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EXPANSION 1968

This year has seen the school enter on and complete perhaps the most ambitious building project in its history. Begun at the end of the summer term we were beginning to occupy some of the rooms by the middle of October. Before the year ended we were in full possession of the new facilities. The need was to create accommodation for about twenty-five more boys and to do this we required two additional classrooms, more dormitory space and a re-arrangement of the dining-room to absorb more tables. We decided to find some of the dormitories from the existing music block and the Reading Room which were part of the original buildings. Thus a new music centre and library were added to our shopping list. The changing room could accommodate extra furniture but the lavatories had to be extended and in order to make full use of the dining-room a covered way was needed to gain access to the Chapel end of the buildings without using the dining-room as a passage. Furthermore it was now obvious that we needed a Masters' Common Room in the main building. The site selected was on the East side of the school and consequently the old changing room which later became the work shop had to be demolished. The oil tanks had to be renewed and moved further out near the fives courts and the bootroom, paint shop and gardening sheds pulled down. We started on some of these jobs before the summer term ended and soon there were views and angles that no-one had seen since Great War days. As we hacked our way through walls and tore up floor boards that had been there for 40 years or more we felt that some hidden relic or fascinating reminder of the past would suddenly be revealed. The younger ones hoped for a skeleton or mortar bombs left over from war-time occupation. Eventually the job was done and no treasure-trove had emerged. The great concrete "raft" that was to support our prefabricated rooms and corridors was then constructed and vast lorries began to join the bulldozers and other smaller vehicles that were scurrying about, even over the tennis courts. Giant soak-aways were dug, hedges and trees vanished and then the sections of the buildings began to arrive. Soon the walls were in place and after the roofers had completed their work we could really begin to appreciate the size of the task in hand. Meanwhile in

the main building Elgar, Montgomery and Shakespeare dormitories had taken shape, beds were being turned out in the school workshop, temporarily housed in the Squash Court, and the Christmas term was almost upon us. The Gymnasium was full of new desks and blackboards and those concerned were doing everything possible to complete the tables and banches for the dining-room. To add to the excitement experts arrived to demolish the existing external fire escape and to prepare for the construction of a new one freshly designed. Engineers walked about with disconnected telephones and the glaziers unpacked acres of invisible glass. Electric cables trailed everywhere like jungle creepers and the floor layers waited patiently for the rest of us to get out of the way. Then there was the decoration to be considered, the making good of paths and approaches and the clearing of a great deal of rubbish. Nor must we forget the kitchen and the need for more modern equipment to cope with the increase in numbers. Just before this year closed the cookers which had done such splendid work for many years were removed and modern appliances installed.

We very much hope that you will feel the programme has been a success. If you have not visited the school recently please come and inspect the additions for yourself. We have had much encouragement in carrying out the plan and indeed some who cannot yet be named have backed us with great generosity and enthusiasm.

For your interest our architect, Mr. Ivan Williams of Benz and Williams in Eastbourne supervised the whole affair and a list of other firms engaged are given below:—

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M.H.F.

ROLF KEITH HENDERSON, M.B.E.

FOUNDER

The Founder of St. Peter's died in hospital at the age of 84 on February 23rd last. Although the number of readers of this magazine who knew him personally must by now be somewhat limited, all who wear the cinque foil, no matter to what generation they belong, owe him their gratitude and allegiance more significantly perhaps than some of them are inclined to realise.

His connection with St. Peter's goes back to 1913 and lasted until 1934 when he retired at a comparatively early age. The school had a checkered career during the First War as there was a split, some of the boys going to Horsham while Rolf was on service in France with the Grenadier Guards. Consequently, when he returned a sick man as the result of being gassed, he chose 1919 as the foundation date, and that is when I first met him and started to work under him.

No man could have been more dedicated to the job in hand. He was ambitious, and nothing was allowed to interfere with the fulfillment of his dream to develop St Peter's, which was at that time a humble building with next to no land and a nucleus of 40 boys, into one of the leading preparatory schools in the country. This entailed a considerable measure of austerity and self-denial, even by the yardstick of an Aberdonian, for the early twenties were extremely lean years. Albeit within a surprisingly short time, by dint of saving and scraping wherever possible, the school began to emerge into something like the shape in which it was known by the time that the second war sent us all scurrying into temporary exile.

Before this, however, the foundations had been securely laid by a man of great foresight and ability. Rolf Henderson had been brought up in the old tradition but in spite of that was never bound entirely to traditional methods. A fine teacher of the classics himself, he had his finger on every pulse and encouraged his staff to experiment on new ways and means instead of being content to go on teaching out of stock, which is the schoolmaster's major temptation. He was a first-class cricketer and hockey player, and he set an enviable standard of coaching in all school games. His tastes were catholic. He had a lifelong interest in archaeology which he was well able to exploit in his long retirement at Marlborough, and he was by nature a collector with a good eye for anything that was likely to be of value. Courty and charming, as a bachelor can be, he inculcated a distinctive code of manners which subsequent years have not entirely condemned, I am glad to say, although in some quarters "gentleman" is a word which now has derisive overtones. It is easy in a more commercial age to mock at the picture of an old world schoolmaster, but there was an element of greatness in them which none can gainsay, and our gratitude remains unimpaired.

P.K-S.



Soccer.



The 1968 season will be remembered as one of our best in recent years and certainly the best since 1963. Eight wins were recorded by the 1st XI which was no mean achievement, especially when one recalls the fact that the previous three seasons had only produced two wins. This year nine of the previous year's side were again available although, at the start of the season, only three boys had their colours. By the end of the season every member of the side had been awarded his colours. No less than thirteen matches were played and four of these matches were against schools that we had never played before, Belmont School, Hydneye House, Mowden School and Temple Grove. Indeed, with the sad departure of yet another Seaford School, King's Mead, from the local scene, it has become necessary to travel further afield for some of our matches and during the season we played matches as far away as Bexhill and Hassocks. Two additional schools, Harewood House and Prestonville, provided fixtures for an "A" XI and the Colts' XI. It was particularly pleasing to see a number of bad runs against other schools ended in 1968: for instance, for the first time ever in any sport our first team was able to defeat Chelmsford Hall on their own ground. Furthermore, we recorded our first ever soccer first XI victory over St. Bede's and we also defeated St. Wilfrid's for the first time for five years.

Jonathan Harben led the side with a quiet but resolute determination and it was particularly satisfactory that the captaincy should be his in a year of success when one recalls his devoted and loyal service during three previous depressing seasons. None of our opponents could have relished the thought of being marked by Harben. He marshalled the defence very well and this was no ordinary defence, conceding only thirteen goals in thirteen matches. After spending part of the season in the forward line he attempted, not altogether unsuccessfully—one remembers his hat-trick against Newlands—to boost our goal-scoring potential, Christopher Newton, the vice-captain returned to his real home territory, the goal-mouth, and with his good judgement and natural agility, he made a very safe goalkeeper. While Newton was playing in our forward-line, his place in goal was occupied by Richard Gilbert, who was not in the same class as Newton, but, nevertheless, kept very well in several matches and showed considerable courage. Harben's neighbour at right-back was David Turner, who is now a rather speedier player

than in former days, and this, combined with his good heading and excellent kicking, made him an ideal back.

The half-back line was again a real power-house and Romily Jones, the very worthy winner of the Soccer Cup, again played superbly. His good footballing sense, courage and great skill were powerful weapons in the team's armoury. No doubt inspired by Jones' good example were Kenneth Herron and Michael Mitchell, who were much improved performers. Herron tackled splendidly and showed excellent ball control. Mitchell was a hard tackler and a tireless worker.

Our forward line was a little disappointing and the fact that we netted only twenty-four times during the season emphasises the fact that our finishing in front of goal was decidedly weak. This is a major weakness throughout the school and we shall have to concentrate on improving our finishing if we are to win many matches in the future. Our wingers, David Russell and Peter Burton, were both capable of playing good football but both were rather temperamental and inconsistent. Russell was a little handicapped by his size but was fast and had good ball control. Burton was very much lacking in confidence early in the season but turned out to be a very effective left-winger with a strong shot as was demonstrated in our matches against Belmont School and St. Bede's. As inside-right, Jonathan Heywood was a most useful member of the side and he was again our chief goal-scorer. His tackling showed a considerable improvement during the season and he made good use of his speed. Toby Meredith was a very impressive performer and did an enormous amount of work for the side, often helping to reinforce our defenders when they were under pressure. Charles Bowring, our centre-forward, impressed with his grafting and persistent challenge for the ball but was rather handicapped by his rather poor ball control.

We opened our programme of matches with a game against Temple Grove and we could hardly have had a more satisfactory start to the term as we emerged the victors by three clear goals. We followed up this success with a very substantial win over Newlands and, for almost the only time during the whole season, our forwards took advantage of their scoring opportunities. Our 7-2 win was our largest since 1963. After such a good start we awaited our clash with St. Aubyns with great optimism. This optimism turned out to be our undoing in this game for we allowed them to score an early goal through poor marking and they managed to hold on to this lead until the final whistle. Ladycross proved to be the best balanced and most skilful of our opponents and, after doing well to hold them until after half-time, we could not prevent them from breaking through our defences three times after the interval. After this game we started a run of eight games without defeat with a win against Mowdon School. This was a very hard-fought game in which the defences of both sides remained very much in command. Hydneye House, too, were formidable opponents and, although we achieved a 1-1 draw against them at home, we were unable to prevent them winning when we travelled over to Bexhill for our last match of the season. Our matches against Chelmsford Hall, Normansal and St. Bede's ended in more successes for us but one felt that perhaps in these games our forwards might have made

more use of their chances and have further emphasised our superiority. Our two matches against St. Wilfrid's were hard-fought and gruelling affairs in which we played some of our best football of the season. A draw and a win against St. Wilfrid's were a source of great satisfaction. We probably played our best football in the match against Belmont School where we came up against a very formidable and well-drilled side who had enjoyed a good deal of success. Everyone of our side played like heroes on that damp, dreary afternoon at Belmont and the game resulted in a memorable victory.

In the less senior XI's success was a less frequent visitor and neither the 2nd XI nor the Colts' XI had a particularly good season. As with the first XI neither side produced any really effective marksmen in front of goal and this weakness at times inflicted an almost impossible burden on the defenders.

The Set matches were fiercely fought out and Whites emerged as the clear winners. Their first team was perhaps slightly inferior to the Blue first team but in the second XI matches Whites were the unrivalled masters and the points collected there enabled Whites to win by a large margin.

The 1968 season was one when all the work of the previous two or three years came to fruition and it was most encouraging to have some success after so many lean years. At the time of writing, our prospects for 1969 would appear to be rather obscure as the first XI then will be a completely new one. It will, however, be surprising if this new team does not contain people like Alexander Worthington, William Leigh, Jonathan Parkinson, Bernard Dreesmann and Robert Brandt, all of whom showed a good deal of promise in 1968 and should form a sound base for a reasonably good team. However, every place in the first XI will have to be competed for and one hopes that this competition will stimulate enthusiasm and a general improvement in the performances of the boys in the first game next year. It will certainly need every effort by all concerned if the high standard achieved in 1968 is to be maintained.

C. R. J.

SOCCER RESULTS

1ST XI

Played 13; Won 8; Drawn 2; Lost 3; Goals for: 24, against 13.

v. Temple Grove	Away	Won	3-0
v. Newlands	Away	Won	7-2
v. St. Aubyns	Home	Lost	0-1
v. Ladycross	Home	Lost	0-3
v. Mowden School	Home	Won	2-1
v. Hydney House	Home	Drawn	1-1
v. St. Wilfrid's	Away	Drawn	1-1
v. Chelmsford Hall	Away	Won	2-0
v. Normansal	Home	Won	1-0
v. St. Wilfrid's	Home	Won	2-1
v. Belmont School	Away	Won	2-1
v. St. Bede's	Home	Won	3-0
v. Hydney House	Away	Lost	0-2

Team: *C. M. F. Newton (vice-captain); *D. G. Turner, *H. J. Harben (Captain); *K. J. Herron, *M. I. Mitchell, *R. A. Jones; *D. R. Russell, *J. G. Heywood, *C. R. Bowring, *T. de W. Meredith, *P. J. Burton.
*Colours.

"A" XI

Played 1; Won 1; Drawn 0; Lost 0; Goals for: 2, against 1.

v. Harewood School Home Won 2-1

Team: R. A. St. J. Gilbert; K. J. Herron, D. E. Murdoch; M. I. Mitchell, R. A. Jones (vice-captain), D. J. Macpherson; D. R. Russell, C. R. Brandt, C. M. F. Newton (captain), T. de W. Meredith, A. H. Cowie.

2ND XI

Played 8; Won 2; Drawn 2; Lost 4; Goals for: 14, against 18.

v. Newlands	Home	Won	5-0
v. Normansal	Home	Drawn	1-1
v. St. Aubyns	Home	Won	6-3
v. Ladycross	Away	Lost	1-6
v. St. Wilfrid's	Home	Lost	0-3
v. Chelmsford Hall	Away	Lost	0-1
v. Normansal	Away	Drawn	1-1
v. St. Wilfrid's	Away	Lost	0-3

Team: A. M. Worthington; D. E. Murdoch, J. S. Beale; E. A. Worthington (captain), R. A. St. J. Gilbert, D. J. Macpherson; N. J. Myer or M. H. Rigney, W. P. Leigh, C. R. Brandt, J. G. N. Miller-Stirling (vice-captain), A. H. Cowie.

3RD XI

Played 4; Won 0; Drawn 1; Lost 3; Goals for: 2, against 11.

v. Ladycross	Home	Lost	1-3
v. St. Wilfrid's	Home	Lost	0-2
v. Chelmsford Hall	Away	Drawn	0-0
v. St. Wilfrid's	Away	Lost	1-6

Team: C. J. G. Cox; C. S. Cotton, B. H. Dreesmann; J. S. Parkinson, C. A. Wallinger, R. C. M. Buckle; R. D. G. Marsden, J. M. Tanner, P. N. C. Johns (captain), A. F. N. Manson (vice-captain), M. D. Q. Henriques.

4TH XI

Played 1; Won 1; Drawn 0; Lost 0; Goals for: 1, against 0.

v. Ladycross Away Won 1-0

Team: C. F. Fellows; C. J. Lawrence, J. L. Eynon; S. R. Bowring, M. H. H. Jones, I. M. Scott Thompson; P. A. Trill, J. R. White Abbott, M. D. Q. Henriques (vice-captain), N. A. Smith (captain), C. H. Groom.

COLTS' XI

Played 10; Won 2; Drawn 2; Lost 6; Goals for: 14, against 17.

v. Temple Grove	Away	Lost	2-4
v. Newlands	Away	Won	3-0
v. Ladycross	Home	Drawn	1-1
v. Mowden School	Home	Lost	0-3
v. Ladycross	Away	Lost	0-1
v. St. Wilfrid's	Away	Lost	0-1
v. Prestonville	Home	Lost	1-2
v. Normansal	Home	Drawn	2-2
v. St. Wilfrid's	Home	Lost	0-2
v. St. Bede's	Home	Won	5-1

Team: M. A. Spencer, J. C. Mitchell, M. L. B. Varney, N. T. Liddell; S. R. Bowring (captain), M. H. H. Jones, C. E. H. Cotton; P. A. Trill, C. I. Jackson (vice-captain), C. J. Lawrence, C. H. Groom.

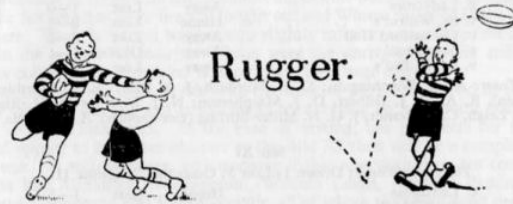
UNDER-10 XI

Played 3; Won 0; Drawn 2; Lost 1; Goals for: 1, against 5.

v. Normansal	.. ..	Away	Drawn	1-1
v. Newlands	.. ..	Home	Drawn	0-0
v. Ladycross	.. ..	Home	Lost	0-4

Team: M. A. Spencer; M. P. Buckle, J. R. P. Gillett, C. J. Lawrence; (Captain); T. M. W. Pragnell, N. H. H. Jones (vice-captain), A. M. Buchanan; D. C. Winn, A. C. Ferguson, M. D. W. Lines, J. M. Wellesley...

Set Match Points: Whites 40; Blues 24; Reds 8.
Inter-set Football Cup: Whites.



I had many qualms at the prospect of taking over the rugger from such an experienced and versatile coach as John Whittaker. However, looking back on the season, I have memories only of enjoyable games and generally very enjoyable matches, played usually under excellent conditions. We played as complete a season as one can reasonably hope to in an Easter term. All the 1st XV matches were finally played—one being postponed because of impossible conditions—but the 2nd XV lost two matches through illness at other schools.

The results will show that we suffered rather more downs than ups but it is true to say that the scores frequently gave a false impression of the game. We tried to play attacking rugger at all times despite being so often on the defensive. Schoolboys rarely seem to develop rugger "sense" and they fall back on responding to orthodox situations with orthodox methods. Although reasonably successful at this, we were never able to adapt quickly enough to meet unusual and unexpected situations.

Our first school match was one of two which ran away with us. Playing for the most part in a snowstorm, we found ourselves up against no less than six expert giants in the Normansal XV and our speed and tackling was not good enough to stop them. However, undaunted, we went on to meet Chelmsford Hall and held them in a winning position almost till the end. Two momentary weaknesses allowed them to score twice. I think we all realised from this just how much of a team game this sport is. Individual personalities were already beginning to emerge. James Miller-Stirling, in his lonely position as full back and the smallest player on the field, set at all times an incredibly high example of personal courage and successful play.

Christopher Rhodes, lately imported from New Zealand, infused the other three-quarters with his superb natural skill and quiet efficiency and it was inevitable that the examples of these two boys should rub off onto the rest of the team.

Our match against St. Bedes will go down in the annals as one of the most memorable of recent years. From being 0-6 down at half-time we stormed home to win 11-6. As a display of team spirit, it was unparalleled. Jonathen Harben, Euan Worthington and other large members of the scrum really worked together and led by Christopher Nevill's captaincy, both three-quarters and forwards combined in a tireless effort to win.

Having achieved what seemed a co-ordinated team, I was rather disappointed with the ensuing results. We were unlucky not to beat Newlands and a victory against Kingsmead was turned into defeat by totally thoughtless play. Both St. Aubyns and St. Wilfrids produced clearly superior sides, though with the exception of the Ladycross match, the results were far from runaways.

By the end of the season, basic points of the game were much improved. Tackling was more effective and the ball was beginning to move much more freely. Toby Meredith and Christopher Newton at scrum and fly half, produced a consistently sound link between forwards and three-quarters, though the forwards' main disability was feeding the three-quarters with the ball. Charles Bowring, in the centre, showed himself to be a fast, dangerous runner, but he was never able to do real justice to himself through lack of opportunity. On at least two occasions, he so nearly scored, only to be frustrated at the last moment.

Christopher Nevill and Euan Worthington set high standards as Captain and Vice-captain respectively and with the rest of the XV, they produced enjoyable, if not spectacularly successful rugger. Next year should see the enthusiasm of such younger players as Richard Gilbert and William Leigh develop with experience into the more effective results than they were able to show this season. It does credit to the whole team that we felt quite justified in awarding nine colours.

The Set matches were played with their usual vigour and enthusiasm and as so often tends to be the form, produced some of the best rugger of the term. They ended with the unusual and awkward result of all the Sets being equal. On the basis of the number of points scored during matches, the Cup was awarded to Whites with Reds as runners-up. The Rugger Cup was awarded to James Miller-Stirling.

R.J.H.S.

1st XV

Played 8; Won 1; Drawn 1; Lost 6

v. Normansal	.. ..	Away	Lost	0-22
v. Chelmsford Hall	.. ..	Away	Lost	3-8
v. St. Bedes	.. ..	Home	Won	11-6
v. Newlands	.. ..	Home	Drawn	3-3
v. Kingsmead	.. ..	Away	Lost	9-14
v. St. Aubyns	.. ..	Home	Lost	3-18
v. Ladycross	.. ..	Away	Lost	0-28
v. St. Wilfrids	.. ..	Away	Lost	3-13

2nd XV						
Played 4; Won 1; Lost 3						
v. Normansal	..	..	..	Home	Won	11-3
v. Newlands	..	..	..	Away	Lost	5-12
v. St. Aubyns	..	..	..	Home	Lost	0-3
v. Ladycross	..	..	..	Home	Lost	5-11

COLTS XIII						
Played 2; Lost 2						
v. St. Wilfrids	..	..	..	Home	Lost	3-6
v. Newlands	..	..	..	Away	Lost	0-12

1st XV: C. G. Nevill* (Captain), E. A. Worthington*, J. G. N. Miller-Stirling*, S. R. Bowring*, C. F. H. Rhodes*, C. M. F. Newton*, T. de W. Meredith*, J. D. T. Pyke*, H. J. Harben*, M. I. Mitchell, D. G. Turner, W. P. Leigh, R. A. St. J. Gilbert, K. J. Herron, M. D. Kavanagh.

*colours

2nd XV: N. A. Smith (Captain), R. A. Jones, N. F. St. Aubyn, N. J. Myer, S. R. Parker, D. J. Macpherson, J. G. Heywood, A. H. Cowie, P. S. M. Crouch, B. H. Dreesmann, P. N. C. Johns, O. R. Wells, D. R. Russell, J. S. Beale, D. E. Murdoch.

Colts XIII: C. R. Brandt (Captain), R. D. G. Marsden, J. M. Tanner, S. R. Bowring, M. E. Bryans, C. I. Jackson, C. E. H. Cotton, C. H. Groom, C. L. Havens, R. C. M. Buckle, S. C. Sampson, A. M. Worthington, C. J. Lawrence.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

With the very good weather we experienced during the Easter term, it was possible to play much more rugby than during the previous year. Consequently, adopting a policy of holding the runs on days unsuitable for rugby, only two runs took place, instead of the usual three.

Early in January came the Hindover Run, watched by a galaxy of Staff on hand to ensure an accident free afternoon. It was won by Heywood, who was so promising last year, in a time of 17 minutes, a clear half minute ahead of Parker, with Meredith, last year's winner, coming in third.

The Hope Gap Run was run in the middle of February under perfect conditions—rain and a great deal of mud; I say this with feeling having taken part myself! This race demands a lot of the runners because of its varied course and Christopher Rhodes did well to hold the lead almost all the way. He finished just 12 seconds ahead of Parker in a time of 39 minutes for the four mile course.

It was decided that the Running Cup should be awarded to Parker, who, though he had not won a race this year, had put up on average, the best consistent performances.

Although no records were broken, both runs showed some promising results for the future.

R.J.H.S.

SQUASH

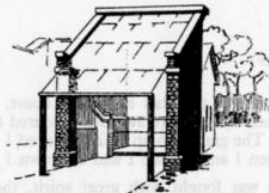
There was an unusually large entry of 25 boys for the competition. Of those eliminated in the early rounds Macpherson and Russell showed great promise.

In the first semi-final Newton beat Smith 9-2, 6-9, 9-3, 9-0. Smith began nervously, making several airshots, but though he soon began to strike the ball in the centre of his racquet he gave himself little chance of victory by taking service in the backhand court standing against the wall. He had no need to funk his backhand, for in the rallies this was at least adequate. Both boys were fast about the court.

The other semi-final was very one-sided. Kavanagh made a few good winners down the forehand side-wall off service, but otherwise did very little, and Nevill, who was much faster and hit harder, won 9-0, 9-0, 9-2.

The final was a good match, both hitting hard to quite a good length and making the occasional angle or reverse-angle shot. Newton was the better server, and he caused Nevill to make several airshots on the high volleys. The latter nearly won the second game after trailing 7-2, but Newton kept his head in the crisis and won 9-4, 10-9, 9-5.

B.



FIVES

The new standard Fives ball, made of composition and capable of being repainted, was brought into use this year. Since so much of our Fives is played in wet weather, this comparatively waterproof ball is a great boon.

The Old Citizens Club provided their annual demonstration of expertise on March 10th and gave sympathetic coaching to our six leading players. A week later a match was played against St. Wilfrids; although St. Wilfrids won all three pairs, our second and third pairs were very evenly matched, and their games included some long and skilful rallies. The results were:

1st Pair (E. Worthington and M. Mitchell) lost 12-0, 12-0.

2nd Pair (Nevill and Newton) lost 12-6, 12-9.

3rd Pair (Miller-Stirling and Russell) lost 12-10, 14-13.

In the inter-set matches Blues were able to field the same pair that had won the Cup in 1967 and it was no surprise that they emerged the winners for the second year. The results were:

Blues beat Reds 12—10.

Blues beat Whites 12—7

Reds beat Whites 12—6.

Representing the Sets were:

Blues : E. Worthington and Nevill

Reds : M. Mitchell and Russell

Whites : Newton and Miller-Stirling

H.R.R.



Judo.



Judo at St. Peter's this year has had a big boost, for I introduced a promotion scheme whereby boys are awarded coloured bars for proficiency to wear on their belts. The grades go up as follows: red 1 and 2, yellow 1 and 2, orange 1 and 2, green 1 and 2, blue 1 and 2, brown 1 and 2 and black.

The competition was fought with great spirit, the spectators giving plenty of encouragement. Spencer won the under 9's medal, throwing Lucas with a good hip throw. The outstanding boys were Spencer, Lucas and Winn.

Skill is developing fast in the under 10's. Groom dominated the contest from the start owing to his determination and size. Bowring 2 gave Groom a hard fight until weight prevailed. Others worthy of mention are Lawrence and Liddell 1.

Marsden was again successful in winning the under 11's, although Worthington 2 gave him quite a bit to think about in the semi-finals. Brandt had to get past both Walter and Scott-Thompson to reach the finals, which was no easy matter.

In the under 12 age group, we have some very good talent, with the same four boys reaching the semi-finals as in the previous year. In 1967 Leigh beat Gilbert, but this year Gilbert reversed the decision in a very



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"What ring gave you my lord?"

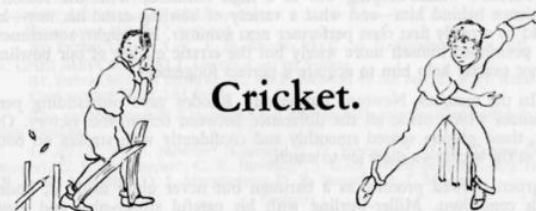
determined manner. Henriques played a much safer game to defeat Macpherson. In the finals, Gilbert, the more dashing, tried all sorts of attacks but Henriques took his time and only attempted a throw when he thought it was safe, then quickly returned to the defensive. Gilbert did not think a big attack would come and when it did, he was taken by surprise, thrown and held down for a full point.

Finally, the over 12's and here we have the school veterans. The four semi-finalists were Smith, Newton, Bowring 1 and Parker. The most surprising boy was Parker who knocked down Harben and Bowring to reach the finals. Newton handled his opponents with confidence and beat them well within the time. Newton and Parker met in the finals and with the championship at stake, Newton attacked with a variety of techniques, but could not topple Parker. Extra time failed to get a point but Newton was pronounced the winner because he attacked and Parker was mostly on the defensive.

Results

- Under 9* Spencer beat Lucas
- Under 10* Groom beat Bowring
- Under 11* Marsden beat Brandt
- Under 12* Henriques beat Gilbert
- Over 12* Newton beat Parker

G.T.M.B.



Looking back over the season I find that it was the spirited enthusiasm of all member of the 1st Game that comes as a heartwarming thought. Christopher Newton, as Cricket Captain, set the keenest personal example and the 1st XI responded to a man.

Unlike last year, our batting was of a higher standard than our bowling. In Heywood and Bowring we had two exceptionally fast bowlers and we all thought at first that they would send our opponent's wickets skittling in all directions. Their best deliveries were very, very good and simply tore through bat and pad; but such was the attraction of achieving sheer speed for itself

alone that these good balls became few and far between. Our opponents soon found that they had only to find the courage to stand their ground and start playing strokes to fast balls miles off the wicket—and inevitably the result was runs and more runs!

Surely the season will teach these two most promising young bowlers that only accuracy and a good length will bring that extra penetration for quick wickets.

Mitchell was a good change bowler who was quite effective at times, when on a length, and Russell, Miller-Stirling, Macpherson and "left-arm-round" Brandt were promising among the younger players. Rhodes was by far the most consistent of our bowlers; he acquired the ability to vary his pace and produce an off-break which was most rewarding.

Fielding practice was pretty lively at all times and always well attended—and here I would give a vote of thanks to Newton, who did so much in the mid-morning breaks to keep the ball rolling (literally!). Not once did I overhear a remark of the "Oh, not again" type.

Match fielding was keen and of a very good standard—although some of the throwing-in lacked that extra accuracy which gives wicket-keeper a real chance of a wicket. The catches that were missed seemed always to be the vital ones! The batsmen so kindly presented with a life never failed to go on and score double figures! A sheer torture for the unfortunate who dropped it!

Turner's wicket-keeping was of a high standard. With the season's experience behind him—and what a variety of bowling came his way—he should be a really first class performer next summer. He might, sometimes, have positioned himself more wisely but the erratic quality of our bowling did not exactly help him to acquire a perfect judgement.

In the matches, Newton, Turner and Rhodes gave outstanding performances which made all the difference between defeat and victory. In form, these players scored smoothly and confidently with strokes on both sides of the wicket—a sheer joy to watch.

Harben showed promise as a batsman but never quite made it, under match conditions. Miller-Stirling with his careful stroke-play and great determination made an ideal opener. Russell already has a variety of good strokes and should be a most valuable all-rounder next season. Two others who will be most useful to have around next year are Macpherson and A. M. Worthington.

A better season for the senior teams, a season which makes one confident of still further improvement in 1969.

W.H.R.E.



CRICKET RESULTS

1st XI

Played 7; Won 3; Drawn 1; Lost 3

- v. ST. WILFRIDS (away). Drawn
St PETERS 80 for 8 declared (C. M. F. Newton 22, D. G. Turner 18)
St. WILFRIDS 67 for 3.
- v. ST. BEDES (home). Won by 7 wkts.
St BEDES 40 (C. F. H. Rhodes 4 for 4)
St PETERS 41 for 3 (C. F. H. Rhodes 16 not out).
- v. LADYCROSS (away). Lost by 4 wkts.
LADYCROSS 101 for 6 declared.
St PETERS 41.
- v. ST. WILFRIDS (home). Won by 6 wkts.
St. WILFRIDS 85 for 7 declared.
St. PETERS 89 for 4 declared. (D. G. Turner 43 not out; C. F. H. Rhodes 31 not out).
- v. ST. AUBYNS (away). Lost by 6 wkts.
St. PETERS 60 (D. G. Turner 20)
St. Aubyns 70 for 4.
- v. NEWLANDS (home). Won by 4 wkts.
NEWLANDS 118 for 7 declared.
St. PETERS 119 for 3. (C. F. H. Rhodes 65; C. M. F. Newton 33 not out).
- v. CHELMSFORD HALL (away). Lost by 5 wkts.
St. PETERS 90 for 4 declared. (C. M. F. Newton 49 not out; C. F. H. Rhodes 28).
CHELMSFORD HALL 103 for 5.

The matches against Kingsmead and Normansal were cancelled owing to appalling weather.

1st XI: C. M. F. Newton* (Captain), J. G. Heywood*, D. G. Turner (wicket-keeper), C. F. H. Rhodes*, C. R. Bowring*, J. G. N. Miller-Stirling*, H. J. Harben, T. de W. Meredith, D. J. Macpherson, D. R. Russell, M. I. Mitchell.

*colours

2nd XI

Played 6; Won 1; Drawn 3; Lost 2

- v. ST. WILFRIDS (home). Lost by 39 runs.
St. WILFRIDS 60.
St. PETERS 21.
- v. LADYCROSS (home). Drawn.
LADYCROSS 128 for 7.
St. PETERS 43 for 9.
- v. ST. WILFRIDS (away). Drawn.
St. WILFRIDS 83.
St. PETERS 60 for 8.

- v. ST. AUBYNS (away). Won by 50 runs.
ST. PETERS 88 (T. de W. Meredith 39).
ST. AUBYNS 38.
- v. NEWLANDS (away). Drawn.
ST. PETERS 70.
NEWLANDS 66 for 9 (K. J. Herron 6 for 17).
- v. CHELMSFORD HALL (away). Lost by 6 wkts.
St. Peters 28.
Chelmsford Hall 33 for 4.
- 2nd XI: E. A. Worthington (Captain and wicket-keeper), P. N. C. Johns, K. J. Herron, R. A. Jones, W. P. Leigh, M. D. Q. Henriques, N. J. Myer, A. F. N. Manson, A. M. Worthington, D. E. Murdoch, C. R. Brandt.

COLTS XI

Played 4; Won 1; Lost 3

- v. ST. WILFRIDS (away). Lost by 6 wkts.
St. Peters 56.
ST. WILFRIDS 66 for 4.
- v. ST. BEDES (home). Won by 5 runs.
ST. PETERS 56 for 8 declared.
ST. BEDES 51.
- v. LADYCROSS (away). Lost by 7 wkts.
ST. PETERS 46.
LADYCROSS 63 for 3.
- v. ST. WILFRIDS (home). Lost by 15 runs.
ST. PETERS 20.
ST. WILFRIDS 35.
- Colts XI: S. R. Bowring (Captain), R. C. M. Buckle, R. D. G. Marsden, J. L. Eynon, F. J. J. Parsons, J. R. P. Gillett, A. C. Ferguson, C. J. Lawrence, C. H. Groom, C. I. Jackson, J. C. Mitchell.



Sports.



Saturday June 29th was a remarkable day—the sun actually shone out of a cloudless sky from mid-day onwards. The preceding seven days had been ones of unrelieved gloom—mist, rain and cold, so it can be imagined how unconfined was our joy just to be out and about and warm without a macintosh.

The Sports results speak for themselves but do not miss the new record set up by Rhodes in the senior 220 yards race.

Mrs. Worthington gave away the prizes and we were very grateful to her.
H.J.F.

RESULTS

SENIORS

- Cricket Ball*: 1, C. F. H. Rhodes; 2, D. G. Turner; 3, C. R. Bowring. Distance, 64 yards 2 ft. 4 ins.
- High Jump*: 1, C. R. Bowring; 2, C. F. H. Rhodes; 3, C. M. F. Newton. Height, 4 ft. 3½ ins.
- 100 Yards*: 1, C. F. H. Rhodes; 2, J. G. Heywood; 3, C. R. Bowring. Time, 13 secs.
- Hurdles*: 1, J. G. Heywood; 2, C. M. F. Newton; 3, C. F. H. Rhodes. Time, 16.8 secs.
- 220 Yards*: 1, C. F. H. Rhodes; 2, J. G. Heywood; 3, C. R. Bowring. Time, 29.3 secs.
- Long Jump*: 1, J. G. Heywood; 2, C. F. H. Rhodes; 3, C. R. Bowring. Distance, 15 ft. ¼ in.
- Senior Sports Cup*: C. F. H. Rhodes (28 pts.)
- Runner-up*: J. G. Heywood (19 pts.)

INTERMEDIATES

- Cricket Ball*: 1, A. M. Worthington; 2, S. R. Bowring; 3, J. M. Tanner. Distance, 47 yards 2 ft.
- High Jump*: 1, S. C. Sampson; 2, P. A. Trill; 3, J. M. Tanner. Height, 3 ft. 7½ ins.
- 100 Yards*: 1, A. M. Worthington; 2, R. H. F. Merriam; 3, P. A. Trill. Time, 13.8 secs.
- Hurdles*: 1, C. R. Brandt; 2, R. H. F. Merriam; 3, S. R. Bowring. Time, 17.8 secs.
- 220 Yards*: 1, P. A. Trill; 2, R. H. F. Merriam; 3, A. M. Worthington. Time, 32.4 secs.
- Long Jump*: 1, J. M. Tanner; 2, C. R. Brandt; 3, A. M. Worthington. Distance, 11 ft. 7 ins.
- Intermediate Sports Cup*: A. M. Worthington (12 pts.)
- Runners-up*: C. R. Brandt, R. H. F. Merriam, P. A. Trill (9 pts.)

JUNIORS

- Cricket Ball*: 1, C. J. Lawrence; 2, J. R. P. Gillett; 3, D. C. Winn. Distance, 41 yards 1 ft 6 ins.
- High Jump*: 1, H. A. B. Carritt; 2, M. A. Spencer; 3, T. M. Lubbock; Height, 3 ft. 5 ins.
- 100 Yards*: 1, H. A. B. Carritt; 2, C. S. Langer; 3, M. P. Buckle. Time, 14.5 secs.
- Hurdles*: 1, H. A. B. Carritt; 2, C. S. Langer; 3, T. M. W. Pragnell. Time, 15.2 secs.
- 220 Yards*: 1, H. A. B. Carritt; 2, C. E. H. Cotton; 3, M. A. Spencer. Time, 35 secs.
- Long Jump*: 1, J. R. P. Gillett; 2, H. A. B. Carritt; 3, M. P. Buckle. Distance, 10 ft. 7 ins.
- Junior Sports Cup*: H. A. B. Carritt (18 pts.)
- Runner-up*: J. R. P. Gillett (6 pts.)

RELAY RACES

Seniors: 1, Whites; 2, Blues; 3, Reds. Time, 30.2 secs.
Intermediates: 1, Blues; 2, Whites; 3, Reds. Time, 32.5 secs.
Juniors: 1, Reds; 2, Blues; 3, Whites. Time, 35 secs.
Whole Set: 1, Whites; 2, Blues; 3, Reds.

TUG-OF-WAR

First Team: 1, Blues; 2, Whites; 3, Reds
Second Team: 1, Whites; 2, Blues; 3, Reds

SET SPORTS CUP

1, Whites (230 pts.); 2, Blues (194 pts.); 3, Reds (180 pts.)

TENNIS

Apart from one brief fine spell, it was a poor season, weatherwise, for tennis. Each re-marking of the courts seemed to bring on a downpour.

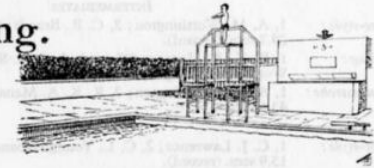
There were 17 official tennis players. Of those with some experience Smith and Dreesmann showed creditable improvement during the term, and Christopher Burges was the most promising newcomer. It was disappointing that all four of the semi-finalists in the tournament were officially cricket players, to whom tennis was very much a spare time occupation.

Thirty-four boys entered for the tournament, the organisation of which was efficiently conducted by the tennis captain, Nicholas Smith. In the semi-finals, Rhodes and Newton had fairly easy wins over their opponents, Russell and Charles Bowring respectively. The final was an interesting match and produced many prodigiously long rallies. Both players were most reluctant to volley, even after being brought by a short one to the net, so the match involved a tremendous amount of running. Rhodes was inexhaustible and made very few mistakes. He thoroughly deserved to come out the winner at 6-2, 6-1.

The Set matches provided a very even contest indeed. Reds' first pair were outstandingly good and won all their matches fairly comfortably. In the second pairs, Whites were in the same position and it was the results among the third pairs that had to decide the overall placing of the Sets. In all, Reds and Whites had each won 23 games, but of the matches played, Reds had won five and Whites only three—all by their second pairs. Reds were accordingly the winners. The representatives of the Sets were:

	<i>Reds</i>	<i>Whites</i>	<i>Blues</i>
<i>1st Pair</i>	Rhodes Smith	Newton C. Bowring	Pyke Cowie
<i>2nd Pair</i>	M. Mitchell Russell	Goodchild Dreesmann	E. Worthington Beale
<i>3rd Pair</i>	Kavanagh Turner	Harben Miller-Stirling	Meredith Burges
			H.R.R.

Swimming.



The weather was not nearly so kind this year as last, but it did allow a fair amount of pleasant swimming, and thanks to G.B.'s unflinching enthusiasm, there were only 14 swimming reds at the end of term.

Swimming Sports Day itself was "cold and cheerless" and perhaps it was this which caused the participants to produce such an exciting afternoon, by trying to keep themselves warm! No less than four school records were broken and one was equalled. To take them in their order they were the Senior backstroke, the Junior freestyle, the Intermediate freestyle and the Relay race. The record was equalled by Lawrence in the Junior breast-stroke.

In singling out individual performances, Herron as Captain of Swimming set a fine personal example of skill and technique. He held himself clear of all challengers by winning the Senior Cup comfortably with Rhodes as runner-up.

In the Intermediates, Alex Worthington swam strongly and was clearly set to win the cup with Menage as a well deserved runner-up and it was fitting that Lawrence, having broken one record and equalled another should easily win the Junior Cup with Sampson as runner-up. For the second year running, Smith easily won the plunge (which is only open to seniors) though his distance was actually less than that of last year.

Finally, an unexpected item at the end of the Sports was provided by H.J.F. and fellow conspirators, who decided that to mark his temporary departure from the Staff, R.J.H.S. should provide an impromptu aquatic display! Having been thrown fully clothed off the spring-board, he just about managed to complete a length in the arctic waters.

R.J.H.S.

RESULTS

OPEN

Free-style: 1, K. J. Herron; 2, C. F. H. Rhodes; 3, H. J. Harben. Time, 27.3 secs.
Backstroke: 1, K. J. Herron; 2, C. F. Fellows; 3, C. F. H. Rhodes. Time, 13.5 secs. (record).
Diving: 1, K. J. Herron (161 pts.); 2, C. F. H. Rhodes (153 pts.); 3, D. N. Goodchild (151 pts.).
Plunge: 1, N. A. Smith; 2, C. F. Fellows; 3, A. H. Cowie. Distance, 38 ft. 2 ins.

INTERMEDIATES

Free-style: 1, A. M. Worthington; 2, C. R. Brandt; 3, R. K. A. Menage. Time, 29.7 secs. (record).

Diving: 1, R. K. A. Menage (95 pts.); 2, S. C. Sampson (94 pts.); 3, A. M. Worthington (87 pts.).

Breaststroke: 1, A. M. Worthington; 2, R. K. A. Menage; 3, C. R. Brandt. Time, 43.6 secs.

JUNIORS

Free-style: 1, C. J. Lawrence; 2, C. L. Younghusband, 3, M. A. Spencer. Time, 13.9 secs. (record).

Diving: R. I. Sampson (82 pts.); C. J. Lawrence (80 pts.); 3, J. R. P. Gillett (79 pts.).

Breaststroke: 1, C. J. Lawrence; 2, M. A. Spencer; 3, T. M. W. Pragnell. Time, 17.8 secs. (equal record).

RELAY RACE

1, Whites; 2, Blues; 3, Reds. Time, 1 min. 23 secs. (record)

SWIMMING CUPS

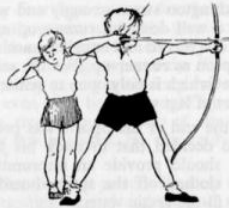
Set: 1, Whites (59 pts.); 2, Reds (40 pts.); 3, Blues (23 pts.).

Senior: K. J. Herron (20 pts.). Runner-up: C. F. H. Rhodes (12 pts.).

Intermediate: A. M. Worthington (11 pts.). Runner-up: R. K. A. Menage (9 pts.).

Junior: C. J. Lawrence (10 pts.). Runner-up: R. I. Sampson (4 pts.).

Open freestyle Cup: K. J. Herron.



Archery.

The Summer term was a splendid one for the bowmen; the weather was kind and we only had to cancel two periods of archery. As a result, a high standard was reached by the end of the term when the tournaments came along. There have been 24 regular archers.

Two tournaments, one senior and one junior were held, and keenly competed for. The final results were as follows:

SENIOR: *Winner* (cup) Russell (on his birthday!)
Runner-up (medal) Parkinson

JUNIOR: *Winner* (cup) Goodchild
Runner-up (medal) Bryans 1.

R.B.-S.



"Visiting Day" for our Fire Engine



The Choir

CLIMBING

In spite of considerably fewer visits to Bowles than previously, climbing has been of a high standard. Unfortunately not quite high enough to regain the Schools Trophy which we have lost twice after winning it the first time it was held. This year there were only two schools competing, Westminster Under School and ourselves. It was a very good and close match; it was only a little sad that we had to lose by so narrow a margin as $1\frac{1}{2}$ points. The final score was Westminster Under School 68, St. Peter's 66 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Towards the end of the summer term nine boys took their badge of merit test and all passed. The Senior Instructor, Mr. Arthur Wells, said afterwards that it was the first time he had seen a 100% pass with as many candidates all on the same day. This was highly satisfactory.

On the last climbing day of the Autumn Term William Leigh did a "first". This is a route that is called S. Cadet Nose and is difficult for anyone because of its long reaches. It had never been climbed by a boy, so this was a fine achievement. Congratulations.

In the not too distant future St. Peter's is to have its own mountain. In fact it is now taking shape outside the carpenter's shop under the skilful hand of Mr. John Walters.

With our up and coming climbers and our enthusiasm I think we can look forward to a successful season.

D.F.de V.P.



Shooting.



EASTER TERM

This was a most successful term for some individuals as can be seen in the rise of average scores in competitions of winners and runners-up of the Lady Ball Cup, 64.2 and 63.5 respectively. Unfortunately, shooting competitions are team events and it only needs one member of the Shooting Eight to return a bad score for the whole team to be placed low. Targets were not outward gauged this term so perhaps the authorities who run these competitions have now realised the error of scoring in this way in preparatory schools. For the second term running, Johns was an excellent Shooting Captain.

SUMMER TERM

Individual scores were even higher than last term. The winner of the Lady Ball Cup had an average of 65.5 and his runner-up 64.4. But success in the competitions still eluded us because one member of the team went to pieces. This happened in both the St. Patrick and the Harvey Haddon. This term we introduced shooting colours for the first time. They comprise a lapel badge of crossed rifles on a target in gold. The following boys were awarded colours: Johns (Captain), Henriques, Goodchild, Burges 1 and Smith. Johns completed his third term as Shooting Captain in an exemplary manner.

AUTUMN TERM

This was a most successful term due mainly to the fact that for the first time in living memory the first eight remained unchanged from last term. Enthusiasm and rivalry among members of the team was intense and no less than three boys tied for the Lady Ball Cup, Smith, Johns and Burges 1 which was resolved by holding a "shoot-off". Wells was the only new colour this term. Smith made a very worthy successor to Johns as Shooting Captain.
R.B-S.

PREPARATORY SCHOOLS SHIELDS 1968

St. PATRICKS			
Easter Term	Score	Average	Position
1st VIII	460/560	57.5	24
Summer Term			
1st VIII	708/800	88.5	19
Autumn Term			
1st VIII	716/800	89.5	13

The highest possible score was raised from 560 to 800 in the Summer Term. This was a long requested improvement.

HARVEY HADDON CHALLENGE TROPHY 1968

Easter Term			
A team (4 boys)	686/800		22
B team (4 boys)	580/800		30
Summer Term			
A team	711/800		16
B team	636/800		19
Autumn Term			
A team	738/800		8
B team	707/800		17

IMPERIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD 1968

N. A. Smith ..	49	50	99	M. D. Q. Henriques	46	47	93
C. G. Nevill ..	49	49	98	C. J. C. Burges ..	48	45	93
P. S. M. Crouch ..	48	47	95	P. N. C. Johns ..	45	45	90
D. N. Goodchild ..	49	46	95	A. H. Cowie ..	44	44	88

Team average per cent 94

Medal of Honour	Empire Marksmen	Empire 1st Class Shots
Bronze: Smith	7	4

PREVIOUS YEAR'S RESULTS

1967 Not yet received

THIS YEAR'S HONOURS

Shooting Captain	Lady Ball Cup	Average (70)
Easter : P. N. C. Johns	1. M. D. G. Henriques	64.2
	2. C. G. Nevill	63.5
Summer : P. N. C. Johns	1. N. A. Smith	65.5
	2. M. D. Q. Henriques	64.4
Autumn : N. A. Smith	1. N. A. Smith	66.5
	2. P. N. C. Johns	65.1

Colours

Easter : Nil
Summer : Johns, Henriques, Goodchild, Burges, Smith
Autumn : Wells

Certificates

Johns, Goodchild, Crouch, Burges 1
Johns, Cowie, Burges 1
Burges 1, Cowie, Goodchild, Henriques, Wells, Leuchars

THE SET SHOOT

Easter Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term
1. Blues .. 259/280	1. Whites 363/400	1. Whites .. 368/400
2. Whites .. 257/280	2. Reds .. 331/400	2. Blues .. 341/400
3. Reds .. 230/280	3. Blues .. 324/400	3. Reds .. 332/400



MUSIC.



The outstanding event of the year has been the completion of our new music room. Consisting as it does of a large classroom, four practice cells and a large store-room, it is much superior to our previous accommodation. Musical activities can now take place with the maximum of comfort for the participants and (thanks to our isolated position) with the minimum discomfort to the rest of the school; the classroom is particularly well furnished with a Bechstein grand piano and some excellent record-playing equipment and so provides an ideal and much needed centre for the musical appreciation classes.

Apart from some temporary difficulties, this has been a busy year for our musicians and especially so for the members of the Choir. They now

have to perform at both a Junior and Senior service every Sunday morning as well as at our normal daily services. In spite of this energy and enthusiasm have never waned and they have managed to perform an anthem on virtually every Sunday of the school year.

A particularly gratifying feature of the choir's singing this year has been the tone quality of the trebles; they are beginning to blend together in an admirable fashion and have fully recovered from a difficult period in the beginning of the year when all their voices were threatening to break at the same time. The altos have also improved. They regularly read the most unlikely alto lines at sight and always provide excellent support for the trebles.

There has been more solo singing than usual this year. Jonathan Harben, our Choir leader, has been a regular soloist for several years and is now singing better than ever. His performances of "Then shall the righteous shine forth" and "If with all your ye truly love me" (both from Mendelssohn's "Elijah") were really memorable. Nicholas Smith, William Leigh, David Russell and Jonathan Parkinson have also been regular soloists; indeed, virtually every Choir member has contributed a little something of his own at some time in the course of the year. When not actually singing, some of our members have turned to composition and Christopher Burges, Christopher Cox, Richard Gilbert, Jonathan Harben, Jonathan Parkinson and John White Abbott have all made welcome contributions to our repertoire of chants and amens.

The climax of the Choir's year is of course the Carol Services. As usual we gave a recital of carols to Sir Richard and Lady Boughey at Ringmer Park and thoroughly enjoyed their wonderful hospitality. This was followed by three carol services on consecutive evenings at the school. Our programme contained much that was traditional and much that was new. We gave the premier of a recently published carol by Mark Hankey called "Where is Mary?"

For the orchestra, this has been a quiet year but our occasional performances in Chapel have been surprisingly successful. We have now quite a strong string section and capable performers for virtually all the wind and brass instruments. At the moment, more than 50 instrumental lessons are given each week. This is an alarmingly high figure which would be impossible without the solid support of our four visiting teachers and especially Miss Sheaves. In the Grade I piano exams, Christopher Burges, William Leigh and Nicholas Myer were all successful while Edward Le Fanu gained a merit in his Grade I violin exam. Andrew Willis' trombone playing deserves special mention as does David Russell's clarinet playing; both are becoming highly proficient players.

In the course of the year, Mr. Cedric Alcock gave two short 'cello recitals, both of which made a great impression on all who heard them. His programme included old favourites like "Le Cygne" by Saint-Saens as well as compositions by his father, Gilbert Alcock.

So much for 1968; 1969 will soon be upon us bringing with it the prospect of the live broadcasting of one of our Sunday morning Chapel Services, a prospect that is both exciting and challenging.

B.R.B.D.

THEATRICALS

"THE MERCHANT OF VENICE"

by

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

A shortened version in two Acts

CAST

Duke of Venice	EUAN WORTHINGTON
Antonio	NICHOLAS GOODCHILD
Bassanio	JONATHAN HARBEN
Shylock	NICHOLAS SMITH
Portia	PATRICK JOHNS
Nerissa	JUSTIN WELBY
Solanio	JAMES BEALE
Salarino	KENNETH HERRON
Gratiano	CHRISTOPHER NEWTON
Lorenzo	CHARLES BOWRING
Jessica	JAMES MILLER-STIRLING
Tubal	MICHAEL KAVANAGH
Clerk of the Court	CHRISTOPHER LEUCHARS
Magnificoes of Venice	HUGO BOVILL
	RICHARD MERRIAM
	ROBIN HURLSTONE
Servants	WILLIAM LEIGH
	JAMES TANNER
Soldiers	DUNCAN MACPHERSON
	MARK HENRIQUES

Prompter: IAN SCOTT THOMPSON Curtain: SIMON SAMPSON

ACT 1	Scene 1	Venice.	A Street.
	Scene 2	Venice.	A Public Place.
	Scene 3	Venice.	A Street.
	Scene 4	Belmont.	Portia's House.
ACT 2	Scene 1	Venice.	A Court of Justice.
	Scene 2	Venice.	A Street.
	Scene 3	Belmont.	Portia's House.

Costumes by Sybil Clarke and Company.

Sets by Gerard Baldwin.

Scenery by Robert Back.

Lighting by Reginald Evans

Effects and sound by Robin Rowland.

Wigs by Brighton Theatrical Costumiers and Trend Products.

Song—Composed by Brendon Drummond.

Singer—Jeremy Brett accompanied by Adrian Neville who also played for the Intervals.

Make-up—Margaret Farebrother, Diana Backwell-Smith and Patricia Rowland.

Stage Managers: Robin Jarvis, Hugh Champion, David Turner, Michael Mitchell, Romily Jones, Christopher Cox, Richard Buckle.

Producer: Michael Farebrother.

Anyone who knows their "Merchant" will understand the complexities of a production by adult actors. To stage a convincing performance by children involves even greater difficulties for the producer. But from the moment that a minstrel was heard singing a haunting Elizabethan song in the auditorium and day gradually dawned to reveal Robert Back's sumptuous Venetian sets, and the first words were spoken, it was clear that Michael Farebrother had surmounted all obstacles and the production was going to be what is generally termed "a hit" all round.

The play revolves around Shylock's attempt to extort what is owing him by fair means or foul. Nicholas Smith gave one of the most convincing portrayals of the money lender that I have seen on any stage. He brought to his part, perhaps, a greater depth of understanding than did any of the other actors, and his interpretation of the part and confidence in portrayal acted as a remarkable spur to the rest of the cast. If nerves there were, they certainly did not show and after a few minutes it was as if we had known those beaux of Venice all our lives!

Supporting Shylock, Antonio and Bassanio as the injured party and his second gave commanding and thoroughly realistic performances. Jonathan Harben's natural charm gave his portrayal that extra polish which made it creative rather than functional. Nicholas Goodchild as the frightened cause of all the fuss remained stoic and calm to the end, even when a rather horrible death seemed only seconds away! We were effectively reminded of reality and the stern course of justice by the forbearing grand Duke of Venice played, as is right, with complete emotional detachment by Euan Worthington.

No play, even in Shakespeare's time was complete without the "romantic interest". The original productions always carried young men and boys in the female roles and I feel positive that the Bard himself could only have approved of Patrick John's Portia. He was ideally cast for the part and brought a refreshing lightness to it with his dry sense of humour. He brought great perception to his part and enjoyed a masterly command of character.

Of the smaller roles two were particularly outstanding. Christopher Newton's Gratiano was uncannily professional, endowed as it was with a great sense of timing, seen usually only in adult productions. His foppishness and his antics brought the house down in the night I attended. In rather similar vein, Justin Welby as little Nerissa was equally effective. He had the "injured girl's" actions perfected, even to the screwing up of the face and

the stamping of the feet. Michael Kavanagh, Charles Bowring, Kenneth Herron, James Beale and James Miller-Stirling all gave strong performances as the various friends and relations of the principal characters.

Backstage, the performance was just as excellent. Sybil Clarke's costumes were quite superb and coupled with the grease paint so ably administered by the make-up ladies enables the characters to seem, as well as sound, convincing. As previously mentioned Robert Back's re-creation of Venice was most imaginative and coupled with Jeremy Brett's melodious singing of Italian songs composed by Brendon Drummond convinced us we were in Venice. Full marks also to Messrs. Rowland and Evans for their professional lighting and sound without which no play is complete, and also to Robin Jarvis and Hugh Champion and their team of helpers who produced the slickest and speediest scene changing I have ever witnessed.

I have seen "The Merchant" performed by, inter alia, a Repertory Company at Northampton and the Royal Shakespeare Company, Stratford, yet I do not think I have ever seen a production put over with so much simple exuberance and zest, yet underneath retaining all the essential qualities of the pre drama which is the main prop of the play. Michael Farebrother should feel proud, and rightly so, for having achieved such a remarkable production.

It would not be right to close without saying a word of appreciation for the fantastic photographs which Tim Farebrother took, some of which are reproduced elsewhere in this issue. To see those totally professional pictures outside in the passage capped what I can only sum up as a totally professional production.

R. J. H. S.

THE YEAR'S AWARDS

EASTER TERM

Form Prizes: E. A. Worthington, C. J. A. Balfour, W. P. Leigh, N. J. Myer, A. J. B. Hope, R. A. Hurlstone, M. R. J. Kernick, D. R. W. B. Huggins, M. P. Buckle.

Presentation of Work Prizes: (Upper School) D. G. Turner, (Middle School) A. H. Cowie, (Lower School) D. R. W. B. Huggins.

Music Cup: J. S. Parkinson.

Instrumental Music Trophy: D. R. Russell.

SUMMER TERM

Form Prizes: E. A. Worthington, W. P. Leigh, M. I. Scott-Thompson, A. J. B. Hope, D. E. Murdoch, C. E. H. Cotton, D. R. W. B. Huggins, T. M. Lubbock, J. P. Bryans.

Presentation of Work Prizes: (Upper School) J. G. Heywood, (Middle School) J. M. Tanner, (Lower School) M. P. Buckle.

Form VIII Writing Prize: M. D. W. Lines.

Music Cup: J. S. Parkinson.

Instrumental Music Trophy: D. R. Russell.

Choir Prize: H. J. Harben.

AUTUMN TERM

Form Prizes : P. N. C. Johns, N. A. Smith, M. D. Q. Henriques, A. C. G. Tait, R. D. G. Marsden, D. R. W. B. Huggins, M. A. Spencer, E. H. Leigh, G. V. H. Gilbert, J. R. J. H. Mundy.

Presentation of Work Prizes : (Upper School) K. J. Herron, (Middle School) D. R. W. B. Huggins, (Lower School) C. L. Younghusband, (Forms VII and VIII) N. H. D. Ryder.

Music Cup : H. J. Harben.

Instrumental Music Trophy : E. L. Le Fanu.

Choir Prize : D. R. Russell.

CUPS AND MEDALS

EASTER TERM

Rugger Cup : J. G. N. Miller-Stirling. Medals: C. F. H. Rhodes, C. R. Brandt, R. C. M. Buckle, A. M. Buchanan, C. D. Lines, C. E. Liddell, D. C. Winn.

Cross-Country Running Cup : S. R. Parker. Runner-up: J. G. Heywood.

Shooting Cup : M. D. Q. Henriques (average 69.2). Runner-up: C. G. Nevill.

Judo Medals : C. M. F. Newton, C. H. Groom, M. D. Q. Henriques, R. D. G. Marsden, R. A. St. J. Gilbert, M. A. Spencer.

Squash Cup : C. M. F. Newton.

SUMMER TERM

Cricket Cup : C. M. F. Newton. Medals: S. R. Bowring, C. H. Groom, N. T. Liddell, M. A. Spencer, D. C. Winn, R. I. Sampson.

Bowling Cup : C. F. H. Rhodes.

Fielding Cup : D. G. Turner.

Shooting Cup : N. A. Smith. Runner-up: M. D. Q. Henriques.

Archery Cup : (Senior) D. R. Russell. Runner-up: J. S. Parkinson. (Junior) D. N. Goodchild. Runner-up: M. E. Bryans.

100 yards, 200 yards and Throwing : C. F. H. Rhodes.

Long Jump : J. G. Heywood.

Hurdles : J. G. Heywood and C. M. F. Newton.

High Jump : C. R. Bowring.

Swimming Cups : (Senior) K. J. Herron. Runner-up: C. F. H. Rhodes. (Intermediate) A. M. Worthington. Runner-up: R. K. A. Menage. (Junior) C. J. Lawrence. Runner-up: R. I. Sampson.

Open Freestyle Cup : K. J. Herron.

Diving Medals : (Senior) K. J. Herron. (Intermediate) R. K. A. Menage. (Junior) R. I. Sampson.

Plunge : N. A. Smith.

AUTUMN TERM

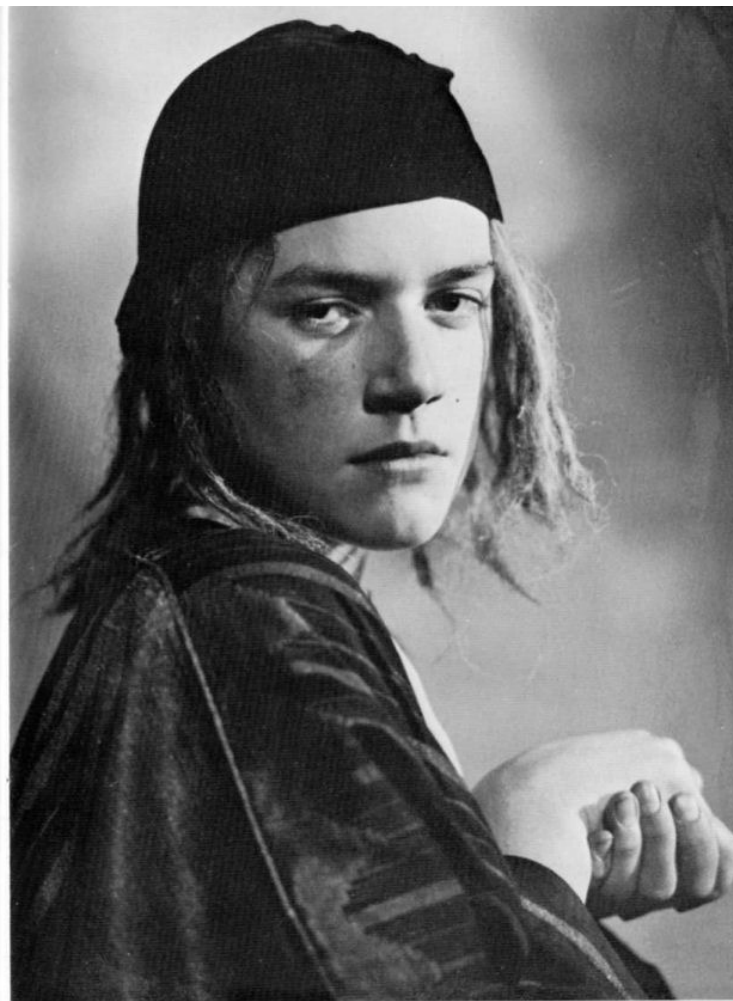
Soccer Cup : R. A. Jones. Medals: T. de W. Meredith, A. F. N. Manson, C. F. Fellows, M. H. H. Jones, J. C. Mitchell, S. P. Cooper, D. C. Winn, N. A. Lumsden.

Shooting Cup : N. A. Smith (average 66.5). Runner-up: P. N. C. Johns (average 65.1).

P. E. Medals : T. de W. Meredith, D. R. Russell, M. L. B. Varney, T. M. W. Pragnell, E. H. Leigh, M. H. H. Jones.

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Nicholas Smith as Shylock



PETER'S PIE.



THE LONELY FARM

The moon slid out from behind a cloud and once again one could see the wind-swept barn with its old wooden shutters, which now hung limp on a few rusty nails, swinging to and fro in the soft evening breeze.

As I walked further on I sat down and looked at the sheep. They sat motionless, sedate and as still as statues. There was only the occasional scurry of feet as a lamb scampered off to a sheltered spot, but besides that no life seemed apparent. A fleeting breeze caught the back of my neck and I got up and moved on into the farmyard. The dirt and sludge of the farm stood out more here, for the tractors came in from the fields through the gate in the corner.

The farmhouse stood majestically dominating the structure of the farm, with its portly chimneys towering high into the sky. Behind it a clump of trees stood silhouetted by the late night moon.

The still night sky was lit up by the lights of a low flying aeroplane, which broke the deathly calm and then, as if woken out of a dream, the day crept in and the sun shone on the realities of life.

NICHOLAS SMITH

A DAY AT BOWLES

Right, at the bottom of the hill, then right again. We drew up on the left side of the car-park. We all jumped out and gaily swaggered up to the clubhouse where we met Mr. Wells and Mr. Kennard. We left the lunch and spare clothes behind and went down to the rocks where we were briefed about the morning events. This morning we were doing individual climbing; Mr. Wells clambered up Easy Gully and put some ropes on Funnel, Fragile Wall and Wells Reach. Some of us tied on and some of us belayed, while the rest scampered up rocks or watched.

At last lunch came and we moved off to the clubhouse. Our lunch consisted of sandwiches and fruit and we were also allowed a drink and some sweets. When lunch was over, we went up into the rocks up by the ski slope where we played "he" and "kick-the-can" and left the masters chatting. We were soon called together and told what we were going to do next. This afternoon we were abseiling which I had never done before but which I soon learnt. Sometimes we would abseil down a rock face or hang in mid-air over an overhang. This was good fun. The headmaster arrived and we gave him a display. Then we slowly took the ropes down and trudged up to the clubhouse. We had our tea and bought some souvenirs. We all said good-bye to Mr. Wells and Mr. Kennard and packed up our things. We walked down past the rocks and piled into the van. We were quickly on the main road and telling each other jokes and stories and soon we were back at school.

THE FORMLY TARDIS JAMES MILLER-STIRLING

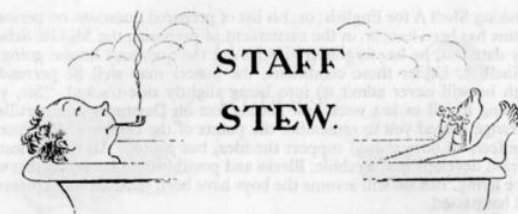
THE FORMERLY TARDIS JAMES MILLER-STIRLING

AFTER THE BATTLE

The sounds of the British pursuing the fleeing French faded into the distance. A deathly hush settled over the battlefield. The billowing gunsmoke made it hard to see and the stretcher-bearers moved slowly past the bodies, heading for the cries of a wounded man. The occasional noise of a horse and then suddenly a group of figures, riding, came into sight: Wellington on Copenhagen, and all his aides. Wellington looked sad as he picked his way past the ruins of a gun with its crew sprawled around it. In the distance you could vaguely see men and women looking for the bodies and stealing the clothes from the dead. If they found a wounded man they would kill him and then rob him. Shattered trees and the craters from cannon balls were everywhere. The rows of bodies where the Imperial Guard had been halted were surprisingly near the British lines. Then, from far away, came the sound of marching into the distance.

A DAY JUSTIN WELBY

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"HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR FORM-MASTER DONE?"

A lot of people have spoken to me lately, thus, "You schoolmasters have a marvellous relationship with the boys" or "Don't you find it difficult to be on the right wavelength all the time?". But they miss the point! The basis of these "marvellous relationships" is created by the boys. Definitely. There is no possible doubt about this; and jolly hard work it is, too—for the boys. To make their task easier, we have compiled a reference of masters' moods and the correct responses expected from the boys. Anything to make school life easier!

Coming into the classroom

This is the all-important moment. As a general precaution, all boys should be respectfully waiting for their master with the right books ready and pens filled. (This latter should be done at the end of the previous period when the exhausted master will say "yes" to almost anything.) When the master enters, stand up—it makes a break from the monotony of always sitting down. Now watch the master carefully for signs of stress; the exhausted sigh as he sits down, indicative of a recent and unsuccessful battle with Form II's geometry, wild flinging open of the windows as if expressive of a desire to escape, a sudden fiendish desk inspection—these are the danger symptoms of a "nasty time ahead" when it is best to concentrate on 2nd Conjugation verbs and try to forget the model of the Tirpitz lying temptingly in a locker.

Once in the room

The situation may develop in several ways; we have already seen the warnings of a "nasty time" period. But there are other, more subtle ways in which your master will indicate that it is not a time for jokes. "First question: 2nd person plural pluperfect passive of audio" probably means that he went to rather a good party the night before and is still feeling the effects.

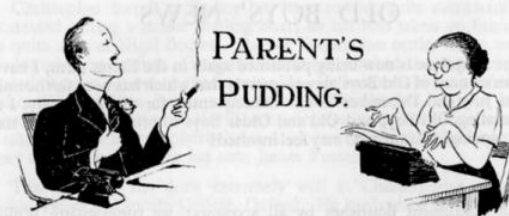
But there is always the other side. "Now this morning I want you to write something for me". Intelligent boys will realise that one of three situations has occurred: the master has only just remembered that he was supposed

to be taking Shell A for English; or, his list of prepared questions on personal pronouns has been lost; or, in the excitement of preparing the Middle School history date test, he has forgotten to work out the questions he was going to give Shell A. Under these conditions, the master may well be persuaded (though he will never admit it) into being slightly side-tracked. "Sir, you were going to tell us last week how getting lost on Dartmoor in an artillery firing range helped you to remember the points of the compass". For maximum effect, all boys should support the idea, but *politely*. All will be lost if the period develops into a rabble. Blacks and possibly double ones at that will soon be flying. But we will assume the boys have been sensible and a pleasant period has passed.

When the bell goes

Another important moment. Whatever has happened during the period, the last thing that should happen when the note of release sounds is a blatant packing up of books and opening of desks. If the period has been one of the "nasty" type, such actions will make the master do the fastest draw in the west for his black book and he will leave, determined to raise the matter of the form's behaviour at the next staff meeting. And if the period has been good, the effect will be completely spoilt by early packing up and the fastest draw in the west may also occur here. The correct answer is to try and embark on a mass pen filling operation, (see earlier). If successful, it will give the master's next form longer than their usual five minute break and will provide an excellent excuse for being late for that ghastly maths lesson when you are going to get back that terrible prep from the night before. But the master should leave the room reasonably happy. "That old story about Dartmoor seems to help them learn; what a good idea I thought of it". And he will sing the form's praises for being "marvellously behaved" and having saved him from a difficult moment.

R.J.H.S.



THOUGHTS FROM THE PARENTS OF A NEW BOY

Clothes list completed: all name tapes safely on: trunk and overnight bag packed: the day has at last dawned when our one and only is off for the first time to boarding school. There seems to be no trace whatever of apprehension on the part of the boy—both to our delight and perhaps secret sorrow. Is he really so anxious to leave the nest so soon? No time, however, for such thoughts. All the animals have to be bidden a fond farewell, apart, of course, from friends and family. The car is ready at the door, the luggage is in, and there he is *agitating* to get off while we are lingering! At last we are off, with lots of bright chatter until we near the Downs, when we notice a slight clenching of small hands in the first sign of nervousness. Then the signpost looming up which reads "Welcome to Seaford", and a sudden covering of a small face—"I don't want to look at that notice: please drive past it quickly, Daddy". Good heavens, are we going to have a last minute rebellion? However, the signpost past—"Please hurry up and get there now, Daddy". And almost immediately the rush and bustle of boys arriving for the summer term at St. Peter's. The calm, always debonair greeting of M.H.F., the charm and friendliness of John and Margaret—but what's going on over there? A weeping boy in the arms of weeping mother! Must rush him past that without seeing! Upstairs to see the dormitory and to meet dear, motherly Clarkie, ready to cope with absolutely everything. A quick, completely dry-eyed farewell, with the boy safely in the care of his "father"—already eager to see what his new life will be like.

Back in the car, and here we are at last, returning home, oh, so alone. Thank goodness for understanding friends who whisk us away for a festive evening. One tries, but one wonders, is he all right, does he miss us, is he in tears? Home again, and around 10.30 the phone rings. Immediate panic: something is wrong. Then a cheerful voice is calmly telling us that the boy is fast asleep, happily settled in, and all is well, and we are confident that, apart from us, he is in the best possible hands.

What a different story after only one term! No apprehensions, no second thoughts, but only the certain knowledge that St. Peter's is now a second home—perhaps really in some ways it comes first—and one little boy is now on the way to being a grown man.

J.G.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

As the Magazine is now being published again in the Easter term, I have a very lean amount of Old Boys' news—merely that which has been forthcoming between July and December 1968. Consequently, for this issue only, I am amalgamating Old Boys and Old and Older Boys to produce one fair sized feature; apologies to any who may feel insulted!

ETON

Our contingent flourishes by all accounts; we congratulate William Hodgson on his Captaincy of the Oppidans and also on his academic achievements. Jonathan Gage tells us that he is taking up German and dropping Latin, which prospect excites him considerably! Julian Freeman-Attwood and Jeremy Strutt are reported to be in good form.

WELLINGTON

A long newsy letter from Peter Bevington is our main source of information. He takes three "A" levels in the summer; he was awarded his 2nd XI cricket colours and has been performing prodigious feats on his trombone. He reports that Andrew Kinnear won his Hockey colours. He sees a good deal of Peter Collett, Richard Fox and Peter West.

Nigel Richardson was awarded his Rugger colours—congratulations; he has just been made Captain of Rowing for 1969 as well as a prefect and is taking two "A" levels in the summer. He and Peter Plugge were two Christmas visitors to the school.

RUGBY

Michael Henderson visited us at the end of July. He finds the work fairly easy, but misses his visits to Bowles. Michael Rivington writes at length; he had a splendid summer term, battling with Michael in the swimming pool and climbing with the commando section of the C.C.F. He spent an ornithological fortnight on Skokholm Island off the Pembrokeshire coast with ensuing adventures. His house won the Swimming Cup for the ninth consecutive summer, thanks to the efforts of, amongst others, Ian Tod whose study is opposite his.

MALVERN

Several items from various sources: Richard Lee is now in the Sixth form and still very interested in cooking and catering. Hedley Prest gained six "O" levels; Douglas Ros is also battling with them—he visited us in December and seemed more enormous than ever. Charles Gillett is making a name for himself on the football field and Simon Parker has emigrated to New Zealand. We wish him good luck in his new life.

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Christopher Birrell at Radley has been rowing quite successfully and just missed getting a senior sculling boat; he has also taken up fishing and sees quite a lot of Nigel Beckett. Patrick Crouch has settled down well and has also taken up rowing. Geoffrey Morris has reached the dizzy heights of the sixth form at Epsom on the science side. He has been playing tennis with brother Edward in a junior tournament at Wimbledon. Stand by, the Centre Court! Christopher Nevill writes interestingly from Sherborne. He has taken the new life completely in his stride but reports that the consequence of any slacking is dire. He has seen James Russell.

Tim Saloman has done extremely well at Charterhouse, winning a classical award to Lincoln College, Oxford. He is planning an expedition to the Aegean during the coming year. He tells us that Patrick Foster won his football colours. Richard Fletcher-Cooke has also won an award to Oxford.

Christopher Strutt has passed his C.E. into Milton Abbey from Billingshurst. He was shown round by Christopher Clarke, whom he reported to be in good form. On the subject of C. E., Christopher Forbes has passed well into Eton. Nigel Speedy has now recovered from his illness to return to normal life at Northease Manor, not far from Seaford. He is in the tennis team.

We have had so many visits from Old Boys since July that I can do no more than list them but we have been glad to see Charles, Anthony, Christopher and James Barrow, Christopher Birrell, James Browning, John Counsell, James Densem, Peter Haig, Julian Freeman-Attwood, Jonathan Gage, Hugh Ligertwood, Charles Spring-Rice, James Worthington, William Hodgson and David Willcocks. The last gave news of Harrow and reported that Simon Mitchell had been playing racquets for the school.

Nigel and Tim Farebrother are now an integral part of the establishment. It has proved useful to have Nigel about to cope with our difficulties with British Rail, as harassed parents at Victoria over the last four terms will agree! Tim's photographs are superb and it is a joy once again to see the passages decorated with scenes from daily life. More power to his elbow.

Robert Lipscomb tells me he is now working for a firm of surveyors; brothers Alan and Peter are working for Tube Investments and Beechams respectively. They were both recent visitors, as was Charles Lawther.

I am deeply indebted to Pat Knox-Shaw for the following items: Michael Butler is in the family regiment, married and about to become a father. Malcolm Churchill is now an 'O and M' investigator with P and O, while brother Rodney is working for a big firm of stock-brokers. Michael Courage is working for the family brewery in Kenya; Tim Fison is now qualified as a Veterinary Surgeon, one of the few Old Boys in this profession.

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Simon Jenkins is still in the Army, while brother David is at Bristol University. Ian Stewart is on the staff of Woodcote House, Windlesham and clearly has teaching in his blood. Simon Martyn, after a short spell in England has returned to Lusaka, Zambia.

Joan Rothwell writes ecstatically from Salisbury, Rhodesia. She is teaching at St. John's School and has twenty six boys in her form. She is in charge of the swimming and takes a drama group.

Harry and Serena Browell have now moved into their new house. Their address is:—Hakewills, 18 Adamson Avenue, Belair, South Australia 5052. Harry is working for a colour processing firm in Adelaide, Hugh is engineering, Catherine is hoping to become an Air Hostess and Penelope is still at school.

R.J.H.S.

Dr. MICHAEL WALKER

AN INTERNATIONAL RECORD

A Canadian newspaper devoted a full-scale and eulogistic column to Michael under the title, "It has never happened before". Nor, for that matter is his record likely to occur again. His first trip to Canada was in 1938 when he was captain of the Oxford University shooting team, and subsequently he represented Great Britain against Canada on several occasions both at Ottawa and Bisley. His career with the British team ended in 1958 when he emigrated, as doctors are inclined to do, to Kingston. For 9 years his rifle remained untouched in moth balls. There was always so much to do in the short summer season over there that he never gave it a thought, but when he and his family became naturalised Canadians he decided to have a go once more. The lure of the gun was irresistible. With only one practice session he walked straight into the Canadian team in 1967 to compete this time against his old country. This unique performance at international level makes a mere "possible" look utterly commonplace. When faced with a press interviewer who asked him how the "Brits" would react to finding him on the opposite side, Michael laughed it off in typical fashion. "Probably", he replied with a gentle smile, "they will put me before the firing squad as a traitor."

How dear old Major Apperley would have enjoyed this story! One can almost hear his terse comment. "Walker? Jeremy Walker?"—for he never by any chance ever got a name right—"Not bad in a way, but of course I've had much better boys than that."

P. K.-S.

SCHOOL NOTES

The following boys entered the school during 1968:

Easter: R. K. A. Menage, D. C. Baker, S. P. Cooper, D. R. W. B. Huggins, D. A. McBean, D. C. Winn.

Summer: C. F. Fellows, N. J. Fisher, T. M. Lubbock, G. C. R. Gottlieb, R. I. Sampson, M. D. W. Lines, J. D. C. Willis, J. P. Bryans, A. P. Hagger, T. H. A. Wallinger, R. S. Clarke, P. W. McGrath, C. A. McGrath.

Autumn: P. Armstrong-Jones, A. H. Beck, H. I. R. Binney, J. R. Burges, P. J. Burton, C. S. Cotton, P. J. Fischer, G. V. H. Gilbert, B. B. Henderson, M. H. H. Jones, M. J. P. C. Kane, G. S. Le Fanu, E. H. Leigh, J. D. Lumsden, N. A. Lumsden, C. A. MacDowall, M. S. Maugham, M. H. Milln, J. Nivison, T. W. Prest, M. H. Rigney, H. R. Rivington, N. H. D. Ryder, C. F. N. Stafford, P. Mc. A. Stanbury, D. C. Wales, J. C. A. Wallinger, J. M. Wellesley.

The following boys left the school during 1968:

Easter: C. J. A. Balfour (Eton), N. F. St. Aubyn (Eton), C. G. Nevill (Sherborne), S. R. Parker (Malvern), C. S. Clarke (Milton Abbey), P. S. M. Crouch (Radley),

Summer: J. D. T. Pyke (Milton Abbey), C. F. H. Rhodes (New Zealand).

Autumn: E. A. Worthington (Wellington), N. A. Smith (Charterhouse), H. J. Harben (Sherborne), C. M. F. Newton (Eton), J. P. Welby (Eton), J. S. Beale (Marlborough), M. D. Kavanagh (Radley), O. R. Wells (Stowe), T. de W. Meredith (Gordonstoun), A. F. N. Manson (Malvern), M. I. Mitchell, R. A. Jones.

CAPTAINS

	<i>Easter</i>	<i>Summer</i>	<i>Autumn</i>
<i>School:</i>	C. G. Nevill	E. A. Worthington	E. A. Worthington
<i>Whites:</i>	C. J. A. Balfour	P. N. C. Johns	P. N. C. Johns
<i>Reds:</i>	S. R. Parker	N. A. Smith	N. A. Smith
<i>Blues:</i>	E. A. Worthington	J. S. Beale	J. S. Beale
<i>Games:</i>	C. G. Nevill	C. M. F. Newton	H. J. Harben
<i>Shooting:</i>	P. N. C. Johns	P. N. C. Johns	N. A. Smith
<i>Swimming:</i>		K. J. Herron	

<i>Keeper of Fives:</i>	E. A. Worthington	E. A. Worthington
<i>Keeper of Squash:</i>	C. M. F. Newton	C. M. F. Newton
<i>Tennis:</i>	N. A. Smith	C. M. F. Newton
<i>Judo:</i>	N. A. Smith	C. M. F. Newton
<i>Climbing:</i>	S. R. Parker	H. J. Harben
<i>Archery:</i>	A. F. N. Manson	H. J. Harben
<i>Choir Leader:</i>	H. J. Harben	H. J. Harben

I should like to begin these notes by thanking Lord Baillieu on all our behalf for his skilful and efficient editing of this Magazine over the past years. In the same breath, as his successor, may I apologise for any errors and omissions in this issue and submit a plea of "beginner's nerves!"

Again, we are indebted to our parents for the most useful and generous gifts which they have presented to the school. Mr. and Mrs. Haig and Mrs. Burgess presented some nylon goal nets which will certainly make the task of budding goalkeepers much easier, and we were most grateful to Mr. Crouch for the equipment provided for the Art room. Mr. Balfour contributed towards the continuing cost of the new trees which we are planting in various parts of the school grounds and Mr. St. Aubyn made a kind contribution to the Gardens Fund. Future Robin Hoods are assured of the continuation of their sport, thanks to a generous donation to the Archery fund from Mrs. Pyke, while the scalers of the dizzy heights at Bowles will have no excuse for being out of practice, since we now possess some very fine climbing ropes presented by Mr. Worthington, to go with our own mini-Matterhorn. The new library is now in use and we are most grateful to Mr. Smith for a most liberal contribution towards the ever present cost of keeping it equipped. Mrs. Notley has made a very kind presentation of coins and stamps to the School. Finally, we should like to thank Simon Mundy for presenting the Westminster School shield and a most magnificent Encyclopaedia of Automobiles for the library.

The increase in both the size of the school and the curriculum has by necessity involved a certain number of staff changes. We thank Messrs. L. Smith, G. March and H. Champion for the invaluable assistance they were able to give Mr. Evans in the Science Laboratory during the short time at their disposal. At the end of July we bade farewell to Mr. Proffitt; at the same time, Mr. Seaman was unable to resist the call to "higher education" and is now at the University of Bath. However, he uses his role as Editor of this magazine to keep in touch and returns to the school to help at such times as his University commitments allow. In their places we welcome

Mr. T. Chapell from Kingsmead and Mr. J. Gray. We also say hello and good-bye to Mr. D. Lucas who joined us for the Autumn term. In the world of sheets and pillow-cases we had to say farewell to Miss Hudson-Evans at the end of the Easter term, and to Miss Norris, her successor, who had assisted Clarkie so ably for two terms, in December, but who was unable to resist the lure of a visit to Canada. Finally, on a mechanical note, the end of an era was heralded in August when we said good-bye to MAP 283. For six years she had graced the St. Peter's drive with her elegant black presence, and many are the boys who must be grateful to MHF for such a luxurious form of transport. However, motoring enthusiasts will be glad to hear that she remains in the family, being in the careful hands of Tim Farebrother, while MHF may be seen in a beautiful dark green Rover 2000 TC.

As usual, the year has been well-filled with a number of interesting events. As reported elsewhere, the Old Citizens Fives team paid us their annual visit in March and at the end of the Easter term Mr. Grimmond fascinated and deceived us all again with his excellent conjuring display.

One of the highlights of the Summer term was the visit of the Royal Navy Presentation Team. The team arrived by land rover and helicopter and during the course of the afternoon demonstrated practical rescue work with the helicopter before giving us a fascinating insight into the workings of the Royal Navy by what was more of a 'performance' than a lecture. We were then allowed to inspect the helicopter before it flew away in the evening. A number of excursions and visits were also made during the term. Mr. Evetts again took two parties of boys badger watching at West Dean. He also gave what must regrettably be his final lecture on badgers and hedgehogs during the Autumn term, since he is shortly seeking the sunnier climes of California. The Choir made its annual trip to the Congress theatre in Eastbourne to sample the delights of the Fol de Rols which proved to be as enjoyable as ever. Towards the end of the term, two much enjoyed outings took place. A Charity fete was held at Dicker, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb and at their kind invitation a number of junior boys spent the afternoon at the fete, while some lucky seniors went with MHF to the barbecue in the evening. From all accounts the day was a great success. Also, at the end of the term two parties went with H.R.R. and R.J.H.S. to the Ardingly showground to visit Expo Sussex. Every aspect of the extremely good show was thoroughly enjoyed as was proved by the very late return of the second party, owing to the totally unexpected volume of traffic. We also welcomed again during the term Yves and Daniel Chaffraix for three weeks for what is fast becoming a pleasant annual event.

At the beginning of the Autumn term Commander Youlten gave a personally experienced and most authoritative account of the famous naval raid on Zeebrugge. The November 5th celebrations went off with more than their usual brilliance and the evening was generally voted an outstanding success. Our intrepid Bomb Disposal Expert, Commander Axten, again performed gallant deeds in the line of duty and all the "bombs" were let off without mishap, though the Commander was seen to be searching for his

eyebrows afterwards! During the term Mr. Evans has paid several visits to Science conferences at Hurstpierpoint. He recently went to look at some locust cages, so we are anxiously awaiting our first plague. Several chicks have been successfully reared in our incubators, and good homes were found for all that finally made it! A treat at the end of term was provided by Forms VII and VIII, under the expert direction of Mrs. Backwell-Smith, who produced a most delightful puppet nativity play. It was altogether a most polished performance, complete with musical, lighting and full sound effects.

Finally, two items worthy of mention. Readers of the local press may have noticed pictures of a fire-engine at the back of the school. This does not mean that the boys have turned pyromaniacs, but rather that the school has obtained the engine to provide the boys with the basic material for studying mechanical engineering. M.H.F. is hoping to obtain a licence to drive it, so that it may be put to some practical use. It is temporarily parked next to the mini mountain which is at present being constructed by Mr. Baldwin with technical advice from Mr. John Walters of Bowles. No doubt boys who get into difficulties (!) will be able to be rescued in the proper way with the fire-engine standing by!

R.J.H.S.

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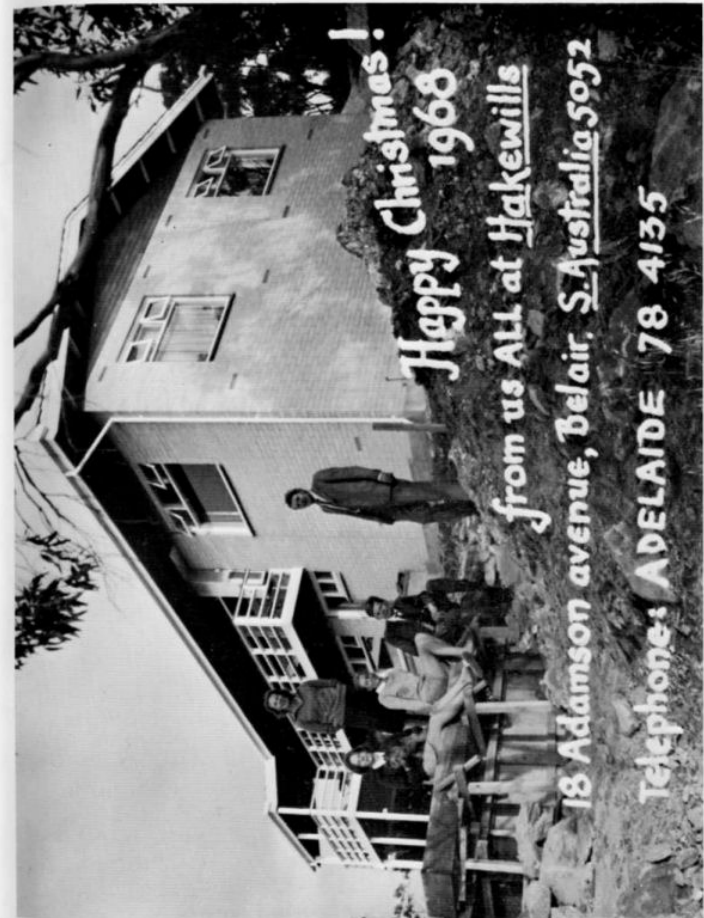
Easter Term: Friday 10th January—Tuesday 25th March
LEAVE-OUT: Saturday 8th February—Sunday 2nd March
EXEAT WEEKEND: Friday 21st February—Monday 24th February.

Summer Term: Friday 25th April—Tuesday 22nd July
LEAVE OUT: Saturday 17th May—Tuesday 1st July (last day of Exeat)
SPORTS EXEAT: Saturday 28th June—Tuesday 1st July.

Autumn Term: Friday 12th September—Friday 12th December
LEAVE OUT: Saturday 4th October—Sunday 23rd November
EXEAT WEEKEND: Friday 24th October—Monday 27th October

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