucid. A little wit and imagination can enliven the dullest of reports, and the editorial staff are grateful to Collins M6A, and Foster L6A, for their help with this work. The result might seem self-conscious and affected, but rather than suffer an all-too-frequent sense of boredom, I personally would prefer to read even the worst examples of sixth-form journalesque.

If the immortal pages which follow stimulate a little more mirth or irritation than usual, then we can justifiably claim to have succeeded. Although form and content remain substantially unchanged, we hope you will find the style and tone somewhat different. Whether this approach is the correct one, only the reader can judge.



# ***School Notes***

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In September 1966 we welcomed to the Staff two Old Boys of the School—Mr. Southern, who replaced Mr. Perry in the Economics Department, and Mr. Davies, who joined us to teach Chemistry. Another Old Boy, Mr. Hobbs, was with us for the summer term deputising for Mr. Way who, unfortunately, was absent through illness.

We publish elsewhere in the magazine photographs of Mr. Way and Mr. Angus, both of whom retired in July after many years of valuable service to the School. Mr. Way, who came to D.H.S. twenty-three years ago, has earned the affection and respect of many generations of boys, not least those who found his firm and kind guidance so re-assuring in their first days in the School. As Careers master and treasurer of the Parent-Teacher Association for many years he has made a great contribution to the life of the community, and all—Staff and boys alike—wish him a speedy return to health and a long and happy retirement.

Mr. Angus was Senior Chemistry master at the School for ten years until his retirement from the position in 1966 but, as he has been returning this year to teach part-time, we have postponed our leave-taking. Now we must thank him sincerely for his work on behalf of D.H.S. and wish him success and happiness in his new sphere.

A special word of congratulation is due to A. Davis, who became the first member of the school for many years to represent his country in the sporting field when he was chosen for the English Schools Athletics team. Gibbons and Morbey of the Sailing Club followed suit by being chosen to sail for Britain against Poland.

Speech Day next term will be on Thursday, November 9th, in the Guildhall.

## ***Praefecti Valet***

- J. BADGERY. Gilbert House Secretary; Captain 2nd XI Soccer; Captain 2nd XI Cricket; School Captain 1967. Leeds (Law).
- R. S. CHURCHMAN. Camborne School of Mines.
- F. J. COFORD. Debating Society (Secretary); Music Society (Chairman). Fitzwilliam College (Cambridge).
- G. E. COX. School Captain 1966; Drake House Captain; Editor School Magazine; 1st XI Soccer; Athletics Team. Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge (Economics).
- M. DAVIES. A.T.C. Flight Sergeant; 1st XV; Senior Athletics Team. R.A.F. Cranwell.
- A. DAVIS. Senior Athletics Team 1963-7 (Captain 1967)—represented England 1967. Student Apprenticeship in Mechanical Engineering with Jaguar & Co. Ltd., Coventry.
- B. R. DINGLE.\* 1st XV; Senior Athletics Team; 2nd XI Cricket. R.N. University Cadetship to Manchester for Electrical Engineering.
- B. R. ELLIOTT.\* Science Society (Chairman); 2nd XI Cricket (Captain); 2nd XV. Brunel University (Metallurgy).



- P. A. EVANS.\* 1st XV; 1st XI Cricket; Senior Athletics Team; House Athletics Captain. Cardiff University (Civil Engineering).
- D. GARNISH. 1st XV (Secretary); Grenville Rugby (Captain). Accountancy.
- N. E. HANNAFORD. A.T.C. Southampton (Political Science).
- R. J. HARVEY. Raleigh House Secretary; House Speech Captain; Editor School Magazine; 2nd XV Rugby. Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.
- R. C. HAWES. Music Society (Treasurer). Liverpool (French, Spanish).
- C. HAWKINGS.\* Raleigh House Captain; Rambling Club (Leader). Reading (Geography).
- K. HEARN. Leeds (Law).
- D. M. HOOPER. Grenville House Vice-Captain; 1st XI Cricket Captain; 1st XI Soccer (Vice-Captain); Senior Athletics Team. Cardiff College of Advanced Technology (Town & Country Planning).
- M. HOWELL.\* Music Society. Exeter (Law).
- A. F. JONES. 1st XV; Senior Athletics. Leeds (Mining Engineering).
- R. C. KINGCOMBE. Science Society; Gilbert House Captain. St. Catherine's Cambridge (Engineering).
- I. C. LUCKCRAFT. Grenville House Captain; School Vice-Captain. Queen's College, Oxford (Theology).
- M. J. P. LUFT. Telecommunications.
- D. S. G. MACLEOD. Queen's Scout; Christian Union (Secretary); Choir and Orchestra; 2nd XV; School Athletics and Tennis Teams; House Vice-Captain. St. Peter's College, Oxford (Geography).
- M. E. MEATYARD. Science Society (Vice-Chairman); 2nd XV. Reading University (Food Science).
- B. D. MILLIGAN. Gilbert House Captain.(Sociology).
- P. C. MORBEY. Sailing Club (Captain); Scout. Camborne School of Mines.
- M. R. NEIL. Jesus College, Oxford (Classics).
- J. R. NOTTAGE. Choir and Orchestra. Leicester (Geography).
- S. S. PERRY. Music Society (Secretary). Business Management.
- N. P. D. PRICE. 3rd XV (Captain); Senior Athletics Team. Royal College of Science, Shrivensham.
- N. J. ROBINSON. School Vice-Captain; School Chess (Captain); 1st XV (Captain); 2nd XI Cricket. Exeter College, Oxford (Chemistry).
- C. J. SIPLEY\*. Cardiff (Mining Engineering).
- D. G. SPARKS. 1st XV (Captain); 1st XI Cricket (Captain); Senior Athletics Team; Drake House Captain of Cricket, Swimming, Athletics. Cardiff (Mechanical Engineering).
- S. R. SPIERS. Hendon Polytechnic (Economics).
- J. W. STEVENSON. Science Society; 1st XV; School Athletics; House Rugby (Captain). Nottingham (Food Science).
- D. M. STEVENSON. Christian Union (Secretary). University College of Swansea (Economics).
- P. D. STUCKEY. Queen's Scout; Christian Union; Raleigh House Captain. Selwyn College, Cambridge (Chemical Engineering).
- K. W. TATEM.\* Science Society (projectionist); Senior Athletics; House Athletics (Captain); Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award; Queen's Scout; Outward Bound School. Southampton (Civil Engineering).
- F. S. WAKEFORD.\* 1st XI Soccer (Secretary); Devon Schools F.A.; Senior Athletics (Vice-Captain); 1st XI Cricket. Imperial College, London (Mining Engineering).
- R. B. WOOD. Scouts; Christian Union; House Secretary; School Representative on Plymouth Council of Youth. Royal Holloway College, London (Classics).

\* Subject to examination results



## SPEECH DAY . 1966

Speech Days are invariably marred by a monotonous succession of prize winners crossing the platform, but on Friday, November 11th, this was admirably offset by some extremely interesting and humorous speeches.

In his Annual Report, the Headmaster outlined the School's splendid academic achievements. Of the 90 boys who left last year, 60 had taken up university places and 12 gained Open Awards; boys from the School had also entered all the major professions. Dr. Cresswell stressed the importance of the many School societies and games—these had flourished during the past year. The Lord Mayor, Alderman T. H. L. Stanbury, congratulated the school on its outstanding report.

The School was pleased to welcome Dr. M. M. Bull, Senior Tutor of Queen's College, Cambridge, as guest speaker. In an entertaining speech, he vehemently attacked the part played by politics in education, particularly with regard to the comprehensive trend, which he criticised for dismantling the whole system of education. Freedom was the keynote; Dr. Bull fittingly ended in a light-hearted vein by requesting a half-day holiday for the school—an idea regarded by some as the most important part of the evening. This speech was very enthusiastically received by an audience proud of the School's excellent tradition and the comprehensive education supporters tactfully remained silent.

Votes of thanks were proposed by Councillor R. V. Morrell, Chairman of the Board of Governors, and Alderman Miss E. K. Pryor. The School Captain, G. E. Cox, returned the vote of thanks for the School. Polished performances by the Choir and Orchestra illustrated just one of the many lesser-known spheres in which the School excels.

But no Speech Day is complete without the School's traditional plea that the creek be filled in to provide playing fields. Little did those present know that August 1967 would see the first lorry-load of earth tipped into the creek. And so, successful though this Speech Day was in all respects, it will undoubtedly be remembered as the last in which the creek lament was mournfully declaimed.

K.W.S.

## “THE SNOW QUEEN”

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Mr. Clayton's unpretentious production of Hans Christian Andersen's immortal fairy tale created an atmosphere of fantasy which enchanted its audiences. Had Messrs. S. Freud or J. Miller been present, they might have detected satirical undertones—as in the figure of the Chancellor, whose main function seemed to be to freeze everything—but few made any attempt to read such profundities into the play. This charming tale had all the ingredients of a melodrama: a kindly old granny; a child hero, abducted by



the villainous queen whose heart is ice; a heroine who risks her life to save him; and the evil Chancellor, with an almost Dalek-like capacity for emotionless ferocity. But a lightness of touch pervaded the whole play, lending it an enchanting air of unreality, and avoiding the sentimental oppressiveness which might so easily have ruined the total effect.

Judging by the preponderance of female roles, it was fortunate that the cast was so young. Stephen Chope, playing the title role, was as icy as might be wished, but despite a sympathetic interpretation, he seemed perhaps too solid, both in appearance and voice, for so spectral a figure. The central character was the heroine, Gerda (Gavin Eyre). The standard of his acting varied considerably, but at times he attained a convincing sincerity which completely won the sympathy of the audience. The climax of the play, when Girda's devotion succeeds in warming the hero's frozen heart, was acted with an emotional intensity unusual for one so young. The part of Granny, made difficult by its inherent sentimentality, was well played by Alan Murray, but he seemed happier and more credible in his second role, that of the unwillingly villainous King. Garrith Young, as Princess Christina, captured the mannerisms of a little girl perfectly, and Robert Reid, as the robber girl was a highly engaging tomboy. The robber woman (David Pinwell) possessed a certain rustic strength, but confused the audience by having a voice at least two octaves deeper than those of her male underlings!

Barry Fleet, playing the Storyteller, used his flexible voice and talent for highly animated acting to create an interesting and amusing character. As much a part of the audience as of the play, he instantly won their sympathy. The smaller roles of Kay (Michael Horrell) and Prince Klaus (Robert Hodges) were competently played, but among the most engaging actors was Christopher Jarman as the Chancellor, "the man you love to hate". Unfortunately deprived of moustachios to twirl, he nevertheless managed to render convincingly one of the blacker-than-black characters only to be found in fairy tales or melodramas. No fantasy is complete without its quota of animals, and this one had two birds and a reindeer. Richard Selley and John Byrne must be congratulated for their amusing interpretations of the only ravens in literature with social pretensions!

The sets, created by Mr. George and Mr. Osborne, fitted the general mood of the play perfectly, and particularly striking was the scene in the Snow Queen's palace, where a bold design and clever lighting effectively created a cold, alien atmosphere.

The Dramatic Society is deeply indebted to all those members of the School and of the Staff who helped with the production, and also to those indefatigable ladies of the Parents' Committee, whose assistance is so often taken for granted. But, above all, thanks must go to Mr. Clayton, who alone moulded young and inexperienced actors into polished performers worthy of the D.H.S. dramatic tradition, and as their generation matures we may expect great things from them. Next year Mr. Clayton promises a Bernard Shaw comedy; to many, the intervening months will seem long indeed.

P.B.E.



## SPORTS DAY . 1967

Drenching rain early in the afternoon caused conditions to be too oppressive for even the most herculean athletes and only one new record was added to the seven that were broken before Sports Day. There were many creditable performances including R. Selley's three new records, K. Griffin's long jump of 16' 1½" in the under-13 age group and P. Frowde's new record in the senior pole vault.

It is the standards system which enables the Athletic Sports to provide the best guide to the all-round ability and team spirit in a House. All those who are not good enough to gain a place in a team can contribute their utmost and it is very fitting that the Athletics Shield is nearly always won by the House that obtains a good lead in the standards. This year proved to be no exception with the Houses finishing in the same order at the end of the afternoon as they were in the Standards Competition. The final totals were: Grenville 782½ points, Raleigh 775½, Gilbert 729½ and Drake 718½—Grenville just managing to hold off an exciting late challenge from Raleigh.

For the third successive year, the Victor Ludorum Cup was awarded to A. Davis who also received the House Shield on behalf of Grenville. The Treseder (senior runner-up Cup) was won by P. Frowde and the Revington Relay Cup went to Raleigh.

Other winners were:

Under-15 Championship Cup: G. Dawe  
Under-14 Championship Cup: I. Muldowney  
Under-13 Championship Cup: R. Selley  
Under-12 Championship Cup: N. Stevenson

Thanks are due to Mr. T. A. I. Rees, Principal School Medical Officer for Plymouth, for presenting the awards, and also to the Staff, particularly Messrs Nash and Stone, for such a successful afternoon. K.W.S.

### *The Swimming Sports*

The Swimming Sports provide the last opportunity for a House to improve its position in the long struggle for the St. Levan Shield. This year the keen competition resulted in the breaking of three records, and an almost unbelievable finish in which the issue was in doubt until the final stroke. Eventually the positions were: Grenville 56 points, Drake 55 points, Raleigh 54 points, Gilbert 39 points.

The individual champions were:

Under 12	Tooley	Under 15	Davies
Under 13	Atrill	Under 16	Job
Under 14	Kneebone	Senior	Green

The School wishes to thank all who made this enjoyable afternoon possible, especially the organiser, Mr. Vanstone, and Mr. A. Dingle, Chairman of the Old Boys' Association, who presented the awards. S.N.W.



# C A R E E R S

The amount of written material on the subject of careers which pours into the School each term has to be seen to be believed. The problem of filing this in an orderly way is a major task in itself and the necessity to keep abreast with the changing requirements, application dates, vacancies, etc., makes the total job extremely time-consuming. During the past year, two important aspects of careers advising have impressed me.

There are many opportunities for the well qualified youngster. Industry and commerce are crying out for young men with academic qualifications and potential. In the graduate field, many employers attach little importance to the subjects studied to degree level, and there are undoubtedly many openings for good graduates in all subjects. On the rung below (from the entry point of view) come C.N.A.A. degrees which are becoming increasingly acknowledged and H.N.D. qualifications. With more taking degree courses every year, any student capable of graduating should think very carefully before he rejects the opportunity of doing so. It must also be stressed that there are plenty of worthwhile openings for "A" level and "O" level leavers. As a general rule, the better qualified you are when you start, the further up the ladder will you enter and the higher will be the reach of the ladder. Thus every boy must attain the highest academic qualification possible—this must be his first aim.

This poses the problem of deciding the level of the academic ceiling, and also links up with the second of the two aspects mentioned above. The pupil's form and subject masters are best qualified to advise him on his course of study, and careers open to him. I have been surprised to find that some boys have made applications for jobs without any reference to the School for advice on the subject. A team of trained graduates who have taught a boy for five, six or seven formative years of his life surely can contribute advice about his plans for the future, and it is very much in the boy's own interests that he should make every use of the School's facilities.

Many Old Boys owe much to the advice and guidance given by Mr. Way during the past twenty years, and I am extremely grateful to him for his help and encouragement during the past twelve months. We wish him a speedy recovery to full health, and hope that he and Mrs. Way enjoy many years of happy retirement.

D.G.B.

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## The Speech Contest

It seems in keeping with this age of Productivity Weeks and Quality and Reliability Years to manufacture some slogan, and the words co-OPERATION, COMPETITION and CAPABILITY, although they seem more appropriate in an electoral address, are nevertheless the key to the success of this year's Inter-House Speech Contest. The Contest invaded the programme for the Summer term, and it was in the frenzied preparations of the vital



last weeks that the essential need for the spirit of CO-OPERATION was both felt and met. Senior boys were called on to coach the younger representatives, who, in turn, showed a willingness to practise and eradicate faults. But it was in the Choral Speaking events, above all, that the consequences of team-work were shown, and the Houses who had worked enthusiastically as a team gave quite brilliant performances.

But team-work counts for little if there is no CAPABILITY, and so it was pleasing to see the potential in the Junior School. A special mention must be made here of the creative writing sections, where some very good material was produced and well performed.

The third quality of COMPETITION not only added spice to the day, but produced performances sharpened by its keen edge. The Houses were eventually placed in this order: Raleigh, Gilbert, Drake, Grenville.

The Speech Contest provided an opportunity for boys to put their thoughts into words and to speak those words intelligibly and audibly in front of an audience. This is a most valuable part of every Grammar School boy's education, and so the School extends its thanks especially to the adjudicator, Mrs. Elaine Traylen, and to all who, by their co-operation, competition or capability, have enabled this year's Speech Contest to fulfil its primary function—to let the rank tongue blossom into speech. S.N.W.

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## *The Music Society Concert*

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The annual concert was held in the school hall on March 21st, when the audience was presented with an enjoyable and varied programme. The resources of the Society were augmented by two of the students teaching at the School during the Spring term and the contribution of Mr. Rooke, the music student, was particularly appreciated.

The evening began rather uncertainly with the choir singing "Cargoes" which at times proved, harmonically, beyond their capabilities, but they redeemed themselves immediately with an impressive performance of Britten's stark, sombre setting of "Old Abram Brown".

There followed a group of instrumental solos. In "Serenata" by Toselli, Willows showed that, for his age, he has a fine control of the violin. Then Jones and Casey played Bach's "Sheep may safely graze" arranged for two recorders. This item was clearly in need of greater rehearsal as there were a number of mistakes including breathing faults and, at one stage, a succession of wrong notes. This section was brought to a close by Chapman in a polished performance of Lloyd's clarinet suite—a pleasant though overlong piece of Edwardiana.

A select group from the choir singing a genuine madrigal by Weelkes and a pseudo-madrigal by Sullivan, illustrated, as in previous years, that the hall is not an ideal situation for such intimate entertainment. Credit must go to the members of the group for valiantly undertaking a most difficult task.

The first part of the concert was brought to an impressive close by Berdinner in a performance of the 1st Movement of Beethoven's fourth Piano Concerto. Accompanied by Mr. Farrow, Berdinner showed that he has matured considerably as a pianist since last year's concert.

The music presented after the interval was, fittingly, much lighter than that heard in the first part. Included in this section were such notable departures from conventional concert material as "Teevygeebies" for recorder and glockenspiel ensemble and an attractive "Blow for all" cunningly devised by Mr. Farrow. The more ambitious items in this part of the concert were markedly contrasted. In the "Romance for String Quartet" by Sullivan the virtues and vices of school strings became apparent but in the "Polotsvien Dances from 'Prince Igor'" the choir, accompanied by Mr. Rooke and Berdinner, brought the evening to a most impressive climax.

Mr. Farrow is to be congratulated on the general standard achieved, and the performers were well rewarded for their hours of hard practice by the applause of an appreciative audience.

J.A.B.



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# House Notes

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## DRAKE

Although last year was a very successful one for Drake, the House has not maintained its position this year. In the winter games, the Senior Rugby team proved the most successful, largely through individual skill. The Soccer, Rugby and Chess teams were able to win only one match, losing the rest. In the Speech Contest, under the guidance of Symons 6A, we were unlucky to finish third, one point behind Gilbert, in a very one-sided competition.

Once again, despite fine efforts from the Athletics team, we sank to fourth place in the Sports, mainly due to the lethargy of the Senior School in the standards.

The absence of many of the prefects after the "A" levels meant that the Senior Swimming team was very weak and many thanks are due to Evans (L6A) for volunteering to pick a team from an ever-diminishing number of swimmers, a team which surprisingly gained second place, only one point behind the winners.

If only the seniors would take more interest in House activities, our record would undoubtedly improve enormously.

K. TRETHEWEY, *Secretary*

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## GILBERT

The causes of our failure this year were twofold; complacency coupled with a lack of talent. In Rugby we could only claim two points, but this was due to a lack of Rugby players and is no reflection on J. W. Stevenson's spirited captaincy. The Soccer players were the most successful games team, and we were runners-up in the Gerrard Cup. The teams, well captained by K. Roe and S. B. Loze, deserved to do even better.

Under C. Searle's leadership our team won the Chess Competition, our only outright victory. Unfortunately, we could not repeat our victory in the Speech Contest and, despite P. B. Evans' tremendous efforts, we had to be content with second place.

Inevitably the Sports Day results were dictated by the number of Standards points we gained before the event itself. Apathy towards these vital points was our undoing. We extend our thanks to P. A. Evans for his tireless efforts and congratulate N. Stevenson, K. Griffin and F. S. Wakeford who all did well.

The Cricket teams also had a disappointing season, and in many ways the Seniors were outshone by the Juniors. The Junior Captain, P. C. Clement, deserves all our praise. The Swimming Sports were also a dis-



appointment, we again finished fourth. We must, however, thank R. C. Berryman as Captain, and congratulate A. Tooley and P. Job on their individual successes.

Unfortunately we in Gilbert must end the year on an even more melancholy note. We are saying "Goodbye" to Mr. D. G. Barkell, our inspiration over the past seven years. Painstaking and tireless, he instilled in the House such a spirit that we had to be successful. He has taught us fair play. Having taken a keen interest in the House, of which he was in 1939 House Captain, he is proceeding to an even more gargantuan task; he is to be the new Careers Master. In this position he will be of paramount importance to every boy in the School and not only to that select quarter in Gilbert House. Our St. Levan Shield record under Mr. Barkell has been impressive, three times outright winners, once sharing the victory and once runner-up. We thank Mr. Barkell for his great efforts and on behalf of Gilbert House wish him "Good Luck" in his new office.

Mr. Wayne is to become our new Housemaster, having been connected with the House for twenty years now. I should like to welcome him and wish him luck in his new position. What better way to welcome him than to strive harder than ever for the St. Levan Shield next year?

J. BADGERY, *Secretary*

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## GRENVILLE

A year ago, in these notes, Dennerly urged the House members to show their appreciation of Mr. Warren's guidance by striving hard for the St. Levan Shield. It is largely due to Mr. Warren's encouragement that Grenville has won the Shield.

We started the year with high hopes because Grenville was well represented in the School's first teams. Much credit must also go to the individual games captains, who performed their tasks quietly and efficiently. Under the leadership of Garnish, we won all our Rugby matches, and Hooper led us to victory in all but one Soccer match. Simpson captained our Senior Cricket team, which won all its matches, but the Juniors lost to Gilbert and drew with Raleigh. In Athletics we came first, due to the effort of the whole House. This followed the admirable example of our Captain, Davis, who must be congratulated on winning the Victor Ludorum for the third year in succession, in addition to his many other achievements.

We made a fine start in the Swimming Sports, but gradually lost ground to Drake, only recovering it in the last two relays. We finished with a lead of one point, and it is fitting that this was finally secured by team events. Thanks are due to Green for organising the team so successfully.

We also won the Sailing Competition under the enthusiastic guidance of Gibbons. In Chess, our only experienced players were Grundy and Trace, the Senior and Junior captains, so we came third, as expected. As usual, we





# PREFECTS 1966-67

*Back row (left to right):* K. Roe, F. S. Wakeford, A. Davis, R. J. Harvey, D. S. Gordon-McLeod, P. D. Stuckey, C. Hawkings  
*Second row from top:* K. C. Ball, P. B. Evans, D. M. Hooper, F. J. Coford, G. K. Simpson, R. C. Hawes, D. G. Sparks, P. A. Evans  
*Third row from top:* B. D. Milligan, J. R. L. Orchard, J. R. Nottage, R. C. Kingcombe, I. C. Luckraft, P. C. Morbey,  
R. B. Wood, M. R. Neil  
*Front row:* Mr. H. Mallinson, M. Howell, J. Badgery, N. J. Robinson, G. E. Cox, K. Hearn, J. W. Stevenson,  
M. E. Meatyard, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)







were last in the Speech Contest, largely due to general apathy. We must surely do better next year.

We must, however, end on a note of triumph, as this must surely be the prevailing mood of the House at this moment. We have won all the games cups, and this is an achievement for which the whole House is responsible.

I. C. LUCKRAFT, *Captain*

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## RALEIGH

This has been a most encouraging year for Raleigh, and there seems to have been a revival of the "House spirit" particularly among the younger members. The House has suffered this year from lack of prefects. However, many members of the Lower Sixth have shown themselves capable of performing the various duties admirably, and I am sure the House will not lack good leaders next year.

After our defeat of last year, Raleigh once again won the Speech Contest. Our decisive win was due mainly to the efforts of Mr. Whitfeld. I should like to thank him for all the interest he has developed in speech in the House.

Unfortunately our Rugby and Soccer teams have not had much success this year. I am sure that we were beaten merely by the superior skill of the other Houses, as all our teams played with much genuine enthusiasm.

In other events this has seemed to be a year of second place. On Sports Day we were second, finishing only seven points behind the winning House. Right up until the last minute it was uncertain whether Grenville or Raleigh would win. I am sure that with a greater effort in Standards Raleigh could win, and this depends upon the determination of every individual in the House.

In Cricket, Chess and Sailing Raleigh also came second. Although this is very commendable I hope that, with the potential present in the lower forms, Raleigh will, in future, not always be "runners-up" but the victors.

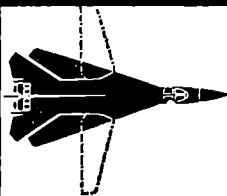
Once again the House has collected regularly for "Oxfam", which has enabled every member to give, as well as take.

The Swimming Sports, the final event in the School's Sporting Calendar, was an exciting and very closely fought contest. Although Raleigh came third we were only two points behind the winning House, with some very fine individual efforts.

My job as House Captain has certainly been made easy by the efficiency of the individual Team Captains, and I thank them all for their help. Also I thank our House Master, Mr. Warn, for his continued interest in the activities of the House.

C. HAWKINGS, *Captain*





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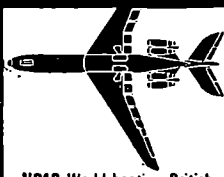
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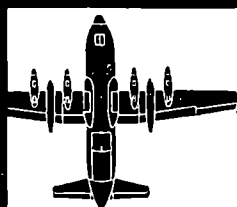
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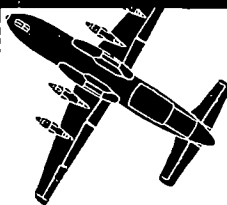
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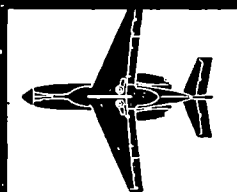
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# Out of School Activities

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## A.T.C.

The past year has served to show the tremendous potential of the A.T.C. unit attached to the School and made one realise that, with support from the middle and upper school, the Squadron could achieve its former successes. Nevertheless, despite this lack of support, the results and awards gained by the squadron are considerable.

A most encouraging performance was recorded in the annual Wing Sports when, despite being narrowly pushed into second place again, the excellent results obtained by our juniors augur well for the future. Four members of the squadron were chosen to represent the Wing at the Southern Region Championships.

The squadron has also gained distinction in other fields. Flt./Sgt. Roe has been awarded an exchange visit to Canada and Sgt. Pearce and Sgt. Foster will be attending camp at R.A.F. Bruggen, Germany. Sgt. Pearce and Flt./Sgt. Roe have also completed gliding courses.

As usual the year has seen the departure of senior cadets. C.W.O. Williams left to take up a commission in the Royal Marines and Flt./Sgt. Davies proceeded to Cranwell. We thank them for the tremendous amount of work which they have put into the squadron and wish them well.

We welcome Mr. Roberts as our Civilian Instructor and express our grateful thanks to Flt./Lt. Warren and F/O Boundy; also to Dr. Creswell for his help and tolerance.

Flt./Sgt. K. ROE

## CHESS CLUB

The School teams have again achieved high positions in all the competitions entered, but, in the most crucial fixtures, we were unluckily defeated. In the *Sunday Times* competition, the seniors, captained by Gross, did extremely well to reach the final of the South-Western zone before being knocked out in a very exciting match. In the contests for the Pitt-Fox Cup and the Bruce Cup, which are open to schools from all over Devon, both senior and junior teams were defeated in the final. The senior team came third in the Goodman Cup and the juniors, captained by Treece, retained the Horley Cup for the fourth successive year; the junior team's record promises well for the future. The House Chess Competition was won by Gilbert with Raleigh a close second.

As usual, the Lunch-time Chess Club was very well supported. In the Plymouth Christmas Congress our junior boys came first in several sections and Searle won his section at the Paignton Congress.

We express our grateful thanks to Mr. Adams and Mr. Milton for their constant support this year.

A.T.G.



## THE CHRISTIAN UNION

The Christian Union has suffered a slight drop in attendances during the last year, but has continued to meet regularly. Interest has been conspicuously lacking in the fifth and middle-sixth years and support from junior forms has been very disappointing. It may, therefore, be worthwhile considering the organisation of a separate programme, more suitable for junior-school boys.

The most interesting items on our programme were addresses by outside speakers. The autumn term concluded with a talk entitled "The Message of Christmas" given by the Rev. John Ashplant. Another successful meeting was that organised for sixth-formers in the Prysten House when Mr. Arnold S. Aldis of the Welsh National School of Medicine spoke on "The Problem of Suffering".

At the beginning of last term, we were privileged to have a series of illustrated talks given by the Rev. P. N. Humphreys, entitled "God through Music". These meetings were followed by an interesting discussion on the philosophy of Trelard de Chardin, ably led by Mr. Hopford. Another item on the programme was the film "Facts of Faith", kindly loaned by The Royal Sailors' Rest at Devonport.

During the summer term, examinations reduced attendances but an experimental meeting during the lunch break was well enough attended for future meetings to be projected for next term.

Thanks are due to my predecessor, D. S. G. Macleod, who organised activities during the early part of the year, and to those members of Staff who have helped the Union, especially Mr. Hopford whose assistance and guidance have enabled the Society to flourish.

D. M. STEVENSON, *Hon. Secretary*

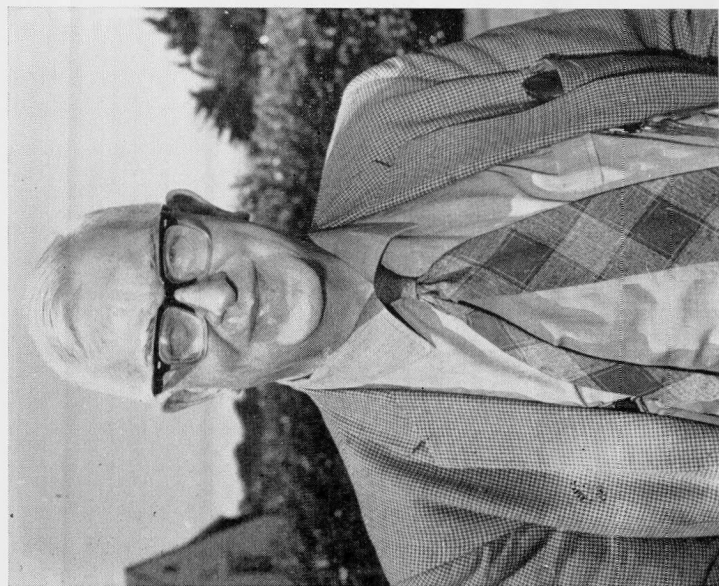
## LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

If the darkest hour is that before the dawn, and if, at last, the tide has finally turned, then the Debating Society can make rhetorical hay while the sun shines, keeping its metaphorical eye firmly fixed on the distant horizon. Seriously, though, the period of "stürm und drang" seems over, and we can face the future with much greater confidence and optimism. The reason is quite simply that we have abandoned all attempts to force up numbers to the exclusion of all other considerations and are concentrating primarily upon improving debating standards.

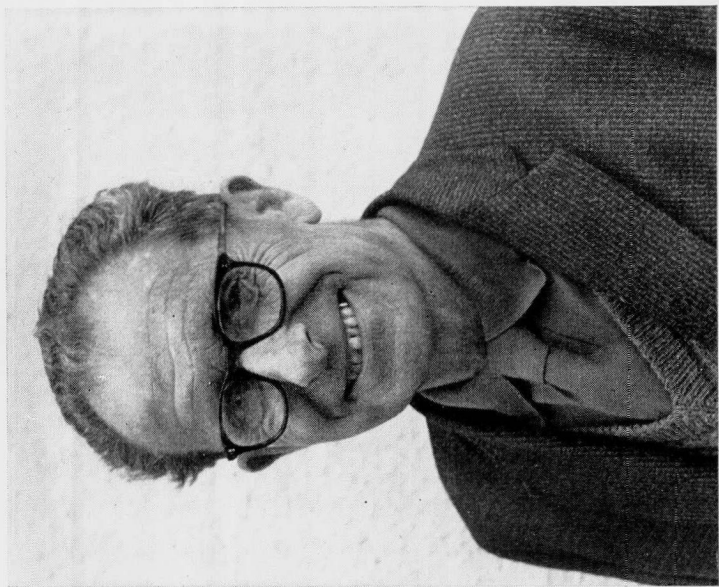
Despite this new-found sense of purpose, the quality of debates fluctuated unpredictably with the result, for example, that so flat a subject as "Undue proficiency at sport is symptomatic of a wasted youth" produced probably the best debate of the year. Interesting, if excessively academic, debates were held on such abstruse subjects as the relative values of knowledge and experience, pacifism and economic policy.

Inter-schools' debates (for some mysterious reason always held with girls' schools) proved, frankly, rather disappointing. A debate with Notre Dame on "Woman is the weaker sex" drifted perilously near to exhibitionism, whilst a debate with D.H.S. for Girls on the motion that





Mr. L. H. ANGUS



Mr. W. H. WAY







"Female intuition is of greater value than male logic" totally failed to arouse any boy-girl partisanship and fell flat with an embarrassing thud. But a well attended debate on "God is dead" with Plymouth High proved intelligent and highly entertaining, despite a Feuerbachian peroration of epic proportions delivered by P. B. Evans. The motion was, however, defeated.

The initiation of an Inter-Schools' Debating Society was enthusiastically welcomed, but when it became apparent that the society was overlarge and somewhat immature the committee decided to withdraw. Instead, we are collaborating with three other schools in a similar more modest venture which will provide an opportunity for interesting and intelligent debating next year.

For teaching us the gentle art of rhetorical pyrotechnics we are deeply indebted to Mr. Whitfield. He has guided us along the straight and narrow path towards the fresh fields and pastures new, where, under the smiling sun, we can gather more oratorical moss than anybody else.

P. B. EVANS, *Chairman* R. H. SYMONS, *Secretary*

## JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

At the beginning of September 1966, six angry young men were pressing to restart the Junior Debating Society. Presuming themselves to be the committee, Messrs. Byrne, Lawson, Ratcliffe, Taylor (of the third year), Scoble and Wood (of the second), stirred up enthusiasm amongst the junior school to ensure a regular attendance of about twenty-five boys at internal meetings—the number rising considerably at external debates!

Internal meetings have ranged from formal debates on the justification of space-research, comprehensive education and the censorship of pop-music, to informal discussions on religion, racialism and the rights of students.

The girls of Stoke Damerel High School vociferously denied that "a woman's place is in the home" and frequently met the society throughout the year, debating for example, the commercialism of Christmas, the decadence of Britain, supernatural happenings, television and youth.

Meetings with Plymouth High School began in the second term and proved very interesting, the best being a discussion on "Crime and punishment". A debate that "This House supports American action in Vietnam" did, however, show that such a complicated subject could not be successfully treated by third-formers.

Several innovations in the format of meetings have proved most successful. In February there was a mock General Election with Stoke Damerel, while a "mystery" meeting without a set topic brought a successful conclusion to the year's debating. Internal "balloon" debates and a mock trial of the committee provided light-hearted entertainment.

The Society thank all those who have made the inter-school meetings possible and also Mr. Bowden for his guidance and the Chairman for his tireless efforts.



If the aim of a debating society is to enable its members to speak in public without fear or hesitancy, then the Junior Debating Society has fulfilled its purpose. And no one will regret it should the beginning of next September see another six angry young men, ready to restart the Society.

R.H.S.

### GYM CLUB

This Club is confined to 1st, 2nd and 3rd year boys. There is no doubt that the standard of gymnastics of boys attending this Club has reached quite a high level, due mainly to keen and regular attendance. A comedy tumbling act done at the Garden Party was very successful. It was necessary for this show to have two senior boys, Axworthy and Hore, who gave a first-class performance as Tarzan and the Professor, whilst the agilities of the Little Tarzans exceeded all expectations. The Club meets every Friday at 4 p.m.

### THE LIBRARY

Most library reports, or indeed magazine articles in general, boast proudly of the year's successes. Just for a change, let us consider a few failures. For example, the library has failed during the course of the past year to loan a single book from the "classic literature" section. Apart from chess, sailing, and science fiction, the junior school seems to read nothing at all; and the choice of the seniors is governed exclusively by G.C.E. requirements. Very few books on extra-curricular subjects have been borrowed; art, music, literature, astronomy, social history, politics, religion and philosophy, evidently being subjects too trivial to merit the attention of the average pupil.

But mutilated reading habits surely mould mutilated minds. Without the "awareness" which only genuine literacy can give, our education is equipping us not for living, but for mere economic existence. As a human being's knowledge is increasingly narrowed to satisfy the demands of a mechanistic society, so the need for a non-specialist education becomes ever more pressing. Yet the frightening fact is, that not only are boys shunning such a general education, but are not even aware of what they are rejecting. So effectively are we conditioned that cramping the mind to the cold dictates of economic progress has become the norm; out of a school of 700 boys, not more than 50 read books outside examination requirements. Apart from academic texts, how many can honestly claim that they have read a single good book in the past year? And how many have read nothing at all?

There is no interest in creative writing, little in creative reading; intelligent conversation is paralysed by ignorance and lack of fluency; knowledge is blinkered, thoughts stereotyped. A broad literacy is the only answer, yet the wealth of fascinating knowledge and wisdom available in the library might, in fact, not exist, as far as 90 per cent of the school are concerned. D.H.S. has perhaps the finest school library in Plymouth: this year, we have sought with determination to get its ample resources properly used. We have failed. Whose fault is it?

P.B.E.



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## MUSIC SOCIETY

Reluctantly, we have to report an almost complete lack of interest in musical art. The membership of the Society has fallen drastically during the past year, despite numerous attempts to boost interest. The only bright news is the formation of the Folk Club, but even here support has not extended below the lower-sixth. The Annual General Meeting, combined with folk-songs, was well supported but attendances dropped soon afterwards. At Christmas, a small concert was given by local folk-singer Margaret Henderson, and provided a most entertaining evening.

During the spring term, the heraldic advent of Mr. Rooke, a student teacher, brought with it many enjoyable hours for everyone, reaching a climax with the debut of a Rooke arrangement of the National Anthem at the Easter Concert. The most successful event of the year was the Music Society Dance which filled the hall, to the music of the "Plymouth Sound". Profits were high and more dances are planned as an excellent way of raising money for the musical instruments the orchestra lacks.

The summer term produced a new effort to arouse enthusiasm. It was hoped that the abolition of the membership fee and the weekly playing of well-known classical records would induce some support, but the School's response was woefully apathetic.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Farrow for all his help during the past year.

K.T.

## THE PRINTING GROUP—*The St. Levan Press*

The importance of the printed word as a means of communication has never been greater: other mass media may have expanded but printing retains its paramount position. In learning the art of printing, boys gain an insight into the methods of presenting ideas and information to their fellow-men. The major difficulty faced by any leader of the School Printing Group is to reconcile its two aims: firstly to do the maximum amount of work and secondly, to train a succession of boys in the skills of printing. Many would-be members are daunted by the amount of work expected from a printer; but once the basic skills are mastered printing can become a fascinating and rewarding hobby.

Two new members have joined this year, Eyre of 2S and Casey of 3A. This brings our membership up to its full complement of six: one member from every year in the School except the first.

However experienced the group becomes, it still depends upon Mr. Brimacombe's advice (especially in matters of design) and practical assistance, for its survival. This year the Group celebrates its tenth anniversary and sincerely hopes that the next ten years will prove equally successful.

J.E.C.

## THE RAMBLING CLUB

This year our membership reached a new peak of 25 active members; more walks were held because three leaders (C. Hawkins, M. Hancock and D. Evans) are now available. Although the autumn term was fairly wet



and dismal, several walks were held both on the South and North moors, including an excellent romp from Princetown to Cornwood via Fox Tor and Dendles Wood Nature Reserve.

The winter term began with a well attended ramble from South Brent to Yelverton via the Avon Dam, which looked truly majestic on that beautiful day. Soon afterwards, a more strenuous hike started at Okehamp-ton and then on to Princetown by way of Yes Tor, Cranmere Pool, Fur Tor and Tavy Cleave. To introduce variety, one walk to Shell Top, Shaver-combe Falls, Grimm's Grave and Dendles Wood began at Lee Moor. The term ended with a poorly attended, but most enjoyable, Youth Hostel Weekend at Tavistock.

In the summer term, examination pressure ruined several of the Club's elaborate plans, but two walks were held to Shavercombe Falls and Down Tor respectively.

As always, we are grateful for Mr. Dodd's frequent help and sound advice. On the whole, a fruitful and rewarding year.

## SAILING

This year the School Sailing Club has bought new terylene sails for two of the Cadets, enabling us to compete with other schools on equal terms. All four Cadets have been racing successfully on Tuesdays and Saturdays, often having two boats in the first three places. We have also won the Technical Training week trophy for the first time. Thanks to Mr. Southern, those boys who have not been able to race regularly, can now sail on Saturday mornings.

We congratulate Gibbons, and his crew, Morbey, who have been selected to sail for Britain in Poland this year. We hope that they are successful.

Thanks are due to Mr. Collenette, Mr. Davies and Mr. Southern for their efforts in keeping us afloat, also to J. Burbeck, captain, and D. Hender, treasurer.

J.L.

## SCIENCE SOCIETY

Despite the increasing importance of science and technology in our society, a decreasing number of those studying scientific subjects support the Science Society. The Society provides many facilities, including access to a well-equipped dark-room, but the photographic section is now virtually non-existent. The Electronics Society has, however, continued to expand under the expert guidance of Mr. Milton. Its ambitious aims include satellite tracking and numerous other projects which are rapidly materialising.

As usual, lectures proved to be among the Society's most popular meetings and attendances were encouraging. Lectures included one by a representative of Plymouth School of Navigation who explained how new techniques are being applied to this ancient craft. The annual visit of Mr. Hurrell, the naturalist, was as popular as ever, and the Junior laboratory



was full. Mr. Hurrell also kindly allowed some senior members of the Society to visit his home and meet his famous seal, "Atlanta".

The film programme proved less successful. This is despite the greatly improved standard of the films being shown. These included a colour documentary on Donald Campbell's attempts at the world land speed record and a film on artificial food-preservation. But few members availed themselves of these opportunities to gain insight into the practical applications of science in industry.

During the last few weeks of the summer term, visits were arranged to several local establishments, including Mount Batten, the G.P.O. sorting office, and the Marine Biological Laboratories. We must extend our thanks to these organisations and also to the masters who accompanied the parties.

Thanks are also due to Mr. Poole whose help in assisting and encouraging the committee has been invaluable. As a whole, this year has been somewhat disappointing; we must hope that next year, membership will increase and that the Society will become revitalised. K.T. and K.B.

## SCOUTS

The Scout Troop has had a very successful year, with each member playing an important part. We congratulate Orchard on gaining his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award; also Hender and Morbey on winning their Queen's Scout Badges.

In the autumn term, the Venture Scouts entered the Cross Country Championships and retained the shield for the sixth successive year. We congratulate the team, especially Martin who won the individual medal for 1st place.

The New Year was again spent at Bellever Youth Hostel and a good time was had by all. Near the end of the Easter term the Table Tennis Championships were held, Rogers gaining first place. During the Easter holidays a patrol of Seniors helped to organise the Camp at Clearbrook.

We were unsuccessful in both the Soccer and Rugby tournaments held at the beginning of the summer term. As usual, at Whitsun, we entered the Ten Tors Expedition. A team of seniors had been training for this event since the beginning of the School year. This produced results on the day when, despite a few mishaps and difficulties, the team managed to finish first in the 50-mile section, while the main scout troop team won in the 35-mile section. The week after the Ten Tors saw the Scout Sports and both the Venture Scouts and the Juniors were runners-up in their section. The Troop as a whole won the Sports Shield.

We extend our warmest thanks to Mr. Attewell for his continued assistance throughout the year and to M. Cooper who joined the Troop as an A.S.M. in the Boy Scout Section but has also greatly assisted the Venture Scout Troop.



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## **The Athletics Club**

The Club has had an excellent year. The season commenced in March with running standards and continued after Easter with other field events. At the pre-Sports Day finals Grenville had a commanding lead while second place was being hotly contested. On Sports Day itself, Raleigh made a tremendous effort to catch Grenville's forty points' lead and almost succeeded.

We did well in the Plymouth Sports, and as a result four Devonport boys represented Plymouth in the Devon School Sports. Moreover Davis, Frowde and Muldowney had the honour of competing in the National Championships at Peterborough; despite his bad luck in the semi-finals, Davis achieved second place in the finals. Their success should act as a spur to the junior athletes.

Devonport High became the first grammar school to win the Devon Public and Grammar School Sports. Although this victory was a team effort, three boys deserve special mention: Davis who won the hurdles, high jump and 440 yards, Wakeford who won the discuss and Frowde the pole-vault.

The first year went from strength to strength, beating St. Boniface's College by 152 points to 101 and Tamar by 145 points to 112. Success to temperance!

In near perfect conditions Sutton and Devonport did battle, and right up until the end the issue was in doubt. However, we won by 150 points to 134. The match against Truro found our senior team below par, but the juniors—led by Bentley—pulled us through by 164½ points to 142½ points.

In the Plymouth Schools Cross-Country Championships the senior team came first and the intermediate team second in their respective sections.

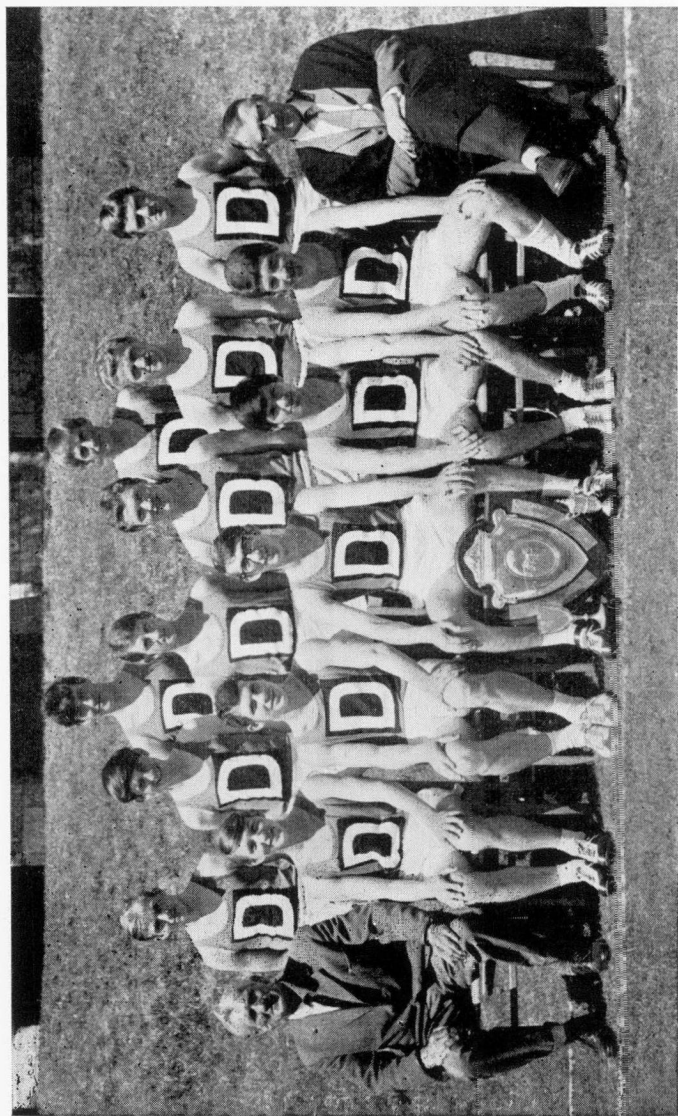
The Club is grateful to Mr. Nash and Mr. Stone for their advice and encouragement, and to the P.T.A. for their superb teas.

P.F.

## **The Cricket Club**

This season has been one of experiment and rebuilding for the 1st XI with the introduction of a number of young players, including seven of last year's successful Colts XI. The full potential of such an unseasoned team will be shown in the results of the next few seasons. However, under the capable and sometimes controversial captaincy of D. M. Hooper, the team performed creditably, losing only three of the thirteen matches played and two of these defeats were in the post-G.C.E. period when the team was seriously weakened by the departure of several of its most experienced players. By the end of the season, the team was beginning to show signs of greater maturity, typified by the inestimable increase in mobility in the field. The bowling lacked penetration and spark, accounting for the large number of indecisive matches, but the batting attained greater solidity than in previous seasons.





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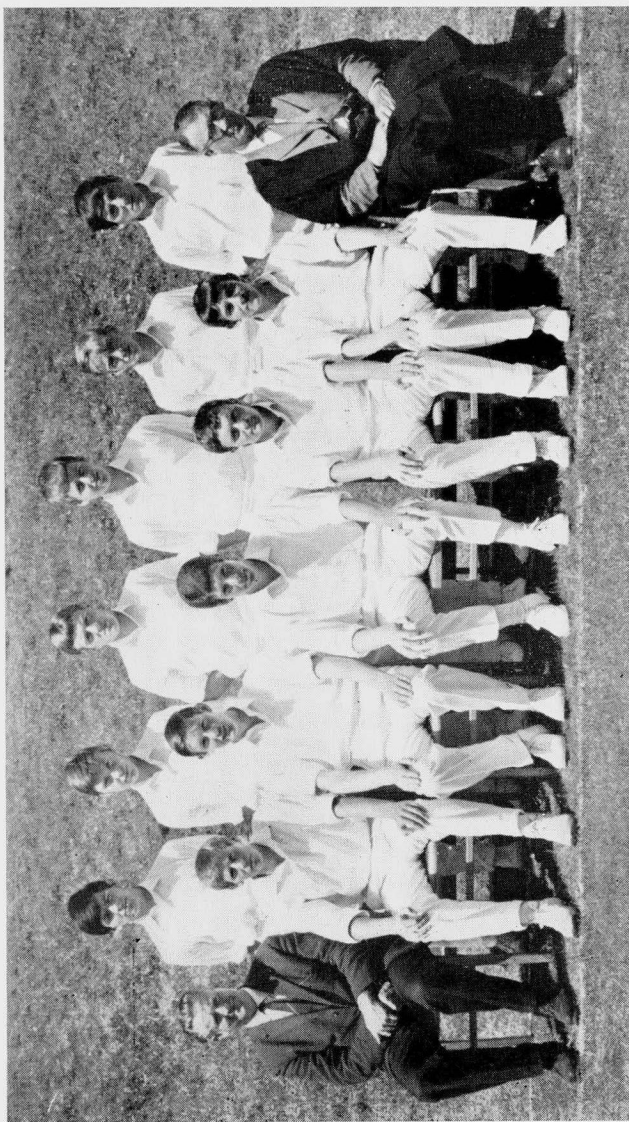
*Winners Devon Public and Grammar Schools Team Championship*

*Standing at back (left to right): M. C. Trigg, J. R. L. Orchard*

*Middle row: C. J. Luckcraft, P. D. Martin, R. J. Cope, B. J. Harfoot, C. E. C. Herbert, G. Waugh*

*Front row: Mr. W. Nash, P. A. Henwood, P. J. N. Frowde (Hon. Secretary), A. Davis (Captain), S. F. Tindsley, D. M. Hooper, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (Headmaster)*





# 1st XI CRICKET 1967

*Standing:* S. F. Tindsley, R. C. Skinner, G. Waugh, C. J. Bentley, C. J. Luckcraft, F. W. Prosser  
*Sitting:* Mr. F. Wayne, J. R. L. Orchard, G. K. Simpson, D. M. Hooper (*Captain*), R. J. Jenkins (*Hon. Secretary*),  
 G. A. Luff, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)



It has been often difficult to find eleven players for the 2nd XI this season, especially in the last few weeks of the term. However, in spite of a mediocre record, the team, captained by Elliott and later by Badgery, played with enthusiasm and had an enjoyable season.

Coached by Mr. Scott and captained by Metherell, the Colts XI showed excellent team spirit and lost only two of the eleven matches played.

The Junior XI, coached by Mr. Clayton and captained by Bennett, have several excellent batsmen and had a good season, although incurring several unexpected defeats.

Five games were played by a First Team XI, coached by Mr. Horwell, and all were won, results that augur well for the future.

We express our sincere thanks to the Ladies' Committee of the P.T.A. for the excellent teas provided at home matches, and to Mr. Wayne and all masters who have coached teams and umpired matches. Without their help and guidance the Club could not exist.

#### *Congratulations:*

To R. Skinner who took 6 wickets for 8 runs, including the hat-trick, for the 1st XI v. Newton Abbot G.S.

To Ash, Came, Bennett and Hoyle who represented Plymouth Schools, and to the last two who were selected for South Devon v. North Devon in the final Devon Schools Under-15 Trial.

*Full Colours:* Re-awards: Hooper, Simpson.

New Awards: Orchard, Wakeford, Jenkins, Waugh, Luff.

*Half Colours:* New Awards: Skinner R., Tindsley, Prosser.

<i>Record</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>Tied</i>
1st XI ...	13	3	6	3	1
2nd XI ...	10	2	3	5	—
Colts XI ...	11	3	6	2	—
Junior XI ...	11	7	1	3	—
1st Year XI	5	5	0	0	—

## **The Rugby Club**

At the beginning of the Autumn term, the task of selecting and drilling a 1st XV was begun. Eight members of the previous year's team were available, including our veteran full-back, Sparks. The front row, consisting of Jones, Robinson, our captain, and the hooker, Simpson, played with rugged determination, sometimes creating more opportunities than the backs were fully able to exploit. Axworthy and Atrill provided robust support for the front row and should prove valuable assets to next year's team. The back row, Herbert, Garnish and Stevenson, tackled effectively, whilst Herbert also excelled in the loose. Orchard, as scrum-half, provided some excellent service for the stand-off half, Waugh, who himself played with a consummate skill, which occasionally fooled our own backs even more effectively than the opposition. The centres, Dingle and Tindsley, combined well and were often thrustful in attack. Goodwin, Davies, Frowde and P. A. Evans



occupied the wing positions competently at various times during the season. Sparks became Captain when Robinson left at Christmas, Buckingham joining the team as second prop.

The season began badly with the team losing four matches in a row. Our biggest defeat was at the hands of our old rivals, Plymouth College, but we scored several colossal victories and did well to hold the powerful Plymouth Albion Juniors side to a draw. The matches against Newport H.S. and St. Julian's were close battles, but in both we met with defeat.

Of all the teams, the 2nd XV was the most successful and they have been awarded the Griffin Trophy. When P. A. Evans was promoted to the 1st XV, Smith succeeded him as Captain and both received enthusiastic support from the pack leader, Green.

The primary function of the 3rd XV is to give a game to as many boys as possible, and under the inspiring leadership of Price the team achieved a fairly good record.

A promising start to the season by the Under-15 XV was not maintained due to several injuries. Particularly strong in the forwards, the team achieved a number of major victories, though the lack of talented centres proved a serious handicap.

The Under-14 XV suffered from a weakness in defence, resulting in a number of narrow defeats, but the team contains several promising players, notably Bennett, Oates, Hoyle, Brockington, Hough, Taylor and Ireland.

The Under-13 XV, though very keen, had only a moderate season. Perhaps greater tenacity and a more aggressive approach would have produced a more successful record. Towlson proved a sound captain.

There were two Under-12 XV teams, the "A" team, captained by Paul, and the "B" team by Bricknell. Their rapid progress in learning the game is encouraging.

The members of all the Rugby teams express their sincere thanks to the Ladies' Committee, Mr. Horwell, Mr. Smith, Mr. Clayton, Mr. Scott, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Stone, and above all, Mr. Nash.

*Full Colours:* Re-awards: Sparks.

New Awards: Garnish, Dingle, Stevenson, Jones, Goodwin, Orchard, Waugh, Herbert, Tindsley.

*Half Colours:* New Awards: Simpson, Davies, Buckingham, Axworthy, Atrill.

<i>Record</i>				<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>A</i>
1st XV	...	...	...	27	13	1	13	348	215
2nd XV	...	...	...	22	14	2	6	387	164
3rd XV	...	...	...	17	8	0	9	218	192
Under-15 XV	...	...	...	13	7	1	5	192	117
Under-14 XV	...	...	...	9	2	1	6	115	164
Under-13 XV	...	...	...	12	5	1	6	143	138
Under-12 XV	...	...	...	11	7	3	1	119	21

Griffin Trophy: 2nd XV      House Rugby Cup: Grenville

D. GARNISH, *Hon. Secretary*



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## The Soccer Club

The Soccer Club has again a meritorious playing record. Much of this success must be assigned to the unbounded efforts of Messrs. Warren and Farrow, to whom we are all extremely grateful.

Although taking some time to find their feet, the 1st XI gradually settled down into an efficient combination, with the emphasis on teamwork rather than individual skill. Roe's excellent leadership inspired the success of the team. The side had the ability to rise to the occasion, as testified in the satisfying wins over Sutton H.S., Plympton G.S., and St. Austell G.S.

Keen competition for places in the 2nd XI ensured a higher standard of play than usual. This side's most creditable results were victories over H.M.S. *Thunderer*, Torquay G.S. and H.M.S. *Fisgard*.

The junior sides have suffered from the reduction of their playing season to the spring term and have been unable to build up any co-ordination in such a short period.

The Under-15 XI had a disappointing season and were handicapped by a dependence upon two or three players plus a lack of enthusiasm.

The Under-14 XI suffered from lack of physique but made a bold attempt to overcome this with their determination. However, with a particularly brittle defence, their record does not look impressive.

The Under-13 XI, competing in the Junior School's League, have had a varying season. In winning their first four games they scored 37 goals, including 9 against the league leaders. Their dependence on Griffin for goals, and the congestion of fixtures, resulted in a deteriorating performance.

*Congratulations to:*

F. S. Wakeford, who represented Devon Public and Grammar Schools.

G. Dawe, K. Hyatt and K. Griffin, who all represented Plymouth Schoolboys, and to Dawe, who also represented Devon Schoolboys.

Grenville, who won the Gerrard House Soccer Trophy.

<i>Record</i>				<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>A</i>
1st XI ...	...	...	...	17	11	2	4	49	32
2nd XI ...	...	...	...	13	7	0	6	38	35
3rd XI ...	...	...	...	1	1	0	0	3	2
Under-15 XI ...	...	...	...	8	3	1	4	18	15
Under-14 XI ...	...	...	...	7	3	0	4	21	24
Under-13 XI ...	...	...	...	9	4	3	2	46	21

*Full Colours:* Re-awards: Roe (Capt.), Cox, Fox.

... New Awards: Davis, Hooper (Vice-Capt.), Jenkins, Wakeford

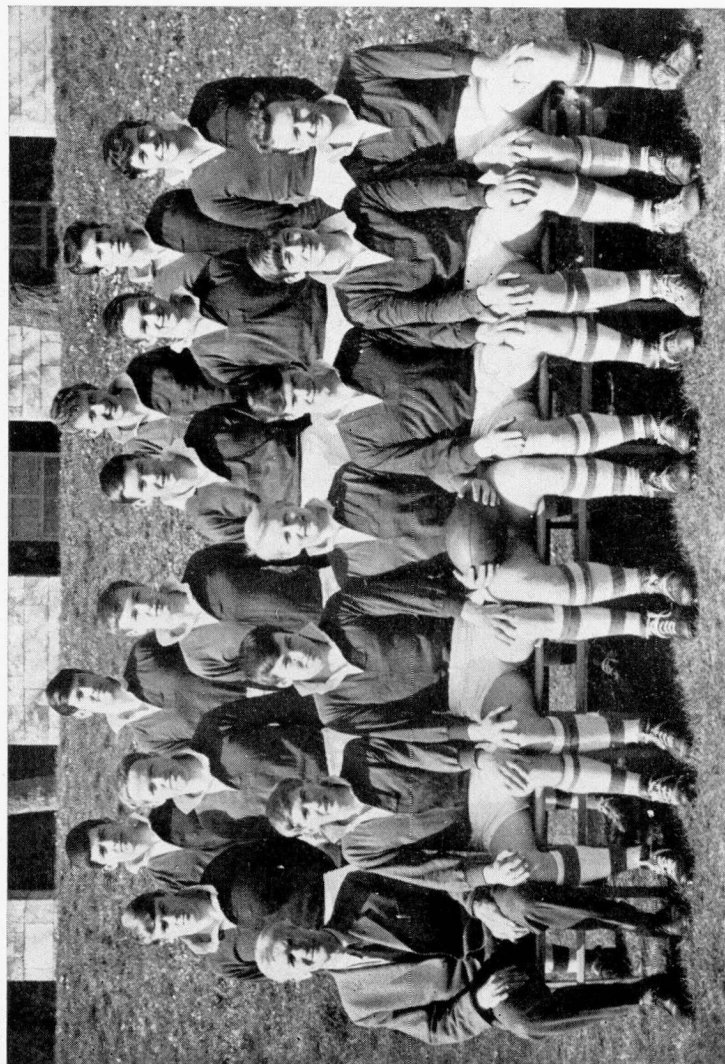
*Half Colours:* New Awards: Luff, Rowlands, Trace, Skinner, J.

F. S. WAKEFORD, *Hon. Secretary*

## The Tennis Club

The first fixture of the season against Kelly College resulted in a narrow defeat 5-4. Following the cancellation of the match against Totnes, a fixture which the weather has never seemed to favour, a convincing victory was





1st XV RUGBY 1966-67

*Standing at back (left to right):* S. F. Tindsley, J. K. Buckingham, P. A. Evans, R. J. Goodwin

*Middle row:* G. Waugh, C. E. C. Herbert, R. N. Arill, G. K. Simpson, D. G. Axworthy, M. Davies

*Front row:* Mr. W. Nash, J. R. L. Orchard, B. R. Dingle, D. G. Sparks (*Captain*), D. G. Garnish (*Hon. Secretary*),  
A. F. Jones, J. W. Stevenson





1st XI SOCCER 1966-67

*Back row (left to right): J. Skinner, A. T. Rowlands, D. J. Trace, C. R. Davis, R. J. Jenkins, I. L. Fox*  
*Front row: G. A. Luff, F. S. Wakeford (Hon. Secretary), G. E. Cox, K. Roe (Captain), D. M. Hooper (Vice-Captain),*  
*Mr. T. Farrow*



obtained against Plymouth College "B", 7-2. Defeats were sustained against St. Luke's College (who proved much too good for us, winning 9-0) and St. Boniface's College, but victories were gained against H.M.S. *Fisgard*, 5-4, 6-3, and Kelly College 5-4.

The departure of Smith, Goodwin and Martin, who have been regular members of the team, has depleted the strength of the Club considerably, but their positions will doubtless be filled by recruits from the middle school, particularly, we hope, the fourth and fifth forms.

Finally, we thank the Ladies' Committee of the Parents' Association for the excellent teas provided at all home matches, and also Mr. Tamblin and Mr. Collenette for the interest and guidance they have always given.

Results: Played 8; Won 5; Lost 3.

L. WILLCOCKS

## ***The Parents' Association***

The activities of the Association have followed their usual pattern and have been well supported.

In September a party of twenty-four parents were privileged to visit Mr. H. G. Hurrell's home at Moorgate, Wrangaton, and to see Atlanta perform her remarkable routine.

The Annual Meeting in October was well attended. At the business session, five retiring committee members were replaced by new parents and Mr. Roe was elected chairman in succession to Mr. Dennerly. A film concerning work at the B.B.C. a few years ago was shown through the co-operation of Mr. Garnish.

The November Whist Drive attracted some one hundred and thirty players, while the December dance at the Lower Guildhall proved such a popular event with parents, both past and present, that the hall was comfortably full. About two hundred and twenty-five were present.

The "At Homes" for Seniors in February, and the Juniors in April were packed to capacity. Both parents and Staff feel that they are most useful.

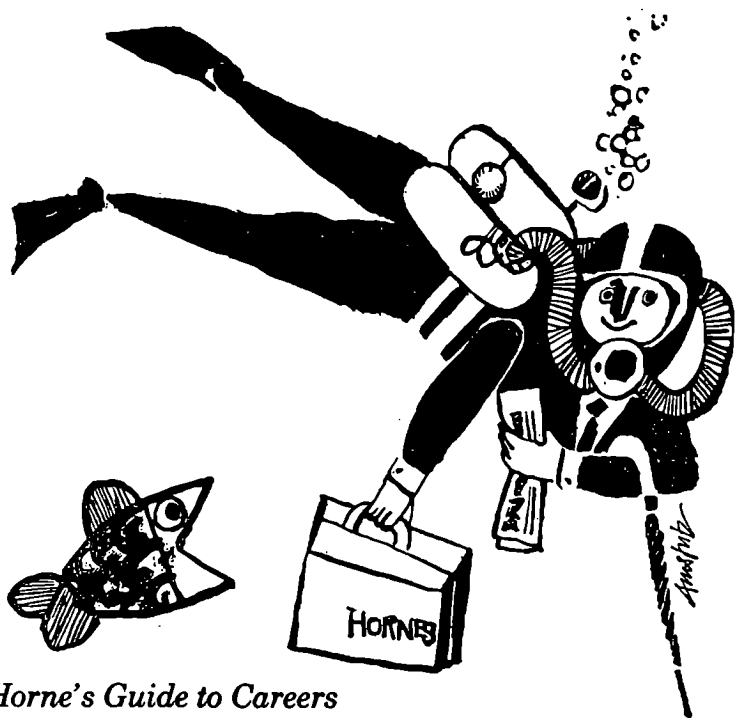
The March Whist Drive was less successful but the Committee Dinner at the Elfordleigh Hotel was a delightful and intimate affair.

The Association has helped the School with its usual financial support with Speech Day expenses and prizes; with the provision of refreshments at School matches and other functions, and in many other small ways. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Slatter and her Ladies' Committee for their untiring efforts.

Garden Party was an enjoyable occasion and a happy meeting of Staff, former parents, old boys and future members of the School.

One cannot end this report without reference to the retirement of Mr. Way who has been such an efficient and provident treasurer for over twenty years. We thank him most sincerely for his loyal and faithful service and hope, when he has fully recovered from his illness, to show our appreciation in a tangible form.





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Moving the Annual General Meeting to the Magnet Restaurant in 1966 was an unqualified success. For once our younger members were faced with more food than they could manage, and the quality matched the quantity.

We shall return to the same venue this year, on Thursday, December 28th, at 7.30 p.m. All Old Boys are invited—young and old, members and non-members. You will not be badgered for a subscription, but, if you decide to join, we shall be very pleased to welcome you.

The Annual Dinner was revived this year at Easter. Ninety-four members and their ladies enjoyed the gathering at the Davie Hall. Our guests were the Chairmen of London and Bath and their wives, Sir Clifford Tozer, and the ever-youthful Tex Austin. Sir Clifford proposed the toast to the School and the School Captain, Graham Cox, replied. Roy Mewton proposed the toast to the Ladies and Mrs. Dingle replied.

On a personal note I should like to record my pleasure in having one of my contemporaries at School, Allan Dingle, as Chairman this year. Dave Malloch, our Badminton Secretary, also joined D.H.S. with us in 1932. As our ranks were sorely depleted during the war, it is quite memorable to have three of us in office at the same time. Des Cory has passed over the Secretaryship of the Bath and Bristol Branch to Len Truscott, who happens to be my brother-in-law!

In our annual cricket matches we scored 83 for 5 against the School (John Shinner 32, Colin Watson 22), who replied with 27 for 8 (John Gerrard 6 for 5) before stumps were drawn. The Staff brought off a well-deserved victory at Plymouth Cricket Ground. Put in to bat they soon rattled up 91 for 9 declared, thanks largely to Dave Sparks 35, Derek Hooper 18, Frank Wayne 17 and some spirited resistance from two bearded gentlemen! The O.B.A. were all out for 84 two minutes before time. Cliff Hollywood was top scorer with 24, ably supported by skipper Vic Woodfield 21, and our Argyle star, Tony Brimacombe, 13 not out.

BERNARD GILBERT, *Hon. Secretary*



## ***The London Branch***

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In view of remarks made in previous reports from London it is very encouraging to be able to say that at last year's Annual General Meeting held on December 2nd there was a good attendance of recent school-leavers, and we are fortunate to have two of their number, Peter Cox and John Harding, on the Committee. We regretfully had to lose the services of Ashley Adams, for whom increasing travelling commitments outside London made attendance at meetings difficult. Among those present at the A.G.M. were three of our outlying members, whom we were delighted to have with us. P. E. Holwell from Sunderland, C. A. McLeod from Hastings, and J. G. Grant from Gosport. Perhaps this will encourage some of our members who have not quite so far to travel to turn up at future functions.

Although attendance at the Annual Dinner was not so high as had been hoped, it was again a very successful occasion. We were delighted to have with us the Headmaster and Mrs. Cresswell, their daughter, Sheila, and her fiancé, Mrs. Simmonds and Mr. H. Whitfeld.

A number of the London Branch officers and members were able to attend the Headquarters Dinner at Easter and all had a very enjoyable time.

The outing to Trent Park, by kind permission of the Principal, Mr. T. R. Theakston, was again held in glorious weather—we could hardly go wrong this year—and was very much enjoyed. It was a great pleasure to see John Burrows there with his wife and her mother. His eye trouble is taking a very long time to clear up and he has now been at home for sixteen months. We hope his next visit to Moorfields Eye Hospital will reveal a considerable improvement in the post-operation condition. Mrs. Simmonds and her helpers kindly dispensed tea and soft drinks during the afternoon.

We in London hope that if this report catches the eye of any boys leaving school this year and coming to this area they will take up pen and write to the Hon. Secretary at the address given above.

## ***The Bath and Bristol Branch***

*Chairman:* F. W. J. LAWRENCE

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:*

L. R. Truscott, 44 Bloomfield Drive, Odd Down, Bath

Membership has increased slightly but, disappointingly, we have not attracted many new university students who would surely welcome our assistance in a strange area. After a quiet winter, our social activities got under way with a Skittles Evening and buffet at a local country inn. This was followed by a Car Treasure Hunt in July. A steak supper is planned for early October and we hope that the A.G.M. on October 30th will encourage even more new members.

L. R. TRUSCOTT



## ***The Old Boys' Rugby Club***

During the 1966/7 season, 32 games were played, 12 won, 6 drawn and 14 lost. The highlight of the season was the victory over the O.P.M.s by 33 points to 3. The annual match against the School resulted in a win for the Old Boys.

The annual London trip was once again very successful. Home games next season will be played on Corporation pitches as Bickleigh Down is no longer available. Unfortunately we have lost the services of R. Northcott but experienced players, J. Southern, D. Ferguson, J. Ellis and J. Cook have played well. We are very grateful to the O.B.A. for their generous grant towards the purchase of a new set of shirts. We welcome school leavers who wish to join us.

D. BENNETT

## ***The Old Boys' Soccer Club***

The 1966-7 season will be remembered not for our championship hopes but for nearness to relegation. Two teams were fielded in the P.C.F.L. Premier and 1st Divisions. Youth and fitness were their prime qualities, but a disappointing run of eleven games without victory required a tremendous effort at the close of the season to lift us clear of relegation.

The Club's greatest dilemma lies in the lack of regular playing strength needed to field two elevens. The 2nd XI were often required to reinforce the Premier side at short notice. Despite these difficulties team morale was high and we hope to enter two teams again. We welcome any new players. Thanks go to all who have helped to keep the club alive.

G. K. CAME, *Hon. Secretary*



## O.B.A. PERSONAL COLUMN

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This has been quite a good year from the University degree results angle—a greater number than ever have got firsts or upper seconds—and we do congratulate them all.

Don't forget if you are in London to look up Colin Grant.

Don't forget to let us have news of yourself and of other Old Boys you meet.

How good it was to see so many of you at the Garden Party.

TIM HEALEY (1929-36) sends best wishes to all. After a tour of duty in New Zealand he is now Captain-in-Charge of H.M.S. *Caledonia* at Rosyth. Whilst in New Zealand he met many of the Kiwi touring team against whom he played for the Royal Navy.

GERRY CHAPMAN (1925-31) is now a member of Rochester City Council and finds that life is very full indeed.

COLIN GRANT (1927-34) has retired from the Civil Service and has joined a firm of solicitors. We wish him all the enjoyment he so thoroughly deserves.

D. QUICK (1924-30) has moved to 37 Beams Way, South Green, Billericay in Essex. He hopes that one or two of us will find our way to his home.

A. J. MILLETT (1912-24). Has retired and is enjoying his well earned rest.

C. A. MCLEOD (1930-36) has moved to 15 Woodbrook Road, Hastings. He will be glad to meet any O.B.A. visitors.

A. J. W. SWAN (1920-28) has returned to Devon and we hope to see a lot more of him now. His new address is Dagwood, Limers Lane, Northam, Bideford.

P. C. NOBLE, O.B.E. (1912-17) has moved to Forest Lodge, Kent Hatch, Crockham Hill, Kent, and he too hopes that any O.B. in that area will contact him.

N. H. (Dan) Dingle (1950-58) has moved to 23 Goodmayes Lanes, Goodmayes, Ilford, Essex. He has promised to try to call on D. Quick.

ROGER DAVIES (1958-62). Congratulations on his B.Sc. Economics at L.S.E. He is off to Canada.

P. KENNARD (1956-63) is off to Nigeria with his wife. Both have degrees in English. Have you ever counted the number of Old Boys who are overseas? They are legion.

A. PEARSON (1957-62). Congratulations on qualifying and on getting married. Michael Pearson, his brother, nearly beat him. He has his B.Sc. at L.S.E. and is engaged.

MICHAEL DAVIES (1958-65). Now in his second year at the Camborne School of Mines is married and has a son.

D. LIGHTFOOT (1955-63) has been awarded a Fulbright Research Scholarship and is off to Michigan University.

R. COLEMAN (1955-62) came to the Garden Party having just returned from America. He is to take up a lecturing appointment.

J. R. REDDING (1960-65) has just completed his course at H.M.S. *Fisgard* where he did very well in the exams and captained the 1st XV. He is now posted to H.M.S. *Collingwood* at Fareham.

Some degree results: TOM ORCHARD B.Sc., JOHN ROBERTS a 2/2 in Economics, P. LIGHTFOOT a 2/1 in Geography, JOHN STONE has begun his Ph.D., R. HAYDON, R. GORCYNSKI, A. WICKSTEAD, all had firsts, and J. J. ALPHEY after a 1st has begun Ph.D.

VIC. WALKER (1953-60) is now working with Marconi Ltd. as an analyst in Methods and hopes to read for a degree.

COMMANDER JERMYN has recently rejoined us in Plymouth. He holds an appointment on the C.-in-C's. Staff.



MALCOLM WINTERTON tells us that Martin, his brother, is now married and is working with the B.B.C. film editing department. Malcolm is with B.O.A.C. at Gatwick enjoying every minute of it.

N. A. SIMMONDS, B.Sc., Ph.D., has just been appointed Director of the Gas Council's Midland Research Station. One of the famous Simmonds brothers who continue to live up to the very high standards their father set us all.

JACK PETER (1928-35) has been appointed Superintendent of the Naval Station, Singapore.

J. SOUTHWOLD (1957-64) called in at School to tell us about the highly successful "Group" he is a member of—along with P. Spearing—in Hamburg. Obviously they are thoroughly enjoying life. Any Old Boy ever in Hamburg can contact them at the Wandsbehen Markt.

CAPTAIN K. SADLER (1953-60) has spent two years in Aden and is now off to the Far East with the Gurkhas. We all remember his remarkable performances on the school stage.

ROGER PERRY has been appointed to the Staff of Bristol Grammar School.

COLIN BRAY has reluctantly decided to give up Soccer but hopes to go on playing Cricket for a while. He met Dan Dingle and Robin Miller recently at a School Play.

J. F. STARKS (1925-32) has been appointed Assistant Managing Director of John Brown & Co., Ltd. He was formerly on the Admiralty Staff at Bath.

R. BRISCOE (1953-60) has been awarded a graduate teaching fellowship in America. He is married and the fellowship allows his wife to go with him—expenses paid. 'Lucky couple.'

H. S. JAMES (1948-54) is thoroughly enjoying his work in the Bank and was married three years ago. He hopes to revisit Plymouth shortly. He tells us he still enjoys his football.

A. J. BILLINGS (1956-63), married recently, is thoroughly enjoying his research work.

J. B. VINCENT (1957-62), now a P.O., was married recently at St. Pancras Church.

ARNOLD LEIGH (1946-53) is now curate at St. Andrew's, Stockwell. He is married and has a son, Andrew, one year old.

J. AMERY (1953-60) has been a regular visitor to School this year. He was in charge of the Exhibition Yacht "Phasma". Is engaged to a Norwegian girl and is to be married this summer.

J. SUTHERLAND (1958-63) at R.A.F. Locking has recently become engaged.

We were glad to have Christmas cards from: Flying Officer Bungay, F. Floyd (in Zambia), J. L. Burt (South Africa), Vic. Walker (Chili), Flying Officer Vittles (Cyprus), C. Murphy (Oxford). Robert Conybeare wrote a long letter with lots of news. He is teaching in Bristol and has recently met Barry Blight and Perry. Ken Horley—still a bachelor—Geoff Partridge teaching at Walthamstow, A Jeffery still at Southampton Technical College.



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# FORUM . . .

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## *With apologies to C. P. Snow*

"The two cultures", that much-maligned phrase denoting the real class rift in our society, is permeating into our educational system with frightening rapidity. Scientists we define as those pursuing specialist studies to satisfy the requirements of society, whether the field be physics or linguistics. Artists, in contrast, receive a general education, more for the benefit of themselves than of society. The scientist's knowledge equips him for work; the artist's wisdom equips him for leisure. The scientist is judged by standards of utility, the artist by intrinsic merit.

All this is obvious: what is less apparent is the potential danger of the continuation of this trend. Society demands more and more scientists, education provides them. But if this process continues unchecked, then the result will be an all-science society; an enormously complex and highly affluent beehive. Men will gain unprecedented leisure, but will be completely untrained in its use; they will be taught how to earn, but not to spend, they can serve society, but society cannot serve them. The individual will have become totally subordinated to society, so that what should be a means to the full realisation of individuality will have become an end in itself. Personalities will be standardised and we shall become the abject servants of the aggregate beast which is supposed to be our slave. Few would advocate such a society, yet this is precisely what a large proportion of our school propose to devote their lives to building: a computerised "Brave New World".

But the artist who advocates that we should develop our personalities to the exclusion of everything else is just as wrong as the scientist with his religious faith in affluence. The greatest problems of our age—hunger, disease, poverty—are still grimly materialistic and to these problems no amount of contemplation of maya under bo-trees can provide solutions. The concept of the "noble savage" is a sentimentalist myth and to follow D. H. Lawrence and the pre-Raphaelites back to the Middle Ages is futile romanticism.

What is surely needed is a traditional English compromise. This does not mean a society containing both artists and scientists since this merely creates a class rift between rich, boring "Mr. Jones" and the poor cultured Hippy. The compromise must exist within every individual. He must be both an artist and a scientist, having both a general and a specialist education; able to serve society and to be served in turn. Thus each schoolboy should receive a scientific (specialist) education, combined with artistic (general) studies. This would require a revolution in educational concepts, yet without drastic rethinking we are preparing either a return to the jungle or a society of affluent bees.

P. B. EVANS, M6A



## *A Cliff Scene* • TREGARDOCK

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A tiger sea claws down the ages  
from the cliff; no pad and pawful  
playing, but white claws unleashed  
on the land, peeling down and grinding out  
the soil's bone.

Are the sea's muscular  
spasms which roll in the waves  
partnered by the air's surge, boiling  
with gulls in a thousand screaming wings  
tumbling upward at the world's edge?

Elemental conflict scorns and scatters  
life's intrusion, leaves its illusions  
to the living—eliminates colour  
in a fused and furied world  
of grey, black and the white  
flowering of their frenzy.

Each clutching fall back from the cliff's face  
throws its anger on the wind's waves,  
charms its prey and me the erstwhile  
charmer into eyebound awe.

Watching this, I am no more living  
than the gulls in the wind's mad hands,  
or a mouse alive in the final  
catfilled yawn of the shadow's tooth.  
What does it matter if I live  
or die; if mankind builds or draws  
a fiery curtain on his world?

Blind waves will beat their brains out  
still on thoughtless rocks.

P. J. GROSS



## *"To Eat or Not to Eat"*

Set in idyllic surroundings, 'twixt sparkling waters and verdant pastures, shimmering like

"The wings of a dove covered with silver  
its pinions with green gold;"

what but the school dining hall could possibly spring to mind? Let us direct our steps down the mossy banks and through the hallowed portals of this sanctum sanctorum.

What a delightful sound greets us, the soothing chomp, chomp, chomp, chomp, of three hundred brace of slavering jaws. "Dr. Pavlov's dogs," I hear you cry. But no, the music of thrice five score melodious voices asking for an extra slice of meat give the lie to this. But come, let us take a closer look at this happy scene.

Why, here is a table run entirely by third formers. Eight hot, sweating, grubby little boys packed around a table; a model of peaceful co-existence. Look, that boy has just put a prune in his neighbour's glass of water. How thoughtful! And so much more original than an olive. The spirit of gay camaraderie is ever present; see their laughing faces as they flick food particles at one another. Nor does the dining hall fail to inspire initiative and invention. This enterprising scruff has piled dirty plate upon dirty plate without bothering to scrape them clean first. Plates are interspaced with an oozing grey gruel, the whole thing resembling a hideous monster sandwich. Such initiative! Oh dear, he has slipped. Food and boy mingle on the floor in a grey greasy heaving pulp.

Dank, dark and humid, the room quite literally sweats. Condensation pours down the walls while steam billows through the hatches in ominous swirling clouds. The occasional smirking master oils his way out of the Staff reserve and scurries over to the exit. And all the time there is the incessant chomp, chomp, chomp . . .

R. S. FOSTER

## *Thoughts on Morality*

It has been said that morality cannot be universal; that one person's right and wrong do not apply to others. Previously, morality has been seen as absolute; or rather, each individual or group has considered its own code as universally applicable. But if morality is considered dispassionately, it becomes apparent that it functions purely as a means of regulating society and its relationship with the individual. Hence the proper morality for one phase of societal development may be totally inappropriate in the succeeding phase.

At present in Britain we are passing through a vast transformation in our society. Yet we are leaving the accompanying moral transformation to chance, as all other communities in transition have done. We persist in impressing a moribund metaphysic upon our young: in this we are losing our opportunity to shape our future morality. Other forces will shape it and impress it upon future generations.



Our educational system is responsible for the development of an ethical sense in its pupils. But how does secondary education affect the moral sense of those who undergo it? At present, a desperate attempt is still made to instil blind acceptance of the established moral order. The danger of such a practice lies in the fact that blind acceptance is just what is required for a totalitarian state. A slight change in recent history might have resulted in *Mein Kampf* being read aloud in school assembly instead of the Bible. Our present establishment would righteously condemn this; yet their methods of shaping young minds, although less successful than those used under extremist regimes, differ from them only in degree.

The young are accused of moral decadence by every myopic purveyor of a doomed ethical system. But it is such systems themselves which are decadent. The old-fashioned moralist attempts to fit every incident and idea into a preconceived moral framework. He preaches the distinction of right from wrong as if it were as simple as the litmus paper test for acids and alkalis. The propping-up of such doomed ethics is bound to cause eventual disillusionment in the young. When such morality is forced upon them is it any wonder that they reject it and live immoral lives?

The old morality is now in its death throes but new beliefs to replace it are not yet formulated; still less are they flourishing. But shoring up the breaches in a dead ethical system is no substitute for the creation of an utterly new, more vital and relevant set of beliefs.

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