

J. Pope has shown himself to be a competent helmsman, while others less experienced have indicated their potential, which promises well for next year.

Owing to the lack of suitable facilities, all our matches are held away. This gives the considerable advantage to the other School, used to more open waters.

This year's Annual Regatta proved to be a highly successful social occasion, despite a lack of wind. We very much appreciate the considerable parental support which we had at this function, and throughout the year.

Results:

- v Oundle—lost $68\frac{1}{2}$ to $48\frac{1}{2}$ points.
- v Bedford Town—lost 29 to $13\frac{1}{2}$ points.
- v Stowe—lost $35\frac{1}{2}$ to 23 points.
- v Aldenham—lost 43 to $19\frac{1}{2}$ points.
- v Kimbolton—match abandoned.

Regatta:

- Junior Knockout—Randall iii.
- Junior Singlehanded—Ferguson.
- Senior Knockout—B. Knight.
- Senior Singlehanded—Pope i.
- Masters v School—won 12 to 9 points.

A résumé of the other Societies which submitted reports:

On Sunday, 26th May, the Music Club were invited by the Hon. Pearl Lawson-Johnston to give a recital at Melchbourne Park, similar to the one given two years ago. The two orchestral and eight solo items, all privately prepared, were performed to an audience of about eighty. (*President:* C. Q. Lawrence; *Secretary:* D. Pestell.)

At this term's only full meeting of the Modern Languages Society, Mrs. A. Stileman and her accompanist, Mrs. A. Barnard, gave an enjoyable recital of French, Spanish and German songs, which were interspersed by items from C. Q. Lawrence (cello) and D. C. Jackman (piano). (*President:* D. C. Hulse; *Secretary:* C. Q. Lawrence.)

Another successful year has been enjoyed by the Pythagoreans who have held a Problems Drive and a visit, by some members, to the first congress of the British "Go" Association at Jesus College, Oxford. A trip to view Newton's parabolic bridge (from underneath) is planned for after the examinations. Here is an example from the Problems Drive, set by G. J. Suggett and F. C. Ward, and won by A. J. Bedford and A. E. Knight:

"A numerical young lady called Lillian
Summed the digits from one to a million.
But it gave her the fidgets
To add up the digits,

If you can help her she'll thank you a million."

Answer: 40,500,000,001. (No one could give the correct answer at the time. Here it is intended that, e.g., 127 contributes $1+2+7=10$ to the total, etc.) (*Secretary:* F. C. Ward; *Treasurer:* A. G. Shreeves.)

The Young Farmers' Club had an outing earlier this term to the Milk Marketing Board Artificial Insemination Centre at Little Horwood. Despite raised eyebrows at the outing's announcement, this proved to be one of the most interesting outings the Club has had for some time. An offer from a local miller to hold an open day unfortunately had to be turned down, but two visits are planned, for 7th and 14th July, to farms, one local, the other in the Fens. Thanks for the year are due to H. F. McKendrick, Esq., for his helpful supervision, and P. E. Coles, Esq., for his assistance and advice from the Bell Room. (*President:* A. J. J. Saunderson; *Secretary:* D. J. S. Cain.)

School Sport

SWIMMING CLUB

Thanks to the hospitality of the Modern School and particularly to Mr. Wilson's kindness, a good number of boys were able to swim regularly during the second part of the Easter Term and the first part of this term until our own pool became available after Mr. Hill and others had put in a lot of much appreciated work overhauling and improving the pumping installations.

The Club gradually found their confidence in this term's matches. At Haileybury we were soundly beaten by a very strong team, in spite of some determined swimming, particularly by March and Morris. Exhausted we then faced a polo match—so we hope to have our revenge another year. At Stowe the scores were level at the start of the final relay and we might have hoped to be ahead had not the characteristics of the pool defeated some of the less experienced swimmers. Gilmour found very good form in the breast stroke and there were some promising performances by younger swimmers, but Stowe's superiority in the final relay dashed our hopes—even if they were then reluctant to take us on at polo. At Wellingborough School, in the usual enjoyable triangular match with Aldenham School, most of the Club seemed to hit their best form. Morris had an energetic and successful afternoon, and McKay, who volunteered for the 100 yards free style at the last moment, put up a very creditable time, while Schoenenberger again performed well to win the diving. Churton and Morris deserve full credit for organising our resources so that with the final relay to go we only needed second place to be sure of winning overall, which we did.

The following have swum with the Club in matches this term: Churton (capt.), Morris (sec.), Bent, Cole, Dawson, Folkes, Gilmour, Gittins, March, McKay, Nind, Schoenenberger, Walshe. A.J.R.

SHOOTING

The main match of the year, the De Putron Cup, against Bedford Modern School, was shot on 14th June.

Instituted in 1942, the Cup has been contested for annually under Country Life conditions. Since 1952 it has been held by Bedford Modern. Only members of the C.C.F. may shoot and as a result, since both contingents are much smaller neither school can always put out their strongest team.

As this is a side-by-side match, it is usually a test of which team is more affected by nervous tension. This year it was Bedford Modern's misfortune and for the first time in 16 years the School won by a margin of 8 points with a score of 715 to Bedford Modern's 707. Individual scores:

S. N. Jones	92	I. D. Gordon	91
C. H. Hamp	94	I. A. Clarke	94
R. S. C. Hockly	80	D. S. Tansley	92
R. M. Stanton	78	Larman	94

This result is reflective of all the work Mr. Elliott has put in over the past two years to build up the team and especially the younger members of it and the Club is very grateful to him for this, S. N. JONES,