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COLLEGE DIARY.

Easter Term, 1957.

Jan. 16. —Term began.

Feb. 2. —1st XI v. Cheltenham College.
2nd XI v. Cheltenham College.

Feb. 6. —1st XI v. Bristol University 2nd XI.

Feb. 13. —1st XI v. Dean Close “A” XI.
Colts v. Dean Close.

Feb. 16. —1st XI v. Bristol Grammar School.
Colts v. Bristol Grammar School U. 15 XI.

Feb. 23. —1st XI v. King Edward’s School, Bath.
Colts v. King Edward’s School, Bath, U. 15 XI.

Feb. 26. —Party of seniors visited Cheltenham Town Hall for
concert by The Gerald Finzi Orchestra.

Feb. 27. —1st XI v. Prince Henry’s Grammar School, Evesham.
2nd XI v. Prince Henry’s Grammar School, Evesham.

Mar. 2. —1st XI v. Exeter College, Oxford.

Mar. 6. —Members of VIth form went to Cirencester to see the film “Les
Diaboliques”.

Mar. 9. —1st XI v. Monkton Coombe 2nd XI.
Colts v. Monkton Coombe U. 15 XI.

Mar. 10. —College Exhibition.

Mar. 14. —Seniors attend performance of “Ecole des Femmes” by
Molière at the Opera House, Cheltenham.

1st XI v. Marlborough College 2nd XI.
2nd XI v. Marlborough College Colts.
Colts v. Marlborough College Junior Colts.

Mar. 21. —Birmingham Symphony Orchestra at the Town Hall,
Cheltenham.

Mar. 27. —End of Term

COLLEGE OFFICERS.

Summer Term, 1957.

Senior Prefect—J. R. Ellis.

Group Leaders—H. A. Gough, J. R. Ellis, R. J. Lawson,
R. F. Stimson.

Prefects—J. A. Richards, R. C. Pilkington.

College Workman—M. G. Cooper.

§Public Workman—A. P. Hayes.

Music Warden—J. A. Richards.

Librarians—J. R. Ellis, S. R. Merrett, J. B. Gooch,
I. A. N. Campbell.

Manual Foremen—M. A. B. Forster, J. R. Ellis, R. D. Comley, D. R. G.
Griffiths, B. R. Paish.

Poultrymen—G. H. G. Herbert, M. R. Horton, J. F. W. Beard, R. W.
Taylor, D. M. Tucker, R. Whittall, H. E. Gough,
J. C. Malpass.

§Furniture Committee—J. D. R. Paine, R. F. Stebbing,
D. A. Hodges.

Stagemen—M. A. B. Forster, G. H. G. Herbert, P. G. Auden,
I. A. N. Campbell, P. G. S. Airey, R. F. Stebbing.

Music Librarian—R. F. Stimson.

Choir Librarians—P. B. Heppleston, L. de V. Wragg.

Pictureman—J. E. Gooding.

Collections and Deck Chairs—P. G. S. Airey.

Lampmen—I. A. N. Campbell, D. R. G. Griffiths.

Q. P. Concerts—J. R. Alder.

Notices—C. H. Thomason, R. D. White, D. A. Hodges.

Church Ushers—A. P. Hayes, G. H. G. Herbert.

§ General Meeting Elections.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Easter Term, 1957.

On the 31st of January the temperature at Rendcomb rose to 67 degrees. The thermometer which recorded this exceptional weather was on a first floor window ledge on the West side of the

College, facing the wind. The temperature outside the History Room was probably slightly above this. The winter, as a whole, was the mildest for many years—possibly within living memory. Parts of the lawns were mown towards the end of the first week in March, and the daffodils on either side of the Church Path were in bloom at the end of the second week.

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Former pupils of Mr. E. G. Neal will be interested to know that Keith Neal has been awarded a State Scholarship and is going up to Trinity Hall, Cambridge, to read Biology.

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We acknowledge with grateful thanks the useful gift, from Messrs. Williams and Ford, Cirencester, of a quantity of second hand electrical gear, chiefly motors and fans, but including a rotary converter and a strange piece of electrical medical apparatus from a bygone age. All the material will, in course of time, be put to good use and we are indeed grateful to those members of the late Mr. Williams' staff who so kindly remembered his promise to us.

We are glad to acknowledge also, a gift of two boxes of optical lenses from Mr. Keith Fairweather, F. S. M. C., F. B. O. A., of Cirencester. These are a greatly valued addition to the Laboratory equipment, and we are indeed grateful to him for his kindness.

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Several teams of ringers, members of the Bristol Diocesan Association of Bell-ringers, visited Rendcomb tower on Saturday afternoon, the 16th of March. This was part of a tour of Cotswold belfries, and we were glad to see T. T. Walters, O. R., one of their members.

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We send our good wishes to Miss I. M. Cresswell who left at the end of the term. She takes up a new appointment at Dorchester in the autumn. Our good wishes also go to A. K. Bowley who left at the end of the Easter Term.

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Acknowledgements: We thank the Editors of the following of our contemporary journals, and apologise for omissions, "The Decanian," "The Wycliffe Star," "The Gresham."

INDUSTRIAL FUND FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.

During 1955 a number of companies engaged in the chemical, electrical and mechanical engineering fields of industry, considered possible steps to increase the future supply of scientists and technologists. Evidence submitted to this body indicated that Universities and Technical Colleges would eventually be able to cater for a larger number of students than would be available from the schools. With a view to alleviating this position a fund was established to give financial assistance in the form of grants to assist in the building, modernising and equipping of science laboratories in Independent and Direct Grant Schools. Applications for assistance were invited. At the same time the Minister of Education undertook to give special attention to the needs of the maintained schools.

In common with over 500 others schools we applied for assistance and received a very detailed and most penetrating questionnaire on our present facilities and past achievements. Hopes at this stage were not very high as the committee had announced that they were restricting their grants in the first instance to schools with more than 250 pupils above the age of 13: as long as the basis for allocation rested primarily on numbers we should obviously be very far down the list. However, in October, 1956, we were visited by Mr. D. B. Briggs, a former Divisional Inspector of the Ministry of Education, acting as assessor to the fund. He left us in no doubt that the Fund was much impressed both by our academic record and by the extent to which we had improved our laboratory facilities on a 'do-it-yourself' basis. It was made clear at this time that any grant we received would be for physics and chemistry only, these being the fields in which the shortage of scientists was most acute. For our part, we found Mr. Briggs a most courteous and helpful inquisitor and we very much hope that he may eventually pay a return visit to see what use we have made of the Fund's grant.

During March of this year we received the welcome news of two grants from the fund: a capital grant of £1,300 to help with certain specified building alterations, and an apparatus grant of £1,000 to provide additional physical and chemical equipment.

Laboratory workshop facilities stand high on the Fund's list of priorities. We are accordingly taking over for development the two mangers and loose boxes in the north west corner of the Stable block, adjacent to the clock tower, as a new workshop, and devoting a fair sized slice of the equipment grant to tools and materials.

The room adjoining the workshop will become a darkenable physical laboratory which will house some of the new equipment. The rest of the building grant will go to the improvement of the chemistry wing and will provide for extension of the central heating system, the laying of bituminous floors and the construction of adequate storage cupboards in the balance room.

This is quite an ambitious programme and will only be possible within the grant if we do a substantial amount of the work ourselves. To this end we have already started demolition work in the two stables due for conversion. Extension of the central heating system and the laying of bituminous floors will, we hope, be complete during the summer holidays so that the furnishing and equipping can go ahead next term.

The equipment grant will go far to remove the shortages which have handicapped us in the past. In addition to many new items such as high vacuum equipment we have been able to duplicate some of the major pieces of apparatus in more frequent use. It will no longer be possible to refer to "the" spectrometer, "the" travelling microscope or "the" post-office box.

We are indeed grateful for these grants.

MEETING OFFICERS.

Summer Term, 1957.

Chairman—J. A. Richards.

Secretary—J. E. Gooding.

Games Captain—H. A. Gough.

Games Committee—R. J. Lawson, R. C. Pilkington.

Field Secretary—J. A. Richards.

Boys' Banker—C. H. Thomason.

Meeting Banker—R. W. Taylor.

Senior Shopman—R. D. Comley.

Paperman—M. D. Naish.

Amplifier Technicians—M. A. B. Forster, R. D. White.

Tennis Groundsman—J. B. Gooch.

Junior Tennis Groundsman—D. M. Tucker.

Drying Room Committee—G. Harrison, D. M. Tucker,
R. H. Tingle.

Classical Record Committee—R. J. Lawson, J. A. Richards,
D. R. G. Griffiths.
Auditors—M. G. Cooper, C. Handoll.
Games Committee Treasurer—P. G. Auden.
House Committee Treasurer—J. F. W. Beard.
Record Committee Treasurer—P. G. S. Airey.
Finance Committee Treasurer—M. van den Driessche.
Finance Committee—I. S. C. Airey, R. J. Whittall.
Shopmen—S. D. Hicks, D. R. Poole.
Breakages Man—R. A. Dauncey.
Hockey Games Warden—G. J. Taylor.
Cricket Games Wardens—R. A. Cockrell, H. E. Gough.
Tennis Games Wardens—T. L. H. Benbow, J. Shaw.
Hockey Secretary, 1958—I. A. N. Campbell.
Cycle Committee—M. R. Horton, N. R. Wake, R. J. Whittall.
Junior Cricket Groundsman—R. P. S. Harrison.
Light Record Committee—R. C. Pilkington, S. R. Merrett.
Financial Advisory Committee—R. F. Stimson, J. E. Gooding,
R. Bolton King.
Entertainments Committee—P. Gilbert, A. P. Hayes,
S. R. Merrett, T. L. H. Benbow, J. C. Malpass.
Magazine Committee 1956-7—J. R. Ellis, R. F. Stimson,
J. E. Gooding.
Magazine Committee 1957-8—D. W. Brown, S. R. Merrett,
I. A. N. Campbell.
Tennis Captain—J. R. Ellis.
Cricket Secretary—D. W. Brown.
Rugby Secretary—R. D. Comley.
Rugby Games Warden—R. A. Dauncey.

GENERAL MEETING NOTES.

Easter Term, 1957.

Few constructive ideas appeared in the Meeting this term. Major proposals, which proved such a refreshing feature of last term, were rarely introduced although reference to the Minute Book shows that a great deal was said and debated upon.

The first important issue arose when it was questioned whether the Meeting should pay for timber wedges lost during Public Work. It was contended that the signing of the list of missing tools by the Senior Manual Foreman was no avowal of the Meeting's responsibility to pay for these tools but merely proof that they were in fact missing. The principle of the Meeting not paying for tools lost during college activities was invoked and the case of the college branding-iron, payment for which the Meeting had been excused, was quoted. The Headmaster accepted that the Meeting was not financially responsible for the wedges, but explained that the money was collected from the Meeting as this was a more simple operation than collecting separately from each boy.

The question of periodicals, a frequent topic, was raised by a proposal that the Meeting should purchase "The Economist". The proposal was passed, together with a further one that the Meeting should cease to buy "The New Statesman and Nation". Concern was voiced over the lack of scientific knowledge amongst the humanists and it was to improve this situation that a proposal to buy "The New Scientist" was passed. Finally, certain sections of the Meeting felt that too few magazines were bought for the junior school and it was decided to buy "The Boys' Own Paper".

The Entertainments Committee introduced a proposal to buy badminton equipment and thus restart a former popular activity. Their proposal that four racquets, twelve shuttlecocks and a net should be purchased was passed and it was decided to take the money from the taxes of next term. The vote on this proposal included one by proxy, a very unusual occurrence. It was later decided that shuttlecocks should be provided by individual members and anyone breaking a racquet should pay half the cost of a replacement. The supervision of the game was left in the hands of the Entertainments Committee.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

The following Old Rendcombians visited College during term in addition to those who came for the Hockey Match: J. M. Astill, D. E. Barbour, R. S. Balter, M. G. Richards.

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P. B. Marwood is with British Petroleum Ltd., and is at present working on the catalytic desulphurization of diesel oil.

R. S. Balter, after training in London and in Switzerland for the hotel trade, is now managing hotels for Trust Houses Ltd. He is at present at The Cricketer's Hotel, Bagshot, Surrey.

We congratulate K. A. Statham on his engagement to Miss Margaret Ruth Lawrence of Brigg in Lincolnshire, where they were married on the 21st of June. Statham has been closely connected with most of the musical stage shows produced at Cambridge during the last year or so, and composed all the music for one of them. Last year's May Week Footlight's Revue came to London and ran for several weeks at the Lyric, Hammersmith.

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The following Old Boys played in the O. R. side on Saturday, March 23rd, and Michael Brain was also welcome visitor: R. H. Jones, J. Gough, P. Binks, D. G. Vaisey, R. W. Alder, R. J. Kendal, P. M. Gerrard, A. G. B. Wallace, E. Davis, T. Gay, M. J. Edwards.

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D. D. Christie has started a photoscopic duplicating service at the Mayflower Art Shop, [REDACTED] Poole, Dorset, where he is by this process producing reproductions of architects' drawings and surveyors' plans, copying engineering drawings, examination papers, magazines, financial reports, leaflets and circulars.

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J. F. Sime is emigrating to Canada in August, with plans to winter in Toronto and travel further west in the spring.

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M. J. Miles has been sent by his company to the Philippines to train in the Far Eastern insurance market. He will be away for four years before returning on leave.

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We congratulate P. W. Sumsion on his engagement to Miss Sarah Noble. He is to be married on August 7th in Argyllshire. Sumsion is at present teaching Art two days a week at Alleyne's School, Dulwich, and for three days a week at the Preparatory School for Dulwich College. He is also executing private portrait commissions.

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J. C. Beck, who is a captain in the R. A. E. C., is doing a course at the Staff College, Camberley.

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Christopher Bailie Lane and his [REDACTED] family are living in the S/B [REDACTED], Chelsea Reach, London, S. W. 10.

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We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Harries on the birth of a son.

We congratulate E. R. Morris on his appointment as Headmaster of Hurn Court School, Christchurch, Hants.

B. W. Plenderleith has been promoted Squadron Leader.

Christmas Cards. It is a very great pleasure to have greetings from the many Old Boys who send to us at Christmas. May we again beg O. R. s who have not been in touch for some time to put their addresses on their cards. Nearly every year one or more cards turn up “from the distant past”. It would be a pleasure to write a letter in return but so often we are prevented by the absence of the essential information. We always hope that such Old Boys do not feel they have been neglected. It is surprising how often we send to the last address that we have—and have the letter returned marked “Gone away”.

The three last paragraphs were omitted from our last issue.. We regret the inadvertence. —Ed.

HOCKEY REPORT, 1957.

Each year the people leaving the school loudly proclaim that next year's team will be much weaker than this year, and almost always their fears are unjustified. The unbeaten record of the Rugby XV seemed to show that once again teams would appear, but this success did not continue into the Hockey season. Only five regular members of last year's 1st XI remained, and the atrocious weather conditions meant that the practice games so vitally needed to weld together a strong team did not materialise. All too often positional and personnel changes had to be made for matches without a chance to test their success in a game.

The problem of pitches was greatly alleviated by the use, for the first time, of the part of the held nearest the pavilion. Two pitches, one of them an experimentally diminished pitch for fourth game, and the other the first pitch, were marked out down the length of the held. The advantages of this system are obvious; the two rigger pitches at the far end, which had been badly cut up by a heavy season, were not used at all for hockey. When the turf just below the pavilion has become fit to play on, it will be better to have the pitches across the held, so that the cricket square is untouched. The experiment of using a small pitch for fourth game was not given a fair trial and on the occasions when it could be used it seemed to be fairly successful. The use of the tractor for rolling this year meant that pitches were generally much flatter than they have been for some time. Our gratitude to Mr. Telling

and the men for carrying out this valuable yet lengthy task is indeed sincere.

Last year's experiment of having no master in charge of first game was obviously impossible in view of the lesser experience of the game and the need for an unattached witness of the few games possible. This meant that Mr. Lee-Browne and Mr. Sells had to take two games in succession and our debt to them is a real one. Despite its lower standard, first game was enjoyable, and enthusiasm was a general feature of hockey throughout the school.

the 1st XI's record—Won 2, Drawn 1, Lost 3—is not very impressive. This does not by any means indicate that the season was an unfortunate one. There was no feeling of frustration. The problem of the wings was never satisfactorily solved. The experience and power of R. J. Lawson, last year's left-wing, was obviously needed at inside-left. For the first four matches B. R. Paish played at outside-left. He obviously had considerable talent, possessing exceptionally strong wrists. He was inexperienced however and found it difficult to manoeuvre into the position for a centre. For the last two matches he was changed to right-wing where he quickly settled down and often centred well. A. P. Hayes played at right-wing for the first three matches, but his ball control seemed to have left him and the virtue of his speed was thereby lost. He was replaced by J. A. Richards, who showed a considerable improvement throughout the season. He was quick onto the ball and dribbled well. His greater agility was more useful on the left-wing than Paish, whose harder shot was more in evidence on the right.

The strength of the forward line rested mainly on the inside-forwards. R. J. Lawson and H. A. Gough quickly struck up a working partnership which brought many of our goals, the through-pass from inside-left to centre-forward between square-lying backs being particularly shown against Bristol Grammar School. Lawson's stickwork was even better than last year, and his sudden changes in the direction of the attack were bewildering to opposing defences. H. A. Gough's performance speaks for itself—he scored nine of the twelve goals scored in matches. He was at all times an attacking forward, covering large distances in following-up and tackling-back. Although he tended to rely too much on the first time hit in mid-field, his shooting in front of goal was quick, hard and accurate. C. Handoll was unfortunate in that the lack of a capable inside-right forced him to move there from his accustomed position of left-half, where he was more at home. His stickwork was excellent and his combination with the inside-forwards in midfield was good to watch, but in front of goal he

showed great reluctance to shoot quickly. He was also guilty, with Lawson, of not following up the rebound from the goalkeeper's pads.

The two wing-halves were both newcomers to the team and indeed to their positions. R. C. Pilkington at left-half was sometimes caught out of position by fast wingers but generally he supported the forwards well, and had a hard, sure clearance. This would be more useful if it was hit to his own wing more often, especially near the opponents' 25. He was usually cool in defence although in occasional lapses hit the ball across our circle. S. R. Merrett tackled well, but again his inexperience sometimes caught him out of position. At the beginning of the season he tended to stop and hit the ball without watching, but this fault was gradually eliminated. Next year, these two should form a strong half-back line.

The two backs found themselves working hard throughout the season and for the most part worked successfully. M. G. Cooper at left-back had obviously learnt much from last season. His stopping was sure, and his tackling keen, although sometimes too heavy. His clearing was slow however and his inability to stop the ball and hit it immediately, occasionally meant losing possession. He was always cool, especially when hard pressed and work-tirelessly. C. H. Thomason was always calm, although often this took the form of a leisurely drawing of the wing which was appalling to watch, although invariably successful. He cleared the ball hard and quickly, being one of the few people in the team consistent in this respect. The work of the backs was made more difficult by the impossibility of satisfactorily replacing J. M. Astill in goal. J. B. R. Browne played there for the first three matches but he was temperamentally unsuited to the position and was replaced by D. R. G. Griffiths, who showed a rapid and consistent improvement throughout the season. Playing first against Exeter College, he could not be blamed for most of the seven goals scored. His kicking was not absolutely sure but was hard and his reactions were quick. The experience gained this year should be valuable to him next season.

As captain and centre-half John Ellis was the linchpin of the side. His own play became better in almost every game of the few we were able to play and he got through an amount of hard work that was the admiration of all who watched him. Both the season and the side would have been difficult for any captain. The lack of practice games made selection extremely difficult and there was in consequence a feeling of impermanence within the side. Some members of it realised that practice games might well pro-

duce changes, but the practice games never came. At times there was a slight feeling of over-confidence, at others the reverse. Ellis quietly gathered things together and largely by his own example enabled a loosely knit XI to give a considerably more creditable showing than in the circumstances might have been expected.

RESULTS.

Saturday, February 2nd v. Cheltenham College 1st XI. Away.

Draw 2—2.

This match was played at a fast rate on a very soft and wet pitch, which soon became rough. We had the advantage over our opponents of having had two practice games, while their team had been picked “out of a hat”. Cheltenham pressed for much of the first half and scored within ten minutes of the start. Soon after half-time Hayes scored from an acute angle and shortly after Rendcomb went into the lead with a goal by Gough. Cheltenham equalised straight from the bully however, and although Rendcomb pressed for the last part of the game, no further score resulted.

Saturday, February 16th. v. Bristol Grammar School 1st XI.

Away. Won 4—0.

Again the pitch was wet and soft. Rendcomb played badly for the whole of the first half and were only saved from being in arrears by our opponents inability to shoot. Half-time effected a transformation and Lawson and Gough exploited square-lying backs, and the defence's passes were more accurate. Gough scored all four goals, following up the through pass between the backs.

Wednesday, February 27th. v. Prince Henry's Grammar School.

Home. Lost 1—5.

The score for this game was higher than we deserved from our play. The defence faltered under pressure, and the unsighting of the goalkeeper contributed one goal, and a mistake by him another. In fact we had a good deal of the play but the forwards were unsupported by the halves, who were often not up to return the half clearance. Lawson scored our only goal.

Saturday, March 2nd. v. Exeter College, Oxford.

Away. Lost 1—7.

This game was played on a very fast pitch against a team fitter and individually more skilful than we were. Again the score unfairly reflects the run of the play but does show that our opponents seized their chances. A fast pair of wings were not stopped

soon enough and the marking generally was not close. Griffiths, despite the score, did some good saves, and Lawson scored after a clever combined movement with Gough.

Thursday, 14th March, v. Marlborough College 2nd XI.

Away. Lost 3—4.

We were very unlucky to lose this close, hard and enjoyable match. At half-time we were 2—0 down but immediately afterwards Gough scored two similar goals from an acute angle at the left after beautiful forward passing movements. Soon afterwards he scored a third goal and Rendcomb continued to press continuously. This was our undoing for the backs came up and the Marlborough forwards broke away and scored, before the defence could get back, to equalise. Soon after they did the same and although Rendcomb pressed furiously a goal was not forthcoming.

Saturday, March 23rd. v. Old Rendcombians. Home. Won 1—0.

This was a hard fast match against a good side. Reports that the Old Boys could not raise a team proved false, and the score gives a reasonable indication of the play. Gough scored the only goal from a rebound off the goalkeeper's pads. The O. R. team was as follows: — Goalkeeper, R. H. Jones; Left back, J. Gough; Right back, P. Binks; Left half, R. W. Alder; Centre half, D. G. Vaisey; Right half, R. J. Kendal; Left wing, P. M. Gerrard; Inside left, A. G. B. Wallace; Centre-forward, E. Davis; Inside right, T. Gay; Right wing, M. J. Edwards.

The Second and Junior XIs.

The weakness of the Second XI is a sure indication of the lesser talent of Rendcomb hockey this year. The main faults in the team were an excessive slowness which meant that nimbler opponents took the ball off them. There was however, considerable improvement throughout the term. I. A. N. Campbell provided a certain amount of thrust to the forward line, and first J. A. Richards and then A. P. Hayes were prominent, while in the defence M. A. B. Forster was sure though slow, and J. D. R. Paine showed considerable improvement.

RESULTS.

Saturday, February 2nd. v. Cheltenham College Colts. Away. Lost 0—9.

Wednesday, February 27th. v. Prince Henry's Grammar School 2nd XI.

Home. Lost 1—4.

Wednesday, March 14th. v. Marlborough College Colts. Away. Won 4—2.

The Junior XI suffered most of all from the lack of practice and what might have been quite a good side had only two games, for one of which it was weakened by the incapacity of N. J. Price. Other prominent players were J. Shaw, H. E. Gough, R. A. Cockrell and J. M. Webb.

RESULTS.

Saturday, February 16th. v. Bristol Grammar School Under 15 XI.

Away. Won 4—1.

Thursday, March 14th. v. Marlborough College Junior Colts.

Away. Lost 1—11.

There was considerable talent and enthusiasm among the fourth game, when they could get play, which augurs well for the future. Although they preferred to play on a “man-size” pitch, the smaller pitch was probably better for them. Finally we are grateful to the groundsmen who were confronted with the considerable task of laying out two new pitches without even goalposts to take a guide from, and who all too often marked out and organised rolling without the reward of play being possible.

THE LODGES RACE.

This was run on Tuesday, 19th March. The competitors were hampered by bad conditions on the main road, which was being extensively altered. Entries were reasonably large although the times were not very fast.

An innovation this year was a half-lodges race for boys under 12. This did not prove as popular as was hoped, attracting an entry of only five, but after a trial period it might establish itself.

Results: —

Senior Lodges:

1. M. R. Horton. 14 mins. 10 secs.
2. A. P. Hayes. 14 mins. 28 secs.
3. P. G. Auden. 14 mins. 34 secs.

Junior Lodges:

1. J. M. Webb. 16 mins. 28 secs.
2. R. J. Whittall. 16 mins. 31 secs.
3. C. C. Richardson. 16 mins. 33 secs.

Junior Half-Lodges:

1. N. R. Meakin.
2. R. C. Jones.
3. D. J. Tovey.

COLLEGE EXHIBITION.

For the third Easter term in succession, it was decided to have an Exhibition of boys' spare time work. Many parents arrived on the afternoon of Sunday the 10th of March, to see the exhibits which had been arranged during the morning by a team of helpers.

It can be said, in fact, to have been held "by popular demand", for it had been decided that two in successive years argued a year without an exhibition; but when this announcement was made the protests and regrets that were voiced caused a willing reversal of the previous decision.

Outstanding among the exhibits from the Workshop were a bureau with bookshelves and cupboards at the bottom and a set of dining room furniture: table and chairs. The bureau was made of light oak with contrasting handles of dark bog oak. A yew tree felled locally yielded most colourful wood and was used for table lamps and "arty" tables (slabs of yew on legs) which are very fashionable just now both in the home and seem to be an essential feature of "Espresso" Coffee Bars.

A most interesting and encouraging feature of work in the Art Room was the large number of junior contributions. They had painted still lifes, and views of, and from, the Old Rectory, and had taken full advantage of Rendcomb's situation offering wonderful material for landscapes. There were some portraits and an imaginative view from a rocket on the way to the Moon. Many boys showed a good sense of colour and a grasp of perspective. The wide selection augurs well for the future. From the seniors there were fewer examples than might have been hoped: a still life in oils, and a few portraits.

There were, of course, many model aeroplanes realistically suspended above Clock Hall and a lorry made from plans enlarged from the packet of a famous breakfast cereal.

There were some poems from Form IV and an unusual junior effort was "The Dorm X Magazine" covering internal and external affairs. Mr. J. B. Fell contributed a most interesting display of the structure of crystals made from the cheapest precision sphere on the market—the ordinary marble. There were some realistic paper flowers, and some home-made wine which, for the palate of your correspondent, was a little too sweet.

NATURAL HISTORY SUPPLEMENT.

July, 1957.

Moths of the Rendcomb District, Part Three.
(See introduction, Vo. II, No. 1. December, 1956).

Agrotidae.

Caradrinidae.

(Noctuidae).

continued.

Common Wainscot. *Leucania pallens*.

Smoky Wainscot. *L. impura*.

Streaked Wainscot. Shoulder-striped Wainscot. *L. comma*.

Clay Wainscot. Clay Moth. *L. lithargyria*.

Orange Wainscot. Brown-line Bright-eye. *L. conigera*.

Large Drab. Treble Lines. *Meristis trigrammica*.

Grass Drab. Pale Mottled Willow. *Caradrina clavipalpis*.

Chocolate Upperwing. Brown Rustic. *Rusina umbratica*.

Copper Hindwing. Copper Underwing. *Amphipyra pyramided*.

Mousy Hindwing. Mouse Moth. *A. tragopoginis*.

Crescent Quaker. Hebrew Character. *Orthosia gothica*.

Rosy Quaker. Blossom Underwing. *O. miniosa*.

Small Quaker. *O. cruda*.

Common Quaker. *O. stabilis*.

Clouded Quaker. Clouded Drab. *O. incerta*.

Twin-spotted Quaker. *O. munda*.

Powdered Quaker. *O. gracilis*.

Lesser Elm. Lesser Spotted Pinion. *Cosmia affinis*.

Cannibal Elm. Dun-bar Moth. *C. trapezina*.

Brick Orange. The Brick. *Agrochola circumcellaris*.

Beaded Orange. Beaded Chestnut. *A. lychnidis*.

Brown-spot Orange. Brown-spot Pinion. *Anchocelis litura*. Linden

Orange. Orange Sallow. *Tiliacea citrago*.

Dusky Orange. Dusky Lemon Sallow. *Cirrhia gilvago*.

Pale Orange. Pale Lemon Sallow. *C. ocellaris*.

Satellite Chestnut. The Satellite. *Eupsilia transversa*.

Tawny Pinion. *Lithophane semibrunnea*.
Silvery Pinion. Grey Shoulder Knot. *Graptolitha ornitopus*. Early Grey.
Xylocampa areola.
The Swordgrass. *Xylena exsoleta*.
Mullein Shark. *Cucullia verbasci*.
Sowthistle Shark. The Shark. *C. umbratica*.
Small Yellowwing. Small Yellow Underwing. *Panemeria tenebrata*.
Small Bindweed. Four Spotted. *Acontia luctuosa*.
Milkwort Midget. Small Purple Barred. *Phytometra viridaria*. The
Herald. *Scoliopteryx libatrix*.
Monkshood Gem. Golden Plusia. *Polychrisia moneta*.
Nettle Gem. Burnished Brass. *Plusia chrysitis*.
Plain Golden Y. *P. jota*. *P. iota*.
Beautiful Golden Y. *P. pulchrina*. *P. v-aureum*.
Silver Y. *P. gamma*.
Dark Spectacle. *Abrostola triplasia*.
The Spectacle. *A. tripartita*.
Mother Shipton. *Euclidimera mi*.
Burnet Companion. *Ectypa glyphica*.
Red Underwing. *Catocala nupta*.
The Blackneck. *Lygephila pastinum*. *Ophiusa pastinum*.
Small Fanfoot. *Zanclognatha grisealis*. *Z. nemoralis*.
Woodland Fanfoot. Common Fanfoot. *Herminia barbalis*. Lichen
Hookwing. Beautiful Hook-tip. *Laspeyria flexula*.
The Snout. *Hypena proboscidalis*.

To be continued.

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Miscellaneous Notes, January 1st to April 30th, 1957.

Birds.

A few Siskens and Bramblings were to be seen round Rendcomb in January, and a party of eight of the former was watched on alders below the College on March 17th. On February 10th a dead Kittiwake in fresh condition was found at Northmoor and brought to the College. The bird was very thin and had doubtless

been blown inland by the previous high winds. The Kittiwake is more highly specialised for a life at sea than are most of the other gulls and is thus no more than an occasional visitor to inland localities.

The very mild winter weather had its effect on the breeding and migration of birds. Many early nests of Blackbird, Song Thrush, Robin, Hedge Sparrow, etc., were found. A pair of Dippers safely reared young to the flying stage by April 29th, but a Grey Wagtail, which laid her first egg on March 31st, had the full clutch stolen.

The first Chiffchaff was heard in the district on March 10th, an early date; a few Swallows had been seen by the end of March; Blackcaps were heard in song on the last two days of the month, and Willow Warblers could be heard in the Rendcomb area from April 2nd. Cold winds in April delayed other migrants and most of these were not earlier than average.

Mammals.

In January Mr. Fell reported the removal by field-mice of two pounds of dry Broad Beans from his workshop, where Yellow necked Mice (*Apodemus flavicollis*) have previously been caught. The task was completed in nine days and there seems to be no reason to doubt that this species was responsible. A similar theft of more than half a pound of large chestnuts took place in five days from the Mill House.

Rabbits seem to be increasing slowly in the district. They have been recorded from many parts and several young have been seen. Grey squirrels also show some signs of recovery after recent scarcity.

Flowering Plants.

The very mild winter weather caused early flowering in many plants. Yellow garden *Crocus* plants had fully formed flowers in late January, and were prevented from opening widely only by the absence of a sufficiently high temperature. Lesser Periwinkle (*Vinca minor*), Coltsfoot (*Tussilago farfara*) and Lesser Celendine (*Ranunculus ficaria*) were all conspicuously in flower in the last week of February, and a visit to the local haunt of the Pasque Flower (*Anemone pulsatilla*) showed that large numbers of the plants were already in full bloom.

The cold April winds, however, tended to slow the advance of Spring so that by the end of the month many plants were not much more advanced than in an average year.

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