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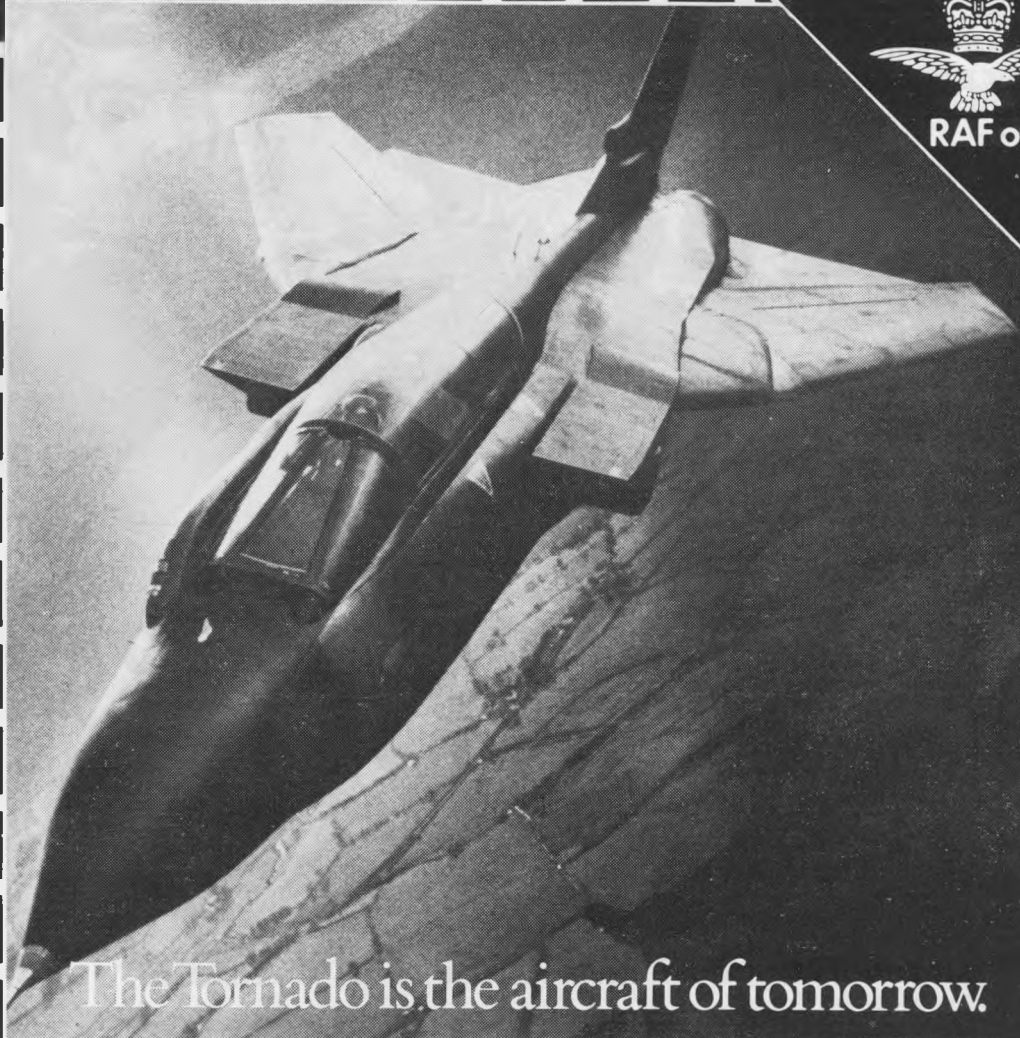


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Editorial

This time around we all assembled one lunch hour, keen to edit all the contributions you threw at us, and we found . . . nothing to edit. By the next day we had something—two poems, short ones at that. At the last editorial meeting, by which time half the original editors had given up in disgust, we had got **some** contributions, mostly from the editors. One of these concerned a society apparently determined to depopulate the continent of Antarctica. This item is likely to have undergone considerable censorship by now due to the efforts of bird lovers. Other items were written by old boys, which may indicate that they are more interested in this magazine than those who are actually here!

Admittedly no posters went up to demand your contributions. The name of the person responsible is at the bottom. However announcements were made in assembly and I'm sure you can't all have been either asleep or skiving.

Thanks to all those who contributed with reports, stories or articles or poems; we do so enjoy writing insults all over them. So here is your magazine, folks. Turn over the page and you're on your own!

Editors included:
J. Broadribb, M. Niekirk, F. G. Collins, N. Timberlake, A. Sendall, E. Duncan.

P. A. Taylor also came in.

Examination Results

We congratulate the following on gaining Open Awards:

- W. J. Baker: Open Exhibition in Mathematics, Brasenose College, Oxford.
D. C. Ballance: Open Exhibition in History, Christ Church, Oxford.
A. R. D. Curtis: Open Exhibition in Engineering, Sidney Sussex, Cambridge.
M. R. Jolly: Open Scholarship in Engineering, Churchill College, Cambridge.
H. K. Mann: Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences, Selwyn College, Cambridge.
C. J. McDermott: Open Exhibition in Philosophy, Christ's College, Cambridge.
R. C. Standing: Open Scholarship in Engineering, Trinity Hall, Cambridge.
P. A. Taylor: Open Scholarship in Mathematics, Trinity College, Cambridge.
A. D. Wells: Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences, Jesus College, Cambridge.

Places at Oxford and Cambridge for 1979

- J. M. E. Adams: Selwyn College, Cambridge for Natural Sciences.
R. J. Ball: Peterhouse, Cambridge for Mathematics.
M. S. Fallows: Corpus Christi College, Cambridge for Natural Sciences.
M. Foster: University College, Oxford for Classics.
R. W. Godfrey: University College, Oxford for History and Economics.
I. M. Holliday: Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge for Economics.
G. I. Lewis: Brasenose College, Oxford for Modern Languages.
W. J. Parker: University College, Oxford for Natural Science.
D. M. Reid: Queens' College, Cambridge for Economics.
S. J. Richards: Queens' College, Cambridge for History.
N. C. Spoel: Pembroke College, Cambridge for Engineering.
P. A. Stinchcombe: Trinity College, Cambridge for Economics.
Additionally in 1977 S. D. Everson achieved an Open Award for Corpus Christi College,

Oxford and C. D. Morrish a place at Pembroke College, Cambridge for entry in October 1979.

University Places 1978

- N. W. A. Austin: Imperial College, London, Computer Science.
J. S. Bird: Sheffield University, French.
A. D. Bradmore: Southampton University, Geography.
S. J. Brown: Kent University, English.
T. L. Brown: Chelsea College, London, Biology.
R. D. Burnett: Sheffield University, Geology.
R. J. Bush: University College, Cardiff, Civil Engineering.
K. M. Butcher: Newcastle University, Science.
A. Campbell: Bristol University, Modern Languages.
D. R. Carless: Kent University, European Studies (French).
G. L. Chapman: Imperial College, London, Mathematics.
I. M. Channing: Hull University, Swedish.
I. E. Davidson: Dundee University, Biology.
J. S. Davies: Queen Mary College, London, German and History (for 1979).
A. Diack: Sheffield University, Control Systems.
P. M. Ernest: Surrey University, German.
N. Featonby: Loughborough University, Business Administration.
D. R. A. Feirn: Birmingham University, Dentistry.
N. A. Forrester: Aston University, Accountancy and Management.
J. D. Fowler: Imperial College, London, Chemical Engineering (for 1979).
I. D. Fuller: Southampton University, Biology.
I. R. Gibbons: Bristol University, Law.
B. Harris: London School of Oriental Study, Politics and Economics.
S. J. Hayward: Lancaster University.
D. S. Heal: Guys Hospital Medical School, Medicine.
D. C. Hodge: Leeds University, Electronic Engineering.

M. L. Hoyle: Brunel University, Economics.
 I. D. Hutton: Birmingham University, Civil Engineering.
 M. N. Jones: Chelsea College, London.
 N. C. H. Journet: Imperial College, London, Mining Engineering.
 R. M. Kelly: Leeds University, Materials Science.
 R. W. Kendall: East Anglia University, Environmental Sciences.
 M. J. Lidgley: Reading University, Land Management.
 P. Lord: Bath University, Engineering (French).
 D. F. G. Martin: Aston University, Chemical Engineering.
 E. D. Moehlenpah: Washington University, U.S.A., Computer Science.
 J. L. Moorcroft: Bath University, Business Administration.
 D. A. J. Mould: Southampton University, Mechanical Engineering (for 1979).
 P. I. Murden: Nottingham University, Music.
 J. W. Murray: City University, Business Studies.
 I. M. Page: Imperial College, London, Physics.
 N. A. Paton: Southampton University, History.
 S. M. Poulson: Exeter University, Engineering Science.
 D. A. Poskett: Brunel University, Systems and Information Management.
 A. P. C. Poxon: Bedford College, London, Zoology.
 P. J. Radford: Bath University, Economics and Accountancy.
 D. M. Radvan: Leicester University, Engineering.
 N. Raistrick: East Anglia University, Biology/Chemistry (for 1979).
 R. M. Redwood: Manchester University, Economics.
 W. R. Rhodes: Bristol University, Mechanical Engineering.
 G. A. Roberts: Southampton University, Law.
 M. S. Robertson: York University, Chemistry.
 P. A. Robinson: Leeds University, Electronic Engineering.
 M. A. Taylor: Sussex University, Materials Science.
 M. C. Thornton: Manchester University, French and German.
 G. A. L. Tizzard: Brunel University, Engineering and Management.

A. Trzeciak: Middlesex Hospital Medical School, Medicine.
 G. A. Ward: Queen Mary College, London, European Studies (French).
 M. V. Ward: Royal Holloway College, London, French.
 K. Whale: East Anglia University, Scandinavian Studies.
 H. J. F. Why: Leeds University, Medicine.
 C. Williams: Bristol University, Zoology.
 A. J. Woodger: Warwick University, Management Sciences.
 J. P. Young: Bristol University, Veterinary Science.

Polytechnics (Degree Courses)

A. W. E. Cardy: Thames Polytechnic, Business Studies.
 M. C. Collingwood: Lanchester Polytechnic, Combined Engineering.
 R. H. Greaves, Leeds Polytechnic, Engineering.
 C. J. Hoggett: Thames Polytechnic, Business Studies.
 M. G. Noblett: Thames Polytechnic, Business Studies.
 S. G. Offord: City Polytechnic, Business Studies.
 S. Yarrow: Sheffield City Polytechnic, Applied Physics.

Other Colleges of Higher Education

C. M. Chandler: Buckinghamshire College of Higher Education, Banking.
 R. Davis: Royal Military College, Sandhurst.
 G. D. Heels: Buckinghamshire College of Higher Education, European Business Studies.
 A. M. Houska: Royal Academy of Music, London.
 P. J. Lee: Luton College of Higher Education, Geographical Techniques.
 N. B. MacLaren: Buckinghamshire College of Higher Education, Art.
 P. J. Maynard: Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.
 A. J. Paull: Buckinghamshire College of Higher Education, Mechanical Engineering.
 D. J. K. Purdie: Buckinghamshire College of Higher Education, Art.
 M. G. Taylor: Buckinghamshire College of Higher Education, Art.

Mr. R. P. Clarke and Mr. G. H. Baker

The school suffered a grievous double blow this term in the deaths within a few days of each other of two of its oldest and longest-serving governors, Mr. R. P. Clarke and Mr. G. H. Baker. Between them they had given the school eighty-six years of devoted service, R. P. Clarke having been appointed in 1931 and G. H. Baker in 1941.

There were great similarities in the public lives of the two men. Each of them had been alderman and mayor of the old borough of High Wycombe which duly acknowledged its gratitude to them by conferring upon them the Freedom of the Borough.

R. P. Clarke was maintaining a magnificent family tradition by becoming a governor, his father and grandfather having been governors before him. This long family association with the school must surely be unequalled in the school's history. He was chairman from 1956 until 1973 but after he resigned that post, he remained an active and interested governor until the end of his life.

Almost the same might be said of G. H.

Baker who was vice-chairman from 1957 until 1973 and also chairman of the boarding governors. Although he, too, resigned in 1973 from those positions, he continued to be a keen governor and, indeed, attending a meeting of the boarding governors less than two weeks before his death.

It is impossible to assess the extent of the benefits which the school derived from the professional and commercial skill of these two men. They gave most generously of their time and talents and could be relied upon to be present on all official and social occasions. Their unswerving loyalty and support were most evident and invaluable during the uncertainty of recent years when the government threatened to destroy the school's unique identity in its plans to make all schools comprehensive.

Two such stalwarts are irreplaceable and the school must mourn their passing while humbly and gratefully acknowledging its vast indebtedness.

A J.S.

NIGEL DAVEY

If it is permitted to introduce a note of solemnity, I would like to take this opportunity to thank in print, on behalf of my family, all those who were so kind and helpful to us all during the period of my younger brother's illness and subsequent death from leukaemia.

Our heartfelt thanks go especially to Mr. Ian Clark, Mr. Stephen Edwards, Nick Cox, Simon Hargreaves, David Mullins, Ian Payne, Patrick Skidmore, the other members of the teaching staff and all of 5SE who helped make his last Christmas a happy one (he really did appreciate the records, thanks).

This is very hard to write, and all I can do is just to thank everyone again. Thanks.

Chris R. Davey, 6M

Boarding House Reports

TYLERS WOOD REPORT

Many events have occurred in the life of the Tylers Wood Boarder in the past year. Most of them trivial, however some appear worthy of note. Around Christmas Walter—a faithful friend and helper at Tylers Wood for many years—retired. We wish him all the best and hope that he comes to visit us, as often as possible. However we must look to the future and we welcome the aid of Mrs. Hodges. We also congratulate S. J. Richards and D. M. Reid who both attained places at Cambridge.

The festive spirit of Christmas set in early at Tylers Wood, at the expense of the residents of Hazlemere. The inmates decided to express their musical talent in public. In short we went carol singing. This resulted in a small donation to the Benevolent Fund and no doubt several complaints to the R.G.S. Music Department.

The Christmas party induced the evolution of two talented acting groups. The 6th form produced an interesting version of "This could have been your life Mr. Samways". The Juniors produced a unique pantomime, which was performed with such brilliance that even some of the more mature members of the House were forced to smile. What of the 4th and 5th formers? It has been argued that their talents were appreciated in other fields.

After Christmas the House settled down to

a routine not unusual to the Spring Term. However, in January we said farewell to our faithful black and white T.V. and we ended a long established friendship with the T.V. repair man—who spent many a happy hour mending it. In its place we received a colour T.V.—let's hope it works. During the coldest period of Winter the boarding house ran out of oil. This meant no heating for only 48 hours—something of a record! A third major event in this term was the annual post-mock celebration. This occurred before the results were known. Many members of the Upper School attended this function and a good time was had by all.

During the last school year inter-house rivalry has been reincarnated. We played both Uplyme and School House at Basketball and Football. Uplyme lost both their matches. School House were luckier—they won at Basketball and scraped a 1-1 draw at Football.

Finally our thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Samways, Mr. Ruff, Walter, and all the ladies for all they have done in the past year. Also our thanks go to Mr. Goldthorpe who very kindly took charge of the House for a week at the end of last term.

*K. Davies, G. Wise, S. Magill and
P. Leoni*

THE SCHOOL HOUSE REPORT

The last two terms have been eventful to say the least, beginning with the non-arrival of oil in January (!!!) and whilst school was closed School House remained behind.

We are now the proud possessors of a brand new table-tennis table and once a net had been purchased competition began in earnest. Mr. White-Taylor is once again Boarding House champion with Mr. Skipp a close second.

Whilst on the subject of furniture I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parents Association for their generosity in reducing the Stalag appearance of the B.H.

Apartheid has now been eliminated with the introduction of a colour T.V. which after initial repairs is (or was) working perfectly. Viewing is much improved and psychedelic freak-outs are held nightly between 7.30 p.m. and 10.15 p.m.

It has been rumoured that Mr. Skipp is going to reintroduce the prefect system for

next year and that the present 2nd year sixth revolutionary committee will be disbanded.

Continuing with the devious web of fabricated lies Adam Gaines has received an award from the Tory party for his undercover activities amongst the political left and also for the tremendous swing to the right within the B.H. itself.

Time to close this report but first a word of congratulation to the School House Chess Team on their sterling performance against one of England's top Primary schools. (See elsewhere).

As usual many thanks must go to Mrs. Pattinson for her devotion to work both in and out of paid hours.

Thanks, too, to Mr. Skipp for the 77th time in 25 years and also to Mr. White-Taylor seriously for the first time in 7 years.

I would like to thank the Juniors but I'm not going to, so there.

Rob Pillidge

UPLYME HOUSE REPORT

Since the last report we have had only one new arrival, that of 2nd former Darren Lewis, although it seems that numbers are soon to be increased with one new arrival towards the end of this term and one or two more in September.

We were admirably represented throughout the Rugby season by John Ward and John Carter. John Ward held a place in the 2nd XV and made one appearance for the 1st XV, whilst John Carter played consistently for the 1st XV and went one step further in achieving County Honours. We wish him luck for the Rugby Tour next year.

In U19 Basketball we were represented by David Tordoff. Perhaps our Juniors will be spurred on to similar achievements in the future.

It has generally been a quiet winter for the House. However Guy Moultrie managed to

find some excitement of the French kind in Nimes and David Tordoff dissected his way round Porthallow, Cornwall on the Biology Field Trip.

We have kept up our faithful service with car parkers and coffee sellers at the various school functions and thus have managed to keep our House Fund thriving.

For at least four members of the House this is obviously an important term with "O" and "A" level examinations looming ever closer.

We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs (and Adam) for their unceasing efforts and Mr. Edwards for being our resident cashier. We also wish to thank those responsible for the new tarmacadam surface of our playground which has been a great improvement.

N. Holland

Clubs and Societies

DEBATING SOCIETY

Yes, it's the debating society report again! This has been the Society's most successful year yet, and I am confident that the enthusiastic new officers will be able to keep up the momentum and hold even more debates next year. I should like to express my appreciation of Colin Cameron, John Forbes and Ken Haylock in particular, and also to thank Neil Timberlake, Graham King and others for their help.

Since members showed too little interest in democracy to discuss our constitution, the new officers were appointed by the Committee. Perhaps this method will be recognised as demonstrably autocratic and more enthusiasm for real democracy will be shown. Remember that it involves more than just elections, and must be fought for ceaselessly.

In December, as you may have seen in the Midweek Free Press, "This House believed in the myth of Santa Claus Incarnate" by an overwhelming majority, with the help of Santa Claus himself, otherwise known as George Hornsby. This was despite the fact that, according to Ian Purvis, the weight of all the presents would equal that of "7500 hippopotomi".

The following week we went to Zeppelin II at Desborough to see Keith Emerson (Graham King), General Franco, B. C. Caveman and others go down to Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer (Colin Cameron), Adolf Hitler (Paul Kaye, Desb.) and Queen Boadicea, amongst whom the last won by sex-appeal.

In February, in the English-Speaking Union Public Speaking competition, Ivan Woolfenden, supported by A. Barry (Chairman and R. J. Michael (V. of Thanks), was unsuccessful in his defence of Lord Beaverbrook against Beaconsfield "We are what we eat" High School and Newlands "Will machines be our downfall?" School. Two other teams were kept away by the weather, but the standard was brilliant and Newlands won. In February, we paid another visit to the Marist Convent in Ascot where Colin Cameron, thanks to a brilliant speech, persuaded the audience that Advertising does not do more harm than good. He won by 25 votes to 1.

In March, we held a "Call my Bluff", with the help of the High School for coffee. The

brilliantly perverse and deceitful Stephen Everson, with sidekicks Gary Wise and John Cooper, was unable to 'sus' Desborough's Tom Gill, Paul Kaye and Phil Crowhurst, and lost by 7-10.

The junior section of this broadly-based society held an inter-form balloon competition, which was won by Stephen Bown. Then there was a lunchtime debate at which Mark Oldknow convinced the House that "man's best friend is his dog", ably opposed by John Forbes.

The same day we went to the High School for a balloon debate amongst Jack-the-Ripper (Chris Grayling), the Queen (Kate Harrison), Reginald Perrin (Andrew Glover)

and Paddington Bear (Janet Broadway) Paddington, the "bear from difficult background made good", was defeated in the final by the rebel Perrin, who had "much to tell about Society".

As part of the Election campaign, we held an extremely well-attended and rowdy 'no confidence' debate, which was lost, to everyone's surprise, on a technicality. This was also reported in the Press.

With a promise of even more debates next year, the subscription is going up to 30p. I have greatly enjoyed the honour of being Secretary this year, and hope that the momentum will not be lost.

Paul Taylor



FORUM SOCIETY MEETING

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

The Astronomical Society was formed early this year, and has got off to a very promising start.

Within a few weeks plans were under way to raise the money to buy a telescope—the primary requisite of a successful Astronomical Society.

It was decided to hold a sponsored star-gaze, and so, on 12th April, sixteen enthusiastic astronomers trekked out to Ivinghoe Beacon to spend 10 hours looking at the stars (or so they will claim!).

However we raised £150, and together with £100 from the Governors, and £100 kindly donated by the Parents' Association, we are able to purchase a 6 in. reflecting telescope. We also have a 2 in. refracting telescope; plans are being made to hold meetings in the evenings, which we hope can be supervised by parents who know some astronomy.

The Society certainly has a bright future in store for it, but would certainly welcome new members.

The Society wishes to thank Mr. Boutland and Mr. Talbot for their time and help in organising the Society.

W. J. Parker, 6M2

CHRISTIAN UNION

I asked a student what three things he most wished. He said, "Give me books, health and quiet, and I care for nothing more". I asked a miser, and he cried, "Money, money, money!". I asked a pauper, and he faintly said, "Bread, bread, bread!". I asked a drunkard, and he called loudly for strong drink. I asked the multitude around me, and they lifted up a confused cry, in which I heard the words, "Wealth!", "Fame!", "Pleasure!". I asked a poor man, who had long borne the character of an experienced Christian. He replied that all his wishes might be met in Christ. He spoke seriously, and I asked him to explain. He said, "I greatly desire three things: first, that I be found in Christ; second, that I may be like Christ; third, that I may be with Christ".

This is where the C.U. can help in bringing the desires of the poor man (which should belong to every Christian) that much nearer. So if you are a Christian or want to find out more about Christ do come along to the C.U.—we look forward to meeting you.

P. Irwin, 6BK

MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

Since the last report the Model Railway Club has continued to progress steadily. The term has, however, been dominated by exhibitions and as a result the club's permanent layout has become almost disused. Nevertheless the members saw the result of their labours when we were invited to an exhibition at Dr. Challoner's in Amersham. Despite the fact that the exhibition fell within the school holidays a few hard-working members turned up to finish and transport the layout. On the Saturday it was realised, however, that our exhibition layout was not in fact of a very high standard, and as a result it was decided to purchase a new one. Thanks to the help of the Headmaster and the generosity of the School Governors we were able to buy one in time for the R.G.S. Show.

By the time this appears Show Day will have long passed and it is hoped that the efforts of all the members will have been rewarded on the day. During half-term a sponsored locomotive spot took place at Reading Station to raise some of the money needed for the new layout and I would like to thank all the members that took the trouble to turn up. At the end of June the Club is off again to Amersham to exhibit at Dr. Challoner's Show. I must also thank, on behalf of all the members, Mr. Leighton-Jones for the time and effort he has put into transporting us around the area. It is hoped that the M.R.C. will stage its own exhibition some time later in this year or possibly at Easter in 1980, and anybody who has any suggestions on this matter should contact one of the committee. Nearly everybody(!) is welcome at the M.R.C. at lunchtimes and the more members we have the better the club will be.

It just remains for me now to wish the club well in the coming years and I hope that it will continue to go from strength to strength and become one of the "recognised" societies in the school.

D. J. Ball, Secretary

POLSPON OMEGA

As is proved by this report, the renowned club is not yet dead, despite the grand alliance of bureaucracy, red tape, apathy and mocks. Our forces are now preparing for a counter-attack and we expect to be flourishing after the exams. The club itself has changed; the rumble of tanks and scream of fighter-bombers have given way to the roar of dragons and clink of gold pieces deep underground. Traditional explosives have given way to H-bombs and anti-matter shells deep in inter-galactic space.

In January, we mounted a very successful combined operations assault on the Model Engineering Exhibition, with the aid of the Aeronautical Society, Messrs. Smaje and Thomas, and the R.A.F. mini-buses (which did not break down!!!). Large amounts of money changed hands there, and we are hoping to repeat the trip next year. (Names of applicants to M. J. Atkinson; membership fees and bribes to M. P. Niekirk).

Written by M. P. Niekirk (Treasurer)

Footnote: Meetings on Thursdays at 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Although meetings have not been held so regularly as last term, the society has still been active with many members making use of the school darkroom. Many people who could not produce photographs when they joined the school are now doing so and with a bit more practice the photographs could be perfect! Much of the term has been devoted to producing a display for Show Day and hence has occupied a large number of the society's meetings. The other major event of the term was a trip to the Photo-World exhibition at Olympia which everyone enjoyed. The society welcomes new members and looks forward to an exciting summer term.

C. Innes

LIBRARY

It seems only a matter of a few weeks since I was last asked to bore you all, but cheer up, this will, I promise, be the last time I'll have the honour (!) ! Since I nearly finished up in Wycombe Law Courts after the last report, I'd better be careful when commenting about the efficiency (?) of certain members of the team.

This year has been one of the busiest in recent years for the Library. With a greatly enlarged 6th Form, borrowing has increased, overdue books have increased and losses from the shelves will probably have increased as well.

However, spurred on perhaps by the knowledge of our net GAIN, in mislaid books, at the last stock-check, Mr. Mitchell has enthusiastically invested in over 600 new books this year to the delight (?) of our enthusiastic (?) Thursday afternoon helpers ? . This rate of investment has managed (just) to keep pace with Stephen Everson's enthusiastic rate of borrowing; certain of us wish that the same could be said for his rate of return !

However, since Stephen and the new books take up so much of our time, we are now no nearer repairing the books taken off the shelves at the last stock-check than we were when they were taken off. However, thanks to the efforts of former Headmaster, Mr. Smith, a number of books have been suitably rebound and revived, especially "Manwatching" which, suitably resuscitated, is now as popular as ever.

Thanks are due to all, but especially to Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Goldthorpe and all those who have turned out regularly to help us at our hour of need (1 p.m.-2 p.m.!).

F. G. Collins

CHESS CLUB REPORT 1978-79

The Chess Club has had a fairly good season. Although the first team only just escaped relegation from division two of the Bucks League, the second team were unlucky to miss promotion from division three, losing the last vital game against Slough III.

In the *Sunday Times* schools' competition we again reached the Zonal Final but were defeated by a team of child prodigies from St. Bartholomew's. This was disappointing as we had won the Zonal Final for the two previous years.

Especially encouraging has been the revival of interest in the lower school. We have been able to field two teams in the Bucks U14 Junior League and one team in the U16. The latest league tables show their positions as follows:

	W	D	L	Pts.	Pos.	No. of teams
U16						
RGS	4	0	1	4	2nd	6
U14						
RGS I	3	0	2	3	3rd	8
RGS II	1	1	3	1½	6th	8

The season ended on a lighter note with the Langley 10-sec.-a-move lightning team tournament. Our second team finished 7th (out of 8) whilst our first team came 3rd (winning £1!). Geoff Barraclough, our competent secretary (who, nonetheless, offered Sir William Borlase a fixture on Feb. 30th!), scored a creditable 5½ out of 7. Nicky Bishop didn't do quite so well.

The Chess Club, which is run during lunch-time, has gained in popularity since moving from the cricket pavilion to Room 17. Membership now stands at about 90 and most new members are welcome.

We would like to thank Mr. Clark for his most efficient organisation and we are also most grateful to him and all the other members of staff who have helped out with transport this season.

G. Barraclough (Secretary)
M. Church (Captain)

SCHOOL HOUSE CHESS TEAM REPORT, 1978/79

Played 1; Won 0; Drawn 0; Lost 1
For 0; Against 6

Many of you may be wondering about this report, having not previously heard of the School House Chess Club. The original idea for the club came from Mr. Moffat, and after a favourable response, the first club meeting was held in February. Unfortunately, owing to lack of time, it was only possible to arrange one match, against Priory Road Primary School, in which we ran out eventual losers by the margin of 6 games to nil. However, our inexperienced team showed good promise. N. Morris has played solidly, whilst M. Coburn has been devastating in his opening game, only to squander his advantage through a weak end game. R. Pillidge and A. Gaines have improved vastly from their embryo beginnings, and the game must hold a great future for them both. P. Van Der Lee has managed the Junior Training Scheme very capably, and we should continue to retain strength in depth in years to come. On the financial and secretarial side, R. Friend and A. Pickard have done well, although hampered by the late start to our season. Thanks, too, must go to M. A. Coburn for his unceasing efforts to arrange additional fixtures. I wish the club well in the future, and if anybody is able to provide prospective matches, would they please see Mr. White-Taylor or myself.

A. Appleton, Captain

ANTI ——— SOCIETY

The Anti — Society is the popular wing of the newly-formed Anti — League (of which the Anti — Party is the political wing). We exist basically to combat all forms of —ism; to introduce fair trials and democracy into ** lessons, and to ensure the preservation of free speech (hence this report). We also favour having a Democracy Wall in school where we can air our grievances.

The society has a large membership at the moment, for which we should like to thank the efforts of our master in charge. We meet immediately after school every evening outside the caretaker's room near the entrance of the main block. Membership is free.

A.P.P. (Sec.)

MUSIC SOCIETY

Since the last report, the Society has performed a Christmas Concert, and has taken part in a Festival of Lessons and Carols; a term of achievement culminated in the memorable performance of Brahms' German Requiem (reported elsewhere). The atmosphere within the Society as a whole is one of enthusiasm and interest, with the Spring Concert in sight, and, more immediately, R.G.S. Show Day.

Every one of our members contributed to a successful Christmas Concert. Both orchestras and the Wind Band played programmes of contrasted music during the first half. After the interval, the Choral Society performed the first two parts of Bach's Christmas Oratorio, the soloists being Simon Gay, David Flinders and David Lowe. Richard Wardell played the organ accompaniment, Paul Barrett the trumpet obbligato and Richard White the timpani. The performance was of a consistently high standard, and concluded an enjoyable evening's music-making.

The Festival of Lessons and Carols took place in Wycombe Parish Church the following week. Accompanied by one of its members, the Choral Society sang intelligently and with feeling under Bernard Trafford. Many people present extended their appreciation to our members.

The instrumentalists make good use of their time when not working specifically for a concert. Valuable experience in orchestral playing can be gained, and repertoire can be expanded with new works. The Choral Society of course had a major work in front of them, and they met the challenge with dedication and enthusiasm.

A new branch of the Society has recently been formed under the direction of Mr. Trafford. The R.G.S. Jazz Band will be making its debut at the R.G.S. Show.

Finally, the Society would like to thank all the staff who helped foster the musical life of the school with their support.

C. Goodwin

BRAHMS REQUIEM

Brahms' German Requiem was performed on March 27th by the R.G.S. Choral Society and Wycombe High School Choir with an orchestra made up of friends and members of both schools. The soloists were Carys Dossier, soprano and John Shirley Quirk, baritone. No doubt the name of Britain's great baritone attracted many of those who filled the Queen's Hall that night; they cannot have been disappointed. Everyone concerned gave of their best and contributed to a performance which will stand as a landmark in the musical life of the school.

A few minutes before the conductor and soloists walked in, those already in the Queen's Hall fell silent, and the atmosphere was one of eager anticipation which set the mood for what was to come. As the first few intense notes reached the back of the hall, the

audience relaxed and sat back to absorb some of Brahms' finest music performed as it should be performed—with feeling.

Brahms' Requiem would be a major work in the repertoire of a professional choir, and the combined choirs of the R.G.S. and the High School responded admirably to the challenge of such a demanding work. The performance may not have been perfect, but what it lacked in precision it made up for in enthusiasm and spontaneity. The soloists were on top form; the striking image of Mr. Shirley Quirk singing the solo passages, fully absorbed in the music, was unforgettable. Both the choir and the orchestra responded well to the conductor, the man chiefly responsible for bringing about this memorable performance, Mr. Holmes.

C. Goodwin



MACBETH
CHRISTMAS 1978

C.C.F. Reports

R.A.F. SECTION

We have been blessed this year with a fantastic variety of activities. In chronological order we have: had a superb talk/demonstration from Martin Bakers (ejection seats); flown in "Chipmunk" aircraft at R.A.F. Abingdon; had success with part 2 and 3 proficiency exams; witnessed the crewroom versus the rest of the school snowball match; a short N.C.O. training course organised by F./Sgt. Lindsay; Air Vice-Marshal Knight gave an interesting illustrated talk on the work of Strike Command; Sgt. Shaw looked after Sqn. Ldr. Turgoose and the Navigation Lessons.

Out of school we had great success with F./Sgt. Smaje, Sgt. Shaw, J./Tech. Church, Cpl. Gaunt and Cpl. Lewis all passing the flying scholarship selection board. Easter camp was held at R.A.F. Cosford, with 21 cadets and 3 officers attending. F./Sgt. Shields attended the Army camp at Leek, Cadet Clews spent a week on H.M.S. Avey, and F./Sgt. Smaje, Cpl. Brown and Cadet Lever went to Arbroath on a gliding course that never really got off the ground, and they all returned wet and with very little gliding experience. Cadet Lancaster was privileged to go on the U.K.L.F. training course and returned alive; Cadets Rutherford and Boreham spent an exciting week at R.A.F. Gibraltar with Cadet Boreham returning by courtesy of the R.N.

Adventurous training has given a chance for the "Far horizon" trippers to practise campcraft in the New Forest and also Snowdonia, and there is a weekend in the Black Mountains planned after G.C.E. Recently there has been an unprecedented facelift for the section: thanks to the very versatile F./Sgt. Shields, the section now has four specialist units, namely gliding, aeromodelling, mechanical and adventurous training, all proving a great success.

We shall be losing most of the senior N.C.O's who have shared the many great experiences that the C.C.F. (in particular the R.A.F.) can offer. We would like to wish the very best of luck to all the N.C.O's who are taking over our jobs, and I would like to thank Sqn. Ldr. Smaje, Flt./Lt. Sollars, P./Off. Boutland and F./Sgt. Dan Barker, and F./Sgt. Bill Evans (who replaces F./Sgt. Barker), for their very good advice, their guidance, and most of all, their time and patience.

W.O. Hill

N.B. I would like to congratulate Flt./Lt. Sollars who has recently been awarded the Cadet Forces' Medal, and also Cadet Fl./Sgt. Tim Lindsay for being awarded the A.O.C's Certificate of Good Conduct.

W.O. Hill

C.C.F. ARMY SECTION

Leek 1979 will probably be remembered for its good weather.

The Camp was energetic and testing at all levels in a variety of skills—first aid, survival, orienteering, camp craft, military skills of command and action by day and night at section and finally, platoon level. Before the main two day exercise there was one particularly fine day of graded rock climbing on the Roaches. This is a day when, under experienced instructors, members of the section can have their first (or annual) taste of this pursuit in this area well known nationally for its climbs.

On the last day there was a section map reading exercise out to the area where half sections carried out a number of command tasks in competition.

Evenings were busy but there was time for conviviality. One striking feature, distantly

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related to the rock climbing, was a travel film of Scotland, just post-war, by way of the railway line to the Western Isles complemented by slides of the same places recently taken by Captain Hollingworth and Mr. Boreham — Ben Nevis in winter and some particularly spectacular views in the Cuillins.

It was good to have Bill with us again. The N.C.O's worked admirably not only in the demanding camp but also in the long run up to it and the tidying up arrangements at the end. The experience of seeing a project like this all the way through from first ideas to the final storing of kit and cleaning of weapons in the next term is invaluable. They get to know the meaning of responsibility. R.S.M. Tim Watts deserves an especial mention here.

As always, and as genuinely as always, our thanks are due to Captain Hollingworth, Captain Mervyn Davies and to the Old Wycombiensians who come back to help us — Mr. Wallen, Mr. Taylor, Colour Sergeant Harry and Graham Woodman.

Mr. Grundy successfully completed his Qualifying Course this January at the Cadet Training Centre, Frimley Park. We were glad to have him on this first camp with us.

A welcome number of people are again going on Courses—Signals and Mechanical Engineering, to add to the list quoted last term, and that most challenging but also rewarding course, the U.K.L.F. Leadership Course about which there is a separate report.

The Signals section under C.S.M. Bruce Scott-James earned special praise from our affiliated unit, 5 (Banbury) Squadron, 39th Signal Regiment (Volunteers) at Banbury on their classification results, achieved purely on N.C.O. instruction and with very basic resources.

We continue to be grateful to 16 Cadet Training Team for their help both at school and in running range days and courses.

Those who remember him will be delighted to know that Kevin Haugh has won a place at Sandhurst.

The Lake District is the setting for our summer training in July. We wish Squadron Leader Smaje and his party well in their adventure training in the U.S.A.

F.N.C.

Memories of seasickness are finally fading for yours truly, who believes that he must have adapted to the wave motion after all, because everything appeared to sway from side to side for two days after disembarkation from H.M.S. Aveley. Everybody enjoyed the trip which was valuable experience, and it promoted a general interest in maritime activities within the section. Congratulations must go to Able Seaman Hough on being selected as best cadet of the week and on being presented with a smart Call and Chain, which he brandished throughout the whole journey from Plymouth to Paddington.

Under the leadership of Sub. Lt. Claye the section boasts a lively and interesting programme. A series of films about canoeing was presented and classes for the R.Y.A. helm are underway. This should improve our performance at Chatham Regatta, in which we have not had much success recently, since the last of the Thorntons moved on to higher education.

The section gives its warmest thanks to the Martins for donating a "Cowes Potter" sailing boat, which will be a valuable asset when we have finished painting it up.

Cadets who went on courses at Easter thoroughly enjoyed themselves, especially those hardy Able Seamen who attended a canoeing course, run by the Royal Marines. The recent field trip to H.M.S. Excellent was also entirely successful. Incidentally it is pleasing to note that there is some R.A.F. section participation in our activities in the form of Cadet Clews, who happened to be one of the few who escaped seasickness on board H.M.S. Aveley!

Back at school the syllabus for the examination for promotion to A.B. was completed long ago and those of Naval and Advanced Naval Proficiency are nearing completion. Thursday afternoon trips to Medmenham are under way again and the section recently ran an initiative exercise in teams with total success.

Finally, assuming P.O. Phillips passes his Admiralty Interview Board examinations, the section wishes him a rewarding and worthwhile career in the Royal Navy.

P.O. Kindell



H.M.S. Aveley

Sea Training

S. Andrews, M. Phillips

In March the R.N. Section was lucky enough to get a week's sea training on H.M.S. Aveley, a coastal mine hunter of 109 ft. and 170 tons.

The week started on Sunday when ten R.N. and one R.A.F. cadets travelled by train to join ship at H.M. Dockyard, Plymouth. After finding our way around the ship we settled down for our first night.

On Monday we set sail for Torquay at 1 p.m. The weather was fairly rough and during a 50° roll, Jerry Kindell was pushed by Mike Johnson into a bucket into which they had both just emptied their lunch and breakfast. Arriving at Torquay in the evening with six sufferers from sea sickness, the remaining crew had a run ashore.

After being "gently" awoken on Tuesday morning, we were usefully employed doing man overboard and fire drill exercises, and towing another cadet training vessel. We anchored for lunch in Torbay which was not popular with the seasick crew, nor the officers, when coxswain Andrews "dropped in" with their lunch which went all over the wardroom floor. During the afternoon we completed more technical manoeuvres with cadets at the helm, and ended up at Torquay for the night.

During that evening H.M.S. Cutlass, with the senior officer of the First Fast Training Squadron, capable of over 40 knots, moored alongside Aveley. Simon Andrews, Mark Phillips and Sub. Lt. Mark Dannet, R.N. were lucky enough to be invited aboard her during a tactical exercise involving 3 R.N. frigates and a Dutch submarine with Cutlass playing the part of a hostile patrol boat. Leaving Torquay at 12 midnight we arrived back at 4 a.m. and rolled into our bunks.

On Wednesday we cleaned ship. The normal routine was to get up at 6.45 a.m., have breakfast at 7.15, colours, the ceremony of raising the ship's Ensign and Jack at 7.30. After colours, the duty watch would carry out their daily tasks of wardroom stewards,

galley cooks and mess cleaners, whilst the off-duty watch would clean ship until 10 p.m. However, that day we cleaned ship until 3 p.m. Some of the cadets spent most of the day cleaning out the bilges where Tim Lee got his shoes covered in white paint which found its way throughout the mess and over the crew.

During lunchtime, as a relaxation, we played football on Torquay Quay against the ship's standing crew. During the game the ball was kicked into the sea only four times. At the end of the game Matthew Hough and Chris Davies managed to put a number of footprints in some newly made concrete on the quay. After 3 p.m. everyone went on a run ashore to stock up with Mars bars.

Thursday was spent much the same as Tuesday apart from when Chris Davies accidentally set off a fire extinguisher by sitting on it. When he got off it, the mess proceeded to fill up with foam while about six people dived at the extinguisher and managed, with a mixture of quick thinking and panic, to put it out.

After a pyrotechnics lecture on distress signals at sea, we went for a run ashore at Brixham, a small fishing village, where Mike Beardall had an unfortunate incident with a seagull.

Friday was to be our last day at sea. We all "sprang" out of bed at 5.30 a.m. as we had to prepare the ship for sailing at 6.45 a.m. The sea was very calm, but even so Jerry Kindell was still seasick after Tim Lee got his hands on the ship's wheel. Once we arrived at Plymouth, it only remained for us to pack our gear and clean out our kit. Matthew Hough was awarded a Bosun's Call and Chain for being best cadet of the week; congratulations to him.

We arrived home on Friday evening after a very enjoyable week. Everyone learnt a lot, putting into practice a lot of the theory they had learnt during C.C.F. Our sincere thanks to Sub. Lt. Mark Dannett, R.N., who gave up his own time at Durham University to make the trip, and also to the Buffer, the 'Swain, the Chief, the mad chef, Barry, Scouse, Yeo, Stirling, the Captain and the Jimmy (1st Lieutenant) and Harry who enlivened our trip considerably.

R.A.F. CAMP, COSFORD

4th-11 APRIL, 1979

This year's Easter camp was at R.A.F. Cosford, near Wolverhampton, the R.A.F. School of P.E. Training and Avionics. Most of the training involved is similar to sixth form physics, and the average age of recruits is seventeen years old. When a large contingent of cadets arrived, it became very difficult to tell the men from the boys. After settling in, most cadets found their way to the camp cinema or to the station's many sport facilities. The first day's activity was Chipmunk flying at R.A.F. Shawbury, whilst W.O. Hill and Sgt. Plane enjoyed a Gazelle flight (thanks to Flt./Lt. Sollars).

Day two was spent walking around a map-reading course, except some people who didn't feel the need to go all the way round and were later disqualified.

Shooting, swimming and more adventurous things like roller skating all took place and

four people were awarded R.A.F. Marksman Badges. Various station visits proved very interesting, including playing with teleprinters and watching a man impersonate Magnus Pyke. As Cosford is the home of the Royal Air Force indoor sports arena, we had to have an olympic style sports evening with very creditable performances coming from W.O. Hill, Cadets Pook, Barry and Carr. Drill took place, but was very enjoyable as the instructor couldn't find any fault with us(?), and we ended up losing the drill competition. The night exercise was cancelled due to the torrential rain, and on the last day there was a hill climbing exercise over the Wrekin in the rain.

We returned safely, stopping at Stratford for lunch, and it leaves me to thank Sqn. Ldr. Smaje, Fl./Lt. Sollars and P.O. Boutland for their determined efforts.

W.O. Hill



UNITED KINGDOM LAND FORCES

LEADERSHIP COURSE

There were three cadets from our school who went on the course, Cpl. Woodman and L/Cpl. Welch from the Army Section and Cpl. Lancaster from the R.A.F. Section.

It is not until you arrive at the course that you realise the scale of it. There were two companies of four platoons of three sections of twelve cadets; in all 288 cadets coming from as far away as Canada and Northern Ireland. The course lasted for ten days and every day from 6.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. we were taught map reading, motorcycle riding, helicopter drills, tactics, watermanship and the Self-Loading Rifle. During one of the three sky exercises each person had a chance to lead a section or platoon.

Cpl. Woodman won a trophy for winning the orienteering competition and L/Cpl. Welch won a cup for motorcycle riding.

It is a course which ought not be missed since one gains so much experience and develops one's leadership qualities to a high degree.

N. Welch, 5ME

ETERNAL DAMNATION

In the beginning God created man,
He gave us free will
He gave us a choice;
Love Him with all your heart and soul,
Or be kicked in the groin for eternity:
The ultimate blackmail?

K. Hopkinson



SPORT

1st XV RUGBY

P 21, W 8, L 12, D 1. For 312, Against 224
The playing record illustrates that the season was by past R.G.S. 1st XV standards a comparatively unsuccessful one. Yet the pre-season prospects seemed to auger well; a new master-in-charge, Mr. Ball, 15 players who had experienced 1st XV rugby last season, protective padding on the goal posts and pre-season training. However it was not to be. Selection was always the great problem as the team was dogged by injuries, moreover many individuals' playing standards were inconsistent and the combination of these two factors resulted in no fewer than 30 players being selected, often in different positions. This consequently did not inspire confidence and allowed little team-work or spirit to develop. The team always lacked a consistent goal kicker and had great problems at scrum-half which resulted in no regular half back combination being formed. Thus the team had to rely on individual flair in order to achieve results.

The team started confidently with four consecutive wins which included a victory (26-15) over an otherwise unbeaten St. Edmunds College. Then came the high-spot of the season, a splendid forward battle against an unbeaten Emanuel side which was narrowly lost by a single try 9-15. The rest of the season was thereafter an anticlimax and the following week the team succumbed to a strong Haydon side. There was then a period during which 5 wins were recorded (including victories over Watford 20-10 and Richard Hale 24-13), a draw and a defeat by

a skilful St. Benedict's side. During this time we lost the services of J. Shaw and A. Stott who respectively left and had to retire.

Between December and March a series of defeats were suffered when the matches weren't cancelled, including defeats by strong Verulam and Lord Williams sides. The match against Gunnersbury wasn't played as the opposition hadn't informed us of their change of ground (we vainly wandered around London trying to find their new ground).

However, the Borlase match was an exciting finale which was narrowly lost (6-12) despite tremendous pressure exerted by our side in the second half.

Special mention must be made of the postponed Old Boys' match. It was perhaps ironically here that at the end of the season a weakened team at last found some of its missing form and with some impressive back play and clean ruck ball a win seemed likely against a bigger and more experienced team. However after Capt. Morgan's injury-caused departure, the weakened side eventually lost, after some tenacious play (3-10).

Few players were outstanding or even played up to their known potential. In the forwards 5th former R. Johnson always performed creditably, Steve Vladar played with great determination and D. Cheesewright was outstanding, being very mobile and an excellent hooker. In the backs J. Carter and P. Morrish played consistently well. County honours were won by D. Cheesewright, S. Vladar, J. Carter, G. Davis and N. Connor at U19 level and N. Smith, R. Johnson, D. Davis, S. Sutton at U16 level.

Thanks must go to Mr. Ball whose effort and hard work were greatly appreciated, Mr. Learmonth and the second team for the use of their players, to our long suffering supporters, to our courageous touch judge, Chas, and lastly to all the players who in spite of all enjoyed their Rugby.

N. R. Connor

1st XV PHOTOGRAPH

Back Row: T. S. Burgess, R. S. Wilson, S. P. Sutton, C. Ade, N. D. M. Smith, R. J. S. Johnson, G. J. Palmer.

Middle Row: C. A. Holmes (Touch Judge), C. D. Corfield, M. Cussell, H. M. Scott-James, M. A. Goodwin, D. J. Gardner,

J. D. Carter, D. Cheesewright, S. J. Barrett, Mr. M. P. Ball.

Front Row: B. A. Rivett, N. R. Connor, C. P. Speed, B. J. Morgan (Capt.), S. N. Vladar, P. J. Morrish, G. R. Davies.

2nd XV RUGBY

Like all 2nd XV's we expect to act as Reserves for the 1st XV and this season the 1st XV, partly due to injury and partly because of the showing of the boys in the 2nd XV, we promoted 12 of the original team to play for the 1st XV somewhere through the season.

The squad trained and played with zest and a good deal of flair, and their results reflected their enthusiasm and ability. The team was captained by W. J. Shapcott, who not only played well but inspired the players with his drive and determination.

The results were:

Played 14, won 11, drawn 1, lost 2. Points for 354. Points against 71.

We played a very simple game, with the forwards providing the ball in the tight and line out and the backs stretching the opposition, and in consequence a large number of tries were scored by the wings R. Jordan and S. Wilson or created by S. Sutton. The half back pairing of G. Palmer and M. Coburn was very effective, with Coburn kicking intelligently when the need arose. When Coburn was promoted to the 1st XV J. Ward took over, and although not so fast off the mark, his kicking was outstanding; and the 1st's tried him at fly-half because of this ability. The forwards had a good platform in the front five, with H. Scott-James and M. Goodwin being outstanding. M. Buckingham played as Hooker for the 2nd and was promoted to the 1st as Flanker; being so good at getting around the field and working the ball in the maul situation. No matter who played, either being promoted from the 2nd B XV or being dropped from the 1st XV, we seemed to accept the changes and played with an understanding which was quite remarkable.

The two matches we lost were against Verulam School, where we tried, perhaps too hard, breaking away and allowing the opposition to cover, or throwing the ball rather wildly to boys not in a position to receive it. The other match we lost was to Latymer Upper. They were the only team to beat us in the forwards, and although we looked very good in the backs, without the ball, especially in the second half, we were only a shadow of our normal selves.

We lost a lot of matches to the poor weather conditions but we thoroughly enjoyed the season, and hope we have estab-

lished a good incentive for years to come in the standard of our Rugby and the number of boys who came through to play for the 1st XV.

J.R.L.

2nd "B" XV RUGBY

Played 12, Won 11, Drawn 1, Lost 0.
For: 352 pts. Against: 80 pts.

As the record shows, this was a highly successful season for the 2nd "B" (3rd) XV. Competition for places was keenly contested throughout the season and any faults in technical ability were made up for by enthusiasm and sheer determination.

The season started well with three resounding victories against Rutlish (51-0), St. Edmund's College (30-0) and Oxford School (31-0). The winning run was continued when a rather weakened side scored a convincing 34-3 win over a somewhat disappointing Emanuel side.

The forwards often came up against bigger, stronger opposition and this was never more evident than against Tiffin where the side rallied well to clinch victory 20-17 after letting an early lead slip away.

After Andy Mickleburgh had (by popular request!) moved from centre to flanker, he then proceeded to score 11 tries in the season, 5 of them coming against St. Benedict's in a 36-12 win. This was followed by three more good wins against strong opposition, versus John Hampden (8-6), King James' College (23-6) and a fine 38-0 win against Lord Williams where the forwards showed tremendous technique in overcoming tough opposition, to present the backs with clean ball which, as throughout the season, was used to good effect.

The final game of the season against Dr. Challoner's 1st XV robbed us of a 100% record when, in a thrilling game, we drew 16-16.

I would like to thank Mr. Chamberlain for his continued, devoted efforts to the running of the side and the refereeing of home games. This was very much appreciated by myself and all players whose never-ending enthusiasm made the captaincy of the side a real pleasure.

Doug McIndoe

UNDER 15 RUGBY

The improvement made during the latter part of last season was maintained and the side had a very successful season. The forwards, with the addition of Cheesewright from last year's Under 15 side, played well as a unit and provided plenty of good ball to be utilised by a talented set of backs.

Untroubled by injuries, we were able to play a settled side all year, with Max Welby setting a fine example as flanker and captain. The rest of the side respected him and responded well to his urgings. Hooker Cheesewright brought a combative element to the forwards which encouraged the rest to follow suit. McGill showed a fine pair of hands at fly half and the centres Noyes and Gillingham were the top try-scorers, with Gillingham scoring over 200 points. Hutton, when given the chance, was an exciting and elusive runner on the wing.

It was, though, a real team effort that brought success. They were a sporting side who wanted to do well for each other and who were always willing to listen and learn. They gave much pleasure to our loyal and vociferous band of parent supporters who turned up in all weathers, home and away.

Leading Try Scorers: Gillingham 22, Noyes 18, Hutton 8, Boyes 8, Cheesewright 8, McGill 7. Conversions: Gillingham 37.

M.W.C., S.B.G

UNDER 14 XV RUGBY

Played 14, Won 8, Lost 6.
Points for 231. Against 194

After an excellent start to the season, the good results ran away from us, as luck and injuries affected the team as a whole. In the early part of the season the team had its best result, beating Emanuel 19-10. Scott who was absent for much of the first half of the season directed the backs with great confidence. As the season progressed, the backs' tackling improved immensely as they became more often than not on the defensive, however, their offensive play was not always up to scratch. Fairbrother who was the team's top scorer with 48 points, supported the backs well. In the whole season six matches were cancelled, of which five were in the Spring Term, owing to the terrible weather. This lack of rugby stunted the improvement in the team's play.

A. Bobath

UNDER 13 RUGBY

Playing Record: P. 7, W. 5, D. 0, L. 2.
Points for 97. Against 76.

The U13 team enjoyed a successful although truncated season's rugby. Both training and fixtures were hit by the adverse weather early in the New Year, and four games were cancelled in a row. This was a pity as the team were playing enthusiastic, constructive rugby, and I felt they could well have won those four games. We gave as many boys as possible games in the A and B teams and there is a nucleus of good players which augers well for the future.

Andrew Knox captained the team extremely well from full back and showed fine kicking and defensive abilities. Sean Carter proved to be a strong running centre and the half-back pairing of Richard Treadwell and Stephen Ellis built up their understanding and teamwork as the season progressed. The second-row combination of Nigel Topping and Stephen Carter scored five tries between them, kept the pack together quite well in the scrums, and secured good quality line-out ball. Andrew Duncan came into the team as hooker late in the season, through hard work, and more than proved his worth. The outstanding forward was Bob Hunter at number eight and his aggressive running gave him nine tries.

The rest of the forwards and backs also played with determination and contributed fully to a most satisfactory first season. My thanks go to Dr. Dosser again for his valued help in coaching and looking after the "B" Team.

D. J. Stubbs

ORIENTEERING CLUB

The Orienteering Club has enjoyed a successful winter. In the School Championships at Goring Heath A. P. Pope, 3G, was third in his class, whilst several other R.G.S. entrants were well up in the field.

During the winter we have also attended events at Burnham Beeches, Shotover, Skirmett and Christmas Common. In all of these events we were well placed.

At the time of writing we are waiting for the R.G.S. Championships on May 18th.

The cassettes in the new minibus are highly entertaining. Once again our thanks are due to Messrs. Boutland, Sollars and Claye for their driving.

Iain M. Bell, 3M

1st XI HOCKEY

All in all 1978-79 was a very disappointing season; the losses too numerous to mention. There were many contributing factors to these defeats. Possibly the most influential being the ever-changing team and lack of real match practice during the wet period after Christmas. But this cannot disguise the fact that the team was below average in terms of skill and teamwork.

Individual achievements for the school came noticeably from G. Landrock who kept goal impeccably for most of the season; T. Coker, though lacking in the finer arts of the game, made up for this through his unwavering effort and commitment to each game. D. Stott and S. Lever progressed well throughout the season and should be accomplished players for the coming season. Towards the end of the season R. Coker found his true position out on the left wing, leaving the rigorous art of missing open goals to others!

T. Coker, R. Coker and R. Healey were awarded full colours and the team provided three County U19 players: J. Cook, R. Coker and G. Landrock.

*J. Cook,
1st XI Captain*

Without a doubt the most skilful and committed member of the team was J. Cook who, with careful training, should become a very good player in the future.

R.M.P.

2nd XI HOCKEY

This season was again drastically curtailed by the weather with half of the 24 fixtures cancelled. The results obtained, however, show an improvement over recent seasons as the playing record shows:

P 12, W 7, L 5. Goals for 25, against 20

Doubles were gained over Leighton Park School and Sir William Borlase School. The best performance was the defeat of Aylesbury G.S. by a margin of 3 goals. A large number of players represented the team including several promising 5th formers who have now gained useful experience of senior school hockey. Players to have made significant contributions include M. Merryweather, who worked very hard and improved considerably in goal, J. Dickinson and J. Ball who both scored some very good goals.

At the end of the season A. Amin and N.

Quiney were awarded half-colours for their service and performances for the team.

Once more our thanks must go to Mr. Stone whose efforts were invaluable.

N. Quiney

U15 HOCKEY

P 12, W 9, D 0, L 3. For 50, Against 13
In the Winter Term, we were unbeaten, winning 10-0, 8-0 and 5-0 several times. R. Griggs, our top scorer, T. Mann and T. Mehmood the main scorers. However, the weather stopped us from playing at all for two months and we lost our first game 1-0 at Oxford. From then on we were patchy, losing 5-1 at Watford but winning 5-1 at the High School, in many ways the highlight of our Spring Term.

Seven players reached County level: R. Griggs, T. Mehmood, M. Walshe, M. Huni-bell, J. Atkins, L. Voute, A. Griffin.

A. Griffin & M. Williams

U14 HOCKEY

The season started with 66 potential players, but after two weeks' selection trials, this number was reduced to a squad of 30. Training in skills progressed steadily, and the first match, in early November against Leighton Park, was played with great spirit. The result was a draw 1-1. No further matches were played until half way through the Spring Term, suffering as with other sports the effects of bad weather. Only three more school matches were played. Other events included an indoor session against Sir William Borlase at Bisham Abbey (thus becoming the only school hockey group to have played on this surface); and a mini-hockey tournament at Aylesbury, finishing 3rd out of the six teams entered.

Playing record in school matches: 4 games played, won 1, drawn 1, lost 2. Goals for 8, against 10.

Tournament record: 3 games played, won 1, drawn 1, lost 1. Goals for 8, against 6.

These boys have played for the team: Boggan, Lewis, Gudge, Harris, Berendt (Capt.), Sullivan, Church, Walshe, Heyes, Jolly, Russell, Hopcroft, Walker, Russel, Birch, Bargh.

A.J.S.

U19 BASKETBALL

Played 15, Won 13, Lost 2

Points for 921. Points against 549

The results indicate the success of the Basketball team this year but the real achievement goes far beyond the facts and figures. This season has been the climax of several years' work. The team squad was stronger and more evenly balanced than ever, as well as being technically superior. And our success has stemmed from the enthusiasm of the whole squad and above all from the time spent by Mr. Stubbs. Without his coaching, arranging and driving the standard of basketball would be much lower.

On the playing side the arrival of Alex Hunter and Martin Williams gave a more skilful influence to the usual physical game of Molesworth, Vlado and Goodwin. There was also the outstandingly accurate shooting of Paul Speed and Tim Burgess and all-round ability of Chris Ade and Adam Gaines. Mention must also be made of Dave Tordoff who, as secretary, helped arrange a very full season of fixtures, and Mike Standing who, until he left, was a great team player and our most consistent points scorer.

Without any doubt the greatest event of the season was the game against Framwellgate Moor School, Durham, in the last 16 of the National Cup. The journey started very

early but went smoothly (there was some doubt about whether British Rail would supply an extra train for Molesworth's packed lunch). We arrived at the gym to two amazing sights: the first, hundreds of screaming and extremely partisan Durham supporters, and second, and even more off-putting, a 6 ft. 8 in. England player who couldn't miss. I don't think we recovered from the shock until half way through the second half by which time it was too late. In fact we were comprehensively beaten 47-79 but it had been a great experience. Defeat was soon forgotten (somewhere near Darlington) and we settled back to our winning ways. The Bucks Cup was easily retained and there were big victories against Aylesbury, Oxford, Watford and Wootton Bassett, the best of all being our only "ton" against Vyners School 103-30.

The season was significant in that we have reached a plateau in terms of national standard. To get above this an even bigger effort is required. However with the enthusiasm and ability of everyone involved with the basketball team it looks very hopeful for next season.

Ben Morgan

UNDER 16 BASKETBALL

This season has been very successful as the record shows: played 8, won 7, lost 1. Our first match of the season was in the first round of the Nationals Competition, where we defeated a Portsmouth side by one point, only to be disqualified from the competition over a technicality about the refereeing. Our greatest win of the season was in the match against Misbourne School, who were previously undefeated for 2 years: we won by thirty points! Our only defeat was against Lord Greys School, Bletchley, where, after a close game, we eventually lost by five points

Anthony (Nuts) Hazleton played well throughout the season, scoring many baskets. Steve (Lay-up) Finlan and Pete Carpenter were very good ball handlers, scoring many baskets. Good performances were also put in by Graham Stables, Mike Smith, Charlie Platts, Jon Adey, Murray Scott and Paul Davies—when he could make it.

Our thanks go to Mr. Gibson, who coached us throughout the season, arranged the fixtures and drove us to the matches.

Simon Lane (Capt.)

FENCING

There have been fewer matches this year, not because we lack any competitive urge but because the problem of getting fixtures has, if anything, got worse. Despite this, our record has been good. For the first time, an Old Boys team was beaten. The First Foil team went on to beat Douai, Stowe and St. Edwards, only losing to a strong Radley team. The Second Foil produced some excellent performances, beating all their opponents by large margins. The Under 16 and Under 14 teams had less luck in coming up against technically accomplished fencers who also seemed to have a greater will to win.

Though we patronised most of the competitions, we only succeeded in getting two finalists—Paul Speed in the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Under 18 Foil and Murray Scott in the Under 16.

Much credit should go to Paul Speed for his leadership as captain. He has led from the front in winning about 90% of his match bouts and contributed a great deal to the coaching which is always a problem with the numbers who sign on each year. John Laidler is also leaving this year. He has been an obscure vice-captain who has repeatedly emerged from self-imposed exile with the stage team to scatter match opposition. His *modus operandi* leaves the question: is it necessary to train to win?

Full colours have been awarded to David Orchard and Andrew Bezer, half colours to Richard Mole (who also gets the unofficial prize of 'most improved fencer of the year').

Finally, many thanks to a parent, Mr. Howe, who kindly donated fencing equipment to the school. It is much needed and appreciated.

J.R.

FIVES

In the Spring Term R.G.S. had matches with Stowe School, Oxford University Peppers, Highgate School, Marlborough College and Eton College. These were all enjoyable occasions and the most closely fought contest was probably at Marlborough.

J. S. Hannan and J. C. M. Church played vigorously throughout the season.

J. M. Coles and J. M. R. Scriven practise hard and are always improving their skills.

Form competitions were arranged and the results were as follows:

Third Year—Smith and Bobath won for 3SB.

Fourth Year—Harris and Bates won for 4CWP.

Fifth Year—Coles and Scriven won for 5SE.

BADMINTON

The team began the season with the daunting task of defending last year's 100% record. We failed in this, but nevertheless maintained a respectable nine victories from eleven fixtures. The absence of Nigel McNally was obviously felt, but with great enthusiasm and determination from R. White, A. King, P. Smaje and I. Thomson the team more than coped. A great improvement was shown by David Molesworth and valuable experience was gained by M. Hughes, I. Ball and N. Hughes. Congratulations are again due for Mark Methven on his winning the All England U18 Doubles and reaching the final sixteen in the Singles. He has represented Bucks at a senior level and been presented with a County Badge. His greatest success has been his recent selection for the England Youth squad and he has been invited to attend a coaching week in Sweden with their national coaches. Good luck Mark.

Final thanks go to Mr. White-Taylor for his unceasing efforts for the club. I wish them both the best of luck in the future.

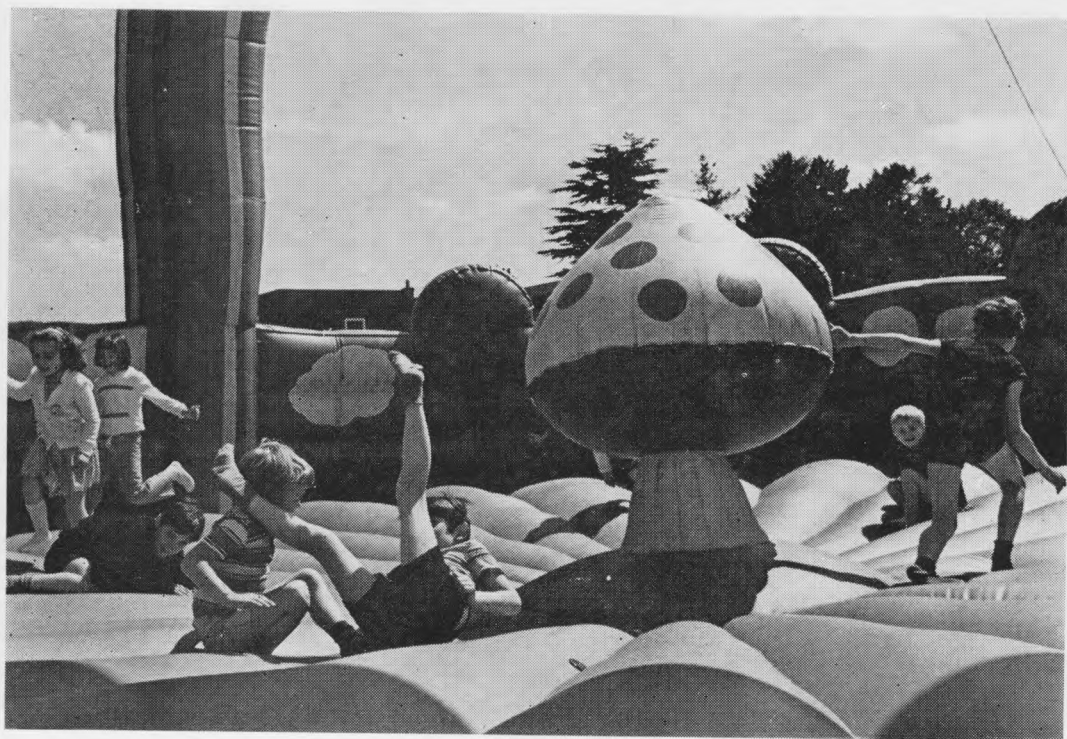
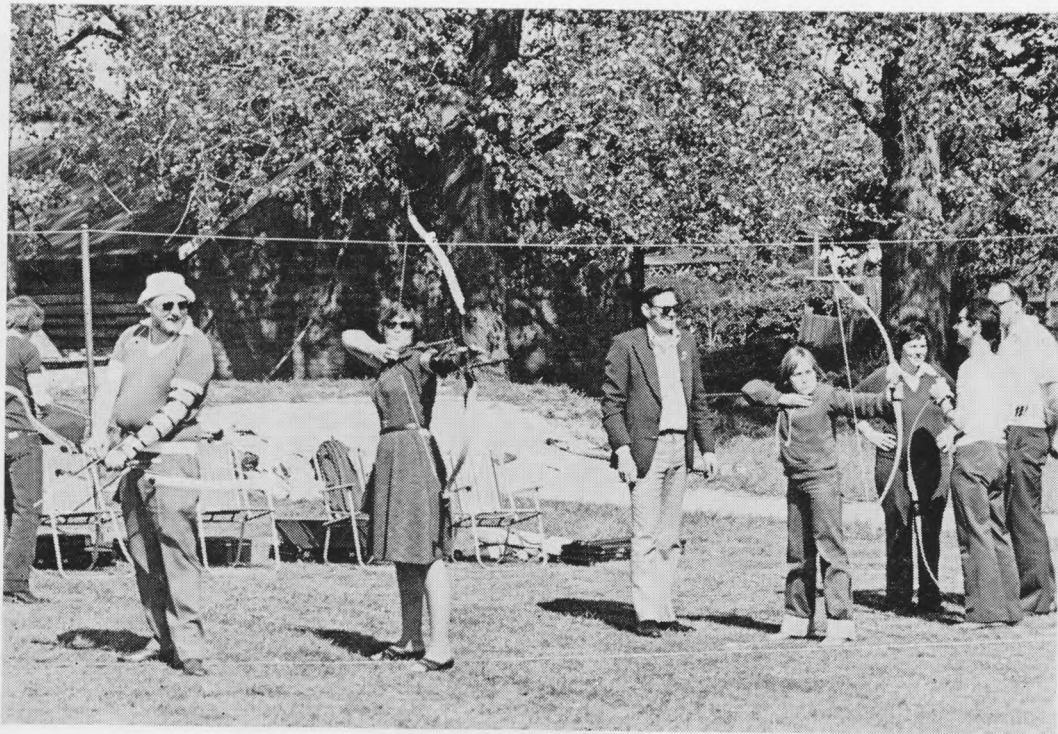
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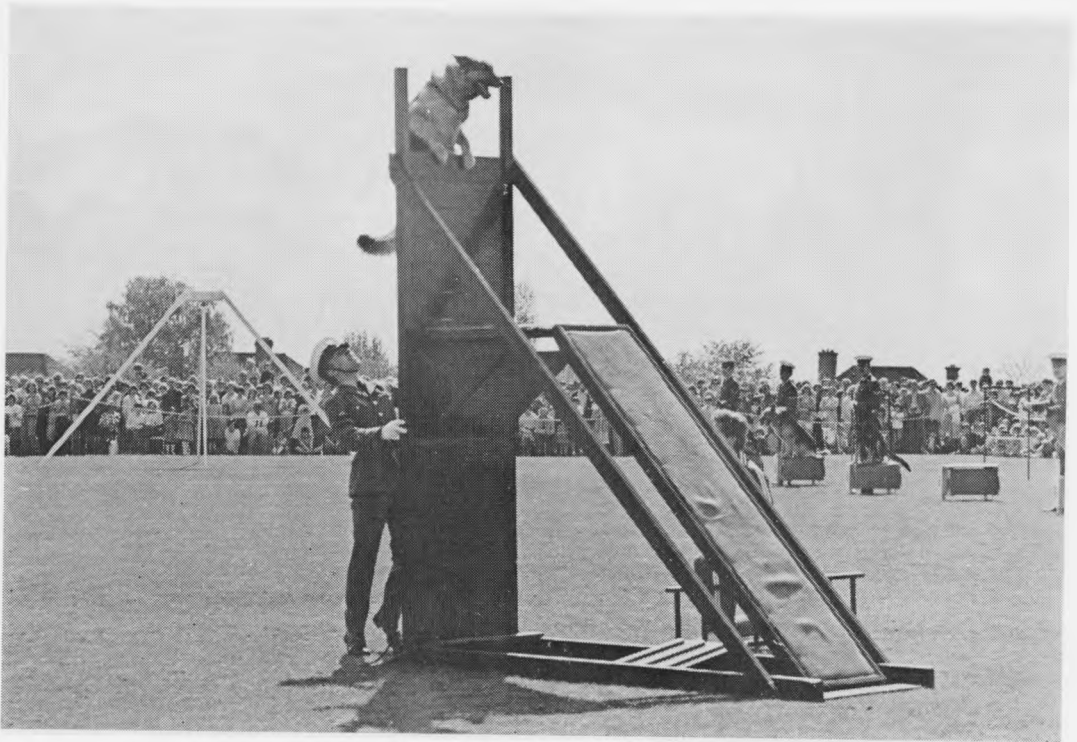


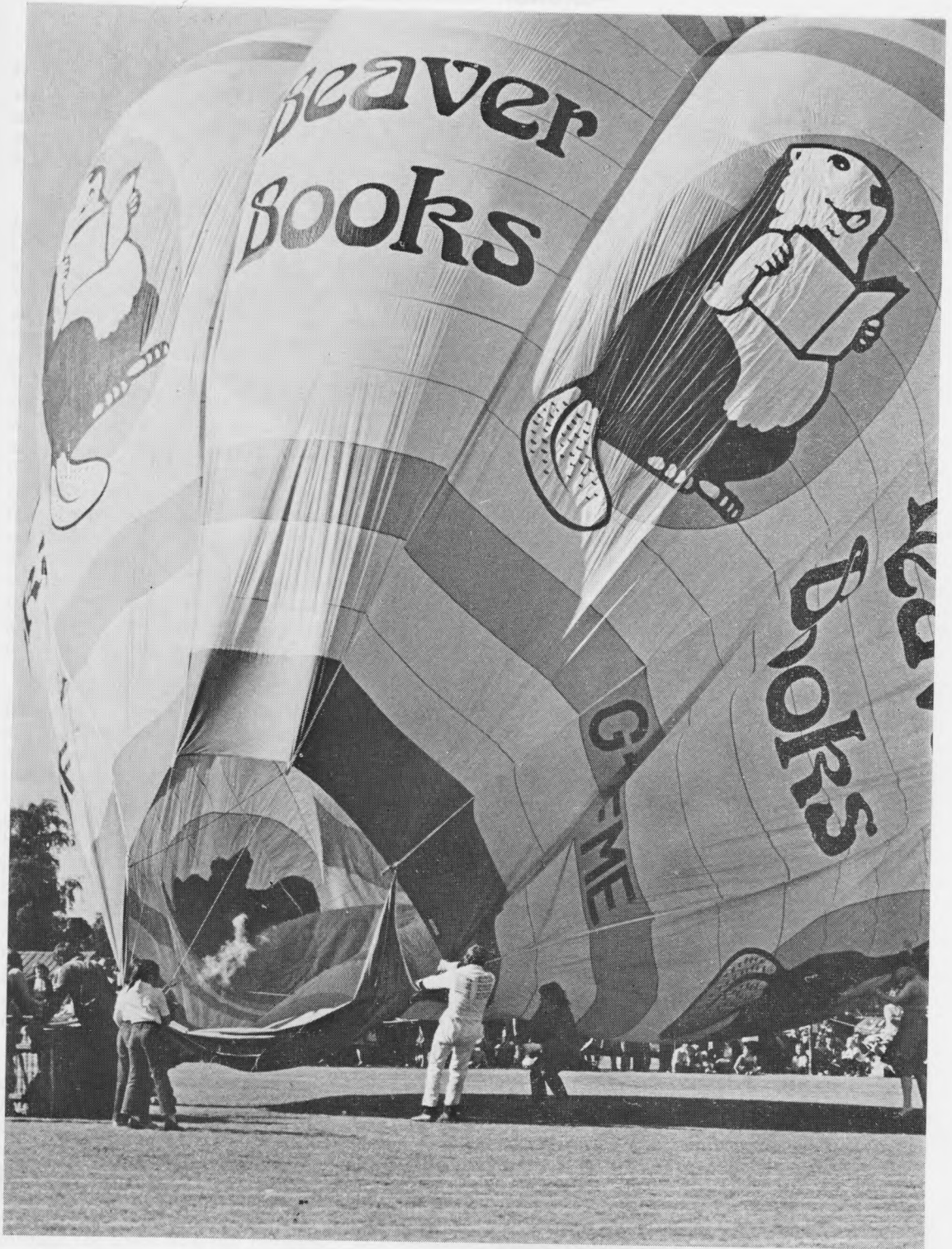
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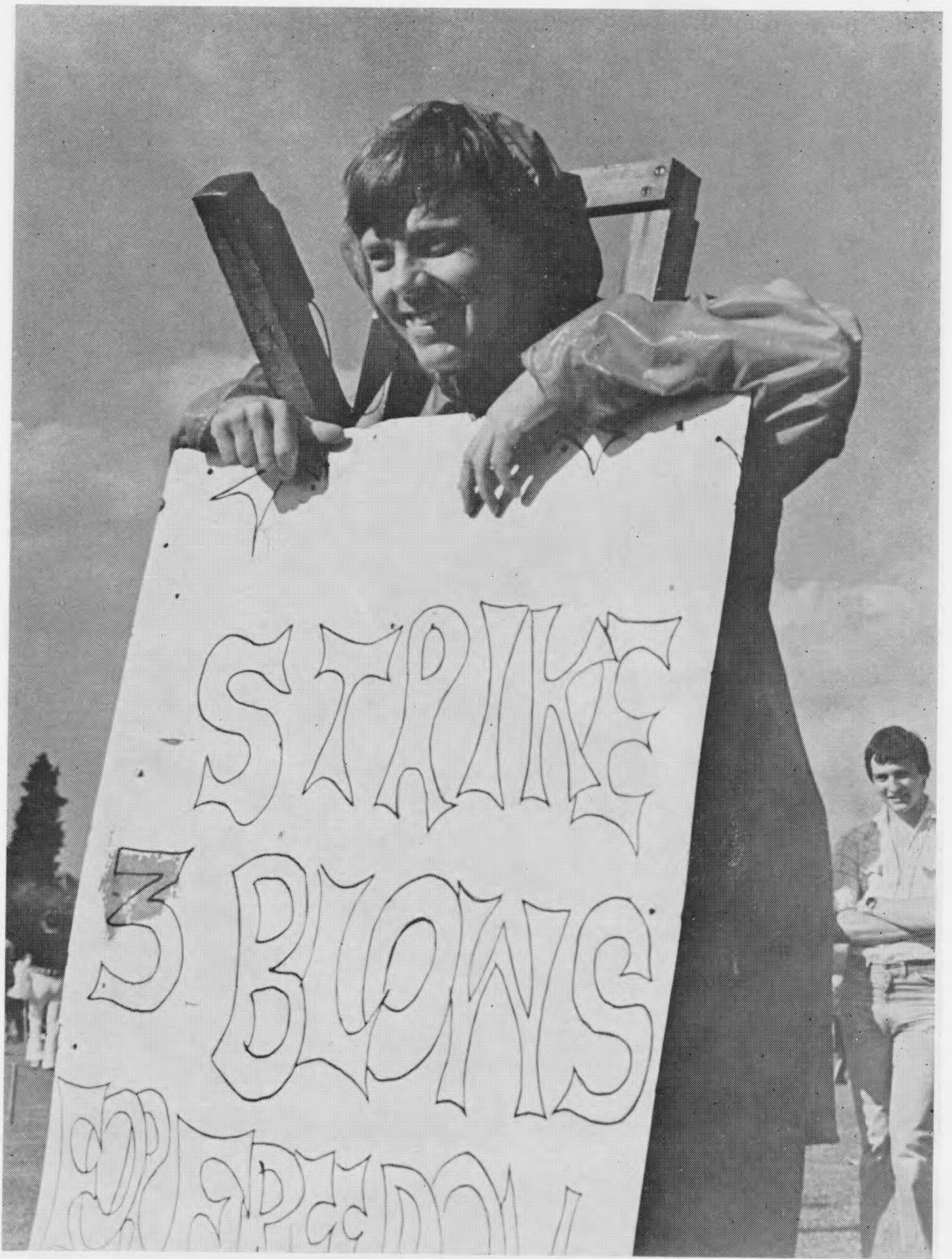
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ENGLISHMEN ABROAD—
THE R.G.S./R.H.S. EXCHANGE

On the 29th of March a party of seven students and two masters left the R.G.S. for one month for their part in an educational exchange with students from Ridgefield High School, Ridgefield, Connecticut, U.S.A.

Our party consisted of John Kersley, Neil Lindsay, Gordon Elder, Sean Wilson, Mike Davidson, Nick Paul and Martyn Morrish, accompanied by Messrs. Peter Gibson and William Ruff. Apart from a missing camera and its owner—(both of which turned up) we set off, only a little late, for Gatwick. We survived Mr. Roebuck's driving and arrived with plenty of time to spare. Just as well, since the only people to get lost in the airport were . . . yes, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Ruff . . . and I'm sure Mr. Ruff paid for the crockery, didn't you sir? Our time came to be herded onto the plane for the outward flight. Our fellow passengers were all taking part in the same exchange to various schools spread around the east of the States. The flight itself, via Manchester, was uneventful, though Gordon was kept amused by Mr. Gibson's and Mr. Ruff's problems with the in-flight drinks. I think he's dried off now.

We landed at John F. Kennedy at 8.30 p.m., suffering from jet-lag, and promptly got stuck in the airport bus that raised itself like a lift for us to disembark—visions of spending the whole month there flashed through the mind. In Customs, Gordon, of course, had to admit that he worked on a turkey farm, but denied turkey-smuggling, which is strictly illegal. Next we were whisked (eventually) off to our hotel on Lexington Avenue at 48th Street, where we spent the first night. The next morning we had a "discover New York in three hours" coach tour, finishing at the Empire State Building, which we duly shot up and shot down—no more high-speed lifts for me!

In the afternoon it was off to Ridgefield by coach, dropping one school off at Mahwah, New Jersey, on the way. Gordon fell in love and wished he was going to West Hartford with the third school, who came from Newport and insisted on witty sayings in Welsh. Sean joined in and did well. We soon arrived at Ridgefield, and were quickly dispersed through the town with our families.

Monday came, and it was off to school. By now we had all settled in with our families (to whom we are extremely grateful—they were very kind and patient with us throughout the stay). At school we attended regular classes and generally behaved in a manner common to all students. The school is very well equipped, with a TV studio, an extensive library (with microfilm records of the complete New York Times), good musical and art opportunities, a very wide range of subjects available, from psychology to automobile lessons, and, especially, a good pupil/teacher relationship, and a relaxed atmosphere throughout the school. Everyone we met was very friendly, both around the school and out of it.

Out of school activities during the vacation week were varied, and included trips to Washington, and to New York City, for various purposes, sailing on Long Island Sound, visits to Broadway shows, chats round the dinner table, parties, cinemas, donut and burger houses galore, and each family giving us all individual views of America, as varied as holidays in North Carolina or country club lunches!

After this month of uninhibited fun, usually in very good weather, departure day arrived. There was some hasty packing (2 a.m.) and frantic weighing on the medical room scales, and it was with truly heavy hearts that we saw our coach arriving. Good-byes and thanks were said, friends parted, and, as the rain poured down, we left Ridgefield, our minds full of such thoughts as "I shall return".

Our friends from Newport were already on the coach, and some old acquaintances were struck up. Thank goodness for playing cards, eh John? Gordon lost out to, er, me. Sorry Gordon. At Mahwah we were delayed by a long tearful parting. They had obviously enjoyed themselves as well (I keep wondering if the R.H.S. notices we've left—though I think I heard some cheering as the coach pulled away!).

At J.F.K. we had the traditional "Hours-on-your-feet-with-your-luggage" time. A relaxation in the weight restrictions led to frantic ripping open of cases to re-distribute

the gramophone records. Poor Gordon's case split, but at least it remained intact, which is more than happened to some people. And so we returned, to school beginning at nine o'clock instead of 7.45 a.m., to real bread, and to school uniform. There were no disasters, for which our thanks to Messrs. Gibson and Ruff, and Mr. Roebuck who kept things alive at the R.G.S. end. A big thank you to our hosts in the U.S., especially to Mrs. Johnson their co-ordinator. They will be with us during July, and I hope the R.G.S. treats them as well as we were treated, and that they have a pleasant stay.

A special thank you also to the following firms in Wycombe, who are so kindly helping to finance the exchange: Ortho Pharmaceuticals, Compair Ltd., Equity and Law, E.

Gomme Ltd., Barclays Bank, Midland Bank and Lloyds Bank.

All that remains is to plug the exchange for future participants. All you have to do is to throw aside all prejudices and enter the exchange gleefully, and you'll love it. It's a wonderful opportunity to see America from the inside, and very nice to say down at the youth club "Well, I suppose Piccadilly's okay, but it's not a patch on Times Square". "Man, that's something else," as our friend on the Metro put it. You get to meet a different sort of people, and the trip may well change you, so all I can say is, go. It's well worth every penny. The only problem is that it is only one month, not six.

*Compiled and stuck together by
N. Paul (etc.)*

WYCOMBE HOSPITAL RADIO

Tucked away to the left of the main entrance at Wycombe General Hospital is an organisation that the majority of visitors hear but never see: Wycombe Hospital Radio.

The station was founded in 1967 to cater for the needs of the patients in Booker, Amersham and Wycombe Hospitals.

W.H.R. broadcasts every weekday evening and all day Saturday and Sunday, bringing the patients a varied and interesting programme schedule.

Undoubtedly the most popular are the nightly request programmes introduced by a different presenter each evening. Despite a record stock of 500 plus L.P's and as many singles there are still occasionally requests that we are unable to fulfil completely.

Apart from "request" there is a diverse range of programmes from Soul and Reggae rock music to, for the more sedate and nostalgically minded, programmes of

Classical and Orchestral music as well as a programme devoted to records played at 78 r.p.m.

News and Sport features prominently on Wycombe Radio. Commentaries on the important Wycombe Wanderers games are an integral part of the system.

Recently Amersham have been afforded a new studio, which is more akin in size to a cupboard, where separate nightly broadcasts to Amersham Hospital take place. If any reader has unwanted records or pre-recorded tapes, the Amersham Studio would be grateful to have them.

The latest innovation is the provision of a professionally printed, glossy magazine to replace the old programme schedules and it is hoped that these will further improve the enjoyment that it is hoped the patients derive from their "station down the stairs"—Wycombe Radio.

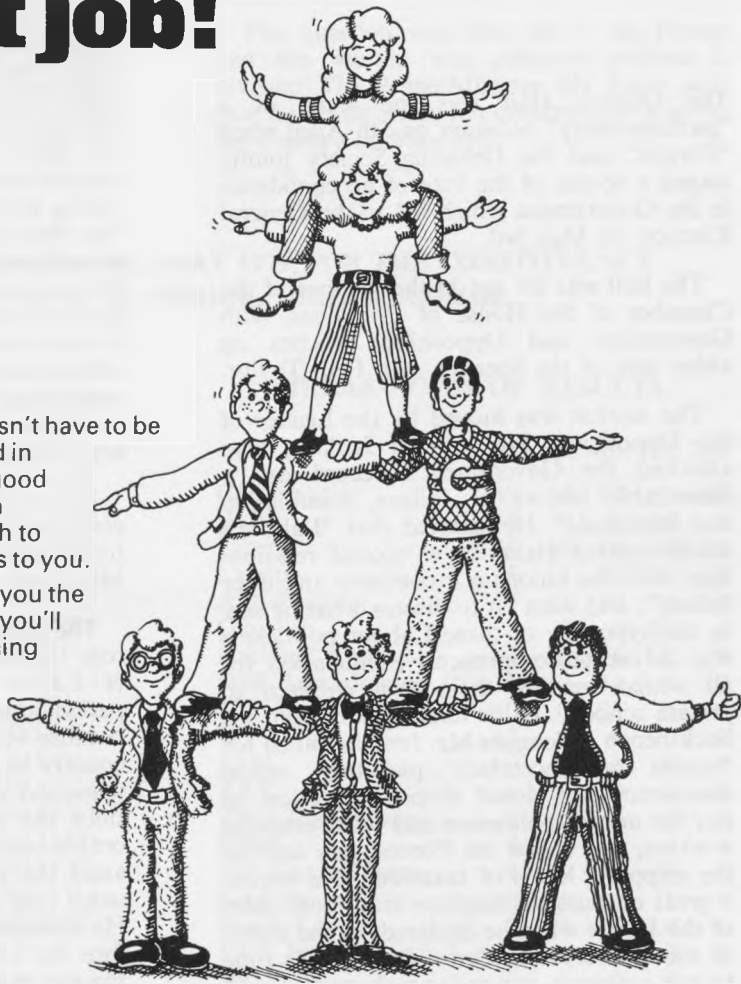
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MOCK

Neil Timberlake

DISSOLUTION

The Queen's Hall was the scene of a "parliamentary" occasion on 5th April when "Forum" and the Debating Society jointly staged a re-run of the vote of no confidence in the Government which led to the General Election on May 3rd.

The hall was set out in the manner of the Chamber of the House of Commons, with Government and Opposition benches on either side of the Speaker, Mr. Paul Taylor.

The motion was moved by the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Adrian Jenkins, who attacked the Government's record as "a lamentable history of failure, humiliation and ineptitude". He asserted that "Labour's much-vaunted claim of a 'special relationship' with the unions is a complete and utter fallacy", and went on to discuss what he saw as the hypocrisy of those Labour politicians who advocate comprehensive education for all whilst sending their own children to private schools. To fervent support from his back-bench colleagues Mr. Jenkins called for "action on secondary picketing, union democracy and closed shops; for action on pay for nurses, policemen and other essential workers; for action on Forces' pay and on the crippling levels of taxation". He caused a great outburst of laughter from both sides of the House when he declared, in the words of the Conservative Party slogan, "It's time to put a woman on top for a change".

Replying for the Government, Mr. Andrew Lane discussed his party's achievements since taking office. He stated that Labour had held down unemployment by "putting into the charge of the National Enterprise Board ailing firms which might otherwise have gone out of business". He defended the record of the Government in reducing inflation from the legacy of the last Con-

servative administration. "Due to co-operation with the Trades Unions, and by astute management it has been possible to reduce inflation to a quarter of its peak level". He said that if the Conservatives gained control their policy would be "an act of industrial vandalism". They had, he said, incited the working people of the country to near riot and the result had been a three-day week and to "make Britain the Cinderella of the West". He attacked the Opposition for putting forward no constructive alternative. "They say they will cut public expenditure but they don't say **how**—will they close schools and hospitals?—will they throw the old and the sick, the infirm and the penniless into the streets?". He challenged Mr. Jenkins to state exactly how he would carry out the policies he was advocating, adding that they were simply crudely electioneering, "selling the whole intolerable package by means of soap-powder techniques".

By now the Chamber, which seated 190, contained almost 350 "M.P's", many being forced to stand in the aisles or cluster around Mr. Speaker's Chair.

The Liberal Leader, Mr. Neil Timberlake, rose to speak; he looked back on five years of Labour Government as a memorable period in the life of the nation, "memorable because we have seen the highest inflation the country has ever had, memorable because we witnessed unemployment at its highest level since the miserable thirties . . . but memorable too because it has seen a ray of light amid the gloom . . . a departure from the usual cast of British politics since the war". He contrasted the state of the economy before the Lib-Lab agreement with Britain at the end of it, in the Autumn of 1978, to show what his party had done "to correct the effects of past misjudgment and mal-administration by both Labour and Conservative parties". He cited the improved inflation rate, the balance of payments now in surplus, and improved confidence at home and abroad as tangible benefits of a period of political stability and power-sharing. He ended by denouncing the political system which allows one-party dominance in

Britain, the "elected dictatorship" as Lord Hailsham identified it, and called for electoral reform, adding that "A House of Commons which ceases in its own internal power structure to represent the consent of the people is in danger of eroding the very basis of its existence".

The fourth speaker was the spokesman for the Rafia Party, John Cooper. Rafia is a newly-formed school party and his speech was an outline of its aims and policies. He denounced the first three speakers as "boring", adding that "The present Government is surely one of the most boring Britain has ever seen". He also criticised Labour for

failing etymologically: "the very word 'Labour' is connected with work and is therefore totally unsuitable for anyone at the R.G.S.". He then outlined his party's manifesto, which included: real ale to be served on draught to the Sixth Form, "O" and "A" level certificates at a very reasonable price, longer school holidays and sick pay required, and compulsory school uniform and school meals—for staff!

The question was then put to the House and the motion was defeated without a division. The Prime Minister, Mr. Lane, said that he nevertheless felt constrained to go to the country on May 3rd.

RESULT OF A BALLOT HELD ON 3 MAY 1979, FOR THE CONSTITUENCY OF ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, HIGH WYCOMBE

Number of votes cast 970
Number of spoiled papers 13

The remainder being distributed as follows:

Conservative	325 (33.96%)
Rafia	154 (16.09%)
Liberal	96 (10.03%)
Labour	91 (9.51%)
APP	69 (7.21%)
Gay Lib	55 (5.75%)
National Front	34 (3.55%)
Staff Assassination	34 (3.55%)
4EP Nazis	25 (2.61%)
W. J. Parker	17 (1.78%)
JAM	12 (1.25%)
ZAP	10 (1.04%)
TWAT and Juggy	8 (0.84%)
RSM	4 (0.42%)
6S2 End of Term	4 (0.42%)
Ecology	3 (0.31%)
Don't Know	3 (0.31%)
RCF Indep. Soc.	3 (0.31%)
'48' Party	1 (0.10%)
Irish Nationalist	1
Snoopy	1
Apathy	1
RAF Police Dogs Team	1
Communist	1
Compost	1
Simon Maggot Underwater	1
Earth Band	1
Head Boy God	1
South Mold Armadillo	1
Crushers	1

Conservative majority over Rafia: 171.

BREAK-DOWN OF RESULTS

	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd
Conservative	89	34	59	62	79
Rafia	104	6	7	10	17
Liberal	26	10	16	19	25
Labour	35	19	12	13	12
Anti-Penguin	16	43	10	0	0
Gay Lib	0	0	0	49	6
National Front	7	10	6	2	9
Staff Assassination	0	0	34	0	0
4EP Nazis	0	0	25	0	0
W. J. Parker	17	0	0	0	0
JAM	0	9	3	0	0
ZAP	1	0	9	0	0
TWAT and Juggy	0	0	0	8	0
RSM	4	0	0	0	0
6S2 End of Term	4	0	0	0	0
Ecology	0	1	1	1	0
Don't Know	2	1	0	0	0
RCF Indep. Soc.	3	0	0	0	0
'48'	0	1	0	0	0
Irish Nationalist	0	1	0	0	0
Snoopy	0	0	1	0	0
Apathy	0	0	1	0	0
RAF Police Dogs	0	0	0	1	0
Communist	0	0	0	1	0
Compost	1	0	0	0	0
S.M.U.E.B.	1	0	0	0	0
Head Boy God	1	0	0	0	0
S.M.A.C.	1	0	0	0	0
Spoilt	6	2	3	2	0

NIMES '79

At about 4.30 a.m. on April 7th, 44 half-crazed English people fell out of bed, and within an hour they were all assembled at Wycombe Station for an early departure. Unfortunately the coach-driver was not so prompt: because of a misprint (good excuse) or a lie in (more likely) he was late—ten hours late, we later discovered—so we had to resort to a convoy of parents' cars.

We made it on to the ferry, where we amused ourselves with competitions in being silly, and a disco, or rather a purple cupboard with three records played incessantly.

Once in Paris, we were held up when some moron lost his passport—we were at Paines to discover who it was. We eventually boarded the couchettes, a special train composed of rabbit-hutches with bunk-beds which became steadily smellier as the night wore on. We arrived at about 6 a.m., for an anarchic session of partner-hunting which resembled a slave-market.

We all settled in with our families very quickly, without exception they were amazingly hospitable and generous. The French food was superb—a minimum of four courses—so we all stuffed ourselves, although Dave Evans was yearning for a Welsh rarebit! ?

On the first Tuesday some of us "sussed out" the legendary café de Lyon, the No. 1 hang-out for the holiday. We soon got down to the important cultural pursuit of our stay—playing bar-football (le babyfoot). At first we were abysmal, but we soon became extremely "tricky", with all sorts of "gags": the old "round-the-back" gag (the old "pretend to tighten the player and throw the ball in the goal" routine) the old "b— h—" wheeze, etc., etc. The French cafés are highly superior to anything in England, although they are so expensive: they are open all day (7.30 a.m.-1 a.m.), they have babyfoot and

pinball machines and jukeboxes and are, above all, very friendly (by the time we left we knew practically all the regular clientele of the Lyon).

A week later the whole group met up at the school, and we had a party (of sorts!). It was slow to get going, but as it became later, we became sweeter, the dances became sillier—a real funky jive-out; wow yes!!

On Thursday we made our first sortie into the French schools where the differences are very striking. The Lycée Daudet is a sixth-form college (no one bugs!) and there were practically no rules, no uniform, no obligation to stay in the school between lessons, very little obligation to stay in school during lessons, smoking allowed anywhere except in class, no DT's or pink cards—it made our school look like a cross between a prison and a kindergarten.

A tour round the ancient Roman monuments of Nîmes followed that afternoon: first the very impressive Arènes, a sort of Coliseum with 25,000 capacity, followed by the Maison Carrée, the superb Jardins de la Fontaine and the Tour Magne. Unfortunately some reluctant tourists among us did not have the stamina to last all this, but sampled the picturesque delights of the Café de Lyon instead. We were received at the Maine in the evening, where the free St. Raphael and Pastis proved too tempting for certain alcoholics in our party.

20th April is, as you all know, Guy Moultrie's birthday, which meant drinks all round at the Café de la Bourse. Unfortunately he had to leave for another "engagement". It was also immortalised by one of the classic lines of the stay: we saw Zachary Jones, 6 ft, 8 in ex-Harlem Globetrotter basketball star of Perrier Nîmes, being introduced to some French boys, whom he greeted with a drawled, "Hey, man, çe va?".

The main excursion took place on Saturday 21st, when we toured the whole district, including Tarascon, le Moulin de Alphonse Daudet, Avignon, and a Cave Co-operative (more free wine!). At Avignon we were

shown round the Palais des Papes by Colditz tours for Reluctant Tourists; once outside, we hunted a babyfoot table and a drink: Ash Jouhar ordered a "large" beer, and a few minutes later the waiter brought out a one-litre glass, costing 16F (£1.80). It was an excellent trip, and we are very grateful to the Lycée for organising it.

In honour of Jon Ellis's birthday on the 24th, we had a trip to the Aero-Naval base in Garows (cue for a chorus of "In the Navy") where we saw two films, a plane, a radar room and a control tower. Wow!!

Wednesday gave our national pride a boost, as the French-supported Cologne were beaten by Notts Forest. We had several "international" football matches, winning all except one against a bunch of 18-year-old trainee footballers.

All too soon came Friday, 27th April, our last day in "Nohasslesville", and it was time

for sad farewells to all our families, and sadder farewells between Patricia, Sylvie and Dave (at Nîmes) and Marie-Christine and Guy (at Paris) and general vows to return. We had to suffer the couchettes again, although some people actually enjoyed this part of the journey (! ?). Back in London, our Jeffways coach failed to turn up again, and during the wait Nick Bishop replied to Roy Eshelby's "Have you got a football?", with the classic "What colour?" gag. Eventually the coach driver arrived and on the journey back he received ample punishment for his lateness: a back row sing-song, featuring such classics as "God save our gracious Nîmes", "Café de Lyon forever" and "Sing if you're glad to be Guy / Dave / Jon / Nick / Ash / Roy / John". When we arrived, most of our parents had given us up, but we had a one-man reception committee (there you are, Gordon).

It only remains to thank Mr. and Mrs. Flinders for being so "sympa" and "chouette".

THE OLIVE GROVE

In the uncertain light of dawn, the Grove assumes a mysticism which is absent in the full light of day.

Only the trunks of the nearest trees show blackly contrasted against the faint luminance of the sky and the dark grey of the remoter parts.

Farther in the trees lose their individualism and merge into a general opaqueness which lends the Grove an apparent denseness: it does not actually possess.

At this time of day it has the appearance of being almost limitless in its extent and as impenetrable as a jungle.

Contemplating it at such a time, the mind is lost in retrospection as to the people who planted these ancient monarchs which have borne fruit for hundreds of years, and of

their descendants who have so faithfully cared for them down the ages since.

Slowly, as the rising sun sheds an imperceptibly increasing light, the Grove loses its mystery and with a clearer definition of its depths, assumes a more prosaic character.

In spite of its contorted trunks which lean and twist drunkenly in every direction, it takes on an appearance more like our own orchards although seemingly more open because of the space their enormous spread of branches demands.

The regularity is there however, in well-ordered rows, and the leafy aisles recede with mathematical precision which belies the grotesque and untidy nature of the trees themselves.

J. F. Walter

GOING SPARE IN MOROCCO

J. F. Walter

November 1969 found us on a car ferry at Southampton en route for Morocco with our caravan. Most people were heading for Spain or Portugal, but we found quite a number were, like us, going all the way. We became particularly friendly with one family who were going there for the third year running, and agreed to travel with them "in tandem".

From Casablanca, we took the road for Marrakesh where we spent three fascinating days and then pushed on for Agadir which was our main objective.

In Morocco, and only in Morocco, grows the Argan tree, which apart from providing oil, is much beloved by the goats in the area. What they like is the new green shoots at the ends of the branches, and they stop at nothing to get them. These trees are a mass of spiky thorns, but scorning these, the goats climb the trees and go out on to the branches until they can nibble tips which they appear to find irresistible. We took photographs to prove it, and in one a goat can be seen at least 20 feet from the ground! Anxious to reach Agadir we pressed on, our friends leading the way and perhaps half a mile or more ahead. When about five miles short of Agadir, on a narrow coastal road high above the Atlantic, it happened—a puncture which damaged the rim of the wheel.

With dismay we watched our friends disappear in the distance, too far away to signal, even if I had not had my hands full keeping

the outfit straight and steering it on to the narrow verge. To make matters worse, it was evening, the sun was dipping, and down there, night comes quickly. We guessed that our friends would miss us in time and return, but meanwhile we resigned ourselves to a night at the roadside, and set about getting everything shipshape while there was still daylight left. We were worried, because we had been warned that in Morocco the natives are given to theft, with violence if necessary, and on no account, we had been told, should caravanners camp other than in the official camps which are enclosed and guarded.

As we were about to prepare an evening meal after having improvised two booby-traps that might give us warning of any attempted break-in, we saw our friends coming up the road. We explained our predicament. It was agreed that nothing could be done that night, but our friend promised to get cracking in the morning to see what could be done then.

It was with some apprehension that we watched him depart, had our meal and settled down to keep alternate watches throughout the night. We need not have worried as no night could have been more peaceful, but never has a dawn been so welcome. As we cooked an early breakfast to help pass the time, we again saw our friend approaching.

He had certainly lost no time, and his greeting raised our spirits. "You two must be the luckiest so-and-so's alive" he said. "There's a man in the camp with an identical caravan to yours, he has a spare, and here it is!". And there it was too, and now we could get to the camp and would have time to solve our problem.

The following day we called at the local garage to see if they had a suitable wheel, but they hadn't. This was hardly surprising as the makers of our 'van had fitted a type of rim that had been used on Austin cars twenty years before! However, the garage proprietor suddenly remembered a dump on the outskirts of the town and suggested we tried there. With sinking hearts we followed a ragged Arab boy through indescribably

derelict suburbs and finally came to the dump where, among acres of rubbish, hundreds of old wheels (piled high in heaps) greeted our gaze.

The "curator" of this amazing collection motioned us to help ourselves.

We looked at one another and thought what an easy job Hercules had in comparison when he cleaned out the Augean stables! However, desperation can be a useful spur and we started. Incredibly, the fourth wheel I picked up was exactly what we needed. A little haggling and it was ours, rust and all, and off we went in triumph.

Back at the garage we bought two tyres and an inner-tube and left the wheel to be fitted up with the tube and one of the covers, having explained, we hoped, to the Arab mechanic, that we would call for it the next day. On returning to the camp and relating our good fortune to our friends, one of them said "surely you won't put a new tube and tyre on that rusty old wheel without cleaning it up and checking it for rough spots?". In our excitement I had not thought of this, so back into the car we climbed and immediately returned to the garage to retrieve the wheel before they had done it.

Too late! Wreathed in smiles, the mechanic produced our wheel complete with tyre.

Swallowing hard at what I was about to do, I did my best to explain to the mechanic, whose eyes were gradually enlarging with disbelief, that I now wanted it all dismantled. To his credit, although by now convinced that we were mad, he did it while we waited, and I tried to restore his faith in human nature by giving him a tip. We returned to the camp once more, and after lunch I attacked the rusty wheel, and by tea-time had practically restored it to its pristine state.

With some diffidence this time I must admit, we once more loaded the car and made for the garage.

When the same mechanic saw us approaching with the same wheel, tube and cover, a glazed, haunted look came over his face. If he hadn't been suffering from induced paralysis I am sure he would have turned tail and fled, calling on Allah to save him from whatever fate he thought we represented. In my best pidgin-French, gesticulating with abandon and with what I hoped was a re-

assuring smile as though I did this every day at home, I conveyed that I now wanted the whole thing put together again. He stared at us in disbelief, "Mais monsieur . . ." he dried up, then slowly retracted his eyes which by then resembled organ stops, and disappeared into the dark recesses of the garage.

We stood round trying to look as though we were behaving normally. Presently the mechanic emerged into the sunlight, handed over the precious wheel and stood there obviously still in a state of shock. My second tip hardly registered, but I broadened my smile, patted him on the shoulder reassuringly and we retreated with what sangfroid we could muster.

With one of our friends to help, I was able over the next three days, to beat out the damaged wheel until it took a keen eye to see that it had ever been damaged.

Fortified with a couple of large whiskies, but understandably, in the circumstances, feeling slightly nervous, I went to the garage yet again, only too conscious that I was once more armed with a wheel, tube and cover. I need not have worried.

Ahmed, if that was his name, was having a day off, and after a short wait, the job was done. Here I must metaphorically take off my hat to that garage. Throughout, it gave us first class service, even if in the process one of their men came near to apoplexy.

A week before we were due home we left Agadir to drive the whole of the way back up through Morocco, Spain and France just for the experience, and interesting and exciting it was.

We did it on the original wheel that had been damaged carrying the ex-rubbish-dump wheel as spare. It has remained our spare ever since and has never yet been on the 'van, but even after ten years, I never look at that wheel without recalling the day we bought it and the incident that brought it about.

Roses are Red,
Violets are Blue,
Xantheria is Orange,
And so is Bill's stew.

I. Johnstone, 6BK

WHY DEMOCRACY?

Paul Taylor

We have just survived another long and boring General Election campaign, even more bland and presidential than the last, and so perhaps now is a suitable time to examine some of the issues raised by democracy and elections, and why we have them.

As it seems to me, we have government to provide for those of our needs which the individual is unable to provide for himself, and to share amongst the whole community those risks and misfortunes which it is unfair to expect a single citizen to bear alone. It must also serve to co-ordinate the efforts of those who work, not for the subsistence of the nation, but to better it in other ways, and to ensure that such people are provided for, enabling them to proceed with their work without thought of primitive needs.

This means that the individual enters into a contract with the state, and so also that, if either party breaks that contract, the other is free to seek retribution.

Thus amongst the duties of government is to protect the community and its citizens from individuals (criminals), enterprises (fraudulent companies), outsiders (military aggressors) and organised groups (over-powerful trades-unions) who act irresponsibly or malevolently. What is usually forgotten is that government itself may act to the detriment of society.

Where then, does democracy come into this? Clearly the best possible form of government would be theocracy (i.e. direct rule by God), but since we are divided between those who deny His existence altogether and those who assert that He doesn't wish to interfere, this is hardly practicable.

It might be claimed that the next best thing, or the best thing to ensure efficiency, would be an absolute monarchy, or some kind of autocracy ("controlled" or otherwise), oligarchy or some variation on the theme, since "at least it makes the trains run on time". I, however, would dispute this, for I am a firm believer in democracy and the idea that people will better themselves if no restriction is put on them, whether you call this laissez-faire capitalism, plutocracy, enlightened self-interest or what.

For one thing, I can see no ethical mechanism by which one person may be chosen uniquely and made ruler; and if he is, then this may contradict the bilateral contract of which I spoke, since there is no method by which a demonstrable despot may be removed.

Secondly, I think the experience of this century has shown that by tying down the freedom of the individual to the state, and by linking up the small enterprises into multinational ones, we are apt to turn a number of small difficulties into one massive disaster. Again, by vastly increasing the size of our enterprises, and the framework of "authority" and bureaucracy which controls them, the individual initiative to change something small and find out whether it works is smothered.

Thus my conclusion is this. Democracy is the only fair and logical way in which our government, as defined, can be constructed—hence the need for elections. But it is more than that—it is also our lifeblood, the way in which we progress from cave-dwelling to our present sophisticated and knowledgeable civilisation, and the way in which we protect ourselves from the governmental legalistic monster which we ourselves have created. Accordingly it is something we must fight for night and day, to push back the Frontiers of Freedom, since by letting it fall to the level of a presidential-style election to which only three-quarters of us can be bothered to turn out, we shall lose it by default.

P.S. Perhaps members of the Debating Society would like to consider this very carefully.

HERE WE GO ROUND THE TABLE

*J. S. C. Broadribb,
Sixemtoo*

It was lunchtime in room 19 on Thursday, April 31st, 1979. Broadribb had set up the table when the others got back from lunch and immediately Knowles complained that the net was the wrong colour. Broadribb said that the colour was immaterial and served the ball—straight into the net.

“Aeeugh!” said Broadribb and kicked the wall.

Knowles served the ball to Dilley who lobbed the ball over the net so that it bounced a foot in the air and was thereupon smashed onto (and almost through) the table by Gellert, hitting Wells on the head and knocking him out (any interpretation of this is applicable). Parker served to Stott who set the ball up so that Watts (D.K.) could smash Dixie out. Watts’ bat (*A Course in World Geography*, volume 3), however had other ideas. Watts raised the bat and swung it hard, missed the ball by six feet and performed a gastrectomy on himself using the edge of the table. The bat flew out of his hand and hit Wells, who had only just regained consciousness, on the other side of his head.

“Oh blast!” said Wells (well something like that), and collapsed to the floor in a heap. “Who left this heap here?” he demanded as he descended into slumber again.

Dixie Dean served the ball to Knowles who returned it to Dilley who set up Parker for a smash from Gellert . . . who missed the ball

but cracked one of Stott’s ribs with his bat (two old book covers). The ball was served by Stott to Parker who lobbed the ball up, Dixie smashed it and missed the table by a mere four feet (vertically) hitting Knowles in his left ear. The ball then rolled out of Knowles’ right ear and Knowles served it to the other end of the table. The impact of a low flying yellow book (bat) on the elbow informed Knowles that he had got Dilley out.

Parker served to Stott who returned it to Knowles who . . . the three remaining players hurtled around the table somehow managing to hit the ball on the way until Stott hit the ball out of the window with such power that it flew across through the Library window and knocked out Frank Collins (he had to get in here somehow).

The ball was retrieved and returned to Room 19 where the two combatants stood ready for the final: Parker and Knowles. Broadribb described this as a “mouth to mouth final” and was reprimanded by both finalists, although no bones were broken.

Parker served to Knowles who lobbed it over the net, Parker smashed it, Knowles put his bat in the way of the ball, it landed **just** on Parker’s side of the net, Parker swiped at it, only just hit it and crashed through the middle of the table, pushing the two little tables apart and braining himself on the chairs which supported the net. The ball landed on the top of the net and bounced up about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, Knowles swung wildly at it with a cry of “Oh GOOD shot, sah!”, missed it and he too crashed through the table and knocked himself out. The net (several old geography books over the backs of two chairs) collapsed and the ball vanished through the gap where the net had been.

Hannan came in and declared himself the winner. As he said, he had not broken the rules or been got out so it was, as he put it, a **moral** victory for him.

The author of this story would like to thank P. A. Taylor for not being in it.

OSNABRUCK EXCHANGE 1979

The 27 German boys and one girl arrived at High Wycombe Station on Saturday, 31st March. Whilst we were slaving over our schoolwork Heinz, Detlev, Hans and co. were soon out exploring the depths of High Wycombe, discovering places that we had never heard of (nor should we) and digging into their bottomless purses to buy snacks and records. They visited London, Oxford and Windsor, and enjoyed themselves at the Wycombe Sports Centre and in our Old Hall. The two weeks slipped by all too quickly and it was soon our turn to be the "guests".

The journey to Osnabrück went according to plan. We left High Wycombe at 7.15 a.m. and arrived in Osnabrück at 11.30 p.m. that night. Near Colchester we waved to friends and relatives from the train. The sea journey was warm and beautiful, but on the ferry the usual quota of Naval section cadets were seasick despite the sea being as calm as a mill pond (still greasy chips and gravy can't have helped much). At the Hook of Holland the lights in our railway coach didn't work, but we all enjoyed this part of the journey enormously.

When we reached Osnabrück Hauptbahnhof there was the usual scramble to find your partner's parents, who looked really pleased to see you, and it was a very happy occasion.

It was only in the second week that the German school started, so most of us spent the first week seeing the sights. Osnabrück is a beautiful town with small gardens and waterfalls, a pedestrian precinct and a famous and ancient town hall.

The Mayor of Osnabrück entertained us here and recalled that the contact with R.G.S. has now lasted for 10 years. Some of us went on long journeys with our families to Munich, Cologne and Bremen.

During our second week we went to school where the staff seemed happy to welcome us. Some boys helped with English lessons, and we played a lot of football in their gym. The staff and pupils all dress in much the same way and often it was difficult for us to distinguish between them. We played skittles (Kegeln) and one group went swimming. Most of us spent some time in the billiard centre. It was good just looking around and

shopping in the vandal-free town centre near the Neumarkt and thinking of new ways to dispose of the dreaded Wurst sandwich.

We also had a trip to Hanover where we climbed up inside a tower and saw the Government building. Some of us went inside an excellent museum, and at the end of the afternoon we met "under the horse's tail" outside the very modern station.

I think most of us found the Germans a friendly people and very level headed. The food was good and plain. The countryside around Osnabrück is rolling and beautiful. I'm sure "a good time was had by all". Most of us look forward to returning to Osnabrück in future years. We would like to thank Mr. White-Taylor and Mr. Durbin for once again making sure that things ran quite smoothly and arranging the trip. We have all improved our German.

M. Peacock, 4EP

SCHOOLS CHALLENGE

For the second year the School entered a team in the Schools Challenge competition, a competition run on similar lines to University Challenge. Our team was a young one, all the members being in the Middle School—Graham Wright, captain, Stephen Ennis, Iain Purvis and Andrew Campbell.

St. Albans High School were beaten in the first round and this meant that our next opponents were St. Albans School. They had annihilated their opponents in the previous round so it was with some trepidation that we ventured there on a snowy day during half-term. Our fears were groundless; they were overcome and into the semi-final of the Bucks/Herts region we went.

Aldenham School were vanquished which took us to Berkhamstead School to meet Haberdashers' Aske's, Elstree in the final. Despite having a small lead at the half way stage we were eventually well beaten. Next year it could be different with the team being that much older.

MWC

The Old Boys

OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS' CLUB

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. was held in the Masters' Common Room of the Royal Grammar School at 6.15 p.m. on Saturday, 17th March, 1979. Thirty-four Old Boys were present. The President, Mr. Rowland Brown, took the Chair.

The minutes of the last A.G.M. were read, confirmed and signed. Arising out of the minutes:

(a) The Financial Report.

The Hon. Auditor, A. E. Franklin Hole was able to clarify the more abstruse points of his accounting. The loss on the last Annual Dinner was acceptable. He had examined the Dinner accounts over many years and a profit still resulted. The Club's finances could be described as satisfactory.

(b) The School Magazine.

The Headmaster expressed his appreciation of the Old Boys' notes in the magazine. Other avenues of printing had been explored and the last magazine had been printed at the same cost as the previous one. In these inflationary times this was a satisfactory state of affairs. The School would however continue to strive not only to contain the cost of printing but to reduce it.

(c) The Future of the School.

It was decided that the Chairman of the Governors and Old Boys' Committee member J. K. Prior (1934-40) should say a few words on this subject at a suitable moment during the Annual Dinner. The Headmaster did however report that great interest was being shown by parents, who, thinking ahead on behalf of their sons, were making enquiries now about places at the R.G.S. as an independent school. Great thought had also been given to the provision of bursaries and scholarships. The exhilaration experienced by those involved in the negotiations was very real. There was a real sense of purpose and optimism.

(d) The Informal Re-Union of the recent leavers—January 5th, 1979, at the Club-house of High Wycombe Rugby Union Football Club.

The Headmaster, the Hon. Secretary and several members of the Old Boys' Committee were able to report on the great success of the evening. Over a 100 Old Boys attended. G. C. Rayner (1937-45) proposed that thanks be recorded in the minutes to Mrs. Cook (mother of J. C. Cook [1966-70]) and Miss Pippa Deegan (girlfriend of S. B. Gamester [1963-69], Captain of the Club) who had worked so hard with the refreshments. The evening would no doubt be repeated next year.

(e) The Pattinson Award Appeal.

The Headmaster reported that £2,000 had been contributed to this most worthy of appeals. It was invested with the Charity Commissioners and the income from it was protected from inflation. Two boys had been helped by awards from it last summer. Two boys had already applied for an award for next summer.

(f) The Election of Officers.

All the officers now serving were elected en bloc. R. W. Stewart (1970-78) who had been co-opted since the last A.G.M. was officially elected a member of the committee.

It was noted that the Hon. Secretary was retiring in July 1979 but those

gathered at the A.G.M. felt that he should carry on as Hon. Secretary with Mr. Malcolm Cook as Ass. Hon. Secretary for one more year.

Any other business

The Rev. A. J. Skipp (1928-37) drew to the attention of those present that Mr. R. P. Clarke who had been a Governor of the School for 48 years and who was the Guest of Honour of the Old Boys' Club at the 1972 Annual Dinner, was a sick man and would be resigning from the Governing Body in the near future. He proposed that the Club should show its appreciation for all Mr. Clarke's work and caring for the School by making him an Honorary Life Member of the Old Boys' Club. This was seconded in many places and carried unanimously.

There being no other business, the meeting closed. J. P. Lord (1934-38), Chairman of the Club, thanked the Headmaster for conducting the meeting and all retired to the Dining Hall for the Annual Dinner.

THE ANNUAL DINNER 1979

The Annual Dinner was held on Saturday, 17th March, 1979. 140 Old Boys' gathered to welcome and pay tribute to their Guest of Honour P. J. Prior, B.Sc., F.C.A., F.R.S.A. (1929-36).

The toast to the Guest of Honour was proposed by J. K. Prior (1934-40) who revelled in the task. Peter Prior was a man of very many parts. He had completed a degree in Economics before joining the army where he was awarded the Croix de Guerre and mentioned in despatches. After the war he worked as a management consultant and finally became Managing Director of H. P. Bulmer Ltd., the cider company. His company has had no industrial disputes, it is very profitable and Peter Prior has contributed to this with his philosophy, which he has put into his book "Leadership is not a bowler hat". He works with his men. He is a qualified pilot, he jumps with his company's parachute team and fosters the outward bound adventure type training among his workforce. He was instrumental in the purchase and preservation of the King George V steam

engine which now gives such pleasure to young and old. He was recently Chairman of the Commission set up to look into the standards of the service areas on British motor-works. He motivates the people with whom he works, he has a thorough approach, the Royal Grammar School is proud of him.

In his reply Peter Prior paid tribute to what the School had done for him. He thanked Mr. George Grant whose Hobby Club camps had done more than anything else to help him to find himself. The careful planning that went into every camp, the information sheets that came out at regular intervals before the start of the camp—every boy knew exactly what his duties were. He had based his own thorough approach to everything he had done upon Mr. Grant's efforts. He was delighted to see Mr. Grant, aged 86, present at the Dinner.

Before the toast to the School and Club, J. K. Prior briefly spoke on the future of the School. The Governors were quietly confident that there would be a satisfactory outcome to the negotiations over going independent.

The toast to the School and Club was proposed by A. J. M. Hampson (1961-68) with wit and warmth. The toast was drunk in champagne given by the Guest of Honour.

The Headmaster on his reply stated that the School was in very good heart. The Appeal to perpetuate the memory of Mr. Pattinson had reached £2,000. Two boys had already been helped. On the academic side the School continued to go from strength to strength. 85% of the boys were now going on to Higher Education courses. He particularly wanted all present to support the R.G.S. Show on Saturday, 19th May and hoped that many Old Boys would help man the stalls. The warmth of the response from Old Boys always gladdened his heart.

He was very conscious of the quality of his staff and looked forward with great optimism to the future.

B. J. Morgan, the Head Boy, rounded off the speeches with a brief outline of the sporting activities of the School and the truly remarkable variety of clubs and societies. He wished the Hon. Secretary, Mr. M. M. Davies, well in his retirement at the end of the School year.

DEATHS

STAFF

Mr. J. P. COWAN (1947-51) died on March 22nd, 1979, peacefully in hospital, aged 69 years.

James Patrick Cowan was Head of the Modern Language Department at the R.G.S. before becoming Headmaster of Battersea Grammar School.

"Jim" was a great Yorkshireman, a great character and a great talker on anything. His widow, Mrs. Elsie Cowan, lives at "The Nook", Lofthouse, Nidderdale.

OLD BOYS

J. COTTRELL (1919-23) on February 28th, 1979 at Amersham Hospital aged 70 years. "Jim" Cottrell was a well-known local figure being a founder-member of the Rye Protection Society, Chairman of the Historic Building Group of the High Wycombe Society and a deacon of Union Baptist Church. He was also a highly talented cartoonist, having published more than 2,000 cartoons in various publications including "Punch". For nearly 25 years he was a teacher at Bishop Winnington-Ingram School, Ruislip. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Margaret Cottrell, who lives at 13 London Road, High Wycombe, and two daughters.

D. G. DAVIS (1940-44) on December 12th, 1978 at his home, 17 Mynchen Road, Beaconsfield, aged 49 years. David Gordon Davis joined the National Provincial Bank Ltd., Beaconsfield on leaving school and served it for 23 years. He did his National Service in the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry and the R.E.M.E. He resigned from the bank in 1967 as a result of the merger with the Westminster Bank and worked as Probate Manager with a firm of solicitors in Gerrards Cross until he died. He played for the Old Wycombiensians' R.U.F.C. He joined the Bucks Army Cadet Force and was commissioned in 1968. He became Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Officer of the Bucks, A.C.F. He was promoted to Major and attended Frimley Staff College for the Advanced Course for Senior officers of the A.C.F. He became "B" Company

Commander of the Bucks A.C.F. (affiliated to the Royal Green Jackets). He was Sports Officer from 1971-78. He took boys all over the country for national events—Rugby, Swimming, Cross-Country, Athletics. Sport was his great interest. His son, R. Davis (1976-78), is now at Sandhurst. He leaves a widow Mrs. Elizabeth Davis and two sons.

R. H. ROLFE (1919-26) in June 1978, in Poole, Dorset aged 69 years.

Ronald Harry Rolfe was always most interested in the contents of the magazine, especially the future of the School and the examination results. He was most appreciative of the high standard of education which made it possible for him to take his professional qualifications.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Shirley Rolfe, who lives at 23 Pearce Avenue, Lilliput, Poole, Dorset.

A. F. STANNERS (1908-12) on November 13th, 1978 at his son's home, aged 82 years.

Archibald Francis Stanners was Wycombe born and bred—a man of exceptional kindness, patience, fairness and friendliness. He trained as an accountant and was later much concerned with the direction of Freer and Hayler, a family printing business. He made an enormous contribution to the life of Union Baptist Church in High Wycombe. He became a member in 1920, Deacon in 1933, served as Treasurer from 1936-56 and was an Elder from 1957 until he died. He was proud of his two sons—J. F. STANNERS (1933-39) and G. W. STANNERS (1935-41).

L. J. THOMPSON (1912-17). On February 12th, 1979, at his home, 39 Seeleys Road, Beaconsfield, aged 78 years.

Leslie Jackson Thompson was a great sportsman—he played cricket, rugby, soccer and hockey for High Wycombe and some of them for the County after he left school. He was briefly in the services in 1918. He went to Malaya in 1926 and became a rubber planter with Malayan American Plantations. There he played cricket and rugby for the Colony. In January 1941, on his way to America on business, his ship was bombed and sank in the Atlantic. He was in an open life-boat for a week, picked up by a destroyer and

taken to hospital in Belfast. This was bombed too and he was transferred to Dublin. He finally reached America in a bomber. He was just back in Malaya when the Japanese attacked. As a Volunteer Officer he fought down the peninsular but was taken prisoner in Singapore and sent to work on the notorious railway. He returned to Malaya in 1946 and joined Dunlop. He built a liquid latex plant for them in Kalutara, while living in Colombo. He was married there in 1951. In 1953 he returned to Malaya and lived in Malacca. He later built a factory in Nigeria on the Dunlop plantation in Kalabar.

In retirement he finally came to rest in Beaconsfield where he played golf until November 1978. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Janet Thompson.

D. F. WILLIAMS (1927-33) on February 2nd, 1979 at his home, Dounor House, Station Road, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, aged 62 years.

Douglas Frank Williams studied and qualified as a quantity surveyor. In the early 50's he spent 3 years in Mauritius, working for the Government and on his return he worked for private construction companies. Before his death he was chief specification surveyor for I.D.C. Design Limited, Stratford. In Chipping Campden he played an active part in the life of the town and church. One of his hobbies, beekeeping, led to his holding the office of Chairman, then Treasurer of the Gloucester Beekeepers' Association.

He leaves a widow Mrs. Norah Williams, two sons and a daughter.

NOTES

STAFF

An extract from the Giggleswick Chronicle (1933): "G. W. Armson, who has been Headmaster of the Royal Grammar School at High Wycombe for the last 28 years is retiring at the end of the Summer Term. He was head boy and also captain of the XV in 1893 and went up to Pembroke College, Cambridge with a Classical Exhibition in 1894".

MR. W. N. BICKNELL (1930-44) wrote to congratulate all concerned with the production of the magazine.

"It remains a really high quality publication and what an impressive life and

achievement the School regularly maintains."

He was saddened to read of the deaths of Craven, Castle and Uden and reminisced greatly. Those years at the R.G.S. are still very close to him.

OLD BOYS

AMIN, ARIF (1964-69) has recently started his own practice as a chartered accountant locally. He has had an eventful year touring Canada with The Angels Hockey XI in September 1978 and Kenya with the High Wycombe Cricket Club in February 1979. He will be off in late March for six weeks in Pakistan. Brother TARIQ (1966-71) graduated from Lancaster University with a B.A. Degree in Financial Control and Economics. He is at present working in London as an accountant with E.M.I. and studying to qualify as a member of I.C.M.A.

SHAHID (1968-74) is in his penultimate year of his medical studies at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington having taken a year off to gain a B.Sc. in Immunology. He is looking forward to spending his elective in surgery at Massachusetts General, Boston, this summer.

ANGELL, B. W. (1965-72) has been transferred on promotion to the Stafford Office of MAFF, ADAS. Much of the area in which he works is the Park District National Park. His friend C. V. BEALE (1965-72) has been seconded to the Swiss parent company of CIVA-GEIGY and is working in Aerial Spraying trials in Angola for 8 months.

ARCHER, P. (1958-62) has come back to live in High Wycombe. He is working for Chesebrough-Pond's (the Vaseline people) running their Hospital Products Division. They sell a variety of medical and surgical products to hospitals in this country and Europe. He is married and has 2 young children, aged 6 and 8—he sometimes feels very old.

ASHBURNER, M. (1953-60). An extract from the Churchill College magazine in November 1978, "Congratulations are due to Dr. M. Ashburner on the award of a Sc.D. degree". This is a considerable honour.

BARRETT, P. R. (1966-73) joined an insurance company in 1973 and is now an "Inspector of Agents" in a branch in Reading. He continues to play the trumpet,

- teaches it too and last December played it in the Albert Hall. In May 1978 he toured America from New York via the Niagara Falls to Los Angeles. He hopes to go to South Africa this year.
- BARTON, C. M. J.** (1966-71) is at 22 the youngest cathedral organist in the country. Not only is he organist at St. Woolos Cathedral, Newport, Gwent but he is also Director of Music at the Rougemont School, Newport, a Diocesan representative for the Royal School of Church Music and conductor for the diocese.
- BECKET, G. A.** (1935-40) writes inimitably about himself and family. He no longer builds but makes himself useful in ways less profitable to H.M. Government, being the present Hon. Treasurer of the R.G.S. Parents' Association and of the High Wycombe Parochial Church Council. Brother **L. M. BECKET** (1953-58) prospers as the proprietor of Hampshires, a hardware shop in Wendover. He lives at Saunderton and has two horse-infested daughters. Son 1. **H. A. BECKET** (1964-71) was a choral exhibitor at Cains College, Cambridge, then spent some time in P.R. work at Westminster. He is now with the management of a large London wine firm, lives at Bushey, where he is the Parish Church Assistant Organist. He sings with a London Choir, admires Lord Melbourne, has a son and a daughter. Son 2. **A. R. BECKET** (1966-73) was a luminary in the R.G.S. C.C.F. Wireless Section—now he maintains an amateur radio licence. He is a Test Engineer at Broom and Wade's and is a co-founder of Wycombe Rotaract. He is addicted to SAAB's and motorcycles.
- BOWMAN, J. C.** (1955-61) advances in the Schools Traffic Education Programme. He helped to run the one-week teacher courses until Christmas but his task now is to "sell" Traffic Education to six Midland Counties including Birmingham. He hopes that even Grammar Schools will find time to include Traffic Education in their curriculum eventually.
- BRANCH, A. E.** (1919-23). "Twiggy" retired from the Art Shop in High Wycombe in 1971. He has lived in Marlow since 1960 which suits him well as he and his wife have a narrow boat and have cruised nearly 7,000 miles on the canals and rivers of England. At 71 he is proud of having walked the 70 miles along the towpath of the Kennet and Avon Canal from Aldermaston to Bath in six days.
- CLARK, G. J.** (1939-45) helped to found The Exmoor Club—the new Rotary Club at Tiverton. He was visited by **R. D. TAPLIN** (1939-43) who runs a restaurant, the Cottage Loaf, at Brampton, North Devon and who has thus escaped from the trauma of involvement in the sale and repair of B.L. cars. **Gordon Clark**, who runs a Timber Merchant business in Ashley, North Devon, would be very pleased to see any Old Boy call in.
- CLARKE, J. W.** (1960-66) writes from the Department of Sociology and Social Administration at the University of Southampton, where he is lecturer in industrial relations—his first permanent job. His Ph.D. on a worker poet of the Weimar Republic is complete and awaiting examination. He has spent a year in Paris working with the Groupe de Sociologie du Travail in the Université, researching into trade unions and unemployment in Britain and France. Before that he was 18 months at the London School of Economics working on a project comparing the T.U.C. with the D.G.B., the West German equivalent. His work at Southampton is very varied, everything from sociological theory to trade union education, teaching industrial relations to engineers, health visitors, undergraduates and middle managers.
- CUTLER, M. C.** (1948-53) M.Inst.M. is now Marketing Secretary of the Equity and Law Life Association Society Ltd. at Lincoln's Inn Fields.
- DAVIES, J.** (1970-77) is working in a kibbutz on the coast between Tel Aviv and Haifa. It is the largest and richest kibbutz in Israel with a large heated swimming pool, music hall and weekly films. His day begins at 7.30 a.m. and he is working in the citrus fruit orchards. Before going to Israel he worked for a Swiss farmer on the shores of Lake Geneva. In October he was picking grapes there from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Saturday, but it was good fun in the vineyards with the whole village helping, drinking a lot of wine and speaking French. He goes up to Queen Mary College in October but before then hopes to realise a dream—a trip to Australia, New Zealand and North America.
- DAVIES, R. O.** (1963-69) has been appointed export manager with Chippy Heath Furni-

- ture Ltd., the High Wycombe manufacturer of telephone seats. Bob Davies is a graduate from the export course at the Bucks College of Higher Education.
- DICKETY, R. R. (1926-31), captain of Ellesborough Golf Club was pictured in the *Bucks Free Press* recently, presenting the new R. Pattinson Cup to the President of the Bucks, Berks and Oxon Golfing Association. The Cup, in memory of "Pat", former president and captain of the B. B. and O., will be awarded annually to the winner of the County Seniors Championship.
- DRAYTON, P. C. (1956-63) combines work as pianist/composer with teaching at Stowe School. Recent commissions have included works for the 3 Choirs Festival, the 90th Anniversary of Wakefield Cathedral, Milton Keynes Chamber Orchestra and the East Midlands Art Association. At the moment he is busy on a 50 minute work for Norwich Tri-Ennial Festival in October. Brother T. V. DRAYTON (1952-57) is Chief Steward for British Airways.
- DUGGINS, A. J. (1951-58) qualified as a fellow of the Institute of Actuaries ten years ago. He has recently been appointed managing director and actuary, as well as chief executive, of the Crown Life group of companies. His main task is to build Crown Life from a branch of the Canadian parent company to an independent operation in its own right.
- DURY, I. R. (1954-59). On January 25th, 1979 Ian Dury reached top of the pops with his song "Hit me with your rhythm stick".
- GEORGE, M. J. (1946-50) is now manager of Professional Photographic Sales, Kodak Ltd. He has a large sales force working for him—he is the only non-graduate.
- HANEBECK, A. E. J. (1961-64). Agemas-park Ltd. in Lincoln Road are making the sparks fly. Sparks do the work cutting out the moulds in the plastics industry all over the world. Inspiration for the success of the firm came from the managing director who now has his son A. E. J. Hanebeck with him as his assistant and director of the company.
- HAUGH, K. (1968-76). The Regular Commissions Board informed the School that Haugh, K., Gnr. 26 Fd. Regt. B.F.P.O. had been recommended for training as an officer at R.M.A. Sandhurst Officer Cadet School.
- HARRIS, O. E. (1933-38) finance director of Comp Air Industrial Ltd., has additionally been made Deputy Managing Director.
- HAYWOOD, C. C. (1959-64) has taken in his stride the leap from Totteridge to screen stardom in Australia. He emigrated in 1970 having completed an acting course and a few minor stage roles in London. He is now a lead player in the most successful of Australia's new wave films "Newsfront". It is the story of Australia in the 50's. In the film Chris Haywood has only just arrived and is beginning to learn about Australia and the Australians (the hard way).
- HOFFMAN, S. H. (1928-36). Canon S. H. Hoffman is Director of Religious Education and Warden of Readers at Rochester Diocesan Office. He was very appreciative of the information and help given him by the School on how to go independent. His diocese has an Aided Boys' Grammar School at Orpington which is thinking seriously about it. Stanley Hoffman finished at the R.G.S. as Head of School and the first pupil to go to Oxford for many generations.
- HOLE, A. E. F. (1925-30) is delightfully busy in his retirement. He has been duly elected District Governor of Rotary and this position calls for extensive travel in connection with his official duties. His attendance will be required at the Rotary International Assembly at Boca Raton, Florida in May followed by the Convention in Rome in June.
- HOOKE, M. J. W. (1968-75). The Wireless Section of the C.C.F. introduced him to what is now his life. On leaving school he trained at the Cable and Wireless College in Cornwall until 1977. Since then he has spent 4 months in Qatar (Persian Gulf) and 20 months in Dubai. He loves his work. He has been seconded by his company to the Dubai Government working on international communications (satellites).
- HOY, J. L. (1970-77) went out to Kenya last September with other Church Missionary Society volunteers and will remain there until August. He is teaching in Kiamuya Secondary School, Othaya, Nyeri. It is a Harambee school, not financed by the government, but set up by the local community. He teaches the whole school physics and the top two forms (equivalent

to our 4th and 5th years) maths. The standard is fairly poor, they are taught to "fact-cram". They are used to copying copious notes from the board rather than working out problems for themselves. John lives 70 miles from Nairobi in a rural hilly district 6,000 ft. above sea level (this is good for altitude training in his running!). He does his own cooking except for the school lunch of maize and beans each day. The people are friendly and the spirit of "self help" is very strong. One of his main difficulties is over language. The tribal language is Kikuyu, a tonal language and one of the hardest in the world to learn. The national language is Swahili and he is picking this up. All the teaching is in English, African students get up to the same old tricks as he and his pals used to at school—he has more sympathy with teachers at the R.G.S. now.

JOHN, S. A. (1964-70), a pilot with British Airways, has been kind enough to arrange visits for our budding flyers to the B.A. Training Centre at Heston. The boys have the opportunity to fly an aircraft simulator, test survival and emergency equipment and discuss all aspects of a flying career. There is no doubt that if you want to fly, the R.G.S. is a good place to start. At the moment we have W. S. Vestentoft, R. D. Gurney and R. I. Stanley training at Hamble; R. P. Chambers, S. J. Newman, P. A. Smith at R.A.F. Cranwell; J. S. Robinson, N. L. Dowson, C. J. Wood and P. J. Maynard training to fly at R.N.B.C. Dartmouth.

KENT, J. H. (1968-75) is in his 3rd year studying medicine at Newcastle University. He plays the cornet with the Ever Ready brass band and has made some records. In the summer he will be seen on T.V. in the programme "Best of Brass".

KNOWLES, T. C. T. (1920-26) was involved in elections recently for the first time in his life. He did well. He only moved to West Wilts. in February 1978 and 12.9% of the electorate voted for him. This however was not enough to gain him a place on the District Council. He does however anticipate taking a seat in the forthcoming New Westbury Town Council. There are 15 nominations for this number of seats and there is no need for an election.

LANCE, J. W. (1965-72) runs his Westminster Hall Hotel, Beacon Road, West

Cliff, Bournemouth (Tel. 0202-21559) with a firm hand. The National Press gave publicity to the splendid way he dealt with 32 Stockport football supporters to whom he gave reduced rates at his hotel for the Bournemouth-Stockport match. They daubed his hotel garage with foot high slogans. He made it clear that he would not release their luggage until they had repainted the daubed areas. On the whole they did a good job—good for John Lance too! He has a side-line—dealing in cars. This brings him in constant contact with M. R. COLES (1967-72) who is now in total charge of B.M.W.'s export sales at Park Lane.

LOWE, D. A. (1965-73) B.A. Hons. (Cantab.), Dip. Ges. Mozarteum (Salzburg) writes from the Westminster Cathedral Choir School where he teaches. He is responsible for English and Vocal Training. In the summer holidays he will be directing a course for choristers at the Cathedral. After that he will be singing in an opera, which will tour London, Oxford and Suffolk, called "English Eccentrics" by the Master of the Queen's Music, Malcolm Williamson. He has started a concert series in Westminster using the school hall. R. S. HICKOX (1959-65) has agreed to come for next year's season.

MADÉLIN, R. P. (1968-75) who finishes at Magdalen College in June, has been graded "A" by the Civil Service and will be working either in "Trade" or in "Industry" in the autumn. This is a fine achievement like C. J. PACKMANN'S and J. E. HARVARD'S.

MATTHEWS, P. S. (1952-55) is working at the Johnson Space Center, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) on the Space Shuttle Orbiter Design. Brother B. C. MATTHEWS (1955-62) is Head of Science at Roan School, Blackheath. He is the co-author of 3 books designed to cover a Nuffield-type Physics course.

PAUL, C. J. (1969-74) is just coming to the end of terms of office as captain of the University cross-country team and secretary of the J.C.R. at Woolton Hall, Manchester. He is training for the athletics season and a marathon in June at the British Students' Championships. He finished top in Part I Geography last year and was awarded the Barker Memorial

- Prize. After his annual stint in a jam factory last summer, he went to Switzerland to do research in glaciology (especially snow hydrology). He still sings with Clifton Cathedral Choir during vacations. Brother M. C. PAUL (1972-74) is still at school in Bristol taking "A" Levels in Geography, French and English this summer.
- PRIOR, J. K. (1934-40), the Chairman of the Governors, appeared in "Pru-News" in November 1978. "Training Manager John Prior parachute-jumped from a height of over 2,500 feet above Ashford airport recently". He gave as one of the reasons why he jumped "Wycombe R.G.S. was starting a parachute club for the boys and I didn't want some irate parent telling my board of governors we didn't know what it involved." The cutting was sent to the Hon. Secretary by J. PEATEY (1968-72) who is doing well with the Prudential Insurance Company.
- RICHARDS, S. J. (1971-79) wrote from the Meron Hagalil kibbutz—one mile from the Lebanese border. The place was at the time swarming with soldiers. The settlement is surrounded by a barbed wire fence and to go outside after dark just asks to be shot at as a terrorist. He has for the first time in his life had to do things under pain of death. He was working in the zip factory from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. but hoped for a more interesting job when the weather improved.
- SHAW, R. J. F. (1971-78) wrote from San Francisco after delivering a 20,000 dollar Cadillac from Detroit to San Jose. He drove across the Badlands and many National Parks—3,979 miles in 7 days. The American wildlife and scenery were magnificent.
- SNODIN, D. N. (1959-66) is now writing non-fiction books for children aged 11 to 15. He has just completed "A Mighty Ferment", Britain in the age of revolution 1750 to 1850, published by Deutsch. A critic writes: "He is at home in the period, he explores history in a way that gives to secondary schoolchildren concrete instances of live issues".
- STEVENS, S. J. C. (1935-40) listened in Wycombe Town Hall on July 19th, 1937 to veteran peace maker George Lansbury. This experience made him decide to learn German and he was transferred to 3U.M.
- His 3 years of German proved invaluable in working among Displaced Persons in Germany in 1945. This is culled from a letter in which Stanley Stevens paid tribute to the retiring Hon. Secretary.
- TAYLOR, G. N. (1948-56) now lives in Los Angeles. He is Director, Market Analysis and Planning, Dataproducts Corporation, Woodland Hills, California.
- TAYLOR, T. (1953-59). Wycombe has a very new nightclub named Woolly's in Church Street. The old Woolworth store has been gutted and decorated sumptuously. The owners are local builder Joe Reilly and Trevor Taylor, who runs the "Chiltern Handbags" factory in Wooburn Green.
- WALKER, D. R. (1955-62). Earl Mountbatten's home "Broadlands" was the subject of 22 water colours on show in the bar of the "Bishop Blaize", at Romsey. Many were sold at the private view. The artist, Denzil Walker, says he "fumbled through the R.G.S. in High Wycombe and Edinburgh University doing Classics and Fine Art". He tried teaching, gardening, running a gallery, taking bus fares before serving five years in advertising studios. He is now a free-lance artist and designer living at Romsey. He likes nothing better than a sketch book expedition with a ruck-sack on his back.
- WILKINSON, P. J. (1967-75) after passing out of Dartmouth, was off to sea in the frigate H.M.S. Ariadne for six months for his General Naval Training. She is part of a Nato Standing Force and in her he will visit Bordeaux, Lisbon, Wilhelmshafen, Kiel, Copenhagen and hopefully Norfolk, Virginia. He hopes to specialise in submarines.
- WILLIAMS, T. C. (1947-52) was commissioned in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment (1952-55) then worked for the Bank of West Africa (1956-69) terminating as Manager of the Freetown branch. From 1969-74 he was with Miles and Druce and Co.—Industrial Services Group (H.Q. in Wycombe) as Group Treasurer until taken over by G.K.N.
- He is now with P. & O. Steam Navigation Co., still the largest publicly owned shipping company in the world, as Assistant Group Treasurer. He notes that other Old Boys of about his era, namely C. A. Rose, D. D. Kirby and D. G. Varney have done well with a rival concern also involved in the movement of passengers and freight.

WINTER, P. E. (1960-68) wrote in January from Juba Boat Yard in Equatorial Sudan. He works for Intermediate Technology (in association with the Sudan Council of Churches). His responsibilities now include the ferro-cement boatyard and he is involved in Forestry, Agriculture, Tools, Building Materials and Leatherwork. He did find time to climb Sudan's highest mountain Mount Kinyeti on the Uganda border on Boxing Day—it was just an arduous walk. He has put up a rock climb with members of the Voluntary Services Overseas (V.S.O.) in the mountains above Juba and would like to do more, but he works six days a week from 6.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. He could spend Sunday flogging through the bush in the heat after a new climb—but he usually spends it recovering his strength for Monday.

WOODBIDGE, K. F. (1959-67). Dr. Woodbridge is now practising on the Island of North Ronaldsay in the Orkneys. He is married and has two children.



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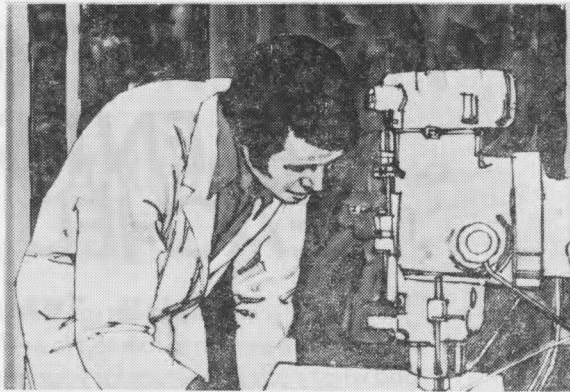
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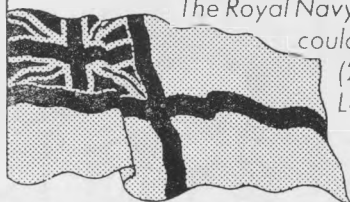
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