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## **Editorial**

*We round the bend with torch in flame,  
We'll hand it on, and sound the call.  
We've run our race, in us no shame . . .*

Once more the assembly hall echoes to these words as yet another generation of boys from Devonport High School sings the school song for the last time. Another chapter in our life is written, and, some of us regretfully, some thankfully, we take our leave of the men and buildings who have nurtured us through the most difficult, if most stimulating and interesting, years of our life.

As we sing these words, how many of us can or will recognise the message that they have for us? How many of us ponder whether, as we round this final bend, our torch is still in flame; whether, throughout the various stages of our race through school, there has been in us no shame?

When we entered the school we were as all-but dry sponges, ready to assimilate any drop of learning or experience placed within our reach. As the years passed by we became slowly saturated, until our last few years when we were replete enough to allow to fall onto the arid but thirsty younger generation, following in the paths which we had so recently trodden, some of the precious drops of knowledge which we had gained, not only from books and formal lessons, but from daily contact with minds so different from our own, ideals and standards of such a varied range and aptitudes on such widely separated levels.

It is this insidious formative influence upon the impressionable members of the junior school that forms such a heavy burden on the

shoulders of the senior boys; a burden which we are obliged to carry whether or not we accept or even recognise its existence. Our every action is noted, albeit subconsciously, by some junior, and serves to reinforce his idea of how a "big boy" should behave, and this impression will remain with him throughout his life, colouring his character and eventual identity as an adult citizen. So, in this if nothing else, we are immortal, and we shall live vicariously as long as our juniors have descendants.

This example that we must set is not, of course, one of being "teacher's pet", of reducing each pupil into an ideal, hard-working, clean, obedient automaton. As well as offering the unavoidable basic generalities of good citizenship; we must attempt to draw out the individuality, and, if necessary, the eccentricities, of the junior. We must never forget that each form is a set of individuals, each child watching us, a person in his own right.

Such has been one of our tasks in the journey up the ladder of secondary education; a most important if little recognised service. So when we review the five, seven or eight years that we have spent in the school, let us remember that we must "ne'er falter, fail nor fall", not merely to satisfy the honour of the school, not to escape the wrath of the higher powers, but for a much more sobering and far-reaching goal—the creation of citizens valuable both to themselves and to society. For the sake of our successors, may we be able to sing proudly and with never a doubt in our minds:

*Ne'er did we falter, fail or fall,  
We've played the game, do ye the same.*

R. M. BROOKIN

## **School Notes**

Of the staff changes during the past academic year, the retirement of the Deputy Headmaster, Mr. A. C. Truman, after 28 years of service to the school deserves special mention. An appreciation of Mr. Truman's work is included elsewhere in the magazine. Staff and school join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Truman every happiness in their retirement.

In September 1963 we welcomed to the staff Mr. Perry who came to teach Economics; Mr. Morris and Mr. Clayton who joined the English Department, and Mr. Cole who joined us to teach Religious Knowledge. Mr. Morris leaves at the end of the term to return to Oxford and our best wishes go with him. To the other new members-of-staff we wish a long and happy stay at Devonport High School. At the beginning of the summer term Mrs. Jefferis came to teach Chemistry pending the arrival of a permanent member-of-staff. We hope she has enjoyed her spell of teaching in a boys' school.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Attewell and Mr. and Mrs. Morris on their marriages during the year and Mr. and Mrs. Scott whose marriage will have taken place before the publication of the magazine.

Mr. Austin's retirement from the post of Secretary of the London Branch of the Old Boys' Association is mentioned later in the magazine. We join with the members of the London Branch in thanking him for all his work on behalf of the school and its Old Boys and in wishing him well for the future.

The Annual Garden Party held on Wednesday, July 22nd, was as well attended as ever and Old Boys seemed almost as numerous as parents. We were particularly pleased to see two Old Boys, Messrs. D. Curd and R. H. Stephens, who were visiting D.H.S. for the first time since leaving Albert Road in 1912. Proceeds from the Garden Party were nearly £200.

A special word of congratulation to P. Lightfoot who was third in the Senior 2,000-metres Steeplechase in the National Athletics Championship; to the school A.T.C. Squadron which, in competition against squadrons from all over the country, was placed second in the Air Marshal Sir Alan Lees Cup Competition; and to the school Chess team which won the South-West Section of the *Sunday Times* National Competition.

The new secretary of the London Branch of the Old Boys' Association, C. P. Grant, sends greetings and best wishes from London to all associated with the school.

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### ***Praefecti Valet***

- B. R. ATRILL. Entered 1956; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963; Raleigh House Swimming Captain. Left January 1964 for Civil Service Executive.
- J. E. BALDRY. Entered 1956; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963/64; 1st XV (Colours); School Athletics Team; Drake House Chess Captain; Drake House Swimming Captain. Left July 1964 for Dartmouth R.N.E.C.
- A. C. BEBBINGTON. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; School Chess Captain (Colours) 1962/63; House Vice-Captain 1964. Left July 1964 to read Statistics at University College, London.
- N. BRIDLE. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961 and 1962; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; School Orchestra. Left July 1964 for A.E.I. Sandwich Course at Cardiff University.
- R. M. BROOKIN. Entered 1956; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960 and 1961; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963; Editor of School Magazine. Left July 1964 to read English at Leeds University.
- C. S. BURNS. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; Athletics Vice-Captain 1964 (Colours 1963 and 1964); Soccer Secretary 1963, Captain 1964 (Colours 1962/63/64); Cricket Captain 1964 (Colours 1962/63/64); Gilbert House Vice-Captain 1964. Left July 1964 to take up Cranwell Cadetship.

- R. O. DAVIES. Entered 1961; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963; Captain School 2nd XV. Left January 1964 to read Economics at London School of Economics.
- N. S. DAWE. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961/62; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; 3rd XV Rugby Captain. Left to read Mechanical Engineering at Swansea University.
- C. J. DREWITT. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961/62; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964. Left to work for Cable and Wireless Telecommunications.
- E. S. GOSS. Entered 1961; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963; Drake House Vice-Captain. Left February 1964 to read Economics at Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge.
- B. J. GRACIE. Entered 1955; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960/61; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963; 2nd XI Soccer; 2nd XI Cricket. Left February 1964 to read Theology at King's College, London.
- P. J. HARDY. Entered 1961; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; 1st XV Rugby; School Athletics Team. Left July 1964 for Dartmouth R.N.C.
- R. H. HAYTON. Entered 1956; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961/62; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963/64; 1st Rugby XV (Half Colours); 2nd XI Cricket Captain; School Athletics Team; Gilbert House Captain; Gilbert House Rugby Captain; Gilbert House Athletics Captain. Left to read Botany and Zoology at Cardiff University.
- M. J. D. HOWARD. Entered 1962; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; Gilbert House Secretary; 3rd XV; Gilbert House Swimming Captain; Sailing Club Secretary. Left 1964 to read Bio-chemistry at Birmingham University.
- I. H. R. KIRBELL. Entered 1956; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963; School Sailing Team. Left December 1963 to take up an appointment with Lloyd's Bank.
- R. P. LIGHTFOOT. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; School Athletics Captain 1964, Secretary 1963 (Colours 1962/63/64), Victor Ludorum 1964. Left 1964 to read Geography at Reading University.
- B. J. MALLETT. Entered 1956; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963. Left 1963 to read Modern Languages at Oxford University.
- A. W. MCLEOD. Entered 1960; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; School Senior Scout Troop; Left 1964 to read Dentistry at London Hospital Medical School.
- M. R. MILLET. Entered 1956; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960/61; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963; Raleigh House Captain. Left March 1964 to read History at Clare College, Cambridge.
- T. L. ORCHARD. Entered 1956; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960/61; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963; School Captain 1963/64; Assistant Scout Master, School Scout Troop 1962/64. Left July 1964 to read Mathematics at Reading University.
- M. K. PEARSON. Entered July 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961/62; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963; School Vice-Captain 1963/64; School Librarian 1962/64; House Speech Captain 1964; Printing Group Leader. Left July 1964 to read Philosophy and Economics at London School of Economics.
- D. C. PRIDEAUX. Entered 1956; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960/61; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963; Deputy School Librarian; Secretary Science Society. Left March 1964 to take up an appointment with the Weights and Measures Department.
- P. J. SIDDALL. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962. G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964. Left July 1964 to read French at Liverpool.
- F. G. SIDNEY. Entered 1957; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1962; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; House Swimming Captain. Left July 1964 for St. Luke's College, Exeter.

- J. A. R. SOUNESS. Entered 1956; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960/61; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963/64; 1st XV Rugby Vice-Captain 1963/64 (Colours). Left School July 1964.
- G. STANBURY. Entered 1956; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961/62; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963; 1st XI Soccer (colours). Left March 1964 to take up an appointment in the Civil Service.
- I. N. STONE. Entered 1956; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960/61; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963; Grenville House Captain; Tennis Secretary. Left March 1964 to study French at Reading University.
- M. R. THOMAS. Entered 1956; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963/64; 1st XV Rugby. Left July 1964 for medical research.
- J. L. TURNER. Entered 1956; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1960/61; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1963; Music Society Chairman; Christian Union Secretary. Left March 1964 to study Mathematics at Southampton University.
- N. R. VOSPER. Entered 1956; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1961/62; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1964; Captain 1st XV Rugby (Colours); Vice-Captain 1st XI Cricket (Half colours); School Athletics. Left July 1964 for St. Luke's Training College.

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## **Speech Day 1963**

This year the school was honoured in welcoming Dr. D. Harrison, Fellow of Selwyn College, Cambridge, as guest speaker, and Dr. C. F. Jones, the Deputy Lord Mayor, who presided.

The Headmaster first gave his customary report in which he applauded the Council, and particularly Dr. Jones, for their assistance to education. He rapped their knuckles equally sincerely for continually failing to provide the school with adequate playing facilities.

Dr. Jones praised the school and the opportunities afforded by education today, which preceding generations had missed. He advised every boy to make full use of these chances.

Then followed the presentation of prizes and Dr. Harrison's address. In his speech he said that boys often failed interviews because of lack of practice in conversing with adults (Dr. Harrison is himself responsible for admissions into Selwyn College and therefore his advice was invaluable).

He declared himself "duty bound" to talk about his particular subject, science. He said too many boys aimed only at research, hoping that "tomorrow they would make a world-shattering discovery", and advised them to have a greater sense of proportion about their abilities.

The votes of thanks were proposed by Councillor Len Hill, Chairman of the Board of Governors, and seconded by Dr. Andrew Scotland, Director of Education. The former mentioned the possibility of annexing part of Victoria Park for the school's use.

## Mr. A. C. TRUMAN

After almost twenty-eight years as a member of the staff of this school, our Deputy Headmaster, Mr. A. C. Truman, retired on April 30th, 1964.

Mr. Truman first came to Plymouth in 1930 when he joined the staff of the Corporation Grammar School to teach Chemistry in which he held a First-Class Honours degree. Six years later, when the local authority had decided to close the only ancient grammar school in the city, Mr. Truman was transferred to Devonport High School and at once established a reputation for firm discipline, for devoted teaching and for the highest standards of schoolmastering which the years have but enhanced. In 1938 he was appointed Senior Chemistry Master, the principal lieutenant of the Senior Science Master, Mr. H. Ferraro. Mr. Truman held this position until, in 1956, on the retirement of Mr. R. Ferraro, he was appointed Deputy Headmaster.

In the course of so many years, Mr. Truman's interests have been wide. He was for example a Housemaster during the wartime evacuation to Penzance; he was for example for some years the master-in-charge of cricket and captained the Staff XI which, in 1945, won the first of the few victories over the First XI that the Staff team has achieved. Moreover, Mr. Truman has had considerable influence in a sphere wider than the school, for he has always been an enthusiastic worker for the I.A.A.M. In 1935 he helped to form the Plymouth branch of the Joint-Four Committee and then served as its secretary for twenty-one years. In 1939 he was elected by a teachers' ballot to the Advisory Sub-committee of the Education Authority and was a member continuously until 1956. No schoolmaster in Plymouth has done more for his profession than Mr. Truman.

It was with great distress that we learned during the Easter holidays in 1961 that Mr. Truman had had a stroke. But the courage with which this remarkable man overcame his disability and resumed his full duties aroused the admiration of us all. When he decided to retire, he was presented with a greenhouse by the Old Boys, a teak garden-seat and table by the Staff and a tea-set and tea-service by the school. On June 11th, 1964, these tokens of the affection and esteem of his colleagues and pupils were handed over to Mr. and Mrs. Truman at a most pleasant, informal ceremony in the garden of their home; and here, once more, we wish Mr. and Mrs. Truman long, contented years.

H.M.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following publications: Tamaritan; Plymptonian; Coathanian; Plymouth High School Magazine; St. Boniface Magazine; Stoke Damerel High School Magazine; Plymothian; Devonian; Hove Grammar School for Boys Magazine; Penwethers School Magazine; Truro-nian. Many thanks, and we apologise for any inadvertent omissions.

## **The School Concert**

The Annual Concert was held in the School Hall on April 29th, 1964. A large and appreciative audience much enjoyed the several and varied items offered.

Over ninety players (comprising orchestra, choir and recorders) took part in the opening National Anthem and School Song. The thirty players of the second-year recorder group, with guitar accompaniment, followed with a selection of folk songs. This item was much appreciated judging from the response of the audience. Apart from two incidents the playing was very spontaneous and disciplined.

The School Choir sang "The Heavens are Telling" from *The Creation* by Haydn—a difficult work. They sang with more enthusiasm at times than accuracy but this gallant attempt certainly made the effort worthwhile.

P. J. White (violin) ably played Handel's *Sonata in G minor* and displayed good tone in some of the passages. He was accompanied by P. R. Buttall. P. G. Mitchell (piano) played *Rhapsody in G minor* by Brahms, followed by Sinding's *Rustle of Spring*. Both performances were accurate but somewhat cautious.

The orchestra played Brahms's *Hungarian Dance No. 6*—a lively and rhythmic dance. Despite its shortcomings, and considering no instrumental tuition is given in school, it was a good performance.

Schumann's *Piano Concerto in A minor*, 1st movement, played on two pianos by Mr. R. M. Aiton and P. R. Buttall concluded the first half of the programme. P. R. Buttall in the solo part gave a very confident, and at times spectacular performance, especially in the cadenza.

The orchestra began the second half with Schubert's *Marche Militaire*, at times a little scrappy and insecure. Buttall then played *Sonata Pathetique, Op. 13* by Beethoven; an accurate performance which tended on occasions to dazzle at the expense of the musical interpretation. This performance was one of the highlights of the evening and the audience much appreciated this promising musician.

S. C. Bentley's performance of Beethoven's *Minuet in G* and the minuet and trio from Mozart's *40th Symphony*—both arranged for violin and piano—were ably played by this young violinist from the second form. He was sympathetically accompanied by P. A. Henwood and P. Luft.

M. C. Adams made a skilful attempt at the Mozart *E flat Horn Concerto*, 2nd and 3rd movements, accompanied by Mr. Aiton.

P. J. White's performance of Schubert's *D major Sonatina* was not always competent. P. R. Buttall provided the accompaniment.

The School Choir ended the concert with a very musical performance of a most difficult work "How lovely are Thy Dwellings O Lord most fair" from *Requiem* by Brahms. The balance, tone and

phrasing in this rendering went to make this the most entertaining performance the choir has given in the last four years.

The concert was a great success and our thanks are due to Mr. Aiton for all the hard work, encouragement and inspiration he gave.

## C A R E E R S

For years our fifth and sixth formers have looked to the Civil Service for a career either at Clerical or Executive level. We have recently been notified by the Civil Service of the opportunities which exist in the Departmental Executive Classes for the abler boys considering the Executive grade as a career. Each Departmental class is a single department and the training is more highly specialized than in the General Executive class, leading in some cases to professional qualifications and to more rapid increases in salary in the basic grade. Consider the following:

### *Exchequer and Audit Department*

This is the office of the Auditor General who sees that all spending of public money is properly authorized and accounted. Assistant Auditors' salaries increase more rapidly than do General Executive grades. Entrants take a three-year course in accountancy and commercial law, all fees are paid and training is in office hours.

### *Government Actuaries Department*

Here the work is mainly concerned with National Insurance Schemes, superannuation arrangements for personnel in public services and nationalized industries, life assurance and friendly societies. Members of the actuarial staff must become qualified actuaries, *i.e.* Fellows of the Institute of Actuaries, whereupon salaries increase immediately. Time is allowed for training and fees are paid.

### *District Audit Staff*

Here entrants must qualify as Members of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants. As in other departments all fees and expenses are paid and time off allowed for study. Special salary increments follow qualification.

### *Estate Duty Office*

This is of particular value to the boy interested in the law. A sound knowledge is required of statute and case law relating to death duties. Unless the entrant holds a law degree, he has to attend in official time a three-year course of legal study to degree standard at the City of London College. Assistant Examiners, as they are called, are encouraged to take a law degree or be called to the Bar, and the department contributes to the cost. To follow a similar professional path outside the Civil Service would involve consider-

able expense and few parents could afford the subsidies involved until the young man was self-supporting.

*Tax Officers (Higher Grade)*

As with the Estate Duty Office this is a department of the Inland Revenue, and the successful completion of a planned course of training of two-and-a-half years duration brings promotion to higher salary scales than those obtaining in the General Executive grade.

*Bankruptcy and Official Receivers Service (Board of Trade)*

New entrants from the Executive class competitions are appointed as Examiners and are helped to obtain a knowledge of statute and case law and during training, which lasts from three to five years, a qualification in accountancy. As a minimum they must pass the Intermediate Examination of the Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants.

From these notes we hope that parents and boys will see that here is an opportunity to gain professional status where financial circumstances would normally rule out entry to such careers. Fuller details are, of course, available in the Careers Room or by writing to the Civil Service at 23 Savile Row, London, W.1.

W.H.W.

## **The Inter-House Speech Contest**

This year, as usual, the House machinery rumbled forward into another Inter-House Speech Contest. This year all entries were heard before the contest and consequently some sub-standard entries were eliminated, thus considerably relieving the strain on the audience and adjudicator. In the Senior Contest, Raleigh proved itself to be a powerful entry, leading the field with  $25\frac{1}{2}$  points, followed closely by Gilbert's 22. Drake was third with  $16\frac{1}{2}$  points, though still far ahead of Grenville's modest score of 10. Mention should be made of Pitcher's absorbingly ludicrous lecture on "Walls" and Jones's startling duologue, both of which were placed first.

The Junior Contest, a rather more lively affair on the part of the audience, again showed the strength of Raleigh. The final positions were those taken up earlier in the Senior Contest: Raleigh was easily first with  $41\frac{1}{2}$  points over Gilbert with 36, Drake with  $22\frac{1}{2}$  points and Grenville valiantly bringing up the rear with 20 points.

This briefly was this year's Speech Contest, average in standard when compared to the efforts of previous years: one cannot help thinking that the fault lies not with the leaders and English staff, who devoted much time and energy to this contest, but with the lethargy of the rank-and-file of the Houses. Our thanks are extended particularly to the adjudicator, Mr. W. Flint, M.C., L.G.S.M.

R. W. DENNELL, L6A

## **The Swimming Sports**

Once again all invocations to the Goddess of Fair Weather were not in vain, and swimmers and spectators alike spent a warm and enjoyable afternoon at Mount Wise Baths. That five records were broken this year bears witness to the usual standard being maintained.

The competition soon developed into a keen struggle between Gilbert and Raleigh, the final score being 66 points to 64½ points respectively. Grenville followed with 47 points and Drake brought up the rear with 26½ points.

Credit should be given to Davis, a promising young swimmer, who broke the -12 records for free-style and breast-stroke and won the -12 Championship Cup, and also to Atrill, Holland, Knowles, Gadsden and Sidey who won the -13, -14, -15, -16 and +16 Cups respectively. The Relay Cup was shared this year by Gilbert and Grenville.

Our thanks are due to Mr. T. G. Davey, Chairman of the Old Boys' Association, who presented the trophies, and to all members-of-staff, especially Mr. Vanstone, who make these Sports possible.

R. W. DENNELL, L6A

## **The Tennis Club**

From last season's Tennis VI the services of G. Stanbury, R. Mitchell and N. Stone were lost, and into their places stepped E. Lang, T. Harris, C. Smith and J. Knowles. Our first fixture brought us a victory over Kelly College at Tavistock by six matches to three. The following fixture should have taken us to Totnes, but inevitably it had to rain and this match was cancelled together with the return match, as many of their team were involved in examinations. In our return match against Kelly, who now fielded a very much improved team, we won by the narrowest of margins, five matches to four.

Although we had done quite well so far, we were crushed by Plymouth College (who sported a Junior Wimbledon player in their line-up) in the first round of the Schools' Challenge Cup Competition. Here we suffered the biggest defeat of the season by losing five matches to nil. This annihilation was followed by defeat at the hands of Britannia Royal Naval College cadets by six matches to three.

The remaining three fixtures against Sutton H.S., H.M.S. *Fisgard* and the Cricket 1st XI Tennis VI ended in defeat by Sutton by three matches to six, victory against H.M.S. *Fisgard* by six matches to three, and a narrow defeat by the Cricket 1st XI Tennis VI by four matches to five.

The club extends its thanks to Mr. Tamblin and Mr. Collette for their help and guidance, and also to its captain, G. Brown, and to Mrs. Gracie and her team of ladies for the excellent teas provided at home matches.

L. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Secretary*

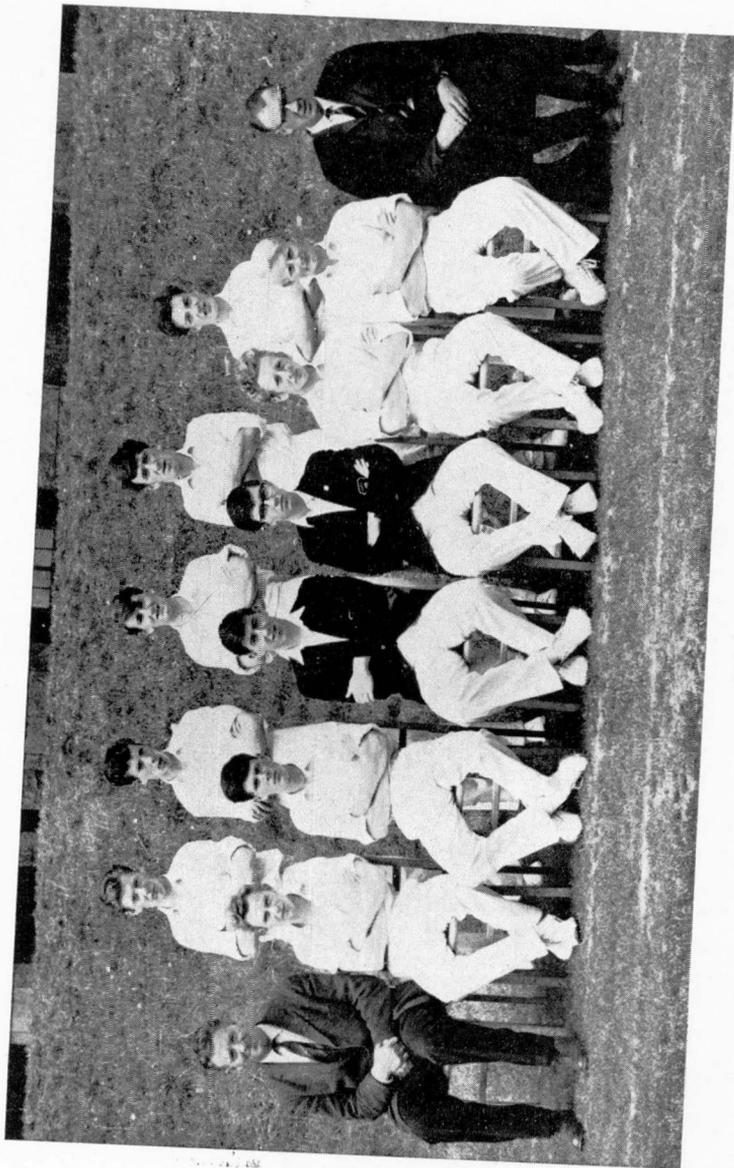


PREFECTS 1963-64

*Back row (left to right):* P. J. Hardy, N. Bridle, P. A. Cresswell, P. R. Bentley, M. J. D. Howard, R. J. Box, M. R. Thomas, D. H. Kemble, K. J. Bulley, F. G. Sidey, R. H. Hayton, J. A. Souness

*Middle row:* J. R. Shearer, D. W. Rabey, J. M. Harding, D. B. Harris, R. W. C. Cose, N. S. Dawe, C. S. Burns, N. R. Vosper, C. J. Drewitt, R. P. Lightfoot, D. G. Fowler

*Front row:* Mr. H. Mallinson (*Senior Master*), M. R. Millet, I. N. Stone, J. L. Turner, E. S. Goss, T. L. Orchard (*School Captain*), M. K. Pearson, D. C. Prideaux, G. Stanbury, B. J. Gracte, J. E. Baldry, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)



1st XI CRICKET 1964

*Back row (left to right):* G. Squire, D. M. Hooper, D. C. W. Hagell, R. J. Holman, A. J. Fortune  
*Front row:* Mr. F. Wayne, E. F. C. Hawton, M. R. Hughes, C. S. Burns (*Captain*), J. M. Harding (*Hon. Secretary*), K. Brenton,  
D. G. Sparks, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)

## SPORTS DAY 1964

Every Sports Day sees the efforts of Mr. W. Nash to replace the academic 3 R's of reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic by the 3 sporting S's of speed, stamina and strength brought to fruition: this year was no exception, 3 track records being broken and 1 equalled on Sports Day itself, and a further 6 records fell and another was equalled in events decided beforehand.

Some commendable performances were seen; credit should be given to Lightfoot for his effort in the mile and half-mile in both of which he beat the previous records.

After much hard tacking the four ancient mariners finished in the following positions:

1st. Gilbert 2nd. Grenville 3rd. Drake 4th. Raleigh.

The prizes this year were presented by the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Councillor L. Hill.

If it is possible to forget the glories of the few on Sports Day itself, it must be stressed that Sports Day is essentially a School function: all boys can, and should, participate by helping their House to victory (or defeat) by helping in the "Standards". Only then does Sports Day become a school event.

R. W. DENNELL, L6A

### The Athletics Club

*President:* THE HEADMASTER

*Master-in-Charge:* Mr. W. NASH

*Captain:* P. LIGHTFOOT *Hon. Secretary:* D. B. HARRIS

The school has had a fluctuating athletics season which began in March with the first of the standards. These were followed, after Easter, by the sprint and field event standards, and in the first week of May we held our first pre-Sports Day finals. At this stage, Gilbert had a fairly strong grip on the House competition but there was a fierce struggle on Sports Day between the remaining three Houses for second position.

Boys from the school again did well in the Plymouth Schools Sports, gaining fifteen first places. Three boys later represented Plymouth in the Devon Schools Sports, obtaining several places. The outcome of this was that Ringwood and Lightfoot were selected to run for Devon in the South-Western Counties Championship. Only Lightfoot managed to go to the Nationals which this year were held at Hendon. He did extremely well, however, gaining third place in the Senior 2,000-metres Steeplechase.

In the Devon Public and Grammar Schools Sports the school finished fifth out of seventeen schools. Lightfoot was first in the mile.

The first Inter-School match was against St. Boniface's College, which the school won fairly easily by 163 points to 119 points. Hodgson led the

juniors well, and the school won due to a good overall standard rather than to a few good individuals. Another First-Form match was arranged against St. Boniface's and this was a keenly-fought contest, with the school just coming out on top by 7 points.

This competition was followed by the Morrel Cup match against H.M.S. *Fisgard*. Both teams had three competitors in each event and the school, weakened by the absence of the cricketers, lost by 20 points.

The match against Truro was again affected by the rain and, despite a tremendous effort by Mr. Nash and his helpers to finish it, the match had to be abandoned just before the end, with Truro leading overall by 5 points. This promised to have been a closely fought match with the relays holding the key to the result, but the rain became the final victor.

The next day dawned bright and sunny and the match against Sutton was held in ideal conditions. This we won more easily than expected after last year's defeat, scoring 162 points compared to Sutton's 115. Hosking again ran well and turned in another set of good performances. As in previous years, Form Sports were held in the junior school: the winners were 1W, 2C and 3B. These Form Sports are always keenly contested and give valuable experience to the junior school. It was unfortunate this year that the Fourth-Form Sports had to be cancelled.

As always, Messrs. Nash and Stone helped everybody with their encouragement and advice and we should like to thank them for all they have done. The Parents' Association provided excellent teas and for this we were most grateful.

*Full Colours:* Re-awards: Lightfoot, Burns.  
New Awards: Combes, Hosking.

*Half Colours:* Re-award: Ford.  
New Awards: Malloch, Putt, Newey, Bond, Woor, Harris.

## The Cricket Club

*President:* THE HEADMASTER

*Master-in-Charge:* MR. F. WAYNE

*Captain:* C. S. BURNS *Vice-Captain:* N. R. VOSPER

*Hon. Secretary:* J. M. HARDING

Only four of last year's 1st XI remained at school this year, but under the captaincy of C. S. Burns, and with several promising young players, we looked forward to a successful season. The batting of the side, however, which should have been our strong point failed almost weekly and consequently our record has been unimpressive. Highlights of the season were, perhaps, our two extremely close matches against Plymouth C.C. "A" team. The end of the season saw us soundly thrashed at the hands of the Staff by ten wickets, but we somewhat redeemed ourselves the next day by convincingly beating the Old Boys.

The 2nd XI has had a moderately good season, and have been both notably weak and strong in all phases of the game on different occasions,

but at all times they have played to win and in only one game was there not a decision. We must thank Mr. Wayne for his untiring help and enthusiasm in the organisation and coaching of both teams.

The Colts XI, under the guidance of Mr. Pring and captained by Simpson, have had a disappointing season. This was mainly due to the failure of the bowlers, but also in part to mediocre batting performances. It is hoped that these players will better fulfil their promise next season.

The Junior XI, enthusiastically coached by Mr. Scott and Mr. Clayton, and under Tindsley's captaincy, have had a better season than any other school side, losing only one of their nine matches. Twenty different players have represented the side and their tremendous enthusiasm has brought them the success they deserve.

We congratulate Hooper, Jenkins, Norris, Orchard and Chapman who played for the Plymouth under-15 team, and Hooper and Jenkins who were chosen for the final Devon (under-15) team trial at Exeter. In conclusion we must thank all the gentlemen of the Staff who have given up their free time to coach teams and umpire matches, and the Ladies' Committee of the Parents' Association who have continued to prepare excellent teas at home matches.

	<i>Record</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>
1st XI	.. .. .	13	3	4	6
2nd XI	.. .. .	10	5	1	4
Colts XI	.. .. .	11	2	2	7
Junior XI	.. .. .	9	5	3	1

*Full Colours:* Re-award: Burns.  
New Awards: Hawton, Hughes, Hagell.

*Half Colours:* Re-award: Vosper.  
New Awards: Sparks, Holman, Gardner, Harding.

J. M. HARDING, *Hon. Secretary*

## The Rugby Club

*President:* THE HEADMASTER

*Master-in-Charge:* Mr. W. NASH

*Captain:* N. VOSPER *Vice-Captain:* J. SOUNESS

*Hon. Secretary:* R. PUTT

The season began with a small nucleus of last season's team, but with the very experienced half-backs, Vosper and John, still available it was hoped to build round them a very useful team. It is worthy of note that Vosper and John have played together as half-backs throughout their school rugby career, starting in the under-12 XV. However, Vosper only skippered the side in the first two games, for owing to injury he did not play again until after Christmas. Lasbury took over at scrum-half and was some time settling down to 1st XV rugby. The full-back position was a problem, but finally Sparks held down the position. Wayne, Woor, Gadsden and Malloch all improved as the season progressed. John at stand-off-half did well to hold

together this back division until they had more experience. Souness at No. 8 took over the captaincy until Christmas, and by his personal enthusiasm gradually achieved some stability in the team. Kemble and Davies were a formidable second row. Ringwood, always a promising hooker, did well, backed by Baldry and Hayton. Putt, at blind side, was, as usual, tireless, and Combes was prominent with his tackling.

The results were surprisingly good, for on no occasion was there a heavy defeat, in fact with more steadiness of play, the majority of games could have been won. The first game against Plymouth College was a "thriller" and resulted in a draw (3-3) with College scoring in the last minute. In the return game we won 11-3. Against the very powerful Plymouth Albion Juniors we had an excellent game to lose 0-3. Vosper returned after Christmas and gave that added confidence to the whole team. In the Devon Public and Grammar Schools' "Sevens" we reached the semi-final. Vosper and Putt played for Devon.

At the end of the season we entertained St. Julian's High School, Newport, and lost 3-6. A very successful Rugby Dance was held in the School Hall after the game. We would like to express our thanks to the parents of the boys who hosted the St. Julian boys. A presentation was made to Mr. Nash at the end of the season for his help and guidance to the senior teams.

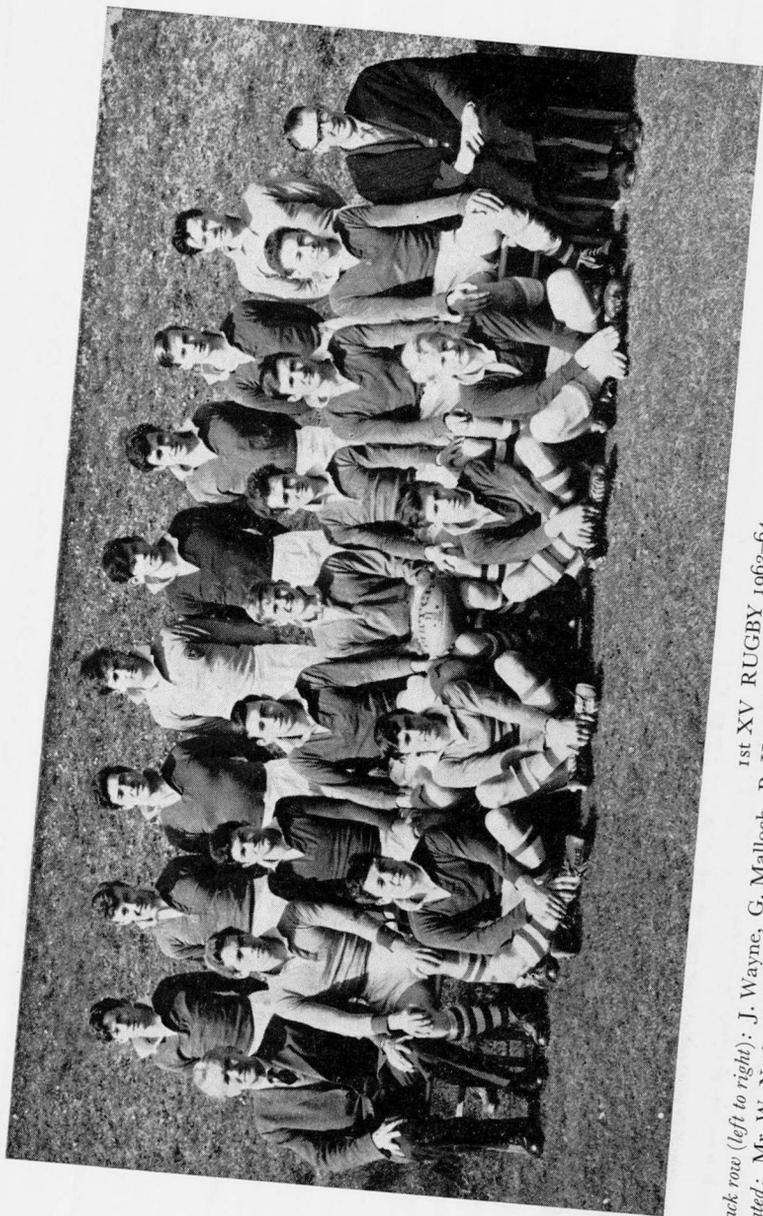
The 2nd XV had one of their best seasons, at one time winning six consecutive games. Much of the success was due to the captain, Buley. Good wins were recorded against Sutton High School (20-0), Truro (19-3), Tavistock (31-0), Plymouth Argaum Colts (13-8), St. Boniface's College (6-3) and Plymouth College (5-3). During the season over thirty boys played for the 2nd XV. Mr. Warn has been in charge and we thank him for his efforts.

Mr. Smith and the captain, Dawe, have looked after the 3rd XV, which during the season provided games for forty-three boys. Again the idea has been to give as many boys as possible a game. This, of course, reduces the strength of the team, but in spite of the fact that many games were lost, the team played with plenty of spirit. We appreciate very much Mr. Smith's patience and effort with the team.

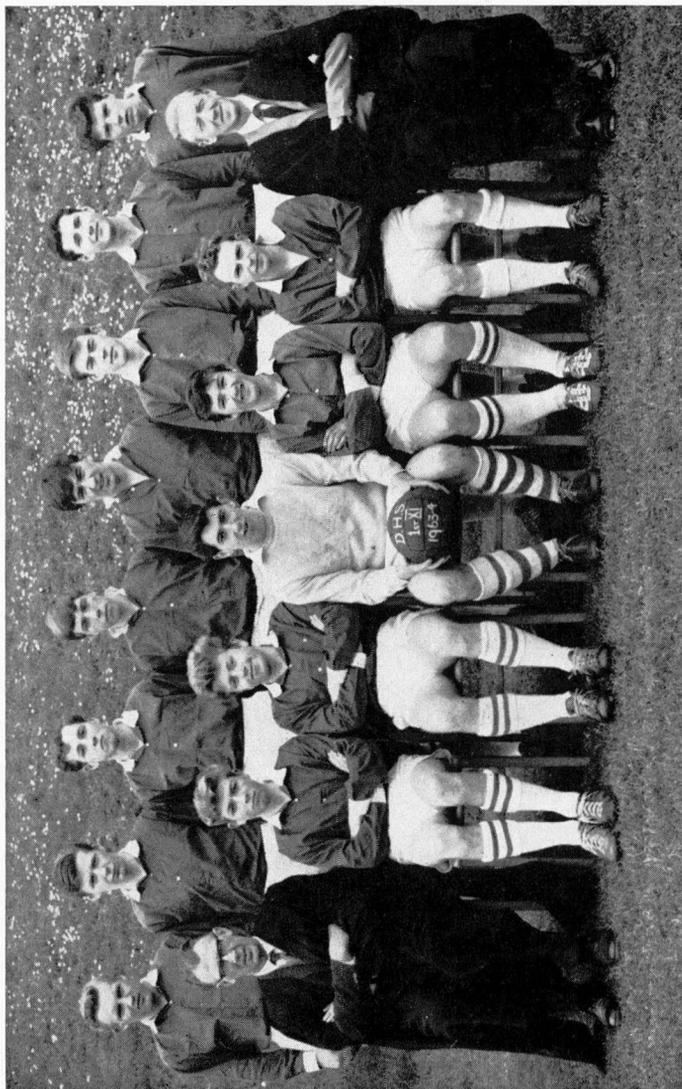
The under-15 XV had rather a mixed season; they had some heavy losses and some big wins. Knowles was a very efficient captain. It is felt that there is much potential in the team, which we hope will be shown next season in the senior teams. We should like to make special mention of Mr. Mallinson, who has now ceased to be in charge of a rugby team. Mr. Mallinson has been connected with our school rugby since the early 'thirties and we thank him for his many years of work in school rugby.

Putt and Green played for Devon (under-15). Putt captained the Devon team.

The under-14 XV have been very keen and tried hard. They have been handicapped somewhat by being on the small side, compared with many of their opponents, which accounts for some of the games that were lost. However, Mr. Pring has looked after them and kept them going, and they should do better next season.



1st XV RUGBY 1963-64  
*Back row (left to right):* J. Wayne, G. Malloch, R. Hayton, M. Thomas, M. Davies, E. Combes, M. Lasbury, K. Ringwood  
*Seated:* Mr. W. Nash, P. Hardy, R. Putt (*Hon. Secretary*), J. Soumess (*Vice-Captain*), N. Vosper (*Captain*), R. John, J. Baldry,  
D. Kemble, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)  
*On Ground:* P. Gadsden, R. Stephens, D. Woor, D. Sparks



1st XI SOCCER 1963-64

*Back row (left to right):* P. W. Gould, G. Squire, D. Hosking, R. J. Jones, R. J. Holman, G. Stanbury, P. A. J. Morris, P. D. Harper  
*Front row:* Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*), A. J. Kirbell, P. G. Cox, C. S. Burns (*Captain*), J. W. A. Owen, E. F. C. Hawton, Mr. H. G. Warren

The under-13 XV had a successful season. They have a very lively and enthusiastic approach to the game. Axworthy captained the side very well. Credit and thanks must be expressed to Mr. Scott who has guided them in this way.

Mr. Stone again has produced a very good under-12 XV from boys who had little knowledge of rugby at the beginning of the season. Their response has been excellent; with the result that only three games were lost out of the fifteen played. This is the best record of all the rugby teams and they have been awarded the Griffin Trophy.

The Rugby Club are well aware of the part which Masters play in coaching teams, refereeing, going away with teams and watching our games. We sincerely thank them all. Also, we express our special thanks to the Parents' Committee for cheerfully providing us with our many teas.

In conclusion, we should once again like to draw attention to the fact that we consider our facilities for playing rugby are poor and inadequate. There are only two pitches for seven teams. The senior pitch is on a considerable slope and does not lend itself to good rugby.

*Full Colours:* Re-awards: Vosper, Souness, John.

New Awards: Baldry, Putt, Kemble, Davies.

*Half Colours:* New awards: Ringwood, Hayton, Combes, Wayne, Woor, Malloch, Gadsden, Sparks.

R. W. PUTT, *Hon. Secretary*

## The Soccer Club

*President:* THE HEADMASTER

*Master-in-Charge:* MR. H. G. WARREN

*Captain:* C. S. BURNS *Vice-Captain:* P. G. COX

*Hon. Secretary:* D. L. HOSKINGS

As a conclusion to a most successful season the 1st XI embarked upon a brief but pleasant tour of London, during which three matches were played and in addition visits were made to London Airport, the Houses of Parliament and to two theatres.

The results of the games were:

Battersea G.S. 1 D.H.S. 4.

Simon Langton School, Canterbury 6 D.H.S. 2.

Latymer Upper School 2 D.H.S. 2.

The splendid record of the 1st XI, which included victories over R.N.E.C. Manadon (3-0), St. Luke's College 3rd XI (5-1) and Seale Hayne A.C. (6-1), was due to the efforts of the entire team, but two players who deserve special mention are C. Burns for his goalkeeping, which led to several Devon F.A. Youth caps, and R. Holman, who, at centre-forward, proved to be an invaluable asset to the team by scoring thirty-five goals.

The 2nd XI were too dependent upon a few key players to produce consistent results. When a strong team was fielded, several good results were achieved, in particular a 7-1 victory over R.N.E.C. Manadon.

The importance of team spirit is shown by the undistinguished record of the under-15 XI. Although the team contained only a few players of average ability and physique, better results would have been obtained if the team had adopted a more serious attitude towards the game.

The under-14 XI completed a successful season by reaching the semi-final of the Cload Cup Competition; but were unlucky to be eliminated at that stage by the spin of a coin.

Victories in thirteen of their games was the outstanding feature of the season for the under-13 XI. These victories can be attributed to a good team spirit and a mature attitude towards the game which is often absent in a team of this age. This team contains one or two boys of great potential ability.

On behalf of the Soccer Club, I should like to take the opportunity to thank Mr. Warren for his organisation of the Easter tour, and the Parents' Association for their financial assistance.

Thanks are also due to the Ladies' Committee of the Parents' Association for their work in providing refreshments for visiting teams, and to the Members-of-Staff and senior boys D. Fowler, C. Parsons and L. Williams who undertook the refereeing of home matches.

*Awards:* Devon F.A. Youth Cap: C. S. Burns.

Devon G.S. F.A. XI: C. S. Burns, R. J. Holman, P. G. Cox,  
J. W. A. Owen.

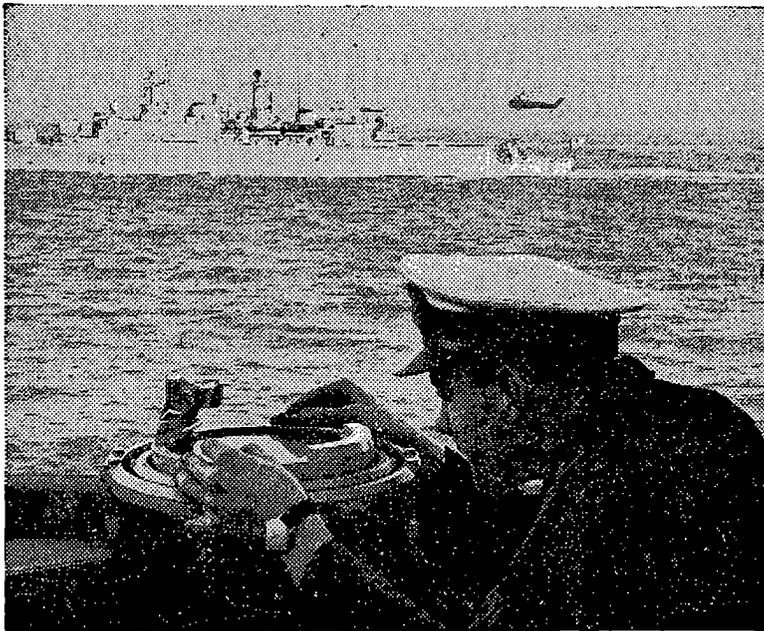
*Full Colours:* Re-awards: C. Burns, P. Cox, J. Owen.

New Awards: F. Hawton, D. Hosking, R. Jones, R. Holman,  
A. Kirbell, G. Squire, P. Morris, G. Stanbury.

<i>Record</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>Goals</i>	
					<i>F</i>	<i>A</i>
1st XI .. ..	18	16	0	2	59	21
London Tour .. ..	3	1	1	1	9	8
<i>Total</i>	21	17	1	3	68	29
2nd XI .. ..	14	6	2	6	34	36
Under-15 XI .. ..	17	6	0	11	45	59
Under-14 XI .. ..	13	7	4	2	35	29
Under-13 XI .. ..	18	13	2	3	69	39

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# House Notes

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## DRAKE

This past year has unfortunately been one of mixed fortunes for the House: in the winter games we did outstandingly well, winning both the Rugby and Soccer competitions outright, and yet we have failed to secure the St. Levan Shield. Third place in the Athletics spoilt our record and so we entered the Swimming Sports in the uncomfortable position of being only one point ahead of our nearest rival, Gilbert. At Mt. Wise we were almost "sunk without trace", and thus the coveted St. Levan Shield once again eluded our grasp.

The House won all its six Rugby matches, and special thanks are due to our Rugby Captain, N. Vosper, who led the senior team so magnificently. It was also most encouraging to see the enthusiasm which the juniors displayed in their matches. In the Soccer we were able to field two very strong teams and suffered only one defeat in our six matches. The Junior Soccer team had a goal aggregate of 21-3 in three matches—remarkable proof of its skill and enthusiasm.

In Cricket, also, we sustained our effort, the Senior and Junior teams each winning two and losing one of their matches.

These were all outstanding achievements and they reflected the general feeling in the House that this was to be Drake's year. But, alas, it was not to be, as our failures in the Athletic and Swimming Sports were sufficient to enable Gilbert to overhaul us. One must sympathise with E. Combes, who was our captain in both sports, and who tried with indomitable zeal to consolidate our position. Ash and Holland deserve our congratulations for winning individual championship cups in the Athletics, especially the latter, who repeated his success in the Swimming Sports.

In the competitions which do not count towards the St. Levan Shield our record was one of dismal failure: we came fourth in the Chess and slipped to third position in the Speech Contest.

However, it is worthy of note that Drake House has had the lion's share of school prefects this year—a total of fourteen, including the School Captain, T. L. Orchard. Finally, I should like to express our gratitude to our Housemaster, Mr. Nicholas, for his continued help and guidance during the past year, and let us trust that next year we shall not fall at the last fence.

R. J. BULEY, *House Captain*

## GILBERT

At the beginning of this year's St. Levan Shield competition we were out to regain the championship which we lost to Grenville the previous year. At the beginning of the year R. Hayton was appointed House Captain with C. Burns as Vice-Captain; M. Howard was appointed Secretary. Congratu-

lations also go to R. Brookin, D. Harris, D. Kemble, A. McLeod, D. Rabey, G. Sidey and R. Burrows on their appointment as school prefects, and to all those boys in the Middle VI who were made House prefects.

In the winter games the strong Senior Soccer team was undefeated, whilst the inexperienced Junior team lost all three matches; but in every game they never gave up and fought hard to the final whistle.

The Rugby story was much the same in that the Senior team won two matches, losing the third to Drake. The Junior team drew one and lost the remaining two.

The Summer Sports brought the House a clean sweep in the Senior Cricket but again the juniors could only draw one and lose the other two. The success of the Senior Cricket team was due in no small measure to the efforts of Burns whose outstanding leadership both on and off the field produced a team which regularly played above themselves. When Sports Day came we arrived at the Brickfields with a 55½ points lead over Drake and, when the final event was over, the lead had been increased to 66 points. I am certain this victory was due to the hard work put in by the group leaders and to the individuals of the House.

In the activities outside the St. Levan Shield, we were runners-up in the Speech Contest and our thanks go to Mr. Wayne, R. Brookin and D. Kemble for spending many hours of hard work training the team. The House was second in the Chess Championship, whilst the Sailing Competition is still in progress.

So it was that we went to Mt. Wise with the knowledge that we had to beat Drake to win the St. Levan Shield, but such was the enthusiasm of our swimmers that we pipped Raleigh for the Swimming Cup, winning by 1½ points, and shared the Relay Cup with Grenville. The House owes a debt of gratitude to Howard, Sidey and Lennon who put in so much hard work both before and during the gala to produce this result.

There is little doubt that the year's success is one of House spirit backed up by the guidance of Mr. Barkell, and it is incumbent upon all members of the House, however junior or senior they may be, to ensure that this spirit is carried through to 1965.

R. H. HAYTON, *House Captain*

## GRENVILLE

This year the performances of Grenville House were not good enough to retain the St. Levan Shield for the second year running. We finished a disappointing third in the competition, which did not really justify the general effort made by the House.

At the beginning of the school year, I. N. Stone and J. Gracie were appointed House Captain and House Vice-Captain respectively, but were succeeded by P. R. Bentley and A. C. Bebbington on their departure in April from the school. We congratulate A. C. Bebbington, P. R. Bentley, N. Bridle, N. S. Dawe, J. Gracie, P. Hardy, G. Stanbury and I. N. Stone on

their appointment as School prefects and also J. M. Davies as the House Rugby Captain, J. Gracie the Soccer Captain, A. C. Bebbington the Chess Captain, R. Holman the Athletics and Cricket Captain, I. N. Stone the House Speech Captain and P. R. Bentley the Swimming Captain.

The results of the House Soccer and Rugby matches followed a fixed pattern, Grenville being placed third in both. The Senior teams had lone wins against Raleigh, whereas the more promising Junior sides lost only to Drake. The Senior Rugby match against Drake was particularly close and the Senior Soccer side, although containing two 1st XI players, Holman and Stanbury, and four 2nd XI players, Bentley, Rendle, Gould and Gracie, never lived up to expectations.

The House Chess team, containing inexperienced but very enthusiastic players, was rewarded for its efforts by winning the Inter-House Chess Cup by a comfortable margin. Unfortunately for us, this result did not contribute towards the St. Levan Shield.

It is fortunate, however, that the Inter-House Speech Contest had no part in the winning of the Shield. Grenville was once again faced with the usual problem of finding competitors since it appears that the important art of being able to speak well tends to be rather neglected by the House. The endeavours of I. N. Stone and C. Murphy, his assistant, were somewhat in vain, for Grenville once more found itself in the accustomed position of fourth.

The House was clearly at a disadvantage in the Athletics, having fewer members than any other house, which meant that we were well behind the leaders, Gilbert, in standards. The seniors worked very hard in selecting the ideal team, and their labours were well rewarded by Grenville gaining second place overall, a fine achievement. We congratulate Davis who won the under-16 Runner-up Cup, Hooper who shared the under-15 Cup, and the Relay teams who secured the Relay Cup.

The Senior Cricket lacked talent, shown by a succession of defeats. The match with Raleigh was particularly close, our opponents having to score four runs off the last three balls of the match for victory. The overall placing of third was disappointing since Grenville won the Championship last year.

The last event of the year was the Swimming Sports. Although the House contained no outstanding swimmers it continues to produce good relay teams. This was shown by our sharing the Relay Cup with Gilbert.

Finally, we should like to congratulate Mr. Mallinson on his appointment as Deputy Headmaster of the school. Unfortunately, this means that he will be leaving the House after seventeen years as Housemaster. On behalf of Grenville I wish to thank him for his unfailing help, guidance and encouragement, which will be remembered by many. We now welcome Mr. K. Pring as our Housemaster and wish him every success in his new post.

P. R. BENTLEY, *House Captain*

## RALEIGH

The past year has been one of disappointment for Raleigh. Teams who promised so much in fact achieved very little, and in the final analysis we find ourselves placed last in the St. Levan Shield. The Inter-House Speech Contest Trophy is, however, once again our proud possession.

We started the year disastrously; our Rugby teams, senior and junior, met both heavier and stronger opponents and unfortunately fared badly. Likewise our Soccer teams, our only win coming from the Junior team who defeated Gilbert 12-0! With several promising players and with ten of the team available next season we look forward to outstanding results.

As mentioned before, we won the Inter-House Speech Contest at the end of the Easter term. This contest is surely becoming the most popular event of the school year and this year the atmosphere was even more electrifying than ever. The wonderful victory was due to a marvellous House spirit, and to the efforts of senior boys, notably M. K. Pearson, who gave up their free time to coach the team. We must thank Mr. H. Whitfeld for his untiring help and encouragement in the organisation of our speech team.

In Cricket we fared somewhat better, our Senior team defeating Grenville and giving Gilbert, the champions, a hard fight, losing only in the dying minutes, while our Juniors, again a young and promising team, beat an otherwise undefeated Drake team convincingly by six wickets.

With modest talent in Athletics we finished fourth, but were only a few points behind Drake and Grenville. We congratulate Tindsley on winning the under-13 Cup and Lightfoot, the School Athletics Captain, who was *Victor Ludorum*.

For the first time in four years we relinquished our hold on the House Chess Cup. The Senior team, however, played to its usual standard and came equal first, while our juniors were perhaps unlucky to finish third.

We made our usual strong challenge in the Swimming Sports, but could only finish second to a powerful Gilbert team; the margin of victory was extremely narrow, however.

In conclusion, one can say that, did the House show such enthusiasm in all events as it does in the Speech Contest, our position would be greatly improved. The fact that the Speech Contest does not count in the reckoning of the St. Levan Shield is perhaps unfair in some ways. There is a tendency in the school to forget that this coveted shield is for sport only; important as it is, it is not the only facet of school activity. As ever, we must thank Mr. Warn for the encouragement and guidance he has offered during the last year. The next year will be a critical one, but Raleigh has the talent, especially in the Junior House. So go to it, Raleigh, the best is yet to be!

J. M. HARDING, *House Captain*

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# ***Out of School Activities***

## **AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY**

The Aeronautical Society, after a long period of inactivity, was revived this year, with D. J. Hopkins as Secretary and R. Kunert as Treasurer. A long series of film shows followed in the winter and spring terms.

At the end of the spring term, D. J. Hopkins left school and so R. Kunert took over as Secretary and J. Heath as Treasurer. The summer term was taken up with the organisation of the Society's trip to Farnborough. This promises to be a great success and will be repeated next year.

Thanks are due to — Teague and his staff for the films and J. A. Murray, the Society's projectionist; also to Mr. Smith for his comments and his suggestions on improving the Society.

The next year promises to be a good one; for the Society has grown considerably with fifty members now and, we hope, even more in the future.

**R. KUNERT, *Hon. Secretary***

## **A.T.C.**

The achievements of the school squadron during the past year have served to corroborate the "tremendous potential" of which I spoke in the last report. Although members of the squadron have distinguished themselves individually—Waldron is to be congratulated on winning a Flying Scholarship; likewise Burns, who has been reserved a place at Cranwell conditional on his passing his "A" Levels—pride of place in this journal must, however, be devoted to the activities of the squadron as a whole.

It was the successes of the squadron in examinations which won us the Wing Proficiency Shield, and the standard of its drill and organization which secured the Falcon Trophy, presented to the best all-round squadron in Plymouth. The pleasant surprise which greeted this latter success was soon galvanized into speedy activity when we were informed that the squadron had been entered for the Air Marshal Sir Alan Lees Cup Competition, in which marks are awarded for examination results, drill, administration and general squadron activities and achievements.

The cadets are to be congratulated on the way they participated in the necessary preparation and on their professional redecoration of the squadron headquarters.

We were duly subjected to a stringent inspection, as a result of which we were selected to represent Southern Region in the finals. Squadron parade nights were rudely disrupted as equipment was checked, floors polished and drill raised to a remarkably high level under the vociferous surveillance of W/O Nicholls. On June 29th the squadron was inspected by Group-Captain R. Gatwood. On July 10th news came by telegram that we had officially been placed second—an achievement of which we are justly proud, won, as it was, by such a young squadron in such a short time.

Though this report is primarily concerned with the attainments of the squadron, certain individuals who have contributed to our success are worthy of mention.

Lightfoot secured second place in the national A.T.C. cross-country championships, and seven cadets represented Plymouth Wing in athletics: of these, Chenery will proceed to the national championships. Encouraged by last year's victory, we entered a team in the Devon Cadet Forces' Pentathlon. The standard was higher and M. Davies, Williams and Kemble pipped 2174 (Sutton High School) our arch-rivals, for fourth place. Dobinson, Williams and Waldron successfully completed gliding courses, and J. Davies enjoyed himself on an Outward Bound course at Eksdale. Kemble will be attending a national summer camp in Germany.

Our grateful thanks to our C.O., Flt./Lt. Bence, for his genial guidance, to Flt./Lt. Warren, for his valuable assistance, and to Dr. Cresswell, for his benevolent support of our activities.

A final thought. The squadron's record is high, the introduction of new cadets encouraging, but, if we are to maintain our newly-found level, if we are to do even better next year, we must have more support from the middle-school. Every boy *should* belong to at least one worthwhile organisation—the school squadron has proved its worth.

D.H.K.

## THE CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club has enjoyed its most successful season ever. Both the Junior team and Senior team won their respective competitions and so D.H.S. became the first school to complete the double. Although we did not lose a match in the Goodman Cup, we were not confirmed winners until we won our last match against Sutton which was carried over into the summer term. Cresswell was captain of the Senior team and he had to call upon eleven different players during the year owing to absences and conflicting arrangements.

The juniors, who were captained by Grundy, won the Horley Cup and they were given much help by Burrows, who went to many away matches with them as they were a young team.

In the *Sunday Times* National Competition the school won the South-West section but were defeated by Cardiff High School in the semi-finals of the Welsh and West section. This match was played at Taunton Y.M.C.A. and I would like to thank the Parents' Association for their assistance.

We congratulate Harris and Cresswell who played for the Devon Junior Team and all those who were placed in their respective sections at the Devon Junior Chess Congress at Christmas.

In the House competition Grenville won a closely-fought contest, beating Gilbert into second place in the last match of the season. Raleigh were third with Drake taking the wooden spoon again.

The Chess Club organised another successful dinner-time club which had a hundred members this year. It organised another first-form competition and a keenly fought rung contest which was won by Leworthy. Bebbington as Treasurer, Burrows, Marsh and Fowler helped to run this, giving up a lot of their time.

Mr. Adams again gave considerable help to the Club, with able support from Mr. Clayton, but they seemed to have less success in teaching the Staff as the school won the annual match against them by 11½ to 2½.

D. B. HARRIS, *Hon. Secretary*

## CHRISTIAN UNION

Christian activity in the school this year has been divided between the senior and middle school unions under the guidance of Mr. Hopford and Mr. Pethick respectively.

The programme of the middle school Christian Union comprised a varied assortment of meetings, the most successful being the debates and the talks given by the Rev. Cole, the Religious Instruction master, when the average attendance of about twelve was considerably increased.

The programme of the senior Christian Union in the past year was divided into two basic approaches. In the first two terms, emphasis was laid on the personal rethinking of the Christian faith, in accordance with current trends. First of all, a series was conducted by Rev. C. Day and Rev. P. Russell on the theme of the Bishop of Woolwich's controversial book *Honest to God*. This deep thinking was continued in the spring term by a discussion of Vidler's book *Objections to Christian Belief*, led by Mr. Whitfeld and the Rev. M. Bickley. As both of these series proved difficult to digest, they were relieved at intervals by meetings of a different nature, the most memorable being the visit of Mr. Holyday, who gave an illustrated talk on his missionary work in Central Africa.

In the summer term, on the other hand, a more evangelical approach was taken, in the form of a series of discussions on the theme "Why be a Christian?" Thanks to the enthusiastic support of the Rev. R. Frost, the series was such a great success that an extra meeting had to be arranged to deal with the questions that remained.

While the aim of the first two terms was to meet the outlook of the atheists and agnostics, that of this last term's programme has been to attack the greater and more prevailing curse of apathy, and to awaken those who "couldn't care less" about religion, to the importance of Christianity. At the same time it was intended that we Christians ourselves should be roused from our lethargy to realise the urgency of our mission and duty as Christians.

Though these aims were quite successfully achieved, nevertheless it must again be urged that it is incumbent on all who claim the name of Christians to take this opportunity of working and thinking together, by giving either the senior or middle school Christian Union their constant and enthusiastic support.

R. TROUT, *Hon. Secretary*

## JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

The past year has been one of fluctuating fortunes for the Society. In the first term things got off to a flying start with a debate on "Automation", attended by thirty-five people.

This was followed by a debate on "The British Industry", again well attended. However, the last debate about the controversial programme

"TW<sub>3</sub>" had a disappointing audience. The next term saw depressing attendances, and the interest of some first-formers who had spoken in the previous term, was not sustained. However, one large debate for all the third-formers was held in the hall, and this was a tremendous success due to hard work by the Publicity Department.

Despite all the setbacks, this year has been fairly successful and the Society wish to thank those prefects who have given up their time to help us. We also hope that next year's third forms will not allow this important activity to atrophy.

J.D.S. COMMITTEE

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The sessions of the Society have included a talk on Drake's Island by Mr. P. J. Mowan, an Old Boy of long standing, and a prominent member of the Old Plymouth Society. This was a very interesting and well attended meeting. The Society also visited the Athenaeum and heard a lecture on George III and the American Revolution by Dr. J. Steven Watson, Student of Christ Church, Oxford, and an eminent historian—the school had a very good attendance at this most interesting lecture. I wish that all meetings might receive greater support and thus enable the committee to invite speakers from outside the immediate vicinity of Plymouth. Finally, we would like to thank Mr. Evans for his unceasing interest and help.

M. K. PEARSON, U6

## MUSIC SOCIETY

1963-64 was a fairly successful year for the Society. The autumn term saw a varied programme ranging from "The Story of Traditional Jazz" to "Juke Box Jury" and an organ recital. All tastes were catered for. On the 11th October Mr. Warn was marooned on a desert island, and played us the records he would have taken with him. On the 15th November we had a very lively debate on "Music and Church Worship". Two live concerts were held—one of classical music, the other of jazz. At the end of the term an organ recital took place in Stoke Damerel Church. An old boy of the school down from Cambridge, John Bowden, very kindly came and entertained us, assisted by boys from the school.

The spring term was a very short one, and only four meetings occurred. Support from the school noticeably declined, though this was perhaps due to our changing the night of meeting from Fridays to Tuesdays. We had an interesting talk on "Gilbert and Sullivan" by J. Turner, and a piano recital by P. Buttall in which he played not only classics but also one of his own compositions. On March 3rd Mr. Sloggett (of Messrs. Yardleys) came and held a "Clarinet Clinic": he demonstrated the various woodwind instruments. This proved a fitting final meeting.

Lastly we must thank Mr. Aiton very sincerely for his support and encouragement. There is no doubt that without him the Society would have long since foundered.

M. R. MILLETT, *Hon. Secretary*

## MARIONETTE SOCIETY

The summer term marked the beginning of this new society, of which Mr. George kindly agreed to be the master-in-charge. Membership is fairly small, as the Society is, of course, only of interest to boys with some artistic tendency. All of the members are in the process of making marionettes and are progressing steadily, although slowly at first as there is a great deal to be learnt about the art.

The Society is open to anybody who has an interest in making marionettes and I would stress that it is not necessary for a boy to be a very good artist to be able to participate. An additional feature of the Society is the fact that boys can continue by themselves at home and the work is not restricted to the short time available after school. Also, Mr. George allows the Society to use the art room on any day it wishes, so meetings can be arranged to suit the members.

It is hoped that many more boys, especially from the lower and middle school, will join the Society, to take up a hobby which is becoming increasingly popular and which allows a great deal of imaginative work and constant experimenting with new ideas and techniques.

D. CURRELL, *Hon. Secretary*

## THE PRINTING GROUP

During the year the Printing Group has consolidated itself by the addition of two new members, having previously lost one. We were sorry to lose Braybrooks of the fifth form but were delighted to welcome P. T. Jones (L6A) and Pike (2B), both having already shown welcome enthusiasm and ability. Jones has been training to take over the leadership from me in September, and he will be ably assisted in that capacity by Barrett of 5S1, a real stalwart of the group who has gained a positive grip on the intricacies of the craft of printing.

Our stock of materials has been built up during the year and our plant has been improved by the addition of new and modern type-cases and a further set of rollers for the machine—all purchased out of income. It is always the endeavour of the group to produce a presentable job, and with the addition of new type-faces during the coming year we should be able to give a more varied and improved appearance to our work within, of course, the limits of our abilities.

The purpose of the Printing Group is not simply to produce printed material for use by various organisations within the School, although this is of course an excellent and useful means of putting our teaching and efforts to good effect. Under the professional guidance of Mr. Brimacombe (an Old Boy of D.H.S.) and his brother, we learn firstly the rudiments of setting type by hand—having initially become acquainted with, to us, an entirely new system of measurement—and the basic principles of machine preparation. We then progress to basic display, being given the opportunity to experiment in design within the limitations of type, gaining a useful knowledge of the many type-faces available, their origin, how and why they differ and their application to paper; we are also taught the varieties and uses of

paper together with their substance, sizes and sub-divisions, and what is most important the final printing. We soon discover that a job can very easily be ruined in this last vital stage—such pitfalls as too much ink, too little ink, uneven impression, faulty positioning, uneven rolling and set-off (i.e. some of the image appearing on the back as well as the front), are all too common and certainly not permissible as we are expected (and this is forcibly impressed on us) to produce a job comparable in relation to its content and size with that professionally produced. We meet on Saturday afternoons at Mr. Brimacombe's works for training and during the week produce the jobs that we have planned in our own Printing Room at school after school hours.

I should like to say that this small group owes much to Mr. Brimacombe and his brother for their guidance and help through each year, and we sincerely thank them. The group will, I know, continue under its new leadership.

M. K. PEARSON, U6

The Printing Group has now completed a full circle. It was originally founded under the leadership of Andrew Pearson with financial assistance, to purchase plant, from the Parents' Association. Dr. Cresswell's insistence that it should not be a plaything nor an embarrassment to established printers was readily accepted by the boys who then, acting on his advice, came to see me. I agreed to advise and help them as much as possible providing they were prepared to work and bring credit to the school. Michael Pearson was the youngest member of that group and his departure for L.S.E. brings to an end the era of the founders. But the group has been well founded and, I believe, has established a reputation for work which is readily acceptable to other organisations in the school. Thanks are due to the Pearson brothers and to Tony Billings who have been the leaders during this period. Jones now takes over, very ably assisted by Barrett with Pike at present the junior member. Plans are being made for two more members of differing age groups to ensure the continuity of the groups, and I hope I shall have the continued pleasure of advising them on Saturday afternoons.

E. J. BRIMACOMBE

## RAMBLING CLUB

Since its re-formation in 1963, the Rambling Club has continued to flourish, and we now have support from all middle-school forms, although attendance from the fifth forms is still rather small. Many third form boys were introduced to the Club by their form-master, Mr. Whitfeld, whom we were pleased to have as the "Guest of Honour" on one of our hikes.

It is the Club's policy to give its members an instructive as well as an enjoyable time, and so the visits we have made have been most varied, ranging from coastal walks to caving expeditions. Without doubt, the most publicised trip we have made this year was our visit to Buckfastleigh Caves, when one member was trapped below ground for fifteen hours. In true indomitable Rambling Club spirit, however, he has continued to come with us on subsequent walks.

One of our most interesting visits was to the Morwellham Hydro-Electric Power Station, and we have also visited Cox Tor, Great Mis Tor, Fur Tor, Tavy Cleave, the Lee Moor Tramway, Hawns and Dendles, Wonwell Beach, Bigbury, Looe and Polperro.

In conclusion we thank all our members for their support, and Mr. Dodd for his continued interest in our activities.

D. J. HAWKINGS, M6A }  
D. W. RABEY, M6A } *Club leaders*

## SAILING CLUB

This year the Sailing Club has again had a very full and varied programme, sailing on the creek during the winter and in the Sound in the summer. After the work of overhauling the boats had been completed in the Easter holidays, we held a match against the Mayflower Sailing Club in which the school was narrowly defeated.

After the boats were moved to the Barbican in May, many boys took part with considerable success in the regular evening races organised by the local yacht clubs. The club also entered a team in the Commonwealth Technical Training Week competition and reached the semi-final. We were then chosen to give a demonstration of sailing and capsizing technique for a party of overseas visitors from UNESCO, and the club was highly commended by the Ministry of Education for its performance in miserable conditions.

This year the House Matches and the Helmsman trophy races were held at the end of July. The House Cup was won by Raleigh with Gilbert second, while Morbey won the Helmsman trophy.

We thank the Parents' Association for their help in purchasing another Cadet and two launching trolleys, and also Mr. Prestwich, the organiser for Physical Education in Plymouth, by whose help the school has obtained a fully-equipped Enterprise dinghy and a road trailer. These two additions bring our fleet up to five Cadets and an Enterprise.

Once again our thanks go to Messrs. Adams, Collenette and Osborne, without whose unfailing enthusiasm and support the sailing club could not function.

P. HOPFORD }  
M. HOWARD } *Club Officials*

## THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

It has been decided to replace the annual summer book-check by a continuous one, operated after school each week, and it is to the credit of most librarians that this is working well.

Whilst this year has been a memorable one in many ways, one at least of these should be specially noted. During the past year Mr. John Shields-Gray, a well-known Old Boy, died and his mother most generously decided to present the school with a handsome collection of books, which will soon be generally available, with specially printed presentation plates in each. Partly because of this, it has become even more pressing to find additional shelf-space; and it is hoped that by next term this problem will be resolved.

During the year, we have said goodbye to several people, among them our old friend D. C. Prideaux, who has entered the Plymouth Weights and Measures Department, and also F. Noy and G. Thomas, who both resigned through pressure of other work. Next term the Library will be under the very capable control of D. Robertson. We wish him well. Both Wyatt and Howarth have had a good year in the Junior Library, and we look forward to Murray's leadership for the next year.

M. K. PEARSON, U6

## SCIENCE SOCIETY

Once again, the membership of the society increased (to 110), so maintaining its position as the largest school society. A varied programme was arranged, including frequent film meetings and lectures. Our thanks are due to Captain Hopwood, of the Plymouth School of Navigation; Mr. Harry, a metallurgist; Mr. Bone, of the Marine Biological Laboratory; and to Mr. Hurrell, the naturalist and broadcaster, for coming to speak to the Society.

Besides the normal weekly meetings, the Society has several auxiliaries, all of which are progressing well. The meteorological section continued its day-to-day recording, and a team led by Prideaux is building an anemometer for the accurate measurement of wind speed. The oscilloscope team, led by Box, has also nearly completed its instrument, which will be a valuable addition to the society's equipment. The photographic section has received more support this year and the dark-room facilities have been more frequently employed.

As usual, the Society arranged several visits to local industries, including the Central Electricity Generating Board, Tecalemit and the International Protein factory. We extend our thanks to those members of the staff who assisted on these occasions.

Finally, the Society places on record its deep appreciation of Mr. Poole's services given so unstintingly on behalf of the Society.

J. R. SHEARER, *Hon. Secretary*

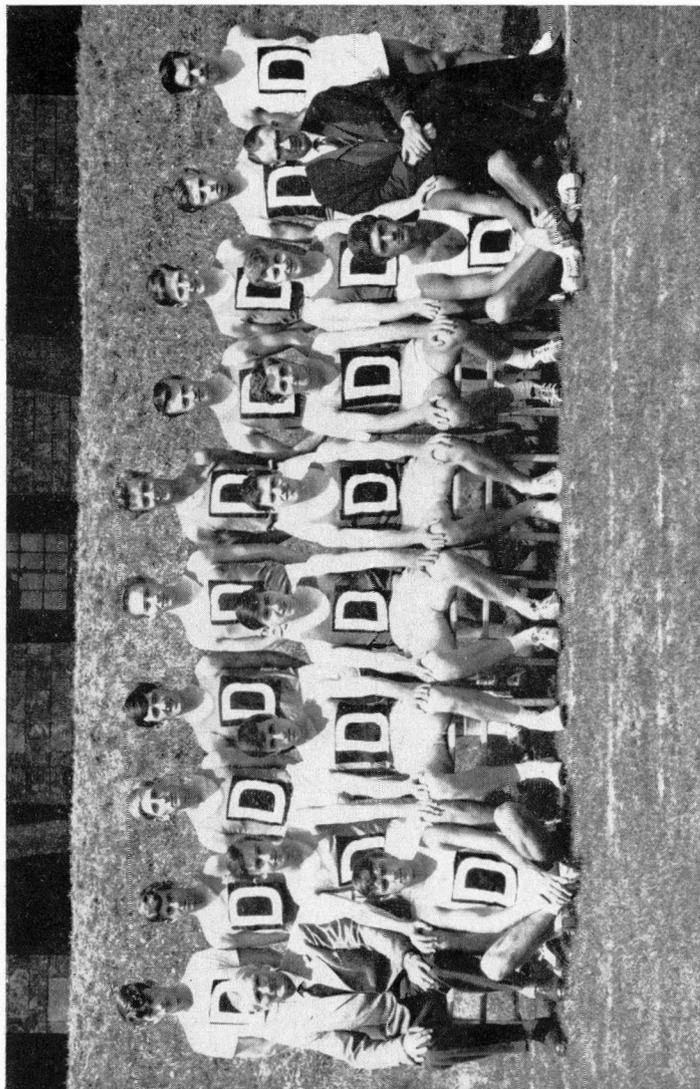
## STAMP CLUB

During the autumn term the Club enjoyed, once more, a varied selection of activities and the usual competitions. A thematic competition, an auction, a film entitled "Stamp Zoo", and the customary treasure hunt, were amongst the most popular meetings. The spring term continued in the same style with an appreciable amount of work being done on the School Stamp Album. Congratulations must be extended to Hendy, 5s, and Law, 2A, who won the term prizes, based on a points system whereby members are awarded points for each activity in which they take part.

The Sports and examinations, as always, reduced the number of meetings and members during the summer term, although one competition which was highly successful was a stamp designing competition illustrating the Beatles, which was enjoyed by everyone. Arrangements are being made for the Garden Party Display, which we hope will be as successful as usual.

Thanks must be given to Ford, L6S, for his assistance, and to Mr. Hopford without whose support and encouragement the club could not succeed.

R. MANTON



ATHLETICS 1964

*Back row (left to right):* A. Davis, A. J. S. Wayne, D. B. Harris, R. J. Holman, D. H. Kemble, M. J. K. Howard, F. W. V. Noy, N. I. Bond, D. Woor, K. F. Ringwood  
*Seated:* Mr. W. Nash, R. Ford, E. L. Combes, C. S. Burns, P. Lightfoot (*Captain*), D. L. Hosking, G. F. Malloch,  
*On ground:* R. W. Stevens, R. W. Putt  
 Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)



CHESS 1963-64

*Back row (left to right):* R. Crossley, P. Cross, C. Searle, R. S. Burrows, N. Robinson, C. J. Miller, J. Mumford, I. Leworthy  
*Front row:* Mr. B. R. Adams, Mr. C. G. S. Clayton, A. C. Bebbington, A. Grundy, P. A. Cresswell, D. B. Harris,  
D. G. Fowler, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)

## 18TH DEVONPORT SCOUT TROOP

### WEDNESDAY SECTION

This year the "Wednesday Troop" has been placed more and more in the charge of R. Burrows and I. Bond, who are to take out Assistant Scout Master's Warrants with the troop. Because of pressure of examination, we have not been able to give as much time to the troop as we would like, but we are now finding our feet and, if everything which we have planned works out, next year will be an excellent one indeed.

A large number of new recruits joined the troop in September 1963, and these are progressing very well, even if some, but not all, need to be kicked into action now and then. The troop is a young one on the whole—which augurs well for 1965, when, it is hoped, the number of members with a knowledge of Dartmoor will be considerably larger than this year. The troop was not disgraced, however, when certain members went with the more experienced troop of Tom Orchard on an Explorer Badge Weekend. The weather was bad but all enjoyed themselves. There were a few cases of moaning and lack of a sense of community, but this will be remedied with time and everyone who went showed traces at least of the "Esprit de Trunk" which has made the 18th Devonport such a successful troop in this field.

We wish to thank Mr. E. R. Attewell for his continued help and encouragement. His efforts both in scouting and in financing the Troop's many activities have been invaluable and without his guidance we should be very much the poorer.

R. S. BURROWS

### TROOP 2 (FRIDAY SECTION)

The troop has had another solid year, during which we have built up a very loyal following. Our patrols have been together for twelve months, and, while members of the present first forms have joined us during the year, the patrol structure has remained unaltered.

Two successful camps, at Easter and Whitsun, were held on the troop camp site at Clearbrook, and a notable success for the troop was notched up when a team composed of our P.L.'s and 2nds completed the Ten Tors expedition successfully.

During the summer, outdoor sections of our badges have been tackled, culminating in the troop's four-day expedition on Dartmoor in order to pass the most adventurous of our badges—the Explorer Badge.

Our camp this summer is to be held in the Doone Valley on Exmoor, and the splendid troop spirit is once again indicated by the complete support for this venture.

We look forward to another good year next year, and hope for increased support for the troop from the members of next year's first form. For all boys who would like a programme of adventure, bringing forth their qualities of initiative, leadership, and incorporating good friendship, the Scout Troop is the ideal place. Should anyone under 15 years of age wish to join our number, Cooper of 6S will be pleased to answer any queries.

T. L. ORCHARD, *Assistant Scoutmaster*

#### EX-MEMBERS OF THE 18TH DEVONPORT

The troop scouts are hoping to organise a "troop dinner" for all the ex-scouters and members of the 18th Devonport. All those who would be interested in this dinner, which would be held around Christmas, are asked to get in touch with me at the following address: 41, Widey Lane, Crownhill, Plymouth, Devon. In order to keep accurate records, I should be glad to hear from any ex-member or scouter of the group who is unable to consider the troop dinner.

T. L. ORCHARD

#### SENIOR SCOUTS

Our great lament has, once again, been concerned with the lack of a warranted senior scouter. Nevertheless, the troop has continued to flourish and to grow in active strength. By September we shall be twenty-four strong and have the greatest potential in our history.

Moreover, we have, as usual, continued to participate in local activities; early in November a team of three retained the Cross-Country Shield for the third successive year—and so doing, established a noteworthy precedent. In April we reached the semi-finals of the Rugby "sevens", but lost by a single point to the eventual winners, Plymouth College.

At Whitsun we again entered the Ten Tors Expedition. Although losing one member through injury, we were the third "fifty-mile" team to reach our destination, the course having been covered in the excellent time of twenty-one hours. With the same team available next year, an even greater success would seem to be assured.

Unfortunately, badges do not seem to have been gained with the usual rapidity; next year, however, promises to be more fruitful. Our two Queen's Scouts, A Macleod and P. Cresswell, spent several enjoyable weekends at Windsor and Gilwell. We congratulate R. Burrows, who has just completed his Queen's Scout Badge.

Once more our thanks are due to Mr. Attewell, and to Tom Orchard, for their invaluable assistance. We welcome Mr. S. Liddington and Mr. M. Bishop, Marine Commandos who have returned from Singapore, and wish them every success when they begin their duties in September.

P. J. COOPER, *Troop Secretary*

#### WRITERS' CIRCLE AND "NIHIL"

1963-64 was a year of extremes: on the one hand the magazine "Nihil" proved successful by its large circulation within the Senior School; on the other hand, the Writers' Circle failed to consolidate itself, particularly in the second term, in spite of a promising start.

In the first term Mr. Whitfeld talked to the Society about the writing of poetry, short stories and duologues. The latter were specifically intended for the Speech Contest, whilst the other two were the Society's contribution to "Nihil" of which mention will be later made.

In the second term it was hoped to amalgamate the Writers' Circle with the Literary and Debating Society into an Arts Society. Alas, this

Society met but once, and then only to plan a programme which never materialised! The reason for the failure was our inability to find a meeting day satisfactory for all. Next year—since hope springs eternal—a further attempt will be made to start the Society.

Mention should now be made of "Nihil". The magazine was formed to replace "Senior New Writing", and proved extremely successful. However, if establishing it was comparatively straightforward, sustaining it will be more difficult, for the first edition rested on the enthusiasm of too few people. It is hoped that next year the school in general will be encouraged to contribute as well as the enthusiastic and (unfortunately) exclusive Writers' Circle.

In short, the year has been a reasonable one for creative writing.

J. D. HILLS, *Editor of "Nihil"*

## ***Visit to Interlaken***

It was not only the journey and the stay in Switzerland that gave great pleasure. Much enthusiasm was aroused by the planning and waiting—the key to the success of our venture. For this sound start we must congratulate the leader of the party, D. W. Rabey, and offer our thanks to the Headmaster, Dr. Cresswell, whose assistance in overcoming the numerous difficulties is much appreciated.

The outgoing journey provided no outstanding hitches, although the unfortunate delayal of the tentage forced the party to stay on the station overnight. Nevertheless, it is occurrences such as this which brighten all holidays.

The Tourist Club of Switzerland camping site was extremely well equipped, and had an admirable situation at the edge of Lake Brienz. That other important determinant of a successful holiday, the weather, was also in our favour. To enjoy the mountain scenery fully requires the finest conditions, and this necessity was obtained on most of the days. This was especially the case for the two most attractive trips—those to the Lauterbrunnen Valley and Grindelwald chairlift. That to Lauterbrunnen took in the 1,000-foot high Staubach Falls, and a view from Murren across the valley to the famous Jungfrau and Eiger peaks. The other trips further revealed the grandeur of Switzerland, whilst the days spent in camp gave us time to explore the immediate surrounds.

To complete the holiday the return journey was broken to allow for a short stay in London, and for this we are grateful to the Old Boys' Association, which provided accommodation for some of the group's eleven members. Finally, we would also like to thank all others, and particularly the parents, who helped to make the visit so enjoyable.

J. D. ELLIS

## CORRESPONDENCE

27, Beacon Down Avenue,  
Plymouth.

30th June 1964

*The Editor, D.H.S. Magazine.*

Dear Sir,

I should be grateful if you could allow me a little space to thank all those who have sent messages of goodwill on my retirement from the Staff of the school. Twenty-eight years doubtless seems a long time to many who will be reading this, but it has not seemed long to me. They have been happy years and have passed quickly.

Those of us who came to Devonport from the Plymouth Corporation Grammar School might have had some doubts about how we should be received but such doubts were soon dispelled, masters and boys alike doing all possible to ease the transfer. Of the masters then at the school several now living in retirement became my very good friends and, as they are quite likely to see this magazine, I should like to thank them for all they did and have done for my wife and me.

My retirement has been marked by generous gifts from the Staff, the Boys and the Old Boys. They are all gifts which will be in daily use and thus be a constant reminder of the goodwill and generosity of all parts of the school. Those going into retirement are often advised to cultivate new interests. This is something the splendid greenhouse given me by the Old Boys and so industriously erected by Dr. Cresswell and Mr. Harold Smith will certainly encourage me to do and, if it can be made snug and warm, it should help me through the winter as well as the summer. The garden seat given me by the Staff has obvious usefulness and, for necessary solace and refreshment, I shall have the use of the handsome tea-set which was a gift from the Boys.

The occasion of the presentation, which could of necessity be attended by only a few of the donors, was a very happy one for my wife and me. The Press reported it generously and because of the reports I have had letters from a number of former pupils who might otherwise not have known of my retirement. These included one who was our Raleigh House pianist in Evacuation days, and another, now the Head of a country school in Lincolnshire, who was a member of my form at a Derbyshire school in 1926.

I have written to the Boys and to the Staff to thank them, so that it is to the Old Boys more particularly that I should like to send a message now. I am now a kind of Old Boy myself and like others of my fellows I shall try to keep in touch and shall hope to see the school continue to flourish and to prosper in all good works. I am no Latinist but I believe the School Motto means something like that.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. TRUMAN



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PRESENTATIONS TO MR. A. C. TRUMAN, 1964

*Standing (left to right):* Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*), Mr. H. Mallinson (*Senior Master*), Mr. D. G. Barkell, Mr. K. Pearson (*School Vice-Captain*), T. L. Orchard (*School Captain*), Mr. W. J. T amblyn (*Hon. Treasurer D.H.S.O.B.A.*), Mr. T. G. Davey (*Chairman D.H.S.O.B.A.*), Mr. B. Adams, Mr. B. Gilbert (*Hon. Secretary D.H.S.O.B.A.*), Mr. H. G. Warren

*Seated:* Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Truman



TRIP TO SWITZERLAND - SUMMER 1964

*Back row (left to right):* P. J. Brine, A. M. Taylor, D. W. Rabey, J. M. Harding, J. N. Hughes

*Middle row:* Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*), P. A. Cresswell

*Front row:* D. B. Harris, M. R. Hughes, J. D. Ellis, R. P. Lightfoot, J. G. Gordon

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

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This year has seen an upsurge of interest in all the functions organised by the Association and, once again, we had no difficulty in finding volunteers to fill the places on the committee vacated by long-serving parents of boys who have now left the school.

The Whist Drive in November exceeded all expectations and we were hard pressed to find enough room and enough packs of cards! Forty-eight tables filled the Hall and over £21 was added to funds.

At the Annual General Meeting, the Ladies' Committee reported that they had served 1,035 teas and lunches during the previous year. The business meeting was followed by the showing of Mr. Tom Molland's colour slides, "The Sun in Our Eyes", taken on a recent European holiday. We much enjoyed the show and appreciated Mr. Molland's presence with us.

The Annual Dance in the Lower Guildhall on Wednesday 4th December was attended by over 150 parents and staff. It proved to be a very happy social occasion.

The Association was "At Home" to the Staff on two occasions. Parents of senior boys attended in February and of juniors in March. Although this often becomes a rather prolonged affair, both staff and parents feel it well worth while.

The March Whist Drive was reasonably well attended, some 120 people being present.

An innovation this year was an Association Dinner at the Astor Hotel at which the Headmaster, Treasurer and Secretary with their wives, as well as retiring members, were guests. The function was much enjoyed and looks likely to become an annual affair.

We are just recovering from the exertions of the Garden Party for which we had a beautiful day with all the usual side shows and displays. The day's effort yielded about £195.

The funds raised have enabled us to defray the cost of Speech Day and its prizes, to assist the 1st XI soccer tour of London, and entrants for the Ten Tors expedition, to buy and make new library curtains, to entertain guests at the School Music Concert, to help with the cost of a pot-hole rescue, and to make presentations to F/Lt. Bence, for his work with the School A.T.C. Squadron, and to Mr. Dungey, our genial, helpful caretaker on his promotion.

To all who have helped, especially the Ladies' Committee, we would express thanks and we look for your continued encouragement.

H.G.W.



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As the 1963 Annual General Meeting was not affected by the weather, our attendance was back to normal. Those present urged the Committee to organise a social gathering to include ladies, consequently we are holding a buffet dance at the Dolphin Restaurant, Co-operative House on Thursday, September 24th, 1964. It is hoped that all those members able to attend will do so. Tickets are obtainable from the Secretary; 10/- single, 17/6 double.

A pleasant event during the year was the presentation to Mr. Truman on June 11th. The President, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary joined representatives of the School and Staff in a triple presentation in Mr. Truman's garden. Our gift was a greenhouse, made possible by donations from Old Boys all over the country and some from abroad.

Last year's Chairman, John Southern, left us at Christmas to take up a teaching appointment in Uganda. He had been the Rugby Club representative for six years. Midsummer brought a transfer to Bath for Dave Snell who had served on the committee for three-and-a-half years (Des Cory, please note!). We wish both every success in their new spheres and thank them for their services to the Association.

Our Rugby, Soccer and Badminton Clubs continue to keep the letters D.H.S.O.B.A. to the fore in local sporting circles. They are always glad to welcome new members and we trust that boys leaving the school and staying in the district will join these clubs and preserve their links with the school. Just send me a note and I will put you in touch with the appropriate secretary.

My own preference for soccer prompted me to see every match played by the First XI and many of the Second XI last season. I enjoyed my Saturday afternoons immensely—other older Old Boys, please note! An added pleasure has been to see my son in action for the Seconds.

I shall be running a Whist Drive in the School Hall early in December to raise funds for the Soccer Club. Everyone is welcome—

particularly any member who would be willing to donate a prize! I shall be open to offers up to mid-November! !

A note for all diaries—the 1964 Annual General Meeting and informal gathering, to include the usual buffet supper, will be held in the Dolphin Restaurant on Monday, December 28th, 1964. I hope we shall have a really large attendance this year. Please pass the word on to anyone you meet.

Our annual cricket matches conformed to their usual pattern. Defeat at the hands of the school was not so drastic this year. They declared at 103 for 8 (Holman 30, Sparkes 29, Hawton 13; Vic Woodfield 3-32, Mike Saunders 2-24 and Derek Philpotts 2-27) and we were all out for 73 (Vic Woodfield 16, John Gerard 14; Hawton 4-21, Hughes 3-20).

The match against the Staff was played at the Plymouth Cricket Club ground where a large gathering saw some very good play. We made 140 for 5 declared (Dave Pike 47, Johnny Blake 42), but time prevented a victory as the Staff were 51 for 7 (John Oxley 4-14; Vic Woodfield 3-15) when stumps were drawn. The rest of the evening was passed in a convivial atmosphere when spirits were only dampened by a shortage of pasties!

BERNARD GILBERT, *Hon. Secretary*

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“Tex” Austin has retired from the post of Hon. Secretary of the London O.B.A. Those who, through his efforts, have been put in touch with old friends, or have felt the benefits of his help in personal matters, and those of us who have had the pleasure of working with him on the Committee, will have the best reasons for deploring his decision that the time has come to hand over the safe-keeping of the Association to a younger man. His retirement was marked at the Annual Dinner on March 21st by a demonstration of affection and best wishes from a very large gathering of members and their families, and in these notes perhaps we need do no more than thank him once again for his untiring efforts on our behalf and wish him well for the future. He has told us that we cannot expect to get rid of him as easily as all that, and we hope he means it.

The Annual Dinner this year was highly successful. Eighty-five sat down to dinner, including our welcome guests the Headmaster,

Henry Whitfeld, and Eric Warn and his wife. A surprise guest whom we were delighted to see was C. F. Anderson, who left school in 1916. We were equally delighted to meet Mrs. Anderson.

On October 25th, 1963, an extraordinary A.G.M. was held, partly to deal with the perennial problem of ensuring that serving officers and members of the Committee are not re-elected *ad infinitum* and partly to put the A.G.M. on a new footing. It will in future take place in October each year. It was at this extraordinary meeting that our new Hon. Secretary was elected.

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. T. R. Theakston, the Principal, we were again able to have our annual outing to Trent Park on July 11th. As often happens, a wet, miserable morning gave way to a warm, sunny afternoon, and encouraged nearly eighty adults and youngsters (one celebrating his first birthday) to attend. "Tex" was there with Mrs. Austin, and Mrs. Simmonds presided over the tea arrangements. We were particularly pleased that Desmond Quick and his wife were able to come.

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

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The Bath and Bristol Branch has suffered because many Old Boys have moved away from the area, and our A.G.M. last year was not well attended. Current trends indicate, however, that interest is on the increase and a recent gathering at a local hostelry for drinks and a steak supper was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended.

During the course of the year we get together with the Old Suttonians and do battle (if that is the phrase) on the cricket field and at skittles. These gatherings are very entertaining, but the outcome of contests takes second place to the social side since we do, at least, share the common position of originating from the same fair city.

Dudley Thomas, our former secretary, left us to join Aubrey German in Scotland, whilst Tim Healey has departed to take up an appointment as a Member of the New Zealand Naval Board. May we, from this Branch, send our good wishes to "Tex" Austin, who retired from office in the London Branch during the year, but who will, we are sure, continue to be an active participant in D.H.S. O.B.A. affairs.

Would readers of the Magazine please note my address. I shall be pleased to hear from any Old Boys living in, or joining, this district.

DES CORY, *Hon. Secretary*

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

Although the season 1963/64 was not quite so successful as the previous one, the Old Boys maintained their current good form and more than held their own.

The season saw the widening of the scope of the fixture list and Ilfracombe and Torquay Quins are now included.

The highlight of the season was perhaps the Plymouth and District Combination Seven-a-side Competition in which the club reached the final. In the final they met the might of Plymouth Albion and not unexpectedly went down fighting. In past years we have drawn Plymouth Albion and Devonport Services in the preliminary rounds. This year, however, luck was on our side.

Since the last publication, two of the club stalwarts have left us. John Southern, for many years secretary of the club, has taken up a teaching post in Uganda and Stewart Vittle has entered the R.A.F. on a short-term commission as a Navigator. John is playing rugger in Uganda and thinks nothing of travelling over 100 miles for a game.

Much valued assistance was received, particularly towards the end of the season, from Nick Vosper and John Souness and other members of the school teams. Our thanks to them and we hope that this happy liaison will continue in future seasons.

M. BRERETON, *Hon. Secretary*

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

Some wasted chances early in the season, and again at the end, prevented the 1st XI from achieving league honours in the 1963/64 season. Our final league position was 4th. A number of fine performances mid-season included a 13-2 win against Navy Utd. and a 4-2 victory over the previous season's league champions, Portals.

Vic Woodfield's 46 goals put him at the top of the league goal-scorers and Club Captain, Terry Davey, was next in the team's list with 20 goals. Derek Philpotts ended the season with a representative game for the League, his last game before moving to London. With the loss of John Oxley at the beginning of the season, Ben James made a successful return to the centre-half position.

Generally it was a good season, but too many points were dropped in games that could have been won.

Mike Roberts took over as the 2nd XI secretary in 1963/64. The final league position in the lower half of Division I was rather disappointing. The old problem of too many team changes must be partly responsible. Several players had games for the 1st XI and where possible Old Boys on holiday in this area were given a game.

At our A.G.M. in July Dr. Cresswell presented a plaque of the School Crest to Vic Woodfield as a memento of his goal-scoring feats.

B. MARTYN

### ***The Old Boys' Badminton Club***

1963/64 was another successful season, culminating in winning both the Division I Championship and the Beckly Cup, the latter played on handicap basis, in competition with all the affiliated clubs in the Plymouth and District Churches Badminton League.

In the league's annual tournaments, club members again won three of the five finals events, namely, Men's Singles, Men's Doubles and the Mixed Doubles. At the close of the season we were invited, as League Champions, to play a side representing the Rest of the Badminton League at the R.A.F. Station, Mount Batten. This match, organised by the R.A.F. Badminton Club and played under excellent conditions in one of the large station hangars, resulted in our only defeat of the season.

Club membership remains constant, and we all appreciate and enjoy the facilities made available to us at the school.

D. F. MALLOCH, *Hon. Secretary*

### **O.B.A. Personal Column**

May I say on behalf of the school and the Staff how delighted we were with the response to suggestions that Mr Truman's retirement should be suitably acknowledged. I am quite certain that we have given him something which will encourage a long and happy retirement. May I also express the sympathy of all Old Boys to Mr. Coombe. As you are probably aware Mrs. Coombe died recently. We are deeply sorry:

As usual I appeal for any early copies of the School Magazine—number 1 to 30—and for any musical instruments which may be of use to the School Orchestra.

We were delighted to welcome one of our oldest Old Boys to school early this term. With his wife, Mr. J. L. Burt was visiting England from South Africa and spent a most pleasant morning with us. He reminded us that his brother, also an Old Boy, Rear-Admiral G. P. Burt, C.B.E., is living in Bognor Regis and would welcome news of any Old Boys of his time.

We would like to thank Mr. Austin for all that he has done for the O.B.A. and especially the London Branch and to welcome Colin Grant as the new London Branch Secretary. We wish him joy and success. Our good wishes also go to D. Cory who has taken over from H. D. D. Thomas as secretary of the Bath and Bristol Branch. Rally round and give them all your support.

- R. F. DONNE (1953-61). 1st Class Hons. Engineering, Bristol.
- I. R. GLENDAY (1958-61). 1st Class Hons. Chemistry, London.
- C. PERRY (1949-57). 1st Class Hons. Engineering, London.
- R. J. CROSS (1952-58). Dip. Tech. Class 1 in Engineering. Has joined the R.N. Scientific Service and expects to be stationed in Portsmouth for a while. He was married in the Easter holidays.
- J. B. SIVIOUR (1951-58). 1st Class Mining Engineering, Sheffield, has an appointment with Parkinson Cowan.
- M. J. EVANS (1957-63). Captain's Prize, R.N., Pembroke.
- A. J. COLLINGS (1951-58). Awarded Fellowship and Assistant Lectureship at Birmingham.
- A. P. BALL (1955-62). Awarded in his first M.B. year at Edinburgh, Certificate of Merit, the Class Medal, the Vans Dunlop Prize (£50) and the Gillway Major Biology Prize.
- S. VITLES (1953-60). Now has a regular commission in the R.A.F.
- C. F. ANDERSON. Contemporary of Sir Clifford Tozer and Harry Ferraro. Now lives 60 Almond Way, Mitcham, Surrey, and will always be glad to welcome Old Boys.
- D. J. HOLMAN (1951-57). Married last October. Says he can recommend married life but adds that it is a bit expensive. Is now teaching at Wilson's Grammar School, S.E.5.
- EDDIE BEVAN. "Tex" has chased him up. After a career with the Royal Marines, did very well in the R.A.F. and is now a schoolmaster in Hampshire—Highfield Lane, Southampton. Remembers Mr. Whitfield at School.
- REX WINGATE, F.B.O.A. One of three brothers in the School, and one of our outstanding athletes. Remembers Ewan and John Francis and Murray Widdicombe. Called in and cheered us all no end.
- I. E. DAYMOND (1950-59). Has just satisfactorily completed a Diploma of Education Course at London and hopes to continue teaching with the British Council.
- B. R. FOX (1945-52). Now Captain Fox. Married with two children, a boy and a girl. Called in and does not seem to have changed at all.
- J. JEFFERY (1952-60). Is to be married in 1965, is leading a Peak District Scout Troop and will go on to a Degree Course in Social Psychology next year. As usual he keeps himself fully occupied.
- E. M. PICKERING (1952-60). Records himself as still free from entanglements. Now teaching at Chaulden School, Hemel Hempstead.
- D. G. SNELLGROVE (1937-42). Captain Padre, called in at School when on a course in the area. He is married with two children and is Vicar of Hesle and Chairman of the Governors of Hesle High School.
- K. PILLAR (1937-42). The Rev. Snellgrove reminded us that Pillar, who also read Theology at Queen's, Cambridge, is now ordained.
- G. S. MASON (1949-57). Has been touring Europe with the Stratford Theatre Orchestra. Letters reached us from him from Russia and Bulgaria. He is now engaged—at long last, say his friends.
- R. BLIGHT (1950-58). Is engaged and has an appointment as Lecturer at the Bristol Technological College.
- A. PEARSON (1957-61). Is in charge of the Oxford Expedition to Lapland—an expedition he has been largely responsible for organising.
- L. ROWE (1949-56). Is hoping to complete a Degree Course in Music at a British Columbia University, to get married in August and to visit us as soon as possible.
- R. PERRY (1947-55). On the Staff of Latymer Upper has a son; and his brother Christopher Perry is now a 2nd Lieutenant.
- R. T. F. WILLIAMS (1946-54). Was married last year and is now living in London.
- COLIN BRAY (1946-54). Has a son and tells me he still enjoys teaching.
- JOHN ELLIS (1950-58), JOHN COOK (1954-57), and ARTHUR QUICK (1951-59) were all married last September. We wish them all happiness.

S. A. ("ARCHIE") EVANS (1924-30). Has been promoted to Senior Inspector of Taxes. He will probably be leaving Somerset House but hopes to remain in London.

J. G. GRANT (1926-31). Is reputed to be back from Bahrain, but we have not yet heard from him.

D. CURD and R. H. STEPHENS (1905-12). Have not seen D.H.S. since leaving Albert Road School, 1912. Visited this year's garden party and were both impressed. Both now living in Kingsbridge.

R. SEAGAR (1950-58). Has an appointment at Merton College, Oxford. Congratulations.

A. T. FLETCHER (1941-46). Is Assistant Planning and Design Officer at the Naval Dockyard, Capetown, where he is a Construction Lieutenant in charge of the Design Offices.

GRAHAM ASHWORTH is married with two children. He is now working with the Civic Trust and looking extremely well.

COMMODORE T. HEALY, R.N., is now in New Zealand with his family.

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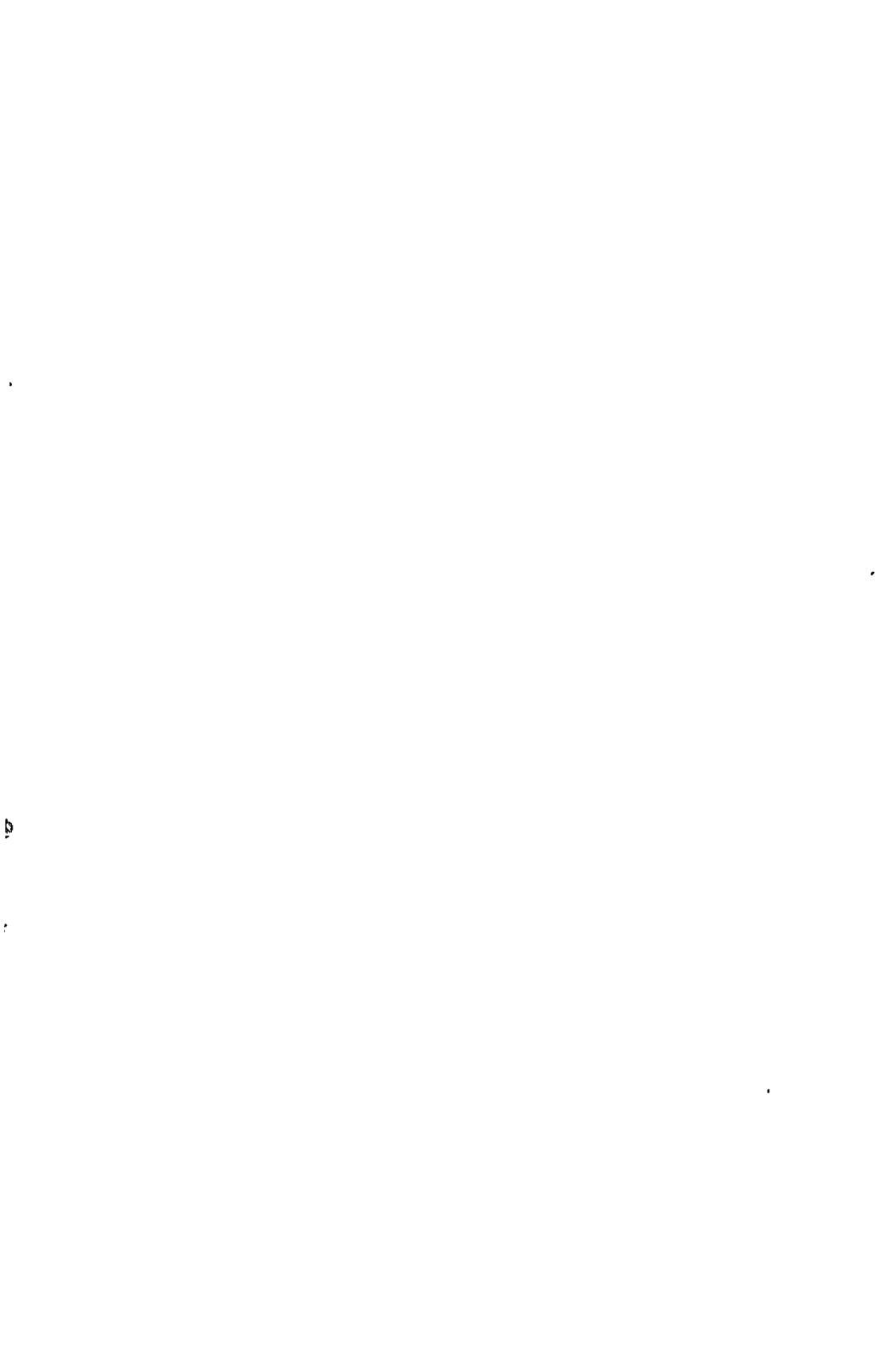
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