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Editorial

Dear Reader,

This year we have crammed into the pages of this hallowed tome a mixture of pictures, poems, sports and club reports. The school is preparing for a new era, with the building of the new block, and the introduction of G.C.S.E. courses to replace 'O' level. Acknowledgement should go to all who helped in editing, including Miss Parsons, Mr Eaton and Mr Mitchell, to those who scouted around and brought together the contributions, and to everyone who wrote for the magazine.

S. McCAULEY, S. SAHOTA



New sports hall under construction Sunday June 8th 1986.

Staff News

E.G. Holmes Esq.

I suspect that boys who over the years participate in music at the RGS, whether in Choral Society, Junior Choir or one of the orchestras or wind bands tend to assume that excellence is the norm and that music in other schools is everywhere equally as good. Those of us who are older and have a wider experience know that this is by no means always the case. The fact that we have come to expect at the school standards of performance in many different areas of music which are quite outstanding is due entirely to the work of Geoffrey Holmes who retires as Director of Music at the end of the Summer Term. Since he came to the school 18 years ago I, together with other interested

colleagues, have had the privilege of taking part in many school concerts and, like the thousands of boys with whom we have performed, have come to respect and admire his total dedication to the music and his refusal to admit any compromise on standards. It is this integrity and thorough professionalism which have influenced so many budding musicians over the years, quite a few of whom have since become highly successful teachers and performers in their own right. I know that many of these former pupils are deeply conscious of the benefits which they derived from the rigorous musical training which they received here (even though some of it may have been more appreciated in retrospect than at the time!) and the fact that many of these Old Boys still write regularly to Geoffrey Holmes and return for concerts and the Carol Service speaks for itself.

I can recall many memorable performances in the Queen's Hall such as that of the Brahms' Requiem with John Shirley-Quirk and, much further back, a production of Britten's 'Noyes Fludde' when a totally disastrous Dress Rehearsal was followed by a memorable and thrilling performance. Few people probably now remember the Gilbert and Sullivan productions of the 60's and 70's on which he and I collaborated and when EGH could be seen at six or so on a November evening, standing in the body of the Queen's Hall, overcoated against the icy temperatures, attempting to teach a graceful dance step to some singularly ungraceful and fractious 'girls'. But they all loved it in the end and appreciated the necessity for the hard work.

His firmly-held ideas did not however always make him the easiest of people to work with. I can recall that, when we were sharing the production of *Pirates of Penzance* on one occasion, a disagreement reached an intensity which made the famous 'carpet' quarrel between Gilbert and Sullivan seem but a minor disagreement. For a few days we were scarcely speaking. I need hardly say who won in the end but the incident was soon forgotten. Anyway I expect he was right. He usually is.

In the nature of things pupils and parents tend to see only the public persona of an RGS master. Many will be aware of EGH's skill with a baton. Few will know of his linguistic talents, his acerbic and astringent wit, his gardening skills and his wide general culture outside his own specialized field. However it is as a musician and a skilled and dedicated teacher that he will be chiefly remembered at the RGS. We wish him a long and happy retirement. His successor has much to live up to.

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Examination Successes 1986-87

OXFORD

Place on Exam.

S.J. Aspinall St. Catherine's, Engineering & Computing
A.D. Barkey Keble, Geography
S.H. Booth Worcester, Modern Languages
M.A. Coutts Lady Margaret Hall, Medicine
Y.Y. Ford University, Biochemistry
C.J. Kendall University, Classics
D.S. Mills Merton, Biochemistry
C.A. Nielsen St. Peter's, PPE
T.M. Ponting Pembroke, Engineering
D.C. Walker Exeter, Law

Conditional Places

P.H. Diamond Trinity, Engineering Science
K.E. Jordan Trinity, Chemistry

CAMBRIDGE

Place on Exam. already taken

A.E. Bayly Pembroke, Natural Sciences (Physical)

Conditional Places

S.J.W. Barber Sidney Sussex, Mathematics
K.M. Buzzard Trinity, Mathematics
N.S. Clarke Gonville & Caius, Economics
A.J. Edwards Queen's, Engineering
P.J. Giles Robinson, Natural Sciences (Physical)
R. Jackson St. John's, Natural Sciences (Biological)
P.J. Mahon Corpus Christi, Maths/Natural Sciences (Physical)
D.S. Sarshar Emmanuel, Natural Sciences (Biological)
C.G. Sherlock Clare, Mathematics
A.G. Sutton Churchill, Engineering
J.G.K. Walker King's, Classics
T.C. Walker Clare, Natural Sciences (Physical)
M.S. Walmsley Queen's, Mathematics
D.J. Young Clare, Economics & Law
K.L. White St. John's, Natural Sciences (Physical)

UNIVERSITY PLACES

M.F.G. Allen Queen Mary's College, London, Geography Arts
P. Badger Keele University, Management Science
J.R. Balmforth St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School, Medicine (1987)
K.J. Bashford East Anglia University, Music
C.J. Beckford Swansea University, French
N.J. Black Sheffield University, Archaeology & Prehistory
D.G. Blaker Southampton University, French
A.J.C. Bootham University College of Swansea, Mechanical Engineering
F.G.J. Brown Bath University, Materials Science
R.J. Cleary Essex University, Law (1987)
N.J. Cook Salford University, Economics and Mathematics
S.E. Coppen-Gardner King's College, London, Classics
G.H. Cunnick St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School, Medicine
S. Davies University College, Cardiff, Management Studies
A.G. Dawson Aberdeen University, Agriculture (1987)
R. Easterbrook Birmingham University, Electronic Communication Engineering (1987)
M.K. Enskatt Hull University, Accounting
R.S. Evans Southampton University, Electronic Engineering
N.J. Farmer Southampton University, Civil Engineering
S.K. Ford Leicester University, Geography
M.K.B. Gabriel Newcastle Upon Tyne University, Geography
P.A. Gibb St. Andrews University, French & Management Sciences
G.I. Giles Goldsmith's College, London, Music
J.E. Goldstone Nottingham University, Geography (1987)
J.A. Goode Royal Holloway College, London, Biology
N. Goodwin Southampton University, Geography
I.K. Gray Durham University, Engineering Science (1987)

P.J. Hammond Bristol University, Social Science Economics
J.P. Harris Newcastle University, Linguistics (1987)
A.H. Henry Bath University, Biochemistry
N.J. Heritage St. Andrew's University, History
R. Hollingsworth York University, English (1987)
S.A. Hoath Leeds University, Law
D.J. Jolly Nottingham University, Production Engineering
C.D.R. Jones Southampton University, Modern Languages
T.A. Jones Bath University, Manufacturing Engineering (1987)
M.E. Keohane Manchester University, Electronic Engineering
J.C. Knott Nottingham University, Production Engineering & Management (1987)
D.W. Lambert Leeds University, History
J.T. Melsom Kent University, History
P.J. Miller Durham University, Economics (1987)
B.J. Moore Manchester University, Aeronautical Engineering
J.D. Morris London School of Economics, Social Anthropology
N. McLaughlin Exeter University, Economic & Social History
S.D. Ogborn Nottingham University, Civil Engineering
R.K. Oliver King's College, London, Mechanical Engineering (1987)
D.S. Pace Lampeter University, English
M.R. Pope Exeter University, Statistics/Operational Research
A.D. Prevett Newcastle University, Civil Engineering
K.D. Rayment University of Bath School of Engineering, Production Engineering
A.J.G. Read Loughborough University, Management with German
D.J. Saunders University of Wales Institute of Science & Technology, Production Engineering & Management (1987)
M.J. Scott Imperial College, London, Metallurgy & Materials Science
A.J. Shipley Manchester University, Economics & Social Studies
P.J. Singleton Exeter University, Economics & Politics
C.J. Talbot Imperial College, London, Biotechnology
P.A. Thompson Bristol University, Chemistry
G.C. Townsend University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, Geography
J.M. Turnbull Birmingham University, Chemistry
A.J. Turner City University, Electrical Engineering
L. White Royal Holloway College, London, Biology
N.E. White Birmingham University, Civil Engineering
I.A. Wiles Exeter University, Social Policy & Administration

POLYTECHNICS (Degree Courses)

G.A.B. Dibb Brighton Polytechnic, Computer Science
N.G. Dowsett Bristol Polytechnic, Quantity Surveying
D.N. Ellison Thames Polytechnic, Institutional Management
R.J. Fryer Bristol Polytechnic, Building (1987)
S.F. Glasgow Manchester Polytechnic, Law
P.J. Oldcorn Lancaster Polytechnic, Law
M.H.D. Platts Trent Polytechnic, Building
T.J. Prior Polytechnic of the South Bank, Building Surveying
S.F.D. Simmons Business Studies

OTHER COLLEGES OF HIGHER EDUCATION

R.A. Chuter St. Luke's, Exeter, Physical Education
J.A. Dudmesh London School of Pharmacy (1987)
D.R. Hamm British School of Osteopathy

'A' LEVEL RESULTS 1986

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-Maths; Mus-Music; P-Physics; BS-Business Studies; CS-Computer Science; GS-General Studies; PS-Political Studies; Sp-Spanish; RS-Religious Studies; AwH-Art with History of Art; Phil-Philosophy; Russ-Russian

*Denotes Grade A

JR Balmforth M,C*,P*,B*; **AK Bowker** M,C,B,GS; **AR Cox** M,C*,B; **GH Cunnick** M,C,B*,GS; **NHH DAVIES** C,P,B; **SEH Davies** C,P,B,GS; **AG Dawson** Geo,C,B; **JA Dudmesh** C,P,B; **RE Gerrard** C,B; **JA Goode** M,C,B*,GS; **DR Hamm** C,P,B; **AH Henry** M,C,P*,B*,GS; **MS Higginbottom** M*,C*,P*,B*,GS*; **RM Medhurst** B; **TJ Prior** Geo,C,B; **JS Sahota** C,B; **CJ Talbot** C,P*,B*,GS; **PA Thompson** M,C,P,B; **JKS Weinblatt** F,M,C,B*,GS; **L White** C,P,B,GS; **EJ Wood** M,C,B,GS; **NJ Black** Eng,L*,H*; **SE Coppen-Gardner** L,M; **TJ Harlow** F; **NJ Heritage** Eng,L,H; **NS Johnston** L,F; **CDR Jones** L*,F*,Ger; **DW Lambert** Eng,AH,H,GS; **AJ Welby** L*,F*,Gre*; **JR Cook** Eng; **GAP Dibb** Eng; **PJ Harrison** Eng,E,GS; **RM Khan** E,Phil; **MK Lamb** Eng,F,H,GS; **MJ Rolfe** Eng,AH; **RS Tideman** Eng,AH,H; **RJ Cleary** Eng,F,E; **JH Cook** Geo,M,GS,BS; **JR Cook** H,E,M; **RS Hollingsworth** Eng*,F,E; **M Hooper** H,M,GS,BS*; **CP Lewendon** E; **GC Clarke** M,P,GS; **N McLaughlin** Eng,H,E,GS; **DG Reid** Eng,H,GS,BS; **MKB Gabriel** Eng,E; **PMM Churn** Eng,Geo,GS; **GS Collinge** E*,Geo*,M,GS; **JR Glenister** Eng,E,Geo,GS; **JJ Hearn** Eng,GS; **PA King** F,H,Geo; **JT Melsom** Eng,H; **RW Parry** H,Geo,BS; **MJN Read** H,Geo,M,GS; **AJ Shipley** E*,Geo,M,GS; **PJ Singleton** E&PS*,Geo*,M,GS; **MJ Stone** E,Geo,M; **MFG Allen** F,H,Geo; **P Badger** E,Geo,M,GS; **NG Dowsett** E,Geo; **RJ Fryer** E,Geo; **SR Gamble** E,Geo,M; **J Goldstone** Eng,H*,Geo; **N Goodwin** H,E&PS*,Geo*; **PJ Oldcorn** Eng,H,Geo,GS; **IA Wiles** H,E&PS,Geo,GS; **J Wrigley** Eng,E,Geo; **ND Ahern** E; **SA Clarke** F,H,Geo*; **AD Griffiths** Eng,H*,E&PS*; **SM Howe** Eng*,F*,H; **JS Jackson** H,GS; **DS Pace** Eng,H,E&PS; **MD Platts** H,E,M; **JR Rollason** Eng*,F*,H*; **BSIJ Ryan** H,E; **SFD Simmons** H,E&PS,GS; **JS Smith** Eng*,Ger,H*,GS*; **DJ Barnard** E,P,GS; **DG Blaker** Eng,F*,Ger; **RA Chuter** F,Ger,E; **PA Gibb** F*,Ger,M; **SM Howat** Ger,E,Mus*; **AW Hutt** F*,Ger*,E*; **RJ Jefferies** F,Ger; **AJG Read** F,Ger,E,GS; **BS Wright** F,Ger,H; **RP Adderley** F,H; **SJ Baxter** Russ; **CJ Beckford** F,Ger; **K Bjelk** F,E,M,GS; **AL Dey** F,H,E; **DN Ellison** F,Ger,M; **GI Giles** F,Mus,GS; **SF Glasgow** AH,F,Sp; **JP Harris** Eng,F,E,GS; **CAS Nielsen** F*,Ger,E&PS; **JA Bartlett** M*,FM,C,P*; **SK Ford** Geo,M,P,GS; **SA Hoath** E,M,P,GS; **JE Rugg** M*,FM,C,P*; **AC Sanderson** M*,FM,C,P*,GS; **DJ Saunders** M,C,P,GS; **AG Smith** M*,FM*,C,P; **NE Keohane** M*,C*,P*+ **MJ Scott** M,C,P; **JD Morris** M*,FM,P,GS; **N Clark** E,M,FM,P; **J Knott** E,M,P; **M Pope** E,M,P; **D Rogers** E*,M*,P; **A Thornbury** E,M,P; **I Wright** E,M,P; **P Hammond** E*,M,P; **S Ogborn** M,P; **S Walker** M; **SG Smith** H,M*,FM,P; **NJ Farmer** M,C,P; **N Taylor** M*,C*,P*; **MS Weston** H,M,P,GS; **NE White** M,C,P; **KJ Bashford** M,P,Mus,GS; **DA Enskat** M,P; **MK Enskat** M,P,GS,BS*; **D Hooper** M,P,BS; **PJ Miller** H,E,M,GS; **BJ Moore** M,C,P*; **RK Oliver** Geo,M,P; **IP Savage** M*,C*,P*,GS; **M Thompson** GS,BS; **AJ Turner** M,C,P; **AJC Boothman** M,P; **FGJ Brown** M,C,P; **GJ Buxton** M,C,P*,GS; **IA Hayat** M,C,P; **JM Turnbull** M,C,P*,GS; **MN Ashby** P,GS; **MTH Bailey** M,C,P,GS; **AE Bayly** M*,C*,P*; **JS McNaughton** Geo*,M*,P*,GS*; **KD Rayment** Geo,M,P,GS; **RJH Brownlie** M*,C,P*; **RS Evans** M*,C,P*; **IK Gray** M*,FM,C,P*; **DJ Jolly** M*,FM,C,P*; **TA Jones** M*,FM,C,P; **AD Prevett** M,C,P; **DI Robinson** M*,FM*,C*,P*; **NC Slater** M*,FM*,C*,P*; **JP Smith** M*,C,P*; **AC Trobridge** M*,FM,C*,P*; **KJ Allin** M,C,P*,GS; **SJ Aspinall** M,C*,P*; **AMF Bailey** M*,FM*,C*,P*; **A Barnes** M*,C*,P*; **JM Barr** M,Mus,GS; **DS Chamberlin** M*,FM,C*,P*,GS; **RW Daw** M*,FM*,C*,P*; **R Easterbrook** M*,C,P; **JA Kazantzis** M,C,P.

'O' LEVEL RESULTS 1986

The following boys obtained Grade C or above in five or more subjects in the G.C.E. Ordinary Level Examinations:- **MJ Bignell** (9); **JR Black** (9); **J Buxton** (9); **I Cann** (11); **PJ Catterson** (7); **MA Cavill** (10); **DC Chapman** (10); **NG Cook** (8); **JC Deary** (9); **BD Edwards** (8); **DP Fortnam** (8); **GL Grace** (6); **MJ Hall** (10); **MJ Hatfield** (8); **JN Haynes** (11); **TJ Hodson** (11); **RP Hoskins** (10); **JK Iveson** (10);

J Jones (8); **DJ Keohane** (9); **MJ Kightley** (10); **PR MacLeod** (10); **EJR Moffatt** (10); **RJ Priest** (9); **GJ Saunders** (10); **PA Stewart** (9); **A Sweeting** (8); **HEP Twichen** (8); **RJ Wilkinson** (9); **PM York** (10); **S Ali** (10); **A Bailey** (10); **G Bambury** (10); **PB Barnard** (10); **BT Bennett** (11); **SP Besford** (10); **ADM Brimelow** (10); **S Chan** (10); **CE Cook** (10); **PN Denison** (11); **JS Hall** (10); **DJ Hammond** (10); **IJ Harding** (10); **I Hussain** (10); **PW Iveson** (10); **SC Johns** (10); **JA Jones** (10); **JCT Kendall** (11); **GJ McCaughan** (10); **AJ Mogg** (11); **NK Panchen** (10); **SJ Patel** (9); **JNG Pearson** (10); **DJ Peart** (10); **SA Rashid** (10); **SJM Rippeth** (10); **JRH Rugg** (9); **GJ Russell** (10); **PR Shayler** (10); **BFG Siedentopf** (9); **SBJ Walters** (10); **NJ Weaver** (10); **SN Baker** (8); **RW Bayly** (10); **WR Bodilly** (10); **T Boghossian** (10); **NL Britnell** (10); **D Bruce** (10); **N Cook** (7); **CP Cope** (9); **R Devonport** (10); **M Dodds** (7); **CH Doe** (10); **AJ Folkes** (9); **MA Hatcher** (10); **PJ Haydon** (10); **ND Haylett** (10); **GP Higgins** (10); **JR Holloway** (10); **PG Icke** (9); **JB Iver** (10); **SM Linzell** (10); **MJ McAllister** (10); **JE McCauley** (8); **LT Moore** (9); **RJ Mould** (10); **PA New** (9); **N Phillips** (9); **AJF Scanlon** (8); **JE Skrimshire** (6); **JRS Tapley** (9); **M Taylor** (9); **RJ Whalley** (8); **NS Adams** (10); **PJ Aranzulla** (10); **J Bealer** (9); **JS Bennett** (10); **NJ Brownless** (10); **SH Chan** (10); **TJ Clark** (11); **MJ Curl** (9); **PJF Doyle** (8); **SM Drage** (10); **CRH Eales** (9); **M Fox** (10); **HL Free** (5); **NE Gibson** (10); **DJH Godley** (6); **BT Green** (6); **AC Harris** (9); **R Hicks** (8); **IPA Hoad** (7); **DM Hoggan** (5); **P Huxford** (5); **EL Jackson** (10); **JD Lane** (9); **AS MacCaskill** (9); **CR MacTavish** (9); **DJ Meli** (8); **AW Pegler** (8); **RJ Rogers** (9); **CJ Ross** (6); **M Waller** (9); **RM Warboys** (10); **TJ Aylott** (9); **SC Cook** (8); **PA Cracknell** (9); **SA Currie-Cathey** (9); **JF Dinn** (10); **RA Eaves** (9); **JH Gamble** (5); **JS Gregson** (10); **GR Hamilton** (8); **SM Hunt** (10); **NS Johnson** (7); **AJ Keeble** (7); **DC Largent** (9); **PJ Lawrence** (6); **MNF McDermott** (8); **SM Monjack** (8); **PWP Moss** (8); **TM Niedrum** (9); **NJF Pinder** (7); **JS Shepherd** (9); **MR Shipley** (8); **AN Weatherston** (10); **CN Withers** (8); **KI Badham** (8); **NH Barrow** (7); **AJ Brown** (8); **MJ Burns** (9); **RP Chamberlin** (10); **SE Cheshire** (6); **DJ Clarke** (8); **MJ Cooper** (5); **JM Dibbo** (10); **JR Fisher** (9); **NA Hall** (6); **TG Heritage** (7); **TM Holland** (6); **JB Howe** (8); **RS Hyde** (8); **RGS King** (7); **NP Moore** (9); **PJ Mullis** (7); **CE Nickolay** (8); **+ J O'Toole** (9); **THR Payne** (7); **SR Roberts** (6); **AHW Smith** (8); **TR Wilcox** (10).



The Horizon

*He gazed upon the bleak horizon;
Past the barbed wire, red with blood — saw
Amorphous masses that were human;
Squashed — like flies, where they had stood.*

*A bitter bile stung his throat,
A wave of anger swept all through him;
“Where”, he thought “is God our Father?
The life-blood of our world is going.”*

*He thought right back to the beginning:
A gay young man of twenty-four
Been filled with patriotic fervour
But did not understand the war.*

*He gazed upon the bleak horizon;
Past the barbed wire, red with blood — saw
Only death ahead of him,
Oh, how he wished he'd understood.*

C. MARSH

Sport

Cricket

Records, Honours and Achievements

Team	Matches		Wins	Defeats	Draws	Aban.	%
	Played						
1st XI	19		7	3	9	—	61
2nd XI	15		10	2	3	—	77
3rd XI	6		5	1	0	—	84
U15 XI	11		4	3	4	—	54
U14 XI	10		3	3	3	1	50
U13 XI	9		5	4	0	—	56
All Teams	70		34	16	19	1	63

U14 XI: County Finalists in the Lord's Taverners' / 'Cricketer' Colts Trophy

Individual School Centuries

1st XI: Paul Miller, James Baker

County Selection

Bucks Young Amateurs: John Skrimshire

Bucks S.C.A. U19: James Baker, John Skrimshire, Daren Blaker, Gavin Davey, Jason Pidgeon, Martin Taylor.

Bucks C.A. U16: John Skrimshire (Captain), Matthew Dodds, Robert Devonport, Martin Taylor, Philip Shayler, Martin Middleton, Sajid Ali, Shomit Dutta.

Bucks S.C.A. U15: Shomit Dutta, Andrew Swain, Richard Flack, Dale Parkinson.

Bucks S.C.A. & C.A. U14: Stuart Garvie, Marc Chan, Simon Shaw, David Gatum, Jonathan Blenkarn.

Bucks S.C.A. U13: Iain Hardman, David Harding, David Warboys, Matthew Dawson.

Regional Honours

Selective Coaching Courses:

U19: John Skrimshire

U16: Robert Devonport, Matthew Dodds

U15: Shomit Dutta

U13: Iain Hardman

School Colours Awards

Full Colours to: James Baker (Captain Elect), Ian Wiles, Nicholas Goodwin, Daren Blaker, Jason Pidgeon, Mark Puddephatt, Robert Cleary.

Half Colours to: John Skrimshire, Matthew Dodds, Roger Mould, Robert Devonport, Martin Taylor, Philip Shayler, Jeremy Bennett, Gavin Davey, Michael Read, Martin Middleton, Alex Godfrey

Valete: Paul Miller, Ian Wiles, Nicholas Goodwin, Robert Cleary, Daren Blaker, Richard Daw, James Cook, Paul Hammond, Michael Read, Martin Middleton.

1st XI Averages

Batting

James Baker 637 runs @ 42.5

Mark Puddephatt 497 runs @ 33.1

Philip Shayler 168 runs @ 28.0

Gavin Davey 122 runs @ 24.4

Paul Miller 375 runs @ 23.4

Nicholas Goodwin 221 runs @ 22.1

John Skrimshire 120 runs @ 17.1

Ian Wiles 210 runs @ 15.0

Robert Cleary 101 runs @ 14.4

Bowling

Martin Taylor 17 wkts @ 14.0

Ian Wiles 18 wkts @ 14.9

Jason Pidgeon 20 wkts @ 19.5

Robert Devonport 12 wkts @ 20.6

Paul Miller 14 wkts @ 20.6

Jeremy Bennett 15 wkts @ 22.3

James Baker 13 wkts @ 22.4

Robert Cleary 20 wkts @ 23.0

Catches

Daren Blaker (wkt-keeper)(14 + 8 stumpings);

Paul Miller (10); Mark Puddephatt (8);

Philip Shayler (7); Robert Cleary (6); Nicholas

Goodwin (5); Ian Wiles (5).

N.B. In his school 1st XI career Paul Miller scored 1100 runs @ 21.82 and took 37 wkts @ 24.0. Ian Wiles scored 400 runs and took 18 wkts. Nicholas Goodwin scored 378 runs. Daren Blaker had 33 wicket-keeping victims.

1st XI

The 1st XI in 1986 was not expected to be anything more than a transitional side. Both the Upper and Lower Sixth year-group teams had had very modest junior records.

In only the second game of the season a declaration asked Hampton to score 190 to win. Hampton's Holloway made 111 not out; the R.G.S. bowling lacked penetration and control. Hampton duly won by 8 wickets. Expectations looked likely to be realised.

However, the side thereafter showed that even in modest years the R.G.S. is now strong. No further game was lost to a school side until the last match of the season when a wholly experimental team (in the enforced absence of six regulars) lost in an excellent game to new opponents, RGS Guildford.

Seven good wins were gained, against Skinners (on tour), St. Benedict's, Oxford, Dr. Challoner's, Emanuel, Sir William Borlase, and QE's Barnet.

The fact that all but one of the victories were achieved by batting second and that defeats came only when batting first and declaring indicates that the team's bowling was not as strong as its batting.

The side was, in fact, never bowled out. Scores of 215-1 (v. St. Bartholomew's, Newbury), 222-4 and 122-1 (v. Emanuel), 209-4 (v. Sir William Borlase) and 188-4 (v. Dr. Challoner's) — these were highlights of the season's batting.

Having three left-handers among the batsmen was an advantage. These were the captain, Paul Miller, his vice-captain, Ian Wiles, and Mark Puddephatt. The captain could not quite emulate his run-scoring feats of 1985, but he did play two outstanding innings: 102 v. St. Bartholomew's and 75 v. Dr. Challoner's. Ian Wiles made no big scores but contributed several useful supporting innings. Mark Puddephatt, scoring heavily on the leg-side and showing much good sense, had an excellent season, hitting three fifties and always striking the ball freely. The major run-scorer was James Baker, the captain elect. He scored an excellent century against St. Bartholomew's and scoured the Emanuel attack in the two-day game with innings of 97 and 80 not out. His technique and footwork may have deserted him as the season wore on, but his eye was always remarkably good so that he continued to make runs, 637 of them

at an average of well over 40. Nicholas Goodwin failed to hit a fifty, but he worked hard within his limitations and played a number of very useful, occasionally stylish innings. These five were the established, leading scorers, but others emerged with promise for 1987. 2nd XI wicket-keeper, Gavin Davey, batted well when promoted to the 1st XI, and promising fifth-formers, Philip Shayler and John Skrimshire, each scored maiden 1st XI half-centuries despite limited opportunities. Other fifth-formers, Matthew Dodds and Roger Mould, also showed promise for the future. 2nd XI player, Michael Read, scored a fifty in his one and only 1st XI appearance. Lower down the order, Robert Cleary, an opening bowler, showed touches of genuine batsmanship.

The bowlers were less successful. Vice-captain Ian Wiles was the most consistent seam bowler and bowled steadily. Robert Cleary was the fastest of the seamers, but his action did not develop, and he was somewhat inconsistent, as was James Baker, although both bowled usefully at times. The most promising seamer, who also topped the bowling averages, was the fifth-form left-arm, Martin Taylor. Four spinners were used, and each had his moments, but none bowled consistently, particularly against good batsmen. Jason Pidgeon's slow left-arm bemused some lesser batsmen, but did not regularly trouble better ones. The same could be said of Jeremy Bennett's off-spin, which was effective for a spell but fell away towards the season's end. The promise of Robert Devonport's slow left-arm was fitful, and Paul Miller's leg-breaks were uncertain. At times all these bowlers looked useful, but none were consistently reliable. This was why two games were lost after declarations — and why the Staff XI were successful in chasing another declaration total. It was also why the powerful R.G.S. Worcester batsmen reached 233-3 declared, and why two or three other games were not won when they should have been.

However, it would be unfair to complain about the quality of cricket that was served up. There were no dull draws. The R.G.S. batting was always lively, the bowling offered interesting variety, and Paul Miller's captaincy was admirably positive.

One of the unsung success stories was Daren Blaker's wicket-keeping. 22 victims (14 catches, 8 stumpings) represented an excellent reward for one who worked very hard to make himself into a very capable keeper. The catching was good — the captain himself setting a good example, and the ground fielding and throwing were very acceptable. Robert Cleary, Ian Wiles and Nicholas Goodwin had notably good throwing arms; others were not far behind. The captain and wicket-keeper deserve credit for the team's performance in the field.

The season was a happy one. Team spirit was good. The mood was generally cheerful, and I can recall no incident of unfair play.

I would like to thank the captain, Paul Miller, his vice-captain, Ian Wiles, and those senior players who have now left — Daren Blaker, Robert Cleary, and Nicholas Goodwin — for their contribution to R.G.S. cricket and to a good 1986 season.

My thanks too to Richard Tedham, the Groundsman, for his excellent pitches; to Mrs Hunter and her canteen ladies for the teas; and to those staff who helped make the season run so smoothly, notably Mr Yeates, Mr Page, Mr Tattersall and Mr Stone.

I look forward to 1987.

S.R. GOLDTHORPE



Staff v 1st XI, Staff team.

3rd XI Cricket 1986

Gone are the days when the R.G.S. 3rd eleven used to struggle to score runs and almost inevitably had to hang on for a draw. There is now such a large pool of talent available that selection problems arise.

After losing the first match of the season to Tiffin by six wickets, the team really got into their stride and won the remaining five games. Hampton School were easily beaten, being all out for 21. Queen Elizabeth's Barnet and Watford G.S. were comfortably beaten, and in the last two games R.G.S. scored 347 runs batting first and had no trouble bowling out the opposition.

Nicholas McLaughlin captained the side and made useful contributions with both bat and ball. The main run scorers were James Bartlett and David Rogers whilst Tim Clark, Jason Glenister, Ian MacTavish and Richard Wilkinson shared the wickets between them. Darren Wigham improved as a wicketkeeper (as the season progressed).

The spirit in the team was excellent, and it was good to see how individuals encouraged others and were pleased with each other's success.

M.W.C.

UNDER 13'S CRICKET

U13 cricket during the 1986 season had mixed fortunes, but it is fair to say that the team improved as the season progressed.

During the season the team played a total of nine games, winning five and losing four. The majority of the matches were keenly fought.

The highlight of the season was the high-scoring game against Watford Grammar School, who were recognised as one of the best teams in the area. R.G.S. batted first and scored 167 all out, which included a half century from opening bat Iain Hardman (65) and a score of 42 from Andrew Chipping. Watford were taken to the last ball of the game before they scored the winning run.

County trials were held at the beginning of the season and we were delighted to have two boys David Harding and Iain Hardman selected to represent Bucks U13's.

Batting Averages

	Mts.	Runs.	Nt.Ot.	H.S.	Ave.
Iain Hardman	8	221	1	65	32
Matthew Dawson	6	104	2	58*	26

Bowling Averages

	Mts.	Runs.	Wkts.	Best Figs.	Ave.
Richard Parker	9	143	16	4-45	9
David Harding	9	217	15	4-48	14.5

S.J.G./M.J.G.

2nd XI Cricket Report

The 1986 2nd XI was all too often embarrassed for riches in all departments facing opposition relying heavily on just two or three players. Only two sides - Aylesbury and R.G.S. Worcester could field a side of similar all-round strength. Nonetheless two defeats were suffered at the hands of the John Hampden 1st XI, where, our fielding was at best pathetic, and St. Benedict's, who cheerfully swung their bats at a target they always considered to be well beyond their capabilities — and duly reached it. A lesson for both sides.

From the team point of view the defeat of R.G.S. Worcester was undoubtedly the highlight, but there were many fine performances. The batting was particularly strong, but the season will be remembered mainly for Martin Middleton's 447 runs — 423 of them between 14th of June and 14th July. Matthew Dodds, Gavin Davey, Michael Read and Philip Shayler also made significant contributions. The strength of the batting is perhaps best illustrated by Alex Godfrey, our regular no. 11 whose straight six at Enfield was certainly one of the best strokes of the Summer. James Cook's feat of hitting 6 fours from the final over against Oxford School also deserves special mention.

With a whole host of medium — pacers, the raw pace of Alex "Harold Larwood" Godfrey and the mesmerizing spin of Robert Devonport, Jason Pidgeon, Richard Daw, and Jeremy Bennett, the team was rarely tested when it came to bowling out the opposition — indeed we had to wait 5 matches before conceding 100 runs!

One major disappointment was the complete loss of confidence with the bat of skipper Paul Hammond, who eventually relegated himself to 'non-playing captain'; but nevertheless he performed his task with great efficiency.

The season was a most enjoyable one with team spirit, friendship and cricket being the real winners.

A.R.Y.

U15 CRICKET REPORT 1986

Played 11 — Won 4 — Drawn 4 — Lost 3

R.G.S. made an excellent start to the season by defeating Middlesex Champions, Hampton in the first game. However as the season progressed they were to find that the team's middle order batsmen lacked strength and concentration. As a result opponents gained draws when R.G.S. were in a position to secure victory.

The leading batsmen were opener A. Swain and captain S. Dutta both of whom played consistently well. Swain's 76 against Sir William Borlases' and Dutta's 61 against Oxford School were two of the high spots of the season.

S. Dutta topped the bowling averages but spinner D. Parkinson was top wicket taker with 21 victims. Opening bowler R. Flack bowled well throughout the season and was unlucky to claim only 17 victims.

All members of the squad worked hard throughout the season and will battle for senior places during 1987.
C.C.T.

UNDER 14 CRICKET

Played 10 — Won 3 — Lost 3 — Drawn 3 — Abandoned 1

A disappointing season. The team reached the Bucks Final of the Lord's Taverners' competition, but lost to Dr Challoner's by 3 wickets in a low-scoring final game. Although there were some able players in the team, they failed to play to their full potential and lacked something in team spirit. Marc Chan, Stuart Garvie and Simon Shaw were the leading batsmen; others disappointed. There were no bowlers of any pace. David Gatum's left-arm spin was the most successful bowling. Simon Shaw was a promising wicket-keeper. Those who love the game and are prepared to practise should find a place in the future.

Those who played were: Stuart Garvie (Captain), Simon Shaw, Marc Chan, David Gatum, Jonathan Blenkarn, Justin Howard, Russell Page, Anjim Iqbal, Daniel McNamara, Ian Gould, Fraser Currie, Matthew Cunningham. Also: Robert Nicholson, Simon Bennett, Neil Charles and Nicholas O'Doherty.

S.R.G. and D.G.S.

Hockey

Following last year's unprecedented success at U16 level, the sport continues to flourish with several stronger schools now on our fixture list. The enthusiasm and commitment of boys led to an end of season tour to Holland by a party of 35 boys which proved to be a particularly valuable and successful experience. Next season can be looked forward to throughout the school.

Results

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag.
1st XI	23	13	4	6	55	28
2nd XI	12	4	3	5	15	12
3rd XI	7	2	1	4	13	19
U16 XI	6	0	4	2	8	12
U15 XI	13	8	2	3	36	20
U14 XI	13	9	3	1	50	13

Note: U16's not at full strength during season.

Colours

Full — S. Ali*, G. Bambury* +, G.W. Davey, J.S. Hall* +, G.J.M. Farrar, M.I. McAllister* +, J.G.K. Waller.

Half — B.C. Ayling, M.G.A. Barrell, M.A. Chandler*, D.R. Lewin, I.J. MacTavish, N.J. Stephenson, M.A. Tucker* +

* — Denotes county selection

+ — Denotes S.E. England selection

Thanks to all staff for the time given in making these results possible.

D.G.S.

U18 TOUR TO HOLLAND

We left England early one morning and eventually arrived at our Pension in Holland.

The next day we enjoyed the remarkable facilities offered in Holland for hockey — we visited 3 clubs all with Astro-turf pitches. The pattern for all the days was coaching, by some excellent coaches, in the morning and matches against Dutch sides in the afternoon. The first afternoon we played a club in Eindhoven 125km away and lost 4-2 after leading 2-1 at half time. We learnt here that we had to play as a team not eleven individuals. The next match against Venlo was cancelled because a motorway bridge collapsed leaving us in a 4 hour traffic jam. The last day was devoted to a tournament involving Dutch and English schools. The setting was magnificent and we performed with credit winning the tournament without conceding a goal.

The great benefit of the tour was the opportunity to train consistently together and learn to play as a team. Gavin Bambury, Mike McAllister, Gavin Elliott, Sajid Ali, Jon Lane and Justin Hall were able to impart their experience, support and encouragement which was the foundation of the success the team enjoyed. However the delight of Martin Heys, the Captain, in receiving the trophy was evident to all as was that of Bruce Ayling in scoring a crucial goal. Charlie Cook, Gavin Davey, Ian MacTavish all learnt to pass the ball early and then position themselves for a return pass. Next season should see some excellent hockey from the U18's.

Both Mr. Tattersall and myself enjoyed the tour; we appreciated the positive attitude and mature outlook of all the team — many thanks.

R.M.P.

U16s IN HOLLAND

The team consisted mainly of very enthusiastic 4th formers some of whom had not been able to command a regular place in the U15's.

James Dean captained the side from his new position of centre half and led by example. The team were well placed for victory in their first game v. Sittard but defensive lapses during strong pressure from the opposition just after half time meant that we had to settle for a 3-5 defeat, a promising result against more experienced opposition.

The second match v. Geleen was played in the impressive Heerlen Stadium which contained 2 artificial pitches, one large covered stand and extensive terracing alongside. The squad of 12 was reduced by 1 when Philip Lewin cut a finger as he was opening a damaged clubhouse door. The wound required 7 stitches and was efficiently treated in a large, modern hospital after a 70 minute wait. The team were somehow motivated by this set-back to produce their best hockey and went down 2-1 to a good Dutch side.

Inspired by the U18's, the U16's supported each other throughout and fought hard to become the leading U16 team. The highlight was the defeat of the older touring team from Sussex. Simon McCauley was outstanding in goal, James King, Scott Ashdown and David Moore combined well up front. Peter Wheeler passed intelligently and all other members of the team played their part in making the tour so successful.

D.G.S.

HOCKEY TOUR TO VALKENBURG, HOLLAND. APRIL 1987

U14 XI

The team was made up of boys who had had very little experience of playing in a match situation. But the hallmark of the whole group was their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. There was excellent coaching each morning and the boys learnt a tremendous amount. It was marvellous to see them play as a team against local Dutch teams who had played together for many years.

Whilst not winning any of their matches, the highlight of the tour was in the final two games of the tournament. The penultimate game was against a strong English Under 15 team. We played very well and they only won 1-0. The final game was against a young Dutch team who had previously beaten us 3-0. Undaunted by this, we played our best hockey of the week, controlling the game with great teamwork. We had a penalty saved and the final score was a 0-0 draw, a wonderful achievement against a good and experienced team.

All the boys learnt a lot about hockey and improved greatly, thoroughly enjoying all aspects of the tour. Leon Litster was outstanding in goal and James Isaac excelled in midfield, but overall there was a superb team performance, captained ably by Chris Widgery.

R.N. PANTRIDGE

ENGLISH SCHOOLS' CUP 1985-6: UNDER 16 HOCKEY

In reaching the Final R.G.S. beat Aylesbury G.S. 5-0 in the Bucks. Final, Seaford College 9-0, Kent College 5-1 in the South East Final.

At the National Finals at Birmingham in the first game v. Hall Cross School, Doncaster after a nervous start the game was won 2-0. Homerton House School, Essex was defeated 4-2 after Homerton had come back strongly in the second half.



Michael McAllister scores in the final v Wellington College.

The third game was lost 0-2 to Wellington College.

Against City of Portsmouth School R.G.S. started confidently and took an early lead, but by half time Portsmouth led 2-1. But R.G.S. equalised from a penalty, and the final result was a narrow victory — a fine long ball out of defence having pierced the Portsmouth defence.

In the final a physically drained team faced Wellington College who were confident of another victory. R.G.S. seemed to be cruising to victory, after a penalty converted by Gavin Bambury, until the last quarter of the match when renewed pressure from Wellington brought an equalizer.

In extra time a penalty was awarded to R.G.S., Bambury scoring, and Mike McAllister completed the score with a fine goal. R.G.S. had become English Schools Champions after a great final which had been played in marvellous spirit.

Thanks to Mr. Stone and Mr. Pantridge, and to the parents, for help, coaching, encouragement and support.

MARTIN HEYS



R.G.S. on the attack in their 1st match v Hall Cross Doncaster.

1st XI

The highlight of the men's international season was the World Hockey Cup, held at Willesden, in October 1986. As National Under 16 Champions, the R.G.S. was invited to play Dulwich College as a prelude to the India v. West Germany International. Playing at full strength, R.G.S. completely dominated the first half, scoring twice only for one to be disallowed for lifting. After the interval Dulwich came back strongly as the R.G.S. began to tire. Within the space of literally eight seconds Dulwich went 2-1 ahead with two similar goals. R.G.S. then totally lost their pattern and their discipline, and despite forcing a number of penalty corners late in the game, lost 1-3.

However during the season there were excellent victories over K.C.S. Wimbledon, Kingston G.S. (7-2), Watford G.S. and last year's Under 16 beaten finalists Wellington College, who later in the season won the prestigious St. Georges 6-a-side tournament. Our only defeats were against Aylesbury G.S. where R.G.S. lost

0-1 to a penalty, and to the physical Stowe School side. Before Christmas we also lost twice to the unbeaten Sir William Borlase team 2-3 and 0-6.

It is clear that the 1st XI squad has an abundance of talent. Gavin Bambury was selected to play for England Under 17s in a four nation tournament, to be held in Germany this June. Gavin also represented South East England Under 18s along with Mike McAllister, Martin Tucker and Justin Hall in an inter-regional tournament, held at Lilleshall in January. The same four players along with Martin Heys played regularly for Bucks Under 19s, who finished third in the league.

Justin Hall's goalkeeping at times was quite outstanding, Gavin Davey, Graham Farrar and Jon Walker often combined well, but our force down the right hand side was not as effective as last year. Five fifth formers also made their 1st XI debuts during the season, and a number of players made useful contributions on Wednesdays. Top scorers this season were Martin Heys (15 goals), most of them coming from penalty corners, and Mike McAllister (14 goals).

The R.G.S. has had a successful season and the side shows both talent and potential, providing their play is more disciplined. I would like to thank, on behalf of the team, Mr. Stone for the work and enthusiasm he has put in this year, and wish the team every success for next season, and hope they can emulate the performance of the Under 16s in 1986 and progress to the National Under 19 finals.

M. HEYS, Captain

2nd XI

The team had mixed results in their 12 matches this season. Several players were selected on occasions for the 1st XI and the best forward Martin Flack often had to play in goal. However, performances never lacked spirit or courage and good finishing would have greatly improved the results.

Towards the end of the season a good run was enjoyed with 3 victories and a fine 2-2 draw at Stower on an unfamiliar artificial surface. Roger Mould scored a brilliant equaliser just minutes from time.

Consistently good performances came from Martin Flack, Ian Greggor, Roger Mould, Jon Buxton and Neil Stephenson. Other regular team players were David Lewin, Mark Puddephatt and James Stanworth.

Thanks go to Mr. Grundy and the other staff who have umpired matches this year.

N. STEPHENSON, Captain

3rd XI

Only 7 matches were played this season. Poor weather has been the main reason for this but the 3rds continue to serve a useful function in providing enjoyable matches and giving a chance for players to earn promotion to the 2nd XI.

D.G.S.

U16 XI

Few fixtures can be found at this level. Most players were selected regularly for the senior teams and a number gained useful experience playing club colts hockey. The squad has come together in preparation for defending our U16 title in the English Schools' Cup and recent practice sessions have been very promising. During the season Michael Chandler, Mark Gordon, Simon McCauley, David Moore and Benedict Nielsen were all selected for Bucks U16's.

D.G.S.

U15 XI

Overall this has been a most successful season. We had a disappointing start against Homerton but played some very good hockey against Challney School, Luton, which set the pattern for future games.

The best hockey that we played was against Stowe School whom we beat 1-0, where we outplayed a very good team due to excellent support play by the whole team.

Throughout the season the team saw a number of changes and we were strengthened by the inclusion of David Gatum on the right wing who has the speed to beat any defence. This released James King to take up an effective central attacking role. Neil Edmonds kept goal well despite some rather unorthodox play outside his area and our defence improved steadily.

Congratulations to James Dean and James King for their inclusion in the Bucks U15 team.

Finally we would thank Mr. Pantridge for his help and guidance during this year.

S. GARVIE (Capt.)

Team: Edmonds, Iqbal, Anderson, Dean, Garvie, Adams, Gatum, King, Ashdown, Wheeler, Wagstaffe, Charles, Stiles.

P	W	L	D	F	A
13	8	3	2	3	20

U14 XI

This has been a most successful season, one of the best for many years, with nine wins from thirteen games. The team has had match experience of grass and all-weather surfaces, their skill showing to good advantage at Bisham. The season ended with the following fourteen holding places in the team, with goal scorers marked *: Noakes, Widgery, Richards, Lodkyer, Harding*, Carter*, Everett, Vassib*, Darby*, Warboys*, Lister*, Cartledge*, Isaac* and Pateman. Mark Cartledge and James Isaac between them scored more than half the goals.

Simon Noakes, Colin Carter and Murad Vassib have been selected for the county.

A.J.S.

U19 Basketball

This year's squad has, after 3 years of strife, made the R.G.S. proud. The preliminary matches suggested that the team had a certain 'je ne sais quois' (probably true brilliance) which at this stage indicated the potential of a team resembling the likes of Steve Carter and the 2 Cookes. This year we had the other Cooke, Nick. His skill and knowledge of the game contributed considerably to the team's morale, and motivated us immensely. Nick was a '1st V' player of Kingston's Junior National League squad. He is also currently playing for the U19 England squad.

The Bucks Cup this year was a mere stepping stone (beating Dr. Challoner's School 106-50 in the final) and the team had their sights on achieving a commendable position in the National competition. With an impressive '1st V' line-up of Nick Cooke, Carlo Petri, Dave Currie, Tim Nuthall and Rex Stenner, we soon stormed into the quarter-finals, and beat St. Olave's for a place in the semis. For a pre-match warm-up we played the U.S.A.F. Varsity team and beat them in a match where anything went (this year their screaming girls did not affect our concentration).

In the semi-finals we played Framwell Gate Moor School from Durham, at the Brickwood Sports

Centre. F.G.M. had one England player and another 6' 6" player who was playing for a Senior National team. From early on, they boxed out Nick Cooke, our court-general, and soon were striding away with a place in the final. Despite this, Nick Cooke managed to score his usual five 3-pointers and the team put on a brave face throughout.

This is the second time an R.G.S. team has reached the semi-finals of a National competition, and this is an excellent achievement for the whole side. Other team members were James Baker, Angus Pond, Andrew Brimelow, Justin Pearson, Nick Moore and Robert Jordan.

The team wishes to thank Mr. Stubbs for transport to matches and all his advice which improved our game. We would also like to thank all those who came to support us.

Played — 14 Won — 13 Lost — 1

Top scorers: Nick Cooke — 316, Dave Currie — 186, Carlo Petri — 175, Robert Jordan — 2

C. PETRI, Captain

U16 BASKETBALL

Played — 7 Won — 4 Lost — 3
Points For — 439 Points Against — 261

With only three members remaining from last year's team, a whole new squad had to be assembled. A total of nineteen different players played in the team, and as it was the first time many of them had taken part in basketball at this level, the team was very inexperienced. Nevertheless we won our first game, against a team who had earlier beaten us by 50 points. We were relatively successful, beating weak opponents in the quarter-finals 124-1, only to lose in the semi-finals by two points in a very frustrating game. Although we were out of the Bucks Cup, we still managed to finish the season with a sense of achievement after winning the Bucks Three-A-Side Tournament. We entered an A, B and C team who came 1st, 4th and 3rd respectively, after playing against some very rough opposition.

The year's top scorer was Rex Stenner with 118 points. His giant height advantage over all other players meant that he was able to stop baskets from being scored, as well as scoring them himself, with the help of the rest of the team.

The team look forward to being able to play and practise in the new sports hall and would like to thank Mr. Stubbs and Mr. Wilkes for the time they spent refereeing and coaching.

ALISTAIR MILLAR

Squad: A. Millar (Capt.), R. Stenner, M. Cunningham, K. Harrison, G. Walker, S. Brooksbank, J. Riley, F. Ghouze, D. Till.

Rugby

Overall school rugby teams have enjoyed an excellent season winning 77 out of 102 games played. The 1st XV inspired the junior teams by playing an open running game scoring 87 tries and recorded their best season for several years. The U15 XV dominated opponents throughout the season and the U13 XV produced some excellent rugby with their only defeat coming in their first ever match.

	P	W	D	L	For	Against
1st XV	19	17	0	2	443	195
2nd XV	20	16	0	4	539	134
3rd XV	14	8	0	6	254	206
U15 XV	16	14	0	2	417	142
U14 XV	16	7	0	9	261	216
U13 XVA	10	9	0	1	237	38
U13 XVB	7	6	0	1	120	50

1st XV

Played — 21 Won — 19 Lost 2 Points For — 456
Points Against 195

Confidence was high amongst the senior rugby players as they prepared for the start of the 1986/87 season. Many who traipsed up the hill for pre-season training had already played 1st XV rugby and had also been on the successful 1986 Easter Tour to Portugal. So, an experienced squad left for the Windsor 15-a-side Competition — the now regular springboard for forthcoming seasons - determined and well-equipped to win the trophy for the third time in four years.

Four hours later, in the minibus, with the mission successfully completed, there was an air of excitement as players anticipated the coming season. Would we win every game? Could we beat Aylesbury? How many players would get into the County team? Would it be the most successful season in the school's history? I wonder what the players think now!

The squad of 1986/87 enjoyed playing and winning more than practising and improving. The players' goals were immediate, their ambitions rather narrow. This is not to say they were not good, they were. At times the school field witnessed style and skill that Twickenham has longed for, but the satisfaction derived from winning must surely be tempered by the quality of the opposition. The results themselves should not be the targets or a means of assessing the season. Improvement while in the pursuit of excellence is the challenge, unfortunately one not taken up readily in this hemisphere.

Rugby offers more than a seventy minute game and emphasis should be placed on attitude rather than achievement. If attitude is correct achievement will be greater.

The problem does not lie initially with the players. Can sporting excellence really be expected in an environment where the attitude towards sport is so cavalier? The new school timetable and the 6th Form leave-of-absence makes regular practice impossible. Even the *one* games slot, which not long ago was sacrosanct, is used for extra tuition or trips to the seaside! If this continues R.G.S. will soon achieve the rugby status it deserves.

As for last year, there were indeed many good results. Comfortable wins were gained over strong opposition from Hampton, Watford, Desborough, Aylesbury and Chislehurst. Narrow and fortunate victories were gained over Verulam, London Oratory and Latymer Upper. There were only two defeats, Tiffin (20-21) and Guildford R.G.S. (12-18). So the 1st XV can be pleased with another successful season.

David Currie tried hard throughout the season to discipline and encourage his team. The two outstanding players were Bill Tapley and Trevor Hoggan with support from Peter Smith, Justin McNamara and Justin Pearson. R.G.S. also provided the backbone of the successful County side with David, Bill and Justin Pearson reaching the national Trials.

All in all a good rugby year — at least it seems so on the surface. S.B.G.

2nd XV

The 2nd XV made an impressive start to the season with a 47-11 victory over Lord Williams School, Thame, but then slumped to four defeats. With the help of players with 1st XV experience the team found new strength and were able to turn the ever present potential into victories and keep the 2nds unbeaten until the end of the season.

The stability of the front row and the mobility of the second row added to the team's new found confidence allowed the 2nd XV to demonstrate both set and breakdown skills beyond expectation. The back row often seemed to contain more than three players, always being there in attack and defence.

Midway through the year under B. Clegg's captaincy, seven games were won without a point being conceded. With constant changes over thirty players were used (only P. Wainwright played in all the games), together with six different captains, and yet notable victories were recorded against Aylesbury G.S. 27-0, London Oratory 23-6, and the Royal Grammar School, Guildford 7-3.

The side retained an excellent spirit throughout, and those that represented the side, did themselves, the team, and school credit. Our thanks go to the loyal band of parent supporters and to Mr. Tattersall for his awe-inspiring coaching both at practice and matches.

B. CLEGG & P. WAINWRIGHT

U15 XV

The U15s had an impressive season, winning 14 out of their 16 games. Notable victories were over RGS Guildford 22-20 and St. Benedict's 22-18. Our scrummaging technique improved over the season, and "shifted" many opposition packs backwards! Coupled with tidy play in the back-row, we produced much excellent first and second phase ball. Competition for places in the back row undoubtedly maintained the effort level. The backs combined well, and ran in some inventive tries, eagerly supported by the back row.

Top points scorers were J. Hemuss, I. Gould, S. Shaw, S. Pearson.

M.J.G.

U13 XV

	P	W	D	L	PF	PA
A	12	11	0	1	259	38
B	9	7	0	2	146	82
C	3	2	0	1	67	12
7S	12	11	0	1	258	26
Overall	36	31	0	5	730	158

As readers can see from the above statistics this has been a record season in every way. There was such strength in depth this year that out of the 90 boys we looked at early on we were only able to reduce the squad to 50 boys by the end of the season. Every other year it has been 36 strong.

The "A" team performed with great credit on many occasions and only lost the opening game to Watford by 8 points to 4. Other notable wins were over Queen Elizabeth Barnet 18-8, London Oratory 13-4, Hampton 37-4 and Verulam 14-6.

The front row of Paul Element, Jody Davies and Mark Parkinson, proved to be a solid platform and were well backed up in the second row by Adrian Walters and Tom Davis the pack leader who did a fine

job and scored 5 tries. Our back row proved to be good ball winners and attackers with Toby Marsden at No. 8 scoring 10 tries, and ably backed up by John Stevens and Dominic Coleman.

The backs were a strong cohesive unit with Peter Toller scoring five tries from the base of the scrum. Mark Howell was an elusive and talented outside-half who launched many a good attack. Our wingers played very well with Adam Levan, the Captain, scoring 4 tries and Andrew Hazell (the boot) scoring 4 tries and kicking 41 points. Our centres tackled very hard and Ryan Clarke scored 2 tries and Simon (Kamikasi) Schlaeffer one. Richard McGrath at full back reminded me of J.P.R. Williams and he was top scorer with 16 tries.

The "B" and "C" teams' season was also most commendable especially as two of the losses were against other schools' "A" and "B" teams! Space precludes mentioning all of the boys but two deserve particular note. Alexander Toone was a fine Captain and scored 22 points. Mark Pickles at flanker was always in the thick of it and he scored 9 tries.

Our Sevens teams of Tom Davies, John Stevens, Toby Marsden, Peter Toller, Simon Schlaeffer, Richard McGrath and Andrew Hazel also did outstandingly well winning the Bedford Tournament by beating 6 other schools, including Watford, and scoring 200 points and only conceding 6.

The National Schoolboys Junior Tournament held at Rosslyn Park turned out also to be a great success. We won our group by beating Colfes 6-0, Oakham 12-4 and Haydon 12-4. To qualify for the second day we had to get past Dulwich, the holders and favourites on the day. It was a tough match which we won 7-4! Our quarter final game against Queen Elizabeth Barnet proved to be a major disappointment and with 70% of the possession we contrived to give the game away 10-8.

Nevertheless overall it was an outstanding season and my thanks must go to Dr. Dosser and Mr. Moffatt for their invaluable help, to all the many parents who loyally supported us, and above all to everyone in the squad who made it all possible.

D.J. STUBBS Master I/C Junior Rugby

Rugby Sevens Season 1987

RGS have enjoyed an excellent Rugby Sevens season, reaching the latter stages, quarter-finals or beyond in 9 out of 12 tournaments entered.

The highlights of the season include the 1st VII reaching the final of the Bucks Invitation Sevens, defeating Durham School in the National Schools Sevens, and reaching the final eight teams of the prestigious Section A of the Oxford Sevens, eventually losing to finalists Kings Macclesfield, in a game played at Iffley Road, the Oxford University Ground.

For the 2nd VII it was victory in Section B of the Bucks Sevens and for the U16 it was reaching the quarter finals in the All-England U16 Sevens against the county champion school teams from counties throughout the country.

For the U13 VII it was winning the Bedford Modern Sevens and reaching the quarter finals of the National Schools U13 Sevens and defeating Dulwich College the holders en route.

C.C.T.

Rowing

The crews for the 1986 rowing season were:-

1st IV T. Nuthall/D. Saunders, G. Westall, J. Knott, N. Cook, A. Furner (Cox).

2nd IV D. Saunders, M. Coutts, R. Tideman, M. Jones, R. Mortimer (Cox).

J15A IV M Harrison, P. Shotbolt, A. Lane, S. Wright, S. Sahota (Cox).

J15B IV P. Jennings, D. Miles, C. Corbett, J. Holland, R. Saunders (Cox).

The 1986 season looked promising with much of the experience gained during the previous year in evidence in both the 1st and 2nd IVs.

Sadly the Henley Head was cancelled. However, the 1st IV did compete in the Schools' Head at Putney and came a creditable 27th out of the 98 crews entered.

The opening regatta of the season was the Ball Cup hosted by Wycliffe School near Stroud. The 1st IV had two easy wins to place them against Belmont Abbey School to whom they lost by a very small margin, whilst the 2nd IV rowed to a convincing victory over Belmont Abbey to win the Junior Ball Cup.

At the Walton Regatta the 1st IV made a brief appearance, before going on to compete together with the 2nd IV in the same event in the Bedford Star Regatta. Both crews performed well and finished 4th and 6th respectively, with only five seconds separating their times. Strong opposition in both the Reading Town and Huntingdon Regattas meant that the 2nd IV was eliminated at an early stage on both occasions.

Due to injury, a "new-look" 1st IV was entered at Bedford. After only one week of rowing together as a crew, they surprised themselves by winning the final of the Senior C event by a convincing three lengths.

After competing briefly in the Reading Town Regatta the J15A crew later went on to compete alongside the J15B IV at Egham. On this occasion the "A" crew rowed well to gain a place in the final, but in a fiercely fought race were narrowly beaten by a slightly stronger team from Windsor Boys School.

Finally, on behalf of all the crews, I would like to thank Messrs. Blyth, Edwards, and Meyer for the many hours of coaching, support and encouragement, so freely given.

A.D. FURNER



ROWING — FOURTH YR (JUNIOR 15) REPORT

With a good intake of novice oarsmen in the fourth year the J15 squad entered three Head of the River races. At both the Henley Schools and Putney Head, the 1st VIII achieved 11th place out of 22 and 27 crews respectively. At these Heads, R.G.S. defeated the likes of Radley College, Emanuel and Canford schools. At Putney, they were within a whisker of defeating Eton College! During the Easter holidays, a IV entered the Fowey Head and won the Novice Pennant “in predictable style” according to the Western Morning News.

1st J15 VIII		J15 IV (Fowey)	
Bow	Andrew Hunt	bow	Robin Johns
2	Jonathan Dyer	2	Stefan Zabel
3	David Hancox	3	James Ball
4	Stefan Zabel	Stroke	Paul Hardie
5	Robin Johns	Cox	Mark Stidworthy
6	James Ball		
7	Paul Hardie		
Stroke	Neil Seymour		
Cox	Mark Stidworthy		



Junior 15. VIII School Head of the River Race 1987.

Fives

This season the Eton Fives Club played away fixtures against Stowe School, Harrow School twice (at sixth form and fourth form level), the Harrow Hill Fives Club, Wellington College, the Eton Fives Association, and Highgate School. The autumn term produced the best results with draws against Stowe and Wellington. The former produced a victory for Graham Bradshaw and Adrian Sutton, and the latter saw a victory for Edward Moffatt and Adrian Sutton. The other fixtures were unsuccessful but produced some close results — for example, Jamie Ross and Simon Shaw at Wellington; and most notably, Moffatt and Sutton, who only lost to the Harrow Hill Club after a two hour, five game match during which the lead changed hands four times — a performance for which both were awarded half-colours.

In February several fourth formers participated in the South of England U14 Schools Championship held at Charterhouse; in this, Ian Gould and Simon Shaw defeated Cranleigh and succeeded in reaching the semi-final stage, while Jamie Ross, partnered by a Cranleigh player, won the relegation play-off against Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet.

The winner of the fifth form inter-form competition was 5PG, with 5WT as runner-up; the fourth form winner was 4RS, with 4B as runner-up.

It is hoped that at long last some kind of roof can be placed over the courts during the coming year to spare us the unpredictability of the weather. This has been made possible by a generous contribution from the Parents' Association, the Eton Fives Association, and our fives coach, Ian Hutchinson, from whose enthusiastic commitment we have all continued to benefit.

M.J.S.

Fencing

I suppose some time we will have a bad year for fencing; it might even come as a relief amongst all the pressure that unending success creates. Once again, but for the fencing depth of St. Paul's School, we would have had a clean sweep in matches. The match against Harrow was very close (we won by one fight) but against our other opponents we had reasonably comfortable wins: Bradfield, Wellington, Radley, Eton, Marlborough, Douai and K.C.S. Wimbledon.

A vast haul of medals was achieved in county and Southern England competitions and a record number of fencers qualified for national finals. Unfortunately, only Peter Fison could raise his game in these finals when he reached the semi-final stages of the under 16 sabre.

Last summer the R.G.S. won the Winchester Cup for the first time. This is the Southern England under 18 team foil championship. It augured well for the team performances this for the rest of the year. In March we entered a team for the National Schools Team Foil at Dulwich College. We came second last year and The Independent had us written up as a threat to the holders Whitgift. The team consisted of Tom and Nick Payne, Adrian Barkey and Peter Fison (three fencing and one as reserve). The first few rounds presented few problems. Norwich School in the quarter finals was the first serious opposition but we brushed that aside 5-0. In the semi-final we were up against Grimsby, who had made the long journey with a talented and hopeful team. The fights were close but we beat them 5-2 to reach the final for the second year running and again to face Whitgift. The Independent gave a highly coloured account of the match (Tom Payne “stamping like a matador”) which I cannot hope to rival. Once again Whitgift proved too strong for us, though the fights were frustratingly close and we went down 2-5. Despite that it was a tremendous result and to do it two years running is quite remarkable and a credit to the competitive spirit of the team.

A week or so after the National Schools, the Public Schools fencing championships took place at Crystal Palace. We had eleven fencers entered for a total of nineteen events — our largest entry ever. But once again the big competition pressure seemed to get through to too many of our competitors. Too many went out in the first rounds and even Tom Payne could not repeat his achievements of last year when he reached two finals. However, the one outstanding success was Nick Payne's win in the Junior Foil. He fenced through five rounds and a total of 25 fights to take the title beating, in the process, the under 16 national épée champion from Whitgift. Nick's achievement means that R.G.S. fencers have, in the last three years, won all the major foil trophies at this competition.

It is always good to get news of Old Boys who are continuing to have success in fencing. Adrian Griffin (National and Public Schools foil champion 1985) represented Great Britain in November 1986 at a competition in Switzerland. In March 1987 he also won the British Universities foil title. James Everard did the double for the R.G.S. by winning the épée title in the same competition. He was also awarded a Full Blue at Cambridge when he won his place in the match against Oxford. I am pleased to note that Cambridge won the match.

It is enormously encouraging to see so many in the second and third forms taking up the sport and there is no doubt that there is a wealth of talent in the lower school that can be developed. Thanks must go to Alan Skipp whom we are very lucky to have as our coach and I would like to see more senior fencers attending his sessions. Thanks also go to Mrs. Payne for her unfailing support of fencing at the R.G.S. Further thanks should go to Mr. Fison who chauffeured boys to competitions when I was unable to.

J. ROEBUCK

Cross-Country

This has been by far the most successful season in the recent history of the Cross-Country Club. Neil Panchen struck gold in the Waddesdon Open back in November, and when he was closely followed home by Andrew Bailey for the silver medal, this augured very well for the season. Soon we were bringing home 4 silver medals from the Maskell Trophy race at Guildford where captain Mark Walmsley and Luc English made up the successful team which defeated old rivals Dr. Challoners and St. Albans. All four later represented the County along with Duncan Bruce and Paul Fines-Allin.



Neil Panchen running to win the Waddesdon Open Autumn 1986.



Andrew Bailey coming in for the silver medal.

These latter two made up the team for the biggest race of the year at King Henry VIII, Coventry which regularly attracts over 40 schools from all over the country; we were delighted to break into the top ten in this race for the first time. Tony Wilcox replaced Duncan Bruce in the team for the Merchant Taylors Cup where we picked up 6 bronze medals as well as silver and bronze for Andrew and Neil. Andrew made a habit of coming in second place in the major races — at St. Albans, at Haberdashers, at Merchant Taylors, and at Oxford University — before finally striking gold in the Judge Cup at Tiffin. Neil was inevitably just a few seconds behind in all these races, but when it came to the County Championships he produced a superlative effort over 5 miles to win the gold medal, as he had done the previous term at Waddesdon; yet again Andrew had to settle for second place.

Mark Walmsley was selected to join them in running for the County in the National Championships while Paul Fines-Allin was chosen for the intermediate team. In the most appalling conditions over a very tough course with 350 of the country's top runners in each race, Paul came home in a creditable place, while Andrew and Neil came home in 68th and 97th place respectively.

It has been a tremendous season, and with several team members moving into the upper 6th next year, we can look forward to another fine season next year.

I.J.W.

Golf

The school team of Allan McCaskill, Martin Heys and Justyn Jagger won the regional qualifying round of the National Schools Competition organised by the Golf Foundation (formerly the Aer Lingus Trophy), held at Stoke Poges G.C. back in October. This meant a visit to the Robin Hood G.C. in Solihull for the National Finals against the other 27 regional winners in April. With handicaps of 3, 4 and 6 we were expected to do very well, but on a day of thunderstorms, strong winds and a very wet course, the best we could manage was joint 11th place — our best ever result, but still a disappointment on the day. Martin and Justyn played well to card an 82 and an 86, but Allan, normally so reliable and on whom we depended heavily if we were to do really well, had an off-day, but can still look forward to playing next year and atoning for his disappointment.

The boys were treated to some luxury travel when the father of one of the boys, whose influence reaches parts other lagers cannot, obtained the use of the Tottenham Hotspur F.C. team coach to convey us there and back — a real touch of class which they may never experience again.

I.J.W.



Chess

The chess teams this year have had another successful season, with the first team narrowly missing promotion from division two and the second team earning promotion from division three. On the junior front, RGS entered eight teams this year into the junior league, more than ever before, and dominated the higher divisions with the first team winning division one and the fifth team winning division two. At county level, Tom Walker, Chris Doe, Kevin Buzzard, Phillip Giles, Neil Clarke, Matthew Ball, Joe Biles and Michael Nixon all played regularly on the top ten boards, and David Young and James Cronin also represented RGS at this level. The U18, U17, U15 and U14 county individual trophies were won by Phillip Giles, Tom Walker, Chris Doe, Michael Nixon and James Cronin, again showing RGS dominating county chess. In the Sunday Times competition, the RGS team won their zone and have reached the last sixteen. Many thanks to the organisers of the teams and also all of the players.

KEVIN BUZZARD

Tennis

Results

	P	W	D	L
1st VI	8	5	0	4
2nd VI	4	2	0	2

By RGS standards this was an average season in terms of matches won but clearly the highlight was the winning of the inaugural Bucks Cup competition. This involved 5 schools including John Hampden, Aylesbury, Dr. Challoners and Borlase. The result hinged on our final game with Aylesbury G.S. which we won 5-4 by taking the last set of the match!

Thanks go to Grant Ormiston (Capt.), Kevin Bjelk and Richard Jeffries for their long service to school tennis.

The colts had few matches but several promising performances show strength in depth for the future but particularly from Ian Cann, John Higgins and Simon Brooksbank.

S.J.G./M.G.

Holiday Island

*We arrive — two million beached white whales
Thrown up by a plague of jets and coaches,
Pinkening in our sweaty Walkman gaols,
Sand encrusted (while the lager poaches),
Stultified. But hire a beat-up car
And, windows open, head into the hills
By dazzling dusty tracks of sun-bleached tar.
Through nestling villages, vine-clad slopes (he tills
For heady, spicy, blood-red wine), to drown
In dappled stillness, propped by olive tree,
On wild flowers, a sprinkled Joseph's gown,
Only whispering leaves, a droning bee.
Come lazing through the hanging, scented air ...
You'll find a truth that lays the cliché bare.*

C. KENDALL 6C2



The Haggis

*The haggis season
has begun.
All over Scotland
every gun*

*Is taken down with
loving care,
though some prefer
the 'HAGGIS SNARE'*

*For haggis are a
wily lot.
That's why they are
so seldom shot.*

*So hidden in the
Highland Heather,
Great Hairy Clansmen
crouch together.*

*One cries loudly
"There's the noo"
Which means
"A Haggis is in view"*

*It's flying upside-down
and low.
The guns all fire but
they're too slow.*

*And as it flies off
in the mists,
The angry Clansmen
shake their fists.*

*And scream their curses
to the crags,
And stamp on empty
Haggis Bags.
And so the haggis
gets away,
to live until
next Hogmanay.*

R.A.B.

Loony Limericks

*There was a young woman from Ealing,
Who had the most wonderful feeling,
She lay on her back,
And fell through a crack,
And fell right through the ceiling!!*

*There was a man from Tashkent,
Who wrapped up his dog in a tent,
One night after dark,
It went off with a bark,
And he never worked out where it went!!*

ALEX LINDSAY 2W

Clubs and Societies

YHA Club

In the period May 1986 to May 1987 the club has had four weekend trips (to Swanage, Holmbury St. Mary, Streatley and Cheddar) and four longer holidays. Last October we went to the Isle of Wight for six days, staying at the hostels at Sandown, Whitwell and Totland Bay enjoying alternately torrential rain and sunshine with excellent views. The other holidays were to the Lake District (May 1986), Bavaria (July 1986) and the Yorkshire Dales (April 1987). There follow extracts from accounts of these written by Gareth Sellors and Huw Maddock, Charles Thomas and Michael Harrison, all of 5CP.

DMB

Whitsun 1986 — Lake District

Once upon a time, there was an RGS YHA Club trip to the Lake District, the accompanying members of staff were Mr Berry, Mr Gelsthorpe and Mr Pantridge. Half of the group had an exciting time travelling by train, whilst the other half were squashed between the



provisions in the back of one of the school's spacious minibuses. We, the amazing train party, arrived at Windermere in the late afternoon and were not picked up by Mr Pantridge for an hour. When we finally arrived at the Blencathra Mountain Centre, it was pouring down with rain. The minibus party had already established themselves in their bedrooms. After dinner we went for a short walk in the weather that we were to become accustomed to during our stay: very heavy rain. Mr Pantridge pointed out various fascinating geographical formations; we were to become accustomed to that too.

The following morning the group arose early due to Mr Berry's enthusiastic persuasions. Some poor unfortunates were enslaved and forced to cook the breakfast under Mr Pantridge's expert supervision. The group then set off for the first in a series of walks. The mountains climbed included: Helvellyn, Blencathra, Scafell Pike, Skiddaw, Grisedale Pike, Catbells and many others. Many interesting things happened in the days that followed:- whilst climbing Grisedale Pike we were buffeted by gale force winds, which threatened to blow us off! There was an incident on top of Sharp Edge involving a certain second-former who shall remain nameless. Darby nearly fell off and was only saved by an heroic fourth-former who he gratefully never spoke to for the rest of the week.

The group paid a visit to downtown Keswick, which is possibly the most exciting place in the whole of Christendom. For a change it rained and the misery of certain fourth-formers was deepened by the fact that they were incapable of finding the lake (Derwent Water) or a red-head. Fortunately, back at the mountain centre there were both in plentiful supply.

Yorkshire Dales Trip, Easter 1987

At the crack of dawn (well, 7.30) on Sunday, everyone leapt out of bed to discover porridge was really as bad as rumour said it was. Having learnt the truth of the rumours the party split into two groups to go walking. The two fifth-formers drew the short straw and joined the second-formers on a walk which encompassed a lovely waterfall, Gordale Scar, Malham Tarn, a very steep-sided dry valley and the stunning Malham cave. We also explored a small cave which was filled with some amazingly sticky, slimy mud. One small person discovered how easy it is to fall off sloping rocks which are covered in slime. Then it was back to the hostel, where we discovered that the other group had climbed Pen y Ghent, one of the Three Peaks.

On Monday, while the fourth-, third- and sixth-formers were doing the Malham walk, we visited Ingleton Cave, which is only partly accessible without pot-holing equipment. Our guide told us that the pot is one of the most difficult, consisting of an 18 hour journey including a river completely under water. Only two groups have ever completed it, and few of our party fancied being the third. After the cave, we clambered up the middle of the Three Peaks, Ingleborough, before marching down to our second hostel, in Ingleton.

The good thing about Tuesday, thought most of my group, was not the spectacular view we would get from the train as we travelled to Appleby on the Settle-Carlisle route ("It's just more sheep and rocks, isn't it?" was one remark I overheard) but that we would have a shorter walk as we would have less time. What a silly idea: Mr Berry simply walked faster, leaving everyone even more tired. It was then that Mr Treharne discovered that he wasn't really a mountain goat, and that bounding down mountains had painfully sprained his knee. Fortunately, we were changing hostels on Wednesday, so he was able to take the day off walking to move our stuff to the last hostel of the stay, in Dentdale.

On Wednesday, the seconds plus fifths conquered Whernside, the highest of the Three Peaks at 736m, but also the gentlest and most boring. On the way down, some people discovered how much fun it is to jump knee-deep into icy-cold mountain streams. The second group did the train and Appleby walk.

Thursday was the only day when the groups did individual walks. Mr Berry took the older group to Howgill Fells, which lie between the Lake District and the Moors, where everyone had fun climbing up and sliding down near-sheer slopes. We of the junior group wandered gently to the village of Dent and back.

For our last day, each group finished off the Three Peaks, with the sixth-formers etc. doing Whernside, and the seconds etc. doing Pen y Ghent. Saturday was a day of long, long travel.

Bavaria, July 1986

After a ferry crossing and an overnight train journey we arrived in Köchel at lunchtime on Monday. With very stiff legs the party hiked up into the mountains to the first hostel at Urfeld. We went for walks in the hills both days we were there, the one to the Heimgarten included a chair lift that went up eight hundred metres, and a two kilometre long ridge with sheer drops either side and an uncomfortably thin path. In the evenings we went rowing on the lake and played cards, baby-football and table tennis in the hostel.

The next day, a rare rainy one, we moved on the Garmisch-Partenkirchen by bus. On the way we dropped off the more optimistic hikers, including Mr Berry, who walked the remaining twenty-five kilometres to the hostel. The rest of the party amused themselves in Garmisch's Olympic Swimming Complex. Whilst at Garmisch there was a trip up the Zugspitze (2964m), this included a long cable car ride with a magnificent view. There was also an outing to Munich, a concert of Handel's Messiah in the hostel, and an eventful walk up the Kramerspitz which left two so exhausted they took a taxi back to the hostel.

The last stop was at Mittenwald where we did more walking and sun-tanning. Mr Grout joined us in dips in the refreshing mountain lakes and streams. We returned on Friday 1st August, after a picturesque journey along the Rhine.

The German Youth Hostels were very well kept with nice food and friendly Germans who did most of the catering. On the walks there were little Gausthofs where packed lunches could be supplemented and where fresh "milch" was in plentiful supply.

Congratulations must go to Mr Edwards, Mr Grout and Mr Yeates for keeping up with us, and Mr Berry for a smoothly run trip.



Bavaria 1986

Junior Debating Society

Earlier this year, a group of boys under the direction of Mr. Heath, formed the 3rd Form Debating Society.

Since that first meeting, there have been many heated debates, with statements for and against the motion flying fast and furious across the room. Then comes the hardest part — choosing whether to vote for or against the motion (after a couple of very convincing speeches, many are unsure as to which side they are on!)

We have discussed such diverse issues as animal rights, parapsychology, education, and capital punishment, to mention a few, with some strange results, such as the time when the house decided they strongly believed in ghosts! (By the way, suggestions of debatable topics are always welcome.)

Unfortunately, we have had some problems with numbers of people attending debates. While the more controversial issues attract a fair-sized crowd usually, some very interesting debates have only had a following of about 7 people. There seems to be a school of thought that some debates are boring. Not so! I can't remember a single debate this year being at all boring or uninteresting.

Recently, we decided to invite 2nd formers to take part in the debating society. This proved to be a good move, as it has to be said, some of the 'wombies' brains often seem to function more efficiently than those of us third formers!

There are a number of interesting debates planned for the future, including more animal rights and parapsychology issues, a debate on nuclear disarmament, and possibly even a farce debate and mock court case. Any Third or Second former is invited to participate in any debate.

Finally, our thanks to Mr. Heath, without whom, many boys would have been deprived of an extremely interesting activity.

K. BURNETT

Music Society

The Music Society has enjoyed yet another highly successful year of music making. Consisting of two large orchestras, two wind bands, a recently formed jazz band, a junior choir and a very popular full choir, the Society caters for all musical tastes, involving a large proportion of school-members in its activities.

As always, the beginning of a new school year heralds a certain amount of reorganization as the gaps left by last year's senior musicians are gradually filled. This was particularly noticeable in the Choral Society as its new members quickly came to terms with their important responsibility to the Society.

After the success of Mr. Dennis Smith's leaving concert last summer, the Autumn Term's rehearsals culminated in the Christmas Concert on 11th December. The first half, featuring all the major Music Society orchestras and choirs, was followed by a stirring performance of Vivaldi's magnificent "Gloria" for choir and orchestram under Mr. Holmes' baton with Nicholas Adams as the alto soloist.

The term was closed with the school's "Festival of Lessons and Carols" at the Parish Church. The singing was led by the Choral Society, with the Junior Choir under Mr. Hussey's direction performing three jazzy Christmas Carols with a great deal of flair.

The Spring Term's concert on 5th March gave the school's more talented musicians the welcomed opportunity to perform in a chamber music recital. Four ensembles comprising thirteen different members in all, provided a very varied first half to the programme, with performances ranging from Spohr's lightweight "Quintet for Piano and Wind" to Mozart's moving G minor String Quintet. The second half saw a memorable performance of Mozart's seldom performed "Solemn Vespers" for choir, orchestra, organ (Mr. Heath) and four soloists (Carys Dossier, Nicholas Adams, Mr. Flinders and Donald Dobie).

Choral Society members also represented the school at the funeral of former mayor R. Groves, the jazz band has performed at numerous school functions throughout the year, and some members even provided an on-stage band for the recent school production of 'Macbeth'.

All in all, the year has been an extremely successful one, and many thanks must go to all the members of staff who give up their time to help the Music Society. Whether they are singing in the choir, accompanying at rehearsals, or helping behind the scenes at concerts (Mrs. Cambells, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Everett), their contributions are invaluable.

Finally, a special "thank you" must go to Mr. Holmes and Mr. Hussey, whose musical and administrative skills allow the Society to flourish as it does, and are an inspiration to all concerned. Mr. Holmes' retirement at the end of the year will be a considerable loss to the music department. His commitment and enthusiasm towards school music will be missed by us all. We wish him a very happy retirement.

S.D. CHANDLER (Secretary)

Library Report

Under the influence of a 'new broom' in the form of Mrs. McGuinness together with the ever reliable Mr. Mitchell, the library has certainly been swept clean! With the sad departure of Mr. Cowburn to higher things, there was some apprehension in the ranks. However the 'woman's touch' has certainly been noticed as the library now enjoys regular spring cleans — every other week!

Mentions must go to Mike Bignell and Peter MacLeod for their efforts with the duster, Phil Doyle — our resident Percy Thrower, Gary Saunders — a dab hand with the sticky-backed plastic and Mark Hopwood for overenthusiasm beyond the call of duty. With the move to the Old Hall in the future and a steady influx of new books and magazines, things are looking very bright for the library!

A.S. DODDS, D.C. WALKER, I.J. GREGGOR

General Knowledge Quizzes

After a highly successful season in 1986 it was perhaps to be feared that 1987 would disappoint; and, by comparison, it did.

In the Junior Schools Challenge, what appeared at the time of selection to be a very strong team lost in the first round to the Haberdashers' Aske's Girls School. However, having thus qualified for the 'plate' competition, and fielding two reserves, they went on to beat Dr. Challoner's Grammar School soundly to reach the 'plate' final. At the time of writing this has yet to be played.

The Senior Schools Challenge team had the unenviable task of defending the regional trophy which the R.G.S. has held since 1983. After two good wins over Beaconsfield High School and Haberdashers' Aske's Girls they lost narrowly, in a high-scoring game, to Haberdashers' Aske's Boys in the semi-final. (Haberdashers' went on to win the final.)

TEAMS: Junior (from): Craig Leslie (2E), Robert Hutton-Squire (2SH), Jeremy Weingard (2C), Gareth Maddock (2C), Christopher Denison (2GH), Andrew Mawhood (2GH).

Senior: David Young (6H2), Shomit Dutta (5CP), Richard Buckley (5CP), 'Paddy' Keer (3Y).

The inter-form competitions continue to arouse interest, and the now well-established 5th Year Christmas quiz has been known to baffle staff and boys alike, especially when Dr. Dosser sets the questions. (Where is Bendigo, anyway?)

J.P.E.

BBC Computer Network and User Group

The large expansion at the beginning of the year, which amounted to ten new terminals, proved slightly troublesome at first, but the network was soon operating smoothly. There has been considerable interest in the network from members of the junior school and many have joined the user group this year. Terminals are available for use most lunchtimes and there are sessions after school until about 5.30. Membership is free, although a nominal charge is made to reserve a terminal for a session, in order to cover running costs. Several departments have programs on the network, enabling whole classes to have access to programs together. Many thanks to Mr. Gibson, Network Manager, for his commitment and to Rod Chamberlin, Assistant Network Manager, for his assistance in the mostly (!) smooth and efficient running of the network this year.

PETER DENISON 6MB1 (Assistant Network Manager)

The Computer Club

Last year the main attraction that brought everyone flocking in to pack out the Computer Room was a 'Mathemagical Adventure' that went by the name of 'L'. This year the main pulling power has been our four new mouses, which, for the computer-illiterate among you, are small boxes with buttons on, packed with technological wizardry, which enable you to draw pictures with the aid of a specialist graphics package. These incredible peripherals now grace the Computer Room, and it is impossible to know how we ever did without them...

Other additions to the Club have been one Walters Personal Computer, kindly donated to us by a local company in return for services rendered, along with an Epson dot-matrix printer.

The modem has also played a fundamental role in the enjoyment of the club, although this would not have been so, if it were not for Barry Brummit's bulletin board in Chertsey. What will the next year bring, we ask ourselves ...?

J. McCAULEY N. PHILLIPS

Model Railway Club

As usual September brought a large influx of second formers, but cramped conditions and lack of serviceable rolling stock meant that many left after a couple of weeks. But we have been left with a small, dedicated group to work on the new exhibition standard layout.

In October a successful trip was arranged to Liverpool, thoroughly enjoyed by all involved.

Unfortunately the circular layout on the outside of the clubroom has fallen into a state of disrepair but with attention now focussed on the exhibition layout no-one seems to mind too much.

Despite constant battering by basketballs, the clubroom has been kept in a reasonable state of repair.

It is hoped to organise an exhibition for the end of the term.

I.A. WESTON, M.R. HOPWOOD

Christian Union

This year the Christian Union has been trying to sort out what its main aim in the school should be. We have come to the conclusion that the Christian Union should be a place where Christians can meet together and also to provide a platform to encourage the spreading of the Good News of Jesus throughout the school.

With regard to achieving our first aim, we hold meetings on Monday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes. On Mondays the Christian Union splits into Juniors and Seniors. The Senior Christian Union has only 6th formers attending at the moment, although we trust that 4th and 5th formers will start attending. The Junior Christian Union, drawn from the 2nd and 3rd forms, is thriving and has quite an enthusiastic membership.

We also meet together after school, about once or twice a term, for an Inter-Schools meeting. These are great fun and are well attended, with around 60 people attending from a variety of schools.

During the Spring Half Term we held a 3-day camp. This provided an opportunity for 50 people from differing schools to enjoy a very happy few days as well as learning useful things at the same time.

With respect to spreading the message of Jesus, we have taken a number of Assemblies. These have been challenging and many people have risen to the challenge either asking questions or trying to criticise us. But at least this shows people not only listen, but also take a bit of notice, and this is encouraging.

We believe that there are many people in the school who want to know the answers to questions like: "Why am I on earth?" We believe that God has given us a great opportunity to tell them that Jesus is the answer and that He died for them. So we look forward to the future with anticipation because we believe that there is a great potential for growth.

DAVID HAMMOND (Leader)

Stage Lighting and Sound Team

Once again, we have had a very busy year in which the team has contributed in an important and useful way to the life of the school. Membership of the team involves hard work for long hours from time to time — but it also has its benefits: an enthusiastic participator is afforded the opportunity of working on an extensive, sophisticated, modern lighting and sound rig. Such a

person will leave the school having acquired many useful, practical skills which should stand him in good stead in many situations — not just the obvious ones associated with drama, theatre and indeed, lighting for TV. The following list gives a clear indication of the broad range of experience to be gained from joining the team.

Music Society Concerts and Recitals

Stage lighting provides general lighting and when needed, solo highlighting.

Public Address System

Daily assemblies, public occasions, parents' evenings. The team is responsible for providing this service on a duty roster.

Show Day

The team rigs and runs a powerful public address system.

Parents' Association Events

The team provides decorative lighting for the Autumn Ball and runs power leads and lighting for fund-raising activities.

Stage Shows

Clearly, our biggest events are the stage productions at the school. In October 1986, the lighting team was involved in the very successful Concert in Aid of Cancer. The large lighting rig needed to be dynamic and colourful and was supplemented by the use of pyrotechnics. The senior members of the team created a most convincing 'Pop Concert' atmosphere.

Undoubtedly, the magnum opus for the year was the team's contribution to the production of 'Macbeth'. The multi-level, open-stage, symbolic set of scaffolding without drapes or borders, provided a new dimension for the lighting team. A massive rig of over 50 lights was needed to cope with the 12 acting areas of the stage in 3 different colours or 'moods'. The lighting design included a 'chaser' for lightning; the full use of 6 colour wheels loaded with 5 different coloured filters; 3 different types of smoke generator and 'dry ice' were used in the witches' scenes. All 24 channels of the double-preset switches was built specially for the show to extend the control board sufficiently — to cater satisfactorily for all the changes needed. Unfortunately, it was not possible to use a 'gauze' for the appearance of the apparitions — but this had been part of the original design.

On the sound side, the design called for 'panning' of thunder and battle noises to the left and right of the auditorium; at least a dozen different sound effects which had to be synchronised with the lights and the actors; and a stage monitoring system which relayed sound to the wood-store, the division rooms and the 'props' corner — to ensure that the cast were cued on time. The entire technical operation depended vitally on the 8-station, 2-way communications network which linked the lighting operators up the tower in the auditorium to the lighting and sound gallery, props and stage manager: only the two lighting operators had an unimpeded view of the show — the gallery had no view whatsoever and depended absolutely on the intercom.

Designing, rigging, adjusting, running the show took about 600 man-hours of hard physical and mental work from the 9 boys and 2 staff involved with the team. One of the sessions, the technical rehearsal, lasted 15 hours. All learned a great deal from the show and may be assured that their efforts contributed to the overall

success of the school's production which ran for 4 nights and which was seen by nearly 2200 people. Members of the team (not the staff) operate all the systems during performances and anyone joining us will be actively involved as soon as they have undergone initial training. It is always interesting to see how new recruits fearfully climb the tower at first and then rapidly gain confidence to the point where they become positively useful up there!

We are very grateful to the Parents' Association for the generous financial support they have given us and also for providing and fitting a safe catwalk in the loft of the Queen's Hall just before Macbeth. The latter made our work much safer and easier than hitherto. As younger members move up the ranks, we bid farewell to senior members of the team at the end of this

academic year. We thank Adrian Furner, Robert Bees and Craig Hatter for all their hard work over the years and hope that they have found their team membership profitable and enjoyable. We trust that they will go on and use their skills gained by offering technical expertise to a dramatic group or other enterprise needing such abilities. We are very pleased to welcome Mr. D. Moore into the team. He will take responsibility for the Thursday Afternoon Activities Stage Lighting group and will share in the work of the team. New members of the team are taken on from the second form in the summer term and more senior boys may join in autumn — in TAA. Anyone interested in joining the team should see Mr. Everett. Membership is not guaranteed as there are always more people seeking membership than there are places vacant.

R.A. EVERETT

School House Report

School House settled down to a more sedate year with the unfortunate passing of, most noticeably, Scott Simmons, Brendan Moore, and Robin Parry — our most distinguished alumni, now working (!?) at a mental correctional institute. Not unnoticed, though was the departure of Andrew 'The Living Dead' Prevett and Renny 'Mr. Moped' Oliver.

New life, in more ways than one, has been injected into the house, with Mark Howell and Dominic Russell as the new second formers. But the main newcomer was a bouncing baby boy, Edward, born in mid-January to the Gamesters (another rugby player no doubt!). Edward's night-time howling is not the only source of noise in School House this year, though, with a new sixth form band picking up the 'odd' complaint for over-amplification.

On the sports front, the routine massacre of Uplyme on the basketball court was completed with ease, with 'General' Jim leading his troops to victory. Our cultural rep. 'Bert' Jones starred, as usual, in the school theatrical production of Macbeth which, when visible through the smoke, was enjoyed by many of us.

Other excursions this year have included a trip to the London Laserium, the Beaconsfield fireworks display and various inter-school functions. Election fever has gripped the boarding house, although the traditionally staunch right-wing caucus has recently come under threat from an upsurge in support for the Revolutionary Communist Party. However, the indoctrination campaigns aimed at the younger members of the house seem to have accelerated their political maturity and awareness such that their personal judgement is now set to reverse this disturbing trend.

Politics aside, full credit must go to the Gamesters and Mr. Goldthorpe for keeping everything under control, Matron for administering pills and remedies, and the cleaning ladies for trying to make order from chaos. Special thanks must go to Gill, the cook, for keeping us all well fed.

A.W.B., Z.O.T., S.A., Z.A.R.

Uplyme Boarding House Report

The end of the last school year saw the sad departure of many of Uplyme's 'old hands', including Alexis Read, Paul Miller, Louis Day, Dave Pearce and James Hearn. The start of the new year, however, brought a host of new faces and personalities, including Charles Nduka, Anand Dutta, Tom Burke, Adrian Dodds, Jon Summers and last, but certainly not least, Michael Wentworth-Fitzwilliam. This brought our number to fourteen, twelve of whom were in the sixth form! Other additions to the house include Allen's fleet of cars and a mysterious vanishing mouse in the common room.

Uplyme, as always, has been represented on the sports field. Tom Fountain and Greg Higgins have represented the senior rugby teams on a regular basis, and Mark Barrell has played for the 1st XI hockey team. Also, several of our number have been 'drafted' into the staff football team on various occasions. Unfortunately we did not fare quite so well in the annual basketball match against School House. Although the valiant Uplyme team played with skill and determination, they were defeated narrowly.

The quality of living at Uplyme has been greatly improved this year by the acquisition of several luxuries, such as several sets of matching wardrobes, which everybody enjoyed moving (!), and some (supposedly) thermal flooring for the outside dormitory. Also, despite the influx of so many new faces, the house has knitted together very well, with everybody finding their niche in the community, resulting in a unique blend of humour which has influenced everybody. This was shown at some of the main events this year, such as the trip to the Planetarium, and the Piper's Corner School Dance, leaving the local populations in both cases wondering what had hit them!

Thanks as always must go to Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs, and Mr. Edwards for keeping us on the straight and narrow (well, nearly) over the past year in times of hardship, including a very major power cut (where did everyone go?).

ROGER DUNLOP, Head of House

CCF Report

The Contingent has been active in this country, Germany and Canada and in all three elements, as section reports will show. The mixture of adventure and military training seems to be a good recipe, judging by the results of the experiences for the many who have really used their opportunities at each level.

We were inspected by Air Commodore J.M.P. Calnan, Command Mechanical Engineer at Headquarters Strike Command, Naphill on March 19th.

This involves the interesting exercise of reflecting in a short time as many as possible of the aspects of life in the Contingent — military and adventure training, courses and camps.

As his accompanying Officers taking a more detailed look at each section, he chose two who have had close connections with the Contingent, Lieutenant Commander Tim Wills, RN — an Old Wycombiensian with distinguished service in the Falklands and now our Parent Establishment Liaison Officer — and Flight Lieutenant Constant Taylor, our RAF Liaison Officer. The Army Accompanying Officer was Captain G. Evans the new Officer Commanding 16 Cadet Training Team who help not only the Army Section side, but also with more general administration through RQMS McCreedy to whom special thanks must go for the way he had helped us in the absence of a School Staff Instructor.

The day typified what is best in this exercise in cooperation between the school and the Services. It is a source of the greatest encouragement that we work together so positively. The experience in the exercise of responsibility is one of the most valuable opportunities in the CCF and we were therefore particularly pleased that the Air Commodore and his team remarked on the way in which NCO's at different levels were taking charge of activities of all kinds.

The Inspection was given a particularly good start by a Guard of Honour from all three Sections who had practised long and hard with admirable results. The formality of this ceremonial element was enlivened by cheerful music provided by a small ensemble who purely on their own initiative put together and practised a suitable programme.

The Contingent is, of course, engaged in a combined effort. It is, though, appropriate to mention that we miss the help of Flying Officer Boutland severely, not only in the RAF Section but also more generally in Orienteering, expedition work and on the administrative side. For his sake we are pleased at his promotion to be Head of Department in St. Albans.

We also enjoyed the brief stay of Mr. John Smithson, as our School Staff Instructor, until he decided to return to the life of a TV Cameraman.

We warmly welcome Mr. Rowland as our new SSI. He comes after long service in the Royal Air Force with administrative and training experience which we need very much to help us keep up standards.

This term, Colonel David McLellan, Schools Liaison Officer is retiring. We thank him most warmly for years of advice and information and for contacts arranged in exactly the right spirit and wish him a long, happy and active retirement.

Two particular distinctions should be mentioned — Cadet W.O. Alistair Green (RAF) has been the CCF Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for Buckinghamshire and C.S.M. Jeremy Bennet has been the worthy holder of

an Army Scholarship for his time in the Sixth Form. Both are due to make a career in their respective services. As for the Royal Navy, we were delighted to welcome Sb. Lt. J. Dible who piloted his Sea King skilfully on to the school field on February 12th.

The Services have this year carried out a complete review of the CCF in the U.K. It is encouraging to report that the conclusion reached is that the organisation is thoroughly worthwhile. The important point is that this conclusion is based on the educational advantages. It is reached in the knowledge that a very small number of CCF Cadets think of going into the Services as a career.

It remains true therefore that the organisation is one intended to help those who take its opportunities to develop qualities and abilities which will be a substantial help whether in civilian or Service life.

We can be glad that at a time of great stringency those responsible for decisions about the deployment of resources at the Ministry of Defence have taken this broad and far-sighted view.

In fact we are very conscious of being part of an enterprise where the M.O.D., the Governors and Headmaster, Staff and friends of the School including Old Wycombiensians, work together to make opportunities where otherwise there would be none. I should like to express the thanks of the Contingent to all these people. This does give me a chance to say how deeply I appreciate the very great amount of work my colleagues do for the Contingent with such good will, well beyond the call of duty. The response and development of the NCOs and Cadets make it thoroughly worthwhile.

LT. COLONEL F.N. COOPER, OC CCF

R.N. Section Report

Cox. Drysdale and P.O.s Hoggan, Johnston, Clegg and Farrar took charge in Summer Term 1986.

Continued good relations between the Section and its parent ship H.M.S. Diomedé was seen in an enjoyable and successful visit to the ship and the visit of its captain, Commander Kent, in February. This was followed by a return visit to the frigate in April.

James Dible, Cox '83-4, returned to school in his Sea King, proving how soon cadets can be flying after leaving school. A month later in the Spring Term came the General Inspection in which everyone performed well to impress our inspecting officer.

Our activities have included leadership tests, assault courses, rifle shooting, lectures, exams, sailing, a Field Day at H.M.S. Dryad which included firing S.L.R.s and a flying day at Portland.

It was nice to see Lt. Claye's surprise and delight at the section's being granted three places on a diving course when we usually struggle for one.

Good luck to L.S. Aylott in his flying scholarship.

I have very much enjoyed my year as Coxswain; my thanks on behalf of the whole section go to Lt. Cdr. Will, C.P.O. Clutton and Mr. Grahame for aiding us in our activities. Special thanks Lt. Claye and Sub. Lt. Barker for keeping the section shipshape.

Cox. R.J.R. DRYSDALE

R.A.F. Section

The R.A.F. Section has enjoyed an eventful and fruitful year considering the excessive cadet to officer ratio. The senior N.C.O.'s have had to assume a large role in the administration and overall running of the Section. The increased Senior N.C.O. involvement has served to improve the Section.

The cadets have all undertaken training in parts 1, 2 and 3 syllabuses along with .22 shooting on the school range and limited orienteering. The flying programme at R.A.F. Abingdon has been intensive, allowing all members of the Section to fly.

Several cadets have been involved in attaining Flying Scholarship courses and Gliding courses, mainly to be carried out this coming summer.

Despite a certain Senior Officer's doubts on the Senior N.C.O.'s ability to organise a parade of the entire section (A feat that has not been accomplished in Sqn. Ldr. Smaje's long and distinguished career) for a visiting officer, the Section braved the December weather and turned out for a display of discipline and immaculate presentation, much to the surprise and delight of the aforementioned Officer.

The major event of this school year has been the Bi-Annual Inspection with the inspecting officer, Air Commodore Calnan coming from the R.A.F. at Naphill. The inspection took place without any problems and was enjoyed by all participating parties.

Easter camp this year was held at R.A.F. Binbrook, Lincolnshire, and summer camp is to be held at R.A.F. Wyton, Cambridgeshire.

Thanks must go to Sqn. Ldr. Smaje and Flt. Lt. Sollars for all their help and assistance whilst coping with the officer shortage. Thanks must also go to Pilot Officer Munday for her continued interest in the R.A.F. Section and Flight Sergeant Tollhurst for all his kind attention which has been very gratefully received.

Warrant Officer A.J. GREEN

R.A.F. Summer Camp

The small contingent was split into two parties for the long journey up to Boulmer in Northumberland. One party went by minibus, senior N.C.O.s were left to find their own way — a wise move? The latter party arrived at Newcastle station, only to find that Alan Popplewell's luggage had mysteriously vanished — at King's Cross. Despite this mishap we arrived at our billets, under a TACAN beacon on the beautiful Northumberland coast, several miles from the base.

Our programme included tours of the countryside, visits to Fighter Control Centre and its radar, to 202 Squadron, and one or more flights in Sea King helicopters, and a very good night exercise.

Only 30 cadets attended but a good time was had by all.

F/S R. DUNLOP

R.A.F. Binbrook, 8th-15th April 1987

At Binbrook, near the Humber Estuary, 45 cadets from R.G.S., St. Albans and Aberdeen engaged in flying, shooting, a night exercise, visits to Air Traffic Control, Flight Simulator and M.T. refuelling. Visits from

Dutch F-16s, and from F.O. Boutland, enlivened the proceedings.

Thanks to Sq. Ldr. Smaje, Flt. Lt. Sollars and F.O. Boutland for their invaluable contribution.

Cpl. G.R. HAMILTON



RAF Binbrook April 1987

Army Section

While the usual summer camp at Cwm Gwddi was made up of somewhat junior ranks, led by J. Pearson and L. Cpl. Largent, twenty senior cadets and NCO's visited 19 Field Regiment Royal Artillery in Dortmund, W. Germany. This epic cannot be truly retold on paper, suffice to say Barney Barnish, the C.S.M. who has trained SAS instructors in unarmed combat and holds a couple of endurance world records, made sure that C.S.M. Stocker and his men were kept comfortably busy with runs, films, weapons training and firing, a two day exercise involving the 'dustbin-liner' sleeping bag technique, swimming, a visit to the Inner German Border and a visit to a Lance Missile, Tactical Short Range Nuclear missile base where secrecy meant answers to inquisitive questions were somewhat equivocal.

The new school year saw a superb performance in the Cadsam Shooting Competition. The November field day saw the new 'free-running' exercise, commanded by the then Sgt. Taverner. Acting on false, bluffed information given over the radio, the enemy proceeded to ambush nothing but scrub and trees some distance from the actual platoon position. Attempts to capture the platoon Intelligence Officer (Sen. Cdt. Ellis) were thwarted by the physical protection exercised by H. Sgt. Riley as the snatch group went in. The regrouped enemy then retired for the night around a warm fire and steak party before a final attack on them by the platoon.

In March of this year, the Aldershot weekend, headed by CSM Bennett involved a long orienteering exercise and battlecraft to follow in the now adopted free-running style. Shortly after this the Biennial General Inspection was particularly commended by the RAF inspecting group for responsibility and initiative shown by NCOs, which ran as planned. Special thanks go to the cadets and to CSM Bennett for his delegatory role.

During the Easter holidays Cpls Nick Weaver and Colin Withers attended the United Kingdom Land Forces Leadership Course along with over 300 cadets from all over Britain (including Northern Ireland) and Canada. The course involved extensive lessons on plans, orders and platoon tactics, put into practice on

three tough exercises covering section attacks, platoon attacks, ambushes, anti-ambush procedure and a river crossing in assault craft. During the demanding assault course, Colin's and Nick's sections recorded the fastest times but due to heavy penalties were pushed back into runners-up position. A win in the orienteering competition and a good placing in the shooting led to Colin Withers' section winning the 'Best Section' award — a great finish to a course enjoyed by all who attended. Well done to both!

Meanwhile the usual advance party for Leek camp prepared Butterson school for the main party, arriving two days later, though the demolition of a crate of beer the first night was perhaps the most noticeable achievement.

RSM Fox from 16 Cadet Training Team was keen to involve us in his fitness training and a token complement of two senior NCO's were waiting his orders. Later that day the orienteering competition was won by the RSM's solo performance of 72 minutes while the best cadet performance came from C. Sgt. Godfrey and C. Sgt. Ponting in 1 hour 45 minutes. The new exercise format left the enemy colouring in otherwise blank maps, following one of Lt. Grundy's new six word briefing (or was it five?). Meanwhile the platoon, headed by Cpl. Strange and Cpl. Ellis were obviously well briefed shown by the swift capture of the enemy commander CSM Jim Stocker early the next day. After a tactical reincarnation the CSM led a well organized double attack to gain a map. The free-running exercise continued to see the platoon ending with an unsuccessful attempt to launch the 'Courage Brown Ale' sponsored rocked system, the only casualty of the exercise being Sen. Cdt. Beaumont after drinking some rocket fuel.

The next day, freak weather conditions induced sunburn on the Kinderscout walk, after the ironic emphasis on hypothermia treatment in the previous night's briefings. Other highlights included a 6-0 victory over the local football team, only the second time ever!

The officers involved in running the Army Section activities (Lt. Col. Cooper, Major Meyer, Captain Hollingworth, Lt. Grundy and 2nd Lt. Wilkes) must be thanked for providing such an opportunity to us — the memorable year will see the loss of many senior NCO's — RSM Stocker, CSM Bennett, CSM Ponting, RQMS Eastham, C. Sgts. Alex Godfrey, Steve Riley, Dave Taverner, Sgts. Dave Harper, Kevin Lewis, Adam Strange and Julian Ellis, Cpls. Chris Parker and Jez Dickinson.

Many thanks and best of luck for the future and for a most successful and satisfying year of activities.

CSM MARK PONTING, 6SE2

Geography Field Course, Aberystwyth 1987

Another party, headed by messrs Meyer and Pantridge, left sunny High Wycombe on the Sunday to find many a river bank at full discharge following heavy rain. Perhaps Alan the coach driver refused to believe this or was testing the amphibious capability of his Volvo coach when he drove us down a flooded road, in which a Ford Fiesta was floating in four feet of water. Worried about the fate of our suitcases in the rear



Geography Field Trip.

Alan pulled up on higher ground to check all was well only to find that water had entered the engine!

Five hours and a new(er) coach later we finally arrived at Aberystwyth, described geographically as the centre of mid-Wales to find accommodation waiting for us in the University, and apparently refurbished Student Union bar, so they say!

Fieldwork was carried out studying drainage landforms in the Teme Valley; a hike over Cader Idris including scree-slope analysis on the Llyn Cau Corrie, the results of which were obscured by stone-throwing exploits (on one scree face), while on the other a successful attempt by the Army Section contingent to assault the summit of the corrie back wall. Coastal Geomorphology the next day was marred by a tactical lunch at the local Fish & Chip shop, seen by some to be boosting the local economy, but by others more senior as 'time-wasting ruddy nuisance'. Behind time the group was called upon to run the short two miles down to Borth Spit for an informative guided tour of the sand dunes.

The last day of fieldwork consisted of analysis of pedestrian flows (female in particular), CBD functions and delimitation analysis in the morning and a walk down part of the River Rheidol including sighting of the rare Red Kite in the afternoon.

Thanks must go to the staff involved for coping with varied personalities and for providing a crucial aid to A level study. Lucky with the weather to some extent, the trip was enjoyed by all.

MARK PONTING

Macbeth

The 1987 R.G.S. production of 'Macbeth' certainly opened dramatically, when the large audience was presented with a darkened stage and martial sound effects, followed quickly by total silence and silhouetted figures in fighting stances. Smoke swirled around them on their battlefield, and made its way into the audience during the alternations of sight and sound. As things cleared the witches appeared, delivering their lines with suitable nastiness and were very believable. The sound effects in the following scenes were deafening in their indications of a storm, to such an extent that it was difficult to hear the lines towards the back of the hall.

'Macbeth' has one really important character who dominates everything: Ian Rose had obviously devoted much time and effort to making Macbeth's inner turmoil come across realistically. Maybe his voice could have been more varied — there was plenty of anguished quiet, and plenty of anguished loud, but we needed more in between. Nevertheless it was a notable performance. Lady Macbeth, driving Macbeth on with ambitious determination, was acted impressively by Sarah Rymill with great toughness.

The supporting actors were generally convincing, though maybe the assassins were slightly wooden.

A set of scaffolding and few props meant that the creation of atmosphere depended on the lighting and sound. Macbeth was suitably spotlighted and the scenes faded out well. Costumes too were impressive, many of them very detailed.

'Macbeth' is a difficult play for amateurs, depending so much on one character whose most important lines are spoken in soliloquy. This production tackled all possible production problems head-on, and thanks to good acting, good costume and good production succeeded in making a good evening's entertainment.

M.J. HARRISON 5CP

The Guerilla

*It is here that I stand,
this foreign rifle in my hand.
It is here that I shall stand,
for my cause that is so grand.*

*The enemy can kill us,
but we have honour on our side.
And I know that I won't care,
once that I have died.*

*It is my cause that I will die for.
It is for my cause that I will fight.
There will be much bloodshed.
Will it end before first light?*

*The enemy they hate us,
they are professional men.
They have much better equipment.
It must end, but who says when?*

*I look about and see our troops,
the young boys and the old men,
the enemy will attack us,
and my life will end just then.*

*I hear the crack of the rifle,
the bullets bite my flesh,
and I start my eternal journey,
to find the pastures fresh.*

ROSS BUCHANAN 5WT

The Last Man On Earth

There was nothing left alive outside, all that moved was the leaves on the trees, rustled by the deathly howl of the wind.

The fighting was over at last! The noises of war that everyone had heard ringing in their ears since birth, had stopped! And the last man on Earth stood amidst the ruins, searching, calling, but all in vain, for there were no people left alive to be found, or to hear his desperate calls. He was more alone than even the first man on Earth had been, because he knew that when he died, ten millenia of civilisation and culture would be lost in time forever.

The first man had come out of the primaeval slime, into the violent maelstrom of a world being born. At least he knew that he was starting a race not *ending* one.

Suddenly his heart began to beat faster. Was he mistaken, or *had* he actually heard the crunch of rock underfoot? He spun round, only to find a lazier sighted energy gun trained on his forehead. It was one of the enemy, a *woman*. "Don't do it" he pleaded. "Don't you realise that there's only us left".

"Too late", she blew his head off, and smiled.

Suddenly a blaster erupted into life, spewing death straight at her. It ripped through her skull and blew her face clean off.

The blast had come from a window.

In the window was a robotic gun, with a skeleton for a gunner.

The last human being on earth was dead.

Humanity *itself* was dead.

SATVINDER SAHOTA 5BG



A Translation of Catullus 5

*Let us live and love, 'Lesbia', my darling,
O, let's ignore the rumours straight-laced seniles like
to spread;
They're worth nothing more than twopence!*

*Days come and go,
For us though, once that brief day has passed,
Then comes that eternal night,
A whole night to be slept through.*

*Oh, give me a thousand kisses
— Then a hundred,
Then, oh, then another thousand,
Then a second hundred — on my cheek,
Then ... another thousand!
Constant though — no time for breathing!!
Then peck me a hundred times more —
After them, when we've done many thousands more,
We'll ... we'll forget the total of our kisses
To confuse ourselves, just in case some evil pig
Breaks out in envy when he hears the grand total of
our 'pecks'.*

JONATHAN C. JONES 6C

Travel

Alan Watkins went to the R.G.S. from 1974-80, leaving with a clutch of 'O' and 'A' levels in order to enter medical school in London. Whilst at medical school he attained a 1st class honours degree in Psychology, trained in hypnosis and he continues to row with a passion which began with the R.G.S. Boat Club. He is also a keen traveller, an interest which has so far taken him to America, Canada, Egypt and throughout Europe. This year he was very grateful to the Pattinson Award which helped finance another journey.

"THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS AND BEYOND"

In one's final year as a medical student, one gets the opportunity to spend a few weeks seeing medicine practised in strange and distant places. These may be as far flung as Flackwell Heath or Papua New Guinea, depending on one's means. My means were sufficiently augmented by grants and awards to aim for the Far East. In addition to the tropical medicine experience an integral part is the travelling done in the process. Being exposed to, and coming to understand different cultures enables one to see things from a new and different perspective. Seeing things from a different perspective to one's own is an essential quality a Doctor must develop. The experience does not improve one's intellectual understanding but sharpens one's intuition. I hope I can sketch a few pictures to convey the atmosphere, if not the quantity and quality of my Far Eastern experiences.

I left England with virtually no idea of what was in store for me. Consequently on arriving in Bangkok everything seemed strange, deliciously so, I felt I'd gone through the looking glass and that is where the fun began.

Bangkok has many facets, one sees those which one chooses to see. It is a myriad of hot, dusty roads, side-streets, back-alleys, walkways and cut-throughs. Crowded with people, traffic, bustling street markets and food stalls. Sweating proprietors stir fried noodles or spiced meat in their woks. A wizened old man set up his store on a busy street corner, selling cold drinks for 5 bahts (15p). A bus stopped nearby and he quickly sold a drink in a plastic bag, like a fair-ground goldfish, cleverly tied with string with a drinking straw jutting out. Handing it in through the bus window.

The city is littered with 400 Buddhist temples. Some are small, peaceful havens; others are fantastically



decorated in coloured glass and gold paint, with spectacular pagoda roofs. The lily so over-gilded that they transcend gaudiness and become strangely magnificent. Snaking its way through all the turmoil is the Chao Phraya River. Churned up by the heavy river traffic, and dampened down again by huge matted islands of lily pads speedily floating down river with the tide.

After four tiring days in a city of a thousand sights, I travelled south through Thailand to Koh Samui, an island off the east coast. Just imagine you are sitting on a beach. The sea surging up around your ankles, the sound of the waves pounding the sand, a gently wind soothing the heat of your skin. Then ahead of you nothing for the eye to see except a vast expanse of blue-green sea. On the horizon jutting out of the water, jagged, macabre rocks. Some of them big enough to be small islands, some tall enough to be tipped by a crown of white cloud. The nearest ones have texture and colour, the far ones just 2d grey gawky masses. Behind you, the beach stretches away in unspoilt golden splendour, draped by palm trees. At the base of the palms nestle small thatched roofed bungalows with reed woven walls, fronted by verandahs with bamboo chairs in their corners. For just 60 Bahts (£1.80) a night you could stay forever.



I spent one and a half weeks in Thailand then made my way to Kuala Lumpur, capital of Malaysia where I worked for four and a half weeks. Kuala Lumpur is Malay for 'muddy estuary' and it is around this which the city has mushroomed since 1879. There seems to have been no plan to the city's rapid growth, resulting in a tangle of small streets in the centre repeated in further tangles right out to the suburbs. With the juxtaposition of old Moorish and new geometric architecture. Despite this the city holds a strange fascination with its mixture of cultures, customs and races.

During my time in Malaysia I decided to get right to the bottom of things and study diarrhoeal disease in rural and urban communities. Whilst many of the tragic 4 million deaths a year world wide from

diarrhoeal disease occurs in Africa; one must not forget the significant impact diarrhoeal disease has on the health and growth of babies in other developing countries. I collected data on the incidence and type of patient with acute gastroenteritis (AGE) from rural health clinics, a district hospital in Selangor and the University Hospital in Kuala Lumpur. The greater incidence of diarrhoea in rural communities is almost certainly related to sanitation and hygiene. Many of the households in the rural 'Kampungs' only possess a 'bush toilet'. Often the children play in the same area. The household washing facilities are usually primitive and on direct questioning many didn't realise the importance of washing hands with soap rather than just water. The majority of serious cases were under 2 years old. This all highlights the importance of hygiene when handling babies, and how readily they are infected, particularly if not breast-fed.

The Indian community were unrepresented in the statistics. Many of them work on oil palm estates where the housing is often squalid. Unlike the other races they don't tend to boil their water before they drink it. This fact came to light when we did a home visit on Boxing Day to an Indian lady living on an oil palm estate. She was suffering from anaemia in pregnancy. Only 24 years old she already had 3 children. She lived with her family, plus her mother, sister and uncle — many mouths to feed. Consequently if there was any fish or chicken to go with the rice, the children or the husband got most of it. Under the extra demand of pregnancy she became deficient in iron and folate. Fortunately she received treatment but many other pregnancies go on unmonitored.



So it seems that there is a case for a more organised health education programme particularly directed at the Indian community. I am presently writing up my findings and I hope to publish them later this year.

Whilst I was in Kuala Lumpur I also spent time on the Labour Ward. I was fortunate to deliver a baby and watch two breech (bottom first) deliveries. There was also a tragic intra-uterine death, an unforgettable experience which could so easily be avoided by better ante-natal education.

After my time in Kuala Lumpur I travelled south to Singapore. Singapore is a modern towering concrete jungle under constant reconstruction. Rather like an ageing beauty trying to recapture her youth with repeated and pointless facelifts. Here and there the old wrinkled delapidated shop fronts are visible, but probably these too, will soon be 'trimmed' away by the developer's knife.

A walk down the main shopping street — Orchard Road reveals why Singapore has a reputation as a shopper's paradise and a gourmet's delight. The large number of shops try to entice the large number of large Americans with large wallets into indulging a whim, whilst the restaurants tantalise one's tastebuds with their cosmopolitan choice of menus.

An efficient bus service can whisk one to the suburbs to the tasteful but unauthentic Oriental gardens or the beautiful Bird Park. The latter is filled with a rainbow of exotic birds, and its open-air aviary can drift one into thinking one is in the jungles of Borneo, with birds cawing, dense thickets of tropical fronds and a spectacular waterfall. One can't help leaving Singapore regretting that much of its history since the days of the East India Company and Sir Stamford Raffles has been swept aside by the sterile knife of new 'modern' development.

A four hour flight across the equator took me to my most southerly stop - Bali. To try to describe the unique beauty of Bali would be like trying to put into words the scent of a rose. Only through actually experiencing its beauty can it be appreciated. Jawaharlal Nehru came close when he said it is 'the morning of the world'. Since it was monsoon season I only spent five days on this Utopian island. The torrential downpours soaked me on my hired motorbike but could not dampen the beauty of the stepped rice paddies, the dramatic volcanic mountains or the black thatch of the village temples hidden behind ornately carved moss covered walls.



One of the enchanting things about Bali is the Balinese people. They radiate happiness, stemming from a lovely fresh innocence and a childlike

contentment and their world is self-contained. Many of the villages are known for their master craftwork. The Balinese are superb carvers of wood, stone, bone, jade, silver or anything that doesn't move. So one can never afford to stand still for too long on Bali! Prices usually start at an exorbitant single figure which can be carved down to whatever sum makes the seller laugh the most.

On my way back from Bali to Bangkok I stopped off at Penang, 'pearl of the Orient'. The island was more like the oyster shell after someone had unkindly stolen the pearl! My final stop was Langkawi, a cluster of islands off the west coast of the peninsular. Langkawi was the ideal place to relax before returning home. There are enough beaches to provide you with your own private little niche with nothing but the imprint of your own feet following you on the grainless white sand for miles around. A beautiful place to collect one's thoughts, including those about one's own good fortune to have such a marvellous opportunity to travel and see other cultures and views of life and to have been awarded some money to do so from the Pattinson Award. Finally for all the enriching experiences I had which I feel have given me new perspectives, helping me broaden my understanding of people and therefore making me, in the long run, a better Doctor.

A. WATKINS Feb. 1986

An extract from a letter from Matthew Hough currently in New Zealand and a winner of The Pattinson Award:

"The teaching at the hospital (in Auckland) was excellent. Many British registrars willingly taught on various aspects. I saw my first case of leprosy, which is still common in the Maori population and Samoans. Rheumatic fever, now almost unheard of in the United Kingdom, is prevalent in New Zealand, again in the Maori population. Although a potentially life-threatening disease many patients were asymptomatic, yet listening to their hearts was a revelation. I've never heard such a large number of severe murmurs before coming to New Zealand, and can now discern many of the murmurs which were once a mystery!

At the weekends I have been lucky enough to explore New Zealand. It is a beautiful country, particularly the South Island, which is quite staggering. While travelling I saw mountains with snow-capped peaks, extinct volcanoes, huge lakes and fjords, deserted beaches (some with black volcanic sand), beautiful islands, bizarre rock formations, rivers (both slow flowing and white-water) and glaciers. The countryside is variable, to say the least, my only regret is that I didn't have as much time as I had hoped to explore, and feel I have only scratched the surface. There are some staggeringly beautiful spots in N.Z. Milford Sound was described as the eighth wonder of the world, having not seen any of the original seven, I can only say that it was breath-taking. A large fjord surrounded by mountains and with huge waterfalls pounding into the deep-blue fjord water, hanging valleys, a small seal population and Mitre Peak comprise a fantastic site. Other high spots of my travels included the idyllic Bay of Islands and the Urewera Forest, both on the North Island. The Urewera Forest is only accessible by a seventy-three kilometre road, but the rewards of penetrating it are untold. Lake Whaketomoana lies in the middle and on a clear day one can see a petrified forest in the water. On the South Island Arthur's Pass and Franz Josef glacier must have been the highlights. Both beyond words.

Osnabrück Exchange

Due to the timing of the German exchange this year, this report has been written before the boys from the R.G.S. have actually been to Osnabrück! The exchange got off to a dubious start, with the German partners delayed for 11 hours, as their ferry was cancelled because of bad weather conditions in the North Sea. They were eventually rescued at Liverpool St. station by the English families in the early hours of Sunday morning. Apart from a few minor mishaps (two English families accidentally picked up the wrong exchange partners — due to two boys sharing similar names) the exchange appears to be progressing quite smoothly.

So far the German boys have been to Oxford and London with the school, and further trips to Windsor and the capital (to visit Mme. Tussaud's and Harrods) are planned for the days ahead — weather permitting! We also hope to have a football/basketball match between the two countries, provided that adequate room can be found for the 60 boys who would be involved.

Everyone concerned seems to be enjoying themselves, and our partners are very keen to try all the English food, and to participate in our strange pastimes — such as playing snooker.

Soon we will be leaving for the Ratsgymnasium in Osnabrück with our guardians Mr. Crease and Mr. White-Taylor. Our official programme consists of visits to Bremen and Hager, and of course to places of interest in the heart of Osnabrück, although I am reliably informed that many of the RGS boys invariably end up in the "Grüner Jäger" at some time or another!

It only remains for me to thank all members of staff involved, on both sides, for helping the exchange to run smoothly and for keeping all the R.G.S. boys in check.

SIMON RIPPETH

South African Experience

In summer 1986 I spent three months in a small hospital in South Africa, for the elective period of my medical course at Newcastle University. The idea of this part of the course is that a student has the opportunity of medicine in an environment totally different to that to which he is normally exposed and it is also hoped that he contributes to the local medical services in some way. I spent three months, therefore, working at Jane Furse Memorial Hospital in the homeland area of Lebowa, in the Republic of South Africa.

At the beginning of July I arrived at Jan Smuts airport after an expensive and eventful journey out from Britain. It was the first time that I had flown and it certainly was an experience. The first thing that I found out about South Africans is that they have got no idea about 'real' weather; they put on their thick woolly jumpers before getting off the plane, warning me how cold it would be, while I stepped out to find the South African winter comparable to a reasonable English summer's day, though somewhat drier than that this year!

After a further day's travelling across the transvaal by a very slow train; it really makes one appreciate British Rail, I arrived in a Lebowa government car at

Jane Furse Hospital. Jane Furse is an ex-mission hospital with about four hundred beds for in-patients and where several thousand out-patients are seen every month. There are, however, only five doctors for all these patients and one of these was part-time! Consequently, despite my initial lack of experience, I was soon functioning as a doctor in the hospital. I was always taught well before being allowed to do things for myself but once the other doctors were confident of my ability I was left with a great deal of responsibility.

My main area of interest was, and is, paediatrics and there was certainly a great deal of opportunity in this field, as on some days up to fifty percent of the patients that came in were children. The setup was such that all patients, casualties, out-patient reviews, everything else all came through the O.P.P. The only division being between the children and the adults. Thus the paediatric clinic saw about forty patients in three hours; ranging from coughs and colds, through casualties such as broken limbs, up to children who were so malnourished and dehydrated that they were certain to die within hours without treatment. To begin with I did the paediatric clinic with the doctor who looked after the children's wards but then one of the other doctors left and the paediatrician had to take over as anaesthetist and so for much of the time I was entirely responsible for the paed clinic. All those boring lectures suddenly became very important and facts you never thought that you would need sprang to the fore just as they were required; on the other hand others had to be redredged from textbooks in the doctor's library.

A typical day for me consisted of: (1) Ward round on the baby ward, the children's ward and the infectious diseases ward with the paediatrician. (2) The paediatric out-patients. (3) The main out-patient clinic. This was similar to the children's clinic except that the range of disease was much greater, although TB was so common that it was always the first choice of diagnosis if there was doubt. The consultations were, of necessity, quite short as there were so many patients to be seen, but we all managed very well considering that in nearly all cases the whole interview and examination had to be translated through a nurse. The local tribe are the Pedi whose language, Northern Sotho, has too complex a grammar for a simple medic like me to sort out. Some of the nurses, however, were superb linguists: one sticks in my mind as being able to speak nine different languages. By the end of my stay, I could just about manage "Hello", "How are you?" and a few curt instructions for physical examinations. We got on well with the nurses and the rest of the locals, meeting with surprisingly little resentment, especially once they appreciated that we were not Afrikaans.

The other thing that surprised me was the lack of confrontation with the traditional tribal doctors. On the whole our paths did not conflict as they often know their limitations and I saw several patients being brought into the hospital by the witch doctor. Similarly in the area of mild psychiatric disorder they would play a much greater role than we could, especially with a lack of time and the valuable tool of language.

The other doctors at the hospital, with the exception of a great local man — Dr. Thema Mphahle — whom I will never forget, were all British doctors out at Jane Furse for a year or so. They were all very friendly and very generous towards me. The hospital was in the middle of nowhere and so, for example, to go off for a weekend break was a major expedition and one that

would have been impossible had not the doctors invited me on their weekends off, if and when we got them.

In conclusion I had the experience of a lifetime: this means I learnt a great deal of medicine and saw many things that I may never see again. I also feel that, in a very small way, I helped the population of Jane Furse while I was there. Finally I made friends who I hope to keep for the rest of my life.

I would like to convey my thanks to the Governors of the Royal Grammar School who, as trustees of the Pattinson Award, provided some of the finance for my elective study.

I.M.R. WRIGHT

Shining Mountains 1986

"Shining Mountains" was the name conferred upon the Rockies in N. America by the Indians who first saw them.

July 22nd found a party of twenty, accompanied by several large packages containing tents and dehydrated supplies, board a coach for Heathrow and thence an Air Canada Tri Star for Calgary. During the flight the aircraft reached 70°N, 200 miles North of the Arctic Circle — a record for an R.G.S. group?

On arrival at Calgary the minibuses were collected and, after a day's sightseeing around Calgary, the group headed south to the Yellowstone National Park with its variety of thermal activity and wilderness animals — elk, bison and coyote were actually seen — and photographed.

The mobility of the group was enhanced by the mode of living — in tents and self catering using the National Park and other campsites together with the excellent supermarkets to be found in all reasonable size towns.

From Yellowstone it was quite a short ride to the Grand Teton National Park where eight days were spent in various activities including a "white water" rafting trip when a couple of members of the group rode the rapids — without a boat! The National Park campsites are described as "Wilderness"; to us they were primitive, but the availability of some warm springs for bathing was most welcome. Jackson, the township at the centre of the Park, was maintained in the "Wild West" style and provided plenty of scope for recreational visits.

To chronicle the events which filled the four weeks would take the whole of this magazine, a few more highlights must suffice — Sun Valley with Robin Cousins and Benstead's "shorts", the United States Air Force Base at Mountain Home in Idaho where the F111s are based and the temperature was 100°F, Boeing's plant at Seattle where Jumbo jets are built, the Expo in Vancouver, driving the Coquihalla Highway, a brand new road from Vancouver to Kamloops, Kicking Horse Pass where sir tried to pan for gold. Banff National Park with the renowned Lake Louise and the even more spectacular Moraine Lake and the nights when temperatures fell far below freezing.

At last it was time to return, all too quickly Air Canada transported us back to Heathrow returning to R.G.S. precisely at 2.15p.m. on 20th August.

Out thanks must go to all involved in the visit, especially the large number of Americans and Canadian who were so hospitable, but the success of the whole expedition was guaranteed by the advice and assistance of Mr. Stuart Hyde of Air Canada.

C.P.S.

Old Wycombiensians' Club

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. was held in the Masters' Common Room at 6.15 p.m. on Saturday April 4th, 1987. 20 Old Boys were present and the President, Mr. Rowland Brown, took the chair.

Financial Report

Total Income was reduced by £57 to £442 whilst total expenditure increased by £1 to £706, with the result that the deficit for the year increased by £58 to £263, compared with a deficit of £205 in 1985. Subscriptions were received during the year from 14 life members totalling £420 and were credited to Capital Account, and after deducting the deficit for the year of £263, the balance on the Capital Account increased by £157 to £3810.

Election of Officers

S.E. Hands resigned from the committee after 65 years' service and he was thanked most heartily for his stalwart service to the club. All the other officers were re-elected and R.C.P. Jenkins was elected to the committee.

President's Comments

The President outlined the idea put forward by Old Boy Edwin Mann, that Old Boys should contribute to a trust fund to help recent Old Boys in a crucial stage of their training to do something worthwhile which would benefit society and themselves. There was much discussion about this idea which was referred to a select committee for further discussion.

Any Other Business

The Rev. A.J. Skipp congratulated the President on successfully completing his year as President of the Secondary Heads Association.

THE ANNUAL DINNER 1986

130 Old Boys attended the Annual Dinner, the last one to be held in the Old Dining Hall. A.J. MacTavish (1948-56) proposed the toast to the School and Club in a well received speech detailing some of his adventures at school. The Headmaster replied listing the school's achievements during the past year and generally indicating that the school was in good heart.

DEATHS Staff

Bur, A. (1955-62) died in May 1986, aged 67 years.

André Bur, Licence-es-Lettres (Paris et Lille) came to teach French at the school from Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Blackburn in 1955 and was a tower of strength in the department. He had spent five years as a prisoner of war in Germany and he also taught German with enthusiasm. He played the violin in the school orchestra and sang in the choir. He left in 1962 to become Head of the French Department at Carisbrooke School, Isle of Wight.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Norah Bur, who lives at 13, Northbridge Street, Robertsbridge, East Sussex, two daughters and two sons.

Howard, R. (1945-55) died at his home in Adstock village near Buckingham on January 20th 1987 aged 63 years.

"Reg" Howard gained a 1st class Honours Degree in English at Leeds University and came to teach at the R.G.S. in 1945. He left in 1955 to teach at the English School in Istanbul for two years and then returned to teach at the Royal Latin School, Buckingham until 1980 when he retired through ill-health. At the R.G.S. he helped Mr. Tucker in the running of the School Boarding House as House Tutor for eight years. He was a lively teacher and was active in all sides of school life. He ran the Boarders' Scout Troup, produced School plays, umpired 1st XI cricket and was at the centre of the School's social life. He was dogged by ill-health for many years — three heart operations and finally kidney failure nearly 4 years ago led to a desperate and brave struggle to survive. Even during these difficult years his zest for life was inspiring and he will be missed by his many friends, particularly in Buckingham.

Rees, W.A. (1949-56) in Swansea, on January 24th 1987 aged 71 years.

Aubrey Rees came to the R.G.S. in 1949 after service in the R.A.F. to take charge of the P.E. Department. He gave the School Rugby XV the benefit of his very considerable experience. Before the war he had distinguished himself on the wing playing for Llanelli and Swansea. He left to become personnel officer at B.P. Llandarcy and in 1967 was appointed student's advisory officer at University College, Cardiff.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Betty Rees, who lives in "The Oaks", 28, Highpool Lane, Newton, Swansea, a son and two daughters.

Sheppard, T.V. (1945-68) died on June 28th 1986 at his home in High Wycombe, aged 78 years.

Thomas Vincent Sheppard, M.Sc. (London) came to the School in 1945 to teach Geography after doing very dangerous research work for the R.A.F. which took a great toll of him. He was a considerable athlete and for many years was master-in-charge of Cross Country.

He leaves a son and a daughter.

Talbot, H.D. (1973-83) died suddenly in April 1986. Henry's death came as a great shock to his former colleagues, as he had seemed to be so well and enjoying life since his retirement. He was much respected by both boys and masters for his great store of knowledge and he was always willing to help anybody in difficulty. He leaves a widow, Noreen, and two sons, Martin and Christopher.

Old Boys

Coombe, G. (1978-80) died as the result of a motor cycle accident on Monday 15th November 1986. George was an Honours graduate from Middlesex Polytechnic. An entrepreneur since he was a small boy, George was making and selling kites when he was 15. His business sense, combined with his carpentry skill led him into the world of creation with wood. Helped by a government finance scheme he sold more and more of his work and needing more money to expand, he took a job with The Deadline Despatch Agency and was working for them when he died.

Eyles, G.L.E. (1915-22) was killed instantly when he collided with a car near his home on June 17th 1986, aged 81 years.

George Eyles joined Hamnett Raffety and Company when he left school and retired as senior partner in the firm in 1972. He joined up as a territorial with the

Oxon and Bucks Light Infantry in 1939, was in the retreat from Dunkirk and on D-Day had what he called "the pleasure and the privilege" of reversing the journey. He acted as beach officer with the first wave of troops and was mentioned in dispatches.

He loved all sports, being a founder member of the Wycombe Rugby Club and he played regularly for the town's hockey club until well after his 60th birthday.

He leaves a widow Mrs. Muriel Eyles who lives at 16, Magnolia Drive, High Wycombe, two daughters and a son.

Groom, H.S. (1906-08) died in March 1987, aged 96 years.

'Hugo' Groom, our oldest Old Boy, trained at Goldsmiths College, London and came to Chalfont St. Giles to teach in 1911 — his salary was £95 a year. In due course he became headmaster and held the position for 34 years. In a book "The English, the Countryside and its People" by Michael Watkins, much space is devoted to Hugo Groom. He is quoted "Chalfont was an agricultural area — big houses — a lad went into the garden for five bob a week, on to the farm for 12s 6d, pleased to get it. Young gents went off to the City in spats for £3 a week."

His enchantment with Chalfont St. Giles was short-lived. He volunteered for the Honourable Artillery Company in 1914 and for his pains was machine gunned at Passchendaele. The school magazine of 1916 states that H.S. Groom was promoted in the field for good conduct.

He was Clerk to the Chalfont St. Giles Parish Council for 40 years, on the committee of the Milton Cottage Trust for 46 years. He was a founder member of the Old Boys' Masonic Lodge. In the Chalfonts he was a much-loved man.

He leaves a widow Mrs. Evelyn Groom, who lives at "Dinant", Vache Lane, Chalfont St. Giles and two sons, John and Peter, both Old Boys of the school.

Janes, A.E.M. (1914-19) died on March 15th 1987, aged 81 years.

Allan Janes was a much respected solicitor in the town and founded the flourishing legal practice, Allan Janes and Co., at 21 Easton Street, High Wycombe. In his prime he was a much sought-after advocate and was a doughty opponent in court. During the war he supervised the Government war factories in the South East and in 1947 received the O.B.E. in recognition of his services. He was Secretary of the High Wycombe and District Furniture Manufacturers' Society for 24 years and also Secretary of the High Wycombe Chamber of Commerce for 30 years. He was an accomplished player of most games — he played Rugby for the Old Wycombiensians R.F.C. (now High Wycombe R.F.C.), cricket for High Wycombe 1st eleven, golf at the Flackwell Heath and Beaconsfield Clubs and very good tennis on his own court. He was a founder member of the Old Boys' Masonic Lodge.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Betty Janes, who lives at "Minshull", Amersham Road, High Wycombe, a son and a daughter.

Kyle, D.V. (1917-23) died on Friday October 25th 1986 aged 80, Donald's business life was in insurance and he worked for many years for Legal and General, finishing as Pensions new Business Manager by the time he retired. He was very enthusiastically involved with Legal and General's football team, in both playing and administrative roles. He was actively involved in his local church and in many other local activities

including politics and dramatics. A deeply loving family man and a devout Christian Donald Kyle will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Newman, S.J. (1970-76) Flight Lieutenant Stephen Newman was killed in a flying accident whilst a member of the crew of a Chinook helicopter on operations in the Falklands Islands last February. He was buried at the Parish Church at Odiham, Hants on March 12th 1987.

Stephen was a keen member of the R.A.F. Section CCF achieving senior NCO rank and was awarded a Flying Scholarship. He went to Swansea University to read Economics and then realised his ambition to become a pilot in the Royal Air Force and at the time of the accident was on detachment in the Falkland Islands from his base in Germany. He leaves a wife and two children.

Pillidge, R.A. (1971-78) died suddenly in July 1985. He is remembered with affection especially by those who worked closely with him in School House and the CCF. A typical memory of him is at the end of a land expedition over the Brecon Beacons where he was not only still going strong but also talking cheerfully about his parents and his plans. We are deeply saddened.

F.N.C.

Stevens, H. (1927-1933) died aged 70 on April 19, 1987. After leaving school he joined the family butchers business until service with the Army in World War II, taking part in the BAOR campaign of 1944-45 which liberated Europe. He returned to the family business, became a director of C. Stevens Ltd and manager of its White Hart Street shop. He was much involved at St John's Church, High Wycombe, where he was a sidesman. He retired ten years ago and moved to live in Bournemouth. He leaves a widow and two sons.

Tucker, J.A. (Old Boy 1917-23), (Staff 1944-50, 1966-77) died on November 27th 1986 at Wycombe Hospital, aged 80 years.

"Jim Tucker" retired to his old School in 1944 after teaching in Hazlemere Church of England School and taught mathematics until he left in 1950 to become Deputy Headmaster at Hatters Lane School. He retired in July 1966 but his zest and vitality were not to be contained and he returned to us in September 1966 and served the school well for another 11 years.

Jim's particular strength was his sympathetic and understanding approach to boys who found some aspects of mathematics difficult. In some ways he possessed the "happy knack" for which Mr. "Pilgy" Jones was so well known and appreciated.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Daisy Tucker, who lives in 24, School Close, High Wycombe and two daughters.

NOTES

Ashby, M. (1980-86) has been in Calcutta helping at Mother Teresa's mission. He then moved on to a mission in Katmandu and he is hoping to go to Hong Kong and into mainland China before returning home later in 1987.

Amin, S. (1966-74) qualified from St. Mary's Hospital in 1980 with distinction. He completed three years vocational training for general practice in Somerset and has come to work at Wycombe General Hospital. He is presently working in community paediatrics and is setting up a private clinic in High Wycombe. Special rates will be offered to Old Wycombiensians.

Ball, D.J. (1972-79) recently qualified as a Chartered Accountant and now works for Deloitte Haskins & Sells in London. He married in 1985 and now lives in Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

Beardall, M.J.D. (1977-82) is presently suffering from too much sun and sand in the West Indies' Guardship. He is off to the Falklands again in the Autumn.

Bell, G. (1969-71) was the Green Party candidate in the Greenwich by-election. The Guardian reported that Graham was a 37 year old electrician who makes his own wine and that he had fought a lively campaign from a tandem.

Bolton, A.C.H. (1965-70). Anthony Howlett-Bolton was last year appointed Chief Inspector of Wycombe Police Station. He started off as a cadet at Gerrards Cross and has worked his way up through the ranks, having won a Bramshill scholarship and obtained a first class honours degree in sociology at Reading University.

Brady, P.A. (1979-81) won the Bellot Prize (a Trinity College, Oxford prize) awarded for the best performance in International Law in the Final Honour School.

Branch, A.E. (1919-23) is still going strong and looking forward to achieving his 80th birthday in mid July 1987.

Bisset, A.D. (1959-66) is now completing the third year of a four year residency in psychiatry at the Medical Centre, University of Georgia, at Augusta, and expects to be in this part of the USA for some time yet, as he is applying for a fellowship.

Cox, G.W. (1936-41) was ordained Deacon by Simon, Bishop of Buckingham in Beaconsfield Parish Church on Sunday 28th September 1986. He is serving as non-stipendiary minister in the parish of Abingdon. He works in the radiological protection field at Aere Harwell.

Davies, D.R. (1975-81) has recently been awarded the Whitbread Travelling Scholarship (£1500) for travel in a Commonwealth country after Finals, by his college Trinity, Oxford.

Everard, J.O. (1979-85) won the épée event at the British Universities Fencing Championship. He also won a Full Blue in the Varsity Fencing match which Cambridge won.

Finlan, S.M.F. (1975-81) is the manager of Marks and Spencer in Rugby.

Fletcher, C.T. (1939-46) is now retired and living in a small farmhouse surrounded by about 14 acres of grazing land lying under the western slopes of the Long Mynd and with panoramic views eastwards across the Shropshire Plain and a backdrop of the Wrekin. He has had correspondence with **Littlewood, B.N.** (1941-47) a successful solicitor in private practice in New Zealand.

Fontana, P.P.K. (1977-83) will be joining the 1st Battalion the Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment at the end of April 1987. The Regiment is serving in Northern Ireland and in February 1988 is moving to Hong Kong.

Godfrey, R.W. (1972-79) qualified as a Management Accountant (ACMA) whilst working for C.E.G.B. in Bristol. He left there in 1986 to work for Hydraulics Research Ltd. in Wallingford as their Financial Accountant. His brother **Godfrey, S.J** (1966-71) is now living in Brisbane with his wife and baby daughter.

Griffin, A.D. (1979-85) won the foil event at The British Universities Fencing Championship.

Haddon, J.S. (1943-47) moved west from Sydney to Broken Hill in 1977 on gaining a position as Technical

Officer with the University of New South Wales. In 1982 he was moved back to Sydney to work in mining engineering and now looks after the Geomechanics Laboratory. He has devised an easier and quicker method of rubber mounting strain gauges for lateral strain control. He is a trustee of Science of Mind (Church) Society of Australia, a life member of the Sydney Morrismen dance side, and a member of Hawthorn Australian Rules Football Club.

Hands, S.E. (1915-20) is now 84 and still "alive and kicking" although having to walk on a frame with an artificial knee, a result, he says, of having played and refereed rugby since 1919, when the game was first introduced at the school. Sidney is very proud of his association with High Wycombe R.U.F.C., having played in the original Old Wycombiensian team which laid the foundation for the club. He has helped to raise a great deal of money for the club and in October 1986 a new pavilion extension was celebrated at a dinner attended by three of the four international players produced by the club. He became a member of The Old Boys' club committee in 1922 and in 1985 was made a Honorary Life Member of the Royal Philatelic Society in recognition of his services, there being only two other such honoured men in the world.

Hickman, H.C. (1939-46) has found the past year most absorbing being involved with the Docklands Development in East London and seeing the new Daily Telegraph printing facility come to life. He had hoped to meet **Surridge, K.O.** (1938-1943) who last year visited the U.K. from New Zealand where he has settled with his family (including **Surridge, D.G.** (1940-1945)) but was unable to make contact.

Hills, J.C. (1960-65) was awarded a Commendation for his work in the construction of the Information Centre at Black Park, near Slough owned by Buckinghamshire County Council, in the Civic Trust Awards for 1986.

Hodge, W. F. (1952-56) is a veteran television camera man, who as an article in The Bucks Free Press stated — "has seen things most people can only dream of. The horror of the Vietnam war, fighting in Beirut, travel in some of the most beautiful countries on earth and regular contact with stars of stage and screen." During his time with the BBC he worked on The Maigret series, Z cars and Panorama. Since 1969 he has worked as a freelance on contract to Thames Television, covering the whole gambit of news and light entertainment. He lives in a beautiful rambling cottage in Ibstone.

Hyams, S.H. (1971-79) is still with the Royal Hong Kong Police, but now he is a senior detective inspector in the serious and organised crime bureau.

Keen, P.J. (1977-81) since leaving the school in 1981 he has spent the last 5 years in the Royal Air Force as a radio operator telegraphist. He is at present a Junior Technician, and has just returned from a 3 year tour in Berlin West Germany, which he found fascinating. In the near future he is due to be posted to Cyprus.

Knowles, K.M. (1966-72) is now a Royal Society 1983 University Research Fellow in the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy at the University of Cambridge. He has also recently been made a Fellow of Churchill College, Cambridge, the college he was at as an undergraduate. His brother **Knowles, M.G.** (1972-79) has recently married and is now working in Sheffield as an anaesthetist.

Laidler, J.W. (1972-79). During three years at Cambridge, rowed and played football for Sidney Sussex College first teams, continued an interest in stage lighting developed at school as Technical Director

of various shows, organised engineering society, found a lot of new friends and still managed to scrape through a degree in Engineering.

Joined Cementation Civil and Specialist Holdings (part of the Trafalgar House Group) for an excellent three year training in Civil Engineering contracting. This geotechnical engineering training scheme included work in mining (helping to construct the new Selby Coal Mine), Piling and Foundations and Site Investigations throughout the U.K.

Now taking up a post as Contracts Engineer with Cementation Piling and Foundations Ltd based at Rickmansworth and covering the Midlands area. **Nash, G.D.** (1954-59) officiated as an umpire at the Hockey World Cup event held at Willesden in October 1986.

Newport, P.J. (1975-81) was awarded his County Cap by Worcestershire at the end of the 1986 season.

During the winter he has been coaching in New Zealand and nearby was another old boy **Scriven, T.J.A.** (1978-84) who is on the staff of Northamptonshire County Cricket Club.

Parks, S.G. (1975-80) is working in Edinburgh for Wood Mackenzie, Stockbrokers, as a banking research analyst. He is engaged to Sarah Maitland and is getting married in October.

Pattinson, M.R. (1953-60) has been selected to shoot for Great Britain in Australia in the spring of 1988 as part of the Bicentennial celebrations of Australia. The principal matches will take place on the East Coast and outside Sydney.

Peett, E.J. (1947-51) after 19 years with a company now called G.E.C. — Avionics Ltd., John Peett joined Racal Electronics Plc in 1976. He is now a Director of the Racal Telecommunications Group and Managing Director of three of its subsidiaries. He is married with three grown-up children, lives in the Thameside village of Pangbourne and would like to hear from anyone who remembers him.

Philbrick, G.J. (1972-75) is now Assistant Curate in the Parish of St. Peter's, Maybush and All Saints', Redbridge, Southampton.

Poole, C.W. (1976-80). Chris Poole is now Sales Technology Manager with The Richardson Vicks division of Procter and Gamble. He is also married with a 20 month old daughter called Natasha.

Quiney, I.D. (1969-76) is living in Petworth and looking for a full time general practice in a rural location.

Quiney, N.F. (1975-79) is Medical senior house officer in obstetrics and gynaecology at Reading from February to August 1987. He then goes back to the windsurfing and skiing in earnest.

Quiney, R.E. (1967-74) is now Senior Registrar ENT Surgeon in London at Royal National Throat Nose and Ear Hospital. He is off to Houston, Texas on an exchange fellowship June to September 1987.

Rackham, A.C. (1969-76) has worked with the C.E.G.B. since leaving Cambridge and is now the Turbine Engineer for West Thurrock Power Station. Last year he gained full membership of the I.Mech.E and is now a Chartered Engineer.

He has tasted oil, coal, and nuclear generation including the famous Dungeness 'B' AGR's, and now he is back with conventional coal fired generation.

He was married in 1983, and has recently moved with his wife Elizabeth to a small Essex village blessed with two pubs.

Richmond, K.D. (1969-76) writes to say he is now married, to former Lady Verney girl Susan March, and

living in Islington, which is conveniently close to Fleet Street where he works as a journalist on the Sunday Mirror. He sends news of several Old Boys he still sees.

Carpenter, C.R. (1970-77) is running his own design company, called Stills, in Newport, South Wales.

Dodd, P.W. (1968-75) is a publisher with Longmans where he is in charge of their adult trade list.

Jenkins, A.A. (1974-76) is a partner in a firm of solicitors in Oxford and lives in a delightful cottage at Middle Barton. **Lindsay, D.G.** (1968-76) is media manager at the advertising agency McCormick Publicis. Derek is married to Anne, lives in Twickenham, and old R.G.S. hockey players will not be surprised to learn that he keeps goal, for Walton these days, as aggressively as ever. **Lowe, P.S.** (1973-77) runs a successful language school in Windsor. **Mason, I.S.** (1969-76) is married to Karen and has become a consultant. Ian is now Leverhulme Resident in Veterinary Dermatology at the Queen Mother Hospital for Small Animals, Potters Bar, which is part of the Royal Vet College.

Mould, C.P. (1969-76) is an assistant unit general manager with Southend Health Authority, which means he is responsible, with the senior nursing officer, for the running of Southend General Hospital. Chris is married to former Wycombe High School girl Angela Druce and they have two children — Hannah, born Boxing Day 1984, and Verity, born June 20 1986.

Parker, S.J. (1969-76) works for the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank in the Far East. Steven is married to Deborah and they have a daughter, Aidan, born in May 1985. **Preston, J.D.W.** (1970-76) is now a senior planning officer with Stratford-on-Avon district council.

Roith, O. (1942-44) was awarded the CB in the new year Honours List. He is chief engineer and scientist of The Department of Trade and Industry.

Saddler, A.J. (1947-54) has been the Headmaster of Read School, Drax, North Yorkshire since April 1985.

Samways, M.J. (1964-68) is the youngest Professor at Natal University. He is an entomologist and has just been on a mission to the far east, bringing back ladybirds to save South African citrus. The ladybirds are natural predators of red scale, the main citrus pest. **Searle, R.A.** (1969-76) is now senior curate in a large working-class parish in South Shields, Tyne & Wear. Life is hard but fun this side of "the great divide"; O.K. for a pint of Brakspear's, though!

Shackell, W.E. (1952-60) is now serving at Sandhurst. He recently came across **Ian Tomes** (1951-59) who is at present working in the MoD but is due to join the British Advisory Team in Ghana.

Smith, C.J.R. (1977-83) was named outstanding student in Eastern Kentucky University's College of Business. He graduated with a major in finance and showed outstanding achievements in academics, community service and leadership.

Stephenson, P.J. (1978-84) won the BBC Mick Burke Award for a film shot in Madagascar in 1985. The fourteen minute film was shown on BBC2 on Sunday 20th July 1986. He returned to Madagascar on another expedition last summer and David Bellamy rang him and offered to be patron. He helped with the funding of the trip and used the expedition to launch the "Young Scientists for Tropical Rainforests Trust".

Swinhoe-Standen, R.A.P. (1975-81) armed with a degree from Oxford Polytechnic, is now in his second year serving with a heavy artillery Regiment in West Germany. He has completed two short tours to Canada, and recently bumped into **Welch, N.** (1975-81) who, is stationed in Berlin.

Tite, C.C. (1972-78) married Lucinda Slade at Lincoln's Inn Chapel when he was pleased to see Head of the Junior School **Dennis Smith and Swinhoe-Standen, C.D.S.** and **Green, P.J.** (both 1971-78). He is still a solicitor with a city firm, doing corporate and ship finance work.

Tolkein, T.J.J. (1975-81) held an exhibition of his sculptures at The Nicholas Treadwell Gallery in Womenswold, Kent. His sculptures were made from such objets trouvés as central heating cylinders, radio innards and car bulbs. Tim, a nephew of the author of *The Lord of the Rings* was at the gallery on an allowance from the Government's Enterprise Scheme.

Topping, N.P. (1978-84) gained the school's first blue for rugby when he played for Cambridge in the 15-10 defeat by Oxford at Twickenham on December 9th 1986. He has since been elected Secretary of Cambridge University R.U.F.C. He is going to be a member of a four man team organising an expedition to East Greenland for two months during this summer.

Walter, J.F. (1923-1927). Like T.C.T. Knowles in the last issue, he too is 76. They were at school together, and it was good to know that he is well. He is pleased to say that apart from having lost his Prostate Gland, and acquiring a new hip (not at the same time!), he keeps well and active. Although no longer on the Local Council (from choice), he is on the General Council of

our Community Centre, and supports the local branch of the R.N.L.I., R.A.F.A., and R.B.L. His wife (née Mollie King) keeps well too. Last year they spent four months in New Zealand visiting their daughter, son-in-law and four grand-children, the eldest of whom is now 18. They send greetings and best wishes to all old friends.

Wilkinson, P.J. (1967-74) since December 1986 has been navigating officer of HMS Churchill, a nuclear powered Hunter Killer submarine.

Winter, P.E. (1960-1967) Philip Winter, after four years managing his own company, is becoming Sales Manager (E. Africa) for B.P. Solar International. He will continue to live in his solar powered house outside Nairobi and to travel in the more remote regions of E. Africa where the need for solar electric systems is greatest. His classical education continues to stand him in good stead for learning African languages, but photovoltaics would have been easier to learn had he paid more attention to physics at school.

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Worshipful Master Sydney Goulbourn (1928-36)

Senior Warden Peter Ray (1926-33)

Junior Warden Neil Harris (1941-47)