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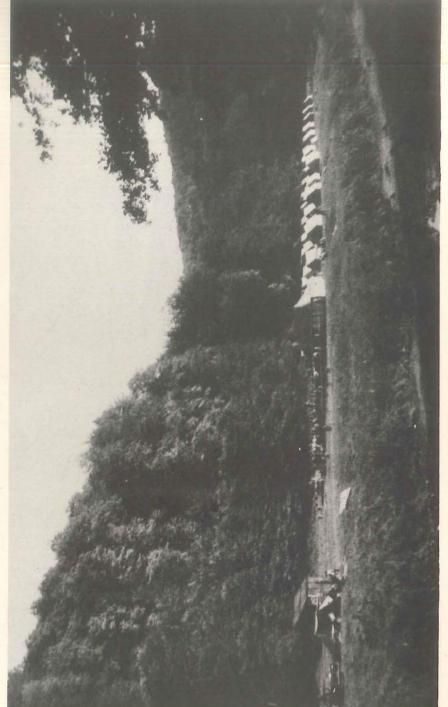
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

* 'One of our problems is to restore coherence to the community. In this, above all else, we need to restore to adults their feeling of responsibility for the young and their confidence that they can and should intervene in a protective way.'

We are today perhaps more than at any point in our history moving in times of change so swift and so complex that the changes themselves let alone the results are almost impossible to assess. The pattern of life for so many is changing, sometimes subtly, sometimes harshly. The closing of the village schools and the gathering of young people together in convenient administrative centres for the greater part of their waking day will take its toll of some aspects of rural life, whilst, in the urban community the sweeping away of old areas, so necessary if better housing is to be provided, has found no sure way of carrying to the clinical tidiness of life in multi-storey flats the warmth and neighbourliness which the old jostling community seemed to produce. Great technological advances are being made in Industry, the scientists reach out into space, and all this goes on at a time when young people and particularly those at work are experiencing a greater measure of freedom than ever before. All around are the specialists, in science, in industry, in government, and in social service, each contributing much, and yet each taking from the individual some of the responsibility of acting for himself and caring for others.

In this environment adults often conscious of their own deficiencies are reluctant to become involved with young people and young people in their turn miss the benefit of experience, and just as hesitant feel a gap between themselves and the adults around them. The reaction in some may be panic and violence, in many more, perhaps fortunately is a determination to succeed even without the help they would so much welcome.

The need today is to bring back to each adult the feeling not only of responsibility but of understanding that each in his own way has something to offer which will be of lasting benefit to the rapidly growing number of young people. Many are of course doing this and this report reflects credit on them and the boys with whom they work – very many more are needed for no-one can replace the voluntary worker willing to pass to the next generation his own tried interests and his experience of life that can only be acquired by having lived.

*Dr. W. D. Wall (Guidance in Adolescence)

FOREWORD

BADMINTON, GLOS.

This report of the work of your Association, during the past year gives many instances of personal and collective achievement. Little, if any of this, would have been possible without the support and encouragement of our leaders and their Committees.

New Clubs are being built and members do much to help in these major projects, but much must inevitably depend on the initiative and drive of the adults who work with them.

We owe a great deal to all those who give either their time or their financial help to our cause. I would like to see many more join them, sharing their knowledge and their enthusiasms with the growing number of boys reaching Club age, for in their hands lies the future. What they make of it will depend so very much on how well we fit them for the task.

(Signed) BEAUFORT.

10th July, 1965.

There are today forty-seven Clubs affiliated to the Association and during the past year affiliation has been granted to new clubs started at Brimscombe and Duntisbourne Valley and to the long established Gordon League who have a worthy history of service in the Gloucester area. To these clubs we extend a very real welcome and hope that they like so many others will have a long and happy association with our movement.

There may be much provided for young people today but it can serve little purpose unless it gives real opportunity for young people to work and think for themselves. We believe we can and do provide this opportunity in the Boys' Club Movement and we hope in the pages that follow will be seen some of the justification for that belief.

DEVELOPMENT

The process of new development today is often frustrating as schemes plough their tedious way through the many hazards of planning, priority lists, Ministry sanction and the like. It says much for the determination of the leaders, committees and members concerned that most of the schemes still in the planning stage a year ago are now either being built or waiting for the final permission to start.

In Cheltenham the new activities hall and extension for the Whaddon & College Boys' Club is being built and should be ready for occupation by October.

In Gloucester City the very big development of the new Ramblers' Lads' Club has started with foundation work and the erection of a Reema building will not long be delayed.

In the County work starts in June on a purpose built Club in Cotswold stone at Gotherington whilst at Down Hatherley a similar scheme having successfully met all the requirements now waits news from the Ministry that a start may be made. Both these schemes will be able to offer facilities not only for their own Boys' Club but are specially designed to aid certain other village groups as well. The progress of these two Clubs will be watched with interest as probable forerunners of similar schemes in comparable communities elsewhere. At Brockworth the need to conform to one specified type of building has caused some difficulty and delay and added to the cost. The problems have been met and a reasonable solution worked out; final sanction is awaited. At Nailsworth the new playing area forecast last year is now a reality and complete with floodlights will provide a most useful activity centre throughout the year. At Cirencester, not seeking outside help adults and boys have been working throughout the winter to improve their present accommodation. The new season should see changing accommodation and showers as a useful addition to a club now being made much more comfortable.

A Tribute

All Clubs concerned with development have, during the past three years, had cause to be grateful for the very ready practical help and advice of Captain 'Jimmy' Pack our Regional Development Officer and it was with real regret that we learned that his period of office, already extended for a year beyond the original term was at last to come to an end. He goes to his new post knowing not only that he has our thanks, but that he has left behind many new Club buildings as practical evidence of his work.

And a Welcome

As the major development projects have been completed new needs have become apparent, and to meet these in this and other areas of the South West, the N.A.B.C. have been pleased to appoint Mr. Alex Cox who whilst continuing to work as a Development Officer will as the tempo of building decreases extend his activities into the fields of training and recruitment. We would welcome him as a member of the team furthering the cause of Boys' Clubs in this region.

TRAINING

So much of the work of any Boys' Club involves training, whether it be in activities, in acceptance of responsibility for the everyday tasks, or the more formal training in leadership and good citizenship, and in most leaders is the constant desire to equip themselves the better to serve their own members. There are certain practical difficulties in formal training in an area as large as that covered by the Association but the regular training evenings culminating in a residential week-end have been well supported by a large number of leaders and helpers coming from a very wide area.

The new member, senior boy, and helper training which was planned a year ago has completed its first years programme, and if we did not get quite as many on the first series of courses as we had at first hoped, there was no doubt about the quality and the interest of the twenty-five club members who did attend. Some will perhaps drop out but the majority will continue later this year on a second and more advanced stage, and, if as we confidently expect some thirty new boys can be encouraged to start on stage I the Training Committee will be well satisfied with the progress so far made. We are of course very short of leaders and helpers, and though we continue to look to recruitment of new people coming into the movement, we are at the same time very conscious that the trained young man having come to the end of his club life as a member has a great deal to offer, perhaps not immediately, but certainly in the years that lie before him.

Participation in National courses is a regular feature for many club members and this wider participation with boys from other areas is to be encouraged. They can and do bring back to their own clubs new ideas and a new outlook that this mixing with others does so much to foster.

Some of our Clubs have as in the past offered opportunities for practical work to some of the students from the N.A.B.C. Full time Leaders Courses at Liverpool and this has proved to be a useful service perhaps as much to the established leader as to the student. Two students of past courses have accepted posts in Gloucestershire and are doing most useful work.

ADVENTURE AND TRAINING CENTRE AT KERNE BRIDGE

During the past year the benefit of the additional accommodation has been most marked. Not only is the Centre being used at weekends by our Clubs and on occasion groups from London and the Midlands but there has been a marked rise in the number of midweek bookings for groups from schools some of whom have had an affiliated Boys' Club for many years, others seeing some of the possibilities are in process of forming one.

We are very much indebted to British Railways who have always been ready to help us with our practical problems at Kerne Bridge, and, now that the line is finally to close we are shortly to receive a most magnificent gift of a coach to add to the facilities we already enjoy. This is going to be of great value to our own boys and will we hope enable us to be of service to Boys Clubs from other areas who find Gloucestershire such an attractive county for their wider activities. We intend too to give some attention to the outside of the station and its surrounds so that it will be a pleasant spot for all to see.

The continued support of Smiths Charity, our own Education Authority and the Club members who have supplied the working parties have been the real factors that have enabled us to keep this Centre in more than weekly use.

We owe a very real debt to Mr. Alex Harvey who on retirement offered his services as Honorary Warden and who by his regular visits has done so much to maintain the standards we try to set.

ADJUSTMENT TO INDUSTRY

Over 2,000 boys from a very wide range of Industrial firms have now attended the Adjustment to Industry Courses organized by this Association and run at Cowley Manor near Cheltenham and we are pleased that the Industrial Training Boards so far established under the Training Act have given ready approval to these courses sponsored for Industry by our Movement. The value of this type of training for boys in their first years in industry is indeed great. It has only been possible because so many experts in their own field have given ungrudgingly of their time and their knowledge, either as speakers or tutors. To them all and to the many firms who have given us their support we give our thanks.

Four more Courses are already planned for the coming winter and we anticipate that when these are completed in March 1966 a further 120 boys will have been given the advantage of this special form of training.

ARTS FESTIVAL

Boys' activities take many forms and some of these were this year seen to advantage when at the Whaddon & College Boys' Club an evening was reserved for our Arts Festival – the first we have been able to stage on this scale for some little time. The entries covered many sections, pop music and piano, tape-recording, magazine, short stories, pottery, metalwork, painting, photography, drawing and woodwork, and many were of a very high standard indeed. The list of awards is shown later in this report but mention must be made of the quality of painting achieved by M. Brown of St. Michael's Boys' Club which gained him the most highly prized Gold Award. In the Rhythm section the 'Cotswold Stones' from Down Hatherley Boys' Club also gain a coveted 'Gold'. Both these may well be seen at Festival Hall later in the year when from Festivals all over the country, the 'best of Boys' Clubs' is on show.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

The Association has always been very conscious that the activities it sponsors and the competitions it organizes should be an extension of the facilities available in Clubs giving to boys of particular interest the opportunity to make personal progress. A great many of our boys wear badges of achievement at National or International level, many more wear the special badge reserved for those who have represented their County in their chosen activity, and supporting them are many, many more who took part, and if they received no badges or honours this did not detract from their enjoyment.

NATIONAL 'OPEN' ORIENTEERING COMPETITION

The most exciting and satisfying event of the past year was without doubt the Orienteering Competition held in September in the Forest of Dean. We had long known from our own experience that this was a growing sport and we have for the past four years held our own Championships, and invited other Gloucestershire groups to join us. Other groups were springing up throughout the country and feeling there was need we pressed for the formation of a National Orienteering Association without much success. This was disappointing but we decided that our Association and the County Education

Authority working together could show to others the tremendous possibilities of this sport. The photograph at the front of this report gives some idea of the result when over 500 people gathered in a vast camp in a very pleasant part of the Wye Valley and over 300 of them complete with map and compass found their way to carefully placed check points in the rugged forest country. The time they took varied greatly, but ultimately all returned. The verdict from Scotland, from London, from the South Coast and from our own West country - 'When's the next'. We must not forget to acknowledge the tremendous job of work undertaken by the very small group of leaders and young men both from the L.E.A. and our own organization who working through the night erected the tents and marquees, welcomed groups as they arrived, issued maps, equipment and instructions and then with all too brief a rest staffed the competition, and finally when all was over dismantled and cleared this huge camp. To the ladies too, who cooked huge quantities of food throughout the weekend and managed to keep the catering side running so smoothly, all who were there owe much.

(We hear as this report goes to press that at last a National Orienteering Association is to be created – we welcome this news and hope that we have been able to do something at least to make this possible.)

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY

Following trials for our County team fifteen of our boys were selected for International Trials and six gained their places in the English team playing in matches against Wales at Northampton and Neath. In the past four years boys from affiliated Clubs have gained more than thirty international caps and as more boys with rugby experience are coming from our schools we may well have to think of providing much more opportunity for competitive games than we have in the past.

SOCCER

Soccer still remains a favourite sport with many boys and we continue to organize both Senior and Junior Competitions as well as a small 'Friendly' League. Nominations for the County team were many and the selectors were able to build a pretty effective team which in shocking weather conditions soundly beat Somerset but later fell like all other teams in the South West to the very effective Dorset side.

CRICKET

Joining in the Competition sponsored by the County Cricket Club our selected team had a convincing first round win against the Mixed Clubs but lost in the second round to Lydney and district

CROSS COUNTRY

Dowty Rotol continue to provide us with very good facilities for this event and our own County Championships won by Bishops Cleeve and St. Michaels and Parry Hall were well supported. For the first time ever there was a tie between teams which no amount of calculation could solve and so there was no alternative but that the two Clubs should 'Share' the Trophy.

From the winners two teams were selected for the National Cross Country and our twelve runners represented no less than five of our Clubs. We gained no trophies but had an exciting day at Stoke on Trent when massed starts of some 250 competitors in each race provided a real spectacle.

ATHLETICS

In the capable hands of Norman Rees and his band of helpers we had again a successful County Championships on the Cheltenham Athletic Ground and were able to select an efficient team to go forward to represent Gloucestershire in the Regional Finals. Here again we met with a good measure of success and a number of Gloucestershire boys were included in the National Championships at Crystal Palace.

BASKET-BALL

More boys from the County were at Crystal Palace for another major event when National Basketball was sponsored by our National Association for the first time.

In County matches at Swindon our County Team emerged the victors and were only beaten by a narrow margin in the National Finals. Signs are that this is a growing sport in Boys Clubs and though facilities are sadly lacking, real efforts are being made to encourage more clubs to take part.

CHESS

Members of our Clubs have taken part in the National Chess Championship since its inception, first playing matches to find the Club Champion, and then meeting those from other Clubs to select a champion for the County, proceeding then to London to test their skill against other County winners. This was done to some purpose this year when Alan Woodward having beaten his County challengers gained second place in the National Chess Championship only fractions of a point behind the eventual winner.

MONEY FOR CLUBS

Boys from Gloucester, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury, Hereford, and the County attended upon His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester at St. James's Palace at the inauguration ceremony of a Club Week that again raised over £1,700 for Clubs own funds. This amount is of course the balance after expenses have been met and it reflects great credit on Club Members in their efforts to support their own Club. Not all Clubs yet take part in this opportunity to raise their own funds and show people that they have real responsibility for their Club. The Executive Committee will do all it can to achieve really full participation.

AND FOR THE ASSOCIATION

During Club Week the Association had very practical cause to be grateful to Captain Berkeley who so generously organized a concert at Berkeley Castle on our behalf. Miss Moura Lympany gave a wonderful recital to a very large number of guests. To our President, to Captain Berkeley and to the many supporters of this event we express our gratitude as we do to the boys from Brockworth Club who so courteously and efficiently carried out the whole task of stewarding and earned the comment that 'if these are the sort of boys in Boys' Clubs we need some more of them'.

IT'S ALL A PART

The foregoing pages have been largely devoted to Association activities. These are only a part of the whole picture and there have been a great many boys from local Cubs involved in a whole range of activity, of learning and of service initiated by our National Association. One hundred miles down the Wye has successfully been competed twice, and the sight of some forty canoes in perfect formation swinging in on the tide to a landing at Chepstow is one that the many gathered there will long remember. Those working with hammer and pick on Snowdon will remember the new path they created which shortly after completion was to prove so valuable in a rescue operation. Many have acquired new skills - a footballer has become a painter, some have seen France, Spain and Italy in the comfort of the Regional Coach tour, some hardier spirits have crossed France by cycle and setting off boys have come back young men. Boys have sailed the sea in large craft and paddled on it in small, whilst others have been busy exploring its depths. There is more, much more all bringing with it some measure of personal challenge for this is the spirit of Boys and of their Movement.

MEETING TOGETHER

Only by meeting together do we get new ideas, make new friends, and find out what others are thinking and doing. We need this and we need challenges too and nowhere can we better find it than either

at our Regional Conference where leaders from all over the South West gather together to listen and to talk, and at our own County Leaders Conference which was so effective this year that we had to call the speakers back for evening sessions after the week-end was over.

Important too is our Annual General Meeting which is so much more than its name implies. Here men from Industry, from Clubs, from Education and many other walks of life gather and stimulated by first class speakers stay long after to talk and to listen. Those who were fortunate enough to hear Lord Willis almost a year ago will not have forgotten the insight he gave into some of our present problems nor will they have forgotten the fears he expressed of the growing gap between many adults and young people.

CONCLUSION

Each year has its successes and its problems and the past year has been no exception. Some of the successes have been recorded, some of the problems remain as a challenge which must be accepted. Much of the solution could be found in increased manpower backed by adequate finance, and both are being sought continually. This is no easy task - constantly rising costs are no help towards expansion or a balanced budget, and people willing to give their time and and their experience are not easy to find. This is a human problem, of concern for other people and of personal responsibility and, above all, of a belief that today's boy will accept ideals, standards and challenge that will fit him in all too short a time to take the greater responsibilities of adult life. How that challenge is accepted will affect those who read this report. Many will already be convinced of the value of a good Boys' Club - their continued support is needed but they can help still further by encouraging their friends and their associates to become involved, actively or financially, in our movement. We cannot, if we would, stop boys growing into men but we can, with your help, channel effort and activity into rewarding paths - Boys' Clubs must be the business of us all.

FINANCE

It is a matter of concern that we once again have a deficit of £100 on our general account, and that further in-roads have had to be made on our training and development account. During this period much of our work has been affected by rising costs and we are grateful for increased support from our very generous subscribers and in particular to Captain Berkeley for his special efforts. The City and County Education Committee have continued to give us a great deal of help, both in the fields of training and administration and for this we are thankful.

During the year the Association has continued to maintain its services and expand activities, many of which have been self-supporting. At the same time the pace of development of new clubs and new premises has been accelerated. This will continue and will need increasing support. We shall ask for that support during the coming year, confident that those who look to the future know that much of it can only be realised if the boys of today are given the opportunity to develop their character, their talent and their sense of responsibility to the Community; this is the basic task of every boys' club.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Executive Committee acknowledges with gratitude the practical assistance given by the many men who serve on our Committees, help with activities or give devoted service in our Clubs. We know that without considerable financial help little could be accomplished, and we record our thanks for very generous support to:—

Our National Association and the King George Jubilee Trust for grant aid and for a great deal of practical help during the year.

The Gloucestershire County Council for very generous support and for co-operation in many of our undertakings.

The Gloucester City Council for an administrative grant.

The Carnegie United Kingdom Trust for much direct aid to new Club projects.

The Trustees of Smiths Charity for generous and continued help in the fields of training and development.

The Building Industry Youth Trust for individual Club building grants.

Gloucestershire Industry for support and a great measure of practical help and advice with our Adjustment to Industry courses.

Our Subscribers who continue to give so generously to our Association and our member Clubs.

ROBERTSON OF OAKRIDGE, Chairman.
J. THOMAS, Organising Secretary.

5th July, 1965.

AFFILIATION TO N.A.B.C.

To be granted affiliation or associate membership a Club must exist for the promotion of the spiritual, mental and physical welfare of its members and must be conducted in conformity with the principles and aims of the Association.

The following is a summary of the conditions laid down in the bye-laws of the N.A.B.C. and by the Executive Council.

To qualify for affiliation a Club must:

- (a) have premises in which it meets regularly.
- (b) have an adult leader.
- (c) have an adult Management Committee.
- (d) charge a regular membership subscription.
- (e) have a membership which comprises at least fifteen boys between the ages of fourteen and eighteen.
- (f) meet at least two nights a week.
- (g) have a Boys' Committee.
- (h) be open at all reasonable times to be visited by an accredited officer of the Association.

Old Boys' Clubs

To qualify for affiliation an Old Boys' Club must fulfil the general conditions for affiliation, and in addition:

it must have at least fifteen members between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five, and

it must be directly related to a Boys' Club and wholly or mainly recruited therefrom.

Specialist Groups

In appropriate cases associate membership may be granted to single activity Clubs.

Boys' Sections of Mixed Clubs

To qualify for affiliation as a Boys' Section of a Mixed Club a club must fulfil certain conditions and meet certain standards of accommodation.

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(The County Organisation of the National Association of Boys' Clubs)

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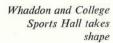
Gotherington boys dig foundations for their new Club



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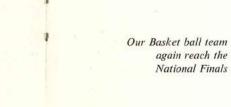


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100 Mile Canoe Adventure
Drake's Island
Loire Valley Adventure
South West Region Adventure Holidays
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National Boys' Club Candidates' Weeks

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| T. Taylor | Bussage Boys' Club |
| R. Gough | Whaddon & College Boys' Club |
| F. T. Mason | Hunderton Youth Club |
| T. Fisher | Brockworth & Witcombe Boys' Club |
| R. Whittaker | Whaddon & College Boys' Club |
| C. Farmer | Whaddon & College Boys' Club |
| K. Sharpe | Down Hatherley Boys' Club |
| R. Jones | Hunderton Youth Club |
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| S. Lane | Brockworth & Witcombe Boys' Club |
| C. Ballinger | Whaddon & College Boys' Club |
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Association Football:

| D. Hand J. Field R. Bingham D. Cross | | Nailsworth Boys' Club Parry Hall Youth Club Nailsworth Boys' Club Whaddon & College Boys' Club |
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| C. MoulsdaleD. Willetts | | Parry Hall Youth Club Parry Hall Youth Club |
| P. Stanley C. Farmer | 4 | Whaddon & College Boys' Club Whaddon & College Boys' Club |
| M. Portlock F. Iles | | Cirencester Boys' Club Whaddon & College Boys' Club |
| W. Dykes E. Clark | | Parry Hall Youth Club Nailsworth Boys' Club |
| L. HannafordD. Nelmes | | Parry Hall Youth Club Ramblers' Lads' Club |

Cross Country:

| M. Sheppard | Whaddon & College Boys' Club |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| J. Buckland | Bishop's Cleeve Boys' Club |
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| J. Beard | Glos. Fire Service Junior Firemen |
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COMPETITION WINNERS 1964-1965

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Bussage Boys' Club

JUNIOR

Winners Whaddon & College Boys' Club Hereford Lads' Club

Finalist

Football:

SENIOR (GODMAN CUP)

Winners Parry Hall Youth Club Finalist

JUNIOR (G.A.B.C. SHIELD)

Winners Finalist

Hinton Youth Club

Cirencester Boys' Club Hunderton Youth Club

Cross Country:

SENIOR (GODMAN CUP)

Winners

JUNIOR (G.A.B.C. SHIELD) Joint Winners

Bishop's Cleeve Boys' Club

St. Michael's Boys' Club Parry Hall Youth Club

Individual medals were awarded to:

SENIOR

M. Sheppard J. Buckland R. Bozward

Whaddon & College Boys' Club Bishop's Cleeve Boys' Club Bishop's Cleeve Boys' Club Glos. Fire Service Junior Firemen

D. Cresswell **JUNIOR** M. Perry

St. Michael's Boys' Club Parry Hall Youth Club Bishop's Cleeve Boys' Club Parry Hall Youth Club

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Chess Championship:

A. Woodward

Whaddon & College Boys' Club

Fishing (CHALLENGE CUP)

R. Powell

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Orienteering Championships (Open to other Youth Organizations):

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MAY, 1965

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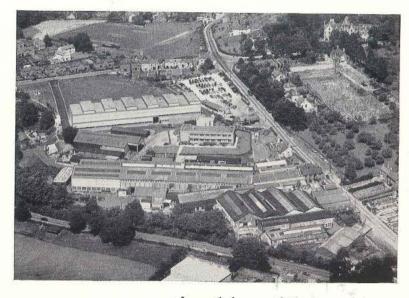
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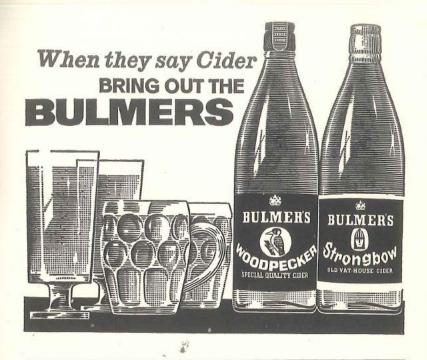
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(approved by the Industrial Training Boards)

PURPOSE:

To help boys in their first years at work to develop a right attitude towards their employment and to encourage them to use their leisure to good purpose.

METHOD:

The Association runs Residential Courses from Wednesday to Sunday. The number of boys attending varies from preferably not less than 28 to not more than 40. 4 Courses are organized, from November to March, at Cowley Manor, Nr. Cheltenham.

CONSIDERATION:

An attitude to work cannot be taught. It is, however, possible to give boys sufficient information to enable them to reach general conclusions. By ensuring that the atmosphere of the Course and the attitudes of the staff set the highest possible standards, the boys are given the circumstances in which they can reach conclusions that are most likely to be of the right kind.

SEASON 1965-1966

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DECEMBER 8th—12th, 1965

JANUARY 19th-23rd, 1966

March 2nd-6th, 1966

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