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## *Head of the School*

M. Kitchin

## *School Prefects*

N. R. Hilder

P. T. Scully

## *Heads of Houses*

*Swift* M. A. D. Kitchin

*Harcourt* J. Adeniyi-Jones

*Queen Anne* P. T. Scully

## *Sub-Prefects*

J. Adeniyi-Jones, M. Tonkin, C. Kyaruzi, P. Lewis

## *School Officers*

*Captain of Rugby* M. A. D. Kitchin

*Sec. of Rugby* P. T. Scully

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*Sec. of Boats* S. Morley-John

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CHANGES IN THE STAFF are happily infrequent, but this term we are losing one of the best-known and best-loved of the younger masters—Mr. David Davies, who after five years here is moving on to King's School, Peterborough.

Its masters are the life of a School; everything depends on their readiness to fling themselves into their varied tasks, activities or interests, selflessly and wholeheartedly—to be, in the best and deepest sense, at the service of the boys. This is exactly what David Davies has been—to a degree which will make him long remembered by those generations of Cokethorpe boys who came under his sway. Geographers, Rugby players, Athletes, will have the most vivid memories of him, but all will remember gratefully his kindness and unassuming devotion to their varied needs.

I am glad to say that we have been lucky enough to find in Mr. Kevin McMullen a most suitable successor. He is a Geographer whose expertise at Rugby and Athletics will be the greatest help to us.

I gratefully record the gift to the School of an Annual Prize given by Mr. Stuart Brown in memory of his son Martin, who was killed in a motor accident in January, 1969. The Prize takes the form of books, and will be given each year to a boy who, by his personal qualities, has made a positive contribution to the life of the School, without necessarily being outstanding either in work or games.

P.M.S.A.

## PRIZES

(presented by the Bishop of Leeds on June 28, 1969)

The Headmaster's Prize		Farah
A Level	English	Cullen
„	History	Cullen
„	Religious	
	Knowledge	Howbert
„	Maths	Hung
„	Physics	Wong
„	Chemistry	Wong
Sixth Form	English	Hitchcock
„ „	Geography	Farah
„ „	Chemistry	Acton

"	"	Physics	Acton
"	"	Biology	MacMillan Scott
"	"	Maths	Kyaruzi
O Level		English Language	Pearson
"		English Literature	Pearson
"		French	Longinotto
"		History	Hancocks
"		British	
		Constitution	Harris
"		Geography	Hilder
"		Maths	Kyaruzi
"		Physics	Hucklesby
"		Chemistry	Hucklesby
"		Biology	Crombie
Fifth Form		English Language	Tonkin
"	"	English Literature	Tonkin
"	"	History	Harris
"	"	Geography	Smith
"	"	French	Smith
"	"	British	
		Constitution	Ackland
"	"	Maths	Wada
"	"	Science	Ackland
"	"	Biology	Adeniyi-Jones I
Cullen Debating Prize			Tonkin
Art Prize			Sawyer II
Music Prize			Siu
4A Form Prize			Brooks
4B	"	"	Duggan
3A	"	"	Freddi
3B	"	"	Mellaart



## THE HUNT—MEDITERRANEAN STYLE

SINCE CHILDHOOD, I have cherished the belief that the object of purchasing a motor car is to get from one point to another in the shortest possible time. Having visited the pleasant streets of Italy last summer, I am not so sure. . . .

The tree-lined avenues of Viareggio, with their cool breezes and pleasant views are, indeed, suitable places for most 'street-users'. By 'street-users' I mean the motorist; for the pedestrian it is an entirely different matter. Many times have I had the unfortunate experience of having to cross the main street in Viareggio (when I say 'unfortunate', I mean that I am lucky to be here today!) It is an extremely wide street, and it takes a full fifteen seconds to cross it. All one has to do, to be faced with a myriad noises, ranging from hysterical human shouts and footsteps to the squeals of tortured tyres, is to place one's foot on the tarmac. It is as if the placing of shoe leather on asphalt is a signal.

Whereas the average British motorist is more interested in reaching his destination, the average Italian is more inclined to be interested in running down pedestrians. (Ever seen those notches on the side of an Italian car's bonnet? They weren't caused by other Italian cars!) Italians, on the whole, are not poor, and there are few amongst them who will count the cost of a few gallons of petrol when the prospect of killing a couple of pedestrians is in sight. Just as the Englishman hunts hares and grouse, so the Italian motorist hunts the Italian pedestrian. In an average morning's hunt, an adequate driver should be quite capable of 'bagging' anything up to four victims.

The man who crosses a street in Viareggio, and in any other Italian town, has to be bold, careful and supremely intelligent. It takes some skill to weave one's way in between Alfa Romeos and Fiats in a wide street, when the motorists may be experienced drivers, and may have anything up to thirty notches in their car's bonnet. It seems, too, that the government and local council insists on laying down zebra crossings when they know perfectly well they will not be heeded. It is a needless waste of time and money, but, as I say, the average Italian is not a pauper.

Italian policemen, too, are not particularly well-disposed

towards our brave heroes. Once or twice I have noticed one of this brood 'booking' an innocent bystander for cursing an escaping Alfa Romeo after it has squashed his foot—on a zebra crossing! Then there is the case of the unfortunate man whose bicycle was lying beneath a rather weighty Maserati. The poor fellow's relatives were charged 35,000 lire (about £25) for damaging the number plate and back tyre of the marauding automobile. (The cyclist himself was unable to pay as he was enjoying the comforts of the nearby hospital!)

It is advisable to carry a fire-extinguisher if you are to brave the terrors of the Italian high street. In answer to the obvious question I must add that a foam fire-extinguisher comes in useful for spraying foam onto the windscreen of a rapidly approaching car, for there is a faint chance that the vehicle will swerve away in time to smash into some other cars which may be parked nearby. It must be noted that, although the car is still highly likely to run over you, at least it may crash into some other cars after it has crushed you. This will not do the crushed one much good, but at least it is another blow struck for freedom. It should be remembered that the foam fire-extinguisher should only be used as a last resort (much as I respect and honour heroes) and the pedestrian usually finds it more worth his while to attempt flight across the road. All this takes is a little swerving, high-jumping, and plenty of practice, and, besides, there is a better chance of living to fight another day.

However, it is not the Italian who causes most damage and loss of limb on his native streets; it is the law-abiding, well-bred Englishman, with all his inherited respect for human life and property. As one of this charming species approaches a zebra crossing, he notices a quick-moving Italian pedestrian racing across the street. Thinking to facilitate the latter's crossing, the Englishman slows down and stops. Meanwhile, the Italian driver behind him, not noticing the 'G.B.' on the boot of his car, races on, and smashes into the Englishman's car, causing a great pile-up, and great damage.

Finally, a caution to all would-be cub scouts who plan to visit Italy—for your daily good deed, please do NOT help an old lady to cross the road. She may not have long to live, but you do!

C. M. G. FREDDI

## THE GARDENER

He toils through spring digging and sowing,  
The buds come out, the leaves are showing.  
The grass grows long; he starts the mowing,  
And in a week the plants are growing.  
The weeds come through—he does some hoeing—  
Tells the 'boss' his pay is owing.

Now autumn's come, the growth is slowing,  
Then winter comes, it's cold and snowing.  
The ice has stopped the stream from flowing,  
And chilly winds are ever blowing  
The gardener's pile of logs is going  
To keep his fire still bright and glowing.

D. BOSTON

## DARKNESS

What is death?  
Death is darkness.  
What is life?  
Life is darkness.  
What is love?  
Love is life.

But life is Darkness.  
But love is light.  
Then light is darkness.  
Then death is light  
And love is death,  
And death is life.

N. BUTCHER

## A THOUGHT

People.  
Some people think.  
Some people think harder.  
Some people pretend.  
Some people have a greater pretence.  
Some people can,  
Some people cannot.

some people have to.  
Some people need not.  
Some try,  
And fail.  
Some try,  
And succeed.  
Some try,  
And try,  
And try. . . .

N. BUTCHER

### A HUNDRED YEARS OF DIFFERENCE

OUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER is called the *Northern Echo*. One sees it advertised on buses and posters with the invitation to 'Wake up to the *Northern Echo*' or 'Get off to a good start with the *Northern Echo*'. This year is the centenary of this paper and on January 1st, last, we (that is, those who take it daily, and there are an awful lot of us), received with our usual morning paper a slim facsimile of the original *Echo* of 1870. What a difference there was between the two!

The first thing that surprised me was the size and quality of the print. There were only four pages, compared with anything up to twenty-two nowadays, and in 1870 they were printed in a minute type, much of which was blurred. In some cases, either the printers had used faulty letters or the set was not properly inked for some words did not appear at all. The headings were never more than half a centimetre high, whereas today they can be found four-times as big. Unfortunately, the price is now also many times more than the original half-penny.

I noticed that about three-quarters of the old *Echo* was made up of advertisements for all manner of things from groceries, cod-liver oil, beer and stationery, to magazines and sheet music. Some of these advertisements were rather amusing. One read:

'Mr. A. S. Gatty's New Comic Songs—"I really am so sleepy", "Put it down to me", "Bobbie! Bobbie", "Not so bad for me", "I'll not try it again", "Medicine Jack",—These songs may be sung in any drawing-room, 3/- each, post free for 19 stamps.'

The immensely popular song 'O Fair Dove, O Fond Dove'



by A. S. Gatty. The same for piano forte by Carl Luini, each free by post. 19 stamps.' (Green Shield? Pink? Co-op?)

'Mrs. Binney will be obliged to the lady who borrowed a book called *Money* to return the same as soon as possible. "Eastbourne", Darlington', and a column or two further on we found this—

'"Heartsease" A bouquet of love lyrics. This work, containing 500 love passages from the best poets, is intended as an aid to those who insert poetical extracts in their friendly correspondence. In it will be found apt quotations from lover to lover, friend to friend, relative to relative. Handsomely bound. Price 1/-.'

In this first edition we found that it had reports on stocks and shares. Some of the names are strange—The Consett Iron Co., The Stockton and Middlesborough Water Co., and railways like The Caledonian, The North British, The Great Eastern, The Great Western and The South Devon. Nowadays the *Echo's* stocks and shares section deals with hundreds of companies, some of which I cannot myself find in the *Financial Times*.

At the time when the *Northern Echo* began there were no photographs whatsoever, whereas now it is absolutely unheard of not to have at least one photograph on each page, and since we probably have less imagination than the Victorians, this is a great help.

The coverage devoted to sports news in 1870 was really pathetically small, just one column of reports of four race meetings, and news of yacht racing and of forthcoming hunts.

If you were to read today's *Echo* you would find it was in keeping with modern days. Its style is a bit more dignified than that of the *Express* or *Mail*, but not as much as *The Times*! It is very much a favourite with us for once the first pages have been turned, it retains a good deal of its old Northern emphasis.

P. BURBURY

## MY FIRST SCHOOL

I REMEMBER THE NIGHT before I went to school. I cried myself to sleep in apprehension of the day to come. I was just five and my sister four, and both of us were, as yet, uncorrupted by school life.

The small kindergarten-type school was about six miles journey from our small farmhouse, and but three or four miles from Witney. The garden was always full of flowers and was well kept by the headmistress. She was a grey-haired old lady in her late forties, and was strict, very fair, but always kind. She taught the highest of the three forms, woodwork and a crude form of pottery, practiced by the more enthusiastic 'tiddlers' who rejoiced in getting dirty.

At the end of the big back garden, there was a small wooden 'wendy-house' which was frequently used, not as a quiet 'little girls' play-house', but as a rowdy 'little boys' cowboy ranch'. In this the boys would vent their anger on the little plastic plates or on the wooden toy cooker. If this wasn't sufficient they would go and throw stones at the next-door neighbour's lawn-mower and try and hit the poor man labouring behind it; as a result he often complained bitterly to the headmistress.

My favourite activity was football which was played on the village sports-ground by boys and girls alike. This was played in the spring and autumn terms, while sports were practised in the summer. Sports day was one of the big events of the year and all the events were so arranged that everybody got a prize. After the races had all been run and the little pile of prizes had at last been exhausted, refreshing ice creams were given out. Then slowly the children dispersed with adoring mothers and everyone went home.

One of my most vivid memories is of eating trifle. The headmistress was in charge of all the cooking and she produced the most delicious trifle I have ever treated my stomach to. I adored this to such an extent that, one afternoon, much to the surprise of everybody, including myself, I managed to eat nine bowls full of this delectable concoction, and as a result, I sat at my desk in the afternoon, with a bucket beside me in case I should be sick. Fortunately I was not!

Altogether, I spent two very happy years at this school and enjoyed my time there very much, until I went on to my first preparatory school.

D. BOSTON

## IMPRESSIONS OF SANDHURST

TO VISIT SANDHURST for the first time is to feel, at one and the same time, a sense of the past, the present and the future. One's first impression as a civilian is of its vastness and its austerity, indeed its starkness.

On entering the gates we drove for five or six minutes before seeing the main building, for the grounds were very extensive, but when we did see it it was certainly exceedingly striking with its long façade of white stone and the portico supported by pillars. There were steps leading up to the entrance. Inside the hall, whose walls were hung with armour, an impressive major welcomed us to R.M.A.S. and suggested that any questions we might have should be addressed to the cadets themselves.

The following morning I awoke to the sound of crashing boots which swiftly reminded me of where I was. It would have been extremely easy to lose my way to the big cadets' mess. Once there I remarked on the fascinating array of armour. 'Oh', replied a cadet, 'most of them are fakes because people keep on stealing them!' Clearly, sometimes things that seem solemn and important can turn out to have an amusing side to them. Later that day we had coffee in the India Room. This reflected all the glory and pomp of the Army in India in days gone by. There were many trophies and my eye was caught particularly by a huge silver model of a hill fort. There were also candlesticks made in the shape of rampant tigers, and gorgeous uniforms, in show cases, with huge amounts of gold braid and rows of silver buttons, all belonging to the spacious days of the British Raj. I had had a foretaste of this before as many of the corridors were hung with flags of British and Indian regiments.

So much for the traditions of the past. It all seemed a far cry from the Seventies and nuclear warfare. However, there was plenty to bring home to us the less glamorous present.

On the evening of our arrival we saw a film about Sandhurst, in all its aspects. It stressed the emphasis put on physical fitness and the ability to lead. There was further evidence of this when, later that evening, we went to see the inter-company athletics championships. It was obvious that leadership was the main quality they were looking for.

The following morning we had a lecture on how Sandhurst was run. This left me with a tremendous impression that all their work was directed towards bringing out qualities of leadership. Even their academic studies were aimed at producing a well-balanced mind in order that an officer should be better fitted to lead his men. This came out again when we went to the signals department where it was explained to us that an officer must be very well-informed about the equipment his men are using to be able to help and guide them in its use.

It was very clear after only a short time at Sandhurst that an officer has to be versatile. We all had, during our brief stay, a taste of various activities. We did part of the assault course. This included scaling a five-foot wall, prior to swinging clear by means of a rope, and walking along a plank ten feet above the ground. (I found this terrifying as I cannot bear heights.) There was also a sort of aerial runway which stretched about eight hundred yards across a lake. One hung on to a T-bar attached to a flanged wheel which ran along a wire. Later we tried various radio sets, and then visited the range to fire off assorted small arms from a 9 mm. pistol to a sub-machine gun. This was particularly enjoyable for I have for long been fascinated by these weapons. Since childhood we have all grown familiar on T.V. and in the cinema with the sight of guns being fired off indiscriminately, but when one has had the real thing in one's hands one feels slightly awed by its lethal qualities. We also visited the library which contains over ten-thousand books devoted mainly to military history. We had a wholly inadequate glance at the museum.

In my short visit I saw these contrasting aspects of the Army. Today this army is highly technical and advanced but it still needs the bravery, powers of endurance, ingenuity, discipline and pride of the Army whose relics we saw in the India Room. These are the sterling qualities which Sandhurst is trying to cultivate in its cadets.

J. DUGGAN

## RUGBY 1969-1970

### *Inter-House Events*

XV RUGBY

'KICKING' COMPETITION

'SEVEN-A-SIDE' TOURNAMENT

SWIFT

QUEEN ANNE

HARCOURT

### FIRST XV REPORT

Rugby—what is it all about?

It is freely stated that rugby is a way of life in New Zealand, while in Wales it is regarded as being something of a combination of religion and a way of living. Perhaps one has to be born in that type of atmosphere to appreciate this enthusiasm for such a 'participation' sport. When a person is immersed in this plethoric emotional indulgence there is a certain feeling of impatience and frustration when the 'game' is not taken seriously. To enjoy a match all the team must take it seriously, with the object of winning within the laws. To achieve this there must be dedication to get fit to play rugby and not merely to play the game to gain some degree of physical well-being.

Our school record for the season is similar to that of last year, and much of the comment included in that summary is again applicable. It is true to say that the team suffered from a spate of injuries which deprived it of the services of some of the stalwarts at occasions throughout the season. This is clearly illustrated by the fact that the captain, Kitchin, played in only seven matches, Kelsey was lost to the team after only three games because of a broken bone in his foot, and Kaye was unavailable all season because of an injured wrist. Thus there was a continual introduction of new faces. Even the eight players who appeared in every match were subject to positional changes. Thus the team had little opportunity to settle into a cohesive unit.

Against this tale of misfortune and in the light of our small numbers the record is not discouraging, although at the start of the season there had been hopes of better things. In perspective it must be said that we always attempted to play open rugby in the modern trend even when opposed to bigger and technically superior sides. We did score in every game, and we did not give ground even when in arrears. This is shown by our second half comeback against Peers School to score three fine tries when already 27 points

behind. There was a certain amount of competition for places, but unfortunately there is insufficient pre-match practice as the team cannot be given stiff opposition while still being kept intact; this position was exaggerated by the flood of injuries. The team showed spirit in its matches; but the necessary degree of dedication to fitness and to the basic principles of passing, tackling, kicking and other fundamental facets of the game were lacking in general. Our place-kicking was lamentably erratic. These are all time-consuming but in the long-run both worthwhile and profitable. Rugby is a game, but it is the achievement of victory that counts.

When we obtained 'good ball' for the back division our speed in that department ensured a lively match and stretched many defences. We would have done better if their handling had been surer and their shrewdness in reading the play had been of greater clarity. Chances were definitely missed. The modern game demands 'power play' in the forwards, with the members of the pack being able to run and handle like three-quarters. The school pack was unfortunately small and light in comparison with most other teams, and despite their real efforts they did not often come out on top. A little of the necessary vehemence was lacking from their approach. The team's defence was weak, the tackling and covering not having the required unity, although individually players showed that they were capable. It was in fact too individualistic to be effective against well-drilled organised opposition. Thus we failed to win some games that we should have won.

The team was well-served by the 'regulars' and by the new-comers. The most improved player over the season was Siu, who adapted well to become a vigorous wing-forward always to be found in the thick of play. Mitchell, also reverting to the pack this season, was always to the fore in attack, being quick to take advantage of any loose ball, and in defence where he prevented even more than the ten tries he scored through the season with some devastating tackles. After injury removed the early promise of Kelsey, Hilder operated successfully at the base of the scrum. His ability to run from the tight set pieces was advantageous but he sometimes ran too far and then support was not at hand. The front row of Longinotto,

S. Sawyer, and Tonkin developed well and won many hooking duels. Height and weight were lacking in the 'power-house' and this along with the unsettled unity was a big disadvantage. However the players who filled these positions, such as Morley-John, I. Ritchie, D. Sawyer and Williams worked hard, and would have done better if there could have been greater continuity. Scully developed as a good No. 8, but he was better suited to attack than defence.

Hilder having settled at scrum-half the great problem became fly-half. Kitchin's appearances were far too irregular for a link to be truly established. The lack of continuity here also contributed to the team's lack of understanding and co-ordination. The three-quarter line was usually represented by B. R. Adeniyi-Jones, Carraher, Kyaruzi, and Lewis. As has already been said they had the speed but their handling was sometimes suspect and they were prone to run too far with the ball. At full-back O'Reilly was 'rock solid' and most dependable on some occasions but on others he was a cause of anxiety to the team and those on the touch-line. A greater degree of consistency would have been most pleasing. Amongst the juniors who appeared, and who will most certainly be in the reckoning next year, were Duggan, Fagg, R. Adeniyi-Jones, Partlett and Q. Ritchie.

Four of the team appeared in the First County Trial, namely B. R. Adeniyi-Jones, Hilder, Kyaruzi, and Scully. Adeniyi-Jones was offered a Final Trial but he was unfortunately injured in the intervening period and he missed the opportunity as Mitchell also missed the First Trial. Our only County Cap, Bulmer, made a welcome return to lead a good Old Boys' XV to victory over the School XV. His generalship and stamp were obvious in the match where he scored a perfectly executed drop-goal. The Old Boys pack gained control as the game proceeded and their team profited by a better supply of 'good ball'.

There were three other matches played by 'A' XV teams. They beat an Invitation XV amongst others. This was virtually the School XV and as such there are strong claims for counting this experimental match as a First's fixture. It is hoped to continue the event and possibly, if a sterner opposition can be provided, to count it as a full School fixture.

The future again looks bright, but 'nothing succeeds like success'. A measure of this was achieved in the Sevens' competitions. At the Peers Sevens' the Under 19 team beat Gosford Hill (9—6); but lost the other two games, unluckily to Banbury (3—10), and convincingly against Peers (0—11). At Burford Sevens we lost to Whitefriars I, who later won Section B at the Oxford Schools' Sevens (0—15), and beat Burford II (16—0).

At the Oxfordshire R.F.U. Schools' Sevens we did very well, emulating our previous best effort at the tournament, to reach the Quarter Finals of Section D (Seniors).

First Round	Whitefriars II	Won 10—3
Second Round	Uppingham II	Won 11—5
Quarter Final	St. Brendan's II	Lost 3—23

The squad was composed of the seven players—B. R. Adeniyi-Jones (captain), Brako (making a welcome return to the rugby scene after a long absence), Kyaruzi, Longinotto, J. Ritchie, S. Sawyer, and Siu—and the reserves Carraher and Kitchin. Others like Scully were unavailable owing to illness, after appearing in the earlier squads. They showed determination and a will to win, and acquitted themselves well as indeed did the Under 16 squad who showed promise in their only match, and the experience gained should hold them in good stead for next year.

D.R.D.

#### FIRST XV SUMMARY

Played 13, Won 4, Drew 1, Lost 8, Points: For 242, Against 218

Opponents	Venue	Result
Lord Williams's G.S., Thame	... .. Away	Lost 8—48
Kingham Hill School	... .. Away	Lost 10—16
Peers School, Littlemore	... .. Away	Lost 13—37
Rendcomb College	... .. Away	Drew 16—16
Abingdon School 3rd XV	... .. Away	Won 52—0
Old Boys XV	... .. Home	Lost 11—18
Bicester School	... .. Away	Lost 3—11
Redrice School	... .. Away	Lost 6—15
Chipping Norton School	... .. Away	Won 27—3
Oratory School 3rd XV	... .. Home	Won 33—0
Magdalen College School 3rd XV	... .. Home	Won 54—0
Lord Williams's G.S., Thame	... .. Home	Lost 3—31
Redrice School	... .. Home	Lost 6—23

*First XV 100 per cent appearances:* Hilder, Kyaruzi, Lewis, O'Reilly, S. Sawyer, Scully, Siu, Tonkin.

*Scorers:* Kitchin 68 points (9T, 1P, 19C.), Kyaruzi 33 points (11T.), Mitchell 30 points (10T.), Scully 26 points (5T, 1P., 4C.), Adeniyi-Jones 24 points (8T.).



Carraher 18 points (6T.), Lewis 15 points (5T.), Hilder 12 points (4T.), Ritchie 6 points (2T.), Longinotto 6 points (3C.), O'Reilly 4 points (2C.).  
 COLOURS: *Re-Awarded*: M. Kitchin, N. Hilder, C. Kyaruzi, B. R. Adeniyi-Jones, D. Mitchell

*Awarded*: P. Scully, M. Longinotto, P. Siu, A. Carraher, S. Sawyer, J. Ritchie.  
*Half-colours*: Tonkin, Morley-John, Lewis, O'Reilly.

#### 'A' XV SUMMARY

Played 3, Won 3, Lost 0, Points: For 62, Against 3

<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>
Invitation XV ... ..	Home	Won 48—0
Burford Boarding House XV ... ..	Home	Won 3—0
Brize Norton 2nd XV ... ..	Away	Won 11—3

#### COLTS RUGBY

Record:

Played 11, Won 4, Drawn 0, Lost 7, Points: For 175, Against 123

ALTHOUGH OUR PRE-SEASON hopes were not completely fulfilled, this has been a much better season for the Colts XV, partly because we won more matches, partly because we scored more points than we conceded, but mainly due to the fact that with the exception of the match against Burford, we never suffered a heavy defeat. Once again lack of good match practice was our big disadvantage, the team only reaching its true class at the end of the season.

Better and more dedicated pre-match practice had much to do with this improvement. The whole team, under the praiseworthy leadership of Duggan, Lawrence and Butcher, worked hard to improve themselves, and the thrilling matches against Thame, Peers, Redrice and Rendcombe were measures of the result. It is vital that this responsible leadership both on and off the field, is continued by the senior members of next year's team if progress is to continue.

In all, the 1969/70 team was far more balanced than its predecessor, with a much faster, and safer-looking back division, whose only fault was probably a lack of attacking ideas. Loraine-Smith I and Partlett when given more of the ball towards the end of the season, proved to be very dangerous, while Lam and Adeniyi-Jones II who was given a final county trial, looked to have good futures ahead of them. The tackling was much better and I hope the experience gained will be transferred to next year's 1st XV.

The forwards also maintained the high standard achieved in the previous year. Duggan, Butcher, Gregory, Haydon and Fagg all lived up to reputation, while it was sad we were deprived of Ritchie II's line-out prowess for most of the season with a broken wrist. To compensate, there were two new finds—Massey at prop who, with an unprecedented rise to County Trial standard had a marvellous first-ever season, being solid as a rock and a remarkably fast learner, and Bridge, whose efforts at wing forward and hooker were extremely encouraging.

Through absolutely no fault of their own, the basic difficulty was at the critical point of half back, and this was only solved late in the season. Brave efforts by Freddi and Partlett did not really fill the need, and it was only when Feilden, another excellent prospect, had very successfully converted himself to scrum half and Stoma returned after injury to stand-off that the back division began to move properly and the team became a menacing unit.

What of the future? It is always unfair in a review to mention only a few. There are many hopefuls appearing, some of whom have already made satisfactory debuts, Vaughan-Fowler, Spencer, Davis, Bradshaw, Boston, Edwards and Hodge to mention just a few. The Colts success is now in their hands, and is full of possibilities.

#### RESULTS

Opponents	Venue	Result
Kingham Hill	Away	Won 49—0
Lord William's Grammar School, Thame	Away	Lost 6—13
Peers School, Littlemore	Away	Lost 9—16
Rendcombe College	Away	Lost 6—12
Abingdon School	Away	Won 25—6
Burford Grammar School	Away	Lost 3—37
Redrice School	Away	Lost 6—13
Magdalen College School	Away	Lost 0—9
Oratory School	Home	Won 26—3
Lord William's Grammar School, Thame	Home	Lost 12—14
Redrice School	Home	Won 33—0

*The following represented the team:* Fagg, Loraine-Smith I, Partlett, Massey, Gregory (11); Feilden, Duggan (Captain), Butcher (Vice-Captain), Haydon, Lam (9); Lawrence Adeniyi-Jones II (8); Spencer (7); Freddi, Stoma, Davis (5); de Pass, Hicks I, Bridge (4); Ritchie II, Murray (3); Vaughan-Fowler, Brako (2); O'Reilly, Sawyer II, Hicks II, Edwards (1).

M. de W.

#### THE BURFORD 'SEVENS'

TWO SQUADS REPRESENTED the School in the Burford Sevens this year. The 'A' Team played unchanged during its three matches and, although lack of real speed prevented any success, played with audacity and spirit, and by no means disgraced itself.

Altogether, eleven boys represented the 'B' Team and the rewards here were to give vital experience to some of next year's potential Colts, several of whom succeeded in surprising not only the spectators but themselves as well.

Bridge and Freddi put a considerable amount into the captaincy of the teams and helped to ensure that despite the calibre of the opposition and the elements, everyone had an enjoyable afternoon.

M. de W.

#### *Those who played:*

'A' Squad: Bridge, Adeniyi-Jones II, Gregory, Feilden, Haydon, Massey, Edwards.

'B' Squad: Freddi, Moore, Wells, Boston, de la Rue, Webb, Hodge, Spencer, Davis, Lister, Bradshaw.

## COCKETHORPE CRICKET CLUB REPORT 1969

*Captain:* R. Harris      *Vice-Captain:* M. Kitchin

*Secretary:* P. Scully

'Does your circulation fail, Kangaroo?  
Got a frost-bite in your tail, Kangaroo?  
Do you find it hard to play  
When it's hailing half the day,  
And it's even cold for May, Kangaroo?'

'In these amusing terms did the London Evening News immortalise the extremely wintery weather which heralded the arrival on our shores of the Eleventh Australian Team, in the closing days of the biting April of King Edward the Seventh's Coronation year.'

This extract taken from *Cricket of Today and Yesterday*, published in 1902, could easily be applied to the opening of the 1969 season at Cokethorpe. Even the reference to the Kangaroo (out of season at Test level, being replaced by that other antipodean visitor the Kiwi) is relevant, provided that one recognises the author's favourite club tie.

In simple terms, the pitches at the start of the season were very wet, and the 'deluge' which has appeared in former reports, was with us once again last year. Net practice was virtually out of the question, and the XI was really getting vital middle practice during the first two matches, half way through May. Against Lord Williams's G.S., Thame, the XI scored 82, thanks to some good hitting by Lauder and a useful rearguard action fought by Carraher and Sayer, both of whom improved considerably during the season. Lauder and Hancocks then broke through the early batting, and Ritchie turned his leg breaks yards, taking three wickets in ten balls for no runs, a satisfactory start. On the next day, the XI travelled to Shiplake and on a really hard and fast wicket which was a great credit to Shiplake's groundsman, were beaten by seven wickets after stout resistance from Kitchin, 33 in 57 minutes, and Harris, 20 in 58 minutes. Lauder bowled well taking 2 for 17, but had no luck, with catches being dropped off his bowling.

For the rest of May no more matches could be played and in a desperate effort to cover wickets we went out to buy some polythene sheets early on 31st May. From this

point on it stopped raining and we all enjoyed a glorious summer! 175 years ago something similar occurred in relation to the weather when Lord Howe won a famous victory over the French 400 miles out in the Atlantic in the latitude of Ushant. After a period of terrible weather, the mist began to clear about noon on 31st May and Howe was seen to smile. The news spread like lightning through the fleet, as 'Black Dick', as Howe was called, smiled rarely. When he did so it meant business. On the next day the battle, now known as the Glorious First of June, was fought.

The next match, against Abingdon Colts, proved to be very high scoring. Scully and Harris opened and Harris set a cracking pace which proved too hot to last long. He was replaced by Hancocks and the second wicket put on 55 runs in better than even time. Scully went on to score 79 before being seventh out at 165, and O'Reilly attacked the bowling gleefully to score 28 not out before Harris closed the innings at 186 for 7. Abingdon batted well and only fine bowling by Lauder, 6 for 31 in 14 overs, clinched the match for the XI.

At Oratory the XI once again played well, just failing to force a victory before time ran out, but they made no mistake against the Old Boys who were beaten by five wickets. It is worth pointing out at this stage how well our two openers played. Against Oratory Scully and Harris put on 58 for the first wicket, and against the Old Boys their partnership realised 63. On several other occasions they launched the innings with a productive partnership and provided a base upon which later batsmen could build. This illustrates how very lucky the School was to acquire both Scully, who topped the batting averages and began to keep wicket well once he had started to move his feet, and also O'Reilly, who topped the bowling averages while still under 16, at the beginning of the academic year.

After the match against the Old Boys came five more matches and all were lost. This sounds disastrous, and it was painful to say the least, but the XI was dreadfully unlucky. Against Bicester, Harris and Kitchin were injured and had to bat very low down the order. The balance of the team was upset and a match which would normally have resulted in a victory ended in defeat, despite some good bowling by Haines who took 3 for 27. At St. Edwards, the

XI had six opponents out with fifty runs in hand, but lost by 3 wickets, chiefly because the opening bowlers were kept on far too long on a scalding day. P. J. Green's XI proved to be too strong even though Ritchie (21) and O'Reilly (30) played very well before falling to splendid catches. Magdalen College School won by one wicket despite 32 from Harris and 30 from Kitchin. Hancocks bowled like a true grenadier taking 4 for 21, but Lauder, although he took 4 for 25, was somewhat wayward in direction and extras for Magdalen finally stood at 24, a quarter of their entire score. Burford, however, handed out a severe beating winning by 9 wickets and looking good value for their victory.

Several points worth mentioning emerged from the season, one of the most significant being the tremendous improvement in ground fielding and throwing which saved a considerable number of runs in XI matches. One of the stars in this respect was Berry who began the season as one of several reserves in the senior game and ended it in the XI as runner-up to Kitchin for the fielding cup. On the other hand several catches were put down close to the wicket, and this season similar chances must be snapped up if victories are to be won. Now that we have a slip-catching machine, specialist close fielders should be able to sharpen up their reflexes with practice.

Prospects for this season look fair with six of the XI plus Wada, who missed last season through injury, still with us. Quick bowlers are rather thin on the ground, however, and much will depend on the ability of last year's Colts in this department. Also, a partner for Scully must be found to replace Harris and provide the solid foundations upon which big totals can be built. Let us hope for good weather early in the season to help solve these problems and improve the all-round standard of cricket at Cokethorpe in 1970.

P.J.G.

#### GENERAL SUMMARY OF MATCHES PLAYED

XI Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 6, Cancelled 1

Wed. 14th May v. Lord Williams's G.S., Thame (home). XI 82 (Lauder 21). Thame 52 (Lauder 4-9, Ritchie 3-0).

Thurs. 15th May v. Shiplake 1st XI (away). XI 82 (Kitchen 33, Harris 20). Shiplake 84-3.

Wed. 11th June v. Abingdon Colts (home). XI 186-7 dec. (Scully 79, O'Reilly 28\*) Abingdon 139 (Lauder 6-31).

Sat. 21st June v. Oratory 'A' XI (away). XI 132 (Harris 34, Carraher 22\*, Scully 22). Oratory 107-8 (O'Reilly 4-16).

Sun. 22nd June *v.* Old Boys (home). Old Boys III (Hancocks 6-43). XI 112-5 (Harris 29, Scully 23).  
 Wed. 2nd July *v.* Bicester (home). Bicester 128 (Haines 3-27). XI 77 (Ritchie 24).  
 Sat. 5th July *v.* St. Edwards 3rd XI (away). XI 88 (Lauder 25, Scully 23). St. Edwards 89-7 (Hancocks 3-31).  
 Sun. 6th July *v.* P. J. Green's XI (home). P. J. G's XI 164-8 dec. XI 104 (O'Reilly 30, Ritchie 21).  
 Wed. 9th July *v.* Magdalen C.S. XXII (home). XI 101 (Harris 32, Kitchin 30). Magdalen 102-9 (Hancocks 4-21, Lauder 4-25).  
 Sat. 12th July *v.* Burford G.S. (home). XI 91 (Harris 25) Burford 94-1.

#### XI AVERAGES

Batting (Qualifications 8 innings)

	<i>Inns.</i>	<i>N.O.</i>	<i>H.S.</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Av.</i>
Scully ... ..	10	0	79	188	18.80
Harris ... ..	10	0	34	172	17.20
Kitchin ... ..	10	0	33	111	11.10
Ritchie ... ..	10	1	24	98	10.89
Carraher ... ..	10	3	22*	76	10.86
O'Reilly ... ..	9	1	30	76	9.50

Bowling (Qualification 10 wickets)

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Wkts.</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Av.</i>
O'Reilly ... ..	30	7	10	94	9.40
Lauder ... ..	95.5	23	21	226	10.76
Hancocks ... ..	104	27	19	285	15.00
Ritchie ... ..	47.1	9	10	171	17.10

#### COLOURS

XI

R. J. O. Harris  
 M. A. D. Kitchin  
 N. D. T. Lauder  
 P. T. Scully  
 M. J. Hancocks

XXII

J. W. Ritchie  
 M. S. M. A. O'Reilly  
 A. E. Carraher

#### CRICKET CUPS

All-rounders' Cup	N. D. T. Lauder and J. W. Ritchie
Fielding Cup	M. A. D. Kitchin
Inter-House Cricket Cup	Queen Anne

#### HOUSE MATCHES

SCORES:

*1st Match:* Harcourt 53 (Hancocks 20, Lauder 5-27, Harris 3-17). Queen Anne 54-3.  
*2nd Match:* Queen Anne 144 (Harris 71, Scully 33, O'Reilly 4-25). Swift 81 (Harris 4-17, Lauder 4-25).

For the second year running Queen Anne proved to have by far the strongest house cricket team and only two house matches had to be played to decide the winners of the cup. Things might have been different had Swift held early chances offered by both Harris and Scully, which underlines the old saying 'dropped catches lose matches'.

## COLTS CRICKET

Played 7, Won 2, Drawn 1, Lost 4

A GLANCE AT THE final averages is enough to explain the season's limited success. The bowling was enormously encouraging, the three bowlers who formed the spearhead of the attack all finishing with averages of under 10, a very creditable performance. Besides O'Reilly, Steel and Lane did most of the damage, the former still needing greater control to be continually menacing, but at the same time often producing the most unplayable deliveries, while the latter, probably the most consistently dangerous of the three, proved to be accurate, while often obtaining also that little bit of something to beat the bat. It was only when he was attacked and in consequence tried to bowl too fast, as happened against Bicester, that he was played with ease. Two other bowlers deserve mention. Bradshaw, the fourth of the pace bowlers, had understandably limited duties, but did enough, especially against Magdalen to show that he could be extremely useful in 1970, while Freddi was probably the unluckiest of the five. Through no fault of his own he never got the necessary match practice to be effective. Again 1970 may well be his year.

The fielding also proved to be satisfactory. The concentration of Kelsey at silly mid off was an example to all; the deep fielding of Bradshaw and Stoma was exciting to watch; while a diving catch by Partlett against Bicester, and a marvellous running catch by the Captain against Burford were just some of the highlights of a performance that deserves praise all round. Behind the wicket de Pass improved enormously as the season progressed, ending in a vital diving catch (which with Tonkin's won the match against Burford) and shows every sign of becoming 'a mature keeper' of the future.

However, it was the batting which completely unbalanced the side and let it down badly. It was lamentable that our highest total should be 79 and the low scores too often gave the bowlers too much to do. Lack of adequate practice on solid pitches had much to do with this but in general conviction and determination were seriously lacking. O'Reilly when available, was often, though not always, the mainstay of the batting, and Kelsey, Butcher and Partlett all had their moments, but for the remainder it must suffice to hope for better things next year.

Tonkin's captaincy improved enormously as time went on and with the help of Kelsey he guided the side through an enjoyable season. Two victories and a draw were the reward. The game against Thame, played in six inches of grass, can only be described as O'Reilly's match, while against Shiplake, the rain, which we had cursed so often, came to our rescue.

Thanks is due to Gregory and the other scorers for their efforts, to the Bursar and his men who wrestled with the pitches, and finally to the intrepid band of 'volunteers' who manned the covers. Where would we be without them?

## RESULTS

- v. Shiplake (away). Colts 31. Shiplake 17-0. Rain.  
 v. Thame (away). Colts 30 (O'Reilly 20\*). Thame 27 (O'Reilly 7-9; Steel 3-14).  
 v. The Oratory (away). Colts 41 (Butcher 16). Oratory 42-2.  
 v. Abingdon (home). Colts 79 (O'Reilly 48). Abingdon 81-1.  
 v. Bicester (home). Bicester 153-6 dec. Colts 54 (Kelsey 12; Partlett 15).  
 v. Magdalen (away). Magdalen 117 (Lane 5-29; Steel 3-35; Bradshaw 2-16).  
 Colts 44 (Kelsey 17\*).  
 v. Burford (home). Colts 52 (Butcher 14). Burford 37 (Steel 5-10; Lane 5-23).

### LEADING AVERAGES

BATTING									
					<i>Inns</i>	<i>N.O.</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Av.</i>	
O'Reilly	...	...	...	...	4	1	77	25.7	
Kelsey	...	...	...	...	7	1	40	6.7	
Partlett	...	...	...	...	5	0	29	5.8	

BOWLING									
					<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wkts.</i>	<i>Av.</i>
O'Reilly	...	...	...	...	25.4	8	45	8	5.6
Lane	...	...	...	...	37	11	98	12	8.2
Steel	...	...	...	...	52.5	13	113	13	8.7

*Those who played:* Tonkin (Capt.), Kelsey, O'Reilly, Partlett, Butcher, Haines, Steel, Bridge, Bradshaw, de Pass, Lane, Stoma, Freddi, Sayer, Allen, Greenhalgh.

## THE BOAT CLUB

BY FAR THE MOST important event in the year has been the repair of our equipment, the purchase of a set of oars, and the establishment of a firm contact with an Oxford college boatman, who will look after our equipment maintenance in future.

Though we did win one race at Chalmore Regatta, our season's results were not good, but a great deal of experience was gained, which should stand us in good stead this coming season. We attended regattas at Wallingford, Hereford, Worcester (twice), and Reading, but, once again, bad weather defeated our attempts to organise an inter-house regatta.

H.S.C.

The final crew placings were:

CADETS—Sawyer I, Parsons, Carrington\* Morley-John, MacGinty.

COLTS—Lawrence, Maybank, Ritchie II, Lewis, Cooper, Stuart, Fagg, Brooks, Murray, Yates. *Reserve*—Scotchmer.

\*Captain of Boats.

JUNIOR COLTS—Gregory, Hicks, Edwards, Jones II, Savage, Wells, Haydon, Loraine-Smith II, Mellaart, Hall. *Reserves*—Sheardown, Stallard, Hazeldine.



## ATHLETICS 1969

THE METRIC SYSTEM was introduced at all standards of competition in athletics this season. The change-over was slow and incomplete as some tracks were not wholly converted to the new distances. The adoption of the system resulted in the creation of a series of new school records which were steadily improved upon throughout the season. Indeed, nine new records were achieved on the final day of the term in the Inter-House Sports. All these records were on the track over the new distances; no field records were broken—as aspect which it is hoped can be remedied in 1970.

The sole inter-school meeting successfully staged was a tense affair at Kingham Hill School which was eventually lost narrowly by 11 points (120-131). Our superiority on the track was more than equalled by their performance in field events, where we only won two of the events. However, our representatives at both senior and junior age-groups were keen contestants in an enjoyable encounter; and it would be perhaps unfair to single out any competitor for special reference.

The School did relatively well at the Mid-Oxon Area Sports where all the entrants acquitted themselves well, and we came first in seven events, namely:

Senior 100 metres	Adeniyi-Jones, J.
110 metres Hurdles	Adeniyi-Jones, J.
220 yards	Kyaruzi, C.
4 × 110 yards Relay	Kitchin, Adeniyi-Jones, Hilder, Kyaruzi
Discus	Scully, P.
Weight	Kitchin, M.
Intermediate Javelin	Ritchie, J.

In all thirteen athletes were selected for the Mid-Oxon Area Team for the Schools' County Championships where they again did well, especially Kyaruzi who won the 100 metres (Senior) and Kitchin who won the Weight (Senior), and the former along with Adeniyi-Jones and Carraher who ran in the winning relay teams. The other athlete who must be mentioned is Siu, who ran well in both Area and County meetings in the Senior 800 metres races although he was

not victorious. The latter also created a new record in the 1500 metres at Kingham, finishing in 4 min. 57.9 sec.

Thirteen athletes were also entered for the Oxfordshire A.A.A. County Championships and were reasonably successful although there were only two outright winners—(110 metres Hurdles Junior Men) Adeniyi-Jones and Kyaruzi (100 metres Junior Men). In that race Adeniyi-Jones was second giving the school the first two men home. There were other good performances, the most notable being the gallant run by Kaye (Youth 800 metres) where he was only pipped at the tape for the first place by a few centimetres.

All the athletes who represented the School deserve praise for their endeavours and the splendid spirit with which they participated in the meetings. School Athletic Colours were re-awarded to the captain, Kyaruzi, and awarded to Adeniyi-Jones, Siu, Carraher and Kaye.

In the inter-house sphere of competition Harcourt again ruled supreme, winning both the Standards and the Athletic cups. In the Standards competition the fine overall effort of the house achieved the high average score of 11.0 points per person. The main contributors were Kyaruzi, Siu, Kaye, Ritchie, J., and Adeniyi-Jones, R., all of whom gained 21 points. Swift (8.1) were second, and Queen Anne (6.4) were third. The highest individual score was, however, recorded by Loraine-Smith, R. (Queen Anne) with a total of 24 points.

The Inter-House Sports on the last day of term also fell to Harcourt who have won it for the past five years. There were many good performances by winners and other competitors. With ideal conditions Kyaruzi won both Senior Sprints, the 100 Metres in the very fast time of 10.9 secs. In the absence of Siu, Kaye gave a great display to win both Senior 800 and 1500 Metre races.

Despite the wide margin of victory there was keen rivalry between the contestants for all places, and in the later events intense competition between Swift and Queen Anne for the overall second position. The supporters and spectators were certainly given much to enthuse about, and their presence itself was most welcome and appreciated.

D.R.D.

INTER HOUSE WINNERS 1969

<i>Event</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Time/Distance</i>
100 metres Senior	Kyaruzi, C. (H)	*109 sec.
100 metres Junior	Lorraine-Smith, R. (QA)	*12.5 sec.
200 metres Senior	Kyaruzi, C. (H)	*22.8 sec.
200 metres Junior	Haydon, J. (H)	*26.5 sec.
400 metres Senior	Lewis, P. (QA)	*55.9 sec.
400 metres Junior	O'Reilly, M. (S)	*60.8 sec.
800 metres Senior	Kaye, R. (H)	2 min. 20.3 sec.
800 metres Junior	Gregory, M. (QA)	2 min. 29.5 sec.
1500 metres Open	Kaye, R. (H)	5 min. 04.1 sec.
4 × 100 metres Relay Senior	Harcourt House	*48.4 sec.
4 × 100 metres Relay Junior	Swift House	*51.3 sec.
Medley Relay	Harcourt House	*4 min. 19.3 sec.
Long Jump Senior	Kyaruzi, C. (H)	5.765 metres
Long Jump Junior	Lorraine-Smith, R. (QA)	5.169 metres
High Jump Senior	Bean, M. (QA)	1.524 metres
High Jump Junior	Lam, M. (S)	1.448 metres
Discus Senior	Scully, P. (QA)	28.753 metres
Discus Junior	Fagg, C. (H)	27.279 metres
Javelin Senior	Ritchie, J. (H)	35.052 metres
Javelin Junior	Adeniyi-Jones, R. (H)	34.480 metres
Weight Senior	Kitchin, M. (S)	10.528 metres
Weight Junior	Adeniyi-Jones, R. (H)	9.983 metres

\*New School Records

FINAL HOUSE RESULT

1	Harcourt	...	...	...	...	185½ points
2	Queen Anne	...	...	...	...	146 points
3	Swift	...	...	...	...	144½ points

CROSS-COUNTRY SUMMARY, 1970

INTEREST IN THIS sporting activity has been maintained in some quarters despite the fact that adverse weather conditions prevented the arranged fixtures at both senior and junior levels being run. This is most unfortunate and it is to be hoped that future plans fare better. The presence of cross-country running ability in the School was, however, clearly revealed in the two inter-house events.

*Inter-House Cross-Country*

This event was won by Swift House, who thus maintained their strangle-hold on the cup. Their victory is due to the good running of all their entrants; the close packing of runners in the middle order of the field is as important as the high position achieved by the star performers.

Seventy-five competitors from the three houses set off in a tight bunch for one circuit of the cricket square before proceeding into the country. At this stage the field was led by Siu and tailed off by Stallard, both of Harcourt.

Reappearing at the School, having covered half the course, the runners were well strung out. Siu still led, followed by Kyaruzi, the School sprint champion, also of Harcourt, and the leading lights of the other houses, namely Hilder (Swift), Loraine-Smith I and Partlett (Queen Anne). Loraine-Smith was, however, forced to retire soon after this.

At the finish, Siu won, having led the field from the start. He came home fairly comfortably in 28 min. 56.6 sec. Kyaruzi was second, a fine achievement for one who is an acknowledged sprinter. Hilder came third, and Partlett was fourth to give the other two houses their first finishers. The next runners were two Swift members—Scotchmer and Morley-John. There were many other creditable performances, especially by juniors such as Gregory, Lewis II, and Boston, all of Queen Anne. Many others could be mentioned, but it is a team event and each and every runner is deserving of credit for his effort and spirit.

#### *Inter-House Road Relay Race*

This provided a repeat of the exciting tussle between the Houses. Harcourt were victorious and by winning broke Swift's grip on the event. The winning team consisted of Fagg, Kyaruzi, Ritchie, J., Sargeantson, M., Siu (Seniors), Freddi and Massey (Juniors).

Queen Anne took the lead on the first leg through Lewis, and their juniors maintained it over the first lap, followed by Swift with Harcourt in the rear. However, on the second lap Harcourt gained the lead and never looked back. They continued to increase their lead, and Siu, running the last leg, came home for the team to finish in 112 min. 38 sec. Swift also passed Queen Anne on the second lap but could make no impression on the leaders. The excitement was by no means over. On the final lap Queen Anne runners caught up with Swift, and their last runners entered the School drive very close together. Partlett (Queen Anne) actually forged in front of Hilder (Swift) for a short time, but the latter came again with a late sprint and successfully brought his team home in second place in a tight and thrilling finish. All the runners of the three houses must be congratulated on their fine efforts and on providing such an interesting duel.

D.R.D.

## HARCOURT HOUSE REPORT

(Head of House—B. R. Adeniyi-Jones)

THIS YEAR, UNDER the same Housemaster and House Tutor the House soon settled down to its usual routine.

We had a considerably brighter year on the sports field. On Sports Day we won both the Athletics House and Standards cups. Outstanding performances were given by Kyaruzi, Kaye and the very promising junior sprinter, Haydon. Athletics Colours were awarded to Ritchie I, Adeniyi-Jones I, Haydon, Adeniyi-Jones II, and Hubbard, and re-awarded to Kyaruzi, Siu and Kaye.

Our rugby season, however, was not so good and injury prevented us from showing our true power. However, when the seven-a-side matches came along we won them decisively without the junior or senior side losing a match. After this taste of victory we went on to win the road-relay. Both Siu and Kyaruzi deserve credit for coming first and second respectively in the school cross-country.

In the middle of the Winter Term it was decided that something was needed to promote more House spirit. A scheme was devised to allot points for merit and keep a record of a boy's academic and sporting attainments. This was unfortunately, perhaps inevitably, too heavily geared in favour of the sportsman, it being difficult to record individual achievement in work because we were the only House running the system. Conclusive proof of its success has yet to be seen.

During the year we lost our Head of House MacMillan-Scott, Hancocks, Maybank, Kaye and Sayer. MacMillan-Scott left with two 'A' levels and nine 'O' levels.

## QUEEN ANNE HOUSE REPORT

(Head of House—P. T. Scully)

AT LAST AFTER SOME lean years we are beginning to hold our own against the other two Houses. This year we have won three cups, but more important is the fact that there is far greater spirit and keenness all round. The Cricket Trophy was easily won with Scully and Harris making a hundred partnership against Swift. After the match House Colours were re-awarded to Harris, Lauder and Hilderly,

and were awarded to Scully and Greenhalgh. On the rugby field there was a marked improvement compared with the previous year. We had a decisive victory against Harcourt, but fell to Swift who had the majority of the 1st XV playing for them. On Sports Day we managed to secure second place, and by far the most outstanding performances in our House were made by Loraine-Smith I.

On the academic side we congratulate C. Farah for his two 'A' level passes, with a grade 'B' in English. We have since heard that he has obtained a place at Keele University. Hitchcock also obtained two 'A' passes and is going to Reading University. We were also sorry to lose Nicholas Parsons, Neil Lauder, and Robert Harris, all of whom contributed greatly to the House in their own way. We wish the leavers the best of luck in their future careers.

### SWIFT HOUSE REPORT

(Head of House—M. A. D. Kitchin)

SWIFT HAS HAD A moderate year both at work and on the games field. Perhaps our two main triumphs were the Rugby XV matches, and the School Cross-country, the cups for both of which we managed to retain. This now means that Swift has been dominant on the Rugby pitch for the last five years in succession—an unprecedented feat. The matches were played with determination, as well as brute force, a feature inherent in all House matches. Colours were re-awarded to Longinotto, Kitchin, Hilder, and Mitchell, and newly awarded to Tonkin.

The School Cross-country showed true Swift determination to win. On paper we looked the weaker House, for during the year we had lost two of our ablest runners, Smith and Carrington, who finished last year in first and second places. This we thought would adversely affect our chances of winning. Although we did not have many boys finishing in the first ten places, the bulk of Swift boys managed to reach the finishing line in the twenties, thirties and forties, and the final 'plodders' seemed all to come from the other Houses. Special mention must be made of Hilder who crossed the line in third position, and Scotchmer who came in fifth. Feilden, a newcomer to the House, ran extremely well and managed to reach the post in thirteenth position.

These boys have all been awarded their colours. Mention must be made of Lam who was awarded his Athletic Colours. He was our top scorer in the standards competition. He should do even better this year.

Turning to the academic side there were no really outstanding 'A' and 'O' level achievements. This was because Swift at the present moment is a very young House. In fact we have only some five seniors who will be taking their 'A' levels this year. However, our leavers, Mitchell, Berry, Carrington, Sewell, Smith and Wharton, all gained a variety of 'O' level passes. I think the most outstanding loss to the House was Mitchell, whose skilful fearless rugby in particular will long be remembered.

### THE SCHOOL DANCES

THOSE WHO WERE fortunate to be at Cokethorpe during the Christmas Term of 1965 will remember that there was held, for the benefit of the School and of the Sixth, a School Dance, versus a girl's school in Oxford. We of the lower school were interested to know just what was going on behind the out-of-bounds notice pinned on the door of the table-tennis room. That was the last School Dance there was for the next four years, for the simple reason that this ill-fated school closed down a short while later. Cynics might say that the kiss of death had been given.

Therefore, it came as a surprise to us, now ourselves members of the Sixth, to hear that the service had been resumed, and that there was to be a dance during the Christmas Term of 1969. The fixture was planned for the evening of Saturday, November 24th; it was to be an away match, held at Rye St. Anthony's girls' school, Headington.

By the end of the afternoon of the appointed day, there could not have been one drop of hot water left in the school, and after-shave wafted forth from every room, as school uniforms were discarded and clothes donned which more befitted the occasion. With breasts swollen with conquests yet to come, we all entered the coach. The air in the bus was heavy with the scent of Brut and tobacco—an unhappy mixture some might say!

The bus had to pick its way gingerly along the rather narrow and dark drive-way which led through laurels to

the buildings. At the front entrance there was a reception committee. We had arrived at the Temple of Diana.

Once inside, we felt a bit lost at first, but this was to be expected. We were ushered into part of the school which serves both as a theatre and a gym. Things were put right for us as the girls floated around handing out glasses of home-made fruit punch.

Battle was soon afterwards joined, and 'particoloured troops, a shining train, drew forth to combat' on the polished floor. The girls were evidently prepared for wild kicks and all the hazards of modern dancing, and were wearing short dresses. About half way through there was a very nice buffet supper, and later on still there was coffee. Moreover, fruit punch flowed throughout. Music was provided by the playing of records and the passing of the end products through a large and complicated-looking machine to amplify it; this looked like equipment for tracking Apollo 11. About a quarter of the way through this failed, for reasons unknown, so a gramophone was procured to replace it and this was found to be perfectly adequate. This goes to prove that size is not everything.

By nine o'clock the effects of the continual quaffing of glasses of punch were definitely being felt. Many couples were seen to be in fine form. The headmaster looked in at this point, and if the expression of his face was anything to go by, I would say that he thought it to be as much of a success as we did. The party broke up at ten o'clock.

In everyone's opinion this, the first of what promises to be a long line of dances, was a great success. Everybody felt sure that there would be a return fixture in the near future.

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Quite early on in the Spring Term, the Upper School was told that there was to be a return dance against the same school. Preparations for the affair included the laying on of a cold buffet by candle-light, established in what is normally the Library. We were all standing about in the Hall or the Library, knowing full well what we were in for. The girls arrived more or less dead on time, and headed straight for the temporary powder-room. Meanwhile, we were bracing ourselves and when the girls emerged having disposed of



their outer garments, glasses of cider were brought into service, with Mr. de Weymarn at the controls, pouring away left, right and centre, and probably wishing for an extra pair of arms.

As soon as the cider was finished there was a mass exodus to the Corinthian Room, which was suitably bedecked with coloured lights, chairs and equipment for the specific purpose of making merry music. The candle-light buffet in the Library was open all the time to all takers. By about halfway through the air had become somewhat heavier, the net result of breathing and smoke, and there was a distinct scent of the incense sticks, whose little orange glinting eyes could be seen sticking out from every nook and cranny, like so many railway signals set at 'all clear'. . . . It was only a little later on that somebody actually thought of opening a window.

It is nine-thirty now. The lights have dimmed considerably. Overcome by the heavy scent and the effects of cider and cocoa, the couples remaining on the floor are much closer together now. They are trying to make the most of the remaining time, for at ten the party must be broken up. Soon, music will cease, partners will part, coats will be donned, and the Amazons, having conquered, will leave to return to base.

To end on a slightly more serious note, let it never be said that these school dances are laid on merely for the sake of sheer frivolity. They are not. Indeed, functions such as these are not only important in strengthening good relations for the school, but they may almost be regarded as part of the school curriculum, on the same level as the subjects normally taught in Cokethorpe's classrooms. It is part of education in its broadest sense. It is to be hoped that circumstances will, therefore, allow these things to continue, so that they may become a regular feature of life here.

A. PEARSON

## HOUSE PLAYS

THE MOST IMPORTANT result of the 1970 House Plays was to reveal the wealth of unknown talent which was thrown onto the small stage, during an evening which I personally, and I hope most of the audience as well, enjoyed

enormously. Many of the known and experienced artists were again on show, and again provided good entertainment, notably Kitchin, Kelsey, Tonkin, Griffiths and Duggan, but the three very competent plays also showed much promise for future School productions, in the shape, especially, of Freddi, Vaughan-Fowler, Hicks I, Davis, Loraine-Smith II, O'Reilly, Shepheard and Feilden, who did particularly well as a last-minute understudy. I look forward to seeing all these and others in action again in future productions.

Swift's 'To Bay The Moon' provided for a large cast, a worthwhile influence in any choice of House play, but ironically it suffered as a result. Maybe C. B. de Mille would have had a field day, but on the small Corinthian room stage, things became too cluttered, and consequently movement was static or cumbersome. Nevertheless, despite this handicap, with a mixture of scratches, grunts, squawks, and smarms, the production with the aid of ingenious masks, and even more ingenious semi-darkness, proceeded smoothly enough, lorded over by King Lion (Kitchin) whose 'roar' I particularly liked, and including bursts of activity from Parrot (Kelsey), Rabbit (Griffiths) and Mouse (Feilden), the incessant slimy presence of Serpent (Tonkin) and the continuous side-acting of Ape (O'Reilly), all of which added up to an enjoyable half hour.

Queen Anne's choice was a 'Hitchcock type' comedy, 'The Bathroom Door' and, being a play more suited to the size of stage, gave more opportunity to a cast who took it with both hands, and was consequently more effective. The diverse characters of the Dramatis Personae were well portrayed; the smooth ambitious gentleman (Wada), the agitated business man (Pearson), the neurotic, eccentric actress (Davis), and the youthful charms of the blonde (Shepheard), added to the spinster-like qualities of Loraine-Smith II, all created the humour expected of them and were hilarious to watch. Carraher, with his small part, produced the perfect ending.

A mixture of trepidation and anticipation made up the prelude to Harcourt's contribution to the evening, but in the event we were by no means disappointed. Freddi's first-ever effort as a playwright can definitely be rated a success, for the Mafia type production, despite being unintelligible

at times, combined wit with drama, allowing much scope to the actors involved. Yet no sooner had we become used to the quick fire stacatto dialogue of Freddi, the slow aristocratic overtones of Hicks I (his reference to a famous Liberal Prime Minister was perfectly timed) and the various interjections of the rest of the cast, than the play was over, and one was left with a sense of frustration at having seen something (I never did discover what it was called) and then having it wrenched from our eyes. I could have done with at least another five minutes and the long 'intervals' proved to be poor substitutes. Nevertheless, what we did see was well worth the time, and the whole team deserves credit for producing something very original.

All in all, the standard was far higher than I anticipated. I was disappointed to receive only one programme during the evening, but this was more than outweighed by the production teams themselves. Whether backstage or front-stage, a very creditable performance by all.

M. de W.

#### AUSTRIA '70

IN VIEW OF THE Christmas 'flu epidemic, it was all the more remarkable that all 27 boys and masters arrived punctually at Victoria Station (outside the Golden Arrow bar—it wasn't open) to begin what turned out to be a highly successful ten days in the Austrian Tyrol village of Fugen.

A well-organised and trouble-free journey by cross-channel ferry and trans-continental express was punctuated by small hour halts at sleepy-looking stations and awesome views of towering snow-capped mountains and bottomless valleys as the train wound its way through the Alps, and culminated in lunch at the 'Schwarzer Agler' hotel in Innsbruck.

An hour's coach ride down an Austrian autobahn with more picturesque views, brought us to Fugen and the hotel. This turned out to be far more than most of us probably expected—a typical Tyrolean building perched high above the village and commanding a perfect view over the Inn Valley. Behind, in contrast, rose the snowy mountains, and it was here that 24 of us had our first view of a ski-slope. Inside the hotel, very reasonable amenities, existed—comfortable rooms, a pleasant dining-room and bar, and above

all, a very friendly Austrian family who greeted us with open arms (literally). (At this point it may interest those who went on this trip that Bruno was married in April.)

In summer-like conditions, skiing began the following day on the nursery slopes. Twenty-four hours was enough to sort out our skiing capabilities, but the party scored a notable success in being the first group ever to progress to the higher slopes in two days and to the top of the run in four. This was unheard of before in Fugen; in fact the area instructor was highly suspicious of our instructor's faith in us, but we justified this by producing, besides Steel, highly creditable skiers, notably Kitchin, Scully, Butcher, Fagg and Williams to mention just a few. Everyone who persevered made steady progress, but special praise must go to the youngest member of the party, Boston, who beat us all in the ski race to prove that this is indeed a sport for the young.

Despite Fugen's parochial existence, après-ski was never boring. Two Tyrolean evenings provided excellent entertainment where the party mingled freely with their instructors and other members of the community, while other evenings were enjoyed with the help of the bar, cards, table football, T.V. (for those who wished to improve their Austrian), local company in the village, or the Alpine air. It was small wonder that several found very special reasons for viewing our departure with dismay.

Yet depart we were reluctantly obliged to do. The farewells proved that both sides had made their mark. Further impressions of the visit appear below; undoubtedly the trip was a success. . . .

M. de W.

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. . . Our first impressions were not of unmixed delight. The hotel was quite good. It was, however, a little difficult for some to get used to the eiderdown, which was the sole form of covering. Equally difficult to get used to were the double beds.

Pension food (that does not mean food for the more elderly) was also good, although a few disliked the breakfast, which was a mere 'pitaunce'. One faced it in the morning (at the horribly early hour of eight, the open bar being temptingly near), and there it lay, in all its splendour, two

hard frozen buns, an ounce of 'Alpine' butter and a thimbleful of strawberry (or apricot) jam.

After 'breakfast' came skiing. The beginners' slopes were superbly gentle. It took three seconds to get down, sitting or standing, and twenty-five to get back up again. It was only a matter of two days before one group was being dragged and hauled up the bigger slope by the ski-lift. Few mastered straight away the delicate art of hanging on for dear life to the T-bar which had a sadistic habit of suddenly giving convulsive jerks, at which point one's upper half was pulled forward by the arms, and the rest of the body, from the waist downwards, stayed still. At this stage, one either let go, or watched one's skis rapidly accelerate and overtake the T-bar, whereupon one found oneself sliding backwards down the slope, or crashing ignominiously into the snow on the side, to the great enjoyment of the instructors and the horror of the next novice on the following T-bar. Some members (all of whom were redheads) rapidly became over-confident, and decided to tackle the small, but nevertheless substantial jump at the bottom of the slope. They would descend the hill at incredible speed, find they didn't know how to stop or turn, and, since they were going too fast to sit down, would be faced with the only alternative, the jump. On one occasion a foolhardy redhead announced his intentions with a blood-curdling scream, and promptly took off. To the delight of the audience he added spontaneous aerobatics to his display, and proceeded to turn a slow somersault. About half-way through the second turn, the scream came to an abrupt end, as did the 'skier' who disappeared in a flurry of snow.

Après-ski was, of course, a highlight of the visit. This can be broken down into three main activities—the football machine, drinking and ornithology. The football machine was conveniently near the bar, and it was fortunate enough to be the site selected for many great battles. These battles varied, and consisted of Austria versus England, England versus Germany (where we lost the cup), boys versus masters, masters versus prefects, Roman Catholics versus Anglicans and last, but certainly not least, the battle between the sexes. The machine was a temperamental one. One either put in an Austrian shilling, and got nothing, or put in nothing and got ten balls. Eventually, after much

foul play, it gave up the ghost and only produced three balls, whatever you did to it.

Drinking took place at our own hotel or at the adjoining 'Annemarie' where those capable of remembering will recall one outstanding evening when onto the scene came a group of Germans and Americans, one of whom had a trumpet while another could play unprintable songs, on a twelve-stringed guitar. Hicks managed to play a hunting call on the trumpet but it was capable of more. To prove this, the owner bent it upright to an angle of ninety degrees, and proceeded to fill it with a pint of beer, a glass of wine, a handful of peanuts and a sprinkling of pepper. It objected and rudely gurgled. An enjoyable evening ended at two in the morning when a few hardy persons were to be found eating goulash soup. The same morning, many a frozen bun was left.

As for ornithology, the natural beauty of the Austrian Tyrol was spotted first by a group of boys who saw a bird called a 'Waltrand'. This species was common in the hotel hereafter, and many a young watcher spent happy hours watching it. Other species, including a migrating German bird, were to be found and were equally popular.

Eventually we had to leave. We left as we came and the couchettes were equally uncomfortable. We dined on a lump of cold veal, a tired lettuce leaf and a roll and cheese. Eventually Calais came as a shock and we staggered off the train onto the boat, off the boat, onto the train. School began again in two days' time.

N. F. BUTCHER

#### SQUASH

THANKS TO THE generosity of R.A.F. Brize Norton, squash has now been added to the Thursday afternoon scene, and it is encouraging to see the sport becoming more and more popular as time goes on.

The standard has improved enormously since the early days. Williams is still in a class of his own, which is a pity, as he has little opportunity to better himself, but he is being given more and more competition and challenge from Scully, Kelsey and latterly Davis. Kelsey especially has now learnt to use the whole court, but has still to overcome a weak service, while Davis whose main problem is accurate placing, could be a big asset to the Club, if he perseveres in the future.

There is also much potential elsewhere; Morley-John, Greenhalgh, Butcher, and Adeniyi-Jones I are all learning fast, but still

need to appreciate that the game requires a certain amount of thought in order to extend one's opponent, and not to rely solely on hard hitting.

The new Club has started well. If the standard continues to improve and new recruits, who are always welcome, are forthcoming, we should be able to organise some matches. Cokethorpe squash will then be securely on its feet.

M. de W.

### SWIMMING

ON HOT SUMMER DAYS, boys who were otherwise unoccupied and who were able to swim, repaired to a water-filled gravel pit, a short distance from the School. Here, under supervision, surrounded by weeping willow trees, great fun was to be had in the cool, refreshing water.

However, later in the term, things developed a serious side, as a match had been arranged against Burford Grammar School in their small outdoor swimming pool. The overall result of this match was that we were beaten by 115 points to 81, which was quite creditable especially considering the impossibility of practising in a proper swimming pool. Though we lost the contest, we did win the Under-16 section and this was mainly due to the great efforts of Ritchie II and O'Reilly, who both did magnificently. For the seniors, M. Sargeantson won the breast stroke and Lawrence did well in the diving. De la Rue, Bridge, Scotchmer, Hubbard, Gregory, Sawyer II, Lane, Morley-John, and Ritchie I also swam for the School.

A match against Kingham Hill School has been arranged for this term.

D.T.

### FENCING

FENCING HAS ONLY RECENTLY been taken up at Cokethorpe. Mr. Money, our instructor, began by teaching us the basic fencing movements—the thrust, the lunge, the foot work concerned with advance and retreat, and the correct stance for the en garde position, as well as a few fencing exercises.

Next we learnt the fencing target, which consists of the front of the body, excluding the limbs and head. The target is split up into four sections, the two top sections are called Six and Quatre, and the bottom two Octave and Septem. We then went on to learn the lunge and riposte, the two simple parries, and later the more complicated circular parry.

Mr. Money seems pleased with our progress, so perhaps this winter we shall be hearing the rasp of steel, as Cokethorpe D'Artagnans flash their blades in fine musketeer fashion.

S.M.J.

### JUDO

THE JUDO CLUB has become reduced in numbers over the past year. This could be partly because some boys join the Club under the impression that learning the art of Judo only takes a few weeks,

whereas, in fact, it takes many years to perfect. When this becomes apparent they become disillusioned and lose interest.

Despite the fact that the Club is smaller we have had two matches this year, both of which we have won. The first was against our regular opponents, Witney Grammar School. The second match was against King Alfred's Grammar School, Wantage. This match we won 5-3 in a victory which made our School Club the best in North Berkshire and Oxfordshire; it was a pleasing reward for Mr. Chambers' efforts over the last four years to bring the Club to the high standard it has achieved.

Also during the year three boys from the Club represented North Berkshire and Oxfordshire at Crystal Palace in the British Schools Judo Association's Championship. Carraher and Williams fought in the Under 18 age group team, which reached the quarter finals, while Hazeldine was in the Under 16 team.

In the North Berkshire and Oxfordshire Individual Championship fought last summer, Carraher came second in the Senior section for Green Belts and below. Ackland is in the finals of the same competition this summer.

Unfortunately, the reduced size of the Club has meant that we have been unable to hold the usual Inter-House Judo Competition.

In all it has been a very active year, but we badly need recruits so that we can continue the good work next year.

A.E.C.

#### SOCCKER

FOOTBALL MADE PROGRESS during the Winter and Spring Terms. At the beginning of the Spring Term, five members left the Club to participate in other activities, but were replaced by another five, and the exchange proved to be to the Club's advantage. The standard of play was consistent throughout, with the exception of that of Lane, de Rouen and Coles, which improved a great deal as the season grew older. The strength of the Club lay in the resourcefulness of the forward line, where players like Lam, Partlett, Mellaart and Adeniyi-Jones II proved potential match-winners. Several stood out in defence, where Martin and Gregory provided the pivots, and Moore was an accomplished sweeper-up.

One match was played, against a hefty Invitation XI, and although the Club lost 4-7, it played bravely against the larger, and in some instances, more experienced opposition, and began to look more of a team. De Pass, in particular, played with great credit all season, defending his goal with surprising agility for one so well-endowed physically. Mention must be made of Schwier, Yates and Stallard, who provided lively, and often amusing opposition in practice games. It is hoped that the next Winter Term will bring an influx of players, and that the standard of play will continue to rise.

*Those who represented the Club:*

C. de Pass, S. Lane, M. Gregory, C. Coles, R. Martin, K. Partlett, R. Adeniyi-Jones, M. Lam, C. Freddi, A. Mellaart, R. de Rouen.

C.F.



## RIFLE CLUB

OWING TO THE PRESSURE of the other activities, and cold damp weather, team-building has made limited progress this year—but nevertheless we have had some success. In the Junior Summer Competition, the School team of J. Hucklesby, T. Ward, M. Steel and J. P. Smith gave a reasonable account of itself by scoring 703 out of 800.

We also entered a competition organised by the newly-formed Public Schools Small-Bore Rifle Club. In this a team of eight (Hubbard, Wells, Ward, Allen, Steel, Hughes, Lane and Hall) shooting in three stages shot a very honourable 748 out of 800—but just failed to reach the second round.

Internally The Davies Cup, which is run on a handicap basis, was won by C. Allan with a basic score of 88, and a 12 handicap, totalling 100.

D.T.

## DEBATING

THE PAST YEAR HAS PROVED to be one of change for the Debating Society. The usual search for speakers became even more intense, but the outcome was not disappointing, with Mr. Freddi and Mr. Vaughan-Fowler speaking themselves into established positions in the Society.

There were four debates this year including the final one for the Cullen Prize. The first, in the Autumn Term, was that '... worthwhile freedom can only be based on law and order'. Mr. Duggan and Mr. Kelsey put this proposition to the House, while Mr. Tonkin and Mr. Freddi spoke eloquently against it. Unfortunately for the opposition, the boys of Cokethorpe respected law and order and were content to carry the motion and remain with but limited freedom.

The second debate, also in the Autumn Term, proved to be one of current interest—'. . . that this House would welcome the return of a Labour Government at the next General Election'. Mr. Adeniyi-Jones I and Mr. Sawyer II persuasively opposed and even Mr. Tonkin's and Mr. Wada's rhetoric could not prevent the House from overwhelmingly rejecting a further dose of socialism. A sign of things to come? Cokethorpe boys would seem to hope so.

'South Africa should be banned from all international sport.' Once more the Society brought world controversy to the fore at Cokethorpe. With the Springbok tour just over and the question of the cricket tour on the horizon, the scene was well set for an interesting debate. Mr. Freddi and Mr. Vaughan-Fowler spoke with conviction of the iniquity of the South African regime, and Mr. Tonkin and Mr. Duggan made a distinction between politics and sport. At the end the House came out strongly against the motion by 18 to 3.

The final debate of the year, for the Cullen prize, took a rather different form. There were seven finalists, each speaking in support

of one of the Deadly Sins—Mr. Adeniyi-Jones I (Lust), Mr. Sawyer II (Gluttony), Mr. Wada (Pride), Mr. Freddi (Wrath), Mr. Duggan (Envy), Mr. Kelsey (Sloth), and Mr. Tonkin (Avarice).

Each speaker sought to show that his particular sin was the least evil of the seven. Mr. Adeniyi-Jones claimed that lust was not necessarily a sin at all. Mr. Duggan began promisingly but, although one admired his rapport with the audience, the thinness of his material told against him. Mr. Wada, himself the embodiment of confident and lofty pride, bemused us with a lengthy extract from Cervantes and certainly seemed to carry with him many in the House.

It was, however, for the judge, not us, to decide the winner, and this year we were once more pleased to welcome Mr. Dennis in that capacity. Entertainingly and tantalizingly he commented on the strengths and weaknesses of the speeches, and finally revealed that it was Mr. Freddi who had won the prize, because of the quality of his speech, especially the weight of ingenious historical research that had gone into it.

So ended an interesting year. Unfortunately the rise in the number of contributions from the floor noted last year was not sustained. Possibly more form-room debates would improve the position. It is pleasing to see that the Third Forms who have been taking Trinity College of Music Effective Speaking examinations (Grades III and IV) have been doing very well; let us hope that their successes will give them the confidence to speak up from the floor next year.

M.T.

#### CAMERA CLUB

WE STARTED THE TERM OFF with the usual 'tidy up' of the darkroom and gave instruction in its use to our new members.. The first outing came when we visited Royal Air Force, Upper Heyford, where we spent a day taking photographs of such aircraft as the mighty Phantom fighter-bomber which climbed into the sky with full reheat. The day ended with the Red Arrows giving their world-famous show of aerobatics. The Summer Term continued with a visit to the processing plant of S. H. Shayler Ltd. of Carterton. We were shown everything and were given illuminating answers to all our questions. During the term members took many photographs, some of which were good enough for inclusion in the School album.

The Christmas Term brought a very interesting talk on lithographic printing by Mr. Titherington, who brought along some first-class examples of his work. Towards the end of the term plans were made to start the City and Guilds Photographic course.

It started this term and a full programme has been drawn up. As the course covers the whole range of photography we shall be visiting such places as Dixon's processing plant in London. At the end of this term we shall be visiting the Witney Camera Club. When we have completed the course we shall be taking an exam

in photography; those who pass will be awarded the City and Guilds Certificate for Photography.

The Club has flourished in many ways during the last year. Members have increased their knowledge and signs of this are beginning to emerge from the darkroom. Having acquired another enlarger, members can now print 2½ in. by 2½ in. and 35 mm. negatives; in the past we were rather restricted about the size of negative we could print. The darkroom is due for a major refit and we hope to do this at the beginning of next term.

Next year there are already many tours and visits to look forward to, but the main item on the agenda is the City and Guilds photographic award.

S.R.P.T.

### NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

RIGHT AT THE END OF THE Summer Term, 1969, seventeen members of the Society visited Leeds and stayed in the University for a three-day course on the natural history of the West Riding of Yorkshire. Some 300 boys and girls attended the course from all types of schools and from almost every part of the British Isles. The age range was very wide and this was a pity because the course, although interesting, tended to be much too elementary for the vast majority of the older children.

Nevertheless the event was enjoyed by everyone and was particularly valuable in two ways: the rare chance to live the life of a University student with all the facilities that surround him, and the chance to mix 'legally' with school girls, which made our history really natural for a change.

'In School', the group studies of dissection, microbiology, and so on, have continued and will be considerably expanded as soon as the Art Class can move out of the new Biology Lab., where it has been sheltering since the fire.

H.S.C.

### PHILATELY

THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES have been overshadowed by 'The Fire' which consumed Loraine-Smith I's collection. This was one of the best, if not the best, in the School, and although he has with great courage, started to collect again, the edge has been taken off his enthusiasm.

Until recently almost all members of the Club collected 'Great Britain' only, but with a change of membership that has been altered.

We now have Mellaart collecting, as might be expected, Turkey, Greenhalgh Great Britain and the West Indies, Pateman U.S.A. and Portugal, MacGinty Covers only, Hodge anything he can come by honestly, and Stallard anything he is given or can afford to buy.

J.W.M.H.

## THEATRE REPORT

WE WERE LUCKY to see more plays than usual this year and in all we had twelve outings; however, we only visited Stratford three times. The two Shakespearean plays that we saw were excellent as is usual for Stratford productions. We started with 'Twelfth Night' and the first thing that struck me was the scenery which was very striking and effective although basically it was simple. It consisted of the stage being hemmed in on both sides and from above by what seemed to be a tunnel of wattle hurdles or laths, and from this different effects could be gained by means of changing the lighting. The most striking performances were those of Judi Dench as Viola, Bill Fraser as Sir Toby, and Donald Sinden as Malvolio.

The second Stratford production was 'The Winter's Tale' which was outstanding and considered by many of us to be the best play we saw this year. It was a most unorthodox production even for Stratford where they are noted for their unusual Shakespeare. The lighting and sound effects were excellent, particularly in the scene when Leontes first becomes jealous. We see flashing lights and as a result the characters appear to move in slow motion and at the same time their clothes are bathed in fluorescent light. This effect was not over-elaborate nor over-used so, as a result, it was very effective and brought much greater emphasis to the scene.

Another scene that stands out is the long bucolic one in Act IV in which the characters are very 'hip', wearing 'fuzzy' wigs, long coats, and flowers, while singing songs which have a modern ring to them. Here again this unorthodox approach is not out of place. In fact it is very much in place because it gives added zest and emphasis to the play and its themes.

Judi Dench, giving a double performance as Perdita and her mother, Hermoine, was again particularly impressive, as was Derek Smith's unusual Autolycus and Barrie Ingham's Leontes.

The non-Shakespearean production of the Royal Shakespeare Company this year was 'Women beware Women', by Thomas Middleton. There are basically two plots interwoven into one with the over-riding theme of corruption. However, the finished product left me rather bewildered. Also I thought it lacked the usual R.S.C. polish because there were little mistakes, and prompting was necessary, but these faults were probably due to the fact that we attended the preview.

The first play that we saw at the Oxford Playhouse was Chekov's 'Uncle Vanya', with Nyree Dawn Porter, whom I was looking forward to seeing after her Irene in 'The Forsyte Saga'. However, I found the play rather wearisome and boring and I was disappointed with Nyree Dawn Porter who was competent, but from whom I was probably expecting too much.

At the beginning of the Winter Term we were lucky to have one of our 'A' level works put on at the Garrick Theatre in London, and it was this play and 'The Winter's Tale' that were, in my

opinion, the best plays we saw this year. 'She Stoops to Conquer' was excellently acted, and the scenery was exactly as we had envisaged the old rambling mansion of Mr. Hardcastle's to look like. Tom Courtenay and Juliet Mills were particularly outstanding in their performances.

Next we saw Molière's 'The Miser', to which we took a large party. Some thought it funny while others did not. Personally I did not find it very amusing and I am told that a lot of the flavour and comedy had been lost in the translation.

Bernard Shaw's 'Saint Joan' marked the opening of the Oxford Playhouse Company's fourteenth season. The play was very much enjoyed and we saw Nyree Dawn Porter again in a leading role at the Playhouse, but this time she did come up to our expectations.

Johnathan Miller's version of 'Twelfth Night' which we saw next at the Playhouse was indeed most unusual, but it was very successful and those of us from Cokethorpe who went found it enjoyable; some thought it the best production at the Playhouse this year.

A very big party was taken to see 'Oh, What a Lovely War' at the New Theatre, Oxford, but unfortunately the very large theatre was almost empty. However, the show, with its colour and movement, did not lose its impact, and we were lucky to see a lot of the original London cast. I think that the stage version was satirically more successful than the screen version, but this might just be because I saw the film first.

The feeblest play that we saw this year was Thomas Middleton's 'A Chaste Maid in Cheapside', which was very tedious, meandering, low-life comedy. It was presented by the O.U.D.S., and I did not find it at all amusing. It seemed to me that the play had hardly any form, but was just a series of sketches.

Our last visit to the theatre was to the Playhouse where we saw two one-act plays, 'The Bear' by Chekov, and 'In Camera' by Sartre. They were two greatly contrasting plays, 'The Bear' being a farcical comedy and a far cry from 'Uncle Vanya' and the typical Chekov, while 'In Camera' was Jean-Paul Sartre's conception of Hell. The latter proved to be very stimulating giving us all a lot to think about.

In the present season at Stratford we already have tickets for 'Richard III', 'Faustus', and 'Hamlet', and will no doubt be seeing other plays as well, as we are lucky enough to be near to both Oxford and Stratford.

N.R.H.



## MUSIC

MEMBERS OF THE MUSIC SOCIETY, attending this season's concerts in Witney have recently heard two leading musicians. Susan Drake not only played the harp extremely well, but also explained its structure in an amusing manner. One disappointment expressed by certain members of the audience was that none of the harp's strings broke.

The next recital was by Zsuzsanna Sirokay who played music from Bach to Bartok on the piano. Rarely is such a fine performer heard in this district.

On the home front, we have had two short evening concerts, with Mrs. Byrne of Witney singing a variety of songs and Mr. Driedger of London playing the bass tuba. At this second concert, the Band bravely performed an item aided, vocally, by the rest of the School. Earlier, Mr. Driedger spoke to the third forms about his work with the B.B.C. and demonstrated the editing of a tape.

There have been three successes in the recent Associated Board examinations. Allmond passed Grade V (piano), Lister Grade II (piano) and Webb Grade IV (oboe).

G.H.

## LIBRARY NOTES

NEW BOOKS CONTINUE TO BE ADDED to our crowded shelves, and space for them can be found only by a process of pruning. A good deal of dead wood is being disposed of, particularly from the English, History and Geography sections to make way for books which are more relevant to the needs of the Sixth Form.

Nowadays more and more of our books are in paperback editions and many of these we are having bound. This not only extends their lives but also improves the appearance of the shelves.

As usual we are grateful for a number of books which have been presented to the library by various friends of the School. In particular we appreciate the growing number of books which have been given by leavers to mark the end of their time at Cokethorpe.

The day-to-day running of the library depends always on the willing service of the librarians. Thanks, therefore, are due to the Library Prefect, Pearson, and to Yates, Brooker, Burbury, Hodge, Attwood, Dobinson and, last but not least in view of his invaluable typing, Dempsey.

P.T.E.

## ART REPORT, 1970

AT THE END OF LAST SCHOOL TERM, we were very sorry to hear that Mr. Audsley would be leaving. Our regret at his departure, did not prevent our welcoming our new art mistress, Miss Eustace.

Regrettably, Miss Eustace's classes were soon disrupted by the burning down of the art room, which however we hope will soon be replaced. In the mean-time, Mr. Clayton very kindly put his biology lab, at the disposal of our homeless art class.

Once we had settled down in our temporary art room, it became possible to use more experimental media, as well as the conventional ones. Very soon works executed in P.V.A. paints and scraper boards were to be seen.

We are pleased to report that the number of candidates who will be taking the 'O' level this summer has increased appreciably.

M.K.

## FILMS

THE PROGRAMME for the 1969-1970 season contained a wide variety of film types, in all providing an enjoyable season as yet not over. A galaxy of stars included such names as Brando, Newman, Marvin, Martin, Hawkins, Poitier, Sir Alec Guinness, Sophia Loren, Jane Fonda, and Lulu. The list of films contained many winners, the most outstanding being the epic 'Grand Prix'. The title speaks for itself. We fastened our safety-belts.

All tastes were catered for in the 'dining room' studio. The western addicts saw 'Cat Ballou', 'El Dorado', and 'Guns for San Sebastian', while 'The Cruel Sea' provided the war drama. Another classic older film was 'Our Man In Havana' with the evergreen Sir Alec Guinness in the lead role. This film did not have sufficient explosive action for the likes of some of the audience despite its obvious artistry of plot and acting. Most of the other films had a lighter touch; some even reached the extremes of the absurd. These included 'A Countess from Hong Kong', 'The Jokers', 'Barefoot in the Park', 'To Sir With Love', and 'The Secret War of Harry Frigg'.

The projector has again proved temperamental. Some films have been slightly marred in tone because of this hindrance. When 'The Biggest Bundle of Them All' was screened we only had the captions and titles. The name of the actress, Raquel Welch, was shown but we never saw the 'body beautiful'. Apparently she is too big a bundle for our machine! On another occasion the projector did not work at all, so we still wait to find out 'What's So Bad About Feeling Good?'.

The film 'Henry V' was also on the programme partly for the benefit of the 'O' Level candidates as it is in the English Literature course, but also for the entertainment of everybody. Some of the Upper School also attended a showing of 'Lord of the Flies' at the Witney Film Society, and it was analysed critically in comparison with the book.

D.R.D.

## CHAPLAIN'S NOTES

ON DECEMBER 11TH 1969, Mark Lister who on account of illness missed the School Confirmation the previous June, was confirmed by the Bishop of Dorchester at Headington Quarry, Oxford. Owing to the very cold weather we have had to migrate from the church up to the Corinthian Room for services during the winter. Fr. Whistler, C.R., paid another visit to the School during the Michaelmas Term.

We are again most grateful to the Rev. H. P. Hudson for Communion Services, to the ladies who have so kindly arranged flowers in church, and to Martin Cox and Roger Haney for their care of things ecclesiastical. We also express our thanks to Miss Gillian Haley and her Mother for providing the music for our services.

The closure of Heythrop College will be a very great loss to the Catholics, who express their deep gratitude to all the members of the College who have provided spiritual ministrations, and who in so many other ways have taken a great part in the life of the School—a word of thanks in which non-Catholics too can most heartily join. Fortunately Jesuits from Campion Hall, Oxford, will be taking the place of those from Heythrop.

D.P.L.

### WOODWORK

EXCEPT IN THE THREE SERVICES all 'volunteers' might be expected to be equally keen to do the job for which they have volunteered.

In the Woodwork Class this has not been so and one speculates as to why it should vary. Is it the character of the student, his skill or something else which determines his keenness?

If it depends upon the size of the article under construction one would expect MacGinty with his radio-gramophone cabinet—surface area sixty-five square feet—to be keener than Hall with his tray, less than one and a half square feet. Perhaps keenness is universally proportional to the size of the article. No, Lister with his large and heavy chair and Cox with his much lighter and smaller record-player cabinet scout this idea. Where does Stuart fit in with his two loudspeaker cabinets?

There must be many reasons why one student is keener than another, and one question that should not be overlooked is 'Can he remember that the class is held after Tea each Wednesday?'

J.W.M.H.

### THE COKETHORPE SOCIETY

THIS YEAR'S A.G.M., which was much more involved than usual, has greatly altered the shape of the Society and the way in which it is to perform.

We revised the outdated constitution and allowed for a new and different form of membership subscription. This has now been reduced to £1 0s. 0d. from £1 1s. 0d., paid by banker's order, but does not include the *Peacock* magazine, which may be obtained by paying an extra subscription of 10s. a year.

For their pound members will receive a newsletter containing 'Old Boy' news, and other subjects usually covered in the *Peacock*, together with the usual circulars. We are trying to arrange two dinners a year instead of the usual one. The first would be, as at the moment, combined with the A.G.M., but in London every year. The second would be near the School, and would combine with the rugger match and would be open to girlfriends, wives and even loved ones.



The reason for this change of policy is twofold. Firstly, the Society cannot afford to spend half of its annual subscription on the *Peacock*, and it was thought not a good idea to raise the basic subscription too much. Secondly, it was felt that after a period of, say, five years, members would not necessarily want to pay out for the full *Peacock* but would prefer a newsletter confined to Old Boys, their activities and the activities of the School.

Therefore this year's report will not include all the usual bits and pieces of 'Old Boy' news, but only a note of how the Society is progressing. Nevertheless this surely is the moment to mention two recent striking successes: M. Wong has gained First Class Honours in Engineering at University College, London, and C. J. Gower has also been awarded First Class Honours in Computer Science and Data Processing—his degree was granted by the Council of National Academic Awards for his work at the College of Technology, Brighton.

The big problem of how to get the members (and those who think they are members, but have not paid their subs.) to keep in touch is still not solved, although it is hoped that, when all subscriptions are paid by banker's order, it will be possible to trace members through their bank if they move their address without letting us know.

At last my new addressing machine is programmed with the society's addresses, which will reduce the time taken in addressing envelopes for circulars and ease the burden somewhat.

At the moment the mailing list is about 300, although the number of paid-up members is still, below 100, including life memberships. The first subscriptions to the Society from School leavers are now being automatically included on their last bill, so they will all be members for at least one year, and it is proposed that the Society Officers visit the School during the summer term to recruit all the leavers into active membership and participation.

I trust all the Old Boys reading this are well. Don't forget I shall be very pleased to hear any news that can be included in the news letter.

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