

SIBFORD

1968

SIBFORD OLD SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION



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1906-07	Robert B. Oddie	1943-44	Kathleen Rice
1907-08	Joseph S. K. Parsey	1944-45	Roland Herbert
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1912-13	Arthur B. Oddie	1949-50	Ronald Ll. Lloyd
1913-14	Lucy S. Lamb	1950-51	James C. Baily
1914-16	James T. Harrod, B.A.	1951-52	Ronald Quinton
1916-19	Elizabeth F. Brown	1952-53	Alice Long and Edward P. Kaye, M.Sc.
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1920-22	Mabel T. Harrod, B.A.	1954-55	E. Marjorie Simmons
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1932-33	Lionel Geering	1966	Julie Grimes
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SIBFORD OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION

RULES

1. **NAME.**
The name of the Association shall be "Sibford Old Scholars' Association."
2. **OBJECTS.**
 - (a) The continuance of the interest of former scholars in Sibford School and its work.
 - (b) The furthering of schoolday friendships.
 - (c) The provision of assistance to the School wherever possible.
 - (d) The encouragement of a spirit of loyalty amongst present scholars.
3. **MEMBERSHIP.**
 - (a) The Association shall consist of Ordinary, Life and Honorary Life Members.
 - (b) The following shall be eligible for membership:—
 - i. Old Scholars of Sibford School.
 - ii. Past and present members of the teaching and non-teaching staff of the School and their husbands/wives.
 - iii. Past and present members of the School Committee.
 - iv. Husbands/wives of Old Scholars.
 - v. Other relatives of Old Scholars interested in the School.
 - (c) Honorary Membership of the Association may be conferred at any Annual General Meeting as a mark of esteem for notable services to the School or the Association.
 - (d) Scholars leaving the School shall become members of the Association only after completing the appropriate application form. The General Committee shall have power to accept, reject or defer any such application.
 - (e) The General Committee, shall be empowered to remove a person from membership for any reason which they think to be good and sufficient and such membership shall cease forthwith. No return of subscription shall be payable.
4. **SUBSCRIPTIONS.**
 - (a) Subscriptions to the Association shall be as follows:—
 - i. Scholars, leaving school for the year in which they leave, 2/6d., the next calendar year 5/- per annum, the ensuing three calendar years 10/- per annum.
 - ii. Life membership £21.
 - iii. Married couples jointly, 30/- per annum.
 - iv. All other members £1 per annum.
 - (b) The annual subscription is due on 1st January for the ensuing year.
 - (c) Any member whose subscriptions are in arrear for more than two years and who, after due reminder, shall not make the necessary payment shall have his/her name removed from the list of members.

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E.C.G.



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LORRAINE BROWN
President, S.O.S.A., 1969

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<i>General Secretary</i>	Michael Finch, 34 Teddington Grove, Perry Barr, Birmingham, 22.B.
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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Sibford on Sunday, 1st September, 1968.

President in the Chair: Jonas Fielding.

The meeting remembered in silence our friend, George Law, a former President, who died since our last meeting.

1. *Minutes.*

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th August, 1967, having been printed in the Magazine, were taken as read and were signed by the President.

2. *Headmaster's Report.*

Jonas Fielding gave an interesting account of the school year. In particular, he mentioned a number of staff retirements and changes, an increase in the school population to 307 in September, 1968, with 30 in the Sixth Form, and continued success on the athletics field.

3. *Annual Accounts.*

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary read the Treasurer's report on the Accounts and presented the Accounts to the meeting. (Treasurer's report printed after financial statement).

A discussion ensued on the Treasurer's comments and it was resolved that Life Members who had subscribed less than the current rate of life membership subscription, be invited either to make a further capital donation to the Life Fund, or to make some annual donation towards the cost of the Magazine. The committee were also asked to enquire from Life Members whether they wished to continue to receive the Magazine.

4. *Secretary's Report.*

Alfred Holland reported that the committee had met on two occasions since the last Annual General Meeting and the reunion subcommittee on one. Attendance at each committee had only been 11 out of a possible attendance of 22.

The main task of the committee is the arrangement of the Reunion and Alfred Holland paid a tribute to the work of Michael Finch.

In addition, the committee had dealt with economic problems, such as charges for the weekend, and had instructed the Editor to restrict expenditure on the 1968 magazine to £175. The leavers' party had also been discontinued.

It had also dealt with a number of other items which would be discussed later in the meeting.

In conclusion, the Secretary commented that it had been a difficult year for the Association, with fewer members ready and willing to accept responsibility for the Association offices. He hoped that his successor would be given every support by the Association and those officers accepting nomination this year.

The President then put to the meeting the adoption of the Treasurer's and Secretary's reports and they were approved.

5. *Report of the Representative on the School Committee.*

Louis Wright spoke of the alterations in the school buildings, particularly at the Manor.
The meeting instructed the Secretary to write to the Chairman of the School Committee expressing appreciation of what had been achieved.

6. *Mabel Harrod Bursary Fund.*

The Secretary reported that a letter had been received from Martin Dodsworth reporting that no further developments had taken place since last year. He also indicated he proposed to resign as Secretary to the Fund. Alfred Holland, one of the Trustees, undertook to call a meeting of Trustees in the near future to consider the position.

7. *Sibford Society.*

Jonas Fielding reported that an inaugural meeting of the Society was held in June, 1968, and membership was open to Old Scholars.

8. *Report on future Reunions.*

The Secretary informed the meeting that the committee proposed that the reunion in 1968 should be of one day's duration, to be held when the school was in session. After discussion, this suggestion was rejected and the committee were asked to seek to be invited to hold the 1968 reunion at the Spring Bank Holiday. The committee's attention was also drawn to the excessive cost of separate meals. They were also instructed to reduce charges for campers under the age of 20 and those not in employment.

9. *Review of C.O.D.*

In the absence of notice to alter a rule, the meeting decided under rule 12A by a two thirds majority to amend rule 11 as follows:—

That rule 11B be suspended for a period of three years from 1st January, 1969

10. *Election of Officers.*

The following officers having been nominated in accordance with the rules, were unanimously elected to serve for the period of three years from 1st January, 1969 (unless otherwise stated):—

General Secretary	–	Michael Finch	
Treasurer	–	Arthur Harrison	
Reunion Secretary	–	Ian Wright	
		Kate Long	
Membership Secretary	–	Louis Wright	
Magazine Editor	–	Lister Mathews	
Resident Officers	–	Michael Rice	
		Lorraine Spencer	
Auditor	–	John Taylor	
Representatives on the School Committee	–	Vera Rollett	} 4 years to 31.12.73
		Louis Wright	
Advertising Manager	–	Brian Wright	
Photographic Secretary	–	Christopher Grimes	
Colours Secretary	–	Susan Holland	

11. *Election of Committee Members.*

The following members were elected to serve on the committee for the periods stated:—

David Smith	- 1 year from 1.1.69
Julian Harnor	- 3 years from 1.1.69
Andrew Tomlinson	- " " " "

12. *Presidential Gift.*

The Headmaster thanked the President for the gift of shrubs for the new courtyard.

13. *Election of President and Vice-President.*

The President proposed Loraine Brown as President for 1969 and Michael van Blankenstein as Vice-President. The meeting acclaimed the appointments.

14. *Any Other Business.*

Brian Wright hoped that the formation of new Branches would be encouraged.

Andrew Tomlinson suggested the possibility of a separate reunion for young Old Scholars, and another point was the organisation of a work camp to assist the School. The President suggested that the committee could consider these matters if properly presented to them.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1968 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Firstly I must apologise for my absence; this is due to business and domestic reasons.

I have pleasure in presenting the accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1967. The accounts have been audited, and the Auditor's report is as follows:—

"I have audited the books and accounts of the Association for the year ended 31st December, 1967, and have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion the foregoing Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs as at 31st December, 1967, and of the surplus for the year ended on that date.

Signed MICHAEL CONNOLLY, *Hon. Auditor.*"

These accounts show a surplus of £55. This surplus should be adjusted for non-recurring items as follows:—

Surplus per Accounts	55
Less Profit on Reunion—Olde English Fayre			52
			3
Add Leavers' Outing			15
Subscriptions written off			10
Adjusted profit for 1967			£28

This profit shows a more accurate state of affairs.

The profit is disappointing because from the 1st January, 1967, the ordinary subscription rate was increased by 100% and total income should have been in the region of £350, instead, £260 is the amount shown in the accounts, a loss of £90, mainly due to members discontinuing their membership through lapse and resignations. The amount of subscriptions written off this year is considerably higher than usual; this is due to an attempt to weed out a number of non-participating members. The total paid-up membership is now standing at about 280 and life membership at about 320. The income received from the paid-up membership is £260 (280 members) and from the life members £37 (320 members). If this present situation continues the result could be for ordinary membership to decline and in an attempt to break even financially subscriptions would have to be increased further. The only solution, as I see it, is to insist on some form of contribution from life members; this will, of course, mean an alteration in the rules and also the discovery that a large proportion of life members are disinterested to the extent of refusing to pay any contribution.

During this year we have achieved a reasonable reduction in the cost of producing the magazine, due to economies made by the printer. The leavers' outing has been discontinued for the present. Other expenditure remains fairly constant.

During the early part of 1968 the 3½% Kent County Council Redeemable Stock was redeemed producing a capital profit of £80; this amount will offset the loss made on the sale of South African Stock some years ago.

As I am unable to devote as much time as is required by a Treasurer of the Association I feel I must resign my position as Treasurer.

MARTYN L. EDWARDS, 27th August, 1968.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

May I first of all express my deep appreciation of the honour of being able to stand before you this evening. I shall always remember with gratitude the welcome given to us on our arrival by the Old Scholars in this area which was so amply reinforced a little later at the full Whitsuntide Reunion.

From my experiences in front of other assemblies of Sibfordians, I think it wise to give you a title—"The End and the Means"—in case you don't understand what follows. I see you have lost none of that deceptive docility bred of countless past Evening and Sunday Morning Meetings that might be either rapt attention, quiet boredom or passive resistance. I shall, therefore, take refuge in that old trick of saying that the idea was planted by someone else. It came by way of a compliment to me for the improvement in buildings in Sibford and I thought afterwards 'but these are not my aims—the end to which I have been striving—these are the means only.' Then I began to question and I want you to question too.

Look at our world. We have obtained greater leisure, greater wealth but have these provided the means to a richer life? Have I fallen into the common fault of thinking that if education facilities are large, lavish and expensive the education thereby provided will be that more efficient? Is efficiency a worthy aim? Surely not, for if so the computer could better replace many teachers.

At the time when this Association was formed the Aims of Sibford seemed for the first time in doubt, and it is to the credit of this Association that its resolution to General Meeting in 1904 led to decisive action to aim for Secondary Status. The Sibford pattern had certainly begun with an emphasis on activity rather than on learning of facts. This was revolutionary at that time and was not, in fact, to be accepted by the country's schools at all widely before that famous statement in the Primary School Report of 1931 that "work must be thought of in terms of activity and experience rather than of knowledge to be acquired." But, as you may guess, the Quakers already had a word for it. Doubts have been cast on the authenticity of that table of William Penn's in the Entrance Hall. There can be none about our inheritance of his thoughts on education. Listen to this—over two and a half centuries earlier than 1931—

"We are in pain to make them scholars, but not men! To talk, rather than to know; which is true of canting. The first thing obvious to children is what is sensible; and this we make no part of their rudiments. We press their memory too soon, and puzzle, strain and lead them with words and rules; to know Grammar and Rhetorick, and a strange tongue or two, that it is ten to one may never be useful to them; leaving their natural genius to mechanical and physical or natural knowledge uncultivated and neglected."

The Sibford of Routh was certainly in line with Penn's thought. Oddie widened its horizons and laid the foundations for the more academic Sibford that arose under the Harrods. But with the deaths of most of the early Friend supporters of the school there arose this tragic gulf between management and Superintendent that must have clouded the end of his term of office.

For any Sibford Head the question of means and ends is an ever present problem. He fights a constant battle against time and the pressure of routine matters. Robert Oddie wrote "I call no time my own, but am, I trust, always willing and wishful to do what has to be done without regard to the hours I work It will be readily understood that in addition to necessary clerical duties which sometimes occupy hours a day, a great deal of miscellaneous and time-consuming work faces the lot of the Superintendent of an Institution of this kind." I often wonder why it is necessary for the present Superintendent to write three Reports a term and then add for good measure three more annual ones.

Can it be that the Society of Friends itself is fallen to this modern sickness? David Blamines in his report to Yearly Meeting had this to say of Meeting for Sufferings. "It tended to be very inwardly turned. Friends were so overwhelmed by the amount of business put before them, frequently of a formal nature, that when they came to a matter that ought to engage them for an hour they were not spiritually up to an adequate reaction." How far is the Sibford Old Scholars Association free from the situation depicted there? Are all these aims of the Association, for example, necessary? It has always seemed to me that if the first Aim (objects as they are called) were attained then all the rest would be added. Here it is:—"The continuance of the interest of former scholars in Sibford School and its work."

I realise that so far I have only questioned or commented and I would like now to be a little more positive. The school needs the interest and loyalty of its Old Scholars. With their long combined experience they could be a valuable counterpoise to the anarchical tendencies that are ever present in Sibford where everybody knows what has happened, is happening or is going to happen. Everybody that is, except the person whose job it is to deal with the matter in question! Let it be an enlightened interest that does not merely look back with affection but forward to the future as you did last century, anxious to re-interpret to the young what the old have found of value.

Today, we in the school have newer challenges. We no longer have the problem of early leavers and our most urgent need today is merely to accommodate those of our scholars who wish to stay on beyond the five year course. The larger school, the greater variety of examination courses make the task of catering for our wide ranging abilities far more complex. Generally speaking, however, the wheel has turned full circle and Sibford need no longer feel the Cinderella of the Friends' Schools. It no longer provides either a cheaper education nor caters for inferior candidates. It is in tune as any to the needs of the times. It does not hesitate to experiment with new patterns in its social life nor question its teaching methods. In all this it is fortunate in having the ready support of Parents and Committee, Old Scholars and Well-wishers.

I am convinced that despite its faults and failures, Sibford is winning the battle between Aims and the means to achieve them. I am convinced that its heritage contains something of great price. To define it would be difficult and probably harmful. I am sure no such attempt is necessary in this Gathering. There are, however, three basic qualities which are recognisable:—Friendship, service and a wisdom born of the way of English country folk among whom we

have lived for so long. Let us ensure that these qualities are not allowed to be diluted into a superficial shallow friendliness, spasmodic feelings of benevolence towards a few and lip-service to a few Quaker sayings. Only by so doing can we live up to the words of Sir Michael Sadler which you have heard already:—"In the schools of the Society of Friends we feel the power of tradition. They follow and enjoin a settled way of life. What is best in them breathes the spirit of reasonable service and reveals the secret of the quiet mind. The distinctive marks of the Friendly tradition in education are naturalness, simplicity and good sense."

JONAS A. FIELDING, Sibford, 1st September, 1968.

THE SIBFORD SOCIETY

An inaugural meeting of the Sibford Society was held at the School on 22nd June, 1968. The objects of the Society are to foster continued interest and support for the School.

Some 50 members joined the new Society and appointed a small committee to draw up a draft constitution. The committee has now met on one occasion and has appointed Vera Rollett as secretary. The committee meets again in December, when it is hoped to discuss the first draft constitution. By the next Old Scholars reunion, the constitution should be available for all to see.

In the meantime, however, any Old Scholars wishing to join the Society should apply to Vera Rollett. The subscription for the first year is only 2/6d., although in future years it will probably be £1 per annum.

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AUGUST REUNION, 1968

It was with a feeling of sadness and slight depression that we prepared for the O.S. weekend at Sibford, 30th August to 3rd September. The rather steep increase in charges and the rumours that had filtered through from various sources that nearly all the present officers were resigning and would need replacing, and news of the formation of the Sibford Society made us wonder, 'was this the beginning of the end' of the O.S. Association as we had known it for so long?

The advance party of Wrights arrived at Sibford, early Friday evening to find many Old Scholars already there. The first item on the agenda: the Presidential opening and buffet meal at which Jonas Fielding welcomed the Committee Member guest, Margaret Hobling and also Hugh and Daphne Maw and family who 'dropped in' for the evening to hear the "Lantern Lecture" given by Leslie Baily. This was a very full and interesting talk, with slides, on the history of Sibford, village and school.

After an introductory speech by Miriam Carter, about Leslie Baily and a "little village called Sibford" she handed over to Leslie Baily.

Starting before Roman Times, he told us of the community that lived and hunted around Madmarston Hill; of the Knights who lived in Sibford when the Domesday Book was compiled, the daughter of one being a direct ancestor to the present Lord Saye and Sele of Broughton Castle. Quakerism came to Sibford in 1678 after George Fox had preached here, though the School was not opened until 1842. Sibford, school and village, were always ahead of time: a school swimming pool in 1853; a fair measure of co-education in 1880; in the village, a reaping machine in 1872; a lecture on the telephone and microphone in 1877 and in 1898 the school diary records, 'first cinematograph; pictures of babies quarrelling, a pillow fight etc.'

This finished at about 11.00 p.m. after a very well spoken 'thank you' from Ruth Hockley, a recent leaver. Then, 17 of the younger ones made the traditional trip to the Elm, followed by coffee and a chat at the home of Kate Long.

We, the Wrights rearguard, were unable to get to Sibford until just before lunch on Saturday and as we motored along in the sunshine we expressed the hope that the weather would be fine; but running through several showers of rain on the way we were a little apprehensive.

However, as we approached the Elm the sun was shining brilliantly but a cloud of smoke rising in the distance caused us to wonder about its origin, until, we saw that the proposed "Project Elm Garden" had evidently been quite well supported; the younger Old Scholars had been there all morning cutting the long grass and tall hedges, and it was this burning that was making all the smoke.

Between the Elm and Holmby House we passed some of the O.S. who had been doing this work and were greeted with smiles and cheers as we drove slowly by to pull up outside the familiar archway where a few more well-known O.S. were standing. The feeling of sadness was fast diminishing as we studied the list of sleeping accommodation, shook hands with friends and hurried off to prepare for lunch which was almost due. This was the usual noisy affair with everyone talking at once, so pleased and excited to be once more a part of Sibford.

Alfred Holland almost dispersed my final vestiges of depression when he gave out the position of offices which still needed to be filled and it was a relief to know that it was not quite so formidable as we had expected.

As we had time to spare before a visit to Upton House, a National Trust property near Edgehill, we went into the newly arranged common room, which in our day was the Science room, to greet and chat with more old friends. O.S. will know that the Manor has now been divided up into two girls Houses, Lister and Nansen, with house mistresses accommodation. In fact, it seems that the only part of the Manor not altered since my time at school (twenties) is the entrance hall. The new building on the boys yard, opened in 1967, being Penn House. The old Senior Girls Kitchenette is now Nansen cloakroom, and with a doorway in the far corner gives access to the stairs leading to Nansen dormitories. A kitchen, washbasin and toilet leading from the common room has been made where the masters' study used to be in 1920 and this common room and kitchen were at our disposal over the weekend and were most useful and appreciated by everyone. We were all sleeping in the Old School. All our were in the dining room and most of the indoor events were in the common room, than if we had been spread between very happy arrangement we felt.

The time arrived for us to go to Upton House and those without transport were quickly accommodated in various cars. A pair of impressive gates open up to a long straight drive, between beautifully kept lawns, to the House.

Apparently there were many visitors in addition to O.S. who numbered about 50, and we obliged by looking around the garden first. The house looks out over spacious lawns at the back and walking over them, you suddenly come to a coomb in which a series of herbaceous borders are ranged, with a large lake at the bottom; a delightful aspect. We then toured the House. The size of party was restricted to 10—15 but someone quietly opened the front before we knew what had happened we were in a party of 40 or more. The large party must have made the guide exasperated, though I am sure she did her best; but how can one deal with an O.S. who was heard to murmur, "did she say Bonnie and Clyde?" when shown two paintings entitled 'Morning and Night' by Hogarth. The paintings were magnificent, as were the various collections of porcelain etc., some of which are very rare. Amongst the furnishings are some quite valuable antiques, though one O.S. seemed to have some doubt about the accuracy of one claim made by the guide.

We then made our way to the nearby estate cricket ground for a picnic tea, which we enjoyed sitting on the grass in the sun consuming innumerable sandwiches and cups of tea; the urn being presided over, as usual, by Arthur and Pamela Harrison.

After High Tea we again congregated in the Common Room, this time to take part in a debate on 'Violence.' Two guest speakers, Robert Parnell and David Steeds, lecturers at Aberystwyth University, were to put the case for and against. Our President, Jonas Fielding, in opening the debate said that there was not going to be a formal proposition to be voted upon at the end, but he hoped that when our lecturers had each put his case, questions would be asked and that a general discussion would develop.

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The violence discussed was International and not Domestic, which some O.S. might have expected. In view of the Czech crisis, this was quite topical and as was to be expected the questions and discussion hinged on the Russian entry into Czechoslovakia and the development which this provoked.

In his final summing up, Jonas Fielding said the result was as he hoped: we had not reached any definite conclusion but had left the subject open for further discussion.

Tea, coffee, rolls and cheese were then provided and much appreciated and this concluded the official programme for the day. However, the two lecturers adjourned with some of the younger O.S. and a guitar to Lister Common Room for a Folk Session. There, led by Wendy van Blankenstein and sitting in a half light they sang their Folk songs till after midnight. Others stayed in the common room to watch colour films of several O.S. gatherings, particularly those of the London group, filmed by Louis Wright. These go back some years and it was good to see again those old friends: John Coxon, George Law and Arnold Kaye in familiar surroundings. Some of the scenes shown evoked many humorous remarks and "Watch this," "That's my grand-daughter," "That's my brother," became passwords for the weekend. After all this a contingent still managed to walk to the Elm, returning well after midnight.

Returning from an early morning swim on Sunday, light rain was falling. The programme after breakfast was choral with the President at the Hill, followed by Meeting for Worship at the Gower. After a visit to the Hill and finding choral was well supported, four of us walked to meeting via Temple Mill and the conversation was, of course, about our school days.

Just before arriving at the Meeting House, it began to rain and came on heavily during Meeting. There is something about Meeting for Worship at Sibford to which I always look forward, is it nostalgia? I think not, as like an O.S. who spoke in Meeting about his days at the school, how on occasions he was bored at Meeting and spent the time counting the window panes, and so on, but at others his interest was held by what was being said. His Ministry, so much fitted in with my thoughts: I did not always enjoy Meeting, but like him, I, and many other O.S. have gained something intangible from those hours spent in silence, or listening to the ministry from such people as James Harrod, Joshua Lamb and "Billie" Reason. I am deeply grateful for that experience.

After Meeting, coffee was served in the lobby the money collected going, in the words of Gordon Wells, "to some charity or other." It was still raining quite heavily and those of us who had walked appreciated the offer of lifts back to school.

We were told after lunch that a final decision about the picnic would be made, at 2.30, depending on the weather—it looked very unlikely, and a number of O.S. drifted into the common room. A small group of London O.S. formed a circle to chat, as usual; this circle was expanded as other O.S. joined in, and then someone started that silly game, "Simon says Thumbs Up," and before long there were 20 to 30 O.S. putting thumbs up or down or wiggling to the command of "Simon," amidst yells of laughter and derision if anyone was caught doing the wrong thing. Grace and Philip Beckerlegge then introduced some even more hilarious games which I would not

like to describe and by this time the circle had increased to somewhere in the region of 40.

The announcement that the picnic was cancelled came as no surprise as it was again raining heavily, but there was no gloom in the common room. In place of the picnic, some films were to be shown at the Hill, where the picnic was now also taking place.

We broke up, and wandered up to see the film which was a story of an Australian carrier driving his lorry across miles of desert, his assistance to various settlers and to one in particular who was trying to contact the radio doctor. This film was shown in two parts, with 'picnic' tea in between and I am afraid I cannot say anything about the second half as I stayed talking and watching the table tennis tournament in the recreation room. Incidentally, there was a Reunion within the Reunion, as the Baily families had arranged to get together at Sibford and I understand there were 18 altogether who made the date and enjoyed the visit, in spite of the rain.

After an enjoyable salad high tea, we returned to the common room to hear Jonas Fielding's Presidential Address. It was interesting to see 10 ex-Presidents giving him support, covering a period of 40 years; some O.S. evidently like coming to Sibford Reunions. I do not want to comment too much on the address, beyond saying how excellent it was and how much I enjoyed it. It appeared to me that Jonas Fielding, though he had a script to read, was frequently breaking off from it and adding further comments as he went along and I hope that he may be able to pass the whole address to the Editor so that those O.S. who were not fortunate enough to be present may be able to read it in its entirety.

Evening Meeting followed with an address by Margaret Hobling our committee guest for the Weekend.

We had about half an hour's chat or stretch before we settled down to the A.G.M. at 8.30, which we all felt was going to be a long session—and how right we were. This is fully reported elsewhere but I must mention the able way in which our President dealt with some very controversial discussion and to say how pleasing it was to have all the vacant offices filled. One suggestion of having a one day reunion to alternate with a weekend gathering the following year, was not very well supported and when one stops to think about it, difficulties immediately spring to mind. The fact that we are not able to gather when the school is in residence is felt to be a disadvantage in interesting younger people in becoming members of the Association and I feel, as O.S. will know, that Local branches are one of the ways in which younger O.S. could be located and their interest stimulated.

After the A.G.M., some of us just drank tea and coffee and chatted in the common room, but the more adventurous took part in what was called on the programme a "Magical Mystery Tour."

The 'more adventurous' O.S. were few and far between, and after rockets with 21 participators, 12 O.S. started off from the Elm, in slight rain, on the Magical Mystery Tour. The route of the walk took them by Tyne Hill, along the Brailes road to Pound Lane, and so returning to the school via the Gower. Before they had walked very far the magic had begun to work as a dirty little man in a long plastic mac' "jumped them." Weird noises and ghosts followed, though, with the rain pouring down, the walkers were not really bothered; except that being covered by a soaking wet sheet is none

to pleasant. Back at the school it was a case of coffee all round, dry clothes and a chat till after 3.00 a.m.

Monday morning was much improved, weather-wise, and we were all looking forward to an enjoyable day. Unfortunately there was such a strong wind blowing up at the hill that the display of model aeronautics by Ian Wright had to be cancelled. It was a pity as he had brought down several model gliders in addition to the radio controlled power plane, all of which he had made himself and which had proved highly successful in better flying conditions.

The alternative programme of mini-sports on the girls' playground, for which Gordon Wells was responsible, was well supported. I must say it was difficult in some instances to recognise, from behind, some of the well known O.S. ducking in a large container for apples, but I will say that having obtained an apple they made enjoyable eating. There was a game of shooting a football through suspended motor tyres; this proved too difficult for one competitor who found it more easy to go through it himself. Another game of knocking a pile of cans off a board with tennis balls was also well patronised, but to hit a coin of unknown value in an envelope was just as difficult and about as profitable as the rest. In fact, excepting for the apples, I doubt very much whether Gordon gave anything away! These sports and more coffee and tea brought us up to lunch time.

I should mention that during the weekend different O.S. were popping in for a few hours at all times and it was pleasant to see them all, if only for a little while. Talking of people who were there, it was good to see Gordon Biggs again, not well known to the younger ones possibly, but the older O.S. will well remember Gordon bringing pedigree pups, bred by himself, to be auctioned to raise funds for one of the many appeals. I particularly remember meeting one of these in later years at George and Celia Law's, rejoicing under the name of Sosa. How appropriate!

Michael Finch informed us at lunch time that the organiser of the six-a-side cricket tournament had regretfully cancelled this event. As the weekend was so late in the year there was not enough light to finish the tournament and so we were left with the Car Rally only.

This was the usual combination of making your way round the countryside and finding clues and objects of various kinds. The route was, I think, very well chosen for scenery and there was one big difference about this rally: there was no time limit, which for some of us was a great advantage. I cannot say how many cars entered but I acted as navigator in one and our first quest was to find a snail, a green shield stamp and a present scholar's tie. Our driver immediately said "Jill Long, she'll have one" so I was sent in to ask for it. Unfortunately for us Jill was in the rally herself so that was ruled out, but we did obtain the green shield stamp and a rather battered snail, on which we improved later. (Incidentally I wonder what Mike Rice, the organiser, did with all those green shield stamps?) Next, to the Gate Hangs High, give the correct wording of the rhyme, and so on; but the biggest laugh was to come when we were milling round a telephone directory in Ascott, looking for Bill Smith's 'phone number. This caused great amusement to Mike Rice and Chris Grimes, at our expense, but luckily there being no time limit we persevered and found it in the end. Arriving in Winderton we had to give the name of the local pub. Our driver being a man of resource, stopped at a house selling cactus plants, etc., and said he would buy a plant if the

young ladies in charge would tell him the name of the pub. The immediate reply that there was no pub left him a little stunned but he bought the plant, and a good one too. Incidentally, we nearly got the illusive tie here as the girls were Sibford school children but they did not have one with them. On again and as we turned into the Gower our driver said, "I know—Tanners, their children go to the school." So once again I was sent off to appeal for a school tie; this time successfully helped out by a most charming young lady who informed me that it was her sister's and she had had a job to find it. Arriving at the Hill we signed in with more competitors and made our way down to the Old School for tea, which should have been at Holly House, but the weather had again intervened. However, Jonas and Marjorie were doing the honours and we all enjoyed it and again there were more fresh people to speak to.

We wandered up to the Hill after this, to see some of the tennis tournament, which the weather had affected and the wind at this time must have made good tennis very difficult. Then followed high tea and presentations to Mr. Major and his staff for the excellent way in which we had been fed.

The high spot of the evening, "La Dolce Vita" was in the hall at the Hill and comprised of individual items; piano forte—Irene Bennett; Mike Watson—Folk songs and guitar; Geoff Long—stories (rather restrained by the company present, I thought); Sheila Greenland with her ever popular songs; Wendy van Blankenstein—guitar and folk songs, being joined by six of the younger O.S. who sang the folk song "Bought myself a Shack" and very enjoyable it was. Interspersed with these items were pop dances, greatly enjoyed by the very young, the young and some of the not so young, some ballroom, and competition dances, some Old Time dancing, very energetically performed by the President, ably assisted by the deputy head, June Ellis. Finally, Hands, Knees, and Booms-a-Daisy, the Hoki Koki, (one lady O.S. I shall never forget) and the Conga, winding up with the usual rowdy Auld Lang Syne. (I am always afraid someone will stamp on my corns!!!) All this programme was ably M.C.'d by Michael Finch, who was supported (not literally) by some young assistants (who remain anonymous) in putting on the records etc. Many thanks to them all.

The presentation of the prizes by the President was as follows: Table Tennis . . . Andrew Butt; Tennis . . . Kate Long and Andrew Siggs; The Car Rally . . . Mike Rice said it was apparently so easy this year that he had got four competitors with 100%. These were Lister Mathews, Ian Weatherhead, Rosemary Fielding and Louis Wright. He had therefore decided that the winners should draw cards for the prize. Ian Weatherhead had had to go home, so Ruth Hockley, one of his passengers, stood in for him and drew the winning card, amidst applause.

It was decided to end proceedings with rockets in the hall for the benefit of those who might not be able to get up to the Elm. There were 72 of us under the direction of Rocketeer, Geoff Long, who grunted our way through three noisy rockets and miraculously, without a sound, through one silent one.

With goodbyes to the unlucky ones who then had to be on their way, we walked up to the Elm. Fortunately, this time there was very little traffic and we were able to walk most of the way, arm in arm across the road, bringing back memories of pre-car days at Sibford.

With one or two songs, we assembled again in the cross-roads, 45 of us, to perform our final rockets of the weekend. Always, I feel, with a touch of sadness about it. Again the walk arm in arm back to the school and I heard a small group quietly singing the chorus of "There is a Tavern in the Town" before finally saying 'goodnight.' For me, I joined a party in the common room for a late cup of tea or coffee. This would be about midnight, I suppose. The party started with about 8, and the angel who made the tea for us was just about to have one herself, when the room was suddenly full of thirsty O.S. so she saw to their needs.—She did get a cup in the end. The party dwindled and swelled and finally dwindled to the original 8 who still, loth to go, sat chatting and listening, until someone said it was 1.00 a.m.—bed. Luckily it was 9.00 breakfast for me next morning. This appears to be more widely supported than ever. I seem to remember some years ago only a dozen at this breakfast; this year we were almost a full complement. After breakfast the final clean-up by those always helpful O.S. The final goodbyes as various car loads moved off.

1968 Reunion was over; Sibford was quiet. For how long? Next day was the start of a new term. Our thanks to the members of staff who joined in with our weekend, knowing what lay before them immediately it was over. We, possibly had a slight chance to relax but for them it was somewhat different and when I voice my appreciation I know I speak for the O.S. as a whole.

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OBITUARY

GEORGE F. LAW—at Sibford, 1915-17. President, S.O.S.A. 1963.

I think that George's second name was Fell. A good Quaker name, and a family name, I believe. He was in my form at Sibford, therefore I have been asked to write these few notes about him as I remember him.

At school he was a clever boy, but somewhat reserved. I always found him a good companion; he invariably greeted one with a smile; and he was one of the very few people who used a nick-name for me.

At Sibford he had the doubtful distinction of breaking his thigh, although I have forgotten how. I remember him using crutches, and he spent a lot of time with the Harrods. With a family of girls a boy must have seemed like a son to J.T.H., for he, and the family were more than kind to George.

I lost sight of him for some time, by which time he had been to the East London College, where he had taken his degree in aeronautics, a science which seemed very remote to many of us in those days. He told me that the college war-cry was:—

Who are we, who are we,
E.L.C., E.L.C.

An interval of years passed quickly, and I found him now interested in installing apparatus for the new technique of cinema talkies. He was fitting up cinemas up and down the country. He also got married to Celia, much to the blessing of the Association.

I next met George when we were in Scotland. He was then connected with radar and the Admiralty as a civilian.

In Glasgow he was a frequent visitor and a welcome one. He would talk little about his work, so that one had to drag out of him literally what he was doing, for he was a most modest man. I remember particularly his liking for mint sauce. He would say that any time and any meal was right for mint sauce, and none was ever thrown away with G.F.L. about.

He was President of Sibford Old Scholars' Association in 1963, when I was privileged to hear his presidential address. About his father, and a very good speech I thought.

He came from humble beginnings, and with his younger brother Tom, was left fatherless for some years, until he had reached man's estate at least. Having brought up her two boys most creditably his mother married again, to a Professor Dingle. He was one of the few people who understood Einstein's Theory of Relativity.

We, and the rest of the world, are the better for having known George, and the poorer for his passing.

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LORAIN BROWN writes:—

I was born in Rotherham, Yorkshire, in 1929. My father, Howard Quinton, was at that time teaching at the Grammar School there, having previously been Art Master at Sibford, where he met my mother, Doris Horton. She had been the Music Mistress and this combination of Art and Music was a very happy one for them and for my sister and myself who were as a result brought up in a very stimulating environment.

I went to Sibford at the beginning of the war, in September, 1939, and can still remember the rather unreal feeling of being a new girl in Stansfield dormitory. This seemed a vast, bare room, with long rows of uncomfortable looking iron bedsteads ranged down each side. In spite of all the austerity and discomforts I spent four very happy years at the school before returning home to a day Grammar School for sixth form work. By this time we were living in Windsor. My mother died in 1947, after a lengthy period of ill-health, following which I spent a year at home supposedly looking after my father and sister before going on to University, where I met my husband. We were married in 1950. Our three children, Kay, Philip and Peter are now aged 17, 15 and 12. In spite of having had them to look after I have been lucky enough to have always been able to pursue many other interests, at first concerned with voluntary Social Work such as being a Youth Club Leader and Marriage Guidance Councillor, and for the last five years being employed as a Child Care Officer first for Dorset County Council and now with Lancashire.

Now, after a lapse of about twenty years I am hoping to become a student again and, if all goes according to plan, I shall, during my Presidential year, be at Keele University, taking a further training course in Child Care. 1969 should certainly prove to be an exciting year for me.

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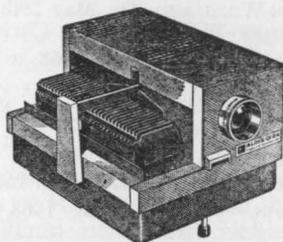
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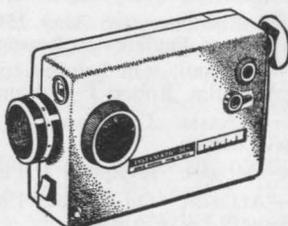
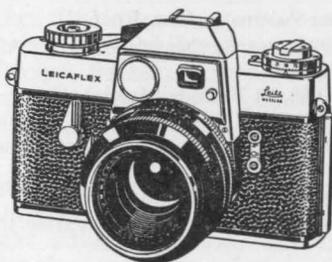
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- DRINKWATER.—On March 9th, 1968, to Barbara (née Lyall) and Dennis Drinkwater, a third son, Neil David.
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- WHITE.—On December 24th, 1968, to Frances (née Hailey) and Herdle White, a daughter, Esther Hailey, a sister for Neil.

MARRIAGES

- ADAMS—ROAF. On July 6th, 1968, Peter Adams to Sara Roaf.
- FAULKNER—SIMCOCK. On May 25th, 1968, at St. Mary's Church, Alderley, Ian Richard Faulkner to Rowena Simcock.
- GROOM—BEDFORD. On January 2nd, 1968, at Friends Meeting House, Perth, W. Australia, Robert P. Groom to Berris J. Bedford.
- NAUDIN—OLDHAM. On December 30th, 1967, in France, Pierre Naudin to Janet Oldham.
- PENROSE—MORAN. Raymond J. Penrose to Lesley K. Moran.
- VARLEY—ALLISON. On October 19th, 1968, Terence William Varley to Eleni Rosemary Olive Allison.
- YOUNG—ROUTLEDGE. On November 25th, 1967, James Young to Jennifer Routledge.

DEATHS

- FLINN.—On January 14th, 1968, Eric C. Flinn.
- LAW.—On November 16th, 1967, in Westminster Hospital, George Frederick Law, aged 64.

OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS . . .

MAES-YR-HAF

by BARRIE NAYLOR

When the editor approached me for an article in the series "Other People's Business" I tried to side-step because (a) strictly speaking I am not an old scholar (only an old teacher), (b) I have a lazy pen. However, he has a persuasive one.

Maes-yr-haf Educational Settlement, mid-way in the Rhondda Valley, has been in existence 41 years, during which period it has had only two Wardens, or rather two pairs of Wardens, because this is a joint man and wife appointment. William and Emma Noble were the founders (1926), whose concern was initially to help to relieve the distress caused by a major economic catastrophe when it hit this one-industry (coal) community in the mid-twenties. They did a herculean job, retiring in 1945, when Sheila and I took over. The war years had closed down most of the educational and social activities, but a vitally needed training scheme for severely disabled men was working in co-operation with the Ministry of Labour. This was technically known as a 'sheltered' industry, a forerunner of Remploy, to provide work for men who had hitherto been cast on the industrial scrap heap. Coal-mining, by the very nature of the work, creates injuries to lung and limb, and Tonypanydy had the longest list of disabled unemployed in the country. We trained and employed five men in woodwork and hand-loom weaving, and in a few years this number increased to thirty, with a turnover of £20,000 per year—a considerable responsibility for the Wardens, who had also to supervise the reviving social and educational activities—music, drama, Women's Clubs, holiday camps, lectures etc. There were also three young children to cope with, but resident members of staff helped here. Notably Pat Kenning, our colleague at Sibford, who has been secretary-gardener since 1950!

Digressing slightly, Sheila and I shall never forget the two Sibford Summer Schools in 1943 and 1946 when we returned to the school plus infants and rationing, and shared a hectic few days with Howard B. Jones (the organiser), Nicholas Harris, Mary Eddington (*nee* Protheroe), Richard Brayshaw, Bob and Anne Hopes, Ursula Pugmire (*nee* Strong), Barbara Penny, Jo Joachim, Eric Shilling and, of course, Roland Herbert and Norman Hargreaves, and many others. Memories crowd in, one of a picnic involving the donkey cart and a carrot.

In one sense Maes-yr-haf, as a voluntary body, is an anachronism. It pioneered in several forms of social service, in craft work and in informal adult education, but most of these activities are now commonplace and part of the normal provisions made by all local authorities. But its contribution to the community life of Rhondda has been, and still is, distinctive. Its managing and supporting committee is also remarkable; the secretary, Lucy B. Gillett, to whom Sibford owes so much, is a founder member. Harold and Hilda Reed, William Hazelton, Warren D. Lewis, Mac Noble, and Irene Protheroe are other names that come to mind.

The Settlement has many facets other than those referred to, for example, it produces stoneware pottery. Mention must be made of the stimulating Quaker Work Camps, including the 1965 Tri-partite, that have been held here during the past decade. Its day-to-day programme caters for leisure-time activities, and its interests embrace the welfare of old people and clubs for the young.

I will conclude with an account of one of our latest projects . . . the Rhondda Play Centre. This is not an ordinary pre-school play group, but one for selected children from homes where conditions are, to say the least, difficult due to lowness of income, disability, or parents who can't cope. Health visitors, local doctors and the Children's Department refer them to us, and they are collected and returned each morning. This gives mum a break, and transforms some of the pupils. We have watched withdrawn, dumb children blossom into noisy, inquiring runabouts. Some have to be toilet and table-trained, but there is a loving and experienced person in charge, who knows how to open up a new and attractive world to them. And we are all aware that what happens to us between the ages of 2 and 5 leaves its mark. Rejection or neglect during these formative years can have dire consequences. The Play Centre aims at providing a happy and stable environment, where basic social training is a group activity, for those who are in real need of it.

Maes-yr-haf has an open door, especially for Sibford Old Scholars. Those from the 1935-41 era are particularly welcome, phone Tonypandy 3353.

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BOOKS

A Home from Home by SHEILA STEWART (née Miss McCairn, Games Mistress 1948-52). Published in 1967 by Longmans, Green & Co. Ltd. Price 25/-.

An autobiography describing the authoress's hardships and triumphs from the age of three when she was taken away from her grandparents and placed in a home, up to her marriage to Eric Stewart.—Sheila became a part of 'The Waifs and Strays' Society' (now 'The Church of England Children's Society') and tells with warmth and integrity of the plight she found herself in—of the one sex close community life with its strict discipline and added hardships of wartime—of her being the first girl in the Society to attend a Grammar School and eventually to train as a teacher—her first appointment as Games Mistress at Sibford (a living-in post by necessity) where she met her husband, Eric Stewart 'from the village.'

This absorbing book is a triumph and emphasises—apart from the importance of the work of 'The Church of England Children's Society' and other homes—the importance of a happy family surrounding which all children need.

To quote: 'Dedicated with sincere gratitude to 'Matron Bailly' [who will not approve of it at all]—for me, this set the atmosphere in which the book is written.

'I can remember coming home from school one day and being made to sit in a circle round the playroom. Some strange men came into the room and gave each of us a small package marked A. We were told to eat the contents very slowly and in silence. Then we were given a similar package marked B and told to do likewise. When we had finished we had to go out one by one into the hall and tell another man which of the packages we preferred—A or B. It was all done with an air of great secrecy. We learned afterwards that Mars Ltd, were doing some market research and were using us as guinea pigs to test a new Mars Bar. We so seldom had sweets that both bars tasted equally 'scrumptious' to us, so I do not think our opinions could have been very valuable.'

'It was all right. Being evacuated did not hurt us at all. It was rather exciting. It was two long charabanc rides; one from Great Holland back to Ealing (where we did not unpack, and spent the night sleeping on the playroom floor) and then another ride the next day from Ealing to Ascot in Berkshire. I was rather old to have a 'big girl' now but Kirsty was still my big girl in theory and, kind as ever, she allowed me to sit on the window side for both journeys. The charabanc stopped. Englemere Wood—we could see we had come to a 'posh' house. We entered by a *back* drive (so we knew there was also a *front* drive somewhere) and even this tradesmen's approach did not reveal such indelicate necessities as washing-lines or dustbins.'

'One evening during my first term I was most disconcerted to hear 'A.J.' (Arthur Johnstone, the headmaster) say conversationally to the visitor whom we were entertaining to supper at top table, 'When I was in Dartmoor . . . ' I began to wonder what sort of a school I had come to, with an ex-convict for a headmaster, but I had to wait until after the meal to learn from my colleagues that as a conscientious objector during the Great War he had been confined to

Dartmoor and had spent his time hewing rocks from a quarry. From this incident arose a lively discussion in the staff-room, and my eyes were opened to the virtue of moral as well as physical courage.'

Sheila Stewart is now a head-teacher and has three children.

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MEMORY, OUT OF A DISTANT WINTER

The pulsing cuckoo-cry beats in my head like a drum.
The blazing dewdrops burn
On the golden fields in the sun.
They burn and die
As the sun creeps up the sky.

Elysium recalled! Once more I know
The pace of England's heart, vital, yet slow ;
The throbbing, cooing dovebreath of green air
In summer there,
And the unmeasured larksung sweep of heaven.

Out here, the frozen air
Has splintered into snow,
And all the shattered sky is hovering
In countless preying flakes above the earth.
Evening falls into night. A wanton gust
Flurries cold stars against the darkened pane
Like a white cry on the wind, and then the hush
Falls and deepens, as the small, chill silences
Drift softly into one.

MARGARET H. SMITH (1946-53).
Resident in Canada.

LESLIE BAILY'S BBC *Scrapbooks*, Volume Two 1918-39. Published in 1968 by George Allen and Unwin Ltd.

Leslie Baily and his 'Scrapbooks' hardly require any introduction—the following extract from his latest Scrapbook, another mine of information and pleasantly interesting reading, brings out what must be Leslie Baily's own strong feelings about the contents of his Scrapbooks.

From: *Forward. Entertainment and Information*. 'It is not surprising if a *Scrapbook* programme excites the interest of adults for whom it is the story of their own yesterdays, but what about younger people? Provided that they can be wooed away from the telly and the 'pop' music, I find through the letters they send me and through personal contacts that there is often a healthy curiosity about the days when their fathers and grandfathers were young. But I also find at times that knowledge of modern history is appallingly thin.

When a 17-year-old grammar school girl asked me in which great war were the Battle of Britain and the Battle of the Somme, the first or the second, I asked her whether she had learned any modern history. No, she said, and showed me the university paper at 'O' level which she had recently passed. No question referred to anything later than 1870. The paper asked questions about the French Revolution, and working conditions in factories during the Industrial Revolution, and certainly it is part of a good education to have a grounding in such things but it was disturbing to learn that this member of the rising generation had been taught nothing about the causes of the Great Wars, or the suffragettes, or the effect on world society of the invention of the aeroplane, or the League of Nations. She knew something about Joan of Arc, nothing about Gandhi.

No school curriculum can possibly include more than a few sectors of the long story of mankind; which sectors to teach must therefore present a hard and controversial problem to teachers. Different schools tackle it in different ways; some teach history up to the Second World War, others to the first, and some not that. One teacher has told me that 1815 is his limit for teaching to 'O' level and 1914 for 'A' level. He defends this blind-eye to the last half-century by saying that history should be taught not for utilitarian purposes but for pure scholarship: 'I see no reason to complain if a subject has no apparent "use" in the modern world.'

I believe, on the contrary, that the purpose of education is to fit people for life, that education does not end at school, and that for all of us a reasonable knowledge of modern history is absolutely essential for a balanced judgment of events today and tomorrow. With that girl in mind who knew little of events more recent than 1870, I have taken an opportunity to put a few questions about notable people mentioned in this book to a total of 700 students at three different types of school. Replies to what Americans call a 'straw vote' are no deep test of anyone's knowledge; I felt nevertheless that if I threw my straws into the air the general direction of the wind would be roughly indicated. Those answering the questions were between 13 and 18 years of age: 108 boys at a grammar school, 243 in an independent coeducational grammar school, and 349 at a comprehensive.

They were asked to name the first woman to take her seat as a Member of Parliament. I hoped for a substantial number of votes for Lady Astor, or even wrong votes for leading suffragettes would at

least shown knowledge of the woman's suffrage movement, especially as roughly half my 'sample' of teenagers were girls, to whom an awareness of the struggle for the vote is necessary if young women are to value its possession fully. Most of the replies were don't know. Only 40 named Lady Astor, 32 Mrs. Pankhurst, and one each for Sylvia Pankhurst and Elizabeth Garrett Anderson. The largest vote (201) was for Mrs. Barbara Castle, who was eight years old when Lady Astor MP entered the House in 1919. Which seems to show the powerful impact on the young generation of both Mrs. Castle and television.

Second, who made the first direct crossing of the Atlantic by air? Here again an ability to pop up with the correct names is nothing compared with an understanding of the revolution brought about in world affairs by long-distance aviation, but in 1919 Churchill called Alcock and Whitten-Brown 'the modern Columbuses': half a century later how many boys and girls are aware of them and what they did? Of the 700 students 133 named them, less than one in five. My guess is that practically all of them know something about Christopher Columbus; what about the modern Columbuses?

I also asked a question about television's 'inventor'. Since this point is thoroughly explored later in the book I will hold the answers until that point, only remarking now that the most enduring name is certainly that of John Logie Baird.

Finally, I asked who first split the atom. Rutherford with 38 votes, plus eight mentions of 'scientists at Cambridge', were on the mark. Don't know or wrong answers numbered 654, including 30 votes for Einstein, 36 for 'the Americans', and seven for 'the Russians', and a clever reply came from one boy who discarded the sphere of human achievement and wrote that the first atom-splitter was God.

UNDER THE TWO ELMS

LONDON BRANCH

A most successful year concluded with an 'At Home' at John and Monica Taylors on November 16th.

Between the New Year's Party in January, held at the Westminster Friends Meeting House, and the final get-together; the London Branch met for Dinner-Out at Woking, a day on the river at Windsor and 'At Homes' with Frank and Lilla Phillips and George and Marjorie Edwards—the latter including a visit to Downe House the home of the late Charles Darwin.

The average attendance has been about thirty. So if you live in the London area, come and join us.

PHILIP and GRACE BECKERLEGGE.
(Joint Secretaries).

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH

Owing to ever increasing demands made on my time and the poor weather, it has not been easy to arrange many branch gatherings during 1968.

As usual we celebrated Bonfire Night and we were fortunate in borrowing a large barn for the occasion. This was decorated with turnips and leaves, with straw bales to sit on. A large fire was lit on the stone floor and we were able to cook soup, fry 'bangers' and keep warm on a cold and very wet night.

Our Christmas Party was held, once again, at the Redditch home of Mike and Kathey Gibbins. Stan Ewan was again a fine M.C. and we all enjoyed a jolly evening of games and eating. Mike and Kathey have now moved to Harrington. In late October a number of us spent a most enjoyable evening with them. Each O.S. contributed to the supper table and a most beautiful coloured slide show was given by Stan and Mabel Ewan during the evening.

In March a few O.S. attended a fine performance of 'Iolanthe' at Astwood Bank Hall, produced by Graham Trout. After the show we returned to Graham and Sheila's home for coffee and buns.

It would help me if folks would kindly reply to the invitations sent out—catering for an unknown number is most difficult.

My thanks again, to all who 'open up' their homes to us and support the various occasions.

BARBARA ABERCROMBIE.

THE SCHOOL—HEADMASTER'S REPORT

Ever since the inspiring talk by Leslie Baily at the Old Scholars' Gathering in August, the past history of Sibford seems to have appeared more alive than usual. The following quotation is from the School's Report to General Meeting just a hundred years ago:— 'The number of the children has been less than last year, it having been previously undesirably full, which with the high price of bread, an increase of salaries, and larger payments in several other items of the usual current expenditure, has caused the average cost to exceed that of last year.'

A school of three-hundred and thirteen in 1968 is a vastly more complex business than a school of sixty-three in 1868. The first thing in our routine is the Staff and we have been happy to welcome Gilbert Todd and Tony Rye (Modern Languages), Patricia Drummond (Girls' Physical Education), Phyllis Minshaw (Domestic Science), Shirley Ross and Louie Baggaley (School Nurses), and to pay tribute to Judith Fletcher and Sheila Downer who held the fort until we could appoint permanent staff in the Sick Bay. We have had an unfilled vacancy in English throughout this year and I am grateful for the way other members have shouldered the extra load and to the work of the part-time assistant, even though this has meant piles of scripts on the breakfast table at Holly House.

Changes in the non-teaching staff have resulted in a complete re-organisation of domestic arrangements. When our Housekeeper, Dorothy Dyson, left to train as a nurse she was replaced by a Care-taker, Bill Kitson assisted by his wife. The main responsibilities of Arthur Harrison, who was Head of Maintenance, now rest on his assistant, Bill White. Jim Green has joined us as Laboratory Steward/Electrician. With the departure of Wendy Stone and the final retirement of Miriam Guest, we lost our last residential Matrons, and the laundering and care of clothing is now handled entirely by

day workers under the direction of Margaret Dring. We have all missed the cheerful presence of her husband from the campus during his unexpected illness and are glad to see him making such good progress. The retirement of those two indefatigable workers, the Mrs. Haines, from the laundry was a sad occasion for the school. Their forty years cheerful service will not easily be forgotten or equalled. All this has called for a great deal of re-adjustment by all Staff and I am grateful to them for making the re-organisation work so smoothly, as well as to Leslie Tucker for the planning and arrangement of it.

The continuing of the completion of the third Girls' House out of the Manor whilst the School has been in session is another example of this team work and capacity for adaptation which is a characteristic of Sibford and the constant surveillance of the Architect and his assistant, Alan Plested, in this must not be overlooked.

In order to make room for the enlarged girls' accommodation by way of Quiet Rooms, Hobby Rooms and so on, the Staff have been progressively moved from A to B to C and now have a new Common Room and Dining Room as have the Domestic Staff. We are grateful to those Friends whose generosity has enabled this work to be done and will in time enable the Science Laboratories to be completed. The Parent-Teacher Association has donated a Scout Hut and Old Scholars have adopted the new Courtyard giving seats and shrubs. The School is grateful not only for the gifts from Old Scholars but for their continuing interest in the school of today. This is particularly true when to those Old Scholars it must appear so completely different from the community they knew and loved.

The whole school now relies for the pastoral care of students on the six House Heads and their Assistants, leaving the Deputy Head, Senior Master and Headmaster freer for those duties which, to some, must appear as having nothing to do except to decide what is to be done and tell somebody to do it or explain why it should be done in a different way. Seriously, however, there is here a new shift of Headmaster's role which is in the sharpest contrast to that of the Superintendent of the School of 1868. In some aspects of his work the present incumbent must still sit on that peak of paternalism as he surveys, Canute like, the rising tide of fraternalism, and the point of the pyramid gets sharper!

Sport has been very exciting with many school records and several local ones being broken by our scholars. For a school of this size consistently to beat all comers in Athletics is not sufficiently appreciated I feel and I cannot pay too high a tribute to the devotion and efficiency of my Staff. In these activities we shall miss John Lucas who left last term. He brought all the traditional Rugby players qualities to his work and will be much missed.

School stage productions have again been up to our usual high standard. The rest of 'the routine' has had its ups and downs as exemplified in the Eisteddfod which we are glad to see in the calendar again and not least for Kenneth Francis' reassuring presence on the final evening. The Social Evenings have again been administered by a student/staff Committee (students in revolt please note) and several innovations have given great pleasure. In all kinds of quiet ways small groups have been active—Social Service with Old People, Duke of Edinburgh Award seekers, Life Saving, Scouts and without any

outside help the Rural Science unit has gone on producing prolifically. The Charities Committee is doing its work unobtrusively as in the best traditions. Their main effort was to support Stephen Chirindo, a boy at the Mukwupasi Clinic in Africa. They have also contributed to F.S.C. in their aid to Vietnam and Israel, Shelter and the Pevensey Hospital. I am, as one of the first I.V.S. members, particularly pleased to have our first student building under way—the new Green Room at the rear of the Hall, as well as several Rural Science projects. By the same method greenhouse work has been possible and we must not forget parents' contributions of lambs for the Unit and their ready co-operation in other aspects of the Rural Science work.

It has been an exciting year then, a year of change and one in which Staff and Committee have had much to consider about our work which, though not reportable, has been important. It has been a year in which the links with other Friends' Schools have been strengthened. Saffron Walden Sixth came here for a night en route to and from Stratford. The Southern Schools for the first time went on the Quaker Pilgrimage to the George Fox country. Not least of the factors in bringing us together has been the Working Party which produced the F.E.C. Reports on Friends' Schools.

I cannot resist closing with another quotation, this time from an earlier Meeting in 1852. Old Scholars have always rightly thought of themselves as unique. Here is a voice from the past confirming this:— 'With the exception of a bath, the Committee now considers the buildings complete, and ample for an Institution ranging from fifty to sixty children and have no desire to extend it beyond the latter number. It is gratifying to view the Institution as no longer an experiment but as a Permanent Establishment, giving promise of continued and important benefit to a class of children not generally provided for in the other Public Schools of the Society.'

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1968

At the beginning of the year, the Committee welcomed three new members, Redford Harris, Constance Phillips and Alan Sibson.

The intricate building conversion work done on the Old Manor, converting it into two girls' houses, Lister and Nansen, has proved very successful; as has the modernising of the old boys' playground with its stone patio, teak seats, shrubs and the rest, making an attractive setting for the girls' houses.

Through a gift of £3,000 from the Barrow and Geraldine Cadbury Trust the new Chemistry and Physics Laboratories have been equipped.

As a consequence of having a very high number of scholars (240 boarders and 74 day) and an increasing number of these staying on into higher forms, the Committee contemplates building a Sixth Form Centre, behind the Hill Building. Towards the £8,000 estimated cost of this, a generous gift of £1,000 has been received from the Bancroft Trust.

May I suggest, if you haven't been to Sibford recently, do make an effort to go, you will be delighted and welcome, and someone will show you around.

V.R.R.

NEWS OF OLD SCHOLARS

- Derek Gaffee Has ceased Chicken Farming and returned to Chiropody.
 Peter Gaffee Chicken Farming in Rhodesia.
 Tina Packer (Christina) Appeared on Television (B.B.C. 1—15.11.68) in the 'Boy Meets Girl' series 'The Enchanted Shore,' alongside Patrick Bedford. Tina played the part of Sister March, a young nursing sister, disenchanted with life in a London Hospital, who goes to work at a clinic on Lake Como in northern Italy. Here she falls in love with Dr. Driscoll (Patrick Bedford) and an intriguing situation follows. Ed.
- Francis Rush Teaching Technical Drawing and Woodwork to 'A' Level at Horncastle Grammar School, Lincoln.
- Wendy Tyrell (née Boardman) Married to a dentist, living near Bristol and has a son. Wendy is very active in amateur dramatics and it was whilst she was taking the female lead at Leyhill Prison that she saw and recognised me complete with uniform, after not seeing me for nine years. This was about five years ago and in case it is not clear—Wendy was at the prison as an outsider. Ed.
- Rayworth Wall Up to this year Rayworth has worked very hard building up Moorfield Nurseries Ltd., Duxford, Cambridge—and I quote from a letter I received from him recently: 'I have applied for and been accepted for a job in the Bahamas. This job is subject to immigration formalities which means waiting for immigration permission and work permit to come through. The job is working for the American Hotel Company of America and is an organisational job, running Hotel Tropical Gardens and design work, training the natives and being in a beautiful climate; after this 'summer' I shall be very pleased to go. The nursery is up for sale. The reasons for my going are really the fact that I am tied down here and the difficulty of employing labour.' Ed.
- John Michael Steer Student apprenticeship at A.E.I., Rugby.—Commission in R.E.M.E.—Hawker Siddeley Dynamics, London (Blue Streak project)—Married October '64 (Christine)—Member of Institution of Electrical Engineers (M.I.E.E.)—Currently a Lecturer in Electrical Engineering at Farnborough Technical College—First child, Kevin John, born 1st January, '68.

It is with great regret that we have learned of the death of Nicholas Watkins (1957-62) of 6, The Green, Woodford Green, Essex. He was killed in a car accident in November, 1968.

AND RECENT LEAVERS

- Timothy Addey 'A' Levels at Sutton Grammar School.
 Heather Alexander Course at Grammar School in Rugeley.
 Susan Andrews Teacher Training Course at Rolle College, Exmouth.
 Maureen Armstrong Possibly Secretarial Course at Pitmans.
 Julian Barnard 'A' Level Course at Beverley Grammar School, Yorkshire.
 Marianne Belck Training for Orthopaedic Nursing at Oxford.
 Peter Binns Teaching at Southend Secondary School.
 Gordon Boone Agricultural Course at Kolverston College, Claythorpes.
 Peter Branch Course at Dartington College, Totnes, Devon.
 Gillian Buckle Course at Melbourne Kindergarten Teachers' College.
 Stephen Burbank Further Education at Oxford Technical College.
 Judith Canning Business Course at Banbury Technical College.
 David Coxon City & Guilds Course at Marston College.
 Lindsay Crowder Further Education at Banbury Technical College.
 Philip Davies Agricultural Course at Hampden Hall, Aylesbury.
 Avril Dobson Hairdressing Course.

Frances Dow	Secretarial Course at Fryenning School, Wadhurst, Sussex.
Timothy Elliott	Commencing a course at Merrist Wood Agricultural College.
Charmian Ellis	Course in Art at St. Albans School of Art.
Sheila Elsmore	Secretarial Course at Bournville, Birmingham.
Penelope Evans	Commencing student nurse course at Hammersmith Hospital.
Leo Faherty	Technical Course at Eynsham School.
Hilary Feather	Nursing Course at Bournville, Birmingham.
Stephen Goddard	Working as Clerical Assistant in G.P.O.
Julian Harnor	'A' Level Course at Sidcot School.
Georgina Harrison	Secretarial Course at Wilsons Secretarial College, Reading.
Christopher Howe-Piper	Apprentice to Mechanics at Wadhams, Southampton.
Jacqueline Howell	Graduate Course in Music at Northern School of Music, Manchester.
Alan Howse	Course on Agriculture while working on a farm.
Robert Inverarity	Supervisor in Sports section of Lillywhites.
Ann Jones	Secretarial Course at Mander College, Bedford.
Wilberforce Kitimbo-Nadiope	Agricultural Course at Askham Bryan, Yorkshire.
Catherine Lamb	'A' Level Course at North East Technical College, Colchester.
Ann MacNair	Helping for one year at Burton Hill House School before taking up nursing.
Denishea McDonald	Training to be a Chiropodist with Dr. Scholls Company.
Richard Messenger	Commencing Office work and taking course at Technical College.
Sarah Metford-Sewell	Working on Secretarial Staff of St. Thomas' Hospital.
Alastair Mitchell	Hotel keeping and Catering course at Brighton College.
Julie Moss	Business Course at Banbury Technical College.
Norman Myall	Working at Heal & Sons, London.
Janet Neal	Secretarial Course at Banbury Technical College.
Fiona Nock	Secretarial Course at Pitmans, London.
Mary Parkinson	Hotel Management and Catering Course at Nuneaton Technical College.
Peter Prost	Course in Art at Twickenham College of Technology.
Simon Rand	Working on family farm.
Alison Reavley	Student Medical Laboratory Technician at Churchill Hospital, Oxford.
Janet Richardson	Farm Secretarial Course at Hampden Hall, Aylesbury.
Thomas Shag	Course for B.Sc. in Sociology.
James Skipp	'A' Level Course at Sidcot School.
Jennifer Skipp	Infant Teacher Training at City of Portsmouth College.
Anne Stirling	Working in Sydney, Australia as Nanny to family of children.
Patrick Straingie	Agricultural Course at Witney Technical College.
Michael Thake	Course at Air Training School.
Elizabeth Tinson	Working Pupil at Shaftsbury.
Ruth Tordoff	Training to be a Master Ironmonger.

THE SCHOOL STAFF

Autumn Term, 1968

Headmaster :

JONAS A. FIELDING, B.A., Diploma in Education

Deputy Head :

D. JUNE ELLIS, B.Sc., Diploma in Education

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JOHN K. GILCHRIST, B.Sc.

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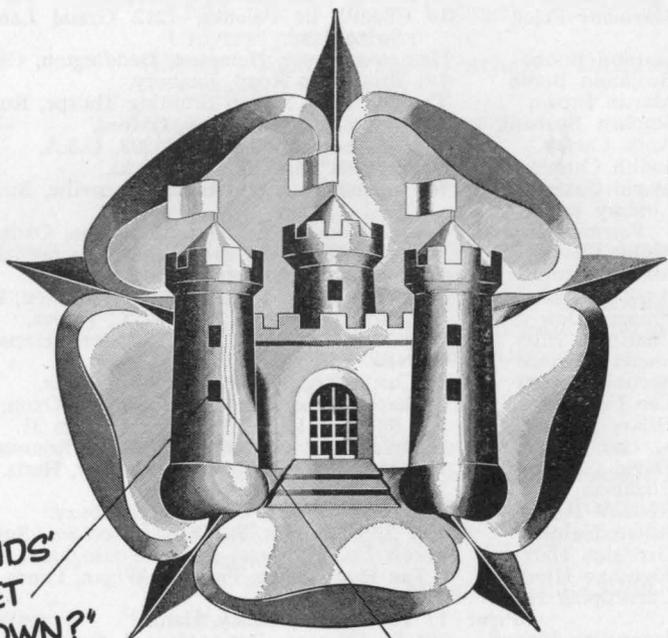
<i>English</i>	John D. Voller, B.A., Certificate in Education. Hugh D. Morgan, B.A., Diploma in Education.
<i>French</i>	Anthony M. Rye, L.T.C.L., Teachers' Certificate (Culham College). Certificate University of Paris. Gilbert Todd, B.A., Teachers' Diploma (Sheffield University).
<i>German</i>	*Barbara Morgan.
<i>Geography</i>	John K. Gilchrist, B.Sc.
<i>History</i>	†Kenneth T. Francis, Teachers' Certificate (London University).
<i>General Subjects</i>	Dorothy Hargreaves, Teachers' Certificate (Southampton University). †Elizabeth Gray, Teachers' Certificate (Bletchley Park), Diploma in Education of Backward Children (Leeds University).
<i>Latin</i>	*Marjorie Fielding, B.A., Diploma in Education.
<i>Mathematics</i>	†Alan Jarvis, M.A., Diploma in Education. Margaret Constable, Teachers' Certificate.
<i>Science</i>	Henry J. Shields, B.Sc., Diploma in Education. D. Gordon Wright, B.Sc., Diploma in Education. D. June Ellis, B.Sc., Diploma in Education.
<i>Art and Pottery</i>	†Sylvia Warren, A.T.D. *Angela Mortimer.
<i>Domestic Science</i>	Phyllis Minshaw, Teachers' Certificate.
<i>Needlework</i>	†Vera Holt, Teachers' Certificate.
<i>Metalwork and Technical Drawing</i>	Geoffrey B. Easton, Teachers' Diploma (Loughborough).
<i>Religious Education</i>	Elizabeth Waller, B.D.
<i>Woodwork</i>	†Lindsay Martin, Teachers' Certificate.
<i>Music</i>	Tony R. Saggars, G.R.S.M., A.R.M.C.M. Julie Thomas, B.A.
<i>Physical Education</i>	Michael Wollerton, Teachers' Certificate (Exeter University), Diploma in Physical Education (St. Luke's College, Exeter). Patricia Drummond, Diploma in Physical Education (Bedford College).
<i>Visiting Teachers</i>	Elizabeth Jones, Oboe. Irene Bennett, L.R.A.M., Pianoforte. Frederick Walsh, Flute. Thomas M. Lawrence, M.A., Pianoforte and Brass. Mabel Payne, Pianoforte. Phyllis Travis, 'Cello. Laurence Farbrother, Clarinet. Timothy Hunt, A.R.C.M., Violin. Gordon Davis, Guitar. Mary Trump, Dancing.

* Indicates part-time Staff.

† Housemaster/Housemistress.

LEAVERS — 1967-68

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E.C.G.



C.J.G.

Jonas Fielding thanking Mr. Major
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R. Hockley, Ian and Marion Hudson with daughter Jane

I.W.



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P. Morris, M. van Blank., D. Barratt and D. Hyde continuing the Debate



Chris Holmes and his Hobby. Organist in a Jazz and Pop Group

I.A.W.

R. Brown, J. Taylor, P. Morris, G. Long, M. Fielding, H. Pugmire, etc., chatting



C.J.G.

5. YEAR.
The Association's year shall be from 1st January to 31st December. This shall apply to the Accounts of the Association and to the term of office of President, Officers, Committee, etc.
6. GENERAL COMMITTEE.
 - (a) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a General Committee subject to the approval of the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
 - (b) The General Committee shall comprise:—
Ex-Officio President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Reunion Secretary, Membership Secretary, Magazine Editor, Local Branch Secretaries, two Resident Officers, one representative on the School Committee, two representatives from the School staff, the Headmaster, the Bursar, and six ordinary members elected at the Annual General Meeting to serve for a three year period.
 - (c) Ten members of the General Committee shall form a quorum.
 - (d) The General Committee shall have power to co-opt up to four members at any one time and to appoint any additional officers it deems necessary.
7. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS.
 - (a) The President and Vice-President shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for one year. Normally the President's year of office shall immediately follow the year in which he/she was Vice-President.
 - (b) The General Secretary, Treasurer and other Officers shall be appointed for a three-year period at an Annual General Meeting. Two representatives on the School Committee shall be appointed for a four year term coinciding with the School Committee's normal term of appointments.
 - (c) Should a vacancy occur in any office the General Committee shall have power to fill the vacancy and the person so appointed shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
 - (d) All nominations for General Secretary, Treasurer and other Officers shall be in writing, signed by the proposer, seconder and the nominee and shall be sent or handed to the General Secretary twelve hours before the Annual General Meeting. Nomination papers to be included with the appropriate Annual Reunion programmes sent to all members.
 - (e) Each year the school leavers shall nominate one of their members to serve, as an ordinary member, on the Committee for a period of three years following the next 31st December, and such nomination shall be confirmed by the Annual General Meeting. The A.G.M. shall also appoint one representative each year to serve for a three year term.
Should an ordinary member resign during his term of service the Committee has power to fill the vacancy so caused, until the next Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting shall then confirm the appointment or appoint an alternative member for the remainder of the term of service.
8. MEETINGS AND REUNIONS.
 - (a) An Annual Reunion of members shall be held at Sibford at Whitsuntide or at such other time and/or place as may be decided by the General Committee
 - (b) The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held during the Annual Reunion.
 - (c) Notice of the Annual Reunion shall be sent to all members.
 - (d) The General Committee shall have full control of all arrangements at these Reunions with power to make such regulations as they may deem to be expedient.
9. MINUTES.
Minutes of the proceedings of the General Committee shall be duly recorded in a permanent manner and the minutes of the Annual General Meeting when passed shall be available for inspection by any member by arrangement.
10. LOCAL BRANCHES.
 - (a) Whenever the number of members resident in a locality warrants the course, a local branch may be formed.
 - (b) A Branch Secretary shall be elected at a representative meeting of the local branch.
 - (c) Branch Secretaries shall have power to arrange local reunions and other events.
 - (d) All Branches must be financially self supporting and have no call on the funds of the Association.
11. MAGAZINE.
A magazine entitled "Sibford" shall be published annually by the Association and sent to all members whose addresses are known. Where husbands and wives are both members only one magazine will be sent unless an additional copy is specifically requested.
12. ALTERATIONS TO RULES.
 - (a) Notice of any alteration or addition to be proposed to the rules of the Association shall be given in writing to the General Secretary at least fourteen days prior to an Annual General Meeting. Nevertheless the Annual General Meeting shall have power to deal with any alteration or addition to the Rules without such notice or any notice if the meeting so decides by a two-thirds majority of members who are present and voting.
 - (b) No alteration or addition to the Rules of the Association shall become effective unless passed by a two-thirds majority of members who are present and voting in Annual General Meeting.
 - (c) Rule 12 (b) and 13 (b) cannot be altered except by a 9/10ths majority at Annual General Meeting.
13. LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND.
 - (a) All subscriptions received as Life Subscriptions shall be invested in the names of Trustees appointed by the Annual General Meeting.
 - (b) The Life Membership Fund may not be spent without a prior referendum of the recorded members of the Association. To be effective the referendum must be approved by a 9/10th majority of all the forms received by a date set by the General Committee.
 - (c) The interest from the investment of the life subscriptions shall be added to the ordinary income of the Association.
14. WINDING UP.
In the event of the Association being dissolved all the assets shall be disposed of as directed by the final Annual General Meeting by a simple majority of those members who are present and voting at the Annual General Meeting.

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