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# EARL MOUNTBATTEN

HE recent visit of Earl Mountbatten marked an occasion in the history not only of the C.C.F., but of Stowe as a School. He became one of the few to sign the distinguished visitor's book, and the first to do so in the traditional green ink of the First Sea Lord.

Before his visit the School was inundated with expectancy. It was rumoured that he had given a famous Public School an extra-parade for its pains, and members of the Survey Section were given a full term's notice to polish their brass. Officer vied with Sergeant in an attempt to boost the morale of the Corps, and it was found to be a good moment to give the South Front Portico its long-intended renovation.

But as it was, the day passed with scarcely a wrong movement. Earl Mountbatten's helicopter landed perfectly and at a reasonable distance from the 1st XI cricket pitch, and for the remainder of the morning treated the School to an enthralling exhibition of pilotmanship. Earl Mountbatten went slowly around the ranks asking questions of cadets here and there, and-it was observed-showed especial interest in the Naval Section. Nobody thought it necessary to premeditate those guardsmen who had to be carried off at the Trooping of the Colour.

After the March Past, Earl Mountbatten addressed the School. "I have done a number of these Cadet Parades," he said, " and have become quite an expert at them; this one today was good. Many Cadet Forces hire or borrow bands for the occasion: others I have heard—one wishes they did. But here, I must say, the band is second to none." He went on to explain the type of man needed in the forces, the changes brought about by the hydrogen bomb, and the future of National Service. Earl Mountbatten illustrated his points with anecdotes informal and reminiscent, though he ended on this sombre, but vital, note.

"Whether you join the Services or whether you go into any other walk of life, it is your generation that is going to put this country back on the map. That is why it matters so much what we all do, and why I am so glad to have come down to see you all at Stowe."

## STOICA

School Officials—Summer Term, 1957.

Prefects:—R. I. Guinness (Q), Head of the School; F. N. Rushton (6), Second Prefect; A. G. Morison (G), Prefect of Chapel; H. J. Miall (B), Prefect of Gymnasium; J. H. S. Utley (C); J. H. Bryan (T); N. G. Morgan (W); J. H. Harris (C); J. H. Arkell (6), Prefect of Library.

Cricket:—Captain, F. N. Rushton (6); Secretary, J. H. Harris (C).

Lawn Tennis:—Captain, R. I. Guinness (C); Secretary, R. D. Fell (C).

Swimming:—Captain, D. A. O'Brien (C); Secretary, T. B. Pulvertaft (C).

Sailing:—Commodore, S. D. A. Firth (C).

The following have preached in the Chapel this term:—Sunday, May 5th, The Chaplain; Sunday, May 12th, B. W. M. Young, Esq., Headmaster of Charterhouse; Sunday, May 26th, The Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes, Provost of Derby; Whit Sunday, The Chaplain; Sunday, June 30th, The Rev. C. Windsor Richards; Sunday, July 14th, The Rt. Rev. H. J. Carpenter, Bishop of Oxford; Sunday, July 28th, The Rev. Canon C. H. Ritchie, Chaplain to H.M. the Queen.

The Collections in the Chapel were:—On Sunday, March 31st, for the Pineapple, £20 4s. od.; on Sunday, May 19th, for the Church Missionary Society, £17 17s. 6d.; on Sunday, June 9th, for the Children's Country Holiday Fund, £18 2s. 6d.; on Sunday, June 30th, for St. Dunstan's, £25 16s. 6d.; on Sunday, July 14th, for the Bishop Kirk Memorial Fund, £22 0s. od.

BISHOP KIRK MEMORIAL FUND.—Bishop Kirk's tenure of the See of Oxford from 1937 to 1954 was the longest episcopate since Stowe's foundation. He was a faithful friend to the School and a frequent visitor. Many will recall with gratitude the Confirmation services he held in the Chapel and his addresses to leavers, as well as the liveliness and originality of his sermons. A Memorial Fund has recently been launched with the double purpose of improving the setting of the Episcopal Throne in the Cathedral Church and of encouraging the study of Moral Theology, a

subject to which Dr. Kirk made a distinguished contribution. If anyone wishes to contribute, cheques may be made payable to the Bishop Kirk Memorial Fund and sent either to the Chaplain at Stowe, or direct to the Hon. Secretary, Dr. T. B. Heaton, Christ Church, Oxford.

The Exeat was from Friday, June 14th, to Monday, June 17th. The School Dance was held on the previous evening, and a film, *Harvey*, was shown for those not attending the dance.

Speech Day and Old Stoic Day were again held in conjunction on Saturday, July 27th. On this and the previous night, the Historians presented A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Queen's Temple. Accounts of this and other events will appear in our next number.

Two Musicians are leaving the Staff at the end of this term; Miss Edith Churton after thirty-two years, and Mr. A. A. Negus after seventeen. Stowe will remember with gratitude the large part they took in Staff Concerts, Historians' Plays, and musical entertainment of every kind.

During the illness of Mr. J. C. Saunders, Mr. G. T. P-Franklin, B.A., has joined the Staff.

Work continues on the buildings. The master's house near the Oxford Lodge has almost been completed, the new Science Laboratories have been begun, and the Memorial Hall resounds with the hammerings of joiners and carpenters; it is, perhaps, worthy of record that the Memorial Hall first proved its usefulness on the night of the Inspection, when the R.A.F. Section used it as a hangar for the glider.

The School has been mourning the loss of two of her monuments. George, complete with horse, has been removed temporarily for repair, while at 3.15 p.m. on May 9th Lord Cobham was struck by lightning.

One of her minor monuments, however, has found its way back to Stowe. The only known survivor of the copper urns which once graced the South Front has generously been given by Mr. Ramsay Miller to his godson, D. R. C. Cory (T), for presentation to Stowe. It now stands on a pedestal in front of the School Shop.

The following have been successful in the 1st M.B. Examination at Cambridge:—Parts 1, 2 and 3, T. B. Pulvertaft (C) and J. M. E. Anderson (C); Parts 1 and 3, R. H. Whitaker (C); Part 2, T. W. Greenwood (C).

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School Colours have been awarded as follows:—

Representative:-

C. J. G. Shillington (C) and A. G. Morison (G) for Cross-Country; J. A. Carney (B) for Athletics.

Athletics:—

J. A. Carney (B), P. B. Aarvold (6), D. G. Garwood-Gowers (B). Cricket:—

1st XI:—D. G. Garwood-Gowers (B), C. J. G. Shillington (C) (reawarded); G. Harwood (6), C. J. G. Atkinson (C).

2nd XI:—L. E. Bentall (Q), J. H. Bryan (T), L. C. P. Ribeaux (ℂ), J. J. Cater (Q), H. J. Miall (B), J. A. Boddy (Q), C. G. Kenyon (W), R. Sherjan (T), G. M. Shaw (⑤), A. R. Bentall (Q), J. G. Williams (ℂ).

3rd XI:—J. H. Arkell (6), D. J. Easton (W), N. M. Stern (B), I. A. R. Mackenzie (6), D. E. Costain (W), E. J. Avory (T), S. M. Turner (G).

Colts Caps:—D. E. Costain (W), R. A. P. Noye (€), R. St. C. Strange (⑤), I. H. Agnew (W), J. B. Mayland (W).

Lawn Tennis: -R. D. Fell (C), R. I. Guinness (Q), C. D. G. Coltart (Q).

Swimming:—R. M. S. Rees (B), J. E. G. Nayler (W) (re-awarded); M. Buttrose (G), E. S. Kennedy (Q), J. R. Perriss (C), A. P. Rosner (C), A. H. Matusch (G).

# Entrance Scholarships 1957

The following have been elected to Entrance Scholarships:—

J. F. R. SAUNDERS (St. Andrew's, Pangbourne).

A. C. GEDDES (Elstree School, Woolhampton and Stowe).

T. E. C. Bushell (St. Neot's, Eversley).

T. D. B. LEE (Castle Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin).

P. A. AYRTON (Le Rosey, Switzerland and Stowe).

# ANNUAL PRIZES

Basil Williamson Prize:	R. M. Elliott (C)
	N. K. W. WILLIAMSON (C)
	R. I. Guinness (C)
ROBERT BARBOUR PRIZE FOR DIVINITY:	H. MacLean (G)
Burroughs Prize for Church History:	N. W. Lyell 🌀
Peters Bone Prize for English:	Not awarded
J. F. Roxburgh Prize for English: Senior:	Not awarded
Junior:	
J. F. Roxburgh Prize for Classics:	G. G. Vinen (W)
CHARLES LOUDON PRIZE FOR GREEK:	A. ZAFIROPULO (C)
QUENTIN BERTRAM PRIZE FOR LATIN:	N. D. W. Sturch (T)
Anthony Pearce Prize for Latin Oration	: G. G. VINEN (W)
Syrett Prize for History:	J. D. HARRIS (B)
SCOTT-GALL PRIZE FOR HISTORY:	H. MacLean (G)
JOHN WEBSTER PRIZE FOR FRENCH:	J. P. D. HANCOX (G)
J. G. Riess Prize for German:	J. P. D. HANCOX (G)
Capel Cure Prize for French:	D. M. FINGLETON (C)
STEWART PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS:	C. J. A. BINNIE (B)
PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS:	L. J. D. McIntyre (G)
HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR PHYSICS:	D. M. MIALL (C)
W. B. HARDS PRIZE FOR SCIENCE:	W. R. C. HEAP (W)
HAYWARD PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY:	S. D. C. WALLACE (B)
WALLACE PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY:	D. McConnell (T)
PETER BATES PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY:	R. M. H. Griffiths (G)
JAMES MAYNE PRIZE FOR ECONOMICS:	T. R. Finlow (B)
HEADMASTER'S PRIZE FOR GENERAL	N. W. D. Sturch (T)
Knowledge:	W. R. C. HEAP (W)
BASIL AIMERS PRIZE FOR READING:	D. J. EASTON (W)
HAYWARD PRIZE FOR READING:	R. K. B. Hankinson (W)
Edward Harding Prize for Reading:	Not awarded
BRYAN HENSHAW PRIZES FOR ENGLISH SPEECH	T:
	Senior: Not awarded
	Junior: D. Ridley (C)
Anthony Howard Prize for Art:	P. V. SINCLAIR (C)
J. F. Roxburgh Prize for Architecture:	S. L. Whistler (C)
	· o. r. winstrek (d)

Music Prizes:

C. J. GIBBON (G)
I. R. Ferrier (T)
D. A. Fanshawe (C)
I. F. Bracey (C)
Brass: C. S. Wates (B)
Organ: T. J. L. GAUVAIN (T)
RY OR METAL WORK:
R. R. Blagg (C)
ACTIVITIES: J. R. CROSBY (6)
S. D. A. Firth (C)

# OLIM ALUMNI

- J. D. Murray (C, 1928) was made a C.M.G. in the Birthday Honours.
- F. O. S. DOBELL (6, 1931) was made a C.B.E. in the Birthday Honours.
- G. B. MICHLER (W, 1939) has been awarded the U.S. Air Medal with four clusters.
- T. C. Eaton (C, 1936) has been elected Lord Mayor of Norwich for this year.
- P. F. I. Reid (6, 1929), Irish Guards, was in command of the parade at the recent Trooping of the Colour.
- J. P. T. Dawson (C, 1938) has been appointed Commanding Officer of H.M.C.S. Skeena, a new Canadian destroyer.

At the Royal Society Conversazione in May, Mr. W. L. LLOWARCH (Staff, 1938-1954) demonstrated the Schlieren Technique on the study of ripples on the surface of water; this is based on the version familiar to those members of the Sixth Form to whom he taught Physics at Stowe.

On the same occasion J. H. Welch (C, 1943) demonstrated his high temperature microscope in which specimens at temperatures as high as 2,000°C can be observed.

- P. H. Krusin (B, 1953) was placed in the First Class in Part I of the Law Tripos at Cambridge and shared the George Long Prize for Roman Law; he has also been awarded a Senior Scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge.
- A. P. Ledger (C, 1951) was placed in the First Class in Chemistry in the Final Honours School of Natural Sciences at Oxford.
  - A. S. M. DICKINS (C, 1932) is the British Editor of Poetry.
- N. R. Cunningham-Reid (G, 1949) was co-driver of the Aston Martin DBR I which won the 1,000 km. race for sports cars on the Nürburgring, Germany, on May 26th.
- W. P. COOPER (C, 1954) has been made Secretary of the Cambridge University Golf Club.
- J. V. H. HIPPISLEY (CI, 1956) gained a Blue at Cambridge University for Swimming.

#### **BIRTHS**

To the wife of A. H. Rowan (Q, 1938), a son, on April 4th, 1946; to the wife of P. Sainsbury (T, 1934), a son, in 1947; to the wife of R. G. Fox (Q, 1938), a son, on June 2nd, 1948; to the wife of A. H. Rowan (Q, 1938), a son, on December 21st, 1949; to the wife of R. G. Fox (Q, 1938), a daughter, on April 25th, 1951; to the wife of A. H. Rowan (Q, 1938), a daughter, on January 26th, 1953; to the wife of D. B. Morgan-Grenville (W, 1945), a daughter, on December 25th, 1953; in Texas); to the wife of R. G. Fox (Q, 1938), a son, on May 21st, 1954; to the wife of J. G. Cameron (Q, 1943), a daughter, on August 20th, 1954; to the wife of P. Sainsbury (T, 1934), a daughter, in 1955; to the wife of A. I. MacGregor (B, 1947), a daughter, on March 25th, 1955; to the wife of R. C. D. Brow (Q, 1940), a daughter, on July 1st, 1955; to the wife of D. Elliot (C, 1945), a son, on November 15th, 1955.

To the wife of J. H. W. Pooler (T, 1945), a son, on April 25th, 1956; to the wife of E. F. G. Gosling (C, 1939), a daughter, on May 8th; to the wife of J. G. Cameron (C, 1943), a son, on June 11th; to the wife of F. J. Hawkins (G, 1948), a son, on June 11th; to the wife of J. Elliott Murray (B, 1941), a son, on July 29th; to the wife of A. P. Riddell (G, 1948), a son, on August 15th; to the wife of H. A. L. Montgomery-Campbell (C, 1928), a daughter, on October 21st; to the wife of R. C. D. Brow (C, 1940), a son, on November 3rd; to the wife of A. I. MacGregor (B, 1947), a daughter, on November 27th; to the wife of I. Granger (C, 1945), a son, on November 29th (in Hong Kong); to the wife of P. D. Baxter (W, 1940), a son, on December 3rd; to the wife of D. B. Metcalfe (T, 1937), a son, on December 3rd.

To the wife of W. KEE (6, 1938), a daughter, on March 17th, 1957; to the wife of A. C. L. Whistler (G, 1930), a daughter, on March 20th; to the wife of R. N. B. Gubbins (T, 1927), a son, on March 30th; to the wife of M. N. Boggon (T, 1952), a son, on March 30th; to the wife of E. D. O'BRIEN (C, 1928), a son, on April 1st; to the wife of A. J. DIXON-GREEN (B, 1944), a son, on April 5th; to the wife of R. O. RICHARDS (T, 1939),

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a son, on April 11th; to the wife of B. J. B. PIKE (C, 1949), a daughter, on April 17th; to the wife of S. P. E. C. W. TOWNELEY (formerly Worsthorne) (C, 1940), a daughter, on April 19th.

To the wife of H. F. Sassoon (G, 1939), a son, on May 2nd; to the wife of J. D. Fay (G, 1938), a daughter, on May 11th (in Paris); to the wife of E. L. Shannon (C, 1937), a son, on May 14th; to the wife of M. Colston (G, 1951), a daughter, on May 20th; to the wife of P. D. Colt (G, 1938), a daughter, on May 21st; to the wife of P. A. Dyer-Smith (T, 1936), a daughter, on May 21st; to the wife of The Hon. W. Young (formerly Hilton-Young) (W, 1941), a son, on May 24th; to the wife of The Hon. R. C. M. Nathan (G, 1941), a son, on May 26th; to the wife of P. D. Forsyth-Forrest (T, 1940), a son, on May 26th.

To the wife of N. A. C. CROFT (C, 1925), a daughter, on June 5th; to the wife of N. A. GAMMIDGE (T, 1934), a daughter, on June 21st; to the wife of D. I. HIRD (C, 1946), a daughter, on June 23rd; to the wife of R. H. S. HARRIS (C, 1946), a son, on June 24th; to the wife of SIR FRANCIS GRANT, Bt. (C, 1932), a son, on June 26th; to the wife of R. A. ROXBURGH (W, 1947), a son, on July 9th; to the wife of R. B. CHIDELL (6, 1937), a son, on July 12th.

#### **MARRIAGES**

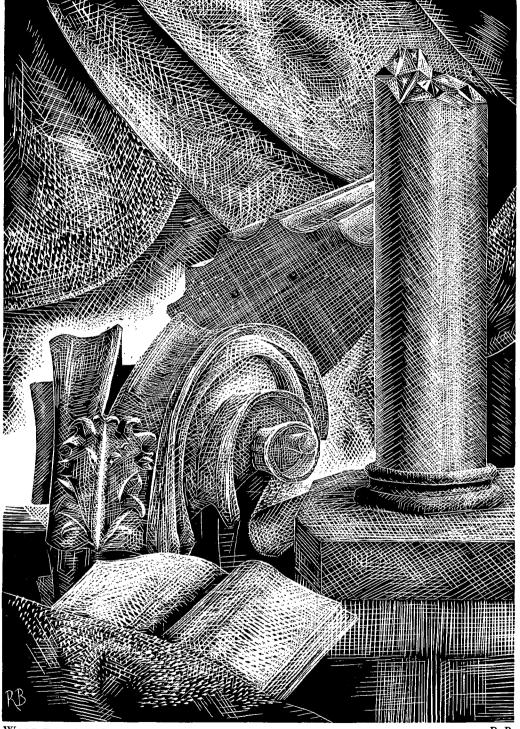
P. Sainsbury (T, 1934) to Ruth Ahrends, in October, 1942; A. H. Rowan (Q, 1938) to Jean Elizabeth Tanch, on October 9th, 1943; R. G. Fox (Q, 1938) to Ella Tweed Bingley, on October 27th, 1945; D. B. Morgan-Grenville (W, 1945) to Nancy Martin, on June 30th, 1951; F. J. Hawkins (G, 1948) to Elisabeth Braithwaite-Exley, on June 26th, 1952; J. G. Cameron (Q, 1943) to Jane Ford, on August 29th, 1953; A. I. MacGregor (B, 1947) to Jennifer Tod, on September 19th, 1953; R. C. D. Brow (Q, 1940) to Mollie Eileen Tarrant, on December 22nd, 1953; D. Elliot (C, 1945) to Gillian Musker, on February 27th, 1954; J. H. W. Pooler (T, 1945) to Mary Stewart, on April 21st, 1954; R. C. Taylor (C, 1944) to Patricia Mary Wardle, on June 2nd, 1954; J. Elliot Murray (B, 1941) to Miss M. E. McCall, on August 28th, 1954.

I. B. CALKIN (W, 1947) to Rowena Marian Hughes, on March 24th, 1956; J. C. MATTHEWS (\$\mathbf{G}\$, 1946) to Patricia Whessell, on April 28th; J. M. Fimister (W, 1944) to Sheilah Waddell, on May 5th; J. P. G. GOLDFINGER (\$\mathbf{G}\$, 1951) to Gabrielle Auerbach, on July 26th; M. J. R. BANNISTER (W, 1951) to Ethne Alison Garnett, on July 28th; A. P. HARRIS (\$\mathbf{G}\$, 1949) to Susan Catherine Baddeley, on October 27th; R. M. Instone (C, 1953) to Michele Rodon, on November 21st.

G. P. LLOYD (B, 1944) to Margaret Harvey, on April 22nd, 1957 (in Bermuda); D. K. Helm (G, 1950) to Christine Mary Jones, on April 27th; T. R. Winser (T, 1947) to Jacqueline Ryder, on May 4th; S. B. LLOYD (C, 1948) to Freyja Longley-Cook, on June 1st; W. MILBURN (G, 1944) to Patricia Carroll Butler, on June 1st; H. J. GRAY (W, 1952) to Mary McNeill, on June 1st; G. E. D. WRIGHT (C, 1943) to Miss J. M. B. King, on June 13th; M. L. HENDERSON (W, 1951) to Caroline Jean Nisbet, on June 15th; A. H. Salt (G, 1949) to Prudence Meath Baker, on June 29th.

#### **DEATHS**

H. A. OLIVIER (B, 1935), in April.



Wood-engraving R.B.

## Clubs and Societies

#### THE TWELVE CLUB

There have been two meetings so far this term. On June 5th, the Secretary read a paper on Victor Hugo, dealing in his own deplorable French accent with the life, poetical, political and amorous, of the 'enfant sublime'. On July 5th, M. L. A. Andrews (C) read a paper on "Dowsing". This took place out of doors and was enlivened by many interesting, if fruitless, practical experiments.

The Society is once again grateful to Mrs. McElwee for her hospitality. New Members: R. I. Guinness (C), H. D. M. Fletcher (T), H. MacLean (G), J. J. Cater (C), J. P. D. Hancox (G), L. C. P. Ribeaux (C).

J.D.H.

#### THE EPHEMERALS

The Society has held one meeting so far this term, when G. V. Norris (C) read a paper on 'General Grant'. This paper had been eagerly awaited as Norris has a certain reputation in the School, and it is pleasing to report that the Society was not disappointed. Norris not only brought us an interesting paper in which there were glimpses of his own rich humour, but also broke an Ephemeral record for the length of a paper. It says much for him when one can report that the Society's interest never flagged.

It is hoped that towards the end of the term another paper will be read.

F.N.R.

#### THE SYMPOSIUM

The Society had some excellent papers this year. On Friday the 18th of February, the Society met to hear M. G. Warren's (B) paper on 'Frauds and Hoaxes'. This was a welcome light interlude. On Friday, the 8th of March, the Society went to the President's room to have a stand-up supper before hearing J. R. Kerr Muir's (C) paper on 'Greek Coins' or 'Hellenic Numismatics'. The supper was excellent; the paper short. Guinness, Mr. Rutherford's dog, graced us at this meeting with twenty minutes of his destructively tail-wagging presence. C. J. Gibbon (G) read us a paper on 'Mozart and Haydn' on the 26th of March, an excellent work in a masterly prose style.

The 184th meeting was held on the 21st of May for Mr. Easton's (W) paper on 'Andrew Marvell'. The paper lived up to all expectations and surpassed most. However, the detailed analysis was at times carried almost to the pitch of pedantry. We decided that Mr. Zafiropulo (C) should read the next paper on Tuesday, June 4th. (By dint of telling the reader that his paper was due to be read a week earlier than was in fact the case his paper was finally just ready in time.) It was interesting and instructive. Emphasis was laid on 'the painting of the void'. On Wednesday, July 2nd, there was a paper read by C. J. Gauvain (T) on the 'Honey Bee'. This was a fascinating, if factual, paper, but the Secretary regrets that more speculation was not indulged in on the relationship between the beehive and human society.

There now remain Mr. Blayney's (C) paper on the history of the small firearm to be read near the end of term, and Mr. Behar's (G) on a subject as yet unknown to be read next term.

J.P.D.H.

#### THE MUSIC CLUB

To date this term the Club has met but once, but it is hoped to have a further meeting before the end of the term. On this occasion C. J. Gibbon (G) read the Club a most interesting paper on Viennese Music, dealing in particular with Haydn and Mozart. He painted in the background most effectively, and the paper was admirably illustrated on the gramophone.

On June 11th Mlle. Jenny Ashworth gave a piano recital for the Club and its guests,

the programme of which appears elsewhere in the magazine.

There is to be an expedition to Covent Garden on July 20th to see a performance of Carmen.

The following were elected to the Club:—A. C. B. Alexander (T), A. S. T. Steel (T), C. J. Gibbon (G), J. P. D. Hancox (G), B. O. H. Griffiths (G), T. R. Finlow (B), P. J. N. Pringle (B).

J.D.H.

#### THE DEBATING SOCIETY

There have been four meetings of the Society since *The Stoic* last went to press. At the first, on March 13th, the motion was "That this House prefers it canned". This was proposed by The Treasurer with wit that was at times original, and he succeeded in displaying before our eyes such fantasies as canned beauty-spots and canned babies. This was far from the taste of the Opposer, Mr. Vincenzi (G), who spoke with the studied approach of the gourmand and poured 'faisons à la bohemienne very wonderful': Mr. Millington (T), supporting the proposition, spoke with his usual zest, and Mr. Hancox (G), speaking fourth, liked mock turtle soup but not Trollope. The motion was lost in the Upper House by 6 votes, but somewhat surprisingly won in the Lower by 8.

The first debate of the term, "That this House welcomes the proposal to nationalize Eton and Stowe", was opened by The Secretary, who, having surveyed the effect this would have on the School, was in turn emotional, frivolous, and inaudible. But The Treasurer, who followed him, believed Stowe to possess a mark of respectability and M.P's. a reputation for laziness. The Librarian made a somewhat patronising appeal for the Lower Classes, whilst Mr. Fingleton (C), speaking fourth, spoke with some success if without notes. The motion was, for once, lost in both Houses; in the Upper by 1 vote, and in the Lower by 26.

The second meeting of the term was ill-attended, though this did not greatly impair the standard of speeches. Mr. Cater (C), proposing the motion "That all voluntary service has now become obsolete", thought that the Army was the refuge of those unfit for wholesome employment elsewhere. The Co-opted Member flew from pink elephant to red herring. Mr. Hankinson (W) was an advocate of boy scouts and the Lifeboat Association, while Mr. Heap (W) conjured up visions of the Chaplain's services to tennis—and this, replied The Chaplain, was to be measured in double faults. The President gallantly supported the minority: the motion being lost in the Upper House by I vote, and in the Lower by 9 votes.

For the last debate of the term, the Society considered a number of snap motions. The House, amidst a flood of verbosity and motions, thought "That Gentlemen wear their pyjama shirts outside", and came, somewhat reluctantly, to the conclusion that Coco-cola was not "The most important invention of the 20th century".

Messrs. E-X. C. W. P. Fletcher (C) and D. Ridley (C) were elected to the Society.

The Officers of the Society were:—President, Mr. W. L. McElwee; Vice-President, Mr. M. J. Fox; Secretary, J. D. Harris (B); Treasurer, R. N. Allan-Smith (T); Librarian, H. MacLean (G); Co-opted Member, C. D. E. Spence (C).

J.D.H.

#### THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The Society has met only once this term, when G. R. Beeley (T) read a paper on "Athletics in Ancient Greece". He had done an immense amount of research on the subject and the result was fascinating, the whole Society deriving much benefit from it. It was rendered even more interesting by the fact that the President, himself a distinguished athlete, told us much about running today. It is a great pity that modern standards in athletics cannot be compared with those of ancient times.

E. W. Fulton (6) has promised to read us a paper, on an, as yet, undisclosed subject, later in the term.

H.D.M.F.

#### THE VITRUVIAN SOCIETY

On the first Saturday of the term there was an expedition to Althorp, where Earl Spencer was so kind as to show us round. The pictures—most of which are family portraits—include many by Reynolds, Gainsborough, and Van Dyke, and there is, in addition, a fine collection of china, books, and furniture.

On the way back the Society stopped at St. Matthew's Church, Northampton, to admire Graham Sutherland's "Crucifixion", and Henry Moore's "Madonna and Child".

J.D.H.

#### THE CONGREVE CLUB

A meeting of the Club was held at the beginning of the term, and as a result seven new members were elected. Two plays, one Shaw and the other Bridie, have been read with an eye to the future productions of the Club. An expedition to the final night of Richard III at the Old Vic was arranged, but the date proved unacceptable. However, the seasonable entertainment, Midsummer Madness, is as usual scheduled to take place at Ancient Virtue, with the main attraction a one-act Irish play by W. B. Yeats.

A.E.C.W.

#### THE NUCLEUS

A brief preliminary meeting took place on May 8th, when members elected to invite Messrs. R. I. Guinness (Q) and F. R. Shackleton (W) to become members.

The meetings took place in the President's drawing-room at Quarry House. This meant that the coffee could be hot. On May 14th D. M. Miall (Q) read a paper on "Glass-making", and on June 11th G. M. Likierman (C) one on "Leonardo da Vinci". It is hoped to have a lecture on "Guinness" from R. I. Guinness (Q) later this term.

There will be a final meeting to elect next term's officers.

W.H. J.

#### THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

The Society has continued to have a membership of just under a hundred, a reflection of the growing interest shown in Science throughout the School. As is usual in the Summer Term, we had no lectures or films, but we had two expeditions. The first was to Wipac Ltd., of Bletchley, makers of electrical parts for motor-cycles; this was an excellent expedition, especially as the firm provided a veritable feast before we left. The second, to the G.E.C. Research Laboratories at Wembley, was unfortunately rather too near the examinations to allow many people to go, as it was a most instructive visit.

D.M.M.

#### THE GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

This has been another highly successful term, with the membership once again well over 100. During the course of the term a new 3-speed record player and a large oak cabinet for storing records were acquired. The Gramophone Society now has in its collection approximately 200 works, on 140 Long-Playing Records, and a large number has been added to the collection since May.

It is hoped that it will be possible to organize an expedition to the factory of a leading record manufacturer during the course of next term.

- D.M.F.

#### THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

At a meeting on the first Sunday of term, new members and committee members were elected. M. F. Bridgland (B) was appointed Vice-President; R. H. Martin (T), Hon. Treasurer; M. L. A. Andrews (C) and D. J. Hanley (W), committee members. It was decided that a photographic competition should be held, to be judged at the end of term, and also that darkroom tickets should be abolished.

The Society showed two films to the School, which were very successful. On June 31st was shown *The Benny Goodman Story* and on July 31st, *Odette*.

There was an expedition to the factory of Kodak Ltd. on June 26th.

J.M.E.A.

#### THE RADIO CLUB

To date there has not been much activity this term, but after exams members usually prepare exhibits for the Science Exhibition. The Army receiver has returned in greatly improved condition, and the Signals Section seems to have reclaimed the portion of aerial which we took over a while ago.

There were fewer active members this term than ever of late, and everyone who has interest in the practical side of electronics should remember that the hut is provided with benches and AC and DC mains, and members can always get help on any problems from various parts of the Science department. There is no charge for membership, and no organised meetings.

W.H.J.

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#### THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

At a short business meeting on May 12th, T. A. A. St. Johnston (C) was elected to the Committee.

On June 23rd, W. R. C. Heap (W) read a paper to the Society on "The Water-Birds of Stowe". He outlined the species which had been seen here, and dealt more fully with those which he had observed.

An expedition to Whipsnade Zoo took place on July 3rd. Many of the animals were having a siesta on account of the heat when we arrived, but all members who went enjoyed themselves.

One more meeting will be held this term, to elect a Committee for the following year. It is hoped that P. F. Albrecht (C) will give a lecture on "Clouds".

W.R.C.H.

#### NATURAL HISTORY NOTES

A Common Tern was seen in May on the Eleven Acre Lake, during the thunderstorm which executed Lord Cobham. It spent a lot of time perched on the top of the diving-board, occasionally making short flights up and down the lake. It had gone next day. The Great-crested Grebe have nested successfully, having four young at the last report. This year they have been unusually hard to observe as they built a dummy nest in an isolated patch of reeds and nested in the main reed-bed. Two pairs of Mallard nested successfully at Stowe, and at least one at Dadford. The Swans, however, have not nested, as the pen was killed during the holidays. However, the cob has a new mate, so we may see cygnets next year.

The Swallows were late this year, none arriving until after the start of term. The only record of Sand-Martins is of 6 birds on June 13th.

P.F.A. W.R.C.H.

#### THE RIFLE CLUB

Since other schools have .303 shooting in the Summer Term, there have been no matches. At the end of last term the 1st VIII had their best shooting of the term for the Country Life competition, in which they were placed 40th in an entry of more than 200, scoring 821 out of a possible of 912. M. A. Benkert (6) very kindly offered to be spotter for the Landscape Target for his second year.

The 1st VIII were:—J. M. E. Anderson (C); J. N. Booth (B); J. R. Crosby (B); P. W. Loxton (B); S. J. Sacher (C); P. M. Salamon (B); D. R. White-Cooper (G); S. R. Yardley (B).

Match results for the end of last term :-

March 9th. v. MILL HILL. Draw. 638—638.
v. CLIFTON. Lost. 638—678.
v. DEAN CLOSE. Won. 638—620.
v. KING'S SCHOOL. Lost. 638—662.

J.R.C.

#### THE LATRUNCULARIANS SOCIETY

Despite the unwonted amount of sunshine, generally so detrimental to indoor pastimes, the Society has met several times and many interesting games have been played.

Messrs. C. W. M. Ingram (6) and D. M. Russell-Roberts (B) have been elected to the Society.

H.D.M.F.

#### THE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

This term there was only one expedition, to the Bath and West Show at Swindon. An expedition to Ferguson's had to be postponed till next term, as the only possible date was not convenient for the Club. It is hoped that next term there will be a number of expeditions, including the one to Ferguson's and one to Smithfield, as well as various films and perhaps a lecture.

D.C.C.

#### THE SAILING CLUB

Except on a few week-ends, there has not been a great deal of wind this term. However, the clearing of the trees on the north shore of the Lake has improved sailing, and one member managed to capsize six times during one afternoon, five of these in as many minutes, without getting himself or the inside of the boat wet, so quickly did he right the boat and continue sailing.

There has been much activity on the Lake. The Naval Section very kindly replaced, with characteristic naval efficiency, the bridge between the islands, and a general refitting of all the boats has been embarked upon. Unfortunately the shortage of labour makes it a slow business. Racing has been at a minimum, owing to three unfortunate accidents which lost us three rudders. A firm promised us these rudders in four days. Four weeks have passed.

S.D.A.F.

#### THE JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

The Society has been meeting, as usual, on Tuesday evenings in the Aurelian Room, and has had a satisfactory term. Among the more prominent speakers were P. A. Ayrton (C) and R. B. de B. Bingham (T).

Officers of the Society:—Vice-President, F. Q. O'Neill (W); Secretary, R. F. G. Wrottesley (G); Committee-Man, R. T. Booth (6).

R.F.G.W.

#### THE 103 SOCIETY

The members of the Society were Mr. G. B. Clarke, J. D. Harris (B), N. G. Morgan (W), J. A. Carney (B), J. P. D. Hancox (G), D. J. Easton (W).

# STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

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241b June, 1957.

To the Editor of The Stoic.

DEAR SIR,

During the summer months most of our activities are out of doors, for now that we are enjoying the lighter and warmer evenings, it is better for the boys to be in the open air. One evening each week is devoted to cricket practice in the nets, one to swimming, one to tennis, and another to athletic training. As one would expect, the evening attendances are smaller than those of the winter season.

This year's gym class is well up to strength, and as the members are very keen and energetic, they have reached quite a high standard. On the other hand, we are not having the same success with the cricket as we had last year and already we are out of the Federation Cup. However, we still have high hopes in the Federation League, having lost only one match. The team will profit by the experience gained this year and show better form next season.

We did not do so well in the London Federation Sports this year, as even in the preliminaries the times were of a higher standard than usual. Out of six entries only two boys qualified for the final. We have won the Paddington Youth Sports for the past two years and are hoping to retain the Senior and Junior trophies with our thirty odd entries.

Summer Camp is again being held at St. Lawrence, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, and we are hoping for better weather this year.

Visits from the School to the Club have, of course, continued every Friday during term time and the boys are now looking forward to the return visit to the School on July 7th.

I am glad once again to be able to acknowledge the assistance given by those Old Stoics who come along regularly to help with the running of the Club.

Yours faithfully, R. W. Hone,

Warden.

#### NEW BUILDING FUND APPEAL

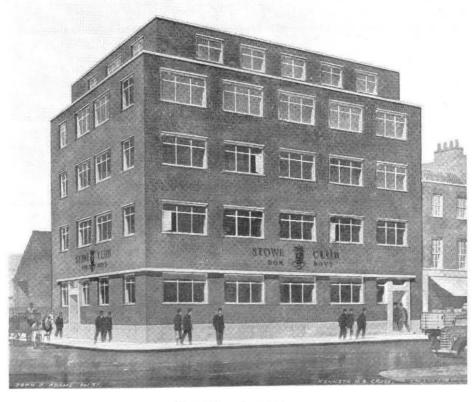
The appeal was mailed between May 18th and 25th, and after six weeks the fund stands at about £3,000. Most subscriptions so far have been in the form of covenants for £1 or so, but some larger amounts have been received. The Pineapple already has £8,000 invested and it is hoped to get a grant from the Ministry of Education.



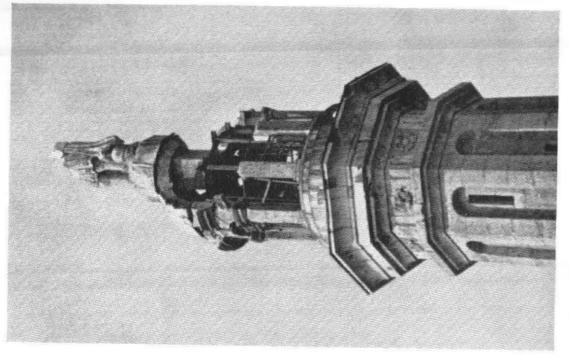


THE OLD PINEAPPLE

THE PRESENT PINEAPPLE



THE NEW PINEAPPLE
Designed by Kenneth M. B. Cross, Esq., P.R.I.B. A.



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# EROSION AND ERUPTION

Earthquakes and eclipses, comets and cyclones, thunder and lightning, all have visited Stowe this year, reaping their harvest of her monuments. Destruction by slow disintegration is a familiar sight in our palatial grounds, but instantaneous destruction is not. This year has seen the work of both. Nature has, as if to remind us of her power, been cruel to us. Perhaps she supports the Socialists in their plan to abolish Public Schools; perhaps she is punishing us for allowing that which destroys Nature to become increasingly dominant in all our walks of life. Whatever the reason, the vials of her wrath have been opened over Stowe.

King George and his horse were overcome by the weather, and the undertakers had to be called in to remove them at the end of last term. It was indeed sad to see that noble horse being lowered gently, relentlessly on to a crumpling leg in the back of a flat truck. A nest of flies was removed from out the king himself as he rose rheumatic from his cracked saddle. One of his bow-legs snapped off at the hip. It will be a long time before that pair will again be seen silhouetted against the Stowe sunset in their former magnificence. Lead is expensive, the task exacting.

The Cobham Monument is now added to the noble number of Stowe's picturesque ruins so perfectly symbolic of progress. Two Stoics, out running in a thunderstorm on May 9th, were approaching the pillar when a dazzling flash was followed by an almost tangible thunder-clap. They raised their eyes to heaven and Lord Cobham was no more. The lightning conductor had been severed before reaching earth, and the Lord, already pronounced unsafe by the School authorities, was dashed to the ground. His head was later found some considerable distance from the pillar.

Nature is unkind to Stowe.

J.P.D.H.

# ESTATE WORK

This has been a term of too general busyness to please your real Estate Worker, and 'landscape gardeners' have been few and hard to come by. But progress has been made. Grafton (under W. P. Rawlings), besides continuing with the Sequoia Avenue, have been busy clearing the north side of the Grecian Valley (heavily overgrown) which they now consider peculiarly their province. Cobham (under R. G. Le Mare) have done a splendid job in getting rid of the elders, brambles and weedy sycamores on the east of the Grecian Valley, making it now possible to see right through from Concord to the Cobham Monument. (Incidentally, as retribution for this unwarranted interference with nature and antiquity, the Cobham Monument was immediately afterwards struck by lightning and Cobham's head sent flying, to land some distance from the base. It was taken for safety to the Art School; since when the fabled gold coins have inexplicably disappeared.)

Bruce (under R. M. C. Lord, of whose energy and that of his fellow Brucites one cannot speak too highly) have opened up a vista which had gradually closed up over the last hundred and fifty years, and we can now see part at least of the view which so delighted Princess Amelia when she first peeped through her Doric Arch one morning in 1770 and saw the lovely Palladian Bridge with the battlements of Stowe Castle above and beyond. The latter adjunct to the view we are not likely to have for many a long day. Walpole (under J. H. T. Perris) have not been idle—apart from a general clearing-up of their territory they have made an attempt (unsuccessful to date) to empty the Alder Water (the old "Styx" of Pope and Walpole) and remove the trees growing ludicrously in mid-stream.

Chandos (under an enthusiastic J. H. Searle) have undertaken the building of the broken-down bridge which links Monkey Island with the mainland. At the time of going to press this is still unachieved, but the attempt has had one curious bye-product: it has so inspired the Naval Section that they have built a most substantial and practical bridge of railway-sleepers from the Boat House Island to the adjacent island, for which the Sailing Club must be extremely grateful. Grenville (under the indefatigable and efficient D. A. K. Simmonds) have cleared a patch of thorn (a difficult task) blocking the entrance to the Boathouse, and have gone on to remove the laurels and other excrescences in the garden (about to be remodelled) to the north of the Shop.

Temple (under P. J. H. Rudland) have been uprooting a particularly ugly patch of laurel and elder at the top of the Chestnut Avenue, and (under D. M. Pearlman) have been building really magnificent concrete buttresses for the Papermill Mere dam. In this mysterious part of Stowe, Chatham too (under M. S. Wilson) have been hard at work, clearing the west side of the Oxford Water for replanting; hauling, with block and tackle, vast trunks out of the mud of years; and generally preparing, with Temple, the formation of what, we fondly hope, will be one of the loveliest stretches of water at Stowe.

#### APOLOGIA PRO MEA VITA

The hidden vigilance of friends not kept, The cautious question asked, reply unsaid, The bitter knowledge that arrives too late, Is hate.

The silent motion of a moonlit cloud, The age-old darkness pierced by sudden light, The muffled sound that comes from all too near, Is fear.

The battered bucket on an oily beach, The fame forgotten in a dusty drawer, The crumpled carton on a wind-swept heath, Is death.

C.G.K.

# House Plays

The best of this year's plays was undoubtedly Bruce's production of French Without Tears. The acting of the entire cast was of a high order, but outstanding were H. J. Miall, who rose from his illness to give a masterly portrayal of Lieutenant-Commander Rogers, P. J. N. Pringle as Kit Neilan, W. P. Hayter, who with impeccably Parisian French made a scintillating Monsieur Maingot, and L. M. Thomas, who had been brilliantly made-up and was devastating in the part of Diana Lake, even managing to wear a bathing-dress most convincingly. The set, which exploited the alcove in Bruce houseroom, was delightful, and the costumes were simple and very effective. Bruce owes a great deal to Mr. Bain for its remarkable success; it is not often that a House Play is as good as this.

Cobham were at a disadvantage from the start in presenting *Navy at Sea*, for it is by no means a good farce. However, the fact that there was plenty of salty humour made up to a large extent for the lack of a good story, but the cast behaved too much as if they took the plot seriously to achieve a really smooth production. D. Ridley made a good Captain Winsford, suitably dispelling any illusions of nautical tyrants. As the Second Lieutenant, J. H. Harris gave the most amusing performance of the evening, and M. D. Goodwin's character study of Mrs. Chester Glossop was admirable. On the other hand, although it was obvious that R. P. M. Reay-Smith and T. L. Brunton had tried hard, the young female parts lacked depth and reality. The costumes and set were adequate, but the wigs were not convincing. All in all, it was a good evening's entertainment.

To perform Treasure Island as a House Play was an extremely ambitious undertaking, and Grenville were only partially successful. The scenery of A. H. Matusch and C. L. Vincenzi was magnificent, the costumes, make-up and production good, yet somehow the whole play failed to 'click'. I think that the blame rests largely with the play itself. To say that the dialogue of Treasure Island is archaic is putting it mildly; it moves at a snail's pace. However, J. P. D. Hancox gave a very adequate performance in the difficult part of Jim Hawkins, G. C. H. Lawson more than any one else evoked the true atmosphere of the play with an awe-inspiring performance as Billy Bones, M. Buttrose admirably fitted the part of Israel Hands, and R. V. M. Behar, beautifully bearded, made an amusing and yet sympathetic Ben Gunn. D. R. White-Cooper's performance in the demanding role of Long John Silver was painstaking, but somehow he failed to dominate the play and grip the audience as Long John should. Had the character study here been really powerful, Grenville might have overcome the defects of the play.

Although slightly similar to Navy at Sea, The Middle Watch was a better farce and received a correspondingly superior performance. Yet good though Temple's production was, once again it suffered from the same drawback as Cobham's; the actors were too stiff; and indeed this fault, common to many House Plays, was only mastered by Bruce. The outstanding feature of the acting was the uniformly high standard of the female parts. As the American Mary Carlton, P. M. Whitfield was very good indeed, and C. D. G. Cossart and A. F. Stone also gave convincing performances. M. F. Croker as Captain Randall and A. G. L. Millington as Captain Maitland were both well suited to their parts, and A. S. T. Steel and R. N. Allan-Smith made the two

marines, Ogg and Duckett, extremely amusing. The production was good and the costumes and make-up excellent.

1957 saw an ambitious and enjoyable series of House Plays, and all four Houses provided very entertaining evenings.

D.M.F.

J.G.L.



# Strike

In the dark depths of my stomach the beans circulated mutinously, muttering unintelligible curses which, fortunately, only beans understand. It was clear that something was cooking. Suddenly a large bean, previously hidden, mounted itself on an outcop of fried bread and yelled in a typically beany voice:

outcrop of fried bread and yelled in a typically beany voice:

"Beans! Are we to stand for this disgusting disrespect of our rights? Can we reasonably call ourselves self-respecting beans while this shocking situation continues? No! But yet again we find the chef uses inferior tomato sauce!"

A great uproar arose at this, the beans bouncing up and down to demonstrate their agreement, and, just as things were becoming unruly, the meeting was called to order by an old and venerable bean. At least, presumably he was old and venerable, but beans all look very much alike.

"Then," screeched Big Bean, "we need not stand for it. To the windpipe, lads!" Big Bean at the fore, those sturdy beans surged ahead. And later that night I died.

# REVALUATIONS

(Acknowledgment is made to the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations.)

Life is but an empty dream; Life is beer and shaving-cream. Life is full of joys and troubles; Life is mostly froth and bubbles.
Life is death seen from behind; Life is one dem'd, horrid grind. Life's a course that's always run; Life's a joke that's just begun. Life may be rounded with a sleep; But don't it sometimes make you weep?

This life at best is but an inn; It's full of good, it's full of sin. Men deal with life as children do; They know it not, they hold no clue. Life is a process of getting tired, Such that death is oft desired. Life is but the shadow of death; All that parts the twain is breath. Life protracted is protracted woe; It may be life, but ain't it slow?

G.V.N.

# Music

#### MUSIC COMPETITIONS

The main items of the Competition were judged by Mr. Edric Cundell, C.B.E., Principal of the Guildhall School of Music. We are grateful to him for spending such a large part of Whit Sunday (noon until 6.30 p.m.) in this way. Cobham won the Singing Cup with Thus saith my Cloris by Wilbye; the Instrumental Cup was won by Chatham.

An experiment was made this year by introducing a competition for less experienced string players. There were fourteen of these and they were judged by Mr. Peter Smith. The winner was H. R. Lanchester (C).

The Parkinson Cup for Pianoforte Sight-reading by those under 16 was won by

T. D. A. Cecil (C).

#### CONCERT BY THE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY WEDNESDAY, 27TH MARCH, IN ASSEMBLY

Overture: Coriolanus, Op. 62				Beethoven Boyce
Symphony No. 4, in F Suite from the Ballet Comus				Purcell-Lambert
Overture, The Rout, Comus,				
Comus, Brothers' Entrance,				
Dance, Triumph Dance				
Soirées Musicales March, Canzonetta, Tirolese	•••	•••	•••	Rossini-Britten
Valse Triste, Op. 44	•••			Sibelius
Trumpet Tune and Air Solo Trumpet—C.				Purcell-Woodgate
Serenade for String Orchestra, in E Allegro piacevole, Larghetto, A	Minor,	Op. 20		Elgar
Chaconne in E Flat	•••			Holst
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Sonata No. 6 in G Allegro, Largo, Allegro, Adagi			•••	J. S. Bach
Sonata No. 4 in A Minor, Op. 23 Presto, Andante scherzoso, Alle			•••	Beethoven
Sonata No. 3 in D minor, Op. 108 Allegro, Adagio sostenuto, Un	•	•••		

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# THE LIBRARY

Genealogy for Beginners, by A. J. Willis, has been presented by J. S. W. Gibson (W, 1952).

Sir Christopher Wren, by John Summerson, has been presented by S. R. Houfe (T).



# RUGBY FOOTBALL FIXTURES 1957

#### IST XV.

Sat., Oct. 5.—WASPS	Hom
Sat., Oct. 12.—OLD STOICS	Home
Tues., Oct. 15.—RUGBY	Hom
Sat., Oct. 19.—BEDFORD	Hom
Sat., Oct. 26.—ST. EDWARD'S	Home
Wed., Nov. 6.—RADLEY	Away
Tues., Nov. 12.—OUNDLE	' Away
Sat., Nov. 16.—HARROW	Away
Sat., Nov. 23.—CHELTENHAM	Home
Sat., Nov. 30.—Rosslyn Park	Home
Wed., Dec. 4.—St. MARY'S HOSPITAL	Home
Sat., Dec. 7.—RICHMOND	
Wed., Dec. 11.—R.A.F., HALTON	Home
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## CROSS-COUNTRY

#### INTER-HOUSE RACES

The races were run on February 13th under very wet conditions. Once again the Black Pit was considered impassable and was cut out of the course.

The senior competition was won by Bruce, who packed very well and showed good teamwork. Chatham were the junior champions, though by a narrower margin, and they provided both individual winners in C. J. G. Shillington and E. S. Kennedy.

Scores were :--

Seniors.—1, Bruce 87; 2, Chatham 123; 3, Temple 146; 4, Cobham 147; 5, Walpole 154; 6, Grafton and Grenville 176; 8, Chandos 221.

Juniors.—1, Chatham 30; 2, Temple 41; 3, Chandos 55; 4, Grafton 66; 5, Bruce and Cobham 84; 7, Grenville 110; 8, Walpole 115.

#### MATCHES

Stowe running this season has been rather above average and the team has achieved a good measure of success. Undoubtedly they have worked very hard and have enjoyed their running, in retrospect if not during the heat of competition. The season is a short one and it is fair to say that the team was at its best only for the last two fixtures, though their earlier performances were full of promise.

We beat Haileybury, Clifton, Downside, St. Edward's, R.A.F. Halton and R.A.F. Henlow, and lost to Uppingham, Rugby and Cheltenham. The Second VIII beat

Rugby and R.A.F. Henlow, and lost to Uppingham.

The captain, C. J. G. Shillington (C), had a brilliant season, winning all his races in most convincing style. Perhaps his most successful run was at Cheltenham, where he won very easily over a long, difficult course quite unlike anything available for training at Stowe. He is certainly the best cross-country runner Stowe has produced since the war. A. G. Morison (G) has shown remarkable consistency and enthusiasm; he is too heavily built for this game but sheer hard work has made him a very useful member of any team. J. S. C. Cohen (T) is a young runner of some promise who should improve as he gets stronger. S. D. A. Firth (C), J. H. T. Perris (W), S. R. Yardley (B), M. G. Legg (C) and D. McConnell (T) completed the team for most matches and have all gained their colours. P. J. N. Pringle (B) and P. B. Aarvold (6) have also run occasionally.

#### Results :--

#### IST VIII.

Feb. 16. Stowe 32, Haileybury 46.

Feb. 23. Uppingham 49, Rugby 59, Stowe 63.

March 2. Cheltenham 41, Stowe 70, Clifton 74, Downside 152.

March 6. Stowe 21, St. Edward's 67.

March 9. Stowe 23, R.A.F. (Halton) 77, R.A.F. (Henlow) 99.

#### 2ND VIII.

Feb. 23. Uppingham 40, Stowe 68, Rugby 69.

March 9. Stowe 21, R.A.F. (Henlow) 69.

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## ATHLETICS

The athletics competition was not aided in its early stages by the weather. Indeed a makeshift track was brought into use for the Standards competition on the rough grass of the Straight Course. However, the weather relented in time and the North Front grass gradually dried out, until on Sports Day it was reasonably fast. The competition resulted in a comfortable win for Bruce, but there was a good struggle among the other houses.

There have been two outstanding athletes at Stowe this year. The Captain, C. J. G. Shillington (C), might well develop into a top class distance runner and was unbeaten over a mile during the season. He was so much in a class by himself that he never had serious competition, yet improved his performance every time he went on the track. Aspiring runners can learn much from his success gained by hard work. For the other outstanding performer we are indebted to the English Speaking Union. J. A. Carney (B), of Lawrenceville, showed us sprinting the quality of which we have not seen at Stowe for years. His enthusiasm and skill were responsible for Bruce's decisive victory. It is reasonable to hope that an Old Stoic might do well in American athletics before very long.

Among promising juniors perhaps P. C. Oakley (C) and J. R. Kerr-Muir (C) deserve special mention. It is interesting to note that both Oakley and E. S. Kennedy (C) ran the Threequarter-Mile faster than Shillington was able to do two years ago.

Results :--

#### OPEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, J. A. Carney (B); 2, R. L. Walker (C); 3, C. A. Wadley (G); 4, P. J. S. Griggs (B); 5, D. G. Garwood-Gowers (B); 6, T. G. Smallman (G). Time, 10.8 secs. 220 Yards.—1, J. A. Carney (B); 2, D. G. Garwood-Gowers (B); 3, C. D. G. Coltart (C); 4, M. Buttrose (G); 5, B. O. H. Griffiths (G); 6, equal, C. A. Wadley (G) and T. G. Smallman (G). Time, 23.9 secs.

Quarter-Mile.—1, J. A. Carney (B); 2, M. L. Booth (6); 3, S. R. Yardley (B); 4, P. B. Aarvold (6); 5, J. H. Harris (6); 6, equal, T. G. Smallman (G) and B. O. H. Griffiths (G). Time, 55.7 secs.

Half-Mile.—1, C. J. G. Shillington (C); 2, S. R. Yardley (B); 3, A. G. Morison (G); 4, N. J. R. Kay (♠); 5, M. L. Booth (♠); 6, C. F. Snow (ℂ). Time, 2 mins. 4 secs. One Mile.—1, C. J. G. Shillington (C); 2, J. S. C. Cohen (T); 3, A. G. Morison (G); 4, N. J. R. Kay (♠); 5, M. G. Legg (ℂ); 6, J. H. T. Perris (W). Time, 4 mins 36.4 secs. New Record.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1, R. L. Walker (C); 2, J. H. Harris (C); 3, J. A. Carney (B); 4, N. D. Sconce (B); 5, C. E. Clarkson (6); 6, P. J. Blayney (C). Time, 18 secs.

High Jump.—1, P. B. Aarvold (6); 2, L. C. P. Ribeaux (6); 3, M. L. Booth (6); 4, R. L. Walker (6); 5, P. J. Black (6); 6, M. A. Benkert (6). Height, 5 ft. 6 ins.

Long Jump.—1, P. B. Aarvold (6); 2, M. Buttrose (G); 3, J. H. Harris (C); 4, D. G. Garwood-Gowers (B); 5, C. J. G. Shillington (C); 6, P. J. N. Pringle (B). Distance, 18 ft.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ins.

Pole Vault.—1, M. Buttrose (G); 2, C. S. Wates (B); 3, R. G. Hetherington (G); 4, C. J. G. Atkinson (C); 5, S. R. Yardley (B). Height, 9 ft. 6 ins.

Discus.—1, A. G. Morison (G); 2, J. G. Jessel (B); 3, D. R. Hayes (B); 4, J. A. Ball (G); 5, M. S. Wilson (C); 6, D. A. O'Brien (C). Distance, 104 ft.

Javelin.—1, G. Harwood (6); 2, C. E. Clarkson (6); 3, P. F. Albrecht (C); 4, B. M. Morris (C); 5, H. J. Miall (B); 6, P. G. Emerson (C). Distance, 142 ft. 1 in.

Weight.—1, D. R. Hayes (B); 2, D. G. Garwood-Gowers (B); 3, D. R. C. Cory (T); 4, J. F. Svejdar (W); 5, M. S. Wilson (C); 6, N. K. Williamson (C). Distance, 38 ft. 7 ins.



#### UNDER SIXTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, R. T. Birt-Llewellin (T); 2, A. Cameron (B); 3, J. R. Kerr-Muir (C); 4, D. J. Easton (W); 5, J. H. Temple (T). Time, 11.9 secs.

220 Yards.—I, R. T. Birt-Llewellin (T); 2, A. Cameron (B); 3, D. J. Easton (W); 4, J. H. E. Pasmore (Q); 5, P. R. McCrea (W). Time, 26.2 secs.

Quarter-Mile.—1, P. C. Oakley (C); 2, M. S. Lane (G); 3, D. J. Easton (W); 4, M. G. Warren (B); 5, P. R. McCrea (W). Time, 60.1 secs.

Half-Mile.—1, P. C. Oakley (C); 2, E. S. Kennedy (C); 3, D. Ridley (C); 4, A. F. Stone (B); 5, P. J. S. Andersen (C). Time, 2 mins. 14 secs.

Threequarter Mile.—1, P. C. Oakley (C); 2, E. S. Kennedy (C); 3, A. F. Stone (T); 4, P. J. S. Andersen (C); 5, D. E. Costain (W). Time, 3. mins. 25.1 secs.

110 Yards Hurdles.—1, J. R. Kerr-Muir (C); 2, P. J. S. Andersen (C); 3, A. J. Beatty (C); 3, D. J. Easton (W); 5, J. P. D. Hancox (G). Time, 17 secs.

High Jump.—1, J. R. Kerr-Muir (C); 2, D. J. Rimmer (C); 3, A. C. W. Bone (B); 4, R. S. Dunlop (B); 5, equal, P. J. S. Andersen (C) and A. Cameron (B). Height, 4 ft. 11 ins.

Long Jump.—1, J. R. Kerr-Muir (C); 2, A. J. Beatty (C); 3, A. C. Booth (6); 4, J. H. Temple (T); 5, R. S. Dunlop (B). Distance, 17 ft.  $8\frac{1}{2}$  ins.

Weight.—1, E. S. Kennedy (C); 2, L. A. W. Evans (B); 3, equal, P. R. McCrea (W) and R. T. Birt-Llewellin (T); 5, R. A. P. Noye (C). Distance, 35 ft. 10 ins.

#### UNDER FIFTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, B. B. Jones (B); 2, P. M. Salamon (6); 3, R. B. B. Avory (T); 4, R. J. Preston (B); 5, A. C. Geddes (T). Time, 11.6 secs.

220 Yards.—I, B. B. Jones (B); 2, R. B. B. Avory (T); 3, P. M. Salamon (6); 4, G. D. Parkinson (W); 5, A. C. Geddes (T). Time, 26.4 secs.

Quarter-Mile.—1, R. B. B. Avory (T); 2, B. B. Jones (B); 3, R. J. Preston (B); 4, D. H. Manzi-Fé (C); 5, C. M. S. Anderson (C). Time not recorded.

Half-Mile.—I, R. J. Preston (B); 2, D. H. Manzi-Fé (C); 3, J. R. Wingad (C); 4, J. Curwin (G); 5, C. B. Tetlow (T). Time, 2 mins. 23.2 secs.

75 Yards Hurdles.—1, B. B. Jones (B); 2, N. H. Pollitzer (T); 3, C. M. S. Anderson (C); 4, R. J. Preston (B); 5, P. M. Salamon (6). Time, 11.2 secs.

High Jump.—1, R. A. C. Thompson (6); 2, P. H. Salamon (6); 3, R. R. Blagg (C); 4, J. C. V. Hunt (W); 5, equal, B. L. Irving (C) and C. C. Bell (C). Height, 5 ft. 1 in. Long Jump.—1, G. D. Parkinson (W); 2, R. A. C. Thompson (6); 3, R. C. Osner (C); 4, J. C. Galbraith (G); 5, R. F. Charnock (G). Distance, 16 ft. 2 ins.

#### HOUSE CUP

1, Bruce,  $191\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2, Grafton,  $111\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3, Cobham, 85; 4, Chatham,  $71\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5, Grenville,  $70\frac{1}{2}$ ; 6, Temple,  $63\frac{1}{2}$ ; 7, Chandos, 63; 8, Walpole,  $31\frac{1}{2}$ .

At Birmingham during the Easter holidays, C. J. G. Shillington won the Mile in the Midlands Public Schools meeting in 4 mins. 26 secs.

#### RADLEY $\nu$ . CHELTENHAM $\nu$ . STOWE

This triangular match was run at Radley on March 23rd. It was felt before the match that this was the best Stowe team for years and there is no cause to alter that view, in spite of the result. Let it be said that the Cheltenham team was very good indeed and that Radley beat us by a narrow margin.

From the Stowe point of view, the outstanding memories of the afternoon are of J. A. Carney (B), who won the 100 Yards in 10.6 secs., the 220 Yards in 23.5 secs. and the 440 Yards in 52.5 secs.—a truly magnificent performance, and of C. J. G. Shillington (C) getting further and further in front of the field to win the Mile in 4 mins. 35.8 secs. P. B. Aarvold (6) jumped into third place in the High Jump at 5 ft.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ins., and ran a good Quarter-Mile, and D. G. Garwood-Gowers (B), strangely below form, ran third in the 220 Yards.

Our only successes in the Junior match came from C. F. Snow (C), who ran a very good Half-Mile in 2 mins. 11.6 secs. and P. J. Black (6) who jumped 5 ft. 2½ ins.

Results:—Seniors: Cheltenham 92; Radley  $69\frac{1}{2}$ ; Stowe  $62\frac{1}{2}$ .

Junior: Cheltenham 99; Radley 65; Stowe 60.

Colours were awarded to J. A. Carney, P. B. Aarvold and D. G. Garwood-Gowers.

## GOLF

Stowe again won the Public Schools Tournament at Woking, beating the favourites, Rugby, in a very exciting final. After beating Eton and Bradfield fairly safely in the first two rounds by 4—1 and  $2\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$ , the task against Rugby looked despairing. However, thanks to the "tail-wag" and a good average of play, it proved to be quite a steady, all-round team.

Illingworth, in the deciding match, was dormie 2 down, but he showed great spirit in calmly winning the next two holes, and going on to win at the 21st. Caird, who played steadily and reliably throughout the tournament, was invaluable in winning all his matches. His golf was worthy of his good swing. Boddy, suffering from a slice, tried very hard and never gave up. Stern, scoring well and playing perfect strokes coupled with length, was undefeated before he met a player who went round faultlessly in 2 over 4's in the final. Stern returned some excellent play, but could not quite break his opponent's lead.

The results in the final were:

J. M. E. Anderson (C)	beat	M. F. Attenborough	by $3/2$ .
N. M. Stern (B)	lost to	R. J. Bevan	by $4/3$ .
H. M. Illingworth (6)	beat	J. E. McAndrews	at the 21st.
A. D. Caird (C)	beat	J. B. Jackson	by 2/1.
J. A. Boddy (C)	lost to	J. R. T. Price	by 2/1.

There was a match against Buckingham G.C. on March 31st, which was drawn. Mr. Bradshaw was playing for Buckingham.

J.M.E.A.

## LAWN TENNIS

We are now so accustomed to having a strong Lawn Tennis VI at Stowe that we are perhaps unreasonably disappointed when, as this year, we find ourselves with a side that is no more than average. Yet even in this far from vintage year, we have won three of the six matches so far played against other schools, and when the score against Westminster proved to be nine-nil in our favour, those who had previously spent much time sighing for the old days began to wonder if perhaps their judgment had been at fault. But apparently not, for a week later we lost to a not too brilliant Eton VI.

The following have been in the "Ten" this term: R. I. Guinness (C, Captain), R. D. Fell (C, Secretary), W. R. Barnett (W), C. D. G. Coltart (C), G. B. Edwards (W), P. G. Emerson (C), J. P. D. Hancox (G), C. F. Snow (C).

A good deal was expected of Fell and Emerson when the season began, but Emerson failed to find his real form until quite recently, and consequently was out of the team for some weeks. Fell, too, has been a little disappointing, for one always feels that he

ought to be a good deal better than in fact he is. He unfortunately lacks that placid temperament which would prevent his losing his self-confidence when he finds himself out of touch. Nevertheless, he has at times played some very good tennis, and thoroughly deserved the Colours awarded to him after the Westminster match.

Every member of the "Ten" has tightened up his game very considerably since term began, but the most improved players are certainly Guinness and Barnett. The final VI is Fell and Coltart (First Pair), Guinness and Barnett (Second Pair), Snow and Emerson (Third Pair).

Some of this year's VI will be here next year, but it looks as if they may have to fight hard for their places. For there are more juniors in Stowe at the present time who are already fairly competent tennis players than for many years; most of them have spent much of this term chasing a harder ball, but those of us concerned with maintaining Stowe's high reputation for tennis hope that those who are not outstanding cricketers will be released before long.

There has been no falling off in the number of entries for the Mornington Singles and Doubles competitions. At the time of writing, it looks possible that a cricketer will win the Singles for the first time since before the war; but there is bound to be great opposition from the "Ten" to see that such a scandalous thing does not occur. The later stages of both events have now been upset by R. B. B. Avory's need for a knee operation. He might well have won the Singles, and with his brother could also have provided stiff opposition in the Doubles.

We hope to have a reasonably strong team to represent us at Wimbledon at the end of term. The four who will play in the Youll Cup will include at least two cricketers, and at least three of the four defending the Thomas Bowl won by the Avory brothers last year will be cricketers. Those likely to be chosen have had regular practice together on Thursday afternoons throughout the term, and some of them played in the match against Leighton Park and in a couple of informal fixtures against the Americans at Upper Heyford.

The results of the matches are given below. Full details will appear in the December number of *The Stoic*.

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May 11. v. Mr. J. Shepherd-Barron's VI. Home.
                                                    Cancelled.
May 18. v. DALLINGTON L.T.C.
                                          Home.
                                                   Lost 2-7.
May 25. v. MILL HILL. Owing to an oversight on the part of the Mill Hill Secretary,
             the opposition failed to appear.
June 1. v. K.C.S., WIMBLEDON.
                                          Away.
                                                   Lost 3—6.
June 4. v. Rugby.
                                         Home.
                                                   Lost 3-5, with one match
                                                       unfinished.
June 8. v. Leighton Park.
                                         Home.
                                                    Won 8-1.
June 22. v. P.S.O.B.L.T.A.
                                         Home.
                                                   Lost 1—8.
June 29. v. WESTMINSTER.
                                         Home.
                                                    Won 9-0.
July 3. v. Wellingborough.
                                         Away.
                                                    Won 7-2.
July 6. \nu. Eton.
                                         Away.
                                                   Lost 2-5, with 2 matches
                                                        unfinished.
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The remaining matches are against Repton and the Old Stoics.

## FENCING

On a sweltering day in June our lack of previous activity was laid bare in the South Front Portico when we were soundly defeated by Pangbourne, an experienced and much more practised team who had fenced continually throughout the summer. On the same occasion our junior team, which is at present a strong one, drew and in all probability should have won.

We hope to fence off all the competitions this term. The following have so far been decided:—

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The Junior Foil was won by M. B. Canavan (C).

The Open Sabre was won by the Viscount Jocelyn (B).

The Presentation Sword, awarded for the most fights won during the year, was won by the Viscount Jocelyn, who won 81 out of a total of 155 fights won by the team.

## **S**WIMMING

Of the three matches so far this term one has been won, one drawn, and one lost. In the Public Schools Relays, which took place at the Varsity Match, Stowe came fourth in an entry of forty-eight. A full report, together with an account of the Swimming Sports, will be published in the next issue of *The Stoic*.

# P.T.

The P.T. Competition took place on Friday, July 5th. The senior event was won by Grenville and the junior by Grafton. Combined placings:—1, Grenville; 2, Grafton; 3, Cobham; 4, Chandos; 5, Chatham; 6, Walpole; 7, Bruce; 8, Temple.

## Lunch

Benedictus, Benedicats.
Bread, 'taters,
Lean, fats.
Per Christum Dominum Nostrums.
Rice, jams,
Hairs, crumbs,
For our tums.

R.B. J.G.

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# C.C.F.

On June 5th there was a Ceremonial Inspection of the C.C.F. by Admiral of the Fleet, the Earl Mountbatten of Burma, K.G., P.C., G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., D.S.O. Accompanying him were Lieutenant-Colonel D. B. Drysdale (6, 1935), D.S.O., M.B.E., R.M., and Lieutenant-Commander J. E. C. Kennon (G, 1943), R.N. After the Ceremonial and Speech, in which the Band won high praise for their rendering of a number of Naval airs, Earl Mountbatten was able to see some training before his Helicopter took him away.

On June 24th a Whole-day Exercise was held up Welsh Lane, in which a prolonged rearguard action was fought, culminating in an indecisive engagement in Whitfield Wood. It was good to see Major Clifford turn out again as an umpire.

The 2nd Bn. Coldstream Guards again provided the Board for the Certificate "A" examination on July 2nd, with the following creditable results:—In Part I, 55 passed out of 64; in Part II, 52 passed out of 59. The Best Cadets were R. D. Macleod (C) in Part I, and A. F. Stone (T) in Part II.

The Competition for the Coldstream Cup is due to take place on July 23rd. Major C. S. Wallis-King (6, 1944) is expected to be the judge.

On July 30th the Camp Main Party (about 130) are leaving for 9 days with the 9th Training Regiment, Royal Engineers, at Cove, near Farnborough, where it is planned that they should learn something of Barrack life and more of Sapper methods.

The strength of the Corps was 402.

The following promotions and appointments were made this term:

To Senior Under-Officer: U/O R. L. Rawlings (6).

To Under-Officer: Sgt. C. A. S. Bolland (T).

To Petty Officer: L/S M. D. Goodwin (C).

To Sergeant: Cpls. J. A. R. Innes (W), A. W. Stavert (C), N. J. R. Kay (6), P. B. Aarvold (6), F. R. Shackleton (W), C. J. G. Shillington (C).

To Leading Seaman: Cdts. A. G. M. A. Provest (C), M. A. Benkert (6).

To Corporal: L/Cpls. J. E. G. Nayler (W), J. N. Booth (6), J. A. Ball (G), P. J. S. Griggs (B).

Appointed Lance-Corporals: Cdts. A. G. L. Millington (G), P. J. S. Andersen (C), S. P. H. Howorth (C), N. A. Eddy (G), D. M. Miall (Q), C. J. G. Atkinson (Q), J. C. Morgan (C), J. E. G. Bach (B), J. H. Harris (C), W. R. C. Heap (W), R. M. C. Lord (B), L. E. Bentall (Q), J. F. Maclean (W), J. R. Kennerley (G), T. J. H. Carter (C), L. C. P. Ribeaux (C).

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#### THE R.N. SECTION

For its annual training the Section was split up this year. The main party spent a lively and entertaining week in H.M.S. St. Vincent, the Boys' training establishment at Gosport. Earlier in April three senior cadets had done a quartermaster's course at Devonport, and two more did an air course at Lossiemouth.

On the whole-day's training in March, the Section, with some prospective naval cadets from Parts I and II, visited the National Maritime Museum and Royal Naval College at Greenwich. The tour was personally conducted by E. H. H. Archibald (6, 1945), a curator at the museum, who made the expedition most worth while. The Section spent June 24th in various activities on the lakes at Stowe, of which the most important was building a bridge of railway-sleepers from the Sailing Club island to its neighbour—some repayment for the Club's loan of berthing facilities for the Section's sailing dinghy.

#### R.A.F. SECTION ANNUAL CAMP (APRIL 1st-9th)

The R.A.F. Section's visit to the fighter station of Brüggen on the Dutch-German border began without any hint of the comfort that was to prove the keynote of the expedition. We spent the first night at Cliffe Pypard, a typical transit camp that is perched on top of an escarpment, and the following morning, after a 5.30 a.m. call, flew from Lyneham in a Valetta that was a true veteran of Transport Command. The journey was uneventful, low cloud persisting from take-off until our landing at Wahn, the airport for Cologne and Bonn, whither we were diverted. From there a coach took us through seventy miles of typical West German landscape—the main features being large hedgeless and treeless fields and more electricity pylons than even John Betjeman could shake a stick at—to Brüggen. We were instantly impressed. The station has been carved from pine forests since 1953 and forms one of NATO's chain of airfields. The Officers' Mess and the Officers' Quarters, where we each had a room of our own, had the atmosphere of a friendly hotel.

The following morning the Wing Commander gave us a tempting foretaste of our week's programme. We soon learnt, as he waited patiently for aircraft noises to die away, that the main task of the station was jet fighters, but there were also a few Vampire T. 11's and Chipmunks in which we flew during the next week. The feeling of elation that one experiences in flying in a jet for the first time is indescribable: so also is the effect of 'g' in a turn—but less pleasant.

Our time was fully occupied during the day in touring Brüggen and other stations and seeing a fighting air force at work. Several times we saw aircraft 'talked down' by radar and the importance of radar in modern warfare was made very clear to us. Our last full day in Germany was occupied by a vigorous but enjoyable cross-country map-reading exercise on which we made our acquaintance with the countryside. We also examined Germany from the air, for on a visit to a neighbouring station, while some went on a sortie in Canberras, the more sedate toured Cologne and the vineyards of the Rhine at three or four thousand feet in Pembroke or Devon aircraft. The second pilot of the Pembroke proved an admirable courier in the true 'Cook's' tradition.

On the Sunday a visit to Düsseldorf and Cologne gave us a picture of prosperous Germans enjoying their leisure. We entered into the spirit of things. On weekday evenings we were free to sample the delights of the vicinity, a loose way of describing 278

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an area which, for one party of adventurers, included Düsseldorf, Liège and Roermond, which is a surprisingly dirty town in Holland.

We regretted having to return after only a week and are very grateful to all those members of the Royal Air Force both in England and in Germany who made our visit both possible and so enjoyable. We hope that a repeat is not too far distant.

C.L.V.

Two members of the Section, P. J. N. Pringle (B) and M. L. A. Andrews (C), have won Flying Scholarships.

## CRICKET

With two matches still to be played, the record of the 1st XI is three matches won, five lost and two drawn. The season has followed a course similar to that of the last two years, for after an adequate start the side has been through a very lean period in the middle of the term but has recovered sufficiently to win two matches early in July. It has also recently held the M.C.C. to the closest possible finish, two maiden overs being bowled with the scores level and nine opposition wickets down before the M.C.C. Captain, most appropriately, scored the winning single. While a little comfort can be derived from these most recent results, it must be said that this has been a poor season with much moderate cricket and many disappointments. It was clear at the outset that we could not expect a team of high standard, for there were seven places to fill and few candidates for them who could be regarded as reasonably certain. Most of the players chosen in fact showed distinct promise, but nearly all of them have frequently been disappointing, mainly because of their inability to rise to the occasion and to give of their best in times of difficulty. Three of the five matches with other schools, which of course provide the real test, were lost, and a fourth ended in a most discreditable draw. There are many factors which may affect the performance of a school team. One which has undoubtedly played a big part as far as many players in this side are concerned has been an absence of real determination.

The side has been captained for the second year by F. N. Rushton (6), one player who most certainly does not lack a determined approach. He has again performed with intelligence and great single-mindedness;

his leadership and example have left little to be desired. The most talented cricketer has undoubtedly been J. H. Harris ( $\mathfrak{C}$ ), who is the most able batsman the School has possessed for many years and a very capable bowler. It has been particularly unfortunate that, except in the first match, he has never been in his best batting form and has in fact had very limited success. D. G. Garwood-Gowers ( $\mathfrak{B}$ ) has bowled with far more control this year, especially in recent weeks, has at times achieved a formidable pace, and has not often been played with comfort. C. J. G. Shillington ( $\mathfrak{C}$ ), after a period of uncertainty, has bowled steadily and it would seem with a more deceptive flight than hitherto, and has not always had the reward that he deserved. G. Harwood ( $\mathfrak{G}$ ), who played in a few matches last year, has shown great application and batted successfully in the early matches, but has recently been quite out of touch.

Among the new players C. J. G. Atkinson (C) has shown an admirable spirit and has done all that could be desired of him as an opening batsman; as a slip fielder he has also been a great asset. R. Sherjan (T) has generally bowled his off-breaks steadily and usefully; he is a very promising batsman who has not yet acquired the application and control necessary for success in this department. G. M. Shaw (6) has had limited success this season but has improved recently and is a player of promise as both batsman and bowler. L. C. P. Ribeaux (C) and L. E. Bentall (C) have batted with care and occasional success. D. E. Costain (W), the Colts captain, was brought into the side at half-term, and while he has done nothing of note has certainly not looked out of his class.

The side has on occasion performed well in the field. The batting, however, has all too often been terribly weak. Failures and disappointments must of course be expected in a school team, but they can be minimised if the individual player is determined from the outset, whatever the circumstances, to make the very best use of his abilities.

#### STOWE v. BRADFIELD

Played at Bradfield on Saturday, May 25th. Bradfield won by three wickets.

With an excellent fast wicket and fine weather for this first school match it seemed likely that scoring would be heavy, but there were a number of inexperienced batsmen in both sides and it was, as it turned out, a remarkably low-scoring game. The morning's play ran largely in Stowe's favour. Rushton was bowled after just over half-an-hour, but Atkinson and Harris then established themselves and batted steadily and competently.

They scored slowly, for Thomas, an extremely accurate and resourceful off-spinner, gave nothing away and should in fact have had Atkinson stumped soon after he came on. The score reached 72 before Atkinson hit his wicket trying to cut, and rather disappointingly, Harris played inside a straight ball two runs later. 75 for 3 at the interval was not, however, unsatisfactory.

The hour after lunch was one of total disaster. The Bradfield opening bowler Eacersall was lively and accurate, but the Stowe batsmen greatly assisted him in his task by offering a number of hesitant and ill-conceived strokes, and in general entirely failed to do themselves justice. Only Harwood, who was seldom in difficulty and who sacrificed his wicket in desperation near the end, came out of this period with credit.

The Bradfield openers were both capable players who could have brought their side a comfortable and early victory had they settled down. Workman played a few graceful strokes and then rather surprisingly failed to stop a ball that kept a little low. His partner was beaten by a yorker, and Harris then bowled the No. 3 batsman with a beauty that moved off the wicket from leg. With the score now 15 for 3, Stowe had a slight advantage. There followed a tense period during which Garwood-Gowers and Harris made a great effort and were not particularly lucky. Bradfield were 11 for 3 at tea and in a much stronger position. Harris, however, had a wicket immediately after the interval and, in the face of a strong blustering wind, went on to bowl an admirable spell which kept Stowe in the game to the last. At the other end Sherjan was most accurate but on an unhelpful wicket could break through only once. A good spell by Garwood-Gowers after tea might well have been decisive but his only over cost six runs, all off the edge, and by then the margin had become perilously small. With the score at 91 for 7 a hit in the air just out of reach of mid-on's outstretched hand produced three runs instead of what might well have been a vital catch. This was Stowe's last real chance, and shortly afterwards Bradfield were home at the end of an exciting game, in which the bowling was steady and persistent and the batting uncertain on both sides.

C. J. G. Atkinson, hit wkt.,b Thomas
J. H. Harris, b Thomas
G. Harwood, c Workman, b Thomas
R. Sherjan, b Eacersall
G. M. Shaw, c Emberton, b Eacersall
L. C. P. Ribeaux, b Eacersall
A. R. Bentall, b Eacersall

STOWE

F. N. Rushton, b Eacersall

C. J. G. Shillington, b Eacersall

Daubney

#### D. G. Garwood-Gowers, lbw, b Eacersall C. E. Clarkson, not out... Extras Total Eacersall 20.3 Workman ..... Thomas ..... 26 10

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#### BRADFIELD

J. P. Allday, b Garwood-Gowers.....

P. J. Workman, b Harris....

R. J. Bowerman, b I	Harris			0				
P. J. P. Eacersall, c Clarkson, b Harris								
J. H. George, b Harri	is			21				
P. S. Hunter, Ibw, b Sherjan								
I. A. N. Woof, lbw, l	b Har	is		9				
P. J. H. Daubney, no	ot out			9 6				
E. N. Thomas, not								
D. M. Emberton and	1 M.	J. An	gold di					
not bat.			Ü					
Extras				19				
Total (	for 7	wkts	.)	104				
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	0.	М.	R.	w.				
Garwood-Gowers	9	I	2 I	Ι				
Harris	20.5	6	<b>3</b> 8	5				
Shillington	1	0	10	0				
Clárkson	2	1	3	0				

## STOWE v. BEDFORD

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 1st. Bedford won by 10 runs.

From the teams which met at Bedford in early June last year both Bedford and Stowe had four survivors, including two bowlers each; this year's game seemed likely therefore to be well-balanced, and so in the event it proved; the issue remained open until about half an hour before the close of play, Stowe just failing to reach Bedford's not impressive total of 163.

Bedford won the toss and naturally batted first; any easy optimism however which the guileless wicket may have inspired was soon chilled by the loss of the first three batsmen for 11 runs in half an hour. Rischmiller and Cook then pulled things together for Bedford, helped by some mediocre bowling by Shillington and some sloppiness in the field; two catches were missed and the score mounted to 103 before Sherjan caught and bowled Rischmiller (one short of his fifty) just before lunch. Two quick wickets soon after lunch reduced the opposition batting to manageable proportions, and Appleby and Pettigrew, despite some lively strokes, brought the total to no more than 151. A six from Bass was the only notable contribution at the end of the innings. Sherian's accurate bowling (7 of his 13 overs were maidens) had done much to keep the Bedford score down, though Garwood-Gowers with 5 wickets for 25 had technically the better average.

Stowe were thus in the position of having to score 164 in about three and a half hours—a reasonable task which seemed at first well within the compass of the team. Atkinson and Ribeaux opened effectively enough, and during the first half hour gave only one chance when Atkinson was missed behind the wicket; soon afterwards Ribeaux, whose innings (his first as an opening batsman) had been correct rather than adventurous, gave first slip a difficult catch which was held. Atkinson was now joined by Harris, who added a slowish 15 before falling lbw to Eldridge, the Bedford captain, and a few minutes later a similar decision brought Atkinson's lively innings to a close. It was now 5 o'clock, and time was of the essence; unfortunately, the Stowe batting failed to respond to the challenge, and after Sherjan's hope of a six had ended in a catch in the deep there followed a long period of dull, cautious play by Shaw and Harwood, restrained if not dominated by the bowling. Only a six and a four by Shaw off successive balls lightened the drabness of this hour after tea. At 113 Shaw was clean bowled by Eldridge after a useful if not highly polished innings and at 121 Harwood sliced a catch to midon; 33 in 65 minutes—it had been a rather slow and painstaking innings, but none the less valuable. Bentall, evidently more alive to the need for runs, hit out more energetically and with the aid of the more decorous Rushton brought the score to 144; but the gap was now too wide to close in the time; Shillington and Clarkson failed to hold out for a draw (the latter throwing his wicket away by a most lamentable stroke), and so, after Rushton had been beaten by a good ball, although Stowe had been in the stronger position almost to the end the innings petered out in disappointment.

It had been an uninspiring game between two teams of only average ability; only the batting of Rischmiller and Cook for Bedford, and of Atkinson for Stowe, showed much sign of initiative on a wicket which wholly favoured the batsmen; much the most striking performance in the match as a whole was the Bedford's captain's bowling feat in taking 8 wickets for 37 runs.

Вег	FORD				Stowe	
M. G. Heath, c Atkins D. J. Wood, b Harri J. C. M. Tate, c Be Gowers K. Rischmiller, c an S. G. Cook, b Garwo D. C. Eldridge, b Sh D. G. Appleby, b G P. Pettigrew, c Harri D. Cooper, c Rushto R. G. Bass, b Garwo B. E. Beasley, not o	s entall, entall, d b S od-Go illingte arwood, b Gan n, b S od-Go out	b G. herja. wers l-Gov rwood herja. wers	arwood n vers l-Gowe	1- 1- 49 37 37 23 47 39 48 38 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48	C. J. G. Atkinson, lbw, b Eldridge L. C. P. Ribeaux, c Wood, b Eldridge J. H. Harris, lbw, b Eldridge G. Harwood, c Rischmiller, b Cook R. Sherjan, c Pittigrew, b Cooper G. M. Shaw, b Eldridge L. E. Bentall, b Eldridge F. N. Rushton, b Eldridge C. E. Clarkson, b Eldridge C. J. G. Shillington, lbw, b Eldridge D. G. Garwood-Gowers, not out	3: 1: 3: 3: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1:
Total				163	Total	15
Garwood-Gowers Harris Clarkson Shillington Sherjan	0. 13.5 14 6 5	M. 4 3 4 1	R. 25 44 12 32 16	W. 5 2 0 I 2	Beasley 4 0 15 0 Eldridge 29.1 13 37 Cooper 12 0 38	7. 0 0 8 1

#### STOWE v. RADLEY

Played at Stowe on Tuesday, June 4th. Radley won by seven wickets.

After a long dry spell, with hard, easy wickets, there was some rain just before the Radley match, and the wicket was altered and, at times, lively. Radley thought badly enough of it to put Stowe in when they won the toss, and, opening with two fairly quick and good bowlers, had Stowe in trouble immediately. Atkinson was bowled when the score was one, and Ribeaux by a full pitch when it was 16. Harris, the only batsman of both experience and skill in the Stowe side, had started well, and when the bowling was changed he was severe on the left-handed Fuller-Sessions' bad first over. Then, however, he started mistiming him, and, failing to learn discretion from his luck, was easily caught near extra-cover. Thereafter general ineptitude caused a dismal procession, only Shaw and Rushton, the latter a batsman of obvious limitations, offering the slightest resistance to the very competent but highly flattered Radley bowlers, Wigley and Morkill.

Radley wasted no time, and knocked off the 58 runs needed in an efficient manner in well under half the time taken by Stowe. They lost three wickets in the process, including one caught off the glove from a fast ball which would not have kicked on the previous day.

It was only too clear, even before the season began, that Stowe would be very hard up for batsmen this year, and allowances should be made for the abrupt change in the wicket between Monday and Tuesday. Nevertheless it can only be said that the Stowe batting was deplorable. Radley looked a good side, but the opposition to them was so feeble that it was hard to judge.

Stowe	RADLEY
L. C. P. Ribeaux, b Wigley C. J. G. Atkinson, b Wigley J. H. Harris, c Lane, b Fuller-Sessions G. Harwood, b Morkhill R. Sherjan, c Sweetman, b Morkhill G. M. Shaw, c Russell, b Wigley L. E. Bentall, Ibw, b Morkhill F. N. Rushton, Ibw, b Morkhill C. J. G. Shillington, b Wigley D. G. Garwood-Gowers, not out C. E. Clarkson, c Wigley, b Morkhill	4 P. J. Mackeson, c Atkinson, b Harris 12 0 J. R. Russell, not out 20 20 P. H. Raby, c Bentall, b Garwood-Gowers 2 2 R. D. Freshman, b Sherjan 14 2 I. W. Morkhill, not out 9 12 J. C. Fuller-Sessions, R. S. Aspinall, 2 2 R. A. Lane, G. A. R. Sweetman, M. D. Wigley and R. Carter-Shaw did not bat.
C. E. Clarkson, C Wigley, D Morkini	o Extras
Total	57 Total (for 3 wkts.) 58
O. M. R. W	7. O. M. R. W.
Wigley 15 5 20	4 Garwood-Gowers 6 o 32 I
	5 Harris 7 3 14 1
Fuller-Sessions 6 2 12	I Sherjan 2.3 0 9 1

#### STOWE $\nu$ . OUNDLE

Played at Oundle on Saturday, June 22nd. Match drawn.

Steady rain, which persisted until nearly two o'clock, caused the start to be delayed until early afternoon. Garwood-Gowers bowled well in a long opening spell, but the rest of the bowling was not impressive, and Minney, a capable player, made steady progress against it. His partner could make little headway, however, contributing in fact only eight to an opening stand of 71. In the period before tea Oundle's rate of scoring was not high: after the interval the batsmen went for quick runs, but Shillington bowled intelligently, all the chances were taken, and it was not until Nos. 8 and 9 added 25 with some full-blooded straight hitting that a declaration was possible.

The Stowe batting was again most disappointing. There was little chance of winning, but an innings which should have ensured a comfortable draw soon became a struggle for survival, and indeed when the score stood at 22 for 6 with nearly forty minutes still to play, it was hard to see how defeat could be avoided. Sherjan, however, batted skilfully and with considerable restraint, and towards the end Shaw even contrived one or two attacking strokes; the performance of these two did something to relieve the gloom which dismal, cold weather and the earlier batting had brought to the evening.

Oundle		Stowe	
J. H. Minney, lbw, b Sherjan D. E. F. Simmons, c Bentall, b Harris	59 19	L. C. P. Ribeaux, c Southam, b Sauh C. J. G. Atkinson, lbw, b Crabbe	3
N. M. Stephens, c and b Shillington	30	G. Harwood, b Crabbe	3
P. D. T. Crabbe, c Garwood-Gowers, b		J. H. Harris, c Crabbe, b Sauh	2
Shillington	О	R. Sherjan, not out	12
S. B. Cartledge, st Rushton, b Shillington	2	D. E. Costain, b Crabbe	0
C. F. Hacking, c Ribeaux, b Shillington	6	F. N. Rushton, c Wilson, b Sauh	3
P. B. Reddaway, c Rushton, b Shillington	5	G. M. Shaw, not out	11
K. Wilson, not out	10	L. P. Bentall, D. G. Garwood-Gowers	
G. H. Sauh, b Harris	18	and C. J. G. Shillington did not bat.	
M. R. Southam and N. G. Carling did			
not bat.			
Extras	4	Extras	12
Total (for 8 wkts. dec.)	153	Total (for 6 wkts.)	47

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Garwood-Gowers	14	1	4 I	0	Crabbe	8	1	9	3
Harris	14.2	2	42	2	Carling	5	E	ģ	ŏ
Costain	5	1	i9	О	Sauh	13	7	12	3
Sherjan		1	26	I	Wilson			5	ő
Shillington		o	21	5		-	J	•	

#### STOWE v. M.C.C.

Played at Stowe on Saturday, June 29th. M.C.C. won by one wicket.

Sr	OWE				M.C.C.				
L. C. P. Ribeaux, b Wilson o C. J. G. Atkinson, c Kemp, b Wilson 14 G. Harwood, c Morris, b Wilson 6 J. H. Harris, c Vaughan-Lee, b Roynor 49 G. M. Shaw, c Hart, b Hordern 9 R. Sherjan, b Wilson 4 D. E. Costain, b Hordern 15 L. E. Bentall, b Doggart 23 F. N. Rushton, not out 6 D. G. Garwood-Gowers, lbw, b Doggart 3 C. J. G. Shillington, c Vaughan-Lee, b Roynor 4 Extras 12					C. N. H. Hordern, b Shillington R. J. Morris, c and b Garwood-Gowers R. J. Allen, b Sherjan R. P. C. Hillyard, not out N. H. Kemp, b Garwood-Gowers G. D. Roynor, c Rushton, b Sherjan N. A. Doggart, c Harris, b Shaw E. H. Hart, st Rushton, b Sherjan G. C. Wilson, run out C. G. Vaughan-Lee, c Atkinson, b Garwood-Gowers T. G. B. Welch, not out Extras				
Total				145	Total (for 9 wkts.)	146			
Wilson Kemp Doggart Hordern Vaughan-Lee Hillyard Roynor	0. 11 4 15 13 3 4 4-4	M. 6 0 8 3 0 0 0	R. 22 20 16 24 15 12	W. 4 0 2 2 0 0 0 2	Garwood-Gowers 14.3 2 43 Harris 5 0 21 Sherjan 6 0 26 Shillington 11 2 27 Shaw 5 0 29	v. 3 0 3 1			

#### STOWE v. ST. EDWARD'S

Played at Oxford on Saturday, July 6th. Stowe won by 76 runs.

A heavy atmosphere and a rather grassy pitch enabled the St. Edward's opening bowlers to make the most of the new ball, and Atkinson, rather uncertain at first, edged somewhat luckily between the wicket-keeper and first slip early on. Ribeaux began more confidently, produced two or three good strokes on the leg side, and then, just when he appeared to have settled down, failed to get behind a rising bail and was comfortably caught behind the wicket. Soon after, Harwood had the embarrassment of being bowled offering no stroke, and Harris, cautious and rather subdued, joined the imperturbable Atkinson, who was by now finding his form and soon produced a number of good leg hits and, in the last part of his innings, some pleasing off-drives. This innings of Atkinson's was one of character and an indication of the praiseworthy way in which he has overcome the difficulties experienced by a player in his first season in the 1st XI. After his dismissal St. Edward's regained the initiative, capturing two more

wickets with only twenty runs added. Harris and Shaw were not out at lunch, the latter surviving only narrowly.

Harris went quietly on in the hour after the interval, sound though never really dominant. Shaw clearly indicated his promise as a batsman, but was once again dismissed just when he appeared to have played himself in. These two took the score to 157; after their departure there was little further resistance, though Garwood-Gowers in a brief and colourful innings showed that No. 11 certainly need not be his place in the batting order.

In the forty minutes before tea St. Edward's scored 27 for the loss of one wicket. Harris had a very good opening spell. Garwood-Gowers, in a hot, oppressive atmosphere, was not quite at his best, though he persuaded Brett to edge a catch to Rushton. After the interval Trotman showed great competence, until he suddenly drove hard in the air to mid-on. Shillington was by now wheeling away very steadily and with little luck, for two stumping chances and a catch were missed after the batsman had been deceived by his flight. With the score at 75 for 3 and St. Edward's advancing steadily, Garwood-Gowers returned. In his first and third overs he hit the stumps. Shillington, whose 18 overs were bowled in a single spell, now had his reward and the score was 87 for 6. He claimed another wicket with the score at 91 and victory for Stowe was now a possibility. But St. Edward's resisted stoutly, E. Appleby and Tyacke batting comfortably enough to suggest that they would see the game through without any further alarms. Rushton, however, now brought on Shaw; his gentle flight and the posting of two silly mid-offs tempted Appleby from discretion, for he swung rather wildly and missed. Shaw's second over saw the finish, one batsman playing back to a half-volley and the last mis-hitting to one of the close fieldsmen. Shaw was thus left with phenomenal figures, but the major performance was Shillington's, for he pinned the batsmen down for something like an hour and a half at the vital stage of the innings and his final analysis. while it indicates his steadiness, does him far less than justice.

Stowe St. Edward's						
C. J. G. Atkinson, c Appleby (E. A.) b T. W. Brett, c Rushton, b C	D. G. Davies, run out. T. W. Brett, c Rushton, b Garwood-Gowers					
G. Harwood, b Tyacke 5 J. H. Harris, c Davies, b Tyacke 5 R. Sherjan, c Tyacke, b Shirley 6 D. E. Costain, c Davies, b Appleby (A. R.)  M. A. Trotman c Harwood, b S J. D. Davies, b Garwood-Gowers H. Dale, b Garwood-Gowers J. H. Fletcher, c Sherjan, b Sh	M. A. Trotman c Harwood, b Sherjan J. D. Davies, b Garwood-Gowers H. Dale, b Garwood-Gowers J. H. Fletcher, c Sherjan, b Shillington					
G. M. Shaw, c Appleby (A. R.), b Davies L. E. Bentall, c Hancock, b Davies O. J. G. Shillington, b Davies D. G. Garwood-Gowers, not out Extras  J. Hancock, b Shillington E. A. Appleby, b Shaw J. N. Tyacke, not out C. H. Shirley, lbw, b Shaw A. R. Appleby, c Bentall, b Sha Extras	w	5 5 0				
Total 179 Total						
O. M. R. W. O. M.	R.	w.				
Appleby (A.R.) 12 1 31 1 Garwood-Gowers 14 4	31	3				
Shirley 5 45 2 Harris 5 3	3	0				
Tyacke	33	1				
Davies 16 7 26 3 Shillington 18 5	30	2				
Appleby (E.A.) 5 1 8 0 Shaw 1.4 1 Trotman 1 0 1 0	О	3				

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- Saturday, May 11th. v. R. J. Morris's XI. Home. Match drawn. Stowe, 140 for 6 dec. (J. H. Harris 50). R. J. Morris's XI 73 for 9.
- Saturday, May 18th. v. Buckingham C.C. Home. Won by 90 runs. Stowe 126 for 8 dec. Buckingham C.C. 36.
- Wednesday, May 22nd. v. O.U. AUTHENTICS. Home. Lost by 8 wickets. Stowe 113 (J. Raybould 5 for 38).
  - O.U. Authentics 114 for 2 (J. H. Hunter 74 not out).
- Saturday, July 13th. v. CRYPTICS C.C. Home. Won by 86 runs. Stowe 170 for 8 dec. Cryptics 84.
- Saturday, July 20th. v. Dragonflies C.C. Home. Rain stopped play. Dragonflies 120 for 4 (R. J. Morris 63 not out).

#### 2ND XI.

This has been rather a disappointing season. Only one match has been won, and defeat was suffered at the hands of Oundle, Bedford and R.A.F., Halton. Most of the other matches were drawn.

The team has played hard and was well led by Albrecht, who was always trying something, often with meagre resources. We were always trying to force a win, but the technical ability was not there. The batting was patchy, and the tail long and rather limp. Several members made good scores but rarely more than one at a time, and collapses were too frequent. These collapses were not due to lack of morale, but more to lack of ability to put into practice the intention of hitting the cover off the ball. The bowling was frankly poor in length and direction, and it rarely gave our opponents much trouble, enabling them to score more or less at leisure. The fielding as a whole was good, if at times clumsy. The team was trying to do the right thing and always attacking. It is a pity this did not bring them happier results.

The team was seen at its best against Pangbourne and at its worst against Oundle, in rather unpleasant conditions. Better luck next season.

Team:—P. F. Albrecht (C) (Capt.), C. E. Clarkson (6), J. H. Bryan (T), H. J. Miall (B), C. G. Kenyon (W), J. J. Cater (C), J. A. Boddy (C), J. G. Williams (C), A. R. Bentall (C), A. G. L. Millington (T), I. Pasley-Tyler (6).

#### Results :--

- Sat., May 18. v. Harrow. Away. Match abandoned. Stowe 96 for 7. Rain stopped play.
- Wed., May 22. v. R.A.F., Halton. Home. Lost by 6 wkts. Stowe 106. R.A.F. Halton 107 for 4.
- Wed., May 29. v. Buckingham C.C. Match drawn.

  Buckingham 152 for 6 dec. Stowe 108 for 5.
- Sat., June 1. v. Bedford. Away. Lost by 1 wkt. Stowe 99. Bedford 100 for 9 wkts.

Tues., June 4. v. RADLEY. Away. Match drawn.
Radley 161 for 4 dec. Stowe 135 for 5 wkts.

Wed., June 12. v. Pangbourne Nautical College. Home. Won by 4 wkts.

Pangbourne 161 for 7 dec. Stowe 162 for 6 wkts.

Sat:, June 22. v. Oundle. Away. Lost by 42 runs.
Oundle 108 for 8 dec. Stowe 66.

Sat., July 6. v. St Edward's. Home. Match drawn. Stowe 168 for 8 dec. St. Edward's 122 for 6.

#### 3RD XI.

Two matches have been won, two lost and three drawn. With an even distribution of success and failure, it has been quite an enjoyable season and some of the games have been very interesting, especially the drawn game against Radley when the match might have ended in defeat or victory right up to the last ball. The batting, in spite of one or two individual performances, has lacked consistency, but the atmosphere of unpredictability has at least added excitement to the various contests. On the whole, the bowling was more reliable than the batting, and Mackenzie, Stern and Avory all had their moments. Arkell has captained the team very sensibly and had a good knock against Radley. Turner and Miall distinguished themselves with the bat against Steeple Claydon, while Smith and Stern were mainly responsible for the good score against Paulerspury.

Team: — J. H. Arkell (6) (Capt.), D. J. Easton (W), E. J. Avory (T), N. M. Stern (B), I. A. R. Mackenzie (6), S. M. Turner (G), J. M. E. Anderson (C), M. A. Benkert (6), R. M. Smith (6), R. A. Miall (B), B. M. Morris (C), A. Cameron (B).

#### Results:—

- Sat., May 18. v. Harrow. Away. Match drawn. Stowe 38. Harrow 20 for 3 wkts.
- Sat., May 25. v. Steeple Claydon. Home. Won by 63 runs.
  Stowe 135 (Turner 28, Miall 37). Steeple Claydon 72 (Stern 5 for 17).
- Sat., June 1. v. Bedford. Away. Match drawn.

  Stowe 119 for 9 wkts. dec. Bedford 76 for 6 wkts.
- Tues., June 4. v. Radley. Away. Match Drawn.

  Stowe 110 (Arkell 37). Radley 105 for 9 wkts. (Stern 4 for 60, Mackenzie 5 for 41).
- Sat., June 8. v. Blakesley. Away. Lost by 18 runs. Blakesley 77 for 7 wkts. dec. Stowe 59.
- Sat., June 22. v. Paulerspury. Home. Won.

  Stowe 168 for 6 wkts. (Stern 22, Smith 37 not out). Paulerspury 72 (Mackenzie 4 for 25).
- Sat., July 6. v. St. Edward's. Home. Lost by 4 wkts. Stowe 84. St. Edward's 88 for 6 wkts.

#### THE COLTS

The Colts were not expected to be a strong side as, with the exception of Costain, they had no natural cricketers. No unsuspected genius has come to light during the season, but a number of players have developed into fair cricketers, and the club's record of 3 wins, 3 draws and 1 defeat is very creditable.

Costain captained the side well in the first five matches and was then transferred to the School XI. For the Colts he scored 191 runs in 5 innings for once out, and also bowled very steadily. He watches the ball closely and should become a very capable player. Noye took over the captaincy without a hitch, and managed the side well. He has bowled with greater accuracy and purpose this year, and, although not professing great skill with the bat, made 70 not out in the last match at a critical stage of the game.

The most successful batsmen have been Costain, Agnew, Mayland, Avory and Strange. Avory unfortunately twisted his knee and could not play in the last match. Strange has shown determination and courage as wicket-keeper. He is still rather clumsy, but has improved as a result of his own perseverance. Ramsden has the makings of a good leg-break bowler, but must acquire greater accuracy and persistence. Watson unexpectedly developed as a slow off-break bowler and could be useful if he practises seriously. The side's fielding has only been moderate and the throwing for the most part has been poor.

Colts caps were awarded to Costain, Noye, Agnew, Strange and Mayland.

Team:—R. A. P. Noye (C) (Capt.), I. H. Agnew (W), R. St. C. Strange (6), J. B. Mayland (W), D. S. Watson (C), P. R. McCrea (W), J. R. Ramsden (C), R. B. B. Avory (T), B. E. Dawson (W), F. S. W. Dudley (W), O. A. Namouk (G), M. R. A. Hillard (C), A. T. MacGregor (C).

#### Results :-

- Sat., May 11. v. Wellingborough. Away. Won by 4 wkts.
  Wellingborough 65 (Ramsden 3 for 16). Stowe 71 for 6 wkts. (Avory 26, Costain 27 not out).
- Sat., May 18. v. Harrow. Home. Lost by 5 wkts.

  Stowe 94 (Costain 21, Avory 25, Mayland 35). Harrow 97 for 5 wkts.
- Sat., May 25. v. Bradfield. Away. Won by 2 wkts.

  Bradfield 72 (Ramsden 5 for 28, Noye 2 for 5). Stowe 74 for 8 wkts. (Costain 22 not out, Strange 19).
- Sat., June 1. v. Bedford. Home. Won by 7 wkts.

  Stowe 190 for 3 dec. (Agnew 47, Costain 86 not out). Bedford 119 (Noye 4 for 15, Costain 3 for 31).
- Tues., June 4. v. Radley. Home. Drawn.

  Radley 142 (Costain 5 for 35). Stowe 105 for 8 wkts. (Costain 35 not out, Mayland 29).
- Sat., June 22. v. Oundle. Home. Drawn.

  Oundle 158 for 9 wkts. dec. (Noye 5 for 42). Stowe 98 for 4 wkts. (Agnew 38 not out, Strange 23 not out).
- Sat., July 6. v. St. Edward's. Away. Drawn.
  St. Edward's 189 for 5 wkts. Stowe 129 for 6 wkts. (Noye 70 not out).

#### THE JUNIOR COLTS

After being outplayed by Eton, the Juniors had a good season, losing to Oundle after declaring, beating Radley and St. Edward's convincingly and showing much more enterprise than Bedford in a drawn game.

The batting was very brittle and depended too much on Hamp-Ferguson, who although an uncertain starter hit the ball very hard and played some fine innings. Bate and Robinson were sound and played some useful innings. Irving, Bentall, Sabberton, Benson and de Havilland all hit the ball and have plenty of natural ability, but have weaknesses in technique which they need to correct if they are to make the scores they should.

The bowling was not very penetrative but improved considerably during the season. Hamp-Ferguson was generally steady, Courtenay Evans became increasingly accurate, while Shillington often got a useful wicket with leg breaks.

The most pleasing feature of the side was the excellent fielding, which never wilted even in the hottest weather. Irving and Hamp-Ferguson caught some outstanding catches, and Bentall, Sabberton and Jackson were natural fielders. All the others tried commendably hard, especially Shillington, and showed what can be done by practice.

Team:—A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W), D. H. Bate (G), J. S. Jackson (Q), G. P. Courtenay Evans (B), C. P. Robinson (T), D. P. Bentall (Q), A. D. G. Shillington (Q), P. G. de Havilland (Q), J. P. d'A. Benson (C), D. R. Sabberton (T).

Results:—

- Sat., May 18. v. HARROW. Home. Lost.

  Stowe 92 for 7 dec. Harrow 98 for 2 wkts.
- Sat., May 25. v. Eton. Home. Lost.

  Eton 250 for 4 wkts. dec. Stowe 91 (Hamp-Ferguson 31 not out).
- Sat., June 1. v. Bedford. Home. Drawn.

  Stowe 160 for 6 wkts. dec. (Robinson 41 not out, Hamp-Ferguson 40).

  Bedford 85 for 5 wkts. (Hamp-Ferguson 3 for 27).
- Tues., June 4. v. Radley. Home. Won.

  Radley 108 (Bentall 3 for 22, Courtenay Evans 3 for 26).

  Stowe 111 for 2 wkts. (Hamp-Ferguson 70 not out, Bate 25 not out).
- Sat., June 22. v. Oundle. Home. Lost.

  Stowe 136 for 9 wkts. dec. (Bentall 33). Oundle 137 for 7 wkts. (Hamp-Ferguson 5 for 47).
- Sat., July 6. v. St. Edward's. Away. Won.
  St. Edward's 93 (Courtenay Evans 5 for 39). Stowe 96 for 5 wkts. (Hamp-Ferguson 62 not out).

#### CRICKET AND HOCKEY LEAGUES

Chandos shared the Cricket League Cup with Temple, but they were overwhelming victors in the Hockey, winning both 'A' and 'B' Leagues, and easily won the Combined Leagues Cup.



#### THE HAWAIIAN CASUALS

The Hawaiian Casuals Cricket Club has had a most successful season. Extremely well balanced and showing unexpected strength, the team has been particularly complimented upon its magnificent ground fielding. Without wishing to offend, it is suggested that, had but a few more school sides also taken the trouble to have practices before breakfast on Tuesdays and Fridays, their records might well have matched that of the Hawaiians.

R. I. Guinness was a great captain. Probably the finest proof of his ability, and a stroke of genius, was his placing of P. J. S. Griggs at backward short-leg when Verney Junction were 59 for 5: a match-winning move. Economy permits mention of most of the season's brilliant incidents. Selecting quite arbitrarily, however, one cannot forget H. J. Miall's two fabulous late cuts at Steeple Claydon; D. R. Hayes' superb long-range throw that lowered all three stumps to send back to the pavilion the Junction's most prolific scorer; T. J. H. Carter's huge six that took five minutes brisk walking to retrieve; and J. H. Bryan's studious half-century which averted defeat on a turning pitch.

Yet not all the glory fell to the batsmen. Of the bowlers, C. A. Wadley and J. A. Carney often had the opposition reaching; and G. V. Norris always seemed able to make his leg-breaks bite, turn, spit and pop, rearing viciously off a length; whilst J. E. G. Nayler's off-cutters must rank among the most dangerous of all guided missiles. Perhaps most remembered will be F. R. Shackleton's dramatic and scheming air-attack that wreaked terrible havoc. He was virtually unplayable.

Let us sincerely hope that next year's side will stride on through 'fresh woods and pastures new' with as much Cyclopean power and broad-shouldered invincibility as has done this great team of 1957.

P.F.A. and J.H.A.

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