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FIRST ELEVEN CRICKET 1969

*Back Row (left to right):* M. Cavey, K. Pickering, A. Turner, P. Beasley, L. Thorne, G. Jarman.

*Front Row:* C. Johnson, G. Hutcheon, S. B. Gamester, P. R. Brown, D. Ikin.

# THE WYCOMBIENSIAN

(THE MAGAZINE OF THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, HIGH WYCOMBE)

This edition was edited by Ian Orme, ably assisted by Dave Peterson, Tim Hunt and Chris Barnard. Constructive criticism, as always, flowed forth from Pete Clarke. Tony Blundell and Cliff Saunders generally decorated.

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Once more the *Wycombiensian* is here. Descending from the heights of the Biology Lab., the dark barbaric hordes of the Biologists have now added the school magazine to their specimen jars. The classification of this curious specimen into Plant or Animal is, however, apt to be difficult.

The standard of articles this time has been reasonably good, and for once there was plenty of material to choose from. Maybe the school is waking up to the existence of the magazine at last!

My thanks especially to the above named marauding hordes, who, when they found time to drag themselves away from their dissections and their thumbscrews, proved most helpful.

IAN ORME.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Christmas Term ends on the 19th of December. Easter Term begins on the 5th of January.

We bade farewell in July to four masters. From the Science Staff we lose Mr. J. Phillippo, who has left to take up the post of Head of Physics at Forest Grammar School, Winnersh, Berks., and Mr. M. W. G. Coldham.

Mr. R. W. Humphris leaves us, after only a year, for the fjords of Norway, where he is researching into Icelandic literature. Mr. A. Bell, a temporary master, leaves for Australia.

We welcome to the School this term Mr. S. R. Goldthorpe to teach English, Mr. E. L. Westrup to teach Physical Education and Geography, Mr. D. R. Chamberlain to teach Physics, and Mr. J. S. Nockels to teach French.

Sports Day this year was held on the 16th of May. The Mayoress of High Wycombe presented the prizes.

The Summer Concert was held on the 11th of July.

The Wycombe Action Group held their concert on the 17th of July.

We congratulate S. W. David on his Open Scholarship at Imperial College, London.

We should also like to add to the list of University places published in the last issue:

A. M. Ames, Imperial College, London: Electrical Engineering and R. W. Huggins (for 1969), Loughborough University: Social Sciences.

The total for the Benevolent Fund was £192.

## SPEECH DAY, 1969

The Annual Speech Day and Commemoration was held on Wednesday, July 16th, when the Guest Speaker was Mr. A. Chenevix-Trench, the Headmaster of Eton.

In his Report the Headmaster referred to the honour bestowed on the Vice-Chairman of the Governors, Mr. G. H. Baker, in being made an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of High Wycombe; and to the great loss sustained by the death of Mr Charles Lance. An Old Boy of the School, Mr. P. J. Cutler, had endowed most generously an annual prize for a project on 'What could be done to improve the lives of those around us'. Seven boys had obtained Open Awards, and seven others places, at Oxford and Cambridge, and about 70 had been successful in securing

places at other universities. Much attention was being given to the revision of the curriculum, with the extension of science teaching in the middle school. In sport the year had been most successful, and the cultural activities had been on an ever-increasing scale, including the six highly successful 'Century' productions. An additional temporary classroom would be available in September, but there was still a need for accommodation for practical work in wood and metal.

Mr. Chenevix-Trench, who presented the prizes, said that to be fully a man it was necessary to be free; and to be truly free it was necessary to be disciplined. He saw education as the process of putting a sharpened edge on a cutting tool. There was a need to maintain the liberal content of education: in these days when man was about to land on the moon it was important to see that this side was not pushed out by the pressure of technology. The problems of humanity and compassion were harder to solve than those of landing on the moon. They presented a challenge to the courage and insight of the younger generation.

The Commemoration Service was held in the Queen's Hall at 6 p.m., when the preacher was the Rev. R. L. J. Kaye, Superintendent Minister of the Methodist Church, High Wycombe Circuit, who spoke on Prayer.

## SPECIAL PRIZES

- HEADMASTER'S PRIZE: I. R. H. Pattinson.
- GOVERNORS' READING PRIZE (Presented by Ald. R. P. Clarke):  
R. O. Davies.
- GOVERNORS' CLASSICS PRIZE (Presented by Mrs. R. P. Clarke):  
P. J. Bedwell.
- GRAEFE CUP FOR BEST C.C.F. CADET (Presented by the late Ald.  
W. Graefe): C. R. Brocklehurst.
- HARTE CUP FOR BEST R.A.F./C.C.F. CADET (Presented by Wing  
Commander C. S. W. Harte): R. M. Eley.
- GILES KEEN MEMORIAL CUP FOR BEST NAVAL CADET (Presented by  
Mr. & Mrs. Keen): G. R. Martin.
- FULL-BORE SHOOTING TROPHY: C. J. Betteley.
- P. J. CUTLER SOCIAL PROJECT PRIZE: Shared by J. D. Tomlinson &  
C. Smith and A. Whitaker & G. I. Rooke.
- SOCIAL SERVICE PRIZE: R. P. Gamble.
- ART SHIELD (Presented by A. Hastings Esq.): C. Saunders.
- HOPE CUP (Presented by Mr. & Mrs. Hope): N. C. Keen.
- THORNE PRIZE FOR ENGLISH (Presented by Mrs. A. M. Bayley):  
P. A. Muckley.

WESTNEY PRIZE FOR MUSIC (Presented by The Rev. Michael Westney): P. Marcan.

FLETCHER PRIZE FOR GREEK PROSE COMPOSITION (Presented by C. T. Fletcher Esq.): S. M. R. Hill.

S. A. MALE PRIZE FOR LATIN: R. Barrett, C. R. Rollason.

PHILATELY CUP (Presented by Lt. Col. S. E. Hands): D. J. Sheridan.

J. C. R. DAVIES PRIZE FOR HISTORY: K. L. Williams.

LANCE MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR PERSISTENT PROGRESS (Presented by Ald. C. W. Lance, J.P.): 1st year, C. D. Wilde; 2nd year, D. R. V. Thomas.

RAFFETY HOUSE CUP FOR SCHOOL WORK: Arnison.

### FORM PRIZES

#### FORM 1A:

- 1st P. C. M. Thornycroft
- 2nd M. Whitcombe

#### FORM 1B:

- 1st G. Tinn
- 2nd S. Hopkins

#### FORM 1C:

- 1st S. N. Cousens
- 2nd D. F. Keen

#### FORM 1D:

- 1st C. G. Paull
- 2nd J. W. Wigram

#### FORM 1E:

- 1st { P. W. Dodd  
D. G. Walbridge

#### FORM 2X:

- 1st K. Tanner
- 2nd S. A. Edwards
- 3rd D. J. Dunster

#### FORM 2Y:

- 1st S. Amin
- 2nd J. P. Newell
- 3rd P. I. Poskett

#### FORM 2A:

- 1st C. Wylot
- 2nd J. Brooks

#### FORM 2S:

- 1st S. P. Andrews
- 2nd R. A. Butler

#### FORM 2T:

- 1st G. C. Prior
- 2nd D. C. Simpson

#### FORM 3X:

- 1st K. M. Knowles
- 2nd M. A. Pope
- 3rd R. M. Harrison

#### FORM 3Y:

- 1st J. E. Underwood
- 2nd S. Plumridge
- 3rd R. E. Nicol

#### FORM 3A:

- 1st P. R. Barrett
- 2nd M. F. Bedingham

#### FORM 3S:

- 1st P. G. Brown
- 2nd S. A. REISS

#### FORM 3T:

- 1st M. J. P. Williams
- 2nd D. Mackenzie

#### FORM 4Y:

- 1st E. T. H. Evans
- 2nd H. G. L. Russell

#### FORM 4A:

- 1st E. H. L. Chapman
- 2nd P. A. Logan

#### FORM 4S:

- 1st C. L. FOUDE
- 2nd J. E. Benyon

#### FORM 4T:

- 1st G. Lacey
- 2nd A. P. Paine

#### FORM 4X:

- R. C. S. Newton

**FORM 4X/Y (O Level):**

1st C. R. Rollason  
 2nd P. D. Evans  
 3rd C. Langridge

**FORM 5Y:**

1st R. Barrett  
 2nd P. B. Jay  
 3rd P. W. Kern

**FORM 5A:**

1st T. Amin  
 2nd D. R. Gillespie  
 3rd G. F. D. Basterfield

**FORM 5S:**

1st S. Cooke  
 2nd S. J. Godfrey  
 3rd T. A. V. Rees

**FORM 5T:**

1st P. M. Fogg  
 2nd I. M. Grice  
 3rd R. J. Martin

**SPEECH PRIZES:**

6th form A. D. Gray  
 5th form C. A. Hardy  
 4th form W. H. Barksfield  
 3rd form A. R. Becket  
 2nd form { S. M. Gay  
           M. K. Parker  
 1st form P. Darrington

**NEATNESS PRIZES:**

5th form S. Wright  
 4th form S. R. Woolley  
 3rd form T. Hardy  
 2nd form C. C. Burnham  
 1st form { D. F. Keen  
           P. Darrington

**FORM 6—1ST YEAR:**

Classics S. E. Jones  
           I. Johnson  
 Modern Languages  
           D. J. Brown  
 French P. M. J. Costello  
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 English L. D. D. Tracey  
           J. Woodhouse  
 History C. D. Hardy  
 History, Geography &  
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           A. P. Gee

Economics D. R. Lishman

Zoology P. L. Clarke

Biology R. Leegood

Botany P. Robinson

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2nd year P. R. Somers

French

2nd year P. F. Rundell

English

2nd year C. M. Rose

History M. J. Cavey

2nd year B. L. Scott

3rd year P. M. Richards

Economics

2nd year C. D. J. Edwards

Geography

2nd year N. Smith

Science & Mathematics

2nd year R. Davison

T. W. Smith

D. Crowther

J. P. Shaw

3rd year A. Boreham

(Science)

J. T. Hughes

(Mathematics)

Botany I. T. Hickman

Zoology D. J. Caffall

Biology N. Trimmings

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A. Arbaney

I. S. Elliott

P. H. Fraser

G. F. Johnson

A. P. Le Messurier

D. E. McColl

J. N. Woolley

S. W. David

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**ADVANCED LEVEL RESULTS 1969**

(Italics denote grade A; \* denotes distinction on the 'S' level paper).

P. J. Bedwell—*Greek*, Latin; N. P. G. Hunt—Greek; S. M. R. Hill—*Greek*, Latin\*, Ancient History; J. C. Saunders—Greek, Latin, Ancient History; P. Marcan—Music; I. R. H. Pattinson—English Literature, German; P. A. Wagner—German, British Constitution, Economics; J. E. Bailey—History, Economics; C. R. Brocklehurst—History, *Economics*, *Geography*; P. R. Brown—English Literature, French, Economics; P. M. Buckle—Economics, Geography; P. A. Burgoyne—English Literature, History, Economics; D. M. Child—French, Economics, Geography; K. C. Clarke—*English Literature*, History; Art; C. M. Dainty—English Literature, History; F. C. L. Ellul—English Literature, History; J. Evans—English Literature, History; R. E. J. Faulkner—Economics, Geography; S. B. Gamester—Economics, Geography; T. R. Gilson—Economics, Geography; P. Lees—English Literature, French, Geography; S. A. B. Mitchell—English Literature; T. R. Monk—History, Economics, Geography; J. J. Morgan—English Literature, History; P. R. B. Ping—History, Economics; G. I. Rooke—History, *Economics*; P. N. Ross—History, Economics, Geography; B. L. Scott—History, Economics, Geography\*; P. J. R. Sealey—*English Literature*, French, History\*; N. Smith—History, Economics, *Geography*\*; R. C. Thornberry—Economics, Geography; A. M. Turner—English Literature; C. A. Vecchi—*History*\*, Economics, Geography; A. Whitaker—English Literature, Geography; R. J. Worley—English Literature, History, Geography; D. A. Beasley—English Literature, French, History; C. H. Bridger—French, German, History; A. P. Broadway—Music; R. P. Brook—English Literature, French, Economics; M. J. Cavey—English Literature, French, *History*\*; M. P. Cops—French, History; C. C. Cutler—German, History\*, Economics; J. R. Davies—English Literature, French, German; C. D. J. Edwards—*French*, Economics; M. J. Elias—English Literature; C. D. Glithero—French, German; R. I. Hamilton—English Literature, French, German; K. P. Jacomb—French, Economics, Mathematics; J. C. Lord—French, German, History; C. E. Lowe—French, German, History; A. Manley—French; C. J. Marsh—History; N. J. Miles—English Literature, French, German; P. A. Muckley—*English Literature*, French, *History*\*; D. C. Prior—English Literature, French\*, German; C. M. Rose—*English Literature*, French, History; P. F. Rundell—French, German, Mathematics; P. R. Somers—French, German, History; J. E. D. Thain—English Literature; F. A. Waters—English Literature, French, History; D. J. Clare—



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### ORDINARY LEVEL 1969

The following boys obtained five or more Passes in the G.C.E. Ordinary Level Examination:—

R. Barnes (9); D. K. Battisby (7); P. J. Coltman (7); S. R. Crisp (6); P. D. Evans (8); M. L. Hamblin (8); C. A. Hardy (7); C. J. Head (7); S. K. Jobs (7); A. I. Kerr (7); A. H. Le Vien (7); S. R. Martin (7); S. A. Morten (6); M. J. Rawlins (7); C. R. Rollason (7); P. M. Simpson (7);

A. W. South (8); I. Cole (8); C. Langridge (8); B. Lowe (7); S. J. Partridge (6); M. C. Perry (6); A. Simmons (7); D. S. O. Tinn (8); G. M. Wilson (8); P. G. D. Wood (7); J. S. Adam (6); M. T. Barlow (8); R. Barrett (8); H. A. Becket (7); B. S. Boulton (6); J. Chalmers (5); I. Elson (6); W. L. Harris (7); J. R. Hill (6); P. Hills (6); P. J. Howland (7); P. B. Jay (7); P. F. Jee (6); P. W. Kern (7); A. P. Lake (5); J. Lowe (6); P. J. McMillan (6); G. A. Maynard (6); C. J. Marrant (6); J. C. Moss (5); C. J. Newby (6); T. V. Puddephatt (5); M. P. Runnacles (5); D. G. Stone (8); D. G. Wadams (5); J. K. Wadams (5); C. R. Walton (5); E. J. Youens (7); T. Amin (9); B. F. Barney (8); G. F. D. Basterfield (9); J. W. Burrows (7); A. N. Carr (9); A. D. Carthy (6); J. P. S. Dennis (6); J. P. Fallon (5); M. E. Fitzgeorge (5); D. R. Gillespie (9); V. R. Gubbins (8); J. Hammond (9); D. G. Lowenhoff (7); N. J. Peach (5); C. D. Schlaefli (7); M. Thomas (7); D. R. Tranter (7); J. L. Vernon (8); S. Woosey (8); M. J. Brown (5); S. Cooke (8); N. J. Culverhouse (6); C. R. Feltham (6); S. J. Godfrey (8); W. F. Harrison (7); L. W. Hobbs (8); G. W. Hudson (5); R. King (5); T. A. V. Rees (7); N. J. Sears (5); T. P. Short (6); P. M. Fogg (7); J. Greenough (5); I. M. Grice (6); R. J. Martin (7); R. A. Moore (5); G. N. Prentice (5); D. J. W. Sandles (8); M. G. Simpson (7); J. A. Smith (7); R. C. Vestentoft (6); A. P. Woolhouse (6); S. J. Wright (5); J. K. Marcinkiewicz (5).

## SUMMER CONCERT

There is no time like the pleasant, and an audience of about 350 (a pleasing number for a Summer Concert, although one wishes more boys could have been present) enjoyed a remarkably wide-ranging selection of musical items in the Queen's Hall, on Friday, 11th July.

The recently formed Choral Society, which rehearses during lunch hours on a voluntary basis, contributed three selections of songs. Sometimes the words could have been more clearly articulated—the opening piece by Finzi was difficult to hear—and I wondered whether Geoffrey Bush would have passed the rendering of the four sections of his *Sweet Season* without adverse comment; but in general the group sang with a good, clean attack and a pleasing blend of voices, the trebles in particular producing a fine, rich tune.

Undoubtedly the performance of the evening, even though it may be rather invidious to single out any one section, was the singing of the Junior Choir—well-rehearsed, attentive, and singing from memory, they sounded fresh and confident. Their rendering of Chappell's 'Daniel Jazz' was superb—admirably clear diction; clean, clear changes of tempo; and overall maintenance of rhythm,

ensured a major success with an audience that had been caught up in the infectious good spirits exuded by the boys.

Between the choral items, the school orchestra, always hinting at considerable potential, and two groups of wind players, performed a varied selection of items. Particularly popular was the group of pieces played by the Wind Band, conducted by Mr. L. J. Teide-man, sounding at times most professional and playing with great verve—the rumbustious Rimmer ‘March’, the ‘Letkis Jenka’ of Lektinen, and the pathos of Catelinet’s ‘Prayer’ were all worthy of note. The orchestra itself, after ploughing rather heavily through Sullivan’s Suite (‘All Hail Great Judge’ from *Trial by Jury* was particularly ponderous) played much more competently in the ‘Sea Songs’ of Vaughan Williams.

The Mastersingers—Messrs. Cooper, Flinders, Heath, Holmes, and Rooke—provided a chirpy snippet of their considerable musical abilities with three near Negro-spiritual songs from the Yale Song Book, and, for a well-deserved encore, sang ‘When Pa was a little boy like me’ in which Mr. Flinders could exercise his fine voice! And so to the Finale—Haydn’s ‘Toy Symphony’—with its mesmeric array of ‘guest soloists’ (perhaps less professional than the rest but none more determined!)—a worthy and, if audience participation be anything to go by, a worthwhile ending to a splendid concert!

It has been said that genius is one per cent inspiration and 99 per cent perspiration, and, although on such a sultry evening there would have been few not covered by the mantle of the latter, the amount of work that must have prefaced this concert has ensured the epithet for Mr. Holmes *et alia*. The fact that around 80 boys were engaged in the choral sections and another 80 or so in the instrumental works is a commendable distinction in itself and augurs well for the future. That well-worn sage Plato may have written wearily that ‘a boy is, of all wild beasts, the most difficult to manage’, but the Music Department did just that! The inevitable movement of Euterpean battalions did not create the usual maelstrom but rather impressed the audience by its smooth efficiency. The audience for its part were appreciative and, thank goodness, kept their usual strumming of catarrhs for other times.

And so, in conclusion, the concert was an excellent ‘first’ for Mr. Holmes and we hope that he will be sufficiently encouraged to attain even greater heights during the next year. K.A.H.

## THE SIXTH FORM—IS IT A SATISFACTORY PRELUDE TO UNIVERSITY LIFE?

(*The following contribution has been received from Roger Martin-Fagg, who is at Leicester University*)

There has been a good deal of talk about ‘revolution’ in the universities during the past two years, and many would like to see the

sixth-former in revolt. This is unfortunate, because much of the published literature especially by the Students' Union is rather hysterical and factually misleading. Too many people are acting on the basis of misleading information, especially in the universities. The opinions expressed here are entirely personal, but have been carefully considered in the light of my own experience.

Firstly the idea of a complete sixth form revolution is a retrograde step: but there is room for improvement in school government and in the attitude of the sixth-former. The situation as I see it is that up till post-'O' level, there is little scope for change as regards responsibility. It is the individual who develops, but within the safety of the school discipline, which helps guide both actions and ideals. The concept that rebellion occurs as a result of discipline is nonsense provided that the discipline has a well-founded basis and those upon whom it is bestowed can be told and realise the reasoning behind the code of behaviour. The sixth form is not a complete change: the first year sixth-former is only two months more mature than the 'O' level red blazer chap; but often he adopts a pseudo anti-attitude and delves into the great philosophers to find 'quotes' rather than reason. In fact the first year sixth-former is not a fit enough person to play much part in school government.

A different position exists in the second year sixth. The boy may be a prefect, a useful position if used sensibly. Every second year sixth-former should feel part of the school and have a sense of responsibility. A weekly meeting between the upper sixth and the Headmaster and senior staff could be very beneficial. This would provide an opportunity to be consulted and to discuss the problems of both school and individuals. I feel that a lot of misunderstanding may arise because of inadequate communication.

The school should not and must not be run on university lines or it will adopt the worst aspect of the university—factory education. The school is a community where passing exams should not be the prime objective, but where the production of socially acceptable citizens should occur. From my experience a university is not concerned with the person but with the product of that person. To say that a university broadens one's education to a wider sphere in my experience is nonsense—everyday problems are not experienced and so major crises are made out of theoretical problems. No—those who are in favour of an autonomous sixth form have obviously not experienced the complete force of autonomy and student power. Nobody can act responsibly except in the light of previous experience.

To recap then, the sixth form in its first year should be guided, in its second year it should be consulted. The sixth form must remain part of the school, to provide the idols in sport and other activities for the younger boys and thus to direct their attitudes

and endeavours. So finally, keep the system as it is, but improve staff/student relationships and make the sixth-former realise his responsibility towards the school, society and himself. When he has achieved this, then university life can be met with a fair degree of sanity—which in my opinion is lacking at present.

R. J. MARTIN-FAGG.

### BATH

Bath was

Thursday July the 17th

400 Happy people

Lights, music, poetry and films

The event of the year

Soldering wires at 7.30 p.m.

People smiling

A broken icegrope lid

Fantastic lights (Andy, Rog and Pete).

Fantastic HUSH!

Grahame's films

300 drinks

And the heat

Thanks to the fantastic audience,

Harry Wilsson

and the Axe

A happy Thyme was had by all.

RICHARD HIPGRAVE.

### WYCOMBE ACTION GROUP

The group has been very active over the last term, and with a large membership and the enthusiasm of the members, the future looks very bright indeed. The most important event for the group was the Walk, which took place on 13th April. The organisation was superb, and despite the weather the walk was a great success with over £500 being raised for the group.

Members of the group took some old people to Waddesdon Manor by coach, and also took some children to Whipsnade Zoo, both trips running without hitch. Also we have been busy attacking various gardens which the owners are unable to manage.

We shall be very busy over the holiday, not only with the annual holiday for 24 under-privileged children from the Wycombe area, but also trips for old people and various other activities.

Next year, if all goes to plan, we have a very interesting project in mind, and new members are encouraged. Our thanks to Messrs. Smith, Jones and Brown.

RICHARD HIPGRAVE.

## GEOGRAPHY FIELD WEEK REPORT, 1969

This year's Geography Field Week was held in the Malham District of Yorkshire's West Riding. Twenty-nine boys, including seven from the second year sixth, and four members of staff, converged on the tiny village of Austwick on the afternoon of April 1st. There we were accommodated in the Traddock, a small but comfortable hostel, for a week.

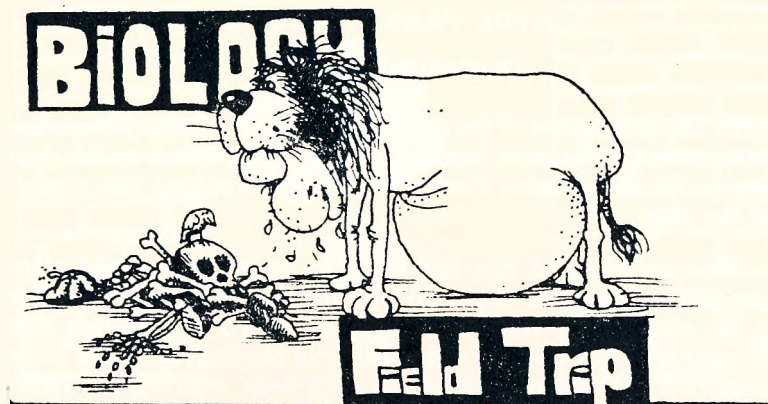
The Malham District is famous for its limestone scenery, set in the heart of the Yorkshire Pennines. Here we spent most of our time studying, on cross-country rambles, the many classic land-forms which are to be found. We climbed a mountain, slid down the other side, went inside an underground cavern, visited Gaping Gill, walked up several river valleys and through some magnificent gorges. We also made some village studies, and went through Wensleydale and Wharfedale to Bolton Abbey.

We let off steam in Morecambe one evening, and after scuffles with tomato ketchup bottles and strength-testing machines, a rejuvenated group of lads returned to the comparative solitude of Austwick!

We were blessed with continuous sunshine throughout our stay and, together with the enthusiastic company of the Staff, we were shown the value of learning the subject through one's boots.

Many thanks are due to all members of the Geography department who enabled us to have an enjoyable and very rewarding field week.

P. WHITEN.



Once upon a time there were 15 happy, gay 1st Year Biologists who went for a week's holiday to Porthallow, Cornwall, a pleasant, un-commercialised, antiquated fishing village.

They settled down in an evacuated school and began to create havoc in that once peaceful village.

Their food was wonderfully cooked (? eh) by themselves and they lived a quiet peaceful life. But then one day one of the boys (A. D. Lee) espied local 'Rare Talent' and the excitement was too much to bear. Local suppers of 'Five Pilchards' were enjoyed on most evenings, except on one when they descended upon Helston and took over the local 'flea-pit' and various other places (more of which later).

True those poor boys had oodles of work to do; they must have had a pleasant time 'cos look at 'em now!

Bedtime was always the best with mountaineering tricks by Dave, egg-laying by John—good bloke—and milk-raiding by Spon and a few other expeditions (Ho-Ho).

A local football match was held on the seafront against the local toughs and the match was clinched with a last gasp goal by Georgie Best Lingard (or something like that!) to give a victory to the gallant Biologists 14—0!!

Thence the Biologists (after midnight explorations, swimming, broken down vans, police chases, mud-wallowing and so on) left a wrecked, peaceful village behind them and came home to terrorise the R.G.S. once again!

Our thanks to Mr. Knight, Mr. Lane and Jez.

DAVE PETERSON aided by 6B1.

## HYDE PARK . . . JULY 5

(a continuing story)

After the shock news of the death of the beloved Brian Jones a few days earlier, it was most heartening to see 75,000 fans make their way to the now famous Cockpit to watch the second free concert of the year.

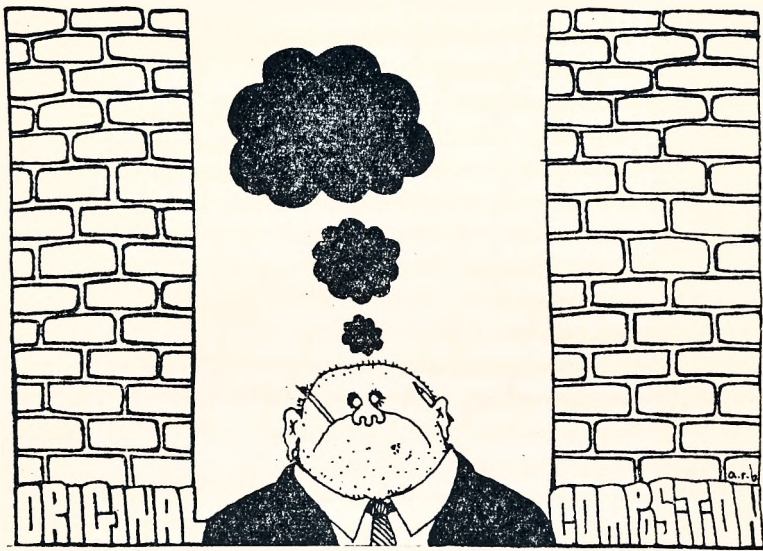
The true blue fan that had come to lie in the sun and enjoy himself, not only had to put up with the odd careless foot landing in his midrib, but also had to contend with 250 skinheads who thought they had come to watch Millwall playing Arsenal at home (somehow). These minority were ably dealt with by the Hell's Angels who for once were on my side.

After some fans had spent the night there and the new arrivals settling down loaded down with their 2/- ices the show began with the Third Ear Band, who I think were too quiet despite the massive amplification that was on hand. Following them came King Crimson, one of the better groups performing. Then came Screw and Alexis Corner who were not very good compared with Family who followed and were as good as ever. Then came Black-hill's own battered Ornaments, a poor group to put on before the 'Stones' themselves.

They appeared on the stage to a wonderful reception and after Mick had read a poem by Shelley in memory of Brian, the Stones then set things swinging with 'Lemon Squeezer', but the climax came when they played 'Satisfaction' as the crowd stood and danced, waved and cheered the magnificent Rolling Stones.

DAVE PETERSON.





### ATLANTIS

Before the count of years began  
Atlantis sank beneath the waves.  
The cascade, roaring, rushed o'er all,  
And swept away, convulsing her.  
The people cursed, lamented, rushed  
In manic terror, or stood still  
Like towers, wond'ring at their fate.  
But, run or stay, behind each one  
Th' encroaching waves slunk up and slew.  
And soon the loftiest mountain-peaks  
Were on a level with the plain  
And that the mobile, changing sea,  
Still, glistening in the evening sun,  
Undaunted, rolled th' eternal waves.

Now Science (how she shatters all  
Art's visions) bids us leave the dream,  
And break the glass; for she insists  
Atlantis was not; never slid  
The ocean o'er those fertile meads.  
Our lay is but the groundless child  
Of Plato and old Cretan tales.

Yet poetry knows wider truths;  
Her senses broader, deeper are,  
And though none lives who proof may show,  
Atlantis was; tales do not lie.  
The days of yore that now are dust  
In time and spirit so removed  
Are from our lives—that memory  
Flies only on the wind of thought,  
To drift into receptive soul—  
The poet, singer, man of dreams.  
Yet nonetheless, in that dead time  
When other peoples walked  
This earth; and when our carnal race  
Was yet unborn, there came that End.  
The salt-breeze did exultant lash  
The yielding crests. Atlantis fell.

But there did knowledge, wisdom, truth  
All walk the streets; the humblest child  
Could better all our sagest sons  
May in a troubled life surmise.  
And, though our legend errs in date,  
Still 'tis the lees of ancient wine.  
And we can taste a little shade  
Within our minds, our poetry,  
Of that Atlantean vintage yet.  
So shall the ghost of truth live on.

ANON.

### HERO

he is dying in the sun  
with a death in either hand  
and the two world wars have really  
burnt him out  
and his body is a shell  
in which he lives his private hell  
but his bloody mind will never  
let him shout  
so he shivers and he trembles  
as the fate which he resembles  
drags him down into the darkness of his all  
and one day life will leave him  
leaving no-one to bewreath him  
except the distant war-guns and the smell.

A. R. BLUNDELL.

... BECAUSE I AM DYING!

The light behind my window  
Whimpers, its rippling fathoms  
Turning bleakly toward a hostile night.  
Seven silver winters cast by a blondin light.  
The bells sound, far-off the fading fields,  
The distant hills sing back the sound of water,  
Where the dark hue of an oncoming storm  
Belies the scarecrow's smile  
There is no laughter  
Yet silence softens our loudest cries.

Fear, only, sheds its mask.  
Darkness, only, makes the dark.  
Kindness, only, kindles the spark.  
Death withal, can end the task.

A sure and gentle hand, stepping where eyes can feel  
And lips can quash the harshest thought,  
While the mouse's fur echoes my touch.  
Again the black outside comes inside and the  
light behind my window  
Casts my image in my grave.

TIM LOWE.

'ONE IMPULSE FROM A VERNAL WOOD'

(Wordsworth)

Enter the wood, Stranger, and it receives you, visitor, from the world of change and instability. See the exuberance of verdure, sultry, near-seductive in feel; verdant brimming green, green everywhere—the spirit of life must be green. The wood soars in a green tracery and haze, more intricate and personal as the massed trunks ascend; jungle-like, it filters the compliant air and pervades it with its own greenness. Each several beech rises stately through the sweep of its leaves, overwhelming you with its living height; surrounded it is by an invisible filigree, an insubstantial spider's web of light. It knows the soil, drinks and cherishes the secrets of earth that nourishes it.

Below, last year's leaves lie still mouldering, slowly returning that which remains of their spirit to gentle earth; time flows, but flows in the same patterns. The dense russet floor rustles underfoot, giving up the sweet odour of bygone autumn's twilight slumber, covered in many places by a living carpet of moss.

Whence come these green colours, these sublime permutations of light, the countless flickering shadows? Man cannot produce the barest shadow of Nature's eternal hues; he must mix, must vainly emulate—Nature's wholesome instinct spontaneously creates. And

he uproots the dumb stones from the groaning earth, and raises colossal piles; yet can they renew themselves from within? Where is their eternal spirit? Freshened with quiet rains that glide intangibly to earth, the merest blade of grass has more soul than man's loftiest cathedral.

O mysterious fecundity, O well of life eternal! Here may life endure unchanged, snake-like renewing itself each spring, as long as time remains. Though the individual limbs of the wood may wither and perish, the inward spark ignites new life; and here time moves rustling slow. Does that path beckon across the centuries to Fangorn dells, to Ithilien groves, to the lost elder years?

A wood is timeless, nature's last primal refuge; and here reposes the germ of creativity. Snap off a leafy twig—it is infused with the idea of MAKING. See the moss, more lush than velvet, and ALIVE; the springy newborn grass, the ubiquitous nettle.

And hence comes the poet, inspired with the voice of Nature; for she is foremost of poets. Here, in the springtime of the new world, walked the first bard, singing, singing to the mood and pulse of the living silvan glades; and no merciless engines mocked the silence then.

For him who has eyes to see and a soul to receive, there reside within the vernal wood Eternity, Poetry and Life itself.

SILVESTRIS.

Eternity  
lies in the  
minds of  
All who  
care . . .

ANON.

### THE DAWN

The sky is a mystical grey, and the only sound  
A gentle hissing, as the sea draws back to her heart  
Wave after ugly wave racing earthward bound.

So slowly that unnoticed it occurs,  
A golden ray of sun pierces  
The grayness of the early morning's youth.

Presently the grayness changes,  
And the edge of the sun fills the sky  
With a silvery lustre, constant within the sun's beaming range.

Now the sun is a large golden ball,  
And the rolling majestic sea in her prime  
Reflects with joy the glory, and welcomes the cormorant's call.

Now the sky is blue, and the waves  
Toss their sparkling heads and dance below  
The many gulls, mewing while gliding their ways.

N. C. YOUNG (2X).

## NETTLE

It grows where prouder plants will not,  
And ousts the daintier herbs.  
With scrawny stock and hairy stem  
Beholders it disturbs.  
Its livid green assails the eye,  
While those serrated leaves  
Frustrate the soft invader hand,  
Which venomed gall receives.  
Unloved, but ever unperturbed,  
They cluster where they may,  
Gaunt lordings of the waste; no blow  
Their stark strength can allay,  
Till summer's ardent heat is stayed.  
They shrivel then, decay and fade.

Yet—from this grim unseemly weed  
There comes that summer sprite,  
Which mocks our earthbound frames, and drifts  
As clouds as free and light.  
It nurtures in its angry leaves  
A grub whose spines appal,  
From which will spring, as day from night,  
The winged Red Admiral.  
So, in the most ill-favoured face,  
There still may bide its time,  
Lying unseen, the germ of love,  
The vaults above to climb,  
Free from decay's abode of night,  
In flight to dazzle and delight.

ANON.

## BLUE VOLE

With yet another fruitful term behind them, the Blue Vole captains are hastily planning their summer camp. This year the Blue Vole evening at the Roundhouse raised a great deal of money, and collected several sacks of Alsatian dogs for a firm which makes aluminium bottle tops. The charity walk led by C. I. Smith to Brighton and back raised more hopes than expected. The limited edition poetry books are now available at many selected suppliers. We won the Bronze Scroll in the A. Rees poetry foundation competition and it is now proudly displayed in our clubroom. The Tortoise has hibernated as expected and the contest to find a name for it aroused great interest. Although the attendances have been mostly by first and second formers, the weekly film shows in the Queen's Hall, sponsored by the British Film Institute, have been a great money raiser. We now hand on our works to our youthful successors (Dave & Timmy stump), and we hope they carry the burden bravely. Good hunting!

P. E. SMITH.



### HISTORY SOCIETY

This term's events have been, predictably, few but I think that we can rightly claim success for our Speech Day exhibition. Its subject was Medieval England—this being admirably enlivened by the marvellous brass-rubbings of the Brothers Hill. In addition we had quite a reasonable display of objects of historical interest ranging from fossilised teeth to Mussolini's lounge door-handles.

Our thanks again to Mr. David Jones without whom, I am sure, this year's achievements would have been considerably less successful.

P. M. RICHARDS.

### JUNIOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The year has been quite a successful one considering this is the first junior group for three or four years.

Films and quizzes are always favourites and have been well attended. Naturally, Bible studies and discussions are a lot less attractive but it is at these meetings that many interesting points have been raised.

The summer term's meetings ended with an afternoon's guided tour of St. Paul's Cathedral (on one of the hottest days of the year)—undoubtedly enjoyed by all.

Finally, I would like to thank the active Junior Committee which has helped me enormously during the year. I hope their enthusiasm will be carried on to an even more successful year next year.

## JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

Since the last report, many Tuesday evening debates have been organised, the highlights of which were the famous hat-debate, in which the members had to speak impromptu on topics pulled out of (oddly enough) a hat. On July 8th there was a joint debate with Wycombe Abbey School ('This House fears the future') after which there was a most substantial and convivial tea in the new canteen.

Unfortunately, all the world's great demagogues have been inspired by mass audiences, and so until our new venue, the Upper Library, begins to resemble Nuremberg or Red Square, one can hardly expect unprecedented eloquence. It is worth bearing in mind that the debate with the largest attendance was, without a doubt, the most entertaining. The topics debated included Ghosts, Arab-Israeli Conflict, War, Enoch Powell.

We cannot urge the reader enough to come along. If he is a little afraid of going home by himself at five o'clock, he can always bring his friends along with him. We feel we must stress, however, that armbands must be left in the box provided by the door.

The Society also wishes to express its thanks for the interest and participation of Mr. Humphris, and wishes him all eloquence and success in the future.

H. G. L. RUSSELL.

## MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

G.C.E. examinations and the financial loss of *Les Snobs* meant that no films were shown before the last fortnight of term when a full-length colour film and a shorter film were provided.

The first year of the Society's life after the break of four years has been for the most part successful. Films were shown about various features of European life. All the films were well attended, but mainly by junior boys. Consequently the films were mostly in English as it is unreasonable to expect younger boys to understand a brisk commentary in French or German. It is perhaps unfortunate that our only activity is that of showing films, but it appears that this is all the members want, as requests by the committee for new ideas produced none whatsoever. As it is, a series of colour slides was discontinued owing to lack of support. However there is the possibility of a substantial increase in the number of films next year, as the German Institute seems about to reduce their hire charge for all films. Next year we can look forward to increased membership with the new influx of junior boys.

In conclusion, the society would like to thank all members of staff and the projectionist, I. Fergusson, without whose help it would not have been possible to restart and run the society.

R. HAMILTON.

## MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

The club has had another good year this year and both the layout and the film sections have expanded. The layout has got progressively larger through the year, even though this section of the club had to be completely rebuilt at the end of last year, and the construction of the scenery has just commenced. Work on this will continue throughout the coming year and further extensions to the track are expected.

This year sees the end of the film section of the club and the emergence of the Public Transport Society in its place. It will still be run by the M.R.C., but with an increased scope so as to provide the bus enthusiasts in the school with a meeting place.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking our master in charge, Mr. Lane, for all the help he has given us over the past year, and also the outgoing members of the committee, who have given a lot of time and money to the club.

M. E. BLAXLAND.

### *Treasurer's Report*

After starting the year with a total of 1½d. in both sections, the funds were reinforced throughout the year with various donations and sales of odd items, like our deer's head which went for 30s. at Christmas. Our attempts to sell coffee to the members ended in dismal failure, after one of the disposable cups containing our coffee disintegrated. The large capital expenditure just before Christmas drained the funds almost completely, but they picked up quickly in January when the much larger layout was opened to members.

M. E. BLAXLAND.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY—A TIME EXPOSURE

When I joined the R.G.S. in 1961 the Camera Club had gone into liquidation, with the departure of Mr. Eames. But under the successive chairmanship of Messrs. Little, Selly and Maynard (I wonder if they too were press-ganged into service by enthusiastic boys) the club resurrected itself. It acquired a tiny darkroom, tanks, dishes, and finally an enlarger with borrowed lenses. The evolution has been slow, but steady. Distinguished photographs have appeared in the *Wycombiensian* from time to time, and exhibitions have been held along with competitions, the last in 1967. A cine section flourished for a while, and died. In general, talent has remained rather hidden under the proverbial bushel.

Our growth is due mainly to the begging, borrowing and earning (through passport photographs) of funds and materials,



and building and decorating of the darkroom. Special mention should be made of Seymour who, with a group of friends, has been responsible for most of the latter stages of the work: also of A. D. Dickson, the club secretary, who has really demonstrated the potentialities of photography in school life. His photomicrographs have been the rounds of school Science Exhibitions in London, Bristol and Oxford. His work for 'Century' was first rate. He has been able to initiate a number of third formers into the art. I hope that there will always be sufficient club members to be called upon for all sorts of projects. Is it too much to hope that someone will always be ready to answer any calls, and that calls will be made?

Why should I now feel that Mr. Eaton is inheriting a society with the potential for what Chairman Mao calls 'a great leap forward'?—Charity, faith, hope, and much hard work have now given the club a spacious darkroom, well equipped. I have been very glad to be able to help the club during this 'chrysalis' stage, and look forward to hearing of the emergence of a glorious flock of butterflies!

M.W.G.C.

### STAGE LIGHTING TEAM

This year has been extremely busy for us, with no fewer than nine major productions, these being the School Dance, the Opera, 'Six Centuries', and last, but by no means least, 'Bath'—all of which have been most successful. As well as these we had the pleasure of providing microphones and speakers for the Bucks Red Cross meeting presided over by H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent.

Thanks to the energy of Mr. D. McKnight we have been able to increase our stocks of equipment; however, we still require a lot of sound equipment (all offers would be gratefully received by any member of the S.L.T.).

I would like to say we have never made a mistake: in fact I will say it, but it is not true. On the whole, though, we have acquitted ourselves quite well—no doubt some ignorant people have not yet realised the true genius which hides behind all the lighting work done.

Lastly (and quite enough too, I think) we would like to express our sincere thanks to Mr. D. McKnight and Mr. D. Smith, as well as to anyone else who has had to suffer our presence for more than 10 minutes consecutively, for all their patience and help.

A. KRAHEK.

R. LONG.

D. MORRIS.

## STAMP SOCIETY

The Society has had an active year. Last September the annual exhibition was held as usual and the Philately Cup was won by P. E. Rundell. We have held a trip to the G.P.O. sorting offices at Mount Pleasant where we saw for ourselves how complicated the sorting of London's mail is. In April we had our yearly trip to 'Stampex'—the National Stamp Exhibition in London. Finally in the Summer term, with Speech Day restored to its original time we had another exhibition and this term the competition was won by D. J. Sheridan, and although there were slightly less entries than usual, Colonel Hands commented on their exceptionally high standard.

Besides these outings and exhibitions the club has had its regular meetings twice a week throughout the year, during which members can exchange their stamps. In addition they make use of the catalogues and magazines provided by the society.

Finally I would like to express my thanks to Mr. Hills for the kind assistance he has provided the society.

S. M. R. HILL.

## HOUSE REPORTS

### ARNISON

Although when I wrote this report the House Championship was still undecided, we were in a strong position to complete our hat-trick of successes in this event.

Having won the Rugby, Basketball and Volleyball, and finished second in the Gymnastics, Athletics, Cross-Country and Badminton, we proved proficient in numerous sports. Unfortunately our success cannot be regarded as an all-round effort on the part of House members. The juniors just held their own, whereas the intermediates (4th and 5th years) were virtually non-existent. It was once again left to the Seniors to consolidate our position.

There are, of course, exceptions to everything, and two intermediates did distinguish themselves. J. Crowley set a new school record in the cross-country, and D. Basterfield shone at swimming. He set school 50 and 100 metres free-style records, and won the 100 metre free-style race in the County Championships.

Another prominent swimmer was T. Bartlett who collected school under-14 butterfly and individual medley records as well as coming second in his County breaststroke event. On Sports

Day R. Davies broke Mr. D. Stubbs' long-standing shot-put record, and Basterfield equalled his group high jump record.

Special thanks must go to Arnison's strong senior contingent from School House. By entering almost everything they could, they collected many vital points for the House. If this spirit was emulated by every other house member, we would walk the Championship.

To conclude I would like to mention that in most Senior events points count double. Therefore our success in this coming year will depend on how last year's intermediate 'dregs' react in their new role as seniors.

Remember that Arnison House is the best House in the school, so we should measure our success not on the same scale as other houses but on a higher one.

K. BARRETT.

## FRASER

Once again Fraser House excelled itself in the House 'Total Apathy' competition which it won without any undue exertion.

However, in the majority of 'Fraserites' eyes, this fantastic run(?) of inactivity was somewhat marred by some of the House who dared to enter other competitions, and some of them even had the gall to win.

The Junior School was the most energetic, winning the first form Rugby, Cricket and Athletics, M. Fraser winning the first form athletic championship.

Progressing(?) through the school, the 'outlook of apathy' increased in direct proportion to the age of the pupil.

The Fourth year broke a long-standing 'tradition' by winning their cricket competition and the colts won their cross-country race.

The senior colts and open competitions were remarkable for their complete lack of Fraser competitors, N. Hunt being the exception to the rule, winning the Mile and '880'.

In retrospect, Fraser's commitment to the competition is summed up by the volley ball team which failed to turn up owing to 'previous engagements'.

Fraser team spirit is not dead, but dying.

Our thanks to the four House Masters for their untiring efforts.

A. G. M. HAYNES.

P.S.—Congratulations to everybody on our victory in the House Championships.

## TUCKER

It would appear that the enthusiasm of those members of the school whose surnames begin with the letters M, N, O, P, Q and R is low and their ability is somewhat limited.

Hockey, one of our best prospects, was not staged this year though shooting form seems to indicate we will finish 1st or 2nd. Some events have benefited from brilliant organisation from the top (as did Athletics last year) and reaped the rewards—Lowe's gymnastics team again proving the prime example. Pickering also did a fine job with the Basketball sides. In some sports the ability was there (collectively as well as individually) but not fully utilised—Badminton, Volleyball and Athletics should certainly have seen us in higher positions, though may I congratulate our two outstanding athletes, Orme and Miles, for their performance on Sports day and also for the latter's fine showing in the All-England under 20 triple-jump.

We look forward to a more successful year in 1969/70 and I inevitably but sceptically venture to hope that the general apathetic trend in the school at present will not be so apparent then. In connection with this I would like to give my personal thanks to those senior members of the house who have always been ready to participate in house activities, no matter in what sport, notably Nublat, Parkins and Newton, and I wish them well in their organisation next year.

Every year house captains give their automatic thanks to house masters for their efforts, but this year I would like to thank Mr. Scott not as a matter of course but because of the vast amount of support and genuine enthusiasm he has shown in connection with the house activities and members.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all four houses, to thank all those members of staff involved in house affairs, particularly Mr. Learmonth, who every year runs the house competitions, which give so many people pleasure, without ever receiving any thanks.

I. R. H. PATTINSON.

## YOUENS

When this report was written, Youens were lying first in the house competition and barring uncharacteristic results in a few minor events still remaining, seemed almost certain to capture the premier position. The house's success this year was due mainly to a greater

turnout for events than normal, rather than the performances of one or two brilliant individuals. The house worked together in a combined attempt to saturate all events with Youens competitors and thus earn a few vital, if unexpected, extra points. The greatest contribution to the house came from the juniors who excelled in almost everything, and were always willing to do their best. Their efforts more than compensated for the poor turnout in the seniors who, but for a few old dependables, seemed to prefer to sit back and watch. The sporting nucleus of the seniors did, however, manage to come second in each of cricket, volleyball and basketball and first in badminton. The intermediate group also contributed greatly to the success of the house, winning rugby, swimming and badminton, although several unwilling sportsmen had to be politely persuaded by J. Thain and myself to compete.

To finish this report without mentioning a few outstanding Youens individuals, would be extremely unfair, and great thanks must go to juniors T. Woosey and R. Thorne for competing and organising brilliantly, to intermediates D. Tinn for swimming, and M. Saunders for athletics, and to senior T. Toms for bravery above and beyond the call of duty in the barren tracts of the open mile.

CLIFFORD SAUNDERS.

## SCHOOL HOUSE

During the past school year there has been a vast improvement in the boarding-house facilities. For the conscientious clean-living boarder (whoever he is) two new super-de-luxe baths have been installed to replace their decrepit predecessors. All the dormitories are now covered with linoleum. The senior dorm. at first resembled an undulating plain, which brought unknown terror to the night-walker. The air has now been 'ironed' out and the dorm. is flat again.

As usual a large number of boys have represented the school in the senior and junior teams. On occasions we provided the whole of the basketball team which had so successful a season.

We all wish those who have taken exams—especially the prefects (they need it!)—the best of luck. Also our thanks go to Mr. Skipp and Mr. Stubbs who have survived yet another year of late nights and trying inmates with commendable patience.

D. A. BEASLEY.

## TYLERS WOOD

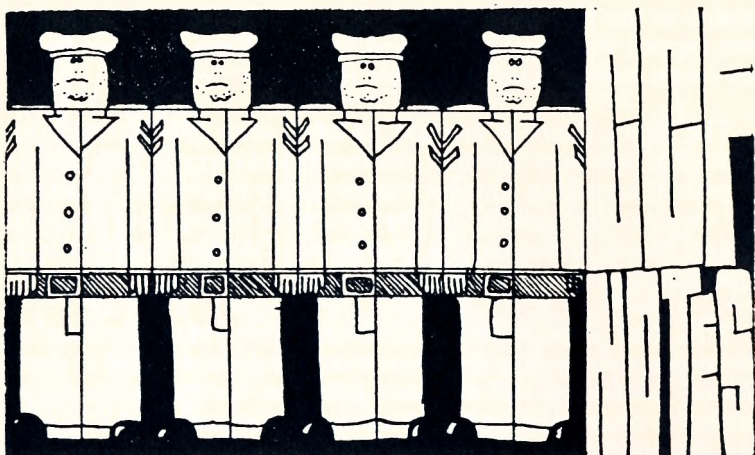
To the north of Terriers, on Amersham Road,  
Lies Tylers Wood, our friendly abode,  
And now once again, it is time to relate,  
The past year's happenings on our estate.  
In September our new house-tutor appeared,  
Mr. I. R. Hancock, west-country reared.  
He soon made his mark and, to our delight,  
Straightway got the billiard-table put right.  
At Tylers it's been a matronless year,  
But on this score we had nothing to fear,  
Mrs. Pattinson ably filled the gap  
And was always there, whatever the flap.  
Other members of Staff have all done their best,  
Mrs. Duck and Walter have worked with zest.  
We have now started work on a tennis court  
Which, in effect, will be for all manner of sport.  
As the end of the year approaches fast,  
It is time for many to leave at last.  
Amongst them we find, to our dismay,  
P. J. Bedwell is going away.  
All credit is due for a successful year,  
To golfer superb, and housemaster dear.

## UPLYME

After the prophecy of the Uplyme Mural was fulfilled at the end of last term, the gutted common room has been rebuilt more luxurious than ever. We must convey our gratitude to the builders who did an excellent and very quick job.

The activities of the house have been very lively: even the inevitable summer exams have not deadened us. An extensive model racing track has been completed and there has been much use of the newly converted darkroom. The rowers of Uplyme have again blossomed forth this summer after constant training throughout the winter. This year their efforts have been very fruitful and anyone entering the sixth form dormitory is accosted by huge cups and numerous tankards, for use with their daily orange juice? These decorations contrast with the new curtains that keep springing up throughout the house. Our thanks for these must be directed towards the industrious Mrs. Connelly with the assistance of Mrs. Cooper. It has been brought to my notice that the house has for once provided some cricketers for the school, especially the Colts team.

By the time this magazine is published, half of the present population of this small boarding house will have left. Therefore I am taking this opportunity to hope the Uplymes of the future will continue to play an important part in the school and its activities.



### C.C.F. NOTES

The experiment of holding the Annual Inspection in the Easter Term instead of in the traditional time of the Summer Term was a success from the point of view of training. The pre-examination period instead of being spent on ceremonial and the more formal training, normally demanded by the Inspection programme, was devoted to a variety of outdoor activities, more appropriate to the exceptional summer weather we enjoyed this year.

The Naval Section lost no time in getting down to the river for practical boatwork, and many members of the R.A.F. Section took to the air and glided safely down again, whilst the Army Section had a varied and interesting programme consisting of canoeing, raft building, infantry exercises, outdoor map-reading, radio operating, rifle shooting etc. The Mechanical Transport Section has made some progress and is gradually gathering together engines of all sorts of shapes and sizes to dismantle and reassemble.

### Army Section Camp

This year, the first time for many years, the section attended a Central Camp instead of a Self Help or Greenfield Camp. The party consisted of six officers and 42 cadets, Bill and Walter. A quick change was necessary after the ceremonial part of Speech Day to catch an evening train for Folkestone and thence by coach to St. Martin's Plain to join eight or more other schools from various parts of the country.

The Camp got off to a good start with a 36-hour infantry exercise which began with reconnaissance for night 'Commando raids' on each other's position. A mutual truce was agreed to

return to the bivouac area for each to cook his own meal which was capped with freshly gathered luscious Kent strawberries and ice cream before 'hostilities' were resumed.

The Night Exercise brought its usual crop of excitement and incidents, prisoners captured, confusion and surprise with clashing of patrols, satisfying all those trigger-happy individuals who count the success of an exercise by the number of rounds they fire. After a night under bivouac in the woodlands of Acrise House two daylight attacks concluded the day without incident.

The next days were spent on a variety of interesting and exciting activities. The demonstration of explosives used in demolitions, one hopes, will not have fallen on the ears of those who might be contemplating 'safe blowing' but it fascinated all including the visiting General who arrived by helicopter during the demonstration arranged for R.G.S.

There followed interest for all in the firing of the new rifle and G.P.M.G., the building of a rope bridge across the canal and the Trainasium Circuit which made child's play of Tarzan's jungle agility. The assault boat race and electrically operated rifle range brought the camp to a very satisfying conclusion.

Although popular opinion was adamant that the professionally trained cooks were not up to Bill's standard, all were in no doubt that it had been a camp not to be missed.

R.P.





## ATHLETICS

Athletics this season has enjoyed a reasonable amount of success with more interest coming from the lower part of the school. Prospects for the future include Carroll, Woosey, Hyland and Lewis, the latter doing very well to take 15th place at this year's All England in the triple jump.

Good sprinting form has been shown by Ian Orme amongst the senior boys and he should be yet another on the school's slowly growing list of All England finalists next year.

R. O. Davies has kept up his high shot-putting standard, though even he himself will admit that he could do so much better. He snatched 8th position in this year's National Schools' Championships.

After a slow start to the season N. J. Miles made a sudden improvement in his triple jumping to do a personal best and take 8th place at the All England as well.

All thanks must of course be extended to the Games Department, especially Mr. Stubbs, who has fought hard to further the cause for athletics in a school which is mainly cricket minded.

Let's hope for even better things next year (for cricket?).

N. J. MILES.

### Outstanding results:

Lewis: triple jump—38 ft. 7½ in.

Carroll: discus—117 ft.

Orme: 100 metres—11.3; 200 metres—23.3 sec.

Davies: shot—44 ft. 7 in. (51 ft. 7 in. in training!).

Miles: triple jump—44 ft. 4½ in.

### CRICKET 1969

In spite of the now predictable damp start to the season only one whole game was cancelled and the overall record for the 1st XI this year was:—

Played 12, Won 6, Drawn 4, Lost 2.

Perhaps the most notable performances of the season were the wins over Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet and Emanuel, and a very favourable draw with Tiffins.

Steve Gamester led the side admirably with increasing imagination as the season progressed and it was fitting that the very close win against Queen Elizabeth's owed much to his bowling changes.

Four batsmen, namely Gamester, Thorne, Ikin and Turner, all scored at least one half-century and indeed there was a great depth of batting in the side. Unfortunately only Steve Gamester and Les Thorne seemed capable of offering a consistent threat to the opposing attack—indeed Thorne, with more steadiness, could, and should, have scored more runs. All too often, bad running between the wickets brought a premature end to an innings.

The bowling benefited from its unorthodox nature. Pete Beasley, left-arm opening bowler, maintained an exceptionally good line throughout, while Chris Johnson, a leg-break bowler in his first season in the 1st XI, is clearly a splendid prospect. Gamester and Thorne both provided most useful support.

Pete Brown, the vice-captain, had a very good season behind the wicket and apart from two notable occasions, the fielding was generally sound and at times very keen.

My thanks are due to all members of staff who have umpired and organised nets this season, and to Mr. Ivor Atkins who again has done such a splendid job as groundsman.

J. F. S.

## 1st XI Averages for Season 1969

### Batting

		<i>No. of Innings</i>	<i>Times</i>		<i>Total Runs</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Average</i>
			<i>Not Out</i>	<i>Total</i>			
Gamester	....	13	1	330	83*	27.5	
Brown	....	13	6	174	29*	24.9	
Thorne	....	13	1	278	50*	23.2	
Ikin	....	12	1	253	60	23.0	
Pickering	....	5	3	41	19*	20.5	
Jarvis	....	3	1	34	29*	17.0	
Turner	....	13	0	198	63	15.2	
Johnson	....	7	3	59	19	14.7	
Beasley	....	5	2	42	23*	14.0	
Cavey	....	11	1	86	20	8.6	
Jarman	....	5	0	22	11	4.4	
Hutcheon	....	4	0	9	7	2.3	
Barrett	....	1	0	1	1	1.0	

### Bowling

		<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
Johnson	....	155	37	420	39	10.8
Beasley	....	169	56	363	32	11.3
Thorne	....	41	6	101	8	12.6
Gamester	....	75	9	315	22	14.5
Peterson	....	5	1	22	1	22.0
Hutcheon	....	21	4	58	2	29.0
Smith	....	35	10	108	1	108.0
Ikin	....	3	2	3	0	—

### Catches

Gamester 9, Johnson 8, Turner 5, Cavey 5, Pickering 4, Thorne 4, Beasley 4, Jarvis 2, Hutcheon 2, Ikin 2, Smith 1, Barrett 1, Peterson 1, Glenister 1, Jarman 1, Newton 1. Total 51.

### Wicketkeeping

Brown: Matches 13, Caught 13, Stumped 10, Byes 13.

## 2nd XI

Apart from two disastrous defeats towards the end of the season, when we were bowled out for 45 and 43, the 2nd XI has just completed a very successful season, having won 4 and drawn 5 matches. Throughout the season it was our batting which brought us our success with such performances as 116 for 4 against Vyners and 148 for 4 against Watford.

Graham Jarman, before he was selected regularly for the 1st XI, was our highest scorer with two exceptional 50's to his name. His hard-hitting often showed the rest of us up. Kevin Pickering and Peter Howland have regularly produced sound opening partnership, usually over 30, with Kevin being the prominent partner. Peter Howland has not had much luck this season with the bat, but his wicket-keeping has been sound.

Wendle Jarvis has been invaluable to the team's morale. Steven John has bowled consistently during the season.

David Peterson has had a few games for the 1st XI but has not shown his full potential when playing for us. Alan Glenister has been competent and has always been relied upon to take several wickets. Peter Costello has bowled very accurately and Trevor Smith can be a very demoralising bowler but did not seem to get many wickets. Arif Amin has the ability to destroy a side in a couple of overs, as he did against Borlase (6 for 3) and Vyners (3 for 0).

Guy Calvé, despite criticism from certain quarters, has come up with many useful performances including 6 for 25 in the last match against Buckingham.

Finally I would like to thank on behalf of the whole team Mr. Holt for his enthusiasm as umpire, and also Mr. Samways for the interest that he has taken in the 2nd XI.

M. S. NEWTON.

## COLTS (UNDER 15) XI

Results: Won 3, Drawn 2, Lost 2.

The season got off to a distinctly unpromising start. For well over a week less than eleven boys within the age group offered themselves for net trials. The weather was predominantly cold and wet until half-term and the only game played in this period ended in a rather humiliating defeat at Emanuel School.

Fortunately, and perhaps inevitably, things looked up a great deal after half-term. One or two more aspirants were found and Brooks and Costello were drawn from the Under-14 XI. Although there was still little competition for team places the team settled

down under Floyd's astute and very efficient captaincy to become a sound batting side and therefore difficult to beat.

Warren was the outstanding success as a batsman. With little previous experience, he played with exemplary application. This often meant a slow start to his innings, but once established he was able to really collar the bowling. He followed a very worthy 59 against St. Benedict's with an 87 not out at Newbury in the next game. Cowin, too, flowered impressively to make a good number of runs from a wide range of shots. Floyd, technically the most accomplished bat, had a couple of good knocks, but was not as prolific as could have been hoped. Simpson scored consistently and was very difficult to get out, but was also agonisingly inhibited in his stroke-making. All too often the run rate was embarrassingly low for the first hour or two. Consequently, Long's crude but effective smiting to leg was a great asset and enabled some declarations that gave some hope of victory.

Hutcheon by the end of the season was bowling a good yard faster than any opponent and was always accurate. Saunders in an apparently off-handed way bowled with admirable variety and great success. Unfortunately for the Colts he was away for the busiest part of the season and Hutcheon earned promotion to the 1st XI. Of the other bowlers only Long had any real pretensions. Even so with really good catching the bowling might have proved sufficient. Alas, the catching was poor and the record therefore not outstanding. The spirit, however, was good and most of the matches very enjoyable.

Colts colours were awarded to: R. E. Floyd, B. M. Warren, G. A. Hutcheon, A. G. Cowin, M. Saunders, G. D. Long and P. M. Simpson.

R.C.F.

### Averages

#### Batting

	<i>Innings</i>	<i>Not Out</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Average</i>
Warren ....	7	0	205	29.3
Cowin ....	6	1	94	18.8
Long ....	7	2	92	18.4
Simpson ....	7	0	82	11.7
Floyd ....	7	0	76	10.8

#### Bowling

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
Saunders ....	54	20	116	20	5.8
Hutcheon ....	58	16	163	16	10.2
Long ....	54	18	128	7	17.3

## JUNIOR COLTS

The main thing lacking in junior cricket at the school is match-practice. Though something has been done this year to remedy the situation, the Under-14 team contained, as usual, a majority of players for whom the season represents a first taste of inter-school cricket. It is not surprising, in view of this, that an eleven did not immediately suggest itself at the beginning of the season and was by no means a settled group at the end. With a flourishing fixture-card at under-13 level the situation may be different.

The Junior Colts' fortunes were again this year rather poor. A certain strange charity was sometimes noticed in the conduct of the side on the field. Two of the drawn fixtures might well have been won, with some astute captaincy, by a more determined side, and a defeat at the hands of Emanuel School was suffered but not looked for.

Barrett has led the team sensibly through the season but needs a fuller grasp of the game to win matches with the collective skills available to him. Brooks and Costello have been promoted to the Colts side, leaving free two places ably filled by Trendall and Glenister, two top-stream second-formers.

Wood has had a very disappointing season on paper and, with the usual drop-outs week by week, Cook, Dudley, Perks, Woodbridge, Lewis and Hollingsworth have each played in one or two matches without really establishing themselves. Worley has proved the youngest player of promise to gain a regular place and Thorne, Woosey, Bedingham, Hunt, Maher and Halson have provided a useful core of batting and bowling.

<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
<i>v. Sir William Borlase School</i>	.... A	Won	42	31
<i>v. Watford Grammar School</i>	.... A	Lost	46	142-4
<i>v. St. Benedict's School, Ealing</i>	.... A	Drawn	112-6	122-7
<i>v. St. Bartholomew's G.S., Newbury</i>	H	Drawn	88	38-3
<i>v. Vyner's School</i> ....	.... A	Drawn	107-8	66-9
<i>v. Abingdon School</i>	.... A	Lost	61	151-7
<i>v. Emanuel School</i> ....	.... A	Lost	40	44-4

## LAWN TENNIS

This has been a very successful season for our young team. Despite our first pair leaving last year, we have won ten matches, drawn two, and suffered only two defeats. A larger number of fixtures were arranged than in previous years, so that our team (in which nobody is over the age of sixteen) was able to gain much valuable experience in match play, which will, I hope, help their tennis in the future.

Our opposition at the beginning of the season was rather weak, and this tended to make us over-confident, but as the season progressed, our opponents improved both in standard and competitiveness so that towards the end of the season there were many closely-contested matches. The best match was undoubtedly against Magdalen College School, which ended in a  $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$  draw, despite many of our players not having played on grass this year.

In the team itself we had two very strong pairs—I. Johnson and R. Simons, who lost only one match during the season, and G. Johnson and G. Maynard, who played consistently well, often winning more matches than they were expected to do. Newby and Gillespie usually played as third pair: the former tending to be the steadier and the latter producing brilliant shots but also unaccountably lapsing into periods of erratic play. Ham, Lowe, and Cliff also played occasionally in the third pair, the last appearing to have good potential which could be brought out by more coaching.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Taylor for his help, Mr. Haworth for the excellent teas, and Mr. Hillier for his expert organisation and bubbling enthusiasm, a quality clearly demonstrated by his arranging of a match against High Wycombe (Girls!) High School, a match for the Staff against Radcliffe students at Oxford, and a new Nestlé's Singles Ladder Competition to be played during school time.

## SECOND VI TENNIS

This year the second tennis six have had four matches and although not being too successful they have gained good experience and training which will benefit them in the future. Boys who played for the second six are as follows:—

Oldnall, Inskip, Gillespie, Smith, Joss, Faulkner and

P. M. STOKES.

## ROWING REPORT

Most of the members joined knowing nothing of the sport or skills involved, but they were creditably keen and during the latter part of the season they (the 2nd four in particular) started romping home to successive victories, putting the school right in the rowing picture. With the opening win of Novices at Pangbourne & Whitchurch, then Cadet Fours at Junior Tradesmen Regatta and finally, in the fastest time of the day, winning School Fours at Egham, the school now has national recognition and a high reputation.

The 1st four were thwarted in their ambition to win Junior Fours, mainly because they were too light. They rowed well on most occasions and reached the final in two Schools Events at Pangbourne and Reading Town. They also won a good fixture against Shiplake College 1st four.

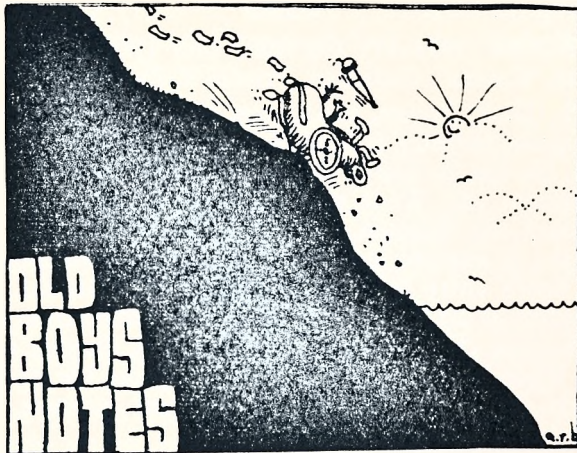
The Colts have gained much useful experience this year and despite the lack of success at Regattas they did beat Maidenhead G.S. Colts in a private fixture. The season was ended with the 50-mile sponsored row to Egham and back, in order to aid the purchase of a new boat.

The coaching, under Mr. Blyth, has been extremely good and very energetic, and it is hoped that an outside friend, Mr. Tony Grant, will become a permanent coach next season.

Prospects are obviously good for next season, with strong, experienced oarsmen in John Dixon and Michael Whittaker (who won Cadets Sculls at J.T.R.) and an expert cox in Steve Lewis. It is a pity Tim Lowe, John England and Ian Fairley are leaving but their seats will no doubt be filled with competent replacements.

T.L.





### Births

MAC TAVISH, A. J. (1948-55). On March 12th 1969, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew MacTavish, a son, Ian.

NIGHTINGALE, D. T. (1940-45). On May 27th 1969, to Mr. and Mrs. David Nightingale, a daughter, Lucy Isabel, a sister for Sally Elizabeth, Amanda Jane and Mary Louise.

### Marriages

BLYTH—PARSONS. On August 23rd 1969, at Lincoln Chapel, Oxford, I. A. Blyth (1954-61) to Miss Carol Parsons.

DUNSTERVILLE—RICE. On April 23rd 1969, at High Wycombe, R. K. Dunsterville (1953-60) to Miss Terry Rice.

FOX—MOLE. On July 26th 1969, at All Saints Parish Church, High Wycombe, R. M. S. Fox (1959-62) to Miss Jean Mole.

PAYNE—MC EWEN. On April 12th 1969, at St. James' Church, Gerrards Cross, M. J. Payne (1954-61) to Miss R. A. McEwen.

RAY—HARRISON. On July 26th 1969, at Holy Trinity Church, Hazlemere, High Wycombe, J. S. Ray (1956-64) to Miss Rosemary Harrison.

SHACKELL—HUMPHREY. At the Church of St. Antonius, Hannover, Germany, W. E. Shackell (1952-60) to Miss Susan Jane Humphrey.

SMITH—WORLEY. On May 31st 1969, at the Parish Church of St. Lawrence, West Wycombe, R. C. Smith (1961-62) to Miss Patricia Joan Worley.

WOOD—JAMES. On June 28th 1969, at Christ Church, Flackwell Heath, M. B. Wood (1953-60) to Miss Phillippa Susan James.

## Deaths

H. S. BROOM (1913-17). On April 18th 1969, aged 65, at his home, 'Rosana', Cadsdean, Princes Risborough.

H. S. (Dick) Broom, M.B.E., was for many years a leader of Wycombe industry as head of the town's biggest engineering firm. He was the son of the late Harry Skeet Broom, founder of Broom and Wade and his early training took him to America and Belgium. His entire life was devoted to compressed air engineering and he became a driving force behind the firm's entry into the pneumatic tool market. He was President of the British Engineers' Association from 1953-55. He became chairman and joint managing director of Broom and Wade in 1958 and travelled throughout the world in his efforts to extend the company's export business. He was awarded the M.B.E. in 1964.

In his later years, which he described as years of great happiness, he not only painted some of his best pictures but was also active at the helm of his yacht. He was a good shot and cast a dry fly with great skill and delicacy.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Barbara Broom, three daughters and a step-daughter.

## STAFF

Major F. H. ROBINSON, T.D., B.SC.(LOND.), DIPL.COMM.(DUNELM) on May 11th 1969 at 7 Woodfield Drive, Winchester, aged 79 years.

Major Robinson came to the Royal Grammar School in 1919 to teach Geography and introduce Economics. He wrote a book called *Economics in Everyday Life* which was a great success. He commanded a growing O.T.C. most efficiently. He left the School in 1929 to become Headmaster of the new Kimmel School, Abergele, North Wales, but resigned to take up an Assistant Mastership at Portsmouth Grammar School.

Old Boys will be sorry to hear that Mr. Charles William Lance, J.P., died in June last. Mr. Lance was our Guest of Honour at the Annual Dinner in March 1967. He was not an Old Boy but had been a Governor of the School for 21 years, had had three sons at the School and had always identified himself as much as he could with the School.

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## OLD BOYS

AMES, A. M. (1962-68) has just completed his first year at Imperial College where he is doing Electrical Engineering. He is at the moment training at a G.P.O. Radio Station in Montgomeryshire—the work is interesting, remunerative and so far safe from the Free Wales Army.

BRISTOW, R. F. (1948-52) has been appointed Managing Director of Bristow and Townsend Ltd., the High Wycombe furniture manufacturers.

CLARK, A. A. (1941-48) was one of the policemen in the School production of *The Pirates of Penzance* in 1947. He is now Detective Chief Superintendent of the North Wales C.I.D. with its H.Q. in Caernarvon. He had much to do during the investiture of Prince Charles! His brother M. D. CLARKE (1944-50) has settled down in the family building business.

COLLEY, P. M. (1960-68) finds the steel city Sheffield a very interesting place. He plays for the University Basketball team and was picked for the U.A.U. trials in this sport, but has had to give up cricket this summer because of bad headaches brought on by bowling. He sees a lot of B. G. WOOD (1961-68) and A. D. N. HAVARD (1960-68).

DARVILLE, J. M. (1960-67) left Exeter University after one year and is now working in a Pathology Laboratory. He has an offer of a place at a Teachers' Training College in Exeter and may start there in September. Since coming to Exeter he has taken up caving, a sport he finds immensely satisfying. Recently he met M. SAMSON (1960-65) who has come to Exeter to join the staff of the *Western Morning News*.

DUNSTERVILLE, R. K. (1953-60) married Miss Terry Rice last April. They are both active in the pop world. He is a member of Rainbow Folly and she with Alice's Light World, a pop group from Farnham Common.

DYER, G. C. (1945-49). Squadron Leader Gordon Dyer, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dyer, 267 Micklefield Road, High Wycombe, has been awarded the M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. He is now serving at the Ministry of Technology's Aeronautical Establishment at Boscombe. He joined the R.A.F. in 1952 and after tours of duty with Bomber Command in Canberra and Valiant aircraft he had specialist training before joining the Ministry.

ELLERTON, J. J. (1957-62) has just gained an Honours Degree in Geology at the University of Toronto. He is working for the summer in the Arctic and returns to University in the autumn to continue his studies.

ELLIOTT, I. S. (1962-69) has changed his job in Strasbourg. He is working in a transport firm that deals with barge transport. Despite its inland position Strasbourg has the fifth largest port in France.

FLEMING, A. E. (1960–67) enjoys life at St. Andrew's. He has gained a 'class medal' and two Blair Prizes in Political Economy, manages the business side of the University newspaper and helps to produce the charities' magazine. His only regret is that he hasn't played a round on the St. Andrew's course yet.

FLETCHER, P. R. (1960–62) is still based at R.A.F. Muharraq, B.F.P.O. 63, but has been spending much time at Sharjah, 350 miles away across the Gulf. He has been commuting fortnightly by aircraft and is helping to sort out their forecast staff problems. Fletcher sends his congratulations to our cross-country team, of which he was once a member—his girth these days is not one that goes well with cross-country running.

GARDHAM, M. M. (1927–33). Air Commodore Marcus Gardham is to become Air Officer in charge of Administration at H.Q. R.A.F. Training Command, Brampton, Hunts., with the acting rank of Air Vice-Marshal. He was commissioned in the accounts branch of the R.A.F. in 1939. From 1941 to 1944 he served with R.A.F. Ferry Command in Canada. He was in Washington from 1947–49 and took the R.A.F. Staff College course at Andover in 1952–53. Air Vice-Marshal Gardham and his wife and eight year-old son live at 'Almond Cottage', Millfield, Berkhamsted, Herts.

GASH, R. (1960–68) wrote from R.A.F. Biggin Hill after coming down from Cambridge at the end of his first year at Emmanuel. The senior tutor there believes in '*mens sana in corpore sano*' so Gash has had to redeem extravagant pledges made in the U.C.C.A. pawnshop with some tentative rugger. One of his favourite stories is about rugger. 'At the beginning of the Michaelmas Term the college Christian Union, the "God Squad", sent out a band of missionaries to comfort the freshmen. One evangelist inquired in desperation of what seemed to him an incorrigible pagan whether he played any sport. "Yes, rugger", was the reply. The catechist informed him that the college had three teams but that most freshmen had to start in the 3rd XV. You will already have guessed that his congregation was Gerald Davies—Barbarian, International and British Lion.'

HEDGELAND, D. R. S. (1959–66) continues to make the headlines in his studies and his shooting. He has just gained a 1st in the Mechanical Sciences Tripos Part I at Cambridge and was first equal of all the firsts. He has won the Rex Moir Prize and the Institution of Electrical Engineers' Prize. He shot splendidly at Bisley in July and won the Donegall Trophy.

- HERRING, J. R. H.** (1953–59) is thrilled by the success of his model which is now in orbit in an Orbiting Solar Observatory and sending back information.
- HILLS, J. C.** (1960–65) successfully completed his training in building with Gilbert Ash and obtained his Higher National Certificate. He decided to set up on his own as a builder and he will be very happy to do any building work for Old Boys or others. His telephone number is Penn 2376.
- HILLS, B. A.** (1959–66) has just been awarded a special prize of 50 guineas which he shares with three other students of Nottingham University for their plan for a social and cultural survey of Buvuma and associated islands in Lake Victoria.
- HOLGATE, M. J.** (1961–67) wrote in May from Forrest P.O. Victoria, 3263. After Christmas he left Western Australia and travelled 2,500 miles to Victoria. He is now working in the State forest of Victoria, cutting wood on contract work. He is hoping to save enough money to buy a bulldozer, so that he can get his own logging contract. There is wealth in wood and he'd like to stay, but he feels that the wanderlust bug will overtake him again soon. His friend A. P. D. **HOGG** (1960–67) who went out with him has moved to Melbourne as he prefers city life and is working in a factory producing Massey Ferguson tractors. He is saving money to go to America to see his sister and then come home.
- JELLIS, G. J.** (1958–66) has completed his honours degree in Biology at Manchester very successfully and is to do research for a Ph.D. for the Potato Marketing Board, also in Manchester.
- JONES, G. D.** (1955–62) has most certainly been bitten by the wanderlust bug. After leaving the R.G.S. he tried the bank but that couldn't hold him. He worked for some time as a film-extra in Spain but now he has really travelled. He left for Germany with two friends, they bought a car for £20 from an Australian in Munich and drove it to Afghanistan where they sold it for £150 in Kabul. They went up through the Khyber Pass and on through Pakistan to India. They left New Delhi quickly—temperature 120 degrees—and went to the cool of Katmandu in Nepal. The yak steaks were good and yoghourt 2d. a pint. Then on to Calcutta where they flew to Bangkok and had no money left. This is where Dad came in useful. Mr. G. M. Jones, Mathematics master at the R.G.S. from 1946 to 1955 and now Second Master at Langley Grammar School, wired cash to Singapore. His son hitched from Bangkok to Singapore to pick it up and should now be in Australia. We hope he finds what he is looking for.

JONES, G. D. B. (1947-54). The reason the Romans arrived so quickly in Carmarthenshire just a year after their conquest of Wales in A.D. 74 has been answered by a team of archaeologists, led by Dr. Barri Jones, investigating an ancient site in the county. It was—gold. The site is at Dolaucothi—a pre-Roman exploitation—and they excavated huts occupied by early miners. The discovery explains references by classical authors to gold in Britain before the Romans arrived. The site's potential was known before the Romans started exploiting the area—on a massive scale for the best part of a century. (The English exploited the valleys of S. Wales in a similar fashion centuries later and raped the fair country.—(Hon. Sec.)

LAWS, W. H. N. (1958-65). It is rumoured that Laws has been lured away from the Japanese Trade Legation by British Travel Association who will be sending him to Japan for four years to open up the tourist trade between them and us.

MOORE, J. C. (1961-66) has been working for a London firm of solicitors doing primarily conveyancing but also a certain amount of litigation. If he passes his examinations this summer he returns to Holborn College to complete his final year for his law degree.

MORTON, D. (1960-67) has settled down to the Oxford way of life and resigned himself to the impractical nature of the course which is nevertheless very interesting if a little relentless. Before going up to St. Catherine's he spent many months labouring for Macclesfield Corporation and discovered among other things, how miraculous it is that we have any drainage at all in our towns. He also managed to fit in a fortnight in the Soviet Union which gave a boost to his Russian language. This summer he is going to the United States for three months and it should be an interesting contrast to the Soviet Union where he hopes to return for a year as an undergraduate to Moscow, Leningrad or Kiev during the academic year 1970-71. He is in touch with A. BARRATT (1959-67) who has just spent four weeks at Summer School in Moscow before his final year at Durham and also with K. F. WOODBRIDGE (1959-67) who has just passed his second M.B. at Manchester.

PACKMAN, C. J. (1957-64) is enjoying his work with H.M. Customs and Excise. He has recently got himself engaged to a former High School girl—Miss Carolyn Coomer. He is now lodging with his brother G. R. PACKMAN (1953-59) who has two young daughters.

PARSLOW, B. (1953-59). A very prosperous Bernard Parslow called in at School this term. He left us for Leeds University in 1959 but did not get on there too well. He left and worked for some years in a Berlitz School in Germany, perfected his German and is now employed by a German firm P.H.B. based on Saarbrucken as building site administrator. He has just returned from 19 months in Aqaba, Jordan, and his next job is in Landskrona, Sweden.

PIDGEON, J. (1958-65) has just completed his degree in French at Kent University. He married a fellow student two years ago, they have a daughter and his wife completed her finals at the same time. He has just been offered a place at the Slade School of Art (part of University College, London) to follow a two-year post-graduate course on the Cinema. In addition to studying all facets of the art and craft of the cinema, his particular project will be 'The Western in relation to contemporary American society'.

PAYNE, M. J. (1954-61) is nearing the end of his fifth year of teaching at Denham and in October the Bucks. Education Authority are seconding him for one year to take the Diploma in Educational Guidance at Reading University. His contemporary G. K. BALDRY (1953-60) is now married and has a dental practice in Bristol.

RIVERS, J. M. (1958-66) got engaged last February to a Parisienne. He thanks all members of staff who had anything to do with his grasping a basic understanding of the language. He is coming to the end of his second year as a Building Technology undergraduate at Manchester University Institute of Science and Technology. No other R.G.S. students have joined him—he can recommend a course there for any budding engineer.

ROBINSON, J. S. (1959-67) has gained a 1st in Part I of his Maths. Tripos at Cambridge.

SAWARD, D. (1958-65) has gained a 1st Class Honours Degree in Zoology at Aberystwyth. He now goes to Aberdeen where he is to work for a Ph.D. sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

SELWYN-JONES, H. (1962-66) manages a mink farm in Wiltshire.

STEVENS, J. A. (1959-67) was good enough to send in a report on the Old Boys' Dinner held in Cambridge on May 3rd 1969, again at Selwyn College. Twenty-three members of Staff and Old Boys attended. M. G. BAKER (1957-66) reported on the activities of some Old Boys present. D. R. S. HEDGE-LAND (1959-65) is secretary of the University Rifle Associa-

tion. R. S. HICKOX (1959-65) is chief conductor of the Gilbert and Sullivan Society, whilst D. S. LEVIN (1961-67) and Baker himself are involved in College politics and J. S. CULLEY (1960-67) in student journalism. R. GASH (1960-68) has been playing rugby for the Emmanuel 1st XV.

Roger Gash proposed the toast to the School and the Headmaster, Mr. Malcolm Smith, replied. M. R. D. YORKE (1961-65) proposed the toast to the Guests and Mr. R. Pattinson replied.

Stevens also gave news of himself—after Part I last summer he decided to do Modern German Literature, German Philology and general linguistics. He finds the linguistics fascinating. He sees a lot of G. THOMPSON (1959-67) who has done so well this year that he has been awarded an Internal Exhibition. Thompson sings in Sidney Sussex Chapel Choir and rows in the cantors' boat. Stevens plays hockey and sails for St. John's. The two of them hope to go to Israel in the summer and work in a Kibbutz, and then return via Cyprus, Turkey and Jugoslavia.

TURMEZEI, A. L. (1959-67) is studying to be an architect at Bristol University. Next season he is to be Captain of the University Rugby XV.

WILLIAMS, C. (1945-50) has landed a major position in the American shipping industry. He has been appointed one of the three vice-presidents of the Atlantic Container Line Ltd., a consortium of shipping companies. He is the son of Mr. Fred Williams, formerly the landlord of the 'Bricklayers' Arms', Downley. His first task will be to organise the expansion of the Line including the addition to its fleet of six larger and faster ships. Cliff Williams' first job was with the Thames Valley Co. of which he became Assistant Controller. He left the company in 1955 to join Cunard Eagle Airways and became Airways Controller and deputy general manager. In 1962 he went to New York and became Controller of the Cunard Steamship Co. and joined his present company as Controller.

WOOD, D. M. (1959-66). The Wood family are at it again. D. M. Wood has just gained a first in the Mechanical Tripo-Part I at Cambridge and was top equal with D. R. S. Hedges land. His brother P. M. WOOD (1957-64) was No. 1 Wrangler two years ago. I suppose this is all their mother's fault. Dr. Winifred Wood taught Mathematics at the School from 1956 to 1964.



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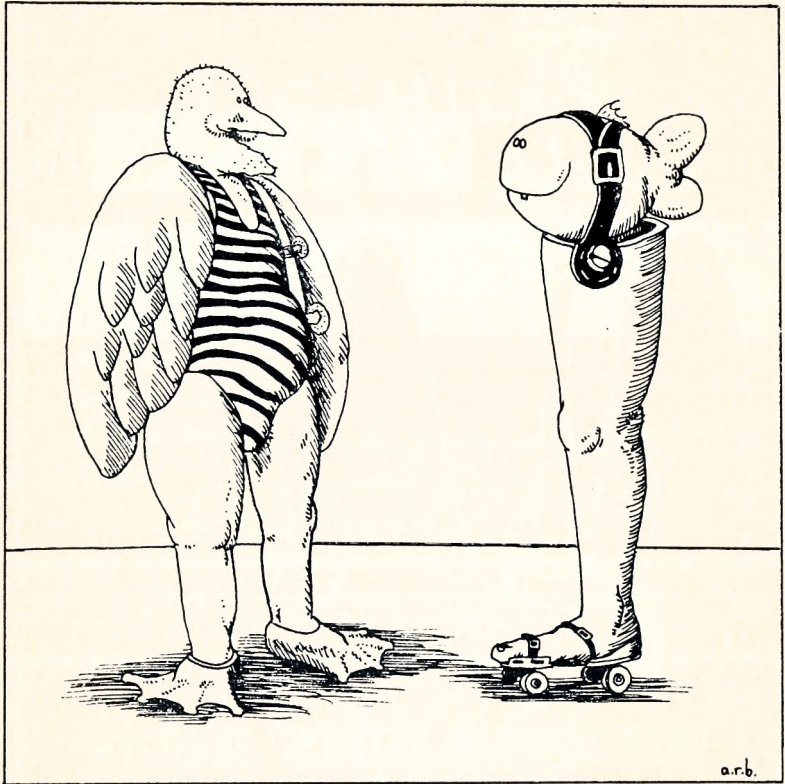
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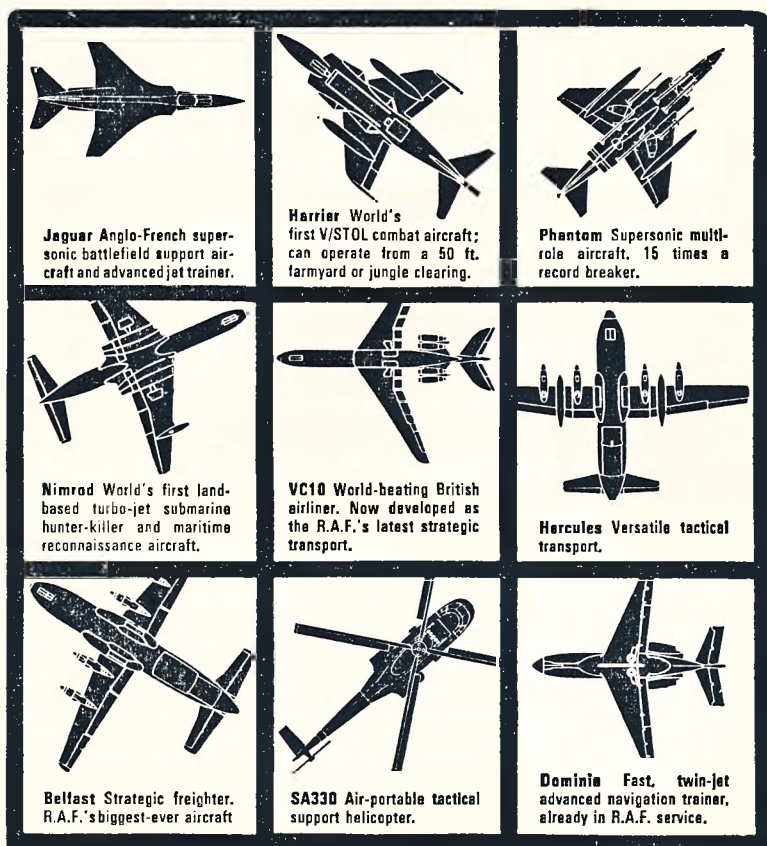
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