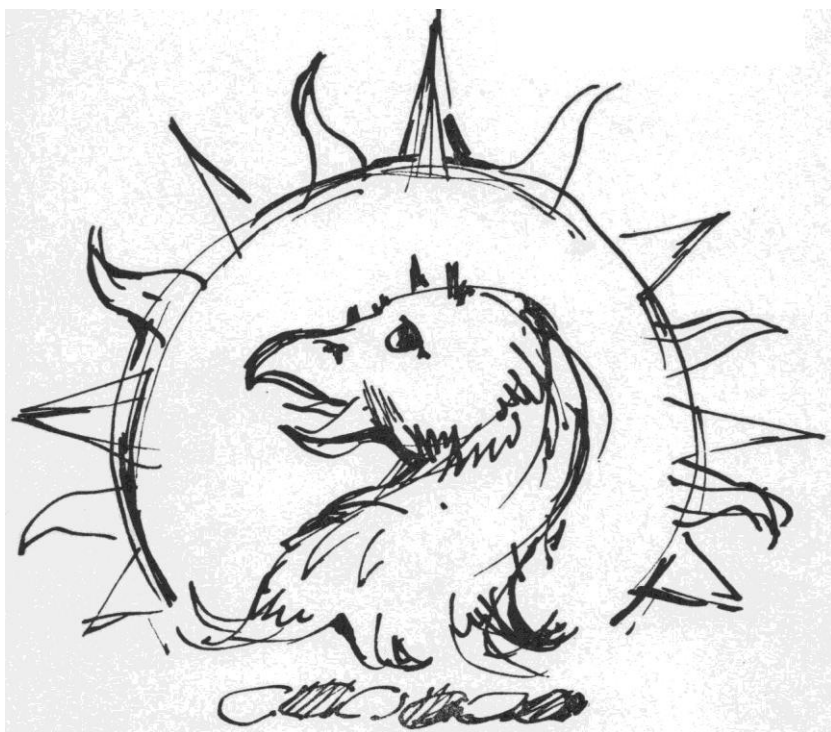


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## EDITORIAL

In order to make the *Chronicle* more topical and up-to-date it has been decided to reduce as far as possible the time-lag between College events and the publication of reports upon them. In this way, for example, games reports and Meeting Notes will no longer be a term in arrears, although comments on matches played late in the term may have to be deferred. The present number of the *Chronicle* therefore covers the events of both Spring and Summer Terms, 1964.

## COLLEGE OFFICERS

### Summer Term, 1964

*Senior Prefect*—D. A. N. Hogarth  
*Prefects and Group Leaders*—S. Greenlaw, D. J. Tovey, R. S. Lowe, D. G. Griffiths  
*Prefect*—R. B. Denny  
*College Workman*—R. B. Denny  
*Public Workman*—S. H. Shellswell;  
*Assistant*—B. R. Ferguson  
*Senior Music Librarian*—D. G. Griffiths  
*Choir Librarian*—H. Greenlaw  
*Picture Man*—J. Dow  
*Lamp Men*—C. G. Jefferies, D. Little  
*Church Ushers*—D. Little, L. A. Webb  
*Notices Men*—R. J. Verge, P. R. Milam  
*Stage Men*—D. G. Griffiths, S. H. Shellswell, J. A. Dow, G. F. Smith, L. A. Webb  
*Librarians*—S. Greenlaw, D. Little, R. A. Sewell, R. J. Verge, W. A. Thompson  
*Manual Foremen*—R. S. Lowe, S. H. Shellswell, G. F. Smith  
†*Furniture Committee*—C. G. Jefferies, R. B. N. Bryant  
†General Meeting Appointment

## GENERAL MEETING OFFICERS

### Summer Term, 1964

*Chairman*—R. B. Denny  
*Games Captain*—D. J. Tovey  
*Vice-Captain*—A. D. Heppleston  
*Games Committee*—D. Little, S. H. Shellswell  
*Tennis Captain*—R. C. Jones  
*Meeting Banker*—J. R. A. Rawlings  
*Boys' Banker*—D. G. Griffiths

*Shop Banker*—S. H. Shellswell  
*Senior Shopman*—P. A. Trier  
*Cricket Groundsman*—R. A. Sewell  
*Tennis Groundsman*—A. E. Pocock  
*Breakages Man*—N. J. Green  
*Games Committee Treasurer*—M. W. Harrop  
*Entertainments Committee Treasurer*—P. R. F. Chanin  
*House Committee Treasurer*—M. J. Dawson  
*Paperman*—J. F. Harris  
*Secretary*—L. A. Webb  
*Junior Shopmen*—F. R. Glennie, F. Bolton-King  
*Record Committee*—S. Greenlaw, N. S. Whatmough,  
     W. T. G. Griffiths  
*Entertainments Committee*—D. G. Griffiths, D. Little,  
     W. A. Laws, H. M. Peterson, T. V. Liddle  
*Junior Cricket Groundsman*—W. T. G. Griffiths  
*Junior Tennis Groundsman*—D. F. R. Black  
*Out of Season Hockey Games Warden*—J. Kinnear  
*Out of Season Rugby Games Warden*—J. C. L. Reason  
*Cricket Games Wardens*—A. E. Hillier, P. N. C. Evans  
*Tennis Games Wardens*—J. A. Hiscox, C. P. Mabblerley  
*Badminton Games Warden*—S. J. Brisk  
*Auditor*—P. N. W. Osbourne  
*Finance Committee Treasurer*—R. C. Goodsell  
*Drying Room Committee*—R. M. Thompson, N. R. Parker  
*Financial Advisory Committee*—E. Taylor, M. E. Stubbs  
*Rugby Fixture Secretary*—P. A. Trier  
*Hockey Fixture Secretary*—R. J. Verge  
*Cricket Fixture Secretary*—L. A. Webb  
*Cycle Committee*—G. C. Cattermole, D. I. Burman,  
     W. A. Thompson  
*Film Committee*—R. C. Jones, E. Taylor  
*Amplifier Technicians*—A. J. Cattermole, J. R. A. Rawlings  
*Council*—D. A. N. Hogarth, R. C. Jones, A. D. Heppleston, R. B.  
     Denny, S. Greenlaw, D. J. Tovey, R. S. Lowe  
*Rule Committee*—D. Little, D. J. Tovey, A. D. Heppleston  
*Magazine Committee*—R. J. Verge, N. S. Whatmough,  
     J. J. Schwarzmantel  
*Nominations Committee*—D. J. Tovey, R. A. Sewell,  
     D. A. N. Hogarth, S. Greenlaw, R. S. Lowe  
*Junior Forms Committee*—D. A. N. Hogarth, S. Greenlaw,  
     E. Taylor, P. A. Trier  
*Warden of the Meeting*—M. E. Stubbs

## **MEETING NOTES**

### **Spring Term, 1964**

Members generally took more interest in the Meetings, and more valuable discussion than in recent terms went on. This was mainly constitutional, and as a result several committees were altered, and a new one was created.

The Meeting became concerned about the junior part of the school, and a committee to look into the needs of the lower forms was set up. This office was called the Junior Forms Committee. The Entertainments Committee Treasurer was made responsible for Christmas Party Committee expenditure and the Billiards Committee expenditure, and in future he was to be separate from the Entertainments Committee. The Record Committee was reduced from five members to three, and the Finance Committee, which had not been used in recent years, was disbanded. In future the Meeting Banker was to report the current assets at each Meeting, and the Meeting Reserve was to be henceforth kept at not less than two hundred pounds.

A new loudspeaker was purchased, and Form IV were allowed to play the amplifier without permission. A member of the staff appealed on behalf of Oxfam for a donation, and the Meeting decided to give thirty pounds to this cause.

The following Classical records were bought this term: — Requiem (Verdi); Two Violin Concertos (Bach); Hansel and Gretel (Humperdink); Iolanthe (Gilbert and Sullivan); Hungarian Dances (Brahms).

## **MEETING NOTES**

### **Summer Term, 1964**

Although remarks in the Meetings this term occasionally tended to be frivolous, there was a great deal of valuable discussion.

A "Warden of the Meeting" was introduced whose duties entailed seeing that all Meeting Officers performed their various duties efficiently.

The Financial Advisory Committee proposed further financial changes which, above all, would ensure that the Meeting reserve would fall no lower than at present and that it should be supplemented each term, if there was a successful application for a rise in allowances, as at present the allowance

was not sufficient to cover all necessary expenditure. To this end a committee was formed to investigate the cause of the increase in expenditure over the last four years and to recommend in their report an appropriate increase.

The application for a rise in allowances was successful, although the 9d. a week increase was a little less than the increase recommended by the committee. The report also led to the standardisation of the business of coach fares with the College, and to the formation of a Breakages Committee to look into the breakages system in conjunction with the College, as it was felt that this would be beneficial both to the Meeting and the College.

## SCHOOL NOTES

### Spring Term, 1964

We bid farewell to C. B. Stillwell and to M. F. Ashe-Jones who left the College in March. We offer them our good wishes.

We were glad to have with us for one term Mr. N. Fogg, a student for the Diploma of Education. We wish him well in his future work.

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We acknowledge receipt of *The Buxtonian*, *The Wycliffe Star*, *The Decanian*, *The Richian* and *The Gresham*.

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A lecture on "Roman Britain", illustrated by transparencies, was given on February 25th by Mr. John B. Calkin.

A lecture was given on March 9th on "Brunei" by Mr. L. T. G. Rolt.

On March 14th, a talk was given to Forms V and VI by Mr. Nicholas Ridley, M. P.

The Camden Wind Quintet (flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and horn) gave a recital at the College on March 1st.

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On January 23rd a party from Forms II to VI visited Cheltenham to hear a recital by Julian Bream.

Forms IV, V and VIB visited the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham, on March 6th, to see a performance of "Macbeth".

The production of "Othello" at the Bristol Old Vic was attended by members of the VIth Form on March 20th.

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The following films were shown at the College during the Spring Term: "State Fair"; "Julius Caesar"; "Brothers in Law"; "The Cruel Sea" and "The Commancheros".

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In the Associated Board Music Examinations, March 1964, A. D. Heppleston passed Grade VIII with Merit (flute), and W. T. G. Griffiths passed Grade V with Merit (piano).

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## SCHOOL NOTES

### Summer Term, 1964

We welcome M. J. Baynham and M. J. Hitchman who joined us at the beginning of the term.

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We acknowledge receipt of *The Wycliffe Star* and *The Gresham*.

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Commemoration Day this year was replaced by "Commemoration Leave", from noon on June 5th to the evening of the 8th, thus providing a half-term break comparable with Long Leave in the Autumn Term.

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R. C. Jones, D. J. Tovey, R. A. Sewell and S. Greenlaw were selected to play for Gloucestershire Schoolboys in the Western Counties Schools Hockey Tournament held at Taunton from April 7th to 9th. The Gloucestershire team came first among the Western Counties on goal average. Tovey and Sewell were subsequently selected to play for the Tournament Eleven.

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The Director of the Public Schools' Appointments Board gave talks to Forms V and VI on May 18th.

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A party from Forms V and VI visited the Bristol Old Vic on May 8th to see a performance of "Love's Labour's Lost".

At Stratford on May 18th, a party from the upper school saw the performance of "Richard II".

Members of the Scientific Society visited Garrard's of Swindon on May 28th.

A party from Forms IV to VI visited Banks' Imperial Gallery, Cheltenham, on June 19th to see an exhibition of paintings by John Bratby.

## **FETE**

**May 30th, 1964**

A Fete was held in the College grounds by kind permission of the Governors and the Headmaster on Saturday, May 30th. Its purpose was to raise money for the Church Restoration Fund.

The weather was reasonably kind to us, for the small thunderstorm which threatened during the latter part of the afternoon did not break until the inevitable “clear-up” following the Fete was just completed.

The general organisers were the Rector, the Rev. J. P. Hart, and Mr. R. E. Caves, who made the many advance arrangements with a minimum of disturbance to both College and Parish.

The attractions of the Fete fell into two groups, the stalls and the sideshows. The former were furnished and run by members of the Parish, whose help was greatly appreciated. One stall offered a variety of edible produce, another sweets and chocolates, a third soft drinks and a fourth plants for the garden. A very successful “Bring and Buy” table provided a wide variety of items from woolly toys and children’s clothes to glassware and a magnificent scarlet-clad dog’s bed.

Sideshows were largely arranged and managed by members of Form IV, with help from Forms III and V. The boys’ ability to extract money from parents and friends contributed in no small way to the financial success of the Fete.

Two Bran Tubs attracted considerable attention and the more energetic of our friends spent much time and, we suspect, money, in attempting to dislodge coconuts. A number of coloured balloons floating over Gloucestershire that afternoon found their origin (and their hydrogen) at Rendcomb College. The loan of two ponies and a donkey was kindly arranged by Mrs. Benson, and these were a great attraction to the young and some not so young. Perhaps the most unusual sideshow was provided by “Woodlouse Racing”, but we are not sure whether advice on the habits and responses of woodlice furnished by the biology department gave the boys any marked advantage over their parents and friends.

In all, the Fete was a great success, both in terms of enjoyment and in the final sum gained—about two hundred and fifty pounds.



**“NOYE’S FLUDDE”**  
(By BENJAMIN BRITTEN)

**Cirencester Parish Church, May 1964**

It was an excellent idea of the Cirencester Schools Music Association to produce *Noye’s Fludde* as a combined effort and thus draw on the talent of several schools, and we, at Rendcomb, were very pleased to accept their kind invitation to take part.

We shall eschew modesty for a moment and say frankly it was gratifying we were able to supply two of the three singers for the main boys’ parts: two of Noye’s three sons. These parts were played by William Griffiths and Hugh Greenlaw.

*Noye’s Fludde* is one of those Chester Miracle Plays performed on carts halted at street corners. They became a feature of Holy Days when frequent performances were given throughout the day: one performance being over, the cart moved on to other street corners, or places where people would gather. These plays were necessarily fairly short because it was considered important that the stories should be seen and heard by as many people as possible; therefore frequent performances were given to smaller groups than could assemble on a Castle Keep or Cathedral Green.

One aspect of Britten’s genius is his ability to work wonders with comparatively small resources. Some of his operas, for example, require orchestras of only a dozen or so players, yet the result is as satisfying as where ninety players are wanted. Britten thinks differently from, say Wagner, though when he needs a large orchestra he does not hesitate to demand one, *cf. The Spring Symphony*, or even two, as in *The War Requiem*.

Here then, to hand, in the Miracle Plays were scenes, complete in themselves making plays of about forty minutes length, and inviting a musical setting of the kind in which Britten has shown himself a master. Whereas the operas mentioned required small resources in numbers, the demand on the performers’ skills is prodigious. In setting *Noye’s Fludde* Britten set himself a different kind of limitation, not in numbers but in the demands on the technique of both players and singers. The result was the setting to music of this delightful

little play where there are parts for every kind of music maker from the elementary grade to the advanced. There are also parts for about twelve professionals: two singers and the rest instrumentalists. "Every kind of music maker" is not an empty phrase: the score calls for hand-bell ringers, percussion of all kinds, recorders, trumpets, bugles, and all strings.

The professionals are Mr. and Mrs. Noye, sung here by OWEN BRANNIGAN and MYRA SANDERS, a string quartet, double bass, recorder, piano duet, organ and timpani (described as Master of Percussion).

Preparation began as far back as July last year and auditions were held here at Rendcomb early in September. Rehearsals began in earnest in the Easter term.

Rehearsal times were the only real problem which might cause us to have second thoughts on another occasion. It proved extremely difficult to arrange them in free time; when a day school has no free periods a boarding school often has. But with the co-operation of the staff who put up with an enormous amount of interference with their teaching programmes, and we are grateful for their forbearance, we were able to take part in almost all of the rehearsals.

Five performances were given in Cirencester Parish Church on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 12th, 13th and 14th of May. One performance was given on Wednesday and two on the other days.

The stage was erected in the arch of the West Door and the seats were turned round so that the audience sat with their backs to the Chancel. This is the only solution in a church where, as in Cirencester, there is a hefty screen dividing the Chancel from the Nave. The orchestra, of about 100 players, was in the western end of the North Aisle, except for the trumpets who were at the east end.

The costumes were all made by the girls of Deer Park School. To the surprise of many boys, girls from the same school were responsible for the wiring of the stage lighting and for the construction of the control panel. The excellence of their work was praised by Electricity Board officials who came to inspect before power was switched on from the mains.

The producer was Mr. Brian Sara from Cirencester Grammar School and the conductor was Mr. Merlin Channon, who has first hand knowledge of the work since he was Associate Conductor to Britten at Aldeburgh at the first performance of *Noye's Fludde* and also assisted Norman del Mar when the work was recorded for Argo.

The following Rendcombians took part:

WILLIAM GRIFFITHS... Ham \ *Sons of Noye*  
HUGH GREENLAW... Jaffett /

**Strings:** PETER TRIER, RICHARD BRYANT, NIGEL WHATMOUGH, ALEC THOMPSON, JONATHAN HISCOX, HENRY PETERSON, CHRISTOPHER STEVENS, HAYDN THOMPSON.

**Trumpets:** JOHN GODDEN, WILLIAM SIMPSON

**Singers:** SEBASTIAN GREENLAW, STUART SHELLSWELL,  
MICHAEL VEASEY, DAVID GRIFFITHS, RICHARD VERGE,  
NICHOLAS WAPSHOTT, MICHAEL COX, ANTHONY WALKER,  
PHILLIP CUTTS, TREVOR LIDDLE, NIGEL BROWN.

### THE HEADMASTER'S SPEECH

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I must begin by apologising for two things, both the inevitable results of the growing numbers in the school. First the cramped conditions in which you find yourselves today— our expansion means your contraction on this occasion and next year the position will be more difficult. We may well have to consider a change—either by somehow increasing the seating accommodation or by restricting the audience perhaps by having a different function for Old Boys. Secondly, the College is not as neat and clean as we should like as the builders have made a very prompt start to the biggest project for this year—the modernisation of the kitchen and the expansion of the dining hall. The renovation of the kitchen is an expensive and un- glamorous job but none the less essential. The College was put up in the days when people were generous with both space and labour. The present wash up is now 30 yards from the dining hall, the hot plate a further 25 yards from it and it is then approximately 35 yards back to the dining hall. If a plate

were to complete the entire round for every meal in the term, it would have achieved some 14 miles by the end of the term. Thus an entirely new lay out is needed and modern equipment will also make it easier for the caterers to vary the menu; we shall get nearly a 50% increase in our dining space which is very much needed for our steadily increasing numbers.

The academic results for the period of my report have again been excellent—in fact the ‘A’ level results for 1963 before you on the Programme are quite outstanding—both in their numbers, (53), the number of top grades, (12) and the range of subjects, (11). If Rendcomb had been included in the league table published in the *Sunday Times* it would have come in the top ten in the Distinction Table, a decimal point below Marlborough and above Westminster and Sedbergh. The ‘A’ level table was based on such unsound principles as to be more or less valueless. The historians again distinguished themselves, with Colin Stillwell winning a scholarship at Oxford.

Here I must enter a word of warning. Owing to the exceptionally small entries of 1959 and 1960 our ‘A’ level results will not appear so good in the next two years as we shall have a very small VIth form. When the first of the larger forms, the present IVth Form, does ‘A’ level in 1967 we shall hope for as impressive results—or even better!

The most important change in the curriculum has been expansion of science in the lower school. Mr. Caves who has taken over the teaching of Chemistry from Mr. Fell, who continues to teach the senior Physics, has successfully started a junior school Chemistry course to ‘O’ level: this will be of great use to all, particularly those who wish to specialise in science in the Sixth Form: the extra number of periods have been readily accepted by the school and I hope you will agree that your boys do not look any the worse for wear. It is the ingenuity of our scientists which is on display this afternoon; under the expert guidance of Mr. Fell and the rest of the science staff, they have prepared a number of exhibits and experiments to intrigue you and perhaps even to educate you! I hope you will all visit the science block after tea.

The smallness of the Sixth form has made it more difficult than usual for Rendcomb to compete in games—I think there is no school against which we play less than 2½ times our size. The Rugby team had a poor season though they ended on a cheerful note with two victories at the end of term. Both the

Hockey and Cricket teams had much greater success and did well considering our lack of older boys, perhaps because both games require greater skill than Rugger—in case anyone thinks this is an unprejudiced remark, I assure you that I come from a soccer school. In Cricket, our captain, David Tovey, has had a very successful season with bat and ball. He has so far taken 37 wickets in 1st XI matches for 154 runs.

To match the outstanding 'A' level results we have one outstanding achievement in the field of sport. Last year's Hockey captain John Webb got a Hockey Blue at Cambridge as a freshman—the first Blue I believe to be won by an Old Rendcombian. We were all delighted here; however much he may have learnt at Cambridge it reflects great credit on the high standard of Hockey here and the hard work put in by Mr. Sells and other members of the staff. Cross-country running and tennis have continued to develop although the latter has been handicapped by the illness of the captain, Russell Jones, and in running we shall miss the enthusiasm of David Hogarth who has done so much to get it going.

Much the greatest internal change in the life of the school this year has been brought about by the addition of the new wing; this has meant that we have been able to provide on the Arts side, classrooms that are used only for teaching and each of these has been allocated to a different subject. So our teaching accommodation has been greatly improved. Moreover, all boys in the Vth and above are in studies and those in the Upper VIth and some in VIA are in single study bedrooms. This gives greater privacy and greater opportunity for a boy to follow his own interests; and the individual studies bring senior boys much nearer to the conditions under which they have to work at the University, and thus soften the transition between school and university. The greater amount of space has I think, been the most important factor in the smoother running of the school which I have noticed this year.

We have undertaken two projects out of the normal routine this term. First the fete. This was a great success raising nearly £250 for the Church roof. I would like to thank the many parents who made it a success both by coming themselves and by generous contributions to the bring and buy stall. The entertainments were organised by the school: it was the woodlouse racing with its accomplished IVth form fanciers that hit the headlines though the, Tombola, I think made the most.

Secondly, the school took part in a joint production of Benjamin Britten's *Noyes Fludde* by the Cirencester schools. This was an ambitious and successful production enhanced by its setting in Cirencester Church which must be one of the finest parish churches in the country: two of our singers, William Griffiths and Hugh Greenlaw sang solo parts with credit. We are indebted to those who organised it for asking us to take part and to Mr. Tooze who had his diplomacy tested to the full in reconciling the various conflicting interests over rehearsals and performances.

And here it is right that I should say something of Mr. Tooze's work for Rendcomb, as though he is not leaving till the end of next term, this is the last Founder's Day he will attend as a member of the staff, though we hope he will be able to find time to visit us on subsequent occasions. Mr. Tooze is the first director of music that Rendcomb has had and the high standard of music in the school and the very wide interest in it is a tribute to the success of his work here and the large part taken by the school in *Noyes Fludde* was a tribute to the flourishing state of the music. And it is not only in the field of music that we shall miss Mr. Tooze; he has been a friend and counsellor to many boys since he joined the staff and he has done valuable work in maintaining the connection between the College and the Old Rendcombians.

Now to turn to national matters; for two reasons I do not feel the pessimism in many public school headmasters about the future of independent schools, first I believe the political dangers to independent education have been exaggerated. Both parties wish to encourage education and will be reluctant to take measures aimed at handicapping or destroying schools. Secondly, most reformers would like the public school to approach nearer the pattern of Rendcomb. Readers of the *Observer* may have seen the article on the public schools earlier this year in which Rendcomb was described as forming a bridge between independent and state education. There is a general feeling that boarding school education should be open to those who have been at primary schools as well as those at prep schools. Rendcomb is the only independent school that does this on any scale and that the Founder should have foreseen this forty years ago is a signal tribute to his longsightedness.

fees here are not economic, but even in those schools where the fees are £450 a year—the minimum needed even in a larger school to conform to our standards—capital improvements have to be paid for by sums raised laboriously from Old Boys and friends of the school. Headmasters carrying through the recent developments we have had here, would have had first to spend three or four years raising the funds, a task that takes them away from the school and their proper job. The speed with which it has been possible to carry through recent developments is most unusual and we owe it entirely to the full support and energy of the Governors. Perhaps only I am in a position to realise how much the school is indebted to the Founder and his family, to the Governing Body and to the wisdom and good sense of the Chairman; I would like first, all of you, both parents and boys, to realise that too, and secondly to thank them very sincerely on behalf of us all.

## **FOUNDER'S DAY SPEECHES**

**July 4th, 1964**

The Chairman of the Governing Body, Colonel John Godman, welcomed everybody. He then announced the resignation of Mr. H. St. G. Rawlins from his position as Secretary to the College. Mr. Rawlins' wisdom and wide experience, however, would still be available to us as he had now become a College Governor. Colonel Godman then referred to the development of the new laboratories and the improvement to the kitchen facilities. After the Headmaster's speech (*see below*) he introduced Sir James Cassels G. C. B., K. B. E., D. S. O. and outlined his distinguished career.

Sir James Cassels began by observing that he had at least performed the one essential task of the guest of honour, that of obtaining a half-holiday for the boys. His first point concerned the question of leadership. There had been much nonsense talked about this, he said, for instance the idea that a leader was born and not made. He considered two things fundamental to leadership: firstly, that the leader should "know his stuff." No leader should demand of his subordinates tasks which he was not prepared to attempt himself. The second essential was a thorough knowledge of one's men so that the leader would eventually possess their complete confidence. As a British citizen, but not as a soldier, he regretted the abolition of National Service, which taught the need for discipline. He deplored

the lack of discipline in modern society, such as was found in “mods” and “rockers”.

“Have a bash”—this was his next point. He himself had benefited incalculably from practising this *modus vivendi*. Finally, he quoted Field Marshall Sir Philip Chetwold as saying that loyalty to King and country come first, the care and honour of the troops next, and personal comfort last. This he commended to his audience.

Lord Wigran proposed the vote of thanks, calling the speech a truly inspiring one which the school would indeed do well to take to heart.

### **THE SCIENCE EXHIBITION**

The major display for Founder’s Day this year was an exhibition of science. Exhibits were contributed by the physics chemistry and biology departments.

In the darkroom were demonstrations of a ripple tank, high speed electronic counter and a simple machine which played a game. Also there was a basic computer, constructed in the workshop by M. E. Stubbs. In the small laboratory were two “Van der Graaf” electrostatic generators and a “Wimshurst” generator connected to an apparatus which illustrated the law governing the distribution of velocities between molecules in a gas.

This was followed, in the General Laboratory, by a model of a household electric wiring scheme, a cloud-chamber, a navigational gyroscope and a geiger-counter used for radioactive dating of rocks. However the main part of the general laboratory was occupied by an extensive exhibit related to evolution and earth history. This illustrated the conditions which existed on earth during three prehistoric eras; the Devonian-Carboniferous, Jurassic-Cretaceous and Pleistocene Periods. These were illustrated by three splendid pastel drawings by S. H. Shellswell, together with examples of fossils, minerals, colour- slides and pictures of cave paintings.

The Biology Laboratory contained a fine exhibition on genetics and the mechanism of evolution. The theme was, “Evolutionary change depends on Variation, Competition and Heredity” with examples of each. Variation was shown in species of Lepidoptera, snails and plants. Competition was illustrated by a small plot of land supporting plants competing for light and space. The mechanism of heredity was explained



by four impressive models of D. N. A. and cell division all extremely well made, and illustrations of Mendel's two laws using variation in colour of cattle and flowers, and sex inheritance in poultry and gooseberry-moths. Present day examples of adaptation were also shown.

Use was made of the new chemistry laboratory for the chemists' contribution. There was a display of balances, primitive and modern, including a modern automatic balance on loan from the manufacturers for this exhibition. The major attractions were spectacular demonstrations of colour-change, heat-change and catalysis occurring in chemical reactions. The chemistry display was continued in the Senior Chemistry Laboratory and a demonstration of "thermite" processes in the courtyard. In the laboratory were a diffusion apparatus, a demonstration of the principles behind isotope separation and displays of colloids, chromatography and chemoluminescence. There were also various organic preparations using the new "Quickfit" glassware.

The keen interest shown by visitors to the science exhibition was a just reward for all the work put into it by Staff and boys.

### **THE ART EXHIBITION**

It was the juniors who came off best in the art exhibition. The scene in a Chinese backstreet, and the French theme from Form I's work showed a spirited attack less obvious in the senior work. Among the reasons for this was the apparent lack of groundwork exercises in the senior work. This should not imply poor contributions, for there were some pleasing, bright flower studies, still-lives, and individualistic compositions. There were few contributions to the drawing from forms IV, V, and VI, yet "Drawing is the probity of art." (Igneess).

There were also some bright, if similar landscapes in water colour, an interesting medium of wide scope for quick work. In poster-colour there was a variety of effective, stylised compositions from Form III. Forms IV and V, with the exception of John Daw and Paul Rayner were relatively unproductive. It is a pity they do not afford the time, for they should not misinterpret the sentiment summed up by Millet: "Art is not a pleasure to sip. It is a battle, a mill that grinds." Sebastian Greenlaw has afforded the time and fought the battle this term and the range and quality of his work in this exhibition shows a considerable achievement.

### **THE WOODWORK EXHIBITION**

The woodwork section of the exhibition this year showed that the high standard of work exhibited in previous years had been maintained. Although there was not perhaps such a variety of work, new ideas in construction and the use of slightly unorthodox materials compensated for this. Work of the first two Forms was varied and of skilled construction, giving the impression that the future of woodwork in Rendcomb is in capable hands. A large number of tables of varying size and design appeared this year, from a two-tier occasional table in mahogany complete with glass magazine rack to a table with a mosaic top made from pieces of tile. The workshops acquisition of a large amount of Formica resulted in various trays and cheese boards covered with this material. A single-seater canoe was on display having been made from a kit. Something not seen in previous years was an electric guitar in full working order. An interesting innovation was a board containing samples of all the various types of wood available in the workshop. An attraction to the visitor more interested in constructional details was a partially completed bedside-cabinet which was exploded to show the type of joints used. Although not made in the College a lectern in oak was displayed which had been presented to the College by the Simpson Memorial Fund.

### **THE PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION**

This year's photographic exhibition contained a smaller number of prints than last year's, but most of these were of a higher standard and the range of subjects was far more comprehensive. Of course the inevitable photographs of racing cars appeared, but in smaller numbers than last year. At the other end of the scale, some novel and striking effects were produced by printing contrasty negatives on extra-hard paper, thus resulting in a tone separation effect, emphasising the blacks and whites instead of the intermediate tones. A good example of this was J. R. Rawling's unusual print from a colour transparency giving a dramatic negative effect, and R. B. Bryant's fascinating design with grasses.

A welcome innovation was the use of much larger prints, sadly lacking in last year's exhibition. Several of this year's prints were 15ins. x 12ins. while none were smaller than 10 ins.

x 8ins. This larger size so enhanced some of our earlier photographs that it was decided to include two prints which were shown last year.

Another welcome feature was the much larger proportion of artistic photographs. Last year's exhibition tended to be biased rather too much on the technical side, while this year a far more balanced combination between the artistic and the technical was achieved.

The photographs in the exhibition represented quite a good cross section of the Photographic Society, but it was still not large enough. "A" and "O" level examinations prevented a lot of members from devoting much time to photography, and more prints from the junior members especially in form IV, in future, will be most welcome.

### **HOCKEY REPORT, 1964**

This season the weather was far milder than last year and except for a few games at the start of the season on the "asphalt" and an occasional one during the season, "top" was otherwise used.

The good weather was reflected by the 1st XI's playing seven of their nine matches, compared with four last season. Although seven players remained from last year's XI, a few of the remaining places proved difficult to fill adequately. The defence however was of an exceptionally high standard and it was mainly because of them that, except for one match, no other side scored more than a single goal against us during the whole season. The forward line with three places to fill from last year's team found difficulty in settling down and were rarely able to make full use of the short passes amongst each other and hence play as a co-ordinated unit; this improved slightly during the season but on many occasions after skilful approach work by the forwards the necessary drive needed to score was sadly lacking.

Last year's policy of a young 2nd XI in 1st game proved invaluable this season and the 2nd XI was unfortunate in having three of their six matches cancelled. The juniors were more fortunate this season than last in playing three of their five matches, from which several promising players emerged.

The high standards attained in the past in 1st game were undoubtedly maintained this year; also a keen interest was shown by nearly everyone throughout a long season. If next year's 1st XI forward line can practice working together before their matches begin the XI should have another successful season.

### **1st XI Matches**

Saturday, February 1st:

v. DEAN CLOSE 'A' XI (Away). Lost 0—1

This was a very fast game with the Rendcomb forwards in the first half dribbling well and constantly on the attack; but Bryant on the right wing lacked drive and failed to give many hard centres. Dean Close were, however, lucky to score midway through the first half during a melee in the circle, with Greenlaw, in goal, on his knees.

In the second half the forwards were again soon attacking with Heppleston at inside left giving several good passes to Stillwell on the left wing; the latter returning them with equally good centres. The inside trio lacked polished finish, although a few quite hard attempts were made at goal. Territorially we were superior and in the last quarter Dean Close were content to close up the game and merely keep us out of their circle. Our defence served the forwards admirably with Lowe at right half and Sewell at left back prominent. Verge, however, at right back was dangerously slow and lacked his usual hard clearance. Saturday, February 8th:

v. BRISTOL GRAMMAR SCHOOL (Home). Won 7—0

Stillwell moved to the right wing, Webb coming in on the left. Shellswell replaced Verge at right back. The Bristol side was slow and inexperienced, the Rendcomb forwards taking full advantage of this, being well served in the circle by the halves. The inside trio combined well, each scoring two goals. Stillwell just before half time did a solo run on the wing finishing with a goal from a well judged shot.

In the second half the Bristol defence improved considerably; the Rendcomb forwards still put in several hard shots, but they were all well saved and there was no further score. Saturday, 15th February:

v. KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL, BATH. (Home). Won 3—1

Pocock replaced Webb on the left wing, the rest of the team remained unchanged. Approach work by the forwards was good against a well drilled and skilful opposition. Little flicked in the first goal in the first quarter, but King Edward's kept on pressing, although Rendcomb again scored through Jones. King's then replied by a goal before half time from a movement which cut a large gap in the Rendcomb defence.

In the second half the defence showed its high standard with Sewell stopping and clearing exceptionally well. Tovey at left half sent many useful shots across to the right from one of which Jones scored. Ferguson at centre half sent many useful clearances to the wings and Pocock although closely marked managed to get across a few good centres.

Tuesday, 18th February:

v. CHELTENHAM COLLEGE (Away). Lost 0—1

The team was unchanged. On a smooth pitch Rendcomb attacked strongly in the first half and were unlucky not to score, several shots being scrambled off our opponents goal line. Just before half time Cheltenham scored from a hard shot which Greenlaw had little opportunity of stopping.

In the second half Cheltenham took greater advantage of the smooth pitch by intelligent use of the short through pass and the flick. Fine work by the defence, notably Ferguson at centre half, kept Cheltenham from scoring again; but the Rendcomb forward line was unable to move up the field as an inter-passing unit and, except for a few individual runs, the forwards never looked really effective.

Saturday, 22nd February:

v. MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE 2nd XI (Away). Lost 1—4

Webb replaced Little at centre forward and Verge came in for Shellswell who was ill. The pitch was extremely rough and unbelievably slippery, with a considerable slope on it. The backs played well in the first half, stopping the ball cleanly and hitting it hard to the wings, and the forwards with Webb in the centre looked menacing. Heppleston dribbled and hit well in the first half but became rather ineffective in the second.

Marlborough scored first, but Rendcomb equalised before half time through Jones, following an excellent centre from Pocock on the left wing.

Marlborough in the second half adapted themselves better to the slippery conditions, their forwards were combining very well, and had the Rendcomb defence in trouble for most of the half. Only some brilliant saves by Greenlaw kept the score down to 4—1.

Saturday, 7th March:

v. LYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL (Home). Won 3—0

Shellswell, again fit, came in at right back, otherwise the team remained unchanged. Rendcomb forwards were soon attacking but again lacked the finish required to score. The Lydney goalkeeper however made several notable saves and it was not until midway through the first half that Pocock stopped a centre from the right wing and scored with a hard shot. He continued to play well, giving good service to the rest of the forward line. The inside trio dribbled well but found difficulty in flicking the ball past the advancing Lydney goalkeeper.

In the second half Webb, at centre forward, followed up a melee in the circle and pushed the ball into the goal. Jones added the third goal. Although a satisfactory game, the Rendcomb forwards failed to make full use of the opportunities and with more intelligent play could have scored several more goals.

Saturday, 21st March:

v. OLD RENDCOMBIANS (Home). Lost 0—1

This match was originally cancelled owing to weather conditions, but so many Old Rendcombiants arrived that it was decided to play on “2nd Pitch”. Stillwell and Greenlaw were ill, so Cattermole deputised in goal and Little came in on the right wing, to face what turned out to be a strong O. R.’s team.

In the first half the approach work of the forwards was again progressive but they still lacked penetration in the circle. The O. R.’s made better use of the uneven surface by playing a

more open game, hitting the ball around especially to J. M. Webb at inside left and he, although well marked by the College defence, dribbled past several players scoring a neat individual goal. The College defence then tightened and close marking and hard hitting especially by Ferguson and Tovey kept the O. R's forward line at bay.

In the second half the pace slackened distinctly and the O. R's by good placing and hard hitting were able to reserve their energy. The College defence worked admirably and the XI, missing two key players, did well to lose by only a single goal.

### **The First Eleven**

S. GREENLAW played in goal for all but the last match. Although inclined to be rather temperamental on occasions and to let through the easy shot, he nevertheless did many memorable saves and his kicking of the weak shot steadily developed. Next season he will be a great asset to the team.

R. A. SEWELL played at left back, where he used his exceptional anticipation to stem many attacks. His long reach and skilful stickwork made him very difficult to pass and he rarely failed to stop the ball or to send a powerful clearance to the wings.

R. J. VERGE started the season well at right back but failed to develop as much as was hoped and only towards the end of the season did he begin to show something of the drive and speed that he is capable of. If he perseveres he should become a reliable member of next year's team.

S. H. SHELLSWELL played in five matches at right back and although not admirably suited for a back he tried hard, adapting himself remarkably well and combining intelligently with Sewell. However, next season he might do better in the halves or forward line.

D. J. TOVEY at left half played very consistently. His speed has improved from last season, but still remains his main weakness. However, he positioned himself intelligently, stopping and hitting reliably. His very effective cross pass was his greatest asset and started many forward movements.

B. R. FERGUSON played at centre half; he showed great keenness and possessed a good hockey sense. His dribbling and hitting were of a high standard and in many matches he marked his opposite centre forward completely out of the game.

R. S. LOWE played his first season for the 1st XI at right half. He was inclined to be slightly slow into the tackle and hold his stick too rigidly, but he invariably persisted with his opponent and eventually won the ball. He consistently fed the circle and became a valuable member of the team.

A. E. POCKOCK played on the left wing for five matches. He was not very fast, but with more endeavour his speed could develop. He possessed a hard centre and when he watched the ball he generally managed to stop the big clearance. With more practice and greater effort he should settle down well into this difficult position.

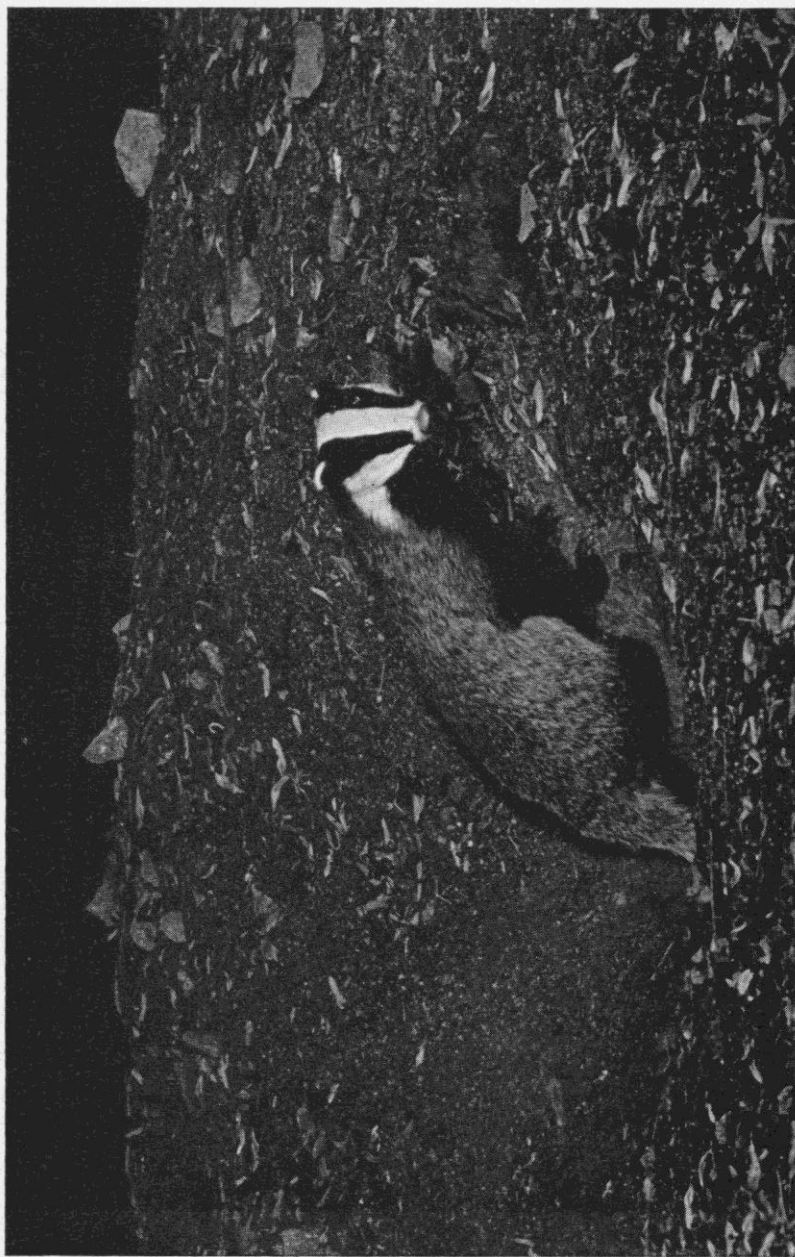
A. D. HEPPLESTON at inside left was a much improved player this season; although at first unfit he soon adapted himself into this tiring position. He distributed the ball intelligently and was unlucky to score only twice. If he becomes more forceful in the future and develops some variations in his game, he should be a very useful player.

The centre forward position proved difficult to fill this season. D. LITTLE started off very promisingly making full use of his powerful shot and good timing, then he became rather ineffective mainly because he seemed reluctant to go and fetch the ball and also found difficulty in combining with the other forwards. He regained his form towards the end of the season and played a useful game on the right wing against the Old Rendcombians.

L. A. WEBB eventually became centre forward, after one match on the left wing. Although inexperienced he possessed skilful stickwork and combined well with the insides. If he can endeavour to play a more relaxed game he will become a dangerous centre forward.

R. C. JONES captained the team from inside right. He shared with the other forwards the main faults of the season: failure to combine consistently with short passes and lack of finishing power. Nevertheless he played with great keenness and set a good example to the side. As captain his control of the game was very sound and he used his voice sensibly and





**Badger**

*Photo: C. M. Swaine*



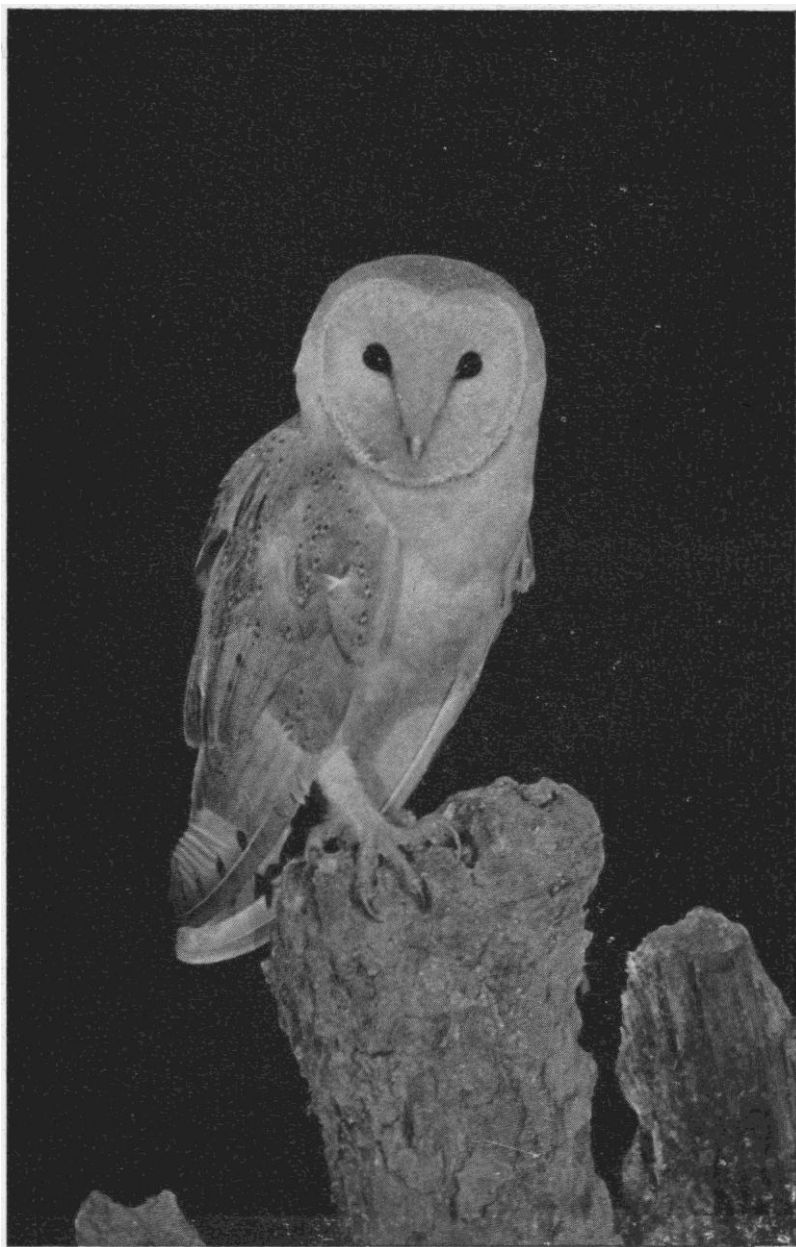
**Fete, May 30th, 1964**

*Photo: A. Richardson*



**Fete, May 30th, 1964**

*Photo: R. B. N. Bryant*



**Barn Owl**

*Photo: C. M. Swaine*

to good effect, with sound judgement as to when to censure and when to encourage.

C. B. STILLWELL started the season on the left wing, his usual position, with R. B. N. BRYANT on the right wing. In the first match however, Bryant was ineffective and obviously not ready for the 1st XI, although he should develop quite well in the future.

For the rest of the season Stillwell played on the right wing. His speed has increased a great deal since last year and, although he was occasionally starved of the ball, when it did go up his wing he generally gained a great deal of ground and then centred powerfully. He played particularly well against Bristol Grammar School.

### **The Second Eleven**

Throughout the season the 2nd XI never realised its full potential: this was partly because the team as a whole tended to be rather slow and lethargic, but the main reason for the teams' failure to win matches lay in the lack of shooting power among the forwards. The defence was usually reliable and gave the forwards plenty of the ball, but in the circle most movements petered out. C. G. JEFFERIES, although slow, was the only forward able to make a determined effort to score and was rewarded with two goals against Cheltenham College. Against Marlborough, playing on a very uneven and slippery surface, the defence did well to keep the score down to 2—0, A. J. CATERMOLE in goal making two notable saves. Although Rendcomb should have won against King's School, Gloucester, the forwards seemed unable to shoot, only P. A. TRIER scoring a long-awaited goal to make the match a draw. R. J. VERGE was an extremely reliable and hard hitting back, while D. A. N. HOGARTH at right half was one of the few players who showed the necessary energy. F. R. GLENNIE at centre half played competently and should develop considerably more in the future. The side was captained efficiently and with true spirit by J. J. SCHWARZMANTEL at left half.

### **Under Fifteen Hockey**

v. BRISTOL GRAMMAR SCHOOL JUNIOR COLTS. Won 2—0

Lack of pitch practice early in the season was most evident. For much of the first half the players were unable to hit the

ball with the power to clear their own half. When they eventually settled down the defence was sound, but the forwards lacked thrust and cohesion. The result represented defensive errors by their opponents rather than a clear superiority of the College attack.

**v. KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL, BATH, UNDER 15. Lost 1—3**

Though this season there has been a reserve of players on the fringe of selection—a happier situation—the team for this second fixture remained the same, with one positional change aimed at strengthening the inside forwards. The game was evenly contested but a weakness in goal led to a rather undeserved defeat.

**v. MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE JUNIOR COLTS. Lost 2—4**

Had it not been for more grave errors in front of goal, the score might have reflected a fairly evenly contested game. The closing stages of the game showed the merit of pushing the ball through the middle to a centre lying well up. Two goals came within ten minutes.

**v. MONKTON COOMBE JUNIOR COLTS — Cancelled**

**UNDER 14 v. KING'S SCHOOL, GLOUCESTER — Cancelled**

A. E. HILLER, who captained the side throughout, never realised his potential in attack, mainly because he played a second centre half's game, lying too far back. B. PULLEN, at right back, was always very sound in defence. M. W. HARROP played well at centre half, and with his close support of the forwards, shows promise in that position.

## **The Junior Game**

Under the enthusiastic direction of Mr. White a keen spirit developed continually throughout the season. Many of the new boys took quickly to the game and several promising players emerged; especially D. R. BROWN, K. A. BELCHER and M. TREASURE.

## **RUNNING REPORT**

### **Autumn Term, 1963**

This term Rendcomb runners were given two fixtures. Our first match, against Cheltenham Grammar School, was run at Rendcomb on Saturday, October 25th. We were up against a team which trained full time and the advantages of this were very noticeable. However, despite this setback, the team as a whole ran well and this magazine is not the place to mention those who did not come up to expectation. For the most part the necessary training was done efficiently and those deserving special mention in this respect and in the races were C. B. Stillwell, R. S. Lowe, D. J. Tovey and N. S. Whatmough. The Cheltenham monopoly of the first six places was broken only by D. A. N. Hogarth who came in second.

The final placings were: D. A. N. Hogarth 2nd; N. S. Whatmough 7th; C. B. Stillwell 9th; R. S. Lowe 11th; S. H. Shellswell 11th; E. Taylor 11th; D. Little 15th.

The second fixture against Dean Close was run in appalling conditions by a team that was not properly trained nor complete. In one respect this latter was quite useful as it brought D. G. Griffiths back into a running team after a considerable absence. He was the first Rendcombian to complete the course, coming in 5th. Once again our reliable runners finished as usual in the middle, led by C. B. Stillwell as D. A. N. Hogarth was unable to run.

The final positions were: D. G. Griffiths 5th; C. B. Stillwell 8th; N. S. Whatmough 8th; E. Taylor nth; R. S. Lowe 12th; D. Little 13th; S. H. Shellswell 14th; L. A. Webb 16th.

The juniors led by G. C. Cattermole, also showed more promise than expected, and during the term their skill and stamina improved steadily. Most of them, however, are still unaware of the reserve of energy that they have left, but this is inevitable at their stage.

In their first race against Cheltenham Grammar School they were heavily defeated, but some good running by J. J. Fonseca and G. C. Cattermole kept the points down somewhat. Despite running on our own course, some of the juniors failed to make use of the advantage of their knowledge of the course.

The team, with places, was: J. J. Fonseca 6th; G. C. Cattermole 7th; P. R. Milam 9th; K. J. Jordan 10th; P. Little

10th; J. S. Godden 12th; A. E. Hillier 13th; P. R. F. Chanin 14th.

We were able to field an almost complete team for the second fixture against Dean Close and to celebrate they were, but for three points, nearly the first running team to win! The course was a shortened version of the senior with just about as much mud. J. J. Fonseca emerged from one of the many quagmires in bare feet and then completed the course in that state, coming in 7th. Others worthy of mention in this close race were G. C. Cattermole and also K. J. Jordan and P. Little, who have shown great consistency throughout.

The whole team, with places, was: G. C. Cattermole 1st; G. F. Smith 5th; K. J. Jordan 6th; P. Little 6th; J. J. Fonseca 7th; A. E. Hillier 13th; P. R. F. Chanin 14th; P. W. Taylor 16th.

Finally we must not forget those who have had all the training but none of the glory, such as it is. For the most part, like the teams, they took it all without too much complaint except on the colder and wetter days.

Credit must be given to the Linen Room staff who managed, sometimes at the last minute, to supply the necessary clothing and our thanks also go to the many "human markers" and time-keepers who made the races possible.

## **RUNNING REPORT**

### **Spring Term, 1964**

There was only one running fixture this term and this was run at home against Dean Close. Very little training was done by many of the team due to examinations. However, Whatmough, Hogarth, Jones and Stillwell were to be seen most days pounding round the well-worn course of four-and-a-half miles.

The result was disappointing except for Hogarth who came in first breaking the record by two minutes, Stillwell who came in 5th, one and a half minutes later, and Whatmough who was one minute ahead of his previous best.

The team, with positions, was: D. A. N. Hogarth (captain) 1st; C. B. Stillwell 5th; N. S. Whatmough 7th; D. J. Tovey 12th; E. Taylor 13th; R. C. Jones 14th; L. A. Webb 15th; G. C. Cattermole 16th.



## **CRICKET REPORT, 1964**

### **First Eleven**

With no less than nine people with First XI experience in the school it was not unreasonable to be optimistic at the beginning of term. The season's results however, did not fully bear out this optimism. Again our weakness lay in batting. We began with only three qualified batsmen, and no-one hardened into the solid, reliable middle-order batsman we needed as a mainstay. Consequently, except sometimes when we began well, the middle and later batsmen appeared nervous and lacking in incentive to stay in or score runs, or else become impatient. We were fortunate in having two opening bowlers of two full years' experience each, and a well-proven slow bowler, and these three shared almost the entire bowling successfully. In the field we started very self-consciously, but encouraged perhaps by the regular falling of wickets, our fielding matured considerably, improving in speed, accuracy and urgency, with the reward of several fine catches and two excellent run-outs.

A. D. HEPPLESTON, except for one grand innings, suffered another disappointing season with the bat. Stylish, powerful, and with excellent timing, misfortune was undoubtedly a large factor in his failure to achieve high scores, and when on form he was a joy to watch. His bowling, always well-pitched and accurate, like his batting did not receive all the success it merited and one would assume from the results, but unjustifiably, that he has undergone a decline over the last two years. His fielding was always efficient.

D. LITTLE's batting has improved since last year, his off-side play in particular. His technique is sound and he should in time score many runs. Our only slow bowler, he bowled very accurately and on a good length, and batsmen found him difficult to get away; hence he bowled economically, but with a modest number of wickets. His fielding was dependable and active.

R. A. SEWELL batted at number four. He always hit very hard, especially hooking and driving, but seldom allowed himself to settle down for a long innings; much too frequently he surrendered his wicket to the wrong ball. His fielding at gully was impeccable, some of his catches superb.

R. J. EDY came into the side and opened the innings with D. J. Tovey throughout the season. Unadventurous and de-

fensive by temperament his scores were moderate and compiled laboriously, but he often outlasted several partners, all ten on one occasion. He should mature into an invaluable member of the team for several years to come.

R. S. LOWE was another who made notable progress during the season, producing some useful scores. At last he has discovered the art of defence, and when attacking he struck the ball with decision and force. His fielding was invariably alert and lively, especially near the bat.

F. R. GLENNIE, after a discouraging start, settled down to play some accomplished innings. Naturally aggressive, his batting when successful was a pleasure to see, but a more rigorous application would produce even better results. In the field he improved immeasurably during the season.

L. A. WEBB developed, after a disastrous beginning, into a confident wicket-keeper, though sometimes his concentration lapsed. As a batsman he constantly looked for runs—often when there were none available—but took unnecessary risks, especially in flashing outside the off stump.

S. H. SHELLSWELL was very disappointing. He seemed to lack the spirit to score runs, and his defensive technique did not measure up to his caution. However, he is technically quite correct, and could well succeed as a batsman. Similarly, his slow bowling, though not used in the First XI this year, should be of value in the future.

D. A. N. HOGARTH, who had not played cricket for over three years, soon settled into the discipline of the game, and though inevitably somewhat amateurish in method his limitations did not prevent his playing a number of entertaining innings. His defence showed remarkable restraint, and his leg-side hitting was particularly effective.

E. TAYLOR played in five matches but scored few runs through a reluctance to play down the line of the ball.

R. P. GOODCHILD played in two matches. His last year's success proved indeed ephemeral; he suffered the hitter's scourge of not being able to connect with the ball and failed to score at all. His fielding did not do justice to his keenness.

A. E. HILLIER played when his bowling was not required in other teams. He was useful as a change bowler—almost a luxury this year,—swinging the ball prodigiously but tending

to overpitch very erratically. With a little control he should do well, and will have to lead the attack for the next few years. His potential as a hitter will materialise when he gets behind the ball.

M. W. HARROP also played when not needed as wicketkeeper for the Under 15 team. He bats fluently and sensibly and ought soon to become a highly proficient run-getter. His wicket-keeping too, shows considerable promise.

C. G. JEFFERIES latterly occupied the last position, but was not very fortunate this term. However, his slip-fielding at least should assure him of a more regular place next year, and he can swing the bat with useful effect.

The Captain of Cricket this year was D. J. TOVEY. This was his fourth season in the 1st XI and, although he has had many good matches in the past, this year has been his most successful. In the nine matches played, at the time of going to print, he has taken 37 wickets for 154 runs and has a batting average of 22. He and A. D. Heppleston have been a formidable bowling combination for three seasons and must take credit for most of the victories achieved during this period. Tovey's ability and his unbounded enthusiasm for the game will be greatly missed.

### **Results:**

May 6th:

v. PRINCE HENRY'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, EVESHAM. (Away) Lost by 70 runs.

Prince Henry's: 150 for 7 declared (Heppleston 6 for 52).

Rendcomb: 80 (Tovey 21).

On a hard wicket in murky weather Prince Henry's amassed a formidable total, largely through our paralytic fielding; this belittled our bowling performance although Heppleston still managed to take six wickets. Our batting faltered after a sound start, but Edy, opening the innings on his debut, held out solidly for over an hour.

May 9th:

v. ST. STEPHEN'S C. C. (Away) Won by 52 runs.

Rendcomb 112 (Tovey 52, Little 25).

St. Stephen's 60: (Tovey 7 for 12).

Tovey's innings, after a shaky beginning, gained in strength and set us off well. Our batting dwindled towards the end,

but Little batted tenaciously for a valuable 25. The change in our fielding since Wednesday was remarkable—and most welcome. Aided by this, and adroitly exploiting both wicket and wind, Tovey and Heppleston easily broke through St. Stephen's resistance.

May 14th:

- v. DEAN CLOSE 'A' XI. (Away) Lost by 9 wickets. Rendcomb: 48 (Sewell 17).

Dean Close: 49 for 1.

Our batting proved very brittle against fast and accurate pace bowling on a good wicket; Sewell made some fine hooks. Neither of our bowlers could penetrate our opponent's defence; Little was regrettably not used. We were, in fact, outplayed.

May 20th:

- v. KING'S SCHOOL, GLOUCESTER (Home) Won by 42 runs. Rendcomb: 63.

King's School: 21 (Tovey 6 for 6, Heppleston 4 for 8).

The wicket was lively and our total of 63 proved quite adequate, the later batsmen flourishing rather better than usual. Tovey and Heppleston routed the opposition, all but the last man out being clean bowled.

June 10th:

- v. CIRENCESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL (Away) Lost by 1 wicket. Rendcomb: 50.

Cirencester: 51 for 9 wickets (Tovey 5 for 22).

Put in on an extremely soft, spongy wicket we could muster only 50 runs, after being 20 for 6, our revival due largely to the stubbornness of Lowe and Webb. The pitch became easier in the hot sun, but after an enterprising start by Cirencester, Tovey and Heppleston gave them much trouble until the last pair managed to score the five required for victory in an exciting finish.

June 13th:

- v. SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL (Away) Won by 66 runs. Rendcomb: 105 for 8 declared (Tovey 45).

Sir Thomas Rich's: 39 (Tovey 5 for 9).

Tovey was admirably supported in his highly providential innings by Lowe, and Glennie and Hogarth added an unbeaten 27 in quick time for the ninth wicket. Once Heppleston

and Little had broken through our opponents' dour resistance Tovey finished them off, bowling the last man off the last ball of the day.

June 20th:

**v. CHELTENHAM COLLEGE 2nd XI (Away) Draw.** Cheltenham: 146 for 9 declared (Tovey 4 for 45). Rendcomb: 130 for 8 wickets (Heppleston 45 not out, Sewell 25).

Our bowlers could not unsettle some sound batting on our excellent wicket, and our opponents' score rose steadily until their last four wickets fell for only eight runs. Left 110 minutes we began vigorously, but with wickets falling regularly we were still short at the close with two left, Heppleston having batted elegantly, hooking and driving with power and good timing, and nobly supported by Sewell.

June 27th:

**v. MARLING SCHOOL (Home) Won by 44 runs.**

Rendcomb: 72 (Tovey 27).

Marling: 28 (Tovey 5 for 5, Heppleston 4 for 14).

A belligerent opening stand of 32 on a docile wicket stood out against the subsequent weak surrender of our batsmen to Marling's spinners, only Edy, who carried his bat for a dour but valuable 15 runs, withstanding them. Heppleston, regaining top form, and Tovey, supported by a masterly economical spell by Little, demolished Marling without difficulty.

On going to press three matches have still to be played:

July nth: *v. Old Rendcombians, Home.*

July 13th *v. North Cerney, Home.*

July 15th: *v. Cheltenham Grammar School, Home.*

## **‘A’ ELEVEN**

May 23rd:

**v. KINGHAM HILL SCHOOL (Home) Won by 6 wickets** Kingham Hill: 37.

Rendcomb: 41 for 4 wickets.

With a strong team—the only one possible as most of the 2nd XI were Under 15's—we overran our opponents and the game was dull and unsatisfying. It did, however, give Little and Shellswell an opportunity to bowl and with beneficent immunity. Some excellent catches were taken.

## SECOND ELEVEN

This year we were again hard put to find a 2nd XI, such was the apathy in the senior school. The Under 15's XI were therefore well represented, but this meant the opposition was invariably bigger and stronger. Those who played generally enjoyed themselves, which is the main object of a 2nd XI, while it kept some on the verge of the 1st XI in match practice. Notable was P. N. W. Osborne with both bat and ball; J. Dow made some lusty swings; R. B. Denny took a magnificent catch: the rest played at some time for either the 1st XI of the Under 15's.

May 14th:

v. DEAN CLOSE 3rd XI (Away) Lost by 140 runs.

Dean Close: 180 for 7 declared (Osborne 3 for 28).

Rendcomb: 40.

May 27th:

v. COKETHORPE SCHOOL 1st XI (Away) Draw.

Cokethorpe: 115 for 7 declared (Goodchild 3 for 27). Rendcomb:

56 for 7 wickets (Shellswell 18, Harrop 17).

On going to press one match is still outstanding:

July 11th: v. Cheltenham College 3rd XI, Away.

## UNDER 15 ELEVEN

We possessed a wealth of talent in the middle and junior school which did not produce results quite up to expectation. Batsmen were unsure of themselves, as though ignorant of their purpose to score runs; running between wickets, for example, was usually poor. Similarly fielding was too often lackadaisical and apparently disinterested. M. W. Harrop played some fine captain's innings and kept wicket commendably, containing A. E. Hillier's bowling with particular proficiency. Hillier was the main bowling strength, but tended to bowl too fast for himself and his fielders. P. N. C. Evans and D. F. R. Black shared most of the rest of the bowling, the latter bowling leg-breaks with unusual control. All these three bowlers are essentially hitters when batting, but their success this term was spasmodic. M. Hitchman and M. R. Barnes opened the batting, the former making two good scores while the latter was content to stick it out. N. J. Dakin, although his batting

has force and style, lost his place through his fielding. N. J. Green shows considerable promise as a batsman, defending very patiently but also striking the ball hard. J. J. Fonseca, another powerful hitter, is also a useful bowler, both he and Green brought off some spectacular catches, and their fielding set an example which unfortunately not many followed. B. F. Pullen played in all five matches with some success, and P. Little R. K. H. Hunt, C. P. Stevens and R. W. Hole played in some. There were others for whom a place could not be found; with such an abundance of ability it was indeed disappointing that the season's opening flourish was so short-lived.

May 20th:

**v. KING'S SCHOOL, GLOUCESTER Under 15's XI (Home) Won by 40 runs.**

Rendcomb: 80 (Dakin 39).

King's School: 40 (Hillier 5 for 12, Evans 5 for 21).

May 23rd:

**v. KINGHAM HILL SCHOOL under 15's XI (Home) Lost by 9 wickets.**

Rendcomb: 84 for 9 declared (Harrop 30, Hillier 16).

Kingham Hill: 85 for 1 wicket.

June 13th:

**v. SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL Under 15's XI (Away) Draw.**

Rendcomb: 101 for 6 declared (Hitchman 54 not out).

Sir Thomas Rich's: 70 for 9 wickets (Hillier 4 for 16).

June 20th:

**v. CHELTENHAM COLLEGE JUNIOR COLTS (Away) Lost by 128 runs.**

Cheltenham: 190 for 9 declared, (Hillier 6 for 65). Rendcomb: 62 (Hitchman 20).

June 27th:

**v. MARLING SCHOOL under 15's XI (Home) Lost by 9 wickets.**

Rendcomb: 73 (Harrop 32, Black 16).

Marling: 74 for 1 wicket.

### **JUNIOR GAME**

There is a strong indication that Rendcomb cricket of a few years time is in safe hands. Of the new boys, K. A. Belcher was outstanding, with N. M. Collins, M. J. Treasure, N. J. Brown and H. Thompson obviously talented, and others very enthusiastic. We hope this ability will not fall off next year; indeed, it should one day form the basis of a well-endowed team.

We should like to thank Mr. Knapp, Mr. Burden and Mr. Dennis for their full-time attention in taking games on Top and in the nets; and Mr. Caves for his regular helpful assistance. Mr. Fry is to be commended for preparing wickets of ever-improving standard. And we are grateful to those who bore the labour of scoring for us.

### **COLOURED BEAMS**

Beams, and I am.  
Coloured beams, long outspread,  
Beams with experience, knowledge,  
Learning, here the focal point,  
Here, the centre of these spokes Of light;  
I am this patch,  
Coloured by neutrals, radicals and colours  
Soft, sulphuric, azure, mauve,  
And I am pink, and black.  
Beams, beams and coloured beams,  
Circling, fate's vast tyre,  
These light spokes, illumined, crossing,  
Have one hub, and but one colour.  
New beams and books amend me;  
I am Modified by new books and beams.  
This man is not the first  
And singular, but the last,  
The first, and all those in between.  
No man is his own colour, but that of Several;  
though tinted by many, every man  
Is his own colour.  
Therefore leave this man to go his own way,  
For he is only one darker shade  
Than yourself.

E. T.



### WHY AM I SO IMPORTANT?

Why am I so important?

People are anxious to educate me,  
People love me, care for me, worry for me,  
People hate me, are jealous of me, do me wrong.  
I matter, as others matter to me.

Birds and cats abandon their offspring as soon as  
they are able to fend for themselves.

Yet no-one will ever abandon me:

No-one is ever quite neglected, forgotten,  
And most men are always very important.

How complex have become men's plans for survival!

How intertwined everyone is with his neighbour!

And it is all sprung from selfishness:

Many men desiring greatness, happiness, something for  
themselves.

The whole world wants something for itself.

The intelligence of man reasons:

I can obtain what I want through working with others,  
A concerted effort, co-operation, brings rewards;  
Not everyone thinks thus, but enough.

And life becomes a bartering of interests, a sale of advantages.

Thus is civilisation, man's supremacy, man's conceit, born.

A most fundamental property of nature, selfishness,

Not cast aside by intelligence, but put to work;

Multiplied and multiplied again in its results.

I matter because they matter to themselves.

M. E. S.

### THE BATTEL OF CERNEY

*(The following document, an account of a skirmish in the village of North Cerney, was discovered during the recent demolition of some of the more old-fashioned parts of the College. It shows that relations between College and Village were not, unfortunately, always as harmonious as they are now. The date is hard to decipher, but it would appear to be 1464.)*

"I heare sorroefully relate the grate battel of Cerney, in which I partook. Our village of Rendcombe, being removed onlie half a league from Cerney, often exchanged goodes and livestock with out neighbouring yeomen. One of our number, bent on trayding goodes, was fowly waylade in Cerney by many

varlet knaves, who cruelly beat and lashed him. To be sure, he must have been a dowful sight to behold, his nose being put out of joint when he became unhorsed. With many staves and bills they felled him to the ground, dragging the wretched stripling through mud and filth until his sides with clotted gore did all abound. Then, all his sense being dulled, the villains departed from their fowl deed. Once awaked from his deadly faint, Clanin, for soe this noble lad was hight, remounted upon his horse and fled backward to Rendcombe.

When it was discovered how he had been drawn by the hair along the ground and his fair features rudely disgraced, a great cry arose, followed by such cursing, weeping and exclamation against both the Cernies and Fate, that pity it was to hear. The leader of the raskall Cerney rowtes was a lewde felon hight Laverie. Clanin, unfortunate wretch, had craved help from a passing manuscript messenger, who had assisted Clanin in his plight. We were resolved to bestow thanks on this trusty fellow. We resolved to raise an army of terrible magnitude amongst our brave compagnie and to demand that Cerney surrender the villain to justice. Preparations being complete, it being the third day of the month and the tournament of Hoc be ended, our forces got together and resolved to dare do. Then, having lighted our gray armour, we straight way set for Cerney. Many of our army travelled on foot, accompanied by riders of doughty might. Our numbers being about an hundred score, we marched on Cerney.

The sunne had been sunk beneath the hills, laying the crude bulwarks of Cerney dim. Our chief captains, Markel and Saylor, bade us be of good cheer, and to arm our hearts with yre and vengeable despight. We being assembled together, our good captains bade us disperse to abounding green growth to hie ourselves. Eftsoons an oxen train bearing Cerney yeomen bounden to our army. The vile felon Laverie was not to be kente, and our heralds commanded us by sound of trumpet to invade Cerney. With many infested glances we embowed Cerney without order or array. Now the Cerney army arose, a thousand villains, vile, ragged and deformed, all in strange manner armed, some with unwieldy clubs, some with long spears, and wilde was their looks, staring with hollow eyes and stifled upstanding hairs. When

the Cernies perceeed our intente, they gotten feare and ranne like sheepen. Nowe appeared before us a loathlie hagge, whose hoarie lockes were hanging looselie unrold. Being inflamed with yre and vexed with outrageous malice, she boldly cursed us. With many a lewde jest, the trullibubs of our compaignie gan driven the hagge awaie. The Cernies thereupon rallyed and manie slighte skirmishes infused our rankes with exceeding wrothe. The afor mentionned Laverie having fledde, certain of our compaignie turned on the brother of Laverie, inflammed with felle despight. The caitiff wretch fell downwarde on his nees and cryde, "Doe notte deathe me doe." Our felloes allowed him his life, and have gan stand he eftsoons flewe awaie.

The manuscript messenger who hadde given aide untoe Clanin was fowly onsette by the Cernies but was delivered oute of their handes. A bande of yeomen militia thereupon parted the two armies, and atte their appearance manie of our compaignie caste on grounde their suites of graye armoure and fledde the feelde. The militia, when they hadde that troublous route dispersed, escorten our compaignie to the Lorde of Rendcombe Manor, who bade us welcome and feasted us well in his Halle. At laste, when luste for meete and drinke was ceast, Jonne Janwelle, the reumatic stewarde of the estate of Lord de Quisey (for so the Lorde was hight) bade us give him eare. For feare of further harme, he counselled oure brave compaignie to abandonne oure forestalled desire for vengeance. This bande of brigandes, the Laverries, woulde wreck terrible sufference on oure wiven and children. We gave eare untoe his sage consell and oure desire to requite Clanin was tempered, and oure forces thereto disbanded, each returning to his former occupation.

I have heare by true and juste confession desired you to understande the matters concerning the Battel of Cerney, marked in chronicles for tyme immortel.

Dated this fifteenth Daie of Februarie

*Anno Domini 1464* PIERS VIRGE,

swineherde. R. J. V.

## OTTER

The pool was quietly still,  
And the cool, calm, tench Liquidly drank  
crystal iciness Under fronds of ranunculae.  
The entering bubbling stream Murmured  
pebbly,  
Slowly  
    slipping  
        down  
To join the clearly pluneant pool.  
The trees' reflection greys As the sun  
    glides  
        down,  
And a breeze ruffles  
The beech leaves' zig-zag twig.  
The tips of the reeds wave gently,  
Whispering harshly.  
An almost inaudible Plop! excites ring  
    after ring  
                    of spreading ripples.

They're there!  
Watch the sleek lithe swirl As the neat,  
brown head Scans the water for life,  
Elsewhere.  
The powerful hind-limbs Tread the water  
hard, as A back-breaking thrust, as a  
Somersault backwards,  
    head  
        over  
Heels, a sideways slicing spurn.  
The body rolls, limbs thresh, eyes blink  
And the water churns.  
Make the water move!  
Otter!  
    Otter, totter, spotter,  
        Rotter!

Hello! who's there—ah!

Deep, wide breath for the icy plunge and a Twisting sideways  
roll,  
kicking outward  
heavily swimming. Backwards? Odd!  
Well! swing it out, up and round,  
Break the back curve away double-  
back

wards  
Bend and  
up for a-  
nother breath and  
Down a-  
my, the water's cold;  
Still—an eel, that means business.  
Steady now, gently does it—he's gone.  
Shudder to the tip of the—  
Whilst paddles bulgily flex  
and reflex in a  
Dive under the log  
thro' the tinkling  
Waterweed  
and  
chase,  
quick, hurry!  
Scrunch  
off with his head!  
Bang!  
up, round, back  
on your  
tracks  
Chase your tail Twist it now for an  
underwater endurance test, let's  
Swim it out as  
fast  
as  
we  
can, I say

that's rather handsome,  
 let's take it along as we pass.  
 Shimmering outline and      hazy hind-legs  
 swishing a time-beat Up!  
 tails All!  
 The bottom  
 grope a bit  
 —boring,      curve round  
                                  up -down side for  
 a pushoff arrowspeed to The  
 surface,  
                                  There to bob a bit  
                                  Getting back some breath—But  
 only for a second.  
 A flash of white front and  
                                  a snap  
 Chops an eel in two      wiggly halves.  
 Aha! a waterfall—just my line!  
 Bounce and  
                                  down  
                                  glory of bubbles, tinkling  
 The chest effervescent crystals.  
 Lovely crashing,  
                                  powering  
 Splash!  
                                  Wave the arms, kick  
    kick,  
    kick.  
 Keep the body up against the specially  
 Banging, booming, gorgeous,  
                                  water  
 Make it splashing!  
                                  Make it move!  
 That hawthorn berry,  
                                  juggle, chuck,  
 Up, bounce, splash;  
 red and sparkling, catches the eye, my word! Flip  
 it up and bounce—gone!

You didn't expect me here! eh?

What!

Bang!

Bang! Bang!

The body,

once sleek and lithe, now

Saturated and limpsodden.

Slowly the blood clouds out and the

waterweed greys with redness.

The limbs curl backward

sag, limp,

and the neck hangs upside backwards.

The glassy front loses lustre and the current

takes the

bloated,

fur covered skull,

while the eyes glass over in surprise.

Slowly the tail, the mobile, balancing halterer

Wafts alone, unnerved.

The ray of drowned flesh bumps the floating weed And

flows down at an oblique tangential.

The ecstasy of gorgeous,

live,

beauty

is gone.

Pure joy destroyed.

Still, it's the game-keeper's job To keep the chickens

safe at night,

I suppose.

S. G.

## **SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY**

### **Spring and Summer, 1964**

Lately there has been a marked increase in extracurricular interests among the sixth form scientists. This led last term to the founding of the Scientific Society, with Mr. R. E. Caves as President; membership was voluntary, and was restricted to the sixth form. The response was encouraging, and almost all the scientists joined. The Society's official policy was declared to be to foster interest in scientific and industrial matters and to "remove science from the classroom."

In the Spring term, the members saw some films (on free loan from the Petroleum Films Bureau) concerning the problems of high speed flight. The society also arranged a lecture to be given by a representative of British Nylon Spinners; unfortunately, bad weather prevented the lecturer from attending, and the engagement has been postponed indefinitely.

This term, the Society has seen some films of general interest, and has visited Garrards of Swindon, the light electrical engineers. After examinations it proposes to see some films from Mullard Ltd. on electronics, and to visit the British Nylon Spinners works near Gloucester.

M. E. S.

## **NATURAL HISTORY NOTES**

Although the recent winter was relatively mild with little snow and frost, the effect on bird population of the severe weather of early 1963 is still to be seen. Long-tailed Tits and Goldcrests are still scarce, and Barn and Little Owls seem very slow to recover their numbers.

Birds of prey in general are suffering from a more subtle and serious threat to survival: the use of poisonous substances as seed-dressings and insecticides. These chemicals accumulate in the bodies of birds and mammals and predatory species seem to be the first to suffer in a conspicuous way. Their numbers are reduced by the direct toxic effects and also by infertility induced by these agricultural chemicals. Serious concern is felt by ornithologists at the decline in other parts of Britain of



Golden Eagles, Kites and Harriers; Sparrowhawks, Kestrels and Tawny Owls are disappearing from some counties, especially in the east, and in Gloucestershire, although Kestrels and Tawny Owls are still quite plentiful, there is certainly a steady decline in the number of Sparrowhawks. Only one has been reported near Rendcomb in recent months. Foxes are known to be affected by agricultural use of poisons and Badgers may be. The Rendcomb Badgers, however, now in the Old Park, seem to be thriving and have reared three cubs this year.

The 1964 breeding season for small birds seems to have been a successful one at Rendcomb. Many Blackcaps, Garden Warblers and Spotted Flycatchers nested; the colony of House Martins on the main College building is thriving; Swifts are still breeding in the Clock Tower, and at least two pairs of Pied Wagtails reared young in the College grounds. Dippers reared two broods by the river and Rendcomb Lake continues to retain its single pair of Coot.

Among plants, the Spotted Orchid (*Orchis fuchsii*) again flowered well in Conigre Wood, although much of the ground there is densely overgrown by nettles, brambles, willowherb and bracken. A few Butterfly Orchids (*Platanthera chlorantha*) were also to be found. Our nearest colony of the Pasque Flower (*Anemone pulsatilla*) still does well and many plants bloomed there this spring. This anemone bears large purple flowers with yellow centres and its numbers have been much reduced in Gloucestershire by the thoughtless removal of plants to gardens where they often fail to thrive. This species grows well from seed, and roots should never be collected.

C. M. SWAINE

## OLD BOYS' NOTES

### OBITUARY

PETER SPENCER HARRIS  
(Rendcomb 1943–1950)

We deeply regret to record the death of P. S. Harris on the 30th of May, 1964, as the result of a motor accident. His car was in head-on collision with another just outside Henley, and the four occupants of the other car were also killed. The exact circumstances in which the accident happened have not been established as we go to press, though it is thought that Harris's car was stationary at the moment of impact.

He was an engineer and had his own business in Cirencester.

He leaves a widow and three children, to whom we offer our sincere sympathy.

## OLD BOYS' NOTES

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Julian Comrie on the birth of their second daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. James's second grand-daughter.

### Changes of Addresses:

D. THOMASSON, [REDACTED] Hanworth, Feltham, Middlesex.

G. J. TAYLOR, [REDACTED] Fauconberg Road, Chiswick, London, W. 4.

C. J. BRISLEY (*Hon Sec. Old Rendcombians*), [REDACTED]  
Bishops Sutton, Bristol

P. BINKS, [REDACTED] Doncaster, Victoria, Australia.

P. W. DUTTON, [REDACTED] Kamsack, Saskatoon, Canada.

P. W. Dutton has gone with his family, to Canada where for the last twelve months he has been in private practice (medical) in Arborfield, Saskatoon. He has recently been appointed Medical Director of Kamsack Community Clinic in Saskatoon; he took up his duties on the 1st of July.

Before leaving England he gained the Diploma in Obstetrics of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. He was, for a while, Resident Surgical Officer at the Memorial Hospital, Cirencester.

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P. Binks, with his family, has gone to Australia where he is living near Melbourne, at Doncaster. He is working in the Production Engineering Department of Ericsson's, the internationally known electrical firm whose headquarters are in Denmark.

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J. F. Adler, after twelve years at the Military Engineering Establishment at Christchurch, has been transferred to the Fighting Vehicles Research and Development Establishment; he will be Assistant Director of Research there. We congratulate him on his promotion.

His new address is

[REDACTED] Wokingham, Berkshire.

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Douglas Barbour was married to Mlle. Claude Morley of Paris on Saturday, 25th April, at the Central Congregational Church, Johannesburg, South Africa. We send them both our best wishes.