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## MERVYN DAVIES RETIREMENT

“Let’s not talk about German, let’s talk about life,” Mervyn’s own words (who else could have said them?) in reply to a question about the grammar of the German language. Goodness knows, during his 42 years with us Mervyn has fought as vigorous a running battle against the complexities of the German grammar as anyone, and has often enthusiastically and fiercely discussed with his colleagues the subtleties of translating “might have done it,” “could have done it” or “would have been able to do it.” Colleagues, correcting for example their pupils’ Geography projects, would be forced to forsake the solidity and sureness of rock formations and involve themselves involuntarily in trying to find firm footing on the shifting sands of the German inflections.

Mervyn in despair once challenged a Geographer: “It’s all right for you, everything’s fixed in strata, you know where you’re going.”

Mervyn is firstly a devotee of life and people. His zest and enthusiasm seem never to be quenched. Over the years the German Department regularly met together in the Common Room, but not of course exclusively on business. Mervyn would want to know not about his colleagues’ progress with the syllabus, he had a more general interest in the morale and well-being of the members of his department. A young colleague, when just a new recruit, concernedly asked him: “What page should I have reached with my third form?” to which Mervyn just replied: “Don’t worry, son.” If Mervyn did want to conduct business he would

just take advantage of a chance meeting of his departmental colleagues in the Common Room and say: “While the three of us are here, who’s going to mark what?” Mervyn always took a good share of the marking for himself – it couldn’t have always been “like a knife cutting through butter” even for him.

The anecdotes which so amused us are now greatly missed in the Common Room. There were tales of a thrilling tennis championship played out in Berlin before the Second World War – a report of Mervyn’s tactics could have been read in the German newspapers of the day – and stories of sporting events in Egypt and of a heated chase through Southern Europe. These accounts presented with his special sparkle and panache produced peals of loud laughter from colleagues and boys alike, and we have been very grateful for them.

Mervyn started the well-established exchange with the Grammar School in Osnabruck. He threw himself into it with his customary vigour at a time of life, when many would have been thinking of easing themselves out of such a venture. It was apparent on his return that he had not spared himself and he declared after this holiday visit that he was certainly in need of a holiday.

The last word is from the “retired” Mervyn on one of his regular visits to help the C.C.F. When he saw two of his former colleagues Mervyn remarked: “Boys, the thread’s not broken.”

# Examination Results

## Ordinary Level Results 1979.

The following boys obtained Grade C or above in five or more subjects in the G.C.E. Ordinary Level Examinations:—

S.M. Bowker (8); P.J. Brown (8); J.E.N. Busfield (8); J.L. Clews (7); S.A. Fantham (9); A.J. Glover (9); C.G. Goodman (8); S.M. Grace (9); A.A. Greene (8); D.A.R. Hamilton (8); M.R. Lane (8); S.L. Lewis (9); J.J. Mould (8); R.A. Neal (9); I.R. Payne (9); R.E. Peach (9); D.A. Pearce (8); I.Y. Purvis (10); R.A. Sedgley (7); M. Setchell (8); P.J. Shirley-Quirk (10); J.P. Skidmore (9); D.J. Smith (7); N.D.M. Smith (8); J.A. Stokes (9); S. Warriner (9); A.P.C. White (9); M.V. Williams (8); D.J. Winter (9); G.S.P. Wright (8); R.J. Bazin (9); G.C. Charwood (8); A. Cheesewright (6); S.C. Church (9); M.J. Churn (9); R.E.P. Cox (10); D.R. Davies (9); S.E. Ennis (9); J.E. Frost (9); A.J. Gammack (9); S.J. Hargreaves (9); D.O. Hellier (10); R.C. Ireland (8); M.S. Johnson (8); R.J.S. Johnson (8); M.T. Jolly (9); J.C. Kean (10); D.E. Lancaster (9); S.C. Lever (9); J. Marsh (9); I.J. Middleton (8); M.S. Naylor (8); H.W. Plaice (9); A.J. Robinson (9); M.J. Scott (9); M.J. Smith (9); M.M. Smith (8); G.I. Stables (8); M.R. Tindale (8); T.P. Weller (8); N. Welch (8); P.J. Woodruff (9); J.L. Woolgar (8); M.J. Atkinson (10); N.S. Becket (6); C.J. Bradmore (6); A.J. Clark (9); J.M. Coles (8); N.J.G. Cox (10); C.J.G. Davies (10); E. Duncan (8); V.R.C. Gamble (6); M. Grubnic (10); A.R. Hare (9); R.K. Hunter (9); S.K. Jones (10); J.D. Lambert (9); R.W. Law (9); P.M. Lees (8); D.J. Leslie (9); N.A. Lines (9); I.C. Lovegrove (9); P.J. Newport (8); M.P.T. Niekirk (10); D.J. Parks (8); N.B. Podger (6); S.M. Pool (7); J.M.R. Scriven (7); N.J. Sendall (9); P.A. Slater (10); S.P. Sutton (5); R.A.P. Swinhoe-Standen (6); D.A.R. Tilley (8); A.T. Walker (9); T.M. Amos (5); I. Baker (9); C.D. Black (5); A.M. Brown (8); P. Clarke (6); R.W. Cresswell (9); P.D. Davies (7); S.K.M. Day (7); A.D. Dimmock (7); P.J. Donlon (6); T.E. Drew (6); N.D. Embleton (9); D.S. Fairbroyher (9); D.J. Falconer (7); S.M.F. Finlan (9); P.J. Forde (9); R.W. Haile (6); M.C. Har-

rison (7); A.R. Hazelton (8); M.T.D. Howick (6); J.S. Jaffe (6); S.P. Lane (10); J.E.C. Martin (9); B.L. Morris (8); D.R. Mullins (7); P.A.J. O'Grady (5); R.D. Bowen (9); R.W. Burr (9); A.D. Frost (8); N. Johnson (9); S.T.H. Mullett (9); C.D. Paton (8); D. Phillips (7); C.J. Platts (8); A.E. Shields (9); P. Stephenson (6); M.J. Thomas (8); T.J.J. Tolkien (8); P.D. Swissell (5); D.J. Vallance (8); R.P. Williers-Palethorpe (7); J.M. Vincent (11); C.J. Vladar (6); I.A. Wagge (7); R.J.A. Wattis (6); S.C. Watts (8); R.D.A. Weiss (7); G.L. Wheeler (6); M.H. Williams (8); G.M. Wood (10); J.M. Wood (5);

## G.C.E. 'A' Level Results — Summer 1979.

The successful candidates who took the Oxford G.C.E. Board Examinations were:  
(Italics denote Grade A \*denotes distinction on the 'S' level paper).

S.D. Everson — *Greek\**, Latin, *General Studies*; S.M.S. Bramley — English Literature, Latin, History; F.G. Collins — Ancient History, History, General Studies; S.M. Hill — Ancient History, History, General Studies; G.A. Madgwick — *English Literature, Latin\**, *French\**, *General Studies*; G.H. Milton — Greek, Latin, French, *General Studies*; C.J. Pouncey — *English Literature*, Latin; A.J. Sendall — Greek, Ancient History, History, General Studies; M.S. White — Ancient History, History, Economics; M.B.J. Buckingham — French; S.J. Crook — History, Economics, Geography; R.A. Dean — German; R.F. Friend — English Literature, Geography; A. Gaines — *German*, History, Economics, General Studies; D.J. Gardner — Economics, Geography; R.W. Godfrey — *History*, Economics, Mathematics, *General Studies*; N.H.C. Hodson — History; P.W.L. Jervis — History, Geography; A.H. Jones — *German*, History, *Economics*; S.P.P.P. Paton — *English Literature, History, Russian*; C.P. Speed — French, *History*, Economics; P.D. Stinchcombe — *French, History, Economics\**, *General Studies*; S.M.

Todd – History, *Geography*; G.H. Aitken – History; M. Harris – English Literature, Art; R.J. Healey – History, Geography; T. Ilian – Geography; A.L. Jenkins – English Literature, History, *Geography*; T.D. McIndoe – English Literature, French; A.S. Mickleburgh – English Literature, French, History; M.T. Orr – *English Literature, History, Art, General Studies*; D.J. Ball – French, German, Economics; E.J. Coutts – *French\**, German, Mathematics; A. Duncan – *French, German, History*; J.P. Everett – French; G.I. Lewis – *English Literature\**, *French\**, Spanish; J.R. Matthews – French, History, Economics; M.J. Phillips – French, German; S.I. Ridgley – French; J.F. Rixon – French, Spanish; G.P. Sacchi – *English Literature, French\**, *Russian\**; J.F. Taylor – *French\**, *German\**, Economics; N. Yeatman – French, Geography, General Studies; M.J. Aldous – History, Economics, Mathematics; J.P. Allcock – German, Mathematics; K.W. Baxter – History, Economics; W.P. Colborne – French, Economics, Mathematics; K.M. Davies – Economics, Geography, Mathematics, General Studies; I.M. Feltham – French; J.P. Hinch – French, Economics, Mathematics; N. Holland – French; M. Jarvis – French, History, Economics; W.J. Lambert – *Economics, Geography, Mathematics*; P.D. Layzell – German, History, Economics; S. Magill – French; A.P. Price – History, Economics, *Geography*; K.M.C. Smith – History, Economics, Art; N.C. Timberlake – German, History, Economics; R.G. Ball – Geography, Mathematics; V.R. Bray – History, Economics, Geography; M.A. Coburn – English Literature, Geography; M.D. Coburn – English Literature, Economics, Geography; N.R. Connor – Economics, Geography; C.D. Corfield – Economics, Geography, Physics; A.S. Cussell – Geography; M. Gosling – English Literature, Economics, Geography, General Studies; P.F. Gosling – English Literature, History, Geography; S.J. Harvey – Economics, Geography; M. P. Hedgecote – Geography; R.J. Highton – Economics, Geography; G.I. Moine – History, Economics, Geography; P. Morrish – History, Geography; A.C. Pickard – Economics, Geography, Physics; R.A. Pillidge – Economics, Geography; A.B. Amin – *Mathematics\**, Further Mathematics, Physics; S.N.J. Barrett – Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; A.P.R. Birch – Physics; J.S.C. Broadribb – Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; T.A. Chalmers – Mathematics, Physics; H.C. Dalton – *Mathematics\**, *Further Mathematics, Physics*; P.N. Dillely – *Mathematics\**, Further Mathematics, *Physics, Chemistry*; P.R. Gel-

lert – *Mathematics\**, *Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry\**; J.S. Hannan – Mathematics, *Physics, Chemistry*; A.M. Hollingsworth – Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, General Studies; K.A. Hopkinson – *Mathematics\**, Further Mathematics, Physics; M.G. Knowles – *Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; J.W. Laidler – *Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics\**, *Chemistry\**; D.V. Molesworth – Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; W.J. Parker – *Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; K.P. Shields – Physics, Chemistry; A.A. Simpson – *Mathematics, Physics*; A.J.C. Stott – *Mathematics\**, Further Mathematics, *Physics\**, *General Studies*; P. Taylor – *Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; D.K. Watts – *Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics\**, *Chemistry*; T.J. Watts – Mathematics, *Physics, Chemistry*; A.D. Wells – *Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics\**, *Chemistry\**; J.R. Wilks – Mathematics, *Physics, Chemistry, General Studies*; N.M. Barr – Economics, Mathematics, Physics; I.W. Baxter – Mathematics, Chemistry; S.E. Binder – Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; C.R. Falconer – Physics, Chemistry; N.R. Gilbert – *Mathematics, Physics\**, *Chemistry, General Studies*; I. Giles – Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, General Studies, M.A. Goodwin – Physics, Chemistry; S.R.H. Koscielniak – Economics, *Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, General Studies*; S.M. Laws – Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; T.D. Londsay – Mathematics, *Physics, Chemistry*; P.R. Loft – Mathematics, Physics, *Chemistry, General Studies*; S.D. Naylor – Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; A.M. Palmer – Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; H.M. Scott-James – Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; T.E.J. Sinden – Chemistry; P.R.St.J. Smaje – Physics; G.A. Steel – *Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; P. Welch – Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; G.V. Wiles – Chemistry; I.C. Williams – *Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; A.M. Appleton – French, Mathematics, Physics; G.T. Barraclough – *English Literature, Mathematics, Physics, General Studies*; P.J. Carey – Political Studies, Economics, Mathematics; N.R. Gibson – French, *Mathematics, Physics*; M. Glyn Jones – French, Mathematics, Physics; K. Shakespeare – Mathematics; G.R. Wise – Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; P.B. Ball – Economics, Mathematics; A.M.W. Gosling – Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics; A.R. McPhee – Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics; A.N. McNerny – Economics, Mathematics, Physics; B.J. Morgan – *History,*

Mathematics, Physics; J.C. Shaw – *Geography*,  
 Mathematics, Physics; A.J. Cholewinski –  
 Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Polish; J.C.M.  
 Church – Geography, Mathematics, Physics;  
 R.J. Coker – Physics, Chemistry, *Biology*;  
 T.C. Coker – Physics, Chemistry, Biology;  
 J. Cook – Geography, Chemistry, Biology;  
 P.R.F. Davies – *Physics*, Chemistry, *Biology*;  
 N. Dymant – Physics, *Chemistry*, *Biology*;  
 G.R. Fletcher – Physics, *Chemistry*, *Biology*;  
 P.D. Glover – Physics, *Chemistry*, *Biology*;  
 D.D. Leece – Physics; P.A. Llewellyn – Physics,  
 Chemistry, *Biology*; I.C. Paul – Chemistry,

*Biology*; J.M.R. Preece – Physics, Chemistry,  
 Biology; N.F. Quiney – *Physics*, *Chemistry*,  
*Biology*; C.F. Rutherford – Physics; W.J.  
 Shapcott – *Mathematics*, *Physics*, *Chemistry*,  
*Biology*; K.S. Smith – Mathematics, Chemistry,  
 Biology; S.E. Steare – Mathematics, Chemistry,  
*Biology*; S.C. Stokes – *Physics*, *Chemistry*,  
*Biology*; P.J. Strickland – *Physics*, *Chemistry*,  
*Biology*; S.N. Vldar – Physics, Chemistry,  
 Biology; D.O.R. Wilson – Physics, *Chemistry\**,  
*Biology*; W.S. Vestentoft – Mathematics,  
 Chemistry; P.M. Amos – Geography; K.M.  
 Titcombe – Economics; P.J. Green – History.

#### University Places 1979:

M.J. Aldous: London School of Economics,  
 Management Sciences.  
 A.B. Amin: City University, Math/Computing.  
 A.M. Appleton: Birmingham University,  
 Political Sciences.  
 N.M. Barr: Reading University, Mechanical  
 Engineering.  
 S.N.J. Barrett: Brunel University, Electronic  
 Engineering.  
 S.M.S. Bramley: University College, London,  
 Law.  
 V.R. Bray: Keele University, Geography &  
 History.  
 J.S.C. Broadribb: Loughborough University,  
 Chemical Engineering.  
 P.J. Carey: Surrey University, Philosophy,  
 Psychology & Sociology (for 1980).  
 T.A. Chalmers: Royal Holloway College.  
 London, Electronic Physics.  
 A.J. Cholewinski: Kent University, Bio-  
 chemistry.  
 J.C.M. Church: Southampton University, Mech-  
 anical Engineering.  
 M.A. Coburn: Loughborough University, P.E.  
 of Sports Science.  
 M.D. Coburn: Loughborough University, Geog-  
 raphy.  
 R.J. Coker: St. Mary's Hospital Medical School,  
 Medicine.  
 T.C. Coker: Charing Cross Hospital Medical

School, Medicine.  
 W.P. Colborne: Stirling University, Account-  
 ancy.  
 N.R. Connor: University College of Wales,  
 Aberystwyth, International Politics.  
 J. Cook: Swan sea University, Chemistry &  
 Geology.  
 S. Crook: Swansea University, Economics.  
 K.M. Davies: Exeter University, Social Studies.  
 P.R.F. Davies: Leeds University, Medicine.  
 P.N. Dilley: Southampton University, Elec-  
 tronics.  
 N. Dymant: University College, London,  
 Dentistry.  
 G.R. Fletcher: St. Mary's Hospital Medical  
 School, Medicine.  
 R.F. Friend: East Anglia University, Develop-  
 ment Studies.  
 A. Gaines: Sussex University, European Stud-  
 ies/Sociology.  
 N.R. Gibson: City University, Business Studies.  
 N.R. Gilbert: University College: London,  
 Physics.  
 I. Giles: Salford University, Engineering Metal-  
 lurgy.  
 P.D. Glover: St. Mary's Hospital Medical School,  
 Medicine.  
 M. Gosling: Bedford College, London Geog-  
 raphy (for 1980).

A.M.W. Gosling: Imperial College, London, Computing Science.  
 P.F. Gosling: Manchester University, History (for 1980).  
 T.J.K. Griffiths: Durham University, Engineering Science.  
 S.D. Hill: London Institute of Archaeology, Archaeology.  
 A.M. Hollingsworth: Bristol University, Chemistry.  
 K.A. Hopkinson: Birmingham University, for Mechanical Engineering (for 1980).  
 M. Jarvis: Warwick University, Law (for 1980).  
 A.L. Jenkins: University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, Law.  
 C.J. Jones: Southampton University, Physics.  
 S.L. Jones: Durham University, Chemistry.  
 M.G. Knowles: Bristol University, Medicine.  
 W.J. Lambert: Bristol University, Geography.  
 S.M. Laws: Salford University, Electrical Engineering Science.  
 P.D. Layzell: University College, London Economics.  
 T.D. Lindsey: University College, London, Chemical Engineering.  
 P.A. Llewellyn: Bristol University, Microbiology.  
 A.A. MacPhee: Manchester University, Computer Science & Accountancy.  
 A.N. McNerny: University College, London, Economics/Statistics.  
 D.V. Molesworth: Imperial College, London, Mining Engineering (for 1980).  
 S.D. Naylor: University College, London, Chemical Engineering.  
 P.W. Newman: University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, Law.  
 M.T. Orr: University College, London, History of Art.  
 C.J. Pouncey: King's College, London, French.  
 A.P. Price: Birmingham University, American Studies.  
 N.F. Quiney: St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, Medicine.  
 G.P. Sacchi: School of Slavonic & East European Studies, Russian.  
 H.M. Scott-James: Birmingham University, Mathematical Sciences.  
 J.C. Shaw: University College, Durham, Geology.  
 R.J.F. Shaw: University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, Law.  
 K.M.C. Smith: University of East Anglia, Fine Arts (for 1980).  
 K.S. Smith: Nottingham University, Zoology.  
 M.P. Standing: Durham University, Economics.

S.E. Steare: Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, Medicine.  
 G.A. Steel: Birmingham University, Electronic & Computer Engineering.  
 S.C. Stokes: Bristol University, Medicine.  
 C.D. Swinhoe-Standen: Durham University, Engineering Science.  
 S.M. Todd: Bedford College, London, Geography.  
 S.N. Vldar: Birmingham University, Biological Science.  
 P. Welch: Heriot-Watt University, Offshore Engineering.  
 G.R. Wise: Loughborough University, Mechanical Engineering.  
 J.R. Wilks: Nottingham University, Physics.  
 T.C. Williams: Southampton University, Electronic Engineering.

#### **Polytechnics, (Degree Courses)**

R.G. Ball: Oxford Polytechnic, Accountancy.  
 D.J. Gardner: Oxford Polytechnic, Business Studies.  
 P.J. Green: Trent Polytechnic, Law.  
 R.J. Highton: City Polytechnic, Geography.

#### **Other Colleges of Higher Education**

J.P. Allcock: Dartmouth Royal Naval College.  
 K.W. Baxter: Buckinghamshire College of Higher Education, Business Studies.  
 S.J. Harvey: De La Salle College, Teacher Training.  
 R.A. Pillidge: Royal Military College, Sandhurst.  
 S.G.T. Ridgeley: Buckinghamshire College of Higher Education, Business Studies.  
 C.C. Tite: The College of Law, Guildford.  
 T.J. Watts: The Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

## Places at Oxford and Cambridge for 1980:

- G.T. Barraclough: King's College, Cambridge for Architecture.  
E.J. Coutts: Downing College, Cambridge for Law.  
A. Duncan: Jesus College, Cambridge for History.  
S.R.H. Koscielniak: Pembroke College, Cambridge for Natural Sciences.  
J.W. Laidler: Sidney Sussex, Cambridge for Engineering.  
A.H. Lane: Girton College, Cambridge for Natural Sciences. (for 1980).  
B.J. Morgan: Worcester College, Oxford for History & Economics.  
S.G. Parks: Worcester College, Oxford for History.  
S.P.P.P. Paton: Keble College, Oxford for English.  
A.J. Sendall: Robinson College, Cambridge for Law.  
W.J. Shapcott: Queens' College, Cambridge for Natural Sciences.  
C.P. Speed: Trinity College, Cambridge for Law.  
D.O.R. Wilson: Pembroke College, Cambridge for Natural Sciences.

## We congratulate the following on gaining Open Awards:

- H.C. Dalton: Open Scholarship in Engineering, Queens' College, Cambridge.  
P.R. Gellert: Open Scholarship in Chemistry, Pembroke College, Oxford.  
A. Gough: Open Exhibition in Mathematics, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.  
C.S. Grayling: Open Exhibition in History, Sidney Sussex, Cambridge.  
A.H. Jones: Open Scholarship in History, Pembroke College, Cambridge.  
G.A. Madgwick: Open Scholarship in Modern Languages & Classics, Magdalen College Oxford.  
A.D.C. Stott: Open Exhibition in Engineering, Jesus College, Cambridge.  
J.F. Taylor: Open Exhibition in Modern Languages, Downing College, Cambridge.  
D.K. Watts: Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences, Queens' College, Cambridge.

## STAFF NOTES

There have been several staff changes since the last issue of the magazine: we have been very sorry to lose a number of colleagues who between them have given valuable service to the school. Heading the list comes Mervyn Davies, whose contribution to the Old Boys' Section of the magazine still continues.

The Science Department has lost Mr. Ryder and Mr. Wardell to Aylesbury G.S. While Economics and Tylers Wood have lost Mr. Hornsby. Mr. Mills has left to teach English in Didcot, while Mrs Mills and Mrs Hawes both left part-time posts teaching French.

In their place we welcome the following new staff:

Mrs. V.F.A. Biles, B.Sc. (Lond) Biology  
Mr. D.C. Boyce M.A. (Oxon) Modern Language  
Mr. S. Mason, BComm. (Liverpool) Economics  
Mr. M.G. Mill, B.A. (Lond) Religious Education  
Miss H.R. Munday, B.A. (Wales) Modern Langs.  
Mr. R.N. Pantridge, B.Sc., (Q. Belfast)  
Geography.



## 1st XV RUGBY

Played 18, Won 14, Lost 4  
Pts for 311, Against 157

# SPORT

This year's 1st XV is one of the best for many years as the record so far this season shows. The team, unlike last year's, lacks individual flair but the success this year can be contributed to teamwork and understanding between all players. This season we have had the most settled side for many seasons. Those players who have filled in when injuries have occurred have performed admirably. The season started with three wins, including an excellent performance against St. Edmunds, Ware, who were trounced 23–0 mainly due to the superiority of our forwards. Next came Emanuel School, unbeaten last season and we went down 15–6 in a scrappy game. Then came four very hard games in which we beat Haydon School 14–0 and lost to the unbeaten Tiffin School 15–9. The team lifted themselves from this defeat and played with tremendous determination and spirit to win 15–6, against St. Benedicts.

The second half of this term began with six wins including victories over Bucks College; Windsor; Lord Williams, Thame; and King James, Henley. These games had been very hard and when we went to Aylesbury we went down heavily 32–6. Despite this loss, the team is winning again with wins over Verulam, Sir William Borlase and a very strong Old Boys team.

A few individuals deserve mention. In the forwards Rick Johnson has propped steadily and has shown aggression and pace. The back row has played excellently. Mike Smith, and Andy Baxter now provide an effective half back partnership. Glyn Davies and Pete Morrish have combined well in the centre and proved excellent in both defence and attack. John Carter has been a reliable full back and an excellent vice captain. Top try scorer again is Glyn Davies with 10 tries and Martin Gillingham has scored a total of 100 points all before Christmas.

County honours were obtained at U.16 level by A. Cheesewright, T. Peterson, R. Bunt, A. McGill, M. Gillingham, S. Noyes, N. Hayes, D. Fairbrother and Max Welby captained the county side and M. Gillingham represented the Area 6.

U.19. D. Cheesewright, J. Carter, G. Davies, A. Frost, and R. Johnson represented the South against the South West.

### 2nd XV RUGBY

Although the season started badly with a bad defeat in the first match, the team soon knitted together into an effective and well-organised team, who enjoyed an excellent and highly successful season. The playing record was as follows:

Played 16, won 13, lost 3, for 288 against 131.

The team's success was based on strong running with good support-play. What the forwards lacked in scrummaging and mauling skills was more than made up for by their stamina, speed and sheer determination. The backs, although lacking individual flair, tackled soundly and took their openings well. Many thanks to Mr. Learmonth for all his advice and help. Thanks also to all who played for the team especially: A. Cheesewright, D. Fairbrother, A. Winfield, P. Campbell, M. Smith, G. Palmer, A. McGill, N. Smith, C. Black and P. Brennan.

*G.S.P. Wright*

### 2nd "B" XV RUGBY

Played 14, Won 7, Drawn 2, Lost 5  
For: 247 pts. Against: 131 pts.

This season was marked by a consistently high standard of play from every player. The team were unlucky in that defeats were generally by narrow margins.

Victories were scored against St. Bartholemews (46-3) and Forest (72-4) at the beginning of the season. We beat Oxford School but when faced with a strong Emanuel side our defence gave way and we went down 12-26. Against John Hampden however the team won 9-4.

There was consistently good play from the pack throughout the season. Aggression and skill were the hallmarks of the forwards. Several players deserve "quarter-colours": Hester and Edwards were very good forwards; Scott distinguished himself with his accurate kicking and Peterson was an adept scrum-half. The backs

used the ball intelligently, but the handling could have been better at times. The quality of the players in the team augurs well for next year's 1st and 2nd XVs.

I would like to thank Mr. Chamberlain for his help in running the side and refereeing the home matches.

*P. Randev*

### UNDER 15 RUGBY

Played 14, Won 11, Drawn 1, Lost 2  
Points for 357. Against 91

The XV played with great spirit this season, achieving deserved success in the process. The defeats were by the narrowest of margins but insofar as they stemmed from errors, the team learnt from these reverses.

The team's strength was the support provided for the ball-carriers at all stages. Oliver was prominent with his distribution skills but occasional faulty alignment meant opportunities were thoughtlessly restricted.

In the improving pack Hunter was outstanding in the front row and Frost worked tirelessly. However everyone played his part in the successes. It is to be hoped that the season was enjoyable for the players, and that they will make a valuable contribution to school rugby in the future.

*M.W.C. and J.F.S.*

### UNDER 13 RUGBY

The U.13 rugby teams have improved steadily over the season and after three narrow defeats to schools whose teams have played together for an extra year, the A team met Sir William Borlase and won 20-0. This was a most encouraging win. J. Van der Pant is proving a good Captain and an aggressive No. 8 forward, while M. Cartwright, in addition to being a solid prop and good mauler has the unusual distinction of being our regular place kicker. R. MacDonald at outside-half is a promising player who has an outstanding side-step off either foot.

The U.13 'B', Captained by D. Liverseidge, has an unbeaten record with three good wins so far.

## THE BOAT CLUB REPORT

In the beginning (last year) there was a 2nd IV which developed into a 2nd III and then became the 1st III. When the new 2nd IV dissolved into a 2nd I the result was a new 1st IV. Basically we were in a mess. Last year's regatta season can be summed up thus: all three crews reached finals, but only last year's 1st IV were able to win one, at Hereford. Last year's 2nd IV reached the latter stages in four regattas but like the J15's were never consistent enough to win.

This year's 1st IV (Evans, Mullett, Watkins, Davidson, Parks (C)) have been crippled by certain members disappearing to Bristol,

Rhodes, the Moon, for weeks on end.

In the sponsored row three crews – the 1st IV, 2nd IV (Coombe, Morrish, Lock, Church), J16's (Warren, Green, Curzon, Davies, Hough (C)) – raised over £230. The sum justifies the agony we went through during the row.

Finally thanks to Mr. Box (weights) and our coach and mentor Mr. Blyth, whose shrewd eye keeps us on our toes, whilst driving our legs down and getting our head and shoulders on.

*A.D. Watkins – Captain  
M.I. Davidson – Vice Captain*

## FENCING

The team's match record has remained good this season. So far all four school matches have been won against Douai (away and at home) and Radley (away and at home). As expected, Oxford University beat us but the RGS first team of Orchard, Mole and Bezer did well to gain two victories in the 7–2 defeat. There are two matches outstanding this season: against Stowe and a new fixture against Marlborough College.

The disappointment of failing to get any finalists in the Under 18 Berks., Bucks., and Oxon, Foil Competition was offset by Slade's third place (bronze medal) in the Under 16 Competition. He fought tenaciously throughout the event.

Full colours are awarded to Richard Mole, who is to be next season's captain. Half colours are awarded to Scott, Ireland, Adey, Slade and Preston.

Finally, thanks go to David Orchard as the outgoing captain for his persistence and aggression on the piste and his sociableness in matches.

*J.R.*

## CROSS COUNTRY

At Senior level we have struggled to keep up with the top schools that regularly compete in the big events. 'Taff' James has led the team this year but has suffered badly from injuries, and the most consistent performers have been Malcolm Woodman, Mark Williams, Tim Tolkien, Robert Sedgley and James Harrison. Malcolm Woodman and James Harrison will be representing the County in the Nationals at Newcastle in late March. David Gower in the 5th year has had an outstanding season: joint 3rd in the Waddesdon Open, winning the District Championships and coming 5th in the County Championships and representing the county in the Nationals at Newcastle.

Even more outstanding, Jeremy Cooper of the 3rd year, in his first year of running, was both in the Waddesdon Open, represented the county, along with Graham Baxter, won the District Championships and also the County Championships, receiving the gold medal. He is obviously an outstanding prospect; and with both the Junior and Intermediate teams winning in the District, there is considerable optimism for the future.

*I.J. Wilson*

## 1st XI CRICKET 1979

Played: 17, Won 6, Lost 2, Drawn 9

1979's 1st XI was a talented side, which at times played a high standard of schoolboy cricket. They were beaten only by two very good sides who performed exceptionally well: Hampton, who bowled splendidly and had a distinguished batsman in Bishop, and RGS, Worcester, who overhauled our target of 200-4 with some marvellously attacking batting and running.

Doug McIndoe led by example, scoring over 400 runs and picking up 17 wickets. Philip Newport reached 500 runs and took 36 wickets at 9.08. Stephen Noyes, a fourth-former, hit nearly 400 runs at 38.6 and picked up 15 wickets, and Andrew Baxter hit over 300 runs. Steven Vladar took 26 wickets.

Six of the batsmen hit at least one half-century, and eleven players averaged over 10 with the

bat, so there was never any lack of run-making ability in the side, despite a school pitch which tended to favour the bowler.

The bowling was more limited, although Philip Newport's pace and swing was too much for many opponents. Steven Vladar bowled whole-heartedly, and the captain and David King turned in useful spells at medium pace, but we lacked a genuine spin attack.

The fielding was quite good, and Simon Hargreaves set a quiet, but high standard behind the stumps.

The following awards were made, Full Colours – Philip Newport and Steven Vladar.

*S.R.G.*

## 2nd XI CRICKET

Played: 10, Won 5, Drawn 5, Lost 2.

Considering that in the 10 games played this season, the team needed 29 different players, the season turned out to be very respectable.

Much credit must be given to our regular opening bowler, Peter Nagle, who took a total of 28 wickets for 252 runs, an average of one wicket for nine runs. Good batting performances came at various times from John Dickinson (apart from some ill judged running between wickets), Murray Scott, Dick Highton and Richard White.

Dick Highton stood in well as Captain in the

matches I was unable to play.

I must add my thanks, together with those of the rest of the squad, to Mr. File and Mr. Gibson for their support both on and off the field.

Finally, I wish the team the best of luck for the future and hope that, whatever the results, the Captain will have as good a team spirit as has been my good fortune to have during the last three months.

*Richard H.C. White*  
*Captain*

## UNDER 15 CRICKET

Buoyant enthusiasm was sustained by the team, and its result was reflected in their winning through to the last 16 in the Esso Schools Colts Trophy, before their defeat by Bedford Modern. Five played for Bucks. — Atkins, Cowdery, Evans, Gillingham and Noyes.

Noyes was promoted to the 1st XI to be replaced as Captain by Atkins — a positive and efficient leader. Five scored at least one fifty, and despite occasional batting frailty, many players showed sound technique.

The majority of the bowling was medium pace though there was variety in off-spin, leg cutters and off cutters. This was backed by keen fielding which restrained the opposition's scoring.

It was a pleasure to be involved with a group of players who enjoyed their cricket so positively.

*S.B.G., J.F.S.*

## UNDER 14 CRICKET — 1979

The team enjoyed their matches and had a fairly successful season. Several players grew in stature during the year and towards the end of the season, both Scott and Sullivan were selected for the County. Team captaincy was shared between them.

Many players lacked consistency which affected the batting in particular but during the season Scott, Jones R., Newport, Lewis and Sullivan all showed that with concentration, it was possible to accumulate a good score. It is hoped that these players will develop their game next year.

Of the bowlers, Sullivan, with a mixture of spin and away-swing was by far the most penetrative. Rundle and Hopcraft usually opened the attack and both bowled well on occasions but lacked sustained control of length and line, as too did Walker who played in several matches. Support bowling came from Painton, Ahmad and Jones R. who improved considerably during the season.

We wish all members of the team cricketing success in the future.

*D.G.S., I.J.W.*

## UNDER 13 CRICKET

Played: 8, Won 4, Drew 1, Lost 3

It was an encouraging season for the team with Andrew Knox captaining the side capably throughout. There were some good individual performances notably by Tim Scriven whose best innings was 58 not out; he also bowled to good effect especially against Burnham when he took 6–10. Stephen Shave was probably the most reliable bowler, his best figures being 6–5.

The side as a whole improved steadily and we look forward to further progress this summer.

*S.J.G./D.R.C./R.J.D.*

## GOLF

### AER—LINGUS 1979

The school clearly possesses some very capable golfers and this was underlined by the team's victory in the Regional Finals of March 1979. Neville Gardner (now assistant pro at Badgemore Park), Andrew Clark and Martin Gillingham (then of the 4th Form), were victorious over about 30 schools in the area in spite of driving sleet and rain, just pipping rivals Dr. Challenor's of Amersham.

In the National Final played at Foxhills, Surrey, however, things went badly and we finished nowhere.

This year, however, we should do just as well with several juniors pushing for a place in the team: Bobath, Finlay, Gillingham, Scriven, Grubnic and Clark are the likely candidates for the 3 positions, and, whoever plays, we should have an excellent chance of again qualifying for the finals.

*I.J.W.*

## TABLE TENNIS CLUB

This is a new club formed only last Autumn Term but which has proved very successful already. This term there are 27 members who have opportunity to play any day of the week after school.

The three tables were provided out of school funds and other equipment out of club funds. The subscription is 50p per term or £1 per year.

We have held two inter-form competitions with 5E and 4B winning in their respective years. There is also a league table for club members.

New members are always welcome.

*T. Blagbrough*  
*Treasurer/Secretary*

## ATHLETICS & SPORTS

### FIVES 1979 – 1980

FIVES games are being played mainly during lunch hours and on Thursday afternoons. The captain of FIVES is J. Coles, and D.J. Falconer organises inter form competitions.

3P.G. were the winners of the third year contest and 4F and 4B are in the lead in the fourth year.

J. Coles and J.M. Scriven represent R.G.S. as senior pair. C. Turnbull and P. Ashdown play as second pair. This year we have had outright wins against St. Bartholomew's School and Edwardian Colts. We also played well against Wolverhampton G.S. Mill Hill School and Stowe School. In the coming weeks we look forward to fixtures with Highgate School, Marlborough College and Eton College.

## ORIENTEERING CLUB REPORT

The Orienteering Club has enjoyed a successful start to the season, with the Club participating in three events at Youlbury Scout Camp, Marlow and Wendover Woods.

In May the R.G.S. championships were held at Wippenhall Woods, near Watford. The Junior and Senior Champions were I.M. Bell and R. Pinder.

However not all events have been competitive. Club members have had three opportunities to practise and improve their skills at Wippenhall, Shotover and Bracknell.

Thanks to Mr. Boutland and Mr. Sollars for driving us along the backroads of the area.

Finally, I should like to add that Orienteering is open to all.

*I.M. Bell 4F*

## UNDER 19 BASKETBALL

Played 10, Won 7, Lost 3

Points for 717, Against 457

This season was a rebuilding year for the team. Nevertheless the season started with very high hopes due to the influx of talented players from the lower part of the school and additions from the sixth form. The squad was not as strong or as balanced as last year's despite our technical superiority. Our teamwork improved throughout the season thanks to the time spent by Mr. Stubbs.

The skiful influence of Dave Cheesewright (when he wasn't playing rugby, on and off the court) and Dave Evans helped to control our offense while the excellent rebounding of Chris Ade and Tony Hazleton helped to hold the defense together. The accurate shooting of Tim Burgess and Simon Lane added points and flair to our game. Steve Finlan and John Cooper progressed steadily and their unselfish team play and well-timed passes enabled

others to score with relative ease. Richard Mole, secretary, helped to arrange a full season of fixtures and Paul Speed captained our team at the start of the season.

In the Bucks Cup Semi-final against Lord Grey we struggled but lost 63-77, but regained our composure in beating Aylesbury G.S. 109-49.

We have not reached the plateau that has been previously attained in terms of national recognition, however next year the team should achieve this goal. The ability is present on court and the combined enthusiasm of the team and the coach certainly makes the outlook very optimistic.

*Alex Hunter  
Captain*

## UNDER 14 BASKETBALL

The Under Fourteen basketball team has had a particularly successful season this year, having won all of their eight games and reached the final of the county cup. 334 points have been scored, and only 164 conceded. The team, coached by Mr. Gibson, and Alex Hunter, consisted of Steve Carter, Andrew Knox, Nigel Topping, Giles Britton, John Marsland, Sean Carter, Richard Treadwell, Steven Ellis, Neil Worley, Phil Read and Colin LeGuillou.

*Steve Carter  
Captain*

# Boarding House Reports

## TYLER WOOD REPORT

The study has been blessed with the arrival of three new prefects, all aiming to improve on last year's A Level results. So far this year, there have been few problems and the general attitude in the house has been that of a deep friendship.

The highspots of the year have ranged from Watford's Cup Victory to an attempted mass assassination, when Mr. Samways left a tea-cloth on a heater which caught fire.

The annual sixth-form Apres-Mocks party went down with a 'Bang' (in more ways than one). Quote: 'The world record for holding one's breath was severely shattered', heaven knows what this means.

Struck with illness, Ida has fought back to peak health, and thanks to Christine and Mrs. Samways for standing in, during her absence. Generally thanks are due to all the staff, Mr. Samways, Mr. Ruff and all the Ladies, whose patience has been appreciated by all.

*The Study*



## UPLYME HOUSE REPORT

Hi there fans of Uplyme news!! Since the last report was published a great deal has happened. We have said goodbye to Neil Holland and Steve Steare and have welcomed six new arrivals on the scene; Tony and Jonathan Marsland, Richard "Ricky" Heath, Sean Sawyer, Colin Brockman and Mike Preston.

Unfortunately Mr. Stubbs slipped a disc while playing rugby and as a result has spent three weeks in Wycombe General. But he seems to be on the mend now and we all wish him a rapid recovery. Probably the Happiest news of the term was that of Mr. Edwards' engagement, so let us take this opportunity to congratulate you, sir, and wish you every happiness for the future.

As far as Sport is concerned our head-boy has been playing as vice-captain for the first XV and

has received county honours for his efforts. Young Sean has played in all the under 13 rugby matches, Jonathon has been a consistent member for the under 14 basketball team, while Mike has fenced for the school. Away from Sport, Colin "debater" Cameron has been the life and soul of the debating society of which he is secretary.

So it only remains to say a big "thank-you" to Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs and Mr. Edwards for their efforts in making the boarding house run so smoothly. Of course the house will be sorry to lose Guy and John at the end of term. (We had to get that one in!!).

*Guy Moultrie  
John Carter  
Daryl Phillips*

## THE SCHOOL HOUSE REPORT

We were sorry to see the departure of Adrian Jenkins' car (?) last July. Unfortunately, the service it used to provide during much of last year has not been replaced by anything comparable, although Gerard ('Barry') McNally returned in September with a moped. Even if he were willing to take passengers, nobody would volunteer.

This year has also seen the arrival of the latest in electrical equipment. Paul McKeown's T V -cassette player has proved most useful to the prefects, who now live a life of luxury in the 'study', watching late-night movies, and sipping long, cool drinks from the newly-acquired refrigerator. In fact, the 'study' is a much quieter place this year - could it have anything to do with Toby?

The boarding house has continued to be well-represented in almost all aspects of school life. Several Juniors now make their presence felt on the rugby pitch, while the Middles do the same with hockey-sticks. We can also boast

increased participation in musical and dramatic events at the school, including Mr. White-Taylor's anticipated involvement in the Staff Review in March.

The house itself is in a reasonable condition, despite burst pipes, overflowing baths and the seniors. We now have carpets in every dormitory, which were kindly provided by the Parents' Association, and radiators, which work at full efficiency throughout the house. (If only the same thing could have been said this time last year!).

In conclusion, thanks is again due to Mrs. Symonds, for her untiring work in the kitchen, to Mrs. Pattinson, for doing her job with such devotion and enthusiasm, to Mr. White-Taylor, for doing whatever he does, and to Mr. Skipp, for ensuring Mr. White-Taylor does whatever he does.

*R.C.P. Jenkins*

# C.C.F. Reports

The General Inspection of the Contingent was held on Thursday October 11th. 1979. The Chief Inspecting Officer was Colonel J.J. Manson, acting as Commanding Officer of our sponsor unit, The Army School of Education at Beaconsfield. The Guard of Honour earned high praise at the start and it is pleasing that their achievement, the result of hard work by the members of all sections trained by our own cadet N.C.O.'s, was rewarded.

The Inspecting Officer and his team went on to look at many aspects of training, and the Report which has since come has been very encouraging to all members. Naturally there are points for improvement and these are being acted on.

In this, as in other contacts with the Regular Services, it has been particularly heartening to find an appreciation of the general function of the C.C.F. in a school – the opportunity for the development of characteristics and skills which will be as useful to the majority who do not make the Services their career as they are to those who do choose to join them. In our turn it is proper for us to express our appreciation of the demanding role of those who serve professionally with the Regular Forces. We thank especially those most closely connected with us who come regularly to help us in the R.N. Section with 16 Cadet Training Team and in the R.A.F. Section.

*F.N.C.*

## ARMY SECTION

The Lake District was the setting for Summer Training. An energetic band found the site on a farm north of Ullswater at about midnight on the last day of term. The basic idea was brief acclimatisation followed by two tough routes, one of three days for most of the party and one of four for a party doing the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Expedition. All kit was carried. The weather was sometimes less than romantic but had the grace to improve until the day all met on the top of Helvellyn in welcome sunshine. The Gold party gained a very good report from the outside assessor. The members of the main body, divided into parties, settled down and worked really well together. There were lessons to be learnt, some the hard way, but the Officers were impressed with the spirit of all those on the expedition.

In September we were very pleased to have as a new officer, Mr. S. Mason who has already successfully completed his Initial and Qualifying Course at Frimley.

Just before General Inspection the Army Section went to the Cadet Training Centre at Frimley for a morning's watermanship and an afternoon's exercise in the Aldershot Training Area which kept everyone alert and on the move.

The General Inspection Report commended the training and the bearing and turnout of the Section.

Weekend training with day and night exercises and a range day will have taken place at Longmoor by the time this is read.

Adventure Training is at Leek from April 2nd – 9th. (Rock climbing on the Roaches and an Expedition to Kinder Scout as well as normal training).

Summer Camp is at Gwm Gwddi in the foot-hills below Pen y Fan, the highest point in the Brecon Beacons, (July 19th. – 26th.).

In the New Year four recent members of the Section started at Sandhurst. Tim Watts, Robert Pillidge, Jonathan Coups and (as a Short Service Limited Commission before he goes to Cambridge) Bill Shapcott. We wish them well.

Thanks are due to many. Perhaps it will be

understood if on behalf of those at School I mention particularly the help, much appreciated and continued, of Robert Harry and Richard Wallen, and the special and valued contribution Mr. Woodman has made in expedition planning. There is above all the great care always shown by Captain Hollingworth in the preparation that he does as his contribution to the life of the Section in spite of the fact that he is based at Farnborough.

*F.N.C.*

## R.N. SECTION

We welcome Mr. Thomas's help, particularly with canoeing, and C.P.O. Pearce and Lt. Cdr. Wilkinson from the Fraser Gunnery Range in Portsmouth which we visited in November, after a creditable performance in the annual inspection in October. This Spring Term we have had a presentation on the role of the Navy and a record number of applicants to see Commander Sayer. Numbers for Summer courses are well up and we await the outcome of R. Johnson's Flying Scholarship application. A new 16 foot sailing craft is due for delivery at Medmenham on the day that the Naval Member for all Naval Sections in the U.K. visits the school.

*T.J.N.C.*

## C.C.F. ORIENTEERING

The C.C.F. Championships were held at Long Valley, Aldershot on 7th October. Two teams were entered, containing cadets from all three sections. Course standard was high. Unfortunately some team members did not complete the course but R.G.S. were placed 8th overall.

## R.A.F. SECTION C.C.F.

We have had a successful Summer and Autumn 1979 and a good start to 1980. Highlight of the Summer was Camp at Linton-on-Ouse, where twelve of our Cadets managed to win the plaque for best school against stiff competition. Also in Summer J.M.C. Church, C.P. Gaunt, J.E. Lewis, J.C. Shaw and P.R. Smaje were on Flying Scholarships, and all gained Private Pilots Licences. Flying Scholarship applicants successful in gaining recommendations so far this year are S. Lever, A. Shields, M. Niekirk, D. Lancaster, and S. Wilson.

The Autumn term has seen Flying details being handicapped by the weather, although by the end of the year all cadets should have flown at least once in Chipmunks at Abingdon. Sgt Gaunt was fortunate to have a trip to Cyprus.

The major activity for the Autumn terms is lectures for Part II and III examinations.

Easter brings camps at Lyneham, Laarbruch and Gibraltar. Summer should see the glider again in action on the school field.

It only remains for us to thank Sqn. Ldr. Smaje, Flt. Lt. Sollars and F.O. Boutland for their patience, help and encouragement.

*Sgt. C.P. Gaunt*

## SUMMER CAMP 1979 R.A.F. LINTON-ON-OUSE

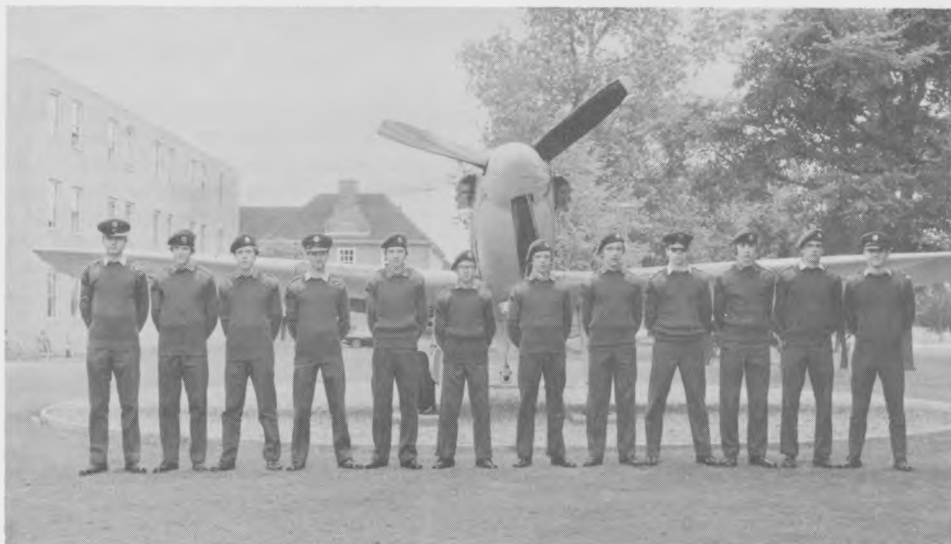
Activities on camp were varied, although no flying was available, except for four of us who scrounged flights in motor gliders. Shooting on both .22 and .303 ranges was arranged, as was swimming in York, an Assault Course at R.A.F. Church Fenton and a Map Reading exercise, while the Air Officer Commanding Support Command inspected R.A.F. Linton. Points towards the best school competition were awarded for all these activities.

Also arranged were Sports, Mini Olympics (?) and an afternoon visit to Whitby Bay, the highlight of which was the singing on the coach on the way back!

The penultimate day saw the end-of-camp parade, where it was announced that R.G.S. had once again triumphed by winning the inter-school competition. This was particularly pleasing as we were the smallest, and only officer-less section present.

Thanks finally to U.O. Hill for helping us throughout the camp and practically organising the entire navigation exercise.

*Sgt. C.P. Gaunt*



# Clubs and Societies

## POLSPON SOCIETY

During the last term the Society has polarised into two halves, the members from the senior school who solely play Board Wargames and those from the junior school who play only Dungeons and Dragons.

Diplomacy is the prevalent Board Wargame, every Thursday players sit down to lie, double-cross and get ganged up on. However since we moved into the Cricket Pavilion it has been possible to play large games, which more than makes up for the cool conditions. Therefore for the last two months three dedicated wargames have been defending or attacking a Soviet Union beset by a coalition of capitalist imperialist warmongers.

Large numbers of second, third and fourth formers have been playing Dungeons and Dragons. Marching down dark caverns their characters have treacherously attacked each other, rescued fair maidens (only to sell them into slavery the next day) and other such foolish but amusing deeds.

The club is always looking for new members (we need the money) and anyone interested should come to the Cricket Pavilion during periods 7 and 8 or after school on Thursday.

Our thanks to Mr. Talbot for putting up with us and running the club and also to Mr. Page and Mr. Goldthorpe for allowing us to use the pavilion.

*A. Lane*

## THE SCHOOL BENEVOLENT FUND

Through this fund the school makes gifts to a wide variety of charities.

Total donations last year were £755, which was an increase of £168 over the previous year.

*J.R.B. Kempson*

## NIMEX BUSINESS GAME:R.G.S. ENTRY

The members of the Board have come to the conclusion that if business is run by trial and error we will go far, as long as we can manage a little more trial and a little less error.

Although the team did extremely well in this Business Simulation Game run by the Institute of Chartered Accountants, they ran up against stiff competition and eventually came 4th in their heat.

We wish to thank Mr. Claye for his enlightening advice – we could not have done without him.

## MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

The club has had a good year so far. At the time of writing, Funds stand at about £28. The exhibition layout has been extended, and the buildings have been replaced. By the time you read this, the club will have held its exhibition. We hope there will be a profit of £150. This exhibition is the result of months of hard work by T. Blagbrough 5S, with the “assistance” of the members.

We must thank Mr. Leighton-Jones for all his help concerning the exhibition insurance and for his and Mr. Kempson’s driving the minibus around South Bucks.

In the middle of February we had our electricity re-connected after its earlier mysterious disappearance. So now the club is back to its normal chaos.

*The Committee*

## DEBATING SOCIETY REPORT

Here we are, with half a year behind us already, and a grand total of . . . er. . . three debates. Still, whilst lacking in quantity, these three debates have certainly been something worth remembering.

1. This House Believes that Captain Snort and his Soldier Boys have been of more service to the people of Trumptonshire than have Captain Flack and the Trumpton Fire Brigade.

In probably what was one of the most popular debates ever in the history of the society, about 150 spectators ranging from second to sixth formers, were packed into room 4. The result was disastrous. After making their initial speeches, the two speakers, John Hussey and Colin Cameron, started fighting each other. This set off the crowd and a riot ensued. Many a lad was trampled underfoot, many a chair was broken, and many a desk lid was torn off. In the end, it took the combined forces of Matron, and Junior Headmaster, Mr. Dennis Smith, to bring the debate to a close.

2. This House Believes that a Woman's Place is in the Home. It was a very courageous thing for the speakers to talk in a debate with a

title like that at Slough High School (a girl's school), but when they were all as biased as this. . . the result was 62 votes (them) to 5 votes (us).

3. It was in this, a balloon debate, that we got our revenge on Slough High School. In the first round, the votes stood as follows: The Green Cross Man — 32 votes. Tintin — 8 votes. Madam Cholet — 7 votes. Rupert Bear — 2 votes. Florence — 1 vote. Miss Piggy, Emily Pankhurst, Prince Charles — no votes at all.

The Green Cross Code Man's lead was mainly due to his perverse talk and the fact that none of the speakers came up with very good speeches. But in the second round, Tintin and Rupert came back strongly and, after a combined attack on the G.C.C.M., managed to change the voting so that in the end Tintin (Colin Cameron) won with 22 votes. Rupert Bear (John Hussey) followed with 18 votes, the Green Cross Code Man (James Hopcraft) was third with 11 votes, and Mme Cholet (from Slough) with seven votes, was fourth.

*Colin Cameron*

## BRIDGE CLUB

The County Junior Pairs competition saw Martin Jolly and Steve Evans finish in fifth place, the highest any pair from the school has reached for some years. Chris Grayling and Howard Memery finished 19th out of 325 entries in the annual Oxford Union open pairs competition and later won the Gerrards Cross Open competition. In the recent heats of the Daily Mail National Schools Cup the 'B' Team of C. Grayling, H. Memery, R. Bobath and D. Horne qualified convincingly for the semi-final stage of the competition.

*C. Grayling, S.J. Grundy*

## R.G.S. FOLK GROUP

Although it is still one of the smallest clubs in the school, the Folk Group has experienced a revival of fortunes in recent months. A change in instrumentation, more regular practices, and the prospect of a debut public performance in Festival '80 have encouraged us. Last term's day-long sponsored sing-in was well supported, and we intend to use the proceeds to increase the range of instruments available to the group.

Any new members, especially singers, would be very welcome. We meet on Thursdays at 4.00 in the small music room.

## STAMP CLUB

Stamp club continues to thrive, meeting during Thursday lunch-hour at about 1.30 p.m. The club's funds have grown enough to afford up to date World and Commonwealth Catalogues.

Grateful thanks are extended to Mr. White-Taylor whose supply of stamps for sale during meetings provides boys with a veritable treasure trove.

Mr. Hills' visits continue to provide us with many bargains (though visits are still far fewer than many members would like).

So to all budding stamp-collectors -- Thursday lunch hour -- Room 13, 1.30 p.m.

## THE COMPUTER CLUB

After careful consideration the School has decided to purchase a RESEARCH MACHINE 380Z microcomputer which, when it arrived in mid June, was installed in the Resources Centre. A printer arrived in October courtesy of Trend Communications which has proved invaluable to all who use the computer.

The Computer Club, formed at the beginning of the academic year, for a moderate termly subscription, allows members to gain experience of computing and programming in BASIC as well as machine code.

The computer is also used extensively by staff for teaching purposes as well as teaching the fundamentals of computing through General Studies and TAA courses.

*R.L. Lovell*

## ELECTRONICS CLUB

The first meeting of the club was held at the start of the Autumn Term when a group of enthusiastic third formers met in one of the Physics labs under the watchful eye of Mr. Walker, Mr. Boutland and Mr. Thomas. Rain detectors, fire alarms, radios, sirens and a simple electronic organ were soon under construction. All were successful, once the transistors were connected correctly.

## ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Last Easter's sponsored star gaze at Wendover and Ivinghoe Beacon proved to be a success. The money raised together with that kindly given by the Governors and Parents Association has been used to purchase a six inch reflecting telescope. The telescope arrived at the end of last summer term and has been erected and used by members. Weather conditions have restricted observation time.

A lecture course is under way in the hope of raising all members' knowledge of the subject to at least that of O level.

Thanks are due to Mr. Boutland and Mr. Talbot for their support over the year.

## MUSIC SOCIETY REPORT

Since the last report, the Society has continued to maintain the tradition of high musical standards at the school with several successful public appearances.

Both the Wind Band and the Jazz Band – making its energetic debut – delighted those at the R.G.S. Show Day. The Summer Concert of May 23rd was well attended and well received. The Second Orchestra opened the evening with music by Bach and Haydn, to be followed by the Choral Society with six well-known Gilbert and Sullivan choruses. The First Orchestra concluded the first part of the concert with spirited performances of overtures by Mozart and Mendelssohn. In the second half, the Wind Band played the popular Jamaican Rumba by Arthur Benjamin and Nicolai's overture "Merry Wives of Windsor". The Choral Society rounded off the evening with Elgar's "From the Bavarian Highlands"

The autumn term saw the return of Gilbert and Sullivan (reported elsewhere). The Festival of Lessons and Carols took place in Wycombe Parish Church at the end of term: a Junior Choir contributed two lively items and the Choral Society gave smooth performances of several taxing works.

At the time of writing, the Society is working towards its contribution to Festival '80. Thanks must go to all the staff who give of their time to support the Society, especially to Mr. Holmes and Mr. Trafford whose dedicated work continues to form the basis for the Society's achievements.

*C. Goodwin*

## CHRISTIAN UNION

The Christian Union meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 1.20 p.m. in Room 4. Meetings during the last few months have included visits by guest speakers and other school Christian Unions and discussions on a variety of topics. All are welcome to join in the activities. If you want to find out if Christ was anything more than a good man, come along to one of our meetings.

*P.T.J. Irwin, 6B*

## ENTOMOLOGICAL CLUB REPORT

This recently formed club's main effort for 1979 was an exhibition at the School show. Exhibited there were a large number of displays including a small slide show and live insects. The exhibition proved a great success.

At the beginning of the school year several members of the club went to the annual Amateur Entomological Exhibition in Alexandra Palace, London. There was a huge range of live, and dead butterflies, moths, beetles and other large and exotically coloured insects. Thanks to Mr. Boutland for driving the mini-bus.

Other activities have included illustrated talks on a wide range of subjects, from bees to exotic butterflies.

*D.C. Clark*

## AERONAUTICAL AND MODELLING SOCIETY

The climax of last term's activities was a chuck-glider contest when nearly thirty club members launched their balsa wood creations. Prizes were given for the best flights of the afternoon.

This term started with a day visit to the Model Engineer Exhibition, and the Royal Air Force Museum at Hendon.

Some of the more enthusiastic modellers have spent the cold winter lunchtimes on the school field flying free-flight model gliders, with one or two encouraging results.

We have plans for more competitions, with great prizes, and the purchase of a radio-controlled glider to add to the large collection of models and equipment already owned by the club.

Thanks must be given to Mr. Smaje and Mr. Thomas for providing transport for club activities.

*J.E. Lewis*



## SCHOOL HOUSE CHESS TEAM REPORT

Played 3, Won 0, Lost 3, Abandoned 24

To be quite frank, after an appalling season last year in which little was achieved and few matches completed, the Senate committee decided to put the principal officers of the team on trial. As a result of this trial M.O.O. Sansome, Puffy Read, and R. Jenkins have been expelled and will henceforth play no role in the running of the team.

The first few matches of the season were marred by unwarranted violence. The Senate finds this aspect of the game deplorable, and therefore the agitators have been beaten up. Our success was limited, but nevertheless small progress was made in our recent match against the Tayewag Mental Institution – Andrew Platts (F.B.) on Board One scored an impressive something or other. However, we attribute our final loss in this match to the stuffy atmosphere of the padded cells. We feel optimistic, nevertheless, and look forward to an accomplished season in which our erratic Grandmasters will finally find form. Honours must go, I suppose, to P.A.v.d. Lee, N.J.M. and Si Klops Dutton. Chas kept score as usual.

*N.J. Morris*

## CHESS REPORT

In the Bucks. League the First team, is battling strongly against tough opposition and improving in both form and position in the Second Division; the Second team is doing well and holding a middle position against variable opposition. The Junior League teams are doing well, and the U16 team is the possible winner in its division. Unfortunately our record in the Sunday Times Schools' Competition is blemished this year: we were knocked out in the first round

However School attendance at the Chess Club has been encouraging due largely to the efforts of Andrew Campbell, the treasurer. Michaels, Stott and Church are having very good seasons and I would like to thank Mike Church, the captain, for his support of the teams, and thank especially Mr. Ian Clark for helping us to arrange the matches, driving us to away matches and other help in innumerable guises; thank you too to Mrs. Campbell for her involvement in home matches.

*P. Shirley-Quirk (Hon. Secretary)*



## LIBRARY REPORT

The great library show rolls on. Hosted by its genial compere, Mr. Mitchell, and by the multi-talented wit and raconteur, Mr. S. Goldthorpe, whose jokes have everyone rolling in the aisles, how could its success not be assured? After the sad demise of Frank Collins the new ring-master is the gifted N.D. Hughes, who seems to have met with more success in controlling his unruly acts. To the fore this term have come the talents of Stephen Ennis, a true artist with cellophane. Under the pretext of "book covering" he can transform a seemingly innocuous book into a grotesque monster. A new clown troupe, "The Fourth-Formers", entertain weekly with playful antics, including the now notorious paper-ball fight. The magician, Graham Wright, ceaselessly invents new tricks to turn a simple library system into a vastly complicated machine. As ever there are the popular 6C<sub>1</sub> escape-artists who evade work for weeks on end under the pretence of "tidying the

shelves" or "setting up the display" despite the efforts of the 6MS brigade.

This star-studded circus provides all-the-family entertainment and is the ideal way to spend an afternoon.

Performances weekly – Thursday afternoons 2.00–4.00.

Admission free – Children and O.A.P.'s half price.

P.S.: It was thought that when S.D. Everson passed on to better things that patronage of the library would markedly decrease, but we must report that his place has been ably filled by Messrs. Morris and Strange of the Second Year Sixth.

*I. Y. Purvis*

## FAR HORIZONS

In Summer 1979 twenty cadets, four staff and their families spent five memorable weeks in Eastern North America.

Our DC10 landed safely at Boston where we collected four station wagons which were to travel 4,800 miles each in the next five weeks. We went to Niagara Falls and Florida, Boston, Toronto, New York and Washington; met bears in the Smoky Mountains and Mickey Mouse in Disneyworld. We saw Cape Kennedy and swam in the Atlantic at Cocoa Beach.

We spent most nights under canvas in KOA camp grounds though we were made welcome

at various military establishments. Where we consumed lashings of food – a change from burgers.

The trip was such a success because of the participants: there were no major upsets and little illness.

Thanks to 'Smaje enterprises' for a wonderful trip and 'Januszewski Productions' for filming the best moments.

*S.E. Evans  
M.P. Niekirk*

### **PINK'S MIGHT**

Musically in might,  
In artistry or sounds,  
Waters, Gilmour, Mason, Wright  
Continue to astound.  
The healthy rich, sick poor and crowds  
For them there is no other  
As they are not obscured by clouds  
They have Atom Heart Mother.  
But if you are still in the dark,  
Then you must lend a wary ear  
If Echoes Breathe then you must hark  
And finally Wish You Were Here.

*F.J.R. Boyes*

### **ODE TO POLARIS**

Shiny darts  
From tubes of steel  
Deception Complete,  
Those shafts can kill.

### **NIGHTMARES**

Shadows occur in a windowless room  
Buried alive, encased in a tomb  
Dumb cries resound the walls of my cage  
As morning calls through a black and white haze.  
I wake,  
But to no sweet daylight.  
A nightmare is over, but another begins.

*Mark Peacock*

### **THE DRAMA WEEKEND**

This year's attack on 'Under Milk Wood', with a cast from LVHS, WHS, RGS, starred Margaret Wooster and Mervyn Davies, as well as the regulars — Messrs. Edwards, Mitchell, Ruff, and Smith. It was accounted a success by all who took part, and once more proved a valuable part of the School's dramatic and social life.

## PIRATES OF PENZANCE

This year's production, performed in the Christmas term, proved no exception to the long standing tradition of Gilbert and Sullivan operas at the R.G.S: it was very efficient, very colourful, and enjoyed by everyone who was there. It was possibly the best overall production that I can recall, inasmuch as there were no weaknesses in the cast, and everyone involved achieved a high level of competence. Although this may sound like "damning with faint praise", it is not intended in that way – no performance can survive on one great 'star' alone.

"The Pirates" has a plot of outstanding silliness, even by Gilbert's standards; the ending, in particular, sounds as if he got tired of the whole thing, and farcical coincidences abound. However, this is not a fault, and is even an asset, when one is faced with the problem of creating a female chorus out of small boys: no-one is going to take it seriously anyway.

What is important, of course, is not the plot, but the individual songs – the "Pirates" contains some of the best known Gilbert and Sullivan numbers – and these were all successfully performed. Robert Jenkins as Frederic, and Tom Hardy as the Pirate King, both stood out overall, and Christopher Walker handled the "Model of a Modern Major-General" patter-song extremely well, considering his youth;

he gained in confidence throughout the night. The male choruses were also impressive, especially the Policemen, well led by Sergeant John Vincent, who was very funny when terrified!

The main problem with these productions now arises. Can one produce convincing women from junior boys? Well, no. Mainly because they just have not got the lung capacity to fill the Queens Hall. All one can do is aim to amuse with the chorus of "bathing beauties", and this was very successful, as they capered nimbly about the sea-shells with which the stage was strewn. The leading "women" are another problem, though; they were very difficult to hear at the front of the Hall, because the orchestra had far more power. To be fair, I am told they could be heard further back, but the problem remains: the "romantic" angle of the plot has got to be played down, and allowances made before the curtain rises.

Enough of complaining, however. The performance as a whole was more than successful, and the set, as usual, was visually very striking. It was an evening that I, and everyone else there thoroughly enjoyed, and certainly would not have missed.

*I.A.B.*

## BLINDNESS

Paper cones throw their waves around the hall. A few stand in groups. Staring at the base of cheap cups through an effervescent screen. A couple in a corner embrace, in search of a meaning. The bulk arrives; shedding its outer layer in one swift move.

Time passes. Alone in the background a female stares ahead. Through tear-stained eyes; an image shattered, herself – at last – exposed. Another still has her screen; silver chains dangle from split ears, A face submerged, a desperate grasp at impression – in vain.

The excitement heightens, a request played;

the group in the midst Moves in time with their idols. By now the Raw wooden frameworks Begin to bear their load; their users staring blankly at the hands, Moving on without emotion. One revolution to turn.

Vehicles draw up, the cones switched off, so too the synchronous lights. Gratitude flies from wall to wall, even from smiling faces That have hardly lived. Yet they'll do it again. To them the skin Enclosing them is opaque, looking them in futility.

*I.R. Payne*

## IN PRAISE OF US

Unable to persuade E.H. Machin to review "In Praise of Love" on the evening of the 17th July, although his earlier review of "the Life & Times of the Third Murderer" (alias Macbeth) displayed a literary talent designed to Sendall readers to sleep. One will gladly write a brief, unbiased, lighthearted, accurate and talented review of the events of that night. Striving to give an idea of the behind-the-scenes panic that precedes such a performance. The first half of the evening was occupied by the school choir and a few others. In the ensuing interval our ever-increasing nervousness was eased by the imbibition of a couple of glasses of analgesic thankfully supplied by an angel from down below (Cheers J.C.). In no time at all we were ready to slay the audience.

We recited and performed love poems and Shakespearian scenes. These had been put together, taken apart and put together again by an ever-patient Mr. Smith, who had gazed in horrified disbelief on a disastrous dress rehearsal the previous day. The curtains rolled back and we ambled on stage to the dulcet tones of the Lower 6th Quartet.

Frank and Clive "Ceased to persuade" us with a scene from "As You Like It", but the audience did. Thus the stage was set for an enthralling hour or so. A scene from "The Taming of the Shrew" was well received. It starred Patrick, whose pencilled-in moustache made him look just like the cad we know he is not, really. Jacklyn energetically slapped his face but he was later able to return the compliment when she turned the other cheek!

Clive, re-appearing, paid his sweetheart the compliment of painting her his "gushing thing".

In "Romeo & Juliet", Charlotte, had the unenviable task of kissing Jeff (Jacklyn looked on) whilst Jeff had the enviable task of kissing her.

Carrie, despite the crushing hand grip (now slowly healing, thank you) recited well. Ronnie, being very unco-operative, refused to have his legs removed for the part of Ben Battle and fidgeting Nic was shrewd enough not to "Enlist in the line" and spend the rest of the evening hanging about. Frank re-appeared several times with tit-bits for the audience. Debbie attempted a West Country accent which took us on a brave tour of "Dialects of the World" but made up for it with sheer exuberance.

Dominic was impressive. (One notices how an actor, I use the term loosely, praises the work of his fellows in the vain hope that this might be reciprocated). Alas poor Alan teetered across the stage and recited his poem in a nervous whisper barely audible even to himself. However, one was later able to impress Ros (word perfect on the night) who actually applauded one's efforts.

Jackie was superlative as Hermia (with support from others). She was easily caught (but very ticklish). She had earlier reaped her revenge for one's booting her around by (accidentally?) stomping on one's foot during rehearsals and removing half of one's toenail.

Unbelievably, no one forgot their lines and we almost achieved a second bow but for Patrick floundering with the pansies. Although the performance was slightly long we received rapturous applause (how can one fail with one's Mother in the audience).

Lastly, many thanks to all who worked tirelessly without acknowledgment. Especially Mr. Smith, Mr. Mitchell, Dr. Dorrance, Andrew, the Quartet and many others.

They say that players are only as good as their audience. Thanks: we were brilliant.

*A.D.W. '79*

For the last twenty years, the International Mathematical Olympiad has been held in various parts of Eastern Europe; this year, when I was to take part, it was to be in London. Moreover, since only about 30% was to be paid for by the Government (in contrast to 100% before), it was to be slightly shorter than previously. Nevertheless, the organisation, which was undertaken by the SMP (of log tables fame, amongst other things) and Mathematical Association, was extremely efficient.

In this country selection is from those who succeed in the NMC and BMO, which are open to anyone at school who is interested. Whilst other countries have similar procedures, they tend to take it far more seriously and give their teams long training programmes; not so us. Nevertheless our record is consistently very high.

On Friday, 29th June, I travelled straight from work to Westminster School (which, incidentally, still practises fagging) where the team (of eight) was to meet and stay the first night before the main proceedings began. The conversation was reserved and Mathematical.

After having been deprived of sleep by Big Ben we went to Westfield College, which was to be our base and *scena criminis*. By way of practice, we begged some problems off the Americans, which we sat up all night solving. Our notes we proceeded to leave scattered over the room for all to see.

On Sunday we toured London by coach (taking the Russians, Cubes, Poles, etc., past the Commons, Fleet Street and the City several times) and religiously tramped around Hampton Court. We also talked to the Daily Express, whose main interest was the sole female competitor amongst 160 odd boys, and the BBC, whom we told that the main attraction of the Olympiad was its sheer pointlessness.

On Monday and Tuesday we took the problem papers, each of which has three questions to be done in four hours. The atmosphere is very relaxed and informal in comparison to public examinations, and refreshments (of sorts) are served half way through; actually

beer and cheese is supposed to be available during Tripos examinations, but one individual who demanded them on one occasion was arrested the following day for being without his ceremonial sword.

All Olympiad questions have 'elementary' solutions (in particular Calculus is unnecessary), but generally contain some feature which, when grasped, makes the problem almost trivial, but which one may usually get only by luck. Such was problem 1 this year, from which six of us got zero marks. Had we, however, had some training, I think we might well have got this question at the time. Incidentally the paper had to be translated into seventeen different languages.

On Tuesday afternoon, one unfortunate member of the team had an A-level to do, and four others went to Wimbledon, whilst one went back to school (!). The remaining two of us took the Belgians and Dutch to the Science Museum, after giving an interview on Radio Liverpool, during which we were asked one of those problems about dates and people's ages. This we solved – in competition with listeners – but, we later realised, by pure fluke.

Wednesday took us to Greenwich by boat ("upon which rested the mathematical future of 23 nations"), where again we allowed the foreigners to see the sights.

On Thursday and Friday we amused ourselves during the day, and attended boring receptions in the evening. After the Prizegiving on Saturday (we were the only team all of whose members got prizes) we moved to Oxford, via Windsor (and High Wycombe!).

Without a single verse of *Auld Lang Syne*, T-shirts and other mementoes were distributed and in the morning the congregation dispersed.

The result was certainly a huge success, since we were fourth, soundly beating the Americans, although the Russians won; this is not surprising, considering they were hardly entirely human, and rarely spoke amongst

themselves, let alone to anyone else. A word must, however, be said for the Vietnamese, who were tiny and brilliant (getting first and Special prizes, although not fielding a full team) and with whom we communicated in French.

I want to see the RGS represented at future Olympiads.

*Paul Taylor*

### THE SACK OF A NEIGHBOURING SCHOOL. WITH DUE APOLOGIES TO VIRGIL.

Smashed by war and repelled by the High School, The Board of Governors with already many years having slipped by, built a minibus as huge as a mountain, to the divine art of Debbie Harry, and slashed the seats with the wood of the Silver Fir. They furtively included in the dark boot and deep within the huge engine casting, R.G.S. bopper boys chosen by lot and they filled the van with armed French Teachers.

It was in the sight of the Rose and Crown, a pub of very famous reputation which whilst it remained in the kingdom of John Courage had been rich in resources, now only a bar and an untrustworthy anchorage for drunks.

(Then the rest of the boot boys hid in the pub leaving the minibus behind. Staff of the neighbouring school threw the school gates open and rejoiced to be free, at last, of the R.G.S. threat).

But the caretaker and those of better sense, ordered them to hurl the artifice and clapped out old banger of the R.G.S. into the Amersham road, or for it to be set to flammes and burnt up, or to prise open the bonnet and probe the hiding places.

(the pupils were left in a quandary....)

Look, meanwhile the biology set were dragging to the headmaster with great shouts, a wonbug, his hands bound behind his back, who had presented himself unknown, to open the gate of the neighbouring school for the R.G.S. Then eager to see, the 5th form rushed to surround him on all sides and competed to understand the homework of the captive.

(By trickery the wonbug conned the staff into believing him, but the head protested. Twin cleaners dispatched from the Rose and Crown engulfed the head and his two secretaries with school mash. Deception completed, the pupils of the neighbouring school dragged the minibus into their walls and placed it on the sacred clock tower. Meanwhile, chucked out of the pub, the remaining bopper boys proceed in fixed ranks to the neighbouring school).

With the hostile caretakers defending him, the wonbug furtively freed the bopper boys and undid the bonnet. Joyfully the French teachers came forth from the van. They attacked the school buried in physics and maths. They killed the Governors and the tuck shop was opened. They welcomed all their allies and destruction completed they returned in time for opening at the Rose and Crown.

*Mark Peacock SEP*

### THE BURSAR'S PUZZLE

I will offer a £2.00 book token to the first correctly punctuated solution to the following sentences.

- a. john where peter had had had had had had had had had had had been correct
- b. that that is is that that is not is not is not that it it is

*F. Wheeler*

## FOOTBALL REPORT IN THE WYCOMBIENSIAN SHOCK!

Kerry Packer has again caused consternation in the corridors of establishment power, this time by occasioning the sacrilegious rite of football to be mentioned among the hallowed pages of 'The Wycombiensian'. He has achieved this unprecedented feat by gathering together, at huge cost, a group of footballing mercenaries from 6<sub>2</sub>, carefully weaned from rugby, under the truly Wagnerian guise of 'the Masterbashers': a few selected souls were salvaged from the 6th Form Common Room, and shaped into the most formidable soccer force since Accrington Stanley reserves.

Their inaugural match was against the scourge of the fifth form, the Staff XI. The unbeaten record of the latter was put under a severe strain from the start but they resisted well, thanks especially to Peter Shilton (cunningly disguised as Mr. Page). The number of serious attacks the Staff made could be counted on one finger, but unfortunately goalkeeper Tim Burgess had had a unique warming device imported from the High School, without which frostbite would undoubtedly have frozen the parts other beers cannot reach. The score amazingly remained at 0-0, a tribute to the sportsmanship and mercy of the Masterbashers.

Their second match was against a weakened 6<sub>1</sub> Side. These Young Pretenders were given a true lesson in how to play football; their elders and betters put ten goals past them, after they had had the audacity to score first. Our thanks to Mr. Grundy for refereeing.

The next match for football's answer to the Harlem Globetrotters was against the notorious 6EC2. They were conquered in convincing style, 12-2.

So all bodes well for the rematch with those gluttons for punishment, the Staff; this time there will be no mercy, even if we all get good reports this term!

*John Cooper*

## MODE

Two Intelligent young girls.  
One has a simple style of hair,  
Wears simple clothes  
And does not cover her face.  
The other is fully painted,  
In line with the mode  
And above her own head.  
The first is Nature's beauty,  
The second is Man's.  
The first beauty is eternal,  
The second never lived.

*I.R. Payne*

## SNAG A RAM

Have you ever wondered what the staff call each other in the privacy of the staff room? Few teachers dare disclose their real names, however, I managed to corner one, and with a little persuasion (two cans of beer and a wine gum) true identities were revealed. Can you put a face to the name? Who is.....

1. They claim toy.
  2. Ape orgy.
  3. I won snail.
  4. S.O.S. Dreary.
  5. O! Free girl.
  6. An hare cult.
  7. A lick ran.
  8. And Fred's Livid.
  9. Lyin' bath.
  10. Crash rit! dirt in zip!
  11. I vend toads.
  12. Hen jolts groaner in bed.
- Alias on final page.

By: Gull Bumbscar  
A.W. Nail Stank  
Kraut's Parts  
Oliver Socs  
M.N. Scot-Brain



# The Old Boys

## DEATHS

Mr. Roland Peace CLARKE died on May 16th. 1979 peacefully at his home "Haystacks", Henley Road, Marlow, aged 78 years. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Joan Clarke and two sons. An obituary appeared in the July 1979 issue.

## STAFF

Mr. G.F. BAILEY (1935-44) died in High Wycombe in the summer of 1979, aged 82 years. He leaves a widow who lives in Lucas Road, High Wycombe.

Mr. Bailey was in charge of music at the Royal Grammar School from 1935 to 1944. He was best known as the principal and founder of the Bucks. School of Music.

G.H. BAKER (1906-12) died on May 27th. 1979, aged 79 years.

Geoffrey Harold Baker was a faithful Old Boy and Governor of the School. He was an Honorary Freeman of the Old Borough of High Wycombe, a former Mayor and Alderman, a retired chairman of the bench, a fine sportsman and great fun to be with. His wife Eileen died in 1976. He leaves 2 sons.

O.W. BANHAM (1916-20) on August 29th. 1979, aged 76 years.

Oswald ("Jim") Banham worked in banking until he retired. He was a fine games player at school. He leaves a widow Mrs. Molly Banham, who lives at "High Birches", Bledlow Ridge and 2 sons, Roger (1940-46) and Martin (1943-51).

R.W. BARTLETT (1900-07) on August 23rd. 1979, aged 86 years.

Richard Willoughby Bartlett, formerly Chairman and Managing Director of William Bartlett & Sons Ltd., was a Governor of the school and a very faithful member of the Old Boys' Committee. His widow, Mrs. Peggy Bartlett, died two weeks after her husband.

## OLD BOYS

D.W. HUGHES (1930–35) in September 1978, aged 59 years.

David Walter Hughes trained in insurance in High Wycombe when he left school. In the 1939–45 War he served in a bomb disposal squad and in hospitals. He was headmaster of a junior school in Ilford when he retired in March 1978 due to ill-health.

He leaves a widow, who lives at 6, Woodcote Road, Wanstead, London, E11 and 2 sons.

A.D. MOORE (1935–41) died in February 1980, aged 56 years.

David Moore gained the Tancred Studentship in Physics to Caius College, Cambridge. He spent most of his life as a doctor in the RAF and he was one of the first doctors into Belsen after the collapse of The Third Reich. He was a Group Captain and took a job as a pathologist in the Isle of Man on his retirement. Many will remember his father who was M.O.H. in High Wycombe before the last war.

S.V. PERFECT (1911–18) in the Summer of 1979, aged 78 years.

Stanley Perfect will always be remembered as the first Headmaster of Hatters Lane School. He opened the School in 1939 and did a fine job in his 21 years there. He leaves a widow, a son David (1938–46) and a daughter.

H.J. ROBERTS (1918–23) on August 7th. 1979, aged 71 years.

Horace John (“Robbie”) Roberts made his mark in many local activities. He represented “Avalon” in the furniture trade for 21 years. He was a great social man and radiated bonhomie. He was a faithful member of the Old Wycombensians’ Lodge. He leaves a widow who lives at Links Way, Flackwell Heath and 2 daughters.

R. WATTS (1957–64) died during the Fastnet Race 1979, aged 33 years.

Roger Watts was a crew member of the chartered yacht *Festina Tertia*, when a huge wave knocked the boat flat and he was washed overboard. Two other Old Boys were on the same boat, THROWER S. (1966–67) and THROWER J.S. (1966–68). Sean Thrower made a very brave attempt to rescue Roger, but he was foiled by the rough seas. Roger Watts was married with a five week old son.

R.C. WING (1947–53) on September 11th. 1979, in Sydney, Australia, aged 45 years. Richard Charlesworth (“Dickie”) Wing died very young leaving a widow who lives at Bapaume Road, Mosman, N.S.W. 2088, Australia and 2 daughters. He will be remembered at the school as a particularly fine cricketer and sportsman.

## NOTES

ADGER M.T. (1970–74) graduated from Pembroke College Cambridge in June 1977 with a degree in Engineering. He is now working at MVEE Chobham, on certain automotive components for MBT 80, Britain’s replacement for the Chieftain.

ALDRIDGE R.A. and EDWARDS A.A. (both 1929–34), members of a very good school soccer XI, have become gentlemen of leisure. They have worked in the same department at British Rail Eastern Region HQ at York for the last twelve year. Both have decided to stay in the North where they are involved in various capacities in local cricket.

ANGELL B.W. (1965–72) is studying for an M.Sc. in Agricultural Extension at Reading University. He is sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

BARNES S.A. (1970–77) is studying graphic design at Gwent College of Higher Education with CARPENTER C.R. (1970–77). They are both specialising in Typography and Documents Photography and hope to graduate in 1981.

BARNETT B.W. (1934–40) has lost touch with his friends in and around High Wycombe since his move to Newbury in 1972. He sends news of his brother BARNETT D.W. (1938–43) who is KLM manager in Manchester and of his son T.J. BARNETT (1967–72) who took his A Levels at St. Barts. Newbury and is now studying Architecture at Leeds.

BARRETT M.E. (1966–73) made the headlines while at Birmingham University, studying for his degree in surgery and medicine. On his way back there one day he responded to the guard’s request for a doctor by delivering a baby on the Edinburgh–Birming-

- ham Inter-City Express. He graduated last summer and is now working as a houseman at Tehiddly in Cornwall.
- BARRETT P.R. (1966–73) left his job with an insurance company in Sept. 1979 to start a European Business Studies course at Middlesex Polytechnic – a four year course, the last two of which are spent in Reims. He is enjoying the return to academic life and hopes eventually to work for a multinational company outside G.B.
- BOLTON A.C.H. (1965–69) has been promoted to Inspector in the Thames Valley Police Force.
- CAVEY M.J. (1963–70) finished an Arabic course in Tunis (in connection with his M.Phil. studies) and last August was planning to go to Egypt or Syria.
- CHADWICK J.W.M. (1967–74) has joined a City firm of solicitors – Gamlens.
- COLLEY P.M. (1960–68) has made a name for himself as a playwright in Canada. His plays have been great successes across the country, breaking attendance records and one has been optioned for Broadway – “Before Night”. He thinks most of his friends will be surprised to read of his involvement in the Theatre, as he was very involved in sport at school – a fast bowler of renown. His taste for the theatre was kindled by doing G & S every year at school. His twin brother COLLEY J.P. (1960–67) taught in St. Albans for a few years, but has now left teaching. His big ambition is to put a roof on the house where he is living.
- COMBE W.A.D. (1928–36) Dr. Combe is doing fine work at Moorfields Eye Hospital, London.
- CROME S.J. (1971–75) has graduated in Biochemistry from the University of Surrey at Guildford. He hopes to pursue a career in toxicology investigation, the adverse effect of new drugs.
- CUPPER M.R. (1942–48) is a bank manager in the Dover Area. His wife runs a small hotel – Loddington House Hotel – on the seafront, it was featured in “Telford’s Change” – the popular BBC TV series.
- DALY M. (1975–77) regrets that his final year at Hull is passing too quickly and wishes that he could start all over again. He is hoping to take up a career in planning. He sends news that EASTERBROOK R.P. (1970–77) is soon to be transported to France as foreign correspondent for “Amateur Geographer”.
- DARVILLE J.M. (1960–67) was awarded his Ph. D by Bristol University for research on herpes simplex virus last year. He spent a year teaching Medical Microbiology at Portsmouth Polytechnic and from January 1980 he has taken up appointment as lecturer in Medical Virology at Bristol University – a 60’s university drop-out making good. He became a father in March 1979.
- DAVIES R.O. (1963–70) originally set out to be a teacher, but found out that he hated children. He sold outboard motors in Berlin, drove lorries, carried hods and became a scaffolder, until he fell off and lost his nerve. Since January 1979 he has been Export Director – Shipp’s Heath Ltd., spending six months abroad each year.
- DODDS P.W. (1968–75) is in his last year at Jesus College, Oxford and he has successfully launched a new magazine, “Vague”. He has interviewed Ted Sorensen – JFK’s press adviser – in Paris and will be joining I.P.C., the big publishers firm, in the Summer.
- DODGSON A. (1913–18) has been retired from his school for 18 years but doesn’t know where the years have gone. On August 1st he and his wife celebrated 50 years of marriage. He finds the news of “young” Old Boys the most interesting part of the magazine, “the O.B’s of the R.G.S. do have a big influence in the land.”
- EDWARDS R.J. (1969–76) wrote from Cambridge to give news of the family. He had hopes of a rugby blue but was badly injured in the game against Leicester. He is due to start at Sandhurst in October, if he can pass the medical. Brother EDWARDS R.H. (1968–75) is working for Cathay Pacific Airways and is at present assistant to the manager in Indonesia. He is living somewhere in Java. Eldest brother EDWARDS D.M. (1966–72), soon to become a father, is working at LLOYD’S Bank head office.
- FERGUSON M.R. (1956–63) wrote from West Berlin where he still works for the text-book publishers Cornelsen-Velhagen and Klasing. He has just completed a series of 6 books – a 6 year English course for pupils learning English as their first foreign language. Berlin is incomparably fascinating to live in.
- GIBSON E.P. (1965–72) left the Royal Military College of Science Shrivenham in August and moved to the Department of Chemistry at Southampton University as a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow. He completed his PH.D in September. He was married to Sue (also pursuing a Ph.D) last April.
- GLENISTER F.D. (1965–72) was best man.

- He hopes to turn his thesis into a book on the "Excited States of Cowaymes". If anyone wants advice on Southampton University contact him in the Department of Chemistry.
- GRAFTON P.R.** (1960–68) has changed jobs from administering soldiers to administering 2,500 stewards and stewardesses who fly British Airways Jumbo jets. Being single he regards it a fair swop! He is living in Slough.
- GREEN P.J.** (1974–76) is in his last year at Brunel University studying Building Technology and has an indentured agreement with Geo. Wimpey which guarantees him a job for 18 months after graduating. He has played a part in the University's rise from local level to National basketball.
- GRIFFITHS C.S.** (1956–62) qualified as a solicitor in 1970 and we last reported that he'd joined Chrysler International SA as company solicitor and staff attorney in 1976. When he wrote, Chrysler were going bust! It has however been a splendid job, great variety, responsibility and world-wide travel. His sister Jill, a fine games player, married **NEWBY C.J.** (1964–71) last August.
- HALL E.** (1944–53) still flies for T.W.A. and intended putting his plane down at Heathrow about March 28th. so that he could attend the Annual Dinner on March 29th. where his old Housemaster was the Guest of Honour.
- HARDY C.D.** (1963–70) is a solicitor in practice in Harpenden and he is to be married in the Summer. His brother **HARDY T.** (1966–73) is completing articles with a firm in Holborn. He meets **MAWHINNEY R.M.** (1965–72) on the train going to work as a barrister working at Chambers in the Temple.
- HARRIS P.** (1967–74) completed very successfully his degree course at St. Paul's Cheltenham. He has taken up a post as a full-time youth worker and lay assistant at the Parish Church and St. Matthew's, Cheltenham. He spent 1977/78 in France in an experimental school near Paris. The school, audio-visual in its approach, is referred to as "the school for the year 2000". He played Rugby for the town side there and founded and led a bilingual Christian youth group. Brother **HARRIS B.** (1970–77) has completed his first year at the London School of Oriental and African Studies. Brother **HARRIS M.** (1972–79) is doing a foundation year at Wycombe Art College.
- HAWTREE C.A.** (1968–75) has graduated from University College, London and become Assistant Editor of the London Magazine. He writes reviews for the magazine and also for the Times Literary Supplement. The interest he had in the "Bloomsbury Set" at school has been maintained. He sees a great deal of **HUGHES J.T.** (1962–69) and of **TANNER K.** (1967–74), who lives in Hamburg. **MADLIN R.P.** (1968–75) is working in the Civil Service and living in the coldest flat in Streatham, and **WIGRAM J.W.** (1968–75) who graduated from Bedford College, London has given up his job as milkman to embark on a world tour by yacht.
- HERRING J.R.H.** (1953–60) is very thankful for the quality of education he received at the school. The school is also proud of the quality of his work at the Space Research Department of Birmingham University. A large X-Ray telescope proposed by his group was selected to fly on Spacelab II. The flight will last 9 days and 5 or 6 crew will live in the cockpit area. He met some of the crew candidates in Washington 10 years ago.
- HICKMAN H.C.** (1939–46) is involved with the provision of an effluent treatment plant for a tin-plate installation being constructed in Yugoslavia during the next two years. His spare time is given over to unravelling some of the niceties of Serbo-Croatian.
- HICKOX R.S.** (1959–65). The Richard Hickox Orchestra is now The City of London Sinfonia. He continues to be very busy as a 'freelance conductor' and the Daily Telegraph 'Peterborough column' reported that he had 130 recording or conducting commitments last year, and his 1980 and 1981 diaries are full.
- HOOKER M.J.W.** (1968–75) has returned from the Middle East (Dubai) and has started a Sandwich Degree course at Thames Polytechnic sponsored by Cable and Wireless.
- HOWE P.T.** (1970–77) continues to get around. He wrote from Mount Isa, Queensland where he was working on an all expenses paid three months long university vacation project.
- HOWLAND P.J.** (1964–72) qualified as a solicitor in October 1979 and is now in practice in Newcastle under Lyme. He was married in July 1979 and has played for Wilmslow Rugby Club's First XV.
- ILES K.B.** (1931–37) has been in advertising for over 25 years. He is prominent in the local sports scene in New Barnet, Hertfordshire, especially cricket and tennis and in the Literary and Debating Society.

- IRELAND J. (1968–75) graduated from Leeds University last summer and is now in London studying to become a solicitor. BAINTON D. (1968–75), ATKINSON S.R. (1968–75), TINN G.J. (1968–75) also finished courses at Leeds at the same time. He sees BARKER M. (1968–75), working with Olivetti and COUSENS S.N. (1968–75) doing teacher training at Cambridge.
- IRWIN A.L. (1923–31) whose parents sold the King's Arms Hotel, Stokenchurch in 1932, has just retired from the Civil Service (Department of the Environment). he lives in King's Lynn.
- IVESON A.S. (1968–75) has completed his German course at Warwick University and is now working in Sales-Marketing with Jaguar cars in Coventry.
- KNOWLES K.M. (1966–72) is now on a two-year Science Research Council Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at the Department of Metallurgy and Material Science, Oxford University. He has just obtained a D.Phil.
- LAURIE J.K. (1960–66) was married in July 1979. He is a qualified accountant and Group Financial Controller of the Oxford Instruments Group Ltd.
- LORCH R.P. (1962–67) a committee member of the Model T Ford Register, organised the 1979 annual rally of Model T Fords at the Lorch foundation, Lane End.
- MOISEY C.U. (1958–60) has been appointed to a Consultant post in Urology at the Royal United Hospital, Bath and St. Martin's Hospital, Bath after spending four years as Senior Registrar in Urological Surgery at Cardiff. His brother MOISEY F.R. (1958–64) continues his agricultural interest in Dumfries. He is assistant director of the experimental farm of the West of Scotland Agricultural College.
- MOLESWORTH D.V. (1972–79) is out in South Africa for a year as a Student Mine Official at a diamond mine 100 miles from Johannesburg. He returns in September for a 3 year course at Imperial College, reading Mining Engineering.
- MONAGHAN N.R. (1965–72) is completing final pupillage at the Bar, in chambers at the Temple. He is a pupil to another Old Boy, ASHBY D.G. (1953–59). Ashby practises mainly at the Criminal Bar and is also G.L.C. Councillor for Woolwich and Chairman of the G.L.C. Housing Management Committee.
- MONAGHAN G.R.J. (1964–67) still lives in Corbridge, Northumberland, where he is a dentist. He is married with two sons. N.R. Monaghan shares a house in Fulham with SHERRIFF N.J. (1965–72), who works for a firm of Admiralty Solicitors in the City.
- MORTON D. (1960–67) is now working in B.B.C. radio current affairs as a producer on the "World at One" programme. He joined B.B.C. in 1974 after 2 years with Shell International and learnt radio production with the Russian Section of the External Services in Bush House. In 1977 he moved across to domestic current affairs and also got married to a French girl in Toulon.
- NEWMAN P. (1972–78) spent his year off working for a firm in the Strand, which enabled him to travel abroad in the course of business. He has settled down well in Aberystwyth and has met SHAW R.J.F. (1971–74) also doing Law. His personal tutor is LEIGH I.D. (1967–74).
- NOBLE G. (1968–75) is working as Assistant Building Surveyor at Wilde, Trice and Co. of High Wycombe and is hoping to qualify as an Associate of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.
- PAINE J.C. (1926–31) called in at school in March, whilst on holiday from Australia. After working for Simplex for many years he has set up on his own in The Time Recorder business and is based on The New South Wales – Victoria border at Wangaratha. He gave news of his brothers, PAINE R.G. (1923–30) who retired 4 years ago and lives in Scotland, PAINE L.A. (1930–32) who is a Lt. Commander in the Royal Observer Corps.
- PALME C.J. (1964–68) one of the early members of the school's Social Service Group and a founder member of Wycombe Action Group, appeared on 'Panorama' in October in a programme on Poverty in Britain today.
- PENDER W.L. (1953–58) took command of his Battery in February 1979 following a tour on the Divisional Staff in Germany. He has gained his private pilot's licence and recently flew in Concorde. The flight was arranged by the fleet's youngest Captain – Old Boy, RENDALL D.J.M. (1954–58).
- PENDRILL C.R. (1968–75) has emerged from Cambridge with a good second class degree in history after three marvellous years. He has secured a post for September 1980 at Oundle School, Northants, where he will be History Master and House Tutor. At present he is engaged on a teacher training course in London. He is glad to keep in touch with

- some of his former teachers especially D.G. Jones and K.A. Hillier (a fellow Ricardian). He shares a flat with WOODWARD S.N. (1968–75) who is a trainee accountant.
- PRIOR P.J. (1929–36), Managing Director of H.P. Bulmer Ltd. and the Guest of Honour at last year's Annual Dinner was awarded the C.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List.
- ROBINSON J.S. (1959–68) had a paper published in the British Computer Society Journal recently. He has decided to go into consultancy – “Quantic Computing” is the name of his firm. He visits old friend WOOD D.M. (1959–67) a fellow at Emmanuel and his neighbour living in an Elizabethan manor house near Wakefield, is solicitor KILLINGLEY J.P. (1959–66).
- ROE N.H. (1967–74) is at Trinity College, Oxford, half-way through preparing a D. Phil Thesis on ‘Wordsworth, Coleridge, and the Idea of the French Revolution 1789–99’.
- ROGERS B.J. (1951–56) left British Shipping 2 years ago for foreign flags and now sails as Master of a very comfortable cargo ship. Long sea passages have encouraged him to study for the Institute of Transport examinations and he now has a final year course to do at Liverpool to qualify for a B.Sc. in Nautical Science. He thanks the Rev. A.J. SKIPP (1928–37) for happy memories of his little church at Wycombe Marsh many years ago.
- ROWE S.N. (1970–77) spent most of his first summer vacation from Cambridge working as a counsellor at a camp in Ivoryton, Connecticut, on the Camp America scheme. He strongly recommends students to spend a summer in this way, living under canvas with 8–13 year olds, being a “parent” to them and teaching them different sports.
- SAINSBURY D.G. (1943–50) has been appointed Chief Executive of Chiltern District Council.
- SAMUELLS T.W. (1912–16) serves on the National Council of British Association of the Hard of Hearing. He is Chairman of the Appeals Committee.
- SINNATT B. (1946–53) wrote from Montevideo, Uruguay, where he is General Manager of Shell Uruguay Ltd. He, his wife and his two daughters were busy learning Spanish.
- SNODIN D.N. (1959–66) had a play presented in December on the B.B.C. 2 Playhouse series – “An Affinity with Dr. Still”.
- STANDING R.C. (1971–78) is one of 17 high calibre students from the South of England who have received £500 a year grants from the National Engineering Scholarship scheme. He is studying engineering at Trinity College, Cambridge.
- STEVENS D.W. (1933–40) wrote in May from Santa Barbara, California. The World premiere of the Monteverdi “Christmas Vespers” was conducted by him at St. John's, Smith Square on September 20th.
- STEWART R.W. (1970–77) is working in the City with a Lloyds Broking House specialising in Marine re-insurance. He runs a successful discotheque business – Copacabana Discotheques – with HAMMOND R.W. (1970–78) aiming for up-market clientele.
- STOCKWELL R.A. (1954–61) is a Partner in a firm of Chartered Accountants in Hanover Square. He is in contact with WOOD M.B. (1953–61) a Partner in a firm of solicitors and THOMPSON P.J. (1952–61) who now works for the Atomic Energy Authority on the north coast of Scotland. ICKE R.P. (1953–60) was pilot of a plane which shuttled him from London to Edinburgh recently. He remembered Peter as a little boy in short trousers and was perturbed as they approached Turnhouse Airport – the landing was perfect.
- STONE R.N. (1938–52) has almost completed 21 years at the Sunderland Polytechnic, the last 13 years as Senior Lecturer in Physics. He has just retired as an ‘O’ level physics examiner with the Oxford Board. He lives on the outskirts of Durham City.
- TAGG T.W. (1969–76) has graduated from Nottingham University in Civil Engineering. He has started with French Kier Construction Ltd. as a graduate engineer.
- TAPPING R.R. (1944–49), former chairman of High Wycombe Rugby Club, has been appointed national accounts manager of Scotch whisky distillers John Haig.
- TIMBERLAKE N.C. (1971–79) is press officer of The Wycombe Division Liberal Association.
- TOMLINSON J.D. (1963–70) lectures in Economic History at Brunel University and became a father last November. He had a review of a new biography of Sir William Beveridge published in “Economy and Society” and he is working on a book “Problems of British Economic Policy (1880–1945)” which he hopes Methuen will publish.
- WEEDON K. (1930–37) has been saddened in recent years to read of the deaths of several

members of his old form. He was one of E.R. Tucker's "Greeklings" selected to do a crash course to school certificate in two years. He retired last year having spent thirty years in the Department of Environment and its predecessors.

WESTNEY M.E.W. (1940-47) is now vicar of St. Matthew's Church in Reading. His brother WESTNEY K.J.P. (1944-52) is still in Germany, lecturing at Tübingen University.

WHY C.J. (1942-50) lives at Biddulph, Stoke-On-Trent and is Head of a Middle School, having previously been a Deputy Head in Berkhamsted.

WILKINSON P.J. (1967-75) has completed his 6 months Officer Training cruise on the Frigate "Ariadne". He is now at HMS Dryad, Portsmouth on a Junior Officers Course. He hopes to get into submarines. His friend WILLS P.G. (1967-74) has qualified as a Naval Architect and is working as a yacht broker for Moody's in Southampton.

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WILLS T.S. (1963-68) received the C. in C.'s commendation after helping with rescue operations on the island of Dominique, whilst serving aboard H.M.S. Fife.

WOOD A.C. (1954-61) left the RAF in 1973 and went to South Iran to work in a Technical High School for the Imperial Iranian Ground Forces. He married an Iranian dentist and got out by the skin of his teeth after the revolution. He is now working as a radio engineer at Lusaka International Airport. They are officially at war, but he is not sure who with!

WOODLEY B.J. (1963-69) has graduated as a Master of Science with distinction from Leeds University. He read tribology, the study of friction, hydraulics and wear. Previously self-employed as a consulting engineer at Farnham, he appeared on the BBC television programme The Engineers. Married for two years, he is now employed by Esso Chemicals at Fawley and lives in Milford-on-Sea.

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Last night, to obtain God's beauteous sleep;  
In vain, at first, I counted sheep,  
But to my delight, before mine eyes,  
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