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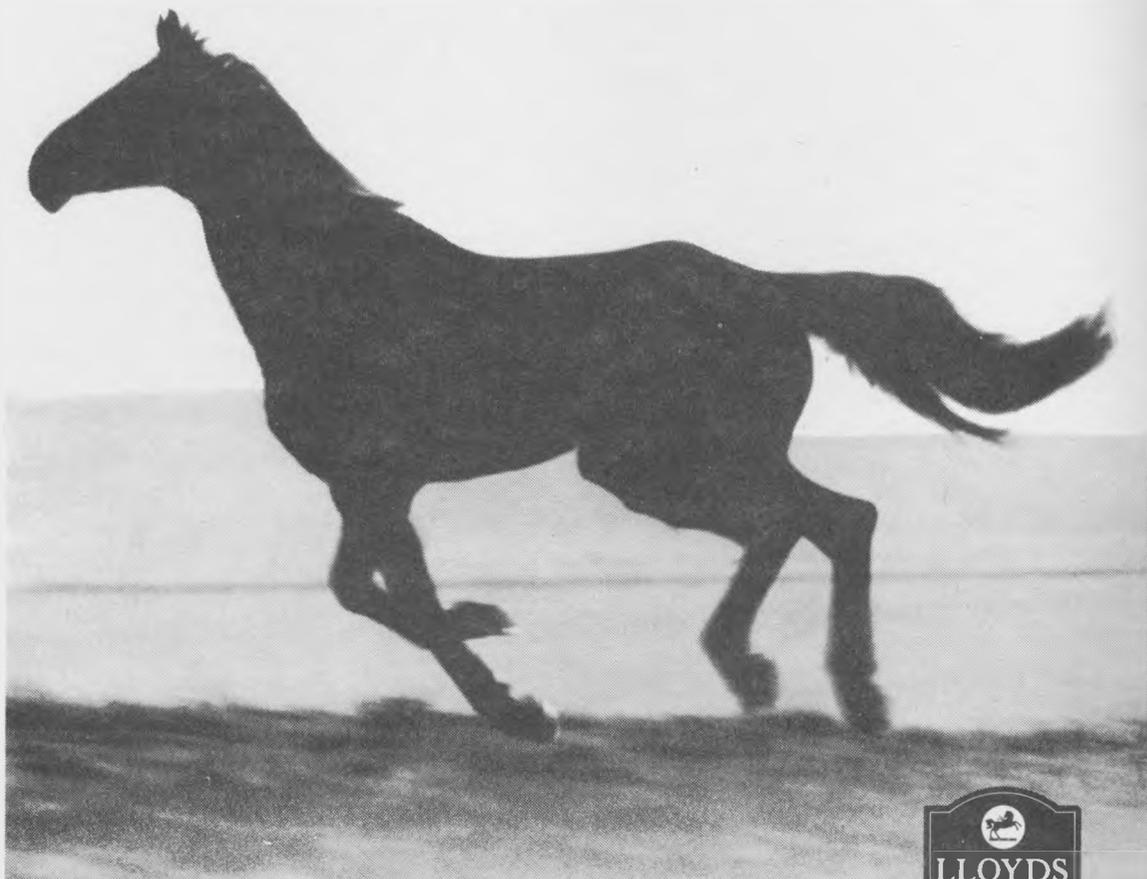
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EDITORIAL

This year the magazine has been edited by a small group of boys, as usual, and by a staff committee. The staff will provide an element of continuity so that a magazine which purports to record a year's events will be able to receive reports, articles and photographs throughout the school year. Material to do with sport should go to Mr. Wilson or Mr. Goldthorpe, reports of clubs and societies to Mr. Talbot, other written material to Mr. Mitchell, art work to Mr. Eaton. Thanks are due to 4T for providing written contributions and to all those who handed in photographs and drawings. The magazine is as good as its contributors: help to make it better and brighter next year.

STAFF NEWS

Dr. R. C. Dorrance left the Chemistry Department to become Head of Science at Monk's Walk Comprehensive School, Welwyn Garden City. Dr. Dorrance's enthusiasm and vitality left most onlookers gasping: as well as teaching chemistry he was in charge of the Lighting Team — which functions not just for plays, concerts, dances and other special occasions, but every day for Assembly. He was one of the quartet of staff who organise Vulture trips. He was in charge of the Resources Centre and presided over its expansion in the post Hillier period. This and much more was R.C.D.

We were sorry to bid farewell to a number of colleagues in 1980. Mr. M. P. Ball left after teaching P.E. and Art to take up a position in industry. His energy, enthusiasm and accent as well as the interest he took in those he taught were highly valued by all who worked with him.

In Mr. P. H. G. Ferris's promotion as Head of Classics at King Edward VI School, Southampton the school has lost a fine teacher, a rowing coach, a key member of the Choral Society, a star of Staff Revues with his Tom Lehrer songs and, not least, supremo of the New Canteen.

Mr. W. P. J. Ruff has travelled north to join the English Department at Nottingham High School. Mere words cannot do justice to Mr. Ruff's learning, pedagogical skills, dramatic and theatrical talents, his taste in college blazers and boaters, his joie de vivre.

Two part time members of staff, Mrs. Biles and Mrs. Steiner, left after giving invaluable service to the Biology and English Departments.

We have welcomed to the Staff Mrs. M. Hawkes to teach English part time; Mr. P. Butterworth to teach chemistry and to be in

charge of the Resources Centre; Mr. P. G. Cowburn to teach English and be in charge of the Library; Mr. A. S. Crease to teach Classics; Mr. K. A. Grant to teach Biology; Mrs. J. A. Hunt to teach Physics; and Mme. A. P. Loiseau to teach French while Mr. S. J. Edwards is teaching in France.

In Summer 1981 Mr. J. F. Samways will be leaving to train for the Anglican ministry. Mr. D. C. Boyce, who succeeded Mr. M. M. Davies, is leaving to become Senior Research Officer with the National Foundation for Educational Research at Slough.

Mr. B. Trafford will be leaving the Music Department after three resounding years to become Director of Music at Wolverhampton Grammar School.

We wish them all well in their future careers.

JOHN SAMWAYS

John Samways, Head of the Geography Department, and Housemaster of Tylers Wood for the last six years, is leaving the school to take a Diploma in Further Education in Theology at Trinity Theological College, Bristol with a view to entering the ministry.

The Church's gain is the school's loss. John brought a first class knowledge of his subject together with unbounded enthusiasm into the classroom and his genuine concern for the progress of his pupils was reflected in the way they responded to his teachings. He has also been concerned with various cricket and rugby teams and he brought the same enthusiasm to training and coaching of the sides. He is an excellent games player himself, with the ability to demonstrate technique to others and to promote a real sense of teamwork.

As a colleague he will be remembered as a valued friend, always ready to give assistance and always showing an interest in the activities of other people. Unable to sit still for more

than two minutes he is the sort of person who always has to be doing something — be it decorating, gardening or supporting Watford Football Club. (Poor misguided fool)

He has an impish sense of fun, his practical jokes on other members of staff leaving them vowing to get their own back but never quite being able to nail such an active person. His Geography Field Trips were excellent from the academic point of view but his seeming lack of awareness of danger often worried his safety conscious colleagues — ask Mr. Page about the ascent of the back wall of Stickle Tarn! John's many talents range from sucking anti-freeze out of an overfull radiator (and surviving!) to ear piercing and a comprehensive misunderstanding of the school's reproductive machinery.

All in all John will be greatly missed. We wish him, his wife Chris and children Roger and Joanna well — some parish somewhere will be very lucky to have as their vicar such a unique character as JFS.

UNIVERSITY PLACES 1980

- C. P. Ade: Leeds University, Medicine
 N. J. Airey: Bristol University, Medicine
 M. R. D. Baldwin: Sheffield University, Ancient History
 S. F. Barton: University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, History
 A. M. Baxter: Southampton University, Modern History & Politics
 R. M. Beescroft: Manchester University, Geography
 A. P. R. Birch: Newcastle University, Metallurgy
 R. D. Bobath: York University, Economics
 R. A. Bungey: King's College, London, Geography
 I. A. Butcher: Southampton University, Aeronautics
 P. A. Carpenter: Birmingham University, Economics
 D. Cheesewright: Loughborough University, Civil Engineering (for 1981)
 M. J. Church: Warwick University, French
 P. G. Cousen: Manchester University, Metallurgy
 M. I. Davidson: Cardiff University: Mineral Exploration
 A. K. Dille: Warwick University, Mathematics & Operational Research
 G. R. Dutton: University College, London, Chemical Engineering
 J. M. Ellis: Queen Mary College, London, European Studies
 J. D. Evans: Birmingham University, Accountancy
 C. P. Gaunt: Chelsea College, London, Physics
 M. Griffiths: Manchester University, Electronic Engineering
 R. J. Gudge: Queen Elizabeth College, London, Maths & Microbiology
 P. Halliday: St. Andrew's University, Medical Biology
 J. W. Harrison: Southampton University, Electronics
 N. D. Hughes: University of Lancaster, French/Italian
 H. A. Hunter: University of Washington, Accounting & Economics
 G. R. Innes: Salford University, Electronic Communication
 P. T. J. Irwin: St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, Medicine
 S. A. James: Nottingham University, Economic History
 R. C. P. Jenkins: University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, Economics
 N. W. Jerkins: Birmingham University, French, Linguistics
 P. T. C. Jones: Sheffield University, Medicine
 R. W. Jordan: Surrey University, Microbiology
 J. A. Kendall: University of Wales Institute of Science & Technology, Cardiff, Economics
 F. J. Kindell: Salford University, Modern Languages
 P. F. Leoni: University of Palma, Italy, Law
 J. M. P. Le Tissier: Bristol University, History (for 1981)
 J. E. Lewis: Chelsea College, London, Electronic Engineering
 P. J. Mahony: Manchester University, Russian
 D. H. Mould: Leeds University, Computer Science
 H. J. Memery: Brunel University, French
 R. H. Millar: Imperial College, London, Zoology
 P. R. Nagle: Birmingham University, Metallurgy & Materials
 W. G. Nash: East Anglia University, Russian & Swedish (for 1981)
 C. W. Poole: Leeds University, International History & Politics
 R. A. D. Pleace: Manchester Institute of Science & Technology, Computer Science
 J. M. R. Preece: King's College, London, Medicine
 P. K. Randev: Sheffield University, Medicine
 T. E. J. Sinden: Birmingham University, Production Engineering
 P. J. Steadman: East Anglia University, French & Scandinavian Studies
 J. A. P. Steel: Bristol University, Medicine
 M. J. Strange: University College, Cardiff, Economics & Law
 A. D. Thacker: Manchester University, Maths.
 D. W. Tinsdale: Reading University, Land Management
 A. D. Watkins: Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, Medicine
 C. J. Wheeler: Exeter University, Chemistry
 A. S. Winfield: Leeds University, Chemical Engineering
 M. A. Treadwell: Royal Veterinary College, London, Veterinary Medicine
 L. P. H. Truman: Southampton University, Archaeology & Geography
 G. J. Palmer: Leeds University, Maths. & Computer Science
 P. A. Van der Lee: University College, London, Civil Engineering
 N. J. Wadsworth: Swansea University, Electrical Engineering
 F. B. Walsh: Leeds University, English Literature
 E. A. Waluszewski: University College, London, Dentistry

PLACES AT OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE

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| I. T. Ball: Emmanuel College, Cambridge for Natural Sciences | S. E. Lugg: Pembroke College, Cambridge for Engineering |
| T. M. Burge: Gonville and Caius, Cambridge for Economics | R. J. D. Michael: Magdalen College, Oxford for Modern Studies |
| P. Campbell: Pembroke College, Cambridge for Medical Sciences | R. A. Neal: Queens' College, Cambridge for Economics |
| M. L. J. Emery: Oriel College, Oxford for Modern Languages | A. Shea: Magdalene College, Cambridge for Mathematics |
| S. E. Evans: Peterhouse, Cambridge for Engineering | S. Wensel: St. John's College, Cambridge for Law |
| A. H. Lane: Girton College, Cambridge for Natural Sciences | I. P. Woolfenden: Jesus College, Oxford, for Jurisprudence |

POLYTECHNICS (Degree Courses)

- J. T. H. Andrews: Kingston Polytechnic, Geography
A. J. Barry: Portsmouth Polytechnic, Business Studies
T. S. Burgess: Oxford Polytechnic, Architecture
G. F. Coombe: Teesside Polytechnic, Business Studies
C. R. Davey: Trent Polytechnic, Engineering & Business Studies
J. P. Dixon: Hatfield Polytechnic, Business Studies
R. I. Eshelby: Middlesex Polytechnic, European Business Administration
B. D. McNaught: City of London Polytechnic, Accountancy
A. J. Stevens: Brighton Polytechnic, Electrical Engineering
D. M. Tordoff: Oxford Polytechnic, Architectural Studies

OTHER COLLEGES OF HIGHER EDUCATION

- N. A. Barr: Guildhall School of Music
R. Ehlers: Buckinghamshire College of Higher Education, Newlands Park, European Business Studies
T. B. Hardy: Guildhall School of Music and Drama
P. R. Smaje: Royal Naval College, Dartmouth
J. Tindall: West Middlesex Physiotherapy Training College

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES 1980 - 81

We congratulate the following on gaining Open Awards:

- M. G. Bull: Open Scholarship in Law, Downing College, Cambridge
C. J. Cooper: Open Exhibition in English, St. John's College, Oxford
P. R. Edwards: Open Scholarship in Chemical Engineering, Queen's College, Cambridge
C. Goodwin: Organ Scholarship in History, Pembroke College, Cambridge
A. Hussey: Open Exhibition in Medical Sciences, Corpus Christi, Cambridge
T. G. Perring: Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences, Churchill College, Cambridge
D. F. C. Stott: Hooper Exhibition in Engineering, Emmanuel College, Cambridge
M. R. Woodman: Open Exhibition in Chemical Engineering, Selwyn College, Cambridge

OTHER AWARDS

A. R. Berendt won a Hobson Memorial Clinical Medical Scholarship at Brasenose College, Oxford, having hitherto been a scholar at Pembroke College, Cambridge.

ADVANCED LEVEL RESULTS 1980

The successful candidates who took the Oxford G.C.E. Board 'A' level Examinations were:—

Italics denote Grade A

* denotes distinction on the 'S' level paper

M.R.D. Baldwin — Ancient History, History, Geography; S.F. Barton — *Ancient History*, French, History; M.G. Bull — *Latin, German, History**; M.J. Church — *Latin, French*, Mathematics, General Studies; G.J. Landrock — Ancient History, History, Religious Studies; D.P. McDermott — English Literature, Ancient History, History, General Studies; S.G. Moultrie — English Literature, French; S.G. Parks — English Literature, *Latin, History*; C.G. Rosso — Greek, Latin, French; J.M. Thomas — English Literature, Ancient History, History; F.B. Walsh — *English Literature, Ancient History*, History; J.D. Carter — English Literature, History; A.J. Clarke — English Literature, Mathematics, *General Studies*; D.R. Cook — English Literature, History, Economics; M.D. Cussell — English Literature, Geography; J.M. Ellis — English Literature, French, Economics; J.W. Goldie — History; T.B. Hardy — English Literature, *Music*; C.A. Holmes — English Literature, History, Economics; R.A. Hornsby — English Literature, Economics, Mathematics; P.J. Mahony — English Literature, French, History; T.S. Medland — English Literature, French; H.J. Memery — English Literature, French, Business Studies (Camb); N.J. Morris — *English Literature*, French, History; P.J. Steadman — English Literature, French, History; I.P. Woolfenden — *English Literature**, History, Economics; M.L.J. Emery — *French, German, Economics*; D.J. Evans — *French, German, Economics*; N.D. Hughes — French, German, History; N.W. Jerkins — French, German, History; F.J. Kindell — French, German, History; R.J.D. Michael — *French**, *German, History*; C.W. Poole — French, German, History; R.C. Austin — French, History; P.D. Barker — Ancient History, French, History; R.I. Eshelby — French, History, Economics; C. Goodwin — English Literature, French, History*, *Music*; R.C.P. Jenkins — English Literature, French, History; A.D. Jouhar — English Literature, French, Art; J.M.P. Le Tissier — *French, History, Economics, General Studies*; W.G. Nash — French, Mathematics, Russian; M.I.

Paines — French, History, *Economics*; P.D. Sleet — French, History, Economics; S.T.H. Andrews — Geography, Business Studies (Camb); R.J.C. Arbon — Economics; R.D. Bobath — French, History, Economics, *General Studies*; T.M. Burge — *History, Economics, Mathematics*; C.J. Cooper — *English Literature, French, History**, *General Studies*; C.S. Grayling — *French, History, Economics, General Studies*; E.J.V. Kelly — Business Studies; M.L. Morrish — Economics; J.M. Rudkin — English Literature, History; N.J. Telfer — Geography; S. Wendel — History, *Economics, Mathematics, General Studies*; N.A. Barr — Music, General Studies; A.M. Baxter — History, Economics, *Geography, General Studies*; N.J. Bishop — French, Business Studies (Camb); R.A. Bungey — French, Geography, Business Studies (Camb); D.P. Crook — History, Economics, Art; A.P. Hester — Economics, *Geography, Mathematics*; A. Hunter — English Literature, Economics, Mathematics, General Studies; S.A. James — Economics, Geography; K.A. Kendall — Economics, Geography, Mathematics; D.C. Orchard — French, *Economics, Mathematics*; D.P. Radbone — Economics, Geography; P.R. Turner — General Studies; D. King — Economics, Mathematics; A.J. Barry — French, Economics; G.F. Coombe — English Literature, Economics, Geography; M.S. Dowson — Geography, Business Studies (Camb); S.R. Drysdale — Geography, Business Studies (Camb); P.R. Gretton — Business Studies (Camb); J.M. Hammond — Geography; P.F. Leoni — History, Economics, General Studies; J.E. Lane — Geography, Art; A. Lowe — Political Studies, Geography, General Studies; B.A. Martin — General Studies; P. Morrish — History, Economics; M.J. Strange — History, Geography, General Studies; D.W. Tindale — History, Economics, Geography; L.P.M. Truman — Ancient History, Geography; M.D. Williams — General Studies; C.R. Davey — French, Mathematics, Physics; A.K. Dille — *Mathematics**, Further Mathematics, Physics; P.R. Edwards — *Mathematics**, *Further Mathematics**, *Physics, Chemistry**; A. Gough — *Mathematics**, Further Mathematics, *Physics, Chemistry*; J.W. Harrison — *Mathematics, Physics**, *Chemistry*; S.E. Lugg — *Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; T.G. Perring — *Mathematics**, *Further Mathematics, Physics**, *Chemistry*; P.A. Servantes — Physics, Chemistry; A. Shea — *Mathematics**, *Further Mathematics**, *Physics, Chemistry*; M.R. Woodman — *Mathematics**, Further Mathematics, *Physics, Chemistry*; A.P.R. Birch — Chemistry; S.E. Evans — *Geography, Mathematics**, *Physics, General Studies*; S.J.A. Lever — *Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, General Studies*; G.P.

McNally — General Studies; P.R.Nagle — Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; K.P.Shields — Physics; T.Z.J.Sinden — Mathematics, Physics; D.F.C. Stott — *Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, General Studies*; I.Thomson — Geography, Physics; N.J.Wadsworth — Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; P.H.Ware — Geography, Mathematics, Physics; D.M.T.Wilkinson — Mathematics, Physics; R.M.Beecroft — Geography, Chemistry, *General Studies*; P.A.Bell — General Studies; A.J.Bezer — Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; I.A.Butcher — Mathematics, *Physics, Chemistry, General Studies*; D. Cheesewright — Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; M.I.Davidson — Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; G.R.Davies — Physics, Chemistry; M.Griffiths — Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; P.R.Smaje — Physics, General Studies; R.Ehlers — Political Studies, Economics; C.F.Faunt — Physics, Chemistry; N.J.G. Godden — Chemistry; J.E.Lewis — Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, General Studies; C.J.Mander — Art; G.S.Plane — Physics; A.J.Stevens — Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; A.D.Thacker — Mathematics, *Physics, Chemistry, General Studies*; T.S.Burgess — Physics, Art; P.A.Carpenter — Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; J.F.Clifford — Economics; P.G. Cousen — Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; T.J.Downs — Geography, Mathematics, Physics; M.P.Dymott — Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; J.D.Evans — Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; D.A.Horne — Mathematics, Physics; G.R. Innes — Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; C.M. Januszewski — Physics; P.A. Van Der Lee — Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; J.P.Dixon — Economics, Mathematics, Physics, General Studies; J.C.G.Kersley — Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics; D.J.Leeser — Mathematics, Physics; D.H.Mould — Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics, General Studies; G.J.Palmer — Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics; R.A.D.Pleace — Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics; M.V.Windsor — Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics; C.P.Ade — *Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology*; I.T.Ball — *Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry**, *Biology*; P.Campbell — *Physics, Chemistry, Biology*; G.Dutton — Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology; R.J.Gudge — Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology; A.S.Hussey — *Physics, Chemistry, Biology*; R.W.Jordan — Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology; B.D.McNaught — Economics, Physics, General Studies; R.H.Millar — Physics, Chemistry, *Biology*; P.K.Randev — Physics, Chemistry, *Biology*; M.A.Treadwell — Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology; A.D. Watkins —

Physics, Chemistry, *Biology*; M.A.West — Geography, Biology, General Studies; A.S. Winfield — Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; N.J.Airey — *Physics, Chemistry, Biology, General Studies*; J.F.Butler — Geography, Biology; A.R.Church — Physics, Chemistry, Biology, General Studies; P.Halliday — Physics, Chemistry, Biology; D.J.Haynes — Biology; M.D.Ilsley — *Physics, Chemistry, Biology, General Studies*; P.T.J.Irwin — Physics, Chemistry, *Biology, General Studies*; P.T.C.Jones — *Physics, Chemistry, Biology**; A.H.Lane — *Physics, Chemistry, Biology**, General Studies;

ORDINARY LEVEL RESULTS 1980

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

M.A. Bond (10); R.J. Buller (8); A.C. Campbell (9); J.N. Churchill (8); G.J. Coles (9); S.C. Cooper (7); A.M. Dickinson (9); C.M. Edwards (9); G. Evans (8); A.T. Farrar (9); D. Gibson-Smith (7); A.J.R. Griffin (9); S.P. Haven (7); N.R. Hayes (9); E.C.W. Leuzinger (8); T.J. Mann (9); B.B. Massden (9); S.J. Noyes (7); M. Peacock (9); H.W. Sharp (9); G.M. Smith (8); B.P. Stanton (9); G.D. Stanton (9); S.J. Tilton (10); G.L. Van der Pant (8); P.J. Veacock (6); M.D. Walshe (8); N.R. Warren (8); S.J. Watts (9); M.H. Welby (8); M.A. Bayliss (9); R.J. Bunt (9); D. Cobden (9); T.A. Cook (10); J.F. Coutts (9); G.S. Cox (9); N.R. Gray (8); G.J. Guthrie (9); I.R. Hall (9); L.E. Harker (9); S.G. Hedgecote (9); J.M. Hooper (10); M.B. Hough (8); M.J. Hunnibell (8); J.F. Jolly (8); D.T. Knight (8); E.A. Mackenzie (8); C.J. McKinlay (9); S.C. Morley (8); I.J. Otter (8); S.W. Payne (8); I.J. Peatey (9); P.A. Price (8); R.D. Rees (9); P.A. Simmonds (8); M.R. Stott (9); M.J. Trendell (9); L.C. Voute (8); R.A. Walker (8); K. Watson (9); S.C. Wegerif (9); M.A.J. Williams (9); I.M.R. Wright (8); C.J. Barry (10); M. Bavelja (9); M.C. Binns (10); J.L. Birch (8); T. Blagborough (7); C.J. Brocklehurst (9); D.K. Church (8); P. Cowdery (8); C.J. Curtis (9); A.J.S. Fordham (6); P.D. Galloway (10); D.K.T. Gamble (6); L.G.P. Green (9); M.J. Harris (8); I.P. Hodson (9); R.A.C. Idle (9); G.P. King (8); M.V. Laws (6); I.S. McLaren (9); P.J. Marlow (10); D.J. McCallum (9); A.S. McGill (9); C.J. Oxley (8); R.G.G. Pinder (8);

T.J.M. Plaice (8); S.O.E. Reid (9); T.J. Roberts (8); R.S. Santner (9); A.J. Slade (9); M.J. Young (9); J.D. Atkins (7); S.R. Aze (8); A.R.G. Baldwin (10); C.T. Baxter (9); M.J.D. Beardall (8); S.C.J. Birch (6); F.J.R. Boyes (5); M.W. Butler (9); D.S. Cansdale (7); J.A.G. Carr (7); J.A. Clarke (8); C.J. Davies (7); T.L. Dent (8); C.G. Dowsett (10); G. Foster (6); J. Gibb (7); D.K. Gower (6); S.P. Hingston (5); I.R. Hoddell (6); S.P. Hunter (8); J.C. Lambert (9); D.H. Landrock (9); N.R. Le Guillou (10); A.N.M. Lister (6); I.W. Morgan (7); D. Beilson (9); A.F.W. Reeve (6); A.J. Stainton (10); K.G.S. Stanbridge (8); M.R. White (9); R.D. Barr (8); A.J. Bleiker (6); S.R. Curson (9); A. Giles (5); M.C. Gillingham (8); J.M. Glover (9); R.V. Griggs (5); M.K. Hawkins (8); T.J. Lee

(7); A.R. MacDonald (8); A.J. Makins (8); T. Mehmood (7); K.D. Norrish (8); T.J. Petersen (7); N.R. Plane (7); A.F. Pook (6); G.E. Rixon (6); S.A. Sharpe (8); P.W. Studer (7); S.P.M. Taylor (9); C.D. Turnbull (8); J. Wilkinson (7); P.J. Willis (7); J.A. Bates (8); S.P.M. Brown (5); A.S. Cox (7); J.R. Graggs (8); D.J. Davies (6); G. Fletcher (6); M. Halliday (7); N.W. Harris (6); A.R. Hawker (6); J.T. Hussey (5); D.A. Hyde (6); D.A. Irvine (7); A.G. Jarvis (9); P.J. Keen (5); J.D. Kingston (9); D.J. Lachau (7); J.D. Lidgley (8); D.H. Marshall (6); D.S.J. Nash (8); J.D. Owen (6); D.J. Phillips (7); M.R. Preston (8); S.P. Remsbury (6); T.J. Rutherford (6); T.J. Scott (9); A.D.N. Stocker (7); A.P. Webb (9); R.J. Wells (9);

JOHN COOPER

At the beginning of the summer term we have been deeply saddened by the sudden death of John Cooper in a road accident. John left at Christmas with an Exhibition to read English at St. John's College, Oxford, after an outstanding career at the RGS, which included serving as Head Boy in his final year. He was one of those rare individuals of sufficient personality to make a real impact on the whole of our large school, not by ostentation but by simple good nature. He was an unusually gifted all-rounder, and a natural leader by example in sport, artistic and social life. With great reserves of cheerfulness and wit, he lifted the spirits of every company in which he found himself. Rarely can this school have felt such a profound sense of loss, and we all extend our sympathies to Neil and Clare and the family.

Peter Gibson

The R.G.S. Trip to Ridgefield, Connecticut March 1980

“Witty British Invade School – Ridgefield Press, 30.3.1980).

It was on the morning of the 26th March that the chosen nine met on that typically British day. After much careful planning and form-filling the day that would, hopefully, take us to the sun had finally arrived. It was the time for us to stop acting as mere R.G.S. students but instead as R.G.S. Ambassadors to Ridgefield, Connecticut. Of course we had the usual customary R.G.S. farewell of bump-starting the school minibus.

When we finally arrived at Heathrow Airport we found that there were several other schools at the Airport. In fact, unfortunately for our air hostesses, we were the only passengers, all 350 of us! The flight, apart from the plastic food and the boring film, was quite enjoyable.

Our first impressions of New York were the enormous yellow taxis and the awesome size of the buildings towering above us along every street and road – the hotel in which we were staying had a mere 23 floors. That evening was spent discovering the delights of the New York night life (sampling Macdonalds hamburgers around the clock). The next day though was spent on a lightning tour of New York by bus (“eyes left for the Empire State Building and now just coming up on our right is the Rockefeller Center straight ahead is the U.N. Building, etc.”). After this quick but enjoyable tour we had lunch at . . . yes, Macdonalds. We were whisked via Greyhound bus off to Ridgefield (taking the scenic route, of course). Once we’d arrived at Ridgefield we were duly dispersed around the town to the homes of our hosts with orders to be at school by 7.30 a.m. next morning.

The first day at school was spent exploring the endless miles of similar corridors. We were greeted by all Americans very warmly and with such questions as “How do you manage to live in all that fog?” and “Do you have cars in

Britain?” After about two days, though, we soon became indistinguishable from the Americans – we all wore the same uniform to school – faded jeans and a dirty sweat shirt with an “I love New York” badge over one’s left side.

Our in-school activities consisted of such strange subjects as psychology, journalism, T.V. studio lessons, and the usual Math (without the s), French, English and Sciences. Geography and History were combined to form Social Studies, which kept Mr. Roebuck busy if not happy. All of these lessons were different in style and teaching from our own (like learning Canadian-French, which is basically French-French with an American accent e.g. Le chien became Lur Shaan). We found on the whole that all the lessons were more relaxed and open to discussion and that a good teacher/pupil relationship prevailed – in some cases it was difficult to tell a teacher from a student (as they prefer to be called).

Out-of-school activities included various trips to local places of historical interest, visits to New York theatres, a few more sight-seeing trips, and lots of parties and trips to the cinema (always followed by a Macdonalds). There was even a night of Roller-discoing, which went down well (with a bump for Bernie).

All the American families and their friends gave us a very warm welcome and were not only always friendly, but generous with the time and effort they put into our stay. Some people became more friendly than others, and consequently the goodbyes were rather long (very long and complicated for one anonymous member of the party). The usual long wait at the Airport (J.F.K.) was spent using up U.S. coins on last minute goodbyes via the Bell Phone Company Incorp.

Two months later it was our turn to play host for the Americans, whom you may have seen wandering around the school. We laid on many trips during school time to such distant

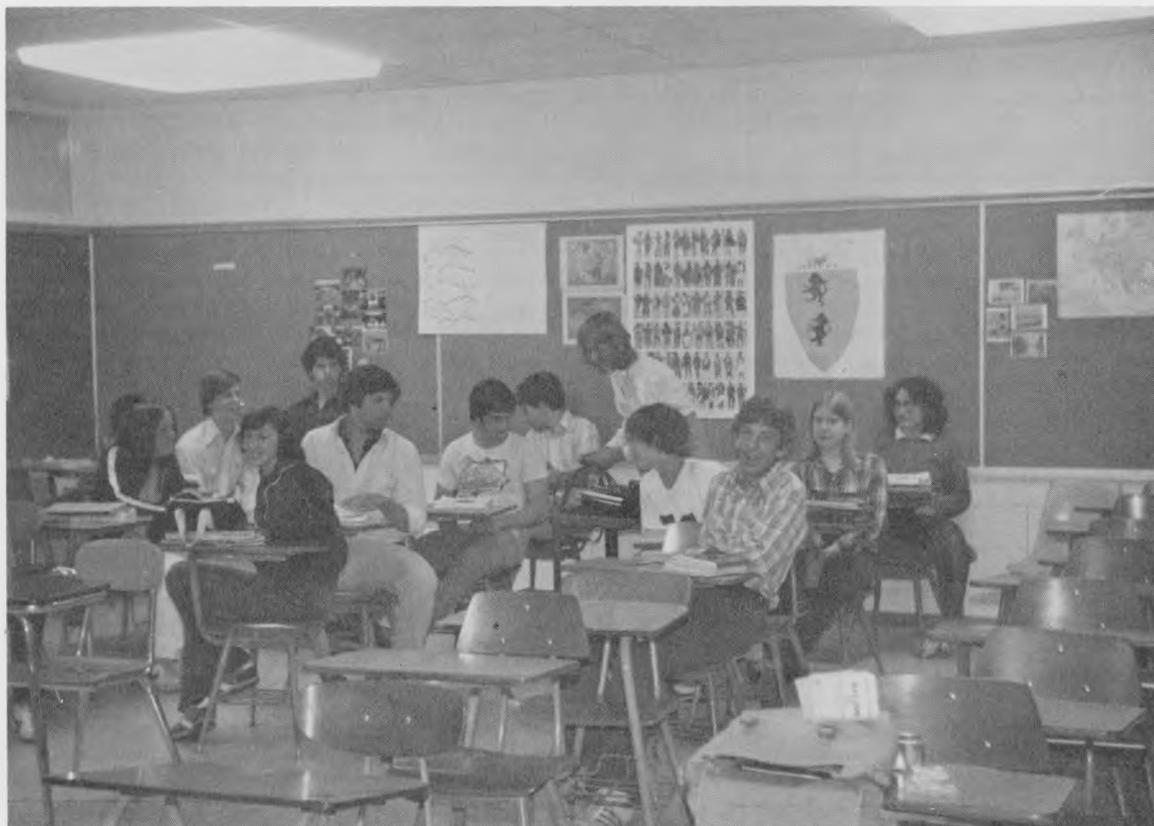
parts of our heritage as Bath, Oxford and Stratford-upon-Avon. The presence of the Americans enabled many of us to visit these exotic places which previously we didn't even know existed, let alone having visited them. We tried to match their hospitality with parties and many other social meetings in such places as the jolly old English pub (thanks for your help, Old Rodger).

All that remains is for me to thank Mr. Roebuck for shepherding us while over there — without him John Clews would still be up the Empire State Building — and Mr. Samways

for putting up with Paul Getz. Secondly to urge all those interested not to miss the chance of going. It was an education, a pleasure, and worth the money.

Grateful thanks are also due to those firms who generously supported the exchange:
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*(Written and compiled by Gavin Wheeler
on behalf of the rest)*





Jon Savage. 3M

BUSINESS STUDIES IN THE SIXTH FORM

Quite how the founders of the school or even the governors in the early part of this century would have responded to the idea of affairs of business actually being taught at school we need not consider, but Business Studies having been established in the school for upwards of three years, now seems as suitable a moment as any to account for the strange phenomenon and to explain a little about the various activities that are more or less connected with Business Studies. I feel this is particularly necessary to counteract rumours that not only do I not teach here but that I am not a member of the staff at all, as one third former was heard to assure his sister. (Even fifth formers stop me in the corridor . . . "Do you know anything about Business Studies, Sir . . .?" they enquire vaguely.)

Business Studies happens as an 'A' level, producing its first crop of eight examinees last summer. All, bar one, passed – in some cases to our mutual surprise. Students who do the subject are divided into two categories; those who actually want to do it and those who can't think of anything else that they could do at 'A' level. ("Well, I loathe Maths and English, Sir, so I thought I'd give Business Studies a whirl"). Unfortunately for the latter, 'A' level standards are pretty even between subjects and people find that after the first few glamorous weeks of flirtation with a new subject, the marriage of hard academic work to student takes the edge off the pleasantly cloudy ideas they had about the subject just after 'O' level.

The course actually runs something like this.

FIRST YEAR – Autumn Term

1. Series of talks from outside speakers about the various elements in the course: Marketing, Production, Accounts, Personnel, General Management.

Student reaction: "This is a piece of cake; I can sit here and ask 'interested' questions to visiting speakers till the cows come home."

2. Many students inveigled into forming a Young Enterprise miniature company on learning that girls from Lady Verney are involved.

Student reaction: "We started out with this great idea for flogging homemade beer but we seem to have ended up doing sort of plant pot holders knitted in string. I do not know quite how this happened."

3. Student learns statistics.

Student reaction: "I never really was much good at Maths; now I can't even pronounce the names of the weirdoes who invented this stuff."

4. Student learns Production.

Student's reaction: "Yes, this really is it; just as I'd thought. Not absolutely sure of some of it but the jargon is marvellous. I can hold my own in the sixth form common room on this."

Easter Term

1. Students 'volunteer' for entry in the Operations Research Society's Competition for Schools.
2. Students learn Operations Research.

Student: "I'm going on a USA / French / German / Rugby / Hockey / Jazz / International needlework exchange so I don't need to do a competition entry really, do I Sir?"

3. Student learns more about Production and makes Factory visits.

Students reaction: "Good grief, Sir. That was like something out of Oliver Twist. No wonder we are behind the Japs."

Summer Term

1. Students submit report to 'A' level examiners on intended project with firm in first two weeks of summer holidays.

Student reaction (querulously): "WHY did you say I wasn't allowed to be paid for it, Sir?"

2. Students learns about Marketing.

Student: "This is good: now I know how to con my mates in the common room."

3. Student learns about Accounting.

Student reaction: "Well, at least now I know I don't want to be an accountant after all."

4. Through administrative error R.G.S. students win Operations Research competition: deluded into thinking they understand the subject.

5. First year exam. Delusions under 4 cleared up.

6. Attend 3 day business careers course with sixth form girls and boys doing highly enjoyable simulations with switched on people.

Student reaction: "Why isn't Business Studies like this all the time?"

Summer Holidays

Business Studies Project: Two happy weeks spent at selected firm in furtive meetings down in the boiler room with the girls from the typing pool.

SECOND YEAR – Autumn Term

1. Student forced to write up his project for the 'A' level examiners. Student can remember little of what happened apart from binge on the final Friday to celebrate reaching the age of majority. "Had a great time, Sir, really learnt about the meaning of work, what I want to do in life, etc. etc. . . ."

2. Student once again 'volunteers' for an inter-school competition run by the Institute of Chartered Accountants on simulating running a company.

Student reaction: "Sir, what do you get this time if we win?"

3. Student learns about Economics.

Student reaction: "For heaven's sake, this is what I joined Bus. Stud's to avoid . . . all this academic clap trap about someone called Keynes."

4. Student learns about Human Relations.

Student reaction: "Yes Sir, I do see that something went wrong with me at the potty training stage and it is quite clear to me why the Headmaster controls the school on the lines of the Rabble Hypothesis, Sir."

Spring Term

1. Mocks.

Student reaction: "."

2. Student learns about Finance.

Student appears to get terribly involved with the stockmarket quotations until discovered reading the *Sun* inside the covers of the *Financial Times* in the Sixth Form Common Room.

3. Revision.

Student reaction: ". . . but it's ages to June, Sir. Yes Sir, I do see that getting 20% in the mocks isn't quite enough for my conditional offer of three Grade 'A's from High Wycombe College of H.E."

Summer Term

1. Student has oral examination with examiner on his project.

Student joins Christian Union.

2. Final revision.

Student reaction: "Of course what I really wanted to do was double Maths and Physics with Ancient History as a bit of light relief but father wouldn't listen."

3. June: record heatwave, punkahs installed in the Queen's Hall. Schoolmasters promenade smirking broadly as they cast their eyes down the long list of undo-able questions ". . . a very straight forward paper this year: not at all sure that standards aren't slipping, etc. etc. . . ."

Summer Holidays

Results out. Weather dreadful. School quad inhabited in the twilight hours by anxious groups of raincoated old Bus. Studiensiens come to view the awful truth and slip quietly away to oblivion.

Master in charge of Bus. Stud's on his way through London to continental holiday sees ex-student being moved on by the police in Oxford Street. Student is shaven headed, saffron robed and ululates monotonously "ha--a--ari Krishna" in a chain of acolytes similarly clad.

T. J. N. Claye

WHO OWNS THE ZEBRA?

1. There is a row of five houses. Each house has a differently coloured front door, and each house is occupied by men of different nationalities. Each man drinks a different drink and smokes a different kind of pipe tobacco. Each man keeps a different kind of pet.
2. The Englishman lives in the house with the red door.
3. The Spaniard owns the dog.
4. Coffee is drunk in the house with the green door.
5. The Russian drinks tea.
6. The house with the green door is immediately to the right (your right) of the house with the ivory door.
7. The medium cut smoker keeps snails.
8. Spun cut is smoked in the house with the yellow door.
9. Milk is drunk in the middle house.
10. The Norwegian lives in the first house on the left.
11. The man who smokes mixture lives in the house next to the man with the fox.
12. Spun cut is smoked in the house next to the man with the horse.
13. The flaky smoker drinks orange juice.
14. The Japanese smokes rough cut.
15. The Norwegian lives next door to the house with the blue door.

QUESTIONS

1. Who drinks water?
2. Who owns the zebra?

Answers on Page 58.

Boarding House Reports

Uplyme Boarding House Report

Welcome back to the perennial Uplyme House report. Since our last report Uplyme has seen many changes amongst its ranks. We have seen the departure of John Carter, Guy Moulrie, Ian Mitchell, Jon and Tony Marsland and Richard Heath. In return we have received Mark Cowper, Richard Simcock, Tom McCallem, Frank Johnson-Parry, Simon Ayee and Roland Shanks.

We have also said good-bye to Mr Edwards who is now married and have welcomed Mr. Grundy as our new House-tutor.

In school teams, we have been represented by Mike Preston in both the 2nd XV Rugby team and the fencing team. Sean Sawyer has played for the under-14 Rugby team. Richard Simcock has maintained his badminton place and Daryl Phillips has made sporadic guest appearances for the 2nd 'B' XV.

The 'Charlie Georges' of Uplyme launched an impressive season on the football field. After a slight hiccup against Tylers Wood (we lost 3 - 2), we hit top gear and, with a weakened team emerged triumphant against School House with a 9 - 1 win in October and a 5 - 1 victory in March.

At last the 4th formers got their own long-awaited study, although Roland "arsonist" Shanks made a valiant attempt to burn it down!

Overall, though, it's been a quiet year despite all the changes. The two "old-timers" of Uplyme, Daryl Phillips and Graham King, along with Tom McCallem are leaving at the end of this year, but doubtless newcomers will arrive.

Once again we must express our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs for their efforts and patience, and must, at the same time congratulate Mr. Grundy on settling into boarding house life so quickly.

*Daryl Phillips
Graham King
Michael Preston*

SCHOOL HOUSE

It has been a year of considerable change. At the beginning of the year, with only two boys going into the upper VIth there were big gaps at the top of the House. Therefore it was fortunate that Toby Perring and Nic Morris returned to sit Oxford exams and at the other end of the intellectual spectrum, Mark Williams and S. J. Boreham also returned to re-sit 'O' levels.

Eager to flex their new-found muscle (literally in Cooperman Hendry's case) the Prefects soon put the "Criminal Records" to good use. The same old names cropped up again but it was a newcomer who leapt into an early lead with a considerable number of punishments separating him from the chasing pack.

The year has been punctuated by illness which claimed many victims. Despite illness the House has maintained its remarkable representation on the sports field and in the gym with several basketball, rugby and hockey players in school teams. On the academic front, Toby Perring did very well to gain a Scholarship to Cambridge while Bleg Williams passed the 'O' levels he needed to join the R.A.F.

The departure at Christmas of the Head Boy and two prefects allowed Sean Reid and Doug Cansdale to join the elite in the Prefects Study. There followed — with no obvious connexion — almost half a term of chicken pox which affected about a third of the inmates — the term was not without its bright spots!

Finally, a big thank you to Mr. Skipp, Mrs. Pattinson — what should we do without her? (and what shouldn't we do without her!) — to Mrs. Symonds and Mr. White-Taylor (what ought we to do with him?) Thanks, too, to Cansdale and Blackburn for the time, effort and money they spent in painting one of the work-rooms. No thanks to Phil for the chicken pox!

A. C. Platts

SPORT

Cricket

1st XI

Played 17; Won 6; Drawn 7; Lost 3
Abandoned 1

1980's 1st XI was a talented side and played some good cricket. The three defeats could perhaps be attributed to inexperience, for there were four 5th formers in the side and only three second-year 6th.

They were well led by a sensible and competent captain, Andrew Baxter, who did well as an opening batsman and set a good example in the field. Vice-captain Philip Newport, an outstanding player, hit four 50's and was the leading wicket-taker. He took all ten wickets, including the hat-trick, against his own club side, High Wycombe (their 'A' XI). Stephen Noyes, likewise outstanding, hit three 50's and batted very well. Newcomers Jon Atkins and Peter Cowdery both revealed promise as batsmen, while John Hammond also played his part, often sacrificing his wicket for quick runs. John Coles emerged as a powerful striker of the ball and Jeremy Scriven and David King made useful runs. Wicket-keeper Simon Hargreaves lost form with the bat, but his 'keeping' was always of a high quality.

The bowling was dominated by pace and seam. Philip Newport and John Coles were a hostile opening attack, well supported by the medium-fast work-horse, David King. Duncan

Gibson-Smith and Jeremy Scriven developed well as leg-cut bowlers.

Of the occasional players, Murray Scott did well with the bat, Paul Brown with his swing bowling and Gareth Evans as the second wicket-keeper.

The fielding was never less than respectable, although it rarely reached great heights (perhaps only in the Tiffin game).

Team spirit and attitude were excellent and, despite the indifferent weather, it was a most enjoyable and rewarding season.

Sincere thanks are due to the groundsmen, 'Arch' Hewison and Richard Tedham, for all their invaluable effort and support, and to the tea-ladies, Gill and Bridget, who are unfailingly cheerful.

Only three of last year's XI have left school (Andrew Baxter, John Hammond and David King – our best wishes to them) and so we moved into a very promising 1981, with Philip Newport as captain.

S. R. Goldthorpe

AVERAGES

Batting

P. Newport	477 @ 36.7
S. Noyes	312 @ 34.7
P. Cowdery	162 @ 32.4
A. Baxter	332 @ 25.5
J. Coles	145 @ 24.2
J. Atkins	201 @ 18.3
J. Hammond	185 @ 14.2

Bowling

P. Newport	32 @ 9.6
J. Scriven	17 @ 12.3
D. King	22 @ 13.2
D. Gibson-Smith	18 @ 13.3
J. Coles	17 @ 13.9

Wicket-Keeping

S. Hargreaves	11 ct 1st
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Catches: Hammond (10), Atkins (9), Noyes (9), Baxter (6), Newport (4).

Full colours: A. Baxter, S. Hargreaves, S. Noyes, J. Hammond, J. Scriven, D. King, J. Coles.

Half colours: J. Atkins, P. Cowdery, D. Gibson-Smith, J. Carr, G. Evans, C. Gamble, T. Norris, A. Greene, J. Stokes.



CRICKET – 2nd XI

Played 10; Won 7; Drawn 3; Lost 0

The 2nd XI enjoyed an outstanding season this year. We were unbeaten and would have won the drawn games had more time been available. The two outstanding wins of the season were the 1 wicket defeat of Tiffin School, Ian Wagge hitting the winning boundary with one ball to spare and the defeat of Abingdon, taking the last wicket in the 22nd over of the last hour.

The most effective member of the side was Paul Brown; he was an excellent fielder, a batsman who hit two fifties but could also score quick runs when needed and his bowling record of 22 wickets at 6 runs apiece speaks for itself. Outstanding individual performance award this year goes to John Carr who took 6-4 at Emanuel! The cricket knowledge of Murray Scott and Terry Norris was invaluable to me

as captain. Both also made fine contributions to the side. Murray scored a fifty at Abingdon and Terry hit 70 against John Hampden and took the vital last two wickets at Abingdon in an unaccustomed role as bowler. Regular members of the side were Gareth Evans, who proved a cultured batsman and a reliable wicket-keeper, Conrad Gamble who was a marvellous fielder and probably the most consistent and accurate of the bowlers and Jeremy Stokes who was always enthusiastic. It was a memorable season because of the spirit and success of the side.

The team's thanks go to Mr. Chamberlain, whose good humour and good sense were appreciated by all.

A. A. Greene (captain)

CRICKET – UNDER 15

Under the helpful guidance of Messrs. Cook and Samways, the emergence of new players and the maturing of old members led to an encouraging if not wholly successful season for the Under 15's.

The team played with good spirit and many of the defeats were very close where the score-books had to be checked and re-checked. The team recorded some memorable victories, of which perhaps the most enjoyable was against our old rivals, John Hampden.

Good stroke play was in evidence particu-

larly from Jones, Newport, Scott, Sullivan and Ahmad, both Jones and Newport scoring centuries. The batting improved throughout the term. New players such as Wilson and Tully added their style to the bowling, whilst the opening partnership of Hopcroft and Rundle gave speed to the attack and the teasing spin of Jones and Sullivan confused the opponents. Fielding was perhaps the weak spot of the team and faulty field-positioning often led to unnecessary runs being given away.

The Team

CRICKET – UNDER 14

Played 9; Won 7; Lost 2

This was a very successful season in which all-round strength in batting, bowling and fielding together with a good team spirit enabled some convincing victories to be scored.

Before term started, several players were invited to attend a Bucks' Schools' Coaching Course and this helped to improve technique and increase confidence. Scriven was selected for the county.

In the batting department, Barnes and Duncan were the most consistent run-scorers but important innings were played by Scriven, Treadwell, Langton and Thackrah. Of the pace bowlers, Treadwell, Shane, Davies and Jones all bowled with considerable promise and took a good number of wickets, with Davies taking seven against St. Bart's, Newbury and Shane six against Lord Williams', Thame. Scriven was the main slow bowler and he took several

wickets with his flighted left-arm orthodox spin. To add variety, Jones developed his off-spin and was able to use it in later months.

The bowlers were well supported by keen fielding and a number of very good close catches were taken. The out-cricket was well handled by Scriven who gained valuable experience as captain this year. He was supported by Knox, who unfortunately did not do himself justice with the bat.

It should not be forgotten, however, that a good number of enthusiastic boys attended nets regularly but could not find a regular place in the team. Their play improved and many of them, if they persevere, could become useful cricketers.

D. G. Stone

CRICKET – UNDER 13

Played 9; Won 5; Lost 3
Drawn 0; Abandoned 1

The team enjoyed a good start to the season with some fine individual performances, notably from Sean Sawyer with a top score of 62 n.o. and from Adrian Abbott with a top score of 58 n.o. James Lawrence topped the average for the bowlers with an average of 9. Other notable bowlers were A. Alway, S. Sawyer, J. Gatward, J. Cobb and C. O'Neill. S. Sawyer and S. Alway also played for the county Under 13 team.

With more experience, many of these players should develop their potential to the full in the near future.

*S. J. Grundy
R. J. Dosser*

RUGBY

1st XV RUGBY

Played 24; Won 16; Drew 1; Lost 7
Points for 289; Against 146

The 1980–81 season for the 1st XV was highly enjoyable and fairly successful although, as the players themselves would be first to admit, the team never produced the consistent high standard of which it was capable. There were phases within the games of spontaneous handling of a quality rarely matched in recent seasons but all too often these were overshadowed by long periods of pedestrian passing and dull, static mauling.

The 1st XV, along with most other modern junior teams, lack the individuals with the instinctive skills necessary to achieve a fluent and high quality game; a legacy of the over-emphasis in contemporary junior rugby on team competition instead of on individual skills. This had encouraged the development of a slow unimaginative form of football at the expense of the exciting instinctive game which relies on fast second-phase possession.

This criticism is not directed at the players themselves who have worked exceptionally hard to improve their game. Andrew Frost set a superb example as a keen and demanding captain, pestering the team members to train and, on the field, to lift their game. The blind-side position was contested vigorously by Robert Davies and Russell Pinder, the qualities of the latter better suited to open side. Graham Wright's efforts at No. 8 were acknowledged by the team when they voted him "Player of the Season", an honour that almost went to John Coles, who together with Chris Vldar spent many hours of often thankless endeavour at lock forward. The tight forwards as a whole provided a solid platform, with Max Welby,

Andy Cheesewright and Robbie Bunt dominating most front-row encounters.

The backs, however, were chopped and changed in an attempt to achieve the elusive qualities of individual flair coupled with unit cohesion, the perennial rugby paradox. Unfortunately, unlike a pack of forwards, a set of backs is only as good as its weakest player and as there always seemed to be one player well below his best the line was rarely fluent or penetrative. However, one or two schools, namely Richard Hall and Tiffin, would disagree as they met the R.G.S. backs "on a good day". Andy Maguire and Toby Howick were consistently the most skilful attacking players while Nick Smith and John Carter enjoyed holding the defence together with uncompromising tackles. Martin Gillingham regularly showed great calmness, while all around (including spectators) were nail-biting, and kicked the team to victories in games that had become defensive dead locks. Chris Black and Mike Smith were very steady throughout, Mike highlighting a good season by representing the county team.

My thanks to the players, Andrew in particular, for their time, not just on Saturdays, but also on the many training and practice nights. I look forward to next season when many of the team return, hopefully to work on their weaknesses and develop their strengths, and partake in the heated exchange of views which have become an integral part of the team discussions.

S. B. Gamester

RUGBY 2nd XV

Played 19; Won 12; Drawn 1; Lost 6

This season was reasonably successful, but not outstanding. The defeats were generally by narrow margins, and in more favourable circumstances these matches could have been won. The main problem during the season was the number of enforced changes from match to match, with over 30 players involved during the season. The best feature (as the season progressed) was the improvement in support play and backing up, especially after the 50-0 win against Princes Risborough just after Christmas. Before this the lack of support meant that we often won by only small margins even when well on top. Afterwards, the support play improved immeasurably and in the first 4 games of 1981 the team scored 194 points for to 4 against. Most of the tries scored in this period were team efforts involving several players, and most team members scored at least one try.

Highlights of the season were the win over Hampton, where we outplayed and eventually overran a very good side; and the try scored by Richard Jones against Sir William Borlase after a fine 12-man move. Finally, special mention and thanks must go to Duncan Fairbrother, who gave invaluable support as vice-captain and pack-leader, to Russell Pinder and Richard Frost, the outstanding forwards, and to an excellent set of backs: Simon Oliver, John Scott (leading tries and points scorer), Chris Goody, Martin Jolly, Graham McGregor, Andy McGill (first half of season), and Steve Noyes (second half). The other leading stalwarts of the side were Nigel Hayes, James Millar, James Martin, Tony Marsland, Richard Jones and Ian Maclaren. Thanks for a great season, lads.

Murray Scott (Captain)

RUGBY – UNDER 15 XV

Any success achieved by the U15 XV are a reflection of the committed way a large number of regular team players and reserves attended practices and team meetings throughout the season.

Although the team lacked any great penetration in the backs, this failing was overcome by speed to the loose ball and splendid support. Treadwell, Topping and Duncan formed an impressive back row, with McEwan and McAusland making notable contributions amongst the tight forwards. Ellis grew in confidence at scrum-half, and although his service was rather short, he exploited openings with alacrity.

Amongst the backs there were few occasions when distribution was both timely and speedy; in consequence, scoring opportunities were rather limited and the attacking potential of individuals was seldom realised. However, in defence there were sound performances, Bowden bringing up some notable tackles at full back.

Above all, this was a season in which a great majority of the players involved gave everything they had in a very disciplined way. One cannot ask for more.

Regular Squad players were: Treadwell (Capt.), McEwan, Dewar, Speed, Keen, Knight, McAusland, Duncan, Topping, Lewis, Davies M, Ellis, Marsland, Davies A, Carter, Thackrah, Livingstone, Worley, Bowden, Ferdinando, Lock, Podesta.

*M. W. Cook
J. F. Samways*

RUGBY – UNDER 14 XV

'A' XV Played 14; Won 9; Lost 5
Points For 356; Against 128
'B' XV Played 5; Won 3; Lost 2
Points For 106; Against 33

A successful season. For the first time at other than Under-13 level in the school two teams were run; and it proved a success. Plenty of boys with ability. The 'B' XV (their two defeats were against other school 'A' XV's) was nearly as strong as some past 'A' XV's. An encouraging depth of talent and enthusiasm.

The 'A' XV suffered only narrow defeats. A very promising team. Real pace and skill in the backs; lively and competitive forwards, who enjoy running and handling. Scrummaging and line-out need strengthening.

'A' XV: Macdonald, Brazier, De Luca,

Kennedy, Abbott, Crowther, Grimmett, Sawyer, Alway, Van der Pant (captain), Jennings, Cooney, Barr, Buss, Adams, Wooster, Cartwright and Lewis.

'B' XV: Bush, Wagstaff, Glover, Evans, Wayte, Hinton, Ratcliffe, Hill, Steen, Eggleton, Palmer (captain), Gouratt, Cobb, Davis, Cooper, Liversidge, Basford and Dean.

My thanks to Mr. Samways for invaluable help with coaching.

S. R. Goldthorpe

RUGBY – UNDER 13 XV

'A' XV Played 9; Won 7; Drawn 0; Lost 2
Points For 168; Against 102
'A' XV Played 8; Won 5; Drawn 0; Lost 3
Points For 68; Against 68

After eleven training sessions prior to our first game with Watford G.S. on the 15th November we had high hopes that the 'A' XV would acquit itself very well in this fixture. However, wet conditions and a very strong Watford team with an extra year's experience put paid to this, and we lost 4–28. Lord Williams' also beat us soundly, but we were adjusting positions and players and learning all the time.

The game against St. Bartholomew's, Newbury proved to be the turning point in our season and we recorded a fine win by 22 points to 4. This was the first of seven victories in a row. The team had knit together and was an efficient attacking and defensive unit. Scoring ability was spread evenly amongst the team, and of the seventeen players who played for the 'A' team, fifteen scored tries, ten players scoring two or more.

Top scorers were Alex Welby, Alexis Read, and James Cook, with five tries each. James Cook also added ten conversions with sound place kicking. Our captain and most promising scrum half for many years, Paul Miller, scored

four tries and led the team with great gusto. Our wing three-quarters, Alan Rowland and Barry Ryan, scored five tries between them and centres, Neil Cook, Robert Cleary, Alan Dawson and David Hooper had good penetration. Flankers Brian Wright and Paul Churn were aggressive tacklers and good maulers and, in the boiler-house Fraser Brown and Nicholas McLoughlin had a solid platform on which to push with Phillip Harrison and Matthew Stone as props. At full-back Mark Uphill tackled well and developed good positional skill.

After a poor start the 'B' XV settled down and gained five successive victories before losing their last game. In all their games the team failed to take full advantage of good possession. Nicholas Ball was a capable captain and Marcus Keshane proved to be a versatile scrum-half.

My thanks go to Dr. Dosser for his help in coaching and perceptive views and also to the squad for training enthusiastically and making the game what it should be – enjoyable.

D. J. Stubbs



FENCING

The senior team this year has been one of the strongest yet produced in the school, but match results were hit by the inavailability of certain key fencers when it mattered. Thus we beat Douai and Radley, and yet lost to them both in return fixtures with weakened teams. Reading School went down to our second team, with the Under 14's also recording a victory which set the pattern for their performances throughout the season. The match against Oxford University was the biggest surprise with a double victory in foil and epee – a feat which I doubt we will repeat. Following this, the fixture against Marlborough was disappointing. We went down heavily in both foil competitions, only salvaging something by winning the epee 6–3, with Murray Scott winning all his fights.

In competitions, the school maintained an unusual record of having finalists in every local competition entered. Richard Mole took second place in the Southern Sabre and first place in the Berks, Bucks and Oxon foil. The latter competition was dominated by the R.G.S. when, along with Richard Mole, Jon Adey and Stuart Baker also featured in the final pool. Andrew Slade, after a disappointing B.B. and O. competition, stormed through the Southern Section foil where he was placed fifth, thus qualifying for the National Finals. Here, he was unlucky, after winning two fights in the first round, to be eliminated on indicator points. Mike Preston added to the trophies by taking the Plate Competition in the Southern Sabre.

At Under 14 level, Simon Alway did well to achieve fourth place in the B.B. and O. competition, and David Griffin came good in the Southern Section to reach the final pool and sixth place.

The fencing season never seems to end, though it is supposed to be a winter sport. Consequently, at the time of writing, two fixtures are still outstanding; a new one against Wellington, and the all-important Southern Section team event at Winchester.

All in all, the season has been interesting and full. My thanks go to Richard Mole who has worked hard as captain, and encouraged the team. Andrew Slade will be stepping into his shoes in September. Also thanks go to those others who are leaving and have given good service to the school: Richard Ireland, Murray Scott and Euan Duncan.

J. J. O. Roebuck



*Form 2 Gymnastic Competition.
Photo's by Scott Taylor.*



TENNIS – 1st VI

The first VI had a successful season, winning 6 of their 9 matches. Victories were achieved against John Hampden, Highgate, Radley College, Lord William's, Thame, Dr. Challoner's and King James' College, Henley. The team was defeated by Watford G.S., Sir William Borlase's and U.C.S. Full colours were given to C. Smith, M. Smith, J. Owen and A. Hunter. Half-colours were won by D. Hellier and T. Cook. C. Smith and J. Owen played particularly well to reach the last 8 of the Clark Cup, as boys up to the age of 18 were eligible for entry. C. Smith was also voted as 'Junior Tennis Boy of the Year', an award sponsored by Avia watches.

TENNIS – COLTS

The Colts team were less successful, winning 2 of their 6 matches. However, they were a young side and played their matches in good spirit.

M. Earl

BADMINTON

In spite of a mediocre success rate, the badminton team enjoyed an interesting season. The match at High Wycombe's Young Adult Centre (against a men's team) was particularly enjoyed by all.

The players in the team have been excellent. Peter Cowdery's quiet competence has gone unnoticed by some, James Lawrence from the 3rd form has showed his class on several occasions and is a future team captain. Thanks go to I. Lovegrove and P. Forde for boosting morale by their antics on court and also for their good badminton. Thanks also to our omnipresent captain, David Hellier, for able support in organising the team. My personal gratitude goes to the 'man in the jacket' for scoring.

Last, but definitely not least, thanks to the volatile yet somehow efficient Mr. White-Taylor who has been a constant help in all my efforts.

David Falconer (Secretary)

CROSS-COUNTRY

The season started with a well-earned victory over local rivals, Dr. Challoner's School and Sir William Borlase's, and throughout the rest of the winter only Abingdon, St. Albans and Haydon (formerly St. Nicholas', Northwood) were able to defeat us in school matches.

In the shorter and more specialized relay events, we competed against teams from all over the country. In most of these, the school was well-placed, especially at the Guildford Relay where we came sixth and at the Abingdon Relay where we came seventh out of 46 teams; in the same event the 'B' team missed their medal by only 20 seconds, finishing 14th overall.

David Gower was again the most successful member of the senior squad, retaining the R.G.S. Open title for the second year in succession (he ought to complete the hat-trick next season). He was well supported by consistent performances from Tim Tolkien (capt.), Mark Williams, Robert Sedgley, Simon Bowker (all awarded full colours), and Tim Scott, Ian Hoddell, Kevin Norrish and Kevin Stanbridge (all awarded half colours).

The Under-16 team of Jeremy Cooper, Jimmy Read, and Graham Baxter, (all finished in the top ten in the Open, and all are under 15) won the District Championships, and should form the nucleus of a strong senior squad in years to come.

The runners would finally like to thank Messrs. Wilson, Claye, and Cooper for their enthusiastic support and help throughout the season.

Mark Williams (Captain)

ATHLETICS 1980

The outstanding athlete of the year was again undoubtedly Martin Gillingham. He was placed third in the Country at the All-England Championships in the 400 m. hurdles with a time of 54.9 seconds. He also broke the County Record in this event, the District Record in the 100 m. hurdles in 14.8 seconds, and four more School Records, making a total of twenty-one School Records he now holds.

Nine School Records were broken during the season and among the most notable were David Gower in the fifth form 1500 m. and 3000 m., and Mike Preston and Tim Scott in the fifth form Pole Vault and Discus respectively. Individual School Champions were: in the Open events, Martin Gillingham; Senior Colts, Douglas Arrowood; Colts, Steven Carter; and Junior Colts, Jonathan Barr.

The School won the District Championships by 113 clear points for the seventh year running, and gained twelve first places in so doing.

At the County Athletics we had athletes taking part in thirty events and gained four first places, namely Martin Gillingham in the 100 m. hurdles and 400 m. hurdles, Tim Scott and Simon Lane in the Discus.

D. J. Stubbs

FIVES

This season we have enjoyed fixtures with University College School, Hampstead; Edwardian Colts Club; Mill Hill School; Harrow School; The Hill Club; and Eton College. Two fixtures with Wolverhampton Grammar School did not take place because of: 1) inclement weather; 2) car failure. We have driven about 600 miles to play away fixtures and the furthest we went was to Birmingham for a match against the boys of the King Edward Schools. So far this season R.G.S. boys have been undefeated. We have had 4 outright wins and 6 fixtures ended in a draw.

The Captain of Fives is John Coles and he has been well supported by B. Marsden and D.J. Falconer. C. Turnbull, P. Ashdown, T. J. Scott and J. M. R. Scriven are all reliable players. G. Foster and A. F. Reeve have become a very competent pair. It is very encouraging that we now have a group of fourth year players who

are achieving some striking successes. D. Barnes, S. M. Ellis, A.C.D. Knox, M.J. Parker and B.J. Peddie always play with enthusiasm, but more important they demonstrate real skill and quick reactions. It is this group of players who have not yet found any opponents who can match them.

We play Fives regularly on Thursday afternoons and despite the fact that our Fives Court, are still not covered we have only had to cancel two of our practices.

Inter-form contests are being held during the lunch hours. The fourth year competition has been won by 4W. Although Fives is a minor sport at R.G.S. our future at the moment is looking bright. We hope that in our present third year, we shall find still more players who want to take up this game.

T. J. Durbin

SWIMMING

Although we were without the use of our Swimming Pool all last season, we still tried to take part as best we could, entering a few competitions, e.g. the Bucks Examiner Competition, where we came second equal (the Juniors winning both their events).

Last year we had only one swimming match, with Sir William Borlase's School, and again we won this match. In the Bucks Schools Gala we did very well — thanks to C. McKinley who won the Senior Free Style and Butterfly events; S. Lee came 2nd in Breast Stroke Intermediate and 3rd in Individual Medley; B. Wright came first in Junior Free Style, D. Capel came 2nd and Mr. Cartwright 3rd in Junior Breast Stroke; C. Buss came 2nd in Junior Back Stroke and 1st in Individual Medley with B. Wright in 2nd place. We have a lot of very fine swimmers and hope they will be able to have more inter-school competition this summer.

J. R. Learmonth

BOAT CLUB

To dispel rumours that rowers are just a bunch of masochistic fitness-fanatics, who thrash up and down rivers all year, purely to cultivate a fist-full of blisters, the Boat Club squared up to the 1980 regatta season with tuned bodies set on victory.

The season started off with a splash at Carmel Invitation Regatta. The 1st IV, (Davison, Watkins, Mullett, Evans and the cox, Parks), cruised through the early rounds in the novice division, beating arch rivals, Sir William Borlase's, by half a length in a close fought final. There were encouraging signs from the J15 IV who rowed their way into the final, where they were beaten by a very strong Great Marlow team.

Our confidence boosted, we marched on to Gloucester Regatta where the 1st IV again reached the final. However, although we were leading with a furlong to go, Sir Thomas Rich's Gloucester put on a final spurt, which hurt us more than it hurt them. When the crew eventually regained consciousness, they learned they had lost by 3 feet, and received a severe row-locking from an irate coach.

At Cambridge the best performance was given by the J16 who were narrowly beaten by their arch rival Windsor in one of the fastest races of the day.

Next stop Hereford. Here the 2nd IV, to the utter disgust and acute embarrassment of the 1st IV, leap-frogged over the 1st IV into Senior C division by winning the Schools Second Boat final. With collars turned firmly up the 1st IV retired to the bar. Were they doomed to the status of Novices all season?

Fears that the 1st IV had drowned themselves at Hereford were allayed at Reading Amateur Regatta where, although making heavy weather of the heavy weather, went on to win and regain face, entering the distinguished realms of Senior C rowing. Rumour has it that the crew won a rather large trophy in this win, but these were obviously unfounded as nobody's seen anything since that day.

The season was wound up with brief appearances at Reading Town, Huntingdon, (very

brief, owing to a cox who took it upon himself to use the lane marker buoys as slalom flags), and Bedford Regattas where the 1st and 2nd IV's found Senior C rowing an entirely different kettle of fish; and the J16's answered the question, "Are they saving themselves for something?" "NO!"

Now for this year. With a 1st IV consisting of David Davies, Stuart Curzon, Simon Mullett, and Neil Warren, with Matthew Hough at the helm, we look to the future, though on present form maybe we shouldn't. Can the J15's of last year, put promise into practice now they have a year's experience behind them?

Finally, our gratitude to Mr. Blyth must be expressed for leading us to victory last year and for putting up with us this year. Thanks must also go to the other coaches, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Box (weights); and good luck to Mr. Box whose book "How to Avoid Training", is being published soon.

S. T. H. Mullett (captain)



Photo Scott Taylor

STAFF SOCCER

Played 18; Won 12; Drawn 0; Lost 6
Goals For 55; Against 40

The Staff Soccer team started the 1980/81 season in much the same way as they finished the 1979/80 season by winning all of their first six games against fifth-form opposition without too much difficulty. However, when the evenings started drawing in and the grass of the Rye was abandoned in favour of the floodlit all-weather surface at Handy Cross, the problems began. The R.A.F. section gave a good all-round performance to comfortably beat the Staff 6-3 when Mr. Ball's absence from last year's side was capitalized on. This was the first of a series of defeats with the only victory before Christmas against a side from School House and Uplyme.

After the Christmas holidays, the Staff produced their best performance of the season in avenging a previous defeat by the Army section. The fine team performance was capped by a

memorable hat-trick from Mr. Grundy with the Staff running out winners by 8-3. The Staff then maintained this form with victories over 6C, 5RP and 5C although they almost threw away a five goal lead in the match against 5C. When the evenings became lighter again, the Staff playing their first match on the Rye since October suffered their heaviest defeat at the hands of a powerful 6EC - A side by 6-1.

Although this season's results were not as good as last year, the overall teamwork was probably better. Mention must go to Mr. Mason for his consistently high standard of goal-keeping and to Messrs. Dosser, Wilson, Mill, Goldthorpe, Grundy, Earl and Chamberlain who provided the back-bone of the team.

C. Curtis

GOLF

For the second time in three years, the School's top golfers won the regional round of the National Schools Aer Lingus Championships. In persistent rain at Stoke Poges Golf Club, the team of Martin Gillingham, Andrew Clark and Mike Finlay tied for first place with Eton College. The outcome was finally decided by Andrew Clark on the last hole; not knowing any of the other scores, he hit his 150 yard approach shot to within 12 feet of the flag, and sunk the birdie putt - a par four would have meant defeat. Incidentally, this birdie gave Clark a round of 79, the third best score of the day. Martin Gillingham shot an 89, while Mike Finlay, a 5th former, and the only newcomer in the team from their victory two years ago, shot a very creditable 86.

In the Final played at Foxhills, Surrey, Martin Gillingham was unable to play as he was in the United States on the American exchange; His place was taken by Jeremy Scriven. Sadly the event was reduced to a round of 9 holes as torrential overnight rain prevented play from starting until the early afternoon; there were 33 finalists from all over England and the school finished only 3 shots behind the eventual winners, Bournemouth School. This performance augurs well for next year as there is considerable golfing talent in the school at present.

I. J. Wilson

BASKETBALL – UNDER 19

Played 16; Won 14; Lost 2
Points For 1319; Against 869

Points: A. Hazelton (276); S. Lane (275); S. Carter (241); P. Cooke (173); G. Evans (63); M. Wensel (61); D. Evans (51); R. Mole (49); J. Adey (47); J. Cooper (29); S. Finlan (26); J. Owen (21); N. Lines (12); M. Smith (0).

This season has been the best ever for the team. We have averaged over 80 points per game, three times scoring over 100 points against Aylesbury.

In th County Cup, we won back the title we lost last year, beating Aylesbury 215–144 in the final. In the national cup competition we reached the last sixteen. We had a bye in the first round, and beat Licensed Victualler's Slough in the second. In the third round we met last year's Under 17 National Champions, Eastfield High School, Mitcham. This team has two or three England players, including England's most valuable player, and not surprisingly, we were trounced 47–98. This was partly because we were missing our own England player, Steve Carter.

We had a good match against Desborough School, Maidenhead (who also had an England player). This time we were missing Simon Lane and Steve Carter, yet we still won 58–32. Perhaps our most satisfying match was against Cavendish School, Hemel Hempstead, who had several National League players, and once again Steve Carter was missing (did he ever play?). With 30 seconds to play we were down 56–57, and Paul Cooke took it in to his own hands to score the winning basket from the half-way line. The shot fell ten feet short. Fortunately, Nick Line 'just happened to be there' and popped in the winning basket.

Steve Carter played extremely well for the team, rebounding superbly. He averaged 21.90 per game, and humiliated the opposition with powerful 'rejects', as did Simon Lane, who averaged 18.34 points, most of his points coming from 20' jump shots. Anthony Hazelton averaged 17.27 per game, and made 77% from the free throw line. Paul Cooke made 73% and scored 11 points per game. When he played well he hardly missed, but when he was off form he couldn't even catch the ball. Mike Wensel played well as guard in offence. He scored some

amazing lay-up shots that on-one else could score, and provided light relief for the team with his own rendition of the 'Brady Bunch'. His free shots just have to be seen to be believed. David Evans and John Cooper played well while still at school, and Gareth Evans and John Owen were good ball-handlers. John Owen, the smallest player on the team (3'6"), confounded us all by scoring 21 points. Jon Adey and Rick Mole rebounded well and scored some invaluable baskets. Nick Lines was the find of the season – rebounding well, and Steve Finlan played well when he could make it. Mike Smith also played well, in his two games.

Special thanks go to Mr. Stubbs who coached and refereed well. Steve Finlan arranged a full season of fixtures.

Simon Lane (captain)
Anthony Hazelton (vice-captain)

BASKETBALL – UNDER 15

Played 6; Won 6; Lost 0;
Points For 301 Against 126

This year the team successfully defended the County Cup and their 100% record.

Steve Carter, now playing for England, was obviously the star of the team. However, in the County Cup Final we proved that we were not a one-man team by beating Chesham High School in his absence. Andrew Knox and Jon Marsland were the ball handlers. Jon's aggressive play put many sides under intense pressure. Nigel Topping and Giles Britton backed up Steve Carter well as forwards. Giles's good shooting brought him many points this year, and Nigel's defensive qualities were invaluable, especially in the Final. Richard Treadwell, Sean Carter and Heath Drewett, in his first year of school basketball, produced some good performances.

Many thanks to Mr. Gibson for giving up his time in taking us to matches.

Full Team: Steve Carter, Andrew Knox, Nigel Topping, Giles Britton, Jons Marsland and Sean Carter all played regularly for the County, and Dick Treadwell, Heath Drewett, Phil Read, Colin Le Guillow and Steve Ellis gave excellent support.

BASKETBALL – UNDER 16

We have played very few fixtures this year, mainly because other schools in the area do not run an Under 16 team, and because the Aylesbury and Amersham schools, who do, take part in a small league.

We have played 5 matches and will be playing Pembroke School in the Final of the Bucks Cup at the end of the month. We lost to Hatter's Lane School, by trying to give our Second Five a match and, although winning easily to start with, suffered from too many fouls, and this inhibited our play, and we lost by 2 points. The squad have a lot of talent with three of them being members of the Senior team; and although two of last year's team have dropped out, the standard of play, as with the school's other teams, is improving steadily.

J. R. Learmonth

BASKETBALL – UNDER 14

This has been a frustrating if not disappointing year for the school team.

After two early and narrow defeats to Pembroke and Hatter's Lane, things began to look up. There were two convincing wins against Brenchwood in the County Cup and at Cestraham School in Chesham. This was followed by a good win at Dr. Challoner's.

Since then the team have lost four games but all very narrowly. First of all, the team was eliminated by Chesham High from the County Cup by four points, and then saw victory snatched from them by Hatter's Lane, the other cup finalists. The team then saw a good lead taken away to lose after an extra period at Burnham G.S., to be followed by another narrow defeat at Aylesbury G.S., although R.G.S. were fielding a weaker side.

Although their team work has not always been good, there have been some fine individual performances from O'Neill and Alway of 3K, the latter proving a good captain.

M. G. Mill



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Hockey

1st XI

Played 22; Won 25; Drawn 5; Lost 2
Points For 55; Against 27

High Wycombe Tournament
Played 5; Won 3 Drawn 1; Lost 1
Points for 6; Against 1;

This year saw the re-emergence of some form where our 1st XI was concerned. This season started most encouragingly with the team finishing second in the High Wycombe Schoolboy Tournament. Other noteworthy events included fine victories over Sir William Borlase (their first defeat for three years), and away wins over Merchant Taylor's, Stowe, Desborough and Windsor. I feel that it is a fair reflection of our play that we have never been totally outclassed by any side we have met, although the match against Pangbourne was only saved in the dying seconds.

The season's excellent results can be attributed mainly to fine teamwork rather than to the skill of individuals. However, special mention must be made of Alan Greene, the team's top scorer with 15 goals and also to Mark Tindale, whose right-wing play has proved an enormous asset to the side. Our other senior players, Richard Palethorpe and Paul Donlon have also bolstered the team with their solid play and experience. County honours this year have gone to Jon Atkins, Paul Brown

and Ian Wagge, and full colours awarded to Greene, Brown and Palethorpe. Our up-and-coming younger players give us good reason to expect another equally good, if not better, season next year.

Special thanks go to Roy Page, not only for his inspiring effect on the side throughout the season, but also for his hard work in arranging the Easter tour to Koblenz. Messrs. Pantridge and Stone have also to be thanked for playing their part in taking over the preparations for the tour in place of Mr. Page, who sadly was not available to go. Finally, our thanks go to Frank Wheeler for putting himself out to umpire our matches.

P. Brown (captain)

Paul Brown has played regularly for the S.E. England Divisional side, and was awarded his colours.

R. M. Page

HOCKEY – UNDER 16

Played 5; Won 3; Drawn 1 Lost 1
Points For 22; Against 8

There were very few fixtures this season; many were cancelled because of the weather.

The team played quite well and came third in their league, the Chiltern Colts League.

S. J. Grundy

HOCKEY – 2nd XI

Played 16; Won 10; Lost 5; Drawn 1
Points For 49; Against 18

HOCKEY – UNDER 15

Played 8; Won 4; Drawn 2; Lost 2
Goals For 21; Against 8; Cancelled 7

In a season seriously curtailed by poor weather, the team in fact played far better than the playing record suggests. The first defeat against Shiplake College was due to a goal scored against the run of play towards the end of the match and the second was in the best fixture of the season against an unbeaten Stowe team. In this match R.G.S. had a one goal lead but conceded two goals through defensive errors. The best result was the 7-1 defeat of Aylesbury G.S.

During the season seven players (Barnes, Cook, Cusdin, Langton, Maynard, Ryll and Williams) were used by the county and Scriven was a squad member but was unfortunately unfit for most of the time.

The strength of the team was really in mid-field where Barnes was outstanding. He was given strong support by Cusdin, whose work-rate was excellent, and Langton, whose skill was well suited to the inside-left position. At the back, the positional play of Williams was sound and Maynard's tackling and distribution were very good. Ryll performed well in goal when called upon. In attack, the right-wing Cook did not see enough of the ball in several matches, whereas Cole on the left was usually used more. Cook's clean striking was employed in a successful short corner routine. The half-backs Ives and Malawe improved but were exposed on occasions. Hunter, Grimmett and Medhurst impressed with their determination to seek regular selection.

Coaching sessions after school were always well attended with everyone enthusiastic and willing to accept both advice and criticism. I hope that all players will continue to enjoy their hockey. I would also like to thank Ian Wadge and Nicholas Welch, who came out for games when it wasn't raining and helped with the coaching.

D. G. Stone

First of all, we would like to thank Mr. Pantridge for his help in the running of the team. The season has been notable for the high number of goals scored by a successful forward line which included 16 goals by T. Hare. A major part of our success as a team is based on a solid midfield and defence in which R. Peach was outstanding. The team's best results this season were 13-0 at home against Leighton Park, a 3-1 win away at Kingston, and 5-0 at home against St. Bartholomew's.

Above all, those that played this season enjoyed their hockey showing a growing maturity in their play.

This year's squad: R. Ireland (captain), R. Peach, R. Neal, M. Merryweather, J. Keen, J. Mould, M. Hunnibell, J. Craggs, M. Walshe, T. Hare, N. Welch, S. Ennis, C. Baxter, T. Cook, G. Lewis, W. Heyes.

*R. C. Ireland (captain)
& R. N. Pantridge*

HOCKEY – UNDER 14

Played 7; Won 1; Drawn 4; Lost 2
Points For 7; Against 17; Cancelled 6

There were sixty boys in September all anxious to play hockey, of whom half were kept after the usual selection procedure. The first match was soon upon us just after half term when we drew with Leighton Park. This was followed by a sound defeat by Sir William Borlase.

In the spring term, games afternoons and matches were severely hit by the weather, six matches being cancelled. Of the matches that remained, one was won, four were drawn and two lost. The win was not achieved until the last match of the season. With a little more experience and maturity they should form a good group.

The team was represented mainly by:— Capel, White, Scurrall, Kain, Malaure, Clark, O'Neil, Wilkins, Shaw, Farmer, Dolling, Grant and Baur.

A. J. Sollars

C.C.F. Reports

ROYAL NAVY SECTION REPORT

The Royal Navy section is riding well and truly upon the proverbial crest of the wave. Firstly, congratulations to our retiring Coxswain, Steven Lewis, and wish him well with his 'A' levels. Steve was lucky enough to get a place on the Tall ships race around Scandanavia last summer, as a member of the London Sailing Project.

The Coxswain also played an integral part in the tremendous effort made by every member of the section in the renovation of the Seaman-ship room. For with a little help from our friends we have had the roof repaired and made Useful steps in obtaining lighting for the room. Special thanks to AB's Spong and Mash, and to those parents who donated furniture.

Our Mirror dinghy is now in a fine state of repair after a great effort by the S.S.I.W.O. Faerber. and several cadets.

Congratulations to M. Beardall on his award of a Reserved place to Dartmouth in the Royal Navy's 35th Scholarship Competition and on his promotion to Coxswain. Also to P.O. Farquahson on the recommendation he obtained after the Royal Marines Potential Officers course in February.

The academic achievements of the sections have been mirrored in the record number of passes in the Naval Proficiency exam, well done to all who took part.

The General Inspection 1981 took place on the 19th of March. The section presented itself to the inspecting officers very favourably and a fair picture of life in the R.N.C.C.F. was very well displayed. Well done to P.O. Farquahson on his unceasing endeavours throughout the afternoon.

The section is once again winding up for the event of the year, that is the Inspection of Captain Dalten, H.M.S. Dryad (our parent establishment) at the end of May.

Good luck to all those cadets embarking on courses in the summer and to the Brave ones going to Gareloch Head, Scotland for summer camp.

Finally, the section has adopted a ship. Contrary to popular belief, the R.N. has more ships than cadet units and we have been lucky enough to be paired with a brand new Hunter Killer Swiftsure class Submarine, H.M.S. Splendid. Thanks to Lt. Claye and Mr. Thomas for their continual and most gratefully received support.

M. J. D. Beardall, Coxswain

Army Section Report, April 1980 – 1981

This has been an "adventurous" year for the Army Section in every respect.

After a successful and well-supported Easter camp at Leek in April, the Army Section planned and carried out a Greenfield type of camp at Cym Gcki in July. With all concerned putting in hard work and effort, the camp ran extremely smoothly, but not without fatigue in certain outdoor activities, particularly a strenuous walk on the Brecon Beacons.

Certainly the most "adventurous" camp occurred in October, when some Officers and NCO's went on an expedition in Snowdonia. The party successfully navigated over the mountains including the Glyder Ridge. On the

final evening the rain, which it was later discovered contributed to the flooding of the Conway Valley, rather disturbed the camp when the stream above which it had been placed rose fairly quickly. By a stroke of luck there was a mountain hut nearby and a member of the party "happened" to have a key to its door. This gave a more comfortable night. The Rugby Mountaineering Club, whose hut it was, showed great generosity in subsequent correspondence and thanks are due to them for their understanding of the extraordinary circumstances of that night.

As well as running an organised Range Day in November, another camp was undertaken in March at Aldershot, and the year culminated with an extremely successful CCF Annual Inspection on March 19th.

We look forward to another Easter Camp (an unusual camp in that we are being accommodated in a disused School in Butterton at Leek) in April.

Cadets and NCO's have again enhanced the name of the Army Section at the School by going on and passing well, Cadre Courses and United Kingdom Land Forces Courses this year. Well done!

A particular vote of thanks goes to Capt. Hollingworth for his tireless efforts in arranging Camps, without whom, the Section would indeed struggle.

*Lt. S. J. Grundy
(Officer i/c Army Section at the School)*



Many exciting activities have been taking place this year. These include Chipmunk flying at R.A.F. Abingdon, .22" shooting on the school range, initiative exercises, orienteering, parts II and III lectures, campcraft and drill. Drill, never one of the section's strong points, has improved rapidly amongst the younger cadets, thanks to the influence of P/O Munday, and the N.C.O.'s have been hard pressed to keep up.

Other outside activities this year have mainly centred around camping trips to the New Forest, Snowdonia and the Black Mountains under the guidance of Messrs. Smaje, Sollars and Boutland. These camps included leadership tasks, in the form of map-reading exercises and orienteering competitions and campcraft.

Further to the camping theme, a combined sections expedition was run in Snowdonia November 1980, to provide expedition training for the Duke of Edinburgh's award. Two days of fairly tough hill-walking were enjoyed by the party only to be followed by the worst Welsh rainfall for eighty years!

Camps this year have included Lyneham and

Laarbruch Easter, 1980, and Binbrook in the summer – Cpl. Plane winning the prize for best cadet. Planned camps include R.A.F. Binbrook at Easter and Waddington/Rudloe Manor in the summer as well as another USA trip.

Several cadets "gained their wings" on gliding courses around the country, and U/O Church, W/O Lancaster, F/S Niekirk, Sgt. Sheilds and Sgt. Lever all gained flying scholarships, the majority going on to gain their Private Pilot's Licences.

This year has seen a record number of recommendations for flying scholarships, these being: Cpl. M. C. Harrison; W/O G. L. Wheeler; Cpl. T. J. Mann; Cpl. M. D. Walshe; Cpl. C. J. Barry; F/S R. W. Burr; Cpl. J. D. Kingston; Sgt. G. B. Ward; Cpl. T. J. Scott; Cpl. A. F. Pook.

Finally, thanks are due to Sqn. Ldr. Smaje, Flt. Lt. Sollars, F/O Boutland, P/O Mill, P/O Munday and W/O Faerber, who, as usual, ensured the smooth running of the section's camps and activities.

W/O D. E. Lancaster



F.A.B. Enterprises

The 1980 - 81 school year saw the R.G.S. form their 2nd Young Enterprise Company. With the aid of Compair BroomWade in High Wycombe over twenty 5th and 6th formers formed a miniature company that was designed to give the members an insight into the problems that affect the running of a firm in the real world of business.

ORCS

Under the direction of Mr. Claye the Business Studies Set undertook a project in Easter 1980.

From 16 entries, we managed to obtain 5 prizes from a total of 15 awards. Steven Warriner and Paul Donlon each won merit prizes of £15, with the remaining three entries going forward for further judging, for placements in the final six.

Stuart Fantham and Simon Bowker each won similar £15 merit prizes and Terry Norris finished equal 1st and received £100 for himself and £50 towards school funds.

We aim to gain similar awards this year.

T. Norris

The company was formed in September and was financed by the selling of 350 shares at 25p each and also from the sale of badges and paintings. The members then decided upon the name F.A.B. Enterprises and, after much discussion, it was decided to start producing candles and waste paper bins.

A few weeks after production started the company had new life injected into it by the integration of seven girls from the Lady Verney High School who had been unsuccessful in forming their own company. They introduced us to our third product, Macrame, which is the fine art of tying knots to form decorative objects.

At a recent Trades Fair at Hatter's Lane School all of our products fared well with those of our counterparts from various local schools.

Time flashed by and we found ourselves lifting out of the red by January this year. Despite the quality control problems of our candles and bins the company has survived and, due to the success of Macrame and an improvement in both bin and candle making, the company expects to show a fair profit when going into liquidation in May.

We would very much like to express our gratitude to John Barducci and David Jones of Compair who gave up their own time each Wednesday evening to offer us their guidance. Our thanks also to Mr. Claye and Mr. Mason who helped us to learn this invaluable lesson which I'm sure we'll never forget.

It is hoped to repeat the exercise next year by forming a 3rd Company. If this does take place they will have a hard job reaching the success and enjoyment that we have achieved during our company meeting.

M. K. Hawkins, Company Secretary

RICHARD III

The production of Shakespeare's 'Richard III' on March 19, 20 and 21 was in every respect a major enterprise: it is by no means an easy play to stage, and very many people were necessarily engaged in working together for its successful performance. The cast numbered not far short of fifty actors, including a competent and most welcome detachment from the High School, and a large squad of assistants in very many ways: stage team, electricians, costumiers and many others. And all these multifarious activities under the control of the producer Ian Blyth combined to make a highly effective and satisfactory presentation.

In some ways 'Richard III' is an awkward play to manage: it comes in at the tail end of 'York and Lancaster's long jars', and has something of the old chronicle play's inconsequence of 'one damned thing after another'. One of its ancestors is the old morality play in which Good and Evil are depicted as antagonists with little attempted personalisation, and the Good is fated to win. The somewhat colourless Richmond – grandfather to Shakespeare's Queen Elizabeth, the shrewd and uncharismatic Henry VII to be – is not altogether appropriate as the personification of Good. The old Queen Margaret, effectively portrayed by Sharon Jennings, as the personification of the avenging Fate is more convincing as an adversary of evil. Her denunciations are not limited to Richard.

By the very nature of the play there is little help given to effective presentation of character (with of course the notable exception of Richard). And here all the cast did all that was required of them. The three other royal ladies who share in the threnody of woe were very convincing; and Sarah Wilsher who has to make such a difficult U-turn in the opening scene

succeeded very well. Clarence has only a short time to live; and Timothy Hyams used it well. I think it was a pity that the grim humour of his murderers suffered some abridgement. The ordinary observer is apt to get lost among the host of noble (more or less) personages but among these Buckingham stands out with considerable characterisation, and this was well shown by Max Welby.

But everything stands or falls by the presentation of Richard himself: and here all praise is due to Mark Oldknow for his performance in a most exacting part. He showed us very clearly from his first entrance that he was determined to be a villain; and the feat of memorising and vigorously delivering so long a part is no mean achievement. Perhaps he did not wholly manage to convey that grim humour and diablerie which O-level examiners often find their more susceptible candidates have fallen for; but all in all he did very commendably, and much of the dramatic poetry was there too.

A producer for a modern audience has to puzzle if and where he should use his scissors (the hall chairs become very hard after three hours). Perhaps the opening explanatory snippet from Henry VI might have been dispensed with. One spectator missed some of the dramatic contrasts in the last act. But perhaps this was in some way conditioned by the adoption of the fixed set, which in general served its purposes admirably, though it prevented the alternate blessings for Richmond and curses for Richard from the ghosts of all his victims.

Ian Blyth and his team deserve warm congratulations on a most creditable performance.

A. C. Hills

THE CREATION

Traffic jams, police and crowds of people are not things usually connected with school concerts, but then Wednesday 25th March was something rather different. At 7.30 a packed Queen's Hall fell into an expectant silence as the three soloists – Carys Wyn Dosser, David Flinders and John Shirley-Quirk (who kindly stopped off between Amsterdam and Vienna to sing with us), the leader of the Orchestra – Eric Hodson and conductor – Mr. Holmes, entered the hall. As the last notes of "The Representation of chaos" faded away, the silence was deafening and the first few magical notes from John Shirley-Quirk confirmed that this was, indeed, going to be a performance to

remember. The combined choirs of the R.G.S. and Wycombe High School could not help but be moved by the soloists' interpretation of Haydn's beautiful arias and ensembles and in response gave themselves 100% to the music. A very capable orchestra, including some members of the school did justice to Haydn's scoring. As the last chords of the "Heavens are telling" echoed around the hall and the audience broke into enthusiastic applause no-one could help but feel honoured at being present at this performance much of which would have been impossible without the work of Mr. Holmes.

S. K. Jones 6E2

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

The year started badly when the four man team of Ennis (6C2), Sharp (6LD1), Kennedy (3G) and McNaughton (2W) lost by one point, after a fine recovery, in the B.B.C. "Top of the Form" competition. There was some recompense for this disappointment when our opponents, the High School, easily won the whole competition. However, since then, two teams have had unrelieved success on two fronts. Firstly, in the R.N.I.B. competition the team of Purvis (6C2), Forbes (5B), Topping (4G) and Leigh (3G), having overcome local opposition, played the Sir Henry Floyd School, Aylesbury in the Regional Final. After a thrilling match our team won on the last question, by two points. But their success was not restricted to this. For, in the East of England final, held at Cambridge, the team overcame

nine other regional winners. After the event it transpired that this was, in fact, the National final and so the team is now the national champions. On the other front, in the School's Challenge competition, the team of G. Wright (6C2), S. Ennis (6C2), P. Steggle (5EP) and R. Irvine (3DB) won the Regional Championship, beating our old enemies, Haberdasher's Askes, Elstree. The team has now reached the National quarter finals. Congratulations are due, in particular, to Stephen Ennis on his selection for the British National Team which toured Canada at Easter; a fine achievement indeed. Finally, we would like to acknowledge the unstinting efforts of Messrs. Cook and Edwards during the year.

G. S. P. Wright

Clubs and Societies

THEATRE CLUB

During one of the long, dark weekends last October, members of the Wycombe High, Lady Verney and the Royal Grammar Schools met at that centre of the universe, the R.G.S. new canteen.

From that Friday, until seconds before the performance, we worked under the leadership of Mr. Smith, Mr. Cowburn, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Claye. The group researched and improvised in a theatre workshop aspects of our world today, which was inspired by Joan Littlewood's first World War show, "Oh, What a Lovely War".

On Sunday evening, we performed our work to a select audience. The result was a "Not the Nine O'Clock News", style series of sketches which combined wry humour with disturbing facts, satirising topical issues. These ranged from politics to the buying of a nuclear bomb shelter. The whole of the weekend, although far too strenuous by our reckoning, was a lot of fun.

The Drama Group, which now meets regularly on Wednesdays, was formed from the participants of the weekend, including some of the musicians who accompanied us, and a few other innocents who had not heard about Mr. Smith's sadistic warm-up exercises!

The Drama Group is based on the theatre workshop concept where all members actively participate and contribute to the group's endeavours. A majority of our evenings are

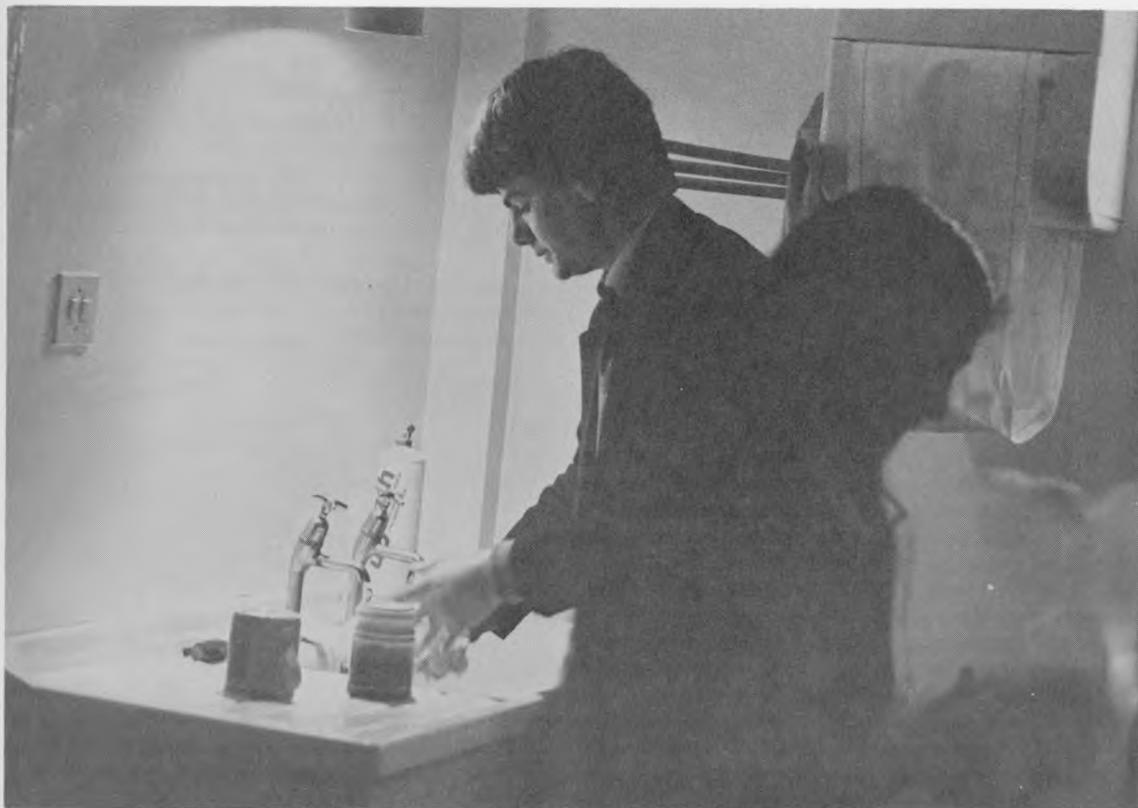
orientated towards learning basic drama techniques through improvisation and not just to performing plays.

Because of this originality, it was decided, fool hardy as we are, that at Christmas, instead of producing the normal nativity we would have a Medieval feast. The new canteen was decorated like a Medieval hall and, dressed in Medieval costume, we ate and drank, (minus alcoholic spirit, of course!) with our guests. When called upon by the "Lord of the Manor" (Mr. Cowburn, in tunic and cloak!) we performed extracts from the Passion, and music and dances of the era. Although everything did not go quite as planned, we all had a good time.

For our next project extracts were taken from three plays, "Look Back in Anger", by John Osborne, "The Crucible", by Arthur Miller and "Death of a Salesman" by Miller. These were brought together under the title, "Table Talk", since they were all based around a table, be it in a 17th century kitchen or a 20th century restaurant. Our performances were criticised by Mr. Cowburn, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Smith, on presentation, interpretation of text and final impression. Their criticism was very constructive, but not exactly ego-boosting!

Now that all has been revealed about the clandestine activities on Wednesday nights, hopefully the wealth of latent talent will soon be realised.

*Susan Barrow
Elspeth Goldie*



THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The Society has been doing well enough recently to buy a new black and white enlarger for the darkroom. However, meetings every Monday at 1.30 pm in P4, have not helped membership which is still low. Membership is open to anyone, regardless of ability, is cheap and permits use of the well stocked darkroom in the Junior block. Any ideas or suggestions for meetings are welcomed.

R. Jarman

Stage Lighting Team, 1980 – 1981

In April 1980 an era of R.G.S. stage lighting ended when Dr. Richard Dorrance left the School to teach in Welwyn Garden City. However, the team has a new supremo in the shape of Mr. Jonathan Cave.

A change in lighting control system has been long overdue, and we are greatly indebted to the Parents' Association for putting up the money for a Rank Strand Tempus 24-channel thyristor dimmer system and portable control desk, which arrived in January 1981. The inadequacy and unsafe nature of the old lighting board had been particularly apparent during the setting up for the R.G.S. Command Performance in July 1980.

Two major events were lit in the Autumn Term. The Parents' Association Dance in November gained a new dimension through the use of a rotating "mirror ball" suspended from the ceiling of the Queen's Hall. In the large hall this gave a very impressive effect. Unfortunately the new control system did not arrive in time for the Music Society's production of Yeomen of the Guard, which led to a first night which J. Cave claimed to have demonstrated the worst lighting he had ever seen.

The new portable board was used for the first time at the "Jazz Spectacular" in the first half of the Spring Term. Although we had to rewire many of our circuits in the loft of the hall, this was a very enjoyable event to light and showed up the versatility of the new equipment very well, and convinced Mr. Cave that some of us are reasonably competent (some of the time). The major drama production of the term was "Richard III", in which all scene changes had to be created with light, there being no change of set throughout the play. We felt that our cold, blue "dungeon lighting" worked best, with the use of strong red light on the silvered set as a murder leitmotif. Special thanks are due to Ian Hodson and Mark Laws for their magnificent contribution to this production. In only four days after "Richard III" all the lights were reset for the Music Society's main production of the year, Haydn's "Creation", which was also very successful.

Future projects for the team include installing a new sound system (?), changing all connections to 5-amp round-pin rather than the present chaotic mixture and learning how to erect that

heap of rusty scaffolding often seen in the Queen's Hall – the Tower! If it is not erected with precision, the Tower performs simple harmonic motion with a maximum amplitude of three feet, with which not all passengers can cope. Members of our elite lighting team are thus easily identified as nail-biting neurotics who prefer to handle live connections rather than climb the Tower. Let's hope they enjoy it!

Douglas L. Hamilton 6SD2

R.G.S. Library Report 1981

The arrival of Mr. Cowburn saw reorganisation throughout the Library and consequently, for a time, the Library was thrown into a state of chaos with shelves being marshalled around and, much to the consternation of various Sixth Formers, whole sections disappearing from their original sites.

The streamlining of the issuing department took place soon after Mr. Cowburn's arrival with the dispensing of the card pockets for each borrower. This move has speeded up operations and reduced work for the hard-working lunch-time librarians.

Our thanks must go to Messrs. Mitchell and Goldthorpe for their continued assistance and own special contributions to the Thursday afternoon activities.

Looking to the future: the Drama, Ceramics and Reference Sections are to be boosted and there has also been a proposal for a new magazine/periodical section.

Any ideas which might lead to an even better Library service would be gratefully received by Mr. Cowburn.

*R. Phipps
M. Ellis*

During June and July 1980 the Entomological Club held two field trips to see local insect fauna which were well attended and extremely successful. One of the highlights was the sighting of the rare small blue (*Cupido minimus*).

As hoped a trip to the Amateur Entomologists' Exhibition was arranged in September, 1980 and we saw numerous and interesting stands ranging from "Bird-eating spiders" to "Praying Mantids".

Talks this year have included subjects such

as "Ultra-violet light traps", "Beetles", Cockroaches" and "The Gulf Fritillary". Many of the talks have been well illustrated visually with living material, although this has meant running the risk of setting up an ecosystem in the Science Block involving cockroaches and bird-eating spiders!

The club looks forward to further field trips and other activities, and thanks Messrs. Boutland, Britnell, Cave and Samways for their continuing support.

David Clarke (President)

CHESS CLUB REPORT

The most significant change to the Chess Club has probably been the introduction of its own magazine. Four issues have been circulated edited by T. Mann and M. Stott. Articles range from the 'infamous' gamesmanship to others on end games, openings, adjudications and most other aspects of chess. Around eighty copies are distributed with 25% actually being sold, the rest are given free to club members. The magazine, it is hoped, will continue as a permanent fixture of the Chess Club.

The first team has unfortunately been languishing in Division III of the Bucks League, but with victory in all of its games the team looks set for promotion. This success has been built on the solid performances of B. Church, winning all his games, and T. Mann, still to be beaten. Effective back-up has come from A. Campbell, P. Shirley-Quirk, M. Stott, M. Trendell, P. Jennings and D. Dawson.

The second team has also been playing in Division III. They currently hold third position and with two games left they have a good chance of promotion.

The Under 16 side will not retain the Championship, which was won last season, but the Under 14 'A' and 'B' sides have been in good form. The league was won by the Under 14 'A' team and our congratulations go to them.

David Robinson has been in charge of junior chess and has played a large part in their success and the fact that many strong junior players are coming up through the club.

As usual, the school participated in the zonal Sunday Times competition. A team selected on age and skill beat Sir William Borlase's School in the first round. In the next round R.G.S. lost 1 – 5 to Dr. Challoner's School. However, Aylesbury Grammar School (Dr. Challoner's previous opponents) appealed against an adjudication. This appeal was upheld and we were reinstated to play Aylesbury. R.G.S. beat Aylesbury, but in the semi-final we lost to Dormer's Wells School, Southall – the eventual winners of the zone.

Highlight of the season was a friendly match against Wycombe High School when we won handsomely 8 – 0.

The Club has continued under the leadership of A. Campbell, aided by D. Robinson and Secretary T. Mann.

It remains for me to thank Mr. I. R. Clark for his constant support and Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Cook for their help.

Hon. Secretary

Aeronautical and Modelling Society

Although the past two terms have seen little activity from the society, a number of members have some interesting projects nearing completion, and which are likely to be seen being flown or driven on the school field in the near future.

A great interest has recently developed in radio controlled off road model cars, with at least three having been seen being driven around the school in recent weeks. The activity of these model is presently being threatened by the illegal and irresponsible operation of "citizens band" radio, intruding on to the frequency allocated to legal and licensed users of radio control equipment.

We have recently had a demonstration of control line model flying from one of our "more experienced" pilots. There have also

been many spectacular glider flights (and scrapes).

Any member of the school who has, or is interested in, model boats, cars or aircraft is urged to join the club. Two local model shops have kindly granted worthwhile discounts to club members, and the club has facilities which are useful to members wishing to operate their models in school. The committee must thank Mr. Smaje for his aid in organisation and for arranging transport to the Model Engineer Exhibition.

Thanks also to Malcolm Niekirk for the photograph.

The committee: Chairman: P. D. Twissell;
Secretary: N. Worley; Treasurer: Lewis.



YOUNG THEATRE

In January, 1964, Ian Wallace held the first meeting of a new youth drama group in North Harrow. From this meeting the concept of the Young Theatre arose.

In May, 1970, a second Young Theatre group formed in Beaconsfield, independent of the first, and this has grown throughout the decade and now has a membership of sixty and a waiting-list that numbers approximately fifty.

Each year, in January, Young Theatre stages a major production at the Curzon Centre in Beaconsfield. These vary in format from year to year – the previous three years have seen us perform a revue, a “pantomime” for adults and children alike and a musical.

In addition, in April, the group holds a competition of one-act plays and external adjudicators are invited to judge each night's performance – the audience are also given the chance to vote. Often such plays are entered in local drama festivals.

The cast are supported by a technical team, consisting of lighting, sound and stage crews. not to mention the make-up and costume teams.

Acting, though the major activity of the group, is not the be all and end all. The last two years have witnessed the group visiting Devon and Cornwall in the summer, and in summer, 1981, the Young Theatre are going on tour, with street theatre, along the south coast.

The Young Theatre regularly takes part in sports meetings in the town, the most recent occasion being this last March in a four-a-side football competition.

Our 1981 production will be our annual One-act play competition, on 10th and 11th April, followed shortly afterwards on 30th April, 1st and 2nd May by a three-acter “The Deserted House” by T. B. Morris.

P.S. One of our members, Emily Hone, has recently been cast in a major role in an international film – the latest in the series of Agatha Christie thrillers, to be filmed in Spain.

C. J. Barry 6MS

ELECTRONICS CLUB

The microchip era has dawned for the electronics club, with a resultant increase in noise from P3 on Mondays. Pulsed beepers, two tone door bells, two octave electronic organs, pulsed lamps, electronic dice and the warbling siven adding to the melee. S-DEC has given way to bimboard, transistor to CMOS, large to small. Forward with chips, LED and baliner creating monostable, bistable and astable.

Thanks are due to Mr. Walker, Mr. Boutland and Mr. Thomas for their support and help, especially in the finding of badly placed connections.

R. H. B.

DISTANT VISTAS CLUB

Every so often names like “Summer Snow”, “Far Horizons” and “Distant Vistas” are bandied about in certain quarters. Are these some magical passwords of a secret society? Are they the latest in slang? What are they?

Well, in a nutshell, they are shorthand for C.C.F. expeditions overseas. Servicewise an operation involving more than one country has two words in its title. Hence “Summer Snow” in 1976 was an overland expedition to Germany and the Austrian Alps. “Far Horizons” an expedition to the East Coast of the U.S.A. and Canada in 1979.

“Distant Vistas” is the BIG ONE. A five week tour of the West Coast of the U.S.A. Places visited should include Los Angeles, Yosemite National Park, San Francisco, Yellowstone National Park, Salt Lake City and the Grand Canyon. The party consists of twenty-two cadets from all sections of the C.C.F. and four staff who will travel in hired mini-buses or station wagons. Although camping during the trip, life is not quite as spartan as this implies. Campsites in the U.S.A. come with many mod. cons. including swimming pools, showers, barbeque pits and a small shop.

By next September there could well be a group back at school suffering from jet-lag but with the dust of many American miles still in their clothes.

C. P. S.

The Astronomical Society

Our society survives but can hardly be said to prosper. We are a small group with divergent interests, most of us having our own low-powered telescopes.

Daytime meetings have been irregular because it has been very difficult to find activities to interest all members. Also it should be noted that our members belong to other societies and clubs which exert a great pull.

The telescope, a 6" reflector, is kept in the

Science block and has (contrary to rumours) been used a number of times. Sunspot observations have been carried out and also night observations. In common with all British astronomers our great difficulty is the weather, its changeability and cloudiness.

Our hope for the future is a fixed mini-observatory where the telescope can be ready for instant use, but this must wait until the finance is available.

H. D. T.



**The Junior Debating Society
Report for Year 1980 – 1981**

MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

So far this year the Model Railway Club has had two major events: one good; one bad. Firstly, the bad news – during one weekend in the first half of Spring term the Club was broken into and extensive vandalism occurred and a large quantity of equipment was stolen.

The good news is that the Club held its most ambitious exhibition ever. A total of thirteen layouts from all over the south of England were exhibited in the Queen's Hall. The total value of these being approximately twenty-one thousand pounds. Despite some electrical 'hiccups' on the Friday evening, all the exhibitors were very pleased with the arrangements. Fortunately the weather decided to be kind to us, and the cost to the Club of putting this exhibition on totalled nearly three hundred pounds, and the main worry was whether or not enough people would come. On the day, these worries seemed unfounded as crowds flocked in – two thousand in all!

After paying our expenses, a final profit was made of two hundred and ten pounds. This money has been banked, and will be used to fund new projects in the future for the club. The Club would like to thank the School for providing the Hall, the staff for their help, the parents for stewarding and providing and serving refreshments. Finally, the Club would like to thank its members for the work put in before and during the exhibition, and Tim Blagbrough for organising the event.

To the future, the Model Railway Club has in its agenda a trip to the National Model Railway Exhibition at Central Hall, Westminster, during the Easter holiday. In the planning stage is a trip to Pendon Railway Museum, and a day trip to France at the end of Summer term. From the modelling point of view, a new exhibition layout is under construction, and improvements to the static layout are planned.

The Club would like to thank Mr. Leighton-Jones for his help. Club membership stands at thirty-one members, and (nearly) everyone is welcome at the Club lunchtimes under the Old Hall stage.

The Society has flourished this year and has produced some good prospects, from the current second form, for the coming year.

Our biggest success was the excellent performance of our team in the National English Speaking Union Public Speaking Competition. The team of: Chairman – R. S. Tideman, vote of thanks – A. J. Welby and speaker M. G. L. Leigh (on the subject of the need for reform of the way we teach Religious Education) competed against sixth form teams and reached the Bucks and South-Midlands area final; where they were finally defeated but gained much praise from the judges.

In the Autumn Term we held a debating competition for teams of two (proposer and seconder) which produced some rousing debates on subjects varying from pacifism to voluntary euthanasia. Eventually R. J. Irvine and C. M. Kennedy defeated M. G. L. Leigh and P. D. Ratcliffe in the final debate, again about Religious Education.

At the end of the Spring Term the balloon debating competition was held for the respective inter-form competitions. The year group results were:

3rd Form

- 1st 3G M.G.L. Leigh as Adolf Hitler
- 2nd 3DB R. J. Irvine as Sir Brian Botany
- 3rd 3C D. Hinton as School Cook and B. K. Porter as Denis the Menace

2nd Form

- 1st 2E R. S. Tideman as Fungus the Bogieman
- 2nd 2W J. S. Smith as Zebadee
- 3rd 2SM M. Higginbottom as Gnasher

Throughout the rest of the year debates have been held every other Thursday, always attracting a good audience.

Finally, thanks are due to all the members of the committee and to Mr. Goldthorpe, Mr. Talbot and other masters who helped with judging competitions, without whom this most successful and active year would not have been possible.

*C. M. Kennedy
Joint Secretary*

THE CHRISTIAN UNION



We meet in Room 4 every Monday, Thursday and Friday. On Monday there is Bible Study, on Thursday we have guest speakers and Friday's meeting involves prayer and praise. So far this year we have had a series of talks by Christian staff and other talks led by Christians from churches around Wycombe. We have also been meeting on a fortnightly basis with the Lady Verney Christian Union.

These meetings have led to two joint camps in December and February. The first camp, held at Mr. Kempson's church was led by Mr. Cowburn, and the second held at Seer Green Baptist church, led by Mr. Mill and Heather Coates. Both camps involved a series of seminars on topics such as witnessing, faith and the Holy Spirit. They also involved more light-

hearted activities such as orienteering, British bulldog and watching Mr. Mill play football. The singing on the last camp was very successful especially on Friday morning when Mr. Mill led all the boys in a round of choruses, with the girls joining in from the next room. Later at about seven we woke up 'refreshed' to start a new day which included travelling into a meeting in London in the evening. The weekend was brought to a close very successfully with a communion service which brought us all much closer together.

Our programme is aimed at as wide a variety of tastes as possible and everyone is more than welcome to attend the meetings.

D. Landrock

LITERARY SOCIETY

This Society had something of a renaissance this year under the leadership of Mr. Gibson. The numbers attending the Friday lunch-time meetings ranged from ten to twenty-five. Generally, the meetings were of a high standard. There were excellent talks on Saul Bellow by Mr. Roebuck, Dr. Johnson by Mr. Crease, John Berryman by Mr. Gibson and Greek literature by Mr. Edwards. The debate on Shakespeare when Mr. Cowburn and Mr. Blyth opposed John Cooper and Nick Morris was an outstanding success. The contributions from the boys, the writer included, were disappointing due to falling numbers as the year dragged on. It is, however, hoped that many of this year's present fifth-form will join next year. On a utilitarian level the society provides relatively cheap outings to writers' houses and the theatre, and I am sure also that with a bit more élan the literary society could become a major force in the school's life.

I should like to thank Mr. Gibson and Mr. Crease who provided the backbone to the society, and to wish the literary society every success in the future.

A. A. Greene

HERPETOLOGICAL SOCIETY

This Society has a small but enthusiastic membership whose common interests lie in the field of the care and study of reptiles and amphibians. Future events planned include talks by members on their specific interests, visits to zoological institutes and museums and practical demonstrations in reptile husbandry. Despite the name, the Society will welcome new members interested in any other zoological area.

K. Grundy

THE POLSPON SOCIETY (WAR GAMES CLUB)

So far this term there has been a surprisingly large number of games, not to mention several arguments, covering a wide field of different kinds of warfare.

Last term saw the massing of vast aerial fleets ready to do battle over the war torn skies of Room 16. Several eager young fighter pilots saw this as their chance to blaze a trail of glory across the wide blue yonder. Most notable are: Jason, for his ramming techniques; Capt. S. Lane 410FS. USAAF., for being shot down the greatest number of times; and Hauptmann Hans-Paul Hoffmann, for scoring the least number of victories.

Dungeons & Dragons gathered a fanatical and considerable following amongst the younger members, although Traveller seems to be gaining a large number of players also, laser fire often being heard above the cries of distressed maidens, and the general hubbub.

It is interesting to note that model wargaming and Diplomacy have staged a revival in the sessions.

This term's effort among the upper school has mainly been centred around a few board games, due to an almost total apathy amongst the 6th form, as well as the requirements of Richard III. Lord of the Rings featured heavily here, as well as Conquistador and Citadel of Blood. However, there have been some Napoleonic sea battles as well. Rear Admiral of the Blue, the Honourable David Tilley KB had his ships Renown, Respite and Hero sunk under him before managing to hoist the signal "Form Line of Battle"!

Finally thanks must go to Messrs. Talbot and Crease for the arrangement of meetings and for their stoical forbearance of the activities of Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

D. Lancaster, Secretary

COMPUTER CLUB

This society is growing rapidly, and looking forward to tomorrow – the inevitable age of computers and micro-electronics.

The school has recently obtained a second RML 380Z computer, with high resolution graphics, and mini-floppy disk information storage – supported by a Dolphin BD80P printer.

With this hardware capability, several pupils recently entered a national computing competition – the Kent Software Trophy, 1981. We achieved second and third places, and several merit prizes.

The school's computer system is now being integrated into the normal teaching program, and as it expands it will, no doubt, prove more and more useful.

R. L. L.

STAMP CLUB REPORT 1981

The Stamp Club reports another year of successful philately. Many new members have flocked to our meetings, increasing our numbers to about 30.

Thanks to Dowsett, Le Guillon and Peatey for sorting through our considerable stocks and who have occasionally found suitable items for the auction last term.

Many thanks to Mr. File and to Mr. Pantridge, who deputised on Mr. File's occasional absences.

Finally any budding philatelists who have not yet discovered our treasure trove come along to Room 13 on Thursday lunchtimes.

*D. T. Knight
M. J. Hunnibell*

MUSIC SOCIETY – GENERAL REPORT

It is not many societies that can boast a lunchtime meeting of some sort five days a week as well as one after school; a total membership of over 200, and a succession of successful public performances. The Music Society is flourishing as ever; it now has a Choral Society, two Orchestras, two Wind Bands and a Jazz Band which has just completed a very successful first tour to Denmark (reported elsewhere).

The Jazz Band's tour has been just one of the highlights of a busy year for the Society. The first major event of the year was 'Yeomen of the Guard', a demanding production but one which was very rewarding.

Around this time the Choral Society was involved in two carol services. A Junior Choir was formed especially for the annual carol service in the Parish Church which amazingly did not have to call upon any members of the Choral Society, indicating the amount of talent in the Lower School. The organist was Chris Goodwin, the former Secretary of the Music Society, who has won an organ scholarship to Pembroke College, Cambridge. A section of the Choral Society also took part in a carol concert in the Town Hall, which was notable for performances of carols by two people from the society – Matthew White and Mr. Trafford.

Following a 'Jazz Spectacular' featuring the R.G.S. Jazz Band and the 'Catte Street Rhythm Wreckers' the highlight of the term was the performance of 'The Creation' (reported elsewhere). But the Society is always looking ahead, and at the time of writing, preparations are under way for this year's Summer Concert, which will include a performance of 'Hiawatha's Wedding Feast'.

Finally, thanks must go to the staff involved for all the work behind the scenes, and especially thanks to Mr. Trafford as he is leaving in the summer.

R. Peach

SPORTS DEBATING SOCIETY

This relatively new Society has so far had one debate concerning the welfare of Leeds United F.C. Many more debates are planned providing people come forward, offering to speak in a debate. But on the non-schooltime front, this Society has been highly successful. On the 18th January a party of us went to Wembley to see the Harlem Globetrotters. The last trip was a combined trip with Lady Verney School to the Royal Ballet production in London.

My thanks to all connected with this Society which surely has great potential.

B. Church, Secretary

PUBLIC RHETORIC AND TALKING (PRAT) SOCIETY REPORT

The moon was full that night. It had rained until the afternoon before, but then it had cleared up and now the moon shone down upon the sheets. There was a scream from the graveyard.

"It'll be that lot down there having one o' their stupid debates again." said Aislean Wheeler, to her husband Godfrey, as she took her teeth out and put them in the glass by the bed.

"Mm", replied Godfrey. His mind was elsewhere. He stood by the window looking at the faint glow that shone from the cemetery. They were making a sacrifice tonight. "Thirty years ago" he thought, "I'd have been there. Having fun . . . a good laugh." But that was all over. He was getting on now. It'd soon be his sixty-fifth birthday, and then . . . well, we all know what would happen then.

As he climbed into bed, and kissed his wife goodnight, Godfrey was thinking about when he had been the leader of the Public Rhetoric and Talking Society. It had been him who had first started it off, at school, as a joke. They'd held some good meetings in those days. 'This

house believes that the world will end when the five to two bell goes', 'This house proposes euthanasia for the over-30's', 'This house believes that the legal age for homosexuality should be lowered'. They'd held poetry recitals, and read excerpts from 'Jack and Bill', the epic poem he had only completed last year. . . 'Good old Jack, and big brave Bill, They roam together over mountain and hill, Righting wrongs and wronging rights, And making holes in ladies' tights'. They'd held careers talks, 'How to blow up worms', 'How to become a lion trainer'.

But that was all over now. In the last few years, they'd taken it all too far. They'd turned it into a cult, a thing to be worshipped. It had got out of control.

"Oh well", Godfrey turned over in bed, "that's the way the cookie crumbles". He lay there, thinking. There was not much left in life, now, was there? Just the next few weeks. And his sixty-fifth birthday. And with that . . . Banana leaves . . . they have a kind of battered beauty, like a lovely woman in rags.

Colin Cameron

B.A.Y.S.
The British Association of Young Scientists

B.A.Y.S. has flourished this year, there being over 110 members from the John Hampden School, Wycombe High School, Lady Verney High School, and of course, the R.G.S. Wycombe High School alone provided 45 of these members whilst the R.G.S. provided 25.

The aim of the Association is to provide talks and trips of scientific interest for members of the sixth forms. Speakers have come from Universities, and from both international and Wycombe-based industries. Dr. J. Vincent from Reading was especially remembered for his descriptive use of beercans in his talk. Various trips have been arranged and, although viewed with apprehension at first, turned out to be highly successful and more of these are planned for the future. The ice-skating trip was especially successful with Neil finding that his posterior had a high affinity for ice!

Meetings are usually held every two weeks either at Wycombe High School or the R.G.S., with coffee being served afterwards. The membership fee of (only) £1 pays towards the cost of speakers, films, ½ yearly magazines and membership of the parent B.A.Y.S.

Next year we hope to see many more lower sixth-formers joining B.A.Y.S. and making this society even more interesting.

Finally our thanks go towards Mr. J. Cave for the fatherly interest he has shown in the society and we hope to see you all at the end-of-term party!

Chairman: G. Wood 6B2
Committee: R. Burr 6B2
N. Johnson 6B2

Orienteers Do It In The Forest

They run, walk or crawl through brambles, thicket, pine woods, beech woods with mud up to the knees trying to find the correct foot square red and white markers with the aid of a special large scale map and a compass. Courses range from simple (approximately 1 km) to hard (approximately 12 km).

Two badge schemes now run. The colour awards, a different colour for each course, beat par time for that course three times within a year and claim your badge. The gold, silver and bronze awards can only be obtained by running in special badge events, these are usually expensive and must be entered well in advance. Colour awards are cheaper and course entry is on the day only.

This year members have been concentrating on Colour Coded Badge Events, in which competitors have to beat a par time on three

courses of the same colour at three events within a year. So far I. M. Bell, who has also been awarded half-colours, has earned the Red Badge (6 km). Other members are close to earning their Badges as well.

We have been to seven events since the last report — two last season — at Blenheim Palace, and Whiteleaf; and five this — at Wendover Woods, Youlbury, Goring Heath, Bernwood, and the 'Chiltern Challenge' at Elvendon Priory. We also went to Bracknell Permanent Course in September.

Many thanks must go to Messrs. Boutland, Sollars, and Crease, without whose driving skills we would never leave Wycombe.

See the local area, come with us on a Sunday.

I. M. Bell SEP

BRIDGE CLUB REPORT

This Club has been well supported this year with six different pairs representing the school during the season. Five pairs were entered for the Bucks and Berks County Championships with Charles Platts and Richard Jolly achieving fifth place beating pairs from Stowe and Radley. The School Bridge competition was also won by this pair, narrowly defeating Murray Scott and James Frost into second place.

A match was arranged against Wycombe Abbey School in March. The team spent an enjoyable afternoon playing against a less

experienced side and came away with a convincing victory.

The best achievement of the season was in the Daily Mail Fours national competition. Two teams played in the qualifying rounds at Eton and the 'B' team consisting of John Jolly, Colin Pinder, James Frost and Murray Scott qualified for the semi-final. This was played in Chelsea and the team did well coming fourth out of seventeen. Three teams qualified for the final.

Martin Jolly (Bridge Captain)

Report from Business Studies 'A' Level Set

The second year sixth Business Studies set entered the Institute of Chartered Accountants Management Games competition at the end of last year, with Steven Warriner as Chairman.

The game was played by some 150 schools from all over the country, our opponents in the first heat being Lycee Francais de Londres, Ackworth School, Pontefract and Sherbourne School, Dorset.

After the first two rounds we were lying in second place, with relatively small profits, as our Marketing, Finance and Production Departments were beginning to learn the ropes. It soon developed into a two horse race between ourselves and the French, each trying to pit their wits against the other and to guess the other's policy. The R.G.S. soon started making large profits, but the French were doing the same.

At the end of round four our profits had risen considerably to just under the £3 million mark, with the French slightly over this. Ackworth had £2 million profit and poor old Sherbourne were lagging in last place, having made a loss of close on £1 million.

We could have taken the lead as we entered round five, had it not been for our underpricing which brought us more orders than we could satisfy. This lost revenue and accompanying loss of goodwill probably lost us the competition, and after a desperate 'all or nothing' attempt in the final round, we could only manage a gallant second position, behind the French.

Nevertheless it was all good experience and fun, and much was learnt from the exercise.

S. Warriner

The Jazz Band on Tour

As the sun set over a white horizon, a plane landed on the snowy carpet of a lonely Danish airport, and the tour began. But all our illusions were shattered. Where were the waiting crowds, the limousines to sweep us to our destination, the police cordon? Instead, a cold journey, three hours in an old minibus to our tour base, — Aabenraa. We were dispatched to our individual hosts and spent a day or so looking round the many fascinating sight of Aabenraa — em . . . er . . . the docks . . . and er . . . the shopping precinct. Still it was good to relax, and we were to get little more rest for the whole week.

A busy few weeks for the band had begun with the “Jazz Spectacular” which, if I say it myself, lived up to its name. It was helped by the presence of the London based band, the “Cattle Street Rhythm Wreckers”, who were not just a group of Mr. Trafford’s friends, as some people have claimed (honestly!).

To return to the R.G.S.J.B. On Tour: in the first couple of days, we hit the schools of Aabenraa. The reception was quite good (when they had stopped laughing at us and throwing snowballs). Supercool Phil Veacock and Russ

Barr were the big hits, but with coverage in the papers, and a good performance from the band, we were immediately famous all over Denmark. Our school base received phone calls from the whole country asking about us. In the next few days we hit the youth clubs — well, we played in one — and a few more schools. But the highlights of the tour for many of us were the incidental events. We shared the honours in a sterling performance against a superb local football team; our braver members survived the incredibly petty rules of the local swimming pool, and a sauna. Other events included a trip to a power station and a trip to Germany. A triumphal final concert brought to an end a tour which had involved 14 concerts in 5 days. It was a tired but happy band which took its final farewell of its hosts, some of which were quite tearful (notably between Jonathan Barr and Annette). On a more serious note, the band would like to thank Mr. Trafford and Katherine for their unstinting effort which helped make the tour a great success, producing a definite improvement in our standard of performance.

Iain Purvis 6C2



The Question of the Monarchy

In the past year or so, there seems to have been a growing feeling of discontentment with the Monarchy. Willy Hamilton – the anti-royalist MP – is not alone in the wilderness any more.

One advantage of the Monarchy is that it is a characteristic of British life. It has survived through many wars. The Queen is the Head of the Commonwealth and has great respect from many world leaders. Indeed the Queen acts like an Ambassador for our country and brings in desperately-needed contracts for our struggling companies.

The Monarchy is loved by the majority of the British people and tends to have the effect of making citizens proud of being British. Last, but most certainly not least, is the role of the Queen during a civil war. A civil war seems unlikely but there is a bitterness against the Government, by many of the unemployed. A far greater number could join the side which had the Queen at its Head. This once again brings up the patriotism people see in the Queen.

Before going on to the main disadvantage, it must be said that it is extremely strange that a person “so loved” and “so respected” like the Queen should hardly have any power. If our country was considering going to war, the Queen would have no power to make that decision. It all comes back to Trust. The people love and respect the Queen but cannot trust her enough to give her more power and influence in the making of major decisions. This is true, although many people would not like to admit it.

There is one main disadvantage, and that is the cost of the Queen and her family. Could a President be as effective as the Queen, and at the same time save a country, which is in a desperate economic state, millions of pounds? The Queen has much land and employs many people but these lands could still be supervised, thus minimising the loss of jobs.

This article is not proposing the abolition of the Monarchy overnight. It is simply raising the question of the cost of keeping it going. Any country that gives the Royal Family a 19% rise and the pensioners around £10 is, in my opinion, morally wrong.

It must also be stated that anybody in favour of abolishing the Monarchy is most certainly not always a Communist. If the Queen were to go, then a President would take her place and Democracy – the most important element in British life – would still be retained. There would not be a dictatorship as soon as the Monarchy had been abolished.

This is an emotional question which, at least, deserves a lot of thought. Have you given it careful thoughts? You never know, it could just be you who make the final decision.

B. Church SRP



*Tower of London Raven
Photo: C.L. Shaw. 3M*



Photo: C.L. Shaw. 3M

“Mummy, what does P-O-I-S-O-N mean?”

“It’s French for fish, dear – get on with your dinner.”

“Man and Chips twice, please.”

REFLECTIONS

Placid waters gently rising, delicate rushes
shying from the breeze,
Pretty fairies dance and flutter agitated by the
softly shifting leaves.
Plain birds mixing with the beautiful are lost
together in the trees,
Grey and undefined before the dark moon they
soar,
And, dipping, cause age in endless wrinkles on
the water’s face.
Willows nodding, bowed in grace, green tentacles
trailing, shuffling slowly on the surface,
and time is passed.

Lowly and precise the moorhen sifts along the
littered shore,
Like an old man moving jerkily across the sands
of time from one vague memory to the
next.
Discarding the useless, judging through the haze,
and much is best forgot.

Silvered fish prowl the drifting depths, smelling
night and searching.
Lifeless eyes are frozen by the cold and pressed
by heavy skies,
That black, are sad and mystic, mistrusted and
feared by man.

Oh limpid pool made with a thousand tears of
sorrow and rising,
You reflect the light of grief in the grey moon-
light,
And by every tiny crystal dropped,
In misery,
You will grow until you are an ocean,
Which the world will split to bear.

M. Peacock 6E

The Great London Marathon

Pouring rain failed to dampen the spirits of the 7,500 runners who took part in one of the most amazing races that Britain has seen.

On Sunday the 19th March, the marathon men (and women) were lined up over a quarter of a mile of Greenwich Park. At 9 am, a booming 25-pound artillery howitzer sounded the start of the race.

Winding their weary way through the streets of London, the competition ran for a gruelling, gut-wrenching 26 miles and 385 yards.

The real contest in the first London marathon was between a select band of super-fit runners at the head of the column. The soaking rain helped 27 out of the first 40 home to achieve their best times ever. For the rest of the competitors, however, and for the cheering crowds who thronged the route, it was definitely a fun run. Many starts were in the line up, including Jimmy Savile, J.P.R. Williams, and BBC TV's Blue Peter presenter, Peter Duncan.

But it was at the finish that the whole running spirit was summed up. The two front runners, who for most of the race had run side by side, linked hands and crossed the line together — joint winners at 2 hrs. 11 minutes and 48 seconds.

The runaway hit with the crowds was 43-year old Watford housewife Joyce Smith, who was the first woman to cross the line, in a new British and Commonwealth record of 2 hrs, 29 minutes and 56 seconds. It was the third fastest time ever run by a woman.

The runners came from over 30 countries and an estimated one million people turned up to watch. Fourteen runners needed hospital treatment but none were seriously hurt.

The oldest contestant was Robert Wiseman, 78, who finished in just over six hours. The bravest runner must surely have been Dennis Moore, 50, a blind man from Middlesex. He ran the race roped to his running mate, Wally Scott.



The Post Office Tower Photo: C.L. Shaw. 3M

The most unusual runner Californian writer Roger Bourbon, aged 33, who carried a tray and a bottle of mineral water. He did not spill a drop — but then everyone was wet enough already.

P. Austin 4T

“Hey man, I comes from the South ‘n’ ders just two things I hates — racial prejudice and white men.”

CAVING

Caving is a gripping sport which is often dangerous if proper precautions are not taken. However, the excitement and sense of satisfaction achieved draws many supporters.

For full enjoyment of the sport it is essential that warm sensible clothes are worn, also strong boots and a helmet and lamp. (It is usual for the lamp to be attached to the helmet, powered by a battery worn on a belt.) More experienced cavers will wear a boiler suit or wet suit if the cave is known to be wet.

For safety purposes rope and first aid kit must also be taken. It is sensible to take extra light sources as well.

If you are thinking about visiting a cave it is best to have joined a club previously. Clubs would be able to provide you with information about the cave, and any equipment you should need.

Once inside the cave you must agree to the caver's most important rule; "Take nothing but photographs, leave nothing but footprints".

S. C. Cleave

ELIMINATION PUZZLE

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|----------|---------------|-------------|
| 1. BAT | 13. JOHN | 25. LIGHT |
| 2. DOG | 14. HOOD | 26. PEARL |
| 3. MAN | 15. LEAD | 27. POINT |
| 4. PEN | 16. PAUL | 28. ROBIN |
| 5. RED | 17. PORT | 29. WHITE |
| 6. TAR | 18. RUBY | 30. DAGGER |
| 7. TIN | 19. WINE | 31. GINGER |
| 8. BEER | 20. WING | 32. GOLDEN |
| 9. BALL | 21. BLACK | 33. FRIEND |
| 10. CLAY | 22. BEARD | 34. WEIGHT |
| 11. DARK | 23. CHALK | 35. CASSIUS |
| 12. HIND | 24. KNIFE | 36. FEATHER |
| | 37. STARBOARD | |

Eliminate a pair of words each for:

- Two gems
 - Two cutting implements
 - Two metals
 - A famous ship
 - A writing implement
 - Two sedimentary soils
 - Two saints
 - Two opposites
 - A pirate
 - Champagne
 - A fizzy drink
 - Two ship sides
 - A correspondent
 - A boxer
 - A bird
 - A legendary hero
 - Two sailors
 - A superhero
- And what's left?

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Was Shakespeare really as good as Sven Hassel?

Sven Hassel, perhaps the greatest literary author alive, has been challenged by some critics, who say the content of his works is lacking. These people also say that there was a man called Shakespeare living in the 17th century, who actually wrote better novels than the great Sven himself. This author however wrote books with such uninspired titles as 'Macbeth', and 'Julius Caesar'. The archaeologists who 're-discovered' him have found that he lived in Stratford and wrote cheap paperbacks for a living.

Prof. R. D. Braunstein, MA, has even sug-

gested that 'Macbeth' (one of Shakespeare's plays) is on a level with that masterly piece of prose, 'Legion of the Damned', by Sven Hassel.

However these allegations have no ground, and there is little doubt that the eminent Sven Hassel will be little troubled by this rather uninteresting Elizabethan author, and will continue, to the delight of many well-educated readers, to produce his quota of sixteen books a week.

A. D. Barker 4T



Lunchtime Activities
Photos: C.M. Shaw

THE TRIP

Hello passenger, come this way. This is David.
He is lost in the South Downs. He has not eaten
or drunk for two days. He is lying against a
rock, dying, with open mouth and glazed eyes.
Would you like to venture into his brain? Let's
go then!

In the orange sea I float,
Please let me find my sanctuary,
Purple octopus, with flaming, burning eye,
Take me to the land of Man, not Death.

Lost in a candie floss forest,
In a hell where no man lives,
The vulture circles in the yellow sky,
While black serpents devour all life.

Bring me water, oh water please,
Carry me to the promised feast;
You chain me to a post, to eternally writhe,
While gluttons gorge themselves on my flesh and
blood.

We will forever wander in the endless tunnel,
Following the light of day,
But I prophesy, with my dying breath,
That never shall that light be reached!

Oh dear! Now there seems to be a slight
hitch. David has died and there is now the
problem of leaving his brain. We can only take
one route safely, but I seem to have forgotten
it. Oh well, let's take this tunnel. It may be the
right one. Phophecies of doom indeed

A.W. 2E

As I walked round the corner I could see it
standing there. I squeezed the handle of my
blade and examined it more closely. It was
massive: at least six feet tall and green in
colour. It was covered in tiny poisonous hairs
which were its main weapons. If I so much as
brushed these I know that great pain would
result as well as a swelling.

Slowly I walked forwards; it remained
motionless. Where should I attack? At the
base and try to kill it immediately or whip
its head off and then progress down, sliding
through the flesh?

ANSWERS

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|------------|------------|
| a) 18 + 26 | j) 29 + 19 |
| b) 30 + 24 | k) 31 + 8 |
| c) 7 + 15 | l) 17 + 37 |
| d) 32 + 12 | m) 4 + 33 |
| e) 9 + 27 | n) 36 + 34 |
| f) 10 + 23 | o) 5 + 20 |
| g) 13 + 16 | p) 28 + 4 |
| h) 25 + 11 | q) 2 + 6 |
| i) 21 + 22 | r) 1 + 3 |

And what's left: CASSIUS

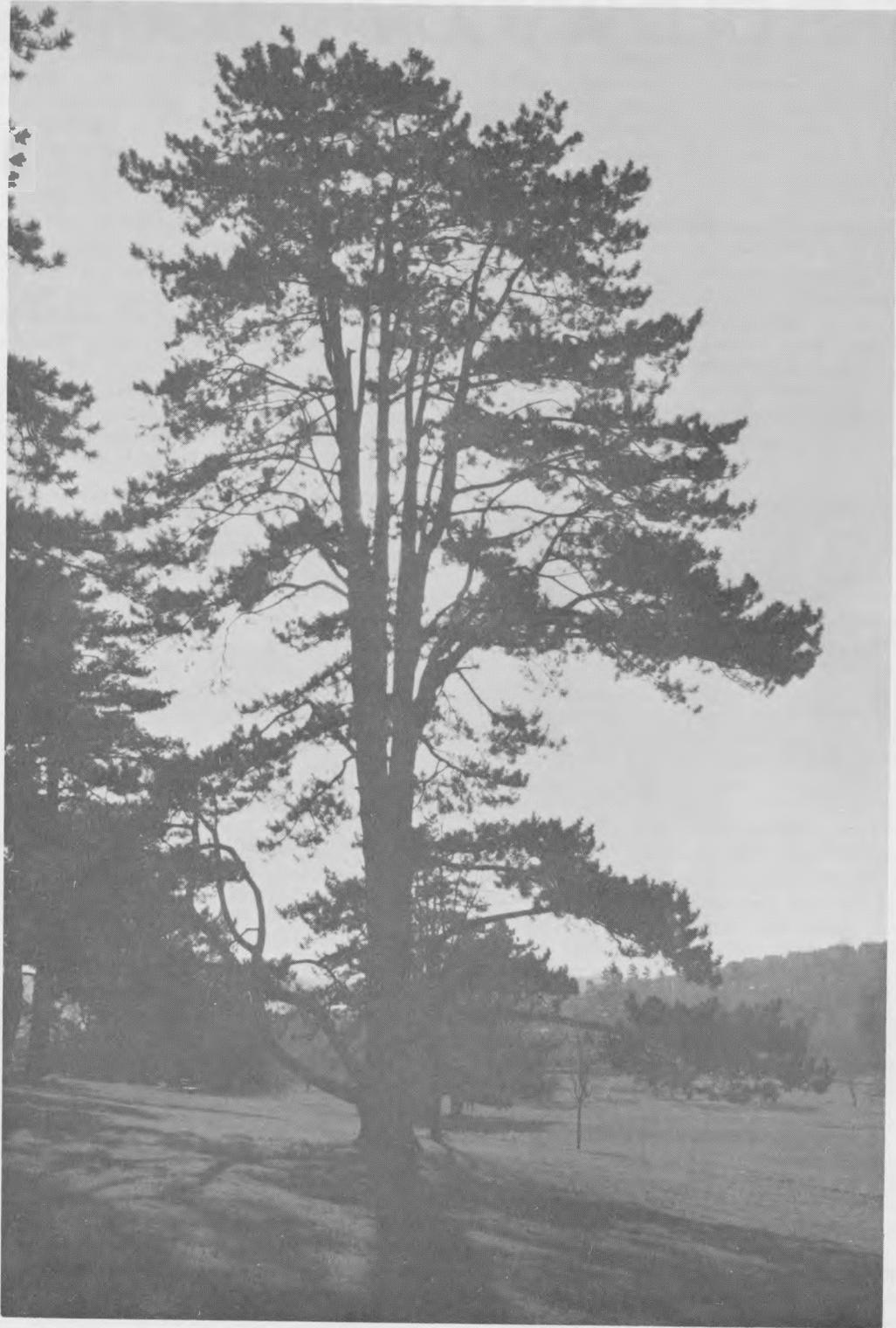
C. Kennedy 3G

ANSWERS

1. The Norwegian drinks water.
2. The Japanese owns the zebra.

I decided to go for the middle. We stood
face to face, I was slightly apprehensive and
it still didn't move and looked as cool as a
cucumber. I plucked up courage and swiped.
It didn't move an inch, until when I was still
off balance it counter attacked and I felt pain
rush through my hands and arms. I changed
my mind and slashed at the base, the thing
lurched and fell to the ground dead. I then
went to look for another stinging nettle to slay.

M. S. Parker 4T



HUGHENDEN PARK

Photo: C.M. Shaw. 3M

THE OLD WYCOMBIENSIAN'S CLUB

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. was held in the Masters' Common Room of the Royal Grammar School at 6.15 p.m. on Saturday 29th March, 1980. 30 Old Boys were present. The President, Mr. Rowland Brown, took the Chair.

The minutes of the last A.G.M. were read, confirmed and signed. Arising out of the minutes:

a) The Financial Report

The Hon. Auditor, A. E. Franklin Hole, reported a healthy state of affairs, with a deficit of £39 compared with £300 last year.

b) The School Magazine

The President reported that it would come out in the summer, costing £2,200 to print. The Old Wycombiensians' magazines were subsidised 60% each copy, and the financial situation was such that the School could not afford to produce two editions a year. In future, only one magazine would be produced a year.

c) The Future of the School

The President reported that in the different political climate, the subject was not up for continual discussion. Plans for independence were in the cupboard, the School had good relations with Bucks. C.C., and it was inappropriate that we should continue. The Governors were anxious that the buildings and site should be modernised and be fit for the eighties and nineties. A working party had been formed with the county to this effect.

d) Informal Reunion for Recent Leavers

The Hon. Sec. reported that the reunion had been a great success. Due to a mix up with the Rugby Club the venue had been changed to Bassetsbury Manor.

e) The Pattinson Award

The award was now well-established and the fund had sponsored activities in the Sudan and Kenya.

f) The Election of Officers

The Chairman stated how much the Old Wycombiensians' Club appreciate the President's constant and active support of the Club. Mr. M. W. Cook was elected Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer to replace Mr. M. M. Davies who had now retired from School. It was proposed that Mervyn Davies should be made a Vice-President, in recognition of his distinguished services to the Club, and this was unanimously carried. The rest of the Committee were re-elected.

g) Future School Activities

The possibility of a dance at some future occasion had been raised and a sub-committee of younger Old Boys was looking into the matter.

Any Other Business

The vacancy in the trustees of the Youens V.C. Fund has been filled by J. P. Lord (1934-38). J. K. Prior (1934-40) informed the meeting that a portrait of M. P. Smith, Esq., ex-headmaster, had been unveiled the previous Saturday in the Queen's Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed. The Chairman, J. P. Lord (1934-38) thanked the Headmaster for conducting the meeting and all retired to the Dining Hall for the Annual Dinner.

THE ANNUAL DINNER 1980

The Annual Dinner was held on Saturday, 29th March 1980. A record 201 Old Boys' gathered to welcome and pay tribute to their Guest of Honour, M. M. Davies, Esq., B.A., the recently retired Hon. Secretary of the Club.

The toast to the Guest of Honour was proposed by the Rev. A. J. Skipp (1929-37). In his usual witty manner John Skipp amused the Old Boys with his affectionate leg-pulling of Mervyn and his career at the School.

In his reply Mervyn Davies recounted various anecdotes of his many years at the School. He

considered himself very fortunate to have been associated with the School for so long and told the story of the day E. R. Tucker had appointed him. Mervyn's prowess with a tennis racket had apparently influenced the great man's decision. He also remarked on how Sam Morgan had had a great influence on his early days at the school. He had enjoyed his Secretaryship of the Old Wycombiensians' a great deal and was pleased that so many had come from all over the world for this dinner.

C. B. White (1968-75) proposed the toast to the School and Club to which the Headmaster replied. He reported that the School was in good heart both academically and in the many out of school activities that were available to boys.

The magnificent response by Old Boys to this dinner made it a great success.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1981

The A.G.M. was held in the Masters' Common Room at 6.15 on Saturday 28th March, 1981. 18 Old Boys were present. The President, Mr. Rowland Brown, took the Chair.

The minutes of the last A.G.M. were read, confirmed and signed. Arising out to the minutes:

a) Financial Report

The Hon. Auditor reported a satisfactory state of affairs. He noted that it was good to see that 43 new life members had been recruited during the year. He also made the point that some consideration should be given to the Club's investments during the coming year.

b) State of Buildings

The President reported that as yet not a great deal had come of meetings with the Local Authority concerning the updating of buildings, but that a meeting was to be held shortly.

c) Election of Officers

All the officers now serving were elected en bloc. R. W. Stewart (1970-78) had been elected Chairman of the Club by the committee.

Any Other Business

The President said that in the current financial climate some things the school would like to do were impossible because of lack of funds. He was grateful to the Parents Association who had raised over £16,000 that had been spent on various equipment for the school. He put forward the suggestion that Old Boys might like to contribute to an appeal for equipment. He made reference to two possible items, a new boat for the Boat Club and a multi-gym to improve the School's inadequate gym facilities. The idea had the wholehearted endorsement of those present at the meeting and a letter would be sent out with the magazine.

There being no other business, the meeting closed. Thanks were expressed by the President to the Hon. Secretary and committee for their work during the year.

THE ANNUAL DINNER 1981

The Annual Dinner was held on Saturday, 28th March, 1981. 194 Old Boys gathered in the New Dining Hall. There was no Guest of Honour.

The toast to the School and Club was proposed by R. Gash (1960-68), a solicitor working with Devon County Council. He gave a very accomplished little speech which was well received by those present. The Headmaster responded with news of the many achievements of the current pupils. It had been a particularly noteworthy year with several boys doing extremely well in national competitions. In the academic field results had been well up to standard.

DEATHS

STAFF

Mr. G. A. GRANT (1918–57) died on August 17th 1980, aged 88 years.

George Grant was appointed by Mr. Arnison to teach woodwork and art when he came out of the Army. He founded the Hobby Club and in so doing made a very great contribution to the life of the School. In the difficult days before the 1939–45 war hundreds of boys were enabled to spend two weeks holiday under canvas each summer at very little expense to their parents. This proved of great benefit to the training of their character. He and his stage team produced imaginative and colourful sets for School dramatic productions over many years.

He leaves a son Roger (1932–39) and a daughter (who lives in Australia).

OLD BOYS

L. M. BECKET (1953–58) on July 19th 1980, aged 39 years.

Lawrence Michael Becket who prospered as the proprietor of Hamphires, a hardware shop in Wendover, died tragically last summer.

He leaves a widow and two daughters.

C. J. COOPER (1974–80), tragically in a road accident on Saturday April 25th, aged 18 years.

J. V. BRITNELL (1913–18) on 23rd April, peacefully in his sleep, aged 78 years.

Jack Varney Britnell was proud of being one of six brothers to attend the R.G.S. He retired in 1967 after 49 years in the Gas Industry. He was a staunch Mason. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Kathleen Britnell, who lives at 55, Wordsworth Road, High Wycombe, and a son and daughter.

M. GIBBS (1938–44) suddenly in hospital on March 25th, 1981, aged 55 years.

Dr. Michael Gibbs, M.A. (Cantab), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., M.F.G.M. was in charge of the medical health of Nottingham. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Sylvia Gibbs, who lives at 93, Cyprus Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham.

S. G. J. KEEN (1921–25) on August 13th 1980, aged 69 years.

George Keen was Chairman of one of High Wycombe's leading furniture manufacturers, G.H. & S. Keen, Ltd. He was granted a royal warrant by the Queen in 1955. He took a great interest in Wycombe Hospital and was its last vice-chairman in 1973. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Penny Keen and two children. His son Peter (1955–61) is currently managing director of the family business.

A. C. PUTNAM (1959–64) in 1980, aged 31 years.

Alan Clive Putnam gave up an engineering career to take courses at College to become a qualified youth leader. He had become Warden of the Chalfont Youth Centre in January 1977. At his funeral service the President of the Centre paid tribute to his dedicated work for young people, all of whom were saddened by the loss of a leader whose career was cut short in such an untimely manner.

P. W. WARD (1935–40) on 26th September 1980.

Peter Ward was an expert radio physicist who worked for leading British companies in this field.

OLD BOYS' NOTES

- ALLEN, T. J. (1965–72) has been employed for the past four years as a petroleum geologist in South-east Asia. He married Miss Tang Lai Choo in 1980 and is now living in Dallas.
- AMES, A. M. (1962–68) has obtained a Master of Science degree and is an Executive Officer in the Telecommunications Department in the Post Office.
- ANDERSON, M. J. (1968–75) is Systems Director of "Debug Data Services Limited" which opened in December 1980 at Station House, Amersham Hill, High Wycombe. The two other directors are, P. R. HAWES (1968–75), Technical Director and S. A. YAGHMOURIAN (1967–75), Marketing Director (who has changed his name to Simon Haigh). They are appointed dealers for a British machine made by I.T.T. and their showroom is the first of its kind in the Wycombe area.
- ARCHER, P. (1958–62) has been appointed European Market Development Manager for the Kendall Company – the Medical Division of Colgate-Palmolive. His new job entails much European travel which is interesting for him but less so for his wife, Sue, who has to stay at home with the two children.
- BARRETT, A. D. (1946–54) is now pleased to be back in High Wycombe where he works as a partner in the firm Watson, Hawksley, Consulting Engineers, whose offices are at Terriers House. His professional life as a civil engineer has taken him to all five continents having lived in Rhodesia (1957–60) and Singapore (1978–80). Whilst in Salisbury he met ASHBY, R. C. (1951–54) and JONES, R. C. (1960–64) during the interval of the Rhodesia v. France rugby match. His firm employs three old boys DAVIS, A. J. (1955–62), ATKINS, J. A. (1958–65) and ELVERY, R. J. (1960–68). The latter is resident in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah and was for sometime the Resident Engineer on a well-drilling contract on Labiran Island, work for which Alan Barrett was responsible. Alan Barrett and his wife have four children ranging in age from 15 to nearly 21. His R.G.S. era hobbies remain, namely,
- singing tenor, collecting butterflies and moths and running. He is very grateful to the R.G.S. and especially to Mervyn Davies, his first form master.
- BISSET, A. D. (1959–66) After graduating from Oxford in Natural Sciences, he transferred to the University of California to specialise in Bio-chemistry and was awarded his Ph.D. in 1978. Whilst there he decided to study medicine and went to the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara for the first three years of his M.D. He started the fourth year's studies in January in Redding, North Carolina, where U.A.G. have reciprocal exchange places for students and he expects to be there for three years. To raise the money to pay for his medical training he took his Real Estate Agent's Licence exams in 1975, enabling him to buy and sell property, working on a commission basis. During the time he was in Mexico, he achieved international recognition as a photographer specialising in pictures of the country and its people. He won third place in an International Exhibition in Mexico City last year.
- BLOMFIELD, F. E. J. (1929–33) has retired from Electrolux, Ltd. and intends to move to the New Forest area. His main hobby over many years (46 so far) has been Scouting and in 1974 he received the Silver Acorn 'in recognition of specially distinguished services', which is the Scout Movement's second highest award.
- CHINERY, J. M. (1948–56), the naturalist, has produced a beautiful new book: *The Natural History of the Garden*. He is a regular contributor to the B.B.C. Wildlife programme. He is the author of Collins' *Field Guide to the Insects of Britain and N. Europe*.
- DOWDESWELL, T. (1967–74) is employed as a computer programmer with a consultancy called "Software Sciences", a recent acquisition of British Oxygen Corporation. He says there is no better way to gain experience in computing than to join a software house and it pays well too!
- EVANS, J. D. (1938–43) is Editor-in-Chief and Director of North of England Newspapers (Westminster Press Limited).
- HEAD, C. J. (1965–71) is House Manager at the Watford Palace Theatre.

HOFFMAN, S. H. (1928–36) has retired as a Canon of Rochester Cathedral and moved to Bordon in Hampshire – “near enough to meet old friends, far enough away not to annoy my successor’s successor!” He notes that after fifty plus years the Debating Society has got no further than ‘The woman’s place is in the home’!

HOLE, A. E. F. (1925–30) was given the distinction of a Paul Harris Fellowship Award by the Rotary Movement at the conclusion of his year of service as District Governor for the Home Counties Rotary District (District 109). This is a rare distinction: there are only about 100 in the U.K.

JENNINGS, R. H. J. (1932–37) retired as a bank manager in February 1979 due to ill health. He was in the banking service for 42 years. Since retirement he has become a member of Bognor Regis Golf Club and he is also very active in the local community being a member of Bognor Regis and District Chamber of Trade, and Hon. Treasurer of the Bognor Regis Illumination Fund and the Arun Sports Association for the Disabled. He is a patient at the Felpham and Middleton Health Centre and McLOUGHLIN, J. N. (1958–66) is one of the partner medical practitioners.

KNOWLES, T. C. T. (1920–26) has been appointed a Governor of Matravers Comprehensive School, Westbury. His son KNOWLES, W. A. C. (1951–58) is the present Chairman of Warminster Round Table and a Governor of Kingsdown Comprehensive School, Warminster.

LANCE, J. W. (1965–72) has retired again to the mountains, for he missed the marvellous atmosphere of living in an Austrian Ski Resort. He has opened a traditional English Pub in the resort of Brand. It is called the Britannia Bar, the typical pub atmosphere is enjoyed by the locals and tourists alike. He plans to open a second pub in Austria very soon. He has also bought a Guest House, the Gaviela, in Seefeld, Tyrol. It has 8 guest rooms and 7 apartments and an indoor swimming pool. It is in a fantastic position close to the centre of Seefeld, a winter and summer holiday resort. Old Boys considering a holiday in Austria are invited to drop him a line first as he would be only too pleased to be able to offer them very advantageous terms! If all this was not

enough he still operates his businesses importing German motor cars and European lager which enables him to return regularly to Bournemouth, where he still runs the Westminster Hall Hotel.

LIDGLEY, P. P. (1969–76) since leaving Bristol University in June 1979 after a very enjoyable 3 years, has spent his time as a harbour master’s assistant in South Devon, a washing machine engineer, a painter and decorator, and he is now installed in the Commercial Department of Hamnett and Raffety – Chartered Surveyors. He works with TOWNSEND, G. N. (1969–74) and CALVERT, S. R. (1974–76). His brother LIDGLEY, M. J. (1971–78) is now reading Environmental Science at the University of East Anglia where he seems to spend his time discovering meaningful things about aquatic insects and Guinness!

LUTTMAN, J. F. (1915–19) is the proud possessor of a book prize awarded, for excellence in his studies, to his grandfather Charles Edward Luttman by the Trustees of the Royal Grammar School in 1859. They desired to express their warm appreciation of his very praiseworthy conduct. James Poulter, M.A., Headmaster, wrote these words on their behalf inside the cover of “*Nineveh and its Palaces*”.

MADELIN, R. P. (1968–75) has left the Department of Industry for the Department of Trade. He is dealing with Spain’s and Portugal’s application to join the E.E.C., the reform of the C.A.P., and reform of the European budget. He sends news of WIGRAM, J. W. (1968–75) who is on his way around the world and has reached Bangkok, SHELDON, C. D. St. J. (1973–75) is on the staff of “*Homes and Gardens*” as his first post in I.P.C.; PUGH, P. B. (1968–75) is working on Jersey, breeding parrots and other rare birds at Gerald Durrell’s zoo.

MASON, I. S. and MASTERS, S. (both 1969–76) have graduated from the Royal Veterinary College, London.

MOLESWORTH, D. V. (1972–79) spent ten months as a Student Mine Official for the Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa. It gave him the opportunity to experience coal, gold and diamond mining; to see another part of the world and be

paid for it. Two weeks of his stay he spent in hospital after a motor accident, but he regarded the trip as being very worthwhile and he has learnt a great deal about life.

MOORE, D. J. (1962–70) left Bristol University in 1974 with a degree in Physics. He went on to study to become a solicitor and in 1977 entered articles with a firm in Manchester. He held various offices whilst qualifying, including being an area representative on the National Committee of the Trainee Solicitors Group of the Law Society. In April 1979 he qualified as a solicitor and is now employed by the Greater London Council. He came to the 1980 Old Wycombiensians' Dinner and was the only one of his year group there. He often wonders what his contemporaries are doing.

MYERSCOUGH, C. (1957–63) is a Principal in the Department of Energy, responsible for consents and approvals for North Sea Oil developments.

NOBLE, G. (1968–75) is now a fully fledged Professional Associate of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He has also passed his Advanced Driving Test. He sends news of R. D. COLES (1973–75) and K. A. VALLANCE (1973–75) who are qualified doctors.

NOBLETT, M. G. (1973–78) is working for Esso as a marketing assistant during his industrial training year. He lives and works with CARDY, A. W. E. (1970–78).

OAKLEY, N. J. (1969–74) graduated from Southampton University in 1978. Since then he has been working as an excavator on archaeological sites mostly in Gloucestershire and Northumberland. He has found it very rewarding, but not very secure financially.

RICHARDS, P. M. (1961–69) has got his Ph.D. (Cantab) for a thesis on 'Byzantine Bronze Vessels in England and Europe: The Origins of Anglo-Saxon Trade'.

RICHMOND, K. D. (1969–76) graduated from Oxford last summer after three marvellous years reading English at Brasenose. He considers himself fortunate to have joined the Mirror Group Newspapers editorial training scheme which has an excellent reputation for producing first-class journalists. At

college he launched "Vague" — a glossy features magazine — with DODD, P. W. (1968–75) and wore his old school tie to interview rock star DURY, I. R. (1954–59). He regularly sees a clutch of R.G.S. contemporaries. CARPENTER, C. R. (1970–77) is studying Art at Newport and training with the Wales national hockey squad. JENKINS, A. A. (1974–76) decided to forsake law for the Midland Bank but has just changed his mind and joined a large firm of City solicitors. LINDSAY, D. G. (1968–76) is a market researcher with Bird's Eye. LOWE, P. S. (1973–76) is working at Benn's, the publishers. MOULD, C. P. (1970–76) is married to Angela and is studying at the London School of Economics after reading History at Oxford. PARKER, S. J. (1969–76) graduates from Oxford this summer and starts with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank in October. PRESTON, J. deW. (1971–76) graduates from Lanchester this summer and hopes to start work either in planning or retail management. SHEPHERD, C. M. (1969–76) is married to Shirley and working at Dot Reproductions at High Wycombe. STRICKLAND, T. G. (1969–76) has fled the country — he has spent the last year in South Africa!

ROGERS, M. N. (1967–74) has passed his Bar Finals and has started pupillage in London. He is married to Valerie, a pharmacist at the London Hospital.

ROWE, S. N. (1970–77) spent the summer of 1980 working in a Uranium Mine and Treatment Plant at Mary Kathleen, Queensland, Australia. He hopes to get a job on the chemical side of metallurgy when he graduates from Cambridge this summer.

SCRUTON, R. V. (1954–61) Dr. Scruton's new book is entitled: "*The Meaning of Conservatism*" (MacMillan, £12). T. E. Utley writing in the "Telegraph" describes him as a new star of incontestable brilliance in the galaxy of contemporary Conservative thought. The message of this book is that the economic reforms of the Conservatives will not work without the impulse and the restraints of patriotism.

SEYMOUR, R. J. (1961–64) is a consultant with Logica Computers (Holland) and lives in Rotterdam. His brother SEYMOUR, W. J. (1961–65) is a sales manager with Rank Xerox and lives in Hampshire.

SHACKELL, W. E. (1952–60) is currently instructing at the Nigerian Command and Staff College, Jaji, Kaduna. He leaves there in September for Belfast where he takes command of 74 Engineer Regiment for two years.

SINGLETON, M. D. (1967–68) is second in charge of English in Caerleon Comprehensive School, Gwent. He lives in a small old cottage which he has completely renovated. He is married with two children.

SLACK, J. D. (1958–61) is a sales representative with ICI. He is also a gliding instructor and staff officer with the RAF at West Malling, Kent. He corresponds with HUBBLE, D.N. (1954–61) who works in the USA, and LAWRENCE, R. J. (1954–61) who is a doctor in Australia. At Christmas he bumped into SHOOSMITH, P.G. (1953–61) in the science museum. The latter has his own computer business in Wales.

STEVENS, D. W. (1933–40) blesses his teachers for helping him to write good English – last autumn saw the publication of two books: *The Letters of Claudio Monteverdi* (Faber & Faber), and *Musicology: A Practical Approach* (Macdonald Futura). He will be conducting the opening concert of the Yehudi Menuhin Festival at Gstaad, Switzerland, on August 4th.

STEVENS, S. J. (1935–39) made headline news in a national newspaper in April. He had presented monogrammed dusters to the board of Lloyds Bank, having previously presented tins of polish to National Westminster directors. He was protesting about the grubby image of the two big banks and he revealed that he had once gone out at 4 a.m. to clean the National Westminster letterbox in Newport, Isle of Wight, where he lives. He had previously staged a sit down protest in Moscow against the filthy plaque at the British Embassy. An Embassy official blamed it on the Moscow air.

SWINHOE-STANDEN, C. D. S. (1971–78) on leaving school worked with Wiggins Teape for six months before embarking on a trip to the USA with the proceeds. He then went up to Durham University where he is studying Engineering Science. GRIFFITHS, T. (1971–78) is on the same course. He seems to be having a busy time as he is Treasurer of the University Choral Society, helps with the

stage crew of the Light Opera group and is also a member of the University Air Squadron, clocking up hours on Bulldogs on RAF Leeming. He is "Keeper of the College Punt".

THOMAS, P. F. (1965–72) is a Lieutenant in the Royal Navy. He is based at HMS Collingwood teaching artificers computing. He gave news of WILD, M. J. (1965–72) working with Standard Telephone, BARKSFIELD, W. H. (1965–72) works in a software consultancy in London. MASSEY, A. H. (1965–72) is a data processor manager with the London Hospital. SZWER, J. J. (1965–72) is also in computing. STEVENSON, P. M. (1966–72) has gained his Ph.D. in theoretical physics and is at Wisconsin University in the USA.

TOMLINSON, J. D. (1963–70), a lecturer in Economic History at Brunel University has his first book published by Methuen in May 1980 entitled: *Problems of British Economic Policies, 1880–1945*. He is also a J.P. on the Brentford bench, one of the youngest in the country.

TRIMMING, N. P. (1962–70) has been elected a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, London. He is at present at Opselt Hospital, Essex, having held posts at St. Mary's, the Royal Marsden, Battle Hospital, Reading and Churchill Hospital, Oxford.

VERNON, J. (1927–33) is Deputy Director of the Information Division of N.A.T.O. at their Brussels Headquarters. His grandfather designed the main block of the school. He is looking forward to retirement this year when he plans to live in Surbiton.

WALLER, M. S. (1966–73) is working with British Airways computers at Heathrow. He is involved on the Batch side of it, handling staff payroll, crew rostering, passenger statistics, etc. He has represented the BA Ten Pin Bowling Section in tournaments at home and abroad, going to Dublin, San Francisco and Bangkok for various interline competitions. He sends news of HUMPHREY, K. B. (1966–73) who is an accountant, SMITH, M. C. (1965–72) now Dr. Smith and practising at Burton General Hospital, Burton-on-Trent. PAGE, M. A. (1970–74) has qualified as a Chartered Accountant and is based with a large accounting firm in Manchester. He lives at Marple Bridge in Stockport. GRIFFITHS, T. H. (1960–64) used to work in computers

at Heathrow but has now gone to Tulsa as a contract programmer for American Airlines. DORMER, A. M. (1959–66) is working with BA. HANSELL, N. J. (1965–73) is an accountant and ROBERTS, D. (1966–71) is in the Police Force near Aylesbury.

WARDE, W. D. (1953–62) is still very active in Boy Scouts and will be an assistant scout-master to their Council contingent to the National Scout Jamboree at Fort A. P. Hill, in Summer 1981.

WATSON, G. E. (1951–58) is still engaged in supplying machinery to the confectionery industry. He is now a Parent-Governor of Bourne End First and Middle Schools. He is also Chairman of Bourne End Junior Sports Club which provides sporting and training facilities for several hundred local youngsters, including many from the R.G.S. He is actively engaged in trying to raise £30 – 40,000 towards the building of a Sports Hall in Bourne End.

WHITE, D. B. (1968–75) was unable to come to the dinner because he commands a TA Signals Troop in Southampton and it coincided with a regimental training weekend. Last summer he came across HAUGH, K. (1974–76) whilst he was doing his Sandhurst training. He was doing an Internal Security exercise for which the TA were playing the part of a civilian population. Daniel was impressed with the way Kevin handled his patrol – he was less impressed

when he recognised him, said “Hello” and then hit him with a riot baton!

WHITEN, P. F. (1968–70) is a Career Diplomat and Private Secretary to our Ambassador to N.A.T.O., Sir Clive Rose. He went into the Diplomatic Corps after graduating from Birmingham University.

WINDSOR, P. (1952–54), Reader in International Relations at the L.S.E., appeared on B.B.C. 2’s “Book Programme” on Sunday 4th May, 1980. He, A. J. P. Taylor and General Sir John Hackett, were discussing with Richard Nixon his book “*The Real War*”.

WOOD, D. N. (1959–66) is well entrenched at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. He managed to collect a Canadian wife while working in Hong Kong in 1978 and they have a son, Jamie, born in May 1980. At an Old Members’ Gathering he found himself sitting next to Mr. D. R. Pelmore who taught Chemistry at the R.G.S. in the early 1960’s. Mr. Pelmore has recently retired from teaching at Christ’s Hospital.

WOOLFENDEN, I. (1974–80) has obtained a limited commission with the Army before going up to Jesus College, Oxford to read law in October. He found the Commission Board’s interviews and initiative tests “great fun”. He expects to be posted to B.A.O.R. after an intensive course at Sandhurst.

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R.G.S. BOAT CLUB

NEW BOAT PROJECT 1981-2



RGS Boat Club 1954-81

The Boat Club at RGS was originally founded in 1954, but it had only five members, and became moribund shortly afterwards. It was revived in 1962, mainly as an offshoot of Marlow Rowing Club, using Marlow equipment, and coached by Marlow oarsmen. Its first boat was bought in 1964, and is still being used, albeit only for training. The standard of rowing and level of interest within the school rose steadily, the number of members being about twenty-five - a number which has remained fairly constant for about ten years. In 1971, the School 1st IV had its first major successes, losing twice only. As a result, it was picked to represent England against the other Home Countries, in Junior Coxed Fours, in the annual Home International Match. It won by five lengths.

In 1972, the Club managed to afford its second boat, and in 1973, the 1st IV achieved its most successful season in terms of trophies (six), and was again picked for England in Junior Fours. It had to race in a borrowed boat, and was less successful, coming third. Since then, standards of achievement have levelled off somewhat, the Club gaining moderate success in most years, especially 1975, when that year's first crew won four events, notably the Fours Cup at the National Schools' Regatta, (a trophy also won in 1971 & 1973). It was in that year that the Club bought its last new equipment: a coxed four and four oars, and success has been increasingly hard to come by, through rising standards of junior rowing, though the Club has maintained its own level well enough.

Clearly the time has come for a new boat to be purchased to replace our ageing craft, and while it is to the immense credit of the members of the School Boat Club and their parents and to the keenness of the staff that the Boat Club thrives on a shoe-string of a budget and on self help finance, when it comes to buying a boat however, the financial problems are in a different league.

Several Old Boys however took the initiative of approaching the School with the suggestion that the Old Boys should perhaps make it a project of 1981-2 to provide the Boat Club with a new Four.

This was taken up with enthusiasm by the members attending the March 1981 A.G.M. and so now we appeal to all Old Boys to help the RGS Boat Club in the 80's by the provision of a new Four.

The Parents' Association is playing its part by providing a Winter Training facility, called a Multigym, which Boat Club members and all schools sports and team members will be able to use - that is costing £3,500.

The appeal to Old Boys is to raise £2,500 to provide the new FOUR. Please help our present generation of oarsman to help raise its performance to that of the crew ten years ago which won the Home Countries national contest.

All contributions will be very welcome. Please send replies to me at the School.

Thank you for your support.

Mervyn Davies

Mr. Mervyn Davies,
Boat Club Appeal,
Royal Grammar School,
High Wycombe, Bucks.

date

OLD BOYS NEW BOAT PROJECT

Please find enclosed £ as a donation to the Appeal the Old

Boys have launched to buy the School Boat Club a new Four.

Signed

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