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## Editorial

Once again, thanks are due to the many contributors to this issue of the magazine; without articles, reports, stories, poems, photographs supplied by members of the School, the magazine would not exist. In a very important sense, the magazine is what you make it. If

this issue does not contain anything about some aspect of the School's life that is important to you — send in your article to the editor. If you have been engaged in an interesting or unusual venture — don't hide your light under a bushel, let us know all about it.

## School News

The School has been saddened during the last year by the deaths of Derek Irvine, Nicholas McManus and Andrew Russell. Nicholas and Andrew were involved in the Seer Green train crash while Derek was killed in an accident during the Summer holiday. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved families.

At the end of the School year several of the staff will be leaving the Royal Grammar School. Mr. Scott, Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Skipp will be retiring; Mr. Edwards will be moving to Monmouth School. Miss Case, Mr. M. White and Mrs. Hunt will be leaving after shorter sentences in the establishment, but they have contributed much to the life of the School and to the atmosphere of the Common Room: they will be missed by all who have known them and we wish them well in the future.

### MR. S.J. EDWARDS

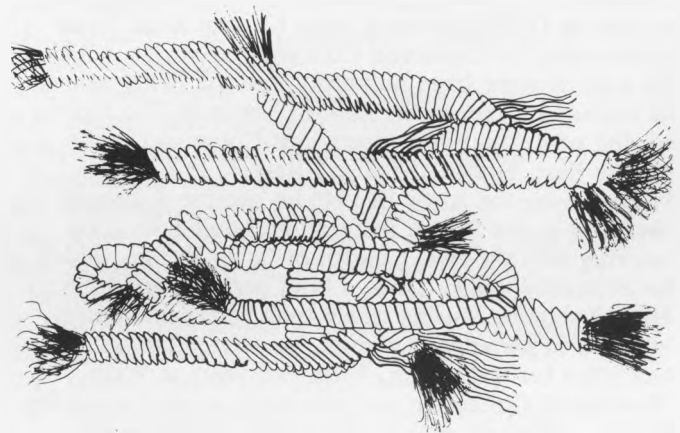
Mr. Edwards is leaving after 9 years' sterling service to the French Department to be Head of Modern Languages at Monmouth School. It would be difficult to enumerate all the ways in which he has contributed to the life of the School, but his eagerness to help not only the French-based activities such as the Nîmes exchange but school sport, Flair magazine and school drama will give some idea of the qualities which have made him such a valuable colleague. It would, however, be wrong to give the impression of all work and no play, for Monmouth is importing a man with a highly developed sense of fun and a considerable gift of mimicry, yet always tempered by a genuine kindness and appreciation of the qualities of boys and staff. He will be missed.

### LOVE

*A dewdrop suspended between two blades of grass,  
Glistening, Shimmering.  
A pearl, dazzling in the sun.  
It will not last.*

*Love, a dewdrop suspended between two blades of  
grass,  
seemingly a flawless pearl;  
So beautiful, at first, so dazzling, all enduring,  
Yet oh so delicate so easily shattered.  
Will it last?*

M. WESTON



“Rope” David Bonner 2 SM

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## Retirements

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### DORIS WILSON

Doris Wilson and I joined the staff in 1954, both of us quite inexperienced and reluctant teachers succumbing to the blandishments of E.R. Tucker, who persuaded us that we had talents which should not be hidden and from which the school could benefit. It says much for his persuasiveness that Doris agreed to join an all-male staff and even more for her charm and ability that she so quickly established herself as a *rara avis* in a completely masculine aviary.

So she has remained for twenty-eight years the undisputed Queen of the Common Room, where the presence of women teachers has now become so commonplace as to be unremarkable. Apart from the obvious benefits which her femininity brought to the Common Room, she soon proved her worth in the class-room too, and has been outstandingly successful in teaching maths to boys throughout the school. She had only one complaint: "I don't mind my sons calling me 'Sir' in school but when they do it at home, it's too much!"

Perhaps only a female mathematician could have dealt so successfully with the problem of organising the sale of seats at school plays and concerts because not only did she get the numbers right every time but she also soothed the feelings of those who felt that they had been misplaced. It was an unenviable task which she fulfilled admirably.

We wish her every happiness in the well-deserved retirement which she can now share with her husband, Dr. Clifford Wilson. As she and I leave the school together, I like to think I hear her echoing the words of another woman of incredible charm and influence, "Un moment, M. le Curé, s'il vous plait; nous partirons ensemble".

JOHN SKIPP

### THE REV. A.J. SKIPP

Arthur John Skipp passed the entrance examination to the Royal Grammar School in 1929 and one day when he was feeling diffident and overawed by his surroundings, he was encouraged by his mother with these words. "Don't forget, you are as good as any of them and better than most". He went on to prove her right.

He became Captain of School and Head Boy. He fulfilled E.R. Tucker's ambition by being the first boy to gain an Oxbridge award when he went as an Open Exhibitioner to Emmanuel College, Cambridge in 1937. He went straight from university into the Army where he ultimately reached the rank of Major in The Buffs, serving with Combined Operations Command in the Middle East, North Africa and Italy.

On leaving the Army in 1946 he became Assistant Secretary to the British Institute of Adult Education working with the Arts Council of Great Britain, which he ultimately joined. After a brief period working in High Wycombe, during which time he became deeply involved in parochial activities, he offered himself as a candidate for ordination. After two years at Wells Theological College he was pleasantly amazed when the Bishop of Oxford who ordained him said he wanted him back in High Wycombe. In the first year of his curacy Mr. Tucker asked him to teach Latin after the sudden death of A.W. Coventry in 1954. He came reluctantly and stayed for 28 years. He never attempted

to move and refused other offers. Mr. Tucker invited him to take over School House and become the School's first chaplain. Here his influence for good has been great indeed and despite the fact that he is a bachelor he has run School House without the help of a wife with warm understanding of the problems of his staff and boys.

He involved himself in local affairs and became a Councillor, ultimately Alderman and Mayor of the Borough of High Wycombe in 1970. He served for four years on the newly formed Wycombe District Council and then withdrew from public life. His concern was chiefly with education and hospitals in the district. In 1972 he was appointed a J.P. and in due course was elected Deputy Chairman of his own Bench and also of the Combined Juvenile Panel. He will retire to Skillington in Lincolnshire, where other members of his family are already settled. His stimulating teaching, his depth of knowledge, his scintillating wit, his consummate skill with words will be greatly missed.

It might be felt that he had fulfilled his mother's hopes in academical, military, ecclesiastical and civic activities.

M.M.D.

### MR. H. SCOTT

It came as something of a shock to his colleagues to learn that Mr. Scott was retiring this July; and I am sure that all those who know him must find it hard to reconcile his briskness and geniality, his speedy and efficient way of dealing with problems, with retirement. But perhaps he has plans to exploit his talents in some other capacity.

An Exhibitioner of St. John's College, Cambridge, Bert Scott joined the staff in 1946, coming direct from his war service in the Royal Artillery. Since then generations of pupils have had reason to remember him for his persuasive teaching of Maths., his years as House Master of Frazer and King's, and latterly his masterminding of the arrangements for the G.C.E. examinations.

We shall miss the Pickwickian smile and cheerful tap on the shoulder. Many of us knew his wife Joan as a gracious and helpful Secretary at the school. We now wish them and their family happiness in the years to come.

E.J.P.

### MORNING

*A Pale grey sky foretells the coming morn;  
And lights up the silhouettes of trees,  
It comes, the father of a new day's dawn,  
Heralded by a morning breeze.*

*The light stabs o'er the tops of distant hills,  
And chases shadows from the people's homes;  
And dew drops shine on roofs and window sills,  
And all the vale reflects the rising dome.*

*The golden chariot rides the morning air,  
And slowly the dark world returns to light;  
And birds call out and tell that dawn is here,  
And seem to try to reach the sun in flight.*

S. ENGLISH

# Examination Results

## PLACES AT OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE

- P.A. Brady:** Trinity College, Oxford for Law  
**S.C. Church:** Emmanuel College, Cambridge for Engineering  
**R.E.P. Cox:** Selwyn College, Cambridge for Natural Sciences  
**D.R. Davies:** Trinity College, Oxford for Metallurgy  
**S.M. Grace:** Pembroke College, Cambridge for Natural Sciences  
**M. Grubnic:** Pembroke College, Cambridge for Law  
**J.P. Hendry:** St. Catharine's College, Cambridge for Natural Sciences  
**R.B. Langdon:** Jesus College, Oxford for History  
**D.R.D. Rees:** Pembroke College, Oxford for Natural Science  
**M.J. Scott:** St. John's College, Cambridge for Natural Sciences  
**P.J. Shirley-Quirk:** Clare College, Cambridge for Architecture  
**J.P. Skidmore:** Robinson College, Cambridge for Natural Sciences  
**N.D.M. Smith:** Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge for Geography  
**M.H. Welby:** St. Edmund Hall, Oxford for English  
**G.S.P. Wright:** Wadham College, Oxford for Classics

## EXAMINATION SUCCESSES 1981-82

We congratulate the following on gaining Open Awards:

- N.J.G. Cox:** Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences, Trinity Hall, Cambridge  
**S.E. Ennis:** Open Exhibition in History, Worcester College, Oxford  
**A.J. Gammack:** Open Exhibition in Engineering, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge  
**A.J. Glover:** Open Exhibition in Classics, University College, Oxford  
**A.J.R. Griffin:** Open Exhibition in History, Churchill College, Cambridge  
**I.R. Hall:** McCowan Scholarship, St. Mary's Hospital Medical School  
**M.T. Jolly:** Open Exhibition in Engineering, Queen's College, Cambridge  
**S.J. Tilton:** Choral Scholarship, King's College, Cambridge

## OTHER AWARDS

P.S. Stinchcombe has been made an Exhibitioner of Trinity College, Cambridge after his First in Part 1A. He was given A Lizette Bentwick Law Prize (£125) and a further £50 Prize to buy books by Trinity College, Cambridge.

## UNIVERSITY PLACES 1981

- M.J. Atkinson:** Bath University, Chemical Engineering  
**I. Barker:** Sheffield University, Social Sciences  
**R.J. Bazin:** Bristol University, Microbiology  
**N.A. Belson:** Leeds University, Microbiology/Pharmacology  
**N.E. Blake:** Aston University, Electrical & Electronic Engineering  
**S.M. Bowker:** Salford University, French/German

- R.W. Burr:** St. Andrew's University, Medicine  
**J.E.N. Busfield:** Southampton University, Hellenic & Roman Studies  
**M.J. Churn:** Edinburgh University, Medicine (1982)  
**A.J. Clark:** Nottingham University, Metallurgy & Material Science  
**J.L. Clews:** Bristol University, Classics  
**I.D. Connell:** Leeds University, International History & Politics  
**R.W. Creswell:** Manchester University, Physics  
**I.R. Dempsey:** University of Manchester Institute of Science & Technology (1982)  
**A.D. Dimmock:** King's College, London, Chemistry  
**E. Duncan:** Birmingham University, History  
**N.D. Embleton:** University of East Anglia, Environmental Studies & Computer Science  
**S.M.F. Finlan:** University College, London, Geography  
**J.E.E. Frost:** Exeter University, Computer Science  
**A.B. Gainer:** Bath University, General Architectural Studies  
**A.A. Greene:** Manchester University, English (1982)  
**D.A.R. Hamilton:** Birmingham University, Engineering Production (1982)  
**S.J. Hargreaves:** Durham University, Engineering (1982)  
**M.C. Harrison:** City University, Aeronautical Engineering  
**A.R. Hazelton:** Birmingham University, Geography  
**D.O. Hellier:** Birmingham University, Production Engineering  
**R.C. Ireland:** Exeter University, Accountancy  
**S.K. Jones:** Bristol University, Music  
**D.E. Lancaster:** Bristol University, Cellular Pathology  
**S.P. Lane:** Exeter University, Economics  
**P.M. Lees:** Leeds University, Mining Engineering  
**S.C.A. Lever:** Sheffield University, Mechanical Engineering  
**S.L. Lewis:** Sussex University, Control Engineering  
**R.P. Littlejohn:** Nottingham University, Horticulture  
**J.C. Keen:** Edinburgh University, Medicine  
**J. Marsh:** Bath University, Manufacturing  
**R.N. Marshall:** Bangor University, Electronic Engineering  
**B.L. Morris:** Reading University, Land Management  
**J.J. Mould:** Nottingham University, Psychology (1982)  
**S.T.H. Mullett:** St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, Medicine  
**M.S. Naylor:** Warwick University, Microbiology & Virology  
**M.P. Niekirk:** Southampton University, Law  
**I.R. Payne:** Birmingham University, Electronic & Electrical Engineering  
**D.A. Pearce:** Exeter University, Accountancy  
**R.E. Peach:** Southampton University, Music  
**H.W.O. Plaice:** Bristol University, Electronic Engineering  
**A.J. Robinson:** Exeter University, Physics  
**C.G. Rosso:** University College, London, Latin/Greek  
**R.A. Sedgley:** Liverpool University, Social & Environmental Studies  
**M. Setchell:** Southampton University, Civil Engineering  
**D.J. Smith:** Warwick University, Politics  
**G.T. Stables:** Leeds University, Medicine  
**J.A. Stokes:** Birmingham University, Electronic Engineering  
**M.J. Thomas:** University College of Wales, Swansea, History  
**D.A.T. Tilley:** University of North Wales, Bangor, Wood Science

**M.R. Tindale:** Reading University, Land Management  
**T.J.J. Tolkien:** Reading University, Fine Art  
**D.J. Vallance:** Bristol University, Dentistry  
**J.M. Vincent:** Southampton University, Biochemistry (1982)  
**S. Warriner:** Sheffield University, Accounting & Financial Analysis (1982)  
**R.D.A. Weiss:** Nottingham University, Philosophy  
**N. Welch:** Birmingham University, Engineering Production & Economics  
**T.P. Weller:** Exeter University, Engineering Science  
**A.P.C. White:** University College, Cardiff, Economics  
**M.H. Williams:** Royal Holloway College, London, History  
**M.V. Williams:** East Anglia University, French & European History  
**D.J. Winter:** Sheffield University, Chemistry  
**G.M. Wood:** Stirling University, Physics  
**P.J. Woodruff:** Southampton University, Electronic Engineering

#### POLYTECHNICS (Degree Courses)

**T.F. Armstrong:** Trent Polytechnic, Humanities  
**P.A. Bell:** City of Birmingham Polytechnic, Economics  
**P. Clarke:** Polytechnic of Wales, Chemical Engineering (1982)  
**J.M. Coles:** Hatfield Polytechnic, Business Studies  
**P.D. Davies:** Portsmouth Polytechnic, Biological Sciences  
**D.S. Fairbrother:** Portsmouth Polytechnic, Biomolecular Sciences  
**P.J. Forde:** Lancaster Polytechnic, Business Studies  
**A.R. Hare:** Polytechnic of Central London, Modern Languages  
**R.K. Hunter:** Polytechnic of South Bank, Electrical/Electronic Engineering  
**Z. Iqbal:** Brighton Polytechnic, Computer Science  
**C.M. Januszewski:** Huddersfield Polytechnic, Electronic Engineering  
**M.S. Johnson:** Leicester Polytechnic, Mathematics  
**D.J. Lambert:** Plymouth Polytechnic, Electronic & Electrical Engineering  
**N.A. Lines:** Thames Polytechnic, Building Surveying  
**R.C. Mole:** Plymouth Polytechnic, Business Studies  
**P.J. Newport:** Portsmouth Polytechnic, Geography  
**R.P.V. Palethorpe:** Plymouth Polytechnic, Geography  
**J.H. Pearce:** Oxford Polytechnic, Cartography/History  
**D. Phillips:** South Bank Polytechnic, Town Planning  
**C.J.S. Platts:** Portsmouth Polytechnic, Applied Chemistry  
**S.M. Pool:** Wolverhampton Polytechnic, Modern Languages  
**N.J. Sendall:** Lanchester Polytechnic, Applied Chemistry  
**M.M. Smith:** Bristol Polytechnic, Law  
**R.A.P. Swinhoe-Standen:** Oxford Polytechnic, Accountancy & Finance  
**C.J. Vldar:** Huddersfield Polytechnic, Geography  
**I.A. Wagge:** Lanchester Polytechnic, Business Studies

#### OTHER COLLEGES OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**C.P. Littlejohn:** Harper Adams College of Agriculture (1982)  
**G.B. Ward:** RAF Cranwell

#### 'A' LEVEL RESULTS 1981

The successful candidates who took the Oxford GCE Board 'A' level Examinations were:

KEY: A-Art; B-Biology; C-Chemistry; E-Economics;

Eng-English Literature; F-French; FM-Further Maths; Ger-German; Geo-Geography; Gre-Greek; H-History; AH-Ancient History; L-Latin; M-Mathematics; Mus-Music; P-Physics; BS-Business Studies; CS-Computer Studies; GS-General Studies; PS-Political Studies; Sp-Spanish.

#### \*Denotes Grade A

**P.A. Brady** Eng,AH,E\*; **P.J. Brown** L,AH,Gre\*; **J.E.N. Busfield** Eng,L,AH; **J.L. Clews** L,AH,Gre; **S.E. Ennis** Eng,L\*,H\*; **A.J. Glover** L\*,AH\*,Gre\*,GS; **A.A. Greene** Eng,H,Gre; **M.T.D. Howick** E; **R.J.S. Johnson** Eng; **J.J. Mould** L,H\*,Gre; **I.Y. Purvis** L\*,F\*,H\*,GS; **G.S.P. Wright** L\*,AH,GS,Gre\*; **J.D. Carter** Eng,H,E; **C.G. Goodman** Eng,E,M; **R.W. Haile** F,GS; **S.K. Jones** F\*,H,Mus\*,GS; **K.E.P. Long** H,E; **R.E. Peach** Eng,F\*,Mus\*,GS; **D. Phillips** Eng,H,Geo; **C.J. Vldar** E,Geo; **R.D.A. Weiss** Eng,H,E; **P.J. Donlan** A; **A.B. Gainer** E,M,CS; **Z. Iqbal** PS,E,GS,CS; **B.L. Morris** E,Geo,M; **J.M.R. Scriven** E; **A.E. Shields** E; **A.T. Walker** H,E; **D.W. Waring** E; **G.L. Wheeler** H,E,Geo,GS; **I.F. Armstrong** E,Geo; **I. Barker** E\*,Geo,M,GS; **I.D. Connell** H,E,Geo; **T.E. Drew** P; **N.D. Embleton** Geo,M,CS; **I.D. Farquharson** E,Geo,GS; **A.D. Frost** H,E,Geo,GS; **R.W. Law** F,H,Geo; **B.A. Martin** E,Geo,C; **P.J. Newport** H,Geo,BS; **R.P.V. Palethorpe** Geo,GS; **J.H. Pearce** H,E,Geo; **A.C. Platts** E; **M.R. Tindale** F,E\*,Geo; **S.M.F. Finlan** F,H,Geo\*; **P.J. Forde** E,GS; **M.S. Johnson** Geo,M; **R.A. Neal** H\*,E\*,M\*; **C.D.A.F. Paton** E,M; **M.M. Smith** F,H,E; **N.D.M. Smith** H,E\*,Geo; **M.J. Thomas** Eng,F,H; **M.H. Williams** H,E,M,GS; **S.M. Bowker** F,Ger,BS; **S.A. Fantham** F\*,Ger,M\*,BS; **T.K. Norris** F,Ger,BS; **D.A. Pearce** Ger,E\*,M\*; **R.A. Sedgley** Ger,E,M; **S. Warriner** F\*,Ger\*,M\*,BS; **A.P.C. White** Ger,E,M; **E. Duncan** Eng,F,H; **V.R.C. Gamble** Eng,F,H; **A.R. Hare** F,E,Sp; **M.R. Lane** F,E,M; **N.A. Lines** F,H,E,GS; **I.C. Lovegrove** F; **S.M. Pool** F,Ger; **D.J. Smith** F,E,M; **R.A.P. Swinhoe-Standen** F,E,GS; **M.V. Williams** F,Ger,H; **N.J.G. Cox** M\*,FM,C\*,P\*,GS; **R.E.P. Cox** M\*,FM,C\*,P\*,GS; **J.E. Frost** M,FM,C,P; **A.J. Gammack** M\*,FM\*,C\*,P\*; **J.P. Hendry** M,FM,C\*,P,GS; **M.T. Jolly** M\*,FM\*,C\*,P\*; **H.W. Plaice** M\*,FM,C,P\*; **A.J. Robinson** M\*,FM,C,P,GS; **S.P. Lane** E\*,M,P,GS; **R.N. Marshall** M,C,P,GS; **J.E.C. Martin** H,GS; **M.W. Merryweather** P; **I.R. Payne** M\*,C,P,GS; **J.A. Stokes** M\*,C,P; **S.K. Day** M,C,P; **M.C. Harrison** M,P; **S.C.A. Lever** M,C,P,GS; **J. Marsh** M,C,P\*,GS; **R.C. Mole** M,GS,BS; **M.J. Smith** M,C,P\*,GS\*; **G.I. Stables** M,C\*,P; **T.P. Weller** M,C,P\*; **M.J. Atkinson** M,C,P\*,GS; **N.A. Belson** M,C,P; **G.C. Charlwood** E,M,P; **A.J. Clark** M,C,P; **J.M. Coles** M,P,GS; **C.M. Januszewski** M,C; **S.L. Lewis** E,M,P,GS\*; **A. Ramos** C; **M. Setchell** F\*,M\*,P,GS; **N. Welch** E,M,P,GS; **D.R. Davies** M\*,C\*,P\*; **A.D. Dimmock** M,C,P; **D.J. Falconer** P,GS,BS; **S.J. Hargreaves** M\*,C\*,P\*,GS; **R.K. Hunter** M,C,P; **P.D. Twissell** M,P; **I.A.M. Wagge** E,P,GS,CS; **S.C. Watts** H; **R.J. Bazin** M,C,B\*; **N.E. Blake** M,P,B,GS; **R.W. Burr** C,P,B\*; **M.R. Church** C,P,A; **M.J. Churn** C\*,P,B\*; **P.D. Davies** Geo,C,B; **D.S. Fairbrother** P,B; **A.A. Hoare** C,B; **N. Johnson** B; **J.C. Keen** C,P\*,B\*; **D.E. Lancaster** C,P,B\*; **C.P. Littlejohn** Geo,C,B; **R.P. Littlejohn** Geo,C,B; **S.T.H. Mullett** C,P,B\*; **M.S. Naylor** C,P,B;

C.J.S. Platts C,P; N.J. Sendall C,B,GS;  
 D.A.R. Tilley C,P,GS; D.J. Vallance C,P,B;  
 J.M. Vincent M,C\*,P\*,B\*; G.B. Ward P,B;  
 G.M. Wood M,C,P; R.W. Cresswell M,C,P\*,A,GS;  
 A.R. Hazelton Geo,A,GS; D.R. Mullins H,A\*,GS;  
 T.J.J. Tolkien Eng,A,GS; A.K. Hobbs CS;  
 M.J. Scott M\*,FM,C\*,P\*; P.J. Shirley-Quirk M\*,  
 FM,C\*,P\*,GS; J.P. Skidmore M\*,FM,C\*,P\*,GS;  
 D.J. Winter M,FM,C\*,P,GS; G.J.G. Davies M,C,  
 P; I.R. Dempsey M,C,P; M. Grubnic E\*,M\*,  
 P\*,GS; D.O. Hellier Ger,M,P,GS; R.C. Ireland  
 E\*,M,P,GS; J.D. Lambert M,P; P.M. Lees M,C,P;  
 M.P. Niekirk M,C,P\*; P.A. Slater M\*,C\*,P\*;  
 P.J. Woodruff M\*,C,P\*,GS; P.A. Bell E,P;  
 P. Clarke C,P; R.M. Forsdyke P; S.M. Grace  
 M\*,C\*,P\*,GS; D.A.R. Hamilton M,C,P\*,GS; S.C.  
 Church M\*,C\*,P\*,GS.

#### 'O' LEVEL RESULTS 1981

500 Grade A passes were achieved by the RGS 'O' level candidates in the 1981 Examinations, with the Mathematics Department again sweeping the honours with 98 of the 180 success grades in Maths in the top 'A' bracket. The average number of A-C passes per candidate was again just under eight. Ian Buxton of Gosling Grove, High Wycombe, who achieved a clean sweep of 9 A's had the distinction of putting up a remarkable performance in the Nuffield 'O' level Physics. The Chief Examiner issued a special letter of congratulation on his gaining 100% in both the 'O' level Nuffield Physics papers, coming first in the country out of 27,000 candidates. Peter Steggle of Overdales, Hazelmere, who got eight Grade A's, had the distinction of coming sixth in the country.

The following boys obtained Grade C or above in five or more subjects in the G.C.E. Ordinary Level Examinations:-

N. Ahmad (8); A.N. Bell (9); I.M. Bell (9);  
 J.B. Dickins (8); S.M. Fenwick (9); M.G. Foden (9);  
 M.L. Free (7); A.J. Fuller (9); M.J. Garratt (10);  
 A.R. Harrison (8); J.C. Heather (7); W. Heyes (7);  
 H.U.M. Hoefle (8); M.R. Irons (6); R.W.L. Jarman  
 (7); T.E. Jones (9); A.J.P.M. Keohane (8);  
 C.G. Leggett (8); G.W. Lewis (7); R.J. Morris (9);  
 A.D.S. Neish (6); R. O'Connor (10); R.W. Phipps  
 (8); P. Steggle (9); N.M. Trott (8); A.L. Tully (5);  
 R.M. Walsh (8); B.L. Warmer (7); A. Whalen (7);  
 S.P. Wilson (9); M.P. Wise (8); M.J. Austin (9);  
 T.H.C. Berendt (9); A.J. Bobath (9); I.P. Buxton

(9); P.B. Channing (9); A.D. Clifford (9);  
 P.A. Cooke (8); M.P. Craik (9); A.G. Crighton (9);  
 U. Ekelund (10); W.M.L. Finlay (9); J.D. Forbes  
 (8); D.R. Griffin (9); N.S. Harris (8); L.E.J. Howes  
 (8); M.J.R. Letheren (9); T.W. McCallum (9);  
 J.R. McDonald (8); D.W. McLaughlin (8); J.I. Miller  
 (9); L.P.S. Nielsen (9); S.A. Rose (9);  
 R.C.J. Sharples (9); C.J.R. Smith (8); M.G. Smith  
 (8); A.S. Teasdale (9); V.S. Thompson (9);  
 S.M. Truman (8); I.M. Ventham (8); D.A.P. Angus  
 (10); P.R. Boggan (5); P.D. Carr (10); B.P. Church  
 (6); S.T. Cope (9); R.M. Dawe (9); R.W. Fairbrother  
 (9); R.J. Frost (9); S.T. Greer (7); J.R. Harris (6);  
 J.N. Hopcraft (7); P.D. Hosking (7); M.V.A. Howe  
 (8); F.R.H. Johnson-Parry (5); I.M. Johnston (8);  
 R.W. Jones (6); P.A. Lipton (7); G.D. Meyrick (8);  
 A.P. Mitchell (10); S.R. Oliver (7); D. Outhwaite (8);  
 P.W. Painter (7); A.G. Painton (6); C.A.F. Pinder  
 (9); D.J. Potter (8); S.F. Prior (9); A.M. Reed (5);  
 N.S. Roberts (9); I.D. Rundle (6); J.V.C. Scott (5);  
 R.M. Twissell (7); C.D.B. Walker (10); S.M. Bown  
 (10); M.A.J. Brown (5); B.M.W. Churchill (8);  
 J. Clarke (6); R.N.S. Elder (9); M.R. Garrety (8);  
 H.J. George (6); A.N. Hall (9); P. Halliday (9);  
 M.E. Hayward (7); R.W. Heath (7); D.J. Heather  
 (7); J.M. Horsburgh (7); S.J.F. Irvine (9);  
 R.L. Jolly (10); H.R. Jones (8); A.N.P. Kelly (9);  
 I.J. Morris (9); J.L. Roberts (9); O.G. Roberts  
 (9); J.M. Rudd (10); P.C. Rugg (9); R.C. Simcock  
 (7); M.E. Sullivan (10); N.P. Tilley (8); A. Turner  
 (7); S.R.B. Wilson (8); K.A. Wright (5);  
 J.P.L. Bargh (8); A.T. Brown (7); R.M. Camplisson  
 (7); P.A. Chapman (9); D.C. Clark (9); R.S. Franks  
 (6); S.K. Izzard (6); T.H. Jones (7); J.A. Keen (8);  
 J.C. King (6); M.A. Knight (9); C.P. Lambert  
 (8); A.B. Marsland (7); I. McCormick (9);  
 M.J.B. McDermott (6); S.A. Newport (6); R. Peatey  
 (9); C.J. Pilling (8); I.M. Sadgrove (5);  
 P.F. Shrimpton (7); S.A. Steel (9); C. Thurston (6);  
 D.G. Webb (7); C.R.J. White (7); M.J. Barnard (8);  
 J.C. Blackburn (6); H.R.D. Dixon (6); G.D. Edwards  
 (9); A.P.K. Fontana (8); P.T. Gudge (5);  
 J.S. Hinch (5); B.J. Horsfield (5); T.J. Knott (7);  
 J.M.C. Lister (7); D.L. Marshall (8); C.B. Morgan  
 (6); S.C. Read (9); I.D. Rose (5); I. Russell (9);  
 R.A. Stanners (7); M.A. Taplin (7); R.C.W. Thomas  
 (7); N.M.P. Tolkien (7); D.W. Veitch (10);  
 J.K. Walshe (8); R.H. Warren (7); D.C. Westgate  
 (7); M.J. Dargan (5).

# Sport

## Rugby

### 1ST XV

Played — 22	Drawn — 1
Won — 17	For — 354
Lost — 4	Against — 217

This season has seen another good set of results from the 1st XV. All players showed commendable spirit and sportsmanship.

With three players from last year's 1st XV staying on to do Oxbridge, and ten more who had played for last year's 1st XV as well, success was to be expected. We won a series of early games, and achieved a memorable victory over Emanuel. It would be fair to say that this is the school's major fixture, and one which is anticipated with pleasure and played with ferocity. The game did credit to both sides, and the result will be remembered by the players for a long time to come. The rest of the season saw more notable victories, including one against a strong Old Boys XV.

To balance our success there were some losses. The first of these was against an outstanding Tiffin side. Their victory was well deserved and we must consider ourselves fortunate to have seen one of England's best school sides in such devastating form. Other losses were caused perhaps less by the opposition and more by our own disappointing lapses.

The side has been one with an exceptionally high standard of individual skill. Everyone who represented the 1st XV should be proud that they did so. However, certain individuals deserve particular praise. Congratulations must go to Andy Cheesewright for reaching the South of England trial. Throughout the season Andy showed himself to be an aggressive player who gained the respect and affection of all his colleagues. Nigel Topping, Dick Jones, and Graham McGregor did well to fill in successfully for Oxbridge candidates Graham Wright, Nick Smith, and Robert Davies, whose rugby skill was as impressive as their academic prowess. Congratulations must also go to Toby Howick for winning the 'most consistent player' award; he richly deserved this recognition of his fine defensive qualities and exciting flair in attack. Martin Gillingham was an excellent vice-captain and top points scorer for his third consecutive year.

To Mr. Stubbs and Mr. Gamester go the team's thanks for their coaching, their unselfishness is greatly appreciated. Finally, good luck to next year's 1st XV!

MAX WELBY

### 2nd XV

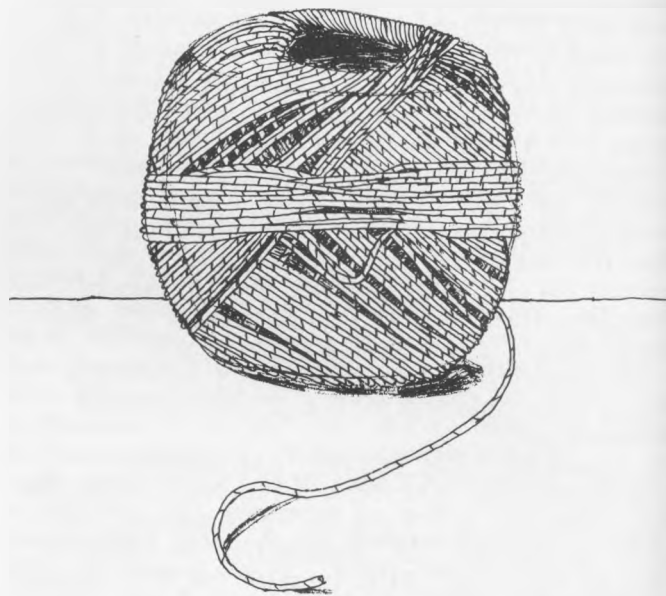
Played 16
Won 13
Lost 3

At the beginning of the season the depth of talent in the 'seconds' suggested that a clean sweep of victories might be possible. However, the final balance-sheet records a tally of thirteen victories and only three losses — no mean achievement in itself. The season kicked off to a good start with five wins on the trot, beating such formidable opposition as Lord Williams, Thame and Emanuel. Around about mid-season the tide of success was stemmed when we lost in quick succession to Tiffin School, Sir William Borlase and Aylesbury G.S. Defeat by Tiffin was not entirely unexpected as

they have an excellent reputation and we earned credit by keeping the margin of victory close. However, defeat at the hands of our two local rivals was somewhat disappointing — especially considering that Aylesbury only won by one point!

The key to our success was good teamwork coupled with that vital ingredient, a healthy 'team spirit'. Indeed, teamwork produced many spectacular tries with the ball being claimed in the loose play by the forwards and then moved from one side of the pitch to the other, through many pairs of hands, until a gap in the defence provided the scoring chance. Special mention should go to James Martin for his untiring efforts in the front row; Stuart Irvine and Steve Rose, the scrum's power-house; Tony and Jon Marsland, Stuart Baker at scrum-half, and Chris Gooddy, Iain Maclaren and Sean Carter in the backs. A final word of thanks must go to Mr. Learmonth for his unflinching enthusiasm.

ROBERT BULLER



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### 2nd 'B' XV

Played — 18	Lost — 3
Won — 14	For — 458
Drew — 1	Against — 88

Another successful season was marked by the XV winning most of their matches by comfortable margins — notably 58-0 against Sir William Borlase, and 53-3 against St. Bartholomew's; while the worst defeat was 8-20 against Lord Williams early in the season.

The team showed a lot of promise, especially the young backs who worked well together even after Jon Marsland, whose goal kicking had proved valuable early in the season, had been promoted. Tony Davies and Dick Treadwell played very well, with Tony scoring a fine total of points from both tries and kicks. Andy Boyne, scrum-half, added both skill and enthusiasm to the team's performance, as well as many points.

The forwards also played well throughout the season, despite losing players to other teams — most notable was the fiery aggression and height at lineouts of Stuart

Irvine; his replacement, Steve Truman, proved just as capable. All the other forwards worked hard to set up chances for our backs, though this did not prevent them from scoring themselves. Peter Price had a very good season, amassing points from tries and place kicking.

The most promising feature of the team was its total commitment and spirit, even with an unsettled team. This was shown particularly in the tight game against Windsor, in which we finally won 16-8 after an exciting game which could have gone either way.

Finally, I must thank all the players and reserves and especially Mr. Chamberlain for refereeing the home matches.

PETER STUDER

<b>U15 XV</b>	Played — 15	Lost — 6
	Won — 9	For — 287
	Drew — 0	Against — 173

The season has been one of mixed fortunes which nevertheless produced some fine rugby. The pack in the set-pieces worked well, Chris Buss and Malcolm Lewis adding valuable weight, but in open play the mobility of the group was sometimes suspect. Special mention must be made of Jonathen Barr's fine mauling, and the consistent effort of Michael Cartwright as hooker.

Our half-backs were not always as quick in distribution as one would wish, but some intelligent kicking by Simon Alway and Sean Sawyer did produce some important tries.

Although the back division has shown much variation over the season, flashes of pace and accurate passing have been reported, Tim Grimmett and Chris Kennedy being often far too quick for the opposition. Our defence has sadly lacked determination and commitment in the tackle, often resulting in scores for the opposition.

In this short report it is impossible to mention every player's contribution to the season, but we should like to thank all those players who turned up for practices, despite not regularly playing for the school. Finally our thanks to Justin Van der Pant for his valuable assistance as captain.

A. WHEELER  
K. GRANT

#### U 14 XV

The Under-14's this year were not an outstanding side, but they played a lot of good rugby and were always difficult to beat. The pack were a capable unit, not match-winners, but full of endeavour. Props Philip Harrison and Matthew Stone were sound scrummagers and lively in the loose; Alexis Read was a sharp hooker. Alex Welby at No. 8 was the biggest and strongest forward, but at lock and flank forward the team did not have quite the right requirements. However, Nicholas McLaughlin at lock and Brian Wright on the flank performed creditably. James McNaughton (lock), Fraser Phillips (lock) and Paul Churn (flanker) were the most regular other contenders and worked hard.

The team had excellent half backs in the delightful skills of Paul Miller, the captain, at scrum half, and in the exceptional speed and powerful boot of the promising James Cook at fly-half.

At inside centre David Hooper was an excellent link man, and Neil Cook showed skill and pace at outside centre. The leading try-scorer was Alan Rowland on the right wing. His pace and strength were exciting assets. On the other wing, Richard Chuter showed a

useful turn of speed, and the team was completed at full back by Mark Uphill, who loved to counter-attack.

At times the back play reached very pleasing standards. If the team as a whole can continue to develop their tackling and if the forwards can work at securing possession in the line-out and, particularly, in the loose, they can look forward to real success next season.

A big thank you to all for the good rugby they played, and for their regular attendance and hard work in training.

S.R. GOLDTHORPE

#### U-13 RUGBY

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
'A' XV	8	6	1	1	197	38
'B' XV	6	3	0	3	88	84

After several weeks of training we opened with the traditional fixture against Watford G.S. Although dominating the game territorially, we failed to score, and a 0-0 draw resulted. We then defeated a disappointing Lord Williams' 28-0 and St. Bartholomew's, Newbury 36-4. The only defeat was against Sir William Borlase School 8-10. This was another game in which we failed to turn pressure into points. However, this defeat hurt a confident team and as a result all our future opponents suffered as we went on to comfortable wins over Gunnersbury (26-6), William Ellis (40-0), Aylesbury G.S. (20-6) and Rickmansworth (39-12).

The Captain and scrum-half, Fountain, led by example, scoring ten times. Three wing three-quarters, Stanworth, Heasman, and Hoggan were used and they scored five tries. Pond at fly-half and Oliver at inside centre were excellent handlers of the ball, and Currie's strong running at outside centre secured him seven tries. Flankers Clegg, Eales, Farrell, and Cadet were quick and alert and Tapley, a determined No. 8 scored six tries. The pack contained a formidable front five in Hamp, Godfrey, Wigham (four tries), Bennett, and an excellent pack leader in Jordan (four tries). At full-back Altern tackled well.

The 'B' XV had a mixed season largely due to the team failing to take advantage of good possession. Baker was a capable captain, well supported by Campbell in the pack and Smith in the backs. My thanks go to Mr. Stubbs who led the training of the squad until the first match and to Mr. Moffatt who enthusiastically looked after the 'B' XV. We shall all watch with interest as potentially one of the best squads for many years makes its way up through the School.

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R.J. DOSSER

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A.D.N. STOCKER



# Cricket

<b>1st XI—1981</b>	Results:	
	Won — 5	Abandoned — 3
	Lost — 1	Cancelled — 2
	Drawn — 9	

1981 was a 1st XI season to remember. The batting was particularly strong, with 7 batsmen making 17 fifties between them. The side was bowled out only once, and lost only 5 wickets per game on average. Over 30 runs per wicket were scored at a rate approaching 4 runs per over. Several tail-end batsmen were hardly ever required.

The bowling attack was strong and difficult to score runs against on most occasions, but it lacked a little penetration and tactical variety. Hence there were too many drawn games.

Only one defeat was sustained, in the closing overs v. Watford G.S. by the margin of just 10 runs. The 9th RGS wicket fell in unfortunate circumstances, when Paul Brown was run out whilst backing up at the non-striker's end — before the delivery of the ball. However, Watford fought hard all the way and deserved credit for their success.

The Captain, Philip Newport, completed a remarkable schoolboy career by playing for the full Bucks side, by touring Denmark with the NCA, and by winning a contract to play county cricket with Worcestershire. We shall follow his future with great interest. He leaves school as one of the finest ever RGS cricketers.

Stephen Noyes, the vice-captain, gained the great distinction of representing the NAYC at Lord's v MCC Schools and scored 47; with 5 fifties for the school, he had a fine season. No doubt other honours will follow in 1982, when he will captain the 1st XI.

John Coles, who opened the bowling with Philip Newport, was also selected to represent a full Bucks side. It must be a long time since two RGS schoolboys played full county representative cricket in the same year.

Other members of the 1st XI won glittering prizes too, representing either the senior Bucks Schools side or the Bucks Young Amateurs. They were: Simon Hargreaves, Jon Atkins, Peter Cowdery and Gareth Evans. Others may yet represent County youth sides in 1982.

Full school colours were awarded to: Murray Scott, Paul Brown, Terry Norris, and Gareth Evans. Half colours were awarded to: Mark Sullivan, Stewart Newport, Richard Jones, Andrew Campbell, Peter Price, Guy Lewis, David Falconer and Ian Wagge.

Congratulations to all these and to all senior cricketers, who contributed to a highly successful and very enjoyable season.

Valete: Philip Newport, Murray Scott, Jeremy Scriven, Simon Hargreaves, Paul Brown, John Coles, Terry Norris, Conrad Gamble, Ian Wagge, Alan Greene, Jeremy Stokes and Andrew Frost. Best wishes to all.

## 1st XI Averages

Batting	
S.J. Noyes	416 runs @ 52.0
P.J. Newport	371 runs @ 37.1
J.M.R. Scriven	204 runs @ 34.0
J.D. Atkins	420 runs @ 30.0
J.M. Coles	114 runs @ 28.5

M.J. Scott	363 runs @ 25.9
G. Evans	180 runs @ 25.7
P. Cowdery	213 runs @ 21.3

Bowling	
P.J. Brown	28 wkts @ 10.6
P.J. Newport	15 wkts @ 13.7
J.M. Coles	13 wkts @ 14.1
M. Sullivan	19 wkts @ 16.5
S.J. Noyes	12 wkts @ 18.2

(Footnote: In something like 60 1st XI games Philip Newport scored almost 1600 runs and took 104 wickets.)

S.R. GOLDTHORPE

<b>2nd XI</b>	Played — 13
	Won — 8
	Lost — 1
	Drawn — 3

Once again the XI enjoyed a successful season: our only defeat, against Watford, was a magnificent game in which Alan Greene's all-round performance snatched defeat from the jaws of victory.

The outstanding player of the year was Ian Wagge with 34 wickets at 6.06 apiece, including 9-15 against Dr. Challoner's. These, however, were not the only outstanding figures as Conrad Gamble returned 7-8 against Hampton and P. Brown 6-6 against John Hampden School.

As a team we never produced the batting performances of which we were capable, but someone always managed to rescue us with a good score. The best performance was by Gareth Evans, who made a superb 89 against Watford, which elevated him to the 1st XI. Stuart Newport and Richard Jones, both fifth formers, batted very creditably all season, each scoring nearly 200 runs.

Team spirit was always high, thanks to the regulars: Gibson-Smith, Beardall, Stokes, Griffin, Marshall, Price; but punctuality was sometimes undermined by the narcotic effect of Mrs. Campbell's coffee.

Vice-Captain Andrew Campbell had a disastrous season with the 'pad', but his advice was always shrewd and knowledgeable.

Many thanks to Mr. Chamberlain for his efforts in umpiring and organizing; to Mr. Goldthorpe for his interest; to the tea ladies; to the groundsmen and to J. Heather, our faithful scorer.

A. CAMPBELL  
A. GREENE

<b>UNDER 15</b>	Played — 11
	Won — 4
	Lost — 3
	Drawn — 4

From the results it would seem this was a very mixed season, but it was a season of promise, for several of this side should do well in senior cricket. The season climaxed with a great win against RGS Worcester, 210-7 dec — 157 all out.

Barnes, Duncan and Scriven could usually be relied upon to make runs and Styles and Podesta played useful innings. The main brunt of the bowling was carried by Shave, Davies and Treadwell but one of our main problems was an inability to get sides out. The fielding was good with Langton outstanding in this respect.

M.W. COOK/J.F. SAMWAYS

**UNDER 14** Played — 14  
 Won — 8  
 Drawn — 1  
 Lost — 5

The team enjoyed a successful season highlighted by winning the final of the Lord's Taverners Colts Trophy Competition against Dr. Challoner's G.S. by 79 runs.

The strength of the team was in the bowling department where Sean Sawyer and Simon Alway proved to be a formidable opening attack, often too good for opposing batsmen. They were supported by a number of other seam bowlers led by James Lawrence, and useful spells of off-spin from Julian Gatward later in the season.

The batting relied to a large extent on Sean Sawyer who played consistently well and scored a fine 93 not out against Emanuel. Useful contributions came from Simon Alway who scored a good 44 against Abingdon School, Justin Van der Pant who made an important 40 in the final, and Adrian Abbott who often opened the innings well. However, there was little depth and loss of early wickets usually resulted in a defeat.

Sean Sawyer and Simon Alway gained valuable experience by sharing the responsibilities of captaincy, and both were selected to represent the County.

Other players to gain regular selection during the season were:

P. Jennings, G. Cann, M. Lane, D. O'Neill, G. Higgins, J. Cobb and G. Weblin.

D.G. STONE

**UNDER 13** Played — 8  
 Won — 6  
 Drawn — 1  
 Lost — 1

This was the U13's best season for many years, the only defeat coming in the game against Watford G.S., where we were bowled out for 7 (seven!) and lost by 10 wickets. Notable wins were against Emanuel and Sir William Borlase while we gained a creditable draw against Abingdon. Many thanks go to Paul Miller (Capt.), James Cook, and Ian Wiles, all of whom represented the County, and to Mike Read, Daren Blaker, Alex Welby, Paul Hammond, Nick Ball, Nicholas Goodwin, Steven Baxter, Nick McLaughlin, Trevor Charles, Robert Cleary and Simon Gamble for their efforts throughout the season. The team abounds with talent for next season.

S.J. GRUNDY  
 R.J. DOSSER

## Athletics 1981

### REPORT

The 1981 season produced 8 school records — 5 in open events by Barry Marsden, Martin Gillingham and David Gower.

The School won the District Sports for the 8th year in a row, with J. Read and T.J. Grimmett showing outstanding promise.

M. Gillingham went forward to the All-England Schools, where he came fifth in the 400m. hurdles in a time of 55.7 seconds. In the A.A.A. championships he went one step better, when he achieved fourth place in 54.4. It will be interesting to see how much he can improve in the 1982 season.

D. GOWER



# Basketball

**UNDER 19** Played — 9  
Won — 8  
Lost — 1

As shown by the results, this year has again been a successful one, although it could be said that the lack of tough local opposition never really stretched the team, thus making it more difficult when we came up against stronger schools in the National Schools Competition. However, we did manage to reach the last sixteen where we were beaten by Gravesend School, while in the Bucks Cup we defeated Aylesbury G.S. in the final, keeping up our 100% record in this competition.

Much of this year's success was due to Steve Carter's impressive points accumulation in matches, so much so that he went on to represent England at U-17 level.

Paul Cooke, with his all-round talents (he wrote that bit) was unlucky to be nominated for just the one office, i.e. fixture secretary; however, Mike Wensel, in his last year, (a real loss) fulfilled the role of vice-captain admirably(?). John Adey, who is presumably leaving this year, and Giles Britton both proved to be valuable first five players. Other team members included Jim Hopcraft, Jon Marsland, Simon Reid, Andie Fuller and Andrew Reed.

Thanks must again go to Mr. Stubbs for his invaluable support and ability to endure Mike's singing while driving.

GARETH EVANS (Capt.)

**UNDER 16** Played — 7  
Won — 3  
Lost — 4

After two seasons without defeat, this year was rather a disappointment. We lost our first two games against relatively easy opposition, the second game being the first round of the Bucks Cup. With Steve Carter back in our side we managed to reach the last sixteen in the

national competition, easily beating teams from Reading and Andover before losing to King Edward's, Birmingham 60-76 in the next round. In two other games the team lost to Misbourne but beat Cestreham School.

The team was S. Carter, N. Topping, R. Treadwell, J. Marsland, A. Knox, P. Read, S. Carter, S. Ellis, H. Drewett, G. Britton. Thanks to Mr. Learmonth and Mr. File who helped throughout the season.

GILES BRITTON

## UNDER 15

The U-15 Basketball team had a very successful season, the climax of which was winning the U-15 Bucks Cup. We beat Aylesbury G.S. over a two-legged final, both legs having to be played at Aylesbury. After losing in the first leg by just 2 points, (after extra time), the team showed character by winning the second leg convincingly by a margin of 20 points.

The team won all but 2 of its matches, showing throughout the season great strength in defence and considerable skill in attack.

The players were: S. Alway (Capt.), S. Sawyer, D. O'Neill, T. Grimmett, J. Van der Pant, M. Cartwright, D. Capel, A. Cooney, N. De Luca and J. Davis. They wish to express their thanks to Mr. Mason.

S. ALWAY

## UNDER 14

A disappointing season without a win in 8 matches. The squad have never been beaten by more than 10 points but have been unable to put on the pressure when required. The main defect has been in poor finishing.

If we had scored the same percentage of baskets from attempts as the other teams we would have won a number of games. We dominated games against Gt. Marlow, Brenchwood, Raans, and Challoners, but on each occasion lost narrowly.

M.G. MILL

# Fencing

This year we have won half our matches. This might not seem as good a record as we have had in the past but must be set against the fact that we now have a much tougher fixture list. We lost to Douai, Wellington, and Winchester, but won both our matches against Radley and also won at Pangbourne and Marlborough.

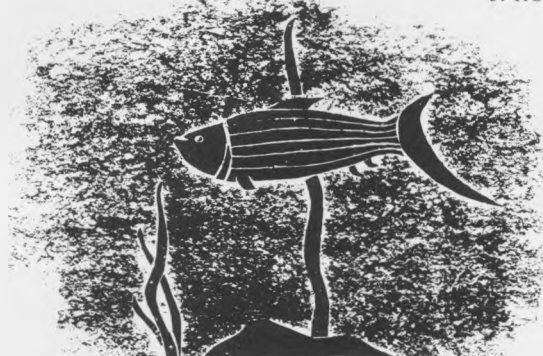
Competition results have also had their ups and downs. Andrew Slade took third place in the BB and O under 18 foil (he should have won it), but put that right in the Southern under 18 epee which he won. On the strength of that he went to the Nationals at Leicester where he failed by one indicator point to reach the semi-finals. This is the furthest that anyone from the RGS has reached in a national final. Andrew also did well in the Southern under 18 sabre where he took fourth place. His aggregate of places gave him second place in the Master at Arms competition; another best-yet result for the RGS. As a result of his all-round ability Andrew was selected to fence in a Southern Section team against Normandy in early April.

A good omen for the future was Adrian Griffin's fifth place in the Southern under 16 foil (especially as he is still under 15). Consequently, he went to the

national finals in Huddersfield. The under 14s were determined not to be left out of the act and filled half the places in the final pool of the BB and O foil. Unfortunately this 'packing' did not produce any medals, but it seems to have generated a great deal of enthusiasm.

Finally, I would like to thank Andrew Slade for his captaincy this year. Also my thanks go to those who are leaving and who have given the school good service; Jon Adey, Stuart Baker and Mike Preston.

J. ROEBUCK



"Fish" A. Hammersley 2 GH

# Tennis

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st TEAM	12	9	2	1
COLTS	8	3	1	4

The 1st VI, captained by John Owen, had an excellent season, losing only the one game to Highgate School with a much weakened team. John Owen and Chris Smith were again in unbeatable form. The Lockhart twins, Ian Morgan and Tim Cook supported extremely well. Chris Smith is playing, at 17, many tournaments at home and abroad.

In the Clark Cup, the National Open School Doubles competition, we reached the final only to lose to Repton School. Congratulations to Chris Smith and John Owen, for this was our first appearance in the final. We look forward to the 1982 season for our 1st VI has not changed.

The Colts had a commendable season, with Jeremy Morris and Simon Oliver supporting the team in most matches.

S.J. GRUNDY

# Cross-Country

This season produced the strongest senior team for many seasons. David Gower in his 6th season for the school led by example while Tim Scott, a fine all-round athlete, was usually close behind. Both boys represented the County in the National Schools' Competition at Sheffield, David finishing 106th place out of 44 county teams of 8.

Ian Hoddell also gave valuable support while Jimmy Read of the fifth form looks an outstanding prospect

for the next two years. Neil Elder emerged as a leading team-member during the season in which our finest result was 2nd place in the Judge Cup run at Richmond Park.

In the School Open David Gower won for the third time running, and Jimmy Read pushed Tim Scott back into third place, the only time he has beaten him this year.

I.J. WILSON

# Badminton

The team enjoyed a fairly successful season winning 7 out of our 10 fixtures, with James Lawrence of the 4th form and Adam Turner of the 3rd form showing great potential. James is a County player, playing in the U/15 and U/16 Teams. In the 1982 Bucks Junior Restricted U/16 he reached the semi-finals in the singles and was runner-up in the doubles. Adam won the Bucks Restricted U/14 Singles, thus retaining his position as No. 1 in the County. He also won the National Association of Youth Clubs U/14 Singles and the Bucks Association of Youth Clubs U/14 Singles and Mixed.

Peter Cowdery remained cool, calm and collected under all circumstances and also played consistently. Stuart Cooper was at all times efficient and was a great help to me all season. Mr. White-Taylor meanwhile was full of vitality and always took an active interest in wins, losses, and administrative problems.

My thanks to everyone who played and helped this season, especially Peter, Stuart and Mr. White-Taylor (our own perennial super-master).

DAVID FALCONER (Capt.)

## TOBELAN

*Tobelan, the king of mountains, towers  
Over towns and vales and villages low,  
Glaring at Nature's bounteous green bowers,  
And the beautiful mountain-streams fast flow.*

*Its icing-topped and craggy summit huge,  
Its wavering green tree-belt striving high,  
Its havens few, the animals' refuge,  
Its pinnacles mute-threatening the sky.*

*Often can the summit scarcely be seen,  
Enshrouded by layers of clammy cloud,  
That blow away to show an apex clean,  
Forever jagged, sombre, brooding, proud.*

*Tobelan, the king of mountains, towers;  
Looks at all the world beaneath and glowers.*

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# Hockey

<b>1st XI</b>	Played — 19	Lost — 2
	Won — 13	For — 52
	Drawn — 4	Against — 20

The RGS 1st XI enjoyed another successful season this year, highlighted by a fine win in the High Wycombe Schools Tournament in October when we defeated close rivals Aylesbury G.S. 1-0 in the final. The highpoint of the tournament was, however, a fine 6-0 victory against Burnham G.S.

The team achieved good results against a strong Kingston G.S. 1-1, Sir William Borlase whom we beat twice, Aylesbury G.S. in a closely contested game winning 2-0, and two resounding victories against Leighton Park 9-1, and Dr. Challoners 6-1. The team held together well despite the loss of the effervescent captain Paul Brown at Christmas when Jon Atkins took over the captaincy from goal. Dave Barnes, Steve Langton and Steve Maynard showed considerable potential representing the 1st XI while still in the Fifth Form. Ewan Lockhart was the season's top scorer amassing 23 goals — it's good to see he's not all mouth. The team suffered two defeats against strong opposition from Haberdashers and Watford G.S.

From the 1st XI D. Barnes, S. Langton and S. Maynard represented Bucks U-16 while J. Atkins, T. Berendt, E. Lockhart and T. Mehmood represented Bucks U-19. As a result, Jon Atkins and Ewan Lockhart were selected to play for the South East, and Jon Atkins, who performed at a consistently high standard throughout the season, was selected for an England trial.

Thanks must go to Roy Page who did a lot to make the season enjoyable in his last season as team manager, Frank Wheeler, Malcolm Cook and Roy Cook for umpiring, and the groundsmen for some excellent pitches.

Team: J. Atkins, L. Vouë, T. Berendt, A. Griffin, D. Barnes, G. Lewis, M. Hunnibell, T. Mehmood, E. Lockhart, S. Langton, T. Mann, S. Maynard, M. Sullivan, A. Fuller, T. Cooke and C. Walker.

<b>2nd XI</b>	Played — 18	Lost — 5
	Won — 12	For — 59
	Drawn — 1	Against — 24

The team played with great spirit deserving their success, and adjusting well to the many team changes through the year. There was some fine defensive play by Max Fox and Andie Fuller and up front the scoring ability of Richard Jolly could usually be relied upon. The many positions of John Jolly and Chris Baxter were a great help at filling up any gaps in the team.

Tim Cook and Dugald Lockhart dominated the mid-field, Mark Bond and Tim Read played well down the left and Chris Walker was quite good at hitting out the short-corners!

Altogether it was a very enjoyable and friendly season and thanks must go to Mr. Pantridge from all the team for his constant enthusiasm throughout. Team Members: J. Walshe, M. Fox, A. Fuller, T. Cook, M. Walshe, J. Bargh, C. Walker, J. Jolly, R. Jolly, C. Baxter, S. Ennis, D. Lockhart, T. Read, M. Bond, R. McClure.

M. WALSHE (Captain)

<b>3rd XI</b>	Played — 6	Lost — 4
	Won — 2	For — 7
	Drawn — 0	Against — 19

The newly-formed 3rd XI had a very enjoyable season, with many sixth-formers who had not previously played for a school hockey team being introduced into the side. The twenty players who represented the team in the six games that were played all performed creditably and with evident enthusiasm, and I am pleased that they benefited from the experience.

I.A. RODGER

<b>UNDER 16</b>	Played — 5	Lost — 3
	Won — 1	For — 10
	Drawn — 1	Against — 14

Considering the team which consisted at times of 4 county players (D. Barnes, S. Langton, R. Ryll, S. Maynard) these were most disappointing results. The strength of the team though, augurs well for the senior teams.

Thanks go to A. Medhurst, G. Williams, R. Malaure, J. Ives, P. Cusdin, P. Grimmett, T. Scriven, R. Griffiths, N. Cole, for their contributions to the team.

S. GRUNDY

<b>UNDER 15</b>	Played — 9	Lost — 5
	Won — 2	For — 11
	Drawn — 2	Against — 18

Poor weather broke the continuity of the season and made it difficult to improve the understanding between players, with consequently disappointing results. However, several players improved considerably during the year.

The team performances were variable but players were encouraged by defeating Oxford School with a goal in the last minute, and Becket's School.

The best hockey of the season was in a 2-1 defeat by a strong Stowe side. Other matches were lost by the margin of a single goal which shows how important it is to take goal scoring chances when they come. The only occasion when the side was outplayed came in the match against Aylesbury G.S. when we were heavily defeated. Key players were unavailable for this game and weakened teams were fielded in other matches because of illness and other commitments. Those who came in at short notice deserved thanks, but the enforced changes definitely affected the team performance.

I hope that all players will work hard next season at improving the basic skills and teamwork which are necessary to perform well in this sport.

David Capel, Michael Farmer, Nicholas White and Jonathan Wilkins are all to be congratulated on their selection for the Bucks Under 15 team.

I would like to thank Nicholas White for his efforts as team captain and Mr. Clark for helping with the umpiring.

D.G. STONE

## UNDER 14

Played — 3    Lost — 3  
Won — 0      Cancelled — 11

A nucleus of thirty boys joined the set in September 1981 and soon showed signs of promise in the early weeks of training. Our first match in the middle of November was cancelled due to a waterlogged pitch. The other fixture before Christmas was against Sir William Borlase, who beat us convincingly.

In the Spring term, many of our fixtures were cancelled or postponed, because of snow or the inability of the opponents to raise a team. Even the postponed fixtures ended up by being cancelled,

because of the wet nature of the pitches. Only two matches in the whole term were played, against Stowe and Merchant Taylors.

Although we lost all three school matches in the season they were against strong opposition. The team also played in a mini-tournament at Bisham Abbey on the all-weather pitch. In this, they showed potential and ended 3rd out of six teams. With a little more practice and experience the group should develop well.

The team was selected mainly from: Beckford, Bourne, Pope, Dibb, Pack, Somerville, Badger, Hayward, Word, Charles, Prior, Medhurst, Ormiston.

A.J. SOLLARS

## Fives

### REPORT 1981-82

“Smash it in the buggie, Dave .... come on High Wycombe, points .... two good cuts, Barry .... foot!” This is the language of Fives, which despite the wayward litter from the canteen dustbins, flourishes at R.G.S. every lunchtime and on Thursday afternoons. The concrete floor of our courts has developed a few more cracks but still allows very good play, while the angle of the ledges at R.G.S. causes the ball to bounce high. We have seen some fast and intriguing rallies which seemed to go on and on, a tribute to the endurance of Tim Scott, until the hard white ball was finally killed behind the buttress. Some R.G.S. players can produce devastatingly fierce cuts and this has proved to be one of the main strengths of our team.

The Captain of Fives is Barry Marsden (6MS2) and the Vice-captain is David Falconer (6EC2). These boys play as our First Senior Pair and they must be congratulated on their willingness to help train younger boys and pick successful teams. We recently sent four pairs to Marlborough College where we demonstrated our superiority by winning all of the games played. This year we have had our customary fixtures with Mill Hill School, Highgate, Harrow and Eton. On each occasion there was at least one match which was so close and so tough that it lasted for three hours. Our team members are always ready to forego their tea

rather than concede defeat. Because our courts at R.G.S. are still not covered and therefore subject to the whims of the weather we usually arrange away fixtures. We have become familiar with a lot of different courts and schools, and particularly enjoy the courts at Harrow which are reached by climbing down one hundred concrete steps. These courts are used not only by Harrow School but also by the Hill Club, a team of adults. We have played this club several times now and usually win, demonstrating that in Fives it is often speed and agility which counts. At home our First Senior Pair has won matches against Wolverhampton Grammar School, probably our most formidable challengers, and against members of the E.F.A. At present our 1981-82 score sheet reads: Played 10; Won 4; Drawn 4; Lost 2.

Matches are arranged within year groups and played out during the lunch break. This term the Third Year Competition has been won by 3DK and our Fifth Year stars, Steven Ellis and David Barnes, both of 5SE, look poised to win their competition. It is during such lunchtime contests that the game is passed on. We are always glad when junior boys want to start playing. Some members of the Eton Fives Association committee who live locally have offered some evening coaching sessions. The future of Fives at R.G.S. is looking healthy.

T.J. DURBIN

## Orienteering

The Orienteering club can boast yet another successful year with members showing greater ability to locate the elusive foot square red and white markers as the year progresses.

With two badge schemes now being run a number of events have been entered by the club, whose numbers have been swelled by newcomers from the senior school. Emphasis has changed this year to the more challenging British Orienteering Federation (BOF) events. Unfortunately, the first one attempted, at Edgbarrow Star, was marred by a heavy snowfall making navigation practically impossible over the marsh land on which the courses were run. Fortunately no one got seriously lost, hypothermia being the only problem.

In the second BOF event entered, the Chiltern Challenge, which had 2000 entries, the club was more successful. M. Letheren, who was awarded half-

colours, came 18th in the 8 km course, while all other members completed their courses gaining valuable experience.

The Colour Coded Badge events, in which competitors have to beat a par time on three courses within a year attempted include, Shotover, Bernwood Forest, Marlow Common and Blenheim Palace. So far M. Letheren has earned the Red Badge (6 km) and C. Cox the Orange Badge (4 km), while other members have almost completed the requirements for the awards.

Many thanks must go yet again to Messrs Boutland, Crease and Sollars for their skilful navigation of the local lanes.

M.J.R. LETHEREN, 6B

## Boat Club

The 1981 rowing season cannot be described as the Boat Club's most successful, since there was only one regatta victory in it. This occurred at Hereford Schools' Regatta, where the 1st Four, (Simon Mullett, Stuart Curzon, David Davies, Neil Warren and Matthew Hough) won three races to win the Schools' 1st Fours' event, and become Senior C oarsmen. However, though during the rest of the season they won numerous races, they were never consistent (or fast?) enough to win a Senior C event. The J.16 four, (Steven Bown, Martin Howgate, Ira Morris, Owen Roberts and Philip Rugg) should really have had a much more successful season than they did. If only they'd worked harder! Twice they reached the Final of a Novice event only to lose to crews they could certainly have beaten with a more aggressive attitude. This year, though, they look much more confident ... and fitter. The J.15 four, (H. Drewett, J. Dible, G. Ware, C. Lucas and T. Lohmann) after some early successes at Hereford, never fulfilled their potential, and seemed to lose confidence later in the

season. This year, with Ware retiring "hurt", they have been forced to become a 5th/6th form composite with Colin Pinder replacing him. They look a promising 2nd four, even though they can only row together at weekends.

So ... what of the coming season? Both the 1st and 2nd fours are Novices, which should introduce some needle into the first few regattas: the sooner one of them wins, the better. The remaining J.16 crew has yet to make its regatta debut, but they have worked hard to overcome their shortcomings, and deserve success. This year's J.15 squad is mainly notable for their small numbers and the lack of dedication among some of its members, which has been a handicap to the rest. Only time will tell whether this can be surmounted. All in all, the summer promises to be an interesting one ... if you like that sort of thing. Of course, next year, we hope to have a new boat! And who knows what will happen then?

D.J. DAVIES/I.A. BLYTH

## Swimming 1980-81

By the time this is printed we will have taken part in another Swimming Season — for with our outdoor pool, most of our swimming fixtures, swimming awards and inter form competitions take place in this period.

During the Autumn term 1980 we swam in the Bucks Examiner Trophy at Amersham and although our Juniors won both their events, our Seniors were only placed 4th; so we could only manage 2nd equal with Dr. Challoners. Then at the beginning of the summer term before our pool was even functioning we swam against Aylesbury G.S. at Under 16 and Senior level and won both sections and the match. We had other matches against Watford G.S. at Under 14 and Under 16 and again won both sections. Our next match at the same level was against Queen Elizabeth School, Barnet and we lost both sections. They swim the whole year round and this gave them the edge, but the competition made us aware that although we were good, and had some fine swimmers in Christopher Buss, Brian Wright and Simon Lee we still were at a disadvantage when it came to depth of talent. Our Juniors had a match with Aylesbury and lastly we swam at Under 17 and Under 15 level against Sir William Borlase — again we won easily.



We had the usual number of entries for the Survival Examinations, and Long Distance awards, and a few for the advanced Speed Swimming Award.

Brian Wright after taking part in Division 10 went on to the All England and reached the Final in the Free Style being placed 5th.

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## R.G.S. Jazz Band

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Last year saw the return visit of the State School Stompers from Denmark. During their week's stay here they visited many pubs playing to appreciative audiences. Their last concert took place here at the R.G.S. in front of a very attentive, noisy audience. Everyone, including the masters, gave them great support during their stay. For this last report by the

jazz band I would like to take the opportunity of thanking everyone for their support during the life of the R.G.S. J.B. I hope it was thought to be a worthwhile project both in showing another side of the musical life within the R.G.S. and also in livening-up concerts and speech days!

RUSSELL BARR

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## Osnabrück Exchange

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For more than a decade R.G.S. boys and teachers have been taking the day boat from Harwich to the Hook of Holland. We climb aboard the northern express, whose front coach is destined for Moscow, and look for our reserved seats. As the train pulls along we see the greenhouses of Dutch tomato growers, windmills and dykes and watch the sun setting against the fine window panes of elegant homes. When the train crosses the border with West Germany it is the tradition that we cease speaking English and use only German. Soon after 11.30 p.m. we arrive in the main station at Osnabrück where the platform is always crowded with our hosts who all come down to welcome us. By now it is dark; we are tired; we are soon being driven through a quiet city to our new homes.

When we have spent our first night under German feather quilts and refreshed ourselves with good coffee and crisp bread rolls we look outside and discover that the terrain is not unlike the countryside we know in the Chilterns, but somewhat magnified. Osnabrück stands on the edge of the Tentoburgerwald. The first morning in a German family can be quite hard work for R.G.S. boys, who suddenly find new parents and new brothers and sisters all talking at them in German. Everyone always survives and most enjoy the experience. We usually have a meeting within two or three days of our arrival to ensure that everyone has settled in and that there are no particular problems.

Osnabrück is a rather wealthy, industrial city on the

River Hase. The old town with a number of medieval buildings and the busy, modern shopping precinct are closed to traffic. There are decorative lamp posts and big bowls of flowers along the roadside. The city park has fountain displays and open, grassy areas. There is also an underground shopping complex with busy streets and interesting boutiques planned in the North American style. The Osnabrück boys are proud of their football team and many of us have been to the stadium to watch a match. Some of us go to the museums and to the theatre. This interesting building offers opera and musicals as well as plays. The sports facilities are very good. Many English boys have watched international basketball matches in Osnabrück and played soccer in a vast modern gymnasium. The town has several beautiful swimming pools. In Germany everyone must wear a bathing cap! Not far away is the town of Bad Rothenfelde which has a vast pool with artificial waves.

R.G.S. boys spend the first days of their German tour enjoying the Easter holidays with their host families. Some boys make trips to the other big cities like Bremen, Hamburg, Hanover and Münster. We go for walks in the forests and on the Westerberg. Sometimes the boys arrange an international football game. Usually the Easter weekend falls while we are in Germany. Easter is a very important family festival for most Germans. On Easter Sunday each home will usually have a big display of flowers, especially



Forsythia. Among the yellow blooms hang coloured Easter eggs. The Sunday breakfast is a happy occasion. There are chocolate and marzipan eggs by each place and not infrequently other small gifts and surprises. Some of us have experienced an Osnabrück Easter Sunday so warm that we have been able to take our meals in the garden.

A few days after the Easter weekend our partner school reopens. The School is called the Ratsgymnasium. It is situated in the centre of town behind the castle and next to the park and city hall. Like the Royal Grammar School the Ratsgymnasium is a very old foundation. The present buildings are a mixture of old and new. The School is now co-educational at all levels. Classical and modern languages are taught as well as sciences. R.G.S. exchange boys meet the Headmaster, Mr. Ranke, and are helped and looked after by the Head of English, Mr. Meyer-Ohle. Over the years we have made many friends on the staff and even know their nicknames like 'the white giant' and 'the water professor'.

We are given our own form room and R.G.S. boys can often participate in their exchange partners' lessons. Sometimes the Ratsgymnasium band has given a special performance in our honour. The host families usually arrange free bus passes, so that our boys can travel to the School without problems.

The 1981 Osnabrück Exchange was led by Mr. D.C. Boyce. The standard of spoken German among all the boys who went on it had improved noticeably when they returned, and we are grateful to him. In 1982 Miss P.V. Crothers joins our team of teachers leading the

exchange. We feel confident she will enjoy the experience. Mr. D.J. White-Taylor who has made no less than ten visits to Osnabrück and shaken hands with the Mayor on many occasions is working hard to arrange our smooth travel once more, and trips for our German guests to London, Oxford and Windsor. He is by now a well known visitor to Osnabrück's elegant patisserie where his kindness in ordering cheese rolls and coffee for his friends from R.G.S. does not go unnoticed.

The Osnabrück exchange offers R.G.S. boys the opportunity to experience at first hand German hospitality and German family life, to see something of another educational system and to improve their linguistic skills. In this last respect it is a quite invaluable experience for those boys who are thinking of continuing their German studies to 'A' level and beyond. We are continually astonished and pleased to note the idiomatic expressions which our boys remember after eighteen or twenty days in Germany. Watching German T.V. and speaking German in the family makes all the difference when it comes to good grades at 'O' level. The exchange takes place each year between Mid-March and the end of April. The German boys come to High Wycombe first and we return with them to Osnabrück. This year the exchange is costing £68. We think it is good value. It is a pleasure to stand among the welcoming party at High Wycombe station and to make the introductions. We look forward to other happy scenes in 1983.

T.J. DURBIN

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## Geography Field Course — South Wales

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Whoever said that slavery was abolished clearly did not know about RGS Geography field trips. Relief turned to disbelief when we arrived at Penarth to be given our first assignment of work on pro-glacial activity in Herefordshire. It was therefore with much apprehension that we went to the Gower Peninsular the following day to study its varied coastline. However, we soon gained our enthusiasm to get 'stuck in' under the guidance of Mr. Pantridge — always keen to get a closer look at the landscape!

The next day was spent examining extensive limestone cave systems, grit and limestone pavements of the Upper Tawe valley and the spectacular waterfall system of the River Melte, only to be followed by another evening's assignment.

It was a welcome change in the middle of the course to return to civilization with hypothesis testing in Cardiff's central business district following an introductory lecture given by the industrial development officer for South Glamorgan.

The final day in the Brecon Beacons was excellent even though visibility was at times reduced to 20 metres. But with Justin Bargh's compasswork, Miss Cloke's yellow wellies and Mr. Gamester's socks to



guide us through the mist we could not fail. The ever industrious Mr. Meyer led most of us through glaciated valleys to the coach (on time!) whilst a small minority decided to explore the local road network.

The apparently overwhelmed students who began the week, suddenly realised that their teachers had not spent all their time in the student union bar during the half term reconnaissance. Instead, they had prepared a thoroughly enjoyable course with enviable efficiency which is much appreciated.

C. PILLING, 6G

## School Quiz Teams

1981 was an excellent year for the R.G.S. Quiz Teams, seeing success in three major competitions.

Schools Challenge, like Granada T.V.'s 'University Challenge', is a test both of individual knowledge and speed of recall in the 'starter' questions, and of the collective wisdom of the team in the 'bonuses'. Our senior team won the Bucks/Herts region, beating Haberdashers' Aske's School in the final. They then proceeded to the National Finals in Blackpool, where they were runners-up to Monmouth School. One member of the team, Stephen Ennis, was later selected to represent the U.K. in a team which toured Canada.

Team from: Stephen Ennis  
Graham Wright  
Peter Steggles  
Nigel Topping  
Robert Irvine

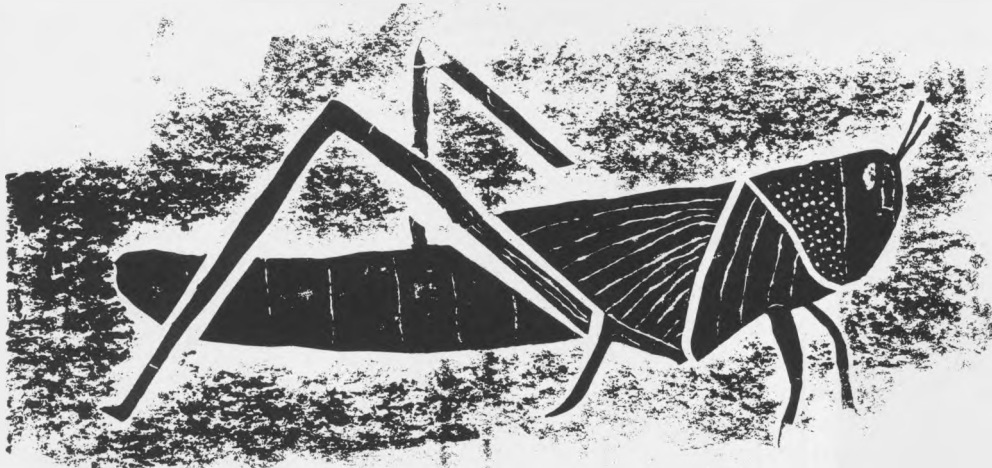
Junior Schools Challenge was a new venture this year, but it proved to be equally successful. Our team easily won their region, and then coasted through the National Finals, winning every game by a margin of at least 400 points. The opponents in the final were Edgarley Hall School from Somerset.

Team: Andrew Hutt  
Chris Nielsen  
Julian Smith  
Alex Welby

Victory was also ours in the Champion School contest run by and in aid of the Royal National Institute for the Blind. This is not a national competition, but is run in the eastern counties from London to Humberside. Unlike Schools Challenge it is based upon individual questions, so each member of the team is 'on the spot' when his turn comes. Our team reached the County Final quite easily, but then faced stiff opposition from Sir Henry Floyd School Aylesbury, whom we eventually beat narrowly. The Regional Finals at Cambridge were organized on a league basis, and we managed to amass a high enough points aggregate to win quite comfortably.

Team: Iain Purvis  
John Forbes  
Nigel Topping  
Mathew Leigh

J.P.E.



"Insect" K. Buzzard 2 HM

### THE ABSENCE OF LOVE

*"Along streets it lingers,  
not knowing where to go.  
Through a house it passes,  
between friend & foe.  
No-one can explain it,  
no-one knows what it's like.  
If you try to find it,  
It has flown out of sight.  
It passes through minds and people  
Is it all a dream?  
What is this cunning object,  
Can it at all be seen.  
No-one can define it,  
no-one knows its strength  
No-one knows its motives  
no-one knows its length  
It could never be too big to see  
It will never have to be bought  
What is it? we will never know  
'cause LOVE is just a thought.*

M. W. WORDSWORTH-GLOVER

### LOVE

*Love, can damage, even the deepest  
Parts, of our inner self,  
That we think no-one else can touch,  
So lightly as the woman.  
She came, she conquered, she left  
With another man. The story  
So often heard in today's society.  
You find one, you love one,  
You hate one. Why is this  
The story we hear so much.  
Because love is more than friendship;  
More than companionship, love is  
A battle of wits to keep the other person,  
From loving someone else. Man will  
Go to any length, to get the woman  
He loves so, be it  
Divorce or death.  
Try it, like it, do it,  
But you will never beat it.*

PAUL MCKEWN

# Gems from the Staff Revue

*1981*



## American Exchange 1981

In a new departure three Lady Verney girls joined in with last year's exchange with Ridgefield High School. As the greatest contrast between the schools, after the degrees of formality and informality, concerns our segregation and their unchallenged co-education, it seemed fitting that our party should be mixed. Although it took more than the many pre-departure meetings for the group to emerge as a social unit, the mix was ultimately one appreciated by the members and our hosts.

As arrangements have to begin nearly a year before, the anticipation, which is certainly part of the pleasure, is as agonisingly long as the four-week stay seems short. We set off from the RGS in a grey and chilly drizzle and came back to Kennedy Airport on a very wet day indeed, but in between enjoyed an exceptionally fine New England pre-spring. Those who were taken down to Washington during the Easter week mostly enjoyed the height of a near-Southern spring with a really warm sun on their backs.



Ridgefield is over 50 miles from New York City but as much a wooded commuterland as Beaconsfield, with which it bears many similarities. The High School is a large modern building which could well be taken for a factory of a go-ahead image-conscious business corporation. It lies on the edge of the very-low density housing of the township and is some 3 miles out from its tiny but homely centre. The school day starts with the building being besieged by the fleets of long brutish yellow school buses carrying in most of the Freshers and Sophomores (the first and second year students). A very large number of Juniors and Seniors (Lower and Upper Sixth-formers) arrive in their own cars. School begins at 7.45 a.m. and lunch at 10.30. Classes end at 2.15 p.m. Yet night life at the weekend is even later than at home. The lengthy musical 'Brigadoon' was being performed as the school production on the first Saturday of our visit and started at 8.30 p.m.

Weekend-lag can get to be a more serious problem than jet-lag! After gaining some bearings in the labyrinthine, windowless corridors of the school the group were quickly sampling classes in Child-Care equipped with real babies, International Relations, Women's Studies, Journalism, Film, Psychology, and like exotica, as well as American History and 'Math'.

We craftily included two of the most exceptionally swift athletes the school has had in many years, who were even more swiftly incorporated, with great



success, into the Ridgefield Tigers Track team for the several 'Meets' during our stay. What with two distinctly useful tennis players and 'The Chariots of Fire' currently going down 'big' in the USA our athletic stock in that neck of the Connecticut woods must stand at an all-time high!

Inevitably the trips into dirty, potholed, smelly, weirdo-infested, but wonderfully vibrant New York provided the greatest excitement. Grand Central Station, Fifth Avenue, the Empire State, Broadway, Central Park, Radio City, the U.N., ..... America '81! Within minutes of the assassination attempt on President Reagan, most of us were glued to the TV and able to join in the stunned horror of an America that had been still tangibly celebrating the release of the Iranian hostages. As if not to be outdone, news of the Brixton riots made headlines and news programmes at much the same time. Alas, High Wycombe staged its own bedraggled and sad copy-cat affair when the Ridgefielders returned to us in July. They came as eagerly-awaited friends and gained equally, I hope, and believe, from this very rewarding and good-value Exchange. It is a marvellous opportunity open to all in their Lower Sixth year.

The party consisted of Martin Cullingham, David Gorver, Dugald Lockhart, Ian Morgan, Adrian Dickinson, Robert McClure, Tony Hawker, Julie Batram, Wendy Farness and Susan Styles.

Thanks go to Perkin Elmer Ltd. (of Beaconsfield and Ridgefield) who once again generously supported the Exchange.

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## American Exchange 1982

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The annual exchange to Ridgefield Connecticut took place for the fourth year this Easter: Mr. Moffatt successfully herded nine students there and back, and on the whole kept us out of serious trouble. When not attending RHS, we indulged in several field trips: New York twice, Hartford, Boston and IBM.

In the American environment we were soon studying as hard as usual (!): involvement in RHS activities ranged from being interviewed by "Tiger T.V.", through highly intellectual discussions in various classes, to performing in the senior play. This gave a chance to create and cement friendships which were extended in out-of-school activities.

During the week's vacation, apart from a blizzard depositing ten inches of snow, the hosts provided trips to Philadelphia, Rhode Island, Washington and a nearby ski resort, where true British prowess was displayed on the slopes, incorporating an ingenious three-point braking system involving two feet and a

nose. A mass exodus to the "Great Adventure Amusement Park" in New Jersey offered roller-coaster sickness, sunburn and drenched clothing, to the delight of all.

After a sad departure from Ridgefield, we flew home. Despite conflict with Heathrow customs officials (on suspicion of drug smuggling), having to retrieve the minibus, which had been towed away, we finally made it back to High Wycombe.

We would like to thank Mr. Moffatt for all the work he did for us, and strongly recommend this exchange; an experience not to be missed.

The students were:

Patrick Boggon	Julian Heather	Paul Hoskins
Joel Lister	Phil Painter	Ian Russell
Andrew Stanners	Carl Thomas	Richard Walsh

RICHARD WALSH & PATRICK BOGGON

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## Pipeline 1982

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This is the alternative Sixth Form magazine that sprang phoenix-like from the Literary Society and incorporated many of its finest minds(!).

Just before Christmas the first issue emerged. Selling for just 5p its literary appeal was reflected in its sales — 100 copies in just twenty minutes! The small profits went, via an astonished Mr. Moffatt, to the Blue Peter Appeal. It incorporated amazing investigative journalism into topics such as the elections for head boy, the life of Steve Noyes, and the life of Ian Drury (one of our illustrious forbears at the R.G.S.).

In a flood of post-Mock euphoria the second issue appeared, reflecting some over-exuberance on the part of certain controversial contributors. Its mixed reception varied from "I'll make sure this rag's never printed again." (Anon) to "This is the sort of thing that should be encouraged, but is not for illiterate philistines." (A spokesman).

Its sales reflected its popularity however — 200 sold in one day. Another issue is expected in the Summer Term and it is hoped it will be continued next year.

A. GRIFFIN & K. NORRISH

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## The Paperback Bookshop

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non refert quam multos libros, sed quam bonos habeas; lecta certa prodest, varia delectat. — Seneca.

There are certainly other bookshops in the world that enjoy a more idyllic setting than ours — poised as it is between a gents and ladies toilet and shrouded by a great sweep of staircase. Other establishments may have a wider choice of reading matter — but which of them can boast a clientèle with such a refreshingly independent taste in literature; a taste that eschews the accepted canons and placed 'Four Figure Logarithmic Tables' at the top of the best-seller list, closely followed by 'O' level Study Notes and 'A Shorter Intermediate Mechanics'.

The Bookshop thanks members of staff who conscientiously manned the shelves during so many lunch-hours, and its patrons for their unflinching support.

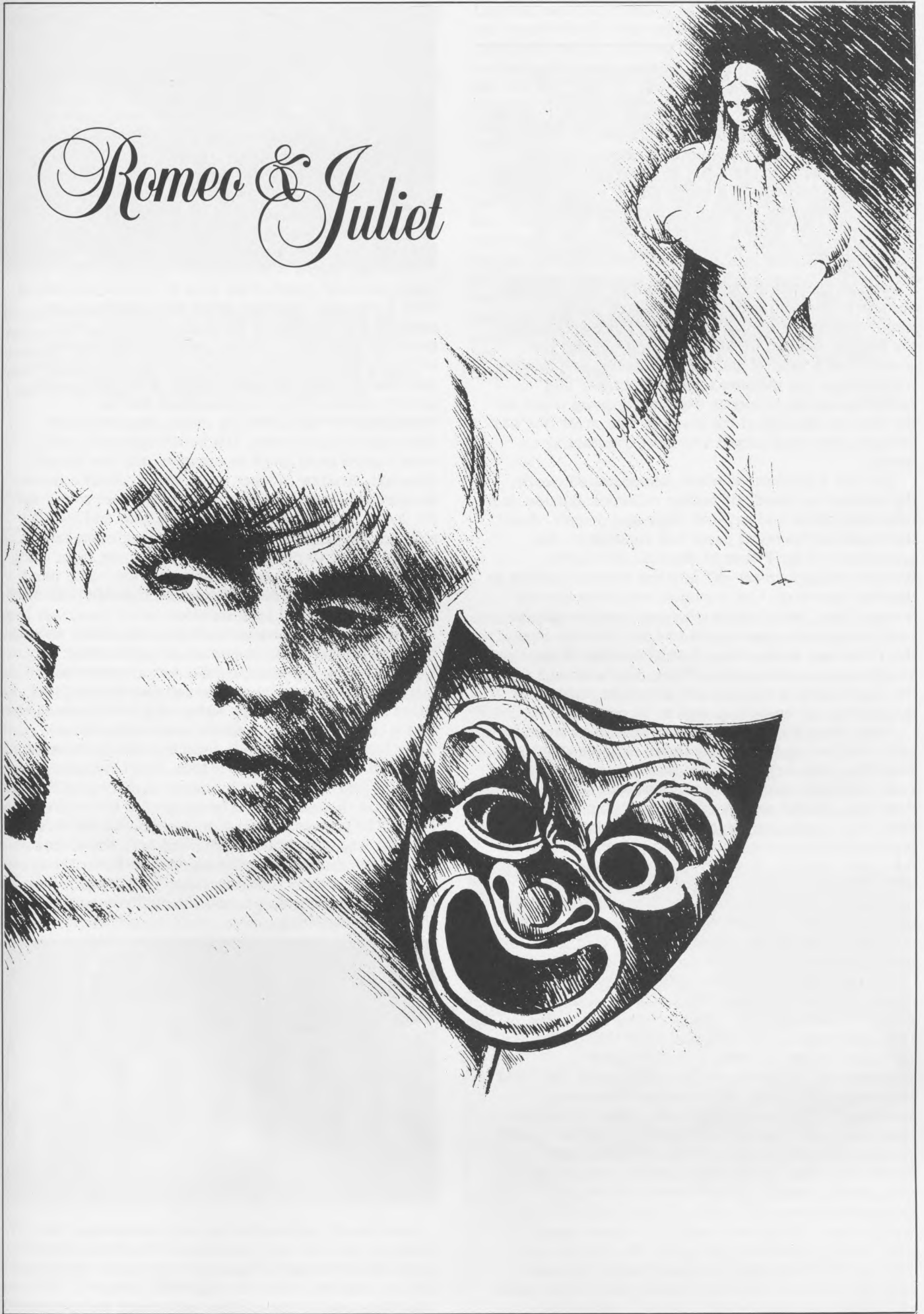
A. CREASE

LOVE —

*What is this gem of pure delight  
That reflects the world through amber?  
Values  
Gone, forgotten while this dream lasts  
Care has gone forever  
And a day,  
Oh a day!  
For a day of freedom  
What my body would give.  
But no! My soul protests  
A day, a night is nothing  
Without the one I love.  
Every moment awaited,  
Cherished, despised, hated,  
Pure frustration.  
My mind,  
My body,  
My soul,  
Protests and moans again.  
Confusion.  
Lonely and lost I sit and cry.  
My soul stabs itself in the back  
And dies of shame.*

MALCOLM G. LEWIS 4JC

# Romeo & Juliet



## Energetic Romeo

During the last week of March 1982 visitors to the Queen's Hall saw a production of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* by R.G.S. boys and by girls from the Lady Verney and Wycombe High Schools. A troupe of musicians, resplendent in colourful ribbons, played lutes and pipes until the lights on the stage revealed the terra-cotta brickwork of a sunny piazza in fair Verona. A small ornamental fountain pattered refreshingly in the centre of the square. The bell in some near-by tower reminded us of the ever present influence of Holy Church.

Perhaps because of the intense Italian heat, perhaps because of the wild spirits of uncivilized youth or simply because of human nature the representatives of the feuding families of Montague and Capulet had soon picked a quarrel and fell to brawling and bawling transforming the pleasant scene into a noisy and boisterous arena. It was an excellent opening which set the tone for the rest of the evening. The street riot was energetic, very well staged and most entertaining to watch.

This was a production which demonstrated clearly the contrasting moods of human existence: passion and reflection; mirth and sadness; hope and despair. After the vigour of the brawl peace was restored by the appearance of the Prince of Verona, and the hot blooded young men ran off into the alleys as quickly as they had appeared. Our attention was taken into the home of the Lady Capulet where we could watch for some minutes the sweet Juliet and her nurse. It is at this point that Shakespeare draws attention to the youthfulness of his heroine, 'She's not fourteen,' and we remember that this is a tale about the intensity of adolescence: its anguish as well as its ecstasy.

Juliet, acted by Elizabeth Madelin, looked beautiful with thick brown hair falling to her shoulders and pale, fresh face with large eyes. She was dressed in a green robe with high yellow bodice off-set with a band of deep blue, simple and very striking. She spoke at first shyly, as a young girl might, mixing coyness with self-possession, innocence with shrewd perception. The old nurse was acted by Sarah Wilsher. This is an important role and from the first Sarah's playing of it was a delight. She was robust and cheerful, cajoling and officious, dismayed and anxious, sometimes apparently all-knowing and sometimes witless. She held the attention well whenever she was on the stage.

After the girlish chatter in Juliet's room another contrast and Shakespeare directs our thought to Romeo and his friend, Mercutio, young bloods out on the town and looking for some fun. Nick Wilkes was Mercutio. He gave a lively and convincing performance. He acted with his whole body. He could be reasoning and thoughtful, excited and merry, springing, rolling, even falling into all corners of the stage. One of the memorable highlights of this production was the scene of feasting in Capulet's home. The musicians appeared again, tuning their instruments, whilst our eyes took in the platters on the table, which contained joints of meat, a ham and even a pig's head. Young men were arriving and handing in their cloaks as the dancing began. The hall was alive with merry-making and movement and at the same time we could hear Romeo declaring that to him Juliet represented 'Beauty too rich for use'. James Hopcraft

looked every man's idea of Romeo, lithe and strong, but also sensitive and timorous. He used his voice well, contrasting fiery emotion with moments of quiet tenderness. The part demands that he should show the independence of a man and the hesitant uncertainty of a boy. James could do both. We saw him love-sick, yearning, ardent, fierce, angry and even violent. He stretched up to touch Juliet's finger tips on the balcony, and when the lark sang we found him lingering and reluctant to part from her bed-chamber.

Jonathan Harris emerged with long grey locks falling round the bald dome of his head to execute the role of Friar Lawrence. Jonathan acted well, forcing us to consider the morality of the avuncular cleric, who provided Juliet with a herbal potion which for two-and-forty hours was to hold her in the sleep of death and thus provoke the final tragedy. Ivan Hall as the nurse's servant, Peter, demonstrated that in Shakespeare's work even the minor characters have their special significance. His bandy legs and rustic voice caused us to laugh at ourselves and the human situation. Andrew Stocker was Capulet, Juliet's father. He moved like a man facing up to the onset of old age. He spoke his lines with a careful staccato and clearly reflected the paterfamilias. Like so many other fathers he was unable to prevent his blood pressure from rising when his daughter began to show that she had a mind and a will of her own. His anger left even the audience feeling that they had been scolded.

This is one of the moments in the play which reflects the frustration and the loneliness of adolescence. Unbeknown to her parents Juliet has already been married to Romeo. She now has to face the fact that either she must inform her father of this truth or enter into a bigamous liaison with the man of his choice. After listening to the tirade from her father she is left alone with her nurse, but her plea, 'Hast thou not a word of joy?' is met first by silence and then by the suggestion that she should forget Romeo and marry Paris. The generation gap yawns wide, and the older woman, who only hours before had been the willing go-between in cementing the union with Romeo, can offer no acceptable solution. Juliet's isolation in this instant was unmistakable, and the audience was hushed sharing her suffering.



Visually this production was very rewarding. The costumes were all carefully conceived and beautifully sewn. In the changing stage lights the colours blended well, so that the picture on stage was always interesting, and as the evening progressed we realized



that we were enjoying a rare visual treat. The raised area at the centre back served as a pedestal for the fountain, the table at the Capulet feast, the altar in Friar Lawrence's cell, Juliet's marriage bed and a tomb in the family vault. By their skill the Director of

Lighting and the Property Mistress achieved all of this and much more. I was especially impressed by the speed with which all scene changes were effected and by the professional pace of the whole production. We saw the grey light of dawn touching the stone walls and then the lovers at first silhouetted in the bedroom. The visual image was as stimulating as Shakespeare's poetry.

*Romeo and Juliet* was directed by Mr. Peter Cowburn. If he were standing in the Queen's Hall at the end of the evening he must have heard remarks like: 'Juliet was lovely; I enjoyed the passion; the fights were really energetic; the scenery painters had done another good job; the character parts were well done; the make-up was good; some of them really used the rhythm of the poetry; I liked the pig's head; the dances had been well rehearsed; the costumes were pretty; the audience appeared to be dressed in interesting costumes too....' There is no doubt that the audience was going home well satisfied.

T.J.D.

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## C.C.F.

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### ARMY SECTION REPORT APRIL 1981 - 1982

April saw us all travel up to a disused school at Butterton near Leek in various modes of transport (cars, 4-ton trucks and caravans!). It was unique for us because Leek Training Camp has closed temporarily for complete rebuilding and so some of the party slept under canvas while others slept in classrooms. Home from Home! The summer term saw us prepare for our second annual camp, this time in July at Longmoor Central Camp. This is a camp run by the Army Personnel (15 CTT in fact) for many different schools' CCF's. These camps though are not so useful, as the NCO's and Officers only act in a supervisory role and not an advisory one. Still it was well attended and most successful.

September saw the Section send a shooting team to the SE District Shoot covering a weekend for the first time in many years. Considering some of the CCF shooting teams we were shooting against, we did commendably well and I thank the Cadets and NCO's for their support.

Our normal November range day was cancelled this year for the lack of live ammunition as a direct result of financial cutbacks at the top level.

We undertook a successful Night Navigations Exercise on Christmas Common in February and were most grateful for the supply of soup and hot dogs at the end of it.

March saw us go to Aldershot Transit Camp for a weekend which was attended by 40 cadets and NCO's — a most pleasing turn-out indeed. The camp involved live firing, a night exercise and an orienteering morning.

We now look forward to Butterton again (Leek Camp should be ready in 1983) this April and to Sheepstor on Dartmoor this July. A totally new venture is planned for November this year involving a Greenfield weekend at Longmoor where cadets and NCO's and Officers will be

under canvas and will execute military skills overnight.

Cadets and NCO's have been on many courses throughout the year (UKLF, Junior NCO's, cadres courses) and have accounted for themselves extremely well. Particular congratulation must go to CSM Nick Wilkes who has run the Section extremely well and has just been offered a sponsorship by the Engineers after his Pre-RCB (Regular Commissions Board).

Finally thanks must go to Capt. R. Hollingsworth for organising camps so well, to Lt. S. Mason for his continued support and effort, to Major Wilkes and SSI M. Faerber for their continued help at camps.

Lt. S.J. GRUNDY





## ROYAL NAVY SECTION ANNUAL REPORT 1982

In these times of increasing cut backs by the Ministry of Defence, the Royal Navy section continues to keep its head above the water.

The section had a record intake last September, and has profited well from the increase in numbers. This year's activities have been less hectic than last year which revolved around the very successful General Inspection and the visit of Captain Dalten R.N. Even so, the varied programme has included two visits to H.M.S. Dryad, School of Maritime Operations, and a two day visit to H.M.S. Royal Arthur; these excursions included live firings of S.L.R., G.P.M.G., 20-40mm Oerliken., 40-60mm Bofors.; indoor computer simulations of a complete Shipboard exercise.

Our cadets have taken full advantage of the excellent weekly courses during the holidays. We have just acquired a new mast and suit of sails for the A.S.C. (Admiralty Sailing Craft) to be used in the summer.

The new clubhouse facilities at the R.A.F. Sailing Club, Medmenham will be a great help next year, for which we are continually thankful.

Thanks to D.B. Thomas for his faithful support and to W/O. Faerber for his unceasing help. Good luck to those who are leaving our ranks this summer.

Finally well done to Lieutenant T.J.N. Claye for his "Marathon effort".

M.J.D. BEARDALL, COXWAIN

## R.A.F. SECTION REPORT

The last year has been a successful year for Flying Scholarships with W/O Wheeler, Sgts Ward, Walshe, Pook, Barry and Scott all going on to obtain their P.P.L.'s. This year's application looks equally promising and a large number of cadets have obtained their gliding wings.

Easter Camp took place at R.A.F. Binbrook, which was extremely enjoyable and friendly. Activities included Day and Night Exercises, Chipmunk flying, an explosives demonstration and some extremely

painful saunas. The highlights were a day trip to Grimsby (have you seen Cleethorpes Beach on a cold, rainy April afternoon?), where we went ice-skating and saw West Ham annihilate Grimsby 5-0, a riot organized by the R.A.F. and a pistol-wielding padre!

There were two Summer Camps; one to R.A.F. Rudloe Manor, where we won the shield with a last minute victory in the drill competition under the command of W/O Rees. Chipmunk and Hercules flights were enjoyed by everyone, particularly F/O Boutland, and the very full programme was supplemented with a visit to R.A.F. Kemble — the home of the Red Arrows — shooting, an assault course and a good washing down in front of a water cannon. The second camp to R.A.F. Waddington was just as rewarding.

Adventure training provided several exciting weekends, with forays to the Black Mountains, where Sgt. Rutherford, after an extended trek over the hills, had a close encounter with a dead sheep, and the New Forest, where the new recruits, under the auspices of W/O Mann, had their first sampling of the joys of outdoor life when their tents were washed away in a storm. The year was topped by the highly successful trip to the West Coast of America, but now, with Sir Freddie gone, will such a venture ever be possible again?

On the organising front, credit is due to the 1st year Sixth for their hard work in renovating the Crew Room; (donations of furniture would be greatly appreciated) and to the work of Sgt. Jai-Persad in getting the R.A.F. Office into some semblance of order. On behalf of the Section, I would like to thank Sqn. Ldr. Smaje, Flt. Lt. Sollars, F/O Boutland, F/O Mill, F/O Munday and W/O Faerber for their unstinting efforts and give a special mention to a certain female officer, without whose giggly humour we would be lost. The Senior N.C.O.'s wish every success to the N.C.O.'s taking over next year and let's ensure that their present level of enthusiasm is maintained. We hope that all members and future members of the Section have as much fun from the C.C.F. as we certainly have in our years at the school.

WARRANT OFFICER R. REES



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## Boarding House Reports

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### SCHOOL HOUSE

The house has maintained its high standards in both academic and sporting fields with James Hendry earning himself a place at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, Simon Read and Andrew Fuller playing basketball, and Mark Sullivan representing us at hockey for the school.

The dominant feature of this year, however, is the departure of our Housemaster and House Tutor. The Rev. John Skipp will be greatly missed both here and in chapel, and many Old Boys will remember his year as Mayor of High Wycombe. Mr. Derek White-Taylor will be remembered for his enthusiasm and horse-play. All who knew them will no doubt join me in wishing them all happiness in their new lives away from School House.

We hope that Mr. and Mrs. Page and their staff will enjoy life in School House as much as these clearly have and we extend a warm welcome to them.

SEAN REID

My colleagues would wish me to thank Sean for his kind remarks. He has been a most worthy successor to some distinguished Heads of School House. To him and all who have been our fellow-boarders we say, Goodbye and God Bless you.

JOHN SKIPP

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### UPLYME BOARDING HOUSE

The past year has been marked by the changes amongst our ranks with the departure of Daryl Phillips, Darren Lewis, Ian Mitchell and Graham King. We welcome the arrival of Simon Ayee, David Yates, Michael Irons, Frank Johnson-Parry, Jon and James Baker, Jeremy Welch and Roger Dunlop, who has re-vitalised interest in model-making in the house.

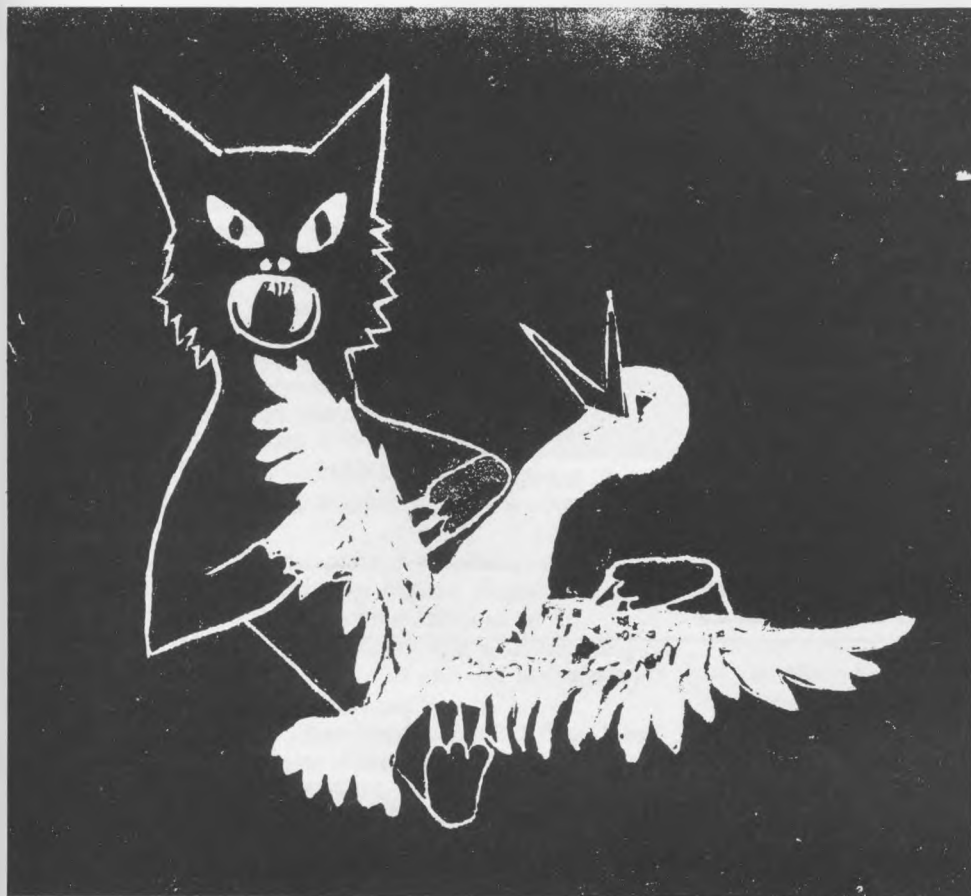
We've played just one football fixture against Tylers Wood and despite the fact that we played with both energy and skill we were defeated by a combination of own-goals and a superior opposition.

The house has been well represented on the games field with Sean Sawyer, James Baker and Michael Preston playing for various rugby teams. Sean Sawyer has also represented the school at Badminton, Basketball and on one occasion Hockey! Jeremy Welch has also proved his prowess as a Basketball player by playing for the school.

Off the sports field Michael Irons has enjoyed considerable success with his band Amethyst, whilst our House Tutor, Mr. Grundy, gave a talented and hilarious performance in the Staff Revue.

Once again we should like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs and Mr. Grundy for their patience, guidance and hard work throughout the year.

MIKE PRESTON & MARK COWPER



"Cat and Bird" T. Hopkinson

#### COMPUTER ERROR?

*Its fluorescence is flickering,  
A screen of green light  
It's a monitor unit  
With characters white.*

*The console is 'Qwerty',  
The keyboard is black.  
The spacebar is broken  
The return needs a whack.*

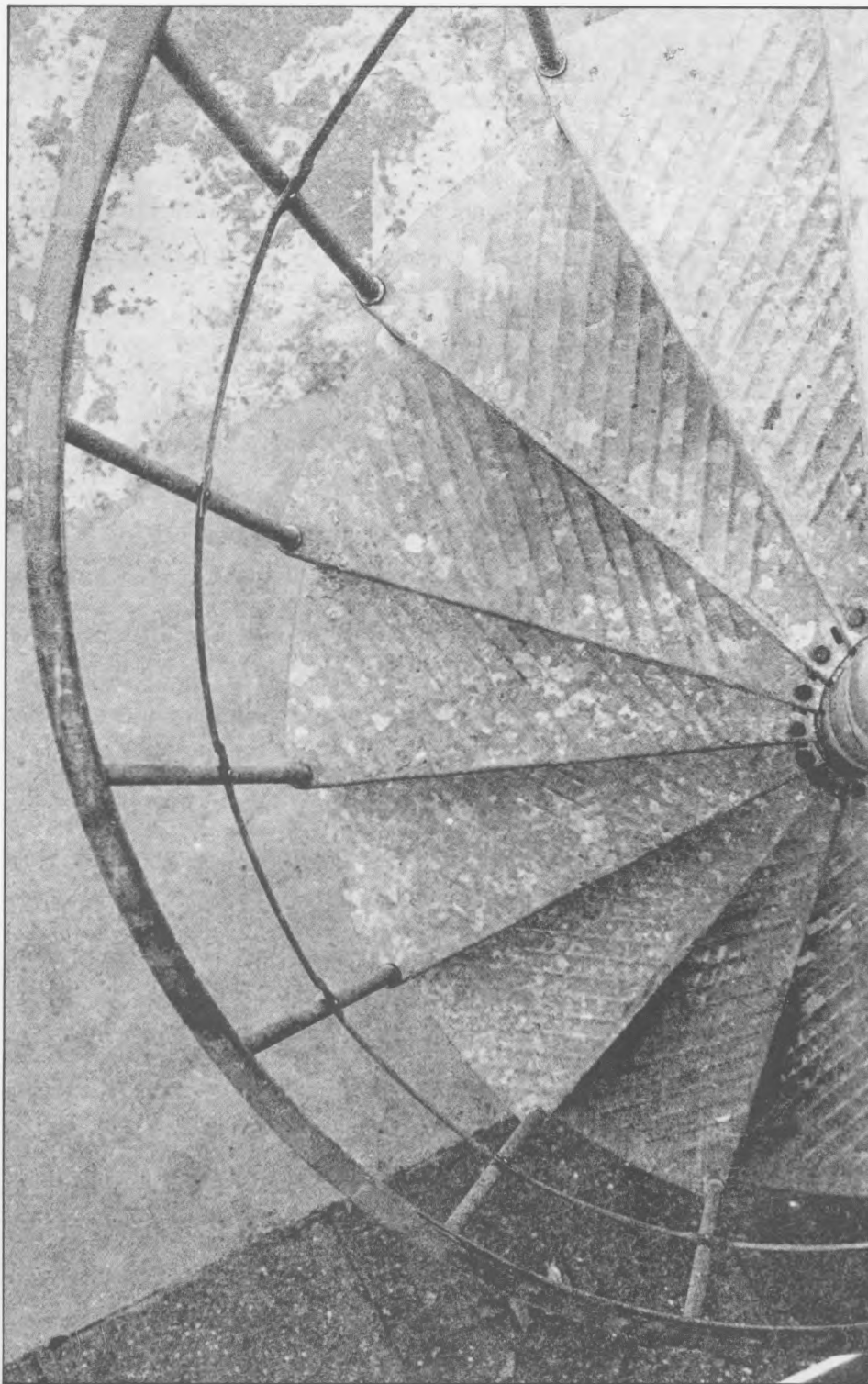
*The Era is over,  
Microchips are no more,  
The world is a hotplate  
And still feeling sore.*

*The bombs have all fallen,  
The people are dead.  
The fault's in the software,  
The blame's on my head.*

*It fired the Bomb,  
No warning or cause,  
No rational thinking  
Just a war like all wars!*

*The world has just ended,  
Everybody is gone,  
The fault's in the software,  
And I got it wrong.*

G. BILLINGTON, 4PC



"Spiral Stairs" Photo by A.B. Marsland 6A1

## LOVE

*Love is a strange thing,  
Like bells that ring,  
Like birds that sing,  
It is a strange thing.*

*Love is a sense or thought  
It can not be taught,  
Nor can it be bought,  
It is a strange thing.*

*Love is like honey,  
On a day that's sunny,  
It makes people funny,  
It is a strange thing.*

*Love makes one sad,  
When it's gone it's bad,  
One grieves for what we had,  
It is a strange thing.*

C.J. TALBOT

## A PLACE

*I need somewhere to go,  
And somewhere to stay.  
Take me to a place  
That is out of the way.*

*I've got a place,  
That's in my dreams.  
It's a big open space,  
With no cries or screams.*

*I know a house,  
It's up on a hillside.  
As quiet as a mouse,  
I can sit by the riverside.*

*I need a home,  
Where I can rest.  
I need a house,  
I bet you've guessed.  
Yes, take me to a place  
that's out of the way,  
'Cos I need somewhere  
to stay, yes a place.*

*A misty thought,  
In my cloudy mind,  
Takes me to  
That place of mine.*

*I need somewhere to go,  
And somewhere to stay.  
Yes, take me to a place,  
That is out of the way.*

C. WHITE, 6G1

# Clubs and Societies

## The Literary Society

Under the protecting aegis of its Muses, Melpomene, Calliope and Thalia, the society enjoyed a wide variety of talks during the Winter Term. Members of the sixth form spoke on novels of Turgenev, the lyrics of Jim Morrison and the history of the book since antiquity.

During the Spring Term the energies of the society were channelled into producing two editions of 'Pipeline' — a magazine in the fine tradition of 'The

Spectator', 'The Rambler' and 'Scrutiny'. Notwithstanding some lively articles and reviews the sublime qualities of its illustrious predecessors eluded the authors and editor; Addison and Steele need not cede their laurels yet.

The society wishes to thank Mr. Crease for his continued patronage.

## Clubs and Societies (contd.)

### Christian Union

This year the Christian Union has had a very varied programme and an influx of new people. We now meet each Monday and Thursday lunchtime at 1.15, in room 4.

Meetings have included a series by Christian staff, talks by outside speakers on relevant subjects such as nuclear disarmament, and various filmstrips.

We have continued to meet with the Christian Union of L.V.H.S. and have been on two joint weekend camps to Seer Green and Chesham. These were on the subjects of "Spiritual Growth" and "Fellowship" respectively.

Everyone is welcome to come along whether they are Christians or whether they just want to find out more about what we believe.

P. HALLIDAY & M. HOWE

### Astronomical Society

In the past school year, there has been a dramatic increase in the level of society activity, with the introduction of weekly talks (delivered by members), on various topics of interest, which have greatly improved the members' academic understanding of the subject. However, inclement weather still handicapped attempts to improve the members' experience of practical astronomy, the heavy snowfalls in January, whilst preventing the observation of the lunar eclipse, provided ideal skies for viewing but lack of facilities prevented us from taking advantage of these conditions. The high points of the society's year were a visit to the "Royal Institution" to attend a lecture given by Heather Couper entitled "A Journey to the Centre of the Galaxy", on the 10th of March, and the visit of Patrick Moore, which was organised by members of staff in conjunction with the newly formed Wycombe Astronomical Society, on the 19th May.

In conclusion I would like to thank Messrs. Talbot and Boutland for their invaluable help in running the society.

D.A. JAI-PERSAD (PRESIDENT)

### Bridge Team Report

The School Bridge Team played in three competitions this season and one match.

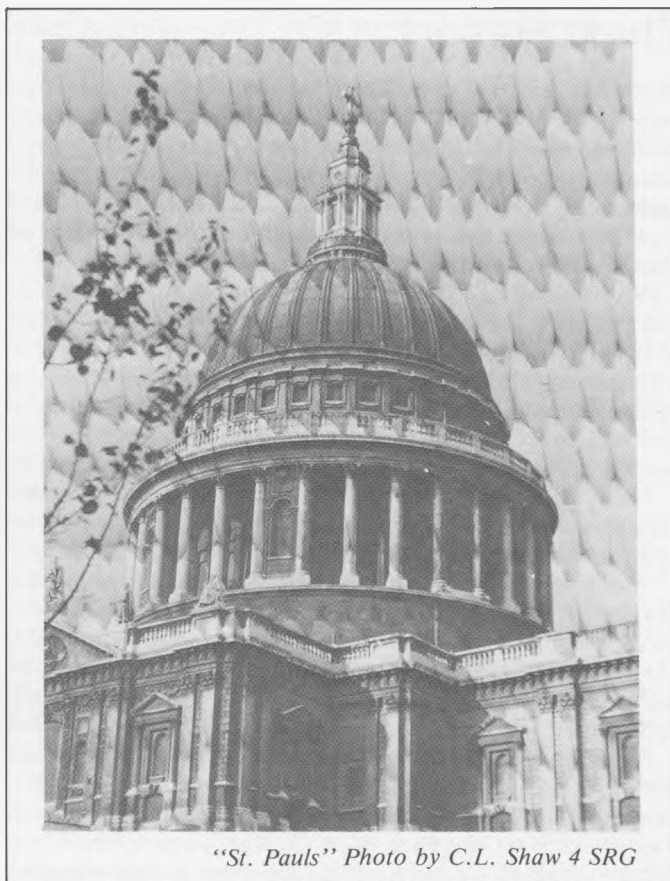
In a match against Wycombe Abbey School the R.G.S. team had a convincing win against weaker opponents.

The R.G.S. entered four pairs in the Bucks and Berks Schools competition. The highest placed R.G.S. pair, J. Jolly and C. Pinder, came 15th out of 56.

In the Daily Mail National Fours heat at Eton the R.G.S. 'A' team were unsuccessful and did not qualify for the semi-finals, unlike previous R.G.S. teams.

The best result of the year came in the Newbury Schools' Fours competition in which A. Dickinson, C. Barry, S. Lamb and B. Peddie won the Sixth Form competition. Also the Under-16 team consisting of T. Lohmann, M. Davies, R. Ryll and M. Roe came 2nd in their competition.

J. JOLLY  
(BRIDGE CLUB CAPTAIN)



"St. Pauls" Photo by C.L. Shaw 4 SRG

### Photographic Society

The Photographic Society now meets fairly regularly on Friday lunchtimes. Talks have been given on the basic aspects of developing and printing a black and white film, and other related topics. However, the main aim of the society is to encourage members to use the darkroom to print their own photographs. Black and white film is on sale at about half the normal price, and articles on all areas of photography are available for borrowing.

M. EARL

### Entomological Club

There has been news in the media of a proposed continuation of the M40 from Oxford to Birmingham which would cut through Shabbington Forest. The club was fortunate enough to arrange a number of visits last summer to this very important site, which is probably the richest in British butterflies in the U.K. Purple Emperors, Black Hairstreaks and White Admirals were some of the more spectacular and rare species spotted and photographed by members of the club — species which are directly threatened by the proposed motorway.

In addition to field trips, the club enjoyed a successful day at the national Amateur Entomologist's Society Exhibition in the autumn, with opportunities to examine or buy a vast and colourful range of living and dead insects.

In school, the club continues to meet fortnightly for talks, videos and films; and forthcoming attractions include a talk by the world authority on Nepalese Lepidoptera and a set of exhibits at the R.G.S. show.

DAVID C. CLARKE

## Chess Report

When our report was published in the last magazine hopes were high that the first team would gain promotion to Division II of the Bucks League. This was duly achieved as we completed the season as undefeated champions. We had underestimated the final promotion thrust of the second team who pipped Hazell's III for second place.

Both teams have found the competition much harder this year and the second team look certain to return to Division III. The first team were fifth at Christmas and with games in hand, there was a faint chance of promotion. But the team has rather hiccupped since and now must fight hard to avoid accompanying the second team.

Junior Chess has been very encouraging this year and augurs well for the senior teams in coming years. The U-16 side looks certain to win the Championship. The U-14A side will occupy a mid-table position in the U-14 Division I, but the U-14B side, under J. Nelson's prompting, have romped away with the Second Division. Congratulations to the players and to David Robinson whose unstinting work and enthusiasm have contributed greatly to their success.

As usual the school has participated in the zonal Sunday Times Competition. This year we have been the 'scourge of the Public Schools'. We defeated Merchant Taylor's School and then Eton College, in an away fixture in which we were not disconcerted by the august surroundings or the enormous shiny tables on which we played. After defeating Sir William Borlase's School, our old rivals, in the semi-finals we played Dormer's Wells School in the zonal final. Remembering last year's 6-0 trouncing our hopes were not high. But inspired team selection (the captain dropped himself) gave the team motivation and we scraped through on age handicap. We are now awaiting the challenge of Abingdon in the National Championship.

The club has continued under the leadership of A. Campbell, aided by D. Robinson and Secretary B. Church.

It remains for me to thank sincerely Mr. I.R. Clark for his constant hard work and enthusiasm and Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Cook for their help.

A. CAMPBELL

## Stage Lighting Team

The stage lighting team has had another eventful year and now comprises sixteen members, many of whom are competent in rigging, setting and operating lights.

The arrival of a new sound system, given by the Parents' Association, has certainly been invaluable for both assemblies and productions, and, together with the sophisticated lighting control system, enables the team to work quite professionally. Indeed on two occasions recently when the team has worked with professional performers, namely the Cambridge Footlights Revue cast and David Kossoff, both lighting and sound have been praised and appreciated.

The mirror ball was rolled out for use at yet another successful Parents' Dance, and the choice of colour schemes for this type of event continues to be an interesting artistic problem for the team. With over seventy different shades of colour filter to choose from the combinations are endless! Nic Tolkien and Roger Dawe in particular also experimented well with colour



Photo by A.B. Marsland 6A1

at the Drama weekend, and at the time of writing are working hard for "Romeo and Juliet" for which we have a large rig of sixty lanterns. We hope that everybody who comes to this production will remember the visual impact of the balcony scene.

Other productions have included "Noah's Flood" at the Prize Giving evening, notable for a spectacular rainbow, and the Staff Revue, when dexterity on the control board necessary for fast lighting changes was provided by Vaun Thompson. Thanks are also due to the follow-spot operators, Mark Laws for excellent sound effects (again!) and to three new and very promising team members — Jo Brazier, John Taylor and Tim Lohmann.

VAUN THOMPSON

## The Micro Users Group

This relatively new society is already extremely active with more than 30 members. Under the auspices of Mr. Claye the society is engaged in the regular viewing of video tapes, talks about computing techniques, and the exchange of ideas and computer programs among members.

A committee of members edits and produces a monthly newsletter containing information, competitions, and programming suggestions. The society intends to build up a wide-ranging software library on tapes and mini-floppy disks.

It is hoped to put on a computing display at the forthcoming R.G.S. Show. This would include many types of microcomputers as well as a selection of members' software.

DAMIAN GRIFFITHS,  
SECRETARY

## Sports Debating Society

This year, the society has continued to flourish, with a record number of debates (12) being held. Titles have varied from:

"This house believes that the money being used for the space shuttle should be used to buy the R.G.S. 6,000 mini-buses."

to,

"This house believes G.B. should adopt an apartheid system."

The outstanding feature of all these debates has been the willingness of the audience to learn, without resorting to violence, to listen and to learn.

Finally thanks must go to our main speakers, and to Mr. Mill, for his attendance.

BRIAN CHURCH, HON. SECRETARY

## The Computer Club

In the past year the Computer Club has established itself as a fully integrated and active society. Last Spring two of our members were placed second and third in the national Kent Software Trophy competition, and this year we have submitted three further entries.

The School already has two RML 380Z Micro-computers — one with mini-floppy disks and High Resolution Graphics — and is awaiting delivery of a third computer through the Department of Industry scheme. The School also has two dot-matrix printers.

Computer Studies in the School is expanding, and we are soon to have a Computing Laboratory. This should encourage class use of the computing facilities throughout all levels of the School curriculum.

DAMIAN GRIFFIN, SECRETARY

## Senior Vulture

The members of the society this year have enjoyed some very worthwhile trips. The season started, customarily, with a 1981 Promenade Concert at the Albert Hall in September, and although we had a rather awkward view from the balcony, the whole event was as exciting as ever. Next was a visit to the Apollo Theatre, Oxford, to see some very original modern dancing by the Ballet Rambert, and the term was finished with an outing to an exhibition of Nicholas de Stael and Patrick Caulfield at the Tate Gallery.

The Easter term, with Shaw's hilarious play *Arms and the Man*, with Richard Briers, Peter Egan and Pat Heywood at the Lyric Theatre, and a performance of Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro* by the English National Opera Company at the London Coliseum, provided two thoroughly entertaining evenings. Our last trip, to the exhibition of post-war French art at the Barbican, allowed us a brief look around this fascinating new complex before we were dragged away by some of the younger enthusiasts amongst us to suffer the dismal films *Life of Brian* and *Airplane*.

Many thanks are due to Messrs. Manwaring, Smith and Mitchell for organising the trips. I hope the 1982 Proms trip will be a success, and that the society will continue in the future to provide for those R.G.S. pupils with a thirst for the more cultured forms of entertainment.

D. COBDEN, 6MS

## Music Society

A society whose membership is as large as that of the present music society, inevitably finds it a difficult task, firstly, to involve all its members at one time, and secondly, to maintain a high standard throughout the whole spectrum of activities. These two hurdles are obstacles which the society manages to cross with a high degree of success.

The last edition of "Wycombiensian" was brought out before the Summer Concert at the end of the last academic year. Those who can remember those warm distant days before the onslaught of snow and rail strikes, will recall a display of enthusiastic talent from the lower school in the performances of the Second Wind Band, the Junior Choir's rendition of *Jonah Man Jazz*, and the Second Orchestra. These sections of the Society show the existence of promising musicians

lower down the school which serves to reassure the "old men" of the society that they are leaving it in capable hands. Performances by the First Orchestra and First Wind Band ably paved the way for the Choral Society's rendition of Coleridge-Taylor's work *Hiawatha's Wedding Feast*, which contained a beautifully sung and deeply moving tenor solo from Mr. David Flinder.

The Christmas Concert continued the high standard of music within the school despite the departure of many talented musicians, among them Mr. Trafford. The void that he left was a hard one to try and fill, but any fears were quickly dispelled by the arrival of his extremely capable replacement Mr. Wheeler. The major work in the Christmas concert was Vivaldi's *Gloria* which contained an alto solo from Stephen Tilton revealing why he has been chosen as a Choral Scholar elect of King's College, Cambridge. The Choral Society's performance was greatly enhanced by the presence of an orchestra made up from boys in the school and outside friends and we acknowledge our debt to them. Also in the Christmas Concert came an energetic display from the Jazz Band who showed that they had lost nothing of their enthusiasm and individual character after the departure of their mentor and guru, Mr. Trafford.

Finally, the Society's thanks must go to Mr. Holmes and Mr. Wheeler whose patience, support and organisational skills (both musical and physical) must be unrivalled. Thanks too, must go to those other members of staff — Mr. Heath, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Flinders and Mr. White-Taylor — who support the Society so staunchly. We now look forward to future events with the hope that the standards achieved during the last year will be maintained and improved upon.

P. VEACOCK, GENERAL SECRETARY

### MONTAGE

*Giving up is easy if you can bear the pain of  
destitution,  
If you can find your crumbling destiny in the jaws of  
death.  
Beam a smile of swollen degeneration, walk on, and  
call it your heart-felt contribution.....  
I remember you from yesteryear, a sallow thin-faced  
child  
Who died of Kwashiorkor on a million centre-spreads.  
Whose matchstick ribs raked the thoughts in my  
imagination,  
And the sad eyed leper who shook his stricken head.  
You were the wide eyed innocents whose baptism was  
napalm,  
Who ran dying to dying mother to steal peace from her  
arms.  
Yes, I remember you: You grew up quick  
With your yellow legs running naked through the  
narrow streets,  
When life ran in rivulets to the big red sea,  
From the black and pain of burning hands and feet  
To the harsh reality of the spotted winding sheet.  
Yes, you learnt.  
And your sorrowful mothers, waiting like banshees  
Still pierce the quiet night. We taught you all —  
The lesson was quick. Then we framed you in glory  
And hungry, for a second  
You bathed in it.*

M. PEACOCK

## Drama Club

A group of keen young people from Lady Verney High School, Wycombe High School and the R.G.S. has met on Wednesdays after school in the New Canteen or the Library, to be led in improvisations, drama exercises and script work by Mr. Cowburn, Mr. Smith and Mr. Mitchell.

The highlight of the Autumn Term was the Drama Weekend, whose theme was Victorian Melodrama. There were talks and slides as introductions to Victorian life and, on Saturday, a visit to the Player's Theatre, underneath the arches at Charing Cross, to see a "Victorian" Music Hall. The focus of the weekend came on Sunday with the production of a show from scratch. Mark Oldknow held everything together as master of ceremonies and the audience was well entertained by three melodramas and a sprinkling of music hall songs.

Our next project was a Christmas entertainment to be taken round Old People's Homes. Much hard work went into arranging a Variety programme, but the abnormally severe weather meant that the show had to be called off — the school minibuses would not have been able to get the actors to the audiences.

In November the Drama Club was entertained by 'Catseye', two professional actresses whose show for schools provided an example of what can be achieved without most of the normal theatrical trappings. In the Easter term the Club rehearsed for a tape recorded performance of *Hobson's Choice* and also provided actors and actresses for *Romeo and Juliet*.

The session has had its share of problems, but the high spots have far outweighed the disappointments.

J.M.

### DEUS LE VULT

*I think I've been here before.  
A vague memory from a distant past  
Or was it yesterday? And will it be tomorrow?  
I enjoy my constant search along this path  
That doesn't end. Scouring the universe,  
Inflecting along the lines of ageless wisdom.  
So interesting, so much to learn, so little time.  
My mind is a key to all life's secrets.*

*As yet I haven't found one,  
And sightless others doubt;  
But hope is self assuring and  
IF I am careful I can lead them down the garden path  
And the angry weeds won't twist their poor misguided  
heads.*

*Still I sit here day after day,  
Or stand here.  
Someday you might be saved  
O sweet world!  
Day on day, I suppose it will never change.  
Perhaps at last in disbelief I will arrive  
At the pinnacle of life's high mountain.....  
Stuck on earth's eternal factory floor.*

M. PEACOCK

## The War Games Club

At present the Club consists mainly of third formers, with a sprinkling of second formers and a few senior members. Back in September two competitions were announced, one did not get started, while the Dungeons and Dragons competition still continues into April. The private games consist mainly of Traveller and D. & D., while Apocalypse and Napoleonics have not been neglected.

A curious innovation this year was a "Christmas Party", when a church hall was hired and wargaming went on all day. A nearby fish and chip shop provided the food.

It seems a long time since traditional war games such as the hexagonal war games, 1/300 th tanks and naval battles were played. Anyone in the school playing these are welcome; we can supply the space and time you need.

Thanks are due to Messrs. Crease and Talbot for their patient supervision. We still meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. in the Geography Block.

P. RUGG

## Model Railway Club

Since the last report the Club has gone from strength to strength, increasing its membership to over forty. First things first: the Club would like to thank Mr. Lovell for taking over from Mr. Leighton-Jones, and for his enthusiastic support. Work has now started on both OO gauge and N gauge exhibition layouts: it is hoped to have them ready for Show Day.

So far this year we have embarked on repainting the clubroom, replacing old or damaged track, and going on various trips — to Bristol, York and the National Model Railway Exhibition in London. In the future, plans have been made for a visit to Newcastle and for a visit to a signal box.

P. Rugg and O. Roberts have become secretary and treasurer, and the Club wishes them every success. We meet most breaks and lunchtimes under the Old Hall stage, and nearly everyone is welcome.

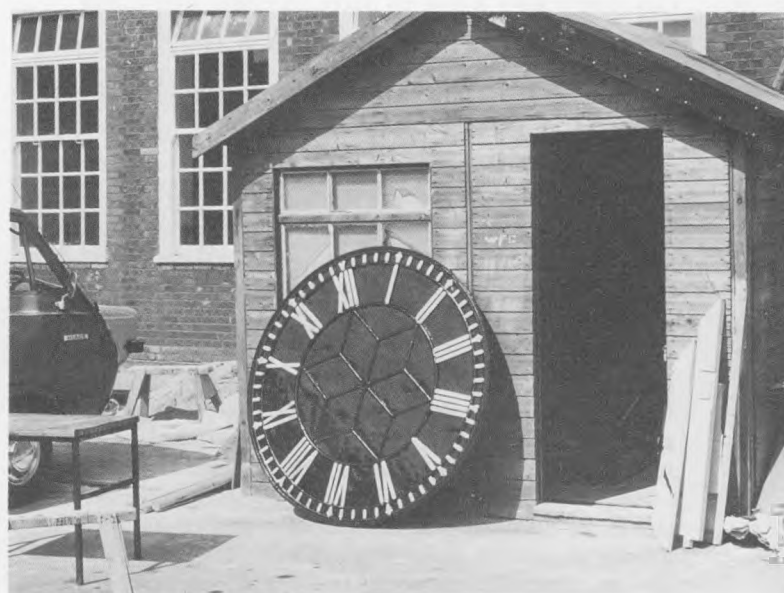
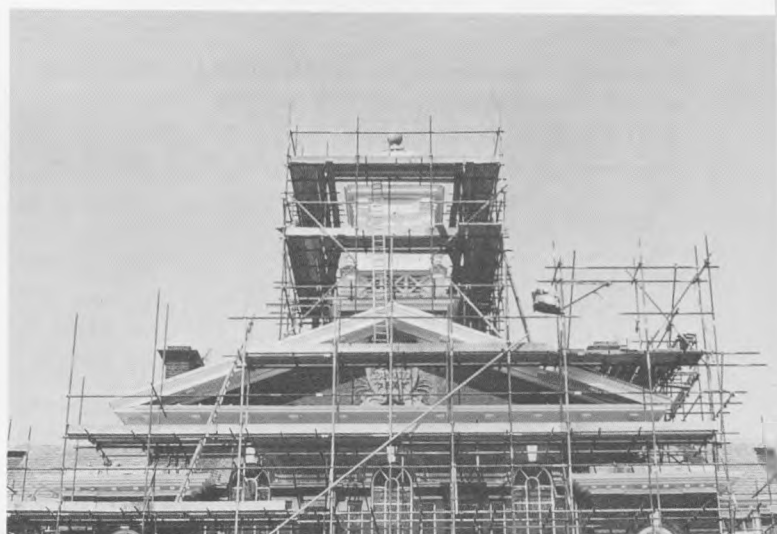
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One of the more interesting aspects of the external decorating of the school premises has been some novel views of the clock faces.





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# Old Wycombiensian's Club

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. MARCH 27TH 1981

30 Old Boys were present in the Staff Common Room at 6.15 p.m.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

**Matters arising.** The President reported that the buildings were receiving treatment at great cost, which would have been saved with proper maintenance. He also reported that the clock tower would be lit for special occasions, the lights having been bought from the sale of Mr. G.A. Grant's camping equipment.

**Financial Report.** The Hon. Treasurer outlined the main features of the Balance Sheet, which showed a loss on the year of over £500. The Hon. Auditor had recommended a rise in the subscription rates and this matter was referred to the Committee.

**Election of Officers/Committee.** The Officers and Committee were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Mr. D.G. Stone (1964-71) who was elected to the Committee.

**President's Comments.** He reported that the Boat Club appeal, launched at the meeting last year, had raised £700.46p towards the £3200 cost of a new boat. The rest of the money was to be one of the main targets of the R.G.S. Show in May.

He also mentioned the death of John Cooper, a member of the Club for only a few weeks, who had been killed in a road accident in April 1981. He had been Head Boy at the school and had won an Open Award to St. John's College, Oxford. The Club had made a donation to the John Cooper Memorial Award which had been set up to encourage travel abroad, something which John was particularly interested in doing.

**Any Other Business.** Mr. J.K. Prior (1934-40), Chairman of the Governors referred to the planned development of the school. Technology had been added to the curriculum and a ceramics workshop had been established. The old ceramics room was being converted to a woodwork and metalwork room. The Governors were trying to make sure that everything being done was part of an overall plan so that resources were not wasted.

The President thanked everyone for coming and the meeting closed at 6.50 p.m.

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## THE ANNUAL DINNER 1982

140 Old Boys attended the Annual Dinner in the New Dining Hall. Guest of Honour was Councillor F.G. Secker D.F.C. (1932-37), Town Mayor of High Wycombe. Councillor S.A. Goulborn (1928-36) proposed the toast to the Guest of Honour reminding him that they had known each other for a long time going back to preparatory school days. He also referred to Councillor Secker's distinguished service in local government. Councillor Secker told some amusing stories of his early life in Wycombe and of his days as a bomber pilot during the war, including one of how they used to have to pluck Tiger Moths out of the air

to help them land. R.W. Stewart (1970-78), Chairman of the Club proposed the health of the School and Club, mentioning some of the successes the School had had at basketball and rugby. The Headmaster replied and reported that the School was going ahead well, both academically and in other fields.

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## DEATHS

**Bailey J.N.D.** (1931-36). John Neville Drennan Bailey died suddenly in July at his home in Manor Road, Tylers Green. He leaves a widow Mrs. Linda Bailey, a son and daughter.

**Bingle N.A.** (1970-77). Nigel Bingle was killed when walking home from a disco in Woodford Green, Essex, in the early hours.

**Blomfield F.E.J.** (1929-33) died on 19th October 1981 aged 64 years. He retired from Electrolux Ltd., where he was Plant Engineer in December 1980 due to ill health. He leaves a wife, daughter, son and daughter in law and one grandson.

**Cosgrove B.G.** (1934-39). Bernard Cosgrove was the joint founder of the Auto Simulator Centre in Bridge Street, the only driving school of its kind in High Wycombe. Before becoming a driving instructor in 1963 he worked as a representative for his father's clothing company. He served in North Africa during the Second World War and his hobbies included shooting. He leaves his wife Ruth.

**Haines W.O.** The death of William Haines at the end of the Spring Term deprived the school of one of its staunchest and most loyal supporters.

He was justifiably proud as a former Head Boy to be appointed to the Governing Body in 1959. In this he followed the example of his father, Owen Haines, and like him he was Mayor of High Wycombe during a long life of service to the community.

His chief interests were in education and the arts and he played a leading part in many organisations connected with them. Above all he was a Christian and was greatly loved and respected in the Methodist church which he served as a lay preacher.

Although a highly successful business man, he remained modest and gentle. Advancing years merely helped to enhance his patrician appearance and nothing could diminish his abiding interest in his old school. We offer our profound sympathy to his family and share their sense of irreparable loss.

**Law R.W.** (1975-81). Richard Law left school in the summer having gained a place at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth to study Geography. He was enjoying life there tremendously and playing an active part in the very successful Aber Rag Week when he was sucked into the sea and drowned during the very rough night of Friday, February 12th 1982. He had been a member of the stage lighting team and the CCF RAF Section, with the latter of whom he had been on a trip to the USA three years ago.

**Lidgley D.A.J.** (1927-32). Jack Lidgley had just retired from the furniture business last summer when he heard he was ill. He first became involved in the furniture trade on joining his father's business when he left school and he worked his way up eventually taking

## THE BUTTERFLY

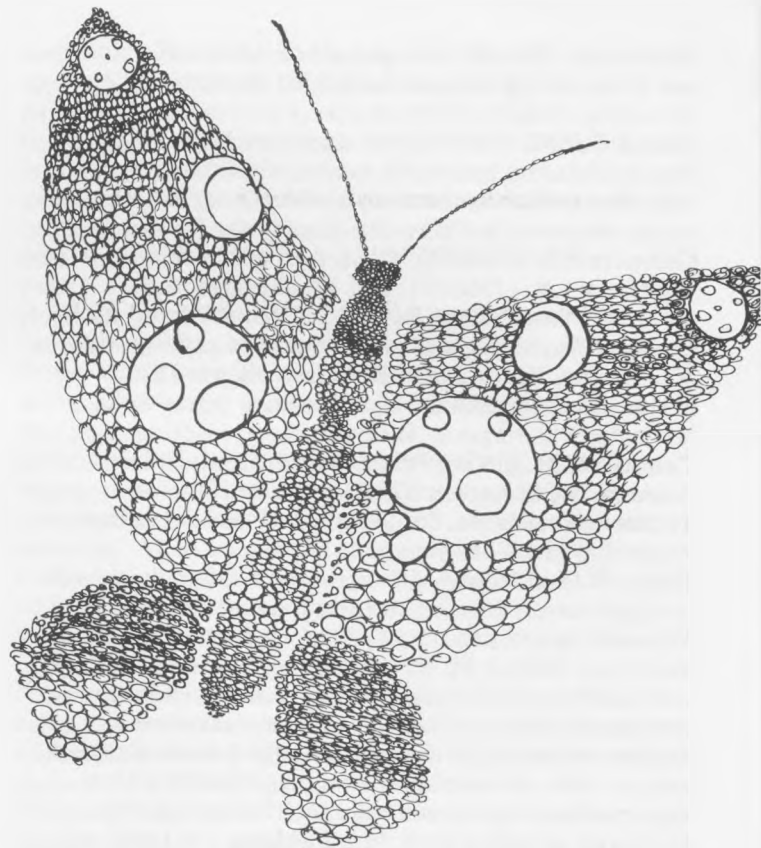
*From gluttony to nectar-tapping grace,  
From ugly youth to bright maturity.  
A loathsome oaf you heaved from leaf to limb,  
Then freed, reborn, you rose from quilted sleep.*

*Awoke from crystal sculpture, wrinkled skin,  
Discovered power of flight on either side.  
Then trembling, balanced on your erstwhile tomb,  
Plunged into stretching void that whispered 'Come'.*

*You tumbled in a feeble, frenzied flight,  
Manipulating air beneath your wings.  
You flew on mirrored paintings drawn in light,  
Whose shallow eyes feigned vigilance and strength.*

*Then far away a host of colours winked,  
And nodding heads of gold enticed you down.  
A radiating runway checked your fall,  
And proffered virgin sweetness for your feast.*

R. HOOPER



over when his father died. In 1969 he sold the business but still kept up with several companies. He was a founder member of the Shellbourne Masonic Lodge and a member of the High Wycombe Lodge. He leaves his wife Edna, two daughters and three grandchildren.

**Roberts C.A.** (1966-72). Clive Roberts was killed in a motor cycling accident on Sunday, 18th October 1981 in Weston-super-Mare, where he was working as a project engineer for the Ministry of Defence. He will be sorely missed by his many friends.

**Stevens P.R.** (1939-42) died on May 2nd 1981. He qualified at the London Hospital in Medicine and became Consultant Ophthalmologist at Blackburn Royal Infirmary in 1960.

**Todd A.H.** (1907-10) died on June 16th 1981, aged 88 years. He was at school as a boarder in The Old School that was in the town.

## NOTES

**Ashburner M.** (1953-60) has been appointed Reader in Developmental Genetics at Cambridge. He is the first member of Churchill College to be appointed to a Readership in Cambridge.

**Bailey A.W.** (1954-61) has been awarded a Master of Arts degree in music from London University. He is one of the oldest students to have taken the degree. He teaches music and plays a number of instruments and at one time he ran a dance band on the QE2.

**Barnes D.A.** (1967-74) is now working in Knightsbridge as Assistant Branch Manager for a Building Society. His brother **Barnes R.F.** (1965-72) is Assistant Development Brewer for Scottish and Newcastle Breweries in Edinburgh.

**Barnes R.** (1935-43) is at present Area Medical Officer for Bradford in West Yorkshire. He was recently elected Fellow of the Faculty of Community Medicine.

**Barnett T.J.** (1967-71) is now a qualified architect in practice with a firm in Oxford Street, London. He was married last August and is living in East Dulwich.

**Barratt E.G.** (1949-54) was summoned before royalty to collect a long service certificate from the National Playing Fields Association. The presentation was made by Prince Philip.

**Barton C.M.J.** (1966-71) has taken St. Woolos' Cathedral Choir on a tour of Holland and Germany and on Low Sunday 1981 the choir sang all the services at St. Paul's Cathedral. In October there was a celebratory festival for the 60th anniversary of the foundation of the Diocese of Monmouth and one event was the first ever Three Choirs concert with the choirs of Llandaff, Brecon and St. Woolos', which saw the first performance of a work by William Mathias, one of the most eminent Welsh composers.

**Broadribb J.S.C.** (1972-79) has passed his second year at Loughborough University of Technology and is now spending a year of industrial training at Corning Science Products at Stone.

**Burrows E.W.** (1952-60) read Classics for two years and Theology for two years at Cambridge. He then crossed over to Oxford where he trained for the Baptist ministry at Regent's Park College and did research for the D.Phil. degree, which he was awarded in 1970 for a thesis on the Synoptic Gospels.

For seven years (1967-74) he was the Minister of Limbury Baptist Church, Luton and then spent three years with the Baptist Missionary Society teaching New Testament studies to Indian Theological students at Serampore College near Calcutta. In September 1979 he became lecturer in Biblical Studies at the Baptist Theological College of Scotland in Glasgow. His family have settled down well despite the wet weather and the SNP! Looking back he realises how much he owes to E.R. Tucker's decision (accepted at the time with much reluctance!) that he should take Greek in the Third form!

**Camp J.E.** (1954-60) has been chosen by the Minister of Health to chair the Wycombe District Health Authority. He takes a great interest in the mentally handicapped and last year chaired a regional inquiry into mental handicap services in Oxfordshire.

**Carless D.** (1971-78) finished second in the Under 21 section of the British Chess Championships 1981 at

Morecombe. He was very pleased to do so well, but he was disappointed because he had led the competition for a long time.

**Carroll T.P.M.** (1966-73) has captained High Wycombe Rugby Club to a successful season, highlighted by the John Player Cup match away to Gloucester, which was lost by 40 pts to 6. Other Old Boys in the team were

**Gamester S.B.** (1962-68), **Cook J.C.** (1966-69), **Whitelock I.R.** (1960-67), and **Woodbridge M.A.** (1971-76). **Woodbridge P.J.** (1971-75) has moved on to Sheffield Rugby Club where he has been playing with A.G.B. Old, the ex-England fly half. **Bennell K.** (1968-73) is trying his luck in first class rugby with Harlequins.

**Cunnold D.M.** (1954-59) has been Professor of Atmospheric Science at The Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, for two years. Previous to that he was at the M.I.T. for ten years.

**Davies R.O.** (1963-69). His career as a salesman got off to a bad start — he was sacked after just one day by a Wycombe bread firm. Now, eight years later, he is more than making up for this as he jets round the world selling multi-million pound contracts. He has completed a deal involving a departmental store in Jeddah which will be the largest in the Middle East and early in 1981 self-employed Bob, negotiated a £13m supermarket contract with the Algerian government. He linked up with a Kent firm in March 1981 and was given a sales target of £¾m for the year. By November he had negotiated deals worth a total of £25m — “I think they are fairly pleased”, he is reported to have said.

**Dingle A.W.** (1958-63) lectures in history in Monash University, Australia. He has had a book published — “The Campaign for Prohibition in Victorian England”. The reviewer in “History” described it as a “thoroughly useful study”.

**Draper P.** (1948-55) has been in charge of the Marketing Research Department in Richardson-Vick’s Japanese subsidiary for 6½ years. He has now been promoted to Marketing Research Director of Vick America/Far East Division, in which capacity he will be responsible for the quality of research in Brazil, Mexico, Venezuela, Canada, Japan, the Phillipines, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Australia,

New Zealand and India. He has been associated with Japan for 12 years so he is not going to find his move to the United States very easy.

**Fletcher C.T.** (1939-46) became County Treasurer of Cheshire in 1974. In September 1981 he left that post to become Fellow and Bursar of Keble College, Oxford. He finds it very pleasant to return to Oxford after so many years and to renew his acquaintance with the University in a somewhat different role.

**Foster M.** (1971-77) with four friends rowed from Oxford to Westminster Bridge and back in aid of The International Year of the Disabled. They raised nearly £2,000. He avoided rowing at school “like the plague” and did cross-country running instead. He started rowing when he went up to University College to read classics.

**Gay S.M.** (1967-74) has appeared on television recently on the Iris Williams Show as a singing member of The Light Blues group.

**Griffiths C.S.** (1956-62) has at last gained international honours for rugby. He is now playing in the red and white of the Principality of Monaco. When he was at school an Old Boys’ first cap merited a day off. He wonders whether he can put in for one! Chris left Chrysler in good time and is working for an Arab investment company in Monte Carlo.

**Hollingsworth P.J.** (1967-74) is now part of Price Waterhouse Associates, the Management Consultancy arm of Price Waterhouse. One of his first assignments was an investigation into a stock difference at South West Gas, a joint exercise with the internal audit department. His fellow investigator was an Old Wycombiensian, **Macleane K.C.** (1961-65). He hopes to compete in the Seer Green Cricket Club’s annual 6-a-side tournament this summer with five other Old Boys namely, **Andrews S.P.** (1967-74) a Seer Green committee member; **Worley D.P.** (1967-74) whose wife had their first offspring in February; **Lilley G.E.** (1967-74) who has joined the three million unemployed after completing his degree at Manchester (a 2i in History and Politics); **Trendall W.A.** (1967-74) is based in Bristol though now working in Gloucester as Chief Accountant for Serck Baker an engineering company specialising in water filtration systems; **Page M.A.** (1970-74) has just got engaged to Anita, a solicitor from Bolton and is getting married in August. He is also in contact with **Jones N.D.E.** (1967-74) who is struggling with law exams in London and **Peters E.H.** (1972-74) who has recently returned to Scotland to work for the Scottish Development Agency, following a spell with the CBI in London.

**Hortin C.L.** (1944-52) came to school in October to deliver a musical history lesson to the junior school, concerning the development of the horn from the hollowed out bovine variety to the modern orchestral instrument. He is at present a member of the Bournemouth Sinfonietta and Symphony Orchestras and has been a member of the Scottish National Orchestra, Sadlers Wells Opera and the Radio Symphony Orchestra, Luxembourg. He has taught at Canford School, Salisbury Cathedral School and the Royal Academy of Music and was Honorary Organist of Luxembourg Anglican Church. He obtained a B.Mus. degree externally from Durham University. **Jervis P.W.L.** (1972-78) appeared in the much discussed BBC TV programme “Police” as a new recruit being delivered by his father to the Police Training Centre.

#### LOVE

*They sat in the darkened hall,  
The cinema was hushed,  
The old dull film rolled on and on,  
He turned to face her,  
She felt shy and odd,  
What was this funny feeling inside her,  
His arm slipped silently, but steadily around her,  
The film rolled on,  
He leant over to her,  
She felt her heart-beat start to increase,  
He got closer and closer,  
Nearer and nearer,  
She turned to him,  
Prepared herself for what was to come,  
And then he said it,  
“Pass me the popcorn.”*

JAMES KNOTT

**McDowell P.R.** (1957-64) is now working at the Wolfson Microelectronics Institute, part of the University of Edinburgh, involved in the design of 'microchips'. He is an elder of his local congregation of the Church of Scotland and he also participates in the activities of the Edinburgh Christian Broadcasting Fellowship, putting together programmes for hospitals mainly, but also doing occasional items for local BBC and IBA stations. He reports that **Chorley S.I.** (1958-65) also lives in Edinburgh and is deeply involved in the local music scene.

**Newman P.** (1972-78) is in his final year of a law degree course at Aberystwyth. He is hoping to become a journalist. He is very busy setting up an Aberystwyth Students' SDP — he is a founder member of the national party — and in helping to produce the sporadic editions of the college newspaper. Last summer he travelled around Europe and met **Holliday I.** (1971-78) in the South of France where they sold ice-cream together.

**Orr M.T.** (1972-78) rowed in the University of London coxless IV which won the Visitors Cup at Henley in 1981. His brother **Orr R.M.** (1970-76) won the Junior Mathematics Prize for the top mark in the final examinations at Oxford. He was a scholar at St. John's College, Oxford and now works for Perkin Elmer as a computer programmer.

**Paine J.C.** (1926-31) is now living in Thoona, some 140 miles north of Melbourne, in the grain part of Victoria. He retired there two years ago and has an active life with golf and bowls being the summer games. His two daughters have their own horses and his younger girl has received an award from the Royal Melbourne Show, the largest agricultural show in the world. He enjoys reading the Wycombiensian and the article about the chess club reminded him that he was instrumental in starting a chess club at the school. Up to that time only the Sixth Form were allowed to play chess. He was in IIB, went to see Mr. Arnison and after some time a chess club was formed.

**Pickering D.J.** (1966-72) has been involved in the road haulage industry for the past five years and has just taken up a new post as area manager for Lowfield Midi-skips. He started shooting with the CCF and has continued to shoot at Burnham Rifle and Pistol Club and the Falcon Gun Club, but he finds it all rather tame after the army section. He remembers affectionately the various CCF camps he attended and still has his tin of "compo" cheese from the '69 camp, which even now refuses to stay still!

**Poulson S.M.** (1971-77) obtained a second class honours degree in Engineering Science at Exeter University. After a holiday in Canada he has taken up a post with Wiggins Teape as a trainee Electrical Engineer. He recommends the course at Exeter to anyone with an interest in Engineering, but who does not yet know whether Mechanical, Electrical or Civil Engineering is right for them. Specialisation is obtained in the final year with a number of options suitable to satisfy Engineering Institution requirements for membership.

**Prior P.J.** (1929-36) delivered a "thoughtful address peppered with a generous show of wit" at the Institute of Directors Conference (Accountancy Age 3/4/81). He was less than congratulatory about the IoD. He asked what had been achieved by previous conferences and gave the answer as '75,000 directors have consumed 75,000 lunches out of boxes which, if placed end to

end, would cover the whole length of the M4'.

**Ripley E.L.** (1929-35) retired as Head of the Airworthiness Division of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, in February 1979. He is now acting as Airworthiness Adviser and he has been awarded the Wakefield Gold Medal for his outstanding contributions to safety in aviation through research and development work on aircraft structures over many years.

**Roith O.** (1942-44) has just landed a top job at the Department of Industry. He has been confirmed by the Prime Minister as the next chief engineer and scientist at the department, starting his new duties on June 1st. The post, at deputy secretary level, is regarded by the government as crucial in a Department with primary responsibility for attempted renaissance of large tracts of industry. He will lead a team of 1,840 engineers and scientists. After graduating in mechanical sciences from Cambridge he served a post-graduate apprenticeship with Courtaulds before joining the central engineering department of Distillers in 1952. After Distillers' petrochemical operations were bought by BP in 1967 he became general manager of BP chemicals. In 1974 he came to London in a series of senior technical posts, taking his present position of British Petroleum's chief engineer in 1977.

**Rollason C.R.** (1965-71) has been working since October 1980 at Coimbra University as a lecturer in English Language and Literature. Coimbra is a lovely old town and the oldest university in Portugal. Meanwhile he is continuing to work on his Ph.D., for which he is registered at York University.

**Rose C.A.** (1940-44) is British Railways' chief executive in charge of relations with the unions, at the "sharp end" — one of his favourite phrases — of the negotiations with Ray Buckton's ASLEF. He is one of the small handful of the members of the B.R. Board who are not graduate technocrats. A major highlight of his career was the "instructive enjoyment" that he derived from working on the footplate and in the shed. According to an interview in the Guardian (6/3/82) he enjoys his work and seems to like Ray Buckton.

**Saddler A.J.** (1947-54) has taken over as Head of the Senior School at Becket's Independent School, Chesham. He read classics at Cambridge and has been teaching since he left university. He is involved in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

**Sendell A.J.** (1972-78) defended Robinson College, Cambridge's appearance in a Guardian article (30/5/81). Someone, rather unkindly, remarked that it looked rather like a Camden Council housing estate, albeit a prize-winning one, but Anthony stated that it is one of the friendliest Colleges in Cambridge.

**Shadbolt W.J.** (1971-74) is a metallurgist on the Cobalt plant at Chambishi Mine on Zambia's copper belt. He runs his own projects and testwork, finding it very satisfying to see some of his better ideas being used. The social life runs at an unbelievable pace and he keeps very fit with all the sport available. He is in the process of rebuilding a Land Rover with the object of driving back to Britain. He has become a fairly accomplished fiddle player and recently played in Kitwe with an excellent country and western band.

**Sharp D.J.** (1959-64) has now moved from RAF Coltishall where he flew jaguar ground attack aircraft. From there he flew to Europe, Asia and North America with the most exciting part of his tour of duty being spent in Northern Canada. During three weeks

there his squadron operated with vast numbers of aircraft of many nations. The temperature ranged from plus ten centigrade when he arrived to minus seventeen when he left. To fly in that area was a fantastic experience with the scenery ranging from vast prairies, where one could fly for a thousand miles in a straight line without seeing a hill, to the magnificent splendour of the Rockies. All this and he was paid for it! He now flies Hawk fighter aircraft for the Second Tactical Weapons Unit from RAF Chivenor, North Devon. His job is to train qualified pilots to become fighter pilots. It takes six years to train them and costs £1.5 million.

**Stinchcombe P.D.** (1972-78) has been made an Exhibitioner of Trinity, Cambridge, after his First in Law in Part 1A. He was given a Lizette Bentwick Law Prize (£125) and a £50 Prize by Trinity to buy law books. He hopes to do post-graduate work at the London School of Oriental and African Studies, and then return to East Africa.

**Thain J.E.D.** (1961-68) is now in business for himself with an Agency company plus a wholesale grocery and packaging business in South Africa. He had heard from **Seymour W.J.** (1961-65) that Bill and his wife had been to Prince Charles' wedding.

**Tite C.C.** (1972-78) is now studying for the July 1982 Solicitors' Final exam at Guildford College of Law. Two other Old Boys are also there, **Roberts G.A.** (1971-78) and **Gibbons I.R.** (1971-78).

**Walter J.F.** (1923-27) is now living in retirement in North Walsham, Norfolk and enjoying every minute of it. He is a Town Councillor, treasurer of the local Citizens Advice Bureau and a member of The Royal Air Force Association, The Royal British Legion, Probus and the local Conservative Association of which he is ex-Chairman. His wife is similarly occupied and together they have travelled extensively to New Zealand to see their daughter and family via Hong Kong and Los Angeles, and a 4,000 mile tour of the Continent. His advice to anyone contemplating retirement with dread is to grasp it with both hands and live it to the full.

**Watts G.** (1969-76) is now an immigration officer at Terminal 3, Heathrow Airport.

**Wells N.F.** (1940-45) is editor of *Burmah International* and he sends news of **Page D.C.** (1940-46) a colleague in *Burmah Oil Trading Ltd.* and **Dickson L.A.** (1934-41) now landlord of the Plough Inn at Wanborough near Swindon in Wiltshire.

**Wood A.C.** (1954-61) has just completed 18 months of lecturing in electronics at Bailbrook College for International Aeradio Limited. He is now working for the same company in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia as a training supervisor. His teaching career started at the RGS when he was a P O Instructor in the Naval Section under Messrs. Nightingale and Benson.

#### **TEDDY BEESON**

Teddy Beeson, King of the school field for twenty years after the war, died after a rapidly developing illness on 10th April 1982. The school had Teddy to thank for the excellent cricket pitches that were so taken for granted in those years. With little help and often rudimentary equipment he was described by a county cricket captain as the best groundsman in Bucks. In his youth he was an accomplished footballer, mostly with Chesham United and a fine all-round cricketer; for many years he was a team-mate of Sam Morgan's and a mainstay of the High Wycombe 1st XI.

His sturdy frame, the ruddiest of complexions and his wiry but cropped grey hair made him the commanding figure that will be so vivid a memory to generations of post-war old boys. Although he readily spoke his mind and could be quite vigorous in defence of his area of responsibility, he had a very strong feeling for the school and his beloved field. Those who were coached by him, or got to know him well, as so many did through school cricket, are unlikely to lose the most affectionate memories of him in their own lifetimes.