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Editorial

This year has seen success not only in the academic field, as evidenced by the 'O' and 'A' level results, but also in the various sporting and extra-curricular areas, which the Royal Grammar School offers.

Opportunities exist here to exercise initiative, to develop the skills needed for life outside school and to promote an awareness of the needs of others. One has only to look at the splendid achievements of the Hockey players and Fencers, who have won national competitions, to see the truth of this. But there have been other successes. Some Fourth Formers, for example, won the 'Playing for Profit' competition, and a sixth former won the Cadbury's National Children's Art prize. Many students benefit from the full programme of sporting, dramatic, musical and cultural activities that are run here, as well as the opportunities provided by the C.C.F., the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and the Social Services programme.

We think that our school has a lot to offer, not only to those who attend it, but also to the High Wycombe area. We should extend our thanks to all the societies, organisations and staff for making the school a cheerful environment for work and for play.

S.P. KEELING (5K)

Staff Leavers

Mr Michael Eaton

One of the characteristics of the R.G.S. has been the length of service of some of its staff. Two Headmasters reigned from the beginning of the century until the early 1960's. Michael Eaton and his predecessor as 'the Art Master' have between them directed Art here for seventy years.

'Art' before 1958 was largely confined to pencil drawing in the single Art Room, now the Resources Centre. Under Michael Eaton a department has been developed which has more than tripled in size. Drawing skills are still fostered but the opportunities for painting, sculpture and pottery are now considerable and well-resourced. Although the problem of how to timetable full opportunities for the artistically talented against the many competing demands of the curriculum remains.

Michael Eaton's experience of the R.G.S. began in 1942, when he entered Mrs Kernick's old "Form

Two", which was a fee-paying Preparatory for the main school. On leaving in 1949 he went on to the Wycombe Art School, then appropriately on the site of the old R.G.S. in Easton Street. He specialised in furniture design but decided on teaching, for which he trained at the Bournemouth School of Art, after serving his National Service in the Army. Following a brief spell of teaching at Dartford Grammar School, when Mick Jagger was a pupil there, he was invited to apply for the R.G.S. job.

The invitation arose from Michael Eaton's continuing sporting connections with the school and district. He was a natural ball player; a good golfer, tennis and soccer player in his time, although his main mark was made in cricket and hockey. He played cricket for the R.G.S., the Old Boys and Beaconsfield; a sound bat and tricky leg-spinner as well as a sharp fielder. He made the most dramatic dismissal in the Staff v Boys match I have seen; diving full-length to his right to make a catch off his own bowling from a powerful straight drive.

Hockey, which has recently made such an impact on school sport, was started up by him at the R.G.S. in his early years. Cricket, of course, was well-established and he took responsibility for the school's 2nd XI, but with Horace Johnson's departure after many years in charge, he ran the 1st XI, until Brian Poll, an England schools player and later Bucks Captain, took over. In the Sixties, Gilbert & Sullivan operettas were produced annually in addition to many school plays which claimed a great deal of his time to produce many fine sets and, with the considerable growth of his department, his once deep involvement in sport had to be curtailed and will not be generally known to recent generations of R.G.S. pupils.

In more recent years, he has grown a very artistic beard and devoted much of his leisure to developing his own talent as a water colourist. Although he only took it up seriously a dozen years ago, he has acquired an impressive professional competence which has provided him with what he hopes is a growing market for his paintings and has occasioned the opportunity to retire early to develop what has already become a small business, and one which he hopes will flourish for some years to come. (All visitors to his gallery at his house will be welcome!)

His pupils and colleagues will fondly remember him as a man not slow to grumble at or to tease human frailty, but with a natural good humour and generosity that undermined any suggestion of bitterness or, as far as his teasing was concerned, any credibility — his grin inevitably betraying the necessary subterfuge.

R.C.F.

Mr John Perfect

Despite a previous entry on the occasion of his retirement from full-time teaching two years ago, John Perfect, in his self-effacing manner, has continued to be very much in evidence as a greatly valued part-timer.

His final departure marks the end of an era. He was appointed in 1951 and was, by nearly a decade, the most senior member of the Staff Common room — of which he had been Chairman. He is the last of our Second World War Warriors: a glider pilot and a survivor of Arnhem.

He came to teach English, but had a passion for Russian literature and developed the teaching of Russian as a major language option, which was widely taken up by some very able scholars, none more so than the Iveson twins, who constituted his final 'A' level set and who are to continue their linguistic and literary studies at Oxford. Alas, the subject has declined nationally and goes with its only teacher at the RGS. He organised and led several major school trips to the Soviet Union — a task requiring some bravery and much patience. Many of us will remain very grateful for the rich experience they afforded us.

John has long been a keen and erudite horticulturalist, and spent many hours tending the flower beds in the quadrangle, which has so improved the appearance of the school's most public face. His quiet but friendly good humour made him well liked by pupils and colleagues alike. All will want to wish him the very best for his retirement.

R.C.F.

Mr Alan Chuter

Alan Chuter, who came to teach French at the R.G.S. in 1965 from Watford Technical High School is retiring this summer after 23 years of service to the school. Throughout this period he was a tower of strength to the Modern Languages Department. Scrupulously fair and with an instinctive understanding of how to get the very best out of his pupils, he earned, through his firm, dedicated teaching, based on sound scholarship and genuine enthusiasm for his subject, the respect of countless boys whose interests were at all times his first priority.

Of immense value to the school in an entirely different sphere has been Alan's expert management of the Tuck Shop. Not only has he assuaged the hunger of visiting teams or those participating in school trips (not to mention pupils in need of sustenance after four periods of morning school) but his business acumen has brought financial benefit to a broad spectrum of school life for which we all have cause to be grateful.

Alan will be remembered at the R.G.S. both as a teacher and a colleague, whose lively and acerbic wit has kept us on our toes and whose sympathetic understanding and support have been invaluable throughout the years. His unswerving loyalty has been greatly appreciated and will be sorely missed. We wish him and his wife Pat a happy well-earned retirement and every success for the future.

D.J.F.

Dr Ross Barker

Dr Barker came to the school in September 1982 with a DPhil in Mathematics and had been a Junior Research Fellow at Merton College, Oxford. A person with such qualifications could have been out of touch with the mathematical needs of more ordinary mortals

(even those at the R.G.S.), but he has proved that he is able to help many. Over the years Dr Barker has helped with the development of Mathematics in the school at a time when there are many changes taking place. Soon after he arrived, the 'A' level syllabus changed and later he was in favour of taking the more radical line in introducing a GCSE course with the attendant coursework — not then essential in Mathematics. He has also been an enthusiastic initiator of an AS course in Decision Mathematics. Within the Mathematics Department he has been an efficient secretary to meetings and organiser of internal exams. He has also encouraged many boys over the years to take part in Mathematical competitions — up to International level.

As befits a man from Leeds — and one whose accent has not been softened out of recognition — his extra-curricular interests have included Cricket. He has helped run the under 15 team and has been described as an umpire par-excellence for the gentlemen cricketers on the staff. His other two major contributions to the life of the school have been in the CCF, for which see the CCF report, and his running of the stationery cupboard, which has been organised with military precision.

In short, there will be many gaps to fill next year. We do, of course, wish him well at Southend High School for Boys, where he takes up his post as Head of Mathematics.

D.M.B.

Mr Philip Wilkes

Phil Wilkes joined the Biology Department in 1985. He made an immediate impact by the totally committed way in which he threw his considerable energy and dynamism into his teaching. Always completely on top, both of the subject and of class management, he showed himself to be a 'natural' for the profession and rapidly gained the boys' respect. As the result of his down to earth approach the boys always knew where they stood, yet he was always able to enliven his lessons with samples of his quick wit and good humour.

His contribution to the school extended into the CCF, ski trips, VI Form Games and other less formalised activities, and, in all of these spheres, his participation was greatly appreciated.

We thank 'Pip' for what he has done and wish him good fortune in a new appointment in his beloved Wales, where he expects to extend his involvement in outdoor pursuits. The gap he leaves will not easily be filled.

R.O.K.

Mr Richard Jacks

Mr Richard Jacks joined the school in September 1986 on a temporary basis and has taught Mathematics to a wide range of pupils, but his knowledge and interest in the subject have been most appreciated in his Further Maths teaching and his preparation of boys for the Cambridge Entrance Exams. He has sung with the Choral Society and refereed some junior soccer matches. He leaves with our best wishes for the future.

D.M.B.

Mr Iain Rodger

Iain Rodger, who left teaching last summer to join the firm of Reuters in London, was appointed to the staff of the R.G.S. in 1982 to teach Spanish and French, having graduated from Cambridge. He quickly proved to be a lively and enthusiastic member of the Modern

Languages Department. During his time here he played a full part in the life of the school: U15 Hockey training, Staff Soccer, American Exchange, school trips to Madrid and Dieppe, Junior Library and, last but not least, the Staff Revue where he was able to give full rein to his histrionic talents.

We shall miss his competent teaching and his cheerful personality but wish him success in his new enterprise.
D.J.F.

Obituaries

Since the publication of the last "Wycombiensian", the school has lost three former members of staff, each of whom gave many years of service to the RGS. Tribute is paid immediately below to Mr Peter Smaje and to Mr Bill Harrison. An obituary to the Rev. John Skipp, who served the school between 1954 and 1982 as a Housemaster, Chaplain and member of the English Department is included in the Old Wycombiensian's section of the magazine.

Mr Peter Smaje

We shall all always remember Peter Smaje. The bitter sadness and shock of the sudden parting will now always be part of that memory. If that is so for us, how much more is it so for Shelagh, Kerry and his son, Peter, to whom our hearts go out. He would be touched by our affection. But I know from conversations we had that, so far as he thought of himself at all, he would want the other memories to be there too. They crowd in.

He came to us after a successful career as Navigator in the RAF. He had been in the Merchant Navy before that. The pilot with whom he had flown in Canberras said that he put skills learnt in both careers together so successfully, that time and again on low-level sea crossings, he observed the local variations of wind on waves and made detailed adjustments, so that landfall was guaranteed to be 'spot on'.

The RAF Section was his special concern. He didn't mind who knew it. He built it up until it became one of the largest in the country, with a fine record, whether measured by successes in competitions at Central camps, or in the number of Flying Scholarships gained — or, as I suspect he might have valued most of all, by the number and affection of those who attached themselves to it.

He also started the weekend camps for the Section — and opened them to the other Sections. He branched out into the overseas tours: Italy; Austria; the USA; the Pacific Coast; Turkey; Munich and Canada, on many of which he was glad of the help of a team he built up of Squadron Leader Sollars, Captain Grundy and Mr Chamberlain. There were plans for a round the world trip.

Most of these activities need transport — he sought it out and ran it. Transport, even with the devoted hours he spent on it, needed money. He ran a tuckshop, diversifying into sweat shirts and badged crockery.

He was a special strength and comfort to the parents of Christopher Gaunt and the affection between the families is shown by the fact that the building in memory of their son is now by mutual consent to be known by Peter Smaje's name as well.

He ran shooting for the whole Contingent. The RN Section owe to him their excellent relationship with the RAF Sailing Club at Danesfield.

All this was in addition to his full teaching programme and the great amount of work involved more recently in setting up the Technology Department, of which he was Head. He was on occasion forthright and he appreciated a straight forward forthrightness in return. The abiding impression is of an ease and geniality of manner with a guiding purpose. I am glad as well as very sad to remember his avuncular 'History of the RAF' talk to the new recruits this school year. ("Different every time"; he assured me when I told him how much I had enjoyed it.) I was impressed with the air of good cheer and purposeful activity in a class in the Technology Room where I was on reserve duty. It was obviously the spirit he had engendered continuing naturally.

We know we have lost a very good friend and a very good man.
F.N.C.

This poem, read at Peter Smaje's funeral, is one that he found expressed something deeply important to him.

High Flight

Oh I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds — and done a hundred things
High in the sun-lit silence. Hov'ring there
I've chased the shouting wind along and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long delirious burning blue,
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle, flew;
And while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

Written by P/O JOHN GILLESPIE MAGEE
of 412 Squadron RCAF
Killed 1941, aged 19.

Mr Bill Harrison

Bill Harrison was a key figure in the C.C.F. as School Staff Instructor. He gave long, loyal and cheerful service both in his official capacity and, after lessons from Colonel Pattinson, very well learnt, as cook at camps.

His pies in particular became — and for those of us who remember them, remain — legendary. Their fame spread beyond the C.C.F., and he began making them every day for an appreciative clientele. He dispensed them with exuberant good humour, which was as important an ingredient as any in the long running venture known as "Bill's".

When M.O.D. finances no longer ran to a full time S.S.I., Bill was taken on as an assistant with special responsibility for looking after the animals in the Biology Department for part of the time. He threw himself into this as well with the same energy, and elicited the same affectionate regard.

He made the very best of his life, which was a tough one, especially as he was always concerned about the health of his wife, Joan. To her and the family we send our deepest sympathy. It is very hard to realise that we shall not be hearing his rich Lancashire invitation to have a cup of tea, or of the success of his latest hobby, or his pleasure at having achieved a bargain.

We are very fortunate to have known him.

F.N.C.

University Entry 1987-88

OXFORD

***G. Bambury** Keble, Engineering/Computing
S.D. Chandler Pembroke, Physics
I.J. Harding Worcester, Medicine
A.M. Henton St. John's, History
J.K. Iveson St. John's, Classics
P.W. Iveson St. John's, Modern Languages
J.H.C. Jones Brasenose, Classics
A.J. Mogg Lady Margaret Hall, Medicine
C.C. Nduka Keble, Medicine
A. Popplewell Wadham, Chemistry
G.J. Russell New, Zoology
S.G. Walker Keble, Modern Languages
S.B.J. Walters Wadham, Biochemistry
R.M. Warboys Keble, History

CAMBRIDGE

***N.S. Adams** King's, Choral Scholar
***R.W. Bayly** Pembroke, Engineering
***S.P. Besford** Churchill, Engineering
***J.R. Black** Emmanuel, Geography
***I.D. Cann** Emmanuel, Modern Languages
***T.J. Clark** Jesus, Natural Sciences
***P.N. Denison** Trinity, Maths
***J.M. Dibbo** Christ's, Economics
***J.S. Gregson** Christ's, Engineering
***J.N. Haynes** Clare, Engineering
***T.J. Hodson** Selwyn, Maths
***R.P. Hoskins** Queens', Maths
***S.C. Johns** Christ's, Natural Sciences
***J.A. Jones** Queens', Engineering
***P.R. MacLeod** Downing, Classics
I.J. MacTavish Jesus, Geography
***N.K. Panchen** Magdalene, Natural Sciences
***D.J. Peart** Robinson, Veterinary Science
***J.R.H. Rugg** Magdalene, French
***J.M. Shepherd** Peterhouse Natural Sciences
***B.F.G. Siedentopf** St. John's, Natural Sciences
***N.J. Weaver** Jesus, Engineering
**Conditional Offers*

P.M. Appleton: Southampton University, Medicine
B.C. Ayling: Bristol University, Mechanical Engineering (1988)
J.E. Baker: East Anglia University, Mathematics with Economics
S.J.W. Barber: Exeter University, Mathematics
R.L.W. Barnett: Royal Holloway & Bedford New College, London University, French & German
C.G. Barrack: Bristol University, Engineering
J.M.J. Bennett: Liverpool University, French
A.A.P.J. Bower: Leeds University, Economics (1988)
C.P. Buck: Leeds University, Physics/Astrophysics
C.G. Butler: Queen Mary College, London University, Law
M.A. Butler: Keele University, French/Geography
S.A. Cayzer: Bristol University, Veterinary Science
T.J. Chambers: Nottingham University, Production Engineering
P.M. Churn: Swansea University, Social Anthropology
N.S. Clarke: Manchester University, Economics
B.A. Clegg: University of Bath, Sociology with Psychology
D.S. Currie Loughborough University, Engineering (1988)
G.S. Davey Durham University, Chemistry
R.P. Davies: Loughborough University, Management Sciences
J.C. Dickinson: Lancaster University, Economics & Geography
D.K. Dobie: Dundee University, Medicine
A.S. Dodds: Hull University, Law

J.C. Doig: Newcastle upon Tyne University, Computer Science
S.J. Eastham: Loughborough University, Civil Engineering (1988)
T.M.R. Evans: Loughborough University, Business Administration & French
T.W. Fountain Durham University, Chemistry
A.D. Furner: Nottingham University, Production Engineering & Management (1988)
D.A. Gee: Swansea University, American Management Science
B.M. Griffin: Birmingham University, Geography
I.J. Gregor: Sheffield University, Geography (1988)
P.T.D. Hutchings: University of Bath, Architectural Studies
G.S. Jackson: Nottingham University, Industrial Economics with Accountancy
R. Jordan: Brunel University, Management & Materials Technology
A.A. Khan: London University, Law
D.J. Mahon: Hull University, French Studies
P.J. Mahon: Warwick University, Maths/Physics
E. Moore: Sussex University, Economics
J.R. Pidgeon: Manchester University, History & Politics
R.A. Pinnock: Sheffield University, Biology
C.P. Reece: Southampton University, Medicine
K.A. Savage: Southampton University, Business Economics & Accountancy
J.D. Sharpe: Queen Mary College, London University, Economics
T.J. Singleton: Leeds University, International History & Politics
G.M. Smith: Exeter University, Maths. & Computing
P.R. Smith Aston University, Production Technology & Management
J.A. Stanworth: Essex University, History
D.T. Taverner: Surrey University, Civil Engineering
R. Thirsk: Nottingham University, Chemical Engineering
M.D. Trobridge: University of Bath, European Studies & Modern Languages
D.J. Warren: Southampton University, Biology
I.A. Weston: York University, Economics/Econometrics

POLYTECHNICS (Degrees Courses)

M.G.A. Barrell: Kingston Polytechnic, Law
A.D. Burton: Oxford Polytechnic, Geography
N.F. Cooke: Birmingham Polytechnic, Town & Country Planning
S.N. Darby: Teeside Polytechnic, Business Studies
N.J.D. Gabriel: Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic, Mechanical Engineering
K.P. Ghosal: Polytechnic of Wales, Accountancy & Finance
A.P. Goss: Leicester Polytechnic, Law
C.A. Hatter: Bristol Polytechnic, Systems Analysis
W.S. Hester: Preston Polytechnic, Psychology
D.R. Lewin: Coventry Polytechnic, Applied Biology
P.A. Paul: Leeds Polytechnic, Food & Accommodation Management
S.C. Petri: Trent Polytechnic, European Business Studies
A.J. Pond: Portsmouth Polytechnic, Architecture
A.J.H. Strange: Wolverhampton Polytechnic, Geography & American Studies

OTHER COLLEGES OF HIGHER EDUCATION

A.R. Cox: London Veterinary College
A.J. Green: RAF College Cranwell
K.S. Tomlin: Royal College of Music

'A' LEVEL RESULTS 1987

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 — Maths; Mus — Music; P — Physics; BS — Business Studies; CS — Computer Science; GS — General Studies; PS — Political Studies; Sp — Spanish; RS — Religious Studies; AWH — Art with History of Art; Phil — Philosophy; Russ — Russian; E&P — Economics & Politics.

* Denotes Grade A

P.M. Appleton C*, P*, B*, GS; **G.P. Westall** M, C*, B*;
S.A. Cayzer M*, C*, B*; **J.A. Wilson** C, B, GS; **M.A. Coutts** C*, P*, B*; **M.J. Bennett** L, F*, H, GS; **A. Cox** M*, B*;
R.J.R. Drysdale AH, G, GS, BS; **G.W. Davey** M, C*, B*, GS;
R. Jordan H, Geo; **D.K. Dobie** M, C*, B, GS; **C.J.O. Kendall** Eng*, L*, H*, GS*; **J.R. Ellis** M, C, B* **D.C. Walker** L*, AH*, H*, Gre*; **Y.Y. Ford** M*, C*, P*, B*; **J.G.K. Walker** I*, AH, H, Gre*; **T.W. Fountain** M, C, B*; **L.P. Dann** Eng, H, Geo; **S.J. Hussey** C; **G.J.M. Farrar** Eng, F*, H;
M.R. Jackson M*, C*, B*; **A.D. Godfrey** Eng, F, M, A;
M. Kanth C, B; **W.S. Hester** Eng, GS, BS; **A.A. Khan** M*, C, B*; **R.D. Hipkin** Eng, E; **D.R. Lewin** M, C, B;
J. Jagger Eng, H*, Geo*, GS; **A. Mohammed** C, B;
D.J. Mahon Eng, F*, E*; **D.S. Mills** M, C*, P*, B*; **I.A. Rose** Eng*, H*, Geo*; **R.J. Mortimer** Geo; **R.J. Smith** Eng;
T.R.A. Nuthall M, C, P*, B*; **R.W.A. Walsh** Eng, H, E, GS;
G.W. Oliver C; **R.J. Bees** BS, CS; **R.A. Pinnock** M, C, B*;
T.M. Evans F*, H, E&P*, GS; **C.P. Reece** M, C*, B;
M.C. Rymill M, C, B, GS; **B.M. Griffin** H, E&P, Geo*, GS;
D. Sarshar M, C*, B*; **D.C. Harper** Eng, H, E&P, GS;
M. Shah C, B; **D.J. Warren** M, C, B*, A, GS; **C.A. Hatter** BS, CS; **M. Puddephatt** F, E*, M, GS; **C.B. Watson** H, E, M, GS; **D.F. Wigham** GS; **P.M.M. Churn** Eng, GS;
D.S. Currie Geo, M, P, GS; **J.C.E. Dickinson** E, Geo;
A.S. Dodds H, E, Geo*, GS; **S.P. Farrell** Eng, E, Geo, GS;
A.P. Goss H, E, Geo; **L.J. Gregor** H, E, Geo*, GS;
C.M. Parker Geo, P, GS; **A.J. Pond** E&P, Geo; **K.A. Savage** E*, Geo*, M*; **A.D.M. Barkey** H*, Geo*, M*, GS;
MG. Carter E, Geo, GS; **N.F. Cooke** H, E; **J.A. Eales** Geo, P;
M.R. Flack Eng, M; **G.S. Jackson** H, E*, Geo; **R.C. Miles** Geo, BS; **T.J. Singleton** F*, H*, Geo*, GS; **J.A. Stanworth** Eng, H, Geo; **A.J.H. Strange** Geo, AWH, GS; **D.T. Taverner** Geo, M, P; **P.M. Altern** Eng*, H*, E&P*, GS*; **M. Glynn** Eng, E&P, GS; **A.M. Henton** H*, E*, M*; **K.J. Lewis** Eng, H, E&P; **J.R. Pidgeon** H, E&P, M, GS; **D.E. Sapsford** H, E;
D.R.H. Solomons F, H, E, GS; **D.J. Young** H, E, M;
R.L.W. Barnett F, Ger, M; **S.H. Booth** F*, Ger, H;
C.G. Butler Eng, F, Ger, GS; **M.A. Butler** F, Ger, Geo;
M.C. Heys F, Ger, H; **A.H. Johnston** F, Ger, H;
J.P. McNamara F; **J.R. Sears** F, M; **D.S. Treadwell** F, Ger, E;
M.D. Trobridge F*, Ger*, Geo; **P.A. Wainwright** F*, Ger, M;
S.G. Walker Eng*, F*, Ger*, GS*; **S.L. Webster** E; **J.E. Baker** F, E, M; **M.G.A. Barrell** F, H, E&P, GS; **A.P.J. Bower** F, E*, M, GS; **N.S. Clarke** F, H, M*; **G.D. Cresswell** H; **T.J. Hoggan** Geo; **M. S. Jones** M; **J.J. Newton** F; **S. Petri** F, M, BS; **G.C. Reid** F; **K.S. Tomlin** Mus*; **T. Wilson** Eng, F, AWH;
S.J.W. Barber E, M*, FM, P, GS; **K.M. Buzzard** F, M*, FM*, P*, GS; **A.J. Edwards** M*, FM*, C, P*; **P.J. Giles** M*, FM, C, P*; **C.J. Howard** M*, FM, C, P; **P.J. Mahon** M*, FM*, P*, GS; **M.A. Page** M*, FM, P; **C.G. Sherlock** M*, FM*, C*, P*; **T.C. Walker** M*, FM*, C*, P*; **M.A. Walmsley** M*, FM*, C*, P*, GS; **M. Wentworth-Fitzwilliam** M, P;
A.J. Agg H*, E*, M*, FM; **C.G. Barrack** M*, FM, C, A*;
S.D. Chandler M*, FM*, P*, Mus*; **R.P. Davies** M, P, BS;
S.J. Dow M*, FM, C*, P*; **S.J. Eastham** F, M*, P;
A.C. Hammersley M*, FM*, C*, P*; **J.D. Sharpe** M*, C, P;
K.J. Smart F, M, P; **G.M. Smith** M*, FM, C, P; **P.R. Smith** M, P, BS; **MJ. Adamson** C, P, GS; **W. Aslam** M, C, P;
C.P. Buck M, C, P*, GS; **B.A. Clegg** M, C, P; **R.N. Dunlop** C, P; **K.P. Ghosal** M, C, P; **A.J. Green** M, C, P, GS;
T.E. Hamp C, P; **M.W.H. Lee** E, C; **B.M. Russell** C, P, GS;
R.D. Thompson M, C, P; **A.D. Burton** Geo, P, GS;
T.J. Chambers M, P, GS, BS*; **P.H. Diamond** Geo*, M, P*;
L.T.P. English Geo, M, P*, GS; **I.J. MacTavish** Geo*, M*, P*, GS; **T.M. Ponting** Geo, M, P; **I.A. Weston** Ger, E*, M, P; **G.M. Bradshaw** M*, C, P*; **A. Carrington** M*, FM, C*, P*; **R.G. Forbes** M*, C*, P*, GS; **A.D. Furner** M, C, P; **R.G. Heasman** M, C, P; **A.M. Hussain** P;

P.T.D. Hutchings M*, C*, P; **N.J. Stephenson** M, C*, P;
A.G. Sutton M*, C*, P*; **C.S. Tebbutt** P; **K.L. White** M*, C*, P*; **B.C. Ayling** M, C, P, GS; **S.R. Cooper** M, C, P, GS; **S.N. Darby** P, BS; **N.J.D. Gabriel** M, P;
D.S. Gee M, P, BS; **K.E.J. Jordan** M, C*, P*, GS*;
A. Popplewell M*, C*, P*; **R.E. Thirsk** M, C*, P; **I.M. Gilbey** GS; **S.R. Gamble** Geo*; **J.J. Houchin** E, M, P*; **J. Ellis** E, P;
E.C. Moore E&P, M, P; **K.S. West** E, M, P; **D.J. Coleman** P;
J.C. Doig M, P, CS; **R. Jordan** E.

'O' LEVEL RESULTS 1987

The following boys obtained Grade C or above in five or more subjects in the GCE Ordinary Level Examinations.

S.C. Ashford (7); **M.P. Ball** (10); **M.A. Bussell** (10);
S.J. Cleary (7); **D.G. Crowdy** (11); **P.V.C. Fison** (11);
P.D. Glennon (10); **S.A. Guy** (9); **K.S. Harrison** (9);
J.P. Higgins (10); **C.D. Jones** (7); **A.C. Lane** (10);
P.A. Lewin (9); **A.J. MacHardie** (7); **D.J. Miles** (10);
J.D. Moore (9); **J.P. O'Connor** (10); **C.J. Pethers** (10);
B.J. Proctor (10); **J.S. Riley** (9); **I.M. Sharp** (9); **O.R. Slater** (10); **N.P. Smith** (9); **L.R. Stacey** (9); **R.M. Stenner** (9);
S.D.M. Thornton (10); **S.J. Tongue** (7); **A.J.R. Whitome** (7); **J.P. Aranzulla** (9); **W.S. Atherden** (9); **J.P. Biles** (10);
P.W. Blatchford (10); **R.P. Buckley** (10); **S.J. Busby** (9);
R.S.E. Cayzer (10); **A.A. Chambers** (10); **C.J.J. Charlton** (10); **C.J. Corbett** (10); **R.W. Davies** (9); **S. Dutta** (10);
S.P. Empringham (10); **M.P. Gordon** (9); **M.T. Grapes** (10);
M.J. Harrison (11); **M.C. Heppell** (10); **R.F. Holloway** (10);
S.A. Humphrey (9); **R.J. Lomas** (8); **H.J. Maddock** (10);
D.G. Moore (9); **M.J.J. O'Toole** (10); **D.J.G. Parkinson** (9);
R.J. Rainbow (10); **A.J. Riachi** (10); **G.P. Sellors** (10);
J.P. Shotbolt (10); **A.D. Smith** (9); **R.J. Smith** (10);
C.L. Thomas (11); **G.R. Walker** (10); **A.D. Yates** (11); **S.R. Andrews** (10); **T.M. Arthur** (10); **A.S. Ball** (10); **S.E. Ball** (6); **S.A. Brooksbank** (10); **M.D. Brown** (8); **S.R. Bryant** (7);
W.S. Cartledge (10); **J.M. Cravos** (8); **S.C.G. Evans** (9);
P.D. Fines-Allin (8); **A. Hameed** (10); **J. Hawkins** (10);
D.P. Heasman (10); **M.T. Humberstone** (10); **D.W. King** (8);
N. Lewthwaite (9); **J.R.C. Loadman** (10); **M.T. Lock** (9);
A.L. Moody (9); **R.G. Mounsher** (7); **C.S. Mumford** (8);
B.P.M. Nielsen (10); **S. Patel** (10); **B.A. Robinson** (10);
N.J. Sharp (10); **P.A. Styles** (7); **J.W. Summers** (9);
T.S. Swithenbank (9); **S.G. Todd** (9); **G. Tucker** (9);
M.A. Tucker (10); **M.T. Wilson** (8); **P.J. Allen** (8);
S.M. Baker (7); **C.J. Bickell** (9); **J.M. Buckley** (9);
J.C.F. Burke (9); **J.P.P. Burnett** (8); **G.M. Butler** (9);
D.B. Callaghan (9); **M.A. Chandler** (10); **M.D. Clarke** (9);
M.G. Evans (10); **R.G. Evans** (9); **C.J.R. Grimmond** (7);
C.A. Heather (9); **J.C. Kerry** (10); **D.J. Lewis** (6);
M.J. Martin (10); **N.W. Meldrum** (10); **M.W. Metcalfe** (10);
J.R. Monaghan (8); **S.J. Russell** (9); **J.P.S. Saraan** (10);
M. Spratt (10); **O.M. Tansley** (9); **P.A.J. Thibault** (9);
B.L. Thomas (10); **D.A.G. Till** (6); **D.S. Turnbull** (10);
C.R. Ward (8); **A.A. White** (7); **D.J. Wright** (7); **N. Ahmad** (6); **D. Barnes** (6); **J.S.R. Beaumont** (6); **C.D. Belcher** (5);
M.J. Blackman (10); **R.J. Claydon** (8); **S.C. Cutler** (7);
S.P. Davis (6); **R.M. Dawson** (6); **P. Dollin** (7); **D.P. Ellis** (7); **F. Ghouze** (9); **C.R. Glenton** (5); **J.A. Holland** (9);
T. Lewis (8); **A.J.H. Millar** (9); **D.J. Pardon** (8);
N.M.W. Payne (10); **D.K. Peters** (5); **S.S. Rake** (5);
M.B. Roworth (8); **R.M. Saunders** (7); **A.P.S. Sihera** (7);
A.J. Swain (6); **I.M. Wooster** (6); **N. Ahmed** (8);
P.J. Barber (7); **J.R. Bashford** (9); **N.D. Beal** (7);
R.J. Cobb (8); **G.S. Cooke** (9); **R.C. Farey** (7); **R.D. Flack** (8); **R.J. Gigg** (8); **R.P. Gilliam** (6); **A.W. Goode** (9);
M.J. Hopwood (6); **P.W. Jennings** (10); **G.D. Jones** (9);
R. Knight (7); **J.B. Mansfield** (9); **S.D. McCauley** (7); **S.P. North** (8); **T.M. Rolfe** (8); **S.S. Sahota** (9); **T.A. Seymour** (7); **A. Swift** (7); **M.P. Williamson** (7); **S.J. Wright** (5).

Sport

Cricket

Records, Honours and Achievements

Team	Matches Played	Wins	Defeats	Draws	Aban.	%
1st XI	15	5	2	7	1	61
2nd XI	11	4	1	6	0	64
3rd XI	6	6	0	0	0	100
U15 XI	13	6	4	3	0	58
U14 XI	17	9	5	3	0	62
U13 XI	7	1	4	2	0	29
All teams	69	31	16	21	1	61

U14 XI: County Champions in the Lord's Taverners'/'Cricketer' Colts Trophy

County Selection

Bucks Young Amateurs: Matthew Dodds

Bucks C.A. U16: Shomit Dutta (Captain), Andrew Swain, Richard Flack, Simon Shaw, Dale Parkinson

Bucks S.C.A. U15: Simon Shaw, Stuart Garvie, David Gatum, Ian Gould

Bucks S.C.A.&C.A. U14: Iain Hardman, David Harding, Matthew Dawson, David Warboys

Bucks S.C.A. U13: Mark Howell, Stephen Curl

Regional Honours

Selective Coaching Courses:

U16: Andrew Swain

School Colours Awards

Full Colours to: Jeremy Bennett, Gavin Davey, Alex Godfrey, Robert Devonport, Matthew Dodds, Roger Mould, Philip Shayler, John Skrimshire (Captain Elect), Martin Taylor.

Half Colours to: Jeremy Dickinson, Tom Fountain, Ian MacTavish, Sajid Ali, Michael McAllister, Tim Clark, Shomit Dutta, Richard Flack, Andrew Swain, Anthony Ball, Colm Lacy.

Valete: James Baker, Mark Puddephatt, Gavin Davey, Jeremy Bennett, Alex Godfrey, Tom Fountain, Jeremy Dickinson, Jason Pidgeon, Benjamin Clegg, Darren Wigham, Robert Jordan.

1st XI Averages

Batting

Gavin Davey 255 runs @ 42.5
Matthew Dodds 400 runs @ 33.9
Roger Mould 290 runs @ 29.0
Mark Puddephatt 203 runs @ 25.4
James Baker 228 runs @ 25.3
Sajid Ali 159 runs @ 22.7
Philip Shayler 300 runs @ 21.4
John Skrimshire 154 runs @ 15.4

Bowling

Jeremy Bennett 25 wkts @ 15.9
James Baker 16 wkts @ 19.1
Robert Devonport 19 wkts @ 19.5
Alex Godfrey 17 wkts @ 19.5
John Skrimshire 11 wkts @ 20.3
Martin Taylor 16 wkts @ 20.6

1st XI

The 1st XI in 1987 was a side of very capable players, but it did not quite live up to expectations, although, on balance, it was a fairly successful season.

Unfulfilled promise, the vagaries of form, inconsistent availability — these were some of the factors that meant that the team never quite attained the heights of which it was capable with any consistency.

Nevertheless some good cricket was played, much satisfaction was gained, and occasionally the heights were scaled.

Only two defeats were experienced: against Hampton School, where we failed badly in a run-chase against some good spin bowling, and against RGS Worcester, high-class opposition. Hampton were the only side to bowl us out. Worcester got home by just 3 wickets in a very good game, when over 400 runs were scored.

Victories were gained against Oxford School, Emanuel, Enfield GS, Latymer Upper and the Staff. The victory in the two-day game v. Emanuel was particularly decisive. RGS scores of 186-4 dec. (35.1 overs) and 136-1 (28.2 overs) provided a nine-wicket winning margin. Scoring 175-4 to beat Latymer Upper was also notable.

It was frustrating not to force victory in several of the drawn games. Three times in a row in May we chased but didn't get it right — particularly frustrating against Lord Williams, against whose modest 142 we ended at 140-6. However, by July we had got the hang of it and won all three games in which we batted second.

Unfortunately, the bowling never had enough penetration to bowl out sides batting second. Belated declarations against Dr Challoner's and RGS Guildford gave us somewhat dull draws.

The batting was always good enough to earn us healthy totals when we batted first, but some technical limitations were revealed under the pressure of chasing, although experience made us better as the season wore on.

The captain, James Baker, started the season with 80 not out, but fell away thereafter, although he played two or three useful innings later. The vice-captain, Mark Puddephatt, played in only nine games, but managed two aggressive fifties. The two most successful batsmen were opener Matthew Dodds, who hit three fifties and played attractively, and wicket-keeper Gavin Davey, whose 65 not out v. Worcester was a fine innings. Roger Mould, improving steadily, was reliable and made 54 v. Worcester. Opener Philip Shayler was a little inconsistent, but he hit 75 v. Emanuel and batted well on other occasions. Much was expected of John Skrimshire, but he lost form, particularly against the spinners. He will surely re-emerge as a fine batsman. Sajid Ali, 2nd XI Captain, showed his ability as a stroke-player in his limited appearances. It is disappointing that he has chosen not to play for the school in 1988. Fifth-former Shomit Dutta, in restricted appearances, promised well for the future and was not dismissed in four innings. The batting of the tail-enders was rarely required, but seam bowler Martin Taylor showed some ability with the bat.

The bowling was less distinguished than the batting. The seam attack lacked quality. Alex Godfrey occasionally produced pace and bounce, but lacked the control to be sustainably successful. James Baker was

steady, but only v. Enfield (4-41) did he show decisive penetration. Martin Taylor, left-arm seam, did not prove the success we had hoped. Wickets eluded him, except v. the staff (4-43), although he too was steady. John Skrimshire occasionally produced useful spells at medium pace, but he was at times hit out of the attack. The two main spinners were Jeremy Bennett, off-breaks, and Robert Devonport, slow left arm. It was a pity that Bennett's season was curtailed, for he was the most decisive bowler in the side (6-45 v. Oxford, 5-40 v. Watford GS). Devonport's 4-23 v. Lord Williams and 4-32 v. Emanuel represented times when things went right for him, but he often struggled for rhythm and control. These were the regular bowlers. Of the rest, Richard Flack's seam bowling offered some promise for the future.

The fielding was generally competent but not distinguished. Wicket-keeper Gavin Davey cheerfully admitted that his keeping was not all that he hoped. One or two others ought to work to improve their fielding. However, there were some capable performers in the side, not least the Captain himself.

So another season is gone. Not all that it might have been perhaps, but satisfactory nonetheless and enjoyed by those who played. Team spirit was good, and I can report a pleasing absence of bad sportsmanship and poor attitudes. I was happy to be with the 1st XI of 1988.

My thanks to the Captain and his players, to our Groundsman, Richard Tedham, to the Scorer, Stephen Drage (excellent work), to our tea ladies, and to all those members of staff whose contribution is so valued, especially Mr Yeates, Mr Page, Mr Stone and Mr Tattersall — for all their help with senior cricket.

S.R. GOLDTHORPE

N.B. In his school 1st XI career James Baker scored 907 runs @ 33.6 and took 33 wickets @ 19.8. Mark Puddephatt scored 754 runs @ 29.0. Jeremy Bennett took 40 wickets @ 18.3. Gavin Davey scored 377 runs @ 34.3. Jason Pidgeon took 27 wickets @ 17.9. Alex Godfrey took 17 wickets @ 19.5. Best wishes to all these in their future.

S.R.G

2nd XI

The 2nd XI enjoyed a successful season, the only loss being against RGS Worcester, because of our inability to cope with the full tosses from a leg-spinner.

The team always played with an air of confidence (though where that came from I shall never know). The captain had the happy knack of bringing about the demise of an opposing batsman merely by changing the bowler.

A deadly trio of spin bowlers in C. Lacy, A. Ball and "Podge" Pidgeon took 52 wickets between them, but they lacked the killer instinct with tail-enders. T. Clark and R. Flack opened the bowling with fire and fury.

The batting was very solid with A. Swain, S. Ali and T. Fountain providing the bulk of the runs. T. Clark, however, played the best knock of the season against Latymer Upper School, with a match winning 34 in a run chase.

Other honourable mentions go to D. Parkinson, M. McAllister and A. Whittome.

SAJID ALI (CAPT.)

3rd XI

The 3rd XI won all six of their matches and took their unbeaten run to eleven games. They batted first in all their games, their highest score being 220-6 against Hampton School, who were then dismissed for 49. The only time the side were in trouble was against St Benedict's, for they quickly collapsed to 12-6, being eventually all out for 41. St. Benedict's never looked like winning, struggling to make 25. The final game against Enfield G.S. saw 340 runs scored in the match, an indication of how much third eleven cricket has improved over the years. Ian MacTavish captained the side and was the main strike bowler with 22 wickets. Notable innings were played by Michael McAllister, Matthew Cull and Tim Seymour. All in all it was another very enjoyable season for all concerned.

M.W.C.

U15 XI

The season started well with a good victory over Hampton by 8 wickets and followed by wins against Lord Williams Thame, Desborough, Sir William Borlase and Oxford School, with draws against Watford G.S. and Aylesbury G.S.

The team's leading batsman Simon Shaw was in excellent early season form, scoring an unbeaten 52 against Hampton, 95 against Watford as RGS declared at 204-7, 52 not out against Sir William Borlase, and 82 not out against Oxford School.

The seven match unbeaten run was broken by a very strong Abingdon team, but RGS responded by drawing at Emanuel and destroying Enfield G.S. by 8 wickets, in a game that had finished at tea. However, the season ended with disappointment at Worcester, when RGS bowled RGS Worcester out for 129 but failed to get the runs, losing by 24. At Dr.

Challoner's, RGS lost a limited overs match by 4 runs and at Latymer Upper having scored 170-7 declared, lost by 5 wickets.

There were some excellent bowling figures during the season by seam bowler Ian Gould 7-58 against Lord Williams Thame, and Stuart Garvie 6-41 against Aylesbury GS and 5-8 against Enfield G.S. Both spin bowlers Nicholas O'Doherty and David Gatum showed promise, and took wickets in most games and the majority of the team should gain places in the senior squads next season.

C.C.T.

UNDER 14 XI

On the first Saturday in May at Hampton school, R.G.S. were bowled out for 30 and lost by 126 runs. The team's prospects for the year looked low but this initial set back was overcome and much good cricket was played.

Iain Hardman was the most consistent batsman, David Harding scored freely and there were several good supporting innings from Sean Priestley, Matthew Dawson and Trevor Woolliams.

David Harding and Richard Parker developed during the season to become a useful opening attack. Support bowling came from Andrew Chipping and David Warboys. Trevor Woolliams was very effective with his left arm spin and James Vaughan added variety with flighted off spin.

Several other keen cricketers attended nets, gained in confidence and were selected for matches. The team was led enthusiastically by David Warboys. The



fielding was usually very good with Matthew Dawson setting high standards behind the stumps and several excellent catches were taken.

A fine last over victory, against Aylesbury G.S. took us to the Lord's Taverners' Final against Sir William Borlase School, Marlow. A seven wicket win takes us into the inter-county rounds in 1988.

D.G.S.

UNDER 13 XI

As in previous seasons, the U13 squad was selected following a series of trials. The poor weather plagued the subsequent practice sessions, and the team entered their first game with limited preparation.

Only Howell and Curl managed to build an innings by adopting a sound defence to the quicker bowlers. Both these players joined the County U13 squad for additional coaching. Hazell's bowling improved over the season, and he was nominated bowler of the season.

Howell was nominated best batsman, with a total of 165 for the season.

M.J.G.

Hockey

The 1987/88 season has been outstanding in many ways. The 1st XI became National Champions and were also honoured by an invitation to play at Lord's in the Schools match before the Oxford v Cambridge University game. The 1st XI recorded an impressive 8-1 victory over Cranbrook School, Kent. The Under 16 indoor team became South Indoor Champions and finished fourth in the finals held at Crystal Palace. Outdoors, the Under 16's became South-East Champions and one more goal in their last pool match against Millfield would have earned a place in the National Semi-finals. R.G.S. is the only school other than Millfield to have qualified at both age groups in the same year for the National Finals.

Playing Record

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag.
1st XI	28	26	0	2	130	33
2nd XI	15	0	3	12	8	33
3rd XI	4	1	1	2	9	11
U16 XI	12	6	1	5	17	21
U15 XI A and B	18	10	2	6	57	25
U14 XI	13	7	1	5	27	33

Individual Honours

Gavin Bambury was selected for England U18 and is in the England U21 squad. Martin Tucker was in the England U18 last 25. Simon Noakes played for England U16.

Bucks U18: G. Bambury*+, M. Chandler, C. Cook, J. Hall+, J. Lane, M. McAllister*, S. McCauley, M. Tucker*+.

Bucks U16: J. Dean, J. King (S.E. U17).

Bucks U15: C. Carter, D. Harding, J. Isaac, S. Noakes (S.E. U16), M. Vassib, D. Warboys, J. Wyatt.

Bucks U14: M. Darby, J. Gordon, M. Howell, S. Humphreys, T. Townley.

* = S. East U18 Selection + = South U21 Selection

Colours

Full Colours have been awarded to: M.A. Chandler, C.E. Cook, J.D. Lane, M.A. Tucker.

Half Colours have been awarded to: J.G. Buxton, J.M. Dean, J.E. King, R.J. Mould, B.P.M. Nielsen.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS AND YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS — U18

With nine of the team veterans from the school side that won the U16 championship in 1986 and notable victories over typically strong teams such as Kingston and K.C.S. Wimbledon, the 1st XI were confident of doing well in this year's National Schools and Youth Championships, a competition open to all schools and clubs in the country.

In the first match of the county round of the tournament the 1st XI easily beat local rivals Aylesbury GS 4-1.

The next match was played at Bisham Abbey against Marlow HC, a team mostly containing players from Sir William Borlase. Having already played Borlase twice during the season, each side winning once, the match was going to be a very close affair. In front of a large crowd, the RGS pulled ahead through a penalty corner shot by Charles Cook just before half time. In the second half, only a number of outstanding individual performances in defence, notably from goalkeeper Justin Hall, saw RGS to a 1-0 victory.

The Divisional Play-Offs, held at Handy Cross Sports Centre, proved to be easier than the county matches. The 1st XI cantered to an 8-0 victory against Wallington High School then met Beacon's School, Crowborough, in the final. The RGS went 2-0 up before the interval but then let a determined opposition back into the game. Eventually a 3-1 victory took us to the National Finals as Divisional Champions.

The Finals were held at Coventry School on May 1st and 2nd. The seven divisional champions and the defending national champions, Millfield School, were divided into two groups of four, the winner and runner up of each group qualifying for the last stages.

In the first match, a mistake against the well coached Bedford School allowed them an early lead; however the 1st XI soon replied, Bambury scoring from a penalty corner. Bedford missed a number of scoring opportunities before the RGS achieved a lucky 3-1 victory, with two late goals in quick succession.

The next match was against the talented Katherine, Lady Berkeley School. Despite dominating the game

with some of our best hockey, the RGS were kept at bay by the England U18 goalkeeper and were caught on the break numerous times, eventually losing 3-0. This defeat left the team needing a victory over Hall Cross School, Doncaster in the last group match to be assured of going through to the Semi Finals.

Slack play allowed Doncaster a 2-0 lead at half time when it appeared that the team were going out of the tournament, but tremendous pressure in the second half was soon rewarded with two goals. The RGS continued to attack the opposition until Martin Tucker scored his second penalty flick with four minutes to go. In the time remaining, Doncaster managed to pull level, before Michael McAllister broke away to score for a 4-3 victory. The RGS had to consider themselves lucky to be in the semi-finals, coming second to Bedford who had beaten KLB 4-0 to win the group.

After an overnight stay in Coventry, RGS faced Wellington College, the undefeated winners of the other group, in the semi finals. We got off to a great start when McAllister scored after only 32 seconds. Wellington came back strongly and drew level before half time. The second half saw both teams play very well with the RGS again coming strongly towards the final whistle, scoring two goals in quick succession to win 3-1.

Bedford became our opponents in the Final by beating Millfield in the other semi-final. The RGS stormed into the lead with three early goals then, thinking the title was ours, the team slackened off and Bedford pulled one back. In the second half, the RGS scored their fourth goal before they began to tire allowing the opposition to dominate the game. In a final flurry Bedford pulled the score back to 4-3 ensuring an exciting last ten minutes through which RGS held on to capture the title.

This championship win is a fitting end to a very successful and enjoyable season for the 1st XI in which we lost only two matches. Major factors in our success have been the school's support and the tremendous efforts of our manager, Mr. Stone. The team would like to offer both our utmost thanks.

GAVIN BAMBURY

U18 Squad: Justin Hall, Michael Chandler, Charles Cook, James Dean, Sajid Ali, Martin Tucker, Jonathan Lane, Gavin Bambury (Capt.), Michael McAllister, Jonathan Wyatt, James King, Benedict Nielsen, Colin Carter, Simon McCauley.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS AND YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS — U16

The School U16 Team has few fixtures but interest this year has arisen through our involvement in the Indoor and Outdoor competitions.

The indoor team did very well to win the South competition as the late finish of our Sports Hall allowed us only two weeks of preparation. The team, ably captained by James Dean, played very well in the finals and only went down 2-1 to the eventual Champions Watford G.S.

Outdoors our squad, which comprised players from 5th, 4th and 3rd forms, combined well to win the South-East England Championship by defeating Lancing College, Sussex 2-0 and Cranbrook School, Kent 2-1 in a very close exciting final. A defeat in our first National Final match against Southend H.S. was overcome quickly, when a fine performance against



James Dean changes direction in the South East Semi-Final against Lancing College.

Harrogate G.S. earned a 2-0 victory with goals from James Isaac and Jonathan Wyatt. An excellent team effort against Millfield almost gave us a place in the semi-finals, but inability to convert chances meant that the score finished 0-0 and Southend qualified as their goal difference was better.

With many of the team still young enough to play next year our prospects look good.

U16 Squad: Simon Noakes, Simon Shaw, Daniel Anderson, John Gordon, James Isaac, David Warboys, Murad Vassib, David Harding, David Gatcum, Tim Townley, Scott Ashdown, Peter Wheeler, Colin Carter (Capt.), Jonathan Wyatt (V. Capt.).

D.S.S.



Colin Carter stops a penalty corner for David Harding to strike at goal. (in the same match)

1st XI

With a nucleus of very experienced players, a successful season was anticipated. Many of our matches this year have been one sided and it was difficult for us to produce pattern hockey when individuals were able to break down opposition defences. However, at times some really good performances occurred. The first half display against Haberdashers' Aske's was one of the most memorable, but our defence was never as tight as it could have been, although it was rarely tested anyway. Penalty corners have been well organised and a source of many goals, particularly from the clean striking Charles Cook.

It was quickly established that Gavin Bambury was to play in a free sweeper role leaving Mike Chandler to take the opposition centre-forward man to man. Charles Cook and James Dean were markers for the opposition wingers. Martin Tucker was to play creatively in mid-field, supplementing Sajid Ali and Jonathan Wyatt.

James King played wide on the left with our main thrust coming from Mike McAllister and Jon Lane, who played as an orthodox right winger. Mike scored most of our goals, but he was reluctant to combine with the rest of the forwards in many of the matches. Once he does this, he will progress and be selected for senior teams. Colin Carter recovered from a mid-season injury and proved to be a valuable asset and the team was well supported by Ben Nielsen, Roger Mould, Jon Buxton before illness, and a number of other players, all of whom have made important contributions to the success of the side.

With a number of this year's team still available, prospects for next season are promising. It is hoped that a team will be invited to play in Europe next year representing England in an unofficial European Cup competition.

D.G.S.

HOCKEY 2nd XI

Several accolades have been awarded to this year's 1st XI, and the 2nd XI pass on their congratulations. However, results would indicate that similar success has not been enjoyed by the 2nd XI. We did enjoy a good mid-season run with two consecutive draws, but the highlight of the season took place at Desborough, where we enjoyed the luxury of a half-time lead. This lead would have been extended but for a controversially disallowed goal. Eventually Desborough did equalise but it is widely believed "We was Robbed!"

We were proud of some of our moral victories and but for the absence of our star forward duo Colm Lacy and David Godley in the final match, we are sure we would have won that game.

Regular sufferers were Simon McCauley, Tim Grapes, Paul New, Colm Lacy, Peter Laurence, David Godley and Allan MacCaskill, who all went fifteen games without a solitary victory and only 3 draws.

Thanks go to the many staff who helped us throughout the season, especially Mr Grundy.

ALLAN S MacCASKILL

U15 XI

This season has proved a most successful and satisfying one, with improvements being made both individually and as a team.

The season started with a disappointing defeat by Homerton House, but convincing victories over Haberdashers' Aske's and Aylesbury Grammar School set the scene for future games.

The team had many problems early in the season finding a forward line that could score goals, but the half back line held the team together, and the whole team are thankful for some excellent goalkeeping from much improved keeper Simon Noakes. Colin Carter was outstanding all season, keeping together a sometimes ragged forward line, and the pace of Murad Vassib produced many goals from some sparkling runs down the right wing.

Finally, the team would like to thank Mr Pantridge, whose coaching and continuous support has been much appreciated throughout the season.

Team: J Wyatt, C Carter, S Noakes, D Harding, J Isaac, D Warboys, M Vassib, J Richards, N Darby, C Widgery, C Pateman, L Litster, M Cartledge, C Lockyer, S Treherne.

This year we were also able to have a number of games for the U15 'B' team. All were very enjoyable and competitive and enabled a larger number of boys to be involved.

J WYATT (CAPT)

UNDER 14

This has been another good season with a group which has been prepared to master the basic skills of the game. During the winter months, a number of games afternoons and training sessions have been held at Handy Cross. This has meant that we have not been hampered by bad weather and unfit pitches at school. However, a number of matches had to be cancelled due to water-logged pitches.

The fixture list now comprises some strong opposition and for the first time at this age group we had two matches against Kingston G.S. Almost half of our goals conceded this season were in these matches.

The following played regularly: Tim Brooksbank, Alex Butler, Bill Cleare, Stephen Curl, Mark Darby, Leon Edwards, Simon Goodfellow, John Gordon, Mark Hobden, Mark Howell, Steven Humphreys, Tony Kinner, Toby Minton, Simon Morley, Jon Symmons, Tim Townley and Matthew Vance.

Tim Townley and John Gordon were members of the Under 16 squad which played in the National Finals.

Many members of the squad have been training on Sundays with H. Wycombe Hockey Club. Mr. Weller has organised this and has also along with Mr. Pantridge assisted on Friday games afternoons.

A.J.S.

HOCKEY TRIP TO VALKENBURG, HOLLAND.

Owing to the ferry problem we left on Tuesday, 5th April at the sensible time of 10.30 am instead of the proposed 1.30 a.m. The journey was long, arriving in Valkenburg at 11.00 p.m., and punctuated only by a memorable sea crossing in rough seas. Each day followed a pattern of coaching in the morning and then a game against a Dutch side in the afternoon. We took three sides — U14, U16 and U18. The U14's and U18's managed three games but it was unfortunate that Schools Abroad could not organise venues and/or opponents for the U16's on two occasions. The U18's were all conquering and impressed everyone who



UNDER 16

Played — 8 Won — 7 Lost — 1
 Points for — 585 Points against — 276

watched them. The U14 & U16 learnt much and enjoyed themselves on the excellent astro turf pitches to be found in Holland.

We returned on Saturday, 9th April, after being up all night to catch a 6.00 a.m. ferry from Ostend! We were all tired and travel weary but the trip was enjoyable for all and certainly was fine preparation for the U16's and U18's in their search for honours in the National Finals. Thanks to David Stone for organising the event so well.

R.M.P.

The start of the year saw the Team with problems on and off the court. Good players from previous years dropped out leaving a fairly sketchy squad. Our first match was against ever powerful Buckingham. We lost in a close and tense game owing to unfortunate calls by the referees! In our next match we rallied and easily beat Cressex, a reasonable opponent. In our next four games we were victorious and by the Bucks Cup Final, reached with ease, a formidable squad had evolved. In the Bucks Cup Final we beat Denbigh School 79-31, retaining our title and in our final game of the season, against strong Hatters Lane, once again a pleasing result was recorded despite their obvious skills.

Congratulations go to all who played in this year's team. Top scorers, M. Cunningham (214 points) and S. Shaw (101 points) led a hard-working side through the year all of whom played well and improved tremendously.

Squad: M. Cunningham (Capt.), I. Gould (Vice Capt.), S. Shaw, H. Morjaria, N. Edwards, M. Dawson, F. Currie, C. Hamp, S. Pearson.

M. CUNNINGHAM

Basketball

U19

Last year's teams had left us a very good reputation to live up to; without the likes of Nick Cook and Carlo Petri, we were obviously in for a tough season.

Despite a good morale boost at the beginning on the season, beating R.A.F. Halton 77-33, news of the team coach's severe affliction soon dampened our ardour. Although Mr Stubbs made a brave effort to carry on, most of our practices were unsupervised. The new wonder-sports-hall had taken its first victim.

The team went into an early decline and lost their first round Nationals match by one point in a very exciting battle against Farnborough College. Winning the Bucks Cup Final (again) was small consolation, it was probably our easiest game of the season — beating Chesham H.S. 87-37. However, it was a spirited performance, as was our defeat over a very strong and tall Slough College side by 77-75.

This match was the peak of our season and despite the rallying support from the gallery, our last two matches were lost, ending a rather disappointing unfulfilled season.

Good contributions came from Ronald MacDonald (our star attraction), Rex Stenner, and a late flurry from Jamie Monaghan. As someone once said, things augur well for the future.

Played — 6 Won — 3 Lost — 3
 Points for — 423 Points against — 355

Top Scorers: Matt Cunningham — 112, Rex Stenner — 78, Andrew Brimelow (Capt.) — 71

Other members of the squad: N. Moore, A. Millar, D. Meli, C. Nicholay, P. Shayler, C. Nduka, J. Monaghan, J. Pearson

ANDY BRIMELOW

Many thanks go to Mr. Stubbs for the time he spent arranging matches, to our scorers, S. Garvie and P. Read, and also to our frenzied crowd of home supporters!

U15

The U15 basketball team started the year well defeating Lord Grey School 47-23 in the first round of the National Cup, but then lost 43-56 to Clarendon School, Trowbridge. In an exciting county cup match against John Hampden Grammar School the full time score was 45-45 but in extra time RGS lost 51-56. A weakened side lost 49-61 to Chesham High School but in their final match of the season a full strength team defeated county cup finalists Dr. Challoner's G.S. 49-48. The season's results reflected the fact that we lacked strength from our bench players and when we lost players from the starting five our performance deteriorated.

C.C.T.

U14

For the first time RGS entered the E.S.B.B.A. National Cup at the U14 age level and in their first ever game the team travelled to Springfield School, Portsmouth. A thrilling match followed with RGS losing 22-24 at half time but recovering to tie 53-53 at full time and winning 59-57 in extra-time. Further victories against Buckingham 57-44, St. George's School, Southampton 64-55, and John Bentley School, Calne, 86-33 took RGS quite unexpectedly to the National Finals in London.

The weekend tournament was an experience the squad will remember for a long time. RGS were unlucky to draw the favourites Raines Foundation School, London in the first game and were totally outplayed by an excellent team losing 33-89. On the second day RGS were first on court playing the International School, Choueifat, and led 49-29 at half time but in a disastrous second half played poorly losing 53-55 in the final seconds of the game. RGS

saved their best performance of the tournament for their final game against Lancaster School, Leicester winning 60-40 to finish sixth overall.

In domestic games the only defeat of the season was conceded against Chesham H.S. but revenge was sweet when the team defeated Chesham 66-55 to win the County Cup final. In earlier rounds, wins had been recorded against Dr. Challoner's and Buckingham.

Overall this has been a very successful season from a squad which has strength in depth and the potential to improve and do well in the future.

C.C.T.

Rugby

Once again RGS have proved to be a real force in the rugby circles of the South East this year. The 1st XV, despite losing 13 of last season's team, led by example both in training and with results on the field. The accolade of being voted "Rugby World and Post", School Team of the Month in December, in recognition of performances both last season and this, was richly deserved and reflects the great effort given by all the boys and staff concerned with the coaching of rugby within the school.

The junior teams have all had pleasing seasons and I would like to thank all staff concerned for their time, the boys for their effort and all parents for their support in all types of weather and for their help with refreshments in what has been a happy and successful year.

C.C.T.

Rugby Results

	P	W	D	L	For	Against
1st XV	14	13	0	1	297	68
2nd XV	16	13	1	2	340	47
3rd XV	10	6	0	4	175	85
U15 XV	13	7	0	6	214	106
U14 XV	12	10	1	1	351	53
U13 XVA	10	4	1	5	159	131
B	7	4	0	3	74	50
C	2	1	0	1	20	16

1st XV

At the beginning of the season the 1st XV, with only two of last season's team available, had a lot to live up to, the previous season's record of only two losses seeming unattainable and certainly unbeatable. This, however, was not to be the case.

Training commenced in late August with an admirable turnout, something that was to continue throughout the season, and the team got down to some extremely testing fitness training, as we realised that not only would we have to be stronger than our opposition, we would have to be fitter.

During these sessions the team spirit was born and it was enhanced when we retained the Windsor 15-a-side Festival beating Cranbrook School, Kent in a repeat of last season's final. We started our first match confident of our ability, beating Lord Williams' School, Thame 21-3. With the team's morale and spirit going from strength to strength, though never becoming over-confident further wins were recorded against Hampton and Emanuel.

Our stiffest opposition was to prove to be Tiffin's School, a match that none of the team will ever forget with the last quarter of the game being played entirely on pride, as physical exhaustion set in. But all was to pay off as we walked away 9-8 victors.

At Half Term we travelled to play in the inaugural St. Joseph's College, Ipswich 15-a-side Festival, and returned as winners of the Plate Competition having defeated Eltham College in the final. In the second half of the season, team after team was beaten by our scrummaging and second phase play, and with the backs playing fine expansive rugby it allowed the wingers to score many tries.

The only set back to the season was a most unfortunate 8-9 defeat in the closing minutes at Desborough School but there was an excellent 6-4 away victory at Aylesbury G.S. and 26-7 victory at Douai.

In December the RGS 1st XV were voted National School Team of the Month in the "Rugby World and Post" magazine in recognition of their results last season and this. The 1st XV went on to record further victories over The Royal Latin School and R.G.S. Guildford (16-3), to finish with only one loss, recording one of the best records in the School's history. Many players improved as the season progressed in particular G. Saunders, D. Parkinson, I. Hoad, S. Slater and P. Ayton. Ayton, Moss, Brown, Badham and Pearson played for the County, with Paul Ayton, Jago Brown, Karl Badham and, Justin Pearson as captain, representing the South of England U18 XV. Justin Pearson was a reserve for the England Final Trial.

Many thanks must go to Mr. Tattersall from the team for coaching and encouraging us throughout the season and to Mr. Yeates for his help with the senior squad in Ipswich. I myself must thank all the team for displaying such admirable pride in themselves and for their work without which the fine record achieved would not have been possible.

JUSTIN PEARSON 1st XV Captain.

2nd XV

The 2nd XV enjoyed a successful season with only 2 defeats against Hampton School (6-12) and Aylesbury Grammar School (3-10). The season ended with a remarkable sequence of results with the RGS remaining unbeaten in the last 4 games but able only to score 18 points in the process, ending with a tense 0-0 draw at RGS Guildford.

The side was captained with authority by Scott Cutler, with Matthew Humberstone as pack leader. The Team clocked up 340 points in 16 games, with the bulk of the tries scored by Matthew Ball, Richard Flack and Joly Hemuss. The side worked so effectively as a unit that most members of the team scored at some stage.

Scott Cutler's golden boot kicked most of the goals, and the same boot was responsible for a late drop goal against Verulam School, which went in off the right-hand post to secure a 3-0 win.

The regular 2nd XV players were: J.R. Fieldhouse, R.D. Flack, I.R. Gould, D.N. Middleton, J.S.A. Hemuss, R.K. Mills, G.R. Hamilton, G.R. Walker, R.M. Dawson, J.P. O'Connor, M.P. Ball, M.G. McCarthy, D.J. McNamara, A.W. Pegler, J.R. Fisher, C.L. Thomas, D.J. Hammond, S.C. Cutler.

A.R.Y.

15 XV

Once again the U15 rugby team made many changes throughout the season, but eventually the most suitable team emerged.

The highlight of our season was when we were named, as a result of beating Aylesbury G.S., as the Bucks representatives for the Daily Mail U15 National Cup.

The backs were becoming stronger towards the end of the season. The forwards have led the way and have shown some magnificent performances, especially against Watford.

Thanks must go to everyone involved throughout the season; without the help and encouragement of Mr. Grout and Mr. Gamester, I'm sure that we would not have done so well; but most of all, thanks are due to the boys, who made it an enjoyable and successful season. It is to be hoped that the experience gained will stand the team in good stead for the following three years.

MATTHEW DAWSON (4 M) CAPTAIN

U14 A XV

The team had a highly successful season notching up many convincing victories, notably against Queen Elizabeth Barnet, (42-0) and Verulam (24-14).

The single defeat of the season, at Desborough (4-10) spurred the side into greater efforts in training, which paid dividends in improved fitness. This was a key factor in the most gruelling match of all, the cliff-hanger 16-16 draw at Watford, the only side to record a win against us in last year's U13 fixtures.

It was a great advantage to have a regularly available nucleus of players, especially in the pack. Paul Element rarely met his match at prop, while Tom Davis, Adrian Walters and Toby Marsden dominated the line-outs. Jody Davies and Mark Parkinson, along with flankers Dominic Coleman and John Stephens proved to be tenacious in the loose and increasingly mobile around the field in support of the backs.

As England finally realized against Ireland, Wingers are there to score tries as well as defend, and Andrew Hazell and Ryan Clark frequently powered over the line with strong direct runs, as did Richard McGrath coming in from full-back.

A regular supply of good ball was provided by Peter Toller, Alex Toone, Simon Schlaepfer and Adam Levan, with Toller and Schlaepfer putting in many intelligent darting runs to break down opponents' defences. Our points tally was boosted by Hazell's consistent kicking.

We took 2 sevens sides to the Queen Elizabeth Barnet tournament, in which the 'A' seven won their qualifying group convincingly, only to go out to the eventual winners in the quarter-finals. Unfortunately injuries were sustained to Justin Sugg and Fraser Hill, both keen competitive players who frequently performed creditably in the 'A' XV when called upon.

I would like to thank all parents who supported the side at home and away (come rain or snow!) and particularly those who assisted with refreshments after the games.

D.R. POWELL

U13 RUGBY

This season was an average one by our standards. The 'A' team played very well against Watford (W 20-12), Lord Williams Thame (W 18-12), Hampton (W63-0) and John Hampden (W 38-4), but lost to Queen Elizabeth Barnet 6-16, Desborough 0-30, Bedford

Modern 0-8, Verulam 3-8 and London Oratory 0-30.

The front row of Lawrence Sargent, John Newell and Philip Hills proved to be a solid platform and were well backed up by Dominic Shaw and Vikas Kapoor in the second row. Our back row were dominant throughout, with Captain Alex Nichols scoring three tries, James Windle our number eight with ten tries and Simon Hutchins always quick to the breakdown.

Our backs promised much, but overall lacked penetration and at times tackled poorly. Jon Cox and Richard Weaver at half back played with resolve, and our centres Matthew Hill and David Schruers steadily improved. Jon Lippiat and Andrew Price on the wings had very good pace and Matthew Ward at full back came on well as the season progressed.

The 'B' team played steadily throughout under the watchful eye of Dr. Dossier. Peter Cox was an able Captain and several players may well gain 'A' team places next season with continued determination and enthusiasm.

D.J. STUBBS.

SEVENS

Having enjoyed such a successful 15-a-side season the senior sevens squad awaited March with eager anticipation. The 1st VII reached the quarter final in their first tournament at Windsor but showed their true potential the following week by winning the Bucks Sevens for the first time in 10 years. The 2nd VII made it a double victory by retaining the Section B title.

At Douai, local rivals Aylesbury GS were beaten in the opening game and there was an impressive victory against Downside School, Bath, but again the 1st VII were to lose in the quarter finals.

We enjoyed one of our best years ever at the National Schoolboy Sevens, Rosslyn Park, defeating Eltham College, Belmont Abbey and Newport to qualify from our group. The following day we had the interesting challenge of playing and losing to the Japan National 1st VII in a friendly match, before going on to beat King Edward VI Sixth Form College, Nuneaton. Progress was eventually halted by Irish School, Terenure in a thrilling quarter final with RGS losing 16-19 in extra time.

Playing in Section A at Oxford, RGS again qualified from their group but, as last year, lost in the quarter final.

The U16 VII made a splendid start, reaching the final of the Queen Elizabeth Sevens, one of the strongest tournaments in the South-East of England. Having qualified from a very difficult group, wins came against St. Pauls, John Fisher and Eltham College, to reach the final where they had to be content with the runners-up place losing 12-22. Representing Bucks in the All-England Inter-County Sevens the following week, RGS again qualified with good wins from their group and defeated the 'Favourites' Bradford Grammar School 12-4 before losing to the eventual winners King's School, Macclesfield in the quarter finals.

In the final tournament of the season at Oxford, the U16 VII played in Section A and scored good victories over Tiffin, St. Benedict's and Queen Elizabeth Hospital School, Bristol. In an exciting quarter final, they overcame Dulwich College 10-6 in extra time only to lose in the semi-final to a very strong St. Paul's team.

C.C.T

Rowing

FIRST AND SECOND FOURS

The 1st IV had a promising start to the 1987 regatta season with a win at their first ever regatta at Wallingford, thus they moved up into the much more challenging 'Senior C' category. Their best result at this level was a 4th place at Bedford — finishing just out of the medals. Towards the end of the season prospects were improving until a hand-injury to one of the crew put paid to the last three events.

The 2nd IV had an unlucky season, failing to win any regattas, although they came close, losing by a canvas at Carmel College and by a mere 2 ft. at the Ball Cup.

Returning after the summer, the 1st IV had an interesting half-term of squad-sculling before getting their hands on 'Top Achiever' one of the new boats.

The 1988 Head season proved to be a bit of a non-starter with flooding and a fast stream interrupting both training and competitions. At Henley Schools' Head, the 1st IV came 6th closely followed by the 2nd IV in 8th place. At Reading Schools' Head the 2nd IV won their category, with the 1st IV coming second in theirs. The 2nd IV also came 16th overall in The Putney Schools' Head.

Over the last year The Boat Club has had two new boats, an eight — 'Rowland P. Brown' and a four — 'Top Achiever'. The carbo-craft has been refurbished and at last has a name — 'Baldrick' after the character in the "Blackadder" series on television. We also now

have a boat trailer and a coaching launch is due to arrive any minute. These additions to the fleet are largely due to the hard work of the RGSBC Appeal Committee and the generosity of the RGS Parents Association, both of which the club would like to thank.

In order to justify the large amounts of money spent on it, the Boat Club now needs to update its approach — to *unify* the club and to take a more professional attitude especially in the areas of recruiting new members and structuring the training programme in order to improve technical ability, morale and fitness of all the crews. This is the only way to guarantee a sustained level of success for the club and its members.

	1st IV		2nd IV
Coxes	P. Denison, A. Furner	Cox	R. Saunders
Stroke	S. Johns	Stroke	M. Harrison
3	R. Bayly	3	P. Shotbolt
2	E. Jackson	2	P. Jennings
Bow	J. Iver	Bow	D. Miles

ROGER BAYLY

JUNIOR 16

The purchase of a new Janousek IV from Appeal Funds and an VIII by the Parents' Association has done much to improve the competitive strength of this year's fifth form crews.

The West of England has for reasons only known to their coach become a popular hunting ground for our IVs. RGS won the J16 event at Bideford regatta (the opposition having sunk) and more recently defeated Lady Margaret & Caius College, Cambridge at Fowey to win the Head of the River trophy outright. A composite J16/15 also competed at this Head and won the Novice pennant, recording a time only a few seconds slower than Exeter/Bideford R.C. "has beans" which included Mr. Meyer.



The Jubilant J16 crew at Vesta Winter Regatta.

In November the new VIII was officially named "Rowland P. Brown" and in the following week won her first event at Vesta Winter regatta. RGS defeated Emanuel School in the semi-final and then went on to defeat King's College, Wimbledon in the final by 1 lengths. In the Spring term this crew won its first ever Head trophy at the Reading Schools' Head and achieved a creditable 10th position in the Henley Schools' Head and main Schools' Head on the Tideway at J16 level. Success came early in the regatta season when the VIII defeated Emanuel School again by 2½ lengths at Chiswick regatta.



'To the Royal Grammar School Boat Club. With thanks for naming your boat after the lowliest worm in the universe — Baldrick'

Best Wishes,
Tony Robinson.

J 16 VIII A. Hunt, J. Dyer, D. Hancox, S. Zabel, R. Johns, J. Ball, P. Hardie, N. Seymour, M. Stidworthy (cox).

BIDEFORD IV A. Hunt, J. Ball, S. Zabel, N. Seymour, M. Stidworthy (cox).

FOWEY IV P. Hardie, S. Zabel, J. Ball, R. Johns, M. Stidworthy (cox).

FOWEY COMPOSITE A. Hunt, A. Gill, C. Jennings, D. Hancox, A. Hunt (Cox).

I.R.M.

J15 SQUAD

With the arrival of some renegade Rugby players, this year's J15 squad could at least boast some of the heaviest new oarsmen that the school has seen for some years — a chance, perhaps, to compete with some of our rivals on more equal terms. By Christmas the nucleus of an VIII had emerged, and serious training for the spring 'Head of the River' races began.



The VIII competed in four 'Head' races: Marlow Invitation VIII's, Reading Schools', Henley Schools', and the Tideway Schools' Head, the last being rowed in atrocious weather conditions. None of the results were spectacular but they showed some promise for the future, and useful experience was gained from the competition.

Seven members of the squad competed in the Fowey Head of the River Race in April. Andrew Gill and Christopher Jennings made up half of the IV which won the Novice pennant. A IV made up of Richard Holden, Michael Groves, Mark Thomson, Simon Carter (str) and Martin Dunlop (cox) came in a creditable tenth place.

The VIII (from): Simon Carter, Mark Thomson, Michael Groves, Stephen McDonald, Christopher Jennings, Jonathon Blake, Andrew Gill, Richard Holden, Daniel Holland, David Senior, Joseph Baguley (cox), Martin Dunlop (cox).

J.P.E.

Fencing

The 1987/88 season has produced another batch of excellent results. All our school matches to date have been won. The schools were Wellington, Douai, KCS Wimbledon, Bradfield, Radley, Marlborough, Harrow, Eton and a very strong Old Boys team.

Competitions yielded an impressive set of results. Altogether there were eight qualifications through regional competitions for national finals. The best

results here were Nick Payne's 4th in the under 20 foil and Tom Paynes's 5th in the under 18 foil. Nick Payne distinguished himself in senior and international competitions (2nd in the Portslade and 7th at Antwerp) and secured a place in the British foil team for the World Championships (in Italy) at under 17 level. He got through to the final direct elimination stage where he was 15th, the best British foil result.

Good competition results were not confined to the Payne brothers. Peter Fison came 10th in the Welsh Open Sabre, while Tony Chambers was 2nd in the Southern Under 18 Sabre and Peter Gould was 5th in the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Under 16 foil.

As far as team competitions were concerned, the season began well way back in the summer term when the school retained its Southern England Under 18 team title. But better was to come at national level. In the last two years the school has been runner-up in the National Schools team Foil Competition. This year it was third time lucky as the RGS team of the Payne brothers and Peter Fison took the title by beating Worth School 5-1 in the final. On the way to the final they beat, amongst others, Millfield School, a previous holder of the title. This magnificent achievement inspired Tom Payne to win the Senior Foil title at the Public Schools Competition a few days later. Both Paynes reached the final pool of six. Nick secured 5th place while Tom, though dropping a fight, managed to fight back to win. This was the second time in four years that an RGS fencer has won this prestigious title (Adrian Griffin won it in 1985). It is probably also the only thing that Tom Payne will ever have in common with Winston Churchill, who won it in 1892!

There were also other good individual results at the Public Schools. Tony Chambers reached the semis of the Senior Sabre while Jon Thompson (who joined us this year from Brentwood School) reached the quarter finals of the Senior Epee. The younger fencers did well in the Mount Haes competition (under 14 foil). All four entrants reached the second round. Jeremy Parkinson reached the quarter finals, while Edward Rysdale reached the semis and failed by only one fight to reach the finals. These excellent performances made the RGS runners up in the Pearson Cup. With the Paynes fit enough to enter more weapons and less foreign exchanges going on, we could have had that cup as well.

The availability of the new sports hall has been a great asset (despite the appalling acoustics) and has made it possible to organise fencing on a much better basis. Thursday afternoon and evening is now THE fencing time for matches and training. A beginners class was started as soon as the hall was ducally opened and there are some very promising young fencers in the group. Mrs. Payne's coaching session has continued with the experienced fencers who are now also able to use the full range of electric equipment and start on other weapons. Next year there will be further improvements and streamlining of the system and prospects look good for the continuation of the good standard of fencing in the school.

The new Sports Hall enabled us to organise a large under 14 foil competition in the summer term which gave valuable competition experience to our younger fencers. Edward Rysdale (who has not yet lost a fight since he started fencing in the 3rd school team) came second to Sebastian James of KCS Wimbledon in the premier final with David Whiting and Jeremy Parkinson collecting 5th and 6th places. Mark



Chacksfield won the supplementary final and Timothy Milward, who has only been fencing a few weeks, came second in the Plate. This end of season competition was an exciting reminder of the depth of fencing at the school and of future stars to come.

The season was eventually rounded off with the southern England under 18 foil championships at Winchester College in May. The RGS have held this title for the last two years and with the sort of team we have had this season it was not unreasonable to assume that we could hang on to it. True to form the first team of the Payne brothers and Tony Chambers never dropped a fight and forced Wellington College into second place. The second RGS team of Iain Sharp, Jon Thompson and Peter Gould came third with the third team (Simon Brown, Carl Rylett, Richard White and Edward Rysdale) taking 6th place.

My thanks go to Tom Payne who has been a key team member and highly successful captain these last two years. Thanks must also go to Mrs. Kristin Payne whose coaching and general support for fencing in the school has been much appreciated.

J. ROEBUCK

Eton Fives Club

This year has seen a resurgence in the fortunes of the Eton Fives Team. Apparently average results of 3 wins, 3 draws and 2 losses at senior level, fall in a different light when it is realised that the club regularly fail to win a single match in an entire season. The first pair of E. Moffatt and S. Johns have played very consistently, winning 5 out of 8 sets and the second

pair picked from H. Twitchen, M. Kightley and M. Ball, provided good support. Much of our success must be attributed to the cheerful presence of Ian Hutchinson, the now regular coach, whose insistence on correct basic play augurs well for future years, when the present 4th formers mature as players. Indeed Wheatley and Widgery reached the final in their section of the David Douglas Southern Schools Championships. Nevertheless, it does appear that improvements can only be limited in scope until much needed renovation work is done to the Fives Courts. For this, we need unequivocal forthright backing from the Eton Fives Association, along with a continuation of the Parent-Teachers Association's present realistic approach.

Many thanks are due to Dr. Smith, whose now weather-beaten, food-stained, petrol-drinking car has seen many miles service in delivering us to matches. Next season is looked forward to with great anticipation, possibly because of the imminent promotion of our Honoured Patron, Mr. Durbin, to "His Excellency, the Lord-High Fives Court Peruser".

EDWARD MOFFATT, 6H₂

Cross-Country

As hoped for, this season has been the most significant in the history of the club, centred primarily around the Spring-term performances of Neil Panchen and Andrew Bailey. Notice was served in January when, at the major Relay in the country, the King Henry VIII Relay at Coventry, Andrew won gold and Neil silver, well ahead of the rest of the field. In February, the team hit a purple patch winning silver team medals at the Oxford Tortoises Relay and the Merchant Taylors' Trophy, and bronze medals at the Kerton Relay; not surprisingly Neil picked up three individual golds and Andrew three silvers. Meanwhile the County Championships had been held in the palatial environs of Stowe School, the senior team coming a close second to the host school. Neil and Andrew obviously qualified for the Nationals, but fine performances by Paul Fines-Allin, and Simon Schlaepfer of the 3rd year, earned them a trip to St. Helen's also. Here Neil for once disappointed, coming home in 13th place (by normal standards a tremendous performance) but Andrew ran the race of his life coming home in a staggering 2nd place to win the most important silver of his career. To cap a wonderful season, Neil had by now earned the tremendous distinction of being picked to run for Gt. Britain at Auckland, New Zealand in the World Championships at the end of March; he had finished fourth in the G.B. trial, but, on the day, he outran all the other members of the G.B. team, being the first G.B. runner home in 27th place. Thus we saw two superb climaxes to the season for the two best runners ever to represent the school.

The Principal runners of the Senior Team this season were: Neil Panchen, Andrew Bailey, Paul Fines-Allin, Duncan Bruce, Matthew Burns, Tony Wilcox, Simon Brooksbank, Simon Russell.

IAN J. WILSON

Chess

The 1987/8 season was another successful one for the Chess Club. At senior level, the first team played well against some tough opposition in Division Two and the very strong second team won the Division Three title, thus gaining promotion. In the Sunday Times National Competition the RGS, helped by a win in the zonal final over Aylesbury, reached the last sixteen in the country. At junior level, the RGS was represented by seven teams; the 1st team won Division 1, while the others all gained useful experience. Over sixty players played for school teams this year.

The school also supplied eight members of the Bucks U18 team with the majority of these players winning or having a share in their respective county titles. My thanks to those who helped in all aspects of running and organising the club, including members of staff Mr Clark, Mr White-Taylor and Mr Cook.

I would like to thank all the senior players who helped in any way with the running of the Club.

MATTHEW BALL

Tennis

Playing record:

	P	W	D	L	Abandoned
1st VI	10	6	1	3	—
U16	7	3	0	3	1

This was another reasonable season by both teams with some good results at Highgate (6-3), Dr. Challoner's (8-1) and Aylesbury (8-1). Again we beat all the local schools to retain the Bucks Cup, yet we disappointed ourselves in the National Pairs competition (The Clark Cup) to lose in the 2nd round at Queen's Club.

The colts had some favourable results notably against Aylesbury (5-4) and the talent available is promising for the future.

Our good wishes go to Neil Stephenson (Captain) and Darius Sarshar, who both left the school to further their education, but in particular to Neil who was a stalwart of the team for many seasons and who always gave of his best.

The future holds a great deal of hope, for the Senior VI looks extremely strong for the next season with Nick Smith (National U16 No.1) being available for selection.

S.J.G./M.E.

Table-Tennis Club

The 87/88 season has seen a significant advance in RGS Table-Tennis. For the first time we have had a School Team playing in the High Wycombe and District Senior Table-Tennis League. Also we have had six more teams playing in the two divisions of the Wycombe Youth League.

Our Senior Team, Joel Mawdsley (captain), Sean Priestley, Trevor Wooliams, Richard Pike, Matthew Keer and 'panic stations' reserve, Mr B. Kempson, has had an impressive first season playing in Division 7. We finished in 5th place (out of 12) and both Sean Priestley and Joel Mawdsley had very good averages, 61 and 57.9, finishing 11th and 13th in the Division. Because of the team's potential and rapid progress it is possible they will be promoted to a higher Division next season.

The school's players in the Wycombe Youth League

were all, with one exception, new to competitive table-tennis and have been improving throughout the season. Our 'C' team in particular did very well in Division 1.

We also entered a team for the English Schools Table-Tennis Association Team Competition, and in the District Finals met opposition from schools with a strong tradition in the sport. Despite our failure to get through to the Area Finals, it was a valuable experience. Next season we will field a stronger, older and more experienced team.

The RGS T.T. Club, has nearly 50 members with normal club nights twice a week after school, and Table Tennis is one of the Thursday afternoon Activities for the Middle and Upper school. We have four tables (one of which is a little past it now!) and a lot of enthusiasm. New members are welcome.

J.R.B. KEMPSON Club Secretary

Staff Soccer

The RGS staff soccer team is alive and well, having given another demonstration of quality skills and immaculate fair play, which reached a pinnacle of unsurpassable excellence in February, when we played a whole game without conceding a free kick; mention here should be made of the not insignificant part on this occasion of Mr. "Play on!" Grout, who allowed the game to flow.

The backbone of the team, as it has been since 1973, was Dr. Dosser, whose kit looks as if it has had an argument with a shredding machine — and lost, and Mr. "My ball, Reds!" Wilson, who can head a ball further than most of us can kick it.

The midfield was graced by Mr. Jacks' silky skills, Mr. Powell's bruising aggression, Mr. Claye, whose timing in the tackle still requires a little polish, and Mr. Stone, who gave a faultless display of precision passing in the final match.

The men at the front featured Mr. Cook, who remains the best crosser of the ball, as well as the best diver, Mr. Moffatt who late in the season rediscovered his goal-scoring touch after a lean spell lasting 23 seasons, and Mr. Grout, whose ambition remains to score a goal with his head during the pre-match kick about.

The stalwarts of the side were Messrs Grundy, Stevens, Yeates, Sergeant Keith in goal, and Mr. Hussey, who scored a little matter of 67 goals, including 9 in one game.

The Army and sixth form Historians were the only teams to humble the staff (1-3 and 1-8 respectively).

Other experienced campaigners who succumbed to the press-gang, and donned the claret and blue shirt were Messrs Roebuck, Gibson, Wilkes and Pantridge and an assortment of School House boys — among them Clive Nickolay, who appeared so often that he nearly qualified for a staff luncheon voucher and a car park sticker.

The Headmaster is not expected to delve into the transfer market during the close season, but there is talk of Mr. Gamester making a long-awaited comeback, and various colleagues will be given a trial for the vacant goal-keeping position.

Our thanks to Mr. Grout for manipulating the finances, Mr. Grundy for booking the pitches, and Mr. Hussey for nearly remembering the half-time oranges.

A.R.Y.

Clubs and Societies

YHA Club

At the time of writing this, there are still two holidays to come — to the Lake District in May and to Switzerland in July — and a weekend in Sussex. No doubt there will be accounts of those trips in next year's magazine. So far in the current academic year there has been a trip to the Brecon Beacons (for details by Robert Hutton-Squire, 3DC, see below) and four weekends. The latter, escorted variously by me, Mr Gelsthorpe and Mr Treharne, have been to Cheddar, Holmbury St Mary in Surrey, the Ridgeway and the Wye Valley. The last saw some very wet weather, but otherwise we have been very fortunate.

D.M.B.



October 1987 — South Wales

The trip started at a ridiculously early time on a Saturday morning in the staff car park. Even the venue managed to cause some confusion — a certain third year who shall remain nameless (Mark Sykes) managed to wait by the canteen for an hour before he realised that the meeting place was elsewhere. By this time the minibus was parked by the Sugarloaf, mountain, and a group of courageous and exhausted boys were climbing to its peak. In the evening, one way or another, our contingent had managed to arrive at Ystradfellte.

The following day Paul Munday sat on a fire extinguisher in the dormitory and he rapidly became unpopular with the occupants of the adjacent beds. That day we followed the 'waterfalls walk'. This involves walking very slowly under a waterfall, and getting as wet as possible. But not to worry! The fourth years decided to dry out by setting fire to anything and everything in their path.

The next day we walked to the second hostel, Llwyn-y-Celyn. This was considerably more comfortable, with features such as dry walls, heating and warm water. It also had, much to delight our fourth year friends, a log fire, with which one can cook marshmallows to suitable temperatures — warm or burned outside and cold inside. Mr Ratcliffe turned up from somewhere and was kindly volunteered to wash up.

On Tuesday the rain came down in torrents and so we went off to Brecon and the swimming pool. It was at this point that Mr Claye materialised and before we knew what was happening, we were whisked off for a very, very wet walk from which we returned very, very wet.

The next day was warm so we climbed Pen-y-Fan. On the way up we met and overtook some soldiers who spoke something that was identified simultaneously as Russian, Armenian and German. On the way back, true to form, Mr Berry crossed the same stream several times at the widest parts.

Thursday was the best day. We walked all day to Merthyr Tydfil, whence we caught a train to Cardiff, where we bought dubious fish and chips, and from there to Reading. The events of the week were not, however, over. On the way home the door of the minibus opened and Bayly's rucksack fell out, unfortunately failing to take Bayly with it.

R. HUTTON-SQUIRE 3DC

School Trip to Rome and Sorrento — Easter 1988

We flew to Naples on Thursday April 7th and then drove to Rome to arrive at our city-centre hotel for supper. After we had eaten, we went on a moonlit walk around Rome, stopping at the Colosseum and the Trevi Fountain, the meeting-place for frighteningly well-dressed Italians and tourists alike. The next day saw a walk around the Capitol Hill and the Roman Forum before lunch. The impression that the Forum makes on you is quite immense, especially if, like me, you have been learning about it in Latin lessons for years. The weight of history presses down on you as you follow in so many great men's footsteps along the Sacred Way to the Arch of Titus.

After lunch at the Colosseum we went to see another age from the annals of the Eternal City. The Spanish Square was where Keats and Shelley lived and today the Square and the Steps are as elegant and stylish as they must have been at the start of the nineteenth century. After some of the party had met Anthony Andrews and Mickey Rourke's hairdresser (who admired the hats that some of us were wearing), we adjourned to the beautiful Borghese Park for a rest.

On the following day we walked to the Vatican City via the Piazza Navona and the Pantheon. The Vatican Museum was amazing: room after beautiful room of Raphaels and Michelangelos, with the Sistine Chapel





as the climax — breathtaking. We lunched in St. Peter's Square and then went into St. Peter's itself. It is the biggest church in Christendom and it looks like it. We all climbed to the top of the dome for a marvellous view of Rome — no skyscrapers, just mile after mile of sand-coloured roofs only interrupted by the occasional monument, for example the one to Victor Emmanuel which looks remarkably like either a wedding-cake or a typewriter depending on whom you listen to.

We were up early on Sunday for our drive to Sorrento, on the Bay of Naples. On the way, we stopped at the Catacombes of St. Callixtus — the first site of burial for Roman Christians, and at Monte Cassino, which dominates the surrounding countryside and was the site of the creation of the Benedictine Order; it was also the scene of some of the bloodiest fighting of the Second World War.

Over the next few days we went to the ancient sites at Pompeii, Herculaneum, Cumae and Paestum, and to Amalfi and Naples Museum. Pompeii was huge, and although there were large crowds there it was still possible to find a deserted villa and let your imagination run wild. Herculaneum was smaller and, for the most part, better preserved, with roofs on many buildings. The three Greek temples at Paestum blended in perfectly with the countryside to create a beautiful site, and at Cumae there were great views out to sea as well as the Sibylline Caves and a lake which supposedly led to the underworld. We also climbed Vesuvius, which towers over the Bay of Naples like an angry father. After a hair-raising coach journey up part of the way, we walked the remaining few hundred dusty feet to the crater. Our guide there spoke English with such a mixture of accents that he was literally inimitable.

The party was large (44), but more or less well-behaved, and our thanks must go to the teachers, especially to Miss Munday who organized everything. Mr. Ratcliffe kept us all entertained and Mr Edwards and Mr Wilson provided historical information, sometimes even surpassing Miss Munday's Michelin Guide. All in all, it was a great trip.

DAVID MOORE 6C

Biology Field Trip September 1987

As in previous years the Biology Field Trip took place in the week directly after the summer holidays. Having arrived at Orierton, near Pembroke, in Wales our main objectives were to make the most of the good weather (i.e. sunbathe), socialise with the other schools there (including some Convent girls on a geography course, wanting to broaden their education) and finish the well organised but infamous table tennis tournament. The interesting pastime of counting pieces of grass and indentifying 'Yorkshire fog' and 'Creeping bent' was an added bonus.

The school party consisted of Mr 'Roky' Knight and all the 6² biologists, with one unnoteworthy exception. Our teacher for the week was Francis, a person who managed to convey his enthusiasm for his subject to all of us. Each day we clambered aboard a 1950s coach to our destination — ranging from Wales's busiest holiday resort (3 inhabitants) to an exposed rocky shore. On-board entertainment was provided by Charlie 'Ben E. King' Nduka and Andy 'Breakdance' Donald, with a full backing chorus. Few were the people who escaped having songs sung about them.

We wanted to make the most of the week and so soon decided that sleep was an unnecessary waste of time. Such a lot happened ranging from a full-scale fire to a minor earthquake and volcanic eruption which all but one of us missed. However, if this report has inspired you in your quest for more information then we can only suggest the book 'Studying Barnacles and Limpets on an Exposed Rocky Shore' available at half price from everyone silly enough to have bought it.

At the end of the week, we all chose ecological projects for study that allowed us to apply knowledge gained earlier in the week. Projects ranged from counting barnacles and observing limpet locomotion to recording *Semibalanus balanoides*' mortality and the distributions of various plant life. Indeed some projects were deemed good enough to send to the National Field Studies centre for future publication.

Finally we must say a big thank-you to Mr Knight for his much appreciated work and diplomatic supervision.

A.J. MOGG & I.J. HARDING

Junior Debating Society

Under the direction of Mr. Heath, the Junior Debating Society has enjoyed another very successful year. From the very first meeting, the society has grown and grown. With the foundation of five or six loyal members, who have put forward subjects for debate and helped to arrange speakers, the society has flourished. On a number of occasions, our meeting room has been filled to capacity. Certainly we have had many more members than last year. I am also pleased about the number of second formers who have participated. Although not as many as I would have liked have proposed or seconded motions, a good many of them have put forward a number of very interesting ideas, and their contribution to the society is greatly appreciated.

During the year, we have debated such diverse topics as the supernatural, the Channel Tunnel, the

monarchy, abortion and whether or not R.G.S. should go co-educational. There have been one or two very close and exciting debates, too. In one debate it looked as if the two sides would tie and the speakers desperately tried to make boys change their minds at the last minute. During the debates some speakers have delivered very convincing, well thought-out speeches and have turned opinion in their favour. Every debate has been interesting and exciting.

I hope that the Junior Debating Society is just as successful next year.

However, it must be said that it would not exist without the hard work and enthusiasm that Mr Heath puts into it, so we should take this opportunity to thank him for everything that he has done.

PAUL FOOT (3H)

Music Society

This year has seen a busy Music Society under the new Director of Music, Mr. Michael Smedley.

There were two concerts in the Christmas Term. The first, in October, was a chamber concert of which the memorable moments were an alto duet between Mr. Smedley and Nicholas Adams in Purcell's ode 'Come Ye Sons of Art' and a flute duet by Timothy Hodson: duet because his considerable technical accomplishments enabled him to play two flutes simultaneously or at least to sound as if he was. The other was the Christmas Concert in which all the principal groups performed, namely the first and second orchestras and wind bands (the first wind band now under Mr. Hussey), the Choral Society, the Junior Choir and the Jazz Band. In this concert Claudio Monteverdi was accorded the rare honour of having his 'Beatus Vir' performed with an accompaniment including Casio Electronic Keyboard, one of the department's latest acquisitions. The last musical event of the term was also a religious one: the school's Festival of Lessons and Carols, held in the Parish Church. The seating arrangements for this service presented Mr Smedley with a difficult problem in logistics owing to the greatly increased size of the Choral Society, now saturated with trebles and altos. The most recent staff members are Mrs McGuinness and Mr Jacks while Mr White-Taylor has suspended his choral activities for this year.

The Easter Term began with a recital and its music ranged from the medieval composer Tielman Susato to Kurt Weill: the suite from the Threepenny Opera. The term ended with a concert of three items: Timothy Hodson's performance of J.S. Bach's suite no. 2 in B minor for flute, the first movement of Schubert: Unfinished Symphony and the Requiem by John Rutter which, in spite of an artistic revolt by the Senior A level music students, was very well received by the audience, no doubt won over by the supreme solos sung excellently by Miranda Cawrse who is a student at Oxford. On the previous day the Choral Society had travelled to Reading. This was a considerable achievement as the coach departed from the school at nine o'clock on a Sunday on the day the clocks went forward. This was the occasion of the Annual Conference of the Secondary Heads' Association and the Headmaster was justly proud that the Choral Society had been asked to lead the music at the Conference's Service. It is quite a distinction.

The Summer Term's concert included Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, Schubert's Mass in G and Copeland's Fanfare for the Common Man.

Overall, this has been a successful, busy year with more than forty composers spanning four hundred years being represented.

Thanks are due to all members of staff who take an interest in the Music Society, particularly those who are not actually members. viz, Mrs Campbell (Box Office), Mr Everett (Stage & Lighting) and Mr Edwards (Front of House and Cortol.)

Mr Smedley has inherited a very strong Music Society. He has shown by his friendly and enthusiastic approach allied to that of Mr. Hussey, that music at RGS will continue to flourish.

N.S. ADAMS, Secretary

General Knowledge Quizzes

In the Junior Schools' Challenge, our team began with two resounding victories over the Oratory Prep. School and Wycombe Abbey, the margin of victory being in each case over 500 points. However, they failed to maintain this momentum, and went out of the competition in the semi-final to Wallingford School.

The Senior Schools' Challenge team began with a very close, high-scoring game against the Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School, which they won by 860 points to 850 — one of the highest aggregate scores on record. Subsequent games proved to be easier, and, with victories over Wallingford School, Haberdashers' Girls' and Berkhamstead School, the senior team regained the Bucks./Herts. regional trophy. R.G.S. has now held this trophy in five of the last seven seasons.

TEAMS:

Junior: Andrew Price (2J), David Chapman (2B), Giles Edwards (2W), Andrew Meldrum (2JM)

Senior: Shomit Dutta (6C¹), Richard Buckley (6BK¹), 'Paddy' Keer (4R), George Thomas (4CP). Substitute (one match): Jeremy Weingard (3AC).

The Fifth Year Quiz was won very narrowly by 5K (115 out of a possible 185) over 5MS (114½). The Staff entry managed to beat both, by a rather larger margin. (And it was all their own work!)

J.P.E.

BBC Computer Network and User Group

The start of the year saw the arrival of the new BBC Archimedes computer, partially the result of the winning of a Business Game competition. Its sound and graphics capabilities, together with its incredible speed, have amazed staff and pupils alike. Although software and hardware have been slow to arrive, the Archimedes promises to be a valuable asset to the Network.

By the time this appears in print, the network's contribution to the RGS show should have been a

great success, thanks mainly to sixth-formers Paul Cracknell, Mike Hatfield, Andre Sihera and Tim Hodson. After a great many hours of hard work, they produced a set of brilliant graphics demonstrations (when they work!) to run on several computers simultaneously.

Membership of the BBC User Group continues to grow: there are now around 200 users. However, there will inevitably be losses, most notably Assistant Network Managers Peter Denison and Rod ("I'll do it tomorrow") Chamberlin.

Thanks as ever to Mr. Gibson, Network Manager, for his commitment and also to any other users who didn't spend most of the year hacking.

JONATHAN HART, 5MG
(Assistant Network Manager, elect.)

Computer Club

1987-88 has been a stunningly exciting year for the Computer Club. We all held our breath waiting for the incredible RM Nimbus micros to arrive, then held our breath again waiting for a network server to arrive so we could use the system. By the time they were up and running, we were all practically dead from asphyxiation and prolonged tedium.

Almost as exciting has been the arrival of a shiny new printer and two new mice and a five and a quarter inch disk drive that now adorn the Nimbus network. So now you all know.

JIM McCAULEY and NEIL PHILLIPS

1987-88 Report on Focus (formerly Christian Union)

This year has been very eventful for the Christian group in the school, FOCUS. We have attempted to overcome some of the prejudice and ill-informed ideas aroused by the name "Christian Union".

We have reduced our meetings to one for seniors and one for juniors each week, both on Wednesdays. Senior Focus is faring reasonably well, with more fourth and fifth formers attending than in previous years. We have also been blessed with a large Upper Sixth contingent. Junior Focus is still thriving with many second and third formers attending.

There have been a few after school meetings this year attended by about sixty pupils from schools in the Wycombe area. These have not only been held at the R.G.S. but also at other schools too.

Similarly, every fortnight, a joint meeting has been held with pupils from Lady Verney. These have taken place at people's houses and have been very good times for praise and fellowship.

As in the past few years, one of the major events of the year was the February Inter-Schools C.U. weekend. This was a great success in the opinion of all those who attended, with a very good visiting speaker.

As there are no lower sixth formers in Focus and the upper sixth formers are leaving at the end of this academic year, the leadership has now devolved on fourth and fifth formers. Some minor teething

problems have been experienced, but with the Lord's help and the guidance of the older members, these will be overcome shortly.

Focus is looking to the future with great anticipation one of our main aims being to get many of the Christians in the school who don't attend to come along and support Focus.

JOHN CROZIER 4CP

"Forum"

For the uninitiated, Forum is a discussion group for those interested in the Christian faith, from 4th form upwards. Its relaxed atmosphere provides ideal surroundings complementary to the more committed, teaching-based, Focus. Each week, a volunteer is found to lead the meeting and his usual expedient to avoid too much work is to split the meeting into small groups which then tackle two or three questions. The lack of obligation to attend every week leads to lively debate. Nevertheless, in order to keep numbers up, bribery is regularly employed by the provision of free tea and coffee. Thanks must be extended to our nominal 'boss', Mr. Ratcliffe, who has not only swelled the numbers of 'volunteers' available, but also trebled the income of "Crusader Holidays" for young people, in which we presume he has a controlling share.

EDWARD MOFFATT 6H₂

Role-Playing Club

The role-playing club has had a very successful year. We now have over seventy-five members with a regular attendance at our lunch-time meetings of at least twenty.

The fifty pence membership fee is used to buy games for the club: we now have "Call of Cthulu", "Paranoia", "Judge Dredd", "Toon" and "Rune Quest III". All these games can be borrowed free of charge by any club member. In addition, most members bring along their own games. These include: "Traveller" (involving space travel and exploration), "Golden Heroes" (about super-heroes), "Middle Earth Role Play" (based on Tolkien's Middle Earth), "Warhammer" (based on the fantasy medieval era) and several games written by the committee members themselves.

Although the club initially took place exclusively after school, it seems to have migrated to the lunch hour; there is plenty of room for new groups after school.

Through the years we have established a good connection with Wycombe's main Role-playing game shop — "Not Just Stamps" — including a 5% discount on their products for purchases over £10.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Clark for being in charge, Mr. Cowburn, for giving us a room in the Junior block in which to meet at lunch time, and everyone else who has helped the club to run so well.

C. RYLETT, C. HAZELDEN, S. PRATT, N. STAPLETON

Stage Lighting and Sound Team

Last year Nick Haylett achieved a place in the National Youth Theatre's lighting team for the summer season. This is a tribute to the excellent training and experience that membership of the school lighting team can give. Having worked in a London theatre, Nick has been able to pass on valuable information on how the "professionals" operate. Another member of the team has applied to the NYT this year. If he is successful the lighting team should go from strength to strength.

Meanwhile, others have been busy in different areas of stage lighting: Peter Denison has been using his skills in computing and electronics to construct a computer control for the lighting board. This had its debut in this year's "Concert versus Cancer", where it provided greater control over the lighting rig, and enabled us to create bigger and better effects.

Other additions to the equipment include two further colour wheels and two more "codas" (high power floodlights for backdrop lighting). These purchases were made possible through the generosity of the Parents' Association, whose money was also used to lengthen the front of house lighting bar by two metres. With these two additions and Mr. Everett's recent upgrading and rewiring of the backstage communications system, the team should be able to function more efficiently and flexibly to provide a more effective service for school productions.

This year the lighting team has been involved in the following productions: "The Trumpet Call". Younger members of the team effectively created the rock concert rig required by this production of a Russian rock opera.

"Charley's Aunt". The challenge provided by this play was to light not only the on-stage areas, but also a large "thrust" stage. The result was over nine different acting areas, which required all our own lights with the addition of some hired equipment. The problem of giving the effect of sunlight pouring through a large bay window was neatly solved by the clever positioning of two of the school's more powerful lights. Credit must go to Mr. Moore, for whom this was his debut as a designer of a lighting rig for a drama production. Our thanks are due to Mr. R.A. Everett and Mr. D. Moore for their hard work and encouragement throughout the year, to Mr. Duncan (the father of one of the team members) for arranging trips around the BBC Television Centre, and finally to the members of the team whose enthusiasm during long hours of rigging is unwavering. Special thanks must go to Peter Denison, Stephen Drage, Iain Gilbey, Paul Haydon and Nick Haylett who will be leaving this year.

S DRAGE SLT Prefect

Comic Relief Day

Comic Relief raised £511.69, of which three-quarters went towards famine relief in Africa and the remainder stayed in this country to help youngsters with problems such as homelessness, drug addiction and desperation. The money came from a Friday morning form collection and a "joke market" in the Queen's Hall during the lunch hour, at which a flashing red nose was observed, unicycling and stilt walking took place,

a jazz group competed with the stage sound team, popcorn crackled and very, very old wizened jokes were passed around. A number of pupils were observed smiling; all in all, people seemed to enjoy it.

T.J.N.C.

Social Services

It has been enormously encouraging this year to see so many boys getting involved in social service work. Last October several R.G.S. pupils gave up time during half term to work with Wycombe Youth Action and Wycombe District Council constructing a fishing platform for disabled fishermen on the Rye. Later in the Autumn term two groups of boys went to Booker hospital to decorate wards for Christmas; the decorations, including a Christmas tree, had been given by the other pupils in school or bought with a donation from the Benevolent Fund.

Further work continued on the Rye at Easter with ten willing workers spreading topsoil ready for wild flowers to be planted. Several nesting platforms for ducks, which will be anchored in the dyke, were also constructed. One second former in his enthusiasm, or so it appeared, to perfect the design of the platform actually got in the dyke to get a duck's-eye-view; or did he fall in?

Throughout the year around forty boys have helped in the community on a Thursday afternoon. Some have visited elderly people helping in a variety of ways from gardening, changing library books to chatting and drinking countless cups of tea! Other boys have helped in hospitals, community centres and local first and middle schools. Two Sixth formers, Firman Ghouze and Alistair Millar, have spent their Thursday afternoons, with girls from the High School, updating the "Access Guide" to High Wycombe for the elderly and disabled; with the Chiltern Centre and a great many new shops opening in the town, this was sorely needed.

All of this work has been greatly appreciated and I hope there is even greater alacrity to do social service work next year.

D.C.B.

Mock Election

The 1987 General Election occurred last June, too late for the results to reach the last edition of 'The Wycombiensian'.

Following the format of more recent years every member of school, from Second to Sixth Forms, was entitled to vote for any party running more than one candidate nationally. The final result was:

Conservative	496 votes	(51.5%)
Alliance	260 votes	(27.0%)
Labour	58 votes	(6.0%)
Others	150 votes	(15.6%)

The most striking feature was the very low Labour vote — even taking into account the national and local trends working against Labour. The 'Other' vote contained 38 for the Green Party but the rest were overwhelmingly whimsical and cast with very dubious sincerity.

The turnout was affected by the election being held in the examination season and special provision having to be made for GCE candidates and the Lower Sixth ahead of polling day.

R.C.F.

CCF — Introduction

“How’s the CCF getting on?” is the friendly enquiry we frequently get, not only from former members but also from the wide variety of people in the Services and outside who are interested in us. Thanks to the positive efforts of many people involved at different levels the answer itself can be genuinely positive. Of course, one can always improve, and that is an important part of the interest involved. It is also clear, looking at achievements at adventure training camps, on courses and in parades that, when people take their opportunities, the results are heartening, both within the CCF and in lessons learnt there, intelligently applied outside — for instance in selection for sponsorship by industry. Those who get the serious bit right also seem to give — and get — a good deal of enjoyment in the process.

But my answer to the question since September has been severely clouded both personally and from the point of view of the Contingent by the sudden death of our great friend and colleague Squadron Leader Peter Smaje. We try to pay him a tribute, which is bound to be inadequate, elsewhere in this magazine.

Those of us with longer memories of the Contingent have also been much saddened by the death of “Bill” Harrison to whom we also pay tribute elsewhere.

Squadron Leader Sollars is now Second in Command of the Contingent and Officer Commanding the R.A.F. Section. I should like to thank him for the way he has taken on this task.

Dr. Ross Barker moves on to be Head of Mathematics at Southend School. We congratulate him on this promotion. He will be very much missed here. He wholeheartedly entered into the work of the Contingent and particularly of the R.N. Section in which he was Sub-Lieutenant. Many members of this Section who have enjoyed courses and R.N. Field Days and Air Days owe those activities to his staff work. He also showed great interest in the role of the Royal Navy, going on Courses and Briefings and keeping us here in touch with the wider picture. Also, well beyond the call of duty, he took on the complicated task of looking after R.N. Stores when for a time we had no S.S.I. I shall not forget the spirit in which he undertook all this. I asked him what first made him think of coming to join us. He said, as though it was the most natural thing in the world, “I was looking round for some part of School life where it seemed as though people would especially welcome some help.”

2nd Lieutenant Phil Wilkes is also moving on to a new appointment in Wales. The Army Section will miss his good humoured efforts and his expertise. He made his way successfully and promptly through his qualifying courses. His special contribution has been on the Adventure Training and Survival side. So far he has made expeditions over the wildest parts of Dartmoor, North Wales and the Peak District with enviable sprightliness, inseparable from, and recognisable by, an enormous pack.

These two officers go with our very best wishes and warmest thanks for all they have done.

Our new S.S.I., W.O. Clive Rowlands has now completed a year with us. His help, in the very best traditions of the Services, has been quite invaluable.

We have always been fortunate in those who take up the post of CCF secretary. They invariably show an interest in activities and individual achievements. Mrs

Meyer was no exception. The pressure of work elsewhere meant she had to relinquish the post. Mrs Gamester has taken up the duties with the same energy. We are very grateful indeed to these two people for the way they set about this essential job.

As always we are conscious of the lively support we have — and need — from all branches of the Services and within the School.

A special challenge in the next year is going to be to the N.C.O.’s. More than ever before, the worthwhile efforts of the Contingent will depend on their forethought, energy and competence as they work with their Section Officers. Judging by this year’s experience, for which I should like to thank all officers, staff and cadets, it will be a good exercise.

F.N.C.

Royal Naval Section

The R.N. Section has had a busy and eventful year, with Coxswain Aylott, P.O. Currie-Cathey and P.O. Badham taking charge in the Summer Term of 1987. The year started with frequent trips down to the River at Medmenham, where all members of the Section were able to try their hand at canoeing, sailing and windsurfing. Early in the Autumn term came the useful addition of a canoeing instructor in the form of Temporary Acting Leading Seaman Pinder who was able to share a great deal of his skills.

As the Term progressed, the weather began to deteriorate, enabling the necessary work to be done for the exams required for further promotion.

There have been several field trips throughout the year, including a trip to our parent establishment, H.M.S. Dryad, and a very exciting visit to the Royal Marines Base at Poole. The latter involved high speed trips across the choppy expanse of Poole Harbour in light-weight Rigid Raider craft.

In the Summer Term we received a windsurfing simulator, for which we owe our thanks to the Headmaster. This has already been put to use and has proved to be an invaluable teaching aid.

On April 28th we had our annual inspection by an officer from H.M.S. Dryad, Captain (T) Ritchie. To Lt. Claye’s delight, the inspection ran very smoothly and everyone performed well to impress the captain.

It has been a very interesting year being in charge of the Section, an experience from which I have learned a great deal. I wish my successor luck and I hope he finds the experience as challenging.

Finally, I would like to thank all the officers of the section: Lt. Claye, and Sub Lt. Barker for all their help and the generous donation of their time. Also, my thanks to C.P.O. Clutton for his continued interest in us. Good luck to P.O. Whalley in his intended Naval career.

COXSWAIN T. AYLOTT

REPORT ON SUMMER EXPEDITION ON R.M.A.S. CRICKLADE 31 Aug. — 4 Sept. 1987

Who says the Navy’s boring? The trip to the Firth of Clyde last Summer proved to be not only highly interesting but also great fun. It took place on the Fleet Tender, R.M.A.S. Cricklade, which served as a vehicle for our week of discovery and also a floating



One of the many picturesque sights (East side of the Isle of Arran).

house in which we cooked, ate, slept, worked and played.

The week began at the Naval Submarine Base, H.M.S. Neptune, situated near Helensburgh. There we managed to get a glimpse of the nuclear submarine, H.M.S. Renown, lying in dry dock. We soon set sail for Greenock and then to East Loch Tarbert, via the extremely beautiful and ornithologically perfect Kyles of Bute (a channel between the mainland and the Isle of Bute).

After spending the night at the little fishing village of East Loch Tarbert, we set out for Campbeltown via the East side of the Isle of Arran and the large rock, Ailsa Craig, which was covered with guano and birds for Lt. Claye to scrutinise, which he did. After circling the island, we headed north again to Campbeltown, past the Mull of Kintyre, where some were nearly killed for singing and where we enjoyed the spray on the bow of the ship.

On Wednesday, we took ourselves to Brodick on the Isle of Arran. While Lt. Claye embarked on an ornithological trek, we engaged in a little shopping,



Crew of R.M.A.S. Cricklade; (left to right) Corp. Largent (Army), L.S. Jackson, A.B. Pike, Jnr. Corp. Aitken (now R.N.), C.Sgt. Riley (Army), A.B. Hardie, L.S. Cheshire, A.B. McManus, A.B. Keeling, Jnr. Corp. Benstead (R.A.F.).

walking and fishing. On the way to Rothesay, we undertook the hilarious man-overboard drills in the icy Firth of Clyde (almost everyone went in).

Next day, we left Rothesay, on the Isle of Bute, to retrace our course through the Kyles of Bute and visit the Great and Little Isles of Cumbrae, where most of the crew were "unwell" (this was not due to the food on the menu). We then docked at the mainland port of Largs and went swimming at the local baths. Our evening was spent in Gourrock, where the first successful fishing took place.

Friday, our last day, was spent trying to get into Holy Loch, where the American submarine fleet in Britain is based. After having been denied entry, we settled for a look at the nuclear submarine H.M.S. Repulse loading up in Loch Long, and also at Carrick Castle as well as Loch Goil before returning to H.M.S. Neptune.

On the whole, it was a very rewarding trip and it had a great number of fun moments. Many thanks go to Lt. Claye for ensuring our trip was trouble-free and good fun!

A.B.S. KEELING



CCF Army Section

This has been another busy and energetic year for the Army Section. We have had our full and usual help from the 16 Cadet Training Team and our thanks go to them and in particular to Sgt Schofield and Capt. Nicholson for their good natured assistance on many camps and of course, the Thursday programme. But a very special thankyou is required for some senior NCO's in particular.

To RSM Andrew Weatherston who has run the Section so efficiently and with good humour and patience. To CSM Nick Weaver for his help and assistance in all activities and to Armoury Sgt Riley for his excellent work and undying help in the "back room". Without their help the Section would not have run so smoothly. Others who are leaving are Sgt James Dibbo, Cpl Damon Largent and L.Cpl Tony Wilcox.

To all these NCO's I offer my thanks and all my good wishes for their futures.

We also wish 2nd Lt Philip Wilkes all our good wishes in his new job at Porthcawl.

Capt S.J. GRUNDY Officer i/c at school.

Army Section

This year has been a busy one...

... Following an excellent recruitment campaign by, the then, Lt. Grundy and Cpl Weaver, 46 cadets (25% of the year) signed up, making it our largest intake for several years. With this intake there also came a few problems, as our storesmen (Cpl Beaumont and L.Cpl Slater) would be the first to testify. Indeed, the initial issuing of kit was a mammoth task, especially when one considers the multitude of shapes and sizes that cadets come in!

The training programme was soon under way, and the newly appointed Section Commanders were very busy teaching cadets map and compass, battlecraft and weapon skills, whilst the platoon commanders Sgts. Weaver and Withers dealt with administration and the finer points of drill instruction.

After the half-term break we held a field day at Aldershot; this gave the cadets their first chance to practise the battlecraft skills that they had learnt.

The Spring term saw Sgt Dibbo take over the role of 'B' Platoon commander from Sgt Withers, who left the school and hopes to pursue a career with the Royal Marines. The training programme continued, with further visits to Beaconsfield in order to use either the range or the assault course.

One of the lighter moments of the year was the Staff v Army Section football match. Captained by L.Cpl Wilcox, coached by CSM Weatherston, and kitted by Matron, the team arrived at Bisham. With a 5 man defensive line, we were leaving nothing to chance. Our team talk was simple and to the point, "Stop Mr Hussey!". He did, however, score a goal. Fortunately we scored 3. Final score: Army 3 Staff 1.

The beginning of March saw the first full training weekend, at Aldershot. Saturday was filled with a 12 hour exercise, in which the mission was to retrieve a canister of heavy water from an unknown location and safely transport it to a pickup point. Three well executed section attacks soon led to the completion of the former task. The latter, however, proved to be harder, as L.Cpl Slater discovered when he was ambushed whilst in possession of the heavy water. The night phase began with a bang, when a firecracker flew through the barrack room window. Despite the resulting delay, the night phase continued; in a slightly altered form, but the platoon, under the command of C.Sgt Weaver, still won through.

The Sunday was spent on the range firing the cadet GP rifle, a derivative of the new SA80 assault rifle, the high performance of this rifle was evident from the high scores obtained.

The Easter break was a particularly active one, and cadets were engaged in a wide variety of activities; experiencing a wide variety of weather conditions, from the cold mists of the Peak District to the scorching sun in Gibraltar. Reports on all can be read below.

The school calendar clearly stated Summer Term, the clocks bore witness to the existence of Summer Time, officially 'Shirt sleeve order' should have prevailed, BUT the weather decided that this was not to be. Then it happened...

... one glorious afternoon in early May, the Army Air Corps paid a visit and brought with them a Gazelle helicopter. After an excellent audio-visual

presentation, some of the cadets and NCOs were able to go for 10 minute familiarisation flights. These were much appreciated, particularly by those NCOs leaving at the end of this year.

The remaining few months have been filled with Proficiency Tests, preparing for the R.G.S. Show and finalising the details of this year's Summer Camp.

Things don't just 'happen' in the CCF they need to be planned, organised and supported. I should like to thank all those who have done so during the past year: Lt. Col Cooper, Cpt Grundy, Cpt Hollingworth, Lt Boreham, 2 Lt. Wilkes, WO 2 Rowland, Mr. Prior. And from 16 CTT: Cpt Nicholson, RSM Fox, Sgt Schofield, Sgt Bradwell. My thanks also to all the NCOs, especially CSM Weaver, A. Sgt Riley and Sgt Dibbo.

RSM WEATHERSTON

Army Section: Leek Camp '88

The camp began as all good camps do... with an advance party and a 4 ton truck. This idyllic partnership trundled out through the gates on the final day of the Spring Term with all its passengers in a jovial mood.

Six hours and several carrots later (!) the truck arrived in the peaceful village of Butterton, near Leek, in Staffordshire. The only casualties of the journey were L.Cpl Slater's beret, which went AWOL on the M1, and CSM Weatherston, whose sudden bout of excruciatingly painful cramp provided a source of amusement for those watching.

Accommodation was once again in the "cramped but cosy" conditions of Butterton School. First priority-on arriving, was to unload the vehicle. This was done in record time (40 sleeping bags around 5 corners in 53 seconds).

The following day the cadets arrived and were quickly whisked away to do an assault course then on to play football.



The Saturday started early for the cadets with P.T., but this was only a taster for what was to follow; a challenging adventure training circuit occupied the morning, whilst an exhausting orienteering course, in the afternoon, left Captains Grundy and Nicholson red-faced and gasping for breath!

The next day was the exercise, which was of a complex nature. The scenario involved double agents, minefields and a neutron bomb, the latter having been set to go 'boom'! at 1430hrs on the Monday. The construction of said bomb soon led to speculation that the CSM was to become the next Blue Peter presenter.

After the single-handed assault on a tin of corned beef by C.Sgt Weaver, as means of a 'Blank' demonstration; the Platoon spent the first day gathering information as to the whereabouts of the heavy water and other tools needed to defuse the bomb. This process was made rather difficult by the Enemy, whose ambushing skills resulted in the ever unlucky Cpl Ellis losing his section on several occasions. In order to prove that the Army Section never learn from their mistakes, Lt. Boreham was allowed, *once again*, to bury the water canister and, *once again*, many hands fervently scraped and scratched for many hours before the offending article was finally uncovered. One would assume that after all the time spent recovering the heavy water, the Platoon would be loath to part with it, but no! The canister



was snatched during the night exercise by the Enemy.

The second day was cold, wet and in a word "typical". Cpl Charlton in his role as Platoon Commander was quick to take advantage of the tiring opposition. The exercise ended with a final assault up a boggy hill, with two rather eccentric captives in-tow, and, with only 5 minutes remaining, the obligatory defusing of the bomb.

The remaining couple of days were spent walking up Kinder Scout (an activity made MUCH harder without a compass, as the CSM discovered when he left both of them behind!), rock climbing, doing Initiative Tests (including a particularly sadistic one dreamed up by Cpt. Grundy) and beating the Wallabies at their own game... football!

I would like to thank everyone involved in the organisation and running of the camp: the NCOs, the SSI, and the Officers. But especially those people who came from outside the school. Namely: Mrs. Cooper, without whose culinary skills we would have all gone hungry, Sgt Bradwell from 16 CTT, without whose compass Kinder Scout would have been impossible, Cpt Hollingworth, for his unrelenting help and good humour, and Lt. Tony Boreham, without whom the world would be a duller place!

RSM WEATHERSTON

Easter in the Army Section

UNITED KINGDOM LAND FORCES CADET LEADERSHIP COURSE

This year Cpl Stenner and I attended the 17th UKLF Course at Wretham camp, Norfolk.

Under the auspices of the 1st Battalion Argyle and Southern Highlanders, the most essential item of kit was a Scottish — English dictionary. However, after 10 days we were fluent speakers of the Gaelic tongue.

Hard training ensued from Day One. The particularly amusing assault course consisted of cadets fighting to remain dry over various water obstacles, only to be ordered to wade through a river at the end. Intensive training in battlecraft was tested to the limit in three taxing exercises. The last one included initial deployment by Chinook helicopters, an exhilarating experience! Sunday morning saw the emergence of 320 cadets from Wretham, eager to return home, but having enjoyed this worthwhile and demanding course.

Cpl THIBAUT

THE ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS INSTRUCTION COURSE

In the final week of the Easter holidays I travelled to the Royal School of Signals, at Blandford for a week-long initiation course.

On arrival in Salisbury, the weather was fine and fortunately it remained so. This was useful since many of the exercises and practicals were outside. The first few days, doing primarily classroom work, turned out to be as much fun as the rest. I was constantly learning new material and finding out aspects of signalling that I never knew existed. The practicals included setting up a telephone exchange, and provided a pleasant break from the classroom.

The week soon ended and I said farewell to all the friends that I had made, having spent a week on a thoroughly enjoyable course.

S.Cdt TOMS

THE JOINT EXECUTIVE CCF CAMP: GIBRALTAR

To my great surprise, it was only I who applied to represent R.G.S. at this camp. Never deterred by solitude, I left home at 6 am, to join many other cadets from around Britain at Luton airport. 10 hours later our plane landed in Gibraltar. We soon settled in, and, after a none-too-brief briefing we met our camp commandant, who bore a striking resemblance to Ken Dodd!

The week went very quickly and activities were varied and for the most part enjoyable. They included: a helicopter trip, comprehensive weapon training, orienteering, water sports, and last but by no means least, the Camp Revue. Understandably, our return to Luton was somewhat depressing, but we all vowed to keep in touch.

The camp was certainly the best that I have been on, and probably the best week of my life. I strongly recommend it to any prospective cadet.

L.Cpl JOHNSON

Army Section Summer Camp: Okehampton

Summer camp '87 was deemed to be a "Central Camp", that is, instead of being housed under canvas, in a field and experiencing the delights of finding a family of spiders in one's sleeping bag, we were housed in warm transit barracks, on the North tip of Dartmoor, devoid of all arachnid life-forms; more civilised but not as much fun.

Our programme was packed. Each day there were lectures and activities. These ranged in quality and interest, but were, on the whole, of a high standard. One of the most enjoyable, was CQB (Close Quarter Battle). This required that two people first lie down in nice, cold and very muddy puddles. However, this was not for long, and when the command was given, the two victims started the second phase. This meant they had to stalk along a 50 metre passage that was waist high with mud, and shoot at all the targets seen. Needless to say, it rained consistently much to the pleasure of the Sergeant in command. Masochism was the order of the day and after a particularly inedible lunch we approached the Assault Course. Initial impressions were that it would "be a doddle"; it was then explained to us that we had to do it twice, each circuit to incorporate a 500m stretcher run. Physical exercise did not occupy the whole time, only 90% of it; rifle cleaning representing the other 10%.

The 24 hour exercise was, peculiarly for a camp, the least enjoyable activity. Canoeing was by far the most humorous, and there was stiff competition between Cpt Grundy and the rest of the cadets as to who could capsize the most. The former just clinched it when he performed a "Half Eskimo roll", by accident.

The final day was spent participating in a competition, against the other cadet units staying at the camp. Teams of 10 men were required. This was difficult for us since we only had 16 cadets there. We had also lost a few through the week, due to injury. We put in a lot of effort and had we done better on the assault course, we would have probably won.

RSM WEATHERSTON

RAF Section

The loss of Squadron Leader Smaje in September last year was a great blow to both the Section and the School. He did a tremendous amount for the Section, the full extent of which did not become apparent until it was left to others to run it.

Despite this tragic loss, the senior NCOs and Squadron Leader Sollars managed to get the Section back on the lines and to keep it running fairly smoothly.

We have done very well this year with flying:

The following 10 people gained Flying Scholarships: F/Sgt Cook, Sgt Fox, Sgt Waller, Cpl Empringham, Cpl Middleton, Cpl Robinson, Cpl Sellors, Cpl Nielsen, Cpl Fines-Allin and Cpl Todd.

Also, Cpl Monaghan has gained a Navigators' Scholarship and F/Sgt Cook successfully attended an Advanced Gliding Course.

Gliding courses later this year are expected to be popular.

Shooting has been good, with several people learning to use the new rifle — the Cadet General Purpose Weapon — and competing in the yearly "Cadet Skill at Arms" Meeting.

Other activities, such as orienteering and going to the assault course, have been severely limited since we now have only one Officer in the Section. This has also meant the cancellation of the annual Forest of Dean camp. However, all our other camps have taken place: two main camps at RAF Wyton and RAF Manston (both extremely good). We are looking forward to another one at RAF St. Athan in July.

Finally, we would like to add our sincere thanks to all the people who have helped us through this difficult year, especially Lt. Col. Cooper, Lt. Claye, Sub. Lt. Barker, Capt. Grundy, Flt/Lt Paterson and F/Sgt Wood. We hope that this very necessary help can continue to be offered. Without it we would be hard pressed to keep the section going.

J. BEALER, Warrant Officer

April Camp, RAF Manston

Twelve cadets from R.G.S. travelled to RAF Manston, in Kent, for this year's Easter Camp. Included were visits to Air Traffic Control and the Spitfire Memorial Museum, situated just outside the base. The Fire Section entertained us with a night-time fire-fighting display. There were a number of activities laid on for us, including shooting, swimming and flying for all.



The airmen on the base generously volunteered to take part in a night exercise with the cadets. A day trip to France was available to those with passports, with a Wessex helicopter flight arranged for some of those who did not go to France.

Special mention must be made of Cadet Pike, who declared that he was not going to wear an RAF uniform on an RAF camp, and spent the whole week in an RN uniform!

Thanks to Squadron Leader Sollars for arranging the camp and ensuring that an enjoyable time was had by all.

Cpl GUY

RAF Wyton Camp 1987

Summer Camp 1987 took place at RAF WYTON, home of the Canberra, in Cambridgeshire. 35 R.G.S. cadets joined up with cadets from Whitcliffe and Reigate Schools. The camp started under canvas, but owing to the very heavy rain, finished up crammed into two classrooms. Very little flying of any kind was possible, although two senior cadets had flights in Canberras. Instead, a visit to Cambridge took place and cadets took a fleet of punts on to the Backs. Other highlights included navigation and night exercises, and a visit to the Shuttleworth Collection of antique aircraft.

F.Sgt BAYLY

Challenge '87 — a fourth former's viewpoint.

The series of events which led to my selection to go on Challenge '87 are still fairly fresh in my mind. My name and another fourth former's were picked from a group of hopefuls who had seen a video of last year's 1986 challenge and expressed interest, and soon I found myself being interviewed by two of the Challenge's organisers.

Somehow I was chosen to go on the weekend course with other teenagers from various schools in Buckinghamshire. The course, a preview of the week to come, consisted of rescuing dustbins from mountain-sides, carrying a person with a 'broken leg' across a field, a 'small' orienteering expedition and a canoe trip down a very marshy river. Completely exhausted after this, I began to have second thoughts and was hesitant when I was given the choice to go on the actual Challenge itself. I accepted, in spite of my lack of fitness, and after a few talks and videos the holiday began.

The accommodation was an old rebuilt farm house, presently in use as an army training camp. The mattresses were barely an inch thick but getting to sleep was no problem for as well as sheep in abundance outside, there were always the plentiful holes and cracks in the walls to count.

There was no rain, contrary to the forecasts, and all week we could carry out our tasks under a warm sun. The second week, however, proved to be not so sunny, but I was back home in bed by then.

Our tasks were varied, but all required stamina and careful thought, which made me wonder why I was there. The instructors from the army were helpful but a touch insane, probably due to living in Snowdonia for more than a week. On Monday, we had what seemed like a relatively easy task, building a small raft which would sail successfully from one end of a paddling pool to the other. However, after this, we were all led to a lake and told to build a second raft, only this time much larger. Then we had to sail across the lake to rescue our instructor. Yours truly ended up being on the raft as it went across, but luckily I didn't get wet at all.

Tuesday saw each of the six groups performing various tasks for points, such as abseiling down a cliff and across a river, finding cans with letters inside to make a word, and crossing fences with three poles, being careful not to touch the fence. After this we were all resting back at the 'house' when the fire

alarm went off. As soon as we were all outside, the doors were locked and we were told to look after ourselves that night. With a torch that didn't work, a camp was built in the pitch black and a stew made from a chicken we had to kill and skin ourselves, no easy task. However it was fun. The stew was surprisingly good, and we all survived.

On Wednesday we packed tents and food and set off on a trip around the National Park of Snowdonia, picking up points for standing on spot heights and collecting bonuses for crossing rivers, climbing Snowdon, and other such things. On Wednesday night, when all the tents were up, three of the groups, including mine, popped down to a nearby pub and stayed there most of the evening. This was, for most of us, the highlight of the trip.

On Thursday night we all joined up for one big barbecue which went on well into the night.

The next day we all packed our things and tidied our rooms. However, as the coach was not due for a few hours, we were given the choice of a canoe ride, caving or a river-walk. I chose the caving and had a second chance to go abseiling in one of the larger caves.

On the coach back we either slept or talked, but one thing was certain, we had all enjoyed it.

M. HAMMOND, 4R

Challenge '87 — the view of an older person

Challenge '87 unsurprisingly followed on from Challenge '86 when Hugh Twitchen and Edward Moffatt took part in an adventure training week in Snowdonia doing 'Now get out of that' exercises in teams of mixed age, ability, background and gender. It is to be succeeded by Challenge '88 and presumably others thereafter. Pupils had a selection interview and practical weekend at Green Park, Aston Clinton.

Thus it was that Maurice Hammond of the fourth form and I went to test the county view that mixing up adults under novel and stressful circumstances would be not only interesting but educational. 6 a.m. on Monday morning in October found me abandoned at Green Park in sandals and beret watching self-conscious strangers loom through the mist to add their contributions to the pile of rucksacks and luggage. One coach journey later saw us at an old Welsh hill farm now used by the Royal Artillery Junior Leaders' Regiment.

There we undertook the tasks referred to elsewhere by Maurice, my guide and protector being one Bombardier Steve Lewis, who had a curious penchant for llama hunting under unlikely circumstances. My other companions were a charming girl from the Misbourne School in Great Missenden called Sally, shy but nimble John from Beaconsfield Secondary, a nineteen year old rather involuntary volunteer Viv, who firmly put us back on the right track as I tried to take the party off it, and Ian an engineer at Compair. He had no knowledge of outdoor life but by his quiet common sense became our effective leader. "Don't worry," I said as gale force wind and rain threatened his first night under canvas. "These tents are really strong," I continued as both the A frames snapped



and we groped about for wet belongings to stuff into sodden rucksacks amidst the darkened wreckage of the encampment from which we retreated soggy to the valley and a rescue.

I remember constructing an emergency shelter from stones, branches and moss for the five of us to immerse ourselves in, so tightly wedged that scratching an itch was a much desired end beyond accomplishment. I remember constructing a plank bridge somewhere from a park bench seat to a stone monument so that one of our number could find out some obscure fact written on its reverse, a sufficiently bizarre exercise to attract an amused audience of mystified girl hikers. I remember dangling for what seemed like aeons upside down on a rope over a gorge with a rucksack on my back. I can report at first hand the sensation of soreness on bare upper legs stung by volleys of hail stones. I remember the sketches we did on the last evening at the group party, full of 'headless chicken' jokes and take offs of our leaders and each other. I remember some moments of tension but much companionship, the exhilaration of conquering obstacles together and a lot of good fun.

T.J.N.C.

Model Railway Club

The Model Railway Club has had another successful year, the highlight being our exhibition on Saturday 27 February 1988. This proved to be a financial success for the club and the profits are being invested in our clubroom. A further exhibition is planned for Saturday 25 February 1989.

An excursion was organized to Manchester and a further trip is planned for later in the year to Exeter. New members are always welcome to inspect the facilities under the Old Hall stage at lunchtime.

M.J. HOPWOOD, Treasurer

Library Report

The library 'ship' began the year in calm waters with a revitalized crew still ably headed by Mrs McGuinness, once more steadfastly assisted by Mr Mitchell. Three new boys joined but the most notable addition to

library staff was Mrs Grieve, who brought with her a busy efficiency which has kept the library staff on their toes.

However, during the second half of the year a spate of mutinies have rocked the library boat. Two of the new recruits abandoned ship and old hands began to go AWOL. Therefore, all the more credit must go to the adult members of the library staff, for it was "all hands on deck" to cope through these crises.

Thanks must go to the boys who have remained loyal to the library. That includes the two library prefects, Peter McCleod and Gary Saunders, whose differing attitudes and varying abilities ensured that chaos reigned on a Thursday afternoon. Other notable 'characters' of this year were the 'ever present' (or is that the never present?) Mike Bignell; the rowdy playboy, Chris Grace; our resident train expert in the shape of Mark Hopwood; and last, and by all means least, Duncan Slater, the only new recruit to stay the course.

GARY SAUNDERS and PETER McCLEOD

School House Report

Sanity has once again failed to prevail this year despite the faint glimmer of hope that it would with the departure of General Jim Stocker, Martin Adamson, Swapo, Steve Henton and Kevin Smart. We were also sad to see the back of Andy "Aren't I gorgeous?" Swift, Simon and Dominic Russell, Mark Howell and Peter Holloway.

However, Boarding House numbers have swelled to a greater size thanks to the arrival of such characters as Allan MacCaskill, whose advent has lessened the attention on Ed "It was dark, honest" Jackson. Other new arrivals include Jon Buckley, Nick Smith and Richard Flack in the Lower Sixth.

Lower down in the school we have welcomed (?) Simon "Hong Kong Phooey" Albino, Martin Linney, Paddy Keer, Paul Woodward, Simon Hough and most recently Jason and Scott Goozee... oh yes, and Slug!

This year has also seen the initiation of School House entrepreneurial talent in the form of the School House Tuck Shop. The success of the enterprise has been aided greatly by the presence of Jerome "I'll have 23 double deckers and 18 cans of Coke" Bhat

and its organizers Steven "H.B." Linzell and Ernie Lawrence.

The profits enabled a house outing to the ice rink at Slough. Congratulations must go to Simon Tongue whose Robin Cousins talent had the girls in stitches (literally) — which incidentally was quite definitely the most spectacular "pull" any of us have ever seen.

On the sports field, School House has continued to excel, contributing half of the 1st IV in Ed "the back" Jackson and Ed Iver. Slinz, Ernie and Allan (Cpt) were proud to serve in the most unsuccessful hockey team in the school's history (2nd XI). The U19 basketball team has profited from players such as Clive "No sweat" Nicholay and Jamie "savage tan" Monaghan and also from the fanatical support provided by the rest of the boarding house. There have, of course, been representatives on the rugby field in Jon Buckley and Fat Phil Read and Simon Bent says he played too!

The customary inter-house battles have been seriously affected by the considerable lack of sporting prowess in the Uplyme camp. However, we did manage to persuade them to don their tasteful (?) boxer shorts and challenge the previously unseen School House talent to a five-a-side football match. School House looked in serious trouble when Uplyme scored 6 good goals. However, we fought back hard and in a titanic struggle managed to run out narrow winners with 33 lucky goals to our credit.

Congratulations must go to our resident Shakespearean and Classical thespian Jonathan "the Bert" Jones on his marvellous achievement of gaining a place at Oxford. We hope therefore to see ol' Bert winning many sporting blues to keep up the School House reputation.

After six years of service to the boarding house, Mrs King seems to have taken all she can stand with Clive Nickolay's socks and Slug's shirts in her rôle as matron. We thank her heartily for all she has done and hope that she enjoys a rewarding career as Theatre Sister in Wycombe General Hospital. Final thanks must go to the appreciated efforts of Mr & Mrs Gamester and Mr Goldthorpe in maintaining control over the rather boisterous junior and middle dormitories. And a big thank you to Gill and the cooks for keeping us well fed and to the cleaners who somehow manage to keep the house in order.

S.L., P.L., J.L., C.N., A.M.

Uplyme Boarding House Report

At the end of last year we said goodbye to Roger Dunlop, Allan Popplewell, Keith Jordan, Mark Barrell, Michael Fitzwilliam, Sandy Burton, Adrian Dodds and Gregory Higgins, so with the number of boarders remaining at four, "Uplyme" gladly welcomed the likes of Jonathan Wyatt, Warwick Dixon and Jamie Blackwell. There were still more to come though — halfway into the first term we were joined by Martin Taylor, Richard "the only set of wheels" Whalley, and more recently James Mansfield and Jason Shepherd.

On the academic front, congratulations must go to Charles Nduka, who will be joining last year's old boys, Keith Jordan and Allan Popplewell at Oxford. On the sports field too, Uplyme had their representatives, with Jon Wyatt playing for the School 1st XI and the

county hockey teams, Martin Taylor's regular appearances in the senior school 1st Rugby squad was short lived owing to a stubborn knee injury, but now he hopes to make it all up in cricket. In keeping with tradition, "Uplyme" put up a strong five-a-side football team against School House but were narrowly defeated 33-6 against the run of play.

"Uplyme" provides the ideal setting for developing one's talents and it wasn't long before Charlie 'Sassoon' was trimming hair into the latest of styles, Pilot 'Biggles' Burke continued soaring the skies and recently earned himself an R.A.F. £18,000 University cadetship.

With two-thirds of the Uplyme community composed of Sixth formers, the juniors blended in extremely well, resulting in a very pleasant, co-operative atmosphere. The House common room was greatly improved this year with the acquisition of some new furniture and even a Video for a short while. We at "Uplyme" always seem to find reason for celebrations, which were frequently shown by visits to the Clubs in the capital, only to leave us late for breakfast the following day.

Now, just as the year is drawing to an end, and everyone is beginning to settle down to some serious revision for the examinations in June, our thanks must go to Mr & Mrs Stubbs, as well as Mr Edwards for all the help and guidance that they provided for us this year.

ANAND DUTTA, Head of House

A Dashed Jolly Evening

Comedy is a notoriously tricky business. It demands skills of pace, variety and timing which generally come off (if at all) with age and experience. So the achievement of Peter Cowburn's lively, engaging and genuinely funny production of "Charley's Aunt" was all the more remarkable from a cast, none of whom could have been over eighteen.



The desperate need which two undergraduates have for a chaperone to enable them to entertain their young ladies to tea, forms the starting point of the plot. As our young heroes, Michael Holland and Stephen Todd gave excellent value. For much of the time they are the engine which drives the plot forward, and they moved it along with verve and panache. In the pivotal part of Lord Fancourt Babberley, forced to provide said chaperone by impersonating Charley's aunt from Brazil ("where the nuts come from"), Peter Barber gave an inspired comic performance both in and out of drag. His characterisation earned willing smiles from the audience and quickly softened them up for the laugh lines to come.



One advantage of the play as a school production is that most of the characters are young, yet even the impersonations of middle-age were well done. Ian Harding and Matthew Humberstone as the two elderly, would-be suitors for "Auntie's" fortune, contributed considerable strength and were really quite convincing within the context of the play, as well as gaining a fair share of the laughs.

When it comes to the ladies, the play is pretty chauvinist. Perhaps typically of the period, it requires mainly that they should look pretty and supply the love interest which fuels much of the story. Sarah Rymill and Sally Crees certainly did that, as did Alexis Smith (Charley's real aunt) and Anita Golding when they arrived on the scene about half way through the play. It is just a pity that the play offers them so much less in the way of comic opportunities than it does to the males. Even John Hawkins, as a College



servant repeatedly required to provide his own tip, had more interesting things to do and like the rest of the cast made the most of them.

Technically the production was of high standard. Three extremely elegant sets were attractively lit, clearly differentiating the different times of day, as well as providing a convincing summer afternoon in a garden complete with fountain.

A hoary old vehicle like this can flag all too easily. This one rarely did. Strong, clear and imaginative direction ensured that something interesting was happening at all times, and that the many individual talents were fused into an ensemble, in short, a dashed jolly evening was had by all.

J.A.W.

The Footstep

Antony Stanton was walking down the road. He was happy; it was a sunny day, and he was getting married soon.

A hand, small and slender, gripped his neck tightly, and the other was clapped around his mouth. He screamed, but a pathetic groan was all that could be heard.

Now he could feel an empty, hollow, steely feeling inside. Then he realized. A knife was being thrust through his heart.

The murderer dragged the body into the bushes, clumsily, for voices could be heard.

Inspector Sullivan bought the paper, paid the paper seller, who never stopped shouting "Read all about it!... Murder on main road!... Read all about it!..."

The Inspector, tall, slim, with grey hair, skipped over the paper with his usual speed. He caught sight of the article on the murder. He read it with obvious interest, more than once, and then looked up, a gleam in his eye.

Could he find the man who had killed the so far, unnamed man?

The Inspector noted the wound on the dead man. Anthony Stanton his name, but that was not to be revealed until the forensics had done their work. Yes, a knife wound on the back, and bruising around the neck. A strong man, who left no fingerprints did this.

Sullivan opened his gate later than usual. Time does fly, does it not? It was now eight o'clock. As he opened the door, the phone was ringing. It was PC O'Brien, a colleague asking if the Inspector had heard of the murder, and whether he should begin on the case.

"That will not be necessary", replied Sullivan, "It is already being covered, I believe."

The room was bare, save a table, rug, fireplace, and a book shelf crammed with files, books and papers. He got down one such book, and began to read.

The cleaning lady, whom the Inspector was questioning in his gentle manner, was no help. No he was not unhappy. No he had had no money difficulties. No nasty phone calls, and no apparent enemies. In fact, no one to murder him.

Mr Antony Stanton's fiancée, who was working out in the gymnasium, was the next to undergo his subtle interrogation. She had heard of the murder but never realised it was her Tony. Tracy was overcome with grief. The Inspector took her to her house, and said he would come back when it was more convenient.

It was about three o'clock when he called back. Tracy was sitting on the sofa, covered in a blanket, staring at the wall, her cheeks wet and her eyes shiny. She was as helpful as the cleaner had been. They were to be married in the autumn, and there was definitely no reason why anyone should have wanted to kill him.

The interview was interrupted by a knock at the front door. It was Bob, Tracy's old boyfriend. The Inspector tactfully left, especially after seeing the size of the man. Bob must have been at least six feet seven, with a weight to match.

The Inspector thought again, and re-entered the

house, to question Bob. Mr Robert Seaman was unwilling to answer his questions, but he did say that he did not kill Tony.

PC O'Brien and Sullivan were talking about the case in the latter's house.

"It was obviously this Robert person," said the younger of the two men." He killed Tony because he resented him". "Good, PC, but". . .

At that moment, a bullet sounded from a gun. Possibly the same sound, a witness of the murder may have said, as the one the day before. The inspector fell forward, unable to finish his sentence. The click of high heels running away could be heard down the passage.

"You can take that case as closed," said the now promoted Police Inspector O'Brien. "We caught Tracy, who killed Anthony because she didn't want to marry him." "But what about the bruising around the neck? Surely that was the work of a man," said a colleague. "You forget. She was working out in a gymnasium when the late Inspector found her."

C.J. PARSONS 3B

Isle of Wight, August 1987

Another of Mr Ratcliffe's infamous 'Isle of Wight' trips took place last August. A party of boys led by Mr Ratcliffe and accompanied by Mr Keysell and Mr Partridge arrived at the Westbrook Centre and were pleasantly surprised to find an outdoor swimming pool. Every day trips were organised, and on one such occasion, everybody was bundled into the mini-bus and taken to Alum Bay, whereupon we were treated to an exhilarating trip on the chair lifts. On other occasions trips were organised to Black Gang Chine,



Sandown and Shanklin, at which most people spent most of their time and money in the arcades. Each evening after the meal there was a short talk given by one of the teachers or helpers, following which Mr Ratcliffe supplied the entertainment with his "games" which amounted to either getting wet, being covered in egg, or being made a fool of. During the outing to Sandown there was an enormous demand for rides on the 'bumper-boats' including even the supposedly responsible teachers. The 'rides' turned into a frenzy of splashing and some manic steering the main idea of which seemed to be to get everyone as wet as possible. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all and was not to be missed.

JON COOK

NOTES REVISITED

SITTING HERE JUST FLICKING THROUGH,
I KNOW THAT I DON'T KNOW,
ALL THAT I DID KNOW,
BEFORE.

BUT ALSO I KNOW,
THAT I MUST LEARN,
ALL THAT I DID KNOW,
SO THE EXAMINER KNOWS,
THAT I STILL KNOW,
WHAT MY TEACHER KNOWS
I OUGHT TO KNOW,
AND WHAT I INTEND TO FORGET
WHEN THE SUN SHINES.

IS THIS TO BE THE SUM,
OF MY EDUCATION?
**FORGOTTEN FACTS?
I DON'T KNOW.**

PERHAPS IN KNOWING
EDUCATION IS UNBALANCED,
I HAVE LEARNED SOMETHING.

WHO KNOWS?

ALAN HARRIS, 6GC2

How to Beat Exam Stress

First prepare a record player in your bedroom with side two of "Never for Ever" by Kate Bush. Make sure your room is well ventilated and pleasantly cool. Close the door, turn off the lights, and switch on the record player. Get into bed and, lying flat on your back, relax totally. In this position wait for the record to reach "Breathing".

Then it all begins to happen.

N.J.W.



Old Wycombiensians' Club

21 Old Boys attended the Annual General Meeting of the Club, held in the Masters' Common Room before the Annual Dinner.

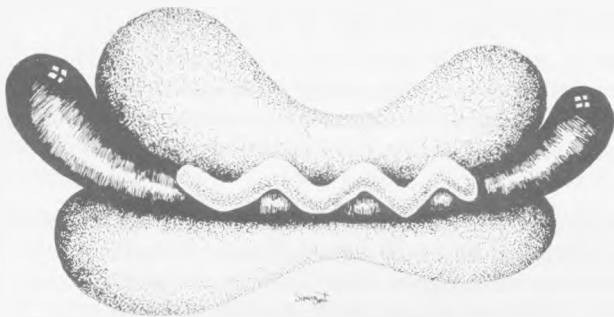
Before the meeting began a period of silence was observed in memory of John Skipp, a long serving member of the committee who had died the previous summer. Tributes were paid to John's great contribution to the Old Wycombiensians' Club over the years.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, agreed and signed. There being no matters arising the Treasurer read the Auditor's report on the state of the Club's finances. Generally the position was satisfactory with the loss on the year being the same as in the previous year — £264. There was some discussion about the Club's investments but no firm decision was made.

The President in his comments reported that 30 Old Boys had responded to the appeal for funds for the Edwin Mann award with a total of just over £3000 being sent to the school. This included a very generous donation of £500 from Mr Arnison's daughter. The income will be a useful catalyst to help someone get on his way.

ANNUAL DINNER 1988

123 Old Boys attended the Annual Dinner, held for the first time in the New Dining Hall, part of the new Sports Hall Complex. Guest of Honour was Professor Michael Zander (1946-50), Professor of Law at the London School of Economics and a frequent contributor to both television and newspapers on matters legal.



G.Green (1940-46) proposed the toast to the Guest of Honour. Apparently he had once said that he would only see Michael Zander as Guest of Honour at the Dinner over his dead body. 'I am prostrate tonight,' he pronounced. Geoffrey Green and Michael Zander had both been in the 1946 production of Twelfth Night, Zander in those days having a mop of hair and Green having to wear a bald wig for the part of Malvolio. In the last forty two years there had been a complete role reversal! Professor Zander, in an interesting speech not fully appreciated by some of the Old Boys present, lamented the decline of the grammar schools and said all Old Boys were grateful for the education they had received. He urged young men not to rush into a career, expounded several good reasons for getting married and said that people who devalued the contribution of women to society did a great disservice.

R.C.P. Jenkins (1974-80) proposed the toast to the School and Club to which the Headmaster replied with his usual review of the year's events.

DEATHS Old Boys

BRYANT, A.W. (1919-22) died in February 1988 after a long illness, aged 82 years. Aleck Bryant was given his own private examination by Mr Arnison who then told his father that he thought the School would make something of him. It did. He made a very considerable success of his life as a wholesale foods distributor. He was a keen golfer and one time President of Flackwell Heath Golf Club. His wife pre-deceased him by many years.

BUZZARD, R. (1941-47) on January 14th 1988 suddenly aged 57 years. Roger died of a brain haemorrhage just days after returning from the Veterans' Athletics Championships in Australia. When he was at the R.G.S. he won the National Schools 440 yards championship in 1946. He became a teacher and founded the Southern Athletics League and was secretary for 15 years. He moved to Derby to teach but returned to High Wycombe and became captain of Wycombe Phoenix Harriers and Athletics Club. He played a key role in the development of the all-weather track at Handy Cross and switched from track to field events. In veterans' competitions he became the National Champion in the hammer in 1986, 40 years after winning his first championship. He gave dedicated service to High Wycombe Parish Church as a Warden. He leaves a son, Kevin (1981-87) and a daughter.

GAMESTER, T.A.W. (1935-41) died in Wycombe Hospital on February 13th 1988, aged 63 years.

Tom Gamester was a real sports enthusiast being a great follower of rugby. He held the school's points scoring record from 1943 until 1969 when he lost it to his son Stephen. Tom had retired from the Inland Revenue Dept. in Wycombe after serving 40 years in the Valuation Office. A kind man, always good company he had a fund of school sports stories from the past. He will be much missed and is survived by his widow Celia, son **S.B. GAMESTER** (1962-69) currently boarding house master of School House and daughter Lesley.

GOULBOURN, S.A. (1928-36) died suddenly at home on May 4th 1988, aged 70 years.

Sydney Aubrey Goulbourn gained the first-ever R.G.S. Open Scholarship in Classics in 1936 and studied at Reading University. After leaving University he worked at the Dominions Office in Downing Street before joining Bucks. County Council's education department. He held teaching posts in Slough and Beaconsfield until he retired in 1981. He devoted his life to serving the community and was for over 30 years on Wycombe District and the old Borough Council. He became Mayor in 1967 and an Alderman three years later. Last year he retired as a High Wycombe magistrate after 19 years service. He was for many years a Governor of the R.G.S. and was also a member of the Rotary Club. He was a former chairman of Wycombe Show, a member of the Old Boys' Lodge and a stalwart member for many years of the committee of the Old Wycombiensians' Club. He was guest of honour at the Old Boys' Dinner in his mayoral year of 1967.

His late wife Peggy will be remembered by the many Old Boys who were taught Latin by her between 1944 and 1946. He leaves a son **S.C.R. Goulbourn** (1957-64) and a daughter, Caroline.

HODDER, J.M. (1952-60) died at Christmas 1987, aged 45 years. John Malcolm Hodder died in Barbados, whilst visiting his sister out there. He was a lecturer in Economics and Government at South Thames College.

ILES, K.B. (1931-37) died peacefully at home on the 4th May 1988 aged 67 years. At the school he was a boarder and won his 1st colours for Rugby and Cricket as well as becoming a prefect. In the Royal Air Force he served in the Middle East, being invalided out of the service from Egypt. He then had a full career as a photographic retoucher in London.

Many of us remember him well and with gratitude. Ken was always ready to support and help those younger than himself, and it would be difficult to find a more understanding and cheerful friend in adversity. We shall miss him.

He leaves his widow Hazel, a daughter Susan and three grandchildren.

SKIPP, The Rev. A.J. (Old Boy 1929 — 37) (Staff 1954-82) died suddenly at home during the night 29-30 July 1987 a few days short of his 69th birthday.

John Skipp returned from a holiday in Prague with 3 bachelor ex-colleagues on Tuesday 28 July. He had been the life and soul of the party and had seen to it that they all saw and did what they should see and do. On Wednesday 29th he completed a session at High Wycombe Magistrates' Court and then that night died quietly in his chair. The memory of this very loyal Old Wycombiensian will live on at the School firstly on the Honours Board in the foyer where it is recorded that he was the first boy to gain an Oxbridge award in 1937 and secondly in the School Chapel where a plaque was unveiled on 13th December 1987 to pay tribute to John and the part he played in bringing the Chapel into being in 1960. John was a memorable R.G.S. Housemaster, Chaplain and Schoolmaster, a Justice of the Peace, Alderman and Mayor of the Borough of High Wycombe. Old Boys will miss the speeches he regularly made at the Annual Dinner where he displayed his wit and consummate skill with words.

John was a bachelor but once divulged that he had been engaged 3 times — he then added "So you see, it could be said I've had 3 near misses!"

WITNEY, D.R. (1934-42) on July 17th, 1987, aged 63 years.

Donald Witney crowned a distinguished academic career at school by gaining an Open Exhibition in English at Jesus College, Cambridge. He was a very keen cricketer and captained the School XI.

He became Headmaster of King Edward VI Grammar School, Louth, where he was greatly liked and respected. He appointed 2 Old Boys to his staff: — **H.W. Johnson** (1930-37) and **E.M. Squires** (1949-56).

He leaves a widow, Elvira Witney, who lives at "The Poplars", Legbourne, Louth, Lincs., and 3 daughters.

STAFF

HORNSBY, George (Staff 1975-79) In a staff that has never lacked outsized characters George will still be remembered as quite extraordinary. Son of a miner, matelot, African Bush-School Headmaster and Civil Service Principal, as well as teacher of economics, he was a man of Dickensian character who loved jokes

and to make commotions, but who had suffered some deep personal traumas, one of which led to his departure from us and his early retirement.

He is survived by a daughter and two sons, the younger of whom, Peter (1975-77) went on to Durham University and on last contact was prospering in the City.

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ANDREWS, S.T.H. (1972-80) remains in the Army and is now based in Germany with his Regiment. He will be moving to B.A.T.U.S., Canada in March 88 for 6 months. He brings news of **SUMMERS M.** (1972-80) who now is based in the north of England working very successfully from near Congleton. He was married last year to a wonderful girl.

ASHBURNER, M. (1953-60) is a member of a team of molecular biologists who are trying to unlock the secrets of human development at Cambridge University.

BARRETT, P.R. (1966-73) is now living in Aylesbury where he works as a senior programmer for Rothmans U.K. In his spare time he plays cornet in the Ellesborough Silver Band and was recently appointed Circuit Youth Coordinator for the Aylesbury Methodist Church.

BELBIN, R.M. (1940-44) is a prominent name in business management and management training. The foreword to his book 'Management Teams, Why They Succeed or Fail' concludes that it is a rare addition to the tiny number of management classics — books that every working manager should be forced to read, if necessary at pistol point. The book is mainly based on a nine year study of teams of managers attending courses at the Administrative Staff College at Henley. Between writing books, much of Meredith Belbin's life has been spent in manufacturing companies. Currently he is Chairman of the Industrial Training Research Unit Ltd.

BROWNE, R.P. (1953-61) is Headmaster of Frodsham High School, an 11-18 Mixed Comprehensive in Cheshire, with a good reputation in the area. Always a keen sportsman he has been actively involved in coaching school, district and county sides. In October he received the Buchan McWilliam Award from the British Institute of Management for 'The Management of Change in an Educational Context'. He passes on his best wishes to all who may remember him in particular to any of the old 'R.U.M. Club' members. His address is 85 Mill Lane, Upton, Chester CH2 1BS, telephone 0244-380224.

BUCKINGHAM, M.B.J. (1972-79) is soon to be posted to Northern Ireland as part of the prison guard force for Her Majesty's Prison, The Maze, West Belfast. He recently met **WILSON, D.O.R.** (1972-79) who has just completed his accountancy exams and works in the City. He sends news of **MOLESWORTH, D.V.C.** (1972-79) who recently returned from South Africa after five years working in the mines and hopes to go back again and of **VLADAR, S.** (1972-79) who is working with his brother **VLADAR, C.J.V.** (1975-81) in his father's business.

BURGESS, T.S. (1974-81) is the drummer in the successful pop group T'Pau.

CAMPBELL, A.C. (1976-82) is now working at Equity and Law as an actuarial trainee. He was a member of the successful Beaconsfield Cricket Club team in a local sports quiz. He appears to be a keep fit addict as he is the only Old Boy seen by the Hon. Sec. to regularly jog past the school.

CLARK, J.W. (1960-66) is Head of Department of Sociology and Social Policy at Southampton University. He is enjoying it very much, despite the frustrations of committee work and the seemingly unending flow of reviews, assessments (and cutbacks) which don't encourage writing or research. In August 1987 the research, on which he has spent a good part of the last seven years, finally appeared as a book 'The Process of Technological Change' (CUP £27.50) examining the main issues that arise during the introduction of technological change in the workplace.

CLARK, T.C. (1969-76) did research in Newcastle and Cambridge on Public Relations in Roman Politics, trained as a teacher in Cambridge and is now on the staff of RGS Newcastle.

COLLEY, P.M. (1960-68) is now living in Los Angeles and continues to work as a playwright and screenwriter. 1986 saw the release of the film THE MARK OF CAIN which he adapted from his stage play of the same title. His stage thriller I'LL BE BACK BEFORE MIDNIGHT! has had productions in many countries, with an opening due soon in Brazil in Portuguese. It has just recently been published in London by Samuel French Inc.

COOKE, W.P. (1942-44) is leaving his job as a Director of the Bank of England in October. He made his mark in negotiating a common framework for international bank supervision with other central banks. City pundits think he will surface somewhere else in the City.

CRADWICK, C.C. (1927-33) has left Surrey to the commuters and moved west to near his birthplace in Somerset. He spent most of his working life at RAE Farnborough.

DRAPER, P. (1948-55) joined the new Asia/Pacific Division of Procter and Gamble, who had acquired Richardson-Vicks Inc. in a 'white-knight' action to head off a hostile takeover from Uni-Lever. This meant he had to move to New Richmond, Ohio, from Connecticut. He is still responsible for market research on all the merged company brands throughout the Far East and spends a great deal of his time in planes flying about the region.

EDWARDS, P.L. (1969-76) has worked mainly in West End theatre shows since leaving school, including Evita, Annie and Starlight Express. He is currently Musical Director of an international tour of Starlight Express, touring in Japan, Australia, Hong Kong and Los Angeles.

FREE, M. L. (1977-83) completed an Archaeology degree at Exeter University and then began working for the International Section of Lloyd's Bank. After a 3-month orientation course he was sent to work in Brazil for a year, and will return to England this Christmas.

GARRETT, T.K. (1929-36) although over retirement age has no intention of retiring because he enjoys his work so much. No, he is not in the teaching

profession but is a writer on technical and scientific matters. For a change he also intends to take up photography more seriously than before, by going in for landscapes for sale to, among others, people who publish calendars. He has just had his second coronary by-pass operation. His first one was sixteen years ago, so he is looking forward to another sixteen years.

GILLINGHAM, M.C. (1976-82) our 1984 Olympic representative also represented Great Britain at the World Championships last summer in the 400 metres hurdles.

GLADWELL, M.C. (1934-42) has retired as Head of Lower Upham Junior School and has moved to Fareham, Hants, where he assists the local clergy.

GOULBORN, S.C.R. (1957-64) is Marketing Manager of Lowfield Distribution, part of the Hanson Trust, based at Daventry and is the father of two daughters, Sarah and Anne Louise.

GOULD, C. (1925-28) would appreciate news of any of his contemporaries. He has returned to his native Scotland and lives at the Mill Cottage, Geddes, By Nairn, Nairnshire IV12 5SB. His brother **GOULD, E.** (1916-19) is also back living in Scotland and very much regrets that boxing is no longer amongst the sports carried on at the school these days. He was a very keen exponent of the art and like **HANDS, S.E.** (1915-20) took part in the first ever rugby match at the school.

HEATHER, F.J. (1937-45) has retired from YOU, The Mail on Sunday Magazine, but continues in freelance editorial work with the London Evening Standard.

HILL, J.M. (1979-85) has organised a medical expedition to the Caribbean Islands of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. He and another member of the team, whilst they are there are going to attempt the first ascent, by mountain bike of La Soufriere — St Vincent's active volcano. In 1989 he is hoping to lead an expedition to the rain forests of Borneo.

HUGHES, E.W. (1978-84) is President of the Cambridge University Young Entrepreneurs Society. He claims to have created the world's largest entrepreneurial organisation with over 500 members. Last summer he was one of a group of Cambridge undergraduates who visited Japan and Hong Kong on a mission to promote trade and to study their role in the world of international trade. On returning they produced a book circulated to industrialists and the governments of the USA, Japan and Britain — "East-West, Win-Win, Lose-Lose". On leaving Cambridge he has a job with Elders IXL a large entrepreneurial company.

HYAMS, T.D. (1979-84). Having passed out of RMA Sandhurst in December 1986 and completed his Troop Leader's Course, is now a Second Lieutenant in command of a Troop of three Chieftain tanks in the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards based in Germany.

KNOX, A.C.D. approaches the completion of a 3 year Banking and Finance degree at Loughborough University. Sponsorship from the Midland Bank has taken him to work in such exotic locations as Istanbul, New York and High Wycombe. He recently completed a charity run from John O'Groats to Lands End

raising £20,000. He plays tennis for Loughborough and British Universities and hopes to spend next year in Vancouver on a Rotary Foundation Scholarship.

LANDROCK, D.H. (1976-82) is now finishing his second year of teaching at Millfield School, Somerset. His brother, **LANDROCK, G.J.**, (1984-80) is Lieutenant in the Royal Navy and is presently serving in the Gulf.

LEIGH, M.G.L. (1979-85) took part in the World Students' Debating Tournament in Sydney last Christmas. He was placed fifth with 4 Australians above him. He was a member of a team of four from the Oxford Union which went to the USA last Easter to take part in debating competitions. He reports that **EVERSON, S.D.** (1971-77) is lecturing in philosophy at St. Hugh's College, Oxford.

LE MESSURIER, A. (1962-68) has left Brunei Shell Petroleum, where he was in charge of new construction, and has joined Wholohan Grill and Partners in Perth, Western Australia.

LIDGLEY, P.P. (1969-76) has had a busy time recently, having married Jan 2 years ago, and moved to Newbury. He now works in Reading for a national firm of commercial surveyors, travelling the entire country. He currently shares an office with his brother, **LIDGLEY, J.D.** (1976-82) while his other brother **LIDGLEY, M.J.** (1971-78) has recently become an ex-pat in Kuwait, teaching English.

MADÉLIN, R.P. (1968-75) has been posted to Brussels, to the UK Representation to the European Community. He will deal with EC trade relations with other countries such as USA, Japan, Korea, China etc. His brother **MADÉLIN, P.J.** (1970-77) is currently Chairman of the Fourways Drama Group in High Wycombe.

MORECROFT, M.D. (1978-84). Graduated from Southampton University in July 1987. He is now doing research for a PhD on the Ecology of Mountain Plants at Cambridge University (Trinity Hall/Botany Dept.)

MORTON, D. (1960-67) has left Analysis, the Radio Four programme which he has edited for the past four years, and is now Head of the BBC's Russian Service in Bush House.

NEWPORT, S.A. (1977-83) is an Assistant Editor of the Guinness Book of Records. His brother **NEWPORT P.J.** (1975-81) continues to do well for Worcestershire and was one of Graeme Hick's partners during the record breaking innings of 405 not out.

NOYES, S.J. (1976-82) has appeared in the Cambridge University cricket team this season. He is coming back to the school in September to teach Modern Languages.

ORME, I.M. (1963-70) after finishing his PhD at the Wellcome Labs in 1980, taught immunology at Paddington Tech. in London for 9 months. He went to work in New York at the famous Trudeau Labs and in May 1981 began working on the T cell response to tuberculosis. His work went very well and he was promoted to Assistant Professor in January 1985. He was also awarded his first National Institutes of Health grant, \$400,000 to study tuberculosis in aging mice. In August 1986 he became Professor of Cellular Immunology and Assistant Professor of Microbiology

at the Colorado State University, whose campus takes up half the town of Fort Collins and has 20,000 students each year. He has instigated some new courses there and has expanded his funding base with an additional \$75,000 to detect diagnostically *Mycobacterium avium* in AIDS patients and to try to find new drugs with activity against this class of infections. He married an Italian New Yorker in 1982 and his two little boys love it out in Colorado, with the warm climate and the attractions of the Rocky Mountain National Park, Yellowstone and Grand Canyon nearby.

PEATEY, J.B. (1968-73) is now working in London for the Prudential as a Section Manager. He came into contact with **MERRIMAN, D.W.** (1969-76) who is married with a flat in London, but spends most of his time in the Far East, where he works for Dunhill as an accessories sales director. He in turn had news of **BEDDINGHAM, M.F.** (1967-75) who he had met in a wine bar in Tokyo. He is with Jardines, wines and spirits importers/exporters and he in turn had news of **EDWARDS, R.H.** (1968-75) who is a promotions manager with Cathay Pacific based in Hong Kong.

PICKLES, B. (1937-41) "Minffordd Hotel", Talyllyn, Tywyn, Gwynedd, N. Wales (Tel:065473 665). The Pickles' hotel has just been photographed and written up in the Welsh Country Gold Collection of hotels. These hotels offer elegant country house vacations in magnificent settings.

PRICE, A.P. (1972-79) is following a career in marketing and living in South London. He sees much of old boys **MCINDOE, T.D.**, **GARDNER, D.**, **RIVETT B.**, **HIGHTON R.**

PRICE, I.A. (1967 — 74) is working in computers for Target Life Assurance in Aylesbury. He has recently become a father for the second time. His brother-in-law is **RIPPINGTON, K.** (1967-72) who works for Elga in Lane End.

PRICE, P.A. (1976-82) is training as a General Practice Chartered Surveyor working for the Valuation Office in Aylesbury. He hopes that he will sit his last ever set of exams next year. He is in regular contact with **REES, R.D.** (1976-82), now a marketing trainee for Birds-Eye Walls in Walton-on-Thames, **BULLER, R.J.** (1976-82), who is working as a stockbroker in Hong Kong, **COLES, G.D.** (1976-82), who works in the tourist industry, and **MURGATROYD, I.** (1975-80), who lives and works in Aylesbury.

RAMSEY, W.M.R. (1970-74) is an Investment Director with merchant bankers N.M. Rothschild, specialising in pensions. He is associated with the Theatre Royal, Windsor, in an advisory capacity.

ROBERTS, N.S. (1977-83) has graduated from the Royal Naval Engineering College, Manadon, with a B.Eng. degree.

ROE, N.H. (1967-74) has written a book 'Wordsworth and Coleridge: The Radical Years'. Reviews have called it 'a much needed reappraisal of Wordsworth's and Coleridge's radical careers in the years before their emergence as major poets.' He was able to use many previously unpublished manuscript sources.

ROYFFE, C.D. (1960-67) is a partner in Peterborough based Landscape Design Associates, who have been commissioned by Wycombe Council to design an

environmental improvement scheme to cover all the central shopping streets from the High Street through Church Street and White Hart Street to Frogmoor.

SADDLER, A.J. (1947-54) is delighted to see that hockey in the school has come such a long way since he played in what may have been the first competitive game of hockey played by the school. In his final year the second year sixth formers/prefects played the High School. At that time the idea of playing any other winter games apart from rugby was unthinkable.

SAUNDERS, J.R. (1943-50) having suffered from the industrial recession in the West Midlands, has been Sales and Marketing Director of Dartspring Ltd. of West Bromwich for the past three years. He sees **HALL, E.** (1944-51) occasionally, when he visits the UK to see his parents in Oxford.

SHACKELL, W.E. (1951-60) has been promoted Colonel and has been posted from RMA Sandhurst to the Ministry of Defence, responsible for Army Welfare and Conditions of Service.

SIM, P.A. (1952-55) is the Managing Director of Legal and General Property, a subsidiary of Legal and General Investment Management Holdings, which has more than £11 billion pounds under management. He is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, a Freeman of the City of London and a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Chartered Surveyors.

STEVENS, D.W. (1933-40) has recently been appointed Consultant in Musicology to St Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, New York. His book *Musicology in Practice* appeared in June, 1987, and is the first of two volumes containing a selection of his articles and reviews from 1948 to the present.

STEVENS, P.G. (1927-33) has deserted the South East for 'sleepy' Somerset. He sends news of his two sons, **STEVENS, J.A.** (1959-66) still resident in Germany after 17 years and is with a publishing company in Munich and **STEVENS, R.B.** (1961-68) who lives in Aberdeen and is just getting out of oil and into milk by changing jobs from a diving company to the Milk Marketing Board as Financial Controller for the North East of Scotland.

SWINHOE-STANDEN, R.A.P. (1975-81) continues to serve in Germany with a Regiment of Heavy Artillery. Brother **SWINHOE-STANDEN, C.D.S.** (1972-78) is due to marry this year, and SWINHOE-STANDEN minor will be just in time, back from another training exercise in Alberta, Canada.

TOMES, I.M. (1951-58). Major Tomes is back in Africa where he is with a British Army Advisory Team instructing Ghana Army officers in the capital, Accra.

TOPPING, N.D. (1978-84) played again for Cambridge in the Varsity Match. On leaving Cambridge he is going to spend a year working with under-privileged children in the Manchester area.

TUBBS, I. (1936-42) has retired from the Civil Service and moved to Cheshire. He would appreciate news of any 5UC members (1942 vintage).

WALSH, F.B. (1974-80). Fergus Walsh is frequently heard on Radio 4 news programmes as a specialist correspondent.

WALTER, J.F. (1923-27). His annual c.v. finds him in good shape for one nearly 78, and as active as ever. The Secretaryship of his R.N.L.I. Branch keeps him busy, as does the giving of illustrated talks on places as far apart as New Zealand and British Columbia, and many places in between. Mollie (née King) his wife, follows his example although in different ways. Both enjoy a hectic social life and wish all old friends a good 1988. Quiet old Norfolk? Nonsense! More people are moving there than to any other County in G.B. East Anglia is the area to be!

WHITE, C.R.J. (1978-83) has just finished a post-graduate diploma in Land and Water Management at Silsoe College in Bedfordshire. He has recently become a member of a battle-reenactment group that stage Dark Age battles in many areas of the country.

WHITE, D.B. (1968-75) followed a short period of unemployment after being made redundant by the publishers John Wiley, by joining Johnson Matthey in Royston where he manages the marketing for Matthey Catalogue Sales, an operation which sells small quantities of precious metals and rare earths to laboratories around the world. He has also switched TA units and returned to Cambridge University OTC to command the Royal Signals Wing — where he started his TA career in 1976.

WILKINSON, P.J. (1967-74) is a Lieutenant Commander in the R.N. and has recently completed the Submarine Command Course (known as the Perisher). In March he took command of the OBERON class submarine HMS OTTER based at Portsmouth. He thoroughly enjoyed living in Scotland for the last four years but he and his wife are now happily settled in Hampshire.

WILLATTS, D.C. (1950-56) is moving to the Stratford on Avon area. He is in the same baby sitting circle as **HAZELL, D.K.P.** (1955-61) and met **PLATT, A.S.** (1955-61) on a NATO exercise in Denmark a few years ago. He is a consultant surgeon living near Alton, working in the Basingstoke and Southampton areas.

WILLIAMS, C.G.F. (1935-1940) still resides in the USA and works on the financial control of a polyglot oil exploration company. Once he had mastered Spanish, he was transferred to Brazil. Retirement with longer spells in England impends.

WILLIAMS, T.C. (1947-52) is Treasury Manager for P & O, a company much in the news this year. Apart from shipping, the company are also involved in road transportation, property, construction and many other industrial services. One of their subsidiaries Sutcliffes provides the school meals at the RGS each day, now that the county no longer supply meals. The funding requirements of such a diverse group make for an interesting and varied job. He finds travelling from Great Missenden easier now that the Head Office has moved from the City to Pall Mall. His youngest son **WILLIAMS, G.** (1977-83) works for his Dad's previous employers and is studying hard to complete his banking exams.

WINTER, D.J. (1975-82) working for ICI Middlesborough, has been awarded a doctorate.

WOOD, D.M. (1959-66) has moved from Cambridge to take up a Chair of Civil Engineering at the University of Glasgow.

WOOD, P.G. (1965-69) after six years in Borneo has moved to the North Sea to be an Offshore Installation Manager, running one of the giant Shell Platforms there. He will miss the perfect sailing weather of Borneo.

YOUENS, H.E. (1940-45) has now moved to Eastbourne Priory, Midhurst, West Sussex as Vicar of the parish and Chaplain to King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst. He is a Canon Emeritus of Worcester Cathedral.

His twin brother, **YOUENS, B.H.** has retired and is living at 31, Jameson Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex.

