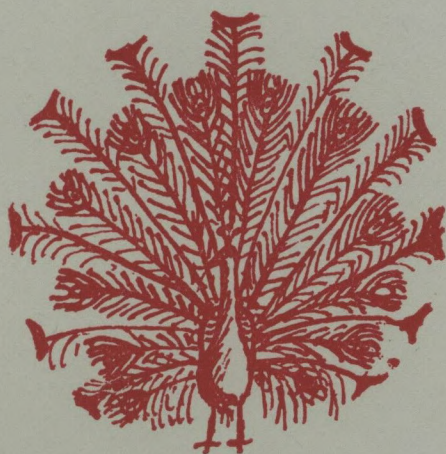


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*Swift*

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*Captain of Athletics*

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*Captain of Cross-Country*

A. C. K. Mellaart

*Captain of Judo*

M. R. Attwood

*Head Librarian*

G. O. V. Hodge



THE EDITOR hopes that this Magazine will be in the hands of readers just before the Parents' Week-end on Saturday and Sunday, 30th June-1st July.

On the Saturday, the Sealed Knot Company will fight a Skirmish in the South Park at the School, with 200-300 Cavaliers and Roundheads engaged in an enthralling presentation of Civil War fighting. We expect large crowds, and we hope that many Parents and Old Boys will be there. Chelsea Pensioners will be our guests of honour.

Naturally we want the Appeal to benefit as much as possible, but it is right on these special occasions to share what we receive with others. Last year £300 was raised for the Society of Autistic Children; this time we hope to send a large gift to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

On the following day, Sunday, 1st July, there will be three main events: a service in the Marquee at 12.30 p.m., presentation of prizes by the Abbot of Downside after Lunch, and then the Blessing of the Inauguration Stone of the new developments by the Dean of Westminster and the Abbot of Downside.

Looking further ahead, I want everyone to know that April Cantelo, who sang so beautifully at the Carol Service last December, will be sharing a Concert with George Malcolm in aid of the Appeal at St. John's, Smith Square, on Tuesday, 25th September. We are hoping for a large attendance, and my wife will be glad to give further information if enquiries are addressed to her at the School.

P.M.S.A.

## PORTOBELLO ROAD MARKET AT COKETHORPE

*Witney Gazette, September 28th, 1972*

THRONGS OF PEOPLE swarmed down the 'Portobello Market' on Saturday—but it was 'Portobello Market' Cokethorpe style, although it was as busy and swinging as its namesake.

Cokethorpe School, an independent boys' boarding school at Ducklington, has launched an appeal for £200,000 to build a new gymnasium, common rooms, laboratories, dining hall and studies.

There are also plans for repairs to the main part of the country mansion, which was built in 1711 by the first Viscount Harcourt.

Two famous character actors set the tone of the annual parents' week-end.

## STAR GUESTS

Surrounded by bedknobs and broomsticks (the title of one of his records) David Tomlinson opened the market, and on Sunday Robert Morley was the chief guest at the speechday ceremony and prizegiving.

On Saturday Mr. Tomlinson, whose 16-year-old son James is a pupil at the school, announced the events and autographed programmes for child visitors. He also cajoled money out of shoppers in true market style in an antique auction, selling a variety of articles from old silver to a pair of Victorian knickers.

A fair and competitions were held on the lawns in front of the beautiful old house which was once owned by Sir Thomas More and has been the home of three Lord Chancellors.

Seven-month-old Michelle Pratley beat between 20 and 30 babies to win the baby show. She was entered by her mother, Mrs. Margaret Pratley, of 2f Westfield Road, Witney.

Winners of the children's fancy dress competitions were:

Boys under nine years, Jonathan Lyle, of Oxford (scarecrow); girls under nine years, Jacky Carlan, of North Moreton, Didcot (bunny girl); boys over nine years, John Vaughan Fowler, of Oxford (Clyde); girls over nine years, Jillian Worth, of Witney (When I'm 64). Jonathan, Jacky and John all have brothers who are pupils at the School.

On Sunday morning parents joined in the School service for both Church of England and Roman Catholic pupils which was taken by the Anglican Chaplain, the Rev. David Lane. The sermon was preached by the headmaster, Mr. Peter Allen.

Robert Morley's off-the-cuff speech was funny and provocative. And when he presented the prizes he had a quip for each boy.

The appeal and the parents' week-end was organised by Mrs. Heather Allen, wife of the headmaster and a former welfare officer at Oxford Prison. The appeal was started with a large anonymous gift and boosted by £10,000 in one night at an old boys' reunion.





## PRIZES

Presented by Robert Morley on September 24th, 1972

Sixth Form	English	C. Freddi
" "	History	C. Freddi
" "	French	C. Freddi
Fifth Form	English Language	J. Harris
" "	English Literature	J. Shepherd
" "	French	R. de Rouen
" "	History	J. Shepherd
" "	Mathematics	R. Lewis
" "	Science	S. Samms
" "	Geography	S. Samms
" "	Biology	J. Carlan
" "	British Constitution	C. de Vaux
Form Prize	4A	J. Bodenham
" "	4B	G. Cartwright
" "	3A	R. Bartholomew
" "	3B	M. Gleeson
Art Prize		J. Duggan
Cullen Debating Prize		T. Ward
Martin Brown Memorial Prize		C. de Pass

## CHAPEL NOTES

Thanks to the enthusiasm and great gifts of Mr. W. E. Green, the singing this term has improved beyond all recognition, and the services really have become acts of worship and praise.

At the moment sixteen boys are preparing for Confirmation on Whit Sunday by Bishop Loveday.

The School has appreciated visits from Fr. Luke Smith, C.R., Thanks are due to the boys who have so ably carried out sacristan duties, and made the necessary preparations for services, as well as putting everything away afterwards.

Although these notes seem almost entirely Anglican, the Catholics are by no means forgotten, and regular Masses have been said in the Catholic Chapel, where, in a moving ceremony, Bishop Emery confirmed eight candidates on Ascension Day. Fr. Gill, S.J., has replaced Fr. Bearsley, S.M., as Catholic chaplain. We owe to them, and to Fr. Murphy, S.J. (whose visits have been a great help), much gratitude.

Two occasions in which the entire School took part will always be remembered: the Festival Service in the marquee last autumn, and the Carol Service in Witney Parish Church, at which April Cantelo, a parent, sang so delightfully.

D.P.L.

## COKETHORPE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

### TEN LITTLE NIGGERS

(adapted from the best-seller by Agatha Christie)

I THINK the most apt way to start describing this extremely ingenious and almost psychological thriller by Agatha Christie is by saying 'Characters in order of Disappearance' instead of the other way round, as this is virtually what happens to them!

I have read Agatha Christie's book and have also seen the play on the London stage. There is no doubt that it is one of the more difficult thrillers to perform by amateurs, for there are intense undercurrents of drama, arising from the shady secrets in their lives which practically all the characters in the cast are trying to hide, unaware that these secrets are going to be exposed ruthlessly to the light of day all too soon.

At first all seems straightforward, albeit a little unusual. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers (J. P. Harris and J. M. Hanby respectively) start the ball rolling by preparing for the expected strange assortment of guests. They are warned by Narracot, the boatman, (R. H. M. de Rouen) that the weather from the mainland is worsening. These three characters do well



in the preliminary stages. It is always more difficult to be the first actors on the stage.

Next arrives Vera Claythorpe, the Secretary Bird (J. P. Buchanan-Brown) to announce that her employers will not be present at the free-for-all and here I give full marks to Buchanan-Brown for sustaining a most demanding rôle throughout the play—these remarks apply equally to the next character to appear, Philip Lombard (J. Vaughan-Fowler). Both these rôles are extremely important, need a lot of learning and both the participants appear hardly ever to leave the stage!

Next Anthony Marston (C. J. Webb) appears on the scene, doing well for a short space as he is the first 'little nigger' to go!

Then comes William Blore (M. R. Attwood) also good in a blustering and lengthy part and General Mackenzie (J. C. Haydon) looking suitably old and Poona-ish.

I liked Emily Brent (R. S. Fanthorpe) particularly—not an easy part at all for a young man to play, but he acted with great restraint and dignity and with a suitably modulated voice. (N.B.—Here I would like to say that I admired the way in which the two 'ladies' coped with high-heeled shoes—almost to the manner born!)

Sir Lawrence Wargrave (G. M. G. Freddi) has the most dramatic rôle of all as events turn out and his acting in this part was quite outstanding and carried the play to its horrific climax in the most splendid fashion.

Dr. Armstrong (C. Davis) had a difficult time and also a large part to learn which he executed admirably.

And so, one by one, they start to disappear, these ten little niggers, and suspense mounts with the naturally rising hysteria of those left. This tense atmosphere was well sustained without over-acting although this is not an easy thing to do. In fact the candle-lit scene sent shivers down my spine and, after all, I *do* know the play!

Congratulations to the entire cast for an excellent performance.

Last but not least, as always, thanks and congratulations should deservedly go to Mr. R. Lyle, the Producer, for the high standard of acting, and to all those behind the scenes who worked so hard to make the production the success that it was. Praise also to the designers of the stage-set, décor and lighting, which were all most realistic and attractive.

DOREEN HIPKIN



## HARCOURT HOUSE REPORT

*Head of House:* R. O. Adeniyi-Jones

THIS YEAR has been a very successful one for the House. I can proudly say that Harcourt won five of the eight inter-House trophies during the past year.

The first of these was the Kicking Competition. Our success here was so convincing that it bordered on the ridiculous. There are two sections, junior and senior. The points gained by each are combined to make up the final score. Our juniors amassed so many points that the seniors, who in fact also reached a high score, need not even have competed. Credit here must go to B. Jones who proved to be the most versatile kicker in the School.

The inter-House XVs came next and although Harcourt must have already been the favourites to win, we had to show all our spirit and determination against Queen Anne after trailing badly at the interval. Roger Harvey who does not really play rugby at all, turned out and gave of his best on the wing while G. Cartwright in the centre had a splendid game scoring our most crucial try after a sixty-yard sprint. Next season he could be one of the most important First XV players.

Although we did not win the Cross-country or Road Relay, our Junior Seven's tremendous victories enabled us to win that cup, and then later on we took the Standards and the Athletics cups. Once again credit must go to our very young and inexperienced junior team who by sheer courage and determination won through. Scott I, G. Cartwright and B. Jones all gained 20 standards points, while Adeniyi-Jones achieved a School record in the Triple Jump.

On the academic side C. Freddi after obtaining three 'A' levels at grade 'A' and two 'S' levels, stayed on to win a place at Oxford. He will read modern languages at Worcester College. Other leavers, Duggan, Fagg and P. Gleeson, all got one or more 'A' levels and numerous 'O's. We were sorry, too, to lose A. Sargeantson, Carlan, Savage, Hicks and Schweir.

I would like to thank John Haydon, our other Harcourt prefect, who has contributed so greatly to the successes of the House.

## QUEEN ANNE HOUSE REPORT

*Head of House:* A. C. K. Mellaart

THE PAST YEAR was certainly a better one than the one before. We won three cups but, more than this, it looks as if the balance of power will be rapidly changing in our favour over the next year or two.



Queen Anne won the Cross-Country and the Road Relay as well as the Shooting competition. Our successes in all three were due to some very spirited and excellent leadership. Special mention must be made of de Souza, Van de Steene and Martin who filled the first three places in the Cross-Country with Boston fifth. These four together with Davis, Miller and Marshall had their House Colours awarded or reawarded.

Our marksmen were led by that old hand, Timothy Ward. (No doubt the Competition was won not only by skill but also by guile!) A judo competition was again not held doubtless because Attwood and the majority of the best Judoists belong to Queen Anne!

We were disappointed not to win the Rugby Cup which was won again by an invincible Harcourt. There was however a close battle in the Sevens. Our senior side defeated Harcourt, but their juniors were too much for us. House Colours were awarded to Attwood, Van de Steene and Webb, while Davis got his School Half-Colours.

Last term we were sorry to lose Richard Loraine-Smith, the Head of the House. He was a very popular figure and led Queen Anne with rare spirit. We would like to wish him and the other leavers, Brako (one 'A' level and six 'O's), H. Camilleri (two 'A's and seven 'O's), Morrisson (one 'A' and five 'O's), Stoma (eleven 'O's) and Gregory (five 'O's), the best of luck in their future careers.

## SWIFT HOUSE REPORT

*Head of House:* M. T. S. Lister

ON THE GAMES FIELD, it has been an unimpressive year for Swift. Our only success since the last issue of the *Peacock* was the winning once more of the Cricket Cup. Against Harcourt, Swift managed 111-8 in their 40 overs. O'Reilly scoring 31 himself, while Bridge, Bradshaw and Urquhart made useful contributions. This proved to be too good for Harcourt who were put out for 33 (O'Reilly 3-6 and Bradshaw 3-8). Queen Anne were skittled for 44 (O'Reilly 5-16, Urquhart 4-22), and these two carried the Swift score to 45-0 in half an hour.

In the autumn, we came near to winning the Kicking Competition, losing by only a few points. Special mention should be made of Bridge, Urquhart, McHugh and Pool whose sterling efforts caused the gap to be so narrow.

The XV Rugby Competition was won by Harcourt. We played well against Queen Anne but the Harcourt fixture was a mockery! Let us not dwell upon it. The Sevens Trophy also went to Harcourt, this year of overwhelming strength.

Great courage was shown in the Cross-Country and Road-Relay events,

the first being lost only by a whisker. This was a splendid House performance, with obscure members running beyond themselves to capture so many valuable points that victory was almost secured.

On Sports Day, we gained few of the first places, but notable exceptions were Lister's winning of the Senior 800 m. (in 2 min. 19.8 sec.), Halls' winning of the Junior 800 m. (2 min. 25.7 sec.) and the Junior 400 m. (62.4 sec.), and Lam's victory in the Senior High Jump, when he equalled the School record of 1.651 m. Since then he has cleared 1.66 m. when jumping for the Mid-Oxfordshire area in the County Sports.

At the end of last year, the House was sorry to lose Mark O'Reilly (who led us so magnificently last year), Butcher and De Pass, all of whom had contributed so much for so long. Bradshaw and Griffiths were others whom we were sorry to say 'goodbye' to. All, to turn to more academic matters, gained at least one 'A' level (with the exception of Bradshaw who did not go into the Sixth Form).

It could be said that this year there has been a vacuum as far as games talent is concerned, but Bridge and Lam have both made commendable efforts in trying to fill the gaps and in training the younger teams. Both will be a sad loss to the House at the end of this year. For the future, I think that Swift has the potential to be as good if not better than it has been in its more glorious past. If Swift's traditional 'fire' can be added to its developing talent, then Fortune will smile on us again.





## AN AMERICAN CITY

'Up and up they rise.  
Is there no limit to their size?  
What are these man-made monstrosities?'  
'Why those!  
They're our Genuine American Skyscrapers.  
Windsor Castle for sale yet?'  
'Windsor Castle!  
You must be joking.  
We'd rather let it decay,  
Than send it across the Atlantic  
To you, to stay.'

S. FANTHORPE (3A)

## ENGLAND, THAT ENGLAND

Will dear old England ever be  
That land of hills and vales and trees,  
With pastures green and fields of gold—  
The England I recall of old?  
Will we never be rid of the factories' smoke,  
Of the soot and the smog that makes us all choke?  
Will we ne'er see more those fields of green  
Where the air was so pure that blue sky could be seen.  
Where the water in every brook was so clean  
That every fish could be easily seen.  
Now only half of those fish are alive  
And they have to struggle to survive.  
Most of the fields have now disappeared  
And in their place major roads have appeared.  
Do you think we will possibly ever see  
The fine old England that used to be?  
'Certainly not! We must advance;  
We must burn the crops, rip up the plants,  
Destroy the landscape, engulf it in tar;  
We must make way for the motor-car!'  
We must hack down trees and level the land,  
And in their place great 'scrapers shall stand.  
In the end there will be no more  
Of that 'beautiful England' you once adored.

J. VAUGHAN-FOWLER (Lower 6)

## THE SEA 1

It rises, rumbles,  
Lies suspended,  
And then crashes  
Splintering like fine glass upon the sand.  
Like glass,  
Ready to break at the first stone's throw,  
With tiny air bubbles  
Scuddering beneath its surface.

J. BUCHANAN-BROWN (3A)

## THE SEA 2

The white crested waves  
Move like a majestic swan;  
Then, building into a thundering cavalcade of water  
It subsides  
Into a gentle rolling mass.  
The breakers with unending regularity  
Beat their monotonous rhythm.  
The deep, clear, blue sea  
Stretched like a great blanket across  
The mysteries of ancient places.

M. SCOTT (3A)

## THE SEA 3

The old grey sea crashing down on the beach;  
The waves rising, lowering, crashing and finally dying.  
The herring gulls, screeching above the swirling wash,  
And then calm. All is quiet, and the wind has died.  
The sea once more is a serene, calm, deep blue  
As the waves lightly fall on the sandy beach.  
A gannet swoops over the sea and dives deep into the mirror,  
As it and its reflection meet with a swirl of water.

T. RICHARDS (3A)



#### THE SEA 4

As an acrobat of the sky swerves and swoops,  
The sea gives its appreciation by applauding against the rocks.  
The sea, a cool turquoise,  
Attacks the rock and transforms itself into  
A multitude of diamonds.  
The noise can be heard for miles around  
As whiplashes against the sheer, green-black face of stone.  
The wind whistles and swirls in and out of fissures  
And crannies,  
And stirs the sea into a cruel mood.  
The waves come up and break into tiny droplets of shining water.  
Until the ebb tide retreats,  
And mingles among the granules of sand.  
The sand  
Which stretches for miles and miles, shining with  
The sun's last glow of light  
Before it settles for its night's  
Rest beyond the horizon.

N. ALFORD (3A)

#### THE SEA 5

I breathe in the crisp morning sea air,  
As the white necks of the waves  
Come running in,  
Turning into ripples,  
Twinkling in the sunlight,  
And, farther out, the grey-green mass  
Swirling and turning, rolling to and fro.  
The spray shoots up,  
And hammers the rocks,  
Then, falls back into the foaming torrent,  
Gushing and gurgling  
As it smashes between the rocks.

M. PEARCE (3A)

## THE BOMB

IT WAS 12.30 AT SCOTLAND YARD, and it seemed like a usual sort of day for the policemen on duty, around the myriads of computers and desks. It was the middle of summer, thus the officers and men sweated in their shirt sleeves, while trying to deal with various petty crimes. A stolen-car-and-pickpocketing day when persons of differing shapes and sizes came to tell the unhappy woes that had befallen them.

Meanwhile at a small police-station, a fat superintendant sat eating cream buns. His mind was wholly on police matters, as the policewoman with him was a comely-looking thing. The telephone rang with a muffled tone caused by much inactivity. Could it be by some strange chance a crime? If so it was rather inconsiderate of the criminal to commit the deed during the superintendant's lunch hour. He lifted the telephone as if it might bite. A voice rose mysteriously into his small ears, and said in a cool female tongue, 'There's a bomb on top of Nelson's Column. You have until midnight.'

The fat policeman put down the telephone and commenced another bun. Then his slow mind realised what the telephone call meant—one of London's landmarks might be gone in less than twelve hours, and also it might spell out promotion.

Ten minutes later, the peace of Scotland Yard was shattered by the news that an atomic bomb had been planted on top of Nelson's Column. This exaggerated statement was believed by all, and an urgent message was sent to the Prime Minister at Chequers. Immediately upon hearing the news, that dignitary was driven at high speed to Broadcasting House. (Even Gerald Nabarro would have lifted an eyebrow at the driving witnessed that afternoon.)

Within an hour of the memorable telephone call, the Premier spoke to the people of London, telling them to evacuate taking the minimum of possessions and with the minimum of panic. Those on the Tube and those in the streets were told by the police and the truckloads of troops who were sent as reinforcements. And not one panicked—they all did. Railway stations were beseiged, and travel tickets changed hands for vast sums, a thousand pounds being offered for a ticket by a pallid financier. The railways made more money in ten minutes than they normally lose in a year, but when word of the bomb reached the railway workers, the entire London railway staff themselves caught trains out of the capital, leaving chaos and the Army to sort things out. The roads were clogged with both traffic and people, while a miniature Dunkirk was produced by boats on the Thames. Many left by air—fifty airliners were hijacked that day, mainly by the airline crews themselves. By 11 o'clock London was deserted. Military personnel had placed remote controlled cameras



around the Column, before removing themselves in a large armada of helicopters. Ministers supervised from a great distance—the brave Parliamentary heroes had left for Scotland in the Concorde at 11 o'clock and had arrived at 11.01 hours.

As midnight moved nearer all eyes looked to London . . . by television, of course.

At the appointed hour a flag sprang out of the top of a small package balanced on top of Nelson's Column. The words on that banner were seen throughout Europe and the Commonwealth, 'BUNICKSBURY DOES NOT WANT A NEW PUBLIC HOUSE'.

'I hope our little protest will work', said the chairwoman of Bunicksbury's W.I. 'A stink bomb on top of Nelson's Column should cause quite a stir.'

A. HANBY, 4A

### THE SKY

The sky at night was once  
Smothered in stars,  
But, when Man progressed in knowledge,  
The stars became sparse.  
And one day, before the end of the world,  
There were no more stars,  
Just clouds,  
Upon clouds,  
Upon clouds.  
An egg shell engulfed the earth,  
And, in time, it cracked.  
The  
yolk  
fell  
out.

S. FANTHORPE (3A)



## BOAT CLUB

FIVE REGATTAS were attended with varying success. B crew got into the final at Bewdley and C crew lost in the semi-final at Hereford.

	<i>A crew</i>	<i>B crew</i>	<i>C crew</i>	<i>Junior Colts</i>
Bow	Samms	Lewis	Bodenham 1	Wyatt
2	Wells	Webb	Allmond	Vaughan-Fowler 2
3	Edwards	Cleaver	Carlan	Agius
Stroke	Haydon	Massey	Middleton	De Pass
Cox	Vaughan-Fowler 1	Bateman	Brooker	Gee

The Club did another sponsored row in the Winter Term. This time the proceeds were for the Appeal Fund and amounted to £126. The crews were:

	<i>A crew</i>	<i>B crew</i>	<i>C crew</i>	<i>Junior Colts</i>
Bow	Wyatt	Boston	Dobinson	Bodenham 1
2	Vaughan-Fowler 2	Wells	Webb	Allmond
3	Frearson	Samms	Lewis	Carlan
Stroke	De Pass	Haydon	Massey	Dempsey
Cox	Hill	Vaughan-Fowler 1	Bateman	Gee

The coaching boat, which was designed and built by us, was finally launched at the end of the Easter Term. It is basically a platform carried on catamaran hulls, powered by a 27 h.p. Scott Outboard engine, with a revolutionary pulley steering system. It has turned out to be very suitable for the job of following crews and giving them on-the-spot instruction. It has also added several years to the lives of the somewhat elderly coaches, who no longer have to run up and down the banks of the Thames at phenomenal speeds. Those responsible for the construction of this splendid craft are J. Vaughan-Fowler, D. Boston, M. Dempsey, A. Seargentson and T. Gregg.

The Club is lucky to have its Captain extending his term of office for a second year. J. Haydon is a tower of strength on whom we all rely.

## CRICKET

IN MANY RESPECTS 1972 proved to be a record year. We are often faced by biting winds and showers at the start of the season, but usually the weather improves after the first month or so. This was not so last year, for after a cold, windy and rainy April and May, June 1972 proved to be the coldest in the Oxford area for fifty-six years. To make matters worse the mean wind speed was the highest since 1963, with the wind hardly dropping and usually cold. So severe was June in Europe that when the World Congress of Nudists met in Yugoslavia delegates had to attend with all their clothes on. Worse still, on the longest day of the year, a Glamorgan cricketer took the field at Derby wearing a wool cap, while in London it was noticed that the temperature had been higher on the previous 21st December. Despite these weather conditions more matches were won by the XI than in any previous season. O'Reilly took his aggregate of runs scored for the XI to 557 (beating Bulmer's old record by one), while with the ball his total haul of 79 wickets, 35 of which were taken last summer, outstripped the records formerly held by Wyatt, total number of wickets 57, and Lovegrove, most wickets in one season, 34, respectively. Urquhart and Tomlinson captured the record for a fifth wicket partnership, appropriately with a stand of 72.



In the early part of the season the XI met with mixed fortunes. First the roller was put out of action due to careless driving in the walled-garden, then on Cup-Final Day a lack-lustred display by batsmen and fielders left the XI thoroughly crushed by Burford. The match against Kingham Hill was abandoned and the fixture against Shiplate had to be switched at the last moment because of the sodden condition of our square. This led to transport difficulties but a mini-bus was hired at short notice and P.J.G., M.de.W. and the ever faithful Bursar made up the convoy. Tomlinson bowled well and Urquhart shouldered the main burden of the batting confidently to help the XI to a four wicket victory.

The weather failed to improve for the next few matches. Before the Thame match hailstones were caught by the Cokethorpe covers; unfortunately the Cokethorpe fielders failed to follow this example and no fewer than fifteen chances were missed. The XI's innings proved to be an abject surrender, only O'Reilly and Adeniyi-Jones showing fight, scoring over 80 per cent of the runs coming from the bat between them. These two combined to demolish Oratory for 72 on a plumb wicket, the latter's figures of 8-7-3-6 being especially outstanding. However, the XI were denied their victory, for at 60-3 the weather finally closed in and the match was abandoned. After a delayed start the match against P.J.G.'s XI was played to a finish. Once again, Adeniyi-Jones batted well, and the XI's fielding rose to new heights, but the Nomadic Tall Pine, P. Chatterton, scored 52 not out in 65 minutes carrying P.J.G.'s XI to a six-wicket victory.

The School season finished with a run of five victories. Urquhart, 4-7, aided by Bradshaw, 3 run-outs and a catch, massacred Magdalen for 34. The runs were scored for the loss of one wicket. Abingdon were swept aside thanks to good batting by Adeniyi-Jones, Bridge and de Pass and O'Reilly's fine figures of 7-14. Redrice were defeated by seven wickets, once again Urquhart's all-round ability, 3-18 and 40 not out, proving decisive. Tomlinson scored 53 not out against Wood-green, while Urquhart stroked 41 and Moore scored 15 not out in six minutes. O'Reilly finished the match off with 7-23. Against St. Edwards several players figured in a 56-run triumph. Tomlinson batted steadily for nearly two hours to give the innings ballast, while O'Reilly's 22 took him past Bulmer's record aggregate for the XI. P. Gleeson scored 20 and both Bridge and de Pass, our greatly improved and sometimes underrated wicket-keeper, batted sensibly and well. With the ball, Adeniyi-Jones (4-5) threatened to run through the side before an abdominal complaint sent him literally trotting. O'Reilly took 4-17, while S. Gleeson finished the innings off in the last over to gain a famous victory.

With such a string of successes behind them the XI could feel justly proud of themselves, and indeed, it was a merry group that sallied forth at the end of term to raid the Midlands. With five experienced Nomads available for the XI this season, one can only wait to see if the lessons of the Tour have been digested and if the glories of 1972 can be repeated or even improved upon in 1973.

Finally, once again our thanks are due to the Bursar and his merry men for their hard work in preparing the pitches upon which the XI, and others, perform.

## XI RESULTS

- v. Burford (Home). XI 45. Burford 46-3.
- v. Kingham Hill (Away). Abandoned without a ball bowled.
- v. Shiplate (Away). Shiplate 69 (Tomlinson 5-23). XI 70-6 (Urquhart 24).
- v. Lord Williams', Thame (Home). Thame 126-5 dec. (O'Reilly 3-31). XI 67 (Adeniyi-Jones 27, O'Reilly 23).









Speech Day, 24 September 1972.





Mark Kitchin (1966-1970, a former Head of School) seen checking his rifle at the conclusion of an exercise in Cyprus; he is now commissioned and serving with the Royal Green Jackets.



- v. Oratory (Away). Oratory 72 (O'Reilly 4-27, Adeniyi-Jones 3-6). XI 60-3 (abandoned—rain).
- v. P.J.G.'s XI (Home). XI 77 (Adeniyi-Jones 28). P.J.G.'s XI 78-4.
- v. Magdalen (Away). Magdalen 34 (Urquhart 4-7). XI 38-1.
- v. Abingdon (Home—Brasenose). XI 80 (Adeniyi-Jones 26, Bridge 26). Abingdon 49 (O'Reilly 7-14).
- v. Redrice (Home). Redrice 102 (O'Reilly 4-49), Urquhart 3-18). XI 108-3 (Urquhart 40,\* Adeniyi-Jones 23\*).
- v. Woodgreen (Home). XI 138-5 dec. (Tomlinson 53,\* Urquhart 41). Woodgreen 60 (O'Reilly 7-23).
- v. St. Edward's (Away). XI 116 (Tomlinson 23, O'Reilly 22, P. Gleeson 20). St. Edward's 60 (Adeniyi-Jones 4-5, O'Reilly 4-17).
- Out of 11 matches, 6 were won, 1 drawn, 3 lost and 1 abandoned.

### COLOURS

XI O'Reilly, Adeniyi-Jones, de Pass, Urquhart, Gleeson, P.  
XXII Bridge, Bradshaw, Tomlinson, Butcher.

### AVERAGES

#### BATTING

	<i>Inns.</i>	<i>N.O.</i>	<i>H.S.</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Av.</i>
Urquhart	9	2	41	144	20.57
Adeniyi-Jones	9	2	28	133	19.00
Tomlinson	7	1	53*	89	14.83
O'Reilly	9	1	23	113	14.12
de Pass	10	2	18	83	10.37

#### BOWLING

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Wkts.</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Av.</i>
Adeniyi-Jones	37	19	12	62	5.17
O'Reilly	99.3	32	35	225	6.43
Tomlinson	29	8	9	72	8.00
Urquhart	54.3	13	15	136	9.07

### HOUSE MATCHES

Queen Anne 44 (Adeniyi-Jones 5-14). Harcourt 45-3.

Swift 111-8, (innings closed after 40 overs (O'Reilly 31, Freddi 3-3, P. Gleeson 3-31). Harcourt 33 (O'Reilly 3-6, Bradshaw 3-8).

Queen Anne 44 (Tomlinson 23, O'Reilly 5-16, Urquhart 4-22). Swift 45-0.

### CRICKET CUPS

Inter-House	Swift
Batting	Urquhart
All-Rounders	O'Reilly
Fielding	Bradshaw



## NOMADS TOUR 1972

ON SUNDAY, 9TH JULY, the day after the end of term, the first Nomads set out on their great adventure, lunched at the Swan Inn, Henley-in-Arden, and established base camp at the Norfolk Hotel, Birmingham. The original party was made up of two masters, Messrs. Green and de Weymarn, ten boys, O'Reilly, Adeniyi-Jones, de Pass, Urquhart, Gleeson P., Bridge, Bradshaw, Tomlinson, Butcher and Davis. Our 'tall-pine', P. Chatterton, played in one match and the parent, Mr. David Tomlinson, doubled as Baggage-Manager and Umpire. Influenza robbed us of the services of P. Scully who was due to have joined the Tour.

Before the first match the tourists saw some of the sights, went ice-skating, chatted up some of the local talent and were lucky enough to be invited to watch a County Match from the balcony of the Warwickshire County Cricket Club Committee Room. Unfortunately we now found that the main kit bag had been left behind at the hotel which left an interesting cross-city drive for the Captain, possibly inspired by the decision of Birmingham Corporation to hold a Grand Prix in the city centre.

With the kit safely recovered we took on the Police on the Tally Ho! Ground, winning the toss and batting. The quickest of the Police fast bowlers, who had arrived late having made four arrests in the morning, proved dangerous, and only O'Reilly and Green reached double figures, although Urquhart and Tomlinson batted well in support. Tea lasted for forty-five minutes after our declaration and we were unable to force a win in the time remaining, although Chatterton sent down a series of thunderbolts, even hitting a stump in the final over without knocking off a bail. This summer they have promised to provide girl cadets for a dance in the evening which should be quite an arresting experience in itself.

On Tuesday we set out to play the army at Norton Barracks, Worcester, and were delighted by the lunch we were given before the match. The days of the Cookhouse are dead and gone; other ranks now have their own restaurant and a choice of four or five main dishes was being offered. Once again we won the toss and true to the principle 'every dog must have his day', de Weymarn batted for two hours for his 41. The scoring accelerated when Green and Urquhart put on 75 in 49 minutes before declaring. However, our fielding and bowling left much to be desired and we were lucky to escape with a draw.

Our next match was against Harborne Cricket Club and for the third time running we won the toss and batted. Green joined Tomlinson in a stand of 46 for the fourth wicket after three had gone for 25 and later Adeniyi-Jones hit the ball firmly down the ground scoring 24 in 16 minutes. When Harborne batted the fast bowlers were mauled to begin with, but O'Reilly and Adeniyi-Jones slowly got on top with twenty minutes left we had only three wickets left to take. Regrettably the break did not come and so our third match was left drawn.

Our fourth match was cancelled, Barnt Green Cricket Club being unable to raise a team, so we watched the Test Match on the colour T.V. in the hotel instead before setting out on our homeward journey. Perhaps this was as well for injuries were beginning to mount: Wednesday night had exhausted the romantic Gleeson, witnessed the alcoholic collapse of Bridge and worse still, we had temporarily lost Old Bill. The first Tour was over, more than £60 had been earned for the School Appeal and 1973 will see us on the road once more looking for more fun and good fellowship in the jewel of the Industrial Midlands.



## DETAILS

- v. F. Division, City Police. Nomads 115-9 dec. (Green 58, O'Reilly 25). Police 85-7 (Chatterton 3-34).
- v. 14th Signal Regiment. Nomads 162-6 dec. (de Weymarn 41, Urquhart 38\*, Green 34\*). Army 139-3.
- v. Harborne Cricket Club. Nomads 153 (Green 50, Adeniyi-Jones 24). Harborne 137-7 (O'Reilly 4-54, Adeniyi-Jones 3-53).

## COLTS CRICKET 1972

Played 8 Won 3 Lost 2 Drawn 3 Cancelled 2

ONCE AGAIN, however fractionally, the 1972 side continued the improvement reflected in Colts cricket in recent years, and, more important, has also maintained a tradition of playing in a spirited, honest atmosphere.

Much of the credit for all of this must go to Moore. He proved to be a captain who not only learned fast, but took a genuine interest in his side, while on the playing field, his contribution was enormous. With Van de Steene, he undoubtedly held the side together; between them they bowled 80 per cent of the overs, took 91 per cent of the wickets, and scored 34 per cent of the runs—by any standards no mean achievement.

Yet all this should not detract from the rest of the team, without whom the success and enjoyment of the season, would not have been possible. In all 31 catches were taken by no less than 13 players, illustrating the high standard of fielding that was set throughout the season. Some of the catches, especially by Pohl against Thame and by Morel against Magdalen stick very firmly in the memory, while de Souza's fielding on the square leg boundary was often outstanding.

Thus the season progressed with its usual characteristics. Rain for the first six weeks, which even brand new covers and hard nets could not overcome, confined affairs to the gym, fielding practice, and very many sweaters. Even the oft-used slip machine was only aired three times in the term. Consequently, as the scores show, ball dominated bat, but with Moore showing considerable reliability, and Van de Steene learning to slow his pace and give the ball more air, the XI was by no means outclassed. Thanks to two excellent catches in the deep by Hollis and Cartwright, and some excellent bowling, the XI won an exciting low-scoring match against Redrice. This was followed by the only cancellation (amazingly!) through rain against Kingham Hill; and then came a severe thrashing by Shiplake—not helped by some appalling running which led to three disastrous run-outs. This was succeeded by a defeat to a vastly improved Thame side, when the XI's batting can only be described as deplorable.

The Oratory match was finely balanced when heavy rain forced its abandonment. A last-wicket stand of 31 had largely offset the steady progress in reducing the home side to 78 for 9 (mainly contrived by Van de Steene's best performance of the season), but with Moore at the crease it was still anybody's game.

The match against Stowe was perhaps the highlight of the season. Played on the front lawn of the House overlooking the lake, the game unfolded in a perfect setting and the cricket was equally enthralling. Moore chose this game to produce his best bowling performance, and handled a keen fielding side (in which Morel and Halls excelled) with sense. Only the batting gave cause for alarm, until Van de Steene, running like a hare, settled the issue with a lively little innings.

The match against Magdalen was a disappointment, both sides batting far too slowly, while against Abingdon the injury to Van de Steene with half an hour to go led to Moore's trying to bowl his overs too quickly at the expense of speed and accuracy. This allowed the opposition's last pair to survive the final thirty minutes. The season ended with a convincing victory over Bicester when Tomlinson scored 57\* and de Souza began to find his form.

Once again the pitches were in immaculate condition (prior to the disasters with the weed-killer!) and my thanks go to the Bursar, Eric, the highly efficient cover party who worked through thick and thin to save the home matches and, finally, to Batholomew who became a highly skilful and proficient scorer.

## COLTS MATCHES

- v. Redrice (Home). Colts 34, Redrice 29 (Moore 4-10, Van de Steene 6-18).
- v. Shiplake (Away). Colts 41. Shiplake 42-1.
- v. Lord William's, Thame (Home). Thame 72 (Moore 3-36, Van de Steene 6-16). Colts 31.
- v. Oratory (Away). Oratory 109 (Moore 4-49, Van de Steene 6-37). Colts 53-4.
- v. Stowe Under 14 XI (Away). Stowe 51 (Moore 5-15). Colts 53-7 (Van de Steene 26).
- v. Magdalen (Home). Magdalen 79-9 dec. (Moore 6-28, Halls 2-15). Colts 45-5.
- v. Abingdon Under 14 XI (Home). Colts 60 (Cartwright 16\*). Abingdon 34-9 (Moore 5-8, Van de Steene 3-15).
- v. Bicester (Home). Bicester 84-9 dec. (Moore 6-22). Colts 85-3 (Tomlinson 57\*).

## LEADING AVERAGES

### BATTING

	Innings	N.O.	Runs	Average
Moore	7	1	55	9.17
Van de Steene	8	0	63	7.87

### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Av.
Moore	101	23	181	34	5.32
Van de Steene	75.4	15	158	26	6.08

## THOSE WHO PLAYED

Moore (Captain)	Hollis
Pohl II	Halls
Morel	Martin
Cartwright	de Souza
Gleeson III	Tomlinson
Brennan	Taylor
Van de Steene	Godsland
Jones	



## RUGBY RETROSPECT 1972

Played 14 Won 1 Drawn 2 Lost 11 Points for 138 Against 333

THE 1972 SEASON, if judged purely on the above figures, is bound to be seen as a disappointment in the annals of Cokethorpe rugby, and yet, as the winter developed, it did not turn out to be the least enjoyable, at any rate to the observer.

There are several factors that need to be known before Richard Adeniyi-Jones' team can be put into true perspective. First, and perhaps the most crucial, was the absence of the vice-captain, Michael Lam, for all but three of the season's matches. Captaining the side in its opening match, he sustained a knee injury, from which he has not yet fully recovered. This was a cruel blow.

Moreover, formerly the matches against the Third XV's of Oratory, Magdalen College School and Abingdon, resulted so often in overwhelming victories. They have been replaced—in two cases by Second XV fixtures, and also by a new and very welcome visit to Whitefriars. In addition we visited Stowe and Bloxham, and all these new fixtures produced highly competitive and exciting matches. Unfortunately, none of the results went in the XV's favour, but the scores show that they were all close, hard-fought fixtures.

Also the team was this year exceptionally young. No old colours returned, and in the absence of Lam, only five Upper VIth boys played regularly, consequently placing on them a heavier than normal responsibility. Bridge, who added to the long line of Cokethorpe hookers, managed to work through an enormous amount both in open and loose play, and Haydon, a giant in the second row, provided much needed authority in the line.

Freddi, in the back row, provided for most of the season, essential leadership and several scintillating runs.

Behind the pack, Gleeson and Adeniyi-Jones tried to weld the back division into a formidable unit; the former started the season slowly, but once he moved to stand off half, and had built up a working understanding with Urquhart, began to produce unexpected speed and agility combined with steady defence. Outside him, the captain never quite found his true form, but proved to be dangerous to all opposing teams, as was shown against Burford, when, with a dummy scissors, he pulled the whole of the opposition's back division's attention towards him, leaving Hollis free on the left.

But what of the rest of the side? The pack was magnificent and was never defeated in the tight and, as the season progressed, rarely in the loose. In the front row, Massey put in yet another solid season's work. At tight head, appeared one of the usual 'finds' of the season, Attwood, whose strength was invaluable and whose somewhat unorthodox enthusiasm was infectious. Partnering Haydon in the 'engine room' Samms, fighting against a conglomeration of broken teeth and cartilage trouble, produced hidden talents in mobility and aggression. Davis, at No. 8 was one of the most improved players in the side, and proved invaluable at the back of the line and as the season progressed, built up a good understanding with both Urquhart and Van de Steene. The final member of the regular forwards was Tim Hicks, whose tackling was as good as ever, but who still did not develop the ball handling skills for the modern back row player.

Behind this dominant pack, the first Cokethorpe has had for many years, the back division did not have enough experience to exploit it. Until Gleeson and the vastly improved Urquhart developed, Adeniyi-Jones was the only real threat. Unfortunately he has served the School for so long, he is a marked man with opposing teams and consequently his chances became limited to half breaks for



those outside him. Here the talent was slow to emerge—changes were rung, but in the end Cartwright and Hollis did enough to suggest that they could be very dangerous next year. Moore also found himself in and out of form, but once he found a regular position in the centre, he proved that he too with a more consistent approach could be a dangerous performer.

With no less than three Full colours and two Half colours due to return (an unprecedented number in recent years) the future seems bright.

Space allows only a brief account of the season's escapades. The XV had the satisfaction of pushing every pack they came across, including such celebrated ones as those of Thame and Peers, Littlemore; it had exciting if somewhat frustrating matches against Rendcomb and the Old Boys, and once the rain came, and tackling became more attractive, had some excellent games against Abingdon, Kingham Hill, Magdalen, Stowe, and against John Mason, Abingdon. The season ended with a fine recovery against Burford when the tries by Hollis, Adeniyi Jones and Van de Steene were memorable.

Bereft of individual brilliance, which has so often been the hallmark of Cokethorpe rugby, the 1972 side had its moments—Boston's try against Abingdon when the ball went through at least ten pairs of hands, comes to mind—but support from a ball-handling pack is essential as the 7th All Blacks so expertly demonstrated, if tries are to be scored.

It only remains for me to thank Richard Adeniyi-Jones for his efforts in leading the side on and off the field, to Tomlinson and the others who ran the line so efficiently, to Mr. Green and Mr. Halstead for the time they spent with the First XV, and finally to all spectators, especially the few who braved rain, snow and wind, for their support of the XV. I hope they will all be there again next season.

#### RESULTS FIRST XV

v. Lord William's, Thame	...	...	...	...	Home	Lost	9—66
v. Invitation XV	...	...	...	...	Home	Lost	15—30
v. Peers School, Littlemore	...	...	...	...	Home	Lost	12—34
v. Bloxham First/Second XV	...	...	...	...	Away	Lost	0—35
v. Rendcomb	...	...	...	...	Away	Lost	15—31
v. Old Boys XV	...	...	...	...	Home	Lost	9—16
v. Redrice	...	...	...	...	Home	Lost	6—26
v. Abingdon Second XV	...	...	...	...	Home	Lost	9—24
v. Kingham Hill	...	...	...	...	Home	Drawn	12—12
v. Magdalen Second XV	...	...	...	...	Away	Drawn	10—10
v. Whitefriars Second XV	...	...	...	...	Away	Lost	6—8
v. John Mason, Abingdon	...	...	...	...	Home	Won	13—12
v. Stowe Third XV	...	...	...	...	Away	Lost	6—8
v. Burford	...	...	...	...	Away	Lost	16—21

*100% appearance:* C. M. J. Bridge, S. C. Gleeson.

*First XV Colours awarded to:* R. O. Adeniyi-Jones, R. G. Massey, T. J. Hicks, C. Davis, J. C. Haydon, C. M. J. Bridge, A. I. Urquhart.

*Half Colours awarded to:* M. R. Attwood, S. C. Samms, S. C. Gleeson, C. E. K. Hollis.

*Others who represented the Side:* C. Webb, M. A. N. Lam, J. Vaughan Fowler,



G. O. Hodge, R. Lewis, J. A. Tomlinson, R. Martin, C. M. G. Freddi, G. A. Cartwright, D. S. J. Boston, C. R. J. Moore, E. Van de Steene.

*Scorers:* R. O. Adeniyi-Jones (11 Tries 2 Penalties) 50; C. M. G. Freddi (1 Try 2 Penalties 11 Conversions) 32; A. I. Urquhart (2 Penalties 7 Conversions) 20; C. Davis (3 Tries) 12; C. E. K. Hollis (2 Tries) 8; G. A. Cartwright and D. S. J. Boston (1 Try each) 4; C. R. J. Moore; E. Van de Steene.

#### 'A' XV SUMMARY

v. R.A.F. Brize Norton	...	...	...	...	Home	Drawn	12—12
v. Keble College, Oxford	...	...	...	...	Away	Lost	4—54
v. Burford 'A' XV	...	...	...	...	Home	Lost	3—7

#### SEVENS—BURFORD SCHOOL SEVENS

v. Whitefriars 'A'	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	0—20
v. Banbury	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	7—20
v. Burford 'B'	...	...	...	...	...	Won	10—0

#### HOUSE MATCHES

Inter House Rugby: Harcourt  
Inter House Kicking: Harcourt  
Inter House Sevens: Harcourt

#### COLTS RUGBY, SEASON 1972/3

Played 9 Won 2 Lost 7 For 97 Against 238

EVERY TEAM must have a rock upon which it is built, and I would like to give special mention to Morel, the captain of the side. He was all one expects a captain to be—a good leader who never gave up and who showed by example just what he expected his players to do. Of the twenty-four boys who played for the Colts no less than twelve made eight or more appearances, the pack being the most stable department. Manley hooked in eight games, and Middleton and Harfoot supported him well. Brennan and Richards provided power in the second row and improved considerably towards the end of the season. Camilleri first played in the second row, but his strength tended to upset the balance of the scrum and so he was moved to No. 8 where he held everything together. I feel that the way this boy, with his undying enthusiasm, came into the side this season after breaking a leg deserves all possible credit.

The half-backs were the weak link in the side, primarily because there were no natural players in those positions. Vaughan-Fowler 2 and Jones were just beginning to have a good understanding in the centre when the latter broke his finger, and as good a pair was not found again. In rugby, wingers are still highly valued and de Souza proved this by running in nine tries on the left, becoming top scorer in the process. After injury to Pohl, Marshall, a young third-former, played seven times at full back. He has a great deal of natural ability and when nature overcomes his lack of inches and pounds he will give a very good account of himself.

The prospects for next season are encouraging as there are several promising players in the third form, and they should blend in very well with those Colts players who will still qualify.

*Also played:* Pohl, Gleeson 2, Crellin, Cole, Halls, McHugh, Taylor 1, Pearce, Hollis, Burrin, Agius, Cartwright, Van de Steene.

## ATHLETICS 1972-3

THE LAST DAY OF TERM was devoted to the Annual Sports Day. Some people may argue that March is not the month for athletics, but surely no one can have any complaints this year with those three glorious preceding weeks.

Very soon after the Standards Competition began it became apparent that Queen Anne were *not* going to win it all, and the event became a two-horse race between Swift and Harcourt. A concerted effort by Harcourt on the last day won them the trophy. There were some fine individual performances, with seven boys achieving at least a top standard in each of three events. Scott 1 and Scott 2 got top standards in all their seven chosen events. Jones, Cartwright, Taylor 1, Halls and de Souza were others to excel at all their events.

### STANDARDS COMPETITION RESULTS

1st Harcourt	average of 7.696
2nd Swift	average of 6.848
3rd Queen Anne	average of 5.625

The Annual Sports Day Competition closely resembled the Standards Competition as once again Harcourt and Swift battled for the lead. And once again Swift had to be content with second place. In many ways it is unfair to single out individuals for special mention: all the competitors deserve praise, but three School records were broken or equalled. Pearce broke the Junior 1,500 m. record, Adeniyi-Jones the Senior Triple Jump, and Lam equalled the long-standing high-jump record. Moreover, at the Mid-Oxfordshire area sports he finally broke it with a jump of 1 m. 66 cms.

Haydon, Adeniyi-Jones, Cartwright and Lam all went to the Area Sports and qualified for the County Sports Competition which at the time of going to press has yet to take place.

### SPORTS DAY RESULTS

#### TEAMS

1st Harcourt	231 points
2nd Swift	152 points
3rd Queen Anne	146 points

#### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Junior Javelin	...	...	...	Vaughan Fowler II (H)	25 m. 20 cm.
Senior Javelin	...	...	...	Moore (QA)	35 m. 90 cm.
Senior 100 m.	...	...	...	Haydon (H)	12 sec.
Junior 100 m.	...	...	...	Taylor I (H)	13.1 sec.
Senior 800 m.	...	...	...	Lister (S)	2 min. 19.8 sec.
Junior 800 m.	...	...	...	Halls (S)	2 min. 25.7 sec.
Senior 400 m.	...	...	...	Cartwright (H)	60 sec.
Junior 400 m.	...	...	...	Halls (S)	62.4 sec.
Senior 200 m.	...	...	...	Haydon (H)	25.2 sec.
Junior 200 m.	...	...	...	Taylor I (H)	27.0 sec.



Open 4 × 400 m. relay	...	...	Harcourt	4 min. 09.2 sec.
Open 1,500 m.	...	...	Martin (QA)	5 min. 00.8 sec.
Junior 4 × 100 m.	...	...	Harcourt	56.2 sec.
Senior 4 × 100 m.	...	...	Harcourt	50.00 sec.
Senior Discus	...	...	Wells (Q.A.)	29 m. 80 cm.
Junior Discus	...	...	Vaughan Fowler II	26.66 m.
Senior Long Jump	...	...	Boston (QA)	5.68 m.
Junior Long Jump	...	...	Jones (H)	5.14 m.
Junior High Jump	...	...	Gleeson II (H)	4 ft. 8 in.
Senior High Jump	...	...	Lam (S)	1 m. 65.1 cm. (equals School record)
Junior Shot	...	...	Brennan (QA)	8.54 m.
Senior Shot	...	...	Adeniyi Jones (H)	11.38 m.
Senior Triple Jump	...	...	Adeniyi Jones (H)	12.29 m. (new School record)
Junior Triple Jump	...	...	Jones (H)	10.22 m.

## 1972 ATHLETICS

(The following appear as a matter of record)

### INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS COMPETITION

1st Harcourt	198.5 points
2nd Swift	169.5 points
3rd Queen Anne	139 points

Athletics match against Burford and Kingham Hill Schools.

### SENIOR RESULTS

1st Burford	101 points
2nd Kingham	91 points
3rd Cokethorpe	79 points

### JUNIOR RESULTS

1st Cokethorpe	122 points
2nd Burford	103 points
3rd Kingham	46 points

### OVERALL RESULTS

1st Burford	204 points
2nd Cokethorpe	201 points
3rd Kingham	137 points

During the summer of 1972, the following boys took part in the mid-Oxfordshire Sports: J. Haydon, T. Hicks, R. Taylor, M. Lam, G. Cartwright, B. Jones, C. Moore, R. Webster, D. de Souza, K. Pohl.

T. Hicks and M. Lam were entered in the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire AAA Championships and both performed creditably.

#### ROAD RELAY

The conditions for the race were ideal, and the spirit of competition could be sensed well before the gun. The spectators were anticipating a good race, and at the start Queen Anne were firm favourites.

At 2.30 the gun went; at 2.31 spectators were dashing away to the change-over points, ready to bring up-to-date news back to School. On the first round, the runners were still together at Ducklington, and when the white jerseys appeared through the trees at the end of the drive, Harcourt were in the lead, Queen Anne in second place and only 20 seconds separated all three runners. Those who were lucky enough to see the race on the course will carry many memories of individual courage and determination.

At the end of the second round, Queen Anne had opened up a lead of one minute and fifty-four seconds, so that, barring accidents, Queen Anne's victory seemed assured, yet excitement was still gripping everyone. Finally, de Souza came into sight on the main road, and turned into the drive—a lone figure in white, majestic and moving with all the grace of a gazelle. Thus in a tremendous race, the favourites, Queen Anne, gained their prize.

1st Queen Anne. 109 minutes 47 seconds.

Runners: Boston, Marshall, Miller, Martin, Davis, Van de Steene, de Souza.

2nd Harcourt. 112 minutes 58 seconds.

Runners: Taylor I, Gleeson II, Pearce, Manley, Scott I, Massey, de Rouen.

3rd Swift. 117 minutes 19 seconds.

Runners: Scott II, de Pass, Crellin, Spencer, Halls, Lister, Bridge.

A.H.H.

#### CROSS-COUNTRY

This season's cross-country running programme was most pleasing in two respects; firstly, great enthusiasm and effort were shown by the boys in the School Race, and secondly, there emerged a fine junior side which competed against several other schools, beating most and finishing in the medals at the Wood Green Relay Races.

On the second day of February, a field of 86 set out to do battle over mud, grass, tarmacadam and river bed. Queen Anne were fancied to win, and it was de Souza (QA) who came into sight well before anyone else, completing the course in 28 minutes and 43.5 seconds. Second and third places also went to Queen Anne boys, Van de Steene and Martin, but as more runners finished it became apparent that Queen Anne were not to gain a runaway victory, as Swift runners were occupying a large proportion of the middle order placings. The final result was:

1st Queen Anne	1,027 points
2nd Swift	1,046 points
3rd Harcourt	1,263 points



Individual placings: 1st, de Souza (QA), 28 min. 43.5 sec.; 2nd, Van de Steene (QA); 3rd, Martin (QA); 4th, Taylor I (H); 5th, Pohl (S); 6th, Manley (H); 7th, Boston (QA); 8th, de Rouen (H); 9th, Halls (S); 10th, Scott II (S).

A keen junior team completed fixtures with a number of neighbouring schools, beating both Bloxham and Burford, and finishing second in a triangular match with St. Edmund Campion and the Oxford School. Wood Green again proved unbeatable, but in the Wood Green Road Relays, the Under-14 team came second to Wood Green in a field of 28, while the Under-17 side finished 11th out of 18.

Members of the cross-country team: de Souza, Pearce (who ran for mid-Oxfordshire), Scott I, Scott II, Crellin, Taylor I, Halls, Manley, Pohl, Marshal.

A.H.H.

### SOCCER 1972/3

MORE ENTHUSIASM has been generated for the round ball code this year than in any previous season. Serious practice sessions have been organised in odd moments and the fruits of these efforts were seen in the four matches played by the Middle Guard in the Spring term.

Woodgreen were at last defeated 5-4 in a match which was far more one-sided than the score suggests. The goals were scored by Urquhart (2), Halls, Burrin and Tomlinson, while Cartwright and Martin both hit posts.

The Henry Box School was overcome 3-1 in a far better game from every point of view. This time Pohl, Cartwright and Urquhart were the scorers, while amongst the various goal mouth scrambles, Urquhart and Pohl both hit the bar. Martin was outstanding at the back doing the work of three defenders.

Against St. Bartholomew's, Eynsham, everything went wrong in the first half, at the end of which the score was 0-4! In the second half Cokethorpe began to play the better football. Cartwright ran through and scored, but hopes of a great revival were dashed when only Manley was left in his own half facing the hopeless task of trying to check a three-man break away.

Against Burford the team had a fair number of chances and the 5-0 defeat inflicted upon Cokethorpe was not a fair indication of the respective merits of the two teams.

The best player on view throughout the season was unquestionably Martin, around whom the team was built. Manley and Jones were hard-working deputies in defence. Urquhart tried hard up front but would probably be better employed in mid-field in the future. Cartwright and Burrin looked promising when they were playing as old-fashioned wingers running the ball at the defence, and Tomlinson had his moments as a bustling centre-forward.

Those who played: Burrin, Cartwright, Davis, Halls, Hollis, Jones, Manley, Martin, Morel, Pearce, Pohl, Tomlinson, Urquhart, Van de Steene.



## COKETHORPE PARK RIFLE CLUB

About a third of the school regularly shoots, with greater or lesser success. Equipment has been improved during the year with the acquisition of mits, ear muffs and shooting caps. Two of the four .22 guns also have been overhauled. In the autumn term we entered for the British Schools' Small-Bore Rifle Association's Under-15 League. This involved four boys shooting fortnightly for ten weeks. However our average was only 341.4 out of 400 which was disappointing. In the Junior Winter Under-18 competition organised by the N.S.R.A., our team (Hill, Ward, Camilleri and Cole) obtained 718 out of a possible 800 which gave us 23rd position out of 46 entries. The Under-15 team did not do so well scoring 681 out of 800, on easier targets. In the Spring term we shot against local schools in a competition organised by the Oxfordshire Rifle Association. Here we did well; our team of four, over four rounds, obtained 1511 out of a possible 1600, which was excellent. The House shooting competition was won by Queen Anne with an average score of 95 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Harcourt and Dean Swift tied for second place with an average of 92 $\frac{1}{2}$ . One exciting Saturday afternoon was spent at the County range using rifles on a 200 yard range. Here, ear muffs were far from optional!

## DEBATING SOCIETY

Politics in one form or another seem to have been the dominating concern of our deliberations this year.

In the autumn term, a panel of 'experts' gave their views about the form of government they hoped to see in 'tomorrow's world'. Mr. Fleischer spoke for communism, Mr. Harris for fascism, Mr. Carlan for anarchy and Mr. Davis for Western democracy. Despite the attractive simplicity of the extremists' policies, Mr. Davis carried the day after sharp questioning by the audience, but by none too comfortable a majority.

In the spring term, we had a more formal junior debate about whether or not 'Christopher Columbus went too far'. Incipient anti-Americanism was firmly quelled by Mr. Burchett and Mr. Lambert, opposing Mr. Bartholomew and Mr. Hanby.

Later that term, a group of seniors deplored the disproportionate part played in modern life by an alliterative quartet of subjects. Mr. Vaughan-Fowler inveighed against Bombs, Mr. Fleischer against Booze, Mr. Webb against Babies and Mr. Ward against (James) Bond. Mr. Vaughan-Fowler's persuasive brand of pacifism secured a heavy majority.

Finally, this term the Cullen Debating Prize was fought for by Mr. Fleischer, Mr. Ward, Mr. Boston, Mr. Burchett and Mr. Bartholomew. All took as their theme 'If I were Prime Minister. . .'. New ground was broken in that the debate was organised as a knock-out competition. After each round of four-minute speeches, one or more contestants were eliminated and the survivors went on to outline their policies further. The final round found Mr. Fleischer and Mr. Boston speaking for the third time and seeking to convince the judge (Gordon Dennis, Esq.) of their prowess as debaters. The prize went to Mr. Fleischer whose skill as a speaker outweighed the odiousness of the fascist policies he advocated. One felt that Mr. Fleischer once in power would make Big Brother seem like some effete do-gooder, but no one could deny that his wit and fluency had made him a worthy winner.

## ART

A collection of lively paintings in the front of the house testifies to the vigour and skill of our dedicated band of artists; we have seen rural scenes by de Pass,



tropical beaches by Marshall, a number of portraits (mostly recognisable) and other pictures by, amongst others, Lambert and Bryant (whose work is to be seen elsewhere in this magazine). Once more Mr. Baynes has skilfully guided us in our endeavours, and we were fortunate to be taught by the charming Mrs. Gwynne-Jones during his indisposition.

Even as this report is being typed, the paint is drying on the 'O' level paintings of Spencer, Sillitoe and Cole. We wish them luck.

### THEATRE REPORT

As usual we have sent parties to a good many plays during the year.

We saw all five plays of the Royal Shakespeare Company's 1972 season at Stratford: 'Coriolanus', 'Julius Caesar', 'Anthony and Cleopatra', 'Titus Andronicus' and 'Comedy of Errors', Janet Suzman, Colin Blakely, Ian Hogg and Margaret Tyzack were perhaps the best-known names, but as usual many of the minor parts were acted beautifully.

We also saw two productions at the Oxford Playhouse. One was a combined Oxford and Cambridge University production of 'As You Like It'. The other was also an undergraduate production, this time of Auden and Isherwood's seldom-seen 'The Dog beneath the Skin'.

Already this year we have seen a notable 'Richard II' and a most entertaining 'As You Like It' at Stratford.

Perhaps the Bard is claiming too great a share of our attention, but how can that be helped when Stratford is only a tempting 1½ hours away?

### PHILATELY

Richard Loraine-Smith, a founder member, has left and Nicholas Middleton has taken over as 'Father' of the Club. Having sorted out his collection of U.S.A. he is busy dealing with his French stamps. The five other members have all improved their collections by purchase and/or exchange, and by receiving 1st Day Covers from parents. The Club has remained small but its members are all very keen.

### WOODWORK

Collapsible tables are 'out' and this year a good variety of things has been started, and some finished, including a table-tennis table, a rabbit hutch, various boxes, racks and cabinets, and a parrot perch; finding a broken broomstick for this was not difficult!

### RAMBLING

'And did those feet in ancient time . . . ?'

A dusty, breathless Thursday found me pondering the nature of walkers who had passed the sheltered combs and sheep-bestrewn humps of a Berkshire stillness in days when the stark megalith before us was young. That hot and hungry Thursday discovered a dozen of their youthful descendants contemplating the contents of our haversack and speculating upon the peculiar delicacy offered by pork pies smothered in an amorous embrace with sticky chocolate. Ridgeway has known the tramp of countless motley bands on her 'green and pleasant hills', yet none surely as disconsolate as the 'amblers' upon that otherwise perfect June day. Did I say 'otherwise perfect'? Well, there was the trifling matter of the minibus which demurely refused to appear. 'Bring me my chariot of fire?'



## COKETHORPE JUDO CLUB

This has not been a year in which great strides forward have been taken. Many boys join up but too many leave too early because they expect to be dan grands overnight. Judo is an art and must not be rushed.

Our tutor, Mr. Collet, left earlier this year and his place has been taken by an equally talented black belt, Mr. West.

Tomlinson and Attwood were invited to represent Faringdon at the British Judo Championship in London, and these two were also awarded their School colours.

The present active members are: M. Attwood, J. Tomlinson, A. Shutt, R. Carraher, J. Betts, A. Lewison-White, T. Richards, A. Esland, D. Kennaway.

## BRIDGE

The king of card games has continued to hold court on Thursday afternoons this year, and many eager juniors have accepted the challenge to take their knowledge of cards beyond the realm of 'Snap' and 'Happy Families'. Many made great progress in their bid to learn this art, and the less successful may be said to have come within an ace of so doing.

## THE MOTOR-CYCLE CLUB

This term a new club was formed—'The Motor-cycle Club' (or 'The Cokethorpe Rockers Club'). The members are: D. Boston, J. Vaughan-Fowler, N. Dobinson, G. Hodge and S. Samms, with Mr. Halstead as our expert adviser.

We have devoted our time and attention this term to a 1959 500 c.c. B.S.A. (A7) which is said to have been in its day one of the best road machines that B.S.A. has ever made. Our machine was bought by two of our members for an absurdly low price together with some spares, such as another almost complete engine and a racing fairing that doesn't fit.

At first the machine would show no life at all. We were worried. Was it a white elephant? No! It was soon decided that the only problem was the need to re-time the engine. This was done in an afternoon and the machine was now declared mechanically sound. All that was now needed was a general brushing and tidying for it still looked rather 'tatty'.

The finished product looked excellent but would it go? The only way to find out was to drive it. Mr. Halstead (himself the proud owner of his own 650 c.c. B.S.A. coffee-shop racer) was the man to do so.

On the day the crowds turned out in strength. After several hours of kick-starting the throaty roar of the 28 b.h.p. engine poured out of the megaphones. First gear was selected, the clutch let out and away sped the mighty iron horse with its all-chromium tank gleaming in the Oxfordshire sunlight.

It banked hard into that famous right-hander of the Cokethorpe circuit, 'Three Elms Bend'. Then it raced down the back straight (the only straight) in third and up to the finish, the famous 'School Gates'.

All was well. But no! Even as it was being driven away to be sold we managed to 'throw a con-rod'. This has meant that we have to swap big-ends, and a lengthy job it is—we are still at it.

## LIBRARY NOTES

The books on our shelves are used to gazing down on a variety of scenes. Sixth form lessons, lectures, debates and the silver tongues of persuasive careers speakers



are all to be heard there. This year, at the time of the Christmas 'Fayre' wines were sold and a tempting aroma arose from steaming bains-marie as samples of rare soup were offered.

Nevertheless these are but peripheral activities and the more orthodox pursuits of a library have continued. New books have been bought and appropriate pruning has been carried out to accommodate them.

We acknowledge with grateful thanks gifts of books from Dr. W. A. Slee and Peter Scully; Matthew Savage and Andrew Sargeantson both gave handsome books as leaving presents.

As always we must remember that those who pass absorbing hours here owe much to the Librarian, Hodge and his zealous assistants, Bartholomew, Hanby, Mullen and Buchanan-Brown, not forgetting, because of his invaluable typing, Cooper.

### THE COKETHORPE SOCIETY

As always we are most interested to hear news of old boys, and even more to see them. It is always very pleasant for us to meet again someone who passed out of School life perhaps years ago.

Here are some scraps of news which have reached us.

Crispen de Pass is now at Dartmouth Naval College (and already reported to be playing cricket there).

Kitchen, still at Sandhurst, has been commissioned into the Green Jackets.

Notley, another infantry subaltern, has done three spells of duty in Ulster. Armson came to see us recently. He is obviously flourishing as a 'loss adjuster' (an activity loosely attached to the world of insurance).

'Lofty' Hague is now working for the North Riding C.C. at Northallerton.

Fairchild has continued his career with a bank. Freddi, sure of a place at Worcester College, Oxford, later this year, is 'widening his experience' somewhere in Europe.

Peter Siu is studying accountancy and A. Sargeantson architecture.

Paul Gleeson is working away at further A levels and Michael Gregory is adding to his tally of O's.

P. Edwards hopes to do art at Oxford Polytechnic.

Schweir is now at Stoke Mandeville Institute of Agriculture.

In the business world, Alan Greenhalgh and O'Reilly are working for the former's father's electrical components firm. P. Scully is 'doing rather well' in publishing, as is Carraher in the timber industry.

Simon Thomson, as might be expected, is concerned with some aeronautical enterprise.

Robert Harris and Timothy Greg are engaged in 'automobile engineering' and R. Bradshaw is working for his family's firm in the West Indies.

McGinty, who has entered the wine trade, is at present serving under another old boy, Furnival-Jones, at Harrods.

L. Brako is working in London.

P. Lewis has returned from S. Africa.

To turn to more domestic matters, we hear that Antony Frost is married, Tabor has two children and A. W. Baker one.

The Cokethorpe Society has just held its annual general meeting (and dinner). One important piece of news emerging therefrom was that V. Williams, after years of faithful service, has now handed over the Secretaryship to Trevor Key. Anyone

wishing for further news of the Society's activities should write to him at: 104 Maidenhead Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire.

Another item is that the Society is to give a very generous £200 to the School for the purchase of some expensive piece of equipment. Even now members of staff are submitting claims, each in favour of his own department.

#### AFTER THE FAIR WAS OVER . . .

'Paddington's left luggage!'

'Oh! Has he?'

'I didn't mean it like that.'

I was referring to the mass of mouldering marmalade in our midst.

The fair programme had announced brightly 'Felicity Lyle will give marmalade sandwiches to buyers of (Paddington Bear) books'. Afficiandos of Michael Bond's ursine world flocked to the bookstall, yet, although some nibbled, a curly, crusty mountain of bear snacks remained. Three-day-old marmalade sandwiches do make their presence felt.



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