

Hostel Notes

From its official opening in May 1968, the Hostel has become fully operational and credit must go to more than sixty boys, old boys and masters who completed the structural changes needed to convert an old granary into a furnished building, and to many parents and friends for giving us furniture and equipment.

During the summer of 1968 visits were made by various small groups from the school, and in September Mr. Thomas and Mr. Williams took the rugby XV for a short period of intensive training. This is a use for the hostel which no-one had foreseen, but we are more than delighted that the premises, and even more so the surrounding countryside, can be utilised in this way. In the Autumn Term several further week-end visits have been made, notably a party led by Mr. Kobish and Mr. Jordan which assisted the Warden of Dunwich Heath in the task of clearing and improving the roads and paths at the top of the cliff — a popular spot with visitors. Much work remains to be done on the heath since its recent acquisition by the National Trust, and it is hoped that this one may be the first of a series of conservation schemes at Dunwich in which members of the school may actively participate.

As these notes are being written it is time to drain the pipes and to wish the spiders, bats and our many other friends a safe, snug winter. All those who have been involved in this project hope that next season will be a good one. Many masters already have ideas for courses and study sessions that fit in with school work in some way or other. The opportunities are manifold — whether for educational, recreational or purely vocational purposes. It cannot be too strongly stressed that the facilities are freely available for any properly organised school group — though not of course for individual bookings. Any boys feeling they would like to form a party are urged to band themselves together

and **persuade a master** to make the necessary arrangements. It is **your hostel**, and we want you to make the maximum use of its facilities, and get the maximum enjoyment from it.