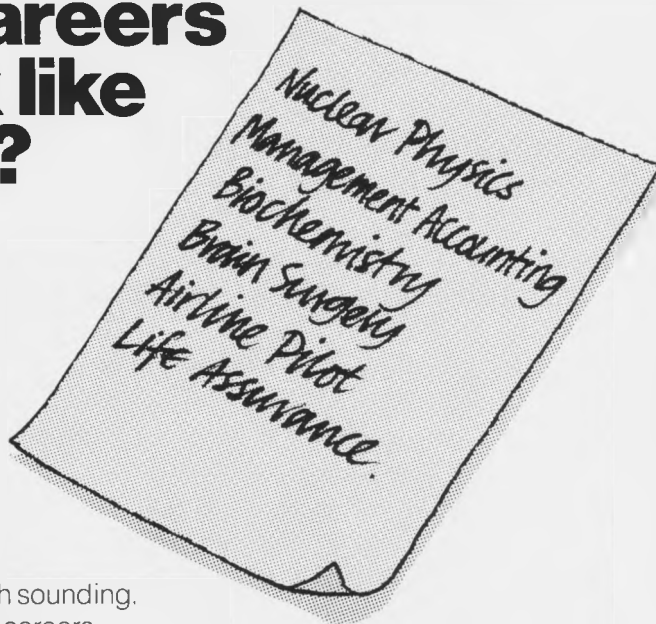


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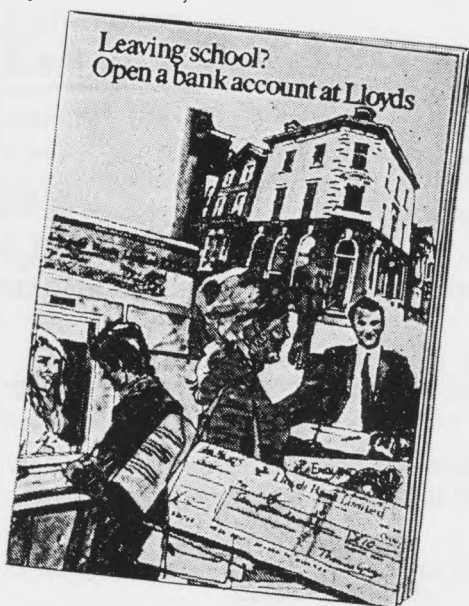
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EDITORIAL

Bald heads forgetful of their sins,
Old learned, respectable bald heads
Edit and annotate the lines
That young men, tossing on their beds,
Rhymed out in love's despair
To flatter beauty's ignorant ear.

(W. B. Yeats)

Thus our journal gives the results of some of these fevered 'tossings', that is if you discount the sports reports and other assorted ephemera. We are told that such 'work' is obligatory as this is a 'school magazine'. Even fewer people read them than the minority which take part.

Much interesting work therefore had to be excluded from our columns. In particular we regret the non-publication of 'the Henderson Saga' written by a certain sixth-former reveling in the name of 'Bopper'. This may not have been printed anyway as Mr. Mitchell has no desire to change his residence as yet.

Apart from this the standard of our contributions has been much the same as usual. Read that as you will. The more welcome side of the editorial task of reviewing the more unprintable pieces was lessened by the amount of 'Jesus freak' nonsense, appalling in its cliché-ridden platitudes and dire sentimentality. We are glad to say that it was all hastily consigned to the nearest waste-paper basket, its natural habitat.

Take it or leave it, lads.

The editors were: Joe Boulton, Joe Brown, Joe Clark, Joe Godden, Joe Harrold, Joe Hawtree, Joe Prince, Joe Richmond, Giuseppe Ross, Joe Shepherd, Joseph Z. Sheldon. Joe-Joe Newton made the tea and snide comments.

Art Editor: M. J. Eaton, Esq.

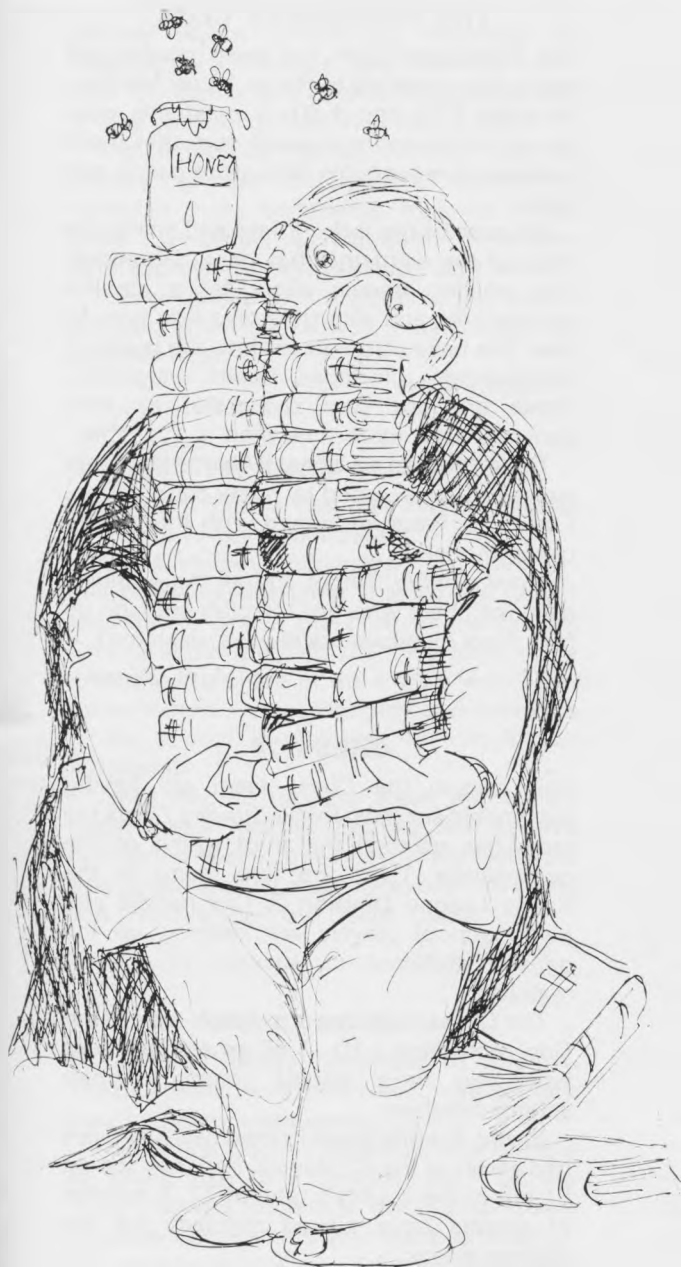


STAFF NEWS

We were sorry to lose the services of Mr. Garrett and Mr. Prue in July 1974. Mr. Garrett left to take up the position of Head of Economics at Solihull School, and Mr. Prue to be second in department at Wellesbourne. Mr. W. J. Clark retired from his position as Head of Maths, but has continued to teach on a part time basis. Mr. Browning retired as Careers Master and Head of the R.K. department; an appreciation of his work appears elsewhere in this magazine.

We welcome to the school A. J. Sollars, M.A., who comes from Cranbrook School to teach Chemistry and join the R.A.F. section of the C.C.F.; B. Byford, M.Sc. who comes from a school in Hamburg to teach Maths and Physics; Rev. V. J. Bailey, B.A., B.Mus. from Cestreham School, Chesham to teach Music and R.K. and M. Ahmad, M.A., M.Sc. who comes to teach Economics.

G. G. BROWNING



George Browning has retired, to everyone's regret a year or two before completing his full sentence, perhaps preferring bees to boys, although the writer finds it hard to imagine anything less attractive than bees either in their social or their anti-social behaviour. George came to us with his charming and hospitable wife from India just after the war. He had been teaching there before joining the Indian Army and serving on the Staff. His son, David, also did a stretch with us (seven years) before going on to his father's old college, Oriel; while Pat and Alison were both bright and beautiful stars in the High School.

George has been and still is a good friend to many of us at the R.G.S. As Careers Master he helped hundreds of individual boys to start their careers on the right foot. For many years he was an even-tempered and artful Quartermaster to the C.C.F. He was Head of the R.E. department: and if only I could draw a cartoon of him, it would show his portly, cheerful figure laden with bibles, hoping rather than expecting to evangelise, or at least stir up the hearts of, the heathen. He has taught history and mathematics, too, with energy and enjoyment on both sides.

In our erudite common room discussions, he has usually taken the least defensible line of argument and pretended to feel strongly about it: to agree with him was the simplest way to undermine his position. In *The Times* Crossword Puzzle Corner (the corner by the bay window most closely observed by the less inhibited kibitzers among our flock) George has relied on serendipity with more success than the Laws of Probability would suggest.

We are sorry indeed that he has left us, but glad to know that he is no farther off than Hazlemere, not alone, keeping bees, making wine and enjoying himself, a monument of sanity in a disturbed world.

C.M.H.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

SCIENCE SOCIETY



The Science Society is thriving again this year, and we are happy to announce a good bank balance of £54.

We have a full programme of films for this term. Members will know of the high quality of films we have already shown and we hope to encourage as many people as possible to come and see them. This has been the main activity so far this year, and the committee wish to thank Peter Robinson, the film secretary, and P. J. Harrison, the projectionist. We are soon to have a series of lectures which will take place on one evening after school given by members of the staff of the Science Faculty of the University of Reading. These should prove very interesting as Reading have always provided us with lively lecturers in the past, and we would like them to be as well attended as possible. Also thanks are due to Mr. B. K. Gelsthorpe, our president, and P. M. Knight the chairman.

M.G.C.

THE WARGAMES CLUB

The Wargames Club has been resurrected and is now meeting in Room 18 on Monday between 1.15 and 1.50. A master is now always in the room to make sure that there is always a reasonable amount of peace and quiet.

Because of the lack of time and space the scale of the wargames has been decreased. The smaller models allow for a smaller playing area and also they take less time to play. We have also entered into the realm of commercially produced board wargames. These are not very successful as they generally take more time than is available.

The exhibition on Speech Day was a great success. It was visited by many people who, I am sure, were impressed with the quality of the models.

Thanks to Mr. Talbot and all the enthusiastic members who got the club back on its feet. New members are always welcome!

A. H. Jones

CHESS 74

This season the Chess team are having reasonable success. In the *Sunday Times* the team has reached the third round of the competition. There are two teams in the Bucks League Division 2. Our middle and junior school players are keeping up the general standard of success in friendly matches.

The Chess Club meets at lunch-time in the Cricket Pavilion 1.10—1.50 except Tuesdays when we have started coaching junior school members.

In the County postal chess last year, we had seven of the 12 players, and they scored $6\frac{1}{2}$ out of the county's total of $7\frac{1}{2}$. A number of players have played regularly for the County teams.

We would like to thank Mr. Cook and Mr. Wilson for helping with transport and Mr. Clark for dealing with all official business.

C. D. Austin

THE MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

After last term, which saw the building of a new baseboard and slot car circuit, and the complete departure of last year's committee, we have been building the scenery for the railway layout which will hopefully be finished by Christmas. Any new members after Christmas will be welcome, especially if they can bring their own rolling stock.

The exhibition layout, which was on display at the Beaconsfield exhibition, attracted many comments, most of which were favourable. Construction of a new exhibition layout will we hope start soon.

It is proposed to run a trip to the Didcot working open-air railway museum in the summer term.

M. I. Hagger

THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Jesus said, 'I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly.'

The Christian Fellowship has been increasingly experiencing this as we gather together to praise the Lord in the School Chapel above the Old Hall. We meet every lunchtime to share in the Lord's work. It is by no means a closed society and everyone in the school is welcome to join in our fellowship.

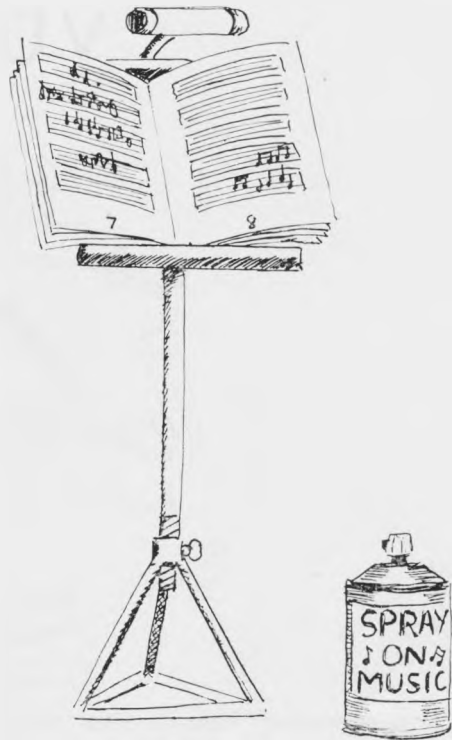
Jesus died for us, rose again, so that we might know him for *Eternity* and receive everlasting peace, love and joy. We welcome everyone—and we mean everyone—to come and share in the Lord Jesus Christ.

D. J. Gerrie

MUSIC SOCIETY

The Music Society continues to flourish. The orchestras, wind band and choral society meet regularly each week.

The Choral Society again had the honour of taking part in a concert given by the Viola d'Amore Society in the Purcell Room on June 15th, which was most successful. We performed a group of madrigals as well as songs by Matyas Seiber and 'The Menagerie' by Geoffrey Bush, the composer himself being present. These also formed part of the Summer Concert in July alongside



a varied selection of pieces given by the Senior and Junior Orchestras, Wind Band and Junior Choir.

A Junior Wind Band was formed last year to give younger instrumentalists the opportunity to play in a group. This has served its purpose and the majority have now been absorbed into the Junior Orchestra and Senior Wind Band.

The orchestras are at present rehearsing a large variety of music by composers ranging from Mozart to Vaughan Williams.

Many members of the Choral Society are participating in a production of 'The Beggar's Opera', a light-hearted ballad opera, to be performed in early December. The Society will also be leading the singing in the Christmas Carol Service at the Parish Church and has received invitations to perform in concerts later on in this academic year.

The Music Society welcomes the Rev. V. Bailey and hopes he will enjoy taking part in the musical life of the School.

S. Armstrong
G. J. Philbrick

VULTURE



SENIOR VULTURE

This is the first term of a new society called 'Vulture'. It was started to give boys a greater appreciation of 'culture' in all its forms. So far the Senior Vulture, consisting of about 20 fourth, fifth and sixth formers, has been on three trips.

The first was to the Piccadilly Theatre to see Tennessee Williams' *A Streetcar Named Desire* starring Claire Bloom and Martin Shaw. Apart from one small incident, namely the coach breaking down, this seems to have been enjoyed by all.

The second outing was in some ways less popular owing to the fact that a few members considered it to be not quite cultural enough for 'culture vultures'. However, most people liked *The Generation Game*, despite this, and it could be said to have been as popular as the theatre trip.

The last visit was to an exhibition of contemporary British painting at the Hayward Gallery. Although this was perhaps the one trip that many people would not have chosen to go on, it was, maybe because of this, the one that most widened our horizons.

Future visits are planned to a concert at the Festival Hall, a film (both this term), and the opera *Tosca*. I am sure these will be just as successful as the previous outings have been.

We would like to thank on behalf of all the members of Senior Vulture, Mr. D. Smith, Dr. R. Dorrance, Mr. R. Lyons, Mr. A. Mainwaring, and Mr. J. Mitchell.

*Chris Warren
Denis Weller*

JUNIOR VULTURE



After Mr. Lyons and the other masters had spent much time and effort trying to recruit twenty members, and our parents had parted with the six pounds necessary to join, we set out on the first trip to see the television programme *Record Breakers* being recorded. Roy Castle introduced the programme while the producer made exaggerated gestures to the audience telling us when to clap, shout or cry in a high pitched voice 'Record Breakers!'.

Two of our number were chosen to toss pancakes and two asked questions. When it was televised we were all curious about the fact that the masters managed to feature prominently while all that was seen of some boys were subtle shots of the backs of their heads and arms.

The next visit was a double bill. Firstly we visited the *Daily Mirror* children's art exhibition and we were all impressed at the standard of the work we saw. Later we saw the play *The Englishman Amused*, at the Young Vic. It consisted of several sketches each depicting different ways that the

English have amused themselves over the centuries. It seemed more to mock our sense of humour than to praise it. It was certainly eye opening and we had plenty to comment on after the performance.

The third visit was to the Columbia theatre in London to see the film *A Man for All Seasons*. It was about the life of Thomas More and his quarrel with Henry VIII. The film was very good but later there was a bonus.

On the way back the driver of the coach managed to lose himself in Soho and we found ourselves going around in circles. To cap it all he crashed into another vehicle near the Thames and we were ten minutes waiting while he inspected the damage. This last trip was certainly worth the money because we were treated with a mystery tour by moonlight where even the driver did not know where he was going.

The final event this term will be a concert in the Festival Hall.

M. Bull



1st XI CRICKET TEAM

1st XI CRICKET

Played 14 Won 7 Lost 4 Drawn 3

In 1974, an XI which, it was thought, would not find things easy, produced some excellent and entertaining cricket. Unfortunately seven games were cancelled, including eagerly awaited contests against John Hampden, Aylesbury and Dr. Challoners.

In 1973, 10 of the 20 games were drawn. It says much for the positive nature of 1974's cricket that there were only three drawn games. Of these, the St. Benedicts draw was the kind of exciting finish one welcomes, while in the Borlase and St. Nicholas games the school were thwarted of comfortable victories by the lack of time.

Among the victories none was more satisfyingly comprehensive than over Emanuel in the two-day game. The first day of this match saw the finest performance I have seen the 1st XI give. After Andrews had wrecked the Emanuel batting by taking 6—29, Trendell (58), Russell (73) and Thomas (62 n.o.) punished the bowling and ran wonderfully well between the wickets. The school declared at a mammoth 226—3 and went on to dismiss Emanuel again on the second day for 103; at one stage Emanuel were 35—7!

On only one occasion did the team's batting collapse badly, and this was against Abingdon, who always appear to bring out the worst in us!

However, in other matches, the batsmen always produced something creditable, indeed at times they looked full of attractive stroke play. Andrew's half-century might have won the Tiffin game, while his partnership with Russell (62) against Hampton, threatened to run away with the game. Trendell's 74 took us to an against-the-clock victory against Lord Williams; Lloyd (41), Worley and Russell gave us a chance in the exciting draw with St. Benedicts; Maher and Clark's unbroken 9th wicket stand gave us a strong position against Borlase and finally, in the semi-final of the Challoners festival, Russell (92 n.o.) and Thomas (78) put on 169 in little more than 30 overs. As proof of

the depth of the team's batting Clark, who batted number 10, averaged 17.0, being only dismissed twice. If only the team hadn't failed against Abingdon, this would have been a really outstanding season.

With the ball, Andrews and Worley, the vice-captain, shot out the early order batsmen of teams such as Oxford, Watford, Emanuel, Borlase, St. Nicholas, Abingdon, Herschel and Challoners. The remainder of the bowling attack consisted of three spinners; Hollingsworth, the captain, with his off-spin, Maher's leg-spin and Peter Harvey's slow left-arm. Although all bowled well at times, and provided fascinating cricket, they lacked the penetration that we had hoped for. Uncertain wicket-keeping badly reduced their effectiveness, and, on occasions, they were unable to settle into a rhythm because of the limitations of time, but they more than contributed their share to the term's cricket. A fitting climax to the season was achieved when the school ran out winners in the Challoners festival—beating Herschel and, the hosts, Dr. Challoners.

The fielding could have been better. Russell's wicketkeeping was disappointing, although he showed great aptitude, especially standing up, but he failed to generate enthusiasm and the admirably keen Clark, his replacement, although doing many good things, missed too many vital chances. The slips as well were too often unequal to dealing with sharp chances from the pace bowlers. Generally the ground fielding was satisfactory but could have been better. None of this is attributable to the captain and his assistant, who led by example, both taking more catches than anyone else in the field.

The team spirit was splendid: a blend of tough, serious-minded competitiveness and friendly humour, and the irritations for the master-in-charge were few and far between.

I would like to congratulate Hollingsworth, Andrews, Russell, Worley and Harvey, all of whom played for senior county teams.

I would like to thank Peter Hollingsworth, Desmond Worley, Bill Trendell and Jimmy

Maher, all of whom have left school, for their contributions to school cricket.

Much to our gratification, a full-time groundsman has been appointed, Alan Dave, a John Hampden old-boy and a fine cricketer. No doubt we shall have some excellent wickets in 1975.

S.R.G.

P.S. Charles Lloyd will be captain and Howard Thomas vice-captain of the 1st XI in 1975.

2nd XI CRICKET

Won 4 Drawn 2 Lost 4

The XI had a varied season, scores ranging from 26 all out against Oxford to 154 for 7 dec. against Sir William Borlase.

The batting was strong, apart from the first couple of occasions when the fifth formers were absent. N. Currie, P. Flower, D. Coxwell, M. Fraser and R. Allison scored most of the runs, supported by P. Simpson, M. Coups, 'Fizz' Andrews and P. Hoddinott.

Many were keen to bowl: R. Allison, P. Flower, M. Fraser, G. Turner, M. Coups, G. Chandler, B. Hawken who bowled more than anyone else, probably, and D. Coxwell who surprised a few batsmen with the occasional good ball.

Fielding was weak and lost us the game at Watford. N. Currie kept wicket well; Andrews sometimes astonished us in the slips and Turner showed himself to be an excellent fielder.

All in all an enjoyable season, in which enthusiasm and spirit made up for lack of finesse.

C. and M. Woodbridge, N. Oakey and A. Betteridge also made useful contributions throughout the season.

G. B. Chandler

UNDER 14 CRICKET

This was another difficult season for the team. After starting with an exciting success against Dr. Challoners, no further victories were recorded. The main problem, as last season, was lack of consistent batting and this was not helped by several games being

played on away grounds where the pitches were of poor quality. Despite these setbacks, the team retained its enthusiasm and spirit throughout, and Wiles did a capable job as captain in circumstances which were not always easy.

D.R.C.

U13 CRICKET

In view of last year's highly promising results, this season's performances were rather disappointing, culminating in a comprehensive defeat in the County Final of the 'Esso' National Schools Competition by Sir W. Borlase.

Most of the batsmen played at least one innings of note, but generally lacked the consistency to enable the side to score winning totals. Notable scorers were Cole who made 76 against Cestreham in an 'Esso' match, and Redwood who hit 50 in the first match, against Borlase, while Titcombe scored 45 runs in the congenial setting of Abingdon School.

Of the bowlers, Heal once more proved outstanding, his best performances being 7—20 against Brenchwood, 5—21 against Cestreham, and 4—13 (all victims stumped within 8 balls) against Borlase. He was supported capably by Woodbridge P., Atkins, Standing (who showed marked improvement with both bat and ball) and Heels, a newcomer to the team who showed his all-round capabilities by winning the single-wicket knock-out competition in the face of eager competition.

The wicket-keeping was capably shared by Woodbridge M. and Titcombe, while the fielding of the team, starting at an abysmal level, improved only a little to give inadequate support to the bowlers.

The 2nd team never really got off the ground, due to the inevitable lack of fixtures, a great pity as there was considerable talent which rarely got a chance to prove its capabilities.

Generally the team suffered from a lack of consistency, but if this can be tempered next year, there are several players who should ensure that the level of achievement will be much higher.

I.J.W.



D. G. Munro



TENNIS

Last season was one of mixed success, including some poor performances, among such convincing wins as the 9—0 victory against R.A.F. Halton and an equally confident win against a staff VI.

The season started well with Ault and Aston in form as first pair, and it wasn't until the match against Radley (the sixth of the season) that they dropped a set. That was the second defeat, the first having been against Stowe, 6—3.

The Radley game was the first of a run of four defeats, broken by a 7—2 victory over Merchant Taylors. These defeats were largely due to the absence of second year sixth formers leaving after 'A' levels. We lost to Abingdon 5½—3½ and Colchester G.S. 5½—3½: two teams who had never before beaten us.

We ended the season with wins against Dr. Challoner's, R.A.F. Strike Command and the Staff.

During the season full colours were awarded to R. H. Ault and R. H. Edwards.

Every member of the club would like to thank Mr. Hillier for organising coaching with Beaconsfield L.T.C. as well as being chauffeur, coach and comic. To Mr. Raymond, who succeeds him this year, we wish every success.

R. H. Edwards

ROWING

As the time for writing this report came round, the rumblings of 'the less said about last season the better' become louder; on the whole, though, the training sessions were not bad and the 1st IV (D. Stewart, I. C. Vale, S. A. Hopkins, R. D. Marshall and R. Peake), were turning in some reasonable times. Come a race, however, and this changed into a slow, powerless slog.

Why? Various reasons were put forward. Lack of determination, a shortened stroke, and a slow catch (speed of the blade entering the water) were the few printable ones. Whatever it was, it led to a constant low rating and a startling lack of aggression.

Interesting changes in seating order produced a semi-final at Molesey, and a final at the National Schools', where on the International 6-laned course, potentially inferior crews tore us apart. We finished 5th.

Things obviously were at an all-time low, so our coach split the 1st IV, and the Colts 'A' (who were doing their best against heavy odds, like three years' rowing experience), and joined them up again to form two composite crews. T. Airey and M. Sinden joined the 'new 1st IV' firstly to try and move faster, and secondly to build a nucleus for this year's IV. It went better, but not well enough. So, a disappointing season—no cups—and an empty mantelpiece in the Blyth house.

This season started with a crash course in rowing for the Head on Oct. 26th. We did well, finishing 2nd out of 40 entrants in our division, though we were disappointed not to have won, since our time would have won the same division for the last three years.

Apart from this, the 1st IV (Tim Airey, Stephen Hopkins, Roger Marshall, and Mark Sinden, cox—P. C. Copas or W. H. Mealing . . . who knows?) are going quite well; other crews are improving, though the 2nd IV stroke has not been at training lately . . .

Anyway, fingers crossed (and out) for this summer, and let's hope Mr. Blyth has to get a bigger mantelpiece. Many thanks to Ian Vale and Pete Wilkinson for staying to help the Colts, and to Ian Vale for coxing us in the Head; he *did* win the 'Heaviest Cox, 1974' award: 12 st. 2 lb. in his furry anorak.

I.A.B. & R.D.M. (Coach & Capt.)

CROSS-COUNTRY

Though the year has not brought very much as far as results are concerned, it has certainly been more successful than last season. The new organisation for Sixth Form Cross-Country has provided a bigger pool of runners from which teams can be drawn and the response has been encouraging.

Seventh place in the Oxford University Freshmans' race, tenth place in the RGS relay, twelfth equal at Harrow County and 15th at the St. Nicholas relay in fact reflect a creditable performance overall and in several cases excellent individual runs.

Though both inter-schools' matches (v. St. Nicholas and Desborough/Watford) were lost, it was not by very much. The main problem is the fact that we never manage to get our strongest team out for any one match.

Trevor Jolly's running is always good and he has been ably supported by Spencer, Woodman, Schramm, Gray and Dixon. New-comers like Newton, Paull and Coulter have tried hard and with more training could undoubtedly do well. Hoy of 5Y and Hotchkiss of 4S are already first team standard and though they will be the mainstays of future teams, it is a pity they cannot be used more at the moment.

It seems likely that the inter-schools' matches will be phased out in the future until we can be assured of team teas. Competition will be concentrated on the relays. Thanks go to masters and boys who have helped in home matches and the RGS Relay.

J. Roebuck
Master in charge

SAILING SOCIETY REPORT

During the '74 Autumn term a Sailing Society was formed with Mr. Waller as Master-in-charge. The new society was formed to promote sailing in the school and to encourage attendance at national and regional regattas.

The school and Bucks were represented at the National Schools Sailing Association Regatta, held during the summer holidays at Plymouth, by Stephen and Philip Gray. In the Mirror Class, they finished 2nd out of 48 after a tie-breaker.

This was the first of, we hope, many such successes in this new sport to the school.

Stephen Gray

ORIENTEERING CLUB

The club is now in its second year. During the past year the club has participated in about 14 events and several members have come within the top five which, when over 100 compete, is not at all bad. This year's two most successful orienteers have been J. L. Hoy who achieved a first place and S. N. Rowe who was third in one event.

The club now belongs to a larger club, the Thames Valley Orienteering Club, who organise many of the events.

The attendance has been quite high, about 15 boys attending each event, although we would still like many more members, especially second formers who are most welcome to come and try the sport.

Finally I should like to thank Dr. Fair who organises the club and has taken us as far afield as Newbury.

K. Thomson

RIFLE CLUB

Despite a number of difficulties encountered at the beginning of the 1973-74 season, the teams met with reasonable success later in the year.

The first major blow was the illness of Mr. 'Bill' Harrison, which necessitated the curtailment of evening shooting from four to three nights per week. However, with the help of Mr. Smaje, Mr. Moffatt and Dr. Fair, interest was maintained.

The major event of the year, the 'Country Life' competition in March, seemed beset by difficulties. Practices were desperately few, and the situation was not helped by a last-minute change of coach.

The teams competing were:

1st team: B. Backhouse (Capt.), D. Green, A. Leece, M. Shutt, S. Taylor, C. White, M. Wilson and G. Woodman.

2nd team: M. Rogers (Capt.), J. Blears, P. Browne, A. Hotchkiss, J. Poole, P. Trendall, R. Wallen and D. White.

R. Harry coached both teams.

The 1st team came 14th with 540 points, the 2nd team came 24th with 398 points.

The 2nd team gained the position of best 2nd team of the class and were awarded medals and half-colours.

This year we hope to improve our performance. We continue with three nights' shooting per week. Unfortunately Mr. Moffatt was unable to continue with us this year due to other commitments. However we welcome Mr. Sollars, who has enabled us to continue to cater for the large membership.

R. J. Wallen

FENCING

On Sunday 17th November, a sponsored 'fence-in' over 12 hours raised enough money to buy indicator lights for electric equipment. The fact that 24 people took part (many of whom did the full 12 hours) is a measure of the success fencing is presently enjoying at the RGS. We are now able to organise First, Second and Junior Foil teams and Sabre and Epee teams. About fifteen beginners joined this term and several of those have shown an aptitude for the sport (most notably Poston, Radvan, Speed, Noblett, Wilde and Saw). The second team (drawn from Owen, Saw, Richmond and Shepherd) remains untried, mainly due to minibus troubles! Though they lack experience, their aggressiveness should win them a few fights in the future.

Success within the school has been reflected outside where, in matches and competitions, the results have been very encouraging. The RGS remains unbeaten in matches, having defeated Magdalen College School at Foil (6-3) and drawn with Kingswood at Foil and Sabre (9-9). In the county

men's foil competition, Justin Barry reached the semi-finals and in the County Under Twenty's Foil, Andrew Leece maintained his good form to take the silver medal. Graham Woodman came third for the bronze and Justin Barry and John Rackstraw fourth and fifth. Disappointments over trying to arrange inter-schools' matches prompted us to join the county league and we have eight forthcoming matches with the senior clubs in the county. Though we expect defeats, the experience gained from the high standard of fencing will make this more than worthwhile.

We have well-founded hopes that in forthcoming competitions the RGS will be well represented. These include the Under 14 and Under 19 Foil to be held at the RGS in December, the Under 16 Foil at Oxford, the Southern Section Sabre and Epee and a match against Pangbourne College in January.

J. Roebuck

Master in charge



M. Coburn 3S

BOARDING HOUSE REPORTS

SCHOOL HOUSE

Something tells me that the time is right for another boarding house report. There are maybe a few 'newsy' items worth rescuing from oblivion: in fact, there are rather more than usual.

Nearly all last year's prefects have left, with excellent A-level results all round. The fresh school year has brought a number of new friends to join us, and an efficient new regime in 'the study'. Other major events in the last few weeks have included the Guy Fawkes celebrations and 'Tramps' supper. The huge bonfire, complete with Mr. Fawkes, burnt fiercely, while Messrs. Stubbs and Edwards ignited numerous fireworks, most of which worked, with admirable skill and maximum safety. Mrs. Verling is to be thanked for arranging the post-display feed.

Along with other boarders, we endured the pain of the 'flu vaccination recently. The new year has also brought a washing machine, new-style basins, and brightly coloured lampshades and curtains.

Trusting that your curiosity is satisfied, or your boredom now sufficiently great, we conclude by thanking Messrs. Skipp and White-Taylor, Matron and Sue for the smooth, healthy and well fed running of the boarding house.

N. H. Roe

TYLERS WOOD

Dear Reader,

I have been called upon to compose an outline of the new regime at this House.

To be truthful, very little has happened since the last report. All last year's second year sixth have now left after a generally disappointing crop of results; on the bright side was an excellent group of results at 'O' level by the fifth formers.

The football season has brought new rewards for Walter, with Manchester United several points clear at the top of division two. Q.P.R. and Arsenal at the bottom of the table have lost his support.

In sport we rely, as ever, on the old names, with the exception of S. Corrin, 2nd XI hockey player and head boy of the House. R. J. and R. H. Edwards (Rugby), and M. J. South (Hockey) are in school first teams, the two last also play for the country. Outside the VIth form, our single representative is M. Noblett.

This year there are only two new arrivals—both in the VIth—and the youngest boy is now 14.

We still have all last year's staff: Mr. Pattinson and Mr. Wilson; and Mrs. Pattinson does a grand job as stand-in matron. Mrs. Wade remains as cook, and of course there's Walter.

Everybody at Tylers Wood wishes to thank the staff and daily helps for an efficiently run house. Particular thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Pattinson.

R. H. Edwards



UPLYME

During the summer term Uplymers excelled in both sporting and academic activities, with Alun Jones representing the district in the county swimming gala and Andrew Hotchkiss in the county sports. Terry Dowdeswell, Brian Backhouse and Stephen Hunt all passed their 'A' levels and are now installed in their respective universities, with the exception of Brian Backhouse who is now happily married in Hull. Ian Price, John Preston, Anthony Betteridge and Alun Jones all did very well at 'O' level and have now settled down well to their 'A' level courses.

The beginning of this term has seen the arrival of six new boys, four second year's and two third year's, all of whom have settled in well, and are contributing to the lively spirit of the boarding house.

As far as winter term sports are concerned, Uplyme has representatives in senior rugby teams (R. Andrews, I. Price, A. Betteridge), senior basketball (R. Andrews), senior cross-country (P. Spencer, A. Hotchkiss), and rowing (J. Preston). Rumour has it that A. Iveson has improved his performance to such an extent that he now manages something a little faster than a jog in the slow cross-country set. The juniors are also doing well in sports with B. Morgan captaining the U14 rugby team.

Finally, on behalf of the boys I would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs and Mr. Edwards, without whom the smooth and efficient running of the boarding house would be impossible. We are all very grateful for all that they do for us.

R. Andrews



Linocut. P. Speed 3A

SCHOOL MOCK ELECTION

Following on the antics of the last election so soon, and coinciding with the very beginning of the School year, no applications were made for a mock election in the traditional form from any quarter. Procedures for party organisation, candidate adoptions, and electioneering did not, to the relief of many, have to be considered.

Instead all boys were offered a ballot paper with the names of the three main parties and a space for a write-in choice to be expressed if preferred. Another close contest resulted in the Conservatives just reversing the narrow Liberal win in February with the protest vote disintegrating in many directions.

The result :—

Conservative	279 votes	(33.9%)
Liberal	274	(33.3%)
Labour	96	(11.7%)
Others	172	(21.1%)

(of which—

5th Form Alliance 56, Free Tea (3T!) 21, National Front 19, Silly 13, Communist 12, Sheldon's Kneecaps 11, Scottish Nationalists 8, Bolt 7, British Nationalists 4, Welsh Nationalists 2, Nazis 2, Coalition 2, Compost 2, Anti-Vasectomy 2, One-off votes 11, spoil papers 3).

The turnout was 90%.

Conservative majority 5 votes.

R.C.F.

OSNABRUCK '74

Last Easter the Osnabruck exchange took place again. Osnabruck Grammar School is south of Bremen in northern Germany.

The German boys came to England first and seemed to enjoy their stay. They were taken to Windsor Castle although most spent more time in certain other parts of the town. A trip to Ercol and Wycombe Museum was organised too.

The party from R.G.S. set off a few days after the German boys had returned. The journey went according to plan, barring the un-timetabled failure of a British Rail engine, which took an hour and a half to replace.

We all found our stay in Germany very interesting. The school had a mixed sixth form. Their school day varied from two to five hours and they went to school six times a week. The food was very different, one striking example is where you buy sausage by the half-metre, but even so you could always buy a well-known make of British chocolate or some chips.

We were entertained very well there. The organised trips included a visit to Karmann's car factory and the families took us everywhere from the East German border to the sewage works!

I feel sure that everybody would like to go again and also thank Mr. White-Taylor, who once again made the exchange possible and Mr. Durbin who accompanied us there.

K. Thomson



FACTORS AFFECTING THE DECLINE AND EVENTUAL EXTINCTION OF THE FIRST YEAR

(*Humbugus juvenelis* DJG)

An account of Humbugus

The humbug was one of the most destructive creatures yet known, comparable to the fifth form as it ate almost everything, and wrote on or destroyed what it could not eat. Humbugus could get away with this because of its innocent appearance and small size, the damage instead being blamed on the more highly upper forms, innocent or otherwise.

A pack of mature humbugs numbering about 30 could destroy a classroom in a year, after which they would encyst (develop thick skins) and enter a dormancy period of about six weeks. During the time a radical change occurred and they would reappear as second formers, wild, and liable to attack without provocation.

Destruction reached a premium at two times—during Christmas, when they become intoxicated with Christmas spirit, a brew distilled in the radiators, and just before the dormancy period when they and the rest of the school realised that for once nothing constructive was expected of them.

The species inhabited a temperate region of Argeyenland, Junyorblok, a grim building, indeed a veritable labyrinth, and from here they sallied forth to do battle with the rest of the school in the winter slush. It was also from here that Humbugus made a daily trek to a well known meeting place where an assembly was held. Some workers (c.f. C. Pugwash 1921, Orinocho Womble c. 1974, P. P. Lidgley 1456) consider this due to a primitive communal urge but this is more likely to be due to compulsion from other factors (e.g. 2, 3, 6, 12 etc.).

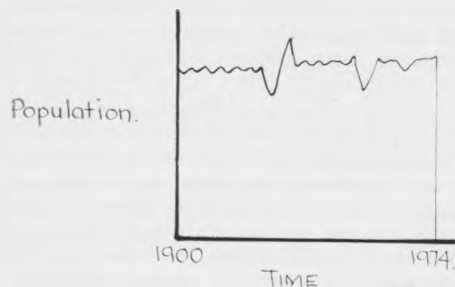
One other feature worthy of note is that sudden mass migrations to other parts of the Wycombe Archipelago (cf Solzhenitsyn 1974) occurred at about 3.20 in the afternoon (15.20 hrs.) Speculation abounds as to the reason for this but it was most probably a defence reaction to persecution.

The Decline Begins

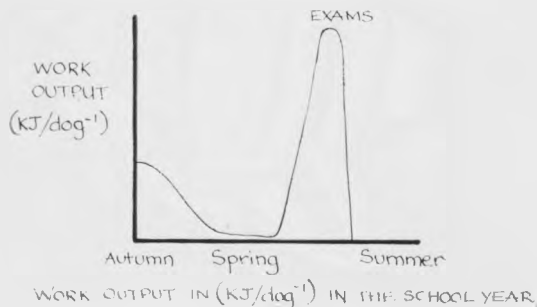
Several factors related to the decline of the humbug, falling into several broad categories which are Predation, Food Supply, Competition and Accidental or Deliberate Slaughter.

Predation. The Humbug was the lowest link in the humbug—prefect—master—governor food chain and consequently suffered great fatalities, being a source of food, labour, amusement and opportunities for scientific research (the last of the Biology Lab stock was vivisected last July to give highly successful imitation third formers). Masters captured vast herds of these animals, forcing them to join societies, work treadmills, partake in games, carry heavy loads, etc. etc. (All these could kill, folks!!). It has also been known, despite the gallant work of the RSPCA, the League of Nations, Mussolini and P. P. Lidgley, for Humbugus to be confined in a corner for up to a day ordered to pick up litter and to be thrown out of windows.

Food Supply. The humbug was highly destructive of its own environment and destroyed far more desks than it could eat, gaining some stronger pleasure from the obliteration of its own food supply. It was thus forced to rely on the vast supplies stockpiled in the tuck-shop, where many died of exhaustion in the queues. Many others were trampled by the upper school. Those without money migrated to the far end of the hockey pitch to die in thousands.



Competition. Humbugus was generally thought to be poorly adapted to life in school, because it suffered at the hands (or rather feet) of the other denizens of Argeyenland. From the start, the unity of the once vast herds was shattered by a devious, masterly device called STREAMING, whereby they were graded according to age and size to produce a Pecking (no, not Peking!) order of forms. However, even 1A was no match for the higher forms who ruthlessly tramped them into the ground every morning after the grand assembly (and, originally, at four o'clock). This was partly rectified by the masters in order to conserve humbug resources by allowing them to leave at 3.20 (15.20 hrs.), assuming they had completed their work quota. But the masters also made the grave mistake of splitting assembly, which led to the larger forms meeting the humbug herds head on, with foreseeable results. Some twenty thousand humbugs are thought to have died in this way.



ANALYSIS OF FATALITIES.

Masters	Food Supply (Lack of-)	Competition from other years	Caretakers	other losses
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Accidental death included strangulation in blind cords, suffocation in 18 in. snow drifts and drowning in inkwells. Many suffered from extreme paranoia about impending 'O' levels (only five years to go).

Accidental or Deliberate Slaughter. Masters, caretakers and boys all had a hand in this; the masters ran Humbugus over with cars; the caretakers waged war with residual humbugicides e.g. varnish, polish, disinfectant sand and warfarin (to which the humbug became immune, producing super-humbugs, *Humbugus var. Humbugissimus*). They also salted slides in cold weather and set traps, camouflaged as waste-paper containers. The humbugs' only reply to this was knocking on the caretakers' door and running away.

Finally when the population became too large and the stress too great, vast lemming-like migrations occurred and large numbers drowned in the ponds in the quad.

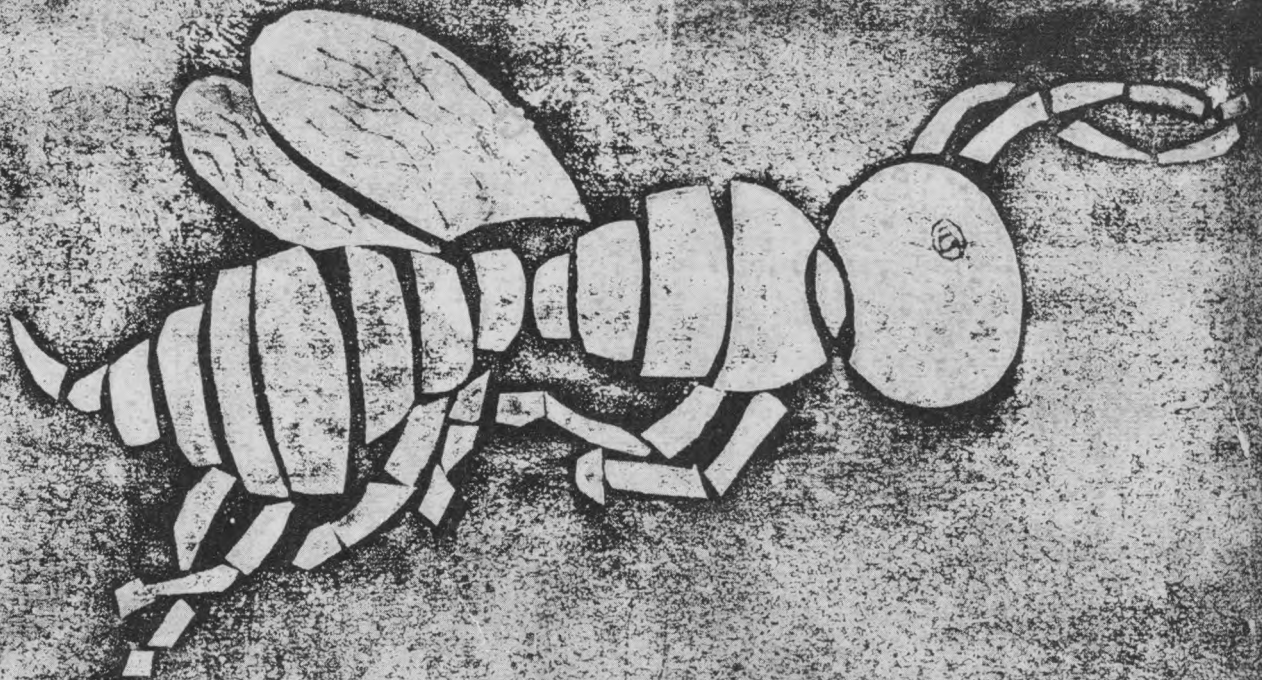
Towards the end, the government, led by Bjorn Borg, sanctioned mass extermination programmes.

The End

The last wild Humbugus was shot on the 2nd of September, 1974. Since none had been seen for the previous year, it was suspected that this humbug had entered a long diapause the year before. It was finally shot half-way up the R.G.S. clock tower by a C.C.F. sniper, and the world breathed a sigh of relief.

A. R. Berendt & D. J. Gardiner

'Insect' P. Campbell 2C



C.C.F. NOTES



ARMY SECTION

Those privileged to be in the Army Section will have pleasant recollections of the activities of the summer months.

The purchase of five canoes has extended the scope of the adventure training whilst the formation of a very versatile military band under Mr. L. J. Tiedemann made an impressive début at Annual Inspection and on Speech Day.

The Summer Camp was based at Cwm Gwdy near Brecon, a venue not previously visited and a very rewarding experience it was for all concerned.

The advance party under Captain R. G. Hollingworth and Cadet C.S.M. R. D. Harry set up the Camp in record time on the rising slopes of the foothills to the Brecon Beacons, with an uninterrupted view of miles and miles of the beautiful Welsh landscape.

A wide range of activities from the purely military to canoeing and camp cookery catered for all tastes and provided many useful lessons, including one on the effects of a hot sun on the bare shoulders when walking in the rarified air of the Welsh mountains. It all added up to a happy and enjoyable camp.

It is pleasant to record the return of Capt. F. N. Cooper after a year away on an advanced Education Course who brings welcome enthusiasm for the now widely accepted 'new look' Army Proficiency exam.

R.P.

R.A.F. SECTION

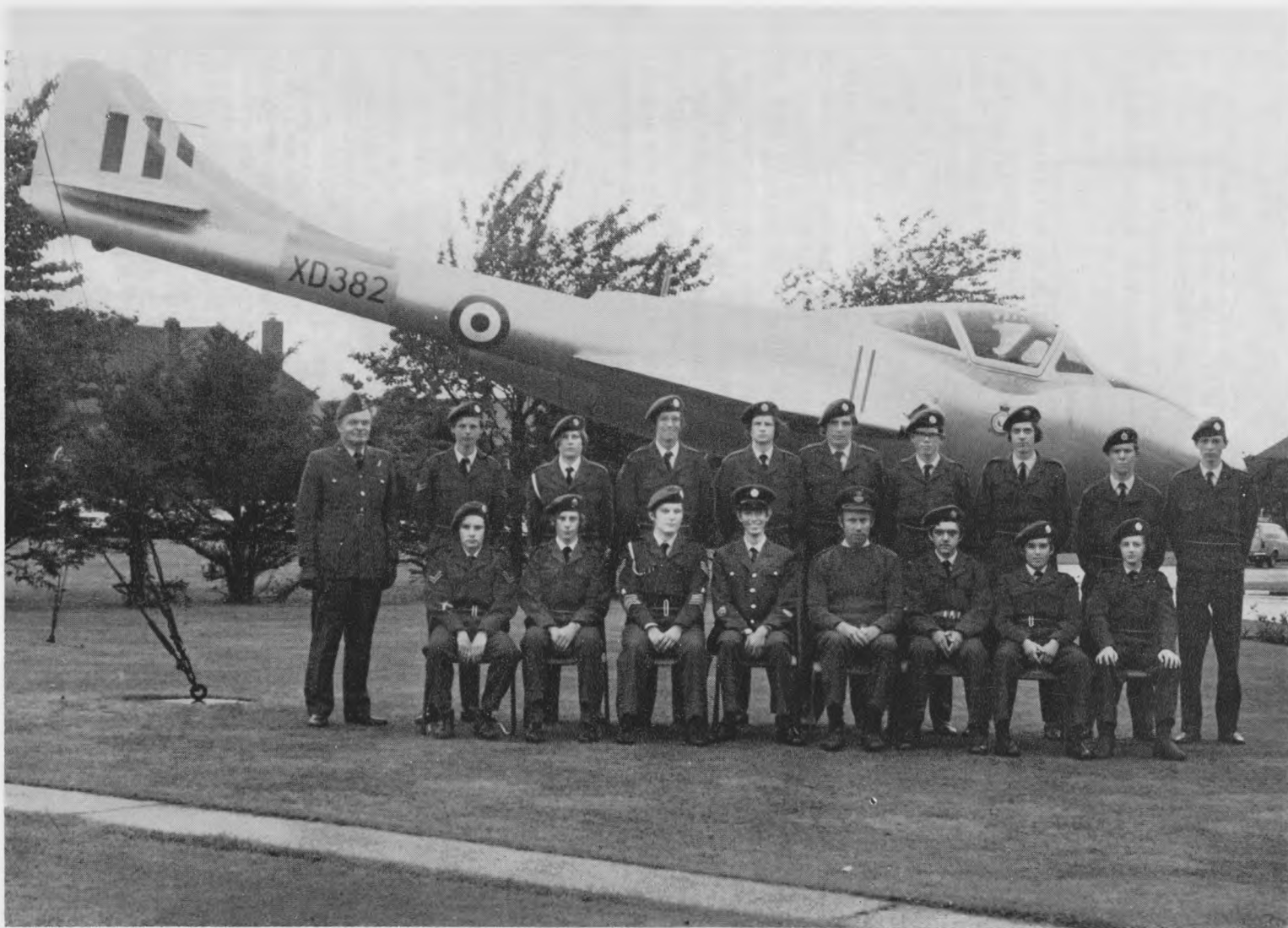
Since the last report last May on the R.A.F. section, four more Gliding Proficiency Certificates have been obtained. This was during the half-term holiday week of the summer term at R.A.F. Halton. While acknowledgements go to Sgts. Aves, Rackstraw and Walbridge for achieving their certificates, commiserations must go to those on the course in the summer holidays, whose instruction was curtailed by poor weather conditions.

Chipmunk flying at Abingdon was supposed to have been operative again, and although the weather was suitable, pilots were not available to fly the aircraft; two cadets have flown so far this term—but even then by 'appointment'.

The recruits' programme under R.S.M. Woodman (Army) and Flt.Sgt. Rackstraw (R.A.F.) has been running smoothly, but again, due to steadily deteriorating weather, activities on Thursdays have become somewhat limited, and this applies to the rest of the Section as well.

Considerable interest was aroused over the arrival of another bus. Needless to say this made a sponsored activity necessary to help pay off some of the cost, but thanks to enthusiastic support a fair bit of the deficit was returned, not to mention the maze of new footpaths around Buckinghamshire which now exist as a result of the Section's sponsored Walk-In. As for the bus, it is being cleaned and serviced at present, but eventually it will be used where numbers exceed the carrying limit of the present vehicle.

After the initial weeks of taking over where W.Os Butler and Dowdeswell left off (and the brief relapse accompanying them) the Section again has some semblance of order



1974 RAF—Summer Camp, Shawbury, Shropshire

in readiness for the influx of recruits after Christmas.

Thanks go to Flt.Lts. Smaje and Sollars, Plt.Off. Dr. Fair and Flt.Sgt. Mitchell for their valuable assistance during the last few months which has been much appreciated.

A. Best

Summer Camp was held at R.A.F. Shawbury in Shropshire; the centre in the R.A.F. for training Air Traffic Control officers. The varied programme laid on by the Station was enlivened by the presence of one of the first girl C.C.F. (R.A.F. Section) contingents from Wymondham School. The girls' company led to many amusing situations in both service and social situations; the final night escape and evasion exercise didn't go quite the way the organisers intended!

The excellent week's messing was rounded(?) off with some culinary delicacies created by Cdt. Wynd and Co. I understand that the roadside flowers are blooming well this year on the road from Shrewsbury.

The sponsored 'Walk In', which cleared many paths to the north of High Wycombe (where they were in fact found) was well supported. Those who knock the 'younger generation' would have been impressed by the determination shown by the 40 who turned out in such bad weather to finish the course. Bill's soup refreshed them at lunch time so that the last 12 miles in pouring rain was at least tolerable. Paul Welch of 3T won the touring canoe for returning the highest amount of sponsor money. Juno, who didn't complain once during the walk, merits a special mention.

My thanks to all who took part in the Walk In, also to all members of the Section who have made my job possible in spite of all the difficulties we have encountered.

C.P.S.

NAVAL SECTION

Here is an account of the activities and achievements in the past few months. Yes folks, this is it, the story of the sailors of the RGS, High Wycombe.

Back in the summer holidays several cadets attended week - long residential

courses, laid on by the Navy, to give a basic training in various subjects like seamanship, air rotary (yes, helicopters), electrical engineering and gunnery. I'm sure all cadets would agree about the high value of the courses in training, interest and overall, enjoyment.

Later, eighteen cadets successfully took and passed their charge certificates for pulling boats; coolly guiding their four-man crew (and quite a bit of boat) through the unpredictable, fast-changing, racing, rapid-strewn cold and muddy waters of the Thames at Longridge, Marlow, under the scrupulous eyes of the no doubt terrified, yet frustrated, examiner. Still it was fun, wasn't it?

Thornton, in the C.C.F. sailing regatta at Chatham, came fourteenth.

We are now all issued with our new uniforms (I still prefer the old, moan, mutter, grumble). A helicopter from Yeovilton visited us . . . well no, it didn't arrive because of the weather, did it? Nevertheless the 5th and 6th did have a very interesting lecture on the 'Role of the Navy Today' and judging by the applause at the end it went down well with nearly everyone. Perhaps most people are beginning to think about the truth for themselves instead of some 'red think box' being plugged into their brains.

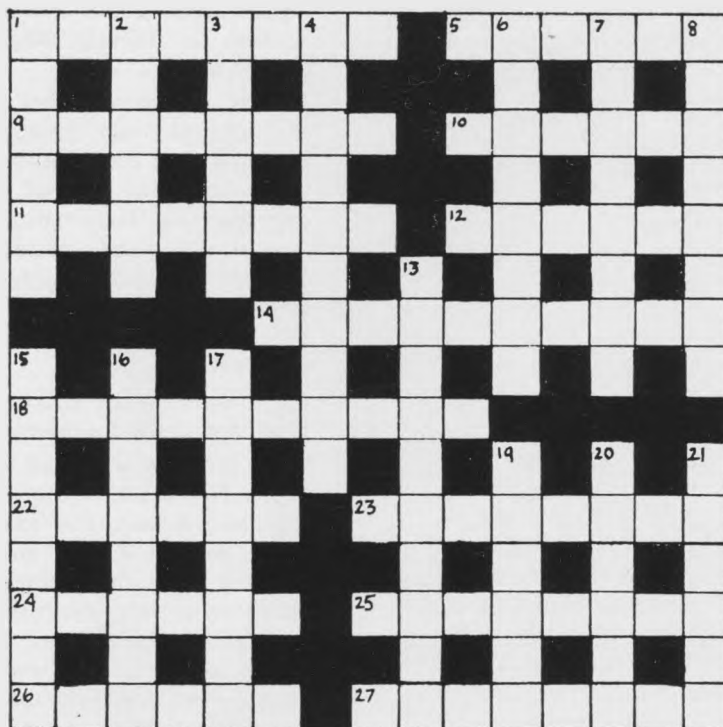
More Navy Section news concerns the sad loss of P O Wilkinson, who so recently had us in fits of the giggles with his humour. We wish him all the best for University and the Navy.

Now for a lecture. Firstly as many cadets as possible should attend an Easter camp, as they really are good. Secondly, for next year in general, let's make the Naval Section outshine the R.A.F. and the Army in everything, with as much enthusiasm as we can muster (Don't be too disappointed with the ease with which you do this!).

Lastly I must express the deep gratitude we all feel for the work of Mr. Waller, C.P.O. Kettle and P.O. Beck and all they have done for us this year. I should also like to wish the new Chief good luck, who comes to replace P.O. Beck—you'll need it!

I.N.H.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CROSSWORD 'A'

Across

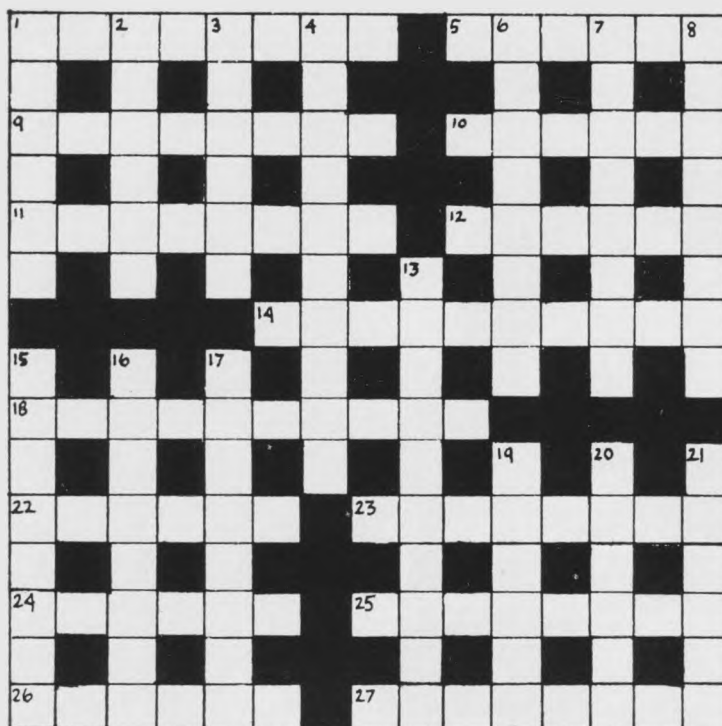
- 1 First step in man's evolution (5, 3)
- 5 Loan the doctor and a nut (6)
- 9 Tom and Jerry's first encounter (5, 3)
- 10 'Steer Northwards' he writes in (6)
- 11 Charged inside battery (8)
- 12 Hesitant of a continental river and what it is (6)
- 14 Rob's moth is a clot (10)
- 18 Unruly fiend without you in control is hostile (10)
- 22 He tries to iron out the rough parts (6)
- 23 The fashion and era is shown in this equestrian event (8)
- 24 The lengths of the crimes (6)
- 25 For example, one stoic might become interested in himself only (8)
- 26 Kind character (6)
- 27 Stumbling block to a priceless journey (4, 4)

Down

- 1 Gets in a sealed ring (6)
- 2 Sid rests, disturbed by mental pain (8)
- 3 Land some of the best at Elba (6)
- 4 Player who sometimes slips a disc (10)
- 6 Legal attire for sweeping the floor (4, 4)
- 7 Too much administration can kill (4, 4)
- 8 First man in is the key (6)
- 13 Happy is the man on a pirate ship (5, 5)
- 15 Reporter follows up the language we hear for metal (8)
- 16 The rich Football Association backs its style to be flowing (8)
- 17 Manager leads the way (8)
- 19 Be ambitious to reach a high point (6)
- 20 The queen cannot usually begin to trot (6)
- 21 Top communist turns M.P.! (3, 3)

Constructed by Vames Turner

QUICK CROSSWORD B



Across

- 1 Fruit seed (5, 3)
- 5 Boy's name (6)
- 9 Jump from an altitude (4, 4)
- 10 Noises (6)
- 11 Mutton and beef (3, 5)
- 12 Beefy tea (6)
- 14 Remove bends (10)
- 18 550 foot-pounds per second (5, 5)
- 22 Wise old man (6)
- 23 Problem (8)
- 24 Underground passage (6)
- 25 Water (8)
- 26 Damned (6)
- 27 Chant books (8)

Down

- 1 On land (6)
- 2 Chinese building (6)
- 3 Whirls (6)
- 4 Request (10)
- 6 Complete (8)
- 7 Respect highly (8)
- 8 Young bird (8)
- 13 Precautions (4, 6)
- 15 Corresponding to the sound (8)
- 16 Captive (8)
- 17 Fuel (8)
- 19 Spying (6)
- 20 Face (6)
- 21 Divine messengers (6)

T. P. Gill



There has been a generation who lived in a world of images created by work that many regard as *the* Matter of Britain. To me, there is little doubt that, with the King James Bible as an exception, Malory's *Morte d'Arthur* shaped English-speaking thought and attitude more than any other influence.

And we humans being whom we are, we live not by our social codes, ethics, or religions, but by our myths.

Recently there has been much research into just who King Arthur really was, and upon what the Matter is based. But I believe that it is less important to discover the real Arthur, than to ask, why did a fifteenth-century knight adapt an old group of myths in terms of his own time; and why did these myths persist?

I believe that it is because, fundamentally, there has been but one myth: man is born with potential for good and evil; they struggle continually within him—sometimes evil triumphs for a while, but man cannot survive without belief in the final victory of good.

Confronting the world's evils, man realises that it won't in his short lifetime . . . so he casts it into legend. When the Golden Age of chivalry seemed irrevocably past, Malory sought to recreate it by re-casting a confused set of Dark Age stories into a great moral pageantry of human ethos. He created his own heroes and did it so well that life began imitating art.

Then we entered the Twentieth Century and the inner truth of the myth-maker was lost through fourth-hand films (such as *Camelot*) made by producers solely for money. They had never been fired by the inwardness of the myth, and the obvious lack of sincerity made watchers yawn, and turn to Westerns.

Westerns . . . even here we may see the myth-maker's hand. (I refer to the old, original Westerns, before the trendies set out to prove that cowhands were really modern neurotics racked by lust, sadism and homosexuality). They looked back with an over-simplified freshness, with evil personified as the cattle-rustler stealing the honest man's herd. So for a time the movies spoke of a mythic country ruled by a magic weapon, the trusty forty-five, which always managed to kill six people with six shots from at least 100 yards.

But in an age of media saturation, the myths again frayed quickly. In a world increasingly overcrowded, conscious of the rights of minority groups and aware that naked violence (without moral force) solves nothing, the new generation grew as dissatisfied with the Wild West as previous kids had with King Arthur's tournaments. A generation sickened by the A-bomb, DDT, and with what we are doing to our world, cried out for another re-casting of the old, eternal myth which would embody these dissatisfactions.

Just at the critical moment, they found it in the work of an Oxford professor of linguistics, who wrote fairy tales for his own and his children's delight.

J. R. R. Tolkien was sincere when he (repeatedly) said that *The Lord of the Rings* was not a piece of long, elaborate allegory. But his ear was attuned to the cry of the world, as was Malory's before, and in language that spoke directly to our time, he re-cast the single myth of man's quest against evil, in new symbols. But he added something else: previously, 'Goodies' had been all of one kind. Admittedly, there had been a token respect for the theory that 'all men are brothers' . . . Tristram respected Sir Palamides; there were some good Indians—the Lone Ranger had Tonto. But Tolkien sends on his quest not just men but dwarves and elves alongside various Viking types and walking trees. Wisdom is called not Merlin, but Gandalf. Bravery is not Lancelot, but Aragorn. Jealousy is not Gawain, but Boromir. And so on.

The myth is the same.

There is no need to mourn the passing of Arthur, just as we no longer mourn the death of Osiris. Our generation has Aragorn instead of Arthur, Galadriel for Guinevere, hobbits and Riders of Rohan in place of knights in shining armour. There are no longer black nights and wicked kings . . . we have Sauron and his loathesome orcs.

Man struggles blindly between good and evil. Evil may triumph for a time, but good must prevail in the end. And when it does, someone must pay a great price. As Arthur passed away to the Vale of Avalon, so Frodo left Middle-Earth for the West.

Tolkien will surely fade from memory, and be superseded by someone else. But he has given the myth to us.

CRI DE COEUR

I cast these words
To whoe'er find them.
I can do no more:
They are all I have.

Chris Z. Hawtree

THE SKY LOOKED LIKE THE SEA

The sky looked like the sea today,
With rolling hills around.
The sea was running at high tide,
But yet I heard no sound.

The sky looked like the sea today
Or the sea looked like the sky.
Perhaps neither was the other though,
It all happened in my eye.

The sea looked like the sky today
With rolling, foaming surf,
Billowing clouds of white and grey
And sunshine on the turf.

The sky looked like the sea today
Or so, at least, thought I,
But perhaps it could have been
The sea looked like the sky.

C. Sinden

SOUNDS AROUND

Last week our roving reporter managed to catch 'Cataract' on a brief stopover gig¹ at Missenden.

After a brief visit to the 'Cross Keys' for a quick² chat with the band, it was on to the Memorial Hall for the gig.

All the boys seemed in fine spirit, and who wouldn't?³ Hitting the stage⁴ at 11 p.m. they rocked⁵ straight into 'Keep on Running'⁶, with some fine bass playing from Steve 'Fingers' Atkinson, and then straight into 'Jumping Jack Flash.' The Band were⁷ in fine form, playing the best I've seen from them in the last year.⁸ Specially fine were 'Showy Wood' and 'Black Magic Woman' which featured Simon Cousens playing some fine guitar while the rest of the band cooked⁹ behind him.

As the set wound up¹⁰ towards 1.00 a.m. the band finished with 'Get Back' and an original, by far the best, number 'Lady Verney.' Opening with some savage¹¹ guitar, the number rocked¹² to a climax which had the audience on their feet.

Vocalist Pete 'Hoarse' Ross sang with conviction and feeling and as the last chord still sustained 'Cataract' was over.^{13 14}

Notes:

1. A short 'concert'.
2. Brief.
3. A number of answers is possible. The reader must make up his own mind, the editor remaining perplexed after reading this piece.
4. Not much damage seems to have been sustained.
5. Still not completely wrecked.
6. The band's motto?
7. sic. Read 'was'.
8. Grammatically obscure.
9. Obviously bored as well as hungry.
10. Note the distinctive imagery.
11. Echoes of Hoffnung's 'savage scenery'?
12. See note 5.
13. Idiomatic usage in the 'sentence'.
14. Brief interview with leading members of the group had to be omitted because of the necessity for explanatory notes for those whose language is English.



D. G. Fallows 6S1

PICTURE I s

I look into your blue eyes,
All I see is blue skies,
All I see is green fields,
Sharp shining shimmerwater
Falling on stone
As the sun sinks slowly in the west
And we cannot hang around
To see the rest of the pictures in your mind.

C. Sinden



K. J. Whale 5X

A LICK AND A PROMISE

In the good old days
Publishers used good, firm
Glue for their spines.

Nowadays, the self-
Same glue is only used
On the labels marked: 'New Price'.

Chris Hawtree

EPISTLE TO F. R. LEAVIS

So, dear Doctor, you have
Tried to show us
The folly of our ways
But if the folly is
The reading of books for
Pleasure, then leave me be!

C. Hawtree

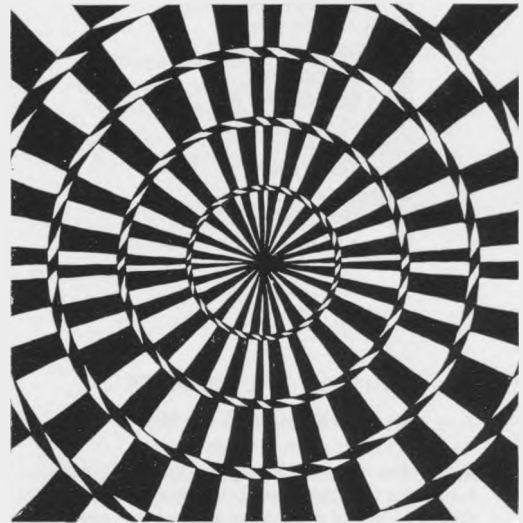
Though lap the gentle waters
In the dimming of the sky,
And in the west the ev'ning star
Floats clear and silent by;
The day's not gone the night's begun
And we will follow on
Till day breaks everlastingly
With rays of golden sun.

So come and meet me under sun,
And come and meet me under moon;
With golden leaves about our feet
And sunlight dancing on our hair.
We'll drink a cup for love and peace
And dwell here evermore.

C. Hawtree

A cobweb complex of miles of interweaving lines of
metal
Leading quietly nowhere.
Specks of dust hang in a stray beam of light,
Blank walls of grime, heaps of meaningless junk
Stare blindly over the stretches of track.
Going somewhere—where I do not know.

Nothing has been achieved.
Man's mind is like the rails:
A nothing, complicated, promising nothing,
Coming from nowhere, going nowhere else.



THE CIRCULATION OF THE BLOOD

If I were rich I would carry you away
But as I'm not
Can we settle for the back row of the local flea-pit?

Harvey



D. Jefferies 5X

'BOUT BABY BASHING

Where to now?
 What can be done?
 Let's have a row,
 Not another one,
 Let's beat up the kid.
 No, not again,
 Let's get fresh,
 Burn some flesh,
 Break a leg,
 Bash his head.
 Where to now . . . he's dead.

S. Andrews

OUT OF THE CLOSETS

Aye, babe this they could not bear
 At least not at such a tender age.
 Why? the voice of Reason does declare.
 Love like this those who in rage
 Commonsense change in life resent, reject.
 They scream so loudly indeed
 That ignorance does them seem to select.
These young of the suburbs will succeed
 As there are many lost and moaning
 Inside, crying to be free, trying to be true.
 Reason many ways has spent time observing
 That one and one *is* two.
 The 'wild side' is not so very bad;
 Truth hurts in this blinkered world, 'tis sad.

Anon.

As soon as the cats have been collected they are, with the exception of the tabbies which are first sun-dried, put into presses where the juices are extracted. In Portugal and Spain the cats are still pressed by treaders who stamp about the laden wine-presses until the cats are thoroughly mashed-up. The juices are then left to ferment in vats, casks or bottles according to the type of wine desired.

Sparkling cat wines are rendered sparkling either by blowing into the bottles or by bottling the wine while it still contains sugar which will ferment inside the bottle.

Be very careful when collecting material for your wine. Cats are vicious little beasts and the RSPCA has undue influence in this country.

B. R. Newton

THE HUT

Summer has retreated before Autumn striding on.
 As I look towards the hut I see
 The sun descending, leaving a twilit scene of
 Salient beauty on the Scottish moor.

Whoever set the stones, set
 Craggy blocks mortared with moss,
 Roofed with rotting railway sleepers
 And rusty corrugated iron;
 Stone floor sprung with bed of weeds.

The chill wind sweeps across the rolling, mossy hump
 and hillock-downs.
 That wind hangs now, advance guard, as the tree
 (troop) shadows lengthen to the hut.
 The briars bend as the view over the heather-covered
 rocks shows me
 Damp greens mixing with blush-red to form a pattern
 of converging oranges and yellows.

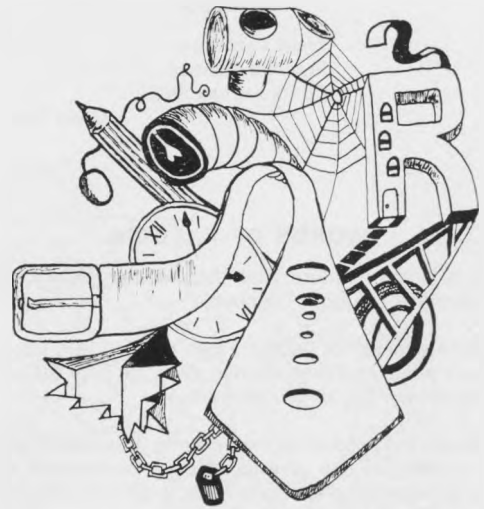
The bird eventide songs stop as if by order, leaving
 the ear free with Night's furtive sounds:
 The rabbit's thud, rustle of weasel, vixen's siren,
 scratching of a badger's paw.
 Somewhere to my right—higher up the hill—a deer-
 shape moves flittingly in and out of sight.
 The sage stream, which has seen this all before,
 calmly trickles down the hill.
 The black mists of darkness sweep out from behind
 me to swallow up the scene.
 White wind, uncanny over moorland, shows
 Night's irresistible talons have finally clutched the
 prize.
 If there was laughter, the echoes carried only
 Isolation.

Keith Richmond (March 1974)

POSTCARD

I have heard skeins of laughter
As I walk by the beach . . .
Ladies with shopping-bags
And children—often the same—
Sit upon the pebbles and the sand
Before rushing to catch
The five-fifteen which
Carries them homeward to a
Plate of chips, and fish they have not caught.

C. Hawtree



C. Baines 5A

COFFEE COLOURED CARPET

There was a coffee coloured carpet
In a coffee coloured room.
As the sun shone in the window
On a sunny day in June,
And she sat by the window
She was waiting for the moon.
He came flying over hilltops,
He came flying over clouds
As she slowly died wrapped in shrouds
Of a slightly deadly substance in the air.

C. Sinden

STATION, DEPARTING (For V.T.)

Your arm outstretched, a last—
Blown-kiss. You step
Upon our vanishing train,
Bag in hand, scarf 'round
The lovely neck. Is this the end?
Maybe—we have reached a halt, a junction,
Or am I lost at the terminus?
All change?

Rover

QUESTION ?

Time . . .
What is it?
The peeling of paint from a shabby window-sill?
The withering of flowers in an unkempt garden?
The gathering of dust on your Beatles collection?
The softly sinking sand in an hour-glass?
Who really knows?
Who really cares!

. . . If you're young.
Keith Pettitt

SCHOOL GAMES

Mud-sparked, hair-drenched,
Limbs lost, the dew moves across
The battered remains of lush grassy
Fields . . . Desecrated grass succumbs
To the tramlings of the Philistine.

If this be civilisation, give me barbarism!

MAN'S DOWNFALL

The house stands forlorn, detached, in solitude,
Empty. No one visits him any more.
Why? What has he done to deserve this?
Is it that the clock-tower has death-watch beetle?
No, the reason is money!
This house ran out of money,
And now all that is left are memories.
Memories of times when children ran
And played on those stairs, from which now,
Spiders weave their misty nets of decay.
Money can only buy friends,
It can never retain them.

D. Clemens

PARADOX

Most vers libre
Is really chained
To its exclusions.

Great Tom

WORDS OF WISDOM

'It is human nature that threatens mankind with extinction.' (Arnold Toynbee).

'My life must not be like a pen running out, used a short while and then thrown away for ever.' (Dawn Froud (age 13) of Dr. Barnardo).

'We are the product of the best that a thousand years of civilisation can give us, but we are strained and we are tense and we never stop. It isn't my definition of the Good Life, but I don't know what is . . . ' (Brian Clough).

'You are the master of the words you have not spoken but the slave of those you let slip off your tongue.' (Anon.).

'Happiness is like perfume. If you sprinkle it over someone else, a few drops fall over you too.' (Anon.).

'One word of truth outweighs the whole world.' (Solzhenitsyn).

S. Widberg

THE MOLE'S SONG

It is nice to be a mole,
I have my rut, I have my hole.
I am here to save your soul,
Please to join me in my hole.

B. R. Newton

CASTLE RUACH

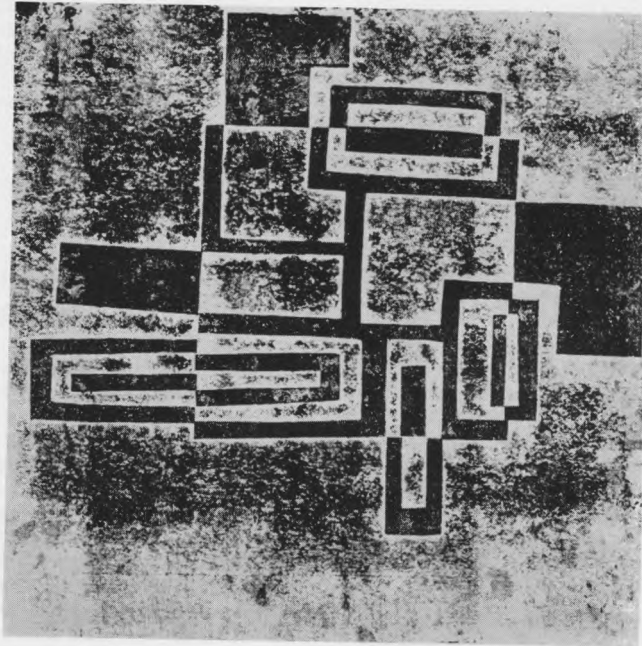
On a tall cliff it stood,
As if hewn from the rock itself,
Battered by wind and rain,
Deserted for aeons.

He went through its high doors
Into a lofty hall,
Dark and cavernous.
First, down cold steps to the cellars,
Choc-a-bloc and chaotic
With a meaningless jumble
Of dusty extravaganzas.

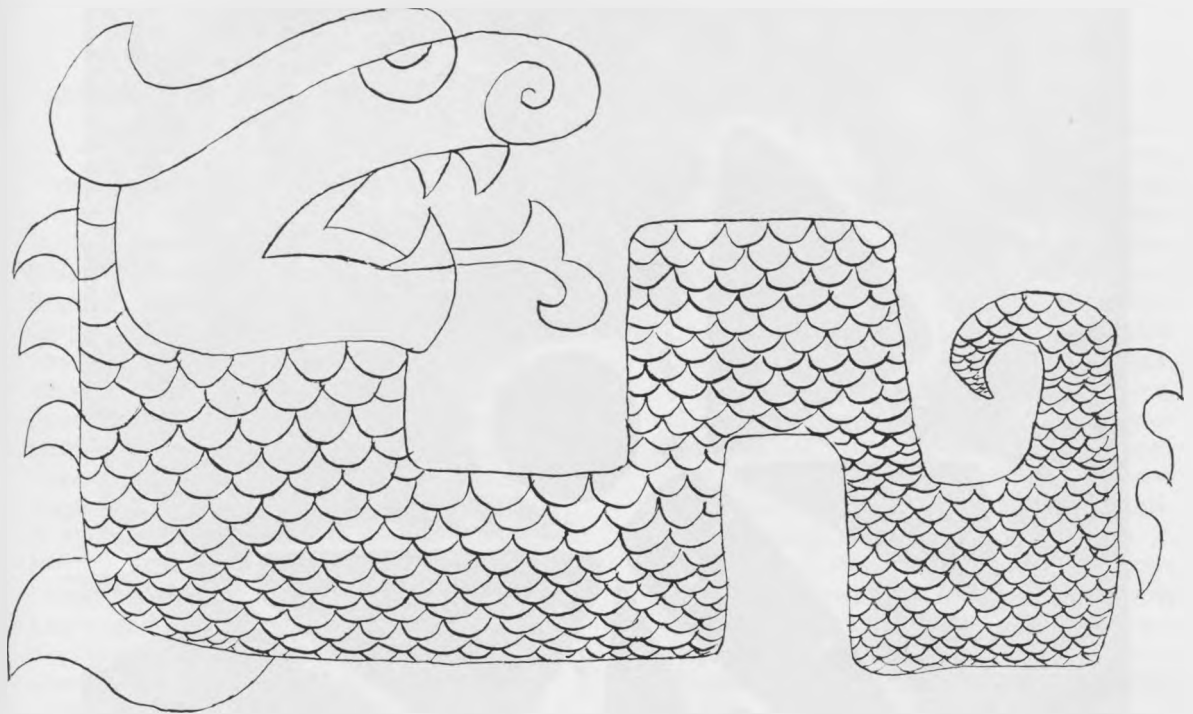
Elsewhere empty rooms,
With shapes not quite there
Flitting through the shadows
Then gone from human ken.
A few rooms, desolate
But for a few objects
Of purpose unknown.

Out he went and looking back
He glimpsed huge letters of
Shimmering gold, hovering.
They said MIND.

Robert Greaves



S. P. Hutson 2A



K. Jouhar 6B1

A RIDDLE

I only live
 To die.
 My only use, and spark of life
 Is in my death.
 My name describes
 Two similar ones,
 I'm the only link
 Between curry and swans.
 I've ruined buildings, scarred young faces,
 Destroyed the land in many places.
 Magazine covers hold my name
 And I describe a sporting game.
 Though suicide and habit I very often see,
 Centuries ago, no one ever saw me.
 Hurriedly look up and down, you'll see my name just
 hanging down.

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FUTURE MEMORIES

Far out in the night
 Our soul-ships pass by.
 A galaxy together, but worlds apart,
 Our thoughts are bathed in straining steel.
 We rub cheeks,
 As our hair tumbles over our shoulders.
 Our eyes lie aflame,
 Like the Martian, wind,
 And we flatten together in a smudge-blurred kiss.
 The flirting stars sing ;
 The spaceways echo our love ;
 The empyreal Universe stretches out in content.
 Then . . .
 But, now, I cry for all that is lost.
 It was so good . . . so good . . .

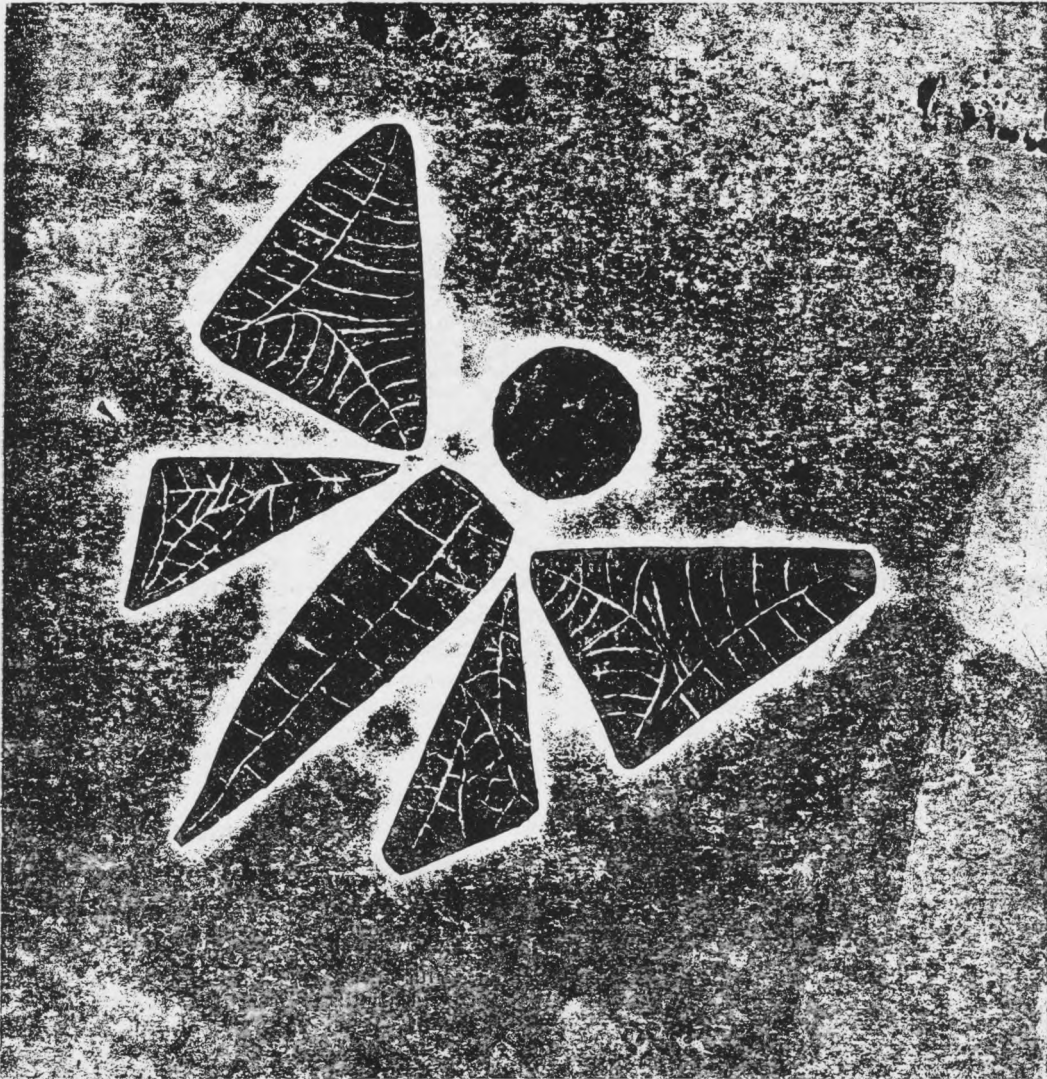
Fizz Parker

THE SECOND DRAFT

If I should die, think only this of me :
 That there's some corner of a foreign field
 Where I died quite pointlessly.

*(With acknowledgement to the many who died
 and Rupert Brooke)*

Chris Shelden



M. Church 2C

PLEASANT SURPRISE

Milling about muscular Cambridge,
That vogue and velvet city,
I was impressed by the stationery store
next to the muffin house.
Paper after paper after paper after book
(and in the back pornography too)
but in the front ripe rich bananas
as full and wholesome as can be.
You know . . .
that's the only time I ever saw
a banana in a stationery store.

S. F. Peart

MAN IN PERSPECTIVE

Just look up there—at the sky and stars.
You are so conceited that you think of the
Universe only as some sordid lithograph;
But it is you who is nothing and even
If you died this very second
The world would not change.
You are one—in millions.
You are a neat, little statistic
Tucked away in some obscure file.
Yet this is what you live for
And you think it's so great.
Should I laugh or cry at your naivety?

S. Parker

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATIONS

ADVANCED LEVEL RESULTS 1974

Italics denote Grade A

* denotes distinction on the 'S' level paper

M. S. Bruffell—English Literature, Political Studies, Economics; A. G. Lewis—Political Studies, Economics; R. J. Maher—French, German; T. J. Orlik—French, German, History; J. Brooks—French, History, Economics; J. W. M. Chadwick—*French*, History, Economics; T. W. Digby—*English Literature*, History, Economics; S. A. Edwards—*English Literature, French, History**; R. M. Laurie—English Literature, History*, Economics; B. P. Leeser—French; I. D. Leigh—French, History, Economics; S. P. Melrose—English Literature, History, Art; N. H. Roe—English Literature, History, Economics*; T. J. Ross—*English Literature, French, History*; B. J. Stevens—French, History, Art; M. J. Waring—*French, History**, Economics; P. N. Watson—English Literature, History, Geography; A. M. Aston—French, German, Economics; N. J. Berendt—*French*, Russian, Economics; P. C. Bergson—English Literature, French, Art; T. Dowdeswell—English Literature, French, History; M. S. Edwards—English Literature, French, German; P. Harris—English Literature, *French*, History; M. N. Hedges—French, German, Economics; N. J. Hornsey—English Literature, French, History; G. H. Hunt—English Literature, *French*, History; N. C. E. Lloyd—French, Economics; R. P. Lockwood—*French, German**, Economics; K. Tanner—English Literature, *French, German**; I. C. Vale—*English Literature, French*, German; K. M. Waller—English Literature, French, Art; C. A. Wylot—German; C. C. Burnham—*English Literature*, Latin, History; P. Flint—*Latin, French**, History; N. D. E. Jones—Greek, Latin, Ancient History; F. P. Massey—English Literature, Ancient History, History; N. J. Oakey—English Literature, Ancient History, History; W. M. R. Ramsay—English Literature, Greek, Latin; M. N. P. Rogers—*English Literature*, Greek, Latin; D. J. Stevens—English Literature, Latin, French; M. I. A.

Watson—English Literature, History; S. Amin — *Mathematics, Biology, Physical Science**; J. B. Amos—Physics, Chemistry, Biology; K. R. Bolding—Physics, Chemistry, Biology; P. A. Cockett—Physics, Chemistry, Biology; R. B. Dapling—Mathematics, Biology, Physical Science; P. G. Gilson—Chemistry, Biology; J. P. Graffy—*Physics**, *Chemistry, Biology*; M. E. R. Hardy—*Physics, Chemistry, Biology*; W. J. Hawken—*Physics, Chemistry**, *Biology*; G. E. Hirst—Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Art; R. E. Holliman—Mathematics, Biology, Physical Science; J. H. Jones—Physics, Biology; P. G. Knipe—Geography, Chemistry, Biology; S. C. Latimer—Physics, Chemistry, Biology; K. A. R. Liebscher — *Physics*, Chemistry, Biology; F. D. MacDonald—*Mathematics, Biology*, Physical Science; L. J. O'Callaghan—*Physics, Chemistry**, Biology; E. J. Pearce—Physics, Chemistry; R. E. Quiney—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology*; I. Saunders—Geography, *Biology*, Physical Science; J. D. Savage—Mathematics, Biology, Physical Science; M. G. Tordoff—Mathematics, *Biology*, Physical Science; M. J. Vaughan—Mathematics, Chemistry, *Biology*; P. F. Wankling—Physics, Chemistry, Biology; J. Wright—Physics; B. A. Backhouse — History, Economics; A. C. Blaiklock—Economics; F. W. Geudeker—History, Economics; P. A. Goodman—History, Economics, *Geography*; P. J. Hollingsworth — *Economics, Geography, Mathematics*; S. S. G. Hyams—History, Economics; S. M. Kelly—English Literature, History, Economics; K. R. Laing—English Literature, History, Economics, *Geography**; M. A. Page—*Economics, Geography, Mathematics*; G. N. Townsend—English Literature, History, Economics; W. A. Trendall—*Economics, Geography, Mathematics*; S. C. Vicary—History, Economics; S. A. Yaghmourian—German, Economics, Mathematics; S. P. Andrews — *History**, *Economics, Geography**; S. C. Clark—Economics; R. D. Harry—History, Economics; I. M. Holt—Economics; A. P. Jones—*English Literature*,

History, *Geography**; E. H. Peters—English Literature, Geography, Mathematics; L. J. Prentice—French, Economics, Geography; G. C. Prior—History, Geography, Mathematics; P. L. Swinnerton — Economics; D. R. V. Thomas—Economics, Geography, Mathematics; P. J. Wilkinson—History, Economics, Geography; D. P. Worley—Economics, Geography, Mathematics; J. Berth-Jones—Mathematics, *Physics*, Chemistry; S. Bird—*Mathematics**, Further Mathematics, *Physics**, *Chemistry*; R. A. Butler—Economics, Mathematics; S. R. Calverley—French, Mathematics, Physics; N. J. Hall—Physics, Art; F. G. Harrison—*Mathematics*, *Further Mathematics*, *Physics**, *Chemistry*; J. R. Holmes—Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics; P. J. Howe—Mathematics; H. Lasocki—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; R. A. Mansfield—Economics, Mathematics, Physics; S. P. Munday—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; J. P. Newell—*Mathematics*, Further Maths., *Physics**, *Chemistry*; P. I. Poskett—*Mathematics*, Further Mathematics, *Physics**; S. J. Rayner—Economics, Physics; P. A. Shelley—Physics, Chemistry; D. C. Simpson—*Mathematics*, *Physics*, *Chemistry*; A. Smith—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; D. F. Willmot—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; P. G. Wills—Mathematics, Physics; M. W. Abbot—Physics; P. N. Barber—English Literature, Art; D. A. Barnes—*Mathematics*, Physics, Chemistry; N. G. Channon—German, Mathematics, Physics; A. B. Corser—Geography, Mathematics, Physics; M. D. Coulon—Economics; S. M. Gay—*Mathematics*, *Further Mathematics*, *Physical Science*; S. P. Hopkins—Mathematics, *Physics*, Chemistry; A. J. Longworth—*Mathematics*, Further Mathematics, *Physics*, Chemistry; J. N. Pearce—*Mathematics*, *Physics**, *Chemistry*; K. Rogers—Chemistry; M. G. Rust—Mathematics, *Physics*, Chemistry; D. C. Stewart—Economics, Mathematics; I. K. Stewart—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; P. D. Sudworth—English Literature, Physics; I. P. Walker—*Mathematics*, *Physics*, Chemistry; P. Whitcombe — Mathematics, *Physics*, Chemistry; C. G. Whyte—Physics, Chemistry; S. L. Hunt—Mathematics, Physics;

I. P. Ferguson—German; M. A. Hyland—Economics; K. V. Smith—Economics; S. V. Waters—Economics.

ORDINARY LEVEL RESULTS 1974

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

P. G. Alison (9); P. H. Allot (8); D. J. Brown (7); P. H. Browne (8); S. Coltman (9); P. S. Copas (8); M. C. Coulter (5); G. Edwards (7); R. W. M. Greaves (7); S. Hoare (6); G. D. W. Lewis (10); I. D. Lipscombe (8); C. P. Mould (9); P. G. Munford (7); P. J. Murden (8); G. J. Murnane (10); R. C. Osola (7); S. J. Parker (10); C. J. Paul (10); J. Poole (7); I. H. Price (7); S. M. Reed (8); I. C. Rollins (9); P. T. Russell (9); J. H. Sands (8); R. P. Steare (8); M. A. Stinchcombe (9); A. R. I. Walker (8); M. A. C. Wilson (6); C. D. Woodbridge (9); T. P. Airey (9); A. D. Jones (8); K. J. Jouhar (9); W. F. Longworth (8); A. B. McElroy (9); A. M. McNally (7); I. S. Mason (8); S. Masters (9); N. A. Morris (8); S. J. Newman (9); P. J. S. O'Byrne (8); D. R. Peach (9); R. W. Peckham (7); J. Preston; K. D. Richmond (7); S. D. Roe (9); C. M. H. Shepherd (5); N. A. Shutt (8); M. E. J. Sinden (8); A. H. Sutcliff (7); T. Ahmed (9); C. D. P. Austin (9); A. R. Berendt (10); J. A. Bower (9); A. K. Brook (9); A. S. Burnand (9); N. P. Burton (9); R. P. Chambers (8); M. D. Copcutt (9); J. S. Dicker (9); J. M. W. Edwards (9); P. M. Flower (7); D. J. Gardiner (10); M. A. Grieve (9); M. I. Hagger (9); I. N. Hazlewood (9); P. Hunt (10); G. Jamieson (9); D. P. Keen (10); P. P. Lidgley (9); C. C. Lloyd (9); M. Morphew (8); I. D. Quiney (8); A. C. Rackham (9); D. I. C. Roberts (8); R. A. Searle (10); C. B. Stottor (8); T. W. Tagg (9); A. T. Thornton (8); J. B. Vaughan (9); C. R. Webb (9); D. C. Allen (9); J. E. Bailey (7); P. N. Bedford (8); A. D. Betteridge (6); C. P. Brown (9); T. C. Clark (9); P. J. Cockcroft (6); J. P. M. Diffley (9); P. Dolphin (9); A. J. Edwards (8); P. L. Edwards (9); D. Fallows (9); R. D. J. Harvey (8); G. Isherwood (7); D. C. Lane

(7); M. C. A. Long (9); D. W. Merriman (9);
D. S. Munday (9); R. A. Parks (9);
M. J. C. D. Paton (9); J. M. Preece (9);
D. H. Rees (9); P. M. Savage (6); F. R. A.
Sharps (7); R. A. Smith (7); T. G. Strickland
(9); H. M. Thomas (9); I. P. Wallis (8);
S. J. Ware (8); G. F. Watts (9); P. B.
Yaghmourian (6); P. J. Attfield (9); A. J.
Buchanan (6); P. A. Chadwick (8); N.
Cleverley (9); M. C. Cover (5); D. G.
Coxwell (5); D. N. Currie (7); M. H. Dixon
(9); R. J. Edwards (8); A. M. Fenton (9);
M. W. P. C. Ferguson (5); M. Fisher (7);
L. D. Fulker (7); R. D. Gray (7); S. P. Gray
(7); C. J. L. Hellier (9); P. M. Hone (5);
M. R. Hopkins (5); P. R. B. Jones (10);
S. M. McLelland (5); A. C. Pillidge (9).



OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS CLUB

DEATHS

Dr. L. L. C. REYNOLDS, D.S.O., T.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Vice-President of the Old Boys' Club, died peacefully on July 6th 1974 at his home, Endycross, Northam, N. Devon, aged 92 years.

Dr. Lewis Leslie Clayton Reynolds served with great distinction with the infantry in the 1914-18 War rather than as an army doctor. He was one time O.C. Bucks Bn., Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry. He was a Deputy Lieutenant and J.P. for Buckinghamshire. He became a great friend of the School and the Old Boys' Association when he resumed his doctor's practice in High Wycombe in 1918. He retired to Devon in 1951. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Christobel Reynolds and two children, a son Geoffrey and a daughter Mrs. Dora Arnison.

OLD BOYS

BARRETT, E. L. (1945-60). Capt. 'Butch' Barrett wrote last June from Gallipoli 458 where he seemed to be very active with his 414 Pack (Mule) Transport Troop, R.C.T. He was delighted to report that in September 1975 he would start a course at the Staff College, Camberley. Before that he would be serving for six months in Northern Ireland.

BARTON, C. M. J. (1966-71) has been awarded an organ scholarship at Worcester College, Oxford. He left the School in 1971 when he won an organ scholarship to Trent College, Nottingham.

BATES, G. E. (1947-55) has got his 'top job'. He has been appointed director of administration for the chemically based company Croda International Ltd. at Goole, North Humberside. He took an honours degree in Modern Languages at Jesus College, Cambridge and was appointed secretary of Croda Int. in 1969. He is married and lives at Selby in Yorkshire. He reported that Paul Chamberlin (1949-56) took over Child Care and Probation work from Alan Harvey (1950-57) when the latter moved to Lincoln.

BOREHAM, T. R. (1921-25) retired recently after a life-time in the furniture trade. He spent the last 20 years working for British Vita who make foam rubber at their works in Victoria Street.

BRIGHTON, T. L. (1957-62) who is the *Bucks Free Press* classified advertisement manager, took part in November in the 'Scimitar Beaujolais Run '75'. He had to load three crates of Beaujolais wine into his car in Maçon and dash 350 miles across France and deliver the wine unharmed to the City Golf Club in London's Fleet Street. He won comfortably against considerable opposition.

CLUTTON, G. N. (1966-73) worked as an undergraduate apprentice with the British Aircraft Corp. in Weybridge, before going up to Imperial College in October 1974.

DODGSON, A. (1913-18). *The Wycombsian* in its new shape and appearance gave him quite a start when it arrived last May but he admired it and wondered in amazement how any school could afford such a masterpiece in such glossy paper these days. He congratulates all those concerned on its production. He and his wife celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary recently.

DRAPER, P. (1948-55) has left Vick International after 12 years. He is now Manager, International Marketing Research with R.C.A. Corporation, headquartered in the RCA building at Rockefeller Plaza in New York City. He is responsible for RCA marketing research worldwide—this means anything from T.V. sets and records, through carpets, frozen T.V. dinners to Hertz Rent-A-Car (and this guy thought he'd let himself and the School down because he couldn't gain a place at university when he left!).

FRY, P. D. (1941-49) had another hard fight at Wellingborough in the General Election and held the seat for the Conservatives with a majority of 1,758 votes.

GANN, A. S. (1940–45) has taken up the post in the Department of Education and Science concerned with the re-organisation of secondary schools. So an old boy of the R.G.S. may be involved in the battle to abolish it.

GODFREY, S. J. (1966–71) came down from Imperial College with a first class honours degree in mining engineering—he was placed top of his year. He recommends the course—students can get out into the field through courses in Geology and surveying during Easter vacations while the summer vacations in his case were spent on working visits to mines in all parts of the world. He spent two months at the Rio Tinto mines in S.W. Spain in his first year and a similar time in Grangesberg iron-ore mines in central Sweden in his second year. This has helped him to travel extensively and cheaply as his employers paid the travelling expenses on top of a normal wage. He valued too the opportunity to make contact with the local community wherever he worked. He is now studying for an M.Sc. degree in Operations Research at Philadelphia University, Pennsylvania, having been awarded a Thouron Scholarship for post-graduate study. Only 10 of these are awarded annually. He hopes this M.Sc. course will stand him in good stead for a career in the consulting and control areas of the mining industry.

GREEN, G. E. (1940–46) was adopted as Conservative Parliamentary candidate for the Openshaw Division of Manchester. He was not successful but enjoyed the General Election and gained much experience. Geoffrey Green is a keen European and has been a member of study-group visits to the Commission in Brussels and the Parliament in Strasbourg. He is a member of the executive committee of the Society of Conservative Lawyers, a Freeman of the City of London and Liveryman of the City of London Solicitors' Company. He is also an Underwriting member of Lloyds.

HAMMETT, R. W. (1954–61) writes from the International Language Centre in

Tokyo, where he is teaching English to adults, mostly business men and university students but also doctors, teachers, secretaries, bank clerks, air hostesses and others. He is working for a private organisation and the students pay fees. He teaches in the afternoon and evening, and has the mornings free.

His work on the African language mentioned in the last notes came to fruition in a thesis entitled 'A Survey of Dialect Variations in Rukiga'. From his material he was able to draw some historical conclusions concerning the past movements of clans and tribes in S.W. Uganda. He was awarded the M.Phil. of London University for this work.

HANDS, S. E. (1915–21) who remains as President of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, for another year, has recently been successful with his collection of Bolivia in Sweden. He obtained a large gold medal—an outstanding award—and a Swedish handcut etched bowl donated by the Swedish Post Office.

HAVARD, A. D. N. (1960–68) went to Sheffield University and gained a degree in Law. Unsure of what he should do with it, he worked for some time as a house-father in a Children's Home run by the local authority for children in care. After a successful six months at Law College he entered into 2 years Articles with a large firm of solicitors in Fleet Street. In May he passed his final examination and should be admitted as a solicitor by now. He was fortunate to meet a young lady teacher (always a good bet in the opinion of the Hon. Sec.) whom he married. So many Old Boys hang around Fleet Street that Andrew Havard hopes the legendary El Vino would be a suitable venue for a re-union.

HILLS, B. P. (1960–68) won a Senior Scholarship to Wadham College, Oxford in 1968 and gained a 1st class honours degree in Natural Sciences in 1972. He was then awarded a Senior Scholarship to St. John's College to read for his Ph.D. which he gained this year. On October 1st 1974 he commenced 2 years' post-

doctrinal research under the sponsorship of Professor Deutch in the Chemistry Department of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, U.S.A. having won the coveted award of a N.A.T.O. Fellowship. He is studying Hydrodynamics with a view to research, possibly on the subject of 'Light scattering effect from Polymers'.

HOLLINGSWORTH, P. J. (1967-74) and TRENDLELL, W. A. (1967-74) write from Bristol University. Hollingsworth is reading Economics, Trendell Economics and Accounting. They are in the same Hall of Residence as P. J. Newell (1967-74) studying Civil Engineering. W. J. Hawken and D. C. Simpson are there too, studying medicine.

JANES, Eric (1928-30) is making a good recovery from his serious illness and is now living at Aston Park, Aston Rowant. His oldest son Jeremy (1954-61) who married 'Old Girl' Helena Ellis is headmaster of a private school in California. They have two children. Edwin (1955-63) is an A.R.I.B.A. and lectures on architecture at Perth University. Roland (1958-65) is or was at Birmingham University.

JOHN, S. A. (1964-70) is flying for British Airways, Europe Division, on Tridents and is very content. He gave news of Richard SIMONS (1964-70) who has been selected to train as a newscaster with I.T.N. Brother Nicholas SIMONS (1958-65) is now an accountant. Philip ROBINSON (1966-72) who studied Biology at Southampton is working for Heinz on their Graduate Marketing Scheme. Richard STAYNER (1964-71) is married, works as a solicitor at Lancaster Gate and is in the English Olympic Squad for hockey.

JONES, G. D. B. (1947-54), Professor of Archaeology at Manchester University had his book *Roman Manchester* published in November 1974. He was on Granada T.V. and 'Look North' to give it a boost. Last May Professor Jones and three colleagues obtained an apology from *The Times*. They brought a libel action against the editor. The paper had published a letter containing certain allegations which re-

flected on the professional competence of the plaintiffs in the work they were carrying out at Vindolanda Roman fort at Chesterholm, adjacent to Hadrian's Wall. True facts had been brought to the attention of the defendants and they recognised that the charges made were unfounded. The defendants regretted they had given publicity to unwarranted aspersions on the reputations of those responsible for the outstanding scientific and technical achievements of Vindolanda.

KNOWLES, T. C. T. (1920-26). After living in Buckinghamshire since 1917, 'Farmer' Knowles has moved to Stockton, Cleveland on retiring from teaching. He will miss his links with the Chiltern Youth Club and the Royal British Legion where he was President, the Amersham Community Association where he was vice-chairman for years, the local National Savings Committee and Chiltern R.F.C. to mention just a few of his interests. His son W. A. C. (1951-58) is now the proud father of Katherine, born on the 5th August 1974.

NEWTON, M. S. (1964-71) is in his industrial year from Surrey University (Degree in Hotel and Catering Management). It is being spent in the Cavendish Hotel, Eastbourne which is owned by the De Vere Group. He spends about six weeks in each department. The hours are very long but rewarding. He is hon. sec. of the London Colleges Basketball League and has been elected Captain of Cricket for the 1975 season at Surrey University.

OXLADE, D. (1941-47) has returned to teach in England after 11 years abroad in Kenya, where he helped to complete the process of changing a pure European school of 750 boys into an African one. The last procedure was the Africanisation of the staff. He enjoyed the final work and the University of Nairobi was interested in the problems of conversion. He wrote a thesis on it and has been awarded a Ph.D. He has obtained a post at Brighton College and it is quite a relaxation not to have to sort out racial and tribal 'shauris'—a Swahili word meaning rows and complaints. He hopes 'Sam' is enjoying his retirement.

- PALLET, D. C. J. (1955–61) has become increasingly disillusioned with the educational system in this country and has found a post abroad where he hopes his talents may possibly be more usefully employed. He sailed in July for Lagos, to work for the Federal Government of Nigeria. He is teaching maths in one of the 12 State capitals and at the same time tours the State supervising the teaching in the outlying secondary schools.
- PAYNE, M. (1954–61) took a Diploma in Educational Guidance at Reading University in 1969–70 and is now working as a 'School Counsellor' at a secondary modern school in Datchet, near Windsor. His job is to help pupils with vocational, educational and personal problems and to work closely with the parents, child guidance, probation and social services. He is organising secretary of the London and S.E. branch of the National Association of Counsellors in Education and will be pleased to furnish information to any interested person. He is trying to start a cell"—his address, 30 Goddington Road, Bourne End, Bucks.
- PEDDER, I. M. (1936–42)—Air Commodore Ian Pedder was very involved in November 1974 in the changes to air traffic routes in the London Terminal Control Area. He acted as Director of Control Operations. The new rules will bring relief to High Wycombe.
- RAY, K. D. (1965–73) attended his first Old Boys' Dinner last year when Mr. Morgan was the Guest of Honour. He was with his father G. N. RAY (1930–36)—they were delighted to see Mr. Morgan so obviously fit and enjoying retirement.
- RENNIE, K. J. (1956–61) was recently promoted to Power and Services Engineer at the Unilever Company of Van den Berghs and Jurgers Ltd. He is still with the T.A. V.R. (Parachute Regiment) and was clever enough to collect a broken shoulder doing a bad landing at Soltau in Western Germany last October.
- ROGERS, B. J. (1951–57) has obtained his Master Mariner's Certificate. He has been elected a Member of the Royal Institute of Navigation and been promoted to Chief Officer with London & Overseas Freighters Ltd.
- ROLLASON, C. R. (1965–71) was unable to attend Speech Day to which he had been invited as a member of the Old Boys' Committee because he was in Holland doing a summer job packing bulbs. He gave news of C. A. HARDY (1965–71) who is chairman of the Cambridge University Fabian Society and G. J. E. BELL (1969–71) who takes an active part in college life and rows for St. Catherine's, Oxford.
- SCRUTON, R. V. (1954–61), M.A., Ph.D., has had an interesting life since he left in 1961. He travelled for a year in Europe and from 1962–65 read Moral Science (Philosophy) at Jesus College, Cambridge where he was awarded a Double First. 1965–66 he was lecturer at the University College of Pau, in Southern France. 1966–67 he spent on a Harper-Wood Studentship in English Literature partly in England, partly in Italy. 1967–69 he did research at Jesus College and from 1969–71 he was a Fellow at Peterhouse. He is now lecturer in Philosophy at Birkbeck College, London. He has published too. In 1971, 'Attitudes, Beliefs and Reason'—a long article in 'Morality and Moral Reasoning.' 1971–74, four more philosophy articles in *Aristotelian Society, Mind, Philosophy*, and the *British Journal of Aesthetics*. 1974 *Art and Imagination*, price £4.50 (paper back £2.50) from Methuen. He is at present preparing a book on the nature of the mind.
- SEALEY, P. (1963–69) is taking up a post to teach English at the Wakeman Grammar School, Shrewsbury from Jan. 1st 1975.
- SECKER, F. G. (1932–37). Captain Secker had the honour of laying a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of Civil Aviation and the Merchant Air Service on Nov. 10th 1974.
- SHARP, D. J. (1959–64) wrote from Elgin, Morayshire just after arriving at R.A.F. Lossiemouth. He is a member of the staff of the Jaguar operational conversion unit. The Jaguar is a single-seat, Anglo-French jet fighter which is now coming into

service. After 4 years flying Chipmunks and Bulldogs, Fl. Lieut. Sharp has a lot of work before him to catch up. It is a joy to live in the Highlands—he has bought a house on the edge of a huge Forestry Commission wood overlooking the sea. He has become the proud father of a son, Robin.

STEVENS, H. (1927–33) on leaving the R.G.S. devoted himself to the family butchering business C. Stevens & Sons, except for a six-year break for war service. He was in charge of the White Hart Street shop when he retired in November 1974 and the shutters were pulled down on the last family butcher's business in High Wycombe. He is going into semi-retirement near Bournemouth.

THOMAS, A. F. (1958–63) has been awarded a Ph.D. at Sheffield College of Technology for work on the solvent extraction and separation of precious metals. He is now employed in one of the divisions of Rolls Royce, Derby. He is well known in the racing cycling world—he recently founded the successful 'Cycle Club Sheffield'.

THOMPSON, P. J. (1952–59) lives in Amsterdam but spends a lot of time in Paris for his company I.T.T. He gained a Ph.D. in Chemistry at Oxford, worked as a tutor at Aberdeen University, where he met his wife, and then moved over to Ferranti and computers. The motor-cycle accident to his leg at Oxford has left him with a weakness and his beloved mountaineering and walking are things of the past.

TINN, D. S. O. (1965–71) has been elected captain of the Cambridge University swimming team.

WARD, M. J. (1938–43) has reached the top like many other Old Boys. He is Chief Executive Officer for Leamington Spa.

WARNER, G. (1948–54). On the 7th June *The Times* announced that an Institute of European Studies was to be established at the University of Hull. Its director would be Mr. Geoffrey Warner, senior research fellow in international relations at the

Australian National University in Canberra, who becomes a professor. The purpose of the institute will be to encourage interdisciplinary study of Europe and to foster increased awareness of Europe in the area. Geoffrey Warner has just published his second book (his first was a biography of Laval) called 'Iraq and Sierria' and this gives the political and strategic background of the campaigns of 1941 in these countries.

WILLIAMS, T. C. (1947–52) was in the famous 'Shell' stream. He served as an infantry officer with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and then spent 13 years in Sierra Leone as manager with the Standard Bank of West Africa, ending up in charge of the territory's largest branch in Freetown. He returned home in 1969 and has since worked for Miles Druce & Co. Ltd., a large industrial services Group with headquarters in Castle Street, High Wycombe. He is now Group Treasurer ('Williams the Cash') and enjoys a fair amount of U.K. and European travel. He married Anne, sister of John Messenger (1947–50) and has two sons.

YOUENS, E. J. (1964–71) gained a 1st class honours degree in Chemistry at Imperial College and was awarded the Associate-ship of the Royal College of Science. He is now following a three year research programme which involves the study of Zeolites using Mossbauer spectroscopy. This should lead to a Ph.D. degree.

Eight Old Boys at Cambridge gained 'First' last summer—four in their final Tripos Examination: D. G. Barker (Chemistry), C. J. Chapman (Maths), R. C. Leegood (Botany), P. G. Morris (Physics) and four in Part I of the Natural Sciences Tripos: K. M. Knowles, R. C. Lacey, P. M. Stevenson, J. E. Underwood. M. K. Muller gained a 1st at Bradford as did G. F. D. Basterfield (Math. Science at Birmingham), R. D. Bennett (Computer Science at Brunel) and D. W. Lovegrove (Ecclesiastical History at Edinburgh).

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