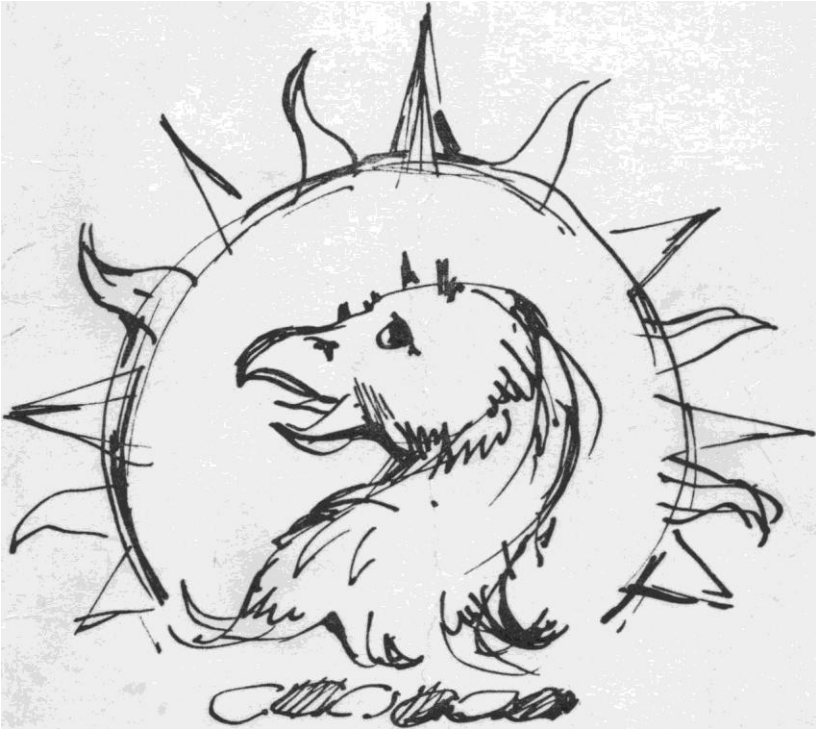


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COLLEGE OFFICERS

Autumn Term, 1964

- Senior Prefect*—S. Greenlaw.
Prefects and Group Leaders—S. H. Shellswell, C. G. Jefferies,
M. E. Stubbs, J. J. Schwarzmantel.
Prefects—D. Little, P. A. Trier, R. J. Verge.
College Workman—J. J. Schwarzmantel.
Public Workman—M. B. Ogilvie: *Assistant*—A. A. J. Raddon.
Music Warden—W. T. G. Griffiths.
Senior Music Librarian—N. Dakin.
Choir Librarians—M. A. Cox, N. H. Wapshott.
Picture Man—J. A. Dow.
Lamp Men—C. G. Jefferies, D. Little.
Church Ushers—R. J. Edy, L. A. Webb.
Stage Men—L. A. Webb, J. A. Dow, P. V. Rayner, G. F. Smith,
J. A. Hiscox, D. P. Kyle, F. Bolton-King.
Librarians—S. Greenlaw, D. Little, R. A. Sewell, R. J. Verge,
W. A. Thompson, H. M. Peterson.
Manual Foreman—S. H. Shellswell, G. F. Smith, A. J. Pain,
R. J. Wood
**Furniture Committee*—J. A. Hiscox, N. S. Whatmough.
* General Meeting Appointment

MEETING OFFICERS

Autumn Term, 1964

- Chairman*—M. E. Stubbs
Rugby Captain—S. Greenlaw
Running Captain—N. S. Whatmough
Tennis Captain—R. A. Sewell.
Nominations Committee—R. A. Sewell, M. E. Stubbs, D. Little,
P. A. Trier, S. Greenlaw.
Secretary—D. J. Maberley.
Vice-Captain—D. Little
Games Committee—A. A. J. Raddon, C. G. Jefferies
Boys' Banker—L. A. Webb
Meeting Banker—S. H. Shellswell.
Shop Banker—P. W. Hughes
Senior Shopman—R. B. N. Bryant.

Shopmen—C. P. Stevens, H. M. Peterson.
Breakages Man—B. F. Pullen
Auditor—C. G. Cattermole.
Games Committee Treasurer—J. J. Fonseca.
House Committee Treasurer—P. R. Milam
Finance Committee Treasurer—C. J. Gray.
Paperman—P. R. F. Chanin.
Chairman of the Groundstaff—A. J. Cattermole
Christmas Party Committee—R. J. Verge, W. A. Thompson,
D. I. Burman, F. R. Glennie, P. V. Rayner.
Cricket Secretary—R. J. Edy.
Rugby Gameswardens—A. J. Pain, D. P. Kyle.
Out of Season Cricket Gameswarden—M. T. Hitchman
Record Committee—R. B. N. Bryant, J. J. Schwarzmantel,
N. J. Dakin.
Entertainments Committee Treasurer—G. F. Smith.
Entertainments Committee—J. J. Schwarzmantel, P. A. Trier,
F. Bolton-King, H. D. Greenlaw, J. C. Reason.
Amplifier Technicians—A. J. Cattermole, C. G. Cattermole.
Drying Room Committee—A. J. Savery, E. W. Yates,
M. J. Baynham.
Magazine Committee—C. G. Jefferies, P. W. Hughes,
F. R. Glennie.
Cycle Committee—P. R. Milam, J. S. Godden, M. J. S. Veasey.
Rule Committee—M. E. Stubbs, R. J. Verge, R. J. Edy.
Billiards Committee—L. A. Webb, J. B. Marks, R. J. Edy.
Council—S. Greenlaw, D. Little, M. E. Stubbs, R. A. Sewell,
S. H. Shellswell, P. A. Trier, J. J. Schwarzmantel.
Financial Advisory Committee—M. E. Stubbs, A. J. Cattermole.
Film Committee—A. A. J. Raddon, R. B. N. Bryant.
Sledge Committee—P. V. Sage, R. J. Wood.
Junior Forms Committee—S. Greenlaw, R. A. Sewell,
S. H. Shellswell, L. A. Webb.
Cricket Groundsman—C. G. Jefferies.
Junior Groundsman—P. J. Hamnett.
Warden of the Meeting—A. J. Cattermole.
Tennis Groundsman—M. J. Dawson.
Badminton Gameswarden—K. J. Jordan.
Tennis Gameswarden—P. W. Taylor.
Out of Season Hockey Gameswarden—J. Kinnear.
Rugby Secretary—P. A. Trier.
Hockey Secretary—R. J. Verge.

MEETING NOTES

Autumn Term, 1964

The Meetings this term were relatively short, but despite this there were several valuable discussions.

The Breakages Committee, formed last term, investigated the Breakages System, a task which had been long awaited. It was decided to abolish the Furniture Committee and elect a Furniture Man. Among his duties, this officer would check furniture for breakages, so that they could be treated in the same way as other breakages. As the Meeting would still pay for form-room breakages, levies for the payment of them would be made on the forms concerned.

This term, the *Sun* was purchased to replace the *Daily Herald*, and because of the increased numbers, it was decided to buy the *Daily Express* as well. Monthly copies of *Rugby World* were kindly presented to the Meeting by Mr. Caves.

Because of the bad condition of the junior billiards table, it had been decided to purchase another one. During the term several offers were investigated, and finally a table in excellent condition complete with cues, balls and a cover to convert it into a table, was bought for £15.

SCHOOL NOTES

Late Summer Term and Autumn Term, 1964

The following events occurred towards the end of the Summer Term and too late for inclusion in the last number of the *Chronicle*: The Motor Club provided some films on July 10th. A Dance was held on July 11th and we were glad to welcome a number of ladies for the evening. The Headmaster took the members of Form IV to Bath, Wells and Cheddar on July 14th.

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It should have been mentioned in our report on the Fete during the Summer Term, that the tea raised the sum of £30—a most excellent result of all the hard work put in by Mrs. Hart and the ladies of the village, with some assistance from the Sutcliffe Catering Company.

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At the end of the Summer Term we bade farewell to the following boys and we wish them well in the future: B. R.

Ferguson, R. B. Denny, R. P. Goodchild, D. G. Griffiths, A. D. Heppleston, D. A. N. Hogarth, R. C. Jones, R. S. Lowe, P. N. W. Osborne, J. A. Rawlings, A. Richardson, E. Taylor, D. J. Tovey.

We welcome the following who joined the College at the beginning to the Autumn Term: T. A. Aldridge, P. R. Free, S. R. M. Hall, J. R. Harris, P. Isaac, N. A. Johnson, A. R. Lamb, R. A. Law, R. Millard, C. H. Moore, N. Moot, I. Niel, T. D. J. Patrick, R. G. Pyecroft, O. G. Rhys, D. M. Toresen, K. D. Warren, M. J. Wellby, T. H. Bates, R. A. R. Chapman, C. S. Hunt, M. B. Rees, W. Longman, A. J. A. Veasey.

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We acknowledge receipt of *Frensham Heights Magazine*, *The Wycliffe Star*, *The Gresham*, and *Kingham Hill Magazine*.

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We congratulate the following ongoing Amateur Swimming Association Personal Survival Awards: —*Gold Standard*: W. A. Thompson; *Silver Standard*: D. P. Kyle, C. P. Maberley, R. J. Wood; *Bronze Standard*: A. T. Patrick, D. J. Simmons, J. C. L. Reason, K. J. Jordan, M. R. Dow, K. A. Belcher, P. J. Hamnett, A. J. Pain, P. V. Sage and R. C. Goodsell.

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A lecture was given on September 22nd by Mr. R. J. Thomson of the High Commissioner's Office for Australia, and another, entitled "Alaska" was given by Mr. Tony Smythe, on September 26th. Both were illustrated by transparencies.

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The following films were shown to the College during the Autumn Term: *The Belles of St. Trinians*; *The Wrong Arm of the Law*; *Richard III* and *The Maggie*.

The Motor Club and Scientific Societies also provided some films.

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A party from Forms IV, V and VI visited the MG motor works at Abingdon on September 29th. The VIth Form went to Stratford-on-Avon on October 12th to see a performance of *Henry IV, Part I*.

A party travelled to Swindon on November 7th to watch an inter-club swimming gala. Members of Forms V and VI

visited the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham, on November 10th to see a performance of *Tamburlaine* by Marlowe.

The Science Society was conducted over the West Country Breweries at Stroud on November 13th.

A party from the middle school visited the Wildfowl Trust, Slimbridge, on November 24th.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

Summer Term, 1964

Passes were obtained as follows:

'O'-Level

- F. Bolton King—English Language, English Literature, History, French.
- J. A. Dow—English Language, English Literature, History, French, Mathematics, Physics, Biology, Art.
- R. J. Edy—English Language, English Literature, History, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics.
- B. R. Ferguson—Mathematics, Physics.
- F. R. Glennie—English Language, English Literature, History, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.
- J. S. Godden—History.
- W. T. G. Griffiths—Music.
- J. F. Harris—English Language, English Literature, History, French, Mathematics.
- D. J. Maberley—English Language, English Literature, History, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.
- J. B. Marks—English Literature, History, Latin, French, Mathematics.
- A. E. Pocock—English Literature, History, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.
- W. A. Thompson—English Language, English Literature, History, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.
- P. A. Trier—French (second alternative).

'A'-Level

* denotes Class A.

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

O denotes Ordinary Level awarded.

- A. J. Cattermole—Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics (O).
- R. B. Denny—Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.
- R. P. Goodchild—Chemistry (O), Botany (O), Zoology (O).

- D. G. Griffiths—Chemistry, Zoology (S†).
 A. D. Heppleston—Chemistry, Zoology (S†).
 C. G. Jefferies—English, History, French.
 R. C. Jones—Chemistry (O).
 D. Little—English (S)†, History (S), French (O).
 R. S. Lowe—Chemistry, Botany, Zoology (S).
 M. B. Ogilvie—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry (O).
 P. N. W. Osborne—Additional Mathematics (O), Physics (O).
 A. Richardson—English, History (O).
 J. J. Schwarzmantel—*English (S†), *History (S†), *French.
 R. A. Sewell—*Pure Mathematics (S), Applied Mathematics, *Physics (S†), Chemistry.
 M. E. Stubbs—*Pure Mathematics, *Physics (S†), *Chemistry (S†)
 E. Taylor—English, History.
 D. J. Tovey—French.

THE SIMPSON MEMORIAL

A Lectern made in oak has been presented to the College by the Simpson Memorial Fund. It has been placed in the Assembly Room and makes a very fitting focus for morning prayers. The design was the work of Jim Miller and Joe Maslin. The organisation of its construction and arrival at the College was carried out by Mr. Osborne. The Lectern is inscribed:

JAMES HERBERT SIMPSON
 Headmaster 1920—1932

The letters are coloured light blue. The College is extremely grateful to the Simpson Memorial Fund and to those Old Rendcombians whose interest and work made the gift possible.

The Lectern combined with the redecoration which we hope to carry out next holidays will give the Assembly Room a more dignified air.

THE KITCHEN AND DINING HALL EXTENSION

The major work of reconstruction carried out in preparation for this year was the modernisation of the kitchen and the pantry and the extension of the dining room. Most of this work had to be carried out in the eight weeks of the summer holidays and it was not possible for the catering staff to get into the kitchen until twenty four hours before the school came back.

The kitchen is an excellent room, more spacious and airy than it would be possible to build today. The equipment however, was very out of date; there was still a *Bain-Marie* installed in 1865, though not used for many years and it is not very long since the charcoal burners were taken out. Changes in the kitchen are mainly changes in equipment. A big oil-fired cooker has been installed in place of the series of domestic cookers and specialised equipment which we did not have before has been installed: electrically heated water boilers, a steaming oven and a fryer. This has made possible greater variety on the menu and perhaps most welcome of all—chips!

The rest of the kitchen area has been concentrated; a new larder has been constructed on the site of the old staircase to the cellars and the vegetable preparation and kitchen wash-up brought through into the space, now part of the kitchen, that was the old kitchen corridor.

The extension of the dining room covers the space formerly occupied by the Cooler, the Servery and the passage into the Gym. The dining room wash-up has been moved to the former gym store and the site of the back staircase, and is therefore next to the extended dining room. This has enormously decreased the amount of handling of crockery and cutlery. A new first flight of the back stairs has been built out in the courtyard.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

Autumn, 1964

This term the Society encountered considerable difficulty in finding time for some of its activities. However, it was able to arrange for the education of its members in the fields of mass spectrometry, lubrication, man-made fibres and the brewing of beer.

Films seen.

Analysis by Mass dealt with the basic principles and uses of the mass spectrometer. This device enables the constituent elements and isotopes of substances to be determined according to their masses. Although some senior members found the description of the instrument's operation rather inadequate, the film dealt with its application admirably.

Basic Principles of Lubrication described how the type of lubricant used in any situation depends on the conditions to

which the system is subjected. After a brief discussion of the physics of friction, the film dealt successively with fluid film lubrication, boundary lubrication and extreme pressure lubrication. Members were given an insight into an aspect of the subject rarely encountered in VIth form studies and this was much appreciated.

Lecture on man-made fibres.

This lecture was originally arranged for last Spring term but unfortunately had to be postponed because of inclement weather. The wait was worthwhile; the lecture was enthusiastically received by those (a majority) of the 5th and 6th forms who attended.

After a brief mention of man-made fibres in general and of the chemistry of Nylon, the lecturer described in detail how nylon thread is produced from the chips of the material, and how it is adapted for various uses. Though most thread is round, other shapes are used to produce unusual visual effects. This was forcefully illustrated by a piece of glittering yellow fabric made from triangular thread. By a process known as "bulking," the normally smooth nylon yarn is converted into one closely resembling wool; this was demonstrated by a working model. A brief mention was made of the problems of dyeing various fibres. The lecturer brought a vast variety of nylon products to illustrate the versatility of this material.

Visit to Stroud Breweries.

This trip was made to the brewing department of West Country Breweries Ltd, at Stroud, where Mackeson Stout and Whitbread Tankard are produced. The party saw the malted barley crushed and steeped in water ("liquor" in the brewing industry). The dependence of the flavour of the final product on the mineral content of this water was stressed. The resulting "wort" is heated with hops, strained, and passed through coolers into vats. Here it is inoculated with yeast and left for several days to ferment. Excise Duty was apparently paid at this stage. The finished beer is despatched in tankers to a bottling plant. We were fortunate in going on a Friday, as the party was able to see beer in every stage of fermentation, and everyone enjoyed a most interesting afternoon.

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The Society hopes to see some more films before the end of term.

The Society wishes to express its gratitude to the *Esso Petroleum Company Limited* and to *Associated Electrical Industries Ltd* for the loan of the films; to Mr. W. G. H. Robins (Technical Superintendent) and Dr. Amiss of *British Nylon Spinners Ltd* for delivering the lecture; and to *West Country Breweries Ltd* for entertaining our party at their Stroud brewery.

RENDCOMB MOTOR CLUB

Although now 4 years old, the Rendcomb Motor Club has for long been somewhat inactive. Recent months have, however, shown a great increase in interest. The new enthusiasm has made itself particularly evident among the more junior members and these have gained much valuable experience in stripping down and rebuilding a pre-war Morris engine, despite being hampered by a lack of spare parts.

In spite of some difficulty in finding a suitable showing time, two film shows were eventually arranged. The first was of a technical nature, dealing with the development of valves, fuel injection, and lubrication of the engine. These were possibly rather elementary, but were very effectively filmed, particularly the last. The second was *The Titans*, a review of Grand Prix racing in the 30's. This film was of quite exceptional merit, capturing very accurately the spirit and excitement of pre-war racing, and was received with widespread acclaim. Both shows were open to non-members, and the second collected most of the school.

A trip to the M. G. factory at Abingdon was also arranged. As well as members, a few interested non-members were included to fill the coach. Despite the disappointing absence of an engine assembly section (engine units were received prefabricated from the nearby Cowley factory) all those who went, thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon, and a close insight into the methods of assembly used at this non-automated plant was gained by all. The 'Competition Department' which prepares all the B. M. C. team rally cars aroused great interest, and an unscheduled break was enforced by the determination of members to inspect at close range the M. G. B which did so well at the Le Mans 24 hour race last June, and the Austin Healey 3000 which won the toughest international rally of the year, the Spa-Sofia- Liege. The attitude of the M. G. Company could hardly have been more co-operative, and we look forward to similar future visits to other factories.

The Club, aided by the indefatigable and unstinting contributions of the President, Mr. J. R. Dennis, has had a very successful term, and it is to be trusted that the prevailing enthusiasm will enable the club to expand its activities in future terms.

CRICKET SUPPLEMENT, 1964

The following matches were not recorded in the July edition.

First Eleven:

July 11th:

v. OLD RENDCOMBIANS (Home)

This match was cancelled because the Old Boys were unable to raise a team. We hope every effort will be made to ensure that this ill-fated fixture is more successful in the future.

July 13th:

v. NORTH CERNEY C. C. (Home) Won by 30 runs.

Rendcomb: 90 for 4 declared (Tovey 36, Sewell 23).

North Cerney: 60 (Tovey 7 for 22).

We scored our runs briskly in just over an hour against accurate, often quite hostile bowling, Sewell being particularly aggressive, Tovey scoring steadily, and Little and Glennie supporting well. After dismissing their first four men for 12 runs we eased up, but Tovey and Little at length disposed of their stubborn later batsmen amid the gathering gloom.

July 15th:

v. CHELTENHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL (Home) Won by 9 wickets.

Cheltenham: 33 (Heppleston 7 for 10).

Rendcomb: 37 for 1 wicket (Tovey 31).

On a grassy wicket and in warm sunshine Heppleston devastated our opponents in a magnificent spell of fast bowling His figures of 15 overs, 11 maidens, 10 runs, 7 wickets—including ten consecutive maidens in which he took six for nothing, five of them clean bowled—against batting of no mean repute, require no comment.

An incredible run out perpetrated by Glennie got rid of their captain. The Cheltenham bowlers and fielders gave

very little away, but nor did Tovey and Edy, both batting immaculately. Tovey took advantage of what loose balls there were, on such occasions hitting lustily, before being bowled when the scores were level. The final run ten minutes later represented a worthy tribute to a gratifying season.

Second Eleven:

July 11th:

v. CHELTENHAM COLLEGE 3rd XI—Lost by 9 wickets. Rendcomb: 76
(Glennie 22, Hillier 20).
Cheltenham: 78 for 1 wicket.

RUGGER REPORT

Rugger Retrospect, 1964.

Due to the abnormally dry summer, the pitches at the start of the term were rock-like, and the grass had been burnt very badly, leaving a surface that was unfit for rugby. Many improvisations were tried, but no real rugby was played until the second week of October. Before this, the team suffered a cruel blow when David Little, the vice-captain, sustained a leg injury which kept him out of the game all season. We were also denied the services of our captain, Sebastian Greenlaw, due to a cartilage operation during the summer holidays. The loss of these two key players made the task of team building very difficult, especially when numbers in the senior school were on the thin side. Added to this, the implications of the new laws had to be carefully studied.

The amendments to the laws were made to try to change the accent from defence to attack. The main changes seemed to be aimed at curbing the destructive activities of the wing- forwards, and giving the halves more room in which to move. New line-out procedures have given opportunities to break away from orthodoxy. With all this in mind we had to find a strong attacking combination to make capital of the scope available. Unfortunately, all our efforts were thwarted by a very large crop of injuries and we were never able to field anything like our strongest XV.

The backs suffered most, as Raddon, Marks, and of course Little, all had periods as spectators. The attacking play of

the backs was mainly very good although Marks and Sewell in the centre often tried to do too much on their own. Had the fast wingers, Bryant and Trier, been given more of the ball in the open, more scores would have resulted. The play of Sewell at inside-centre was especially noteworthy, considering his comparatively lean season last year. The half-back combination of Raddon and Shellswell was extremely successful. Raddon at scrum-half played very courageously at times, and absorbed a fair measure of punishment at the base of the scrum. Shellswell at out-half varied his attack very intelligently, and gave his centres a good service. He was rather loath to use the attacking kick to the wings, which as well as gaining valuable ground, conserves the energy of the forwards. Hillier held the full-back position and did a very competent job. Although at the start he did not inspire confidence in the players in front of him, at the end of the season his play had improved very considerably.

The pack as a unit improved with time, but even at the end of the season was guilty of some very elementary faults. One big weakness was the failure to clear a loose ball away from our goal-line. Panic very often set in here and it cost us the match against King's, Gloucester. Also the line-out jumping was ragged at times, making life rather difficult for Raddon. The front row consisted of J. Dow, Webb and Glennie. The two props were rather inexperienced at first, but developed into very useful forwards. Webb's hooking was not always successful, but this was due to Dow and Glennie not realising that props must also assist in directing the ball back through the scrum. Jefferies and Green shared the second row.

Jefferies had to captain the side because of injuries to Greenlaw and Little. He did the job very conscientiously, and his leadership on the field was responsible for the enthusiasm and fight which the team showed until the final whistle. Schwarzmantel and Hughes played at wing forward, and their defensive work and flair for attack made them a real asset. Pullen has developed into a first class number 8. He has tremendous power and speed and has fitted in to our new line-out tactics, in which we have a short line and withdraw some forwards to the backs. He scored two wonderful tries against the Old Boys from this position. A. Cattermole also played several matches, but did not hold a regular place in the team.

Although we did not expect a very successful season from the point of view of results, with the exception of the Marlborough debacle none of our defeats was disastrous. With a little bit of extra assuredness, we could easily have won three more matches. However, more important than actual results was the keenness and spirit shown by the team, and also the type of rugby played. It never resorted to a defensive style and at all times threw all its energies into attack. Also most encouraging was the development of the younger players on the side. In a few years' time we should be able to field a side which could conquer most of our present opposition.

1st XV:

v. MARLBOROUGH 3rd XV, Lost 49-10.

This was a dismal start to the season. Jefferies, acting as captain was the only one to show sufficient determination to get the ball over Marlborough's line. There were occasional bursts from individuals, Shellswell made some good breaks, but the lack of concentrated effort stultified even these attempts. The three-quarters tended to run flat, and the covering and tackling in defence was very weak. The pack was merely idle. Fortunately, a better spirit developed later, after positions were re-shuffled.

Team—Sewell, Bryant, Marks, Trier, Hillier, Shellswell, Raddon, A. Cattermole, Webb, Jefferies, Hughes, Green, Schwarzmantel, Pullen, Verge.

v. MARLING 'A' XV, Lost 34-3.

At last there were signs of a better spirit. Glennie's superior defence ousted Verge from his position, and Dow played at lock as Hughes was injured. But Sewell's work at inside centre was incomparable with his pathetic play at full-back against Marlborough. His try was superb, a model of quick-thinking and good backing-up. His defence was what the scrum relied upon. The "loose" play was too half-hearted, and the line-out was hopeless. Although during the first ten minutes of the second half, the team did respond to haranguing, we still did not take advantage of their weak handling and poor tackling.

Team: —Hillier, Bryant, Marks, Sewell, Trier, Shellswell, Raddon, A. Cattermole, Webb, Jefferies, Glennie, Green, Pullen, Dow, Schwarzmantel.

v. CHELTENHAM COLLEGE 3rd XV, Lost 16-8.

Although we were losing the tight scrums, and the threes' handling was not very good, we rallied after their early score. The pack was beginning to "hunt" the loose ball much more effectively. Dow, in particular had a much better game. The tackling was more frequent but still not very effective. Sewell made a determined run through to score a try, converted by Shellswell. The other try was made after a quick evasive run by Bryant.

Team: —Hillier, Bryant, Marks, Sewell, Trier, Shellswell, Raddon, Jefferies, Webb, A. Cattermole, Green, Glennie, Pullen, J. Dow, Schwarzmantel.

v. CIRENCESTER GRAMMAR 'A' XV, Lost 18-0.

This was the first game after half-term and S. Greenlaw's first match of the season. He and Jefferies formed a large and not ineffective second row. A. Cattermole was dropped because his play lacked the urgent drive vital to all, and particularly Rendcomb, rucker. After Cirencester's quick first try, the team slowly improved, until, in the second half, Cirencester only managed to make one doubtful score. Hillier's fielding was much improved. We took advantage of their weak passing in the threes, but did not manage to score. Rendcomb could learn from Cirencester's effective 'slipping' in the loose.

Team: —Hillier, Bryant, Marks, Sewell, Trier, Shellswell, Raddon, J. Dow, Webb, Glennie, S. Greenlaw, Jefferies, Green, Pullen, Schwarzmantel.

v. AVONHURST 1st XV, Won 10-6.

At last everyone was prepared to fight for a win. This was perhaps why we did not score more, for everyone was too eager to cross their line. Had we passed the ball out more often to our dangerous three-quarters, we might well have scored more. As it was we crossed their line at least four times without successfully scoring. The two tries were scored by Sewell and Jefferies, and were converted by Shellswell.

Team: —Hillier, Bryant, Marks, Sewell, Trier, Shellswell, Raddon, J. Dow, Webb, Glennie, Jefferies, S. Greenlaw, Green, Pullen, Schwarzmantel.

v. BELMONT ABBEY 'A' XV, Lost 23-5.

As Hughes came back to play for us, so Raddon became

injured, and Marks was forbidden to play by the doctor. Pullen replaced Raddon, and played commendably, though still playing rather as a wing-forward than a scrum-half. Smith took Mark's position at very short notice and never let the team down. After the long coach journey, the captain, Jefferies, was feeling far from well, but valiantly began playing and later felt strong enough to resume his captaincy. There was a very weak period of play either side of half-time, but suddenly in the 2nd half, the team attacked, and stayed in the opponents' half for most of the rest of the game. As against Avonhurst, we did not 'open' the play enough. Had we been as quick to back up as they were, we should have increased our score considerably. Sewell scored the try which was converted by Shellswell.

Team: —Hillier, Bryant, Smith, Sewell, Trier, Shellswell, Pullen, J. Dow, Webb, Glennie, Jefferies, A. Cattermole, Green, Hughes, Schwarzmantel.

v. OLD RENDCOMBIANS XV, lost 19-12.

The O. R. s were unfit but determined. We again had the old trouble of not dictating the pace. Our scrum was very slow to back up the three quarters. Sewell was more outstanding in the side, his defence thwarted several opportunists attacks from the O. R. s. Raddon was still injured so Hole, (scrum-half for the 2nd XV and under 15 XV) took his place. He worked hard, but the "patting back" from the line-out, and idle scrum work meant that he was punished very severely. The tries were scored by Pullen (two) and Sewell, and Shellswell scored a penalty goal. Unfortunately we took no advantage in the scrum of their lack of practice, and unfamiliarity of the new laws, and their apprentice scrum-halves.

Team: —Hillier, Bryant, Marks, Sewell, Trier, Shellswell, Hole, J. Dow, Webb, Glennie, Jefferies, Hughes, Green, Pullen, Schwarzmantel.

v. KING'S SCHOOL, GLOUCESTER 1st XV, lost 21-18.

During the first half we definitely outclassed our opponents. Our scrum fed the three-quarters continuously, but Sewell and Marks were not up to their usual form, and neither made a really determined break-through. They ran fairly well, but with not the same hell-for-leather fire as the Belmont centres did. The three-quarters did not watch their passing, and although the wing's had much more of the ball than usual, we

did not score as often as we should have. Hole, again at scrum- half, played an admirable game, though the scrum still did not protect him as much as it should.

Team: —Hillier, Bryant, Marks, Sewell, Trier, Shellswell, Hole, J. Dow, Jefferies, Glennie, Webb, Burman, Green, Hughes, Schwarzmantel.

v. COKETHORPE 1st XV, lost 26-5.

At first the teams were evenly matched and half-time saw Cokethorpe 10-0 up. But the scrum was plain paralytic, Dow and Pullen (who scored the try), were the only members of the scrum to show any spirited opposition at all. In the second half play degenerated, until in the last few minutes all attempts at tackling was abandoned. The three-quarters were reasonably good, but they did not follow Dow's fierce attacking spirit.

Team: —Hillier, Ogilvie, Marks, Smith, Bryant, Shellswell, Raddon, J. Dow, Edy, Glennie, Burman, Verge, Pullen, McKeown, Milam.

Players:

S. GREENLAW (captain). Very much a non-playing captain, (he played 2 games and 2 matches during the season). However he never missed a practice game and his enthusiasm and keenness had a lot to do with the spirit of the side.

C. G. JEFFERIES (acting captain). His play was an example for the rest of the side. He worked hard all the time, even against depressing odds, and always did his best to rally the team. Determined in the loose and invaluable in the tight he was a major force behind the team. It is difficult to captain a side, and lead them by example. He did both with credit. He captained the side six times and scored 5 tries, 1 conversion.

D. LITTLE (vice-captain). He was looking promising at inside-centre, but unfortunately broke his leg during the 3rd game of the season.

A. A. J. RADDON. Under the new laws, the scrum half is very much the central figure of the game. Raddon has always been a determined player, and his knowledge and experience were a great asset to the game. He was able to judge very shrewdly when to go blind, or to make a break on his own. He developed a good understanding with the fly half, and was quick to take advantage of the opponents' weakness. In defence and attack he was invaluable.

B. F. PULLEN. A fast and determined number eight, he quickly became used to going out to the "threes" in the short line-outs. It was here that he was really useful, as he proved in the match against the O. R. s. He must beware, however, of being too keen. On several occasions, he picked up the ball at the back of the scrum, to try and make a break on his own. These attempts were praiseworthy, but not always valuable. He must realise that the fundamental principle is to keep backing up and passing quickly (as occasionally against King's School). Heroism does not pay.

N. J. GREEN. He was too valuable to be allowed to play for the under 15 XV very often. His play improved considerably over the term. He was very keen, and had considerable stamina. Although his defence at wing-forward was good, blind breaks near the opponent's line are often unprofitable. Use the threes and back them up. Also, at the position of wing-forward, he must be meticulously careful about the offside rule.

P. W. HUGHES. It was unfortunate that he should have injured himself part way through the season. He was a determined player in the loose and defence. He covered quite well from number eight and wing-forward. Again, quick passing is essential, but although he was effective when he was "with the ball," he was not very fast.

F. R. GLENNIE. He languished for some time in the 2nds, but began to show some "bite" in his play. It was this, principally with his tackling, which won him his place. Not always an outstanding player, he had occasional very spirited bursts. If he could improve his speed in following the ball, he will be invaluable next year.

A. J. CATTERMOLE. At first Cattermole acted as prop forward, where he has had previous experience. Although an intelligent player, he was only really effective spasmodically, and did not maintain a concentrated determination to win. It was this factor which lost him his place.

R. J. VERGE. Verge occasionally showed great promise, particularly in a spirited attack. Unfortunately his tackling was weak, and this is intolerable in a wing-forward. It was a pity he did not develop his considerable potentiality.

D. I. BURMAN. He was called upon to play 2nd row, when Cattermole was injured, against King's School. Here he

acquitted himself commendably. Never hesitant or undecided, he tackled and hung on. What he most needs to develop is rather more “attacking spirit” and quicker running to cover the attack.

J. J. SCHWARZMANTEL. A determined player in the loose, but he should realise that he must pass the ball quicker. He had an unfortunate tendency of “dying with the ball”. Also, particularly against Cirencester, he did not resist a tackle quite as much as he should. On the other hand, when he was supporting the threes, and in open loose play, he was very strong in defence and attack.

J. A. Dow. Last season he showed little interest in the game, but after a little encouragement he fought his way into a position in the firsts. He was very useful in the lineout, but he must beware, whatever his opposite number may do, of “patting back.” The scrum half *must* have a clean pass. At prop forward he did not help the hooker enough, to get the ball out quickly. When aggressive he was very useful, but towards the end of term, his standard declined. He is especially slow to cover.

L. A. WEBB. As Jefferies was most useful in the second row, Webb took over the position of hooker. This he managed commendably, but as the props were not assisting him to their fullest capacity, for the King’s School match he returned to second row. He was very conscientious in all his play, and worked hard, even when sure of a place. His covering was inclined to be a trifle slow, but his loose play was very good.

R. W. HOLE. During his first game for the 1st XV, he was a little out of his depth. But later he played well, particularly against King’s School. His pass is very good, and he is not afraid to tackle or fall on the ball, despite the fact that his opponents were often much bigger than he was. A keen player, and vital grist for next year’s firsts.

S. H. SHELLSWELL. At first his fly-half play was a little too orthodox, but he later developed into a sound rugby player. Once or twice he missed his man, and failed to reach touch in kicking, but he was quick to make a break and established a good relationship with Raddon at scrum-half. He was very helpful in encouraging less skilled three-quarters

in practice games. With a really crashing tackle he would be a very dangerous fly-half, but he did not jump into the tackle enough. His ability as a place kicker was another welcome attribute.

J. B. MARKS. Very enthusiastic, particularly in matches. At first he had a bad tendency to hang on too long, but when he passed the ball out, then his sound judgement became really effective. He and Sewell formed an excellent combination, but the wings did not see enough of the ball. His defence was sound, but as the scrum was slow to cover, he often had to deal with more than one man.

R. A. SEWELL. Sewell's sojourn at full-back was an unhappy one. But at inside centre he was the backbone of the Rendcomb attack. His defence, particularly against Marling and the O. R. s, was invaluable. Perhaps if he had really gritted his teeth and gone for the line he might have scored more often, for his size and speed are great assets. Nevertheless he worked very well with Marks and together they acted as a formidable attack.

G. F. SMITH. He was called upon only once to substitute for Marks, although he did play in the 'A' XV. He is keen and quite fast, but lacks the determination to bang his way through. He can be very quick upon the tackle (as against Belmont), but his tackling and handling need more careful attention.

R. B. BRYANT. At the beginning of the season Bryant had to compete with Ogilvie who was close to winning his place in the firsts. Gradually, however, Bryant developed a good quick run, and was very fast upon the ball in defence— he got to his man just as the ball did. Once or twice he did seem to give up the attempt to burst through the opposition, but this was not general. Had he more often been given the ball, he might well have become a formidable player.

M. B. OGILVIE. He was a much larger right wing than Bryant, but lacked the quick sprint away from an attacker. His tackling might have been more frequent but was generally good. He inclined to be slow up in defence and his handling was not as polished as Bryant's. Consequently he was not a regular first team player, and languished in practice games which became rather boring.

P. A. TRIER. Trier was a good fast winger with an effective hand-off. His tackling was occasionally rather high and his handling was not perfect. Again had he seen more of the ball our attacking moves might have been more successful. One thing he must quell is his bad tendency to panic when hotly-pressed and to fly-back.

A. E. HILLIER. Hillier developed throughout the season. His positioning was at first unwise, he tended to stay too close to the threes, waiting to come into the line. Later his judgement improved, and he knew better when to stay back in defence and when to attack. His fielding rapidly improved, but he could have been quicker to kick with advantage. His tackling was sometimes unorthodox, and occasionally very weak (as against the O. R.'s), but in general he was a keen and sound rugby player.

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Moral of the Season. Although keenness is vital, individual heroism is unprofitable. Scrum should cover—sprint across—to link with threes. Quick passing from hand to hand will win the game, not prolonged “rucking” on the line.

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Under Fifteen XV:

The actual record, to date, was five games played, of which two were won and three lost.

The first match of the season was lost by only two points due to the lack of match experience. The second match against Cokethorpe was won 31-3, the ball often reaching the winger and tries were scored in this way. The score would have been larger but for the inability to convert.

Against Avonhurst, a new fixture, the side although out-sized and outweighed made up for this by fast movements in the loose and determined running. The score was 14-3. Another new fixture, against Belmont Abbey, showed the side the high standard which some teams reach at Junior level.

The team fought well at King's School, Gloucester although completely outweighed and outsized.

The team on the whole, was enthusiastic, but more competition for forward places would have seen a general improvement.

The following played: —J. J. Fonseca, D. F. R. Black, M. J. Dawson, K. J. Jordan, M. W. Harrop, W. R. Simpson, R. W. Hole, N. M. Collins, D. J. Curtis, M. T. Hitchman, D. P. Kyle, R. K. H. Hunt, N. A. Dakin, C. J. Gray, N. R. Parker, P. N. C. Evans, J. A. Hiscox, N. J. Green.

RESULTS:

Saturday, 24th October:

CHELTENHAM COLLEGE YEARLINGS, Lost 13-15.

Wednesday, 28th October:

COKETHORPE SCHOOL under 15 XV, won 31-3.

Saturday, November 7th:

AVONHURST under 15 XV, won 14-3.

Saturday, November 14th:

BELMONT ABBEY under-15 XV, lost 0-29.

Wednesday, November 25th:

KING'S SCHOOL, GLOUCESTER, under-15 XV, lost 0-60

RUNNING REPORT

Autumn Term, 1964

Up to the time of writing there has been one running match this term. This was a new fixture against Sir Thomas Rich's School at Gloucester.

Rendcomb were soundly beaten, but it must be said that the severity of the defeat was due in part to a combination of unfitnes, and an unfamiliar and difficult course. Apart from

N. S. Whatmough, Sir Thomas Rich's filled the first eight places, but M. B. Ogilvie, L. A. Webb and W. A. Laws appear to be a well-matched trio and should be very useful in future matches.

Final positions: N. S. Whatmough 6th, M. B. Ogilvie 9th, L. A. Webb 9th, W. A. Laws 11th, P. A. Trier 12th, S. H. Shellswell 12th, F. Bolton-King 14th, A. J. Raddon 14th.

Lost 61 pts. -22 pts.

The Juniors were also beaten, though A. E. Hillier, K. J. Jordan and P. R. Milam ran well, and the team as a whole showed considerable promise.

Final positions: A. E. Hillier 3rd, K. J. Jordan 6th, P. R. Milam 8th, D. R. Brown 10th, P. W. Taylor nth, J. J. Fonseca 13th, E. W. Yates 15th, N. J. Brown 16th.

Lost 51 pts. -28 pts.

OLD BOYS' NOTES

December, 1964 Recent O. R.

Publications:

Martin Butlin, who in 1962 published a book on the painter Turner's work as a watercolourist, has collaborated with Sir John Rothenstein, until recently Director of the Tate Gallery, where Butlin himself is a Keeper, in a new book on Turner, published by Heinemann at six guineas.

According to *The Times Literary Supplement*, this collaboration provides the most comprehensive account of the art of Turner, in the light of modern study and scholarship to be produced. Sir John published his previous book on Turner in 1960, and the two authors now trace his complex development in full, with the aid of ample illustrations, keeping biographical detail apart and keeping consistently to an exposition of what the paintings have to reveal.

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David Vaisey has also been collaborating in the production of a book. He is co-author of a scholarly account of the Great Rebellion as it affected the County of Stafford.

"Staffordshire and the Great Rebellion" edited by D. A. Johnson and D. G. Vaisey. Published by the County Records Committee of the Staffordshire Council.

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We congratulate both H. G. Richards on his marriage to Miss Lesley Richards on August 29th, last, and P. J. Callaghan on his engagement to Miss Anne Tilstone of Rodmarton.

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We also congratulate Mark Wittering on gaining his Honours Law Degree at Southampton University, and both Michael

Horton and Richard Sumsion on becoming Chartered Auctioneers and Surveyors. Horton is practising in Portsmouth and Sumsion in Chester.

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We were glad to see Michael Miles on Founder's Day, back with his wife from far away places and looking very brown after many years in the sun. He is in Insurance and by the time these notes are in print will be in Hong Kong.

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Tom Pettigrew is a trainee Accountant in the Gloucester County Treasurer's Department.

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John M. Webb's address is Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge (during term) and Churnwall, Manor Grounds, Cirencester, at other times. He is the new O. R. Assistant Secretary with special responsibility for arranging fixtures.

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Some new addresses:

- J. GOUGH, [REDACTED] Barrow-on-Soar, Leicestershire.
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Johannesburg, South Africa.
O. R. Secretary: CHRISTOPHER BRISLEY, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Princes Sutton, Bristol.
M. H. COMBE MARTIN, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
London W. 14. [REDACTED].
G. J. TAYLOR, [REDACTED] Ilford, Essex.
E. TAYLOR, [REDACTED] Gloucester.
J. TOOZE, [REDACTED] London W. 8. [REDACTED]
(from 18th December)

The following took tickets for the Annual Dinner at the College on Founder's Day:

M. J. Miles and Mrs Miles, N. R. Meakin, J. G. Sterry and Mrs Sterry, J. E. Allen and Mrs. Allen, F. J. Batten, G. D. Page, J. F. Beard, Mr. C. H. C. Osborne, A. C. Lucker, Mrs. Drake, Miss Gillian Edwards, J. G. A. Dainty, F. A. G. Ferguson, N. Slade, M. E. Morris, W. F. Smallwood and Mrs. Smallwood, D. J. Thomasson, M. R. Horton, Miss Betty Jenkins, J. E. Carus-Wilson and Mrs Carus-Wilson, D. R. Poole, D. Dakin, A. G. Major, J. R. Wheeler, R. Comley, Miss Pat Taylor, C. E. Coles, P. S. Alder, R. F. Butler, A. E. Godsell and Mrs. Godsell, Miss Anne Butler, R. G. Betterton, F. T. Luffman and Mrs. Luffman, C. J. Brisley, P. N. Cutts and Mrs Cutts, H. A. Gough and Mrs Gough, M. H. Ferguson, T. E. Benbow, Mr and Mrs J. C. James, D. M. Carus-Wilson, The Headmaster and Mrs. Quick, P. G. Auden, Mr Fell, A. R. Tenty. The Senior Prefect, D. A. Hogarth, attended as a Guest of the Society.

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The London Old Rendcombian dinner was held at Rennie's near Euston Station on Saturday, November 14th. Mr. Field was in the Chair and the Headmaster represented the College. The rendezvous was particularly pleasant and the evening was enjoyed by all.

The following were present: A. O. H. Quick, Mr and Mrs D. Field, Mr R. Horton and Miss Betty Jenkins, A. E. A. Brain, P. D. Quick, R. J. Kendal, K. M. Shephard, Mr and Mrs C. J. Brisley, Mr and Mrs F. C. Raggatt, J. B. O'Brien, Mr and Mrs B. Plenderleith, M. C. Thompson, D. Grant, Mr. and Mrs D. C. Vaughan, A. E. Shield, R. H. Jones, M. Whittering and Miss Sewell, F. A. G. Ferguson, D. Dakin, A. C. Magor, R. G. Betterton, Mr and Mrs E. J. Miller, C. G. V. Taylor.

The following O. R.'s were players in the Old Boys' Rugger match in November: D. J. Tovey, E. Taylor, R. S. Lowe, J. M. Webb, R. J. Parnell, H. E. Gough, J. Mitchison, C. C. Richardson, J. T. Wood, T. C. Bass, R. A. D. B. Laws, L. de V. Wragg, R. P. S. Harrison, C. B. Stillwell, D. A. N. Hogarth, Spectators included R. C. Jones, Bob Jones, N. C. Creffield, B. R. Ferguson, C. J. Webb, R. P. Goodchild.

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