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## Editorial

Thanks are due to all contributors, especially those who typed their entries and handed them in before the deadline! My gratitude is due also to those who kept the enterprise going while I was in America: A. Welby and S. Brittain; Mr. Eaton, Mr. Goldthorpe, Mr. Talbot and Mr. Wilson. Their help was invaluable. I hope that you will enjoy the fruit of their labours.

J.M.

## Staff News

We have welcomed Dr. Barker, Mr. Berry, Mr. Everett, Mr. Gilpin, Dr. Smith and Mr. Yeates to the staff. Already they have made their mark, and have become involved in the wider life of the school. We hope their stay will be long and happy.

Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. Jones have been teaching part-time this year and we shall be sorry to lose them in the Summer. Our best wishes go with them.

### MR. WOODMAN

After twenty five years of service to the RGS, Stanley Woodman is taking early retirement this year. As chief technician, his contribution to the science departments has been immeasurable. In the early nineteen sixties he organised the move to the then new science block. Since that time he has played a crucial role in the transition from traditional to Nuffield courses. His skills will not easily be replaced. He will be sorely missed.

J.A. WALKER

## School Show 1982



# Examination Results

We congratulate the following on gaining Open Awards:

- M.A. Bond:** Open Scholarship in Modern Languages, University College, Oxford  
**S.C. Bowater:** Open Exhibition in Mathematics, Queens' College, Cambridge  
**R.J. Buller:** Open Exhibition in Modern Languages, Girton College, Cambridge  
**A.C. Campbell:** Open Exhibition in Mathematics, Queens' College, Oxford  
**J.F. Coutts:** Open Scholarship in Physiological Sciences (Medicine)  
**G.S. Cox:** Gordon Warter Scholarship in Chemistry, Pembroke College, Oxford  
**A.M. Dickinson:** Open Exhibition in Mathematics, St. John's College, Cambridge  
**C.M. Edwards:** Open Scholarship in Mathematics, Queens' College, Cambridge  
**N.R. Hayes:** Open Scholarship in Mathematics, St. Anne's College, Oxford  
**J.M. Hooper:** Open Scholarship in Biochemistry, Balliol College, Oxford  
**A.G. Jarvis:** Open Exhibition in Economics, Gonville & Caius, Cambridge  
**P.A. Price:** Open Exhibition in Geography, St. Catherine's College, Oxford  
**M.R. White:** Choral Exhibition in Music, Gonville & Caius, Cambridge

## PLACES AT OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE FOR 1983

- C.J. Barry:** Christ's College, Cambridge, Natural Sciences  
**M.C. Binns:** Emmanuel College, Cambridge, Veterinary Science  
**J.N. Churchill:** Queen's College, Oxford, Modern Languages  
**T.A. Cook:** Trinity College, Oxford, Physiological Sciences  
**D.H. Cobden:** St. Catherine's College, Oxford, Physics  
**G.D. Edwards:** Magdalen College, Oxford, Philosophy, Politics & Economics  
**D.R. Griffin:** Gonville & Caius, Cambridge, Medical Sciences  
**G.J. Guthrie:** Emmanuel College, Cambridge, Engineering  
**P. Halliday:** Regent's Park, Oxford, Theology  
**M.J. Trendell:** Sidney Sussex, Cambridge, Natural Sciences  
**K. Watson:** Peterhouse, Cambridge, Natural Sciences

## UNIVERSITY PLACES 1982

- J.P. Adey:** Bedford College, London, Zoology  
**S.C. Baker:** Loughborough University, Engineering Science  
**J.A. Bates:** Reading University, Chemistry & Food Science  
**M.A. Bayliss:** Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, Medicine  
**J.L. Birch:** Keele University, Biochemistry & Computing  
**T. Blagborough:** University College of Swansea, Ancient History & Civilisation  
**C.J. Brocklehurst:** Reading University, Land Management  
**P.J. Brown:** Bristol University, Classics  
**R.J. Bunt:** University College, London, Medicine  
**M.W. Butler:** Royal Dental Hospital, London, Dentistry  
**D.S. Cansdale:** King's College, London, Mechanical Engineering  
**J.A.G. Carr:** Birmingham University, Commerce  
**A. Cheeswright:** University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, Accounting/Statistics  
**D.K. Church:** Leicester University, French  
**M.M. Cowper:** Leicester University, Chemistry with Geochemistry  
**A.S. Cox:** Aston University, Chemical Engineering  
**C.J. Davies:** University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, Agricultural Economics  
**D.J. Davies:** Nottingham University, Agriculture  
**T.L. Dent:** Royal Holloway College, London, Zoology  
**G.C. Dowsett:** Warwick University, Economics  
**C.D. Ellis:** Essex University, Telecommunication Engineering  
**A.T. Farrar:** Aston University, Electrical Engineering  
**P.D. Galloway:** Sheffield University, Medicine  
**D. Gibson Smith:** Aston University, Managerial & Administrative Studies  
**J.M. Glover:** Surrey University, Microbiology  
**C.E.J. Gooddy:** Strathclyde University, Business Administration  
**C.G. Goodman:** City University, Systems and Management  
**D.K. Gower:** Bath University, Business/Administration  
**N.R. Gray:** Leeds University, Medicine  
**L.G.P. Green:** Newcastle-upon-Tyne University, Marine Biology  
**S.G. Hedgcock:** Southampton University, Zoology  
**A.K. Hobbs:** Liverpool University, Civil Engineering  
**M.B. Hough:** St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, Medicine  
**M.J. Hunnibell:** University College, London, Law (1983)

- D.A. Hyde:** Newcastle University, Town & Country Planning  
**R.A.C. Idle:** Salford University, Engineering  
**R.C. Kerry:** Southampton University, Electronics  
**T.H. Khokher:** London Hospital Medical College, Medicine  
**R. Kindell:** Strathclyde University, Mechanical Engineering  
**J.D. Kingston:** Salford University, Applied Physics and Electronics  
**D.T. Knight:** Sheffield University, Metallurgy  
**D.J. Lachau:** University of Wales Institute of Science & Technology  
Town Planning  
**S.P. Lane:** Birmingham University, English  
**N.R. Le Guillou:** Exeter University, Chemical Engineering  
**J.D. Lidgley:** Kent University, Development Studies  
**D.A. Lockhart:** University of East Anglia, English History  
**D.J. McCallum:** Newcastle University, Town Planning  
**I.S. Maclarent:** Bangor University, Marine Biology  
**A.S. McGill:** Birmingham University, Chemical Engineering  
**R.J. McClure:** Leeds University, Medicine  
**P.J. Marlow:** Durham University, Geology  
**B.B. Marsden:** Loughborough University, Chemical Engineering (1983)  
**I.W. Morgan:** Liverpool University, History  
**S.C. Morley:** University of Kent, Social Sciences  
**D. Neilson:** Birmingham University, History  
**K.D.E. Norrish:** Birmingham University, Political Science (1983)  
**S.J. Noyes:** University of North Wales, Bangor, French (1983)  
**I.J. Otter:** Southampton University, Geology with Biology  
**S.W. Payne:** Bristol University, Economics with Statistics  
**I.J. Peatey:** Manchester University, Economic & Social Studies  
**D.J. Phillips:** University College of North Wales, Bangor, Drama  
**P.G.G. Pinder:** Loughborough University of Technology, Civil Engineering (1983)  
**T.J.M. Plaice:** Dundee University, Electrical Engineering  
**S.O.E. Reid:** Brunel University, Management & Materials Technology  
**T.J. Roberts:** Exeter University, Chemical Engineering  
**R.S. Santner:** Sheffield University, Civil Engineering  
**T.J. Scott:** Imperial College, London, Aeronautical Engineering  
**G.M. Smith:** Exeter University, Engineering Science  
**A.J. Stainton:** Birmingham University, Production Engineering & Economics  
**K.G.S. Stanbridge:** Warwick University, Physical Education  
**G.D. Stanton:** Surrey University, French  
**M.R. Stott:** Bath University, Mechanical Engineering  
**C.D. Turnbull:** Hull University, Operations Research  
**G.L. Van der Pant:** Bristol University, Electronic & Electrical Engineering  
**P.J. Veacock:** Kent University, Music  
**R.A. Walker:** Birmingham University, Medicine  
**M.D. Walshe:** Liverpool University, Electrical Engineering  
**S.J. Watts:** Exeter University, French  
**I.M.R. Wright:** Newcastle University, Medicine

## POLYTECNICS (Degree Courses)

- M. Bavelja:** Central London Polytechnic, Modern Languages  
**F.J.R. Boyes:** Coventry Polytechnic, Applied Chemistry  
**G.J. Coles:** Portsmouth Polytechnic, French (1983)  
**P. Cowdrey:** Thames Polytechnic, International Marketing  
**A.C.G. Cunningham:** Sunderland Polytechnic, Economics  
**N.W. Harris:** Plymouth Polytechnic, Environmental Science  
**M.K. Hawkins:** Kingston Polytechnic, Business Studies  
**I.P. Hodson:** Brighton Polytechnic, Electrical & Electronic Engineering  
**T.J. Lee:** Plymouth Polytechnic, Business Studies  
**E.T. Lockhart:** Bristol Polytechnic, Law  
**T.J. Mann:** Portsmouth Polytechnic, Engineering  
**T. Mehmood:** North London Polytechnic  
**M. Peacock:** North London Polytechnic, Law (1983)  
**A.F.W. Reeve:** Portsmouth Polytechnic, Business Studies

## OTHER COLLEGES OF HIGHER EDUCATION

- M.J.D. Beardall:** Dartmouth Royal Naval College  
**J. Edgerton:** Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester  
**M.C. Gillingham:** Carnegie College, Leeds  
**D.H. Landrock:** Avery Hill College  
**N.C.B. Wilkes:** Sandhurst

## 'A' LEVEL RESULTS 1982

The successful candidates who took the Oxford GCE Board 'A' level Examinations were:

KEY: A-Art; B-Biology; C-Chemistry; E-Economics; Eng-English Literature; F-French; FM-Further Maths; Ger-German; Geo-Geography; Gre-Greek; H-History; AH-Ancient History; L-Latin; M-Mathematics; Mus-Music; P-Physics; BS-Business Studies; CS-Computer Studies; GS-General Studies; PS-Political Studies;

\*Denotes Grade A

CJ Brocklehurst AH,E,Geo,GS; AC Campbell Latin\*,M\*;  
 SP Lane Eng,AH,H; JEC Martin AH,H,GS; MTD Howick AH;  
 DSTj Nash Eng,AH,H; SJ Noyes L,F; SJ Tilton L,AH,Gre;  
 GL Van der Pant L,M\*,P\*; CAS Cameron Eng,RS\*; AJR Griffin  
 Eng\*,H\*,E; JT Hussey Eng,H,Geo; AJ Makins E; KD Norrish  
 Eng,H,E,GS; M Peacock Eng,L,H,GS; DJ Phillips Eng,H,E,GS;  
 PA Simmonds Eng,F,M; KGS Stanbridge Eng,F,E; PJ Veacock  
 Eng,Mus,GS; CG Goodman E,M; JA Clarke E,Geo,M;  
 P Cowdery H,Sp,BS; JHD Edgerton Geo; DJ Falconer E,M,BS;  
 D Gibson-Smith E,Geo\*,M; CEJ Gooddy F,H,E; M Halliday E;  
 RJ Newton H,E; MR Preston Eng,H; NR Warren F,E,M;  
 NCB Wilkes Eng,F; MAJ Williams E,GS; AE Reeve Eng,BS;  
 T Blagborough AH,H; JAG Carr H\*,E,Geo,GS; G Evans L,F,H;  
 AJ Fordham Eng,F,H; J Gibb Geo,BS; MC Gillingham F,Geo;  
 DK Gower H,Geo\*,BS; AG Jarvis H,E\*,M\*,GS; DH Landrock  
 H,RS; DA Lockhart Eng,H,E; ET Lockhart Eng,H,Geo;  
 IW Morgan Eng,Ger,H; D Neilson Eng,H,E; YS Samarasinghe  
 H,Geo; MH Welby Eng\*,L,H; CT Baxter E,Geo; SR Curzon  
 H,Geo\*; CJ Davies E,Geo,M; MJ Harris E; MK Hawkins  
 E,Geo,GS,BS; DJ Lachau E,Geo,GS; JC Lambert E,Geo\*;  
 JD Lidgley Geo,GS,BS; DJ McCallum F,E,Geo\*,GS;  
 NR Plane F,Geo,GS; AF Pook Geo,M,C; PA Price F,E\*,Geo,GS;  
 MJ Young E\*,Geo\*,M; RJ Buller F,GS,BS; M Bavelja F,Sp;  
 F\*,R\*; GJ Coles F,Geo,M; SC Cooper F,Ger; SC Morley F,E,  
 M,GS; CJ Oxley F,Ger; SW Payne Ger,E,M\*; HW Sharp  
 F\*,Ger\*,H; BP Stanton F\*,Ger\*,M\*,GS; GD Stanton  
 F\*,Ger\*,M\*,GS; ARG Baldwin F,GS,BS; M Bavelja F,Sp;  
 MA Bond F\*,H\*,R\*; DK Church F,H,GS; ACG Cunningham  
 F,E; CJ Curtis F,H,E,GS; G Foster F; GP King F; SJ Watts  
 F,Ger; MR White Eng\*,F\*,Mus\*; CJ Barry M\*,C\*,P\*;  
 SC Bowater M\*,FM\*,C\*,P\*; DH Cobden M\*,FM\*,C\*,P\*;  
 AM Dickinson M\*,FM\*,C\*,P\*; CM Edwards M\*,FM\*,C\*,P\*;  
 NR Hayes M\*,FM\*,C\*,P\*; JM Hooper M\*,FM\*,C\*,P\*; RC Kerry  
 M\*,F,M,P\*,GS; BB Marsden M\*,FM\*,C\*,P\*; RG Pinder  
 Geo,M,P\*,GS\*; RD Rees M\*,FM\*,C\*,P\*; MJ Trendell  
 M\*,FM\*,C\*,P\*; SC Baker M,C,P,GS; TA Cook M\*,C\*,P\*;  
 GS Cox M\*,C\*,P\*; GJ Guthrie M\*,C\*,P\*; LE Harker  
 M\*,C\*,P\*,GS; TJ Mann M,P,R; GM Smith M\*,C\*,P\*;  
 MR Stott M\*,C\*,P\*; K Watson M\*,C\*,P\*; SC Wegerif P;  
 SP Haven Ger,M,C,GS; MJ Hunnibell M,C\*,P,GS; SP Hunter  
 P,BS; DA Jai-Persad E,C,P; DT Knight F,M,C\*,P\*;  
 AR Macdonald Geo,C; CD Turnbull M,GS,BS\*,CS; AJS Malir  
 C,P; TJ Rutherford C,P,GS,BS; DS Cansdale M,C,P,GS;  
 A Farrar M,C,P; RAC Idle M,C,P; NR Le Guillou M,C\*,P\*,GS;  
 AS McGill M\*,C\*,P; PJ Marlow M,C\*,P,GS; TJ Plice  
 M,C,P\*; TJ Roberts M\*,C\*,P\*; TJ Scott M,C,P\*,GS;  
 AJ Stainton M,C,P; MD Walshe M,C,P\*; SR Aze E,M,P\*;  
 MM Cowper M,C,P; AS Cox M,C,P; CG Dowsett E,M,P,GS;  
 NW Harris C,P,GS; IP Hodson M,C,P,GS; R Kindell M,C,P;  
 DH Marshall C,P; IJ Peatey E\*,M\*,P,GS; RJ Wells M,C,P;  
 MJD Beardall Geo,P,GS; JT Chaudhry M,P,CS; A Cheesewright  
 M,P,CS; CD Ellis M,P,CS; AK Hobbs M,P; JD Kingston  
 M,P,GS,CS; CM Redman M,P,CS; RS Santner M,P,Mus\*;  
 PN Studer E,P; JA Bates C,P,B; MA Bayliss C,P,B\*;  
 JL Birch C,P,B,GS\*; FJR Boye C,P,B; RJ Bunt C\*,P\*,B\*,GS;  
 MW Butler M,P,B; TL Dent Geo\*,C,B\*; NR Gray M\*,B\*,C;  
 LGP Green C,P,B; IR Hall C\*,P\*,B\*,GS; SG Hedgecote  
 Geo\*,C,B\*,GS\*; MB Hough C\*,P\*,B; JF Jolly M\*,C\*,P\*,B\*;  
 T Mehmood C,B; IMR Wright C\*,P,B\*; JP Adey Geo,B;  
 MC Binns M\*,C\*,B\*; JF Coutts C\*,P\*,B\*,GS; DJ Davies  
 C,P,B; PD Galloway M,C,B\*; DKT Gamble C,B,CS; JM Glover  
 C,P,B\*; TH Khokher C\*,P\*,B; IS Maclaren C,P,B;  
 RJ McClure M,C,B\*; IJ Otter Geo\*,C,B,GS; SOE Reid P,B,GS;  
 AJ Slade C,P,B; LC Voute M\*,C\*,B; RA Walker M,C,B;  
 AJ Wright P; RD Barr Eng,F,GS; DA Hyde E,Geo,GS;  
 ADN Stocker P,CS; SPM Taylor M,P,A,GS; JL Hamilton  
 E; SCJ Birch E,GS; T Lee E,Geo,BS.

**\*O' LEVEL RESULTS 1982**

The following boys obtained Grade C or above in five or more subjects in the GCE Ordinary Level Examinations:-

T.J. Andrew (8); R.J. Arnold (7); P.F. Austin (8); A.D. Barker (8); S.C. Cleave (8); R.A. Cole (9); H.S. Drewett (9); A.L. Ennis (8); N. Fairweather (8); R.J. Ferdinando (8); S. Halliday (8); C.A. Hurst (7); C.H. Jones (8); P.J. Knight (9); A.L.D. Knox (9); C.M. Le Guillou (8); A.S. Lowe (9); J.T. Marsland (8); R.D. Newbury (5); M.L. Oliver (9); T.J. Palmer (8); M.J. Parker (9); S.J. Parkinson (8); L.M. Prior (9); P. Stear (8); I.A. Tennant (8); C.C. Tett (8); K. Whitmee (7); C.R. Wiggins (8); G.W. Wright (7); P.A. Alexander (9); R. Blackett (8); G.R. Britton (9); R.I. Cook (9); S.D. Cromar (9); G.S.C. Dance (8); M.K. Ellis

(9); D.G. Forbes (9); R.J. Gilbert (8); J.D. Glover (8); P.G.R. Griffin (10); I.D. Hack (8); K.D. Harrow (9); D.G. Hunter (9); R. Illian (8); D.P. Jones (9); R.W. Keen (10); S.T. Langton (8); T.D. Livingstone (9); D.A. Lock (9); C. Macleod (9); D.P. Marshall (9); S.C.P. Maynard (9); K.I. McAusland (9); N.A. Morris (9); Z.J. Ramsden (8); P. Reupke (9); D.P. Robinson (8); R.T. Sansome (6); N.P. Topping (9); R.E. Treadwell (9); M. Woodwark (9); J.J.G. Allen (8); D.C.A. Barnes (10); G. Burr (7); A.C. Burrell (9); S.J. Carter (9); S.G. Chamberlain (10); A.R.G. Davies (10); R.J. Dell (10); J.H. Dible (9); S.M. Ellis (10); D.K. Forbes (10); A.D. Huxley (10); J.P. Ives (9); M. Izzo (10); M.R. Jones (9); S.G. Lewis (9); R.J. McEwan (7); R.S. Malaure (9); A.D. Medhurst (9); M.D. Morecroft (10); D.W. Percival (5); J.E. Read (10); P.N. Thackrah (9); R.E. Thomas (8); G.J. Ware (9); J.R.T. Wayte (10); M.H. Wensel (9); G.E. Williams (10); R. Wingfield (8); N.J. Worley (9); K.J. Wotherspoon (9); S.A. Aye (9); S.R. Blaby (9); G.H. Bowden (9); S.A. Brittain (9); C.M. Brockman (7); K.L. Brooks (9); P.D. Cusdin (10); M.L. Davies (7); S. Gerhand (8); M. Godson (10); P.A. Grimmett (9); E.W. Hughes (9); T.G. Lohmann (8); G.P. Lucas (5); J. Morris (8); A.J. Nash (8); V.K. Randev (9); M.B. Roe (10); R.V. Ryll (10); R. Sharp (8); K.S. Smith (7); K.L. Stables (8); R.T. Styles (7); S.H.P. Tolkien (8); N.P. Waldie (8); D. Warriner (8); P.J. Warwick (9); A. Wilsher (8); R.K. Ahern (8); L.O. Ayres (8); N.W. Cole (7); J.S. Cooper (9); J.F. Darroch (7); J.P. Draper (5); A.R. Duncan (6); T.S. Freeman (8); K.W. Haylock (6); T.D. Hyams (5); D.T.M. Jackson (5); A.R. Jarvis (9); P.J. Knight (7); S.J. Lamb (8); J.A. Lloyd (10); K.J.D. Mallett (8); A.P. Marians (7); S.J. Mash (8); C.R. Pepper (9); D.G. Sexton (5); A.J. Speed (7); A.P. Spong (9); D.M. Yates (8); M.A. Aitken (6); G. Baxter (10); C.J. Bolton (6); A. Bunyan (5); S.J. Carter (8); S.J.J. Charlton (9); D.M. Dawson (10); D.A. Dewar (10); D.C.S. Ginger (5); I.R. Hannah (9); C.J. Hocking (9); T.J. Hopkinson (7); J.M. Ing (5); S.J. Lee (9); D.S. Lewis (6); R.P. Lowenthal (10); I.P. Moffatt (9); W.S. Pearce (5); S.W. Podesta (9); V.P. Reuter (10); S.E. Roper (8); P. Sainsbury (9); R.G. Shanks (9); N.A. Solanki (7); P.J. Stephenson (10); S.N. Taylor (8); R.A.F. Thorburn (10); D.A. Williams (10).

**A SENSE OF DOUBT**

*The sounds of Devils sweep menacingly into  
the crowded city,*

*Books cackle with laughter,  
Breaking glass splinters in all directions,  
Drunks besiege the street and the Masters  
calling for them to die.  
But they won't die.*

*Warszana makes love to her ego in a typical  
back street bedsit.*

*'Wham, Bham, Thank you Ma'am' — the line  
jumps at her as the adolescence of the  
situation grips her by the throat.  
She screams and leaps to the ends of the  
worlds and back.*

*The sounds of a singer ring out from a  
crowded hall,  
As teenagers flock in their thousands for  
unhealthy bits of other people.*

*Men hate men,  
But man luvs man — the man of the moment  
luvs his mirror.  
It cracks and the man slashes his wrist with the  
pieces.*

*Country slashes country,  
World slashes world,  
All are united and a piercing scream unites the  
crowded cities,  
Until the scream collides with reality,  
And then there is darkness.*

J. COOK, 4T

## The Assembly — a vital institution, or a pointless waste of time?

Regardless of whether you like the assembly or not, it is still one of the most important parts of any R.G.S. day. Where, for example, could you find out whether Games will be on, or what Societies will be meeting at dinner time, or when is the latest meeting about the Bulgarian Exchange? Answer — the assembly.

The Head Master — Mr. R.P. Brown — is, naturally, all in favour of the whole concept of the assembly. He puts forward a powerful argument to back up his views, saying that he still considers it very important for the whole school to meet together, for just one part of the day, and perform an act of worship. He has led R.G.S. assemblies for eight years now; the most difficult of jobs at the best of times. When asked whether he thought that the atmosphere in assemblies was variable, he agreed that this was the case, citing the examples of the first assembly after the long Summer vacation, when there is a restless and cheerful atmosphere, and most assemblies on a cold and dark day, when the atmosphere resembles the terraces of Arsenal Football Club.

There are three parts to the normal R.G.S. assembly: the talk, prayers, and the notices, all of which have, at some time, provided us with much amusement. Perhaps one of the best-loved talks occurred when two fifth-formers decided to do a 'religious' talk.

Unfortunately, one of the fifth-formers' notes were totally illegible (sabotage?) and consequently the talk broke down. The typical attitude of R.G.S. boys to seeing people in total desperation — howls of laughter — provoked possibly the most famous words ever to be uttered in assembly by a member of staff: "Your behaviour is unacceptable and totally ..... unacceptable." But some talks do actually leave a lasting, and beneficial, impression upon 'the mob'. Ian Tennant's brilliant talk on his conversion to Christianity falls into this category. Often the school has guest speakers. For example, a man from a bank, promising everyone who entered a competition a free Sheaffer Pen. But if you don't like the talks given in assembly, have some consolation in the fact that some speakers fail to remember that it is their turn to speak in assembly. The Head Master says that the quickest assembly that he can remember was when there was no speaker (someone had obviously forgotten) and the whole assembly was over in just *four and a half minutes*. But some talks have been known to go on for about ten minutes. The average talk is meant to last around four minutes.

Prayers are not in themselves humorous; rather it is what happens during them that provides the entertainment — for example eight sixth-formers 'sitting' on one chair.

Notices are the real back-bone of R.G.S. humour. The official school notices vary from 'the school is about to buy a new minibus' (a guaranteed laugh-provoker) to 'The rugby team lost narrowly, but only because the referee was bribed, the linesmen drunk, our best 1500 players were missing, and the school never plays well on Saturday afternoons anyway'. However, the last few years have seen an astonishing revival in the number of notices submitted to be read out in assembly. 1982 was the golden year for humorous notices when the Public Rhetoric and Talking Society,

led by Colin Cameron, and the Sports Debating Society, combined their talents to ensure that there was at least one notice per week which would have 'the mob' falling off their minibuses. The Head Master himself has demonstrated an admirably liberal approach when deciding what notices to read out in assembly. He lists his favourite notice (which was read out) as the following Sports Debating Society notice, which was submitted after an interesting Armed Forces display on the school field. "This house believes that all the R.G.S. money used to buy minibuses should be given to the Armed Forces, who provide extremely valuable services such as flying over rugby posts, and jumping out of helicopters."

After three years of assembly analysis I have been able to compose the following interpretations about remarks concerning notices:

"The ..... Society meets today when the subject discussed will be .... and more details are on the notice-board" means that the member of staff reading the notice has suddenly realized that the notice is a hoax.

"Details of the ..... Society can be found on the notice-board" means that the notice is funny, but probably at the expense of a member of staff; or, alternatively, it means that the notice has an extremely long word in it.

"I would like to see ..... immediately after assembly" would mean that the notice submitted is extremely offensive, and the writer is in considerable trouble. In three years I have never heard this comment.

In conclusion, I must say that, in my opinion, the assembly is the one R.G.S. institution which has the perfect blend of humour and seriousness. It is the one occasion of the school day when the whole school meets, and a sense of unity is felt. Mr. Brown also told me of the college, in our country, which abandoned its assembly. There was then a campaign by the students to have the assembly reinstated. Long live the assembly.

Good Assemblies!

BRIAN CHURCH (6E2)

### BLITZKRIEG

*A derelict house.*

*What was once a glowing yellow*

*Is now unearthly blue.*

*Fragments of life are barely visible*

*Through the dust of death.*

*Satan scrutinizes the restless corpses*

*And approves of his own handiwork.*

*Now he raises his ugly uncompromising head*

*And scuttles off into the distance.*

*Several starched policemen recover more  
carcasses*

*And launch them onto the ever-increasing pyre.*

*Others comfort senile survivors.*

*As the victorious bomber pierces the dust  
triumphantly.*

K.J. BASHFORD

## “Murder In The Cathedral”

The school's dramatic offering this year did justice to Eliot's play, and it was a fine testimony to all the effort and hard work, which gave rise to a very impressive production. As with any theatrical creation, the success of the whole was dependent upon the co-ordination of the various individual aspects of the play. Extremely vivid though it may be, the poetry of T.S. Eliot in “Murder In The Cathedral” requires the aid of various theatrical techniques and effects, if its full dramatic potential is to be realized. In this respect, the lighting and sound effects in this particular production were very effective in infusing the play with the fullest possible artistic expression and highlighted the varying moods of Eliot's text. Great credit must go to all the anonymous faces back-stage who enabled the actors to perform in surroundings of such quality.

Close attention to detail was paid to the portrayal of ecclesiastical life in mediaeval England. The burning incense caressed the air (and the nostrils!), the monastic chanting echoed in the lofty vaults of the cathedral, and the ritual solemnity all gave an air of authenticity to the scene. The actual set itself was splendid, fully communicating the awe-inspiring grandeur of Canterbury. Upon this canvas paraded the clergymen themselves, clothed in the finest raiments, thanks to the creative people who produced the marvellous costumes.

Although the play gradually gathered momentum and finally rose to a climax, several scenes were particularly striking and memorable. The scene of the four Tempters saw Thomas visited by ghostly figures so the audience was able to see clearly the Archbishop's dilemma, and to detect the divided loyalty which was tearing him asunder. The sense of foreboding, aroused by the haunting Tempters, was intensified by Thomas' prophetic sermon on martyrdom, and the words of doom hovered, lingering on the chilling air. Then came the murder itself, the culmination of all the preceding signs and omens. Here, the lighting team excelled, producing an electrifying visual impression by means of the spasmodic flash of stroboscopic lights, slashing the air like silver daggers. Piercing in its intensity, this impression really did convey the acute agony suffered by the martyr Thomas. As if to condemn the murder, an infernal glow blazed around the Knights, whilst the Women of Canterbury were frozen in an icy, blue light. Feelings of tragedy and horror were brilliantly interpreted through this highly imaginative use of light and colour.

Amidst all the gloom and desolation of the actual historical event, one purely fictitious scene provided a striking contrast. This was, of course, the ludicrous, yet hilarious bid for self-justification on the part of the Knights. Highly reminiscent of Brecht's celebrated “Alienation effect”, this scene was overflowing with humour, and the actors spoke with such eloquence and heartfelt sincerity, that one might almost overlook their bloody deed. Yet history has the final word.

The Knights were the embodiment of fury and aggression, abusing Becket with incisive words and merciless contempt. The Knights relished the jarring effect upon the audience of their stormy entrance, and this was reflected in their convictions. All their roles were finely executed. Quite openly revealing their weakness and uncertainty, the Priests showed a fear which heightened the audience's awareness of Thomas' resolve in his martyrdom. One distinguished member of



staff commented to a Priest after the performance, that it must be strange to plant one's feet upon secular earth again. The piety of the Priests was unmistakable, and it was a creditable performance overall. Some of Eliot's most powerful and atmospheric poetry in the play was delivered by the Women of Canterbury, whose constant interjection was a poignant and harrowing anticipation of Thomas' murder. In their drab clothes, they lurked in the shadows like restless spectres, continually harping upon the Winter of Death. Mediaeval England was seen at its most realistic through them.

Jim Hopcraft's depiction of the Archbishop was one of great versatility, as he glided smoothly from one mood to another, adopting the requisite tone accordingly. The character of Thomas à Becket was seen in differing lights, each facet of his personality emerging in relation to the other particular characters on stage. In his encounter with the antagonistic Knights Becket, whilst always remaining mild and respectful, displayed a remarkable tenacity and dogged defiance, ultimately provoking the murder. With his fellow Priests the Archbishop was humble and unassuming, yet still retaining an air of authority, mindful of his spiritual and official capacity. As the shepherd caring for his flock, Thomas was seen as the very epitome of tenderness and compassion in extending his warmth to the frightened Women of Canterbury: a sensitive and comprehensive portrayal from Jim Hopcraft.

A special word of thanks and praise should go to the guiding hand of Peter Cowburn, who, as director, ultimately held all the strings, weaving them into one colourful tapestry and so giving the play its unity. A sincere appreciation of the production as a whole is a grateful acknowledgement of the effort, commitment and dedication of everybody concerned with the production both individually and collectively. Not all are mentioned, but everybody is appreciated.

M. IRONS

## Amahl and the Night Visitors — The Producer Reminisces

In September it was decided that the highlight of this year's Christmas Concert would be a performance of Gian Carlo Menotti's Christmas Opera — "Amahl and the Night Visitors". This fantasy tale tells of a young crippled boy's encounter with the three kings on their way to visit the Christ Child, his subsequent miraculous cure, and vow to go with the kings to visit the child himself.

Having been used in the past to the direction of either straight dramatic works or light comic operas, it was not without a certain amount of trepidation that I embarked upon the production of such a serious work, however the assistance of a team of experts and the magic of Menotti's music quickly dismissed any doubts.

The task, of course, would have been impossible without the hard work of the Music Department and our luck to have two experienced singers in the lead roles. Carys Dosser playing the mother poured all her professional expertise into the role and her presence as mother, big sister and colleague ensured that there was a feeling of unity and cohesion within the cast. Amahl was played by Jonathan Walker, a new boy to the school who had previously been the head chorister at St. Paul's Cathedral School. He was perhaps a little overfed for the waif Amahl, but this was quickly forgotten in the clarity and pathos of his singing.

The three kings were played by three stalwarts of the Music and Choral Societies Matthew White, Christopher Leggett and Christopher Walker and the chorus of shepherds and shepherdesses by members of the Choral Society.

Perhaps one of the finest points of R.G.S. Drama is the fact that so many people from so many different areas are drawn into the net of the production. "Amahl" was no exception and the final effect of the play was enhanced by the magnificent "Christmas Card" cottage created by Mr. Smith and his stage team. This, in turn, was rendered even more magical by the lighting effects provided by Mr. Everett and his team, and the whole was set into motion by those superb Breughel-like costumes created by Clare Cooper and her team. Add to this a 20 piece orchestra and one gets some idea of the magnitude and snowballing effect of a play which had started out as a small one-act entertainment.

My memories of the production remain pleasant in spite of the crises which always seem to occur in production. Fortunately, these can be easily dismissed as I remember with affection the response to my appeal for livestock "to create a real farmyard atmosphere on stage" and temporarily forgetting that animals on stage, or off, behave, well? — "naturally". Similarly the snow which refused to fall on the first night and which became a blizzard on the second, and finally who can forget the lively and frenzied dance of the Peasants, I certainly won't, in fact, even now in my slumbers I begin the mechanical — Left, one, two, forward, one, two, turn, turn .....

Menotti has a lot to answer for but my thanks to everyone who made this such a memorable and delightful production upon which to work.

P.G. COWBURN



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## Music Society Notes

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Although the Music Society lost several senior musicians last summer, it has again showed its resilience and enjoyed a fruitful year. After slight reorganisation the Choral Society, both Orchestras and both Wind Bands have resumed activities, and many musicians were given the platform to show the results of their expertise in a busy Autumn term.

The first major event was the Recital on October 20 which provided an opportunity, not normally available during the customary "full" concerts, for the more accomplished individuals to perform solos and participate in ensembles. Everyone who took part gained enormously from the experience, and the excellent support and response to the venture indicated it was an idea worth repeating.

"Amahl and the Night Visitors" by Menotti was undoubtedly the highlight of the Christmas festivities. Produced by Mr. Cowburn and with a most effective set designed by Mr. Smith, it was acknowledged to be both a visual and musical delight. The part of Amahl was sung by Jonathan Walker, fresh from being leading chorister at St. Paul's Cathedral: the kings were very ably sung and acted by Matthew White, Christopher Leggett, and Christopher Walker; and we were extremely grateful to Carys Dossier for taking the part of Amahl's mother: her singing and acting were an inspiration to all.

The other half of the Christmas Concerts consisted of items performed by the First Orchestra, First Wind Band and the Choral Society, interspersed with various seasonal readings.

The Choral Society together with the Junior Choir sang at the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols in the Parish Church.

At the time of writing the Summer Concert is imminent, where once again all Society activities will be on display.

Finally, the Society's thanks must go to Mr. Holmes and Mr. Wheeler whose efforts make such a wide variety of musical groups available to the school, and also to other members of staff whose support is much appreciated.

CHRISTOPHER WALKER

### FAITHLESSNESS

*An alternative metaphor passes near my  
arterial road,  
Separated only by a worn stile of commitment,  
Sign posted "The Kingdom of Heaven".*

*The road beyond is as solid as Jesus' delusion,  
As straight as Cain's blade,  
And lies in a springtime countryside,  
Full of inevitable promise and hope.  
Its end circles eternally in the Word's lap.*

*But a thick emetic fog enshrouds this post-  
natal garden,  
Forces me to choke on its illusory chyme,  
My rheum full of delusory fears.*

*So I'll hide under my agnostic blanket,  
Prescience reveals only a timeless epitaph.*

K.J. WOTHERSPOON

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## Outward Bound Aberdovey 1982

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Last year, from April 4th to the 25th, I spent three weeks at an Outward Bound Centre in North Wales about ten miles north of Aberystwyth, whose staff are responsible for all of the rescue services in the area. Nearby is Cader Idris, the highest mountain in mid-Wales, and the Tal-y-Llyn miniature railway.

On arrival we were split up into groups, each group having the name of a famous explorer, such as Drake, and Shackleton. There were twelve groups, each consisting of twelve people and an instructor, containing boys of different nationalities and from different walks of life.

Each day began at 6.30, and the first jobs to do were our duties. The group I was in, "Nelson" group, had to clear litter from the assault course. Meal duties were shared out equally between groups.

After breakfast every day there was a short assembly, consisting of a short reading, and the news and weather forecast read by a member of the duty group for that morning. (I got lumbered with that a few times!)

During the day activities ranged from rock-climbing and abseiling to activities such as canoeing and sailing. Several days were spent on expeditions, which basically consisted of hiking and camping in tents. (On one occasion, however, we had to build, and sleep in, our own bivouacs.)

We also went potholing once, and also did a few orienteering courses.

In the evenings we were instructed in First Aid, Sea Safety, and map-reading.

At the end of the course there was a "concert", in which all the groups had to participate, mostly by contributing sketches or songs.

The course itself is not designed to intimidate those taking part but to provide an experience, possibly taxing the student a little. I thoroughly enjoyed it, and would recommend it to anyone else. No-one is unsuitable physically; the only necessity for the course is adaptability.

GORDON GILES 5SRG.





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## Drama Weekend

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Last October the school continued its successful series of Drama Weekends when members of the RGS and the High School performed 'West Side Story'. The weekend started on the Friday evening when an increasingly horrified audience watched the film of 'West Side Story'. After being assured that our production would be slightly shorter and less energetic than in the film, we left to prepare ourselves for Saturday, wondering what we had let ourselves in for.

Saturday morning opened with Mr Smith's now infamous warm up exercises. This was followed by practical sessions to enable the actors to play the part of American thugs and delinquents, for which all the participants showed a natural flair. Mr Cowburn seemed particularly adept at playing the part of a juvenile delinquent, one of many talents that may be attributed to a mis-spent youth that he exhibited during the weekend.

In the evening the group visited the Victoria Palace to see 'Windy City', winner of the 'Best Musical of the Year Award', an American musical that was enjoyed by all. The moving stage was an object of particular

curiosity, especially to the enlightened members of stage team.

Sunday was spent in preparing for the production that evening, the preparations continuing with increasing panic, until the audience started to arrive. To add to the participants' torment the whole of the show was recorded on video. Luckily filming the production was entrusted to David Forbes (look to your laurels Sir Richard Attenbrough). His rather unusual filming techniques ensured no one who took part will suffer the embarrassment of being identified.

Despite the worries beforehand, the performance was, as usual, a great success, and was enjoyed by all who took part. Thanks must go to Mr Smith, Mr Mitchell, Mr Cowburn, Mr Everett, the stage lighting team, and to the audience, who had to re-arrange the tables in the New Canteen after the performance! Thanks must also go to stage team, who, as well as building the set and filming the production, produced a programme for the performance.

J. FORBES

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## The 'Choir'

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By G.B.E. decree, 'the Choir' were brought together a year ago to add a ten minute bop to the Royal Grammar School show. During one short year they've managed to squeeze in two sell-out gigs in the 6th form common-room in their tight schedule that has also included 3 practices and a day trip to Mickfield.

The group consists of four 'talented' musicians including Jon Thomas, on ear-piercing piano (soon to reach grade II), Joe King and Mike Read, posing on out-of-tune, second-hand guitars (bass and rhythm respectively). Last and not least Bryn 'Sticks' Marsland on 'off beat' drums and orangutang impressions. Their influences include, 'the Who', 'the Beatles', 'the Jam' and 'Twisted Sister'.

The Sixties-based 'muscle-men', who can be found dozing in the art-room, dodging tomatoes at the 'Nag's Head' or doing Mrs Oliver's housework, have recently had their normally hectic routine interrupted by 'A' level revision (revision?) and lack of applause, but hope to return to the 'rock' scene with a new set of dynamic numbers and clean socks in the early summer.

For those who want to know more about 'the Choir', information will be available from their manager Simon 'Money-bags' Oliver, when he has thought of something.

NIC TOLKIEN



# Clubs and Societies

## Astronomical Society

This year has seen the continuation of talks on a wide range of topics by both society members and members of staff. The year started well with the purchase of a camera for use with our telescope, using the money raised from Patrick Moore's talk at the school last year.

The highlight of the year was a visit to the Rutherford and Appleton laboratories. These are the centre of Starlink, a complex communications system connecting astronomers in Britain to telescopes and satellites around the world. One of our junior members even tried steering the 12m tracking dish which is now in use controlling the infra-red astronomical satellite (IRAS). The whole visit was very enjoyable.

My thanks go to Mr. Boutland and Mr. Talbot along with everyone else who has helped the society throughout the year.

P. CHAPMAN (Chairman)

## Local History

Local History is a new T.A.A. group formed by Mr. Keysell to cover an important but neglected aspect of historical study.

The group is divided into two. Most members are collecting information about High Wycombe within living memory. This is obtained from a wide variety of sources including recorded interviews with elderly residents, many of whom had connections with the R.G.S. in earlier days. The aim is to produce on tape a vivid picture of life in pre-war Wycombe.

The smaller group is involved in feeding the 1851 census data for Taplow into the Computer. This enables us to study the complex structure of a Victorian Village. Taplow was selected for its manageable size and because it has several interesting features, including a station on the then new Great Western Railway. It also contains a broad spectrum of Victorian society from the inhabitants of Taplow Court to the paupers.

Both projects are proving to be interesting and enjoyable and a lot of fascinating information has come to light. For example, one group interviewed a gentleman, whose form-master was T.S. Eliot during the brief period that he taught at the school in 1915. He still had one of his reports signed by Eliot, and a photocopy of this was put into the exhibition which coincided with "Murder in the Cathedral".

B. St. J. RYAN  
B.S. WRIGHT

## Sixth Form Debating Society

The Sixth Form Debating Society has had another successful year and still occasionally holds debates, despite the reluctance of the vast majority of the school either to attend debates or speak in them. The high point of the year was a "balloon" debate with members of staff representing themselves. An audience of eighty listened avidly as Mr. White-Taylor, Mr.

Clay, and Mr. Heath each explained why he should stay in the balloon at the expense of his colleagues.

After this the society held a series of debates with Lady Verney. Speakers from the R.G.S. spoke to rapidly diminishing audiences on such diverse subjects as, "the morality of Santa Claus," and "the IRA, freedom fighters or terrorists?" These debates were abandoned after the speakers outnumbered the audience, though it is hoped that they will be resurrected when apathy wanes.

The society has also held several debates on political subjects. Mr. File has tried regularly, but so far unsuccessfully to "break the mould of politics" on behalf of the S.D.P. The return of Dr. Smith to the history department has provided the staff with a speaker even more conservative than most of the pupils. However, the general apathy among the more reactionary members of the school means that he is at present a voice in the wilderness.

The society is hoping to hold another debate about nuclear weapons after serious allegations, following the last debate on the subject, of bias by the chairman, bribery of speakers, double voting, and other corrupt practices which have never raised a complaint in the past.

Thanks must go to all the pupils and members of staff who have spoken during the year, and made the survival of the Society possible.

J. FORBES

## Model Railway Club

The Model Railway Club has had another fairly successful year. Membership has slowly increased and we are pleased to see that many of the second formers who joined in the autumn have retained their interest.

The year has been in some ways quite eventful: the 'OO' layout is being slowly constructed and work has begun on the N-gauge layout now that there are enough N-gauge modellers in the club. Since the last issue of the school magazine we have had day trips out to both Chester and Newcastle, and we plan to go to Plymouth sometime in the near future.

Our major plan for the year ahead is to hold a model railway exhibition in the Queen's Hall during March next year to which we hope to invite a number of other model railway clubs and societies. Finally our thanks go to Mr. Lovell for his help in running the club during the year.

M.K. ELLIS (Secretary)

## The Paperback Bookshop

Once again the almost unrivalled ambience and erudite atmosphere of those little cupboards below the stairs has exercised a magnetic attraction on all men of bookish bent during the school lunch-hour. The last few months, however, have seen the wind of change blowing through the shelves. A large proportion of the stock now consists of second-hand books, which has brought the prices within the range of the narrowest budget. The breadth of choice has not diminished; 20p will currently buy anything from "Attack of the

## Clubs and Societies (contd.)

Plasmoids" to Plato's "Symposium".

In spite of these ludicrously low prices Greek Philosophy has not proved as popular among this season's bibliophiles as the Science Fiction and Horror titles; but maybe next year.....?

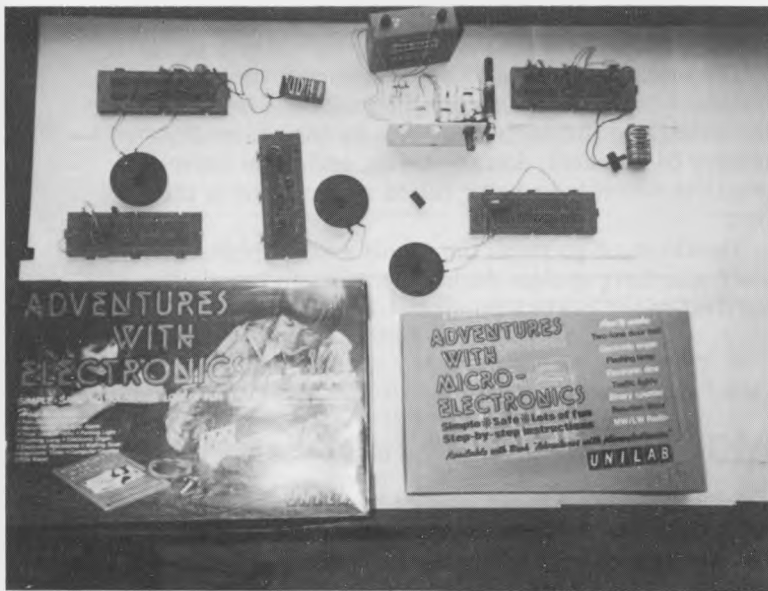
A. CREASE

## Electronics Club

Various electronic projects have been built by third formers this year. On Monday lunchtimes the Physics floor of the Science Block has sounded more like a video arcade, with radios, organs, buzzers, alarms and some rather quieter digital circuits in action.

Next year it is hoped to provide an Electronics Club for seniors, concentrating on more advanced digital electronics and interfaces.

D.B. THOMAS



## The Computer Club

Once again I can report that the Computer Club has expanded, both in resources and experience.

The school has acquired a third computer this year, as well as a new printer, and there are plans to set up a Computing Laboratory in the room vacated by the Language Laboratory. The school has a forward looking policy and it is hoped that there will be more computers in the near future.

The computers are just beginning to be used throughout the school, indeed this year's Greybook was compiled using the computer system. Again this year three of our members won prizes in the National Kent Software Trophy competition.

DAMIAN GRIFFIN, Secretary

## The ZX Society

The ZX Society is a comparatively new club started during 1982.

Every Tuesday a group of Second and Third Formers meet in Room 27 to exchange programs and ideas for ZX microcomputers. The society has its own computer

which is used regularly to try out new programs. We hope to take an active part in the organisation of the Microfair at the R.G.S.

I would like to thank Mr. Talbot for his help with the founding and financing of the Club and also Mr. Berry who has taken over as Master in charge. I would also like to thank the Secretary, Robert Bees, and the Treasurer, Anthony Bower.

The Society hopes to expand its interests to other micros and new members are always welcome.

IAN M. GILBEY (3M), Chairman

## War Games Club

This year the club has prospered with over fifty members. This is due to the competitions on a superb range of recently purchased games available free to club members, organised by the committee. Again this year a meeting was organised for a day during the Christmas holidays at Downley by Mr. Talbot. The Second Form membership has increased this year, while the vogue for "Dungeons and Dragons" has decreased with other more widely orientated games taking its place.

In addition to our meetings after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, we now meet in the New Canteen every lunchtime.

PHILIP RUGG  
OWEN G. ROBERTS  
HUGH DIXON

## Photographic Society

This year the photographic society has concentrated on teaching members how to develop and print a black-and-white film. Competitions are arranged, and all members must submit a mounted black-and-white print. Prizes are awarded for the winning entries. Film can be purchased at approximately half the normal price, and test reports on most modern cameras are available. Meetings are held on Friday lunchtimes in P4.

M. EARL

## Entomological Society

Interest has continued to increase in the 'Bug Club' this year. The Autumn term, as usual, saw a number of illustrated talks and films on topics such as bees, locusts, butterflies as well as demonstrations of collecting methods.

Some members attended the annual amateur Entomological Society's Exhibition in London with its exotic and bizarre displays.

Field trips are being planned for the summer giving members an opportunity to observe British species in their natural habitat.

DAVID CLARK

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## Christian Union

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As a C.U., we believe that it was our task this year to look outward, and to tell the people here in our school about Christ.

We asked God to show us what to do. We believe He guided us to organise the "Extrax" visit last November. Also, we prayed about the C.U. We felt that we needed second and third formers to balance up the age range, as well as leadership for next year. We began a series of meetings specifically for the Junior School. As a result, several second and third formers began to come along. Also, following the mission, we had several new members from the lower sixth who have since proved well able to be next year's leaders.

We asked God to show us a specific target to pray for. The answer came — a room-full of people by Easter. In the meantime we led a week of assemblies,

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### "Extrax" Visit

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From 22nd-27th of November last year the school was very pleased to welcome John Allen and his team "Extrax":- Jeremy Brown, Richard King, Jackie Vogel, and Lorraine Thorn.

Towards the end of last June we in the Christian Union believed that God was guiding us to organise a



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### Science: Good or Bad?

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Has science had a good or a bad effect on our lives? Would it have been better for us all if Galileo and the other pioneers of science had never existed?

Before turning to these questions let me begin by outlining just what is meant by the word Science in the context of this argument: science is the whole process of theory and practical experimentation that has given, and still is giving, rise to the technological innovations that shape our lives. It is also the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake.

Some people have said that science has wasted the world's resources, both natural and human. This point can be answered easily: if it were not for science the world's natural resources would not have been used for any purposes: then they would truly have been wasted. Also science has provided us with the means to obtain new resources: those of the moon and the other planets. As for wasting human resources: many humans have talents only in the scientific fields, which would be wasted if these fields did not exist.

Pollution is another major criticism of science, but the world is far from being inextricably damaged by pollution. If this unhappy state of affairs does occur in the future then it will be the fault of humans misusing

speaking (and, in the case of Junior assemblies, singing) about what we have experienced in our own lives. Sure enough, by Easter we had a room-full of people at each C.U. meeting — about 35-40.

As a result of our increased numbers we have recently sub-divided into smaller Cell Groups which meet each week for Bible-study and prayer. Also, following meetings with the C.U.s of other local schools, we have had two joint weekend camps.

We thank God for the way He has blessed us this year, and look forward to what He has in store for us next year. We meet each Monday and Thursday lunchtime at 1.15, in room 4, and all are very warmly invited to come along.

P. HALLIDAY & M. HOWE (Leaders)

mission within the school. After discussion with members of staff and church leaders a decision to go ahead was made. There was much prayer within the C.U., and on our behalf, as preparations progressed. Out of many groups, we invited "Extrax" — a schools' team based in Swindon. We believe that this was God's choice.

Throughout the week the team presented the Christian faith in many different ways during assemblies, R.E. lessons, and lunchtime meetings. The week came to a climax on the Saturday evening when "Extrax" gave a Rock Concert. The school seemed to become very attracted to the "Extrax" team, particularly to Lorraine, and there was a suggestion among the sixth form Biologists that "Jerry Brown walks on water"!

The "Extrax" visit was both enjoyable and profitable, and the Christian Union hopes to be able to invite the team back again.

PHIL HALLIDAY & MARK HOWE

their science, not of the science itself. Similarly, it is true that science has produced the atomic bomb; but only human weakness could cause it to be used, and it has not been for almost forty years — the longest period of peace in Europe this century.

It has been said that science, particularly Darwinism, has undermined religion. I can see no harm in this: surely it is better to know the truth than to cling to false beliefs.

The comfort of people's lives has been immeasurably increased by science.

These lives are made longer and happier by new advances in medicine and hygiene. Admittedly these have also produced dangerously high population-growth rates, but these can be halted with proper application of science and the law.

Science in its purest form, the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake — or, if you prefer, just simple curiosity — is so much part of human nature that it was inevitable from the moment that human beings began to be able to think for themselves, and thus it surely cannot be a bad thing.

J.R. ROLLASON

# Sport

## Rugby

**1st XV**      Played — 20      Drawn — 1  
                 Won — 13        Lost — 6

With the acquisition of the new multigym equipment in June, preparation for the 1982 season began earlier than usual with weight-training during the summer holiday. This drew together a young squad of keen players who conscientiously worked through their individual "slog" circuits in an effort to size up to the generally older opposition.

Considering the inexperience of the side, the results during the season were highly commendable, losing only once after Christmas and creating an excellent platform for 1983-84.

Probably the most disappointing moments of the season were the games against local rivals, Sir William Borlase, and Aylesbury Grammar School, losing the former mainly due to bad play, and the latter mainly due to bad luck. Yet there was much to savour in many of the victories during the season; particular relish coming from beating arch-rivals Emanuel, Hampton and Latymer Upper.

The overall strength of the team lay in the pack, although this was hard to believe early season when poor scrummaging led to little quality possession. However, application and initiative, hallmarks of good rugby teams, enabled the forward unit eventually to outplay most packs especially in the second term.

The back play was neat yet often lacking in the precise handling skills required at crucial moments. However, encouraged by the fine running skills of both wings, Andy Boyne and David Lock, the ball was often moved smoothly along the line, thus giving the spectators plenty to enjoy.

Four of the team played for the County XV this season, Simon Oliver, Dick Fairbrother, James Miller and Nigel Topping, and many others will play next year when the school 1st XV should be good enough to avenge this year's local defeats. Also in 1984 the 1st XV hope to be touring the U.S.A. at Easter, and so some players may even gain "international" experience.

However the most important experience in senior rugby is the realisation of the impossibility of playing quality rugby and meeting the demands of a hard physical game without achieving a high level of personal fitness. As training time is always limited and mainly used to develop individual and unit skills, it falls on the players themselves to take responsibility for their own physical condition. If the players respond to this realisation then the 1983-84 season will be highly rewarding.

SBG



**2nd XV**      Played — 19      Lost — 5  
                 Won — 14        For — 401  
                 Cancelled — 2      Against — 111

The inexperienced side started inauspiciously, but after losing four of the first six games, entered on a run of 12 wins which lasted until the final match of the season, narrowly lost in the mud at Gunnersbury. Highlights were hard-fought wins over Aylesbury G.S., Sir William Borlase and Tiffin School, and crushing defeats of Haydon School 78-0, Windsor G.S. 45-0 and Latymer Upper 30-0.

The transformation owed much to the inspiring pack leadership of Justin Van der Pant, and the immaculate kicking of stand-off, Tony Davies. The pack developed into a powerful force. The front five usually dominated play and at flanker there was an embarrassment of riches with outstanding performances from Andrew Cooney, Mike Davies and Patrick Jennings as they vied for selection. Despite some good individual performances the backs rarely combined as an efficient unit and flowing attacks were few. Ian MacAusland from the second row was the leading try scorer with fourteen.

Only two of the team leave this year and the promise shown in the latter part of the season augurs well for the next few years. Above all we enjoyed our rugby, and thank Mr. Learmonth for his coaching and constant encouragement.

A.C. CAMPBELL

**2nd 'B' XV**      Played — 18      Lost — 5  
                 Won — 13        For — 272  
                 Drew — 0        Against 167

As the results show, the season was a highly successful one, with many notable victories gained, including those over Tiffin, St. Benedict's and St. Edmund's Schools.

The forwards, ably led by Colin White, lacked height, and consequently success at the line-out was limited. However, their consistent domination of the scrum and the loose play was admirable.

The backs' tackling was, on occasion, weak but they combined well to use the ball imaginatively and to good effect.

County honours were gained by Simon Alway (scrum-half) and Chris Buss (lock). Chris went on to play for the South Midlands while Simon represented 'Area Six' and took part in the England Regional Trials.

The general standard of play augurs well for next season and I wish all those who played this year continued success.

My thanks go to Colin White for his leadership of the forwards, Mr. Chamberlain for his assistance and his refereeing, and to the rest of the team for making my job such an enjoyable one.

MATTHEW FREE

**U15 XV**

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
'A' XV	15	7	1	7	248	72
'B' XV	5	2	1	2	58	36

This has been a season of mixed fortunes. It took the squad a few games to develop their self-confidence and consequently we lost to otherwise mediocre sides. The latter half of the season saw some fine team performances notably against Borlase and Emanuel. Of

particular note is the success of the sevens squad at the Bucks Sevens where they reached the final.

Although individual skills do not make a whole team — mention must be made of the intelligence and pace of James Cook, the all-round effort of Alexis Read and the quick-witted captaincy of Paul Miller. A special thank you to all the players who did not get regular games but boosted the strength of the whole squad.

KG/AW

#### U14 XV

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
'A' XV	15	13	1	1	298	97
'B' XV	6	4	0	2	112	71

The playing record indicates that this year's U 14 rugby squad provided successful, strong sides at both 'A' and 'B' team levels.

The 'A' team had a powerful set of forwards, very well led by tight-head Robert Jordan, the team captain, and with a hard-working try-scoring No. 8 in Bill Tapley.

Scrum-half Tom Fountain was always a danger to opponents and David Currie at centre or wing was a leading try-scorer. Darren Wigham, something of an enigma, scored tries too, whether as a prop or a centre!

The team's tackling was very impressive, with full-back Peter Smith and lock Trevor Hamp setting memorable examples.

Other regular members of a very good team were: Trevor Hoggan, Angus Pond, Jeremy Bennett, Ben Clegg, Mark Campbell and James Eales. Congratulations to all who played.

Thanks are due to Mr. John Currie for his help, advice and enthusiasm in following the team, and to Mr. Jordan for video-taping the final game.

The 'B' XV fixtures were most enjoyable. Extending 'B' XV rugby has been a very successful move. Several regular 'B' team players will no doubt play significant parts in senior school teams of the future.

S.R. GOLDTHORPE/M.W. COOK (Masters-in-charge)

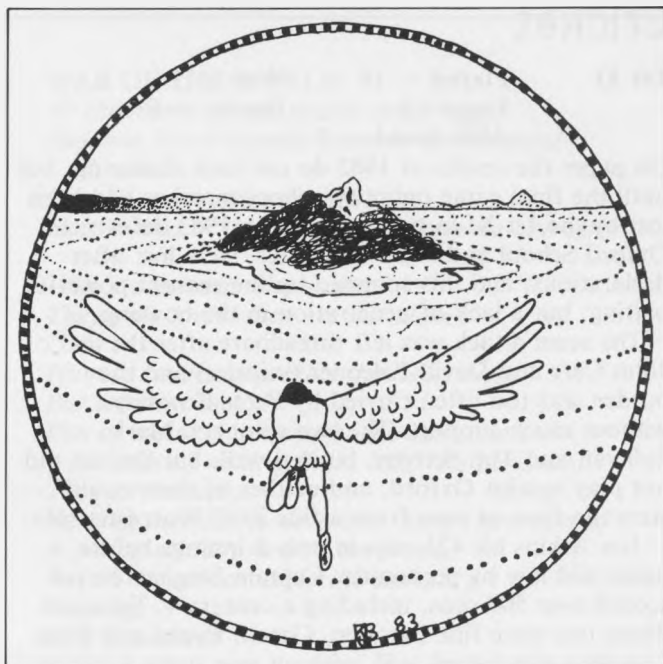
#### U13 XV

	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
'A' XV	9	8	1	208	62
'B' XV	8	6	2	157	46

The results this season have been very good indeed and the three lost games were only by narrow margins. The squad training prior to the first fixture against Watford proved invaluable and the 'A' team won 18-4, a notable achievement against a team who had been playing together for a whole year.

The 'A' team played very well at times and some sparkling tries were enjoyed by the many parents who supported us. Top scorers in the backs were our wingers Charles Eales and David Meli with five tries each, and Matthew Dodds a most promising full-back kicked 10 conversions. Our half-backs and centres also scored two tries each. In the forwards the back-row were always prominent and Justin Pearson, No. 8 scored no fewer than 22 tries. Andrew Pegler captained the side admirably and the pack as a whole played well.

The 'B' team under the watchful eye of Dr. Dosser and captained by the busy Richard King at scrum-half, produced better than expected results and James Fisher was the most improved forward.



#### THE GONDAL PARTIES

##### Part I

*So you're at a party.*

*Welcome to the party.*

*A party where prisms create a wealth of tears.  
Jack's party.*

*Veils of despair seep down over the grey  
summer sky,  
chilling the apple blossom.*

*I am watched from rowing boats and apple  
trees  
by people I feel I should know.*

*I am complex,  
welcome to my party.*

##### Part II

*I think they told me not to worry  
because the sun never goes down.  
They painted me with pretty  
and put on my head a crown.*

*I think that I remember  
watching whales die on the sand.  
I heard them crying out to me  
but blood was on my hand.*

*Then my mummy went away.*

*Storms started to fly,  
the nights grew long;  
the dark leaked even to  
small eyes which peer nocturnal  
from bushes.*

##### Part III

*This morning I awoke  
to find Jesus under my bed.*

A.J. WELBY

# Cricket

**1st XI**      Played — 16      Won — 5  
                   Lost — 3            Drawn — 6  
                   Abandoned — 2

On paper the results of 1983 do not look flattering, but until the final game only two school matches had been lost by the 1st XI in two years. Both 1983 defeats, to Oxford School and RGS Worcester, were lost after declarations, and this summed up the season: powerful batting, but a lack of penetration in the bowling.

The seam attack was left threadbare after the loss of John Carr and David Falconer (injuries) and the burden was too often carried by Peter Cowdery, without much support. The two spinners, Mark Sullivan and Tim Scriven, bowled well, but Scriven did not play against Oxford, and neither of them could stem the flow of runs from a fine RGS Worcester side.

Jon Atkins hit 423 runs in only 6 innings before being laid low by peritonitis. Captain Stephen Noyes scored over 500 runs, including a century v. Emanuel. These two were fine batsmen. Gareth Evans and Peter Cowdery also batted well, without ever quite fulfilling their potential. Newcomer Andrew Duncan played some very good innings, and Guy Lewis and Stewart Newport had their moments. There was no shortage of good batting.

Some fine cricket was played, and tribute must be paid at the end of a distinguished school career to Captain Stephen Noyes, who won all representative junior honours and fully deserved them. Congratulations too to Peter Cowdery on winning his Bucks Schools County Cap, and to wicket-keeper Gareth Evans, another county player.

Farewell to: Stephen Noyes, Peter Cowdery, Gareth Evans, Peter Price, David Falconer, John Carr and Duncan Gibson-Smith.

Full colours awarded: Peter Price, Guy Lewis, Stewart Newport and Mark Sullivan.

## Averages

### Batting

Noyes	511 runs @ 56.78
Atkins	423 runs @ 70.50
Evans	294 runs @ 24.50
Lewis	244 runs @ 17.43
Duncan	230 runs @ 32.86
Cowdery	172 runs @ 24.57
Newport	131 runs @ 11.91

### Bowling

Sullivan	25 wkts @ 16.60
Scriven	24 wkts @ 9.00
Cowdery	24 wkts @ 15.54
Price	14 wkts @ 24.00

S.R. GOLDTHORPE

**2nd XI**      Played — 13      Won — 6  
                   Drawn — 4        Lost — 1  
                   Abandoned — 2

Owing to injuries, promotions and desertions after 'A' levels the 2nd XI used twenty-nine players in 1982 but, as the record shows, once again had a very successful season. With more time or less rain we should have won the games that were drawn and we were strongly placed in the two abandoned games. Only Worcester G.S. had the better of us.

The leading wicket-taker was Toby Howick with 19 wickets at an average of 6.42 before his departure for France in July. The highlight of his season was four wickets in successive balls against Oxford School.

The side's batting was consistent if rarely spectacular. David Bames, a fifth-former, hit strongly and accumulated runs prodigiously. With two undefeated fifties and an average of 156 he fully deserved his promotion to the 1st XI for the latter part of the season.

Many thanks to Mr. Chamberlain for umpiring, coaching, his advice and unstinting analysis, and to the tea ladies and groundsmen.

A. CAMPBELL

**UNDER 14**    Played — 15  
                   Won — 5  
                   Drawn — 2  
                   Lost — 8

As the record suggests, the team had a disappointing season in terms of results. The batting lacked strength, totalling over 100 on only three occasions and this meant that the bowlers never really had sufficient opportunities to put enough pressure on the opposition.

The highlight of the season was our defeat of Aylesbury G.S. in the semi-final of the Lord's Taverners' Colts Competition. In this match, Ian Wiles scored an unbeaten 50 and took 5 for 9 but in the final we were easily defeated by the John Hampden School. The worst performance the previous year had been the batting collapse against Watford G.S., but this year we drew after making 131, which was a very credible achievement.

The closest match was against Emanuel School when R.G.S. recovered from 6 for 3 to score 97 through several determined partnerships. Our opponents were dismissed for 91, with leg-spinner Paul Miller taking 5 for 36. Paul, who batted with much promise, captained the team throughout the season and was, along with Ian Wiles, selected for the county team.

Other players to make some impression were Robert Cleary, who had three significant scores; Daren Blaker, who improved his defence and took up wicket-keeping with a good measure of success and Richard Daw who developed his off-spin well. Nicholas McLaughlin and James Cook lacked real control and penetration as an opening attack. Wiles and Miller were more likely to take wickets.

Nicholas Ball, Stephen Baxter, Trevor Charles, Richard Chuter, Simon Gamble, Nicholas Goodwin and Alex Welby were all selected during the season and the team appreciated the excellent scoring and support of Paul Hammond. All players were very keen and worked hard in practice sessions. Many improved considerably during the season and, with continued enthusiasm, I'm sure that several will become useful cricketers in time.

D.G.S.

**UNDER 15**    Played — 12  
                   Won — 5  
                   Drawn — 5  
                   Lost — 2

The U/15 cricket season was successful both on and off the field, with the players enjoying exceptional

individual successes together with good team performances. Although the results of the games remained important, these were never at the expense of sportsmanship and good humour.

Outstanding in the batting were Adrian Abbott, Sean Sawyer, Mark Lane and captain Simon Alway, all of whom averaged over 25 runs per innings. Abbott's 101 against Emanuel and Sawyer's 81 against Hampton were indeed "gems" of innings, each incorporating a wealth of attractive shots supported by patient defence. Only the good spin-bowling attack of Watford embarrassed the RGS batting when on a drying pitch the school collapsed from 40-1 to 59 all out: a total that Watford achieved with some comfort. Slow batting nearly lost the initiative against Magdalen College School, but Simon Alway's hitting ability saved the day by thrashing the College bowlers for 40 runs in 3 overs, to spark a win with just 2 balls to spare.

The bowling throughout the season generally lacked the variation to take advantage of match winning situations, particularly against Hampton and Worcester. Although Julian Gatward was successful in short spells, no authentic right-hand spinner emerged to thoroughly test the opposition batting. The seam attack of Simon Alway, Sean Sawyer, Jim Lawrence, Chris Shaw and John Wilkins were always accurate and therefore extremely useful in restricted-over matches. Sawyer took 28 wickets at the average cost of 8 runs a wicket and as an all-rounder is likely to make his mark on senior cricket next year.

The most pleasing aspect, however, was the way all the players chipped in with spirited performances when required: Justin Van der Pant and Michael Cartwright made valuable runs while Gareth Cann and Pat Jennings fielded and caught with skill and consistency, showing that cricket is indeed a team game.

SBG

### UNDER 13

The U13 XI enjoyed a reasonable season, winning five matches, losing one, drawing one and one abandoned. The strength of the side was in the field, with everybody catching extremely well. The main bowling honours fell to Jason Pidgeon, Robert Jordan and James Baker.

James Baker and Mark Puddephatt were the main run scorers. Against Burnham Grammar School Mark Puddephatt was not out seventy-one and James Baker was out for eighty. J. Pigeon, R. Jordan, Tom Fountain, Simon Ryan and David Treadwell made useful contributions with the bat.

The most outstanding game was against Desborough. Chasing eighty-seven runs, Desborough were eighty-one for five and collapsed to eighty-one all out, J. Baker taking three wickets in one over. J. Baker, M. Puddephatt and D. Treadwell were all county trialists.

R. JORDAN (Captain)

S.J. GRUNDY (Master i/c)

### WAR OF THE WORLD

*At the mercy of the deadly thick fog,  
Hideous faced animals stumble in hysterical  
blindness;*

*But the pretty ones are dead,  
Half buried in the murky sea where no-one can  
tell*

*Who's dead and who's alive,  
They only know they are not alone.*

*Human sandbags protect the lucky ones.  
But are they lucky?*

*Bits of metal chip away at the cold, inert  
mounds of rotting flesh, 'till, like parasites;  
They strike lucky,*

*Burying themselves deep into 'their' new home;  
A young soldier, new to the front,*

*But now experienced in the sadistic art of  
dying,  
or is it suicide?*

*The persistent thud of shells gains its 'just'  
reward;*

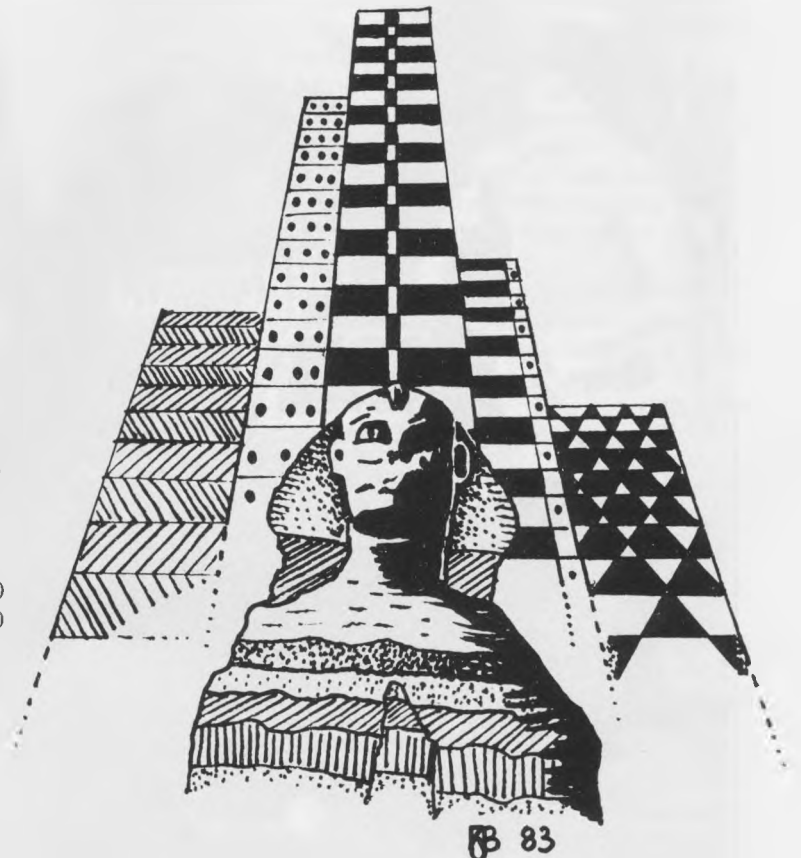
*it strikes as intended and the appalling  
consequences turn the murky ocean to red.*

*The Bunker wall is splattered with men's  
thoughts,*

*No longer secrets, but a mingling mass of  
dejected white tissue.*

*And they will stay lonely.*

J. COOK, 4T





# Hockey

<b>1st XI</b>	Played — 22	Lost — 4
	Won — 16	For — 7
	Drawn — 2	Against — 17

As can be seen from the record, the team has had a very successful season. More matches have been won than last year. All four defeats were by a margin of one goal and the vice-captain Tim Berendt, the top-scorer, was prevented from playing in three of these through injury.

The success has been due in part to the work done in regular training sessions. Because of the unsatisfactory school indoor facilities, Bisham Abbey has often been used and the players have paid the expenses themselves. Emphasis in training has been directed towards teamwork and this contributed towards some excellent performances.

Highlights of the season include the 1-0 defeat of Kingston G.S. (the first in this fixture since 1969), the 3-0 win over a strong Desborough School team, the 1-0 win over K.C.S. Wimbledon, the 1-1 draw against Watford G.S. who defeated us last year and the 2-1 victory over Sir William Borlase's School after losing the away fixture. A strong recent Old Boys' team was convincingly beaten 4-0 although a more experienced Old Boys' team drew 1-1 in March.

The defence was always strong with Jon Atkins, captaining the side, outstanding in goal when needed. Tim Berendt showed skill and experience at full-back. He was partnered by the clean-striking Lance Voûte until Christmas when Andrew Fuller took over. Nicholas White, a promising 5th former, played a few times at the end of term. Stephen Maynard who played

consistently well and a much-improved Richard Cook were regular half-backs. David Barnes showed many good qualities in the centre and he combined well with Guy Lewis and Mark Sullivan, both showing very good touches in mid-field. Peter Grimmett's pace was an asset on one wing. Chris Walker and Mike Farmer shared the right-wing position each doing well at times. Richard Jolly netted 11 goals in the first term but lost form and Stephen Langton moved from inside to centre forward. Stephen overcame an injury problem and worried many defences with his ball-control at speed often earning penalty corners.

Thanks must go to all 2nd XI players who deputised; to Messrs. Cook, Page and Wheeler for umpiring; to the groundsmen for their excellent pitch preparation and to the canteen staff who have served us well with teas.

During the season, the following honours were achieved:

Atkins was selected for England U19 v Scotland and Ireland at Dublin; Atkins and Berendt played regularly for South-East England U19 and also for Bucks U21; these two together with Barnes and Langton were members of the Bucks U19 squad which played in the final of the Southern Counties Championship; Lewis and Sullivan were also members of the full squad.

D.G.S.

<b>2nd XI</b>	Played — 17	Lost — 4
	Won — 10	For — 56
	Drawn — 3	Against — 19

This season has been a successful and a most enjoyable one for the second XI, with a strong defence consisting of Max Fox and Gary Williams, and a skilful midfield including Justin Bargh and David Veitch. The team



was lucky in that it could rely on the good goalkeeping of Ralph Sibley and Richard Styles, and in the forward line Peter Cusdin was the top scorer.

The best hockey was in a match against St. Barts, Newbury, in which we showed great teamwork and even under strong pressure we managed to clinch the match 1-0.

Thanks should go to Mr. Pantridge for the much appreciated effort which he has put into the second XI over the past three years.

Team members: R. Sibley, R. Styles, A. Fuller, A. Read, R. Malaure, G. Williams, M. Fox, J. Bargh, D. Veitch, N. Grace, T. Read, R. Jolly, P. Cusdin, C. Walker, J. Walshe.

J. WALSHE (Captain)

**UNDER 16**      Played — 4      Lost — 2  
                     Won — 1          Drew — 1  
                     1 cancelled

This has been a difficult year for the 5th Form Hockey team for again it was difficult to obtain enough fixtures, since most schools, unlike the RGS, use their colts players in their 2nd and 3rd XI's. Still, the matches were keenly contested, our only win coming against Reading School. Nick White, Mike Farmer and David Capel represented the School at County level although Jon Wilkins was a little unlucky not to do so also.

S.J. GRUNDY

**3rd XI**            Played — 7      Lost — 5  
                     Won — 1          Drew — 1

Although the results do not look impressive, this was our first season with sufficient fixtures to field a regular 3rd XI. Many players were used although the team was built around several regulars: namely Brian Church (Captain), John Ives, Jimmy Keen, Stewart Newport and Peter Stephenson. Our best result came in our last match 5-2 v Beaconsfield!

S.J. GRUNDY

**UNDER 15**      Won — 2          Lost — 6  
                     Drawn — 1

The Under 15's had an extremely variable season and, for the most part, were unable to fulfil their potential. During the Autumn term, the bad weather prevented the team from playing regularly and it was able to play only two games, beating Aylesbury G.S. and losing to Sir William Borlase's School. During the Spring term many of the players improved considerably, and Grant Ormiston, Gordon Bourne and Chris Beckford were chosen for the Bucks U15 team. However, as a whole, the team failed to produce the results of which it was capable, and there is room for considerable improvement next year.

The squad included: Bourne, Pope, Prevett, Dibb, Wood, Gibb, Beckford, Hayward, Medhurst, Charles, Simmons, Prior, Ormiston, and Brownlie.

I.A. RODGER

**UNDER 14**      Played — 9          Lost — 7  
                     Won — 1            Drawn — 1

The 30 boys in the group soon settled down and their skills developed steadily. Three matches were played before Christmas, the remaining six and a 6-a-side at Bisham Abbey in the Spring Term.

Although the results usually went against us, the team played with determination and kept a hold on the matches right till the end.

The team was selected mainly from: Farrar (Capt.), Davies, Flack, Stephenson, Davey, Gee, Barrell, Ayling, Lewin, Sears, Walker (J), Tomlin, Treadwell, Puddephatt.

A.J.S.

## Tennis

**1st VI**            Played — 11      Won — 11  
                     Drawn — 0        Lost — 0  
                     Cancelled — 2    Abandoned — 1

A superb season has been enjoyed by the 1st VI owing to the fact that the 1st IV had all played County tennis, and two of those, Chris Smith and Kevin Hodges were both ranked in the top 15 in their year group. In fact it was the best season the school has had for some 20 years! The principal victories were over Stowe, 5½-3½, our first win for 15 years, and also Abingdon and Radley. The mainstays of the team were Chris Smith, Kevin Hodges, Jon Owen (Capt.), Ewan Lockhart, Tim Cook, Ian Morgan and Andrew Glaser. We also entered several competitions during the term: in the Glanvill Cup (a 6-man team competition) we reached the Area final (the last 8 in effect) and came a close 2nd to Repton: in the Clark Cup we eventually lost in the semi-final to Westcliffe, the eventual winners: in the BSLTA pairs tournament, Chris Smith and Kevin Hodges had little opposition and won the Area tournament with some ease. Unfortunately they could not represent the Area in the final owing to County commitments.

Our best wishes go to Chris Smith who has now left at the end of his 1st year in the 6th form to pursue a tennis scholarship in the United States, hoping to enter the full-time circuit in the near future.

S.J. GRUNDY

**COLTS**            Played — 9          Won — 3  
                     Drawn — 0        Lost — 5  
                     Abandoned — 1

A satisfactory season has seen a lot of steady tennis and rapid improvement in some quarters, and some outstanding prospects for the future, particularly Grant Ormiston. Our best win came against Windsor (5-4), after being 3-0 down at one stage.

The mainstays of the team were Richard Cook (Captain), Grant Ormiston, Andrew Knox, Jonathan Marsland, Andrew Medhurst, Peter Ratcliffe, Gavin Steen and Kevin Whitmee.

S.J. GRUNDY

# Basketball

## UNDER 19

The achievements of this year's senior basketball team cannot be overstated. By reaching the semi-finals of the National Schools' competition they reached two rounds further than ever before. Also, representing the County, they reached the semi-finals of the inter-association competition. Retaining the Bucks Cup seems insignificant when set against these achievements.

The linch-pin of the team once again was Steve Carter. His scoring ability alone attests to his value to the team, but he was also a high intimidation factor playing at the front of the team's defence.

The rest of the first five was the ideal complement to Carter's talents. The bulk of the rest of the scoring was done by the Cooke brothers (between them — S. Carter and the Cookes scored 88% of the points), Nigel Topping and Paul Cooke controlled the boards at both ends of the court, and Giles Britton took care of the playmaking.

Though these five players were used for most of the time, Andrew Reed and John Atkins came off the bench to make useful contributions. Valuable experience was gained by Jon Marsland and Andrew Knox, who will both have much to contribute if next year's team is to be such a success.

There have been many highlights this season; beating arch-rivals Ranelagh for the first time in five seasons, beating Churchdown to reach the quarter-finals, beating Deptford Green despite Joel Moore's 58 pts, and also the 83-77 defeat of Cleveland. However, the highlight of the season for me was to see the crowd (including many staff) who came to watch the home games — basketball had arrived as a sport at the R.G.S.

Our thanks must go to Mr. Stubbs for driving us, to Mrs. Stubbs for her help with the teas, and to Mrs. Howarth for scorekeeping at the home fixtures.

### Averages in National Schools and Inter County Matches

Player	Pts.	Matches	Average
S. Carter	358	9	39.8
P. Cooke	217	10	21.7
R. Cooke	184	10	18.4
N. Topping	36	10	3.6
G. Britton	33	10	3.3
G. Evans	16	3	5.3
J. Marsland	10	7	1.4
A. Reed	6	8	0.8
J. Atkins	2	3	0.7

PAUL COOKE

## UNDER 15

This has been a much better season for the team. However, performances continued to be erratic. After an early defeat against Dr. Challoners, there were convincing wins against St. Bernard's, Princes Risborough in the Cup, and Pembroke. We were beaten by Raans in the Cup semi-final again a disappointing performance in the first half resulting in us eventually losing 42-31.

The team won a 4-sided competition at Gt. Marlow School; after an early defeat to St. Bernard's, there were good wins against St. Marlow and William Ramsey as we played some of our best basketball of the season.

Praise should be given to the effort and determination put in by all the team. It was good to see improvement, especially with individual skills.

M.G. MILL

**UNDER 14** Played — 12      Won — 10  
Lost — 2                      Points scored — 532

Having played 12 fixtures this season, our only two defeats were against Pembroke School. The squad were new to the game and our early friendly matches were very low scoring, but we improved steadily. In the final game of the Wycombe and District League we met Pembroke, with both teams then undefeated. As usual we had the disadvantage of playing away from home, and as we were not on our best form we lost 52-40. In the County Cup Final, which we reached quite comfortably, we again met Pembroke, this time on a neutral court. In this match both teams played better, but after a close game we again lost 53-47.

The top points scorers were: Carlo Petri (148), Thomas Oliver (99), Timothy Nuthall (93), Peter Smith (45), Simon Ryan (32).

The other squad members were: Darren Wigham, Stuart Farrell, Mark Campbell, James Barker, Bill Tapley, Martin Flack, Steven Weller, Andrew Walker, Trevor Hoggan, Richard Drysdale, Stuart Farrar.  
Coach: P.M.A. Gibson.

C. PETRI



# Swimming 1982

The swimming season was not so good as 1981. Although the keen boys attained the usual number of badges in the Long Distance Swim, and in the Survival Examinations, only 2 boys achieved the Honours award.

The Form competitions were keenly contested, with 2SM, 3B and 4L winning each Form Competition. 4L, consisting of Barr, Buss, Cooney and Lucking, broke the 4th Form Medley Record.

One of the best swimmers in the school is Brian Wright who went on to swim in the English schools competition as part of a relay team representing Division 10. Division 10 includes central London and the northern London counties.

Three swimmers (Thomas Payne, Brian Wright and Simon Lee) have swum abroad in the Dublin international open meets with Brian Wright and Simon Lee also competing in the Geneva, Aberdeen and Edinburgh international open meet.

Thomas Payne, Brian Wright, Chris Buss and Simon Lee have between them collected numerous county placings in the S. Bucks and Berks county championships, including an assortment of Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

Brian Wright looks promising to make the National age group qualifying time for the 100m F/S and Fly, a great achievement considering he is at the bottom of his age group, an age group that spans 2 years.

Simon Lee having gained some of his desired qualifying times for the National age groups, also managed to get a European trials time, in the Men's Open 200m Backstroke.

Both the National age groups and European trials take place later this year in August.

We had swimming matches against Aylesbury G.S. at Under 14 (lost) and Under 16 (won); against Forest School at Under 14 (won), Under 15 (won) and Under 16 (won). Against Queen Elizabeth School we swam at Under 14 and Under 16 level, and lost both these age groups; although the Under 16 level only narrowly. Against Sir William Borlase's we won all age groups. C. Buss and M. Cartwright were the best of the Under 16's, with Godfrey and Gabriel being the best of the 2nd Forms.

JRL

## Badminton

This has been a somewhat disappointing season for the badminton team. A record of two wins from seven matches reveals that early promise went unfulfilled. Nevertheless, the year has been an enjoyable one, highlighted by an encounter with a staff team.

The help of S. Greer as secretary has been much appreciated — the task of arranging fixtures is becoming ever more difficult. J. Lawrence and I. Kennedy of the Fifth Form have always played excellently as the number one pair, and strength in depth for the future is provided by G. Farrar and A. Turner. The latter's absence through injury at the start of the year deprived the team of a very able player. V. Reuter and J. Morris have benefited from this season's experience; as next year's senior players, they can surely look forward to greater success.

Once again, Mr. White-Taylor has through his enthusiasm and interest been of great assistance in the efficient running of the badminton club. Many thanks are due to him.

T.E. JONES (Captain)

## Fives

This season members of the Eton Fives Club have enjoyed 10 official fixtures. Our fortunes have been somewhat mixed. We have drawn 4 matches, lost 2 and won 4. We have had several useful training sessions when senior members of the E.F.A. have kindly been willing to come in and coach R.G.S. players. Because the R.G.S. courts are still uncovered most of our fixtures must still be arranged away from High Wycombe. Among the schools which we visit are Mill Hill School, Highgate, Marlborough College, Eton College and Harrow School.

At the start of the season Barry Marsden (Captain) was still with us. In November his place as Captain was taken by Stephen Ellis who with David Barnes usually represents R.G.S. at first Senior Pair. These boys played for R.G.S. in the E.F.A. Open competition and finally went down to Highgate First Pair. They won our own Open competition. In the Fourth Year we again have a nucleus of keen and talented players. Our Fourth Year competition was won by Daren Blaker and Christopher Beckford of 4S. Fives still thrives at lunch times and on Thursday afternoons. We are hoping that in the near future our Fives courts (now badly cracked after severe weather) may be resurfaced and roofed in.

T.J.D.

## Cross-Country

Overall, the senior team has not quite matched last season's team having only the one outstanding runner this year in Jimmy Read. The team has, however, had its usual excellent strength in depth with the dependable Graham Stewart (Capt.), Geoffrey Dance, Richard Stephens and Mark Baker always making useful contributions. The team will survive almost en block for next season, so the overall level of performance must surely improve. Two outstanding fourth formers have emerged in the shape of the Hooper twins who could further help to make next season an outstanding one.

As previously stated, Jimmy Read has consistently been our outstanding runner, winning the School Open, coming 5th in the county, and representing Bucks in the Nationals, and he will captain next season's team.

I.J. WILSON

TIME  
*Time,*  
*Endless,*  
*All consuming,*  
*Consuming all,*  
*Perpetual,*  
*Time.*

V. RANDEV

## Boat Club 1983

Right from the start, the 1982 regatta season looked a promising one, with the following results. The 1st IV; Owen Roberts, Ira Morris, Martin Howgate, Steven Bown and Phillip Rugg (Cox), won three regattas, finally attaining "Senior C" status at Bedford, where Heath Drewett and Tim Lohmann replaced Messrs. Bown and Rugg. The J16 A's (C. Lucas, C. Pinder, J. Dible, H. Drewett and T. Lohmann (Cox)) won the Junior Ball Cup easily, but were never able to follow up this victory later on. The J16 B's never really got started, attending only one regatta. As for the J15's, their season was marred by a distinct lack of enthusiasm in far too many of their members.

Looking ahead to the 1983 season, we wait eagerly for the debut of our new Carbo-craft four, and new blades, bought by the Parents' Association — together with the Old Boys who generously contributed a quarter of the £3000-plus which was needed. The club's gratitude to them is very great, for it is our first new equipment for nearly eight years.

Finally we must, as always, express our gratitude to Messrs. Blyth, Edwards, Meyer and Box, for their encouragement and unceasing efforts on our behalf.

H.M. HOWGATE

## Golf

The school team of Antony Bobath, Max Fox and Robert Adderley competed again in the Aer-Lingus National Schools competition. They were somewhat lucky to win the regional qualifier at Stoke Poges where two schools, including Eton, were disqualified. So they went forward to the National Finals in April held at Woollaton Park, Nottingham where they faced the other 29 regional winners. We eventually finished 15th, which although disappointing on the day was highly commendable in the context of the event. Tony Bobath was making his last of several appearances in this competition over the years, and managed 4 'birdies' in his round despite being unable to wear golf-shoes because of a recent operation on his big toe.

I.J. WILSON

## Athletics 1982

The outstanding athlete of the year was Martin Gillingham. He was placed third in the country at the All England Championships in the 400m Hurdles with a time of 53.2 seconds. This time beat the old All England record and is a new County and School record. Martin also beat the School record in the 400m with a time of 51.2 seconds. During his years at the School Martin has left his name against 23 records, a truly magnificent performance.

The School won the District Sports for the 9th year in a row with many junior athletes showing great promise including Jimmy Read, Nick de Luca, Tim Grimmett and Mark Ponting.

Forty five A.A.A.'s five star awards were achieved throughout the School and during the season six School records were broken. Mark Ponting broke the second-

form Long Jump record with a leap of 5m 01cm, Nick de Luca the fourth form 400m with 54.2 seconds, Jimmy Read the fifth form 1500m with a time of 4m 10secs and Barry Marsden the Open 110m High Hurdles record with 16.3 secs.

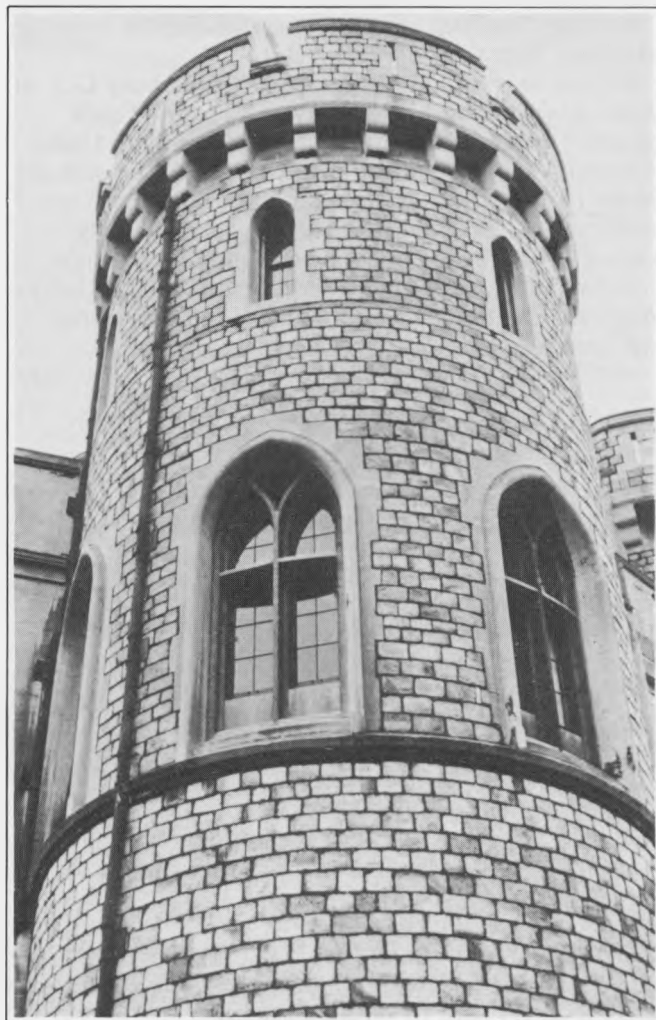
In the School Sports the overall Champions were:-  
Open: Tim Scott, Form 4: Tim Grimmett, Form 3:  
Barry Ryan and Form 2: Christopher Tebbutt.

D.J. STUBBS

### SHADOWS OF A PREVIOUS LIFE

*Shadows of a previous life, déjà vu,  
I've been here before.  
Mist clouds my mind, I've seen it all.  
Your syncopated movements are nothing new,  
A blurred face in a repeating dream  
And it's all happened before.  
Your speech is slurred, yet I know what you're  
saying.  
But somehow I can't place your face,  
You turn away and it's gone again.  
Something already seen comes back to me,  
Like so many times before; then it's gone.  
Like so many times before,  
And it haunts me so that it's an obsession.*

STEVE BRYANT, 4E



## Fencing

The return of Andrew Slade for the first term of the year was a major boost to our first match results. He only lost three of his twenty four match fights for the school, ensuring away wins over Radley, Douai and Bradfield. But even his presence could not prevent Wellington defeating us at home by a very narrow margin of 19 fights to 17. The return fixtures in the Spring Term at home against Radley and Douai gave us two more victories and we managed to beat Marlborough, thus recording our second successive victory over them.

In competition, though no first places were achieved we had near misses with Adrian Griffin (Under 16 Southern epee) and Tom Payne (Under 14 BBO foil) both winning silver medals. In addition three bronze medals were won by Griffin (2) and Farrell (1) to give a record of 5 medals for one season. Other records were broken; 14 final pool places were achieved (James Everard managed to sneak into 5 alone), while Adrian Griffin appeared in two National Finals and was placed 9th in the Under 16 Epee. The only team competition in which we competed was the Charterhouse Epee where we secured third place behind Merchant Taylors and Winchester. At the Public Schools Championships at Crystal Palace, Marcus Keohane had to learn the hard way that you must turn up on time for competitions or suffer elimination. All the other competitors made it to at least the second rounds, and Adrian Griffin went as far as the semi-finals in the Junior Foil, while James Everard made it to his sixth final in the Junior Epee where he was placed fifth, receiving a finalists' medal.

The match and competition successes augur well for next season when all our foil teams will be very hard to beat. Indeed, the strength of the school club will be assured for some years ahead as there are some good third and second formers coming through the ranks.

Full colours were awarded to Patrick Boggon, Adrian Griffin, Simon Alway and James Everard, with Half Colours going to Giles Weblin. The Fencing Cup,

in its first year of presentation, went to Patrick Boggon for his contributions to school fencing as captain of the teams, for his dramatic improvement (he reached two final rounds in competitions) and for his help with junior coaching. Both he and Charles Binns will be leaving this year and the school is grateful for the efforts they have made and I would wish them well in the future.

JR

## Orienteering

The Orienteering Club can boast yet another successful year with both an increase in membership and the number of events entered.

The emphasis seemed to shift as the year progressed from the "easier" locally run TVOC events to the hard British Orienteering Federation (BOF) ones, namely the Chiltern Challenge, the Concord Chase and Warren Heath. Members performed better than expected in these events with both M. Letheren and I. Bell qualifying for the bronze BOF badge while other members have almost completed the requirements for the awards.

The highlight of the season was arguably the night event at Shotover Park, just outside Oxford. Driving rain, together with near total darkness, made locating the elusive foot square red and white markers almost impossible. Of those entered only C. Pinder completed his course with no mishaps, the rest of us having to console ourselves with hot cups of tea after a very uncomfortable previous hour. Other TVOC events entered include, Edgebarrow, Coombe Hill and Whiteleaf.

Full colours were awarded this year to the club's most successful members, I. Bell and M. Letheren; while half colours were awarded to I. Buxton for his service to the club over the last few years.

Many thanks must yet again go to Messrs. Boutland and Crease for their time and driving skills.

M. LETHEREN



## General Knowledge Teams

Apart from the hybrid Road Safety and Crime Prevention quizzes, our school has had teams in three major competitions.

The year began badly when our talented Junior Schools Challenge team were beaten in the second round by the Oratory Prep. School, Reading. The only possible explanation other than talent on the part of the opposition can be a lack of maturity in the team of Tom Walker 3H, Chris Kendall 3H, David Young 3C, and Adrian Dodds 3C.

That loss was quickly followed by a defeat for our R.N.I.B. quiz team by Dr. Challengers in the round-robin competition — a fact which our opponents trumpeted in the press (can we detect a certain insecurity?). We then won all our other games and in the Bucks. final we avenged our defeat, winning by one point. On May 6th we are therefore to represent our county in the national final. Our congratulations must go to Mark Walmsley 3H, Christian Nielsen 4S, Alexander Welby 4S and Matthew Leigh 5EP.

The spring term saw the prestigious Schools Challenge competition in which we were represented by the very youthful team of Matthew Leigh 5EP, Robert Irvine 5PC, Julian Smith 4RP and Andrew Hull 4S. We are as yet unbeaten and have become Bucks. and Herts. area champions leaving us one round off the national finals, as well as twice defeating the staff team whipped on by Mrs. Campbell.

All the teams would like to express their thanks to Mr. Edwards for his apparently unceasing efforts in running teams and inter-form competitions, as well as Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Pantridge for scoring and Mr. Cook for checking the records to see when we last lost to various schools.

M.G.L. LEIGH, 5EP

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## Chess Club

The best performance of the season has come from our Sunday Times team which, as we go to press, has gained one of the last 16 places in the national competition. Our 1st team have produced some excellent chess and have probably gained promotion to Division 1 of the Bucks League. The 2nd team have finished about halfway up the 3rd Division.

Our Junior teams have had a successful season with the Under 16 1st team retaining the Under 16 league title. Both our Under 14 teams have improved considerably and have finished in the top three of the same league. Finally our Under 13 team won their Jamboree.

So all looks well for next season, when we will have an even stronger 1st team. Thanks for all their hard work in contributing to R.G.S. chess must go to Mr. I.R. Clark, Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Cook: to David Dawson for his organization of the lunch-time meetings: David Robinson for running the R.G.S. 1983 Lightning Tournament: Chris Kennedy and Matthew Leigh, our Junior organizers: and Andrew Campbell, our Chairman.

BRIAN CHURCH (Capt)

Thanks too to Brian for his very considerable contribution to school chess over many years.

I.R. CLARK

## Geography Field Course — Mid Wales

In spite of its reputation as a week in which both one's physical and mental strength are tested, the course attracted another large number of enthusiasts eager to enhance their knowledge of Geography.

Not wishing to waste any time, the journey to Aberystwyth was interrupted in order to examine evidence of a pro-glacial lake in the Teme Valley. This gave our intrepid explorers the rare opportunity to hypothesise about the nature of railway cuttings. A ten mile hike in pouring rain the following day was not so well received. As in the previous year, the glaciation day was plagued by poor visibility so instead of climbing to the summit of Cader Idris a variety of field techniques were practised below Llyn Cau. The highlight of this day was undeniably Roy Thomas' attempt to hang glide with his clip board and the remains of his packed lunch.

The party was by now beginning to suffer from the strain of over work but at least the improvement in the weather provided some comfort. The excursion to Borth which included a tour of the dune system and another long trek provided us with interesting examples of coastal deposition and erosion as well as evidence of changing sea level both past and present! It was with some relief that the next day was spent entirely in Aberystwyth. Professor Carter lectured on the development of the town and this was followed by our own detailed study of its structure and function clustering in the C.B.D. In the evening Dr. Lewis lectured at considerable length on the problem of rural depopulation and the entire party must be congratulated on being able to stay awake.

The last day involved an examination of the Afon Rheidol and in addition to showing us the nature of research work being undertaken in fluvial geomorphology, introduced us to a novel Irish technique for measuring stream velocity.

The course was thus an enlightening experience and we thank Messrs Meyer, Gamester and Pantridge for having made it so worthwhile.

I. RUNDLE 6MSB



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## The Osnabrück Exchange 1983

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On the 7th April, a group of intrepid — to steal an immortal phrase of Mr. D.J. White-Taylor's illuminating prose — "German kiddies" set out on a 17 hour journey to Osnabruck. The purpose — to study closely the life-styles of German families. This provides the perfect opportunity to become acquainted with German customs and cuisine, which, although not vastly different from our own, surprises with its variety.

There are several occurrences which will remain imprinted on our minds. There was the trip to Bremen and Cloppenburg when, as soon as we needed to go out into the open, it started to rain. Then, there was the outing to a monument which we could not see, because, right on cue, the fog descended. Then we trundled on to an exhibition of eagles and, predictably, it started to bucket down with rain as soon as we went outside! However, when we arrived in Hamelin, where the Pied Piper performed his notorious feats, the weather improved.

Another incident which will never, ever be forgotten occurred when our two guardian angels — Mr. D.J. White-Taylor and Mr. J.J.O. Roebuck — were in Berlin for two days. Apparently, as they were crossing the border between West and East Berlin, a history teacher with a ginger beard, who, at Mr. Roebuck's request shall remain nameless, leant out of the window and took a photograph of the customs officials. The police were quick to notice. They boarded the train and arrested him temporarily. There was even a vicious rumour that they threatened to confiscate his peaked cap!

Another advantage of the exchange is that there is a large sports complex nearby which is made available to the party. We occupied the hall on many occasions, and it was during one game of soccer that another memorable comment was made. Somebody laid the ball off to a certain Russel Nash, who controlled it and let fly with a scorching left foot drive into the top left-hand corner of the net. Mr. Roebuck, who was refereeing, asked if the scorer was left-footed, and, having received an answer in the affirmative, proceeded to say, "I thought so, because if you were not, that would have been quite good."

We also played a select team from one of the tenth classes of the Ratsgymnasium. Although our team — consisting of Alexis Read, Duncan May, Russel Nash, Philip Saich, Gordon Wright and Nicholas Heritage with Colin Le Guillou and Richard Griffin as substitutes — looked inferior on paper, we battled hard and ran out winners 4:3 with Philip Saich scoring twice, Colin Le Guillou once and an own goal. Colin Le Guillou's goal was the best of the game — a scorching shot from all of 15 yards.

Of course it is impossible to summarise two and a half weeks of action-packed holiday in such a small space but I would like to finish by expressing thanks on behalf of all participants, to everyone involved with the organisation of the exchange without whom it would not have been possible.

PHILIP SAICH

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## D-Day Mark 2 — The R.G.S. Invasion of Spain

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Sunday 20th February, 7.30 hrs. The invasion began with the cream of Britain's linguistic shock troops leaving RGS, led by two able and well-organised 'officers' Mr. Heath and Mr. Rodger (later to display his infinite knowledge of the Spanish railway system by ensuring that we visited a chemical works at dusk in the middle of nowhere). Our intrepid men, risking life and limb, boarded flight BX 841 at Gatwick, bound for Madrid. Thanks to a powerful elastic band, we reached Barajas airport. After having avoided all the suicidal Spanish motorists, we arrived at our Headquarters for the operation, the Hostal Sardinero. HQ was functional. Our force marched on its belly — we could not get up after the soup and bread (and that was only for starters). Having recovered, our platoon moved out to recce the surroundings, including the Retiro Park, and then returned to base to be refuelled.

Day 2. Due to defective equipment and not being able to get up early enough, we started a bit behind schedule. However we arrived in Segovia unscathed to view the Roman aqueduct, the castle and other areas of strategic importance. Of course, being the ultra-fit fighting unit that we were, we scaled the x thousand steps in the castle with no trouble at all (it was coming down that was the worst). Having reorganised, we found that we were behind schedule again and so the company i/c sent the fastest, most able troops on ahead to catch the train. The more senior members of the party caught the next one and the troop reformed at H.Q.

Day 3. Objective: ransack Madrid. The Royal Palace and the Plaza Mayor were investigated before the shops were relieved of all valuable articles. A complete success.

Day 4. Target: Toledo. Intelligence sources had warned us that a strong force of enemy troops was operating in this area. Having located and identified the enemy the photographic section had a field day. After pulling the officers out of yet another abode for the consumption of alcoholic beverages, we rendezvoused at the railway station which was cunningly disguised as an ancient monument. Then the logistics collapsed completely. We were happily engaged in various pursuits until we reached a delapidated old station. Then the train began to move in the opposite direction and we realised something was a little amiss. After making arrangements with a friendly ticket-collector, we got off at the next station. Having three quarters of an hour to wait, we decided to engage the indigenous population in a game of football. Owing to Barcelonian tactics, we were unfairly beaten 3-1, in a game of two halves. We re-organised at H.Q.

Day 5. Tactical withdrawal from Madrid. Destination — London. After eating heartily, we moved out and arrived at Barajas Airport. After a delay due to fog, we took off (just) but a few minutes before we were due to land at Gatwick, we were informed that we had been diverted to Heathrow. Owing to lack of transport, phonecalls were made to parents and all of our intrepid troops arrived home safely.

Mission accomplished.

M.J. and I.H.



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## C.C.F.

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On March 17th 1983, the General Inspection was carried out by Rear Admiral M.A. Vallis (Director of Post Design (Ships)) and his staff of three Accompanying Officers, Lieutenant R. Charge RN, Major Paul Gay (The Brigade of Gurkhas) and Flight Lieutenant J. Robinson RAF.

It is our constant intention to express in a practical way our appreciation of what the Services do for us, both generally in the role of defence, and in particular in their contributions of time, effort and resources to us in the Contingent.

The activities of the day were intended to reflect as far as possible all aspects of our work — the military training, and on the adventure side the camps and the courses.

Naturally there will be points of detail made which will show the way to improvements, but over all it was clear from the remarks made by the Chief Inspecting Officer and his Staff that by the high standards and good spirit shown by members of the Contingent we had managed to convey our appreciation through our commitment.

F.N.C.

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## Army Section Report April 1982-1983

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Another arduous but varied and successful programme of activities was undertaken this year. Yet again (our third year) we ventured up to Butterson School near Leek in Staffs. for our first annual camp of the year.

A party of some thirty boys and ten adults underwent some very arduous activities including our usual two-day exercise: a stiff walk on Kinderscout which this time gave us some of its most unkind weather, so bad that some groups either got lost or had to return early: and our usual rock climbing and initiative exercises. Again many thanks go to our old boys, Ian, our cook, and Sgts. Power and Knight from 16 CTT for their undying efforts, particularly in PT at 7.00 a.m. each day!

The term then followed its usual pattern of Thursday afternoon training until our second annual camp loomed in July, this year at Sheepstor in Dartmoor — our Greenfield camp:

A 'pleasant' eight-hour ride in the back of a 4 tonner saw the advance party arrive at the tiny village of Sheepstor in Dartmoor to begin Summer Camp '82. The next two days were spent struggling to erect eleven 160lb tents and a marquee, improving both the muscles and the sun tans of the NCOs involved.

On the afternoon of Saturday 17th August, the 45-strong main party arrived at the camp-site, and over the next five active days the skills learned on Thursday parades were both revised and practised. Sunday morning was taken up with instruction in Campcraft, First Aid, Map Reading and Survival, and the afternoon was spent out on the training-area brushing up battlecraft techniques. That evening we had detailed briefings for the exercise which ran for the whole of Monday involving a Platoon assault, reconnaissance and fighting patrols, ambushes, snatching an enemy sentry and closing with a night time Platoon attack on the enemy HQ. On Tuesday we travelled to a Royal Navy Depot in Plymouth, shooting on their ETR range in the morning and swimming in the afternoon. The





evening was taken up with a briefing, this time for 1 ½ day expedition across Dartmoor, spending the night away from the main camp in two-man bivouacs. The hiking ended on Thursday and there was still time for rock climbing, initiative exercises and watermanship before the final camp debrief.

After an excellent and speedy clean-up operation, Friday the 23rd saw a tired but happy group of cadets return to the RGS.

The Autumn term started with a bang (literally) for it was the S E District CCF and ACF Shooting Competition on September 25th and 26th. We had a practice and elimination competition the weekend previous, then set off with two teams of four (one senior, one junior). In a strong field of 92 entrants we did creditably well in the individual and team shoots, but our real achievement came in the 'Falling Plate' Competition. This was a straight knockout of the entrants to a final winner. The RGS blossomed here and reached the semi-final before losing by two seconds (it was a timed competition to see who could shoot down all their targets). We came 4th after a 3rd/4th shoot-out, so just missing a cup. It was, though, our best performance in the competition.

The programme of training and proficiency continued with the usual help of Sgt Power until February 1983 when we had our annual Night Navigation exercise, this time on Marlow Common. From then on, however, everything was geared to the Bi-annual Inspection on March 17th. With plenty of planning and co-operation within the CCF, this turned out to be a huge success, and my thanks go to the NCOs for their support and encouragement in making it run so smoothly.



Finally we look forward to our fourth visit to Leek this coming April. Let us hope for good weather!

My thanks go to all who have helped make this such a successful year, but particularly to Captain R.G. Hollingworth (an Old Boy) for his untiring efforts in planning and organising our annual camps, without whom these camps would be most difficult to undertake.

STOP PRESS! In fact, the weather threw everything at us at Leek '83 but everybody valiantly struggled through and we virtually completed the programme in spite of a blizzard on the night of the exercise. It certainly was "Adventurous" (Arduous) training!

Lt. S.J. GRUNDY

Officer i/c Army Section at school

### IN THE EYES OF A CADET

I have now been in the Army Section of the CCF for one term and have, during this time, been introduced to many new activities. These activities have included shooting, mapwork, basic signals, drill, battlecraft and tackling the Beaconsfield Assault Course.

Shooting involved lessons on cleaning, safety, and range procedures, and was rounded off by a trip to the firing range to use the school's .22 rifles. A very useful skill taught was the use of the map and compass, which was followed by a written test at the end of the term. Signals work was also touched on. We were taught elementary radio-operating. Drill, a basic requirement, has also been taught and demonstrated by the NCOs, and we are slowly improving in this aspect. Battlecraft is another activity that we have been introduced to, and, although there is more to cover, we have done section formations, winning the fire-fight, the assault, searching the dead and target indications.

In all, the past term has been very enjoyable, and I am looking forward to the rest of the year and the activities that it will bring.

CADET BARNARD

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## RAF Section Camp Wildenrath (Germany) Easter 1983

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We left for Luton Airport in a fifty-six seater coach (even though there were only fifteen of us) for the flight to RAF Wildenrath. This is the home of 19 and 92 Phantom Squadrons, along with Signals, an Earth Moving Unit and a Rapier Flight who had just returned from the Falkland Islands.

The first few days were spent on the station visiting the Servicing Flights, Air Traffic Control Tower and Battle Flight (comprising two Phantom aircraft on five minutes warning to scare off any nosy intruders). We were also shown around a Jaguar simulator, which consumed more electricity than the local town.

There was no formal flying organised, but some cadets managed to get a flight in a Pembroke, a vintage aircraft with vintage pilots belonging to 60 Squadron (one of Sqn Ldr Smaje's old squadron).

The rest of the holiday was spent souvenir hunting, and visiting the local tourist attractions. These included the Philips 'Museum of Mankind', the Evoluon (a flying saucer shaped building with plenty of machines and demonstrations to play with), the World War II Battlefield Museum at Overloon in Holland and a

whole day at Phantasialand, a sort of German Disneyland.

I am sure that everyone would join in thanking all the officers, and especially Sqn Ldr Smaje for all the time and effort put into our stay, to make it a thoroughly enjoyable camp.

I.R.H.



## RAF Section Report 1982 — 1983

As we look forward to this year's summer camp at RAF Sealand it is possible to report on the events of the RAF Section's year.

It has been an exceptional year for gliding courses with Cpl Malaure and Cadets Hogbin and Weblin going on to gain their wings, but not one of our best for Flying Scholarships with only W/O Harris going on to gain his wings.

Summer camp was held at RAF Upavon in Wiltshire and was successful (as usual) with activities including exercises on Salisbury Plain and flying in Chipmunks, Chinook helicopters and Sedburg gliders.

Once Autumn term commenced, the new set of senior NCOs set about disciplining the undisciplinable, and instilling their aeronautical knowledge into the fourth and fifth form cadets in preparation for their exams (in which most did well). Unfortunately the programme of flying at RAF Abingdon was hit by consistently bad weather, and then by the disappearance of the roof of the headquarters of No 6 AEF.

The General Inspection went well with the Inspecting Officer, Rear Admiral M.A. Vallis RN, complimenting the CCF on its display presentation, of which our share included putting up the primary glider, computer flight simulation, model flying and an orienteering display. Our 'A' team won the inspection shooting competition.

The MT section has recently acquired a 'new' Land Rover, in readiness for this summer's Turkey Expedition, and have as a result abandoned the now derelict Herald to tinker with this more substantial vehicle.

We attended two Easter Camps this year. One at RAF Wildenrath in Germany and one at RAF St Athan in Wales. Both went well and we look forward to their reports.

A 5th form NCO course is being run for the first time this year, so we expect a high standard of leadership from next year's lower 6th!

Finally I must thank Squadron Leader Smaje, Flt Lt Sollars, P O Boutland, Fg Off Munday, Fg Off Mill and WO Faerber for their constant efforts and organisation.

Warrant Officer N. HARRIS

## RAF Easter Camp 1983

Easter camp this year was held at RAF St. Athan in South Wales. Twenty-five cadets and three officers attended the camp. St. Athan is one of the largest stations in the RAF, and is responsible for training engineers and for maintaining a variety of service aircraft.



The camp activities were varied and included flying in Chipmunks, orienteering, a map exercise, night exercise and visits to the many sections on the base. SLR shooting took place and two cadets from the RGS were awarded the RAF Marksman badge.

The extensive sports facilities were enjoyed by all, with an inter-flight sport competition being held one evening. All the cadets took and passed the RAF Swimming Proficiency test.

On Monday we were pleased to welcome Mr. Prior, the Chairman of Governors, to the camp. After watching our efforts on the assault course he showed us how to descend an aerial-ropeway without getting covered in mud.

The keenly contested flight competition was won by the flight led by a senior NCO from the RGS: Flt Sgt Lewis.

We would like to thank Mr. Prior for the interest he shows in CCF activities. Our thanks also go to Fg Off Mill, Flt Lt Sollars and Fg Off (W) Munday for 'looking after' us for the week. We are also grateful to the Royal Air Force for the provision of opportunities such as this.

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## Uplyme House Report

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During this past year at Uplyme there have been more arrivals and departures than at Heathrow Airport. As people come and go, the atmosphere in the boarding house is perpetually changing. Different people have their own particular contribution to make to communal life, even if it is a negative one, and in this way every year has a distinctive flavour, just as with the vintages of wine. One could, in retrospect, say of 1982, "A jolly good year, Cameron was in fine form." But sadly, characters eventually leave, and so we must have faith in the cycle of life which brings renewal with new blood. Gone is the inimitable wit of Mike Preston, gone too is the invincible might of Colin Cameron. They have moved on to greener pastures. Farewells have also been said to Frank Johnson-Parry, Mark Cowper, David Yates, Colin Brockman and John Draper. Jeremy Stockdale appeared and vanished in the twinkling of an eye, and Guy Roberts has ventured into the big, bad world and is now living quite independently. They all live in our hearts.

But new personalities and qualities have been successfully integrated into the life of the house. The recent acquisition of a piano, very graciously given to us by a generous-hearted parent, has enabled the newly arrived James Oliver to cheer us all up with endless recitals of that traditional folk song from the Swiss Alps "There's an edelweiss on the Matterhorn". David Ball brought in his suit-case the rare and considerable virtue of constancy. David has lulled us all into a very reassuring state of stability and tranquility, inducing us to enter into the picturesque realms of illusion and fantasy. His soothing tones will be sorely missed by everybody here, especially the insomniacs amongst us. The Stubbs too have another addition to the family ranks in the form of one Irish Setter puppy, appropriately named "Ember". "Ember" has acquired a passionate taste for socks of any and every description, hence the depleted footwear of all of us at Uplyme.

Personality clashes do arise from time to time, but these are part and parcel of communal life, and they emphasize the need for a mutual tolerance and understanding, when people are living at such close quarters. Although the life here is by no means Spartan, one is, naturally, endowed with a greater appreciation of life at home, and for most of us it is usually a joy to return to our beloved families. For John and James Baker it is always a delight to return to the paradisiac island of Cyprus. But life at "Uplyme", as everywhere, has its merits and its faults. Ultimately it is quite simply a question of one's attitude.

So, another year has come full circle and we say goodbye to Richard Hamilton and to his fertile and vivid imagination. Mr. Grundy, after several years of this traumatic experience, is also leaving us this Summer. We thank him for his innate ability to amuse us all and we extend a hearty embrace to him with cuddles galore. Finally, many thanks to him and Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs for their constant vigil and guidance.

MICHAEL IRONS

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## Tyler's Wood Report

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With only fourteen boys in the House this year there has been a very close-knit atmosphere. All but two of

last year's upper-sixth have moved on to university (even Dave Hyde!) and Stuart Baker is teaching in a preparatory school during his year off. We were very pleased this year to welcome Phil Halliday's radio-cassette (and Phil) as well as John Burke (with the vocal talents of a performing seal!).

On the sporting front Andy Boyne, Peter Carr and James Miller have played in the school's first XV and Sevens teams, and have been awarded their colours. James has also represented the county. Tony Hawker and Simon Greer have made sporadic appearances for the school's third XV, and Simon has played in the badminton team. Paul Miller has successfully captained the U15s, as well as representing the county in cricket.

We were very pleased to play host to Jeremy Brown and Richard King of the "Extrax" team during their visit to the school. The memories of Status Quo music, colourfully striped trousers, and pungent aftershave linger on!

The football team suffered a blow when we lost narrowly to Uplyme. However, we managed a convincing 4-2 win over School House, despite scoring all six goals ourselves! On that note our budding Steve Davises are queuing up to use our newly re-covered snooker table. Many thanks to Mr. Wilson and family and to Jack.

The "censor board" at last had cause for concern when a postcard from Wales threatened to incriminate the Head Boy. See "Andrea" Boyne for details!

Finally, we would like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Mill and the ladies for surviving yet another year with us. Many thanks.

ANDREW BOYNE/PETER CARR/PHILIP HALLIDAY

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## School House

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During the summer of 1982 School House was invaded by a family of four and Mr. Goldthorpe (how else can you describe him). The Pages settled in quickly. James and Katie are regular visitors to the Common Room and the latter, at the tender age of three, has many boyfriends! Mr. Goldthorpe, now officially a rare species, took more time to settle in, but then his inordinacy does take some time getting used to.

At Easter we were sad to lose the services of Mrs. Pattinson (matron) and Mrs. Symonds (the cook). The former will long be remembered for her devotion and enthusiasm in performing her various duties. We are sure Mrs. King and Miss Harrison will carry on these tasks admirably.

The house continues to be successful in all aspects of school life. Gavin Edwards deservedly won himself a place at Magdalen College, Oxford; Robert McEwan and Joe Brazier have represented the school at 1st XV and U16 rugby respectively. Angie Fuller has played hockey intermittently for the 1st XI. Mark Sullivan has been a regular member of both the 1st XI hockey and cricket teams.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the 8 hour sponsored football, the proceeds of which will help finance the renovation of the old snooker table.

Finally, many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Page and Mr. Goldthorpe for their efforts in making the boarding house run so smoothly.

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# Old Wycombiensian's Club

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. was held in the Masters' Common Room at 6.15 p.m. on Saturday March 26th, 1980. 25 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.

**Financial Report.** A copy of the Balance Sheet is included with The Magazine. For the second year running a loss of over £500 had been made. There was a great deal of discussion concerning this situation with several ideas being put forward. Eventually it was decided to refer the matter to the Committee.

**Election of Officers.** J.K. Prior (1934-40) had been elected Chairman of the Club at the previous Committee meeting. It was proposed and seconded that A.J. Skipp (1929-37) be made a Vice-President and this was carried unanimously. All the officers were re-elected with a hearty vote of thanks being given to the Hon. Sec/Treasurer.

**President's Comments.** The President reported that the school was grateful for the facelift it had received and that prospects looked bright for the building of a Technology Centre around the area of the changing rooms. He referred to the death of Old Boy Christopher Gaunt and to the fact that his parents had given a considerable amount of money so that his name could be perpetuated by some building with an aeronautical activity use. Another Old Boy had given a generous donation towards a new minibus.

The meeting was followed by the Annual Dinner.

## THE ANNUAL DINNER 1983

141 Old Boys attended the Dinner in the New Dining Hall. R.C. File (1945-53) proposed the toast to the Guest of Honour, H. Scott M.A., recently retired Head of Mathematics at the school. D.J. Slade (1949-55), Governor of the School, proposed the toast to the School and the Club, to which the Headmaster responded.

## DEATHS

**Beal, A.H.** (1921-27). Arthur Beal died suddenly in Christchurch, Dorset on January 18th 1983.

**Duckering, A.G.** (1940-47) died 21st December 1982 aged 53, after prolonged ill-health which had forced him into premature retirement from teaching at Leighton Park School, Reading, where he spent virtually his whole career including a full spell as a House Master.

He will be well remembered by his contemporaries as a vigorous Head Boy and Rugby Captain, as Macduff, delivering the immortal line "O, Howwor, Howwor, Howwor!", as John Woodward's formidable opponent in the Final (and only) contest of the Heavyweight Boxing Competition of 1947. Tony was always characterised by his voracious appetite for life and an enormous capacity for friendship. A multitude of friends and admirers will feel greatly diminished by his loss.

**Gaunt, C.** (1974-80). Chris Gaunt was killed instantly when his Puma helicopter crashed during a training exercise near Aberdeen. He worked for Bristow Helicopters Ltd. at their Aberdeen base, from where he flew regularly to off-shore oil rigs. He was always determined to take up flying as a career, but British Airways had no vacancies so he started a B.Sc. Physics course at Chelsea College. After two terms he applied for a job at Bristow's to be trained as a commercial helicopter pilot. Out of the hundreds that applied, Chris was one of the nine chosen. He obtained his Commercial Pilots' licence in December 1981 and had just been selected to go to Miri, North Borneo, where Bristow's have an oil support base. In the words of Mr. Eric Gaunt, his father — 'he lived for flying and died doing the job he so enjoyed'.

**Taylor, M.** (1964-71). Dr. Maxwell Taylor died after collapsing from a heart attack in September 1982 aged 29 years. After studying medicine at St. Mary's Hospital he entered practice in Slough, being joined there later by his widow, Karen. Max was a keen oarsman and rowed for England while at the R.G.S. His ashes were scattered on the River Thames at Chiswick near his old London University Rowing Club.

**Walker, G.H.** (1915-23). Geoffrey Walker died in December 1982. His greatest impression on school records was his prowess in the sport of boxing. He won his weight in the Public Schools' Championship on more than one occasion. He eventually became heavyweight champion at the Inter-Services tournament. He retired from the R.A.F. in 1965 with the rank of Group Captain.

## NOTES

**Abercrombie, R.W.** (1961-67) is Deputy Head of English at Ernest Bevin Comprehensive in Tooting. He is still in regular touch with

**Ping, N.** (1960-66), **Pontin, S.** and **Taylor, S.** of the same vintage. **Andersz, A.J.** (1963-68) is currently chief Press Officer with the Ford Motor Company based at Brentwood, Essex. He maintains regular contact with **Leech, A.** (1962-68) an accountant in Reading.

**Andrews, S.T.H.** (1972-80) takes his finals in Geography at Kingston Polytechnic this summer and then hopes to go to the Far East and the USA for a couple of years. He is in contact with **Summers, M.** (1972-80) who is in sales and marketing and **Scott-James, H.** (1972-79) a trainee Chartered Accountant in the City.

**Armstrong, S.R.** (1968-75) is a joint founder of The Ely Festival and last year conducted a performance of Elgar's 'The Dream of Gerontius' in Ely Cathedral. He directs his own chamber choir and The Fairhaven Singers of Cambridge. In September 1982 he was appointed Assistant Director of Music at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

**Ashford, R.G.** (1941-47) is a travel agent in Wellington, New Zealand.

**Aston, A.M.** (1968-74) is commercial manager for an American company dealing in building materials, working in Saudi Arabia. He recently won a mixed doubles tennis tournament for which the prize was a 'round the world' holiday.

**Avery, M.D.** (1970-77) passed his Bar Finals in July and is hoping to be called to the Bar at the Inner Temple.

**Bailey, A.G.** (1960-62) is a Captain on Trident aircraft with British Airways.

**Ballance, D.C.** (1972-78) read P.P.E. at Oxford and has started work as an Administrative Assistant with the C.B.I.

**Barnes, D.A.** (1967-74) is now working in Knightsbridge as Assistant Branch Manager for a Building Society. His brother **Barnes, R.F.** (1965-72) is Assistant Development Brewer for Scottish and Newcastle Breweries in Edinburgh.

**Barrett, A.D.** (1946-54) ran the 1982 London Marathon in 3 hrs 44 mins 22 secs, narrowly beating Jimmy Saville. He reports that **Elvery, R.** (1960-67) has moved from Labuan Islands, Sabah to Katmandu.

**Barry, A.J.** (1974-80) became the unluckiest casualty ever to sail in the British Tall Ship 'Winston Churchill'. Choppy seas spilt a boiling tea urn over his back and arm and he had to go to hospital in the Spanish port of Vigo where his brother **Barry, J.N.W.** (1970-75) lives and works.

**Barton, C.M.J.** (1966-71) is still organist and Master of the Choristers at St. Woolos Cathedral, Newport. His choir has made its first record and in 1982 he passed the Archbishop of Canterbury's Diploma in Church Music — the highest award in church music, of which fewer than sixty have been awarded since its inception in the 1930's.

**Benyon, J.E.** (1965-72) is now working for the civil aviation authority (based at Redhill, Surrey) as an airworthiness surveyor, having left Rolls Royce Ltd. in November 1981. Currently responsible for the certification and continued airworthiness of Rolls Royce aero engines.

**Berendt, N.J.** (1967-74) married a French bilingual secretary in October 1981 and still works for Foster Refrigerator of King's Lynn at their French office. **Berendt, A.R.** (1969-76) finishes his training as a doctor this summer and has decided to do his elective in the refugee camps in the Sudan.

**Biggs, P.G.** (1927-32) retired in June 1981 after a career in the Army from 1938-1960 and then with MacMillan Bloedel Containers Ltd. of Hatfield as a Production Controller.

**Bird, M.A.** (1943-51) works in the City of London for an insurance company, being Head of Management Services and Development. He has a book on management being published in April 1983. His daughter is married to an archaeologist working on the Mary Rose.

**Boram, E.G.** (1938-43) is still employed in the Inland Revenue and has remained in contact with **Newell, P.B.** (1938-44) now an Australian citizen working for a travel firm in Brisbane.

**Bourke, D.A.H.** (1935-40) sends greetings to his contemporaries from his home in Dormans Park, Surrey. He recently retired after 33 years with the Nestle Company, where latterly he was secretary/director of the pension funds.

**Bradmore, A.D.** (1971-78) is a management trainee with Palmer and Harvey Ltd. (Tobacco and Confectionary Wholesalers). The firm is based in Brighton but his job has taken him to many parts of Britain.

**Branch, A.E.** (1919-23) is still boating on the rivers and canals and last year was still fit enough to travel 671 miles and pass through 478 locks on one trip lasting two months. He also broke his own record of operating 41 locks in a day by operating 42!

**Bristow, D.J.** (1968-75) is teaching French and Italian at Manchester Grammar School.

**Brocklehurst, C.R.** (1962-69) is in his 4th year of secondment from Shell to the London Enterprise Agency. L. Ent. A. is backed by 11 major companies to encourage the growth of small firms and aid inner city regeneration. He runs L. Ent. A. Properties Ltd., whose first project involved the conversion of a derelict Victorian granary in

Spitalfields, now housing 30 small firms. He would be interested to hear from anyone else active in this field.

**Brown, P.J.** (1969-77) joined T.E.V. Rongatira in May and left for the Falklands in June arriving in Port Stanley in July. The ship carried 1000 Royal Engineers, various other personnel and 18 nurses! Once down there the ship acted as a floating hotel. He is at present on a large container ship running between Europe and the West Coast of the States.

**Buckingham, M.B.J.** (1972-79) has successfully passed his HND in Business Studies at Portsmouth Polytechnic. He went to Sandhurst in May to be trained as an officer and has signed on a 5 year short service commission with the Royal Pioneer Corps, with whom he hopes to specialise in Personnel Management.

**Burrows, J.W.** (1964-71) has done some research on wasteland in British cities which has been published in several articles, presented to a House of Commons Select Committee and was quoted from by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his Budget speech. He moved to Scotland to work as one of the policy co-ordinators for the Government's £120m project to regenerate the inner east end of Glasgow. He is presently working as a policy adviser in the Chief Executive's Office in Lewisham. He still sees **Hardy, A.** (1965-71) who is an architect in Bristol, they spent a few weeks together in Southern India in January 1983; **Head, C.** (1965-71) who is Deputy Stage House Manager at the R.S.C., Stratford upon Avon; **Hunchen, T.** (1966-70) is a social work training officer in Bromley; **Anscombe, P.** (1964-71) still with British Airways and **Hammond, J.** (1964-71) who is studying music in Leeds, consolidating 10 years of on-and-off saxophone playing in London pubs and clubs.

**Challis, T.C.P.** (1957-64) is Area Principal in Adult Education in N.E. Dorset.

**Cheriton, L.W.** (1958-65) works for Fosroc Construction Chemicals at their Central Laboratory in Leighton Buzzard being responsible for the anchoring and grouting section. He occasionally meets **Sworn, C.H.** (1958-65) an accountant with Reeds and **Hyde, M.** (1958-65) a water consulting engineer for MacDonaldis in Cambridge.

**Clarke, R.** (1949-56) visited England in Autumn 1982 from his home in Adelaide. He was on his way to Barbados to work with the Caribbean Meteorological Institute, P.O. Box 130, Bridgetown.

**Cockett, A.D.** (1967-73) is now working as a hospital registrar in psychiatry involved in child and adult work with special interests in psychotherapy and work with the elderly.

**Cockett, P.A.** (1967-74) works in a small animal practice in High Wycombe and is at present studying at the Royal Veterinary College Field Station for the Diploma in Veterinary Radiology.

**Cole, W.A.** (1928-34) is shortly retiring from BP Oil having been with the Group since 1946. He is caught up in several local affairs including being Chairman of the Governors of local schools in Oxted. He frequently meets **Smith, B.W.** (1933-41) both socially and in committee.

**Colgrove, R.** (1952-58) is now a Development Project Leader at Perkins Engines, Peterborough, currently developing passenger car diesel engines in a joint venture with British Leyland.

**Colley, P.M.** (1960-68) continues to have great success as a playwright in Canada, his most popular play called 'I'll Be Back Before Midnight' has had over 50 productions.

**Collins, A.C.** (1934-40) retired in July from teaching at Watford Grammar School after 32 years service.

**Cowlett, T.A.** (1943-50) works as a private music teacher covering the area of Oxford and Abingdon. He and his wife deal with over 100 individual students each week. A rewarding facet of the work is the increasing number of adults taking keyboard playing seriously. During the day they run a small pre-school nursery of 40 children between the ages of 3 and 5. Relaxations include the conducting of the Kennington United Choirs, one of the largest bodies of amateur singers in Oxfordshire. He is also involved with Amnesty International and the Kennington Methodist Church. The latter of which he helped to found in 1967.

**Culverhouse, N.J.** (1964-71) is a Technical Representative for Stokes Bomford (Chemicals) Ltd of Evesham. He has been in touch with **MacMilan, P.** a doctor at Bristol Royal Infirmary and **Caffell, D.** a Sales Manager for Du Pont (UK) Ltd Agrichemicals Division.

**Darrington, S.** (1960-67) has returned to the music profession and in the last year has toured extensively throughout Britain and also in Sweden and Holland. He married the daughter of the Headmaster of Cookham School and would be delighted to hear from anyone else in the entertainment business and any old school friends (HW 35234).

**Davies, G.J.G.** (1975-81) passed the Oxford Polytechnic Accountancy Foundation Course with credit and now works for a small firm of Chartered Accountants in Iver.

**Edwards, C.M.J.** (1946-53) is Purchasing Manager for the Ontario area of Canada's largest Chemical Distributor. He has finally hung up his boots after refereeing rugby in Canada for nearly 25 years.

**Edwards, R.J.** (1969-76) has been in Hong Kong with the Queen's Gurkha Engineers since the end of 1981 and has spent some time

recently in Fiji and Nepal. He goes to Belize in July. He reports that **Law, M.** (1976-78) is also with the QGE and has just spent six months in the Falklands. **Edwards, D.M.** (1966-72) is a freelance computer consultant and **Edwards, R.H.** (1968-75) is working for Cathay Pacific Airways in Hong Kong. He has represented Indonesia and Hong Kong at rugby.

**Evans, S.N.M.** (1954-59) started a new company in 1981 selling Micro Processor controlled equipment to the Woodworking Industry, after resigning as Sales Director for Rye Machinery Ltd. of High Wycombe (the family firm).

**Fox, K.T.** (1919-26) and his wife have just returned from a month's visit to Sierra Leone. Following his retirement from the National Westminster Bank in 1969, he was invited to be Administrator at the Maua Methodist Hospital in Kenya. His son was Medical Superintendent of the Ngao Methodist Hospital 650 miles away, on the other side of the Equator.

The recent visit to West Africa was at the invitation of the Sister Tutor in charge of the Nursing School at the Nixon Memorial Methodist Hospital, Segbwema, who held a similar position in Maua when the Foxes were there. It is at this hospital, that the only Lassa Fever Research Centre in Africa, is situated. 200 miles 'up country', Nixon is the major teaching hospital outside Freetown.

A grandson at the R.G.S. is a welcome renewal of a link with the school.

**Fraser, I.E.** (1933-36) awarded the V.C. and D.S.C. during World War 2 appeared on the BBC's Songs of Praise programme from Liverpool in January 1983.

**Friend, D.R.A.** (1953-56) is now Personnel Manager of Hunting Survey and Consultants Ltd. His brother **Friend, L.G.** (1958-65) is now a senior staff conductor with the English National Opera. He has appeared at the 'Proms' for several years and is a much requested conductor of modern classical music and occasional recitalist with his cellist wife.

**Frost, A.D.** (1977-81) has returned from a year in Kenya as a volunteer teacher under the Project Trust Volunteer scheme. He is now at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, hoping to be commissioned in August.

**Fuller, I.D.** (1971-78) now teaches at a Comprehensive School in Great Baddow, Chelmsford.

**Funnell, E.T.** (1930-37) retired three years ago after fifteen years in Nairobi and Lusaka with the International Civil Aviation Organisation (an agency of the United Nations) and has settled again in Princes Risborough, where he has started a postal business selling antiquarian and out-of-print books on East and Central Africa.

**Giles, R.N.** (1932-39) has taken early retirement from full-time work at Surrey University, but is still engaged as an Industrial Tutor to students on sandwich courses.

**Godfrey, R.W.** (1972-79) has started work as an Accountancy Trainee in the Finance Dept. of the Central Electricity Generating Board.

**Gooderham, N.J.** (1958-65) is Director of Finance for Arthur Young McClelland Moores and Co., working in Fetter Lane.

**Goodwin, C.** (1974-80) is enjoying the active musical life at Cambridge. He has taken his choir to Peterborough and St. Alban's and is preparing for a tour of Hampshire in June. He has organised concerts and recitals in his college and keeps up his interest in Gilbert and Sullivan, playing in the orchestra for the Arts Theatre production of 'Ruddigore'.

**Goulborn, S.A.** (1928-36) retired at Easter 1981 from teaching History at Beaconsfield Secondary School but now finds himself busier than ever. He has completed 25 years service on Wycombe District and the old Borough Council, at present being Chairman of the Planning Committee. He is one of two Deputy Chairmen of High Wycombe Borough Magistrates Court; Chairman of Wycombe Show; Governor of the R.G.S. and Kingswood First and Middle Schools; Chairman of the Governors of Hannah Ball County First School; Chairman of the Trustees of Wycombe Almshouses.

**Green, P.J.** (1971-78) starts articles with a firm of solicitors in Maidenhead in October 1983. He is full of praise for Trent Polytechnic, Nottingham where he did his law degree.

**Green, P.J.** (1974-76) is presently working on a £60m building contract in East London. He is in touch with **Scott, P.Q.** (1974-76) working with a computer software firm in Maidenhead and **Tagg, T.W.** (1969-76) who has just started his second year as senior engineer on an offshore pipeline in the Philippines.

**Gubbins, V.R.** (1964-71) has just completed two years in HMS Illustrious and is now serving in HMS Sultan, the navy's engineering school in Gosport.

**Hands, S.E.** (1915-21) reached the ripe old age of 80 in June this year and is still taking a prominent part in International Philately. As a past President of the Royal Philatelic Society he still regularly attends the Society's Council meetings.

**Harris, O.E.** (1933-38) retired as deputy head of CompAir the day before his 60th birthday. He intends to be very active in retirement

with his voluntary work and travel. He has a daughter in South Africa and a brother in New Zealand.

**Hickman, H.C.** (1939-46) is still engaged in the Metal Finishing Industry in a remote quarter of the Occidental Petroleum Corporation and expects to be in Moscow during February to conclude arrangements to equip a factory for the manufacture of wheelchairs at a place called Vladimir.

**Hoffman, S.H.** (1928-36) received the Hon. degree of M.A. from the University of Kent at Canterbury in November 1982. Also receiving the same degree was Nicholas Polmear who taught at the R.G.S. in the 40's and 50's. He was Director of Education for Canterbury.

**Hole, A.E.F.** (1925-30) has retired to Cornwall and is enjoying life in a wonderfully friendly environment. He quickly became involved in Rotary affairs and has been accepted into the Launceston Club.

**Hoskings, P.** (1958-64) is still interested in railways and he helps to restore steam locomotives at the Quainton Railway Centre near Aylesbury.

**How, D.F.W.** (1936-41) took early retirement from Esso Petroleum Co. Ltd. after having worked for them for 32 years. He has retired to a bungalow at Broadstairs.

**Howe, P.J.** (1967-74) is now working for BP as a Computer Programmer in Moorgate having spent the last 4 years in Aberdeen. He has married an Aberdeen girl and lives in Chesham.

**Howe, P.T.** (1970-77) works for Conoco in Aberdeen as a Petroleum Production Engineer. He reports that **Taylor, S.** (1972-77) is an engineer with the BBC news department.

**Hoy, J.** (1970-77) gained a First in 'Science of Resources' at Birmingham University last June. He specialised in energy resources and wrote a dissertation on the nuclear energy programme in India. He is continuing his studies at the LSE where he is taking a 2-year M.Sc. in Economics. He hopes to become a professional economist probably in the Civil Service but in the long term would like to work for an international organisation or in the Third World. He left the RGS determined to be an engineer.

**Hughes, J.C.** (1957-64) joined GEC Computers in January 1982 as a Software Systems Consultant. He played the organ in September 1981 at the wedding of **Cole, M.J.** (1961-67), a freelance bassoonist.

He also sent news of **Elias, D.** (1949-55), Senior Lecturer in Youth and Community work at Manchester Polytechnic; **Elias, R.** (1955-61) Centre Head for Adult Education in Daventry; and **Elias, K.** (1966-68) in charge of devising and planning courses for the unemployed at Huntingdon Technical College.

**Hyams, S.** (1972-78) is now in the Royal Hong Kong Police. He passed out as an Inspector in April 1982 and he is now on plain clothes duty with the Special Duty Squad dealing with drug peddlars.

**Iremonger, M.J.** (1954-62) has gained a temporary promotion to Associate Professor and Head of the Materials and Structures Branch at the Royal Military College of Science.

**Johnston, I.A.** (1957-63) from 1980-83 was Director of Conciliation and Arbitration at ACAS in London, dealing with major industrial disputes. He is now back in the Dept. of Employment working on the 'Financial Management Initiative' designed to make Civil Service line managers into accountable managers with budgets.

**Jordan, R.W.** (1974-80) is doing his Industrial Year at the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences where he is studying Marine Microbiology from water samples off the West African coast.

**Juniper, P.F.J.** (1964-68) after qualifying as a Chartered Accountant joined Coopers and Lybrand in London and later spent some time in Liberia and Saudi Arabia. He is now Accounting and D.P. Manager with the UK subsidiary of the U.S. firm Allen-Bradley, who manufacture computerised controls for machine tools.

**Keen, D.F.** (1968-75) now holds the position of Manufacturing Accountant at one of the factories of an American Multinational Company in South Wales.

**Lance, J.W.** (1965-72) is now spending practically all his time in Seefeld, since his Bournemouth hotel was demolished to make way for a new conference centre.

**Landrock, G.J.** (1974-80) has passed out from the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth in July and is now serving in HMS Beachampton at Hong Kong. Their main job is to prevent illegal immigrants from entering the Colony. He joins HMS Berwick next January which will act as a guardship at Gibraltar.

**Laurie, J.K.** (1959-65) is Group Financial Controller of the Oxford Instruments Group Ltd. and spends most of his time going around Europe and the USA restructuring and financing overseas subsidiaries.

**Layne, T.E.** (1915-24) still leads an active life at 77. He still represents his Professional Association (Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors) on several British Standard Committees. On retirement he set up, with a colleague, as a subsidiary of a smaller firm of Lloyds Brokers dealing in Independent Survey and Technical advice.

**Leegood, R.C.** (1963-70) since leaving Cambridge in 1977 has been doing post-doctoral research with ARC Research Group on

Photosynthesis at Sheffield University. In April 1983 he took up a Lectureship in Botany at Sheffield University.

**Leigh, I.D.** (1967-74) is now a solicitor with Portsmouth City Council.

**Le Messurier, A.P.** (1963-68) is working with Brunei-Shell Petroleum in the State of Brunei, Borneo.

**Levin, D.S.** (1961-67) is now firmly established 'down under' as a barrister. He would be delighted to welcome any club members who visit Melbourne.

**Llewellyn-Ap-Dafydd, B.** (1962-68) is now teaching English for ILEA in London.

**Lorch, R.P.** (1962-67) is now production director of Elga Products, water treatment specialists in Lane End, High Wycombe. He is Chairman of the Ford Model T Register of Gt. Britain and lives the country life in a cottage in Cuddington nr. Aylesbury.

**Lowe, D.A.** (1965-73) is Head of Junior Music at Ampleforth College and still very active in the musical world.

**Madelin, R.** (1968-75) is now a Higher Executive Officer in the Department of Industry and is a member of the British delegation to the U.N. Law of the Sea Conference. Large quantities of mineral deposits such as chromium and manganese have been found on the ocean bed and the questions of ownership and royalties have to be worked out. He sees **Newton, B.R.** (1968-75) who is a Trainee Inspector of Taxes; **Wigram, J.W.** (1968-75) who works for the advertising firm UNIVAS in London and is next in line for a title; **Pugh, P.** (1968-75) who is working for a Private Aviary in Surrey and hopes to get a British Council Scholarship to go to Mongolia this summer to study cranes.

**Mahony, P.J.** (1978-80) has changed from Russian to Italian Studies at Manchester University. He hopes to spend the next academic year teaching English in a language school near Milan. He is involved in the life of his Hall being Social Secretary last year and producing material for the twice year Hall revues.

**Martin-Fagg, R.J.** (1962-68) is still Senior Lecturer in Managerial Economics at Slough College. He is also visiting lecturer to the Institute of Marketing, the C.E.G.B. and a couple of London banks. When he finds time he is scripting and filming Applied Economics on video — a talking, animated textbook. Anybody struggling with O or A level economics is invited to get in touch with him. He rows regularly at Marlow Rowing Club and at Easter 1982 he spent some time trekking in the Eastern Himalayas. He reports the Himalayas to be massively impressive, making the Swiss Alps look like the Chilterns. Last summer he cycled from Maidenhead via Le Havre and the Loire to Bordeaux. The trip took 8 days — on the return journey he took the train to Paris and then cycled Paris to Le Havre in one day, 130 miles and hard going!

**McTavish, A.J.** (1948-55) is now Headmaster of the John Hampden School in High Wycombe.

**Molesworth, D.V.** (1972-79) is currently enjoying his 3rd and final year at the Royal School of Mines. He has spent his long vacations overseas in Namibia and South Africa, where he met **Davidson, M.** (1973-80) in his 3rd year in the Mining Exploration Dept. at Cardiff University and **Journet, N.** (1970-77) currently based at Randfontein Gold Estates in the Transvaal. **Stott, A.** (1972-79) and **Hopkinson, K.** (1972-79) were both working in and around Johannesburg last summer. He has regular contact with **Hoddinott, P.J.** (1968-75) who now works in a consulting capacity with one of the lecturers at the Royal School of Mines. He is full of praise for the RSM.

**Monaghan, N.R.** (1965-72) continues to practice as a barrister in the Temple undertaking mainly criminal work. He often sees **Sherriff, N.J.** (1965-72) who lives in Fulham; **Buchanan, J.G.** (1967-74) married and living in Wendover, and **Holland, G.** (1970-72) married and living in Bristol. Holland and Buchanan are both in advertising. **Moore, D.J.** (1963-70) is now a partner in the firm of Rodgers, Horsley and Burton, solicitors of Barnes, Morden and Streatham. He is Conservative Councillor on Lambeth Borough Council and was Chairman of the Area Improvements Committee and the District Housing Committee before the Conservatives were ousted following the defection of an SDP member to Labour.

**Moore, J.E.** (1961-66) is a partner in a City firm of solicitors, Macfarlanes, specialising in Commercial and Agricultural Property Law. He flies himself to meetings wherever possible.

**Moore, R.M.** (1955-62) left the Royal Air Force in 1982 having been an instructor on the Harrier conversion unit for the last tour. He joined the Sultan of Oman's air force as strike-master instructor and is enjoying sunshine and sport in Oman. His family remain in Stamford and visit Oman for holidays.

**Morton, D.** (1960-67) is still working as a producer, now with the Talks and Documentaries Department of BBC Radio. Since 1979 he has been mostly concerned with the "Analysis" programme, though last year was responsible for a long special project on Eastern Europe which resulted in the Radio 4 series "The Eagle and the Small Birds", presented by Michael Charlton.

**Murray, J.W.** (1976-78) is working as an Investment Analyst at the

Provident Life Association of London Ltd.

**Myant, M.R.** (1961-66) has had a book "Poland, a Crisis for Socialism" published by Laurence and Wishart. The Guardian review of the book stated that "it is penetrating as far as it goes but it hedges too many bets and takes refuge too often in the 'mass of the workers' to be convincing." **Myant, C.N.** (1957-62) is Assistant Editor of the Morning Star.

**McInerny, A.N.** (1977-79) obtained a B.Sc (Econ) degree from University College London in 1982 and is now working for the Forward Trust Group as a trainee.

**Nobbs, C.S.** (1958-66) has been working as a Civil Engineer since February 1982 with Ove Arup and Partners, Consulting Engineers, in Benghazi, Libya.

**Petersen, T.J.** (1976-80) began a 4 year degree course in Estate Management at the Polytechnic of Wales at Treforest in October 1982. He has played for the Polytechnic of Wales 1st XV, British champions. He has joined the Royal Regiment of Wales TA and has started a Potential Officer's course, after being awarded the 'best recruit' cup on the Prince of Wales Division's December recruit intake at Lichfield.

**Philbrick, G.J.** (1972-75) has been accepted for Theological Training and has chosen to go to Edinburgh Theological College this October. At present he teaches and is organist at Otterbourne, near Winchester.

**Pickering, D.J.** (1966-72) has started a haulage business and is now organist and choirmaster for St. Paul's, Slough.

**Poole, C.W.** (1976-80) graduates from Leeds University and gets married this July. He then embarks on a career in Sales Management with Proctor and Gamble Ltd.

**Priestley, M.D.H.** (1955-63) is Senior Master at Christ's College School, Finchley, where he has been for the last seventeen years.

**Prior, J.K.** (1934-40) Chairman of the Board of Governors of the RGS, retired from the Prudential in October 1982. In retirement John continues to support as many school activities of all sorts as he can and for relaxation he lectures for charity, explores the countryside, dabbles in genealogy and builds bookshelves. He is Honorary Secretary of the Sussex region of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust.

**Pursey, J.W.** (1946-54) was on the RGS Staff from 1958 to 1960 and is now Academic Counsellor in the Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, Darlington.

**Rackham, A.C.** (1969-76) is now working as a Mechanical Maintenance Engineer at the Isle of Grain Power Station.

**Ray, P.F.** (1958-65) works with the National Nuclear Corporation and is at present at their headquarters in Knutsford, Cheshire.

**Reed, S.M.** (1969-76) works for Standard Telephones and Cables in North London. His job is 'Contracts Administration' which involves the company's commercial and legal liabilities.

**Roberts, S.C.M.** (1967-72) has recently been promoted to the level of Principal Planning Officer in the Planning Department of Cheshire County Council and has been elected into membership of the Royal Town Planning Institute.

**Rolfe, G.E.** (1919-22) spent the whole of January in India visiting Bombay, Calcutta, and Delhi, and participating in a 'Dialogue on Development' in Panchgari.

**Rose, C.A.** (1940-44) was awarded the C.B.E. in the New Year's Honours list.

**Rowe, S.N.** (1970-77) is working as a metallurgist at Mufulira Smelter on the Zambian copperbelt. He marries in August.

**Rundell, D.J.** (1960-67) is now Senior Services Engineer in the Videotape Engineering team at the BBC Television Centre. His brother **Rundell, P.F.**

is a chartered accountant working for Amersham International.

**Sabine, C.R.** (1957-66) is now Head Teacher of Medstead Church of England Primary School near Alton, Hampshire. He has become very interested in computers and on one course met his former form master J.B. Benson, now teaching at Peter Symonds College, Winchester.

**Salmon, J.D.** (1926-32) has retired from active management of Horton Kirby Paper Mills but remains a Director. His time is kept full with various activities — General Commission of Income Tax (Dartford Division), Chairman of Trustees Anthony Roper Charity, President Dartford and District Football League. He is also President of his local Royal British Legion Branch and a member and Part President of Dartford Rotary Club.

**Sansom, K.G.** (1954-62) works for Laporte Industries Ltd and is currently Director of their Australian operations and General Manager of half of it, responsible for all aspects of business around manufacture at the Botany Bay site. He returns to the U.K. in a year's time. One of his greatest personal interests is to spend time recreating things old ranging from furniture through to buildings. He passes on best wishes to his many old friends with a standing invitation for anyone to contact him in Sydney.

**Saunders, J.R.** (1943-50) is Managing Director of F.J. Neve and Co.

Ltd, Rubery, Birmingham, Industrial and Consumer Goods Exporters. He met **Hall, E.** (1943-52), still a TWA pilot, when visiting the USA in November 1982.

**Scruton, R.V.** (1954-61) has been very much in the news this past year. A reader in philosophy at Birkbeck College he edits the Salisbury Review, the journal of the Salisbury Group — a Conservative Philosophy Group whose meetings are sometimes attended by Mrs. Thatcher. He has a regular weekly column in the Times and has appeared on television discussion programmes. **Searle, R.A.** (1969-76) will be ordained at Durham Cathedral on 3rd July 1983 and thereafter will be curate at St. Mary's, Cockerton, Darlington.

**Sendall, A.J.C.** (1972-79) is in his final year at Cambridge reading Law. He takes his bar finals next year and has recently been made a Hardwicke Scholar of Lincoln's Inn.

**Shackell, W.E.** (1952-60) completed a tour as an Instructor at the Nigerian Staff College at Jaji, Kaduna in September 1981 and was posted to Northern Ireland to command the Royal Engineers Territorial Army Regiment in the province.

**Sharp, D.J.** (199-64) was promoted to Squadron Leader last year and now commands No. 151 (fighter) Squadron. He made the headlines in the national newspapers in March when he landed his £3m jet after being nearly blinded when a duck smashed through his windscreen at 500 feet over Peterborough. He hopes he will be able to fly again.

**Shepherd, N.J.** (1970-77) who gained a First in Geography at Cambridge appeared on the Paul Daniels 'Odd One Out' quiz show on BBC TV last year.

**Sinnatt, B.** (1946-53) left Uruguay at the end of 1981 having spent 3 years there as General Manager of Shell Uruguay. He now works with Shell International Petroleum Co. in London and directs senior management training programmes.

**Slatter, P.M.M.** (1919-26). There have now been four successive generations of the family at RGS, Paul Slatter has been an officer of Bucks County Cricket Club for 27 years and is Hon. Treasurer of the National Operatic and Dramatic Association (London). He has just produced 'The Merry Widow' for the 1983 Wycombe Arts Festival.

**Smith, G.P.** (1961-68) has become a partner in Clifford-Turner, a large City firm of solicitors. **Dean, K.J.** (1965-72) is also employed by the firm as an assistant solicitor. Graham Smith took a holiday in Australia at Christmas to watch the Test matches.

**Smith, P.A.** (1976-78) was posted to 12(B) Squadron in July 1982 and is flying Buccaneers at RAF Lossiemouth.

**Souter, N.M.** (1959-67) has just returned from two years in France as consultant to large French company on international computer and communications strategy. He has now returned to living in Penn Bottom but hopes to return to France one day — a great country and people.

**Stear, R.P.** (1969-76) In 1981 he left the Midland Bank and became a residential social worker at a Community Home with Education which provides for the needs of the most difficult children in the care of metropolitan local authorities. He intends to read for the MSc. in Social Policy and Social Work Studies at the LSE, to go with his B.A. in History from London University.

**Stevens, D.** (1933-40) is revising his edition and translation of *The Letters of Claudio Monteverdi* (Faber & Faber, 1980) for upcoming French, German and Italian editions. He is glad to read of so many musical successes by Old Boys and is proud of the School's work in the arts.

**Stevens, J.R.** (1945-50) is now enjoying playing in 'Veterans' tennis tournaments both representing High Wycombe and Bucks.

**Sullivan, J.V.** (1950-56) is currently representing Royal Life Insurance Ltd. in the Bournemouth area. He is a member of the Auxiliary Coastguard Service and sees **Maycock, D.A.** (1948-54) fairly frequently. He would like to know if anyone knows the current whereabouts of **Alan Harvey** and **Rodney Sayer** (1950-57).

**Sweeting, C.R.** (1958-63) has been in Singapore for three years where is a director of Survey Research Singapore — a consumer research company. In Singapore he frequently sees **Laws, W.H.** (1958-66) Regional Marketing Manager for BICC Ltd and **Young, D.** (1963-65) General Manager with an international public relations company.

**Swinhoe-Standen, C.D.S.** (1971-78) graduated from the University of Durham in 1982 with a degree in Engineering Science. He is now working for Merz and McLellan, consulting engineers based in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. He has spent some time working at the Joint European Torus Project at Culham and is at present working on a power systems control project for a power station at Hwange, Zimbabwe. Brother **Swinhoe-Standen, R.A.P.** (1975-81) is having a busy time at Oxford O.T.C. running the parachute club, President of the Entertainments committee and sub-aqua diving.

**Tanner, D.W.** (1940-46) works at the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys at Titchfield, Hants. He is involved in the computer division, processing the 1981 Census.

**Thomas, P.F.** (1965-72) left the Royal Navy in March 1982 and is now self employed working as a computer sales consultant and



computing lecturer. He gets married in May and his main hobby is his boat which he keeps on the Grand Union Canal at Whitton.

**Thorne, R.W.** (1950-57) is in the Royal Navy, serving on H.M.S. Exeter. He has returned to the Falklands after serving there in the war. He is Commander in the Marine Engineering Branch.

**Timms, D.W.** (1970-77) joined the Metropolitan Police in June 1982. He is stationed at Harlesden in North West London an area of high crime — especially burglary. He hopes this tough baptism will be of benefit in the long run. His brother **Timms, P.N.** (1972-79) joined the Thames Valley Police in 1982.

**Tite, C.C.** (1972-78) did very well in his Final Law examinations and has obtained a position with Peter Carter-Ruck and Partners, a specialist litigation firm, dealing with defamation and copyright actions as well as doing a volume of film and entertainment work. Last summer he went to Greece and had a great time.

**Tomes, I.M.** (1951-58) since August has been with the British Army Advisory Team based at Kaduna in north-central Nigeria. His job is to assist to teach Nigerian Army captains to be staff officers and company commanders. It is a difficult job but the sun shines every day and the pay is good.

**Townsend, G.N.** (1969-74) is now working as Senior Negotiator in the Beaconsfield office of Raffety Buckland.

**Tuckett, P.C.** (1941-45) is now Senior Partner of a large veterinary group in Aylesbury, practising over a large area of Mid Bucks and adjoining counties.

**Turnbull, H.T.** (1919-26) is European Vice-President of The Steelastic Company of Akron, Ohio.

**Vale, I.C.** (1967-74) after holding a number of Board Management positions at Lever Brothers, he moved in September 1982 to Arthur Guinness and Co. where his position is Product Group Manager.

**Walker, G.P.M.** (1953-60) continues as Head of the Slavonic and East European section at the Bodleian Library in Oxford. He has just published a book and some articles on the Soviet publishing industry and was elected a Fellow of the Library Association in 1981.

**Walne, J.W.R.** (1964-72) is now working for Clerical, Medical and General Life Assurance Society in the Personal Financial Planning Department having previously worked for the Inland Revenue and Arthur Young McClelland Moores and Co. (Accountants) and Arthur Anderson and Co. (Accountants). At AYMM he met Rory Shearer, Ian Waddington, Roger Dawson and Kevin Pickering to name but a few OW's working in the firm.

**Watson, G.E.** (1951-58) retired in December after nearly 3 years as Chairman of Bourne End Junior Sports Club. The highlight of his period of office was the official opening of a new Sports Hall by H.R.H. Princess Anne in May 1982.

**White, D.B.** (1968-75) works for BDH Chemical in Poole as a Marketing Officer.

**Why, C.J.** (1942-50) a couple of years ago noticed a gentleman in a duffel coat with headphones on, walking up and down the road outside the school where he teaches. It turned out to be Roger Mellor of similar RGS vintage.

**Wickens, F.C.** (1931-38) has now retired from a life-time of schoolmastering. He and his wife are happily settled in Edinburgh and enjoy the many delights of the city. He is still in touch with some of his teachers: W.N. Bicknell, S.E. Aldridge and J.N. Oliver — as well as with fellow cricketers F.E. Timpson, D.R. Witney and (friend of longest standing) H.W. Johnson. He is delighted to see the school rating so highly in the Oxbridge Awards totals. He won the school's first ever Open Scholarship to Oxbridge.

**Wilkinson, P.** (1967-74) has recently worked on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief Fleet at Northwood and is now in the middle of a series of courses to transfer to nuclear powered submarines.

**Williams, S.C.** (1958-65) now works for Avis Rent a Car at their Divisional H.Q. in Bracknell. He is responsible for computers and associated systems in the U.K. and Spanish operating companies and he spends one week in three in Madrid. He is in touch with two of his contemporaries **Lambert, P.** lecturing at Aston University and **Hyde, M.P.** employed in the water industry.

**Williams, T.C.** (1947-52) has been with P & O for 8 years and is Treasury Manager of this large and diverse group. Still Britain's largest publicly owned shipping company. Although it is 13 years

since Williams and family returned from many years banking in Sierra Leone, they still remember the warm sun and the long UK holidays.

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**Wills, K.E.** (1958-66) is now employed as a Data Processing Manager for the 'Leicester Mercury'. He often sees **Membray, A.J.** (1958-66) and **Jellis, G.J.** (1958-66), the latter works at the Plant Breeding Institute in Cambridge. He has also met **Hedgeland, D.** (1958-66) who works for Montotype.

**Wood, A.K.C.** (1968-73) according to Whitaker's Almanac for 1982 is one of three Private Secretaries to The Lord Privy Seal.

**Wood, P.G.** (1965-71) now runs three oilfields off the coast of North Satah in Borneo having to deal with pirates and typhoons. He poses the question — who carved "TUS 149" on the ziggurat at Chogha Zambil, near Susa in Iran? He couldn't believe it when he saw it. Was Cyrus an early RGS scholar?

**Yallop, M.B.** (1955-63) works for a Bristol Consulting Engineers and has been overseas for the last 8 years in Saudi Arabia, Iran (evacuated twice in one month) and is presently in Qatar.

**Youens, H.E.** (1940-45) after 23 years in the Worcester Diocese he moved to Bridport in 1981 as Team Rector of Bridport and Rural Dean of Lyme Bay. He was made an Honorary Canon of Worcester Cathedral in 1978. He reports that five generations of his family have been at the school going back to his maternal grandfather **Montague, E.J.** (c.1873-1878).

### THE OLD WYCOMBIENSAN MASONIC LODGE

The Lodge — number 6754 in the register of the Grand Lodge of England — was consecrated in the School Hall on January 6th 1949 and to quote from the report of the consecration:

"Born from one of Life's earliest loyalties, the affectionate attachment retained for one's old School throughout the after-years, there is in the formation of a Lodge of Old Boys a very special appeal, in the further cementing it offers of life-long associations, against the background of School traditions already held dear, as a moral code of honour and loyal conduct possessing close affinity to the teachings of Masonry."

The design of its badge, adapted from the arms of the School, displays the heraldic figure of a swan, standing with wings spread, the traditional Wycombe swan, tethered and with a crown as collar. It holds in its beak an escutcheon with arms regarded as those of the School, a chevron with three fleurs-de-lis, two above and one beneath, by which is recalled the Charter it was granted by Queen Elizabeth, of the Royal Arms of whom they formed part, quartered with the three lions passant of England, and by which is surmounted the ancient document.

In his remarks before the Ceremony, to the large gathering filling the Assembly Hall of the School, which for the first time, was witnessing a Masonic ceremony, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Lord Burnham, welcomed the formation another School Lodge and the second in the Province, both of which he would have had the privilege of consecrating, the other being the Borlase Lodge, No. 6216, Marlow, connected with the Sir William Borlase School, and which had been formed in 1946.

The first Worshipful Master of the Lodge was H.S. Groom (1906-1908) who still attends Lodge meetings as often as possible. The first initiate was E.R. Tucker, the then Headmaster.

The current Worshipful Master is G.E. Green (1940-46) and the Master Elect is O.E. Harris (1933-38).

The Lodge Secretary is P.A. Langston, 'Primrose Cottage', 20 William Smith Close, Little Woolstone, Milton Keynes, MK15 0AW.

The Hon. Sec. would like to thank all those who have contributed information for these notes. At the committee meeting on April 19th 1983 it was decided to increase the annual subscription to £2.50 and Life Membership to £30. A Term subscription is being introduced, £10 for 5 years membership, renewable at the then existing rate. The provisional date for the 1984 Annual Dinner is Saturday April 7th.





High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire HP13 6QT Telephone: High Wycombe 24955 Headmaster: Rowland P. Brown J.P.M.A

July, 1983.

Dear Old Wycombiensian,

Enclosed with your copy of "The Wycombiensian", you will find a copy of the Club's accounts for the year ending December, 1982. The Club made a loss of £545 to follow the previous year's loss of over £500.

Obviously this state of affairs cannot continue indefinitely. At the last Committee Meeting it was decided to raise the Life Subscription to £30 and the Annual Subscription to £2.50. A new subscription called a Term Subscription is being introduced. This is at the rate of £10 for 5 years, renewable at the then existing rate.

The Committee also decided to ask members to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of magazine and postage, a sum of £5 being suggested. The Committee acknowledges that some members have already made donations over the past few years and would like to thank them for the sums received.

Many thanks for all the items of information received during the past year. The Annual Dinner is to be held on Saturday 7th April, 1984, the Guest of Honour will be The Revd. A. J. Skipp, MA., JP., (1929-1936).

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm Cook.

Malcolm Cook,  
Hon. Sec.

OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1982

<u>1981</u> £	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>1981</u> £	<u>INCOME</u>		
633	Magazines, Postage and Envelopes	678.17		<u>Annual Subscriptions:-</u>	
56	Printing and Stationery	3.00	25	19 at f1	19.00
25	School Leavers' Reunion (2 years)	48.00	<u>11</u>	At Various Rates	<u>11.06</u>
			36		30.06
33	Corporation Tax	25.90		<u>Investment Income:-</u>	
73	Annual Dinner (deficit)	- -	11	3½% War Loan	11.36
-	Donation to John Cooper Memorial Fund	50.00	42	8½% Treasury Stock	21.25
			86	Building Society	<u>92.37</u>
			5	<u>Donations</u>	18.00
			36	<u>Disco Profit</u>	3.50
			97	<u>Lapsed Life Members</u>	31.50
				<u>Annual Dinner:-</u>	
				Receipts	821.00
			-	<u>Less: Expenses</u>	<u>769.12</u>
			313		259.92
			507	<u>Excess of Expenditure over Income</u>	545.15
<u>£820</u>		<u>£805.07</u>	<u>£820</u>		<u>£805.07</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1982

<u>1981</u>			<u>1981</u>			
£			£		<u>ASSETS</u>	
434	<u>Sundry Creditors</u>	26.00	690	<u>Cash at Bank</u>	724.10	
	<u>Capital Account</u>		<u>78</u>	<u>Cash in Hand</u>	<u>47.14</u>	771.24
			768			
	Balance at 1st January, 1982	2,152.71		<u>Investments</u>		
	Additional Life Members (58)	580.00	325	£325 3½% War Stock	325.00	
	Surplus on repayment of		447	(est. cost)	-	
	8½% Treasury Loan 1980/82	53.12		£500 8½% Treasury Loan 1980/82	-	
		<u>2,785.83</u>	996	South of England Building	1,088.94	
	<u>Less: Lapsed Life</u>		50	Society	50.00	1,463.94
	Members	31.50		Premium Bonds	<u>50.00</u>	
2,152	Deficit for					
	the year	<u>545.15</u>	2,209.18			
		<u>576.65</u>				
<u>£2,586</u>			<u>£2,235.18</u>	<u>£2,586</u>		<u>£2,235.18</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books and vouchers from which the above accounts have been prepared, and have received all the information and explanations I have required.

In my opinion, the said accounts show a true and correct view of the Club's affairs.

WILLIAM C. PEATEY, F.C.A.

HONORARY AUDITOR.

21st February, 1983.

# CHRIS GAUNT FUND

## To all Old Wycombiensians

Last October Christopher Gaunt (1974-80) was killed whilst training on a helicopter near Aberdeen. As a second pilot with Bristow's Helicopters he was rated an exceptional pilot and was preparing for his next assignment in Branie, Borneo.

In Chris's memory, Mr. and Mrs. E. Gaunt have set up a substantial fund to commemorate his time spent in the RAF Section of the Combined Cadet Force. Between 1976 and 1980 Chris was an active and enthusiastic member of the section progressing to Senior NCO rank. A popular and effective leader, liked by his peers and subordinates.

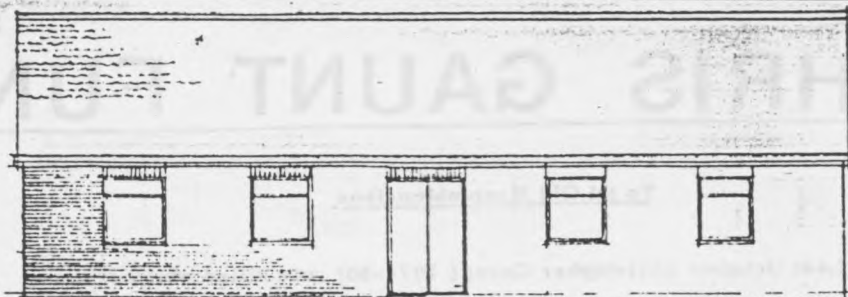
The money donated by Mr. and Mrs. Gaunt is being used to erect a building dedicated to the cadets of the RAF Section. A sketch plan of the building, to be built in the very near future, is on the other side of this sheet. The Gaunts' gift will be spent on the fabric of the building, furnishing will be by Appeal and Fund-raising events. The building is planned to house a Training/Projection area, an Aeromodelling room, a computer generated Flight Simulator and an Aeronautical Library.

We will be grateful for donations from ex-members of the unit, including those from the 708 Squadron days. We have the best (and largest) RAF Section in the CCF and the "Gaunt Memorial Building" will enable this situation to be maintained. Cheques should be made out to "The Chris Gaunt Fund".

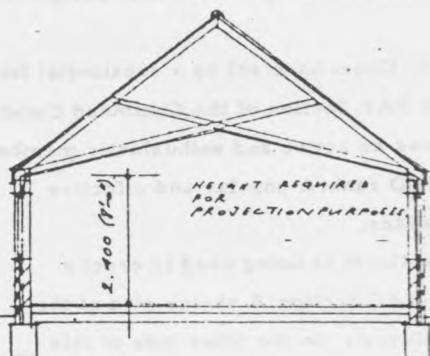
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I enclose a donation of £..... To the Chris Gaunt Fund.

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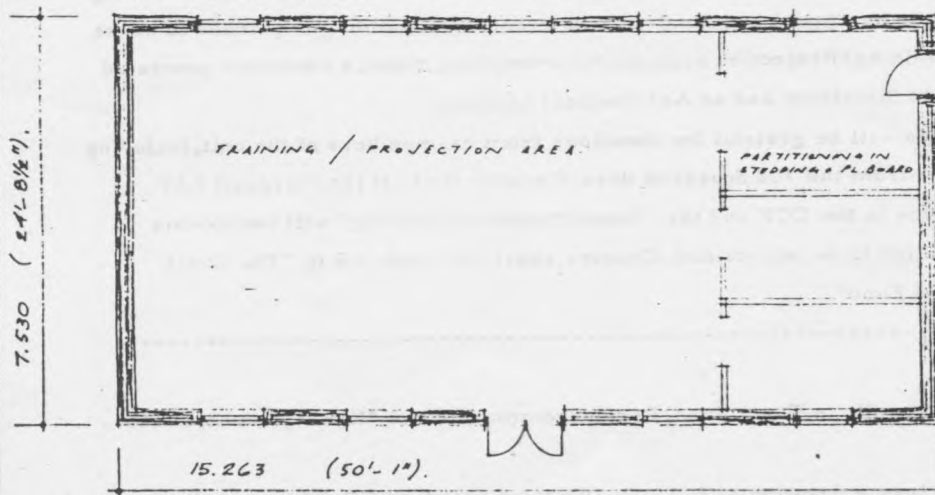
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CROSS-SECTION

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SCISSOR TRUSSES AT 37 1/2" PITCH  
PLASTER-BOARD CEILING WITH  
QUILT INSULATION OVER.

CAVITY WALLS TO BUILDING REG-  
ULATIONS STANDARD WITH FACING  
BWK. EXTERNALLY.



PLAN

SKETCH SCHEME.

DESCRIPTION: ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, HIGH WYCOMBE.  
CHRIS. GAUNT MEMORIAL BUILDING

SCALE  
1:100

DATE  
FEB 1983.

AMENDMENT

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