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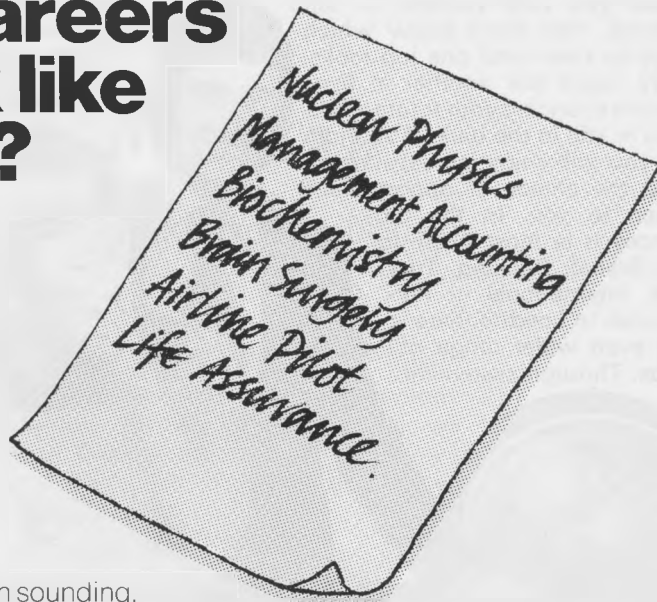
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EDITORIAL

(THE SAGA OF THE FEATHER PLUCKERS)

'Hello, Good Evening, and Welcome!'

First of all, we'd like to thank everybody who contributed to this issue, and we apologise that, owing to lack of space, we have not been able to include all that we would have liked.

Many people complain that the 'poetry' we include is not poetry. The answer must be that selection is a matter of personal opinion, and opinions are purely subjective. We have included what we believe to be good and representative.

It has been said that too large a proportion of the magazine is given over to certain elements. We can only print what we receive, and these elements tend to provide a greater proportion of contributions than do others. The onus is on *you* to redress the balance; more work should mean a higher standard.

Apathy is no longer as 'trendy' as it used to be, and we look forward to receiving your pieces for the next issue of the magazine.

And so . . . we leave it with you, and hope that you'll have as much fun reading the *Wycombiensian* as we have had in editing it.

David Brown
Roger Gray
Stuart McLelland
Steven Parker
Keith Richmond



Malcolm P. Smith, Esq., M.A.

I am very pleased to have this opportunity of paying tribute to the unstinting work our recently-retired Headmaster has done for the School.

Malcolm Smith has spent most of his working life in high-class grammar schools. He was a pupil and master at Manchester G.S. and taught at King Edward VI G.S. at Aston. Before taking over from Mr. S. Morgan at the Royal Grammar School in 1965 he had been head of Woking G.S. and Liverpool Institute High School. He quickly established himself as a very sympathetic and human headmaster, very ready to listen to grievances, complaints and suggestions for improvement, and to implement those which boys and staff agreed were worthwhile.

Heads of departments appreciated the delegation of responsibility which enabled

them to work efficiently in the interests of the attainments of the boys, whose academic and sporting results have borne testimony to the continual progress of the School during his ten years as Headmaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have always been strong supporters of the games, athletics and school productions in the hall, with a particular interest in music, and many of us are grateful too for their kind hospitality.

My colleagues and I join with the Staff and his old pupils in wishing Malcolm Smith and his family many years of health and happiness in his no doubt busy retirement, after a very successful term of office in which he has so often shown his skill, patience, enthusiasm and affection for the School.

J.K.P

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATIONS

ADVANCED LEVEL RESULTS 1975

Italics denote Grade A

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P. W. Dodd—Greek, *French*, History; R. P. Madelin—*Latin*, *French**, *History**; S. F. Peart—Greek, French, History; C. R. Pendrill—*Latin*, *French*, *History**; J. W. Wigram—*Latin*, *French*, *History**; D. J. Suckling—*Greek**, *Latin**, Ancient History; S. N. Woodward—*Latin*, *French*, *History**; S. R. Armstrong—German, *History*, *Music*; M. V. Blundell—English Literature, Economics; K. C. Boulton—Economics; J. D. Child—History, Geography; D. C. Clemens—Geography, Art; R. H. Edwards—English Literature, History, *Geography*; N. P. B. Godden—English Literature, French, *History*; A. F. Harrold—English Literature; P. D. Hodgson—English Literature; B. R. Newton—*English Literature*, *French*, *History*; G. J. Philbrick—English Literature, German, *Music*; C. J. Prince—English Literature, Geography; P. H. Ross—English Literature, Geography, Art; C. D. St. J. Sheldon—*English Literature*, *History*, Art; S. R. Widberg—English Literature, *French*, History; R. D. Andrews—Geography; G. B. Chandler—French, *Economics*, Geography; S. G. H. Corrin—French, Economics, *Mathematics*; B. Darvill—Economics, Geography, Physics; W. A. Halstead—French, Economics, Mathematics; H. R. Johnstone—Art; D. F. Keen—History, Economics; D. G. Lindsay—Economics; A. S. Linstead—English Literature, Economics, Geography; N. J. Morgan—Economics, Geography; J. N. Pearce—*Economics*, Geography, *Mathematics*; S. J. Pearce—Economics, Geography, Mathematics; E. T. Steggle—French, Economics, Physical Science; C. D. Wilde—Economics, Geography; S. N. Aldersley—History, Economics, Geography; S. D. Baskott—History, Economics, *Geography*; M. J. Bradshaw—Geography, Art; M. J. Brown—English Literature, *History*, Political Studies; D. M. Bucknell—English Literature, History; J. R. Ghirardello—English Literature, French, *History*; C. A. Hawtree—English Literature, French, *History**; C. W. Jenkins—History, Economics, *Geography*; C. A. Keen—History, Economics; P. F. Lewis—English Literature, History, Geography; W. H. Mealing—German, History*; P. B. Pugh—French, History, Mathematics; A. D. Tagg—History, *Economics*, *Geography*; J. F. Aldous—French, *German**, *Mathematics*; D. N. J. Bristow—English Literature, *French*, *German*; N. Davison—French, German; M. Dunkley—*French*, *German*, Economics; M. J. Fraser—French, Economics; P. G. C. Harvey—French, German, Mathematics; A. S. Iveson—French, *German*, Economics; M. G. Lee—French; D. C. MacNee—*French**, *German*, *Mathematics*; G. Noble—*French*, German; K. A. Pettit—English Literature, German; History; M. T. Ziolkowski—Polish; P. R. Andrews—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; S. R. Atkinson—*Mathematics*, *Physics*, *Chemistry*; S. D. Bainton—Mathematics, Physics; M. Barker—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; K. J. Bartlett—*Mathematics*, Further Mathematics, Physics; S. E. Britnell—Mathematics, Physics, *Chemistry*; S. N. Cousens—*Mathematics**, *Further Mathematics*, *Physics**; M. L. Goodman—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; M. A. G. Guzman—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; H. I. G. Hare—*Mathematics*, *Physics*, *Chemistry*; P. J. Harrison—*Mathematics*, *Physics**, *Chemistry**; P. R. Hawes—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; P. J. Hoddinott—*Mathematics*, *Physics**, *Chemistry**; S. A. Hopkins—*Mathematics*, Further Mathematics, *Physics*, *Chemistry**; N. A. Hurneyman—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; J. Ireland—*Mathematics*, Physics, Chemistry; A. W. Leece—*Mathematics*, Further Mathematics, *Physics*, *Chemistry*; R. E. Schramm—Mathematics, *Physics*, Chemistry; G. J. O. Tinn—*Mathematics*, Further Mathematics, Physics; I. C. Walker—Economics, *Mathematics*, Physics; D. A. Weller—*Mathematics*, Further Mathematics, Physics; M. Whitcombe—Mathematics, *Physics*, Chemistry; C. M. White—*Mathematics*, *Physics**, *Chemistry**; D. B. White—*Mathematics*, *Physics**, *Chemistry**; G. R. Woodman—

Mathematics, *Physics*, Chemistry; M. J. Anderson—Chemistry, Computer Science; E. N. Aves—Economics, Physics; A. B. Bavelja—Physics, Computer Science; C. E. Browne—French, Mathematics, Physics; S. R. Calverley—Mathematics, Physics; K. Guha—Economics, Mathematics, Physical Science; G. M. Haines—*Economics*, Physics; G. J. Hawkins—Physics, Computer Science; M. J. W. Hooker—Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science; T. A. Jolly—*Economics*, Mathematics, Physics; R. D. Marshall—Geography; D. J. Moore—Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science; P. Nuttall — Economics, Mathematics, Physics; D. G. Parker — Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; J. E. Rackstraw—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; G. P. Thompson—Physics, Art; G. K. Turner—Economics, Mathematics, Physical Science; P. Turner—Mathematics, Physics; R. J. Wallen — Political Studies, Geography, Physics; R. A. Watson—Economics, Mathematics, Physics; C. J. Whitelock—Mathematics, *Physics*, *Chemistry*; R. Darvill-Evans—*Mathematics*, Physics, Computer Science; D. J. Appleton—Biology, Physical Science; J. N. W. Barry—Physics, Biology; K. D. Bennett — Physics, *Chemistry*, *Biology**; A. L. Best—Physics; M. J. Bull—*Physics*, *Chemistry*, *Biology*; R. J. Coles—Mathematics, *Physics**, *Chemistry**, Biology; M. G. Coups—Physics, Chemistry, *Biology*; S. J. Crome—Geography, Biology, Physical Science; D. K. Green—Physics, Chemistry, *Biology*; J. H. Kent—Physics, Chemistry, *Biology*; P. M. Knight—Physics, Chemistry, Biology; P. G. Knipe—Geography, Chemistry, *Biology*; N. V. Leaver—Physics, Chemistry, Biology; S. J. E. Matthews—Physics, *Chemistry*, *Biology*; I. C. Mawhinney—Mathematics, *Biology*, Physical Science; C. G. Paull—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, *Biology*; M. D. Randall—Biology, Physical Science; P. C. Robinson—Physics, Chemistry, Biology; G. P. Saunders—Geography, Biology; M. J. South—Biology; K. A. Vallance—*Physics*, *Chemistry*, *Biology*; D. G. Walbridge—*Mathematics**, *Physics**, *Chemistry*, *Biology*; Q. N. D. Wallace—Geography, Biology; C. P. Warren

—Mathematics, Biology, Physical Science; K. V. Smith—Economics.

ORDINARY LEVEL RESULTS 1975

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

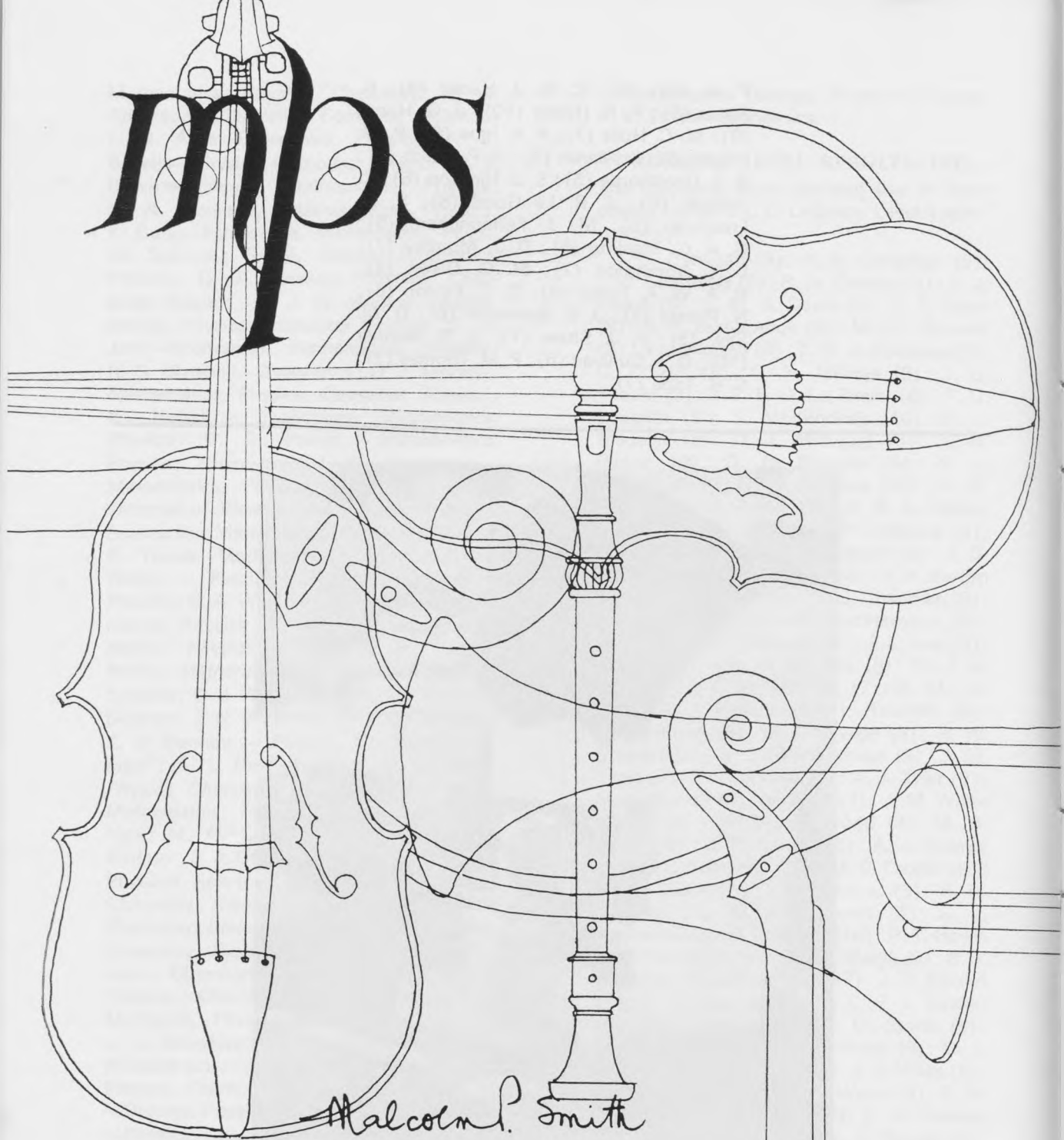
T. J. Bateman (9); A. B. Campbell (9); I. M. Channing (8); B. N. Coulter (7); A. J. Crook (9); J. M. S. Davis (8); C. R. Dean (8); R. P. Easterbrook (9); M. W. Edwards (8); N. J. Hasted (8); T. St. J. Hawkins (9); G. D. Hill (9); D. P. Jefferys (9); J. G. Keeble (9); J-P. E. G. Le Tissier (8); P. G. Ludgate (9); S. McKendrick (10); P. J. Madelin (8); D. J. Millward (6); J. M. Picton (9); G. D. Roberts (9); N. J. Shepherd (9); N. W. Thomas (10); D. W. Timms (8); J. Turner (9); R. R. A. Walker (8); K. J. Whale (9); C. P. Williams (8); R. M. Allim (9); R. J. Appleton (9); J. D. Bevan (8); G. N. Bingham (8); P. R. Burton (9); K. P. C. Carroll (8); P. G. Chapman (9); J. S. Davies (8); J. E. Dieckermann (8); M. Fane (8); P. Howard (8); J. L. Hoy (9); R. F. Keene (9); J. W. Key (8); W. J. V. Moore (5); C. D. Morrish (7); R. M. Orr (10); A. J. Perkins (9); I. Raistrick (8); S. N. Rowe (9); P. J. Savage (8); R. W. Stewart (8); S. J. Stinchcombe (9); J. M. Tagg (9); K. Thomson (9); A. J. Tyler (9); M. K. Walker (8); N. West (7); J. M. White (9); E. N. Will (8); R. Wood (9); M. D. Avery (9); C. R. Baines (8); A. J. Balmer (8); G. L. Chapman (10); M. C. Crozier (8); N. M. Diack (8); S. G. Fenner (9); R. H. Greaves (7); G. A. Hannam (6); S. J. Harwood (9); R. F. Heath (10); P. T. Howe (10); M. E. Kilgour (9); M. Magill (9); R. J. O'Keefe (9); I. R. Phillips (7); J. J. Poland (7); D. O. Sherwood (9); C. E. J. Sinden (8); G. J. Smith (9); T. D. Stone (8); S. D. F. Taylor (10); R. I. Thick (9); D. J. Watson (9); J. J. White (9); J. V. Wiles (9); S. R. R. Wilson (8); S. C. Wynd (9); R. H. Ault (6); S. A. Barnes (7); P. J. Basford (5); R. J. Bergson (6); N. A. Bingle (6); O. M. Brown (6); J. Burns (5); A. W. E. Cardy (6); C. R. Carpenter (9); M. J. W. Davies (10); C. D. Day (7); P. Dickinson (6); T. M. Fernley-Jones (9); D. J. Gerrie (7); R. J. Glenister (8); M. Goldstone (9);

P. A. Gray (9); C. N. J. Hamer (9); B. Harris (9); P. R. Hester (10); J. G. Horne (9); M. C. Hulls (7); P. A. Igoe (6); P. W. Ireson (8); K. Martin (7); S. P. Smith (7); S. T. Goldthorpe (5); S. J. Highton (8); K. Jozajtis (8); J. R. Le Good (8); S. D. Loughran (5); M. J. Ketteringham (5); G. A. G. Mealing (6); D. J. Munday (7); I. H. Norrington (7); M. G. Owen (8); N. A. W. A. Paton (6); D. C. Pinson (5); N. Planas (5); J. S. Robinson (6); D. M. Saw (5); P. J. Shaw (7); J. R. Skinner (10); D. A. Sullivan (6); P. M. Thomas (7); S. R. Tribe (7).



Thursday afternoon activity—POTTERY

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***FAREWELL
CONCERT***

It was a happy idea on the part of the Music Society that there should be a Farewell Concert on July 10th for Mr. Malcolm Smith on his retirement from the head-mastership of the school. During the time of his tenure of office both he and Mrs. Smith have warmly supported all the school's many musical ventures; and this was a very special occasion when the performers included a galaxy of talent from among the musicians who have been at the school in Mr. Smith's time. The attractive cover of the souvenir programme was Mr. Dennis Smith's design.

It was altogether a most delightful evening: there was something for everybody, and all was at a highly polished professional standard. The Choral Society were in excellent voice in Geoffrey Bush's set of songs, 'The Sweet Season', and the wind band were thoroughly competent in the Holst Suite in E flat.

Richard Hickox (1959-66) conducted the Vivaldi Concerto for Two Trumpets and Strings as professionally as if he had his own orchestra before him. The Two Trumpets were Paul Barrett (1966-73) and John Kent (1969-75): a rousing and lively opening to the evening.

We seem to have produced some out-

standing pianists. Philip Engel (1961-68) played Brahms' Rhapsody (Op.79) with authority and vigour; and Paul Roberts (1960-67) played Schubert and Debussy with equal subtlety and variety. In the Loeillet Trio Sonata in D minor Engel was joined by Andrew Havard (1960-68) on the flute and Malcolm Goldring (1962-68), heard on the oboe instead of being seen with the baton.

Duncan Lord (1965-72) and David Lowe (1965-72) recalled nostalgic memories with their dramatic Gilbert and Sullivan duets; and Mr. David Flinders' Aria from Mozart's Magic Flute was sheer enjoyment. That ever-popular Staff team, The Mastersingers, (Messrs. Flinders, Holmes, Heath, Cooper and Ferris) delighted the audience with three songs: perhaps their Owl and Pussycat was the high spot of the evening.

Richard Hickox returned in the final item, Malcolm Arnold's Toy Symphony, to conduct a wonderful array of Distinguished Soloists who had been giving us such pleasure throughout the concert.

All in all it was a memorable event in the long musical history of the school; and much credit is due to Mr. Geoffrey Holmes for the most felicitous idea and its masterly execution.

A.C.H.

Mr. C. M. Haworth

Mr. C. M. Haworth, the Head of Classics,
died after a short illness on August 17th 1975
Some of his pupils and a member of his
department write about him.

Mr. Haworth presented himself to his pupils—surely the harshest of all critics a teacher has to face—as a man to be respected, admired and above all liked: respected for his erudite enthusiasm for his subject, and for the good humoured way in which he maintained a stronghold of Classical Studies in a period of adversity; admired as a teacher who patiently endured the mangling of the languages which he loved by successive generations of insensitive youths, seeking to correct their errors and heighten their awareness with gentle irony and wit.

Yet it is affection that dominates our feelings for him; he treated his pupils, and especially his sixth-formers, as individuals worthy of consideration and understanding: he was a man who would always listen, and who always had good advice to give.

On the death of Mr. E. R. Tucker, his great friend and colleague, Mr. Haworth chose the following quotation from Horace's Odes to stand as an epitaph in the Memorial Room; It can equally well be applied to this great teacher, who will be missed both by individuals and by the R.G.S.

'EXEGI MONUMENTUM AERE
PERENNIUS'

CHRISTOPHER MATTHEW HAWORTH.

We all have our memories. The mere facts are impressive but do not meet the case. He was born in 1911, distinguished himself academically both at Pocklington School and at St. John's, Cambridge, where he won an Open Scholarship and gained a First in the Classical Tripos. He was assured that there was no prospect of Classics teaching lasting much longer, especially in the employment situation in the early 30's, But there was perhaps always a certain genial touch of perversity.

He came to R.G.S. in 1936 after a brief interlude at the school which was the model for Evelyn Waugh's 'Decline and Fall' and a slightly longer stay at Exeter.

From then Classics was the main stream, first at R.G.S. and then more widely on the Cambridge Board and, from its very start, in the Joint Association of Classical Teachers. He had the interest and satisfaction of helping to form the new type of Ancient History syllabus which a committee of dons and school-masters worked out, and the modesty to leave the committee when, in his opinion, he had made what contribution he could.

Informal comments from distinguished members of that committee show that he was the same Kit whom we know, the same person about whom the boys have written so well. '... he talked sense. ...' (surely one of the greater compliments one committee member can pay to another) '... there are few to whom JACT owed so much when we were devising the Ancient History course, for his unflinching good sense, humour, and willingness for judicious experiment. His personality, too, made every meeting so much more delightful.' And from a vigorous member of the Cambridge Board '... he being the ideal chairman for a committee like ours.'

Balliol College chose him to be the mentor on a tour of Greece of four pupils, still at school, who had won their essay competition. That gave him lasting pleasure.

We heard what was useful about all this, but to us he was playing his full part as Head of Department. It was his prime concern, which he wore perfectly naturally. He was formidable about professional standards (seen in terms of what we owe to the pupils,

the subject and each other). But he never pulled intellectual or scholarly rank. Stupidity was spoken of as a remediable fault. He could stimulate to distinction, but it was to a person's intrinsic worth that he responded, of whatever sort it was. Because he admitted mistakes, doubts and ignorance at times it was easier for us to do that sensible thing and to ask advice. Actually little escaped that keen, quietly amused gaze.

So colleagues became friends, holidayed with him, were taken to Slimbridge by him, walked with him and some in times of stress were unfussily but determinedly upheld by him. Many are the evenings of talk to remember—some business and much pleasure, serious and irreverent, most happily combined.

For there were many other experiences and interests. He was in India as an officer in the war. He returned, after all that, to teach and take his full part here once more. He took charge of the Rugby sides which were thoroughly successful. He was probably at least as proud of the three members of teams originally trained by him who went on to become internationals (he privately thought there should have been a fourth) as he was of the academic distinctions of his pupils. He always followed the teams with close critical interest, even after he had handed them over and eventually had, because of his wretched asthma, to limit his touchline support to finer weather.

CMH appears more than once as winner in the Staff Golf Tournament and the inspiring motto on the trophy is his (*irruit et frustra ferro diverberat auras*).

He was often at the Cricket Pavilion—and the roses and garden which make it one of the most pleasant parts of the School were his especial concern. At the end of each Summer Term he organised the family party at the Staff Match for wives and small children.

In fact, his interest in games was general, and it is not surprising that he was chosen to be Honorary Secretary of the Games Committee.

He enjoyed the company of the Common Room. For years he was its Treasurer. His triumphant tribute to Sam Morgan, who so

well deserved it, we shall especially remember.

Then, most recently, when his friend and colleague, Mr. Charles Hills, was so seriously ill, he took over the Benevolent Fund.

With Leslie Ashford he wrote the history of R.G.S. for the quatercentenary in 1962, and when Her Majesty the Queen came on that cheerful day to celebrate our 400th birthday he was introduced to her.

In the history, in his articles, in the syllabus which he wrote and rewrote, the important matter is clearly laid out, but we also have glimpses of the man, meticulous, humane, expecting much of the reader, but taking him into his good-humoured confidence.

ars utinam mores animumque effingere posset.

Some friends have asked if there is to be a memorial. By the kindness of his sister, Miss Elizabeth Haworth, it has been decided to house his Classical books at the School. This we believe is what he would have wished.

If any friends would like to subscribe towards the proper shelving of these books and possible additions to the Haworth Library in the future, Mr. F. N. Cooper would be grateful if they would get in touch with him at R.G.S.

Some of his pupils have chosen an elegiac couplet to go in the library:

ὄλβιοι ὦν μνήμη πινυτῶν ἐνὶ τεύχεσι βιβλῶν,
ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐς κενεῆς εἰκόνας ἐνδιάει.

(Happy these whose memory lives on
Not in mere empty monuments
But in books of wit, insight and understanding.)



PARTING

Silver on a velvet sky
 A mist, a lie.
 Along the lake an old man wakes
 And I must die.

Sly reeds whisper to the night
 My weary plight.
 For she is gone and I'm alone;
 It is not right.

Keith Richmond

I look at your body,
 Look at the way it lays.
 I look at your hair,
 Love how it cascades
 So golden
 On a fresh white pillowcase.

I long to caress you,
 To kiss you,
 And enjoy you,
 I long to lie with you,
 To hold you
 And to mould you.
 I long for you to hold me
 To warm me
 And to calm me.

I'VE SEEN NOTHING AT ALL

I've seen the Devil
 And I've seen Him
 I've seen Death
 And I've seen Sin

I'm just a baby
 I've seen nothing at all
 I'd probably be dead now
 If I'd seen more

T. Sinden

I wandered lonely as a cloud
 Beneath the trees that tower'd on high
 And Lo! As I espied around
 Along came Chambers, slouching by.

I looked at this thing drawing close
 And turned towards the sky,
 Then roaring in voice of wrath
 I screeched out, 'Oh why?'

'Oh why, oh why, and yet oh why,
 And yet oh why, oh why,
 Must I be forced to view this sight
 Of Chambers slouching by?'

J.C.C.

'SPIDER'S WEB'

Last July, a sixth-form production took to the stage once again, this time with Agatha Christie's murder mystery—'Spider's Web'. With a cast, Paul (why doesn't this school take some interest?) Copas as producer/director, and the well-worn sixth-form Common Room for rehearsals, we thought we couldn't go wrong (although we're still not sure about that one!)

The fateful summer evening arrived and with a strangled cry of 'Curtain up' we hit the road. The reaction of the two audiences was quite different but they were both extremely appreciative and all the scrambled effort and abuse-hurling in rehearsals suddenly became very worthwhile.

The casting had been well done and the three girls, in particular, turned in outstanding performances. Lady Verney's school has now most certainly become an integral part of R.G.S. drama activities and, with any ventures we undertake, we can always rely on their invaluable support. Lesley Paterson was, as we have come to expect from her, most convincing in the main role, as the fanciful but charming Clarissa, as were Julie Phillips (as Pippa), who played her part bravely and well and Jane Jones (as Miss Peake), who revealed unknown talents and, as a consequence, had the audience

rolling in the aisles with soggy lettuces, muddy wellies and a hearty slap-on-the-back manner which was almost disconcerting.

The rest of the cast were:—Steven Parker, who played Sir Rowland, the self-assured diplomat who actually solves the crime, David Gardiner—the ever-suffering Inspector, Gary Philbrick—Clarissa's unbelieving husband and Donald Mackay who was accomplished as the gruff Hugo Birch; Keith Richmond played the suave, young man—Jeremy Warrender, who turned out after the usual contortions of plot, to be the murderer; Paul Yaghmourian, Philip Edwards and David Brown were the butlers, the body and the Welsh constable, respectively, and they were all equally suspicious.

Our sincere thanks must go to our audiences, to Paul Copas and Dennis Smith who hovered around in the back-row and did make-up, and to Denise Dryburgh who proved herself to be a most enterprising wardrobe-mistress.

A gentleman came up to me afterwards and congratulated the cast. Then he rubbed his hands together and repeated with obvious delight, 'You kept 'em guessing! You kept 'em guessing!' . . . we hope we did.

Steven Parker

SAVING WILDLIFE

The Passenger Pigeon, the Blue Buck and the Dodo are now extinct because of a lack of concern by human beings about the wildlife which shares our world. Besides these creatures many other species are threatened with extinction. The Indian Tiger, until a few years ago, was one of these: an animal being killed for its pelt in order to make fur coats for wealthy women. Now people have realised the species' danger and, from world wide contributions, nine tiger reserves have been formed and 2000 tigers roam freely, safe from their major enemy: man.

One way of finding out how you can help save many kinds of wildlife, whose existence makes the world a joy to live in, is to join a wildlife society. Your donations and subscriptions will go to help people who are fighting to protect nature from man's greed and thoughtlessness.

If you write to WILDLIFE, 29 Greville St., London EC1N 8AX you can learn more about the World Wildlife Youth Service, an organisation which tries to inform its members about all aspects of animal conservation.

N. Paul & J. Thomas

C.C.F.

NOTES

Army Section

The unusually fine Summer enabled the Section to get out for a wide variety of interesting and enjoyable training.

The visit to Stowe School for a combined Services demonstration was the highlight of the Summer term with everything from Red Arrows & Red Devils down to the latest artillery Field Gun on display. Many cadets were lucky enough to have a trip in a helicopter.

Normal training included visits to the Thames for boatwork, the Tarzan-like Assault Course amongst the trees of Woodron House and a variety of training exercises in preparation for Annual Camp.

This year saw a return to Sheepstor for a Greenfields Camp on the fringe of Dartmoor near Yelverton. The pattern of training was designed to cater for all tastes and requirements, commencing with map reading and Survival training in preparation for what was to follow. This included an expedition over the moor to qualify those enrolled in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme; an infantry exercise to capture an 'escaped prisoner'; a night exercise raid on an 'enemy post'; Rock Climbing; Canoeing; full-bore shooting (followed by a dip in the sea); and a day of Initiative exercises involving obstacle crossing and team work on a competitive basis similar to those designed for Officer Selection tests. During all this, time was found to put the whole camp on a public relations exercise as a token of appreciation to our host Mr. Palmer with whom we have enjoyed so many camps in the past.

A party of 24 Cadets and Officers spent an excellent weekend in the Black Mountains in Wales early in October on a self reliance exercise, incorporating bivouacing and expeditions in preparation for more exacting experience later!

R. P.

R.A.F. Section

We have had an eventful past few months: two overseas trips during the Summer Term: Sullivan flew to Gibraltar and back from Brize Norton and Rackham was in Malta for a week with the R.A.F.

In gliding Browne, Chambers, Preece and Wallis flew solo; Airey, Andrews, Mealing, Morris, O'Keefe and Sullivan earned their 'wings', Wynd was beaten by time and didn't finish the course.

Thomson and Webster went to R.A.F. Linton-on-Ouse for a week, Bourne and Newman to Lossiemouth, the only Shackleton Squadron, for a fortnight where they carried out winching practices with a Whirlwind helicopter. O'Keefe spent a week with the Navy at Lee-on-Solent and, with Thomson, a week at R.A.F. St. Mawgan.

This term we visited Biggin Hill and saw many aircraft types in the Battle of Britain display.

We have acquired another minibus for renovation, and, in the bus, helped to extinguish a fire in a civilian's car.

Summer Camp—R.A.F. Cranwell

I think this must go down as the most eventful C.C.F. camp ever.

The programme was built around a series of competitive events which included: an escape and evasion exercise plus drill and turnout; aircraft recognition (about which the least said, the better) and a five a side soccer competition. On the final night the whole C.C.F. camp was on parade and the winning flight was announced—R.G.S. had triumphed again.

The cadets were invited to enter a team for the 4 X 100m relay on R.A.F. Cranwell's Sports Day. The team, with three R.G.S. boys in it, won—the prizes they received were Cranwell crested *ashtrays*.

The 24 seater bus carried us swiftly home, stopping only for lunch at Old Warden (the home of the Shuttleworth collection) and just outside High Wycombe when it ran out of petrol.

C.P.S.

Naval Section

Since the last report Mr. Waller has retired and the Section would like to thank him for all the work he has done for us: we wish him a long and happy retirement.

We welcome Mr. Hornsby who has joined the staff and taken charge of the section. At Longridge we have continued sailing and canoeing and new recruits have all sampled the delights of the River Thames.

Last term a number of cadets attended courses conducted by the Royal Navy and by all accounts had an enjoyable time. Early this term a team from the school took part in the national sailing championships with excellent results: we were second in

the Bosun dinghy class and sixth in the ASC class. For a landlocked school this was a remarkable achievement especially as 50 schools took part and it was only our second attempt.

Thornton and Gray were in the Bosun event and PO Webber and LS Fenner in the ASC class. Well done! A full programme of events is planned for the rest of the year and at last our launch is seaworthy.

It is also planned to produce our own canoes and who knows we may find ourselves a couple of sailing dinghies.

G. H.

BOARDING HOUSE REPORTS

TYLERS WOOD

Last term saw the end of an era for Tylers Wood, with the departure of the Pattinson's from the lodge. Returning from the Palace, they were eventually ushered across to the house by Mr. Wilson for a surprise farewell gathering, with the presentation of gifts from the boys. (Thanks must go to Mrs. Edwards for the marvellous cakes.)

We were pleased to welcome from darkest Africa Mr. Samways and his family, and we wish them a long and successful association with the house. Mr. Samways is already making his mark in a house which is comparatively empty after the numbers of previous years, with now only nineteen, and the prospect of even less at Christmas.

Much to the discomfort of the prefects, the juniors' cleaning of the study was abolished at the start of the term, thus removing the last element of fagging from the boarding house. A certain member of the study gave a not so silent demonstration, one Sunday evening, with a smashing display of dish-washing.

Richard Edwards is now claiming a record 'stretch' at Tylers Wood, with over seven years, but shows few signs of insanity! Our examinees at A level met with mixed success, with Richard and Steve returning to do Oxbridge, (not Uxbridge as I heard one junior mention). The O Level results were very good, P. Howe doing particularly well.

The Hit and Miss Cricket Club of R. J. Edwards prospered towards the end of the season, well enough for him to be included in the 1st XI. S. Corrin, S. Smith and M. Lee occasionally played for the 2nd XI, whilst God's gift to shooting got half colours. Richard captained the 1st VI for his second season.

We were greatly saddened to hear that Mrs. Wade left us during the holiday. Consequently we are without a cook, but Messrs. Samways and Wilson are capable substitutes. We are all very grateful to Mrs. Woods, on loan from school, who has prepared quite superb lunches.

Finally, we must once again take this last opportunity sincerely to thank Mr. and Mrs. Pattinson for running the house so thoughtfully and efficiently for 28 years, and to thank Mr. and Mrs. Samways, whom we wish much success and enjoyment. Also, thanks are due to Mr. Wilson and Walter.

The Study

SCHOOL HOUSE

Welcome to the best part of the whole Wycombiensian—the School House report!

Very little seems to have happened in the House by way of structural alterations, except perhaps the fitting of a new light in the outside Common Room in readiness for the conker season. However, the actual people present have changed considerably, since nine boys left, and four have arrived, with another one coming shortly.

We were very sorry to see our last year's prefects, Cak, John, Slasher and Hoddi, leave, and we wish them a good career in the big, wide world. They all gained University places, with Pete Hoddinott getting exactly what everybody expected of him, namely three grade A's at A level. We don't know what he was worrying about just before the exams.

No more will Chris Keen's towel-clad form glide each night through the middle dormitory, followed by many and varied insults from the Middles. There you are Chris—a whole paragraph to yourself.

Five boys have made some sort of name for themselves in Hockey this year, two getting into the first team, and three getting into the second. It looks as if this is to be School House's sport from now on; though I did, myself, manage to come seventh in cross-country B set (out of a field of eighteen).

Thanks are again due to Mr. Skipp, Mr. White-Taylor, Matron and Mrs. Symonds for (respectively) the organised, efficient? healthy and well fed running of the Boarding House.

A. C. Pillidge



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**everlasting anthem of the
wandering space-families-'Legend'**

like some song-spangled angel
flying down the freeway
chasing the wind with hair flung-back
over the shoulder a casual glance
her eyes dark and sparkling
pools of some mysterious beauty
she holds a daffodil—blood-stained
the blushed lips fingered softly by the evening
darkness as lights fade out all around
spinning round in space—so slow
to feel joy near the heart
hand-painted tears shaken from the eyelashes
like worlds crashing into oblivion
a word slips from the lips
not to lose—win all you can
or flee life like the sea-tossed bottle
out in space hero-gods welcome her
to peace—nameless she will always remain
like some song-spangled angel
flying down the freeway
chasing the wind with hair flung-back
over the shoulder a casual glance
her eyes dark and sparkling
pools of some mysterious beauty . . .

Steven Parker

THE HUGHENDEN PROJECT

Half a dozen sixth formers have started some original research in Historical Geography as their Thursday afternoon activity with the Geography Club.

The work stems from the investigations of Mr. Herbert Green, former head-master of Mill End School, into the history of Hughenden Parish.

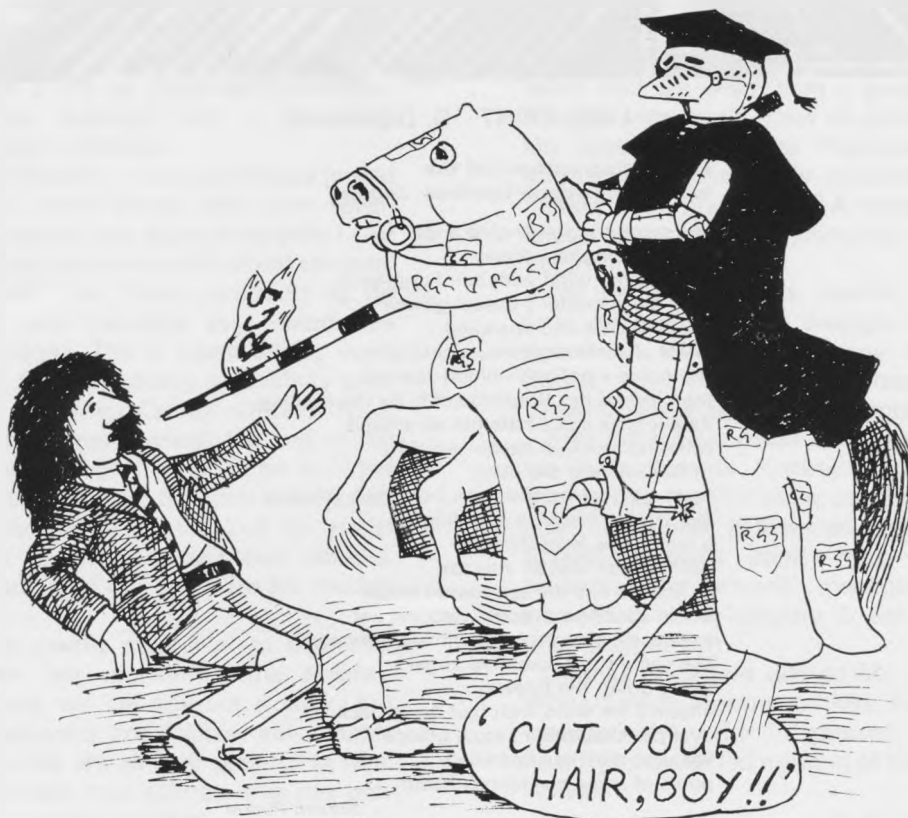
Our first project is to analyse the tithe survey map and the tithe apportionment document of the 1840's which are kept locally.

From this analysis, which involves details of twelve hundred plots of land, we expect

to produce separate maps showing the farm boundaries, land ownership, land-use and field-names. The latter are of great interest as some go back to the Middle Ages (Crutch Field — Field with a Calvary shrine) and even to Saxon times (Chittie Field — cietel field. This is Old English for 'a valley amongst the hills').

Other facets of the history of the parish will emerge as we turn to earlier documents such as the Hearth Tax returns, while we constantly check the historical facts against our own observations during field-work.

H.D.T.



SPORTS REPORTS

1st XI CRICKET

Played 20 Won 11 Drawn 4 Lost 3
Cancelled 2

The 1975 season was blessed with fine weather and a young but nevertheless experienced side produced entertaining cricket of a high standard. Of the 20 matches played, only 4 were drawn (the Oxford and Tiffin games, due to rain intervention): a good indication of the positive attitude of the team. Regular practice sessions held during the winter meant that the team made a terrific start to the season and these practices will be repeated this year.

Much was expected of the batting and by and large it was very good. Opening batsman Tim Russell was the most consistent with an average of 40, most notably against St. Bartholomews: 109 not out in even time. The vice-captain Howard Thomas played some equally aggressive innings, finishing with an average of 25.

The bowling relied all too much on the pace of Roger Andrews and the slow left arm spin of Peter Harvey, each of whom had outstanding seasons as all-rounders; both took over 50 wickets at a cost of 9 runs apiece and averaged over 20 with the bat. As they have now left school, they clearly leave a large gap in the team. At times Howard Thomas bowled fast if not very accurately as a supporting bowler. The two fifth-formers Richard Ault and Paul Dickinson, were called upon to fill this opening spot and showed much promise for the future.

Richard Allison emerged as a bowler of left arm medium pace and it is hoped that next season he will also be able to show us more of his hard-hitting batting. The find of the season was Ian Price, whose biggest contribution to the team was his slip fielding but when he got the chance he showed that he is no mean batsman either.

The school's batting was of a very consistent nature at the start of the season and it was not until the eighth match, an all-day game at Watford, that more than 4 wickets fell. On a fast but good batting wicket, the school were dismissed for 105 before lunch, but the penetrating bowling of Roger Andrews (8 for 35) backed up by a very economical spell by Howard Thomas, gave the R.G.S. victory by 32 runs.

Strong in depth though the batting was, it did get into difficulties on the occasions when it met real pace. The first of these was the match against Aylesbury, when the team was narrowly beaten in the last over, the second against Abingdon who batted first on a hard, true wicket, scoring very slowly indeed, while Richard Allison bowled his longest and best spell of the season (3 for 40 off 18 overs). The declaration came at 160 for 5 but alas, once again there was a collapse in the R.G.S. batting and only a very gusty innings from Nigel Currie staved off defeat; he also made good scores against St. Benedict's (34) and St. Nicholas' (46).

A good victory was recorded at Q.E.'s Barnet, where the home side were dismissed on a dodgy wicket for 101 (Harvey 4 for 11). The reply was based on a typically sound innings by Paul Dolphin (48) who also batted very well against Sir William Borlase (60) and Lord Williams, Thame (37), looking at his best in the opening position. The R.G.S., left with only 75 minutes, scored quickly to win by 5 wickets.

The eagerly awaited contest with the staff turned out to be the familiar story for this fixture. The team's batting was poor on the day and nobody mastered the uphill swing bowling of Mr. Chamberlain or the faster variety from Mr. Gibson. Mr. Clark and Mr. Wilson knocked off the runs and the staff won by 9 wickets.

The last match was against Dr. Challoner's in the final of a small festival held at school.



1st XI CRICKET TEAM 1975

The R.G.S. won by 59 runs a fitting end to a successful season, in which comfortable wins were also recorded against Bledlow C.C., Lord Williams's, St. Bartholomew's, St. Benedict's and St. Nicholas' (twice).

One of the most exciting wins of the season was that against High Wycombe 'A in which Howard Thomas (75 n.o.) and Peter Harvey (68 n.o.) punished the bowling at an electric rate; the R.G.S., batting second, scored 190 for 3 to win the match.

In general the team's fielding was very good and nobody showed more keenness in the field than Tim Clark who was often to be seen throwing himself about in the slips. His batting in the middle order looked more than useful towards the end of the season, particularly when it came to playing the quicker bowlers; he is a much better batsman than he believes.

The wicket-keeping was done mostly by Russell who at times looked brilliant but often very ordinary. Tim Clark and Nigel Currie both kept well when they were given the chance. Unfortunately, Graham Chandler did not get much opportunity to show us what he can do before he left but at the end of the season we saw two impressive performances by Nick Hasted. Others who starred were:—C. Brown (4), R. J. Edwards (2), M. Fraser (2) and G. Turner (1).

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Goldthorpe and Mr. Gamester for their enthusiasm in the running of the team. Also thanks are extended to Alan Dare, the groundsman, for producing consistently good wickets and the two scorers, M. Lee and S. Smith.

Full first XI colours were awarded to H. Thomas, T. Russell, P. Harvey, P. Dolphin, N. Currie, T. Clark, R. Allison and C. Lloyd, and half colours to I. Price, P. Dickinson and R. Ault.

R. Andrews, P. Harvey, T. Russell, H. Thomas and C. Lloyd were also selected for the Bucks Schools Team, while T. Russell and P. Harvey played for Bucks Young Amateurs.

C. Lloyd
(Captain)

2nd XI

A season of two halves :

First, Played 5, Won 0, Drawn 1, Lost 4

Second, Played 5, Won 3, Drawn 2, Lost 0

In May a rather weak and unsettled side was all too easily dismissed for low scores. This was all the more embarrassing for the very limited number of bowlers of any threat or consistency at our disposal. Fortunately as the season progressed the 1st XI returned to full strength and we were often able to recruit Ault and Robin Edwards from the tennis squad. Thereafter somebody 'came good' in each of the matches. Robin Edwards hit two fifties; Price, Hoggett, Hasted, Bowan and Alan Edwards all made more than one good contribution. Roberts bowled reliably throughout the season and Harner's arrival made Fraser's leaving less disastrous than it threatened to be. Ault and Alan Edwards made good bowling contributions when they played. Generally creditable bowling could usually be produced from one end but the team's resources were usually sufficiently stretched to the point that an endless supply of friendly rubbish came from the other. Winning matches is always difficult with such a handicap!

R.F.

2nd XI Averages

Batting	Inns	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Av
Price	3	0	97	50	32.3
Edwards R	8	2	161	61*	26.8
Hasted	7	2	104	33*	20.8
Edwards A	6	1	96	38*	19.2
Hoggett	9	0	150	35	16.7
Bowling	O	M	R	W	Av
Ault	25	10	31	8	3.9
Fraser	37	10	72	10	7.2
Chandler	21	7	56	5	11.2
Hamer	38	10	97	8	12.1
Roberts	52	10	168	13	12.9

UNDER 14 CRICKET

The team had an uneven season, doing very well in the Lords' Taverners' Cup competition but faring less well in the regular fixtures against other schools. In the Lords' Taverners Cup the side reached the final of the county round in which they lost to Dr. Challoner's G.S.

The outstanding all-rounder this season was McIndoe who took 38 wickets and made 178 runs. Of the other batsmen, Speed showed most potential and towards the end of the season Highton proved more useful with the bat than with the ball. Opening bowler Vladar has tremendous physical strength and provided he can control his direction, should become a valuable asset to the team. The side has two spinners: Adams who bowls left arm wrist-spin and Revell who bowls off-breaks. In the match against St. Nicholas G.S. they wrought havoc and the opposition were hard put to force a draw. Other regular members of the team were Ball, White, Price, Molesworth and Stinchcombe. Amin, Stott, Buckingham, Shaw and Cook also played on occasions.

Wiles once again did a very creditable job as captain and Derry was the regular scorer.

S.J.E.

ROWING

The Summer term started crisply: having successfully survived last season's fifty-mile sponsored row, (despite outbursts from stroke) without damaging the boat, unlike one crew I could mention who had a fight with a dinghy and lost, the first IV helped return the Boat Club to solvency, and settled into the rigours of training.

As the season loomed closer, spirits were high. Times were fast and the crew fit; all thanks to those ultra-modern I.A.B. training methods, consisting mainly of more work, less rest, and severe beating about the head. Despite that, or rather because of it, the 1st IV, (Tim Airey, Mark Sinden, Stephen Hopkins, and Roger Marshall, accompanied by the cox—the little guy in the stern with a big mouth—Paul Copas), took to the water at Wallingford full of confidence (I think). Smoothly guided by the skilled hand of the afore mentioned cox, who missed every tree

this year, the previously novice crew returned jubilantly to the bank, four gruelling races later, novices no longer. Adhering strictly to tradition, unlike our rowing style, we promptly replaced the cox in the murky river without boat, and adjourned to the beer-tent.

'Half-pint' Copas, (oarsmen get pint tankards) was soon to re-experience the dampening effects of winning. Two further pots were decisively obtained to decorate Mr. B's mantelpiece: Senior C fours at Reading Town where we romped home, much to the delight of stern pair, whose girlfriends watched with undying (?) admiration; and restricted Fours at the National Schools Regatta, where we won by five feet, or .41 seconds, after a photo-finish (pew). There we spared cox the deadly green slime edging the Nottingham National course though.

On more than one occasion, 'Half-pint' escaped a ducking by the skin of his teeth. Three regattas were lost in the final: Carmel, to Windsor G.S.; Gloucester—what a smelly canal—Junior, to St. Edwards' Oxford's 'big lads' (all right, so their blazers weren't pink), and Stratford-on-Avon. This last was an idyllic setting for a regatta, it says on the programme: the course consisted of one huge bend and a staggered ('Oo d'yer think Bert?' 'Ur, call it the one this side') finish. Having reached the final through three hard races, the result was a dead-heat, so back we went for the re-row. 'This is it lads; it's only another interval, or to quote, 'It's in the hand bag'. It was too: good start; level through the bend and away, a good half-length up. Five strokes from the line, disaster strikes! Rudder lines part from the rudder, boat swerves, cox screams. With a nasty crunch, our new shell boat ploughed mercilessly into Shiplake's equally new, expensive, Doneratcio, and the world ground to a halt. Result: no damage to boat, plenty damage to ego. Instant disqualification meant we lost a regatta we were seconds from winning and the R.S.C. theatre heard ten minutes of instructive language.

Despite the disappointments, though, the season saw a generally cheerfull 1st IV. Mr. B. has two cups and a shield and the oars-

men feel they're tougher than a Bristol-and-Severn Ducker, (soundly beaten at Reading.)

Meanwhile, back at the boat-House, the current 1st IV (Tim Airey, Mark Sinden, Andrew Tyler, Stephen Hopkins, Cox—?) are already in training for the Fours Head on November 1st. Land circuit training records are being set-up, and on the river, despite wind and water, much hard work is being done. (How *are* your hands, Tim? Got any skin yet?). '3' may sometimes wonder if four gallons of water descending on his head when the boat is thrown up, really contributes to his fitness but 'that's just part of life's rich pattern' (to quote again).

In order that the 2nd IV and other wasters such as 3rd IV and colts, can't lynch me for not mentioning them, I have. Sorry, fellas, —better luck next season. The 2nd IV did, in fact, come very close to success at Molesey but it seems that all that 'prodding off up the

river at breakneck speed and attendance at rigorous training sessions' just wasn't enough to 'raise them from the watery depths of obscurity',—was it, Colin? Things look brighter this year, however: a strong squad of keen oarsmen has emerged, and training alongside (or nearly) the 1st IV should produce a good crew. A large influx of 5th form members also must be mentioned: regular attendance at training, being willing 'to get their fingers out' and work hard could produce a good Colts crew.

By the way the lack of mention of the 'loony in the red track-suit', so much a feature of the Marlow tow-path, is simply explained: our coach is newly attired in a blue track-suit, and activities such as kicking ducks, jumping up and down and swearing, continue. Gratitude to him is, as always, inexpressible.

M. E. J. Sinden

BADMINTON

Although last year's badminton season was very successful, the prospects for this year seemed rather bleak: 5 members of the first VI were leaving, together with two other very promising players. However, we are fortunate to retain Derek Lindsay from last year's first team who is staying on in the third year 6th and not leaving after all. Martin James, a very keen and experienced player, has just joined the school in the lower 6th and he will certainly be a great asset to the team. Chris Morrish has efficiently begun his job as secretary; Chris Carpenter has started the season well by breaking his racquet (an expensive one), and it is hoped that Steven Parker will stop falling over in his attempts to hit the shuttlecock. We also have 2 very eager reserves in Kelvin Jouhar and David Brown (who has nothing to do with Aston Martin's).

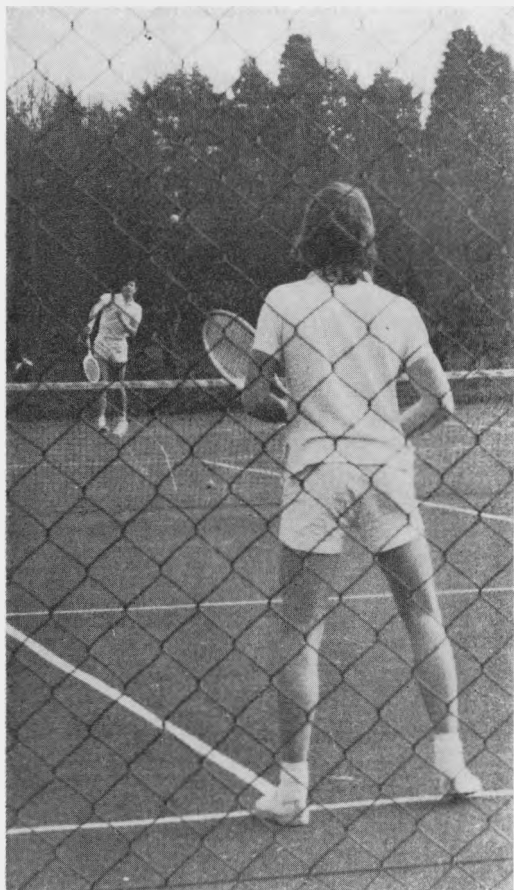
Until now we have never had a trainer for

school badminton, but we are greatly privileged this year to have the services of Mr. Methfyn, a Bucks coach, whose son has just entered the school. Mr. Methfyn is very enthusiastic and hopes to provide training for the whole of the school by using Saturday mornings in addition to the Friday afternoon sessions; we wish him well in this venture. As was done last year, we intend to field (or should I say 'court'?) a second VI again, for which there is a good supply of players to choose from.

So what seemed would be a gloomy year for badminton has turned out quite bright after all, and we hope that the sport will continue to flourish and increase in popularity and, in so doing, reward Mr. White-Taylor in some measure for his untiring efforts and support.

G. Lewis

TENNIS



1st VI

The 1st VI had a moderately successful season in spite of the fact that we were often forced to field a weakened team. The first two matches, a creditable draw with Stowe and a crushing victory over Watford G.S. augured well, but later matches were often disappointing, particularly the defeat by St. Benedict's. As the season went on the team became more and more dependent on the performance of C. Morrish and P. Morrish, playing first pair. After a shaky start at Stowe, they subsequently won almost all their rubbers, their best performance being at Watford where they dropped only five games in six sets. It is clear that with many of last year's team leaving, including the

captain Richard Edwards, and with the second and third pairs yet to be established, the team will again depend heavily on Peter and Christopher Morrish next season.

Record:—P. 12 W. 7 L. 4 D. 1

Colts VI

In spite of another poor season the Colts, gave some grounds for hope for next year. Most of the team were very young and generally gave a good account of themselves against older opponents. In doing so they gained plenty of valuable experience, and I think we can look forward to a much more successful season next year.

Record:—P. 7 W. 1 L. 5 D. 1

P.G.R.

SAILING SOCIETY

First we would like to welcome Mr. Hornsby, who has taken over from Mr. Waller as master in charge of the society.

During the summer all three of our school's entrants qualified for the National Schools Sailing Association championships, at Derwent reservoir. S. Gray (6H2) and P. Davies (4S) came second in a Mirror and P. Gray (6B1) and M. Davies (6B1) came 14th in the 48 strong Mirror fleet, while J. Ellis (3A) and S. Halsted (4S) found that they did not have enough weight to keep the boat upright in the gale force winds. This year we hope to send six or seven boats to this event. It was not possible to attend any other events owing to a lack of transport, unfortunately.

We are hoping to arrange sailing during the summer term for some of our sixth form members during games, and throughout the coming term there will be a series of films on sails and sailing.

Stephen Gray.

RIFLE CLUB REPORT

In the months since the last copy of the *Wycombiansian* we have shot the inter-club competitions and sent many expensive letters inviting schools to shoot against us, receiving many refusals (They must think we are better than we really are.) Even with these setbacks the rifle club is flourishing and the standard of shooting is improving. R. Chambers shot the first 'Ton' we've had for many years, but we wish he could shoot like that in competitions!!

In the Inter-Club competitions the 6th Form prize was won by R. Chambers, the 5th Form winner was A. Trendall. The Novice's cup was won by T. Lindsay, who is now shooting with the 'B' team, the only left-hander to be successful for many a long year. (Lindsay is now showing up many of the 6th Form, Taff and myself included.)

In our match against Maidstone Grammar School both our 'A' and 'B' teams won with

ease?? The results were:—

R.G.S. 'A'	561
MAIDSTONE 'A'	529
R.G.S. 'B'	499
MAIDSTONE 'B'	457

This season we have entered the Bucks League (when our Treasurer 'coughs up the cash'.) But we have had very few replies for postal-matches but I still pester Mr. Smaje for the post every day.

The rifle club has entered the 'Staniforth C.C.F. Cup, on behalf of the C.C.F. and let's hope we can win it. (It'll look good for drinking 'lemonade' out of at camp!!!)

New members are always welcome, if they can afford our fees, 50 pence a year compared to about £10-£20 a year at private rifle clubs. So come along to the range on Monday or Tuesday nights and join us.

A.C.A.H.
(Hon. Sec.)

DREAM SEARCHER

Love, I find her in my life
But search for her through the night;
So I take hold of death's knife
And following its pale light,
I cut my way through the ferns
And the undergrowth I've made
To my heart where her fire burns
In violent wisps of jade.

From the early reddened days,
When I first knew she loved me,
I have vanished in the haze
So no-one could ever see
A love that I had betrayed;
As I reached out for life's height
I left the shadow I'd made
But knew I'd lost my love's fight.

For years I searched for her gold
But my dreams are all too real.
My heart, like the night's, is cold;
Only stars know how I feel,
But they've stopped listening now;
Only the moon hears my plea;
I've got to find her somehow,
My shadow has to catch me.

Paul Greaves Ludgate

WHO WANTS PEACE?

Behind the frame I saw you,
Cold wind blowing
Bitten, broken fingernails
Of ice, and break, sharp across the landscape.
Rapt in woven warmth.
Though you couldn't hear me shiver
I said your name . . .

I sighed, So soft on
Summer evening madness.
Brittle, cold, china-moon
And eastern-rooks magneted over oak-dreams,
Piped heat from the grey
Drear, smoke and tears
Far out to sea . . .

To become a rock in all this?
Solace in Nothing,
Child wailing, catgut
Grinds metal—death, and ghastly white.
Who wants peace?
Solace in Nothing
The night was black . . .

P. R. B. Jones



THE TREES FLEW TOO HIGH

The trees flew too high
—even the lowest branches
escaped my grasp
as the wind stole them away

As I sat
Wondering what went wrong
A dove, grey as winter
Fell to the ground and lay stunned
Its tiny heart beating
So fierce
Its fragile frame must surely burst

Later, it died, slipped from its grasp
on life
and I felt
a new halo replace
my old and rusty one
—I picked the nearest cloud
and stepped aboard.

P. Dodd

FLOATING FORTRESS

There is a Floating Fortress
Out there on the sea;
It'll make us self-sufficient,
The Government men tell me.
But will it really do that?
Is the question one might ask,
Or make us apathetic
And leave us in the dark.

There is a Floating Fortress
Out there on the sea,
Sending us a liquid
For use by industry.
But then will we have it,
or mortgaged it to them?
What then of Britain,
Colony for the Oil Men.

P. A. Taylor

N.B. Floating Fortress was a tool of the Government of George Orwell's '1984' used to consume resources for the sake of consumption.

EPITAPH FOR AN ARCHAEOLOGIST

Stumbling among the ruins—
Silent, watched only by curious birds
Winging their way northwards;
Picking his way amongst the weeds,
Green-tousled dragons flapping their heads—
"Don't stay here;
Only ghosts of the past live here.
No one wants you here."
Paying no heed he turns away
Pencil-paints a return to fantasy:
 Pillared palaces refreshed by fountains
 Hanging gardens of green and purple hazes
 Coloured frescoes of gods from the sea
 Delicate pots smashed into fragments . . .

All fragments—
Fragments of ages buried by time,
Fragments of their peoples' lives—
Forgotten even by the weathered stones.

The wind caresses the dancing poppies,
Gently parts the greying moss
And whispers doom;
Or, perhaps, it's the wasted spirits
Scuttling away like frightened moles
Gazing in awe at this stranger
Who will himself (oneday) join the flitting shadows—
Meet face to face the past he has merely dug from its
Earthy grave—drowning
 dying

Steven Parker

one day the village grew bored with itself, so it died
the city blew itself to bits for warmth against under-
ground loneliness
then man, the savage human animal, not content with
ruining
the earth, tore himself to destruction

in the pursuit of power / the great god
of materialistic western philosophies

man stands condemned
for the non-realisation of the potentialities of humans
man hangs his head in shame before the universe
if only, if only he had looked into himself, instead of
out . . .

Keith Richmond

The shingle, the sea, the sand
the land, the man, the hand,
the shingle—the cycles of life intermingle
 everlasting

The eternal shrine of soil and slime
with granite slab by living worshipped
For the dead it compresses, blood to oil
 life is gone.

But will the living really carry on?

Like leaves of green falling from the trees—
Decay.
Man no better than leaves falls and rots,
only the spirit is carried on, contained
in the soul of disaster—
 another destruction.

Hate shrouds the mind of the lonely soul
and lies in the eternal darkness of the skull,
While worms feed their flesh
on their flesh.

The cycle returns.

Paul Ferguson

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE CHESS CLUB

Last year the Chess team had a fairly successful season and we are looking forward to another good season this year. We were greatly honoured in being presented with the 'British Chess Federation School Shield', which is awarded to two schools in the country each year for outstanding enthusiasm and achievement in chess.

Our First team won the Bucks League Division 2 and so are promoted to Division 1, while our Second team were unfortunately relegated from Division 2 to Division 3 after a fierce struggle at the bottom of the Division.

Several members have played for Bucks in Senior and Junior County Matches and done well. We achieved several successes at Marlow Congress where Webb won his section and Curless, Woodman and Church came second in their sections. We also kept up a good standard of play in our friendly matches and have some promising juniors.

We would like to thank Mr. Clark for all the work he has put into the running of the Chess Club and also Graham Woodman, our captain last year.

J. Hoy

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This term sees the beginning of Photographic Society Mark II, to which all members of the school are invited to join. The membership fee has risen but the facilities promise to improve and increase.

New members can learn developing and printing technique and, if possible, may go on to other more adventurous things. Paint, and materials for use in the darkroom are especially welcome and information about regular meetings will be, we hope, displayed on our newly acquired notice-board.

P. Newman 5Y
(Secretary)

CYGNET SOCIETY

Although fears of dwindling membership have proved groundless, the society's activities have been sadly curtailed this term. Our forum on religion has come to an end, as a result of a lamentable hardening of positions. Let us hope that this narrowness does not manifest itself in any further discussions.

Human anthropology, studied on the lines suggested by Mr. D. Morris, has proved a popular topic in recent meetings; the importance of this subject to the survival of the human race is evident, and keen discussion is, in our opinion, something which should in this as in other subjects be encouraged among the adults of tomorrow, in order that they should be equal to the practical demand of their 'citizenship of the world'.

With the recent advent of undemocratic and inhumane régimes in Africa, Portugal and nearer home, the members have taken as their most recent topic of discussion the question of social responsibility and the right to dissent: how far can one impinge upon the social environment without endangering one's continued right to membership? All that we feel at present able to say, as a group, is that this is a time of considerable stress for the guardians of the status quo (however good that the group may be) new brooms must sweep carefully, if the epithet RIP is not shortly to be appended to them!

The officials for the society will be the same as last year, at least for the present term, new members will be welcomed as cordially as ever.

M.P. W-W

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The chapel is open every day for anybody who would like to come and talk about the Lord Jesus Christ. ALL are extremely welcome at ANY time.

G. Lewis



MUSIC SOCIETY

The Music Society of the R.G.S. is not one, but four organisations: the Choral Society; the First and Second Orchestras and the Wind Band. Regular practice on the part of all concerned within these sections has two consequences: standards are maintained and spare time during the lunch-hour is *profitably* used.

Membership of the Music Society is large and it is not uncommon for a member to belong to more than one section. This size makes it possible for regular concerts to be held from which both audience and performers alike derive great satisfaction. On the 21st May this year, the Summer Concert was held in which a varied programme of music, culminating with a performance of Tchaikovsky's '1812' Overture, was presented. On July 10th the former Headmaster's 'Farewell Concert' was held and the talents of both present and former pupils of the R.G.S. were employed in this unique occasion. (Reported elsewhere).

Apart from concerts, the outside manifestations of musical life in the school, there are regular meetings of pupils in which enjoyment is derived from the playing of Chamber music. This usually takes the form of the string quartet and occasionally the brass ensemble.

What of the future? A Christmas Concert on December 4th and a Carol Service are planned for the Christmas Term. In February next year, the Choral Society is to resume its relationship with the choir of Wycombe High School, and with the joining of the two choirs, a concert, including music by Haydn and Britten, will be held in the Town Hall.

It is obvious that many members of this school do find it worthwhile and moreover enjoyable, exploring the vast realm of 'serious' music and in so doing find the world of 'popular' music, considered the ultimate by so many, to be sadly lacking the true qualities of satisfying music.

Roger Steare

WARGAMES CLUB

For all you people returning from holidays in the Himalayas, this report should help to inform you about all the thrilling news that you have missed.

The EEC seems to have sunk without trace; as Britain has allied with Turkey, Germany, Italy, Germany, Turkey, Turkey, Russia, and Italy, (but not necessarily in that order). We then assisted the USA to invade West Germany, with a co-ordinated attack from Russia into the GDR. Isolated and meaningless tank duels took place throughout Europe. In the confusion, several obsolete warships met in a Mediterranean fog and fought it out regardless of nationality. To this day, no-one knows which side won. The 'first aid' group had lots of practice when gladiatorial fighting became a school craze, and several people were speared in the quadrangle.

If you are a regular reader of the Middle

School Bulletin', you may have some faint idea of what I'm talking about. If you have never read it, you should have intelligently deduced that it is another WC (Wargames Club) re-write of history. This ought to excite you (but, then again, it might not, especially if you're a history master with a great concern for keeping the facts).

Meetings are WEDNESDAYS 13.20—13.55, 16.10—18.00, Room 18. Fee: 20p./year (shame!)

Thanks to: Mr. Talbot, Mr. Samways for the room, Airfix, Tamiya, S.P.U.K. Ltd., Napoleon, Patton, Bloggs, etc., and especially to all the people who came to our speech day exhibition. (We sincerely hope they will both come again next year.)

Baron Fred Von Rundstedt
alias

A. Wells 4X



SCIENCE SOCIETY

The 'Science Society' has been running at the R.G.S. for at least the past 25 years, during which its contribution to school life has fluctuated from an extremely active role consisting of a large cross-section of the school's population to periods of dormancy where it has just remained a name with few activities connected with it. The committee and I are optimistic that the quieter periods in the society's history will not be repeated and that its potential will be exploited to the full.

This year, we hope to provide a wide variety of films, lectures and trips which not only cover aspects of the traditional science courses but also engineering, environmental and social sciences and their relevance to everyday life

Although it is an obvious advantage for boys studying for science GCE and scholarship examinations to be members, boys studying the arts subjects are also welcomed,

as they may find many of the topics of general interest.

Here I would also like to emphasise the fact that membership is open to all members of the school regardless of age; it is not just for the senior section of the school and members from the junior and middle schools would also be welcome. I regret to announce that the membership fee has risen to 30p per annum but I feel this is not such an exorbitant price to charge for the facilities that are provided.

The committee are always open to suggestions from members for places of interest to visit or any films of specific scientific interest which could be seen. At the moment full details of coming events are not available, but will be posted on the notice boards in various parts of the school in the near future.

J. Gavin

THE MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

When the club was displaying its exhibition layout, last Autumn, at the Beaconsfield Railway Exhibition, an elderly gentleman asked, 'Is the club *still* under the old hall stage?' Well folks, yes, it is still under the old hall stage, it is still operational (just) and it is still (as ever) short of funds. 'Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose.'

The new layout is almost completed and so when we re-open fully all new members will be especially welcome, any lunchtime, as always.

M. I. Hagger (Secretary.)

SENIOR VULTURE



On Sunday May 11th 'Vulture' swooped on London for a 'double bill'. First, we went to the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, where nearly 1400 pieces of painting and sculpture were on display (including Ruskin Spear's controversial portrait of Margaret Thatcher, 'True Blue', and James Butler's two nude 'Angie' figures); then by 7.15 p.m. we had crossed to the Queen Elizabeth Hall in the South Bank Arts complex, where we were entertained by a concert of Indian music from Imrat Khan, with occasional percussion support from Latif Ahmed Khan. This was one of only two appearances in Britain this year by the talented and famous musician.

Tuesday September 9th saw us at the Royal Albert Hall for one of the Henry Wood Promenade Concerts. We listened to the Cleveland Orchestra, conducted by Lorin Maazel, play 'Three Places in New England'

(Ives); 'Suite: The [Miraculous Mandarin' (Bartok's score for a ballet based on a story by Menyhert Lengyel); and Beethoven's Symphony No. 3, in E flat major (Eroica).

For those new to the school, any new 'culture vultures' will be welcomed. We try to visit a variety of artistic events, and have also been to two plays (Tennessee Williams' 'A Streetcar Named Desire' and Pinter's 'The Birthday Party'); to an opera ('Tosca'); to an evening of Japanese drama; to a film (Bo Widenburg's beautiful 'Elvira Madigan') to see a recording of T.V.'s 'The Generation Game'; to an exhibition of modern art at the Hayward Gallery; and to the Royal Festival Hall for a concert of Dvorak and Bartok.

Needless to say, we've all enjoyed our visits immensely, and would like to thank Mr. D. Smith and other staff for organising the trips.

Keith Richmond

Heady feeling
 Of feverishness. Ears
 A-prick ; attention paid
 Mouthing nothings
 Thinking a whole
 Train of
 Thoughts
 Shoulder your way through
 Difficulties. Pit your wits
 Against your foes. Arm your-
 Selves. Truncated Motion.
 Not Swinging free but
 Held by chains of plastic
 Steel. Your life is one long
 Series of cliches : meaningless
 Hand-outs of supermarket chainstores.
 Live your own
 Life, right from
 The top of your
 Head to the tips
 Of your knees
 Feet of clay
 Steel toe-caps
 Put your
 Best foot
 Forward Step
 Out. Step
 Out. Out.
 Take off your tightfitting shoes

D. J. Brown

SILENT SEASIDE SUMMER

As a huge white albatross
 Wings silently and motionless
 Against the restless clouds,
 The terns and gulls
 Dart furiously
 Oceanward.
 And soon shoot skyward
 As if catapulted by the waves.
 The insignificant sunbathers
 Throw white butterbread for them.
 But the albatross,
 A skyhigh dreamer,
 Wings effortlessly away.

C. E. J. Sinden

CRIS, MASQUES ET TAMBOURS DE GUERRE

The volcanic heart beats deep down
 Its feelings open to seeing eyes,
 Its journeys to amber lands mapped
 In veins of steel.
 Its taste of life tainted by fouled waters—
 The glowing streams
 Hearing all the cries and masques of war—
 The smoke-filled skies
 Beating out a lonely requiem
 For the lifeless bodies on the field,
 The glazed eyes hitting rubble.
 The volcanic heart beats on
 And the garlanded flowers wait
 Sadly in the wings.

Steven Parker

OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS' CLUB

DEATH

E. H. MILNER (1927-31), on October 1st 1975 suddenly while on holiday, aged 60 years.

Eric Harry Milner of 'Windswept', Loosley Row, was Managing Director of the building firm of E. H. Milner Ltd. of High Wycombe. On leaving school, he joined the business started by his father in 1902. During the war he was engaged in aircraft production. He was a member of the Royal Observer Corps and was commended for plotting the course of a damaged R.A.F. aircraft back to base.

He leaves a widow and a son and daughter.

NOTES

ANDREW J. H. (1954-62) left B.S.A. Motorcycles in 1973, when they were obviously going down for the last time. He had had some very interesting trips overseas for them on vehicle legislation but he needed security. He joined Birmingham Council Public Health Department on pollution control. Then a year ago he spotted details of a vacancy right up his street and managed to get the job. He was always interested in History at school but couldn't fit it into his engineering training. His new job is Keeper (Science) at the Birmingham Museum of Science and Industries which nicely combines his qualifications and hobbies. He and his wife and two children then moved into a big rundown house which had been empty for two years. He is now investigating the failings of early 20th century building techniques and enjoying this too.

BATTISBY D. C. (1965-71) wrote after obtaining an Honours Degree in Law. He had just started the Law Societys' 6 month 'crash' course at Chester College of Law. This is a gruelling concentrated course but Chester is a lovely city to live in. If successful he will take up articles of clerkship in a large firm of solicitors in Liverpool.

This firm is establishing links in Europe and is pleased with his 'A' Levels in French and German.

BRADLEY A. W. (1938-42). The B.B.C.'s Drama Department at Leeds has nurtured so many writers over the past 30 years—Alan Ayckburn, Stan Barstow, Bill Naughton, Alan Plater, Keith Waterhouse—the removal of its studios to Manchester has caused some regret. However Alfred Bradley, senior drama producer in the north and responsible in the last 15 years for encouraging so much young talent is not one to sit around and mope. He is keeping his administrative headquarters in Leeds and despite commuting problems is determined to make the new arrangement work.

BRISTOW C. E. (1955-60) gained a 1st in English at Sussex University and went to Cambridge to do research on the Victorian Novel. He never left and is now a don, teaching at King's and Churchill. He is married with two young children and lives in an interesting house 'The Emplins', Gamlingay, Sandy, Beds. He saw this house in a field some years ago, a crumbling ruin in the rain. Under the pebbledash stucco he recognised, particularly from the shape of the roof, that it was a Medieval Hall. He looked up the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments listing the buildings of Cambridgeshire and found it there. To his amazement he discovered that Merton College had owned it since 1268. He approached them and they sold it to him. He is now living in it and restoring it. Some years ago he edited 'The Journal of the Plague Year' by Defoe, for Penguin and is now writing a book 'The Clerisy'. He gives news of D. A. HAMILTON EDDY (1955-60) who is teaching Architecture. He sees M. E. ASHBURNER (1955-60) regularly—now a lecturer in Genetics in the University and steadily becoming more portly and more eminent.

CAPELL (1960-68) gave up teaching to spend a year in Wales gaining a Diploma in English Linguistics. He has now gone to

- Munich University as a Lektor. His brother P. J. CAPELL (1956-62) has been a government statistician for about 5 years. Cousin J. C. CAPELL (1960-67) trained as a surveyor with British Rail and is now Chief Estates Officer based at Maidenhead.
- COWLETT T. A. (1943-49) was proud to read about Peter Thorne, his cousin, in the last Notes. Peter's influence on him was great and Cowlett badly wanted to follow him to Oxbridge. This became possible in 1952, when after two years National Service, he went to Hertford College, Oxford. From 1958-64 he was head of the music department at a school in Abingdon and then with his wife he branched out on his own and built up a private music practice covering Oxford and Abingdon. Specialising in Keyboard instruments of all kinds, including a computer organ with over 40 speaking stops, which has a room to itself in the house, they deal with something like 100 students a week. Spare-time activities include working for Amnesty International, proof-reading the Ashmolean Museum publications, tutoring for the Methodist Study Centre in London and contributing a paper on Social Ethics for the new handbook for lay preachers in the Baptist, Methodist & United Reformed Churches. Peter Morris' influence lives on in his younger son who not only bears his name but is a keen sportsman and musician at Abingdon School and whose great delight is to beat the R.G.S. whether at rugby, hockey or cricket.
- DARVILLE J. M. (1960-67) gained an upper 2nd in Biological Sciences at Birmingham University and now has a place at Bristol to read for a Ph.D. in Medical Vivology. As he had dropped out from Exeter University in 1968 this is very gratifying. He would have liked a First but involvement with the Air Squadron and the Caving Club and the acquisition of a wife made great demands on his time. He married Miss Susan Anne Jones in Exeter on November 13th 1971. He has met R. L. HERON (1960-67), banking in Nottingham and the father of two, J. P. COLLEY (1960-67) who is married and teaching in St. Albans and P. M. COLLEY (1960-68) who is doing theatrical things in Canada.
- DRAPER P. (1948-55) left New York at the end of August 1975 and returned to Japan to work for Vick International. He did not enjoy living in New York of late—it was always on the verge of bankruptcy and essential services such as fire and police were cut back.
- DRAYTON P. C. (1956-63) is a member of the music staff at Stowe School. He has just published a new work for chorus and orchestra. The work 'Templa Quam Dilecta' was written for Stowe School. Quite a number of his works have been published in this country and the U.S.A. A recent cantata was sung at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London and the Three Choirs' Festival has just commissioned a work for performance next year.
- GIBSON E. P. (1965-72) writes from the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham, where he is researching into drugs and coenzymes and hoping to get a Ph.D. out of it in three or four years. He lives in, food in the mess is excellent and he has a batwoman to look after him. He gets paid too. He sent a picture from the R.A.F. News—it shows two Old Boys—S. D. J. GREEN (1966-72) is in the cockpit of a Bulldog aircraft of Southampton University Air Squadron. He had flown for summer camp training into R.A.F. Swinderby. He is being greeted by his father, Group Capt. D. J. GREEN (1934-38), Station Commander.
- GREEN R. P. H. (1953-61) was very sad when he wrote from the Department of Humanity, St. Salvator's College, St. Andrews. He treasures his memories of Mr. C. M. Haworth and the classical education at school and hopes that whatever the Fates may do, both school and department will continue to flourish. M. F. MORRISON (1960-67) also wrote and expressed his great sense of loss on hearing of Mr. Haworth's death.
- GRIMSDALE W. T. (1920-25) received his School History in Hong Kong and devoured its contents. Memories crowded in. The only Old Boy with whom he is in regular contact is Glynne HASTINGS

(1917-25) who retired about two years ago from the position of Secretary of the Three Counties Show, a job he held successfully for 25 years.

HANDS S. E. (1915-21), President of the Royal Philatelic Society, now shows his main exhibit of Bolivia in the Class of Honour, which is by invitation and non-competitive and is reserved for exhibitors who have won three large Gold medals. At the exhibition held in Madrid in May he received a special award (cut glass) and a Vermeil medal for his Postal History and a similar award plus the U.S.A. Aero medal for his Air Mails.

HOWARD-JONES R. (1944-50) appeared out of the blue and left his card, Export Sales Manager, Power Automation Systems Division, G.E.C.—Elliott Process Ltd., Leicester. He specialises in the Middle East.

HUGHES J. C. (1957-64) has left International Computers Ltd. after five and a half years and moved to Hitchin to join Sanders Data Systems, an American firm, for which he is a Senior Systems Engineer. In April 1974, he married Miss Janet Brock, a teacher. He recently achieved fame by appearing on 'Women's Hour' Radio 4, explaining to people the joys and sorrows of having 'Perfect Pitch'. He corresponds with R. P. AYRES (1961-67) who is doing well in tobacco. Ayres joined Carreras, lived in Panama as Manager for Latin America. Now he is in Las Palmas in the Canary Isles as Manager (Iberia) for Tobacco Exporters International. He doesn't smoke. Clifton Hughes occasionally re-appears in the Wycombe area playing tympani and percussion for Richard Hickox, Malcolm Goldring and Peter Goodwin—He enclosed in his letter a Xerox of two cuttings from the computer press which displayed a picture of B. A. J. QUIRKE (1953-60) who is deputy managing director of C.R.C.—Cybernetics Research Consultants. He concluded his letter with a plea that Old Boys of his vintage should write in. When he was at school he stopped reading the magazine at the Old Boys' Notes—now they are a special treat.

KEFFORD M. H. (1959-65). It was quite a shock to hear on the news some months ago that two British officers had been killed while training with the Army Everest squad. Michael Kefford was in the party. He is safe.

KING R. (1954-59). We last heard of Robin King training at the Savoy Hotel and cooking a steak for Gulbenkian. He has travelled far since then. He left the Savoy and sold encyclopaedias for Robert Maxwell in various parts of Europe and Ireland. He then went to Canada and sold real estate. From there he went via Malaysia to Australia, back selling encyclopaedias. In 1973 he returned home with his wife, a Swiss girl but they couldn't settle here. Australia drew them back again.

LONG C. A. (1966-73). Since leaving school and before going to medical school Clive Long has been milkman, hospital porter and bricklayer. Now he can add 'Globe-trotter' to the list. For two months at the end of his first year as a medical student he and three friends travelled to India the hard way. It was often a breathtaking and exciting experience and the rewards were great as well as the loss of body weight. The plight of the Indians was particularly noticeable in large cities like Delhi and Calcutta. Nepal however with its natural beauty of mountains and lush forests was a great relief. His travels made him realise more than ever how good we have it here in England.

LORD J. (1962-69) is in his second year in a good Comprehensive in Birmingham. He is second in Department in charge of Local History and C.S.E. work.

MOORE R. M. (1955-61). Fl./Lt. Moore wrote from R.A.F. Wildenrath in Germany. On leaving school he did a three year Teacher Training Course at Newland Park but gave up teaching after a year in favour of a career in the R.A.F. He trained as a pilot in 1966 and spent three years on the Lightning and then changed roles to Ground Attack. He is now on a Harrier squadron. This V/STOL aircraft is very

interesting to fly particularly when operating from some of the short grass strips. He has been married three years—to a teacher (Miss Vivienne Gadd as was) and they have a daughter. He has kept in touch with the Fair brothers. C. A. FAIR (1955-62) studied for an external degree in Mathematics at London University while with the Meteorological Department and is now working at the Met. Centre at Bracknell on Computer programming. B. L. FAIR (1956-62) lives in High Wycombe still and works as a G.P.O. Engineer. He has met I. HOWARTH (1955-61) married, living in Oxford and running an Employment Agency there.

NEWTON M. S. (1964-71) married a fellow student, Miss Sue Hooker, in Canterbury in September 1975. He has another year left at Surrey University before graduating with a B.Sc. (Hons.) in Hotel and Catering Management. He hopes to go into Recreational Management, either privately or with local government. When he wrote he had just completed his first season as captain of cricket at Surrey and had been re-elected captain for the 1976 season. He had heard from G. JARMAN (1963-70) who had gained an H.N.D. at Croydon Technical College in Business Management and is now working in London in Office Administration. He sees a lot of R. MOORE (1964-72) in his third year at Dental College.

PACKMANN C. J. (1957-64) is now a principal in H.M. Customs and Excise in London. Previously he had spent a year at the Treasury as private secretary to one of the junior ministers there. He has had occasional contact, officially and through civil service sailing, with M. F. FORRESTER (1957-62), still at No.10 Downing Street.

PALLETT D. C. J. (1955-62) writes from the Federal Advanced Teachers' College, Pankshin, Nigeria. When he arrived in Lagos in July 1974 the Federal Ministry of Education had no idea that he and his wife were coming. After six weeks he was given a job which was quite different from the one reported in recent Notes. He was

told to set up a Department of Music in Pankshin but as he had no students for music and as he is not likely to have any before September 1976, he is now lecturing on the Philosophy of Education. When he arrived at Pankshin not one of the university buildings was complete and many had not even their foundations—so from October 1974 to February 1975 he became unofficial site supervisor of a two million pound building project. Staff and student accommodation will one day be luxurious. He was teaching 8x50 minute periods per week when he wrote and earning a great deal of money. Pankshin is situated on a plateau 4,000 feet high and the countryside is fascinating.

PAYNE M. J. (1954-61) is now Coordinator of Guidance at Cressex School, High Wycombe.

PRYCE L. J. (1957-63) represents Colgate Palmolive as Assistant General Manager for India.

SHELTON G. A. B. (1966-68) wrote from the Dept. of Zoology, Oxford, giving news of himself and other O.B.'s and enclosing several of his publications—the one with the simplest title was: 'Colonial Conduction Systems in the Anthozoa: Octocrallia'. Meeting C. J. BARNARD (1965-70) (during a D.Ph. on sparrow behaviour) in the Zoology Department inspired him to write. Graham Shelton did a Ph.D. on the neurophysiology of sea anemones and corals at the Galty Marine Laboratory at St. Andrews. He tells us that we should recommend good people to go there—it is superb as a University and as a part of the country to live in and is very friendly. With a good High Wycombe Biology training it is not hard to get an Entrance Scholarship, One needs to apply by about Christmas and before in the academic year in which one takes 'A' levels. Write to College Gate, St. Andrews, Fife for details. He is now teaching undergraduates the rudiments of electrophysiology after having spent the summer in Barbados carrying out more coral research. He saw M. J. SAMWAYS (1961-67)—he has a post doctoral fellowship somewhere in London and is probably working on crickets. Brother R. G. J.

- SHELTON (1955-61) is now a Principal Scientific Officer with the Dept. of Ag. and Fish in Aberdeen and spends his time helping to control the direction of fisheries research and development in Britain. Other brother P. M. J. SHELTON (1958-63) has a post as lecturer in Zoology at Leicester and researches into the development of connections between nerve cells particularly in insects.
- STONE D. G. (1964-71) gained a degree in Maths and Computer Science at the Royal Holloway College, trained as a teacher and is now back at the R.G.S. teaching maths. and assisting with games. He can recommend this course at the Royal Holloway. I. L. MONK (1966-73) and N. J. HANSELL (1965-73) are following it now.
- STEVENS P. R. (1939-43) hopes that he will continue to receive his magazine in the same form as it has always been with no cuts. He enjoys reading all of it. He enclosed a donation to help the cause. He is Consultant Ophthalmologist to the Blackburn Group of Hospitals and has lived in Blackburn for the past 15 years.
- TAYLOR P. A. (1952-60), Old Boy and a former colleague teaching in the classics department is now a very dedicated canal boatman. He bought the bare steel hull of a 50 foot canal boat and has fitted it out with the help of wife, dad and friends. Apparently one can cruise through the centre of Birmingham between green leafy banks. He gave news of B. J. BRINDLEY (1957-61) an actuary working for Commercial Union and travelling the world.
- TELFORD A. H. (1959-66) is flying Trident 3 B's for British Airways, is married to an Australian girl and has a crippling mortgage. His pilot friends R. P. HELYAR (1964-66) and R. J. S. CALCUTT (1959-66) are both married and both parents.
- WALKER G. P. M. (1953-60). In the 'Times Literary Supplement' of May 30th 1975 there was a full page review by Gregory Walker of 'Great Soviet Encyclopaedia' by A. M. Prokhovov, Volumes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, 3,625 p.p. He gave his review the title 'Big Red Book'.
- WALLEN R. J. (1968-75) has gone to Birmingham Polytechnic to read for a B.Sc. degree in Town Planning. His brother P. J. WALLEN (1960-68) is in the army—in the Intelligence Corps and stationed in Osnabruck, Germany.
- WALNE J. W. R. (1964-72) has just graduated from Jesus, Oxford with a second in Japanese. In September he married a nurse from the Radcliffe Infirmary. At Jesus College he was treasurer of the Junior Common Room and Captain of the College first XV.
- WILKINSON P. J. (1967-74) spent three months in the Royal Navy before going to St. David's College, Lampeter in October. He was at Dartmouth and on H.M.S. Fearless where he met T. J. BARTLETT (1966-73).
- WRIGHT J. (1967-73) has just been commissioned in the R.A.F. in the general duties—pilot branch. He was awarded the Scout Association's Silver Cross for bravery when he assisted in the recovery of an unexploded mortar bomb during an expedition to North Wales last summer. He will soon be starting a one year pilot's course on Jet Provost aircraft at No. 1 Flying Training School, R.A.F. Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.

Among the University degree results published last summer seven Old Boys were among the 'Firsts'.

I. Cole (Churchill) in Physics, A. Hardy (Trinity) in Architecture, C. R. Rollason (Trinity) in English, with a special prize for the best English papers in the University, P. M. Stevenson (Churchill) in Mathematics, J. E. Underwood (Clare) in Natural Sciences, C. J. Barnard (Liverpool) in Zoology, R. M. Eley (Loughborough) in Industrial Engineering and Management.

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The School Lodge founded in 1940 continues to prosper; the Secretary is J. P. Lord (1934-38) of 10, Keep Hill Drive, High Wycombe and the Treasurer Lt. Col. S. E. Hands, T.D., F.R.P.S.L. (1915-21) of 17, Brands Hill Avenue, High Wycombe. The Master for the 1974-75 session was D. G. Varney (1945-48) of 35, White Close, High Wycombe. He was succeeded in October by A. E. Fleet (1939-43) of Orchard Farm, Hughenden Valley.

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It is good to see Old Boys playing a full part in the running of the Club.

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