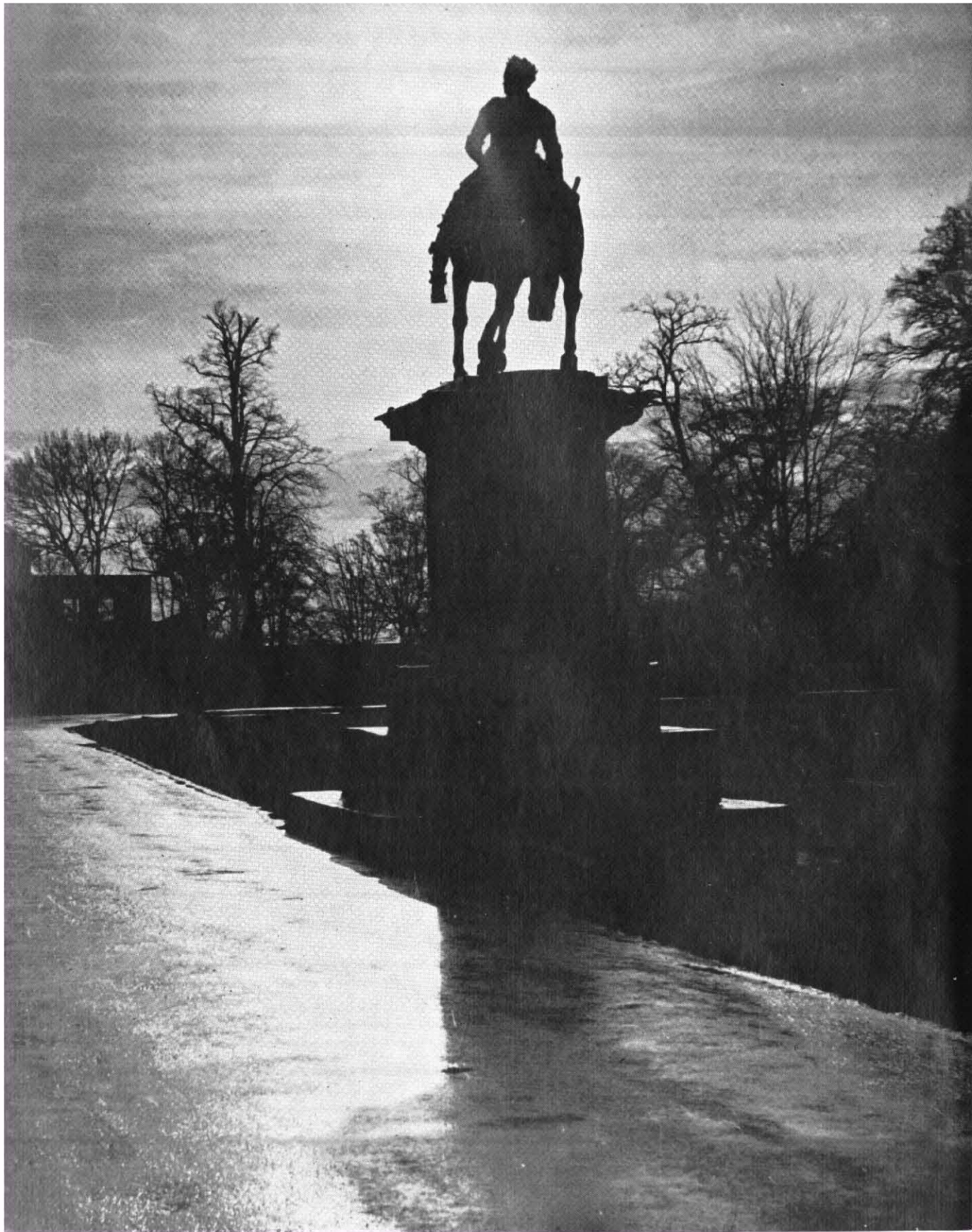


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EDITORIAL

THIS is an exciting time for Stowe. Lyttelton House is now well and truly on its way up, and its future members are about to be chosen; improvements and additions to studies, dormitories, and living accommodation generally are taking place all around us; the Sixth Form timetable has been re-organized so that apart from the normal 'A-level' courses there will be available a wide range of subjects to be taken at a slightly lower level for those able to cope with only one or two full 'A-levels'—this new project has the approval and encouragement of the Schools Council; at the other end of the School the Third Form timetable has been adjusted to avoid any loss of momentum due to post-Common Entrance anti-climax; and last but by no means least our examination results are improving all the time.

But let us be careful. All improvements and additions are designed to make life less hard and there is an inherent danger of sinking into what could become for some the 'warm bath' of Stowe. Theoretically comfort and beautiful surroundings are certainly no bar to intellectual activity, creative thought and physical achievement, but, human nature being what it is, greater effort and not less is required when conditions are relatively congenial. To achieve worthwhile aims a challenge is necessary; a challenge of responsibility at the top of the School and a challenge of gradual achievement from the bottom. The beauty and comforts of Stowe must not blind us to the reasons we are here and the prospect of our future in the world outside.

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School Officials—Summer Term, 1966.

Prefects :—W. P. Durlacher (W), Head of the School ; J. T. McConnell (T), Second Prefect ; A. R. M. Baker (G) ; I. F. Buchanan (W), Prefect of Library ; J. N. Dixey, Head of Bruce P. N. J. Durey (C), Prefect of Hall ; P. B. Fisher, Head of Grafton ; R. S. Fox, Head of Temple ; J. R. Hallam, Head of Chandos ; G. E. Laird Craig (B), Prefect of Gymnasium ; N. J. L. Martin, Head of Walpole ; N. G. Rossi, Head of Cobham ; M. T. Weston (C), Prefect of Chapel ; P. E. Williams, Head of Grenville ; G. M. Wolfson, Head of Chatham.

Cricket :—Captain, W. P. Durlacher (W) ; Secretary, J. N. Dixey (B).

Lawn Tennis :—Captain, M. T. Weston (C) ; Secretary, G. R. Burman (W).

Athletics.—Captain, M. P. J. Fielding (G) ; Secretary, C. Honeyman Brown (G).

Swimming :—Captain, R. E. Flanagan (G) ; Secretary, P. N. J. Durey (C).

Sailing :—Commodore, J. S. Aiken ; Secretary, M. D. D. Duckham (W).

Golf :—Captain, B. A. Marshall-Andrew (B) ; Secretary, C. R. Dimpfl (C).

Shooting :—Captain (.303), A. C. Wolfe (G) ; Captain (.22), P. B. Fisher (G).

Sculling :—Captain, J. L. Seccombe (W).

Speech Day and Old Stoic Day was June 4th.

Expedition Day was May 26th.

Exeat was from June 17th to June 20th.

The Summer Ball was held on July 16th.

We announce the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Rawcliffe on May 30th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. F. Proctor on June 13th, and to Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Macdonald on January 26th.

We say farewell this term to Mr. J. C. Saunders, Dr. E. Zetl and Dr. H. Rutherford who are retiring ; to Mr. R. C. Pinchbeck who has been appointed headmaster of Markham College, Lima, Peru ; to Mr.

J. H. Bulford who is to become a housemaster at Milton Abbey School ; to Mr. R. J. F. Proctor who has been appointed Director of Music at Rossall ; to Mr. H. J. Crutwell who replaced Dr. Zetl during the latter's illness. We also take leave this term of Miss M. E. Johnston, House Matron of Walpole for more than thirty years.

We record with deep regret the death of Jane Mounsey, the wife of Mr. M. J. Mounsey who retired last year. We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. Mounsey and his family.

We record the death of Mr. J. L. A. B. Davenport who was a master at Stowe for a period during the war.

A concert in memory of Mr. R. Walker was given in the Roxburgh Hall on July 21st.

In Independent Television's 'Sixth Form Challenge' programme a team from Stowe will be competing against Millfield. The programme will be broadcast on August 17th.

The Stoic will in future be published at the end of term. There will be a correspondence column in the next issue and letters for inclusion should be sent to the Editor. Contributions to *The Stoic* are invited from all past and present members of the School.

CHAPEL NOTES

The following have preached in Chapel this term :—on May 8th, J. T. Christie, Esq., Principal of Jesus College, Oxford ; on May 15th, the Chaplain ; on May 22nd, F. M. Heywood, Esq., Warden of Lord Mayor Treloar College ; on May 29th, the Rev. H. F. Hodge ; on June 5th, the Rev. Canon J. N. D. Kelly, D.D., Principal of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford ; on June 12th, the Bishop of Reading ; on June 26th, J. L. Thorn, Esq., Headmaster of Repton ; on July 3rd, G. S. Sale, Esq., Headmaster of Rossall ; on July 10th, the Rev. Austin Williams, Vicar of St. Martin in the Fields ; and on July 17th, the Headmaster.

On May 1st Sir Ralph Richardson, father of C. D. Richardson (C 1963) gave a series of readings from sermons by John Donne. On May 22nd there was a 'Service in the modern idiom,' given by a group

from Christ Church, Bromley, the Newscasters. At the Lower School Services in Stowe Church on June 26th and July 10th, the preachers were the Rev. J. E. C. Nicholl and the Rev. H. F. Hodge.

The third Stowe Choirs' Festival was held in the School Chapel on May 14th. For the third year running we were favoured with good weather, and nineteen choirs, comprising just under three hundred singers took part in Festal Evensong, conducted by Mr. Proctor.

On Thursday, June 2nd, the Choir took part in the Annual R.S.C.M. Choirs' Festival in Gloucester Cathedral, and on June 12th they sang choral evensong in Stowe Church. The music included:—

Introit : For the beauty of the earth	...	...	John Joubert
Psalm 138	...	...	Chant by John Camidge
Magnificat	...	...	Murrill
Anthem: O give thanks unto the Lord	...	...	Sir Arthur Bliss
Organ Voluntary	...	...	Rheinberger

Collections in Chapel have been as follows:—on May 8th, for the Historic Churches Preservation Trust, £16 8s. 8d.; on May 22nd, for Treloar College, £29 14s. 9d.; on June 5th, for the Mayflower Family Centre, £47 2s. 3d.; and a collection is being given on July 10th to the Stowe Church Pew Fund.

In addition Retiring Collections were given to the Archbishop in Jerusalem's fund for Arab refugees, for the London City Mission, the South American Missionary Society, the Pestalozzi Children's Village Trust and the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

J.C.S. E.Z. H.R.

It is sad to have to say farewell to three such distinguished members of the staff—men who have given so much in their different ways to Stowe.

Mr. Saunders, the only remaining survivor from the foundation twenties, has always been the most versatile of men. In his time he has been a first-class Morris Dancer, has played rugger for the Masters, and the double-bass, oboe, and French horn for the Orchestra, sung in innumerable choral works, run the C.C.F. after his return from the war, been Editor of *The Stoic*, President of the Twelve Club, been in charge of the G.C.E., the Library, and Monday Extras. He was the chief promoter of Stowe's most successful venture in opera, Bizet's *Carmen*, which was sung in an entirely new translation written by him because he did not think the existing one good enough, and he has written undoubtedly the best poem on Stowe. In his erudition and his love and knowledge of Stowe are perfectly fused and blended.

Dr. Zettl was sent here from Sheffield University in 1933 by its then Vice-Chancellor Dr. Pickard-Cambridge, who was also Chairman of our Governors, and who knew that at Stowe he would be a good man in the right place. To generations of Modern Linguists Dr. Zettl has been not only a Tutor but a very good friend, both at Stowe and in later years. As our first Careers Master, too, he was able to meet and be of assistance to a very large number of Stoics. He will be much missed by his colleagues whom he was always so ready to help with his wide knowledge of everything from high finance to a car which would not work. Nothing was ever too much trouble for Dr. Zettl when someone wanted his help. It was a great happiness to his many friends that he survived so gallantly and successfully his serious operation, and was able to work out his full time at Stowe.

Dr. Rutherford came to Stowe during the war, and at once gained the reputation of being a miracle-worker when the less-talented members of the Fifties had to face the examiners in Latin. His results were gained by the quality of his teaching, his insistence on accuracy, and many hours of generously-given unremitting toil out of school to help very lame dogs over very high stiles. Later on he became a Tutor with the French Specialists in the Upper School, and there too the same methods were used with the same successes. Each summer holidays Dr. Rutherford took a small group of fortunate Stoics to Europe. His trips ranged from Turkey to Morocco and they produced a selection of stories incredible to all those unacquainted with a remarkable man. Fortunately he, like Dr. Zettl, will still be living near Stowe. Mr. Saunders will not be so very far away, and we hope that we shall see all three of them again on many occasions.

Miss M. E. JOHNSTON

Miss Johnston, House Matron of Walpole, retires at the end of the term. "Ma" or "Miss J.", as she has been known for many years, came to Stowe before the School's tenth birthday, and has grown up with it and knows it better than probably most people here now. Her knowledge, advice, and experience will be greatly missed.

Appointed Matron when Walpole opened in 1934, she has been on duty practically without a break ever since. Duty it has always been, for "Ma" insisted on the highest standard in all matters, and never once did she put her own interests before those of the boys; but apart from that, her job was a source of pleasure and interest to her, for Stowe was her life. Once term started she was always there, ready with friendly advice, help and comfort to anyone with troubles and problems. She had a peculiar gift of knowing and understanding boys probably better in many cases than even the parents themselves.

Many people at Stowe will miss her, for she was always ready to cope with anything she was asked to do from being wardrobe mistress for School plays to chaperon at School dances. The domestic staff had the highest respect for her.

Old Boys of Walpole will never forget her and all she meant to them; the prefects and monitors will remember especially her nightly 'Ovaltine parties.' She would be the last person to want thanks for doing a job which was her life and joy but Stowe, and particularly Walpole, owe her more gratitude than can be expressed in words.

In September she is taking a long trip to South America, and on her return she will be sharing a flat in Farnham with her aunt. We all at Stowe wish her a happy and restful retirement.

ANNUAL PRIZES

BASIL WILLIAMSON MEMORIAL PRIZE :	{	L. C. J. WILCOX (B 1965)
		W. P. DURLACHER (W)
MYLES HENRY PRIZE :		D. G. ST. M. MILLS (T)
PETER BATES PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY :		C. V. A. BAILEY (G)
PETERS BONE PRIZE FOR ENGLISH :	{	P. E. LEVY (T)
		C. L. K. GRAHAM (C)
J. F. ROXBURGH PRIZE FOR ENGLISH VERSE :		C. L. K. GRAHAM (C)
GAVIN MAXWELL PRIZES FOR ENGLISH :		C. L. K. GRAHAM (C)
		2nd : J. B. WINTLE (C)
		Junior : R. C. N. BRANSON (C)
BRYAN HENSHAW PRIZES FOR ENGLISH SPEECH :		
		Senior : N. J. S. MURRAY (C)
		Junior : P. A. SAPER (C)
		R. C. N. BRANSON (C)
		D. R. RUBIN (C)
SCOTT-GALL PRIZE FOR HISTORY :		J. T. MCCONNELL (T)
HAYWARD PRIZE FOR READING :		J. T. MCCONNELL (T)
ROBERT BARBOUR PRIZE FOR DIVINITY :		A. P. SAINER (T)
QUENTIN BERTRAM PRIZE FOR LATIN :		A. P. SAINER (T)
CHARLES LOUDON PRIZE FOR GREEK :		A. P. SAINER (T)
J. F. ROXBURGH PRIZE FOR CLASSICS :		A. P. SAINER (T)
BASIL AIMERS PRIZE FOR READING :		A. P. SAINER (T)
J. G. RIESS PRIZE FOR GERMAN :		J. R. A. NISBET (T)
JOHN WEBSTER PRIZE FOR FRENCH :		J. R. A. NISBET (T)
HARDING PRIZE FOR READING :		D. N. WESTON (C)
ANTHONY PEARCE PRIZE FOR LATIN ORATION :		T. BASSETT (G)
FRIENDS OF STOWE PRIZE FOR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE :		
		R. C. PEATFIELD (T)
FRIENDS OF STOWE PRIZE FOR NATURAL HISTORY :		
		D. F. M. STILEMAN (C)
BURROUGHS PRIZE FOR CHURCH HISTORY :		T. A. CLOVER (C)
STEWART PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS :		N. M. MACLAREN MA. (C)
HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR PHYSICS :		A. R. M. BAKER (G)
J. F. ROXBURGH PRIZE FOR ARCHITECTURE :		B. R. LAWRENCE (C)
JOHN HOLLAND PRIZE FOR METALWORK :		N. G. ROSSI (C)
FRIENDS OF STOWE PRIZE FOR WOODWORK :		P. S. M. ABBOTT (G)
WALLACE PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY :		J. N. DIXEY (B)
JAMES MAYNE PRIZE FOR ECONOMICS :		T. R. G. BRADSHAW (C)

ANTHONY HOWARD PRIZE FOR ART :		N. I. A. BARTHOLOMEW (C)
		J. G. EADES (G)
GILLING-LAX MUSIC PRIZES :	Two Pianos :	B. L. J. MURRAY (C)
		A. J. BOLTON (C)
	Piano :	N. G. F. GETHIN (C)
	Organ :	R. B. SWANSTON (B)
	Violin and Viola :	H. C. FRAZER (T)
	'Cello :	K. D. FRAZER (T)
	Woodwind :	{
		D. N. WESTON (C)
		S. T. D. RITCHIE (T)
	Brass :	R. A. RAYNER (G)
BENE' PRIZES :		N. C. OLLIVANT (W), J. P. N. SYKES (B), J. R. A. NISBET (T), R. B. SWANSTON (B), T. A. CLOVER (C), P. E. LEVY (T), M. D. FISCHER (C), J. B. WINTLE (C).

Mr. I. M. CROSS

Housemaster and Senior Master, 1923-1943

There were only two Houses during the School's first term, and Ivor Cross was Housemaster of one of them. He had been a pupil of Roxburgh's at Lancing; and now he came from Eastbourne, where he was a master, to help in the founding of Stowe. In the class-room he principally taught Civics and History, of which latter subject he was in charge. He remained at Stowe for exactly twenty years, having been Housemaster of Temple for just over eight years, and then of Chatham for nearly twelve, during which he was also Senior Master.

By this time he felt that a change was desirable. He had controlled the destinies of two Houses at Stowe, and it was natural that he should want to have a school of his own, which he could run his own way, and through which he could make what was bound to be an individual contribution to the education of the country. And so, when he left Stowe in the summer of 1943, he founded a small school in Wales—Lapley Grange, at Glandyfi, near Machynlleth, where he took on boys who, mainly through having lived abroad, had difficulty in reaching Common Entrance standard. This was just the sort of challenge which appealed to Cross, and his results were quite remarkable. To achieve them he was greatly helped by his most accomplished wife, the daughter of Mr. Kennard-Davis, one time Headmaster of Magdalen College School, Oxford. It was noticeable, too, that the boys who owed their success in reaching their Public Schools to their time at Lapley Grange were almost invariably possessed of individual character and personality.

Roxburgh must have foreseen this when he wrote of him on his departure: 'His contribution to the making of Stowe has been weighty, individual and enduring. He has provided an element without which the School would not have been what it is—an element of strength, of high purpose, of idealism both civic and Christian and of a devotion to duty which demanded the most from himself and our best from us all'.

Ivor Cross did not often return to Stowe. He was a very busy man, and the journey was a long one, but he sent many of his boys to successful careers here, and he never lost his love for the place. When one did meet him on one of his visits, it was a joy to see how the years seemed to fall away from him, and how he seemed to recover the youthful spirit with which he did so much for Stowe.

OLIM ALUMNI

BRIGADIER W. W. CHEYNE (C 1938) has been awarded the D.S.O. as Commander, West Brigade, in Borneo.

SIR TUFTON BEAMISH, M.P. (T 1935) has been elected as one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Conservative backbenchers' 1922 Committee.

F. H. M. CRAIG-COOPER (T 1953) stood as Conservative candidate for Houghton-le-Spring, Co. Durham, in March.

C. A. MCINTYRE (G 1962) ran as 1st string in the 440 yards hurdles for Cambridge in the Oxford v. Cambridge athletics match on May 7th. He also ran in the combined Universities team against Pennsylvania and Cornell Universities at the Crystal Palace track on June 22nd.

T. C. ROBINSON (G 1959) has been serving in the U.S. Peace Corps in Malaya and is now with the U.S. Aid Mission to Laos serving in Vientiane.

C. GRAHAM (T 1950) produced *The Burning Fiery Furnace* by Benjamin Britten at the Aldeburgh Festival.

BIRTHS

To the wife of:

A. J. BARBER-LOMAX (G 1960) a son on May 14th 1966.

D. A. ILLINGWORTH (G 1945) a son on June 1st 1966.

A. J. LUMSDEN-COOK (B 1953) a son on June 6th 1966.

MARRIAGES

N. J. M. ABBOTT (C 1956) to Kathleen Weaver on January 22nd 1966.

J. G. CHURCH (W 1954) to Rhona Elizabeth Gibson on September 25th 1965.

S. J. O. LOGIE (W 1954) to Robyn Vanessa Bardsley on May 7th 1966.

A. P. ROSNER (C 1959) to Susan Lesley Swimer on March 8th 1966.

J. WAUGH YOUNG (G 1942) to Moyra Bedingfield on May 2nd 1963.

DEATHS

M. H. BLUNDELL (G 1936) on February 4th 1966.

D. J. FEATHERS (G 1953) on May 3rd 1966.

SPEECH DAY

The South Front on a beautiful sunny day once again provided the perfect setting for Speeches on June 4th. It was pleasing to see an even greater gathering of parents, families and Old Stoics than last year to witness the formalities of the afternoon preceded by the beagle parade, music for the occasion by the School band, and the impressive last-minute arrival of two helicopters bearing late visitors.

The Chairman of the Governors welcomed the guests and referred to the importance of the involvement of Stowe with the local community and other schools and of the continued value of independent boarding schools in a modern educational system.

The Headmaster then gave his report on the past year.

THE HEADMASTER'S SPEECH

In welcoming the chief guest, Sir John Wolfenden, the Headmaster referred to his distinguished career as headmaster of Uppingham and Shrewsbury, Vice-Chancellor of Reading University, and now as Chairman of the University Grants Committee.

After particularly thanking the estate and domestic staff for preserving the beauty of Stowe and serving the School so well the Headmaster began his report by drawing attention to the continued improvement in the attitude to work. 'I am naturally most pleased about the continued improvement in examination results, for although we hear all around us that examinations are not the most important part in the life of a school, I would beg to suggest that for Stowe at this particular time there is very little that is more important; that the boys should realise more and more each year that it is achievement in the examination room which will get the job and not just the Public School background. I think it might be of interest to some Old Stoics in particular to hear that the boys themselves are beginning to talk about the improved standards of work; I suggest this is to some extent inevitable with the pressures around us nowadays, but it is nevertheless encouraging.'

The Headmaster next paid tribute to Mr. R. Walker, Senior Tutor, who died earlier this year, and referred to his able teaching and involvement with the new Upper School timetable which will broaden the selection of Sixth Form courses.

After noting the term's games achievements and high standards of music and drama the Headmaster paid special tribute to Rosemary Hill, who died last year, to Mr. J. C. Saunders, Dr. E. Zettl and Dr. H. Rutherford, who are retiring, and to Miss Johnston, House Matron of Walpole, who is leaving after 30 years' service to the School.

About the new House the Headmaster had this to say: 'I have thought a good deal about the launching of Lyttelton as a House; we must all, Housemasters, parents and boys themselves, do everything possible to give Lyttelton a really good start, since its inevitable disadvantages as a new House will be a serious handicap in any case. I will naturally ask for volunteers, but there is the obvious danger here that these would simply be boys who did not like their present Housemaster! I must also select the right boys for the job and I hope it will be considered an honour to become one of the founder members of Lyttelton. I have no doubt that I shall get the backing of the Housemasters, boys and parents when this selection is made at the beginning of next term, though I expect to be not a little unpopular in one or two quarters afterwards.'

'I hope now, Ladies and Gentlemen, that you will allow me to make a few general observations on the present and future of Stowe. I do not want to get involved in

politics and Payroll Taxes, though I fear the latter is a grievous blow to Independent Schools, with its extra cost of approximately £20 per boy. As you have already heard the Chairman say, we have every wish here at Stowe to work in with the State system of education provided that we can remain independent. We believe in the Public Schools that we have much to offer, but we have been saying this for so long that it is worthwhile from time to time to stop and ask ourselves whether it is really true. In my opinion there are a good many State Schools which are superior in many ways to some Independent Schools which have little to offer to the boys that go to them. Too many boys at Public Schools acquire a certain habit of life and a limited superficial standard of Public School values. The typical Public School boy has so often very little idea of what goes on outside his own school, very little idea of what he wants to do when he goes out into the world, he simply spends five years in something like a warm bath. He has not learnt a philosophy of life or a real way of life. His school has failed him. Every boy should be able to feel that he has a real part, however small, to play in the community to which he belongs. I have no doubt at all that there are a good many Public Schools which do produce a type, and in my opinion there is no place for this type in this country in the late 1960's.

'Stowe has always prided itself on producing individuals, though sometimes I have no doubt that we have only succeeded in producing individualists; to my mind, an individualist is so often a selfish person who has little regard for the life of the community—someone who takes from the school and gives very little back to it. We have some of them here, but fortunately we have many more individuals. Boys who give a very great deal to the community, boys of personality and spirit, who are whole men.'

'I said earlier in my speech that here at Stowe we have needed in recent years to be quite clear that boys come to school to work and this has been a vitally important factor, but I am sure that we would all agree that education is concerned first with the kind of men our boys become and only second with what they know. Our first concern must be with character and everything we do here must lead in that direction, whether it be the re-arrangements of the timetable for the broadening of knowledge, the organisation of the games so as to enable boys to make use of their individual skills and talents, but also so that they may learn something of the value of playing in a team; then again we must make quite sure that any boy has the freedom of the Art School and that there is no hindrance to him developing a full appreciation of music and drama and debate. I suppose above all else we must aim to produce here boys who are honest. I do not mean by that that we expect the boys to wear halos. Their honesty must be with themselves.'

'There should be an integrity in their work and in their approach to their duties as authorities in the school. As Coad of Bryanston once said, "Integrity includes single-mindedness but goes beyond it. Integrity is a quality not only of the mind but of the heart. As distinct from single-mindedness it means wholeness. Singleness of mind may well be the final achievement of the egotist—the individualist. Singleness of heart—integrity—belongs to and crowns the true individual."'

'I think it is terribly important that we should all of us here know clearly where we stand in respect of this word integrity—Governors, Masters, Parents, Old Stoics and Stoics themselves; each one is of vital importance to the future of the school. It is the parent who allows beer and skittles at home, it is the Master who will always blame the boy instead of himself for their deficiencies, it is the Prefect and Monitor who demands privileges without accepting responsibilities. It is all of these who have not this integrity who hold us back from what we should be. It is, on the other hand,

the boy or the Master or the parent with faith who are so vital to us at this stage in the history of the school. You can call it courage, you can talk of high standards, we can be pleased about our examination results and our cricket results and the high quality of the music and the art, and we can all of us revel in the sunshine, and in the beauty of this magnificent place. But I have no doubt at all that without this integrity, this faith which is given to us by God, we shall lose sight completely of the vision of what the school can and should be—a school for individuals and whole men.'

Sir John Wolfenden then presented the Prizes and spoke as follows:

SIR JOHN WOLFENDEN'S SPEECH

'May I first of all say what an immense pleasure it is to me to be allowed to come to Stowe again after so many years. Last time I came, the then Headmaster, the first Headmaster of Stowe had far more sense than to let me loose on a Speech Day audience. But I've never forgotten his kindness and his friendliness when he greeted me here, and I've never forgotten, either, a quite beautiful autumn day sometime during the war, when for the first time ever a Stowe XV came to play against Uppingham, at Uppingham, and Uppingham thought that they were rather good at Rugby football. And in the first contest between the two schools, after one of the most splendid games of Rugby football ever witnessed by man, Stowe came home victorious. So I have a great affection for Stowe, in spite of that, and I'm very proud and privileged to be here this afternoon to take some small part in the lottery that has just been going on.'

'I would like, secondly, if I may, to be allowed to congratulate the Headmaster on that report that he gave us just now. I hope that does not sound an offensive thing. It all comes out so easily and so smoothly and so readily, but I think those of you who are not really in the know may be deceived into thinking that it's quite an easy thing to do, to make a Headmaster's report on Speech Day. Believe me, it's nothing of the kind. It's a very tricky operation indeed. You obviously have to say something about what the school has done academically in the course of the past year; 'A' Levels and 'O' Levels and university scholarships and all that, because after all that's one of the reasons why boys are here, and as the Headmaster rightly said perhaps one of the most important reasons. And anyhow, parents like to hear a bit about the academic side of a school, because even if Michael is not very bright himself, they like to think that he is at a school where there are some boys who are. But the Headmaster can't go on with that for too long, because during the time he's talking about that, the school is getting very restive. So then he says a bit about the games. Now I have never heard a Headmaster as honest as this one about the athletic record of the school. I am accustomed to hearing Headmasters talk as if this was the most successful season that there had ever been. I have never yet been at a school where in fact, on balance, that school, in the course of the previous winter had lost more matches than it had won. But you can't go on talking about games for too long, because of course the Old Boys of the school enjoy that, if it is a good tale, but the parents again do not like to think that that is all they are spending all this money on. So then you go on to the great wide range of other activities—music, drama, visits to this place and that—and all the things that you heard about. Now this is where it gets very dangerous, because although the Headmaster did give a sort of blanket apology about if he had omitted anybody he hoped they would not mind. That's not good enough. You have actually got to be very careful indeed that if you are going to mention any of these things, you have got to mention the lot. If you don't, what happens is that tomorrow morning, or at any rate Monday morning, there will bounce into the Headmaster's room an

infuriated colleague, who will say, "Well, Headmaster, I suppose you can manage Speech Day best, you know what's best on Speech Day, but here am I for the last thirty-five years—the best years of my life—and I've been trying to interest the boys of this school in singing madrigals and I never get a mention on Speech Day." Before you know where you are—whoof—there's a resignation on your desk. As a matter of fact, this is a pretty well-known technique among experienced Headmasters.'

'All that nonsense apart, it really was a most impressive record of a most impressive year in the history of the school.'

'Thirdly, I would like to be allowed to do something which I know is rather old-fashioned and reactionary and Victorian and obscurantist and all those things I do not mind being called—I would like to congratulate those young men who have this afternoon received prizes. Every now and then, one is supposed to be required to subscribe to the view that everybody is as good as everybody else in everything. This is not true, it never has been true, and please God, it never will be true, because it would be an extremely dull and tedious world if it were. I have no doubt whatever that there are a great many boys in this school who in a great many other ways far surpass that lot. I do not know what it is they surpass them at, but I'm quite sure that they do! And I know perfectly well that one is supposed, on a Speech Day, to spend a lot of time telling those who did not get prizes how really they are very much more worthy than the few cads who did. I have the greatest and deepest sympathy with boys who are not very clever. I have had plenty of experience of this in my own family. I don't wish for a moment to run them down, and I am sure that there are all sorts of things at which they are extremely good, but this business of having to butter up all the people who don't get prizes does every now and again seem to me to be very wearisome. There's a sort of threat implied in it, that if you don't build up their—what people will call—ego a little bit, then two things, of which one or perhaps both will happen—either they will grow up with an inferiority complex (which really means that they are inferior), or else they will grow up to be juvenile delinquents. Most of them are that already anyway, so you need not bother about that! As I have said, I am sure there are all sorts of other qualities which are possessed perhaps in greater degree by others than those who have won prizes. At any rate, these few have won prizes. Precisely how or why is no business of yours or mine. It may be that they have used to better effect than others, the ration of brains with which they were issued. It may be that they worked harder than some others. It may be that they were particularly shrewd in their choice of parents. It may be that they are on very good terms with the people who awarded the prizes. I don't know. The fact remains that they did, and in this egalitarian world I would like to be allowed to congratulate those who have today received prizes.'

'And now, fourthly, for a very few minutes, I would like to try to make a very small and diffident contribution to the debate which you, Mr. Chairman, began and you, Headmaster, continued, about the nature of a school and education and so on, in the middle of the 20th century. You, Mr. Chairman, said that you were not an educationalist. Nor am I. I have been far too busy in my life trying to run schools and trying to run universities ever to become an educationalist. But I would, if I might, just like very briefly to underline one or two things that have been said already today—and there was no collusion about this, I assure you. There are those who think that the primary, fundamental purpose of education at any level is to develop to the full the capabilities, the capacities, of the individual. I suppose they mean the capacities and capabilities for good, because the capacities and capabilities for bad the individual will

develop for himself. This is a view which is very strongly embedded in our whole Western European civilisation. Since Christian days at least, the value of the individual human soul has been the value for which western Christianity has stood, and has been asserted to be the only thing which is, in itself, and in all circumstances, valuable. As you, Headmaster, so rightly said, if you are not careful, if you pursue that particular line too far, what you get is an individualist or at any rate a person who is of no use to anybody else except himself, and not much to himself. Because if you develop all his capabilities and all his capacities without regard for anybody else, or anything else, then you are very likely to get somebody who is a total misfit anywhere, wherever he goes. He may be a genius, but you may have to lock him up. Now don't let us forget the importance and the value of that strand in the whole of our educational theory and practice. At the other end of the line, there are those who take the view that the real reason why anybody is educated is to fit him into the society of which he is a member. Well obviously there is some sense in that, there is not very much point in a long and expensive education, if at the end of it all you have got is an individualistic person, who won't fit in anywhere. You have got to have some regard by any kind of common sense, to the possibility of making a living, of making a contribution to society, of being of some use in the society into which you go, if only to change it. That is one of the fundamental features of education, too, that people go out into a society fitting into it, having a place in it, but determined to change it. If of course you take that particular line of argument too far, you get plainly the kind of education which is geared simply to making the individual into the servant of the state. And those of us who are older here know of at any rate three nations which have adopted that heresy in our life-time, and we know the consequences. So, if you take either of these two views to the extreme, I think you get into a difficulty. If you take the business of developing the capacity of the individual too far, you may land yourself with individualists who are no good to man or beast. If you take the very proper line that every boy, and I suppose every girl, who goes out into a world has got to fit into it and make some contribution to it—if you take that too far, you get totalitarianism. But of course, the truth of the matter is that you don't get either of those two views put in that precise way in practice. What do you get, and this is where a school comes in, is an individual fitting into a society, and you get a situation in any good school where in fact the development of the capacities of the individual could not take place without his being inside the sort of society to which he makes a contribution. This is not a compromise, this is not just talking words' it is the practical situation. The situation is that instead of emphasising over-much either the individual or the society, one recognises that both of those are abstractions, and that the only real thing that you come across, day by day, is an individual in a society, the individual fulfilling his capacity inside it, and the society being enriched by all the individuals who compose it.'

'If I may for one more minute take that a little further, I think one can take it a stage further now, in the middle of the 20th century, in relation to every kind of school and every kind, for that matter, of university or technical college or whatever it may be. Because just as the individual realises his capacity inside a society or a community, and just as a society is only made what it is by those individuals, so each of these communities, a school, a college of advanced technology, a technical college, a university, *it* only realises *its* full capacities and capabilities if *it* is contributing to the whole society of which it is a part. So on that plane, you take the school or the university or whatever it may be, as if it were the individual on the other plane, and you see the school,

the university, the college fulfilling itself in its membership of the wider national or international community to which it belongs. Just as the schools, all sorts of schools, are now those recognising, indeed it has been recognised by some of us for a great many years, that their full destiny is to be achieved inside some form of national pattern, so with the universities too, which are my immediate concern at the present time, this balance between independence and the individual developing itself on the one hand, and *its* contribution to a wider society, its fulfillment of itself in that wider society, *this* is the fascinating, exciting situation in which we at present find ourselves. Just as you, and those who are not as clever as you, find yourselves and your capacities fulfilled inside the school, so the school finds its potentialities satisfied inside the whole society. And just as you, at the same time, conform to the society in which you are and at the same time want to change it, because I am sure you do, every single one of you, so the school, university, the other sort whatever it is of academic society, finding its fulfilment in the nation at large, wants to change *it*.'

'I am sorry, I apologise for talking for so long and saying so little, I just want to say how delighted I am to be here, how sorry I am to have bored you and how very much I wish you, and all those whom you represent, well in this fascinating and exciting situation in which we find ourselves in the whole educational world in the middle of the 20th century.'

The Head of the School, W. P. Durlacher, then presented Sir John with a copy of 'Roxburgh of Stowe' and thanked him on behalf of all present.

JULIE FELIX

One of the highlights of this term for many people was the concert given by Julie Felix in the Roxburgh Hall on June 11th. A native of California, Miss Felix has settled in England after travelling for two years in Europe. In addition to numerous concerts she has recorded two albums and has appeared on 'The Frost Report' on television.

The concert began with a well-known folk-song *The Times They are a'Changing*. Miss Felix quickly lost a slightly detectable (but quite understandable) nervousness and began to endear herself to the audience. The first of many feats of the evening was getting the School to sing, a thing which even the Headmaster has found difficult to do. After two more songs on her own she had them singing again, this time in Spanish.

Her best song of the performance was *Needle of Death* which she sang in the second half. As she explained, this was a modern song about drugs and drug-taking. The sin in this was not against society as it is popularly believed but against the individual. In the song she showed much genuine feeling—unfortunately not often found in folk-singing today. After more songs and amusing comments about institutional, and particularly boarding school life, the concert ended. The audience gave thunderous applause, but her voice allowed her to answer only two of the many calls for "more." She left a very happy and enthusiastic audience.

I felt during the performance that she was enjoying singing as much as we enjoyed listening to her; she seemed wonderfully friendly and unassuming. She said in the few

minutes that I was able to talk to her that she really enjoyed the concert and thought the audience was one of the best she had experienced—especially their singing. We hope she will come again.

W.A.D.

THE ART SCHOOL

This term has been one of intense activity culminating in the Speech Day Exhibitions. Now with the G.C.E. examinations in progress there is an atmosphere of calm and towards the end of term a complete clearing-out will take place in preparation for redecoration over the holidays. It was gratifying to see the number of people who came to look round the Art School Exhibition on Speech Day. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Peter Crabbe (G 1941 and a parent), who spent much time in the Art School studying the exhibits and who consented to write a criticism of the exhibition.

So far this term there have been no visits to exhibitions and galleries. Before the term ends, however, visits are planned to the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, the Tate Gallery, and the John Hardman Studios in Birmingham, where members will see the making of architectural glass and processing of stained glass windows. We are grateful to Mr. Crabbe for arranging the latter visit.

The first of what I hope will be a growing collection of works of art was recently purchased by the school; the purchase, eight small and very fine etchings by Sickert made at the turn of the century. These will hang in the main areas of the school.

Pottery will be introduced as a new subject next term. Painting, which has been the predominant subject in the Art School, will give way and take a place as one of three subjects with equal emphasis—painting, pottery, sculpture. Each of these will be taken as a separate subject to Advanced Level. The change will alarm certain boys who having so far studied only painting find that only one subject, perhaps Sculpture, is open to them in the particular combination of subjects on their sixth form timetable. Even more alarmed will be those boys who already intend a career in a particular branch of Art and find themselves doing a different subject for Advanced Level. Much thought, however, has been given to this arrangement and the above problems can be considered negligible for three reasons: firstly, it is a pity for a boy to associate himself with one subject and only think of himself as either a painter, or sculptor, or potter, before he has fully experienced many aspects of Art; secondly, a boy who enters a School of Art aiming at a three-year course leading to the Diploma in Art and Design has first to undertake and qualify in a one-year course in Pre-Diploma Studies, during which the basics of design are studied through many art forms; thirdly, by the nature of work in the field of Art today, few artists find satisfactory expression through only one art form. A wide knowledge of techniques and the ability to express oneself through these techniques is essential.

The difficulties in adjusting to the new arrangements in the Art School will be momentary and pass when the younger boys, who will have had opportunity to work in all subjects, enter the Sixth Form in the following years. In the next year the scope of work in the Art School will increase and offer a broad range of experience.

W.St.A.R.D.

"STUDENT"

I have been invited by the Editor of *The Stoic* to write a few words about the new national magazine which I am editing.

Student will be unique as a magazine in that it will cater for every type of student in State School, Independent School and University. It has an editorial staff drawn from Stoics, a Technical College, a Grammar School and Universities.

The idea of producing a magazine was conceived about six months ago and already *Student* has taken great strides forward and is to be launched early in 1967. It aims to give a platform for all who wish to express their views to students, whether they themselves are students or not, to convey many news interests, and to help to bridge the gap between State and Independent Schools, inviting members of both to write and discuss their points of view in the magazine.

I have invited many well-known personalities to write for the magazine and have been very kindly received by nearly all those I approached. The Rt. Hon. Edward Heath has been kind enough to grant me a personal interview and it is hoped that the Prime Minister will grant me an interview for the second edition of *Student*, to be followed by an interview with the Right Hon. Joseph Grimond for the third. Definite contributors include:—Peter Scott, Anthony Nauman, John Le Carré—author of 'The Spy Who Came In From The Cold', and Gavin Maxwell—of 'Ring of Bright Water' fame—who has offered to contribute a very controversial article entitled 'Down With Education.' Vanessa Redgrave, celebrated actress and author, has also promised to contribute an article and General Ankrah gives his reasons for overthrowing President Nkrumah. This I hope will be followed in the second edition with Nkrumah himself defending his actions. The leading film director and author of 'Topkapi,' Bryan Forbes, has also sent us an article. I have been fortunate enough also to have articles from Elspeth Huxley, Herbert Read, Katherine Whitehorn, Peter Sellers, Yehudi Menuhin and Douglas Botting, the author and explorer who has sent us a very compelling article with the title 'Go Away Young Man.' Ted Lewis, the official photographer of the B.A.R.C. has supplied us with some exciting photographs illustrating his article and Jim Clark advises on how to become a successful motor racing driver. We have decided to include some fashion pages in *Student* and have appointed Mirlo Evans as our fashion Editor. It will be her job not only to express her own point of view but to arrange interviews with authoritative people in the fashion world, inviting them to express their views on the changing fashion scene. For the first edition at least Gerald Scarfe, the modern and controversial cartoonist, stimulates interest in our magazine by kindly agreeing to contribute some lively cartoons. Negotiations are under way with many other interesting personalities and at the time of writing this article I have just heard that we can count on Gavin Young, the *Observer* War Correspondent in Vietnam, as a contributor.

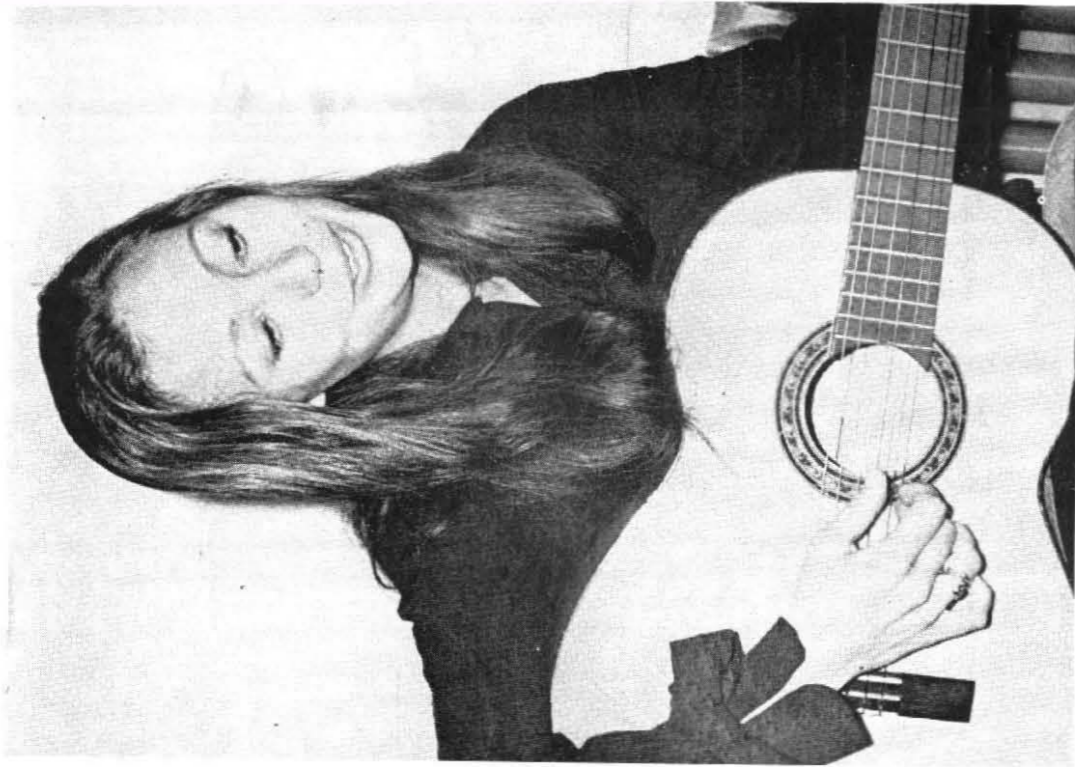
The father of a present day Stoic has kindly offered £100 in prize money to aid our competitive challenges. There will be £25 for the best article published by a student on any of ten controversial subjects which will be listed in our first edition.

Student is to be sent to 3,500 schools and universities throughout the British Isles. In later editions we hope to expand to America, Australia and New Zealand, and our aim is to publish a separate edition for France. The cost of the magazine will be 2/6d. a copy and we intend to publish three times a year. Anyone interested in having a copy of the first edition should order it either through the Stowe Bookshop or from the Editor, *Student*, Shamley Green, Near Guildford, Surrey. *Student* is a non-profit making project and all proceeds will be devoted to enabling students who have ideas for unusual and interesting trips abroad to follow these up.

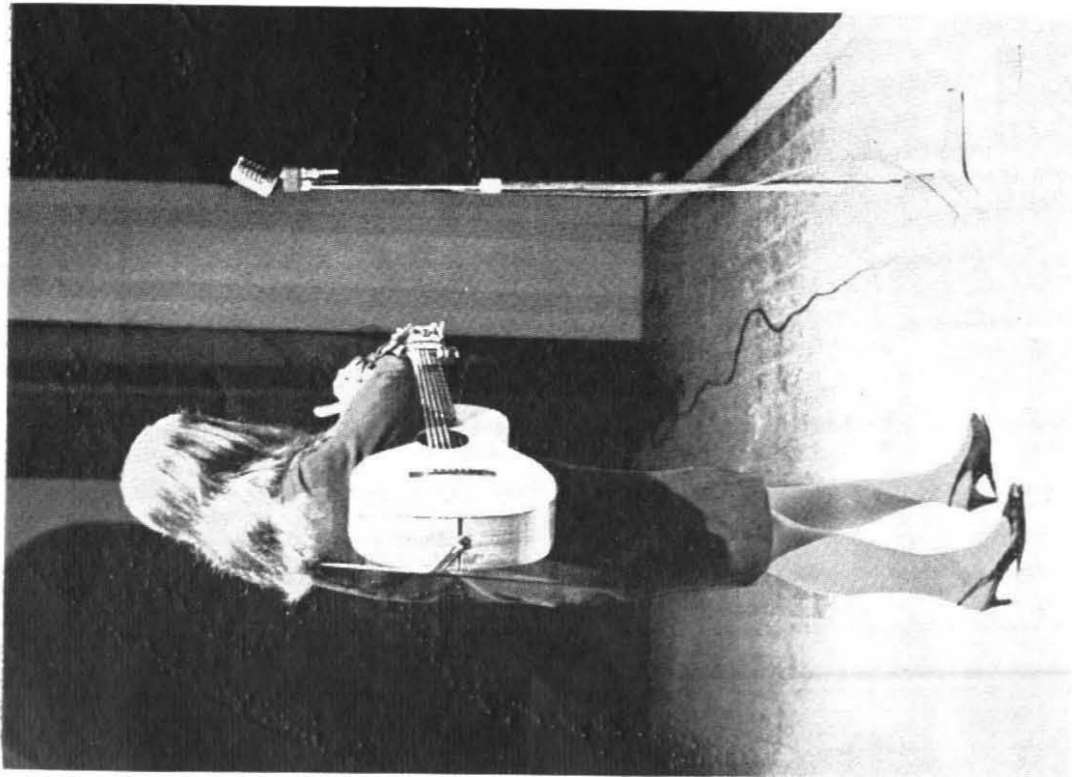
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JULIE FELIX

MUSIC

MUSIC IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

SUNDAY, MAY 15th

JULIAN BREAM (*Lute and Guitar*)

ELIZABETHAN LUTE MUSIC :

Walsingham	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Francis Cutting</i>
Greensleeves	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Francis Cutting</i>
Fantasia	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Robert Johnson</i>
Galliard	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Anthony Holborne</i>
Carmen's Whistle	...	...	...	...	...	<i>John Johnson</i>
Pavane and Galliard	...	...	...	...	...	<i>John Dowland</i>
Almaine	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Francis Cutting</i>
The Woods are so Wild	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Francis Cutting</i>
Pavane and Galliard	...	...	...	...	...	<i>William Byrd</i>
Monsieur's Almaine	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Daniel Bachelor</i>

GUITAR :

La Romanesca	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Alonso de Mudarra</i>
Fantasia (1546)	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Alonso de Mudarra</i>
Suite in E minor	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>
Prelude (con fugato); Allemande; Courante; Sarabande; Bourée; Gigue.						
Adagio and Minuet	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Fernando Sor</i>
Partita (1963)	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Stephen Dodgson</i>
Allegretto con moto; Molto vivace; Adagio; Allegro.						
Homenage pour le tombeau de Debussy	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Manuel de Falla</i>

Paradoxically, historical knowledge often renders the past even more desiccated than a lack of it, so it must therefore have proved a delightful surprise to many of the audience that through their music the Elizabethans became the most vital and human of people. In Julian Bream's interpretation one caught a realistic glimpse of this, the golden age of English History.

Perhaps the most remarkable work which he played was John Dowland's *Pavane and Galliard*. Concentrated within a delicate framework was an utterance of the most passionate melancholy; the equilibrium of classical poise and romantic ardour seemed to place it on the same plane as Mozart's G minor Symphony. If Dowland's romanticism and the serenity of William Byrd represented the more profound side of the Elizabethans, their lighter thoughts were expressed in such works as the captivating piece by Francis Cutting in which the lute quite suddenly began to have a conversation with itself, or in *Monsieur's Almaine* by Daniel Bachelor with its distinctly witty syncopations.

The second part of the programme was devoted to the guitar although, as Mr. Bream pointed out, both instruments had been invented at about the same time. To

prove his point he played a piece by Alonso de Mudarra written in 1546 which had some startlingly jazzy rhythms for the late middle-ages. This was followed by the magnificently austere *Suite in E minor* by Bach; understandably this was perhaps the least appreciated item on the programme. In strong contrast was an *Adagio and Minuet* by Fernando Sor which combined simplicity and clarity with a wonderful melodic invention. The present day was represented with a *Partita* written by Stephen Dodgson, an Old Stoic, which effectively combined elements of sarcastic humour and restless lyricism.

The programme ended with two works by De Falla including the agonized *Homenage pour le tombeau de Debussy*. There were two encores, a vividly Spanish-American work by Villa-Lobos and a transcription of a Bach movement for unaccompanied 'cello.

To fulfil the essential musical triangle of composer, performer and listener, every performer must secure the sympathy of his audience. The combination of Julian Bream's engaging reflections and his uncanny ability to project his art made this concert a memorable occasion.

K.D.F.

MUSIC IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

SUNDAY, MAY 22nd

MR. WIGGINS (<i>Trumpet</i>)	MR. PROCTOR (<i>Piano</i>)
MR. WATSON AND WENDY RITSON (<i>Violins</i>); MR. EDMONDS (<i>'Cello</i>)	
Concerto in D for Trumpet and Strings	<i>Telemann</i>
Adagio; Allegro; Grave; Allegro.	
Violin Sonata in G minor	<i>Grieg</i>
Lento doloroso-Allegro Vivace; Allegretto tranquillo; Allegro animato.	
Duo, op. 7, for Violin and 'Cello	<i>Kodaly</i>
Allegro serioso non troppo; Adagio andante; Maestoso—presto.	
Trumpet Sonata op. 51 (1945)	<i>Flor Peeters</i>
Allegro; Aria; Toccata.	

This programme covered a wide range of emotional, dramatic and virtuoso appeal. The Grieg Violin Sonata provided some gloriously romantic moments and is full of dance-like tunes and gypsy melodies. Drama too has its place and the whole work has an overall simplicity which is often lacking in Grieg's music.

The Kodaly Duo is a much less immediate work but it has eloquence and clearly has its origins in European folk music. This was a first-class, beautifully balanced performance of a technically difficult work which explores the full range of both instruments.

Nearly two hundred years separates the two works featuring the trumpet—or trumpets, since each work requires a different instrument. The Concerto in C by Telemann is a very precise work using only the notes in harmonic series, as did all pieces for the trumpet in this period. We heard some particularly brilliant playing in both the sustained and rapidly moving passages of this Concerto of which so much

is in the highest range of the instrument. By contrast the Sonata by Flor Peeters is full of chromatic passages and explores the much greater range and fuller tones of the modern instrument. Technically this must be a difficult piece; the composer seems to leave very little opportunity for the performer to breathe, and at least one member of the audience was holding his breath in sympathy.

M.A.B.K.

SPEECH DAY CONCERT

SATURDAY, JUNE 4th, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

THE CHOIR	Conductor—MR. PROCTOR
THE 'CELLO ENSEMBLE	Conductor—MR. EDMONDS
THE WIND QUINTET	Conductor—MR. WIGGINS

THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Leader—J. E. T. TRAININ (C)

Conductor—MR. WATSON

Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 in F	<i>Bach</i>
Soloists.—Flute: D. N. WESTON (C); Oboe: J. B. WINTLE (C);	
'Cello: T. P. BESTERMAN (W); Piano: R. B. SWANSTON (B); Violin:	
MR. WATSON; Trumpet: MR. WIGGINS.	
'CELLO ENSEMBLE:	
Largo	<i>Niso Ticciati</i>
Pizzicato Piece	<i>Trew</i>
Mortify us by Thy Grace	<i>Bach</i>
WIND QUINTET:	
Divertimento (St. Anthony Chorale)	<i>Haydn</i>
Flute: D. N. WESTON (C); Oboe: J. B. WINTLE (C); Clarinet:	
S. T. D. RITCHIE (T); Horn: R. A. RAYNER (G); Bassoon: MR.	
KIRK.	
Concerto for Clarinet	<i>Artie Shaw</i>
Soloist—S. T. D. RITCHIE (T)	
CHOIR:	
Song of the Spirits	<i>Schubert</i>
'Cello Concerto (1st movement)	<i>Elgar</i>
Soloist—K. D. FRAZER (T)	
Music for the Royal Fireworks	<i>Handel</i>

For some people Speech Days and School Concerts are not quite the most eagerly anticipated events in the calendar. Distant memories of a weary parade of platitudes rounded off by an exuberant cacophony of enthusiastic but inadequate musicianship daunt the spirit. Not any longer, however, not after this year's Speech Day which was an entire success and for which the Concert provided a splendid climax.

The programme was gauged for the occasion, varied without being a hotch-potch, suiting all tastes without insulting any, adventurous without overtaxing the resources.

Not that these resources are narrow; no allowance need be made for amateurism, for this was a concert of professional standards. It was delightful, for example, to hear the virtuoso trumpet not merely supported but matched by the rest of the soloists' in the 2nd Brandenburg Concerto, a performance which preserved delicate balance between principals and orchestra. The three pieces for 'Cello Ensemble which followed were all too short—a rare and noble treat, this, to hear twelve 'cellos, their rich tones unalloyed. May we hear more of them, and more too of the Wind Quintet, whose control and subtle colour in the Haydn Divertimento were admirable. Artie Shaw's Clarinet Concerto could have been predicted to bring down the house, but S. T. D. Ritchie's skill and showmanship and the rousing accompaniment which he received ensured that the roof was raised as well.

The Male Voice Choir restored peace and paved the way for Elgar's 'Cello Concerto, but their's was an harmonious performance in its own right and the part singing was clear and exquisitely phrased. K. D. Frazer's 'cello, from the first authoritative entry, sang Elgar's plaintively sad music with sensitive understanding—the outstanding achievement in an outstanding evening. Finally the Fireworks Music, and no perfunctory playing here, either, which can so easily turn it into a damp squib. Once again enjoyable music played with real feeling, gentle delicacy and vivid brilliance.

Not the least of the pleasures of the evening was to see boys and adults playing together, not only as members of the orchestra but also as soloists. I have mentioned too few names. To select would be invidious, and it was apparent that all the musicians drew pleasure and reward enough from the playing, whilst their reception was proof of our gratitude to them. Not often does one hear a member of the School Concert audience say regretfully, "Marvellous—just the right length, except that it was too short by half."

J.M.T.

MUSIC COMPETITIONS

(Individual Entries)

Adjudicators—GRAHAM SMALLBONE, Esq., Director of Music, Dean Close;
PHILIP JONES, Esq., A.R.C.M.

The policy of asking specialist adjudicators to judge the individual competitions has proved very valuable. Mr. Smallbone is both an organist and a cellist, and Mr. Philip Jones is a trumpeter of great distinction, and their comments, both technical and general, were most interesting to all of us. The competition for composers was a new one, made possible through the generosity of the School Shop. The Gethins' Gemini Variations on a theme of Handel had to be seen and heard, just as Britten's Variations of the same name do; between them they managed by boxing and coxing to offer every permutation and combination of which they were capable: piano solo, piano and violin, violin and 'cello, 'cello and piano and piano duet. Swanston won the competition as offering the most original work, but there was some promising neo-Gershwin from Murray, and some most effective Debussy-like piano preludes by Bolton. A very promising inauguration.

Among the instrumentalists, the standard of organ playing was as usual very high, and showed what we owe to Mr. Proctor's teaching, and the junior brass and wind

competition raised our hopes high for the future of wind and brass playing at Stowe.

Winners:—

Junior String :	J. MORETON (G).
Intermediate String :	N. G. F. GETHIN (C).
Senior Violin/Viola :	H. C. FRAZER (T).
Senior 'Cello :	K. D. FRAZER (T).
Intermediate Organ :	N. B. S. STEWART (W).
Senior Organ :	R. B. SWANSTON (B).
Junior Woodwind :	T. B. R. ALBERY (W).
Junior Brass :	C. S. EDWARDS (W).
	J. F. WARDLEY (B).
Senior Woodwind :	D. N. WESTON (C).
	S. T. D. RITCHIE (T).
Senior Brass :	R. A. RAYNER (G).
Composition Prize :	R. B. SWANSTON (B).

STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

To the Editor of *The Stoic*
SIR,

The emphasis at this time of the year in the Club is on outdoor activities and the Club minibus is in use almost every week-end. Easter camp is traditionally the first trip of the year, and a party of members went to Builth Wells in South Wales where they spent the week-end pony-trekking in the Black Mountains and canoeing on the Wye. At Whitsun we travelled to Polzeath in North Cornwall to try some surfing. The weather was perfect but the surf was non-existent so we will have to try again later on in the year when conditions are more suitable.

Many of our keen canoeists are having their first taste of competition this year and we have travelled as far afield as Worcester to compete in Slalom and White-Water events. We were very pleased to act as hosts to groups of Stoics who joined us Sailing and Canoeing at the Welsh Harp and then afterwards at the Club for tea. Later, we paid a return visit to Stowe organised by Mr. C. P. Macdonald. We were very well looked after by members of the Sailing Club who put up with our gyrations very patiently, and by many other Stoics who joined us on the rifle range and introduced us to the delights of the assault course.

Indoors, the Club is a little quieter although the normal training sessions of boxing, football and table tennis are still well supported. One new activity which is proving popular is Aikido, a form of self-defence, which we started in the new year. We are fortunate in having one of the finest Black Belts in the country to teach us, and we hope that some of our members will reach a high standard.

For the future, we are looking forward to the commencement of work on the new Club premises in July, and the completion in early 1967.

Yours faithfully,

ALAN HARBER

Club Leader.

EXHIBITIONS

ART

For once I feel at ease writing a review. I cannot possibly call it a criticism, as I have none; praise yes, encouragement even more. I know the Art School only too well. When I was a pupil at Stowe I spent more time there than anywhere else. Once again, twenty-five years later, older and balder, I visited this wonderful place. To my surprise and pleasure I came across a profusion of colour from floor to ceiling. Each painting adding to the other's design, colour and sculptural form, enough to be the envy of most London and provincial galleries.

My first impression was of intense activity, so much so that it seemed that there was not enough space to show all that was available. Paintings were everywhere, beside, above and below each other. Before I go any further, may I commend the boys (I believe there were about six) who stayed up to the early hours of the morning, placing, aligning and I expect precariously balancing on ladders, hanging these paintings, some I would say ten feet from the floor.

It is very difficult to praise one boy's work and owing to lack of space to pass over another's efforts. I shall therefore be very personal and comment briefly on those works that particularly pleased me.

N. I. A. Bartholomew's (C) works were outstanding, particularly a very long and narrow panel of figures beautifully composed. I would very much like to see this built up in plaster or carved in wood. I understand that he is leaving this term and taking up architecture. I hope his ability and the help he has received from the Art School will one day form a link between artists and architects so that Art becomes an integral part of a building rather than an afterthought. For subtlety of colour J. G. Eades (G) has my admiration. His composition of decaying tree trunks partly buried in grass is most appealing. A. D. Mayfield (G) introduced to the exhibition a highly developed understanding of Optical Art. I was particularly attracted by his canvas (and as it was untitled, I shall call it 'The Blue Window'.) I think most of you will remember it as wide frames of dark to light blue. N. P. Beilby's (G) designs were equally colourful and attractive. A. G. Eve's (G) canvasses were fascinating and in many respects most interesting. Here we have a boy not content with just one method but experimenting enthusiastically with colour form and relief textures. W. Barclay's (C) 'Icarus' in plaster, dominated the floor and seemed to say—"look at me." With its wings outstretched it welcomed visitors to the exhibition. M. T. Metcalfe (C), R. A. S. Osband (T), Beilby and H. C. L. Ryland (G) contributed enormously to the exhibition. I am particularly looking forward to following Ryland's progress. I feel he shows great promise and if he keeps this up and works hard I would forecast a most promising future. May I be forgiven for omitting the names of all the other boys without whose work the 1966 Art Exhibition would never have been so successful and colourful.

I would wish all Parents to join me in thanking Mr. Dady for organising this most impressive Art Exhibition, and to congratulate him for the high standard of work which could only have been achieved by deep understanding of his pupils and a broad knowledge of the many facets of Art together with the new materials available. He has, through his wide personal knowledge and by making these materials available, enabled our sons to benefit by his personal experience. Finally, I would recommend to any parent who possesses a work of art, that might further the understanding and

experience of these boys, to loan it for a short period to the Art School. For only in the detailed appreciation of the best work of others can we help Mr. Dady in his endeavours to widen the artistic horizons of his pupils.

P. R. CRABBE (G 1941)

PHOTOGRAPHY

That photography is an art and a science was amply shown in the very high standard of entry for this year's competition just before Speech Day.

Of those who devote a good deal of time to photography both at Stowe and in the holidays, the skill of T. Reid (B) and C. V. A. Bailey (G) is now almost taken for granted. Their work rightly dominated the exhibition, and the judges discovered a breadth of scope and competence that would credit many a professional.

C. V. A. Bailey's entry had that extra margin of diversity which gave him the prize, and the award for the best individual photograph went to him for 'The Serpentine.' T. Reid won the second prize with a clever technical shot of the 'Jazz Trumpeter.'

Although Messrs. Bailey and Reid collected the main honours, there were several admirable compositions from different individuals, and the third prize went to A. B. Joyce (C) for his imaginative view of a dustbin.

THE WORKSHOPS

The Speech Day exhibition provided an excellent opportunity to appreciate the skilled results of a great deal of hard work, much of it needing considerable patience, that has been put in over the last year. Throughout the exhibition there was evidence of commendable results from Stoics not always so distinguished in the classroom.

In the metalwork section, the exhibits showed a standard that would do credit to a senior craftsman and were exceptional for Sixth Formers. N. G. Rossi (C) won the John Holland prize for metalwork with his reproduction of a screw-barrelled flintlock pistol *circa* 1720. This outstanding exhibit required a very high degree of skill because of the demands of its intricate design which included an integral breech and lockplate. W. T. Partridge's (C) ingenious freelance percussion pistol, copied from the design of an early 19th century duelling pistol, also required an unusual degree of skill.

The woodwork display included a varied collection of turned bowls and lamps and some very competent furniture. There was a strong emphasis on clean Swedish lines which set off the warm colour of the African hardwood, Afromosia, used in the greater part of the work. P. S. M. Abbott (G) won the Friends of Stowe prize with a skilled and finely made contemporary study desk in afromosia. The woodwork display showed a galaxy of talent, and other items included W. G. Cheyne's (C) excellent extending dining table, A. R. M. Baker's (G) dinghy of fluent craftsmanship, and B. G. Claridge's (W) racy-looking Fireball sailing dinghy.

THE LIBRARY

August sees the close of the first successful year of the newly-equipped Library. Four additional Manuscript Cases have been fitted and, under the direction of Mr. Clarke, boys have catalogued a number of 18th and 19th century Stowe documents. Interest in the Stowe Collection increases and greater use is being made of reference books.

The smooth running of the Library owes a great deal to the keen co-operation of its officials and to the continuity in their service. The Prefect of the Library, I. F. Buchanan (W) has held office for two terms—having previously acted as House Monitor. Of the Monitors, one only has served for less than two terms and four have worked throughout the year: P. Y. Rapelye (B), S. C. Wills (T), D. G. Jones (G), B. R. Lawrence (C), N. I. A. Bartholomew (C), G. N. Crass (C), M. A. Burton (C), W. S. Johnstone (W). Furthermore, the majority of boys using the lending section have shown consideration in returning books promptly; over the year more than six thousand have been taken out.

Forty-six books were added to the Library during the Summer Term.

FOURTEEN DAYS UNDER SAIL

Someone was violently tugging at my feet and at the same time a torch shone in my face. I groaned loudly and all but swore at my unknown assailant. "Come on, wake up!" a gruff voice echoed out of the sooty blackness. "It's 11.45, and it's blowing force seven."

"Hell!" I said to myself, "Not the middle watch again." I stumbled out of my bunk and groped for my torch. I felt awful. I had been violently sick that day and had spent most of the time at the guard rail. Now I had nothing left inside me and I felt a dull aching at the pit of my stomach. Someone dashed for the 'heads' colliding with a bulkhead on the way. "Oh dear!" I thought "there goes Henry." Henry was one of those unfortunate boys who was sick the whole time, and perpetually looked green.

A foot hit me on the shoulder and I realized it was the fellow from the top bunk trying to get out. I tried to stand up, but was immediately flung to the deck. Chaos reigned as twelve boys attempted to put on their oilskins in a dark confined space. To add to this the deck was at an angle of about twenty degrees and the ship was pitching madly.

Immediately I got on deck the wind and the spray lashed at me, stinging my face. I shivered audibly. I gradually made my way aft to the bridge, hanging on to the guard rail for dear life. The foam was skimming past with a loud rush, and it was not till then that I realised we were making about fifteen knots. The leeward side was almost under water and a large wave licked at my legs, trying to suck me into the turbulent sea.

When I greeted the 'look-out,' from whom I was taking over, all he offered in return was a loud chattering of teeth. The poor devil was obviously very cold. It was only now that I was able to survey the schooner. She was heeled right over under full sail, and was ploughing through the waves at high speed. The wind was blowing hard and one had to shout to be heard.

"She's going well" yelled the skipper to the officer of the watch, as he prepared to light another cigar. "The outer jib is lifting" he shouted at the watch leader. "Take some boys and haul it in."

I was immediately collared with three others and we made our way across the slanted deck, slippery with spray, up to the fore mast. We took the outer jib sheet off the cleat and took up the strain.

"Two, six, heave!" yelled the watch leader. We heaved with all our might and managed to bring in a few inches. This operation was repeated several times, until

he was happy that the sail was flat enough. My hands felt as though they had been ripped to bits. The rope was made fast and we returned to our posts.

We had begun our two-week 'jaunt' on the schooner *Sir Winston Churchill*. It was a voyage full of adventure and a completely different way of life from anything I have done before. The sensation of being pulled through the water by the wind is so fantastic I just cannot describe it. We relied entirely on the wind, and where it went the ship went.

Luckily the wind took us to Rotterdam where we were given a very good reception. The port was most impressive and the docks stretched for miles on end. We were given the best berth in the town and there was always a constant stream of people crowding round the ship, staring. It obviously warmed their hearts, as the Dutch are a seafaring race.

After two wonderful days in Rotterdam we put up the square sails and sailed due North. The weather was gorgeous and for two days we were almost be-calmed. We put into Newcastle, and finally docked at Hull.

Two weeks of an experience which I shall never forget had ended. It was not only an experience of adventure, but it was also an experience of living with a complete cross-section of boys. They ranged from public school boys to police cadets and junior Naval ratings. The result was a very happy crew, as everyone pulled their weight.

It would take a book to include everything, but my advice is that all boys who are wishing to seek adventure, but also willing to put up with a bit of hardship, should take a cruise in the S.T.S. *Sir Winston Churchill*.

N.J.L.M.

VERSE

The following won the J. F. Roxburgh Prize for English Verse (Senior):-

VIETMINH

Through the great grey stone places tolling
The bells the cold air quiver
In long mournful iron rolling,
In cells where dark monks pray
With hollow clicking of the beads and bone.
—The sun thins waning swift tonight—
(Insistent clangour of the bronze from stone:
Windnursed bins: shudder, shiver)
Of ricewine and in Rain, where blackcrab dust
Rings round the crescent bay,
Scoured clean and windthin. Their silent lust
Is wild on the wings of the kite.

In starwatch passes of the lonely Chindt,
 From goldgreen going at sunshot noon,
 —Harmonica blowing highpitch tune—
 Where whisper grasses in the falseflush dawning,
 (Felt catpad tread in the Courts of the Morning)
 Where whores and beggars, seers slowstrung
 Follow the sun, the smoke, lowflung
 The constant rain upon the spentbreath wind.

Marionettes in mime, whose blood ebbs so,
 Whose eyes are flick-and-stare, rainfaint.
 —Nightmare of bubbletime—The drastic flow
 From the sobbing needlehammered
 Dolls, whose plastic skins the punctures taint,
 Ease out their death, with deft hands prick up flashes.
 Tripchatter of bullets stammered.
 Tense tendons and hayhair with empty eyes,
 Flamed forth their breath (homunculus to ashes)
 Never now to pluck the wayward restless chords,
 Slack sallow mouth : look on him where he lies,
 Naked and bereft under the upraised swords.

In the space of clapping hands, eyelids soundless blink,
Timshell-dime-Jesse killed in fumbled deed
 —Trace of time in that stilled face, a crystal race—
 Among the Broken Gods and tumbleweed.

These dead men cannot rise and run
 —The Eastern Kinsmen of the Sun—

CARGOES Mk. II

Pullman-car of Manchester from Northern England
 Roaring home to haven, under gloomy skies
 With a cargo of businessmen,
 Pinstripes and bowlers,
 Briefcases, umbrellas and old school ties.

Shapely Alfa coupée coming from the West End
 Darting through the traffic in the rush-hour streets,
 With a cargo of fashions,
 Débutantes, bonnes vivenses,
 Pepsi and magazines on the seats.

Dirty Austin Seven with a broken window,
 Chugging up the M1 at ten miles per hour,
 With a cargo of footballs,
 Picnics and beer-cans
 Striped rock and effigies of Blackpool tower.

(*With apologies to John Masefield*).

C.L.K.G.

G.L.H.

REALITY

I woke up, and saw the cock crowing,
 Little knowing that I'd missed my train :
 For it was five past ten.
 I sat up, and admired the fellow's splendour,
 Heard him render shrill and cheerful notes,
 Magnificent, and vain.

I went out, and saw the roach springing,
 The thrush singing in a tree above.
 The roach leapt once again
 Into the air and back into the pool,
 What a fool to be an absent-minded clerk—
 Nonentity in love !

I went in. How it seemed a pity
 That the city was the prime necessity
 For men, at least for me.
 I'd watched them eagerly ; the roach and cock.
 What a shock it was to see a grubby cockroach—
 Symbol of reality.

I see in nature what I see in fiction—
 At first the statement, then the contradiction.

P.E.L.

. So I abandoned rhyme
 Along with all the other feudal fetters
 Of poetic inspiration.
 The trouble was
 That every time
 I tried the thing the letters
 Began to fall
 Into some fatal
 Combination
 Where ' rhyme ' rhymed with ' time '
 ' Fetters '
 With ' letters ' . . .
 ' Inspiration ',
 ' Combination ' . . .
 And so on,
 And so on . . .
 Oh, why need I
 Go on ?

P.E.L.

SPRING

The chilly winter's over,
 And spring is here again;
 The sweeter breath of softer breeze
 Blows again on land and seas;
 And fans new leaves upon the trees,
 And drives away the rain.
 The prospect of the summer
 Cheers the cheerless hearts;
 And people cannot miss the sight
 Of pretty flowers in colours bright,
 Growing in the new spring light
 With which the season starts.

And now in every quarter
 Comes in this season new,
 And birds are singing in a crowd
 Their springtime songs so sweet and loud;
 They fly about the flowers proud,
 And frolic in the dew.
 For now the winter's over
 Spring's turn it is again
 To beautify the evenings long
 And make the blackbird sing his song
 To bring forth all the sunlight strong
 And drive away the rain.

M.T.von B.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE XII CLUB

The Club has had two meetings this term and looks forward to a third at which Mr. Gavin Maxwell will be reading and discussing an unpublished article of his written for the *Saturday Evening Post*. At the first meeting G. M. Wolfson (C) gave a paper on "The Sudanic Civilization." J. R. Raish (G) gave the paper at the second meeting; the subject of his paper was "Oliver Cromwell." This paper was very entertaining and was enjoyed by all present.

The Club unfortunately loses its President, Mr. Saunders, this term, and wishes him and his wife a very happy retirement.

T.B.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The Society met twice during the first half of this term. T. R. G. Bradshaw (C) spoke on "Plato's Political Theories," giving an account of the ideal state propounded in the *Republic*, consisting of a small governing and warrior class and the property-

owning 'working' class. The second paper, which concealed its merits under the not very promising title of "Rome and the Romans," was read by M. J. Ivory (C). He dealt with many sides of Roman life: houses, games and chariot-racing, education, religion and marriage, among other things. There arose a discussion from this paper on trends in world migrations.

A.P.S.

THE NUCLEUS

On May 25th the Nucleus convened in the Societies Room to listen to a paper on 'Modern Computers' delivered by J. R. Hartland-Swann (B) which also included a historical survey. The subject is important to all branches of science and thus the paper caused considerable interest among the members.

June 15th was the date of the second meeting of the term, in which the secretary gave a paper on 'Relativity and Cosmology.' This also successfully aroused interest in the members, if only because of the unlikely and logically incomprehensible results obtained in mathematical treatment of Relativity.

The Nucleus continues with a high standard in its discussions, and it is to be hoped that the subjects considered in the future will be of the same diverse nature as they have been in the past.

J.E.T.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

Because of the anticipated good weather and impending examinations, activities of the Society have been concentrated at each end of the term. There were two lectures at the beginning of term: the first on 29th April, was given by Miss M. Olliver on Food, Chemistry and Biology. She gave a very good account of the methods of food preservation, mentioning the causative agents and processes (such as freezing, dehydration and canning) and discussed in some detail the action of a fungus on fruit salad. Other topics, such as agricultural and soil sciences, vitamins, scurvy and irradiation were also mentioned. The second, on May 5th, was by Professor A. Waterson, of Guy's Hospital, on Microscopic Viruses. After dismissing the aurora of mystery which previously surrounded the subject he discussed the history, properties and appearance of viruses, and went on to mention their culture and treatment. An account of their geometrical structure, followed by their connections with cancer and future problems concluded an excellent lecture. It is hoped to show a number of films in the last week of term.

During the whole of the term the project work, supervised by Mr. Horne, has been progressing well. Projects include radio transmitters and hovercraft.

The projected expedition to Coleshill gas works had to be postponed because of lack of support but it is intended to include it in next term's programme.

R.C.P.

THE SEDIMENTARIANS

Owing to pressure of events this term, the Sedimentarians had only one meeting. This took the form of a very instructive and well prepared paper by D. M. Cohen (G) on a Classical theme, and, appropriately delivered in the Temple of Ancient Virtue on the night preceding the School Ball. The paper was followed by members reading poems of their own choice, and it was realised that Sedimentarian taste is fairly catholic.

C.R.D.

STOWE PRESS

The Press moves from strength to strength, and despite the attraction of outside activities that deprives so many other societies of members during the summer term, much has been done. Several concert programmes have been printed including one for the Orchestra's visit to St. Edward's School, Oxford. Other work has included various tickets and cards for many School societies and an interesting cover for this Term's issue of *Rostrum*. We are now busy producing chits for the Bookshop.

As last year, the printing room was open to visitors on Speech Day and proved to be of interest to many.

J.N.T.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This term has probably seen a greater increase in the activity of the society than any previous term. At the first meeting a small subscription fee was instituted and this is being used to help pay for prizes. There are now almost twenty official members.

At the time of writing the article the darkroom had been used seventy times by different members during the term, and the fact that the junior entries in this term's competition were infinitely better even than last term's shows that the darkroom is being put to excellent use.

Two junior members in particular—R. M. M. Morrison (G) and M. A. K. Parkes (W) should be mentioned for their keenness and improvement over the last few terms.

No-one denied the fact that the standard of the annual competition on Speech Day was higher than it has ever been before. A more detailed criticism of the competition has been written elsewhere; however it should be mentioned that over one hundred prints were entered by fifteen people. The prizes won by C. V. A. Bailey (G) for the best photograph in the competition and the best complete entry together with T. Reid's (B) prize for the second best photograph were given as consolation prizes to Morrison, Parker and M. T. Metcalfe (C) whose entries were not quite up to the standard of A. B. Joyce (C) who took third prize.

With the very high standard evident in the competition it is hoped that the society will be given some better equipment for the school darkroom.

C.V.A.B.
T.R.

FOLK SONG SOCIETY

Activity this term has consisted of two normal meetings and one concert held at the Queen's Temple. The concert was arranged mainly by Mr. Dennien who had asked his sister's group, The Newscasters, to come and sing on the Saturday evening and take a service 'in the modern idiom' in Chapel the following day. Both appearances were very successful, and we look forward to seeing them again soon.

The Society's other meetings showed that there is now quite a sizeable regular audience attending, and we hope that this indicates an appreciation of the work being put into the Society by its few performing members. However, still more interest in actually performing at meetings is needed, especially as this term we lose J. Greenwood (G) and W. A. Daniel (C) who have been the main contributors.

The biggest 'folk' attraction of the term was the performance given in the Roxburgh Hall by Julie Felix, the American folk-singer. A report of this concert appears separately.

Further interest this term took the form of a visit to Leicester to hear Bob Dylan.

It can only be hoped that this new active interest in folk music from both the Society and the School in general will continue to grow in the future.

J.G.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

This term has seen an increase in the numbers of the Natural History Society, and several interesting projects have been started, on subjects ranging from 'small mammal populations' to 'fossil studies.' On Expedition Day a visit was made to Wicken Fen, the British Waterways Museum at Stoke Bruerne, and to the Flamingo Farm at Olney, owned by an Old Stoic, C. J. S. Marler (G 1950).

The exhibition organised by the members for Speech Day provoked a good deal of interest from both parents and boys. One of the most important projects of the Society this term has been the proposed setting up of a Nature Reserve in Stowe grounds. This is still at the embryonic stage, but will, we hope, be situated around the Lower Oxford Water and should include a small, covered trout hatchery.

Next term we hope to make a start on a Natural History Society Magazine, so any new, and enthusiastic, members will be welcome.

J.B.D.

THE GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

This term has reversed the annual summer trend inasmuch as our membership has increased into the upper nineties. This is heartening news—firstly because it usually goes down in the summer term, and secondly because it had shown signs of declining last winter. We can now feel sure of ourselves again.

Although little has been done in the way of obvious change in the Gramophone Room, methods of retrieving overdue records have been steadily improved; also, since it appears obvious that we are not to be given new armchairs, we intend to stretch our slender funds to buying two in the study sales at the end of term.

It has become the practice in recent years to add a large number of records in the Summer, and not so many in the other two terms. This term is no exception, and our additions are again numerous. They do, upon occasions, embrace a few special considerations. Firstly we have started to collect the reasonably cheap Russian recordings, now available in this country; we are generally increasing our repertoire of Russian music; an erstwhile rather bare Sibelius shelf has been added to; and finally, most of our new works are symphonies, to balance the large quantity of specialist music added in previous terms.

Our additions comprise: Shostakovitch's Symphony No. 10; Prokofiev's Symphony Concerto for Cello and Orchestra, and Symphony No. 4; Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings in C; Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade; Haydn's Symphony No. 88, coupled with Schumann's Symphony No. 4; also the latter's Symphony No. 3 (The Rhenish); Mahler's Symphony No. 7; Berlioz's Symphony, 'Harold in Italy'; Lalo's 'Symphonie Espagnole'; Sibelius' Symphonies Nos. 2 and 4; Vaughan Williams' London Symphony (No. 2); Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No. 2 and Mozart's Bassoon Concerto in B flat, and Clarinet Concerto in A. In all, seventeen works, which is more than the usual intake for the entire year.

The Secretary, on his departure, would like to thank Mr. Burke very much for his kind assistance at all times, and for the benefit of his guiding hand on the frequent occasions when it was called for.

J.A.F.

C.C.F.

Instead of the normal Annual Inspection this year, a Field Day was held, visited by Major-General I. R. Graeme, O.B.E. (T 1931), Director of Army Recruiting. A Guard of Honour composed of detachments from the R.N., Army, and R.A.F. Sections, was inspected by him on his arrival at Stowe. Afterwards, General Graeme visited the various sections at work. Among the highlights of his tour was a ferry for transporting a 25-pounder across the lake, made by the Royal Engineer Section, and lunch eaten in the field cooked by members of Proficiency. We have also had a visit from the Naval member of the J.C.E., Commander J. F. House.

On the same day, Naval and Army Proficiency Boards were held. The results were:—

For the Navy— Advanced Proficiency— 2 passed 4 failed
 Proficiency—10 passed 21 failed

For the Army— Proficiency—17 passed 25 failed

In the Easter holidays Lt.-Colonel Pinchbeck took twenty boys on Arduous Training in Denmark, being attached to the Royal Danish Life Guards. A most useful and enjoyable time was had, and our thanks are due to the great kindness of our hosts. A report appears elsewhere. Lieutenant Mead and eight naval cadets also went to H.M.S. *Excellent*.

Two naval cadets attended the Seaday demonstration at Portsmouth on 15th June. About twenty cadets helped to instruct the Royal Buckinghamshire Yeomanry (T.A.) in the assault course and assault boats, launched their gun and ran a night march. All sections have been camping regularly, doing the expedition up to the standard of the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Medal.

We say farewell to Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. Pinchbeck this term, and give him our congratulations and wish him every good fortune in his new appointment as Headmaster of Markham College, Lima, Peru. His has been a notable period of command, during which the Stowe C.C.F. has been a pioneer in developing Arduous Training both in the United Kingdom and overseas. Major R. C. Rawcliffe has been appointed to take over from him.

We welcome 2nd Lieutenants J. S. M. Morris and D. E. Horne as Officers in the C.C.F. and thank Captain A. M. Vinen, who is retiring, for his many years of work in the Royal Engineer Section.

The Coldstream Cup was once again keenly contested. The results are:—

1.	CHATHAM	11 points.
2.	BRUCE COBHAM	24 points.
4.	WALPOLE	27 points.
5.	CHANDOS	28 points.
6.	GRAFTON	29 points.
7.	GRENVILLE	35 points.
8.	TEMPLE	38 points.

R.A.F. SECTION

At the beginning of the Easter holidays Squadron-Leader Fox and four cadets spent a most instructive and enjoyable week at Royal Air Force Gütersloh in Northern Germany. (They travelled by charter aircraft and, as a result, now have a much greater respect for the time-keeping on regular scheduled services: from reporting to the departure airfield in Germany to arriving at Gatwick, 8½ hours elapsed: the flying time was 55 minutes).

Gütersloh, an ex-Luftwaffe airfield, is only a very few minutes flying time from the Iron Curtain and plays a most active part in the NATO defence forces. This fact was emphasised when, during the week, a tactical exercise was held and the station went on to a war footing. One felt that one was really at the "sharp end" of the Air Force.

A week later another group experienced a very different aspect of the Service at Manston. This Battle of Britain fighter station has now been reduced to the role of 'Master Diversion Airfield.' Although this is vital to the safety of aircraft in distress or bad weather, the station has little to offer cadets in its normal routine. Its exposed position and the unseasonable weather in mid-April gave those present some involuntary training in arctic survival.

The same weather prevented the three cadets on a gliding course at Halton from achieving more than a few dual flights each.

Training this term has followed its usual pattern: some twenty cadets are awaiting with quiet confidence, or fatalistically, the results of Proficiency and Advanced Proficiency exams. Field Day was spent in various field and initiative exercises, and one-night camps are providing the hardier members of the Section with the chance to pit their endurance against the elements and the results of their own cooking.

The following Promotions and Appointments were made this term:—

GENERAL DUTIES:

Appointed *Under-Officer*: Sergeants M. P. J. Fielding (G), S. C. Wills (T), A. C. Wolfe (G), J. Greenwood (G).
 Promoted to *Sergeant*: Corporals M. I. H. B. Forde (W), R. S. Fox (T), J. M. S. Napier (C).

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION:

Rated *Coxswain*: Petty Officer N. J. L. Martin (W).
 Rated *Petty Officer*: Leading Seaman J. S. Aiken (C).

ROYAL SIGNALS PLATOON:

Promoted to *Colour Sergeant*: Sergeant I. F. MacMaster (T).
 Promoted to *Sergeant*: Corporals J. A. G. Johnson (B), P. J. H. McCarthy (G), C. J. Watkin (G), J. B. Wintle (C).

MOTOR TRANSPORT PLATOON:

Promoted to *Sergeant*: Lance Corporal T. D. Everett (G).

ROYAL AIR FORCE SECTION:

Appointed *Under Officer*: Sergeant R. A. Syms (B).
 Promoted to *Sergeant*: Corporal D. M. Cohen (G).

CAMP IN DENMARK

For the first ten days of the Easter holidays a party consisting of two officers, the R.S.M. and twenty cadets were honoured to be invited to visit Denmark's top regiment, The Royal Danish Life Guards, based at Sandholmlejren, near Copenhagen. We went as an Arduous Training Party, expecting the normal tough camp, but our hopes were soon happily dashed.

On our first day we visited Herlufholm, the premier Public School of Denmark. It was most interesting to see how our contemporaries fared—on the whole, rather well. We were taken on a very full inspection of the school, ranging from seeing the oldest surviving document in the country, proudly displayed in their library, to visiting their rather more modern dining-rooms, where we were given the best lunch the boys could remember! We continued to the Royal Hussars Armoured Regiment, at Naestved where we saw a display of the King's Mounted Bodyguard, and subsequently—how trusting the Danes must be!—were let loose on their tanks.

Next day, after a full inspection of our rather bleak, but not too uncomfortable camp, we set out on a bus tour of the three main Castles. First we saw Fredericksborg, which is now a museum. We then went to Fredensborg, the King's Summer Palace, where, by special invitation of King Frederick, we were honoured to be the first tourists to be shown around inside—and what a memorable experience it was. Our last stop was Hamlet's Castle at Elsinore, where we had another detailed tour, much of it in the somewhat unattractive dungeons.

Sunday came next, and we attended Morning Service at the English Church of St. Alban's. We then went to the Amalienborg Palace—their Buckingham Palace—where we watched the Changing of the Guard, which was not far alienated from the English Ceremony. We now experienced some of the incredible Danish hospitality when we were guests of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Fredericksen—the Battalion Commander and his wife—to a most excellent lunch at their delightful home at Sorgenfri—a suburb of Copenhagen. The rest of the day was our own, spent in Copenhagen.

On Monday morning we were shown around the Holmen Naval Dockyard, and a minesweeper of the Danish Navy. From there we went to the Kastellet, which is the fortress within the city. Here we had a most interesting talk on the history of the war-faring Danes, and on the fortress itself. After lunch in the Officers' Mess, we were given the afternoon off to inspect the shopping facilities of Copenhagen.

That evening perhaps marked the highlight of our entire trip when we were delightfully entertained by His Excellency, the British Ambassador and Lady Henniker-Major to a cocktail party along with our already large number of friends, followed by a first-rate dance, at which stage the 'elders' tactfully departed!

Our life of social rounds had to come to an end sometime, and Tuesday saw the start of our working for our keep. We started the day with demonstrations of, and practices with, Danish weapons, and methods of combat under surprise attack. However, it came as a most agreeable break when we stopped for lunch and discovered that we were now to have three hours off. For yet again, the most delightful Danish hospitality was extended towards us, as we were guests of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Colonel Grüner, to a most magnificent luncheon in the Officers' Mess of our barracks. It had certainly not taken us long to learn that when the Danes entertain, they pull out all the stops!

Wednesday was certainly our hardest day there, but this did not mean that it lacked enjoyment. The day was spent learning and practising the art of section-leading and

fighting over the countryside. The night was devoted to an 'Escape and Evasion' Exercise with the Danish Home Guard.

After but a few hours sleep, on Thursday we were to put into practice all we had heard of the famous Scandinavian Orienteering Races—a map-reading competition with a difference. The competitors were paired off, given six map references spread over four miles of forest, and then had to visit each reference in turn collecting a vital piece of information at each, and return to the start in the shortest possible time. The winners of this were R. Helweg-Larsen and R. A. Lamping, closely followed by C. G. G. Sharp and J. C. Gordon-Finlayson.

The next day being Good Friday, we had it to ourselves. This was spent very happily—some taking a last look at the beautiful city of Copenhagen, whilst others improved friendships of the previous Monday!

All too soon it was Saturday again, and the time had come for us to depart. It must be rare for a Corps Camp to be so enjoyable, and the time went far too quickly. Before we left England, we had heard much of the famous Danish hospitality, but seeing is indeed believing. We made a huge number of friends and there are so many people to whom we are indebted. Perhaps foremost amongst these we should thank the British Ambassador, Colonel Grüner, Lieutenant-Colonel Fredericksen, and Captain Jorgensen, who looked after us so well whilst we were there. Above all, however, the one most to be thanked is Colonel Pinchbeck, whose hard work enabled his swansong to be so very successful.

J.A.F.

SHOOTING

The season began in earnest with a visit to Bisley during the Easter holidays when several prospective new members of the team were able to gain valuable experience. Some high scores were achieved, notably by A. C. Wolfe (G) who obtained two possibles in succession at 200 yards.

Our first competition of the term was a new one for us, the London and Middlesex Meeting at Bisley. Scores were on the whole disappointing, and a modest 476 placed us 15th out of 21 schools competing. The Cadet Pair however, R. C. Unwin (C) and A. V. Hope (G), scored a respectable 122 to finish sixth. At the Midlands Schools Meeting the VIII score improved to 480 and overall we were placed higher than last year. The Oxford Schools Meeting was shot on a most unfortunate day—it rained the whole time—and our VIII score dropped to a disappointing 467. The Cadet Pair on this occasion, Unwin and R. P. K. Carmichael (W), shot well to be placed second (but this was after leading at the 200 yards shoot) and A. C. Cooper (G), shooting as IXth man, had a superb shoot at 500 yards dropping only one point to retain the cup that we won last year.

Our general standard of shooting is improving all the time, and bearing in mind that six of last year's VIII have left, the scores have been satisfactory. We hope, of course, to improve our score in the Ashburton at Bisley on July 19th and the results will appear next term.

Results:—

	VIII	Cadet Pair	IXth Man	No. of Schools
LONDON & MIDDLESEX MEETING	15th	6th	18th	21
MIDLAND MEETING	8th	3rd	5th	17
OXFORD SCHOOLS MEETING ...	5th	2nd	1st	6

SCOUTS

SENIOR TROOP

With a large number of inexperienced seniors still we have concentrated this term on the basic camping skills. There have been about four weekend camps by groups of two or three and two patrols have been out so far for a weekend. Positions of camps have varied from Thornton and Black Pit to Silverstone area and Deanshanger. During the Wednesday sessions we have worked away at the Pioneer Badge and each patrol has completed a project taking some four or five weeks. We have also covered some of the requirements for the Venturer Badge and hope to lay on the Adventurer journey next term.

Our major undertaking this term was a trip to Brecon Beacons on Field Day and the day before. Although we met with a certain number of difficulties we enjoyed a good day climbing, swimming and later lazing in the sun. We began to see at this stage how vital it is that everyone should be capable in the basic skills of camp life and be willing to play his part.

At the time of writing this report we are looking forward to meeting the four Swedish scouts who are staying with us here and at camp, for three weeks in all, as part of World Friendship Year. Fourteen people in all will be going to the camp at Lake Windermere and we look forward to a wide range of activities.

The report of the Chief Scout's Advance Party, which received considerable national publicity, will change the structure of our scouts here. We shall be beginning to work the new organisation next term and change to the new uniform within the year. Changes will mean that the Senior Scouts (now to be called Venture Scouts) will run from 16 to 18 years instead of the present 15 to 18 years. On our part this will mean an effort to build up a small, efficient troop making a worthwhile contribution to the community as well as furthering the personal development of its members.

JUNIOR TROOP

Much excitement has been caused this term by the probable advent of the new Scout uniform; this new look will be accompanied by far-reaching changes throughout the Organisation so that Scouting will well and truly be 'in the twentieth century.' The younger members have been working towards their second class, and the end of term should see the greater proportion of the troop over this hurdle.

A lot of camping has been done by the troop, and although this was, at first, rather chaotic, the troop quickly learned to organise the site, and quite high standards were attained. One camp was held jointly with an Oxford troop which included a 'night op,' where a much beefier Stoic contingent rather got the better of the Oxford group. Pioneering projects have been many and varied, including a watch tower, and an aerial ropeway across the gravel pit.

The decorating in the scout hut has been almost completed, now all it needs is windows! Next term the troop will be getting down to senior badge work and new members will be welcomed.

CRICKET

With the Free Foresters match to come, the School has won four, lost three and drawn four matches. While this season does not compare with last year's record, nevertheless it can be accounted a success. The same brand of attacking cricket has been played and of the losses, lack of experience in batting on very slow wickets cost the School the first two matches, and the St. Edward's game was lost by a whisker. All the other inter-school matches were won convincingly, with the exception of Oundle where rain ruined the match. The other draws against the clubs were all good games, excitement being maintained until the last over of each. There was another particularly good performance against the Authentics, Black making 124 in eighty-five minutes, well supported by Dixey's 69 not out, and the Authentic's last pair had to struggle to play out time. The Templars recovered well from 22 for 4 to be all out for 187; and shrewd captaincy by N. C. S. Barling kept the School chasing the clock and in the end a draw was a fair result in a match in which both sides had a chance of winning. Against the M.C.C. the School had the disadvantage of bowling throughout with a wet ball and after a slow start the visitors made 165 for 3. The premier Club, whose dignity had suffered a severe jolt last season, were obviously determined not to lose for they left the School forty minutes less batting time (the ball was now dry) and a run rate of 92 per hour. Stowe took up the challenge from the start and, if Black's purple patch had lasted longer, might well have won. In the end the hunt had to be called off and there was no difficulty in making a draw.

The main weakness of the batting was a lack of solidity in the middle, but the aggressive approach of the side went some way to making up for this and only against St. Edward's did it really fail to come up to expectations. Durlacher always looked full of runs, but too often was out when going well. His driving of the quick bowlers was a joy to watch. He and Stock, who was effective in his unorthodox way, more often than not got the innings off to a good start. Dixey played some fine innings and did not have the best of luck, which might account for the fact that he did not quite make the runs expected of him. Black had the ability to turn a match in half an hour and his hitting was probably the most exciting thing seen in school cricket since the young Dexter. If only he could learn judgment! It is interesting to note that in his school career he has scored 149 boundaries as against 143 singles. At the beginning of the season it was hoped that Buchanan would provide the solidity which was wanted in the middle, but after a good innings

against Bedford he had one of those spells which affect all batsmen at times. Davies was another exciting hitter of the ball and played some useful innings, but too often impetuosity cost him his wicket. Early in the season Raw seemed to have pretensions of being a stylist, but once he forsook this and began to play his natural game again, played some most valuable innings in the School matches. Greig's figures do not do him justice and if he had batted higher he would probably have made many more runs. He was invaluable at number eight as he could play an attacking or defensive game equally well. Forde came late into the team and if he can cure a technical weakness should make runs next year. Lawrence and Ritchie, with their own patient methods, produced the kind of defence so infuriating to bowlers trying to get the last wickets.

Once again it was the bowling which chiefly won matches and here again the main damage was done by Black. He bowled for very long spells without losing speed or accuracy. In five inter-school matches he took a wicket in his first over and in the sixth, in his second. Dixey was not the force of last year, but in the middle of the season he was troubled by an injury, and towards the end of the season seemed to be coming back to his best form. Much more use was made of Ritchie this season and he frequently got the vital wicket. He was never played with confidence and for a wrist spinner was remarkably accurate and inexpensive. To take some of the strain off Black and Dixey it was important to have a stock bowler, and although Cooper seemed as if he might fill the bill at one time, he lost confidence and the gap was never really filled.

The ground fielding was very good to watch, with the whole team giving of their best, although the catching fell some way below last year's standard. Lawrence kept wicket extremely well, making some brilliant catches and being a particularly quick stumper. Finally all credit to Durlacher, who was an outstanding captain. He never let the situation drift along but was always thinking and attacking. He was responsible for the fine spirit of the side which Mr. Oakes and I have found a pleasure to coach.

The 1st XI:—W. P. Durlacher (W), J. N. Dixey (B), C. J. R. Black (C), J. P. Raw (C), S. A. Stock (W), S. T. D. Ritchie (T), B. R. Lawrence (C), A. P. Greig (T), B. S. Davies (C), I. F. Buchanan (W), M. I. H. B. Forde (W).

STOWE v. BRADFIELD

Played at Stowe on Saturday, May 21st. Stowe won by 36 runs.

Stowe entered the match with some confidence after a splendid display against the Authentics, but perhaps with a sneaking feeling that they relied overmuch on Black

and Dixey to make the runs and take the wickets. Consequently in a fluctuating game, it was encouraging to beat Bradfield for the first time in eight years, with Black having a relative off-day.

Durlacher and Stock started confidently and Durlacher, who was playing particularly well, was unlucky to get a ball which lifted off a good length. Stock was well caught at cover and when Black, who had made a most circumspect start, and Buchanan both chose the wrong ball to hit, Bradfield were on top. Dixey and Davies played sensibly and gradually repaired the situation, Dixey playing some fine drives and forces off the back foot. However, they were both out in the over before lunch and the game had again swung Bradfield's way. For Bradfield, Harrison bowled unchanged and gave little away.

After lunch, Raw, forsaking his natural game, was bowled shouldering arms and with no recognized batting to come Stowe looked like folding up.

Lawrence and Ritchie had other thoughts and, by applying themselves sensibly within their limitations, gave splendid support for over an hour. Lawrence used his two scoring shots discreetly and Ritchie, to quote the *Sunday Telegraph* 'exceeded his last season's aggregate by 7.' All the time Greig played admirably, showing a solid defence and hitting the bad ball hard.

Black took a wicket with the first ball of the Bradfield innings, but when Michel, the captain and best batsman, was dropped off Dixey from a simple chance and then should have been run out by a street, it seemed as if Stowe would pay dearly for these mistakes. However, Lawrence took a fine catch to dismiss Michel and when Dixey bowled Hall in the same over and Kirkness two overs later the game had swung to Stowe. After tea Harrison and Wickham restored the balance and scored quickly, but Dixey and Ritchie broke the stand and with forty minutes to go the last Bradfield pair were together. They seemed immovable but with only ten minutes to go, Ritchie came back and his first over finished the match.

Dixey and Ritchie both bowled very well on an easy-going wicket and the importance of a wrist-spinner to break stands and remove tail-enders was once again demonstrated.

STOWE		BRADFIELD	
W. P. Durlacher, c Harrison, b Seward.....	17	Blake, lbw, b Blake.....	0
J. A. Stock, c Blake, b Wickham.....	12	Harrison, c & b Dixey.....	40
J. N. Dixey, c Esplen, b Seward.....	32	Michel, c Lawrence, b Dixey.....	15
C. J. R. Black, b Seward.....	7	Hall, b Dixey.....	0
I. F. Buchanan, c Michel, b Seward.....	6	Kirkness, b Dixey.....	3
B. S. Davies, c Harrison, b Seward.....	8	Wickham, b Ritchie.....	19
J. P. Raw, b Russel.....	7	Esplen, c & b Black.....	10
A. P. Grieg, b Wickham.....	33	Melrose, b Ritchie.....	9
B. R. Lawrence, st Esplen, b Huxley.....	12	Huxley, c Lawrence, b Dixey.....	5
S. T. D. Ritchie, st Esplen, b Huxley.....	7	Russel, not out.....	3
R. J. Cooper, not out.....	0	Seward, lbw, b Ritchie.....	2
Extras.....	2	Extras.....	1
Total.....	143	Total.....	107

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wickam.....	17.3	6	42	2
Seward.....	30	13	44	5
Russel.....	16	5	31	1
Huxley.....	10	3	21	2
Kirkness.....	2	1	3	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Black.....	15	4	31	2
Dixey.....	22	5	50	5
Ritchie.....	7.5	1	25	3

STOWE v. BEDFORD

Played at Bedford on Saturday, May 28th. Stowe won by 23 runs.

This was another splendid game of cricket with a tense and exciting finish. Durlacher started with some cracking drives, but was again unlucky, this time getting a ball which kept very low, the only vice of a wicket which despite appearances lacked pace. Stock was brilliantly caught at second slip and when Dixey was bowled, Stowe were in trouble. In the next hour and a half three wickets were lost but 129 runs were added. Black, showing a much improved judgment, made 53 in thirty-eight minutes off sixteen scoring strokes (ten fours, one six), even three fours in succession did not tempt him to indiscretion. When he was out Buchanan and Davies kept up the attack. They both drove well, Buchanan elegantly, Davies most violently, but they both got out when well set, Buchanan to an indeterminate shot and Davies hitting Dicks down mid-wicket's throat. For the first time this season Raw played his natural game and made 33 most valuable runs from some solid blows and a little luck. The 199 runs were made in 147 minutes, but consequently Bedford had a long time to make the runs.

Black and Dixey could extract little pace from the wicket and after the Bedford captain's early dismissal, Dalzell and Mytton progressed easily, the former playing some fine shots all round the wicket. At 46 he popped one up in front of himself and Black following up took a fine diving catch, inches off the ground. This brought in Green, a fine player, who had previously scored 139 against The Leys. Durlacher sensibly faced him with the classic recipe of Black's pace and Ritchie's spin, but the latter almost immediately had to leave the field with a bruised hand. At tea Bedford were in a strong position with the score 90 for 3 and Green and Patterson well established. Ritchie and Dixey bowled well after tea and brought Stowe back into the game with two quick wickets. Durlacher moved his field and changed his bowling astutely and it was probably this that made Green take unnecessary risks, but when he was dropped off Ritchie in the deep, the match looked lost. However, at 168 for 5, Green flashed once too often at Black. Durlacher brought back Ritchie who immediately bowled Randall and Black was too fast and straight for the tail. Black, Dixey and Ritchie all bowled at their best after tea, but the margin of 23 runs was also very much due to superior fielding.

STOWE					BEDFORD				
W. P. Durlacher, b Patterson.....				21	J. C. Dalzell, c & b Black.....				30
S. A. Stock, c Mytton, b Bewley.....				1	J. D. Poustie, b Black.....				0
J. N. Dixey, b Patterson.....				8	J. H. Mytton, c Lawrence, b Dixey.....				12
C. J. R. Black, b Patterson.....				53	A. L. O. Green, c Lawrence, b Black.....				84
I. F. Buchanan, b Dicks.....				30	F. W. N. Patterson, c Durlacher, b Ritchie.....				28
B. S. Davies, c Randall, b Dicks.....				27	R. H. Cornish, b Dixey.....				0
J. P. Raw, b Dicks.....				33	C. A. Randall, b Ritchie.....				12
A. P. Greig, c Poustie, b Dicks.....				11	T. M. Goodall, b Black.....				0
B. R. Lawrence, c Cornish, b Dicks.....				9	R. W. Bewley, not out.....				0
S. T. D. Ritchie, b Patterson.....				0	J. K. Dicks, lbw, b Black.....				0
R. J. Cooper, not out.....				4	B. D. Harte, b Black.....				0
Extras.....				2	Extras.....				10
Total.....				199	Total.....				176

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Patterson.....	17.4	0	69	4	Black.....	17.1	3	47	6
Bewley.....	5	1	26	1	Dixey.....	14	5	40	2
Harte.....	8	1	1	0	Ritchie.....	13	1	54	2
Green.....	7	2	27	0	Cooper.....	3	0	21	0
Dicks.....	11	9	41	5	Durlacher.....	1	0	4	0

STOWE v. RADLEY

Played at Radley on Tuesday, May 31st. Stowe won by 8 wickets.

Stowe had beaten Radley only once in twenty years and that as far back as 1955, and although there had been some close finishes the match was beginning to assume something of the 'hoodoo' which surrounds the Oundle rugger contest. It was therefore very satisfying not only to beat them, but to be spared any nerve-racking finish when the game was won by 3 o'clock.

Radley batted on a beautiful wicket, although not as fast as their wicket often is. Black struck a great blow when he bowled Bucknall, their outstanding batsman and a centurion against Rugby, in the first over. Radley were soon 17 for 3, but then Blackwell and their captain Harrington started to stage a recovery. Ritchie came on and his first ball, perfectly pitched, turned a long way to bowl Harrington. When Blackwell was superbly caught by Lawrence two handed—diving on the leg side—the end seemed near, but a few blows from the tail enders added twenty. Black bowled very straight, but it was noticeable that he was played with relative ease except when he pitched the ball well up. Ritchie also played a great part, the batsmen never looked comfortable against him and Lawrence kept wicket very well.

With memories of low scoring games against Radley, a good start would have been appreciated, but Durlacher, after one square drive for four, hit a full toss straight to cover. Dixey then played some fine forces off the back foot, but Stock was bogged down and at 22 was caught at slip. Black entered and one sensed a crisis in the match had been reached. Radley took the right course in bringing on Bucknall, an off-spinner, but with a strong wind from fine leg his most dangerous ball would be the floater. Black obviously decided that the match should be finished quickly and he needed a lot more luck than at Bedford. A 'cow' to mid-wicket second ball, was followed by another one which just got the edge. Then an effortless straight drive cleared the screen by twenty feet. The next ball was just the one an intelligent bowler should have produced—a well-flighted floater—and the bait was accepted, but long-off dropped the straightforward catch. Next ball was exactly the same, but this time the resulting mis-hit dropped into an open space. Relative sobriety returned—a magnificent six over extra cover and a fine force off the back foot, brought a fielder over from the leg to strengthen the off-side. The next two balls, both of good length outside the off-stump were despatched to mid-wicket. The fielder was returned to the leg-side—result—two more fours through extra cover. Dixey surveyed the scene from the other end and sensibly decided to remain there—he didn't have to wait for long!

RADLEY		STOWE	
R. J. S. Bucknall, b Black.....	0	W. P. Durlacher, c Smith, b Pinsent.....	6
R. S. Gardner, lbw, b Dixey.....	8	S. A. Stock, c Dallmeyer, b Smith.....	1
A. W. Blackwell, c Lawrence, b Black.....	28	J. N. Dixey, not out.....	18
J. D. Dallmeyer, b Black.....	1	C. J. R. Black, not out.....	57
R. J. Harrington, b Ritchie.....	10	I. F. Buchanan, B. S. Davies, J. P. Raw, A. P. Greig, B. R. Lawrence, S. T. D. Ritchie and R. J. Cooper did not bat.	
R. J. Hill, c Durlacher, b Black.....	7		
C. P. G. Sykes, b Black.....	1		
L. R. Smith, b Ritchie.....	8		
R. A. H. Lee, c Lawrence, b Dixey.....	13		
D. T. Pinsent, lbw, b Cooper.....	10		
J. A. Barron, not out.....	0		
Extras.....	0	Extras.....	5
Total.....	86	Total (for 2 wkts.).....	87

length ball and Stock was l.b.w. to one that came back. Dixey and Black were not long in gaining control, and six out of seven of the latter's first scoring shots were boundaries. The next wicket did not fall until the total was 161 when Black was brilliantly caught by Plant, The Leys' captain, with a diving catch on the boundary, one short of his century. Dixey was now able to force the pace himself and scored 47 before nudging one into the slips. Of the other batsmen Davies made a useful and rapid 24 and Raw, faced with the challenge of enabling an early declaration, hit 46 including four fours and three sixes. The total for the innings of 225 had only taken 171 minutes.

The Leys' batting did not offer much resistance, particularly to Dixey who was bowling a difficult length and getting late swing. The score reached 51 for 8, but from this position Jackson and Hartley settled down to maintaining their wickets. All the known bowlers in the Stowe side were called upon to dismiss them. With only ten minutes to go Black had one of them l.b.w. and in his next over removed the final batsman's middle stump. The Leys had made 110, thus giving Stowe a victory by 145 runs.

STOWE				THE LEYS			
W. P. Durlacher, b Pink.....	5			W. Endacott, c Dixey, b Black.....	0		
S. A. Stock, lbw, b Marcanik.....	11			G. Marcanik, lbw, b Dixey.....	15		
J. N. Dixey, c Hartley, b Pink.....	47			R. Plant, lbw, b Dixey.....	12		
C. J. R. Black, c Plant, b Murrills.....	99			S. Murrills, c Lawrence, b Dixey.....	0		
I. F. Buchanan, b Pink.....	0			S. Kelshall, lbw, b Ritchie.....	4		
B. S. Davies, c Batty, b Mahon.....	24			D. Mahon, c Durlacher, b Dixey.....	7		
J. P. Raw, c Raper, b Pink.....	46			P. Raper, lbw, b Ritchie.....	4		
A. P. Greig, lbw, b Pink.....	0			R. Jackson, lbw, b Black.....	13		
M. I. H. B. Forde, b Pink.....	0			P. Batty, c Lawrence, b Dixey.....	1		
B. R. Lawrence, not out.....	9			R. Hartley, not out.....	46		
S. T. D. Ritchie did not bat				M. Pine, b Black.....	0		
Extras	14			Extras	8		
Total (for 9 wkts. dec.).....	255			Total	110		

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Marcanik	13	2	54	1	Black	14.1	6	25	3
Mahon	12	2	36	1	Dixey	15	5	25	5
Pine	21.5	4	86	6	Ritchie	12	3	21	2
Murrills	9	0	60	1	Durlacher	3	0	13	0
					Greig	4	0	11	0
					Stock	2	0	7	0

OTHER MATCHES

- Saturday, May 7th v. BUCKINGHAM. Lost by 48 runs.
Buckingham 136 for 7 declared (Black 17—6—30—4).
Stowe 88 (Stock 27, Dixey 21).
- Tuesday, May 10th v. THE CRYPTICS. Lost by 37 runs.
Cryptics 112 (Black 16—3—29—5, Ritchie 7—1—17—3).
Stowe 75.
- Tuesday, May 17th v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS. Drawn.
Stowe 215 for 3 declared (Black 124, Dixey 69 not out).
Authentics 148 for 9 (Black 19—4—45—5).
- Saturday, June 4th v. STOWE TEMPLARS. Drawn.
Templars 187 (M. K. Davies 72, N. C. S. Barling 32, Black 24—3—57—4, Dixey 21—5—65—4).
Stowe 178 for 9 (Dixey 54, Davies 36, Black 29, M. G. W. Fisher 13—4—36—3).
- Saturday, July 9th v. M.C.C. Drawn.
M.C.C. 165 for 3 declared.
Stowe 143 for 7 (Black 32, Durlacher 21, Stock 21, Greig 20 not out).

2ND XI

At the time of writing the 2nd XI have achieved only one win in their six matches. In the main, on good wickets the bowling has lacked the consistent length to be able to contain the opposition sufficiently, the batsmen have revealed too little application to live up to their promise and too many catches have been dropped. Decisive defeats in the first four matches when our bowlers were only able to take 14 wickets in all has been followed by some improvement; the addition of Burton and Cooper to the bowling strength has recently given it greater penetration and a convincing win was gained against The Leys. There have been few individual performances of note, but among the batsmen Marshall-Andrew and Hills have been the most consistent and Scott-Gall the highest scorer.

Team:—J. R. Hallam (C) (Capt.), K. G. Buchanan (W), M. A. Burton (6), Robert J. Cooper (C), G. N. Crass (C), M. R. Edwards (C), L. M. Higman (T), T. M. Hills (B), B. A. Marshall-Andrew (B), R. M. Philip (B), I. H. Scott-Gall (T), J. H. C. Watson (6).

Also played:—M. I. H. B. Forde (W), R. S. Fox (T), B. S. Davies (6), B. R. Lawrence (C), A. J. C. Spackman (C), A. T. McNeice (B), R. H. J. de C. Moore (B).

Results:—

- Saturday, May 7th v. R.A.F. HALTON. Home. Lost.
Stowe 69 (Higman 32).
R.A.F. Halton 70 for 3 wkts.
- Saturday, May 28th v. BEDFORD. Home. Lost.
Stowe 117 (Forde 42).
Bedford 121 for 4 wkts.
- Saturday, June 4th v. STOWE TEMPLARS. Home. Lost.
Stowe Templars 283 for 5 wkts. declared.
Stowe 147 (Scott-Gall 50).
- Tuesday, June 7th v. ST. EDWARD'S. Away. Lost.
St. Edward's 158 for 2 wkts. declared.
Stowe 72.
- Saturday, June 25th v. OUNDLE. Away. Abandoned.
Oundle 70 for 5 wkts. (Burton 3 for 24). Rain stopped play.
- Saturday, July 2nd v. THE LEYS. Away. Won.
The Leys 67 (Cooper 5 for 11, Burton 5 for 31).
Stowe 70 for 2 wkts.
- Saturday, July 9th v. RADLEY. Away. Lost.
Radley 155 for 2 wkts.
Stowe 113.

3RD XI

The general standard of play has been appreciably higher than last year, and though at the time of writing one match has been won, and two lost, the latter were both even games. Two hard-hitting innings by Edwards and Watson against the Latin School and St. Edward's should have laid the foundations for victory, but there were too many batting failures lower down the order.

Recurring demands from the 2nd XI has made team-building difficult. We were deprived of Burton and Edwards, who were largely responsible for a convincing win over Bedford. At St. Edward's we bowled and fielded quite well, but against a steady

attack we just failed to reach the target. Unfortunately rain stopped play after a promising start against Oundle. The Radley fixture remains and the team will need to give a good account of itself to balance the accounts.

Team :—R. S. Fox (T) Captain, A. J. C. Spackman (C), S. E. Smith (W), A. T. McNeice (B), R. H. Moore (B), T. R. Stephens (C), R. A. Lamping (C), J. A. G. Johnson (B), D. M. A. Ashton (C), S. B. Penfold (B), P. A. Cardiff (C),

Also played :—D. G. Lugg (W).

Results :—

Saturday, May 25th *v.* ROYAL LATIN SCHOOL. Home. Lost.
Royal Latin School 94 (Burton 4 for 27, Smith 3 for 7).
Stowe 81 (Edwards 40).

Saturday, May 28th *v.* BEDFORD. Home. Won.
Stowe 147 (Edwards 40).
Bedford 46 (Burton 7 for 9).

Tuesday, June 7th *v.* ST. EDWARD'S. Away. Lost.
St. Edward's 132 (Watson 3 for 24, Lamping 3 for 20).
Stowe 128 (Watson 44).

Saturday, June 25th *v.* OUNDLE. Home. Drawn.
Oundle 60 for 4 wks. (Cross 4 for 10).
Rain stopped play.

THE COLTS

The Colts XI was fortunate to have four members, Bullock, Nicholl, Mason, and Taylor of last year's side as a basis on which to build a team. From the start there has been no shortage of enthusiasm, and people began to develop some of the necessary essentials of the competent cricketer.

Bullock has improved as a captain, acquiring a feeling for the subtleties of field positioning and bowling changes. If there was one criticism it would be that the team as a whole has not always displayed a sufficient determination to win, displayed in an attitude which sees each opposing batsmen as someone to be sent back to the pavilion as soon as possible, and each bowler as someone to be mastered. The early draws might have been turned to victories had this been so.

Taylor has given the side some good starts with the bat, and both Bullock and Nicholl have played commanding innings on several occasions.

Mason and Nicholl, the opening attack, have been the best of the bowlers, and have consistently taken wickets when they have kept the ball up to the bat.

All the players in the side have considerable potential, but this will only be realised with individual practice; bowlers with a collection of balls aiming at a handkerchief in a net, and batsmen concentrating on eliminating basic faults in technique.

Finally a word of commendation to the other members of the Club who, without the incentive of much match experience, have played well and with determination.

Team :—P. C. Bullock (B) (Capt.), R. E. T. Nicholl (B), N. W. H. Taylor (C), A. D. W. Mason (B), D. M. Atkin-Berry (C), J. Choyce (C), O. P. Croom-Johnson (T), N. D. Jamieson (G), N. J. W. Spurrier (C), R. G. G. Thynne (C), M. W. Whitton (B).

Also played :—J. R. C. Arkwright (C), P. J. G. Simmons (C).

Results :—

Tuesday, May 17th *v.* BLOXHAM. Away. Drawn.
Bloxham 119 for 7 wks. declared.
Stowe 25 for 0 wks. Rain stopped play.

Saturday, May 21st *v.* BRADFELD. Home. Drawn.
Bradfield 166 for 8 wks. declared.
Stowe 104 for 9 wks.

Saturday, May 28th *v.* BEDFORD. Away. Drawn.
Stowe 144 for 7 wks. declared (Taylor 60).
Bedford 60 for 9 wks.

Tuesday, June 7th *v.* ST. EDWARD'S, OXFORD. Home. Drawn.
Stowe 177 for 4 wks. declared (Taylor 59, Bullock 94).
St. Edward's 133 for 9 wks. (Croom-Johnson 4 for 30).

Tuesday, June 14th *v.* OAKHAM. Home. Won.
Stowe 74.
Oakham 22 (Mason 6 for 8, Nicholl 3 for 14).

Saturday, June 25th *v.* OUNDLE. Away. Drawn.
Stowe 64 for 7 wks. (Nicholl 42 not out). Rain stopped play.

Saturday, July 2nd *v.* GREAT HORWOOD. Home. Won.
Stowe 146 for 4 wks. (Taylor 56, Atkin-Berry 29 not out).
Great Horwood 117.

THE JUNIOR COLTS

It would be unfair to say that the Club has lacked enthusiasm, but it would certainly be true to say that natural talents and basic skills have not been in evidence this season. Nor has the cricket had much edge and determination after the first hour or so of play, whilst the ground fielding and the running between the wickets has often had an octogenarian touch about it. If success is to come in future years a more earnest approach and a great deal of hard work will be needed.

Apart from the speed and thrust of Russell, the bowling has been, to say the least, kindly. James, Shirley-Beavan and Rowe can all produce the startling delivery, but none of them is at all steady yet. Of accurate slow bowling there has been a complete dearth—indeed our wickets have often been most scarred about the middle. As a corollary the batting, for want of practice against a persistent attack, has either been sketchy and plodding or violent and agricultural. There is, however, more hope here; for several players possess good shots, even if few have much variety.

After the rain had ended an inconclusive match against Bloxham, there came a surprising win at Bedford; surprising firstly in that their last four wickets fell at 68, and secondly in that Burdon and Shackleton took us from 36 for 8 to victory without further loss. St. Edward's outplayed us in every department, only Van der Gucht showing any fight. A reasonable score against Oakham apparently led the team to believe the match was won, but pitiful bowling allowed them an easy win, the last 80 runs coming in about forty minutes.

The Oundle match lasted for about twenty wet minutes. An 'A' side had a reasonably easy passage against St. John's, Towcester, in which Thomas scored 50 not out. The 2nd XI beat St. Edward's by three wickets. There remains the double fixture with Radley, always our stiffest opposition, but what really remains is to see whether this club will knuckle down to its cricket or contribute to the growing suspicion that cricket is dying.

The following played in three or more matches :—G. T. van der Gucht (♣), R. G. G. Burdon (♣), G. G. Collier (♣), A. W. P. Comber (G), P. M. Dunipace (B), R. T. B. Eades (G), J. R. James (G), D. E. Richards (W), J. G. Rowe (C), A. J. M. Russell (T), A. D. Shackleton (♣), B. B. Scholfield (G), M. E. Shirley-Beavan (G), A. M. Thomas (C).

Results :—

Tuesday, May 17th v. BLOXHAM. Away. Drawn.
Stowe 99 (Russell 34).
Bloxham 63 for 6 wkts.

Saturday, May 28th v. BEDFORD. Away. Won.
Bedford 68 (Russell 5 for 16).
Stowe 70 for 8 wkts. (Burdon 25 not out).

Tuesday, June 7th v. ST. EDWARD'S. Home. Lost.
St. Edward's 155 for 6 wkts. declared.
Stowe 56.

Tuesday, June 14th v. OAKHAM. Home. Lost.
Stowe 138 (Richards 26, Van der Gucht 24, Comber 23).
Oakham 140 for 1 wkt.

Saturday, June 25th v. OUNDLE. Home. Match abandoned.
Stowe 16 for 1 wkt.

Saturday, July 2nd v. ST. JOHN'S. Home. Won.
St. John's 85.
Stowe 117 for 5 wkts. (Thomas 50 not out).

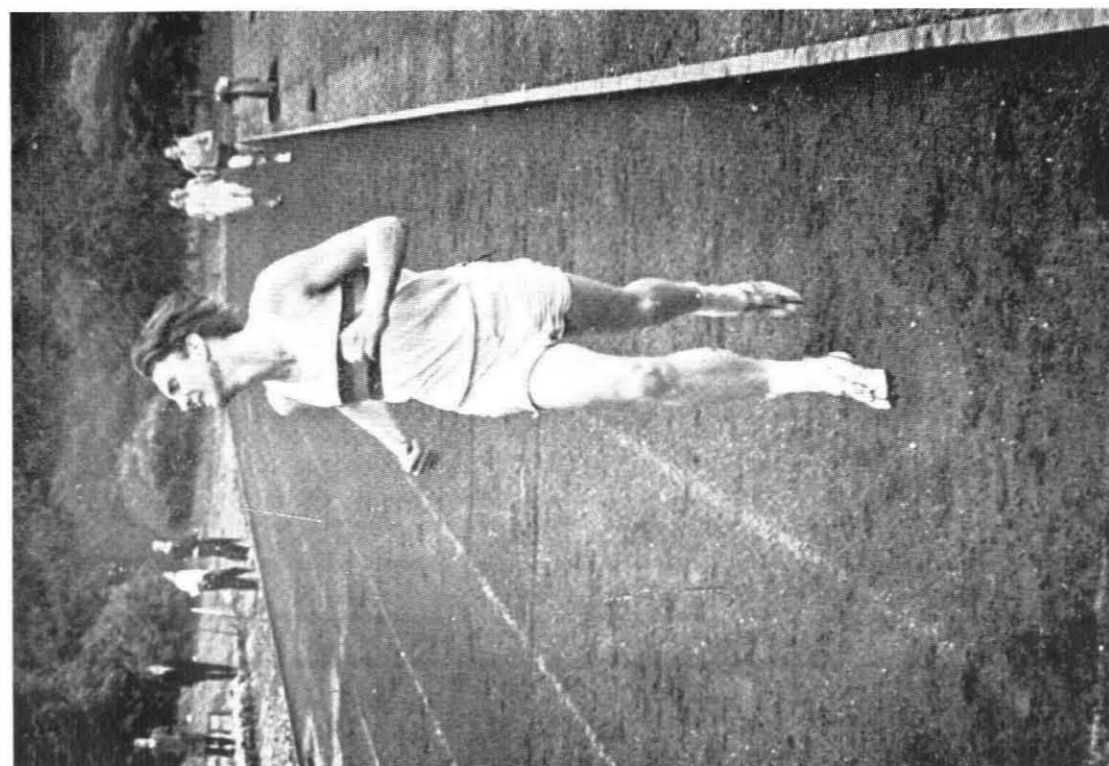
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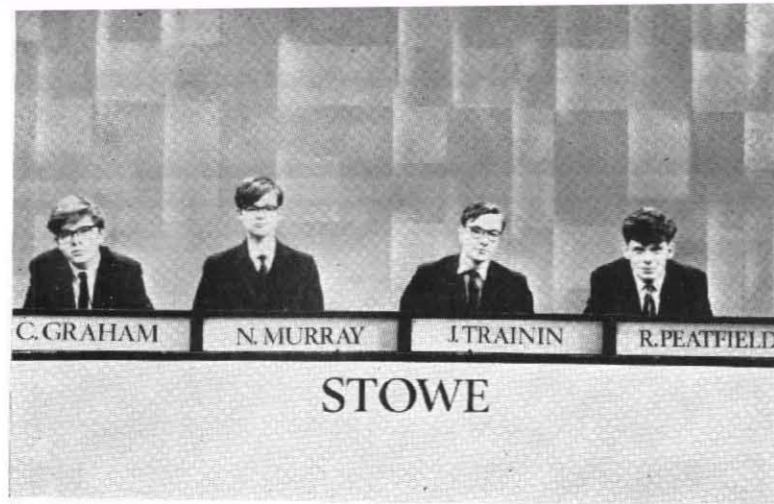
The Club has enjoyed a successful season recording some fine wins and suffering only two defeats in inter-School matches. That results did not quite measure up to last season can be explained partially by the fact that this year no really outstanding performers emerged who could inspire regularly by example. This is not to say that there have not been successful individuals, but rather that their performances have been too variable to be consistently predictable. Not unnaturally the Club has relied on a nucleus in matches and it was unfortunate that Fielding, the Captain, did not fulfil his promise. He ran two good races but never seemed happy in his running and did not impress as he has done in past years. Bassett and Honeyman Brown, also old colours, were affected early in the season by illness and injury respectively, but both triumphed in the end and in particular a triple win by Basset in the last match against Rugby showed how splendidly he can run. Reed, the other old colour, has had a most impressive season, doubling the distance races in every match, cutting down his own times appreciably and setting a fine example in training. Of the new seniors, Miller has been the most impressive, recording some excellent sprint times and unobtrusively winning most High and Long Jumps too. Other seniors who have done well are



Mr. I. M. Cross
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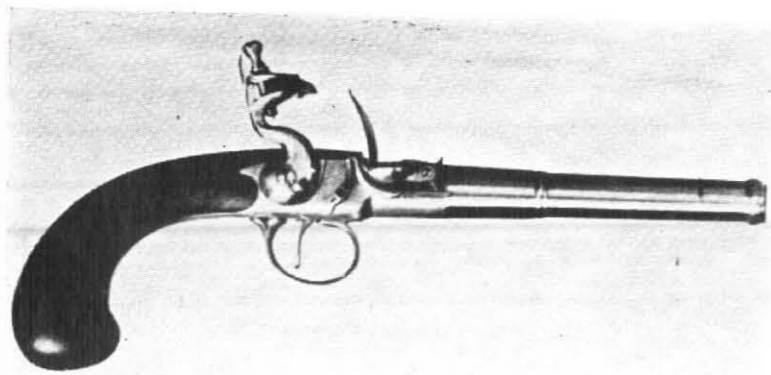
M. P. J. Fielding
winning the 880 yds. against Cornell and Pennsylvania Universities



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Mills, in both hurdles, Earle, in the Pole Vault, Baker, in the Jumps, and Anderson in the Javelin.

The Juniors have been a shade more successful than their elders, losing only one match—and that needlessly. There have been some fine performers and performances this season, and pride of place must go to Lownes who now holds all the Junior throwing records and has also run well in the relay team. Arbuthnot for all his slow reaction to the gun is developing into a good sprinter and Thomas, despite a rather ungainly approach, has proved a very effective jumper. Hope, in the High Jump and in other events, is beginning to fulfil some of his promise and in the distance events T. P. Randsley (W), E. C. F. G. Hodge (C) and A. M. A. Simpson (W) have shown great determination and a pleasing desire to win.

It is a pity to single out performers but it must be inevitable in a sport in which individual performances can be so easily gauged, for, in many ways, the real success story of the season has been the spirit of the club, and the strength of the second strings, who, although technically speaking have been 'also rans,' have nevertheless boosted the general standard of performance to a high level and due credit must be given to them.

In addition to the inter-School matches the Club entertained the Achilles Club who as usual sent us a talented team who provided excellent competition and proved good mentors. We also had a handicap meeting against the touring side from the Universities of Cornell and Pennsylvania. This meeting was rather spoilt by a heavy cloudburst but for those who watched the Americans 'working-out' on the previous days, the sight of the Cornell high jumper straddling 6 ft. 9 ins. with consummate ease will live long in the memory. The Club also performed with distinction in the Achilles Schools' Relays reaching the final in every event, but for many the most enjoyable fixture was the match against the Old Stoics. The opposition for the first time turned out both quality and quantity, recording some excellent performances on their own account and encouraging many of the School performers to achieve personal best performances.

Finally, in the National Schools' Competition, some twenty members of the Club competed in the County Championships held at Stowe over the Exeat and of these five seniors, Fielding (steeplechase), Reed (880 yards), Basset (440 yards and relay), Miller (100 yards and relay), Mallett (100 yards and relay), and one Junior, Lownes (weight) were selected to compete in the National Championships held in Blackburn on 8th and 9th July. Miller, Mallett and Reed were eliminated in the heats of their events but Basset reached the semi-final of the 440 yds. and ran a good race in windy conditions to come 4th in 51 secs. Lownes, putting well below his best form, nevertheless came 7th in the weight and Fielding came 6th in the 200 metre Steeplechase, equalling his best time of 6 mins. 3.8 secs. in his heat. Miller, Mallett and Basset were in the relay team which clocked 43.8 secs. before being eliminated in the semi-final of that event.

First Colours were re-awarded to:—M. P. J. Fielding (G); C. Honeyman Brown (G); M. Reed (G); T. Basset (G).

First Colours were awarded to:—J. Miller (C); I. McA. Anderson (T); A. R. M. Baker (G); J. M. Earle (G); D. G. St. M. Mills (T); V. A. Lownes (G).

Second Colours were awarded to:—J. C. de la T. Mallett (G); W. V. E. Waldron (G); P. G. Arbuthnot (C); N. P. Thomas (B).

Results:—

Seniors			
May 12	BUCKS SCHOOLS A.A.	Area Sports	At Stowe
May 19	BUCKS SCHOOLS A.A.	Divisional Sports	At Stowe
May 21	v. ACHILLES		At Stowe
June 4	v. OLD STOICS		At Stowe
	1, Stowe, 146 pts. ; 2, Old Stoics, 138 pts.		
June 7	v. OAKHAM AND HAILEYBURY AND I.S.C.		At Oakham
	1, Oakham, 108 pts. ; 2, Stowe, 102 pts. ; 3, Haileybury, 94 pts.		
June 11	ACHILLES SCHOOLS' RELAYS		At Oxford
	4 × 110 yds. 2, Stowe, 44.3 secs.		
	4 × 220 yds. 1, Stowe, 1 min. 34.8 secs.		
	4 × 440 yds. 5, Stowe, 3 mins. 36.6 secs.		
	4 × 880 yds. 2, Stowe, 8 mins. 21.6 secs.		
	4 × 120 yds. hurdles 7, Stowe, 1 min. 15.7 secs.		
June 13	v. CORNELL AND PENNSYLVANIA		At Stowe
June 16	v. ST. ALBANS AND MILL HILL		At St. Albans
	1, Stowe, 120 pts. ; 2, Mill Hill, 102 pts. ; 3, St. Albans, 64 pts.		
June 18	BUCKS SCHOOLS A.A.	County Championships	At Stowe
June 23	v. MARLBOROUGH AND ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL		At Stowe
	1, Stowe, 131 pts. ; 2, Marlborough, 94 pts. ; 3, Royal Masonic, 75 pts.		
June 25	v. MALVERN AND DENSTONE		At Malvern
	1, Denstone, 101 pts. ; 2, Stowe, 82 pts. ; 3, Malvern, 63 pts.		
July 2	v. RUGBY		At Stowe
	1, Stowe, 108 pts. ; 2, Rugby, 70 pts.		
July 8 and 9	ENGLISH SCHOOLS A.A.	National Championships	At Blackburn
Juniors			
June 7	v. OAKHAM AND HAILEYBURY AND I.S.C.		At Oakham
	1, Oakham, 105 pts. ; 2, Stowe, 98 pts. ; 3, Haileybury, 70 pts.		
June 11	ACHILLES SCHOOLS RELAYS		At Oxford
	4 × 110 yds. 2, Stowe, 45.8 secs.		
	4 × 220 yds. 3, Stowe, 1 min. 38.6 secs.		
	4 × 880 yds. 8, Stowe, 8 mins. 58.3 secs.		
June 16	v. ST. ALBANS AND MILL HILL		At St. Albans
	1, Stowe, 98 pts. ; 2, Mill Hill, 95 pts. ; 3, St. Albans, 86 pts.		
June 23	v. MARLBOROUGH AND ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL		At Stowe
	1, Stowe, 131 pts. ; 2, Royal Masonic, 93 pts. 3, Marlborough, 56 pts.		
June 25	v. DENSTONE AND MALVERN		At Malvern
	1, Stowe, 106 pts. ; 2, Malvern, 81 pts. ; 3, Denstone, 38 pts.		
July 2	v. RUGBY		At Stowe
	1, Stowe, 75 pts. ; 2, Rugby, 71 pts.		

LAWN TENNIS

At the time of writing there is perhaps an air of disappointment among the team, but the fact remains that this was a very good season for Stowe teams. The disappointment stems from losing the last match, the only defeat in nine school games. The score was 5—4, the tennis superb and the pain of losing somewhat dulled by the excitement of such a fine game.

There is little point in describing any of the matches, except this last one against Bradfield, since all were comfortable victories. The only surprises that occurred were

the comfort and ease with which each match was won. The pairs increased in stature with each match, and in the early fixtures, more than one opposing pair came off the court in utter bewilderment at the tennis played against them.

Bradfield's team was a very good one, though its strength lay in the first pair, while the third was decidedly weak. We therefore realised that to beat them, we had to win all matches against the third, be prepared to lose all against the first, and hope to scramble two against the second. However our second and third pairs lost to their second pair early on in the afternoon, and so, with our backs to the wall, all watched the vital clash between first pairs. Weston and Edwards were undefeated this season, as were the Bradfield pair, and the latter's record appeared safe, as they took the first set 6—0. It was then that the fight began. Stowe took the second set, with some magnificent volleying by Edwards, and led 4—1, and then 5—3 in the final. Stowe then just wilted a fraction and Bradfield recovered to snatch the set and the match. Even though this was only half way through the afternoon, all realised that this was the key match, and one had to applaud both sides in their bold and apparently nerve-free teams.

Weston and Edwards have had a good season. They hit the ball very hard for a school pair. Neither is exceptionally steady and when Edwards hits the ball out, there is usually a long walk to fetch it. But one always knew that one could rely on them to play their best when it was needed, and with Weston's ground shots and Edwards' alertness at the net, they deserve all credit.

It has been very pleasant having Rapelye over from America for a year. Not only is he pleasant to have in the team, but his approach to the game has helped the others, not the least his partner Clarke, who improved beyond all measure during the season. Clarke's volleying is outstanding and when he gathers more strength will develop into a very good player. Burman and Barnes also came on in mid-season. They give the air of complete unflappability. Both hit the ball well and play intelligently. Barnes indeed is surprisingly nimble for one of so solid a girth.

Meanwhile, at other levels, tennis continues to thrive and one knows, at least, through the unfailing energy of Mr. Lucas, that we shall never have a weak side. The main battle to be won outside the first six are not those of match play, but those of temperament. We shall be looking next year for new recruits for the school team, and if some players can master themselves, they will master many school teams too.

Congratulations to Weston for a very happy season and thanks to him and his father for their superb score board, which elucidates many an uncertain position.

Colours:—M. T. Weston (C); S. R. Edwards (W); G. R. Burman (W); P. Y. Rapelye (B); G. E. J. Clarke (G); S. R. Barnes (G).

Results:—

v. MILL HILL	Away	Won	7—2
v. ELTHAM	Home	Won	9—0
v. RADLEY	Away	Won	8½—½
v. UPPINGHAM	Home	Won	8—1
v. ETON	Home	Won	9—0
v. MARLBOROUGH	Home	Won	5—1
v. FELSTED	Home	Abandoned	
v. RUGBY	Away	Won	7—2
v. BRADFIELD	Home	Lost	4—5

SWIMMING

Because of the loss of some of our talented swimmers of last season and the fact that 'breaking the ice' was delayed by cold weather, the teams were late in developing their peak fitness and potential, and this was unfortunately apparent in the earlier matches. The first match of the season was against Bedford at home and it was to be the first victory; however, during the next two weeks, the teams lost to Oundle and Malvern, both of which were away. The Senior team, lacking strength in the freestyle events, has suffered from a lack of versatility among the key swimmers. C. C. G. Sharp (W), P. N. J. Durey (C) and H. J. H. Durey (C) have only met with modest success as the main freestylers. J. L. G. Newmark (T) and J. R. MacDonald (C) have proved to be a reliable pair in the breaststroke events. Worthy of special praise this term has been P. L. Ashcroft (C). He has lowered the 50 yard butterfly record to 29.5 secs., and has remained unbeaten in every school match. T. Reid (B) has also been in the foreground as a competent second string. In the backstroke races, R. E. Flanagan (C) and M. G. M. McIntyre (C) have gained few victories but appear to be more confident and tenacious over the short distances.

In the Junior team, J. F. Rothwell (T) and S. W. Balmer (C) have been the two outstanding swimmers and both have proved themselves very competent and versatile. R. E. Gamble (C) and J. B. Farrer (C) have been a powerful pair of backstrokers and between them have shared a fair amount of success. J. A. C. Heaslop (W) and N. Downing (C) have provided essential backing to the Junior team, but as yet R. K. Hay (C) and D. W. Bond (C) have lacked the technique to gain them winning places.

The School was fortunate enough last year to get Flanagan, Sharp and Ashcroft through to the Finals of the All-England Swimming Gala, held at Cambridge in November. However, by entering both Senior and Junior teams this year, the school has taken nearly every first and second place in the preliminary rounds. The standard of swimming was high and times have been very good. There were eight first and seven second places gained over all. Ashcroft has broken the 100 metres butterfly record and it now stands at 86 secs. Flanagan has also broken the 200 metre individual medley record—3 mins. 5 secs. In the Public School Medley and Freestyle relays, success was limited. The competition was severe and the Stowe teams were relegated to the lower half of the results. In the County Championships we entered sixteen swimmers and achieved four firsts, six seconds, and five thirds.

Results:—

Seniors

June 2	v. BEDFORD	Won	43—42	Home
June 9	v. OUNDLE	Lost	25—53	Away
June 16	v. MALVERN	Lost	36—44	Away
June 23	BATH CUP RELAYS	Placed	37th	London
June 26	v. VICTORIA COLLEGE JERSEY	Lost	47—51	Home
June 25	OTTER MEDLEY RELAYS	Placed	25th	London
July 2	v. RUGBY	Lost	42—53	Home

Juniors

June 9	v. OUNDLE	Lost	25—45	Away
June 16	v. MALVERN	Lost	30—39	Away
July 2	v. RUGBY	Won	39—37	Home

GOLF

This has been a successful season and the experiment of having a 'Twelve' instead of an 'Eight' has proved its worth. The standard of play of the leading players has been high, and with Marshall-Andrew, Earlam and Choyce occasionally available from cricket, we have consistently fielded a strong team. Dimpfl has rounded off his career by breaking the course record, scoring 31 against the 32 by Peter Townsend on the Opening Day. Silver, Lawson and Thomas have set the pace at the top, Kreitman and Lake have gained consistency and there has been much enthusiasm and some promise among the other members of the Twelve, all of whom have played well in matches. Buckingham arrived in strength and avenged their defeat of last term, the Old Stoics surprised us by their numbers and skill and the Fathers halved the match with the last putt of the day in an exciting finish. All school matches were won, some by large margins, including a new fixture against Bradfield who brought four-fifths of their winning Woking team to Stowe but lost by the odd match.

All the recognised short holes on the course have now been holed in one; Levy performed this feat at the 4th in the match against Buckingham, and M. A. Burton (C) produced a shot in a thousand at the 9th. It will be interesting to see which of the 'long' holes will be the first to suffer this fate; all would seem to be in danger under certain conditions, except the 2nd and the 8th, which must surely be safe from this indignity!

The Twelve:—C. R. Dimpfl (C); D. H. I. Silver (C); D. A. Lawson (C); N. P. Thomas (B); N. R. Kreitman (C); D. C. B. Lake (C); D. R. Rubin (C); S. R. Barstow (B); J. R. Green (W); B. J. R. Karen (W); J. G. Treadwell (C); P. E. Levy (T).

Results:—

v. BERKHAMSTED SCHOOL (Home)	Won	4—2
v. BUCKINGHAM G.C. (Home)	Lost	2½—4½
v. THE FATHERS (Home)	Halved	2½—2½
v. HAILEYBURY AND I.S.C. (at Dunstable)	Won	5—3
v. OLD STOICS (Home)	Lost	3½—5½
v. THE MASTERS (Home)	Won	4½—3½
v. UPPINGHAM SCHOOL (at Chapel Brampton)	Won	7—1
v. RADLEY COLLEGE (at Frilford Heath)	Won	7—1
v. ELLESBOROUGH G.C. (Home)	Won	6½—1½
v. BRADFIELD COLLEGE (Home)	Won	3—2

THE MICKLEM TROPHY

The Public Schools' Invitation Tournament was held at Woking Golf Club on April 21st—22nd. Stowe, the holders, went this year with the strongest team fielded for several years and hopes for retaining the Trophy were high. Three of the team were in last year's winning side, and all five were School colours, and the overall strength in depth was emphasised in the first two rounds when convincing victories were scored over Wellington and Eton. In the final, however, Stowe came up against another good side in Bradfield, and on the day Bradfield played the better and deserved to win.

The final was closer than the score would suggest; Marshall-Andrew had an afternoon's putting that he will want to forget, and his defeat by Garrett ended a run of eight consecutive victories in this tournament, a fine record. Lawson at third string

never really looked like winning against Yeatman, but with Thomas and Silver in the lead early on, all seemed to depend on the second string, where Dimpff was three down to Quiney with five to play. Dimpff won the 14th, halved the long 15th, where Quiney recovered well from the rough, and finished with a 3, 4 and 3 to square the match on the 18th. On the 19th, both were putting for a three; Quiney's putt dropped and Dimpff's didn't, so that Bradfield had secured the winning point after a most exciting contest. Bradfield finished strongly at the tail, and Silver's half was the only consolation Stowe could derive.

Team :—B. A. Marshall-Andrew (B), C. R. Dimpff (C), D. A. Lawson (C), N. P. Thomas (B), D. H. I. Silver (C).

Results :—

v. WELLINGTON	Won 5—0
v. ETON	Won 4—1
v. BRADFELD	Lost $\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$

SAILING

During the Christmas holidays a new boat was bought for the club. This has been in use the whole of the term and has tended to lead the rest of the fleet, being the only one equipped with terylene sails.

The school improved its record in school matches this term, winning four and losing three. Stowe had an easy win against Bloxham, M. D. Duckham (W) and J. S. Aiken (C) shared the honours with two firsts each. There was a good match against St. Edward's and M. D. Fischer (C) did well in the crews' race to come first. The school lost to Oundle in a very light breeze and again to Harrow and Aldenham in good sailing conditions with the Stowe team taking longer to accustom themselves to Fireflies although Duckham had a good recovery in the last race to finish second. D. W. Cheyne (C) proved himself a very capable helmsman and all the crews are to be commended for their patience in dealing with irate helmsmen who blamed all the wind shifts on them!

The winds this term have generally been good although very variable.

The following sailed in the team :—J. S. Aiken, M. D. Duckham, D. W. Cheyne, M. D. Fischer, C. S. Vane-Tempest (C), and J. T. Burgess (W). Colours were awarded to M. D. Duckham and D. W. Cheyne.

SCULLING

Sculling is becoming increasingly popular and there have been more regular scullers this year than previously. Two regattas have been attended this year. At Wallingford on May 21st, J. L. Seccombe (W) and M. C. Farquhason (T) were entered for the Novice Sculls but both were eliminated in their first heats. N. P. Evans (C) was also narrowly defeated in the first round of the Schoolboy Sculls. We were pleased to note that the course record for the Novice Sculls is still held by C. P. Murdoch (T 1965) who did a very fast time in a heat last year, faster in fact than the Schoolboy Fours. At Pangbourne and Whitchurch regatta on June 25th both Seccombe and Evans won their

first rounds in the Novice Sculls. Evans was beaten in his next race and Seccombe was defeated in the semi-finals with a time that was nine seconds faster than the final.

J.L.S.

ARCHERY

This season we have been unable to shoot as many school matches as we would have liked due to Speech Day, etc. Consequently we only shot two matches against a superior side, of which the latter had to be abandoned owing to rain.

In the postal league we have shot against Buckingham County Secondary School so far and scored just under an impressive 2000.

This year the Juniors showed above-average keenness and two of them, G. Bedas (B) and S. A. D. Morse (G) showed great promise.

Team :—P. E. Williams (G), M. Hartnell-Beavis, (T) R. J. Cooper (G), L. Dweck (G). A. H. Burke (G) also shot.

Results :—

v. F.A.A. (away)	Lost by 512.
v. F.A.A. (home)	match abandoned.

TETRATHLON

The Schools Tetrathlon Competition was held at R.A.F. Halton on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 20th, 21st, and 22nd.

To say that this competition has a large following at Stowe would be false, and this is understandable since only the extremely fit boy can cope with three consecutive days of high-powered competition in swimming, fencing, shooting and running. We entered the competition for the first time last year at R.M.A. Sandhurst and emerged runners-up out of thirteen teams. Fortune was not so kind to us this year, however, and our two teams finally finished fifth and ninth out of fourteen teams, in spite of some good performances.

The cold start to the term made swimming in the lake prohibitive, and this meant that we entered the competition having had, at most, three practice swims. But in spite of this we managed to take third position in this event thanks largely to fine swimming over the 150 metres by R. E. Flanagan (G) and P. L. Ashcroft (C). The fencing went on throughout the second day, with all the competitors having a bout with the electrical épée against all the others. Here again, Stowe secured third place—a remarkable achievement considering that none of our team were primarily fencers. The Shooting on the final morning proved our downfall, for, for some unaccountable reason, Stoic performances were nearly all far below what was expected. Here, however, M. T. von Bergen (C) had an excellent aggregate; a veil of discretion will be drawn over the others. It should be noted, however, that even at international level it is the shooting that often proves the stumbling block. In the 4000 metres cross-country running, Stowe caught up lost ground with J. L. G. Newmark (T) and J. R. McDonald

(C) returning good times, but in spite of this we could secure no higher positions than 5th and 9th.

Special mention must be made of McDonald, who, out of more than 50 competitors came 9th individually in the overall aggregate. Without being exceptional in any of the events, he was consistently good in them all and his tetrathlon performance represents a fine achievement.

Next year, with five of our this year's eight still with us, we should have sufficient experience to combat the fickleness of fortune, and with the enthusiasm that our teams displayed this year, we hope to come through well up the order. But we shall certainly not be able to do so without hard training and determination.

Team :- R. E. Flanagan (C); H. J. H. Durey (C); P. J. S. Gray (T); M. T. von Bergen (C); P. L. Ashcroft (C); J. L. G. Newmark (T); J. R. McDonald (C).

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Sat.,	Oct	8—OLD STOICS	Home
Sat.,	Oct	15—BEDFORD	Away
Sat.,	Oct	22—ST. EDWARD'S	Away
Tues.,	Oct	25—OAKHAM	Away
Sat.,	Oct	29—RUGBY	Away
Sat.,	Nov	5—RICHMOND	Home
Sat.,	Nov	12—RADLEY	Home
Sat.,	Nov	19—Oundle	Home
Sat.,	Nov	26—CHELTENHAM	Away
Sat.,	Dec	3—THE LEYS	Home
Sat.,	Dec	10—HARLEQUINS	Home

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