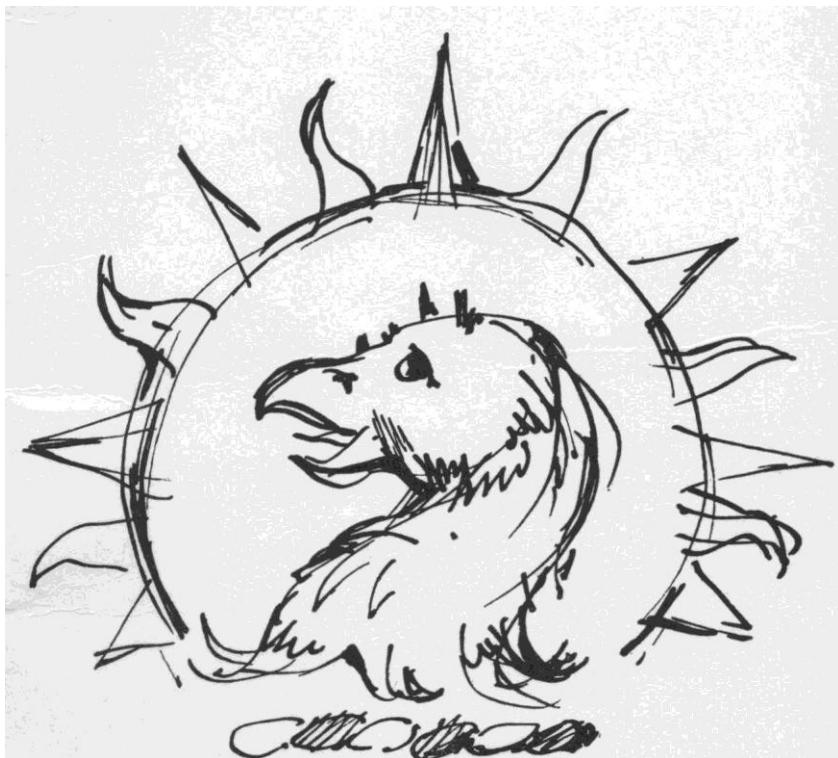


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## COLLEGE OFFICERS

### Autumn Term, 1963

*Senior Prefect*—M. F. Ashe-Jones  
*Prefects and Group Leaders*—S. Greenlaw, D. A. N. Hogarth,  
C. B. Stillwell, D. J. Tovey.  
*Prefects*—D. G. Griffiths, R. S. Lowe.  
*College Workman*—R. B. Denny.  
*Public Workman*—R. B. Denny: *Assistant*—P. A. Trier.  
*Senior Music Librarian*—D. G. Griffiths.  
*Choir Librarian*—H. Greenlaw.  
*Picture Man*—J. A. Dow.  
*Lamp Men*—C. G. Jefferies, D. Little.  
*Church Ushers*—C. B. Stillwell, D. Little.  
*Church Collections and Deckchairs*—A. J. Cattermole.  
*Stage Men*—D. G. Griffiths, S. H. Shellswell, J. A. Dow, G. F. Smith,  
L. A. Webb.  
*Librarians*—S. Greenlaw, C. B. Stillwell, D. Little, R. A. Sewell,  
R. J. Verge, W. A. Thompson.  
*Manual Foremen*—R. S. Lowe, S. H. Shellswell, G. F. Smith.  
† *Furniture Committee*—S. H. Shellswell, F. H. Glennie,  
† General Meeting Appointment

## MEETING OFFICERS

### Autumn Term, 1963

*Chairman*—D. A. N. Hogarth.  
*Secretary*—R. J. Verge.  
*Rugby Captain*—C. B. Stillwell.  
*Vice-Captain*—R. C. Jones.  
*Nominations Committee*—D. J. Tovey, M. F. Ashe-Jones,  
S. Greenlaw, R. A. Sewell, D. A. N. Hogarth.  
*Games Committee*—R. S. Lowe, S. Greenlaw.  
*Running Captain*—D. A. N. Hogarth.  
*Meeting Banker*—E. Taylor.  
*Boys' Banker*—S. Greenlaw.  
*Senior Shopman*—A. Richardson.  
*Games Committee Treasurer*—P. Little.  
*Tennis Captain*—R. C. Jones.  
*House Committee Treasurer*—W. A. Thompson.  
*Record Committee Treasurer*—A. Hillier.  
*Finance Committee Treasurer*—R. J. Wood.  
*Chairman of Groundstaff*—D. Little.

Junior Shopmen—*P. Chanin, M. J. Dawson.*  
*Christmas Party Committee*—D. A. N. Hogarth, L. A. Webb,  
 R. P. Goodchild, J. A. Dow, J. A. Hiscox.  
*Auditors*—P. Osborne, A. J. Cattermole, N. S. Whatmough.  
*Breakages Man*—J. S. Godden.  
*Assistant Rugby Groundsman*—P. W. Hughes.  
*Junior Rugby Groundsman*—N. Green.  
*Out of Season Cricket Games Warden*—R. Hunt.  
*Out of Season Tennis Games Warden*—P. V. Sage.  
*Out of Season Cricket Groundsman*—R. A. Sewell.  
*Out of Season Tennis Groundsman*—A. E. Pocock.  
*Badminton Games Warden*—S. J. Brisk.  
*Rugby Games Wardens*—G. F. Smith, P. Milam.  
*Paperman*—R. J. Edy.  
*Sledge Committee*—M. R. Grant, P. V. Rayner.  
*Cycle Committee*—P. A. Trier, J. Marks, A. Hillier.  
*Financial Advisory Committee*—J. R. A. Rawlings, A. J. Cattermole.  
*Drying Room Committee*—W. A. Thompson, W. T. G. Griffiths,  
 M. Barnes.  
*Finance Committee*—A. Savery, H. Greenlaw.  
*Magazine Committee*—C. B. Stillwell, J. J. Schwarzmantel,  
 N. S. Whatmough.  
*Billiards Committee*—R. A. Sewell, S. H. Shellswell, J. B. Marks.  
*Entertainments Committee*—E. Taylor, R. B. Denny, R. S. Lowe,  
 A. D. Heppleston, W. Simpson.  
*Council*—D. A. N. Hogarth, C. B. Stillwell, S. Greenlaw, M. F. Ashe-Jones,  
 D. J. Tovey, R. S. Lowe, R. B. Denny.  
*Classical Records Committee*—S. Greenlaw, W. T. G. Griffiths,  
 A. D. Heppleston.  
*Light Records Committee*—A. A. J. Raddon.  
*Cricket Secretary*—L. A. Webb.  
*Film Committee*—E. Taylor, R. C. Jones.  
*Rule Committee*—D. J. Tovey, A. D. Heppleston, D. Little.  
*Hockey Secretary*—B. R. Ferguson.

## MEETING NOTES

### Summer Term, 1963

Although no emergency or continuation Meetings were called, there was on the whole more valuable discussion than of late, and no scarcity of business.

Public Workman has now become a College Appointment. It was agreed that it is more logical and satisfactory for the College, rather than the Meeting, to appoint a College officer.

Recently members have shown a very marked lack of interest in Light Records and to continue buying them was felt to be extravagant. It was therefore decided to stop buying these until interest revived and the Light Records Committee was consequently reduced to one member who would check the records weekly.

Now that the College was expanding it was generally felt that another daily paper, preferably with a different political outlook, was needed and the Meeting decided to purchase the *Daily Herald*.

The proposal to change the format of the fixture card was eagerly accepted. The front now bears the College crest, the names of the Captains and Vice-Captains, and two thin bands of blue and gold, the new rugby colours, across the corners. Inside the 1st team fixtures are on the left, the 2nd and junior team fixtures are on the right, and the Running or Tennis fixtures are on the back.

The following Classical Records were purchased this term: Serenade in E minor and Fantasia on "Greensleeves" (Vaughan-Williams); Variations on themes by Handel and Paganini (Brahms); Kempff Piano Recital (Brahms); Piano Concerti Nos. 1 and 2 (Liszt).

## **SCHOOL NOTES**

### **Summer Term, 1963**

We welcome A. Hillier, who joined us at the beginning of the Term.

We bid farewell, and offer our good wishes to the following boys who left the College in July: T. C. Bass, M. C. Jones, J. R. Marshall, T. G. W. Pettigrew, C. C. Richardson, K. H. Stimson, K. A. Walker, J. T. Wood, L. de V. Wragg, M. H. Ferguson, M. A. Gooding, R. J. Hayes, R. A. D. B. Laws, D. J. Thomasson, T. Tucker, C. J. Webb, J. J. Mitchison, M. J. Bartlett, N. R. Meakin and D. J. Henderson.

We are sorry also to say 'goodbye' to Mr. R. C. Elliott, who leaves us after four years at Rendcomb to take up a post at Bembridge School, Isle of Wight. We wish him well for the future.

We were glad to have with us for one term Miss B. Prichard as Health and Linen Room Matron. Unfortunately for us she had already accepted a post at Bryanston School for the Autumn Term.

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After nearly fifteen years of faithful service to the College as one of our visiting Music Teachers, Miss Wadna Keil has retired. She has not been well for some time and as far back as last January it became apparent she would have to cut drastically her engagements. The bad winter did nothing to improve her health and since then she has spent many weeks in hospital. However, we are very happy to report she is now out of hospital and that she is very much better. She is now making plans to move from Wootton-under-Edge to Cheltenham, where she will be nearer the majority of her friends.

We offer her our very best wishes for the future and our sincere thanks for all she has done for the school in the past.

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We acknowledge receipt of *The Gresham*.

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Congratulations go to the following boys who have passed the National Cycling Proficiency Test: M. Barnes, S. J. Brisk, H. Greenlaw, P. Hamnett, S. H. Hook, R. Hunt, K. J. Jordan, J. Kinnear, T. Liddle, N. R. Parker, P. V. Sage, A. Savery, W. Simpson, P. Taylor, O. Wheeler, R. J. Wood and E. W. Yates.

We congratulate also the following boys on swimming successes:  
AWARDS OF THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY—

*Instructor's Certificate* to A. J. Cattermole.

*Bronze Medallions* to G. Cattermole, D. Little, R. S. Lowe and M. McKeown.

AWARDS OF THE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION IN PERSONAL SURVIVAL—

*Gold Awards* to M. J. Bartlett, A. J. Cattermole, G. Cattermole, S. Greenlaw, M. McKeown and T. Tucker.

*Silver Award* to W. A. Thompson.

*Bronze Awards* to T. C. Bass, P. Chanin, J. Fonseca, A. Hillier, J. A. Hiscox, R. Hole and C. Maberley.

A party from Forms VIB and V visited Stratford-on-Avon on May 28th to see a performance of "The Tempest", and on July 8th members of the Upper Vith and VIA saw "The Comedy of Errors" at Stratford-on-Avon.

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A dance was held on June 1st and a number of ladies were welcomed for the evening.

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The College is once again deeply indebted to Major David Wills for the magnificent gift of two hard tennis courts which will be in full service for next season.

## GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

### Summer Term, 1963

Passes were obtained as follows:

#### 'O' Level:

- M. J. Bartlett—French, Mathematics, Art.
- R. B. N. Bryant—English Language, English Literature, History, French, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.
- G. C. Cattermole—English Language, English Literature, History, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.
- A. R. Ferguson—English Language.
- D. J. Henderson—Woodwork.
- P. W. Hughes—English Language, English Literature, History, French, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.
- N. R. Meakin—History, Mathematics.
- A. J. Raddon—English Language, English Literature, History, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.
- J. J. Schwarzmantel—German.
- S. H. Shellswell—English Language, English Literature, History, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.
- P. A. Trier—English Language, English Literature, History, Physics.
- R. J. Verge—English Language, English Literature, History, Biology, Woodwork.
- L. A. Webb—English Literature, History, French, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.
- N. S. Whatmough—English Language, English Literature, History, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.
- L. de V. Wragg—Latin.

### **‘A’-Level:**

\* denotes Class A.

S† denotes Distinction, S denotes Merit in the Special Paper.

- M. F. Ashe-Jones—English (S), History (S), French.  
R. B. Denny—Chemistry, Zoology.  
M. A. Gooding—English, History.  
S. Greenlaw—\*English, History (S), French.  
D. G. Griffiths—Physics, Chemistry, Zoology.  
R. J. Hayes—\*English, History(S), French.  
A. D. Heppleston—Physics, Chemistry, Zoology.  
D. A. N. Hogarth—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.  
M. C. Jones—Economics and Public Affairs. Art.  
R. C. Jones—Chemistry, Zoology.  
J. R. Marshall—Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, \*Art.  
T. G. W. Pettigrew—Economics and Public Affairs, Art.  
J. R. A. Rawlings—\*Mathematics(Sf), \*Physics, \*Chemistry.  
B. C. Richardson—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.  
C. B. Stillwell—French.  
K. H. Stimson—Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, \*Physics(S).  
C. J. Thomasson—Physics, Chemistry.  
D. J. Tovey—\*English, History(S), French.  
T. Tucker—\*English(S), History(S).  
K. A. Walker—\*Pure Mathematics(S), \*Applied Mathematics(S).  
J. T. Wood—Mathematics, Physics.  
L. de V. Wragg—\*French.

### **FOUNDER’S DAY SPEECHES**

**July 13th, 1963**

Colonel John Godman, C. B. E., J. P., the Chairman of the Governing Body, made the introductory speech with his usual aplomb. We were living, he said, in times of change and Rendcomb too was changing; the numbers, already over one hundred, were increasing and would reach one hundred and thirty. Structural additions were inevitable, but throughout careful adherence was being made to the principles of the Founder. The new classrooms would not be completed till the Autumn Term but would be on show now; the new hard tennis courts, a gift of Major David Wills, to whom the College was already so deeply indebted, were now in use and could also be seen.

The Headmaster, Mr. A. O. H. Quick, now presented his

annual report and an account of this follows below.

Colonel Godman then introduced Mr. Alan Bullock, the Master of St. Catherine's College, Oxford, who was to give the address, mentioning that he was the first person to found and endow a College since the days of Cardinal Wolsey. He was also known as the author of some Historical works.

Mr. Alan Bullock began by commenting favourably on the shrewd judgement of Noel Hamilton Wills when he founded the college along its present lines forty years ago. However England, he said, needed to spend much more money on education because there was a need of brains and ideas in England and the sense of purpose, lost in the past ten to fifteen years, needed to be restored.

The beauty of England was often marred by the unnecessary ugliness of some of its towns and furthermore the notable lack of scientific facilities and experiment had resulted in the exodus of scientists, both examples of the missing sense of purpose. England could learn much from smaller countries such as Holland, Denmark and Sweden, which had adapted themselves far better to the needs of the Twentieth Century. Education lay at the root of much of this and in this England was still suffering from the legacy of the Industrial Revolution. Ideas were not lacking in England but support for them was. Moreover nowadays about twenty per cent, of the population needed advanced education for their responsible posts. More money spent on education would increase national efficiency.

Cultural divisions rather than class divisions were now prominent in society and the chief danger was that those who had not had a higher education would prevent their children from having one, when it was important to make use of material in all levels of society in this world which will only respond to our own efforts. Russia had managed to break its cultural barriers and so had this school, combining both rich and poor, good and bad, in one community. A boy's education should not have strict relevance to his future career and should offer him the wealth of human experience which is his birthright; it should awaken his realisation of the potential in life. Society needs fully developed human beings and education is the easiest and best road to this development.

This school, based as it is on these ideas, has therefore good reason to honour the memory of its Founder each year.

Lord Wigram now concluded the speeches by proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Alan Bullock, which was heartily accorded.

## **THE HEADMASTER'S SPEECH**

### **Founder's Day, 1963**

Before I present my report for the school year that is now closing, I want to welcome you all here. This is the only opportunity in the year the staff and I have of meeting many of you. I have arranged the programme this year so that there is more free time. I fear that last year with the performance of "The Lark" in the outdoor theatre there was not time for me to meet all of you. I am sure that those who saw the play and particularly the brave ones who stayed to the end despite a downpour in the middle, will agree that it was a first class production by Mr. Sells and a particularly fine performance by David Griffiths as St. Joan.

This year has been remarkable in several ways—for the first time the numbers of Rendcomb exceeded a hundred and we are looking forward to a steady expansion to about the 130 mark. The school was inspected for the first time since 1951 and it all went off very well. No one here I think used the dodge which a colleague of mine at another school always swore he used during an Inspection—he used to tell those who knew the answer to the question to hold up their right hands and those who did not to hold up their left hands. Then of course, there was the weather. For the first time in living memory the Churn froze over. Even so, the lake could only be skated on for about a week after that—the skaters started going through the ice on to the mud below. There was a lot of tobogganing—and some skiing—rather amateur perhaps but not surprising as some of the skis were rather improvised. In the end the snow became rather a bore and everyone was heartily glad to see it go.

We owed the fact that the school was able to open as usual to the work of Mr. Telling and the outside staff. By working long hours under very difficult conditions they kept us from freezing up. I would like to thank parents for their resourcefulness and energy in getting boys back at the beginning of the Easter term. Though there was a very heavy fall of snow the day before the beginning of term, particularly in the North Cotswolds and the Stroud area, we had, I think, everyone back within 24 hours of the beginning of term.

It was very fortunate that it was this year that we have had considerably more room in the building. The younger

boys who used to be housed in Big School now have two separate living rooms, so it is no longer necessary to turn out the desks and the small boys every time we use Big School for rehearsals, plays or the Meeting. This was very important in our Easter term when boys had to be in a lot and a play was being rehearsed. The extra room has come from my old flat.

You will see from your programmes that the results in 'A' level were excellent; for a school of this size to get sixteen boys passing is commendable and the results in English are outstanding. For the second year in succession a Historian, this time Tom Bass, won an Open award at Oxford. It is too early to say the numbers gaining University entry, but we hope and expect they will be satisfactory. Below the VIth form there have been some changes, the lower forms are working rather longer hours—30 periods a week instead of 28. The two extra periods next year will be used for the teaching of Chemistry; for the first time it will be possible next year for Chemistry to be taught in the Vth Form and below; this will bring to an end the difficult situation whereby boys specialising in Science have had to do the Chemistry 'A' level course in two years without any previous knowledge of the subject. We have also had exams for the junior forms at the end of this term. They are all over now and I do not think the boys look any worse for wear as a result!

The biggest event in the sphere of games has been the construction and opening of two new hard courts that have been presented to the College by Major David Wills. Our present grass courts are very sporting and hence it is very difficult to forecast the way the ball will bounce and this has made it difficult for our players to gain much speed or fluency in play. These new courts, combined with our increased numbers, should prove a sure foundation for a higher standard of tennis here. We thought it would be more interesting for you to see these courts in action but we have no illusions about our present standard here. It is not high but we hope to improve it with the help of the new courts. The swimming pool has again proved a great attraction, 62 boys have passed the test.

Very important in a boarding school are the interests and activities in and out of school hours. I think this year there has been both greater scope and greater activity. We have continued to improve the library and the greater number of volumes has

involved the introduction of a new card index. The Carol Service was again a great success and many of you I hope will be able to listen to the Orchestra later this evening. Among the societies special mention should be made of the photographic society. The building extension led to the blanking off of the only window in a bathroom; thus this seemed very suitable for conversion to a dark room. A grant was made jointly by the College and the General Meeting for this, but the lion's share of the work in the conversion was done by Tom Tucker and Nigel Meakin. They are to be congratulated on the effort they put into it and the new dark room has proved most popular.

Meanwhile our building programme has been going forward. The new wing is not yet fully completed but it is almost finished apart from the decoration and the floor. You are invited after tea to visit it. Entry is by the back stairs in the College. The first floor consists of three classrooms, twelve studies and some extra washing accommodation and the second floor of fifteen study bedrooms for individual boys. There is still a hole in the top floor corridor. A bridge has been fitted over it but it would be best to proceed with caution for this part of the tour. This extension, ready in September, will be of enormous benefit to the College. It will enable us to give study accommodation to the entire VIth and Vth forms who effectively have had none before. It will be possible in most cases to use separate rooms as classrooms and dayrooms. During Public Work, the last four loose boxes in the stable block were stripped to form the new chemistry laboratory. New laboratory benches are being constructed by the boys and one is on show in the exhibition. The conversion of the old estate garden into a new junior playing field is also steadily going forward.

Education today has its handicaps — one is the National Press in which there seems to be at the moment a curious mixture of frivolity and gloom. For frivolity it would be hard to beat the treatment of the Profumo case; it so monopolised space that it was impossible for several days to discover what of importance was going on in the world. It was said of the French emigrées returning after the Revolution that they had learnt nothing and forgotten nothing—the same may well be said of the National Press after the Vassall case. Although the government should be admired for the way they have ignored the press campaign, it should be remembered that it was the same government who by legalising commercial television have

opened a new field to the forces that have lowered the standards of our national press. Yet our situation today is in many ways much more favourable than in the past. It is said that the nation is badly off or alternatively and often in the same breath that it is well off, but it ought not to be. Is there anything wrong in the new affluence of society? In itself it is a good thing; greater wealth increases the opportunities of everyone: it gives greater scope, greater leisure, wider experience. Of course it can be misused—so can anything. But one of the major aims of society and within the society of schools, is to make the most of these opportunities.

I am sure in this respect, there is an important role for the Independent boarding school to play—a better term than ‘public school’, now so vague as to be nearly meaningless. The boarding school can meet not only the needs of particular homes, i. e. residence abroad, isolation, or parents very busy and away a lot, but it can also help the great majority of boys. It gives a boy independence and responsibility, it gives him the opportunity to live and mix with a much wider cross section of people than at home—and also very important, the opportunity to acquire interests and abilities that will remain a pleasure throughout life. For there is much more time in a boarding school than a day school (and in this age of increasing leisure, guidance in its right use must be a very important function in any school). The constructive use of leisure is one of our big problems. Boredom is a major evil and the residential school I am sure has a great contribution to make in countering this.

The Independent schools are sometimes attacked for being Independent. What does this mean? In their syllabuses they are little more independent than the state school as all syllabuses are effectively fixed by the Universities. The Independent schools have more freedom in the management of their own affairs, but L. E. A.’s try to give as much freedom as possible to individual schools. The real criticism is that parents pay the fees. In fact there is a clear national advantage in this. Of course the great bulk of expenditure on education must come from public sources and the most notable advances since the war have been made perhaps in the public rather than the private sector. Yet at a time when it is generally agreed expenditure on education should be increased, it would be foolish to ignore the contribution that parents are prepared to make for their children. Parents who pay not only make sure that their children

get the education they would choose for them but also that a higher proportion of the national income is spent on education.

It does seem ironical that some should suggest that to the list of things it is illegal to spend money on, such as heroin or opium, should be added the education of one's own children.

I am sure the boarding school has an important part to play in the future of this country. We are very lucky at Rendcomb that through the generosity of the Founder and his family and the ideas on which the school was founded, we have escaped the social and educational limitations of some of the older boarding schools; these have perhaps been a little slow in moving with the times. The smallness of the school has advantages; it means we can be more informal and boys are not overlooked as they are in a larger school. Yet there are disadvantages. Our limited expansion I think will overcome most of these enabling us to widen our curriculum and activities; the school however, will still remain the smallest catering for this age group. Rendcomb has been perhaps in the past rather too inward looking. I am thinking mainly of the older boys— it is important for them to take a greater interest in the outside world and I have been very pleased by the number of boys who have made arrangements to go abroad these holidays. Could I draw your attention to other possibilities? There are quite a number of Short Works Courses arranged for VIth formers in the holidays. These give boys an insight into Industry and the life of an area that is usually very different from their home background. There are also many schemes run by bodies like the V. S. O. for a year abroad between school and university.

I would like to conclude by thanking the staff for the work and support they have given the College this year especially to Mr. James, who continues his great service to the College, and to Mrs. Pressland, who has combined the duty of housekeeper with Secretary. We have had a successful year and the plans for the development of the school are going well. We still have much to do. Perhaps I could use the gym as a symbol. The wall behind me is freshly decorated; the rest is in need of some attention. I hope next year to turn to some other aspects of school life from those which have largely absorbed the two years since I came here. At the very least I hope that the other walls of the gym will be in the same state as the one behind me.

## EXHIBITION

### Founder's Day, 1963

The novel idea was adopted of staging the Exhibition in the Assembly Hall, leaving the halls comparatively free for parents to exchange annual gossip and views on the speeches. The french windows in the Assembly Hall were opened providing two entrances to the Exhibition hall.

Since a single room had been set aside for the exhibits coherence between purely artistic and woodwork studies could be accomplished. A further addition, that of a photographic section enabled a different form of aesthetic appreciation to be represented. Many of these studies were exhibited, mostly from the Upper School, ranging from close-ups of racing cars to scenes around Rendcomb, both in and out of the classroom. May continued enthusiasm produce a similar exhibition before long.

Both art and craft sections were carefully moulded together the majority of the oil paintings being produced by the Sixth Form due to impending examinations. Three specifically chosen were hung over the stage. These paintings portrayed rather a conservative style and ambition in material was hardly prevalent. This was not so however with much drawing material which was, in many cases, both in the lower and upper school, original and well executed.

The quantity of pottery was somewhat lacking but originality was well represented by a clay skull table lamp—(a strange quirk of humour indeed!)—and a teapot finished in a dark brown glaze representing considerable patience and care. Several press and free moulded dishes helped to enhance the woodwork on which they were placed.

The woodwork was ambitious both in design and execution A variety of small tables were on view and the possibilities of inlay had been exploited in these and a number of table lamps. An unusual exhibit was a partially completed candelabra accompanied by numerous photographs, jigs and drawings showing the various stages of construction.

The lower school was well represented by a variety of boxes, table lamps and a laminated surf board. Such exhibits as two pairs of salad servers, one pair each from sycamore and cherry are also well worthy of note. Evidence of *Metamorphosis Rendcombica* came from prototypes of a new design History

Room table and Chemistry laboratory bench which should see service in the near future.

Each item was accompanied by a card giving relevant information and due praise should be given for this somewhat tedious job which was excellently done.

The Exhibition was generally enjoyed; the experiment of holding it in the Assembly Hall was a success and should be repeated especially when exhibits are sparse. Doubtless many join me in looking forward to the next display, where perhaps the long-awaited gun case may act as a focal point.

### FOUNDER'S DAY CONCERT

**July 13th, 1963**

#### PROGRAMME

Two movements from incidental music to  
"THE VIRTUOUS WIFE" (March and Minuet)

*Purcell*

SYMPHONY NO. 1 (slow movement)

*Beethoven*

CONCERTO FOR HARPSICHORD AND ORCHESTRA

*Walter Leigh*

*Soloist:* Miss Ruth Dyson

HARPSICHORD SOLOS played by Miss Ruth Dyson

BRONDENBURG CONCERTO NO. 4 (two movements)

*Bach*

*Soloists:* Mrs. Lina Vincent (Violin)

(sung in German by a special choir from Forms I,  
II and III).

D. R. G. Griffiths (O. R.) (Flute)

A. D. Heppleston (Flute)

Aria: "PRAISE GOD JOYFULLY IN EVERY LAND" ..... *Bach*

*Conductors:* Mr. MARTIN BOCHMANN,

Mr. JOHN TOOZE

#### **Programme Note:**

The last item is probably not so well known as the others. It comes from Cantata No. 51. Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the eminent scholar and medical missionary, is also one of the greatest authorities on the performance of Bach's music. He believes that this Cantata was originally sung by one or more of

the choirboys at the Thomaskirche in Leipzig where Bach was organist. Because of its difficulty, this work is now more often performed by operatic sopranos than members of a choir. Then it is performed as a solo.

*The Players:* Mrs. Lina Vincent, Mrs. Katie Goodman, Mrs. N. Wilkinson, Miss Beatrice Scott, Mr. C. J. Smith, Mr. George Dixon, Mr. A. L. Franks, Mrs. Beatrice Bochmann, Mr. Martin Bochmann, Mr. C. M. Swaine, M. F. Ashe-Jones, P. A. Trier, R. B. N. Bryant, J. A. Hiscox, N. S. Whatmough, W. A. Thompson, D. A. N. Hogarth, D. G. Griffiths, D. G. R. Griffiths (O. R. ), C. C. Richardson, T. G. W. Pettigrew, M. J. N. Bryant (O. R. ).

*The Singers:* H. D. Greenlaw, J. C. Reason, T. Liddle, P. Taylor, P. N. Cutts, R. J. Wood, W. T. G. Griffiths.

## **CRICKET REPORT, 1963**

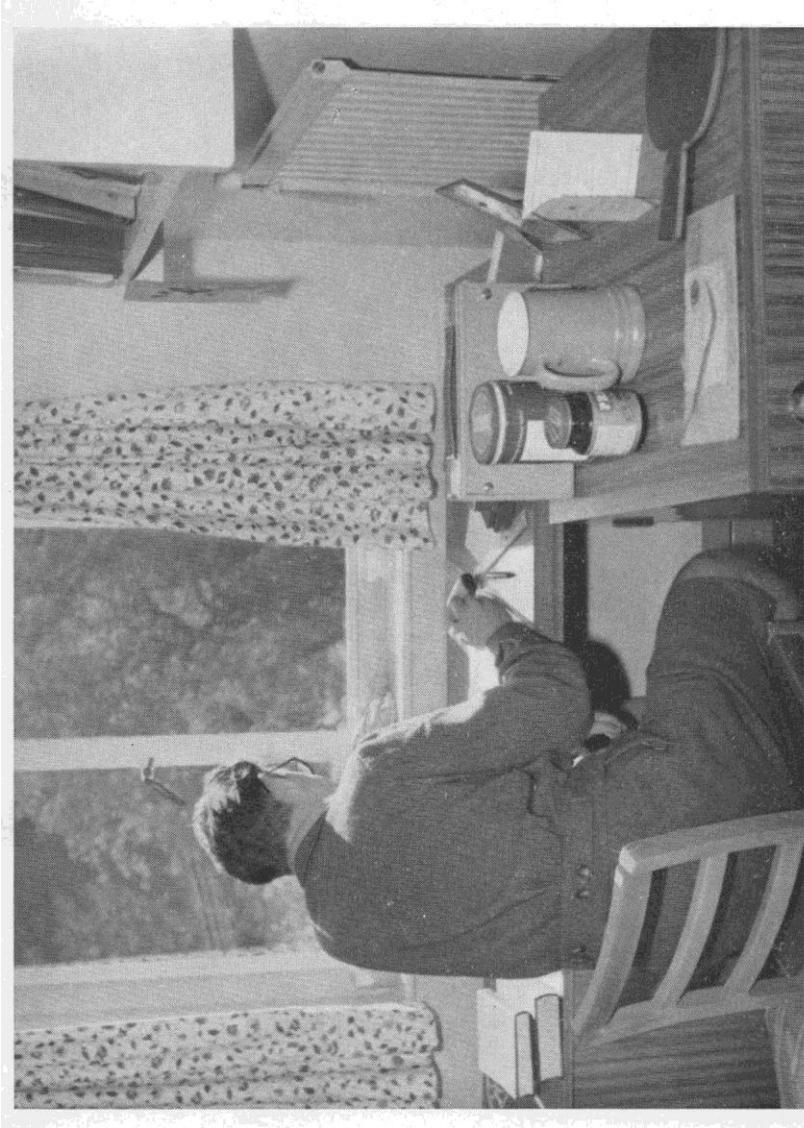
### **First Eleven**

Played 10: Won 4: Drawn 1: Tied 1: Lost 4

With seven of last year's team remaining the prospects at the beginning of term were encouraging. But it soon became apparent that the batting, which lacked reliability and consistency, was again the main weakness. Batsmen went for runs too quickly, before becoming accustomed to the opposition and the pace of the wicket. The bowling however, was more effective and the fielding usually sound.

H. E. Gough had kept wicket for the past three seasons and his departure created a vacancy for which L. Webb was not yet ready. Without any previous experience T. G. W. Pettigrew, this year's captain, kept wicket and performed creditably. However the burdens of captaincy and keeping wicket affected his batting and apart from one splendid innings against Hereford Cathedral School, he failed with the bat.

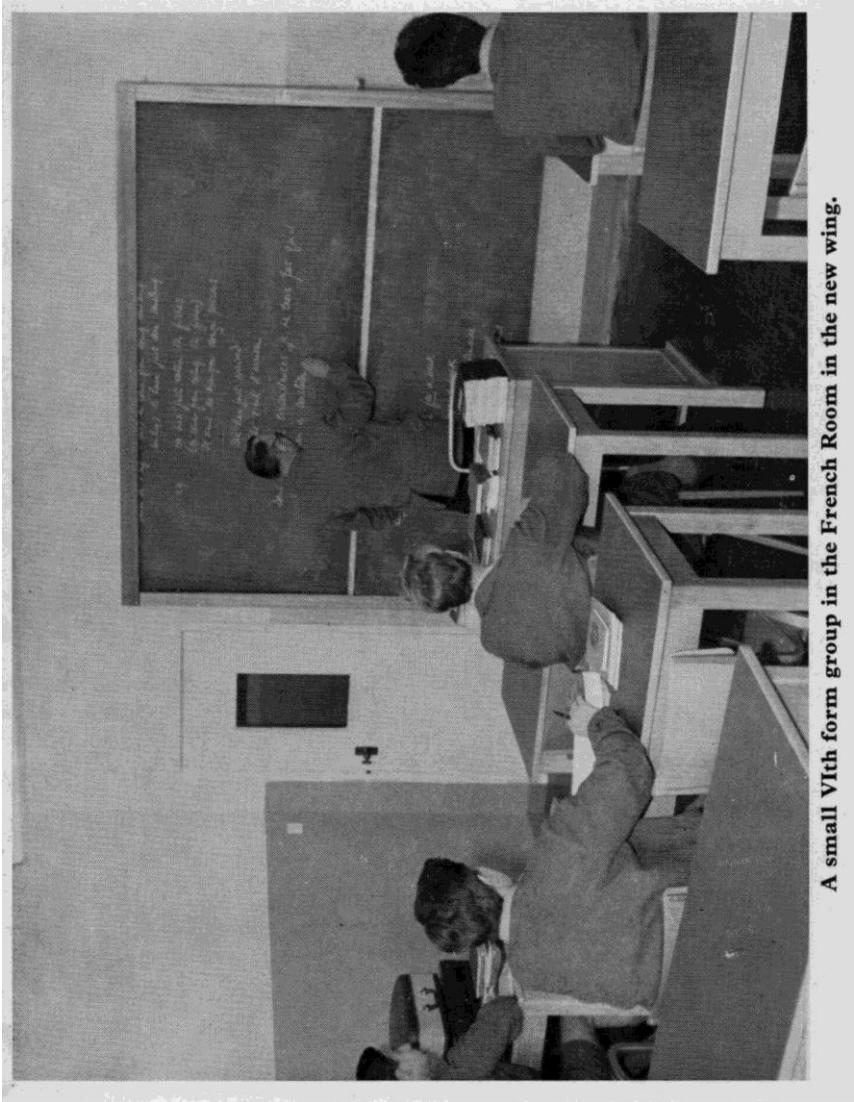
D. J. Tovey again opened the batting and bowling. His batting was confident and the most reliable we had, several times the mainstay of the innings; when he failed we usually lost. His bowling has improved in accuracy and length and his inexhaustible energy always proved an asset. He also took several notable slip catches.



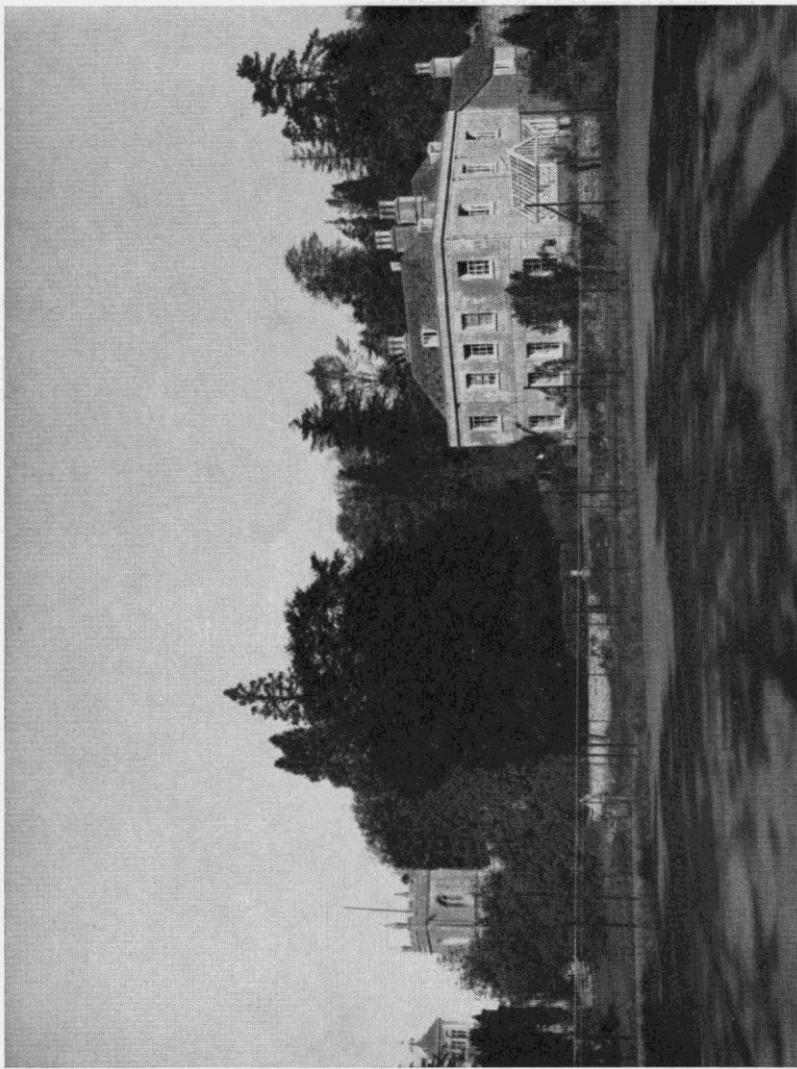
**A Study bedroom in the new wing. There are 15 of these single rooms which are given to senior boys studying for 'A' level or for university entrance.**



A lower school form in the new Chemistry Laboratory.



A small VIth form group in the French Room in the new wing.



The new hard tennis courts presented to the College by Major David Willis with the Old Rectory, the Church and the College tower in the background.

A. D. Heppleston opened the bowling with Tovey, and bowled accurately and economically, obtaining most of his wickets by moving the ball in the air and off the pitch. Going in first wicket down his batting improved during the season. It was unfortunate that his fluent style and good timing did not produce higher scores. His fielding and throwing were excellent.

For an opening batsman R. A. Sewell was anxious to score runs too quickly, and his aggression proved a little more successful when he batted at number four. His quick reactions and alertness enabled him to take some fine catches close to the wicket.

J. R. Marshall was a forceful batsman, but could rarely distinguish which ball to hit and which to leave alone. He was active in the field and took several important catches.

D. Little occasionally lapsed into bowling short, but when he kept the ball pitched up he had many batsmen in trouble. His fielding was lively and competent.

D. J. Thomasson was the only spin bowler. His value to the team, in any case considerable, would have increased had he applied himself more conscientiously, particularly to his batting. His good eye and strong arm were wasted through his nonchalant approach to the game.

C. B. Stillwell progressed from the 2nd XI as his batting improved. His unexpected emergence as a steady batsman and his usefulness as a fielder were indeed welcome.

C. C. Richardson also made quick progress, and was eventually elevated to opening batsman. Although limited in technique his batting was dogged and persevering and his concentration an example to all. His persistent temperament was admirably suited to opening the innings, and combined with unusual agility made him outstanding in the field.

L. A. Webb kept wicket for the 1st XI on several occasions —when not needed for the 2nd XI. He was safer and quicker than before with fast bowling, but still lacks experience against slow bowlers.

S. H. Shellswell should be a prominent member of the team for the next few seasons. His bowling was in fact not used this year, but he obviously has potential as a slow bowler. This will be realised if he concentrates on accuracy of direction and length. His batting is stylish but not yet aggressive enough, and his fielding solid but somewhat slow.

R. S. Lowe maintained his 1st XI place for most of the season chiefly on account of his keen and reliable fielding. His batting was disappointing, despite his powerful hit, probably owing to a crooked backlift.

F. R. Glennie played four games for the 1st XI. He is obviously talented but a little over-aggressive, and his temperament is fickle. As a fielder he was often very slow off the mark. However, he will doubtless mature into one of our best batsmen in the near future if he applies himself rigorously enough.

R. P. Goodchild experienced one moment of considerable glory, but his success as a hard-hitting tail-ender proved ephemeral. His fielding was lively but very unreliable.

C. J. Webb played in the first two matches but soon lost confidence and became discouraged. This was a little surprising and a great pity. His fielding was slow and hesitant, his throwing very weak.

## RESULTS

May 11th:

v. ST. STEPHENS C. C. (Home) Lost by 38 runs.

St. Stephens C. C. 107 for 8 declared.

Rendcomb 69 (Tovey 26).

St. Stephens gained many runs from the poor fielding. The batting also proved brittle, only Tovey showing resistance to bowling which was nothing more than steady.

May 16 th:

v. DEAN CLOSE 'A' XI. (Home) Won by 3 wickets.

Dean Close: 124 for 9 declared.

Rendcomb: 125 for 7 wickets (Tovey 54, Sewell 31). Again the bad fielding gave away many runs, and four catches were dropped. Wickets fell regularly after a good opening stand of 67 between Tovey and Sewell, before useful contributions by Glennie and Thomasson enabled us to reach our best score of the season.

May 22nd.

v. HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL. (Away) Lost by 1 run.

Hereford Cathedral School: 60 (Heppleston 4 for 20, Tovey 3 for 12).

Rendcomb: 59 (Pettigrew 37 not out).

C. B. Stillwell replaced C. J. Webb in the team. Accurate bowling by Tovey (24 overs) and Heppleston in sweltering heat pinned down the Hereford batsmen for two and a half hours. Our batting suffered total eclipse, and only a grand undefeated innings from Pettigrew, who scored all of the 22 for the last wicket, saved us from utter rout and produced a truly exhilarating finish to the match.

May 29th.

v. CIRENCESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. (Home) Won by 20 runs. Rendcomb: 74 (Goodchild 30).

Cirencester Grammar School: 54 (Tovey 5 for 15).

C. C. Richardson and R. P. Goodchild came in for R. S. Lowe and F. R. Glennie. After a poor start and an even more disappointing middle batting display the situation was improved by a lively, if somewhat propitious, exhibition of agricultural hitting by Goodchild. Cirencesters' inning began dramatically when Tovey bowled each of their first five batsmen for only 6 runs, and spectacularly caught the sixth.

June 1st.

v. CHELTENHAM C. C. 2nd XI. (Home) Lost by 57 runs.

Cheltenham C. C.: 97 (Little 5 for 16).

Rendcomb: 40.

The bowling was sadly off-form, and only a good spell by Little contained Cheltenham's score within reasonable bounds. Despite some lusty hits by Marshall we could muster only 40 runs in return. R. S. Lowe replaced S. H. Shellswell.

June 5th.

v. KING'S SCHOOL, GLOUCESTER. (Away). Won by 7 wickets.

Kings School: 27 (Tovey 6 for 9).

Rendcomb: 31 for 3 wickets.

On a rough hard wicket Heppleston took the first three wickets and Tovey ran through the rest of the opposition. L. A. Webb in his first match for the 1st XI took two good catches. Our batsmen had little difficulty in passing their total.

June 8th.

v. PRINCE HENRY'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, EVESHAM. (Home) Lost by 88 runs.

Prince Henry's Grammar School: 130 (Little 4 for 32, Tovey 4 for 51).

Rendcomb: 42.

In this match we were completely outclassed. The bowling, except Little's, was erratic, short of a length and punished accordingly; our fielding was mediocre, and only Heppleston of the batsmen reached double figures.

June 15th.

v. SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL. (Home). Match tied.

Sir Thomas Rich's School: 65 (Thomasson 4 for 29).

Rendcomb: 65.

The opponents' wickets fell regularly to the tight bowling of Heppleston, Thomasson and Tovey; the fielding was tidy and gave few runs away. Our score mounted steadily and we still had three wickets left with only one run to win. This was not forthcoming.

June 22nd.

v. CHELTENHAM COLLEGE 2nd XL (Home). Won by 8 wickets.

Cheltenham College: 55 (Thomasson 6 for 19).

Rendcomb: 56 for 2 wickets (Tovey 38 not out).

A sustained spell of accurate spin bowling by Thomasson helped dismiss the visiting team for a moderate score. Thanks to a sound and later aggressive innings from Tovey we passed this total easily, finishing with a magnificent six by Sewell off the second ball he received.

July 17th.

v. CHELTENHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL. (Away). Match Drawn.

Cheltenham Grammar School: 102 for 8 declared (Little 4 for 39).

Rendcomb: 76 for 7 wickets.

The conditions were very unfavourable; indeed, we were fortunate to play at all, even in fine drizzle. Tovey plodded through 19 overs on a slippery pitch with a wet ball, and he and Little contained Cheltenham's score quite commendably. On a pitch becoming less a handicap to the bowlers we held out to 76 for 7 wickets.

Continuous bad weather for over a month made necessary the cancellation of the following matches:

June 13th v. Lydney Grammar School, Away.

June 19th: v. Marling School, Home.

July 6th: v. Old Rendcombians, Home.

July 15th: v. North Cerney C. C., Home.

The OLD RENDCOMBIANS MATCH, Saturday, July 6th.

Continuous drizzle and some heavy showers made cricket impossible, but it was considered that some kind of friendly encounter was desirable. The result was an unseasonable game of hockey on the asphalt, which everyone enjoyed.

We would like to thank Mr. Knapp and Mr. Dennis for the time and effort they gave to coaching and umpiring, and to Mr. Quick and Mr. Swaine who umpired second and third games. We offer our thanks also to Mr. Fry for preparing and maintaining wickets of high quality despite the atrocious weather. Once again we are greatly indebted to K. A. Walker for scoring for us so neatly and efficiently and for compiling the statistics.

### **'A' ELEVEN**

May 25 th.

v. KINGHAM HILL SCHOOL. (Away). Match drawn.

Rendcomb: 129 for 6 declared (Tovey 56).

Kingham Hill: 71 for 5 wickets.

This single fixture was arranged chiefly as an aid to selection for the first XI. Both C. C. Richardson and R. P. Goodchild were discovered in this game. The batting showed remarkable consistency and with reasonable boundaries we might well have reached 200. The bowling, however, could not penetrate some very dour, unadventurous batting and a draw became inevitable.

### **SECOND ELEVEN**

Played 5: Won 2: Drawn 1: Lost 2

#### **RESULTS**

May 11th.

v. ST. STEPHENS C. C. 2nd XI. (Home). Lost by 72 runs.

St. Stephens C. C.: 107 for 8 declared (A. E. Hillier 3 for 23).

Rendcomb: 35.

May 17th.

v. DEAN CLOSE 3rd XI. (Home) Won by 2 wickets.

Dean Close: 59 (T. C. Bass 6 for 5).

Rendcomb 64 for 8 wickets (C. B. Stillwell 21, R. P. Goodchild 16).

June 1st.

v. COKETHORPE SCHOOL 1st XI. (Home). Lost by 6 wickets. Rendcomb: 55.  
Cokethorpe: 59 for 4 wickets.

June 8th.

v. PRINCE HENRY'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, EVESHAM. (Home). Won by 28 runs.  
Rendcomb: 101 for 8 declared. (L. A. Webb 18, R. J. Edy 25).  
Prince Henry's Grammar School: 73 (A. E. Hillier 3 for 6, S. H. Shellswell 3 for 30).

July 17th.

v. CHELTENHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL. (Away). Match drawn. Cheltenham Grammar School: no for 6 declared (T. C. Bass 4 for 33).  
Rendcomb: 89 for 8 wickets (L. A. Webb 25, R. P. Goodchild 24).

July 13th.

v. CHELTENHAM COLLEGE 3rd XI. (Away). Match cancelled.

Despite a dearth of enthusiastic cricketers in the Upper School, we were able to field a 2nd XI which by no means disgraced us. Seven of its members played at some time for the 1st XI, and those who did not were generally keen and enjoyed their cricket. The following played in all five matches: R. J. Edy, who continues to improve as an opening batsman; L. A. Webb, a sound wicket-keeper and competent batsman; C. G. Jefferies, a safe and lively slip-fielder; A. E. Hillier, who should become a useful opening bowler; M. A. Gooding and E. Taylor. The side was captained efficiently and with true spirit by T. C. Bass, who also produced some noteworthy bowling performances.

### **UNDER 15 XI**

This was not a successful season, for the match against Kingham Hill was lost, the matches against Kings' School, Gloucester and Cheltenham College Junior Colts were drawn and the other two were cancelled.

The team displayed great enthusiasm in the opening overs of each game but seldom did this spirit keep them on their toes in the field during a prolonged stand. Too many runs were given away by despondent fielding.

The batting potential revealed in practice games rarely showed itself in matches. M. W. Harrop played too many careless shots outside his leg stump. A. E. Hillier played forward to short balls and J. S. Godden never attempted to play himself in. F. R. Glennie had two good innings of 42 and 36 and timed his shots well. R. J. Edy usually played a captain's innings including a good knock of 21.

The bowling was weak and only Hillier gave the opposition any real discomfort.

### **UNDER 14 XI**

Both games, against Hereford Cathedral School and Sir Thomas Rich's School were lost. Hereford was allowed, by a combination of loose bowling and tired fielding, to compile a forbidding total.

Hillier also played for the 2nd XI and the Under 15 XI, but the number of wickets he obtained for the Under 14 XI was disappointing. He lacked support from the other end and as a result lost heart too quickly. However his 5 for 22 out of a total of 102 in one match, indicated his capabilities.

Several boys showed promise with the bat but few were able to bowl accurately and to a good length. They must realise that this can only come from hard practice.

### **TENNIS REPORT**

Throughout the school this season there has been a general apathy towards tennis; but owing to the appalling condition of the grass courts this was somewhat to be expected. This situation however has now been remedied by the addition of two new hard courts presented by Major David Wills. These were completed towards the end of the Summer Term but were still slightly soft and unable to be used by everyone. When they harden it will enable tennis at Rendcomb to be played on a true surface for most of the year. It is hoped that many people will take full advantage of these courts in order to improve their standard of tennis, and that the skill of the 1st VI will increase to what it has been in the past.

The number of cricket fixtures and other activities meant that the tennis VI could play only one match this season. This was against Marling School, Stroud, and the team, although out of practice (because the bad weather beforehand had made our own grass courts unplayable for much of the time), soon settled on the Marling hard courts and won an enjoyable and evenly matched game 5-4.

*Team:*

R. C. Jones, D. J. Tovey, 1st string; M. C. Jones,  
C. C. Richardson, 2nd string;  
C. B. Stillwell, T. G. W. Pettigrew, 3rd string.

It is hoped that next season the tennis VI will be of a sufficiently high standard for us to continue with our past fixture against Dean Close 2nd VI and also to play a few more teams.

### **THE SWIMMING GALA**

With swimming more popular than ever before, it was decided to hold what is hoped to be the first of many Rendcomb Swimming Galas. The entries for most events were considerable and heats had to be held in the weeks previous to the actual day, though these were often poorly attended owing to the inclemency of the weather and the temperature of the water. The last Tuesday afternoon however saw a complete transformation in the weather and, if it was not comparable with the Riviera, it was certainly the best we could expect from an English summer. With twenty-five events in all, there was room for diversity and events were even held for non-swimmers. P. Osborne in the Senior races, and J. A. Hiscox in the Junior races were outstanding, but events such as time under water and diving enabled others to show their talent. Water Polo also provided considerable excitement, though lack of practice at this sport contributed to a hectic melee on occasions. The highlight was undoubtedly the 'Staff versus School' Relay, in which the school was represented by the winners of the School Relay, a team from Form III. This year however, the school triumphed.

Thanks are due to all those who participated and assisted the organiser, C. B. Stillwell, and especially to the Staff for sportingly providing a relay team.

## **NATURAL HISTORY NOTES**

### **Summer Term, 1963**

In the last number of the Chronicle reference was made to the effects of the severe weather early in the year. In particular, diminution in the numbers of some birds was noted, and it is interesting to see what powers of recovery these species have.

During the whole of this spring and summer only one Green Woodpecker has been reported to me near Rendcomb; Goldcrests and Long-tailed Tits have remained very scarce in spite of the large numbers of eggs laid by these birds. Barn Owls, which suffered drastically in the winter, have been heard at night on only two or three occasions. Wrens, however, which seemed to disappear altogether in February, were again in evidence by late summer, although not plentiful. The few pairs of Moorhens left along the River Churn have done well, rearing two or three broods per pair; most nests held from seven to ten eggs.

Less information is available concerning mammals, but Brown Hares, Badgers and Grey Squirrels seemed to have survived well. Water Voles, severely reduced by the winter, are again to be seen along the river in small numbers.

While referring to mammals it may be worth reporting that one of Britain's newly-introduced deer, the little Muntjac, has now appeared in Chedworth Woods: one was seen there by a gamekeeper in 1962 and again on several occasions this year. This tiny deer is only a little larger than a rabbit and is spreading in Britain.

Another new arrival to Britain, this time by its own efforts, is the Collared Dove, which first turned up a few years ago. This summer four have been present as close to Rendcomb as Sherborne near Northleach. These small greyish-buff doves are most commonly reported from farmyards and poultry-runs, and will probably increase.

A Woodcock's nest was again found in the vicinity of Marsden, the four eggs hatching on April 12th or 13th, and it seems probable that this species is now breeding regularly in the Central Cotswolds.

The effects of the past winter on plant-life are difficult to assess, but some of the more conspicuous results may be recorded.

A great many species flowered in unusual profusion. Although most were later than usual in blossoming, they made up for this by an abundance of colour seldom equalled. Early in the season the most conspicuous of these plants were Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosus*), Apple (*Malus*, wild and cultivated), Lady's Smock (*Cardamine pratense*), Marsh Marigold (*Caltha palustris*), White and Yellow Deadnettles (*Lamium album* and *L. galeobdolori*), Wild Strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*) and Hairy Violet (*Viola hirta*).

Later in the season the rather scarce and local Angular Solomon's Seal (*Polygonatum odoratum*) flowered very well in Monkham Wood. There were several spikes of Bee Orchid (*Ophrys apifera*) on North Cerney Banks, and the Spotted Orchid (*Orchis fuchsii*) had an excellent flowering season, especially in Conigre Wood. Downy St. John's Wort (*Hypericum hirsutum*) and Nettle-leaved Bell-flower (*Campanula trachelium*) bloomed in great profusion in late July and August.

C. M. S.

### OLD BOYS' NOTES

(compiled by JOHN TOOZE)

We welcome these new members to the Old Rendcombian Society:

MARK GOODING, [REDACTED] Chipstow,  
Monmouthshire.

NIGEL MEAKIN, [REDACTED] Wimbledon Common, London, S. W.  
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DANIEL THOMASSON, [REDACTED] Cheltenham,  
Gloucestershire.

COLIN RICHARDSON, [REDACTED] Sherborne,  
Dorset.

JOHN WOOD, [REDACTED] Bristol.

MARTIN FERGUSON, [REDACTED] Newbury,  
Berkshire.

TOM BASS, [REDACTED] Saffron Walden, Essex.

MARTIN JONES, [REDACTED] Almondsbury, Bristol.

LAWRENCE WRAGG, [REDACTED] Uckfield, Sussex.

RICHARD HAYES, [REDACTED] Wokingham, Berkshire.  
JOHN MITCHISON, [REDACTED] Dursley, Gloucestershire.  
CHRISTOPHER WEBB, [REDACTED] Wickwar, Wotton-  
under-Edge, Gloucestershire.  
DAVID HENDERSON, [REDACTED] Cheltenham,  
Gloucestershire.  
KENNETH WALKER, [REDACTED] Stroud.  
DAVID LAWS, [REDACTED] Carmarthenshire.  
TOM TUCKER, [REDACTED] Mertsam, Surrey.  
MARCUS BARTLETT, [REDACTED] Kings Norton,  
Birmingham 30.  
TOM PETTIGREW, [REDACTED] Gloucestershire.  
KEITH STIMSON, [REDACTED] Stroud, Gloucestershire.

Of these new members, all of whom left at the end of the Summer Term, we have some news.

Richardson came to see us the other day, he has postponed his university entry until 1964 and in the meantime is working hard (5 a. m. to 5 p. m.) to pay for a three month trip to Hong Kong. John Wood is at Birmingham University; Wragg, Jones and Marshall, are at Bristol, Bass has taken up his History Exhibition at Exeter College, Oxford; Hayes is at Cardiff, while Stimson is following his brother's footsteps by going to Queen Mary's College, London. C. J. Webb, as he always said he would, has gone into agriculture and for the time being is working on his father's farm. J. M. Webb, back from a lengthy stay in Europe has gone up to Cambridge (Sidney Sussex College). M. J. Bartlett is studying Art and Architecture in Birmingham. Laws is aiming to be a Site Manager with a large construction firm, he is already working for John Laing on a big project in Cardiff. Kenneth Walker is at Bristol University.

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David Tucker writes from Hong Kong where he is serving with the Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. His Battalion is due to return to England on leave in November and then, at the beginning of the New Year, it will be sent to Germany. When

he wrote the water shortage in Hong Kong was still acute. In June they were getting a four-hour supply every fourth day, with a bottle of water a day for washing and shaving.

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Martin Knight has recently gained his Ph. D. at Sheffield, where he is working with the Agricultural Research Council. He is back from America and his address is: [REDACTED] Sheffield 10.

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We have also heard from Peter Hayes ([REDACTED] [REDACTED] Nyasaland), who is still working for his father's firm out there and looking forward to some "home leave" in 1964 when he hopes to be at one of the Old Boys' Dinners.

Hayes says "Dougy" Barbour came to stay with them for quite a while earlier in the year. He is now studying at one of the South African Universities, we have been told.

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A long letter from Ted Jones, whom I unfortunately missed when he was at Rendcomb in the summer. He returned to Fiji at the end of June; he expects his second spell of duty there to be about two and a half years, so he should be home in 1966. His wife and his son, Christopher, have gone out with him.

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T. W. Rowley has moved to Leicestershire ([REDACTED] Groby) where he is working as a computer engineer for AEI Electronics.

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After doing his National Service, David Paine joined a textile firm in Dublin and has been with them ever since. After doing a year on the factory floor, his firm sent him to Leeds University where he finished his three-years Textile Course last June. We send him our congratulations on his engagement to Miss Brigid Martin of Dublin.

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Our congratulations also for David W. Brown who was married at Downend Church on the 20th of July. I played the organ.

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A new address for John B. Gooch, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Erdington, Birmingham, to whom best wishes in his new  
job—unfortunately he doesn't tell us what it is.

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A long and interesting letter from Roger Alder who, with his wife, is spending a second “term” in the United States. Last December he moved from Los Angeles to Brandeis University, Waltham near Boston where his former Professor at Los Angeles had taken up a new appointment. This new University (it was founded only in 1948) seems to have rapidly gained a reputation for high academic standards in an area abounding in universities with Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology both only six miles away. He expects to be back in England by 1964.

In the meantime, with the car they bought in Los Angeles and in which they travelled East to Boston, they are doing extensive tours from the Grand Canyon to Montreal and from Niagara Falls to New York. I should very much like to have joined them at Tanglewood for an open-air concert by the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

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There have been several examples of Rendcombians meeting each other in unexpected places. Was it not Brisley and Charlie Carus-Wilson who met on a tramp steamer sailing from San Francisco to Seattle on the West Coast of America? Others have met in less romantic situations such as the top of the Eiffel Tower or Snowden. Less romantic too was my meeting with John Gough and his wife on a ship bound for Sweden. John was off on an extended tour of Scandinavia for his firm. This was lucky for me because there was a hired car waiting for him in Gothenburg and I did not have to thumb a lift, I was offered one!

I also met an O. R. in the Royal Opera House (London, not Stockholm). Michael Petter and I were both at the opening night of the new season. He looks extremely well and I gather enjoys being in the Civil Service.

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*Change of address:* —BARRY PAISH, [REDACTED]  
Birmingham 29.

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Another long letter from Michael Morgan, now living in

Leeds, in which he gives some interesting views on music of the sixteenth century but which we must not print here as they are not relevant to this column. Having come down from Oxford, he took up articles with an accountant and on qualifying, was faced with the old problem of whether to continue in the profession or move into industry. He decided to stay in the profession.

He has three children, the youngest of them twins whose birth we reported not long ago. His eldest son will be starting school next year.

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David Barke has been a Foundry Trainee for the Steel Company of Wales for the last eighteen months. He says he is "beginning to get used to it down here". *Present address:* — [REDACTED], Newport, Monmouthshire.

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*Another new address:* —D. W. BROWN, [REDACTED] Chiswick, London, W. 4.

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We also have news of Robert Stimson: he has gained the M. Sc. degree at London University, the thesis for which was read at an International Conference on Dynamics at Copenhagen in August.

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And, finally, we hear that David Poole is with the Forestry Commission working on a somewhat lengthy "preliminary", of timber felling and planting etc., to a two year course at one of the Commission's Schools. He seems to have been making the most of his leisure: boat building, cycling through Denmark and when he wrote he had just returned from "a terrific week's sailing at Dartmouth." His present address: — [REDACTED] Crickhowell, Breconshire.

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STOP PRESS: Just as we go to Press, we hear that Bob Jones is resigning from the Secretaryship. This information properly belongs to next term's issue, but by the time it reaches its readers, the resignation will have become effective. A new Secretary has not yet been appointed. If you want to correspond with the Secretary before the next issue of this magazine which will have this information, and if you have not already heard who he is, please write to me at the Old Rectory and I will send it on.

## OBITUARY

DANIEL CHARLES TERRETT

(at Rendcomb 1921—1925 and later

President of The Old Rendcombian Society)

All Old Rendcombians, who had the privilege of knowing him, will mourn the death of Dan Terrett, who died on 27th June, 1963 at the age of 54 years. There are many others, too, who will mourn his passing, for he has a wide circle of friends in Hampstead where he lived, and in the City, where he worked.

His life and career were a great tribute to Rendcomb, and he himself was always the first to recognise his debt to the College, for which he had the greatest affection. He was not among the founder members but arrived there in January, 1921. Although rather younger than the veterans he soon became merged, as the school grew in size, with the senior group, among which he was popular and highly respected for his kindness and wisdom.

The story is told of him that one day on a visit to the Headmaster's study his eye hit upon a book by Rose Macaulay whereupon he asked: "Would she be the sister of Lord Macaulay?" Needless to say he was given a kindly dissertation. And that is how he learned—by asking questions—until later in life he began to read widely in many fields, becoming the best read of all Old Rendcombians. As a boy he was a good musician and music remained always one of his greatest delights.

He left school in 1925 and entered a Stockbroker's office. He quickly settled down in this calling and to improve his efficiency he attended classes between 1927 and 1932 in Economics and Financial Law at the City of London College. His next venture was in journalism. He became Assistant City Editor of the *Sunday Express* and the *Daily Express*. He took the opportunity to learn the "City" and his wide experience fitted him for the post of Financial Adviser to a group of international investment trusts. This was a post of great responsibility. It led him to travel widely—a part of his work which he greatly relished for he had an absorbing interest in the world around him. At the same time he was Financial Adviser to a County Council. During the war he was a Deputy Assistant in the Ministry of Supply.

Despite his heavy duties in these posts he yet found time to give his services to many bodies. He was investment adviser to two Colleges and to the Community of the Resurrection. He was a member of the Council of the London Diocesan Fund and of the Council of the London Diocesan Council of Christian Stewardship. He was a member of the Council of Hampstead Old Folks' T. V. Society and of the Society of Investment Analysts. He was Chairman of the Hampstead Branch of the United Nations Association, Treasurer of the Council of Hampstead Churches and member of the Committee of Kilburn Housing Society Ltd. For long periods he was Secretary and Chairman of the Old Rendcombian Society (it was largely owing to his efforts that the Society was set going) and in recent years he was its President.

He was in all respects an excellent citizen, placing his time and his great gifts at the disposal of others. In this he was encouraged by his charming wife, Si Terrett, whom he married in July 1934. Together they rendered service to the community and quietly gave a helping hand to individuals whenever they saw need. They had two children, Denise and Susan, both of whom are married.

At a Memorial Service held in Hampstead in July there was paid a fitting tribute to Dan Terrett. The church was packed, there being present old friends from all the societies with whom he had been associated. No one can find fitter words than those employed by the Rural Dean, the Rev. G. B. Timms, who conducted the service: "All who knew Dan," he said, "recognised in him a great capacity for friendship and the essence of friendship is sincerity and self-giving. He was certainly sincere in all he said or did; he was ever ready to give, and to go on giving."

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The College was represented by the Headmaster and the Old Rendcombian Society by the Chairman, John Bedwell. Several other Old Rendcombians were present.