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THE EDITORIAL

For most boys in the school, the first that is heard of the school magazine is a request for original material, emanating from the general direction of the stage, during one of those soporific Monday-morning assemblies. The thing is then usually forgotten for a couple of months. Then quite suddenly, one bright morning during the summer term, it appears "The Richian." What the milling throngs don't often realize is that the finished article has been emerging slowly since that distant morning in early January.

It would have been a lot quicker and a great deal easier to have pressed a single button on an enormous console and let the whole thing take care of itself. The Physics department were stumped, and so there began a long series of discussions, suggestions, and confused telephone conversations that finally decided the form of the magazine. Greater space has been given to original contributions from boys themselves, since the response to the call for material was so excellent, while advertising has been "given a miss" to afford extra space for other material. Unfortunately many articles have still had to be omitted, owing to the limited amount of printing space available, but it is hoped that what has been included is interesting, and above all, enjoyable to read. Please decide for yourself.

A.H.D.

A WHOLE YEAR

No longer "Half a year" but "a whole year" separates subsequent issues of the school magazine; the title is not quite as superfluous as it might at first seem, for the expansive "whole" is certainly needed to describe the past twelve months in the life of the school. The range of experience encompassed by the school's activities gives a clear indication of the imagination and enthusiasm that abounds within the school today.

One of the outstanding features of the life of the school during 1971 and early 1972 has been its conscious effort to help and be helped by the community at large. A close relationship between parents, Old Boys, and the school has long been striven for, and such a bond now provides the firm and secure foundation for such activities as the presentation of lectures by well-known figures, a greatly missed element in the cultural life of the city until this time. Visits by such eminent speakers as Sir Alec Rose, Godfrey Talbot, and Arthur Negus together with an evening of music and poetry, given by the Barrow Poets, have combined both interest and entertainment, and we look forward in the coming year to further lectures and other social functions, open to the general public.

Other reminders of the work that so many parents and old boys contribute to the school are the beautiful "teak" bench, made by a parent, from the wood of the old sycamore tree at the Barton Street School, that now sits in the school quadrangle, and the bowls pavilion ("The Palazzo Pritchard") that has arisen beside the bowling green. (For all Baedeker enthusiasts, the magnificent facade is clearly visible from the main drive entrance).

Besides the "outside" activities already mentioned, the school was honoured when the Diocesan Synod chose to meet at the buildings in Elmleaze. The school also played host to the other grammar schools of the area during the Autumn term for a Christian Education Movement conference, and the good support given to the event has been a pleasing feature of most activities, organized jointly by the five grammar schools of the city.

Within the school itself, the leadership of the older boys has left little wanting, and the captain of the school since September, Barry Hook, has provided the kind of authority that such an office should carry. Academically the year has been a great success, with the achievement of unconditional places at Cambridge by two of the senior boys.

Sport too has prospered; "Tommies" can no longer be called just a rugby school with successes ranging from cricket and rowing to badminton, basketball and chess. The presentation of 23 bronze life saving medallions at the end of the Easter term leaves no doubt as to the use that is made of the school's swimming pool. And, while mentioning school sporting successes, a word of thanks must go to the groundsman, Mr. Moss, who retired in January, and has always kept the school field, playing surfaces in such excellent condition since the school moved to Elmleaze.

The range of cultural activities, undertaken by the school during the year has been quite considerable—the production of Fauré's Requiem by the choral society in St. Catharine's Church and an evening of "Music by Candlelight" in the school library; the staging of Oscar Wilde's highly amusing comedy. "The Importance of being

Earnest" by the Occasional Players; fortnightly visits to classical music concerts at the Colston Hall in Bristol, together with trips to the theatre. Last but most certainly not least among these events was the prefects' pantomime at the Cock-House party. "Trouble Up't Mill", a classic melodrama in three acts, by the celebrated Mr. James "Prunes" Newton, though not one of the greatest works of modern literature, nevertheless produced some moving performances and somehow managed to incorporate more comic effects and clichés than it would seem either feasible or desirable to include in a single play, lasting a matter of only thirty-five minutes.

Alongside these "artistic" pursuits should go the activities of several non-prefectorial members of the upper-sixth, whose efforts to raise money for a new sixth form common room have at times proved hilarious. Profitable antics, such as a prune eating competition and the printing of a magazine, incorporating "all the stuff what the Richian wouldn't print," have so far yielded nearly one hundred pounds, the original target figure set for furnishings.

During the year there have been many opportunities for boys to "travel and see the world." Climbing mountain peaks in the Lakes, or lumping ballast on the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway; studying the geography and biology of the Forest of Dean during a glorious week in early summer or sampling the delights of Dutch and Belgian hospitality. Other parties have visited Switzerland, Italy and Ireland while plans are under way for a Venture Scout camp to be held in Iceland this summer. There is certainly no lack of variety, and a big thankyou must go to the staff for their enthusiasm and patience in organizing and seeing through many of these ventures.

On a more serious note, the whole school was deeply saddened late last year to hear of the death of Mrs. Beryl Burrow, who, for a long time, had helped in the French Department, and had always given new boys in the school a comforting feeling of reassurance and belonging. School drama will always be indebted to her for the vast amount of time and energy that she put into the making of costumes for numerous productions and Mrs. Burrow will be remembered by all of those who knew her, for her kindness and warm-heartedness.

Another departure during the past year has been that of Mr. Graham "Taffy" Williams, who in September took up the post of Head of Modern Languages at Bridg-

north Grammar School. His successor, Mr. T. Saluveer, who came to us from The City School, Lincoln, has already made an impact; the German department is still in very capable hands! "The labs. just won't be the same" seemed to sum up the general feeling among the scientists when the school's laboratory assistant for the past nine months, Mrs. Heather Tepper, left at Easter. Her delicate opening of the prune eating finale will remain with us for many years to come, (we've got the photos) and as one boy put it, "we'll never find another 'bonzer Sheila' like her."

We extend our warmest congratulations to Mr. J. Anthony Stocks on his appointment to the headship of Wolverhampton Grammar School.

BERYL BURROW

In November, the school was deeply saddened by the death of Beryl Burrow. The fact that we had known for some time that she was unlikely to recover did not lessen in the least the sense of grievous loss which was shared by all who knew her. Beryl had been teaching part-time at Rich's for ten years—in itself, a remarkably loyal stint: but her involvement in and commitment to the school was so complete that for a long time, she had been regarded by both her colleagues and the boys as a permanent member of staff.

To her, the boys were always more important than the subjects which she taught them: she regarded them all as individuals, and as a result of her sympathy and understanding, many novitiates found their introduction to a foreign language a much less traumatic experience than it might otherwise have been. The number of boys and old boys who wrote to her and visited her during her illness bore eloquent testimony to the regard in which she was held by them. But her interest extended far beyond the classroom. She took great delight in joining the altos of the Choral Society, even though this often entailed coming to school simply for a rehearsal. Many of the productions of the Dramatic Society during the past nineteen years owed much of their success to her dedication and meticulous attention to detail as Wardrobe Mistress. Understandably, Beryl tended to prefer the feminine company of the school office to the fumes and foibles of the Common Room; yet on more than one occasion, her contribution to the debate at a staff meeting introduced a tempering element of feminine logic.

Today, principles are unfashionable: but Beryl had principles in which she believed fervently, even perhaps dogmatically. She had no time for irrelevant bureaucracy and was quick to express her opposition to anything which she instinctively recognised as undermining the quality of life. This same determination and courage she displayed in the manner in which she bore her illness; and although she had never found religious faith easy, she knew the added comfort before she died of having many of her questioning doubts removed. Until very shortly before her death, she received visitors eagerly, talking with animation and characteristic good humour about mutual interests, completely unsparing of her waning energy. For many of us, gratefully, this will be our abiding memory of her.

To John Burrow, we extend our sympathy and support, and the hope that, in the due course of time, the daily reminders of Beryl's presence in and service to the school will be a source of comfort rather than sorrow.

J.P.W.

GRAHAM WILLIAMS



We congratulate Mr. Graham Williams on his appointment to the post of Head of Modern Languages at Bridgnorth Grammar School.

During the six years Mr. Williams spent at Rich's, he changed the entire aspect of German teaching, with the introduction of new courses and methods. His teaching was distinguished by a thorough-going professionalism, the product of a self-critical, resourceful approach. The quality of his teaching was self-evident; but not so obvious, and easily taken for granted, was the great amount of private time he was prepared to devote to work and study in order to realise such an achievement. In addition, his enthusiasm for his

subject prompted him to organise several highly successful trips to Germany.

Since he was a native of that schizoid county of Monmouthshire, who spent his formative years spectating on the terraces of the Newport arena, the development of his connoisseurship of rugby was a preordained process. Indeed this interest was a deciding factor in his acceptance of his post at Rich's, where he turned out regularly at weekends to referee and encourage the 2nd XV. His departure meant a sad loss to the School Rugby Club, and to the Cricket Club, which is grateful for all the time he gave to umpiring.

From among his many preoccupations, there would occasionally come to the fore, certain unrestrainable dramatic aspirations. The twin peaks of achievement in this direction were his imitation of the moon at a Cock House party, and in "A Midsummer Night's Dream", his perceptive and sensitive study of the lion.

It is extremely difficult to evaluate the influence of any teacher. The following truism printed in an HMSO pamphlet of 1927 indicates the scope of the task:—"Ultimately, it has been said, what every teacher teaches is himself. Whatever methods he may adopt, there is no doubt that his own character will be the most potent influence in determining the ideals of his pupils".

Pupils who came into the care of Mr. Williams could not fail to be affected by the warmth and generosity of his quick-silver temperament. Many people, parents, boys and staff will remember him for some kindness done, and his thoughtfulness for others. He, and his wife, Christine, always provided a welcome for newcomers to the staff, and ex-members of his 6th form German sets continue to keep in touch with him. For me he is a great friend possessing that rare gift, integrity, which is not weakened by considerations of self-interest.

T.G.S.

FAURÉ'S REQUIEM

One might question whether a 'Requiem' was the ideal choice of subject for a boys' school performance. But the exquisite music of Gabriel Fauré could not fail to be an experience to all who took part in it, in a memorable performance by the School Choral Society at St. Catherine's church on February 9th. Indeed it was an experience to the listeners who gathered in large numbers to fill the church.

The performance of great music is a challenge to any school, and when such

works come within its scope — which is not always possible from the resources available — the achievement is great too. The Choral Society did well to perform a work that demanded so much sensitivity and feeling.

Fauré, who died in 1924, at the age of 79 was at one time organist of the Madeleine Church in Paris. But he is better remembered as a composer of some lovely music, and a notable one amongst his contemporaries. As professor of composition and Director of the Paris Conservatoire he had an important influence, and was revered by his pupils. Roger Ducasse and Maurice Ravel were both pupils of his.

'Requiem' is generally the word used for the Mass of the dead, from the opening words of the Introit 'Requiem Aeternam'. Fauré omits with advantage the traditional and cumbrous 'Dies Irae' with the result that the work has an acceptable balance and its tenderness is maintained from its beginning to the final chords of the lovely 'In Paradisum'.

The Chorus had the support of John Sanders at the organ, and David Purcell (baritone) which guaranteed the performance the extra quality and richness of tone it deserved. The soprano solo of the 'Pie Jesu' was well sung by four trebles, Piers Alington, Peter Bruce, Michael Horsley, and Jeremy Smith, all under the capable direction of the conductor.

This being the standard of a Sir Thomas Rich school musical performance, the writer anticipates with pleasure the choice of its next programme.

M.O.S.

(We thank the Rev. M. O. Seacome for contributing this article.)

'FAURÉ'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW'

And so said all of us—well at least the 180 of us who had the pleasure of singing in the Choral Society production of Fauré's Requiem last February. I am sure that both those who took part and those who listened would agree that the Requiem provided us with one of our most endearing performances to date.

However, it is not my deliberate intention to write a review of the performance itself, but rather to commit to paper an appreciation of the work and its context. After several years of intermittent oratorio and passion, the Requiem came as quite a surprise to many of the singers, the easy flowing movements of absolute simplicity contrasting remarkably with outbursts of heavenly splendour, brought out the best from the performers who in general found themselves—often unwittingly — emotionally involved in what they were singing.

This is not always true in the larger and more intricate complexities of—say the Bach passions. There the sincerity is mainly in the arias and chorales. The larger choruses, by their very nature, are showpieces of vocal artistry and as such do not hold so much meaning for the singer, who is often too involved in technique to fully understand the context. In much the same vein, many of the 'Requiems' of the great composers are hampered by the fact that they are more suited to the concert hall than to ecclesiastical performance. Fauré's Requiem is what hardly any of the great composers' Masses had been in the century elapsing since Mozart — it is suited to the liturgical use and does not ask to be a concert work.

The structure of Fauré's work is not typical of the Requiem form. There is no 'Benedictus', its place is taken by the last two lines [Pie Jesu] of the sequence for the dead. This particular section usually sung as a soprano solo was given an unusual treat-

ment in our performance by being allotted to a small contingent of trebles. The intense pathos of the movement derives from its vocal ease—the voice moving mostly in intervals of a tone or minor third, and I personally feel that the ethereal quality of unbroken voices in a resonant building produced a far more suitable effect than the customary soprano solo.

The last two movements of the Requiem are not taken from the text of the mass for the dead but from that of the order of burial—the responsorium 'Libera Me' and the antiphon 'In Paradisum', the latter being in some ways similar to Elgar's 'Gerontius', but differing from that work by ending on a note of absolute calm with its low registered chords for choir.

The Requiem was written at the most dejected period of the composer's life, yet has been accredited with being 'a paradisical imagining with scarcely a trace of mourning', and possessiong 'a fadeless serenity'. It represents the unperturbed vision of one whose attention was currently fixed on death, since he had just lost his parents. Fauré's emotions are ever present in the music, and the performer as well as the listener surely cannot fail to appreciate this.

This was the general consensus of opinion among those who took part. Not only in the performance, but in all the later rehearsals, an atmosphere of total involvement in the essence of the work was created, and we owe a great debt to our conductor for opening what was for many of us, a new door in the world of music, and also for his untiring zeal and inspiration.

M. Guest U6C.

"CRUSOE MILL TAKEOVER BID BY SIR JASPER"

From nearly all points of view "Trouble Up't Mill" was the best prefect's Cock House party play of the three I have seen. It did not have any individual star performances to compare with Thorley's strip-tease (Grant's finale song came near to it) but the general standard was much improved. This was not badly rehearsed slapstick at the masters' expense.

Even before the programme started, the programme cast list was an entertainment. It was typical of the humour of the present prefects, but it was undeniably clever. The layout was a copy of Mr. Broome's normal format and the dramatis personae included puns such as Sheardluck Holmes (with Dr. Watkins) and Linda Cobblestone (a horsey type). One was also promised a surprise great artiste.

The script itself obeyed all the usual conventions of melodrama and, with a little help from the prompter cards, so did the audience. It was a carefully laid plot, involving Fanny (heiress and daughter of Mr. Crusoe, a drunken millionaire) and the evil Sir Jasper, who seems to appear in every sixth-form revue. But there were others cleverly entangled as well. The villain's henchman was Moriarty, introduced early on with his name in reverse in case one had not seen the reference to R.T.M. and so that one could enjoy later references to Manchester. When the clergy were needed for possible weddings in the script a Canon Paignton appeared to be passing on his way from Timbuktu to Windsor. Special congratulations here to the make-up department for the black and white face.

Towards the end of the play there was the inevitable chase, involving the heroine and Sir Jasper, through the audience. This was brilliantly interrupted by a pause to stop a boy talking from a familiar position in the central aisle. Algy Driftwood, Fanny's

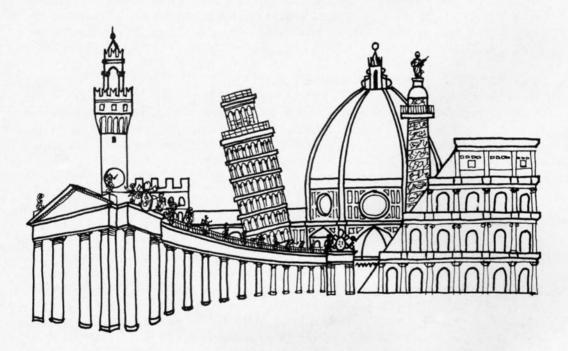
real suitor, also appears at this point brandishing a picture of Florence (Italy or the Magic Roundabout, I'm not sure which). But he too gets captured by the villain.

As the tension mounts, Algy and Fanny are tied to the railway line as the C.C.R. express is approaching. (The cut-out hardboard train was well done). However the goodies arrive in the nick of time, and the proposals of marriage made though not in the pairs expected. Also unexpected was the surprise guest's highly contrived entry; Mr. Thomas, who has been looking for an excuse to wear his cardinal's robes for some time, appeared as one of the Vatican red guards.

The captain of the choir was not burnt at the stake but allowed to lead the singing of the autobiographical "When I was a lad in Manchester" to a Gilbert and Sullivan melody. The problem of an anticlimax final curtain was solved by the cast being ushered off by a caretaker, so completing a wider-ranging mimicry than ever before attempted.

It was a pity that the whole school couldn't have seen this performance for it was too good just for the winning house. If this standard is maintained, perhaps a change of policy can be suggested at Christmas in future, for it is a reflection on the relaxed and happy nature of the entire school that such impertinence can not only be tolerated but thoroughly enjoyed once a year.

C.C.R.



"DO NOT PANIC-I KNOW WELL DEE WAY"

Our guide to the Catacombs of St. Calixtus, from whom the above is a quotation, was not the only funny person whom we encountered on our journey to Italy this Easter. There was, for instance, the American who, on coming across the bronze statue of Marcus Aurelius on the Capitol, was heard to remark "Victor Emmanuel again, I suppose." Or the German guide whose "lollipop" type indicator might have kept his party together, but reduced our party to helpless laughter.

But it was not all laughs. We travelled from Calais to Milan in what was surely the worst train in the world. The delay for two hours at Valenciennes did not help, but worst of all was the total lack of any refreshment facilities either on the train or at intermediate stations. Having been held up for an hour at Chiasso, the appearance of a refreshment trolley on the platform just as the train was pulling out was horrifying enough, but the strike of all the buffet attendants at Milan Centrale just as our train arrived was the last straw. Our material discomforts were, however, more than compensated for by the spectacular journey through the Alps on a crisp and clear spring morning.

On our first morning in Florence we took the 'bus to the Piazzale Michelangelo for an unforgettable first view of the city. We saw the orange rooftops, the winding Arno, the great battlements of the Palazzo Vecchio — all dominated by Brunelleschi's great cupola—all set against the distant backdrop of the hills.

Our stay in Florence was all too short, but we managed to visit the Duomo, where we ascended the Dome, the lovely church of San Miniato, the Bargello (the national museum of Florence) and the church of Santa Croce, where we marvelled at the second cloister and the Pazzi Chapel, while mourning the loss of the Cimabue crucifix in the flood of 1966. Between all this we still found time for a stroll in the Boboli Gardens, several visits to the "Perche No" which sells the best ice creams in the world, and endless coffees at Donnini's, where on the Friday morning we met Mr. Huddlestone and his family. He made us very jealous — because he was staying in Florence for another week, while we were leaving the next day.

Our afternoon excursion to Pisa in a most luxurious coach proved extremely rewarding. Winding down the road from Florence we had an exceptional view of the cathedral group silhouetted against the Mediterranean. Those who took their life in their hands and made the perilous and curious ascent of the leaning tower found that the bells at the top still ring, and with an awesome din. On the final spiral staircase one American lady was overheard exclaiming to her companion "I just won't be able to get down—they'll have to get a heelocopter." We didn't have time to see if this came to anything, but we left with a lasting impression of one of the architectural masterpieces of Italy.

The last part of the holiday was spent in Rome—where perhaps the greatest excitement arises from being in such close contact with 'living history'. To be looking at the Statue of Marcus Aurelius (the oldest equestrian statue in the world) to touch the Roman doors of the Pantheon or to walk in the gardens of the palace built for the emperors—is to be very close to the people of thousands of years ago. Nowhere is this more obvious than in the forum, where the remains of centuries of building bear witness to the development of Rome right up to the end of the Empire. In the catacombs we were given an insight into the life of the Church during the days of persecution, whereas in the great basilicas of Rome we saw the Church as it emerged from its hiding places from the fourth century onwards.

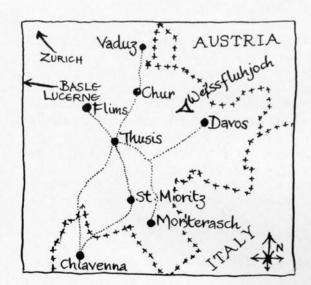
We spent a whole afternoon in the greatest of these basilicas — St. Peter's itself. Here we felt dominated by the genius of two great men — Michelangelo Buonarorroti and Gianlorenzo Bernini. The beautiful dome, which dominates the Roman skyline, was seen as Michelangelo intended us to see it from the roof of Castel Sant' Angelo—how fortunate it was that della Porta returned to Michelangelo's original design. From the piazza itself, the overwhelming impression was of the great sweep of Bernini's colonnades enclosing the great obelisk and fountains.

Rome was a city of surprises — not the least of which was the surprise appearance of the headmaster in the Colosseum — who 'just happened' to be in Rome at the time —although closer investigation uncovered a conspiracy which made the Pazzis (about whom we had heard so much in Florence) look like amateurs.

Perhaps our greatest achievement was on the morning of our visit to the Vatican, where, after a mad rush through the museum, we were the first people in the Sistine Chapel. We were therefore able to examine it at leisure and in peace before the frightening invasion of hordes of polyglot tourists who make it resemble more the undercroft of the tower of Babel than the Pope's private chapel.

We were most fortunate in that our holiday was greatly enhanced by the knowledge of our guide, Mr. Thomas, whose conducted tours managed to arouse not only our own interest, but also that of numerous other visitors—so much so that he nearly received a tip from some oriental tourists who listened to his discourse on the paintings in the Sistine Chapel. Our thanks go to him for putting in all the work that made the trip the success it was, and also to Mr. and Mrs. Rangeley for accompanying us on what was for all of us an ideal introduction to Italy which has left us wanting to go back for more.

M.G.



SWITZERLAND 1971

The nineteen strong party, led by the Headmaster, left Gloucester on an August morning. Losing no-one en route, we did a quick (very) tour of Victoria and Paddington, and following an uneventful sea crossing, we left Boulogne in the early evening settling down in our couchettes, we hoped, rather optimistically, to get some sleep. However this was not to be and (too) early the next morning we found ourselves in the outskirts of Basle. The rest of the journey was spent changing trains and enjoying the typically Swiss countryside, in brilliant weather with

temperatures in the 90's. We arrived eventually at Thusis, in the Craubünden province, in the afternoon, 26 hours after our departure.

Thusis, in the Hinter-Rhein valley, proved an excellent base and suitably placed for many interesting local excursions. These included visits to the Via Mala, a very spectacular gorge: and also to the Hohern Rhatien Castle, which commands a dramatic view of the Thusis valley and the entrance to the Via Mala.

We also travelled both by rail and by post-bus on a number of excursions farther afield. These included visits to the Morterasch Glacier, to Davos, the Swiss ski-centre, where we went by funicular to the summit of the Weissfluhjoch, where a well-known

member of the party gave his impression of a 'West-Country yokel'. On another excursion, this time to Flimo, we found ourselves above a thunderstorm and learned, on the descent, that chair-lifts stop immediately after a flash of lightning. Regretfully, however, two of our party were unable to enjoy this excitement, as they were stricken by a Swiss form of 'beri-beri'.

They had recovered in time for the two most interesting excursions to Italy and St. Moritz and to Liechtenstein. The trip to Italy involved a coach drive over the Splugen Pass and down through the Como valley to Chiavenna: we remained in Italy for a short time and then left via the Maloja Pass to St. Moritz—the millionaire's resort. It was here that we saw, for the first time, the effect that tourism has had on the Swiss souvenir trade.

The next day we travelled to Vaduz, the capital of Liechtenstein. Here we visited the world-famous art gallery and also bought postage stamps, Liechtenstein's most valuable export. Stopping off at Chur on the return journey, one of our party decided to buy a cuckoo-clock However, when we arrived back at Thusis, the purchaser discovered that a cuckoo-clock will not work without a pendulum.

On the afternoon of the next day, we, regretfully, had to leave complete with working cuckoo-clocks, postcards of the last Liechtenstein soldier, and mooers. However our use of the German language was not improved as in conversation most of us used only the two words — Ja! and Nien!

P. C. Smart. 6³.

SCHOOL TRIP TO BELGIUM AND HOLLAND - 1971

On Tuesday, 17th August, 1971, a party of eleven sixth-formers set off in the minibus with two members of staff, Mr. Pilbeam and Mr. Bates, on an eight day "whistlestop" tour of Holland and Belgium. The ferry crossing from Dover to Zeebrugge, our overnight stop, was memorable mainly for the incidence of "conspicuous consumption" among party-goers, while a delay of half an hour, during which the boat stood off the harbour, was profitably spent in playing football on the rear deck — with a matchbox?

The following day was set for the invasion of Belgium's "city of canals"—Bruges. Here the party conducted an Urban Study of the city and then moved on to Ghent, and finally to Bergen op Zoom, a rapidly growing town to the right (east) of the Delta Region. After an eventful first night in the Hotel de Doorenoom we were paired off, and dumped off in a number of small villages on the island of Overflakee, with firm orders to find a farmer and interview him. Fortunately almost all Dutch people speak English "just a leedle beet" and are very well disposed towards "the Anglaisais" and so a jolly good time was had by all.

Friday came and with it the long bus ride north to Kampen, on the south-eastern margin of the Zuider Zee. During our stay we visited two of the polders which have been reclaimed from the sea during the past twenty years. Included in the outing was a stop-off at Lelystad, the future centre of the East Flevoland Polder. The general consensus of opinion was that the town, as it stands, has suffered from the planners' romantic concept of a regularly-shaped town; an endless arrangement of straight lines.

On Sunday we were on the move once more. It was time for the journey south through central Holland and Belgium to Rochefort in the Ardennes. Two surprise encounters were a violent thunderstorm north of Maastricht, and Mr. Pilbeam's driving, although the party was by this time fairly well acclimatised to the latter. On the way we

stopped off at the excellent museum of rural buildings in Arnhem.

The Hotel Hermitage in Rochefort looked rather decayed from the exterior, as did the single old lady who ran the establishment on her own (though rumour had it that her old "hubby" was pedalling the electricity generator in the cellar). On the Monday we visited the grottoes at Hans-sur-Lesse, a very interesting and unusual experience, travelling a long way underground, on foot and by boat, to see the various geological formations. Perhaps our main discovery while staying in Rochefort, was that the English are not too welcome in this part of Belgium — a complete contrast with the very friendly and helpful attitude of the Dutch. There seemed no logical explanation and the party left for Bruges and home slightly puzzled but no less enthusiastic.

S. Corbett, U6B.

"TRIP T'NORTH" (THE RUGBY TRIP TO SKIPTON)

The great trek north began after break on Friday, February 18th. The school bus, driven by Mr. F. "Jackie Stewart" Henderson led the way up the M6, followed by Mr. Hanney. The team stayed the weekend in a hotel, a few miles outside Skipton, that stronghold of Yorkshire rugby.

The match against Ermystead's School, on the Saturday afternoon, was won by 13 pts. to 12. This was an outstanding performance since the team was losing 12-0 at half time. Tries by Roy "I wish I could stand up" Hobson, and Paul "What a left hook" Wood, aided by a conversion and a penalty by Mike "Oh my leg" Longstaff, ensured a well-deserved victory.

After the match we were guests at a dinner, at which the captain, Barry "I not used to public speaking" Hook thanked all those concerned with the tour.

That evening there was a disco in our honour. It was enjoyed by all, including "Woody", who caught up on a bit of wrestling, Nige "Quite a dancer" Merrett, and Clive "Mind my glasses" Browning. Most of the team got back to the hotel before midnight, although some, who shall remain nameless, were in considerable disarray.

H. "Wally" Beynon.

GLOSAID

When Gordon Arnot first replaced Michael Biss as Glosaid organiser he visited the school to assess the support he could expect to receive during the year. The Headmaster agreed to allow small groups of sixth formers to engage in voluntary work on Wednesday afternoons. For the first few weeks the response was very good; gradually, however, as the weather deteriorated, and the garden in Innsworth Lane seemed to grow bigger week by week, volunteers began to return to cross country and rugby. This is easily understandable; the list of gardening and decorating jobs grows longer and longer and no one seems to really profit by the work. We could work for months on an incredibly decrepit house in Alney Terrace and it would still cry out for demolition. However, it must be remembered that Glosaid does not exist merely to carry out gardening and decorating but to find all kinds of "worthwhile projects of community service". A number of surveys are carried out by Glosaid which, if tackled in the right way, can be very interesting. An example of this sort of thing is a survey of accessibility to public buildings and amenities for elderly or disabled people; this survey was first carried out under Owen Starr's direction in the Summer of 1970 and Gordon Arnot has

just asked for volunteers to help in renewing it, in the light of recent development in the city.

To conclude, I would like to thank, on behalf of Glosaid, all those who have helped with the various projects undertaken during the past year, and express the hope that assistance from the boys of the school will continue and increase.

K. F. Harris, U6A.

SIXTH-FORM RECREATION ROOM

Earlier in the year it was decided that the disused Metalwork Room — Room 14—should be converted into a much needed Sixth-Form Recreation Room. Money was provided by the school for the necessary structural alterations, but more was still required for the furnishing of the room. As always, the Parents Association were extremely generous in their aid and supplied a set of wall-seats for the room, duly christened Room 60. It was then left to a small band of Third Year Sixth-Formers to do the rest.

A dance in the school gymnasium, supported by the Five-Schools Association realised £70 — all clear profit, since the expenses had previously been covered by the production and sale of a Sixth-Form Rag Mag. The school Swimming Club also cooperated, with a marathon sponsored swim, raising the princely sum of £22. But the highlight event was still to come! Jim Newton beat off challenges from fellow Sixth-Formers. Nick Johnson, Richard Hemming and Nick Minnett-Smith, to claim an unofficial world-record for eating prunes! Despite a short attack of nausea, he bravely continued to devour 101 prunes in 20 minutes — with stones! The others managed to consume a further 230 prunes between them, and the event — widely publicised in the national press and on radio and television—raised £12 for the Recreation Room Funds.

Thus, more than £100 was raised in the short space of 5 weeks — twice the target set by the Headmaster at the outset! — and the furnishing of Room 60 can now proceed in earnest.

P. Goble and N. Johnson, 6^s. (Recreation Room Committee).

EXTRACT FROM PREFECTS' DETENTION BOOK 1964/65:-

Date	Name	Prefect	Offence	
19.11.64	Browning	G.N.H.	Attempting to kick down	
19.11.64	Langman	G.N.H.	school bollards.	
		Research by: Prof.	A. Non, M.Sc., Ph.D., O.B.E., C.A.D.	

Ed's note: All complaints should be addressed to "Borys the Spider"—care of P. H. Goble, 6^a.

CHORAL MUSIC



Over the past year a balance has been struck between the traditional and the experimental in choral endeavours.

The choir has succeeded in presenting an anthem or introit every week during the year, except for the short period before Christmas, the policy being to concentrate on the more well-known works, so as to give time for the improvement of the quality of the singing.

The return to the traditional form of carol service provided an opportunity for the choir to sing new settings to some well-known carols such as "Ding Dong Merrily on High" and "The Holly and the Ivy". The lunchtime recital was a remarkable success and it is evident that it will be the first of what "The Citizen" has already dubbed our "Annual Carol Recital."

At the time of writing two important events lie in the future: the first recital to be given by the choir at Southgate Congregational Church for eight years and the Founder's Day service, once again in the familiar surroundings of the cathedral.

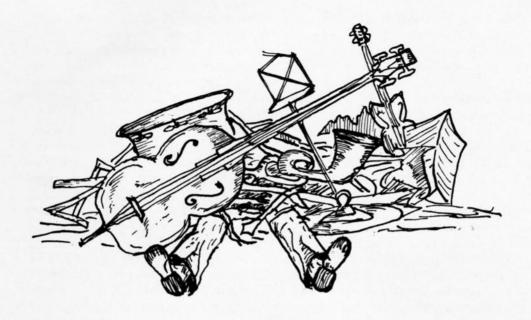
At this juncture mention should be made of "Music by Candlelight" at which the choral contribution was made by the madrigal group. 1971 was also host to the biennial House Music Competition, whose somewhat predictable result appears elsewhere.

Anyone who sang in the Choral Society's performance of Fauré's Requiem must have been struck by its difference from any other work, previously attempted by the society. After relatively few rehearsals, all of which were well attended, the work was performed at St. Catherine's Church, to help raise funds for their roof appeal. The society was accompanied by the cathedral organist, John Sanders.

The treble and alto sections of the Choral Society are, at present, rehearsing Britten's vaudeville "The Golden Vanity" which promises to be a very entertaining production, linking choral and dramatic skills, when performed on the 24th and 25th of May.

This report has necessarily been a list of choral events and no space has been devoted to relevant criticism. It is hoped, however, that by singing in, or attending choral performances, members of the school will learn to appreciate and enjoy such music and become competent critics in their own right.

P. J. Grant, 6³.



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

The standard of instrumental playing has greatly improved over the last year and there are some talented players in the lower part of the school as well as the upper part. As there are now over seventy boys learning instruments, two orchestras have been formed.

Membership of the first Orchestra is by audition only. It consists of the more experienced players and has been practising works like Beethoven's 5th Symphony, and Haydn's 'Military Symphony,' while the Second Orchestra provides an opportunity for the other players to gain experience in ensemble playing.

There is also a chamber orchestra of about eight players and a string quartet in the school.

The most successful instrumental event of the year was the Music by Candlelight' concert in December. There were several instrumental items including the 'Simple Symphony' by Britten, and an excellent piano solo by Paul Fugler.

Three days after this concert, the chamber orchestra performed Bach's 'Brandenburg 5th Concerto at speech day. There were several solo items, including a trombone solo by Gordon Gambling, of a very high standard.

The latest performance of the Chamber Orchestra was at Southgate Congregational Church. Mark Alington played the Handel Trumpet Concerto, and the Chamber Orchestra played a Boyce Symphony.

I take this opportunity of thanking the previous orchestral captain, David Faulkner, for all the hard work he did.

D. S. Hedges, L6C.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"I often think it odd that it (history) should be so dull, for a great deal of it must be invention".—Jane Austen.

The Historical Society this year has made a conscientious attempt to single out those aspects of history which are neither dull nor invention. Our programme for the year has centred more on visits and on activities than on formal lectures. Our trips in both motor coach and school bus have taken us to a wide variety of destinations encompassing a vast range of historical interest.

The main item of the year was the trip last Summer to the Tower of London and Hampton Court Palace. As London was experiencing a heat wave, The Tower was unpleasantly over-populated, notably with culture-cramming Americans, but Hampton Court proved a great success. Only three people got genuinely lost in the notorious Maze, but unfortunately they were not the people we had hoped to lose, and with guidance they emerged from the endless labyrinths none the worse for the experience. Also last Summer, a party went in the school bus to visit the Wedgwood factory at Barlaston and the unique working Tramway Museum at Crich.

Perhaps the most successful trip was the expedition last September to visit notable follies and grottoes. Under the leadership of Mr. Huddlestone we visited a large number of follies including those at Barwick Park with its macabre grotto and eccentrically named "Jack the treacle eater." We also visited the pleasure gardens at Stourhead and Tollard Royal, taking great care, as instructed, not to give the peacocks nervous breakdowns. This trip proved so popular that two more follies trips have been arranged for the Summer term. The school's recent membership of the National Trust has proved a great asset in arranging these trips.

As we go to press we look forward to what will certainly be the most spectacular trip on which the Historical Society has yet embarked — a visit to the sensational exhibition of "The Treasures of Tutankhamun" at the British Museum.

Our chief lecturer for the year was Mr. L. T. C. Rolt, the transport historian. He came to give us a talk on Brunel, the subject of his new Pelican biography. An outstanding feature of this most interesting talk was the comprehensive selection of visual material which had been painstakingly collected by the lecturer. Mr. Rolt succeeded in presenting a fully rounded picture of the great Victorian engineer in all the various fields of his work. Not only was Mr. Rolt's visit memorable for the lecture, but also for the superb Alvis in which he travelled to and from the school. This motor car has been in Mr. Rolt's family since 1925 and really is living history. In another vein Mr. Peter Price of Gloucester Civic Design Group came in February to show us his own films of "Vanishing Gloucester". We were horrified to see how much has already vanished and also how much there is that is still extant but in danger of disappearing in the very near future. The demise of the King's Square loo on film proved hilariously spectacular.

Mr. Henderson generously gave up his time to introduce to the Society some of the more eccentric figures in Scandinavian mythology in his talk, "Kings of Norway I have known", and in true F.H. style entertained the Society with an abundance of anecdotes and unforgivable puns.

The usual panel games appeared in our programme, chiefly for the purpose of entertaining the "tinies", but also to provide an opportunity for the Staff to be outwitted by members of the school. The most successful of these was the introduction of "Going

For a Song" when a Staff team challenged a team from the sixth form in a contest in which the two teams attempted to identify a selection of antiquities.

The success of this year's programme has been entirely dependent on the support it has received both from those who organised and those who have participated. We thank all those who have put in so much effort behind the scenes, especially Mr. Watkins, Mr. Moss and Mr. Huddlestone for giving up their spare days to drive the school bus, and to the Society's presidential "fairy god-mother" Mr. D. R. F. Thomas whose kaleidoscopical attire and personality has become an endemic part of the Society and its success.

M. Guest, U.6.C.

THE PEACOCK CLUB

The Secretary

"Vain wisdom all and false philosophy" Milton.

The club has blossomed forth this year under the excellent presidency of P. A. Langman. What has been lacking in quantity being amply made up for in quality. The following papers have been given:—

Hypnotism — P. J. Grant.

"My mind is in a state of Philosophical doubt as to animal magnetism"—Coleridge. The Female Regime — R. J. W. Thwaites.

"There was an old man in a tree

Who was horribly bored by a bee"-Lear.

Duelling for All-M. Guest.

"The trenchant blade, Toledo trusty,

For want of fighting was grown RUSTY"-Butler.

The Man Friday Fallacy-D. C. Wagstaff

"Of science and logic he chatters", Winthrop Mackworth Praed.

Old Red Sandstone-M. H. Pearson

"It is a foolish thing well done"-Johnson.

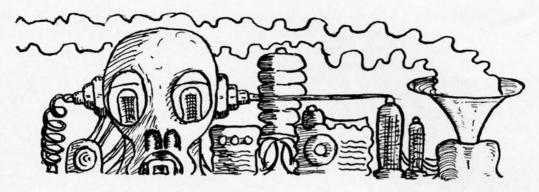
THE AEROMODELLING CLUB

Owing to prevailing conditions the Aeromodelling Club has only held three or four meetings in the last six months. During the past few years we have continued our meetings throughout the winter by flying small "jetex" and "rubber powered" models in room 14, but this year, due to the construction of the Sixth Form Recreation Room therein, the room has not been available. We have therefore held only a few meetings here, but our indoor flying has continued in association with the Glevum Model Club, which meets twice monthly at the school in Church Road, Longlevens. Examples of our models will be on show at the Longlevens Community Association fête in May, at which the Glevum Club is giving a flying display.

We will commence our outdoor flying as soon as possible next term, and we hope that we will gain several new members, especially from the lower school. Our meetings are held each Friday, and there is no charge for membership.

Several members intend to enter the "Nationals" competition which takes place in the Whitsun holiday, so we now have to start preparing our models for the fray; I hope we are as successful as last year.

S. A. Kirby.



THE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

This year the club has held weekly meetings, normally on Wednesdays after school in the Chemistry Laboratory. The membership from the upper school has remained fairly constant, but the club has been boosted by some keen new members from the lower school.

The aim of the club is to foster interest in the art and science of radio-communication. The art side of matters has been developed by the almost continual use which has been made of the school receiver, particularly by some members of the fifth form.

The more scientific and practical side has consisted mainly of lectures and demonstrations of amateur radio principles by Mr. Morgan. Recently, however, some varied and interesting lectures have been delivered by other members of the club and it is to be hoped that this trend will continue. The hope is that these lectures will eventually lead members to sit the Radio Amateur's Examination and get their 'ticket'. It is necessary to pass this exam before one can legally use any form of transmitter.

Also various purely electronic projects have been attempted, mainly by our younger members, including such instruments as a metronome, a square-wave oscillator, an amplifier and a simple VHF receiver. The club has recently purchased two S-Decs (plastic boards with rows of plug-in contacts), which should help in the construction of such projects.

The club hopes soon to have a permanent transmitting station set up at school and this should urge members to take the exam, in order that they may use the equipment.

New member are always welcome and we feel that we can offer them an interesting and rewarding hobby.

P. F. Nicholson, L6B.

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL DEBATING SOCIETY

This has been the Society's most active year, with, on the whole, meetings every fortnight. The House has proved to be Pro-E.E.C./Steam Trains, and Anti-Decimal. Mr. Thomas added a touch of Monarchism, Mr. Hughes added Mrs. Hilda Gronk, but Mr. Harris was found Guilty, yet Insane.

Attendances have averaged 50, but at the recent Mock Trial, a record number of 120 boys attended.

The Society has had, for the first time, its own printed stationery by courtesy of Mr. Alington, and Mr. Jones provided us with some very good posters.

Thanks to all those who will leave this year for the Senior Debating Society, and to Mr. Moss, who took the Chair for the fourth year in succession.

C. R. Stephens, 3A.



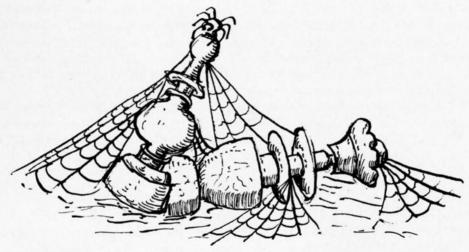
THE ANGLING CLUB

The Angling Club has had a very successful season, with most of its matches held on the canal.

A league basis was brought into the matches for the first time this year. This showed Ian Simmonds a very clear leader at the end of the season with 17 points from four matches and A. Jones in second place with 13 points from six matches.

It is hoped that this leauge will continue to flourish throughout the coming seasons and that the firm support from the lower school will be maintained next season.

P. J. Hopson, L6A.



CHESS

I am pleased to be able to report another successful year for the Chess Team. At the time of writing, we have reached the Final of the Gloucestershire Schools' Knock-Out Tournament, by defeating the Crypt School and then Cheltenham Grammar School; we have also reached the Final of the Gloucester Schools' Tournament. Our only defeat this season was at the hands of Cheltenham Grammar School in the first round of the Sunday Times Schools' Tournament: the score being 3-3, they were awarded the match on a technical consideration. Ivan Legg has been an auspicious acquisition to the team; shortly after Christmas, however, we lost David Wagstaff, who had been a long-standing member of the team, and for some time Captain of Chess. We are grate-

ful to him for his services to School Chess over the years.

Thirteen boys entered the Chess Congress this year, with varying degrees of success: in particular, Legg came 1st equal, Perriam 2nd, and Everson and Gorman 3rd in their several sections.

Perhaps the most notable, and certainly the most promising, appointment of this year's Chess has been the enthusiasm and talent discernible in the First Form, of whom two boys are already regularly playing for the School Team. The First Form Team enjoyed convincing victories in two matches against Beaufort School, especially pleasing since the second match was over eight boards. It is much to be hoped that this outstanding year will not lose interest in the same way as the year above it.

There has been good attendance at Chess Club throughout the winter; the School Tournament again attracted a record entry, and the House Competition has generated some attractive, if sometimes unsound, Chess, Northgate being the winners. In general, however, there seems to have been an absence of new faces, and in some measure this has led to a lack of adventure on the part of some of the established players. This is the aim of the Chess Club—to encourage enterprise as well as prudence, enthusiasm as well as loyalty, and in so doing to give pleasure to its members. On the whole I think this aim has been achieved.

P. A. Langman, 63.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Did you come to the Gospel Folk Concert? If you did come, you probably enjoyed it. But singing isn't the only part of the society's functions. A lot of people don't come to the meetings of the Christian Fellowship because it's either "not for them" or they simply don't know what it's all about. In the last year several audio-visual productions have been used in conjunction with the topics chosen for discussion. The subjects chosen are all either directly from the Bible or are of interest because they deal with problems that man has to face in life today.

In short this society promotes constructive thinking on practical and social issues, and, most important of all, the understanding of what God has to do with man today.

All fourth, fifth and sixth formers are invited to come to the meetings that take place every Wednesday.

N. Rankine, 5 Alpha.

RAMBLING CLUB

The Rambling Club continues to prosper this year with rambles which were much enjoyed by all. Ambitious plans are being prepared for future rambles and new ideas would be most gratefully accepted.

The upper school are urged to take some exercise and join the rambling club for a new leader is required when the present one retires at the end of this year.

M. H. Pearson (Secretary), 63.

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL AIRCRAFT SOCIETY

The Junior School Aircraft Society is for 1st and 2nd years. Though it is a new club with a different taste of transport, it has had a lively first term. Talks are given, films are shown and outings are arranged. This society every month produces a newsletter (price $\frac{1}{2}$ p) for those not in the society, but free to those in the society.

N. Burnett, 2 Beta. S. Pool, 2 Beta.

THE CROQUET CLUB

It was two years ago that the Historical Society first introduced croquet to the school. Originally envisaged as a brief diversion during the post-examination period, it soon mushroomed into a vast tournament in which over 100 people took part.

It was all rather haphazard to begin with — a situation which was made worse by the fact that nobody seemed to have ever played before. The traditional confusion over the rules ensued, but after a few false starts all was well. The Historical Society was delighted to find the participants paying as much attention to the trappings as to the expertise of playing.

Very soon, the perennial problem of care of the lawn presented itself — we will always remember one member of staff mowing his anticipated path to the hoop before taking his shot.

Last year the second Historical Society tournament was held — this time with 260 participants. It became clear after this tournament that what was really needed was a separate club to look after croquet. So it was that this year the croquet club was born.

This year there will be two tournaments—one in the summer term for the whole school, and one in the Michaelmas term for club members only. Members have already been out preparing the lawn for the new season—and as the magazine goes to press, the season is well under way—and we all hope that this year will see even more people taking pleasure from this vastly under-rated game—and if you feel rather over-awed by it all, remember that 2 years ago, none of us could play!

THE DEBATING SOCIETY



The society began this year at a low ebb and has gradually proceeded along the narrow road to recovering its lost powers; this was proven by an attendance of over 70 at the final debate of the Lent term.

This recovery is due in part to the continued support of a few loyal members of the Third Year and Second Year Sixth who have provided the majority of platform speakers. The society is

also greatly indebted to several members of staff, who have given of their time to prepare speeches for the house.

The motions which the society debated included: "This House would not go to School" — the only debate carried — "This House would die for Queen and Country" and "This House would not surrender Northern Ireland." These debates and others produced the following records in the minutes:—

"Pollution all boils down to money."

"Mr. Bayliss was then persuaded to depart neither this life, nor the debate, via the open window behind him."

"Mr. Sargeant said he knew nothing about Euthanasia—and proceeded to prove it."
We finally wish Paul Wynn, the newly elected Chairman of the society, and the society itself, much success in the coming year.

R. G. Clutterbuck, 68.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

This has been one of the society's most successful years. The society's programme was varied and included talks by Mr. M. Walker, from Oxford University, on the problem of overpopulation, and Mr. R. Fitzsimmons on the severe plight of the Australian Aborigines in the "modern" world. An illustrated talk was also given by boys of the school on the Belgium and Holland field trip. The year's activities have not only been concerned with lectures, and these have been punctuated by films and quizzes.

The organisers thank the school's Geography staff for their aid and helpful cooperation in the staging of many of the events.

P. C. Smart, 6^s.

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Committee of '72 "Hoc solum scio quod nihil scio."

CENTRAL ELECTRICITY
GENERATING BOARD
IT IS DANGEROUS TO BATHE FROM
THIS BEACH DUE TO STRONG
CURRENTS

The activities, such as they are, of this society in the past year have consisted of a number of expeditions to the wildest parts of the unexplored West Country. Areas of the world which have been discovered in the past twelve months by the Geological Society include Blockley, Aust, May Hill, Malvern, Forest of Dean, Woolhope and Portishead. Ostensibly to look at and learn from the geology of the area, these expeditions tend to provide a certain amount of irrelevant humour, such as the above sign, seen on a coastal strip of rock and mud at Portishead.

The most interesting expedition of the past year was one to the Old Ham iron ore mine, now disused, in the Forest of Dean. This was an enormous success and further meetings of the same sort are likely to form a large part of the society's activities in the future, visiting the Forest and the Mendips.

Meetings in school within the last year have been of a limited number — that is — one. This took the form of a "Moon Symposium", in which a number of eminent geologists, from all parts of the Third Year Sixth, expounded at great lengths on various aspects of the moon's geology. While this Symposium was a success, the committee feel that further activities would benefit from more behind the scenes support from other forms, especially the lower-sixth geologists.

M. H. Pearson, 63.

THE GUITAR CLUB

The club was formed towards the end of the Michaelmas term. Its chief aim has been to give opportunity for a handful of boys to sing and play guitars together and swop songs and ideas. Attendance at the meetings which have been held during Tuesday

lunch-times, has varied, the chief support coming from the fourth form. Many thanks to Mr. Henderson, who has come along to most of the meetings and without whose support the club could not have been formed.

J. R. Gillett, 4A.

THE P.S.V. CLUB

Over the past three years various activities connected with buses have taken place. Meetings have taken the form of quizzes or slide shows, and a variety of visits have been arranged. A tour of Birmingham Corporation and Midland Red depots in the Birmingham area took place in early 1969, while in the November we took the thennew school minibus to visit Southdown at Portsmouth, Provincial at Wareham, Portsmouth Corporation and the now-closed Woolston depot at Hants and Dorset. In September 1970 the biennial Commercial Motor Show was the subject of our attentions; as well as the prototype Leyland National saloon, which should appear on Gloucester's streets in the next year or so, we were surprised to see a Bristol RELL single-seater for Bristol Omnibus and a Leyland Leopard coach for Bristol Greyhound. Visits have also taken place to the trolleybus systems at Walsall and Bradford, both now closed, and a small party ventured into South Wales last December to visit Merthyr Tydfil Corporation and the Red and White depots at Brynmawr and Tredegar. Future activities include visits to Bristol and the 1972 Commercial Motor Show.

D. Pemberton, U6B.B. Rowney, U6B.

RAILWAY SOCIETY

Since the last edition of the Richian, the society has been on several trips to places of interest. The school bus was used for a very enjoyable weekend, visiting four narrow gauge railways in North Wales last summer, the result of which was a return visit to the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway in March, when members of the party were engaged in ballasting work (each boy moving at least two tons of ballast), stacking sleepers, and working on the rolling stock. Light-hearted relief was provided on this trip, as seen by these two quotes from one master: "Oh dear, I've missed weekend Woman's Hour" and "I can't get your zip undone" (referring to one of the tents, generously provided by Mr. Henderson).

Other trips have been organised to Crewe, where the locomotive works were visited, and two trips to London. A visit to the Dart Valley Railway and a return to the Welshpool Railway are being planned for the summer.

An outside speaker, Mr. Philip Edwards, an authority on industrial railway locomotives, kindly came to the school and showed part of his fine slide collection. Mr. Edwards has agreed to return to show some more of his slides in the summer term.

An open night produced some very good slides from members of the society themselves, and it is encouraging to see that some good railway photographers are coming to light in the school. A recent film show produced a very good audience and because of its success, this will become a regular feature of the society's programme each term.

Talks by the boys of the school have been diverse and interesting, and these form the mainstay of the society's fortnightly activities. New members are always welcomed, so don't be shy, and come along to one of the meetings which are usually held on Wednesdays in the Lecture Theatre.

D. N. Hill, U6B.

THE STAMP CLUB

The club met on many Thursday lunchtimes during the winter terms attended by a large group of junior boys and one or two seniors to add class!

Usually approvals go like hot cakes, and an auction of swaps was very successful and lucrative (for some). In between, work has been progressing slowly on continuing the job of sorting out the school collection. Langman (6³) presented us with some suitable folders and files which one day will make it very presentable.

At the beginning of each term we had a film, the first on the production of British postage stamps from the artist's original ideas to the finished article. This is the best film produced by the Post Office in recent years. The other film,



on the history of posting was lost in the post for some time and was a simple rather trite account of the last three hundred years, which quite honestly was better when run through backwards at the end.

Mr. Robinson kept most things in order and gave a talk on his new ideas about arranging British stamps. (Why just collect one of each stamp).

Our only "field-trip" was an early evening tour of the new sorting office at Bruton Way. We were conducted through rows of sorting pigeon holes and even checked whether there was anything for us in the next morning's delivery. The machine for turnin the letters the right way round by franking was most fascinating, and was made even more complex by first and second class differentiation and all the extras such as meter post and "first day" covers. (Polar explorers the day that we went). To prove that stamp collectors will collect anything, several boys left the office with a pocketful of lead seals off the parcel sacks from all parts of the country!

C.C.R.

SWIMMING CLUB

This year has seen a considerable broadening of the club's activities. In the Autumn the team entered for the Secondary Schools Gala did reasonably well, especially in the junior sections, and it is hoped to form a permanent team for galas and school matches. There has also been a proposal to form water polo teams, for House and eventually, it is hoped, School matches.

Lifesaving Club

At the start of the year we were sorry to lose Nick MacDowell, for whose leadership and teaching we are all very grateful. Under the patronage of Mr. Sheard and Mr. Richings, however, the three trainee teachers took on the influx of would-be Lifesavers, and serious training began. The club meets regularly at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesdays, and after about an hour's instruction, we have a game of water polo, or some other form of free swim. The hard work paid off, all the exams taken being passed. The awards won were: Bronze Medallion, 13; Bronze Cross, 3; Award of Merit, 4; Distinction, 1; Teacher's,

2 (Chris Edwards, from whose teaching many benefited, was prevented from taking his Teacher's by a broken collar bone). This brings the total of trained Lifesavers in the school to 28. We hope to improve this total by holding another regular class as well as on Wednesdays, and by taking in another group of candidates.

Personal Survival Swimming Club

This club, which meets on Tuesdays after school, was revived this year with the object of presenting candidates for the A.S.A. Bronze, Silver, Gold and Honours awards. Training began, attracting younger boys not only on Tuesdays, but also to the short first sitting lunch sessions. There has, however, been great difficulty in obtaining Examiners, and no exams have been taken so far.

Resuscitation Classes

These take place at 1.30 p.m. on Mondays and all members of the school are welcome. The attendance so far has been far from startling. The object is to teach this essential, worthwhile skill and to take the R.L.S.S. Preliminary and Advanced Resuscitation exams. Remember that any points gained through these exams help the Lifesaving Club in its efforts to wrest the Senior Schools Lifesaving Shield from Denmark Road's clutches.

Anyone in the school who wants a serious swim is welcome to come to the training sessions on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 12.45 p.m.

P. D. Parker, L6A.



VENTURE SCOUTS

Again a flourishing year for the unit. Membership now stands at an all time record of 24, which ensures that all activities are well supported.

The summer holidays began with a very successful trip to Ireland which was enjoyed by all twelve members of the expedition. The half-term camp in October at a farm house in Hay on Wye gained the support of twenty members. As usual, the main activities of this camp were pony-trekking, caving, climbing and canoeing. The annual winter hike in central Wales, despite the comparatively "mild conditions," proved to be a severe test of determination and fitness.

In the sporting field, we have had our successes by winning the Gloucestershire Youth Clubs' seven-a-side football competition, coming runners-up in the basketball league while two of our members are the Gloucester Scouts darts champions. Dave Barnes and Row Lloyd competed in the Boston Marathon and managed to propel their leaking canoe for 7 hours 10 mins. 7 secs. covering a distance of 31½ miles.

Service has not been neglected and activities include chopping firewood and con-

servation at a nature reserve. This year has seen the largest number of members gaining the Queen's Scout Award and the unit congratulates D. Barnes, N. Dyke, S. Hodges, R. Lloyd, N. Pearce and A. Robbins on their achievement.

As for the future; this year's summer camp will be held in southern Iceland and the preparations for this expedition have been ruthlessly carried out by the V.S.L. The unit is determined to play an active part in serving the community, with ambitious plans for the future. Thanks must go to the leader of the unit, who makes himself available to all of the members of the unit, and especially the executive committee, who far too frequently call on his advice and experience. We look forward to a secure and successful period ahead.

R. Lloyd. U6C.



THE WILDLIFE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

The School has allowed us to start this Society and we are going to try to do as much as possible to help Wildlife. By helping wildlife I don't mean keeping lions and tigers on the premises, but I mean that the 5p term admission will not be used only for the hire of films. Lectures and trips will be organized and money left over at the end of the term will be donated to the World Wildlife Fund. The organized lectures will deal with a different animal each week, particularly

those in danger of extinction. The society hopes to start shortly after Easter.

Christopher Bryson, 3B.

THE WILDFOWL SOCIETY

The purpose of this society is to make frequent visits to the Wildfowl Trust at Slimbridge, of which we are all members. Members are encouraged to take the proficiency test and two of our number have already done so. It is hoped that the situation will improve in the near future, especially since the first of the three grades is fairly easy, while the second is out of nobody's reach.

Last Autumn a wildfowl indentification was held amongst ourselves. Stephen Kear was the outright winner; however Christopher Roberts, Neale Hawley, Andrew Pryse, Graham Ford, Richard Cox, Richard Gillett and Charles Stephens did well enough to win prizes.

In the inter-schools competition Stephen Kear and Graham Ford entered the under 16 class. In our first attempt in this competition they managed eleventh place out of sixteen teams. Next year we hope for more success, as both competitors will still be eligible for the competition. Also next year, we would like to enter more teams. Mr. Jackson was kind enough to send us a letter of thanks for supplying eight runners to help in the administration of the event.

We all wish to express our most sincere thanks to Mr. Cooper who drives us down to Slimbridge in the school bus.

J. K. Hubbard, 68.



COMPREHENSIVE?!!



"HAVE PITY ON THEM"

I pity the soldiers in Ireland, Fighting savage youths hand to hand, The nail bombs fly, the bullets fall, A sniper drops from the top of a wall, The crowds gather round, To see him bleed on the ground. Like bees to a hive, "Is he dead or alive?" "He's alive, let's hide him away" "He's a prominet member of the I.R.A.!" But if he's dead they light candles and mourn. The traitors were captured and tarred or shorn. They say "the soldier deserves all he gets," As he fires on the crowds with rubber bullets, Into crowds of jeering, cackling boys, Holding machine guns as if they were toys. Pity the soldiers in Ireland!

BEFORE THIS WORLD . . .

"Philosophise, philosophise; that's all you can do. With your crazy theories, your wretched theses, what help are you?"

"But the Phoenix . . . "

"Go back to sleep. We're in enough trouble without you butting it . . . "

"But man is like the phoenix . . . surely that can save you from this . . . from this futility."

"What are you talking about?"

"I don't know, I don't yet understand." But the philosopher's eyes were full of some queer rapture. "Some sort of salvation, I know it. Some sort of help, or perhaps of comfort."

"Poor George. Having one of your spells are you? Never mind . . . look outside. It'll soon all be over."

The whole atmosphere seemed full of a bitter staleness. There was unease; that was predominant. The sky was black, there was no light.

The ecstatic philosopher was at least happy. He knew what others knew, he knew no more than they; and yet the reality was distant, and the incomprehensible comprehension of the reality that maybe destiny had ordained was flung full in his mind. But he was happy.

"Before this world . . . " George screamed suddenly.

"What?"

"Civilisation! the essence of truth . . . civilisation! The essence of truth." He kept on repeating in a stark tone the words, over and over again, anxious that they should not be lost.

The end came suddenly, I saw it. I was a looker-on, but I was saved.

"A remnant shall return" and I was one of that remnant. The end—that I can not remember. There was no pain, no heat, no agony. There seemed life, then nothing, and then a sense of losing all sense but yet remaining without unconsciousness. A sense of on remorse and I found myself not in a paradise, not in anything but a world.

It was earth, mother earth. Poor George, whatever happened to him? For I was almost by myself. I could remember nothing, could see, could imagine nothing; for I was uncivilised.

But yet, as I was human, I remained a man. I needed a home — I built one. All that I needed I did make, and as time went on, and the world became a wider place, I could remember things, and the thoughts were thoughts that I did not like. For it all seemed as if it had happened once before, as if this was a re-life of some previous time. But this was not to me a reincarnation for I had not died.

And so time went on, and so civilisation grew.

Stop! This civilisation is a destructive process! From the highest achievemet of civilisation, what can be the next step? But it got closer, and now is geting still nearer the time when it happened.

And suddenly I dealise that the phoenix, that legendary bird, has its legend in the essence of truth. It is life who is like the phoenix, the growing civilisation of our time. The legend is based upon the fact of man. The phoenix is the bird who raises itself up out of its funeral pyres to a new existence. And that seems so with the world.

But no-body will listen to me. What is the matter with you? Do you want to . . . The Beginning. Meredith C. Myears, U6B.

ONCE UPON A HAPPINESS

Once upon a Happiness I awoke.

To see my Life— Not stretched out straight before me into the middle distance and the future,

But curled, in a morbid heap,

staring . . .

at me.

Malformed.

Perhaps asleep.

Do Lives sleep with gaping eyes?

Remembering that time is purely relative (after several hours)

The Life awoke,

Closed its large and spacious eyes,

And asked

in a familiar way

what

It all meant.

I knew the question

And the answer,

But before it had reformed

The Life

reared on its hind legs

As if ready to strike;

And then straightened,

Uncoiled inflexibly

to a long descending

spiral,

And finally to a wide

roadway

Stretching away

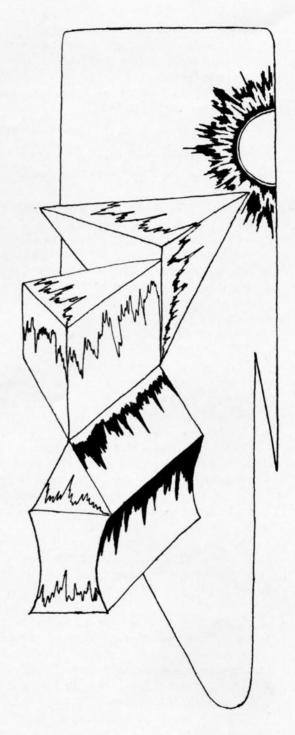
into the middle distance

and the past.

Once upon a sadness

I returned to sleep.

A. H. Davies, U6A.



"IF I TAKE THE WINGS OF THE MORNING ..."

Fine day for sport, m'lady; a glass of port, Sir John? The master drains his draught and draws his servants off, His chiming hounds in expectation taste the breeze— They know their master, Colonel Death, will kill today. Throughout the wood they search, they pry into its shrines: A fox is found, a second, soon a third: but wait! Death slowly chooses one of these and gives his start. The hounds give chase and time, the master's horse, strides on. Relentlessly he ever gains with knelling hooves. The running fox still vainly hopes to live--"Why me?" He curses, "I'm not, was I not born to live?" Then doubles back and stops to watch the huntsmen check. But still they do not stops as jealousy sniffs on, Away and back she blindly runs till scent is found. The fox, whose life was lent by one who rules us all. Not him to serve, indeed to benefit his race, Now leaves the field and quickly turning right, he meets With pride; one more retreat to life is cut off. Eluding him again he darts back to the wood, But yet his last retreat is spied by shrewd ambition. All that he had, or had not done, floods into mind. Remorseful for his part he ponders now on death: Despair had ended life for him at times before When wishful hopes were dashed or even hope fulfilled. At last he thinks on life "If I should cheat my fate, I'll build a greater stone of good, reform my life. But wait, I'm not all bad, a son and father good!" His resolution is to live in his same way. Now Greed, the leader of the pack, drools o'er the fox, Who still has not realised his "raison d'etre." And Time goes racing on, Death wants another fox. Old Charlie fox was quite content to live his life From birth to death in dull obscurity. He thought A purpose life fulfilled, of which he had no need. Don't weep! This fox's purpose was to die. You're next. And time goes racing on, death wants another fox . . .

R. G. Clutterbuck, 63.



"BALLAD OF A NOBODY"

Then he was a seagull Dancing freely in the breeze, Sky-high in the boundless blue: Before the lonely clouds came And the biting cold-grey winds, And crazily he flung himself in chains, And built a prison as a shelter from the rain. Sometimes he would sing And wildly dance within his chains, For he could not see them. And forgot that they were there Until he felt them hold him down, But he never really tried to break the chains, For his prison was a shelter from the rain. But when the sun returned Wistfully he gazed through prison bars At the seagulls dancing chainless in the wind, But he could not reach them, And, hand on his gun, as his heart began to fall, He thought he heard the seagulls laughing, mocking him. So he shot them. And still he found no way to break the chains; But his prison was a shelter from the rain.

J. R. Gillett, 4A.

"LIFE"

Ghostlike Wings, Pinions Spread,
Cross blood red skies ahead, ahead
Not one knows what lies in store,
But still to doom or eternity they speed,
Occasional glint off sun-struck feathers,
Joy in a vast emptiness.
Gaze to the sky where no one else dares,
And lose the journey's sorrows and all its cares.
Peace is bliss, and bliss is empty,
Save for the wings.

T. C. Holford, U6C

"THINKING"

I thought
and I thought,
and I thought,
I thought I could not think,
But I think that I thought,
That a thought to think,
Wasn't worth a thing to thought.

M. H. Pearson, 68.

"PITFALLS"

Don't run the race of life
Without looking—you may never win.
"Look out! Look out! I shout,
"A banana skin".
Blind you fall—
Look you may win.
You may even see the banana skin.

P. N. Base (Maria Grey College of Ed.)
—last year 6°.

"WHAT IS LIFE?"

What is life? Who are you? Please can you tell me, Where I'm going to? What is life? I haven't a clue! Do you know where you're going? And am I coming too? And who's this God? Who loves me and you, I've never met him, Are you sure he is true? The Bible is the answer, That's quite plain to see. He knows where I'm going, And he will help me.

N. Rankine, 5 Alpha.



There was a young diner called Bert, who, while dining, swallowed his shirt. He gave a loud shout and was promptly kicked out, And landed tail up in the dirt.

D. Wilton, 2A.



"SUBURBIA"

Suburbia, Suburbia, All steel and glass and brick. It looks as though you're here to stay, You're growing fast and thick. Join the queue for the countryside, Join the queue for air, Supplies won't last, so hurry fast, You can all afford the fare. See the only hillside left, And the last surviving tree, 'The outdoor way will end today, See it now for a reasonable fee. Get a nice large breath of country air, It could well be your last, For you might well choke on exhaust smoke, So buy your lungful fast. Suburbia, Suburbia, All steel and glass and brick, It looks as though you're killing us, You're growing fast and thick.

C. R. Stephens, 3A.

"EAGLE"

Swift in flight, Bold in heart, Golden spear, Plunging dart.

Care not he, Up above, Live or die, Hate or love.

Sighted below, With eyes so sore, A carefree hare, Soon no more.

Now away From earthly test, Heavenward bound, Homely nest.

"THE EAGLE"

Up, up soars the tawny eagle
With eyes a blaze of fire.
A pause, then down on the prey
Like a stone falling forever into hell—
Then up again with perhaps a hare in its
fearsome talons.

Like a bolt of lightning to its eyrie—
Over ragged hills and raging torrents,
Its razor beak frothing white in the sun,
Then yet another swoop to the nest,
Where the young are screaming for food.
Then it settles, to tear the prey apart
With terrible but accurate skill—
Then leaving the still hungry chicks,
It's back up into the cloudless sky,
A golden haze of light
On another bloodthirsty hunt.

B. Dowding, 1A.

S. Davies, 3A.



"WUTHERING HEIGHTS"

Upon the crest of a windswept hill,
There stands a house without a will,
To live. Its rooms are bare,
Its chimney cold, casting shadows
Severe and bold.
Down the drive, where gates swing free,
Tumbleweed's caught against a tree,
Twisting and turning relentlessly.

"HOUSE IN TROUBLE"

Dark and lonely, it crouches on the hill,
The tuffets of grass like porcupines,
Cling to the frost-bitten ground.
Perhaps they will attack at nightfall,
Looking for food and warmth.
Or will they move on relentlessly,
As the sun breaks through the grey
blanket of cloud.

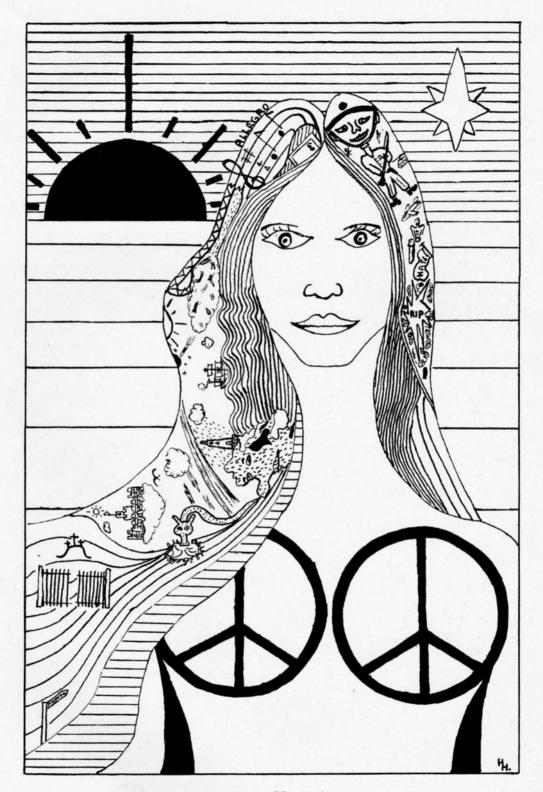
D. Glik. 1A.

R. Perriam, 1A.



First a flicker.

On and off. Now it's growing, Rising steadily, up and up Among wood and straw. Hissing and spitting, Yellow and green tongues Roar up into the night sky. Now-Nothing The fire is dead. Ashes glow red in the dark. The air is sharp and windy. B. Dowding, 1A.



"THE RAIN"

First it drizzled and then it poured. It was dark and cold. The wet pavement in front of me was scorched by orange which retreated in front of me as I walked. Every dip in the pavement was black and foreboding. Puddles rippled and splashed restlessly, as the rain mercilessly and unceasingly bespattered them. Great cones of light bounced over the horizon as cars swished towards me, wheels hissing in the menacing darkness. Under each headlight an elongated reflection swept across the road. As the car reached me, for a brief second, thousands of white explosions flashed and scattered across the road; raindrops illuminated by the blinding headlights. In a second the car had swished past, a wet spray spurting from its back wheels, soaking my trousers for the third time.

Beside me, muddy water slowly mixed with soggy leaves and together they churned and gurgled down the drain.

Through my wet spectacles, the neon lights, like giant orange sparklers, flamed and glinted. Large drops of rain were deliberately running down my neck. Buses roared by, light and warmth spilling from their white-hot windows. I stumbled into one, heat enveloping me, my spectacles steaming up as I struggled to get my fare through several layers of soggy coat.

At last I sat down, tired; glad to be out of the cold. The rain jattered angrily on the window, trying to regain its lost victim.

R. I. Davey, 3A.

RICH CHORAL

How proud you all
Have every right to be
To hear such Gracious music
Bestowed on all
Within the Church of Catharine
Saint of Our Master,
Who surely heard
Those words raised high
To Heaven
In chorus and
In solo.
We all
Were so delighted
And absorbed

Serenity of scene so much, We left, We thought, Bereft And longing

Lulled,

And wishing that The gentle flow Of timeless Message Would not Cease.

Enriched indeed

Were we In choir rows

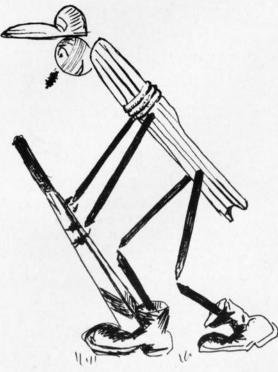
To see,
To hear,
Sincerity.
A virtue
Long ago
Begun by
Founder
Rich.

Three centuries

Ago.

M. Govan. 11.2.72. Of Requiem 9.2.72.

SCHOOL SPORT



CRICKET 1st XXII

1st XI. Played 10. Won 0. Lost 3. Drawn 6. Abandoned 1.

The record for the 1971 season is not a happy one, but this in no way reflects the spirit and ability that was apparent in the team throughout the season. In fact five players were entered for the county trial, one of whom, Andrew Rees was selected to play for Gloucestershire.

John Browning proved to be an able captain, but once again inconsistency in the batting was a constant stumbling block. Notable in this respect were the matches against Westwoods, Hereford and Chosen Hill, all of which could have been won with a little more concentration on the part of the batsmen. When form was found, however, teams had difficulty in stemming the flow of runs. In particular there were some fine individual performances in the matches against Rendcomb College, when Barry Hook scored 61, not out, and Don Sayer 43; against

Cheltenham when Nigel Merrett scored 41 (in only 90 minutes!) and against Tewkesbury, when Hook was once more amongst the honours with a similar score of 41. There were also some useful contributions from Browning, Ian Kemeys and Roy Hobson.

On the bowling front Rees was again the outstanding performer, his best return being 8 for 37 against Westwoods. He was well supported by both Peter Sergeant and Andrew Burns. In turn the bowlers were helped by some extremely good ground fielding, but occasionally catches were put down that invariably proved costly.

The most exciting match of the season was undoubtedly against the school Old Boys. The outcome of the match was in the balance until the very end, with the "veterans" winning by a single wicket. There were similar situations in the matches against Cheltenham and Tewkesbury, when our opponents, batting second, had to struggle through for a draw on both occasions.

2nd XI

In complete contrast, the 2nd XI, under the guidance of "Oggy" Hemming and Wilbur Bennett, enjoyed a 100% record against schools opponents. It is hoped that some of the members of this successful team can project their winning ways into the 1st XI in the coming season.

Finally I should like to take this opportunity to thank Philip Smart for his dedica-

tion as 1st XI scorer over the past four years. We are extremely grateful for all he has done.

Colours: 1st XI-B. W. Hook.

1st XXII—W. M. Bennett, R. C. Hemming, D. Sayer, P. Sergeant, N. I. Merrett, M. J. Bartleman.

Juniors-A. Poulton, R. Short, M. Sergeant.

Other Honours—D. Cox and R. Correia represented Gloucestershire at the under 15 level.

N. I. Merrett, U6A.



RUGBY 1st XV

Played 18. Won 12. Lost 6. Points for—426; Against 190.

The rugby club has had a season of mixed fortune, on occasions rising above themselves, but unfortunately on other occasions losing heart, and hence suffering heavy defeat.

Against Marling, Beechencliff and Ermysted's our rucking forwards were a force to be reckoned with. With our fiery back row of Burns, Ramstedt and Wood ever present and ready to tackle the foe. One cannot consider the forwards without mentioning the front five. Nick Pearce and Stuart Smith performed ably

in the second row, giving plenty of weight to the front row.

Our hooker, Hywel Beynon, held his own in the tight, perhaps by confusing the opposition with a conversation in Welsh with Rowland Lloyd, our Welsh scrum. (They were born in Shrewsbury and Reading respectively). Both props, A. Miles and E. Badham are staying on at school next year and will be an invaluable asset to the 1st XV. Especially A. Miles, small in stature but big in heart, who in the immortal words of W. G. F. Bradford, whilst in a maul was seen to be "burrowing like a ——— mole".

Barry Hook and Rowland Lloyd set up a very safe and reliable partnership at fly half and scrum half. The huge spin pass and strong running of Lloyd, coupled with Hook's repertoire, formed the basis of many attacks. Clive Browning and Roy Hobson were fairly safe in the centre, Roy being the more exciting player of the two, making many breaks but on occasions slipping over at the vital moment. We decided that he has an unusually high centre of gravity.

In John Taylor and Chris Edwards we had two strong-running wingers who improved greatly as the season progressed. Our last line of defence, and very often our first line of attack was Mike Longstaff at full back, whose reliable boot and safe hands brought him a formidable tally of points.

The season ended on several high notes. Firstly our win over Ermysted's Grammar School, whom we played on our tour to the West Riding of Yorkshire. Secondly, our senior sevens team who came second in the Marling Sevens and were narrowly beaten in the final of the Clifton Sevens, by Millfield, the holders. On the whole it has been a slightly above average season, with team not quite reaching its full potential, and lacking heart on occasions. But the return of at least eight players next year should form the sure foundation of a more experienced team, who I am sure will have an extremely successful season.

B. W. Hook, 6³.

2nd XV

The team, under the captaincy of P. Harrison, experienced a season of mixed fortunes. The sizeable victories and fairly sizeable defeats illustrate the inconsistency which followed the team throughout the season. This inconsistency was mainly due to the fact that the same team could not be fielded on two consecutive Saturdays, because of first team calls and injuries.

The foundation of the team lay in the forwards, where a formidable front row always tested their opponents to the full. D. Gregson could always be relied upon in the tight scrummaging and the newly-found talent of D. Badham was valuable in the line-out work. The weakness, however, was found in the lack of second phase possession gained by the forwards. The team was also served well by A. Anderson at scrum-half.

The results hardly reflect the effort and enthusiasm of a team, who showed that although their experience was small, their spirit was willing. My personal congratulations go to all those who played for the 1st XV and my thanks are extended to all those who made my season as captain so enjoyable.

P. Harrison, L6A.

COLTS XV

Although the team enjoyed its rugby, one always felt that the standard of play could have been raised, and to this extent the season was slightly disappointing. An above average number of injuries and the calls of representative games meant that the side was at full strength on only two occasions, and on these occasions there could be no criticism of the power and skill of the team. Twenty-five players represented the Colts during the season and the depth of the experience gained will help in the senior rugby of the school in future years.

Tackling, with a few notable exceptions, was generally weak and points were cheerfully given away, but on the credit side, several players were capable of scoring tries at any moment of the game and these efforts were usually sufficient to ensure victory.

As a team there was a fine spirit of loyalty and reliability which was greatly encouraged by the interest of the "rugby fathers".

Congratulations are offered to Beamish (capt.) and M. C. Jones, who played for Gloucestershire, and to Carter, who played in many representative matches up to and including the Final England Trial

A.S.P.

JUNIOR XV

Given their showing at the under-13 level, the prospects for the juniors were not bright, and early season performances tended to confirm this. In particular their lack-

lustre displays against Marling and Q.E.H. were a disgrace to any Rich's side. However, these were the low point, and for the rest of the season there was a marked change in attitude and determination, which produced four good victories in a row.

Certain positional changes were made, notably at half-back and wing-threequarter, which strengthened the team, but the most important difference was the keenness to play and the will to win which now marked the side. Though not endowed with much natural talent, apart perhaps from Carter and Taylor, they grafted on to win against such strong opponents as Lydney, West Monmouth, Crypt and Beechen Cliff, and to put up a spirited resistance to a big St. Brendan's side. Thus the prospect for the future is brighter than at one time seemed conceivable, though there are still many weaknesses to overcome.

Colours were awarded to the captain, Carter, who always set a fine example of whole-hearted endeavour on the field; to Montanaro, who led the pack and hooked well; to Taylor and to Poole.

D.J.W.

ROWING

After the retirement from school rowing of several older members the winter training period concentrated on the younger members.

The first success of the season came early in 1971 in the 'Heads', timed races over a distance of about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The school won pennants at Exeter, Worcester, Gloucester, Tewkesbury and Somerset. A colt four entered the Putney Head competing against the finest school crews in the country. They came third in their section beaten only by Notts. High and St. Georges by 4 and $\frac{1}{2}$ seconds respectively.

Training continued throughout the Easter holidays. Five members attended a course at Hereford in Easter Week, being coached and lectured by the National Youth Coaches.

Unfortunately the Regatta season was engulfed by exam commitments. The only success being at Derby winning the Junior Ball Cup.

At the end of the August holidays the club spent an enjoyable training week at Dartmouth using boats from Dartmouth R.C. and the Naval College. Several large prizes were won at the sea regattas held at the end of the week.

For the next 3 weeks after returning to school the club concentrated on training for the Boston Marathon (31 miles). Over 150 miles was rowed by each member in preparation.

The club was well rewarded winning the School's section in a time of 3 hrs. 39 min., the fastest time ever recorded by the school in this event, and beaten only by University of London and London R.C.

Prospects for the 1972 Season look very promising. New equipment is being bought and there are sights set for Regional and National representation.

J. Kearsey, L6C.

CROSS-COUNTRY

The school Cross-country squad has gone from strength to strength if somewhat unexpectedly this year. I use the term squad because as well as the excellent performances by the regulars of the A and B teams those on the sidelines have been prepared to put in time training and always be ready to fill a vacant team place in time of injury.

The "A" team has remained undefeated throughout the season by any other school

in fixtures over the country although narrowly beaten by Bristol University in the first "Bristol University Invitation race for schools" run over what the majority of the team thought to be the best course of the year.

12 wins in 12 matches leaves pleasant memories in everyone's minds. With close matches against old rivals such as A.A.C. Beachley and St. Paul's College, Cheltenham and encouragingly with new ones including King Edward VI 5 Ways, Birmingham and King's, Stratford. But disappointingly we missed our fixture with King Henry VIII G.S., Coventry owing to a mix up although competing in their inaugural 6 x 2 mile relay, a distance which did not suit our longer distance runners with the result that the team finished 15th out of 32. And unfortunately we did not do as well as we hoped to in the prestige races—The Wolverhampton G.S. road relay (6th) and the Bilborough G.S. road relay (A 4th, B 15th). But again the short, flat, road laps did not suit our long distance mud and hill specialists.

Peter Irvine, our captain, ran with consistent excellence throughout the season, recording 11 wins and placing 81st in the National Schools Championships. Able support came from Barnes, Cooper, and Greenman who also represented the county in the "National" along with promising newcomer Philip Hoddy poised to follow in Irvine's footsteps.

Final thanks must go to Mr. Winstanley who pushes us all so hard and to those who help with the tea and cakes which revive us at home fixtures.

T. C. Holford, U6C.

JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY

Captain: P. Govan.

This year, 1971-72, has seen a large increase in the membership of the Junior Cross Country Club and altogether it has been another successful season.

The first and second year teams began the season by beating Whitefriars, Marling and Cheltenham Grammar School, whilst the third and fourth year team came second by one point to Whitefriars. The season progressed with victories over Whitefriars, Cheltenham, Marling, Arle School, St. Brendan's and Stourbridge Grammar School, but set against this were defeats at the hands of King Henry VIII, Coventry, and Whitefriars. However the first year team remains undefeated at the end of the season whilst the second year team has been beaten twice, as has the third and fourth year team.

In the Gloucester District Trials the school teams achieved their largest representation yet for the city. In the first years: Macmanus (1st), Wickenden (2nd), Baker (3rd), Riddick (4th), Green (5th), and Nichols (6th) were selected with Dyer as reserve.

In the juniors: Barsellotti (1st), Rich (2nd), Farmer (3rd), Gest (5th), Martynuik (7th) and Ewans (9th) were selected with Egan and Dix as reserves.

In the intermediate: Hoddy (1st), Kimberley (6th) and Vickers (8th) were selected with Govan and Gillett as reserves.

In the County Championships, Barsellotti was selected for the County Junior team and Hoddy for the Intermediate team. Both runners were also selected from the South-West Championships to represent Gloucestershire in the All-England Championship.

In the Gloucester Athletic League Championship, the school team won the Acland

Cup for the second year in succession by winning all three races outright against seven others schools' teams.

The success has only come as a result of hard training and it is hoped that next year will see the same enthusiasm and dedication to the sport.

N.B.

BADMINTON

This season saw the beginning of a senior and junior league for Gloucestershire Schools.

Although a little apprehensive at the beginning of the league fixtures, both teams proved to be too strong for any opposition, offered by other schools that were competing. At the completion of the league fixtures both teams remained unbeaten and therefore took both senior and junior titles.

For the senior team friendly matches were arranged with King's, Dean Close, Denmark Road and Ribston Hall, and enjoyable evenings were had by all.

It is hoped that the standard of badminton played by the senior and junior teams this season will be continued in the coming season as many members will be leaving, and there are few third formers on the way up.

S. Hodges, U6C.

BOWLS CLUB

The Bowls Club had a very successful season last year. The team did very well to beat Painswick Bowls Club in the annual match at Painswick, and the standard of play throughout the school was very high indeed.

Our thanks must go to Mr. Gingell and Mr. Pritchard for their great efforts to get the green in shape. We look forward to a very good season's bowling this term.

P. J. Hopson, L6A.

BASKETBALL CLUB

The school basketball team only played two games this season; the first against Crypt and the second against King's, both lost by 18-17 and 36-24 respectively. Although we were defeated, regular training sessions were held on Monday evenings and our vigour was renewed when netball fixtures were arranged with Central Girls, Denmark Road and Ribston Hall. We all thought that the games would be "no trouble" but this proved otherwise in our fixture with Denmark Road, whose team were the county under 18 champions. We lost our first home game 16-15, but won our away match 13-6. The games against Central and Ribston Hall, however, proved us right by being "no trouble".

N. Dyke, U6C.

TENNIS

The enthusiasm for tennis increased yet again last summer and was reflected in the higher standard of play in both of the tournaments. The later rounds of the senior competition provided excitement and the final, in which Sayer beat Lloyd, produced many good rallies and spectacular shots even if at times play was somewhat defensive. Thompson won the junior final for the second year in succession when he beat Piggot, the only player to cause him any anxious moments. Earlier in the season this pair had led a junior team to a comfortable win over Whitefriars.

The senior team were fortunate to have a nucleus of good players in the lower sixth and the sun shone in approval on all except one of their eight matches. We were beaten in the first two by St. Pauls College 2nd VI and by Cheltenham College, but then the team settled and won the remaining matches including those against King's, Marling, Whitefriars and Chosen Hill. Sayer, Lloyd, Click (the captain), Hunt, Cooper and Beveridge were the usual six, but were well supported by Thorley and Merrett and occasionally assisted by Payne and Ralph. For their all round efforts Click and Cooper became the first people to win tennis colours, but I doubt if they'll be the last!

The Minor Sports Festival also brought success with Cooper and Beveridge winning an all-Rich's final.

1972 promises to be another good year and should bring worthwhile results to the team and, I expect, another good final between Sayer and Lloyd.

P. J. Cooper, U6C.

5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

The third annual knock-out competition took place in the Spring Term although its start was delayed by the lack of B.S.T. which had provided us with light evenings after school in previous years.

Nearly 40 teams paid to enter again and the rules were as before using one and two half tennis courts for the pitch. New this year were a draw for each round and a system of handicapping, one goal for each year of age difference between the teams. For this purpose the staff counted as sixth formers though they were defeated in the second round by the eventual winners, the 'Thunderbolts' captained by D. Sayer (U6A).

The final in fact was a repeat of the two previous ones and the result likewise, although this year extra time was needed. The defeated Lower Sixth team received a football as consolation and were comforted by the fact that next year the 'Thunder-bolts' will have left!

Two creditable performances of junior teams against older opposition gained 1A and 3A similar consolation prizes. The matches with a large age range always drew the largest crowds.

Mr. Robinson and Ar. Middleton organised the tournament again but valuable refereeing help was given by P. Smart (63), particularly when it rained.

C.C.R., G.H.M.

THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

President: The Headmaster
Chairman: Mr. N. P. Partridge
Secretary: Mr. G. Barber

Secretary-

"Friends of the School": Mr. P. Pearson
Treasurer: Mr. E. F. Lerry

Once again, we are glad to have the opportunity of reporting the activities and hopes of our Association. The Annual General Meeting attendance of about 80 parents was rather below average attendance of previous years and rather a disappointment for your committee.

At this meeting Mr. E. Click retired from the office of Treasurer, after giving 15 years devoted service to the School—most of this being on the committee. It is devotion of this kind given by Mr. Click and previous members that has laid the sound

foundation of the Association. We are pleased and fortunate to have Mr. Lerry as our new treasurer and hope he will remain with us at this thankless task for many years.

Again a very successful Sherry Party resulted in about 85% of New Parents joining the "Friends of the School", bringing the total Parent Membership to about 350. Very good, but still about 200 short of the target. Remember — the policy of the Association is to spend ALL the money made each year on the School and its associated activities, which means on YOUR BOYS. The amount spent for last year was over £400, and we hope that this will be increased this year. One project which we support is the School Bus which has now travelled over 26,000 miles.

Mr. Pearson, our very able "Friends of the School" secretary, has asked me to remind parents who are not yet "Friends of the School" that a one pound unit paid under Deed of Covenant, is worth £1.63 to the School. Please JOIN NOW and enjoy some of the benefits of being a "Friend" which are:—

Swimming Club — held each Tuesday evening during term time, where new members will be most welcome by the Secretary, Mr. Pashley.

Bowling Club — another delightful pastime with enjoyable company, also requires more members especially ladies.

Again the Committee was delighted that the Celebrity lectures by Godfrey Talbot, November 18th, 1971 — 'Abu Simbel Rescued', and by Arthur Negus, February 10th, 1972 — 'Antiques, Mainly Furniture' were given to capacity audiences who were enthralled and very appreciative. May we extend our thanks to Mr. Negus for giving his services free, enabling the School to give a £100 cheque to him for the Cheshire Homes.

Through the year once again the committee have enjoyed the full support and co-operation of the Headmaster and his staff, without which the work of the Association would be impossible and therefore I offer on behalf of all parents our grateful thanks.

Our appreciation also to Mr. Rangeley, Mr. Broome, and all the Staff and boys who have contributed so much to our entertainment in the fields of music and drama.

Unless one can see behind the scenes, the amount of work done so willing and unselfishly by the 'Refreshment Mums' can never be really appreciated. They supply not only the 'cuppas' at School functions but also meals at Rugby Matches, etc., mostly at very inconvenient times. Well done ladies, and thank you.

The Dads' Working Party — although only six in strength and meeting only two hours each week have made a very impressive start in making 'things' for the school. Their commendable efforts include — Steps for the hall — seating for the 6th Form Recreation Room — projector stand and Table Tennis table.

In conclusion may we extend our thanks to you, the Parents for your past loyalty and ask for your continued support at all School functions in the future.

G.B.

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A HANDY HANKY KNOT

Just a reminder about whom to contact whenever you want to check on the Association's activities.

Dave Billingham is responsible for matters affecting the general and planning sub committees, as well as annual general meetings and the Association's policy and organisation.

Alan Watkins is his deputy on the general committee and is responsible for the Magazine, while Steve Aubrey is the social chief, taking charge of the Entertainment sub committee and the annual dinner.

Idris Williams deals with all matters concerning the Association's membership.

Stan Jones organises all the London activities while Ray Neininger is the man with his hands firmly controlling the purse strings. Which reminds us—all outstanding subscriptions should be sent to him as soon as possible, please!

A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS?

It's a well known fact in Gloucester that the Old Richians Association is wholly opposed to any moves to make Sir Thomas Rich's School co-educational, comprehensive or in any way alter its present status.

So we thought you might like to hear of a letter from one old boy, D. P. Roe, who is now living and studying in Exeter.

He writes: "In these days when so many are seeking the destruction of STRS the 'bastian of privileged elitism', this source of 'segregation', with the aid of a mythical 'gorundswell of public opinion' in the name of 'social justice'—it is vital that everyone

connected with the School should be ready in its defence. Other good schools elsewher are doomed or destroyed. In Gloucester we may think there is plenty of time, but we must be prepared.

"Nearly a millennium ago Eathelred the Unready neglected defences and learnt too late that the forces of destruction were only too eager to take full advantage. It will be a bad day indeed if evil prospers because good folk think there is plenty of time left before taking action.

"Thus the Old Richians Association has a very important task ahead: the preservation of an institution which is doing, and has done, many good things. The enemies of the School certainly waste no time or opportunity to express themselves in the local press, and it may be action soon."

HEADMASTER TO LEAVE

The news that Mr. Stocks is leaving Rich's to return as headmaster of his former school, Wolverhampton Grammar, came as a big shock to us.

Now is not really the time to pay our farewells as he will be with us for another few months but it is only fair to comment—as a former pupil of Mr. Stocks—that he has achieved a great deal during his reign of 11 years.

A vociferous opponent of comprehensive education, he instilled in his pupils a pride in the school and a regard for its good name. Stocks and Rich's became synonymous with good education in Gloucester, and the head quickly carved a name for himself in City educational circles.

More will obviously be said closer to the time, but for now let it suffice to say that Wolverhampton's gain will most definitely be Rich's and Gloucester's loss.

His departure could also be the signal for fundamental changes in the school. One wonders whether they will be for the best. I personally doubt it.

A.O.W.

RUGBY CLUB SHATTERS RECORD

by Keith Ray

A season which began so tragically with the sudden deaths of former Club Captain Michael Longney and past member John Pipe, has ironically proved to be the most successful in the Club's history. The 1st XV have never attained more than 20 victories in a season and yet look at the final record.

1st XI P 33 W 27 L 5 For 695 Against 285 Colts XI P 34 W 25 L 9 For 591 Against 307

Since the Club's re-formation in 1957, each year has seen an improvement in the strength of our fixture lists. We now entertain clubs from Oxford, Bristol, Birmingham, Bath, Leicester and Herefordshire, in the main restricted to Old Boys sides.

The highlight of the 1st XV's golden season must revolve around 15 successive victories including exciting first ever wins over Luctonians and Bristol Harlequins and away success against R.E.M.E. Arborfield and Cheltenham North. But defeating favourites, Hucclecote O.B., to win the North Gloucestershire Junior Combination Cup in the final, was equally memorable.

No victory was sweeter than the Boxing Day thrashing inflicted upon ancient rivals Old Cryptians. The 2nd XV helped to make it a memorable double.

Impressive throughout the Season were Sid Thomas, Keith Bennett and Nick Freckleton. The last-named brought honours to the Club in being selected for the North Gloucester Combination team.

The 2nd XV record also has been a commendable one and in this respect appearances by several School 1st XV players have undoubtedly helped.

In September our President's XV beat the School 1st XV 23-15 to retain the Rosebowl donated by Mr. Rowe Gabb and competed for annually. In future the occasion will be known as the Mike Longney Memorial Match.

New members can invariably find us at our Headquarters, "The Oddfellows Club" in Barton Street, or training at the School each Wednesday evening. Secretary, **Ken Haines** of 48 The Triangle, Longlevens will be delighted to hear from you.

RICH WALTON'S 66 SAVES OLD BOYS' CRICKETERS

1st XI	 P 30	P 30	W 15	D 3	L 12
Colts XI	P 6	P 6	W 3	L 2	Tie 1

The cricket club is fast becoming a force in local circles. It had a fine season, and with several new players from the School gaining experience, the future looks good.

As was to be expected the fixture with the school itself was the highlight, and what a closely fought battle it proved to be. The pupils, who batted first, offered only token resistance and were dismissed for 102. The Old Boys won by one wicket, but only after a tremendous effort by **Rich Walton** who hit an unbeaten 66. **Andy Rees** was presented with the club's award for the best school performance for his 5—28 bowling spell.

It was the club's first season of League cricket and their 89 points from 14 matches gave them fifth position in Division Four.

Seven records were broken during the season. The club's highest total to date was achieved against Woodpeckers. The Old Boys declared at 202-4. Four new batting partnership records were set. **Dave Brick** held a record 16 catches. The best-ever bowling figures achieved by a club player were gained against Redmarley when **Nick Davies** took 7 for 43.

Trevor Hurcum took 69 wickets for an average of 8.26 runs apiece.

Barry Hook topped the batting averages with 27.58 runs, but other new batsmen like Don Sayer, Nigel Merrett and Colin Bartleman also showed promise. The club is now blessed with several useful batsmen, all of whom showed a little of what they are capable, but lacked consistency.

Fielding was of a very high standard with several magnificent catches being held, but the club badly lacked a regular wicketkeeper.

Off the field there was plenty of note. At the annual general meeting, when the unwieldy title of Sir Thomas Rich's Old Boys Cricket Club was changed for Gloucester Richians C.C., Rich Walton was elected captain, taking Trevor Hurcum as his vice. Nigel Merrett will lead the colts in 1972 with Jerry Base—who turned in fine bowling performances throughout last season—as his deputy.

New secretary Dave Brick (16, Derby Road, Gloucester) succeeded Dave Hobbs,

who worked hard and diligently for the club from the time of its inception four years ago.

Ron Harper, who continued as treasurer, reported a healthy balance and upheld a suggestion that schoolboy players be allowed to pay 50p, making them members for 10 matches, and the balance thereafter.

The chairman, Mr. Winstanley, presented the following awards: best batsman—Rich Walton, best bowler—Trevor Hurcum, best fielder—Dave Oakes, most improved player—Rich Hunt.

The Cricket Forum was not a financial success, but it was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and took part in the cricket discussion. The panel was truly distinguished with Fred Rumsey, Tony Brown, Grahame Parker and Graham Wiltshire telling many amusing anecdotes about their careers.

For the coming season a short tour of the Taunton area has been arranged. The club will play the school 1st XI on the evenings of July 5 and 6.

Finally, thanks must be expressed to the headmaster and Mr. Yates, Mr. Winstanley and Mr. Moss for all their help, assistance and encouragement during the past year. All connected with the club wish Mr. Moss a long and happy retirement.

And if anyone, especially from the school, would like to join, they should contact any of the committee who will be pleased to welcome them.

"HERE IS THE 1972 NEWS"

Alan and Frank Watkins spent Christmas shaking their heads in disbelief at the response to November's appeal for information about Old Richians.

They are now convinced that the Association's members participated in a major conspiracy to shut up their bleatings for information once and for all!

There was an overwhelming response to the appeal for information in the November news letter, but the pair of them assure you that they are now looking for more chatter for the next bumper edition.

If your marriage is not included, if we should have mentioned you had been appointed Prime Minister of Matabeleland, or you feel that the Congressional Medal of Honour you won should have had a line or two, and you are aggrieved, we suggest you grab a scrap of paper, a pen and you know just what to do—send it post haste to 68. Elmleaze, Gloucester, with all the gossip!

And now, with their thanks for your news, comes the gossip column, hot from the typewriters.

A BIRTH

A son was born on August 14, 1971 to the Rev. and Mrs. Terence Harris.

WEDDINGS

We are pleased to announce the following weddings of Old Richians.

Ronald Harper to Miss Valerie Ann Marshall at Highnam Church.

Chris Midgley to Miss Audrey Morley at St. Marks, Cheltenham.

Patrick Neininger to Miss Susan Pyrah, B.Sc.

David Eric Oakes to Miss Jane Marilyn Wingate at St. Marks, Gloucester.

Anthony "Phil" Spiller to Miss Patricia Tozer at St. Bartholomews, Church-down.

Kenneth Roy Waite to Miss Janey Millin, at St. Barnabas, Gloucester.

On a far sadder note, a number of Old Boys have recently died.

PHILLIP CLIFFORD BASTIAN was only 23 when he was struck down by leukaemia last November. Phillip, whose brother was also at Rich's, left the school to study geology and economics at Keele University. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts honours degree. He was then appointed a trainee manager with British Road Services at Oxford, but only six months later he died. Our sincere sympathies go out to his family who now live at Cirencester.

HARRY COOMBS died after a short illness. A leading Gloucester bowls player, he took a major role in keeping his club—the Gloucester BC—going after it lost its green and headquarters in 1968. He joined the club in 1952, was captain in 1957, chairman for 10 years, and president for two. In 1959 he received his county badge, and became a Middleton Cup player. He was a member of the winning triples at the 1963 Torquay tournament, and a member of the 1969 Gloucester triples winning team. In 1970 he was a semi-finalist in the County fours.

PERCY S. FOWLER has died, after a long and distinguished career, at the age of 87. He joined the former Gloucester firm of W. Sisson and Co., and rose to become their managing director, spending 60 years with the firm. Mr. Fowler was an early member of the Gloucestershire Engineering Society, being treasurer from 1925 until his election as President in 1947, a post he held two years until he was made a life member. In 1934 he was national president of the Association of Engineering and Shipbuilding Draughtsmen; in 1947 and 1948 chairman of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, and national council representative and regional secretary of the Western Branch's Benevolent Fund. Among other positions he held during his lifetime were the vice-chairmanship of the Board of Governors of the Gloucester Technical College, governor of the North Gloucestershire and Stroud and District Technical Colleges, vice chairman of the Trustee Savings' Gloucester Bank, a member of the management board of the West Midland Trustee Bank and President of the Gloucester Rotary Club.

FREDERICK BERNARD LONG has also died. He was 52. Since 1958 he had been a senior member of the administrative staff at the Gloucester Royal Hospital.

MIKE LONGNEY'S sudden, and very tragic, death at the age of 32, came as a terrible shock to all Old Richians, and there were many of us among the 400 mourners who packed Down Hatherley Church to pay their last respects to this popular sportsman. Mike captained the Old Richians RFC in 1965/6, 1966/7 and again in 1968/9 from the second row. His powerful 17-stone frame was also a familiar one in past summers on the cricket fields as captain of Down Hatherley CC. In 1970/71 he represented the old boys on the North Gloucestershire Combination committee, but at the beginning of this season Mike, recently presented with a baby son by his wife, June, hung up his rugby boots to concentrate on refereeing. He was a great character on and off the pitch, and Rowe Gabb's comments to the press following the accident at work which killed him summed him up: "He was the epitome of the true clubman". The Old Richians suffered a great loss by his passing.

RONALD CHARLES NASH (49), staff clerk at the Gloucester County Court office and District Registry of the High Court, died after a heart attack. When he left Rich's Mr. Nash joined the City Corporation's treasury department in 1940, but later served four years with the RAF during the War. He returned to the Corporation in

1946, but three years later transferred to the Gloucester County Court staff. In 1957 he was promoted and transferred to the Worcester County Court, but returned to his home City four years later on further promotion. Subsequently, in 1967, he was appointed chief clerk of the Cheltenham County Court, but shortly before his death returned to Gloucester. He is survived by his widow.

ARTHUR W. VEAL has also died. He lived at Armena, Minsterworth.

ARTHUR WITTERICK was only 45 when he died in Malvern General Hospital recently.

GENERAL CHIT CHAT

ADAMS, Graham (1958-63) is now a departmental manager with the Gloucester branch of Sainsbury's.

ALLEN, David J., is a first year student at the University of Leeds where he is studying agricultural science.

ANDERSON brothers, Keith and Kevin have been touring the world again. although Kevin (1960-8) has returned from what he describes as his "phenomenal success in Germany last year teaching the Krauts how we won the World Cup". He is still dabbling in soccer reporting for the Gloucester Citizen although he is due to go to Oxford University on a Certificate of Education course after completing his studies at Sussex University.

Keith is now in Asia and we are expecting to hear soon that he has formed a Hong Kong branch of the Association. The last official news we had was that he was employed by an American firm of business consultants doing some unlikely jobs. He's been trimming the cost of pencil manufacture from 5p a time to under 1p in Yugoslavia, and has been doing a touch of the "Moguls",' fixing the Algerians with a market for their recently-discovered deposits of natural gas.

ANDERSON, P. M., is reading geography at University College, London.

ANGELL, I. A. C., is studying psychology, geography and economics—a truly mixed bag—at

Plymouth Polytechnic.

AUBREY, Steve, has returned to Gloucester after gaining a BSc in Estate Management at the Reading University College of Estate Management. When last seen he was cattle droving in Gloucester Market. In fact, he is working for Messrs. Bruton Knowles and Co., the local auctioneers, as a chartered surveyor when he isn't acting as the Old Richians' impresario, booking up the Barrow Poets for our edification.

BAILEY, David, has been in action in Vietnam. He is, as far as we can trace, the only Old Boy who is in the American Air Force. He is officially a technical sergeant specialising in computers in the service's technology department. Ironically, Doug's first posting was to England! He spent four years at Bentwaters, Suffolk, before spending another four years at an Ohio air base. During the last year or so he has been in Vietnam, but now he's mixing with the grass-skirted dollies in Hawaii. Talk about "out of the frying pan . . . " it must be a very pleasurable fire he has found. BARNES, J. W., is at Worcester College of Education. He is studying geography and PE, and is

BASE, P. N., is studying geography at the Maria Grey College of Education. BEARD, A. D., is at the University of Lancaster where he is reading economics.

BENNETT, W. M., is studying that growing English "industry"-tourism-in one of the holiday spots, Bournemouth. He is at the local College of Technology.

BEYNON, G. W., is now a research student at King's College, Cambridge, after gaining a second class (div. 1) B.A. honours in part two of the Natural Sciences tripos at the same college. BIGMORE, Roger, another of our bachelor boys though he only says "just about", is an Air Traffic Controller at Prestwick Airport. He is licensed with Aerodrome control and area control rating. He also holds a pilot's licence.

BIGNELL, Douglas, has been awarded a three year Commonwealth Scholarship at the University of Western Ontario in the department of Plant Science after gaining a First in Agricultural

Botany at Reading University.

BOOTH, Mickie H., was one of the stars of Gloucester RFC's victory over Moseley in the first

National club K.O. championship final.

BOWLES, John F. (1947-52) is now a technical officer with the Cheltenham Telephone Exchange.

BRICK, Dave (1966-69) is in his third year of working at the Administrative HQ of the Eagle Star Insurance Group at Cheltenham. BROWN, Colin R., is working for Eagle Star Insurance Group in Cheltenham. He is now married

and lives with his wife and small son in Cheltenham.

BROWNING, J. G., is reading Physics at Sheffleld University.

BRYANT, M. B., is reading law at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

BUBB, Stanley (-1930) is Managing Director of Branksome Chemists Ltd. He qualified as a pharmaceutical chemist at the Bristol College of Pharmacy in 1933 and after subsequent relief work with Boots was appointed a branch manager, working in both Bristol and Oxford. In 1942 he started a company known as Stanley Bubb Ltd., which had five branches in Reading and one in Bournemouth. It was disposed of in 1956 when the new company of which he is head was formed. Stanley has twice been chairman of the Bournemouth and District Branch of the NPU, and also chairman of the Reading branch. He is now a member of the National Executive Committee of the NPU, representing Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Berkshire, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire. He is also President of the Parkstone and District Chamber of Trade. His wife,

Olive, is a director of Branksome Chemists Ltd.

BURLTON, Ken J., is captain of Athletics at Durham University.

BUTLER, D. J., is at the University of Sheffield where he is reading statistics. (I decline to work out how many hours have been spent in churning this lot out!-Ed.)

BUTLER, P., is at the Glamorgan Polytechnic where he is studying mining.

BUTLIN, Eric, who is at Brasenose, Oxford, has gained a graduate Diploma in Social and Administrative Studies and the Home Office Letter of Recognition in Field and Residential Child Care.

CAMM, Brian M. (1946-52) is to be congratulated on his appointment last October to the post of Senior Lecturer in Business Studies at Seale Hayne Agricultural College, in Newton Abbot. CARNEY, A. J., another of the single men, is assistant services engineer in Dowty Rotol's works department. Among his qualifications is a Higher National Diploma in Mechanical Engin-

-1965) is working in Bermuda with his wife, Jennifer. They left Gloucester, CARTER, Mark (where Mark had been working as an accountant with the local partnership of Eggleton, Gittings and Co., in September, after he obtained a similar post with a firm in Hamilton, Bermuda. CARTER, Michael, is at Bedford College, University of London.

CHALKLY, Stephen, is studying biology and P.E., at Chester's College of Education. CHANDLER, Richard, is a member of the Gloucestershire Constabulary. Stationed at Gloucester he has been a regular contributor to the activities of Matson RFC, who recently produced a major rugby surprise by winning the Gloucestershire cup and qualified for next seaon's Rugby Union national knock out competition.

CHANT, C. A., is studying electrical engineering at Brunel University.

CHRISP, David (1944-54) is now deputy director of education for part of Lincolnshire.

CLARIDGE, P. W., is studying architecture at the Gloucestershire College of Art and Design.

CLICK, Julian N. (1964-1971) is studying Social Theory and Administration at Van Mildert College, Durham.

COCKBURN, Nigel J., is a computer coder with Ready Mixed Concrete (Western) Ltd. COLE, Alan Jack (1922-27) retired in the Summer from his post as Harlow Hospital Group secretary so that he can "apply himself to some of the relaxations of life" although he is only 61. He is one of four brothers who were pupils at Rich's, though one—Dick—is now dead. When Jack left school he worked in the Gloucestershire county treasurer's department, later joining Essex County Council. He served with the RAF in Burma, Northern Ireland, India and Australia, but with the War over he became a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries in 1947. Soon afterwards he became an Associate of the Institute of Health Service Administrators. With the inception of the National Health Service in 1948 he was appointed Group Secretary of the Epping Group Hospital Management Committee. When the Harlow Group was formed in 1963 by the merger of the Epping and Hertford Hospital Groups he was appointed as secretary to no less than 10 hospitals. No doubt, with golf succeeding rugby, soccer and sailing as his main sport, Jack will be trying out several European courses, because he is a keen caravan tourer on the Continent. We send Jack and his wife the best wishes of the Association. The other brothers who are Old Richians are Donald and Roy (q.v.).

COLE, Clement (? 1953) was a laboratory technician at Swansea University when last we heard

COLE, Donald, is now living in retirement in Sydney, Australia, and his brother . . .

COLE, Roy, has retired. He is living in Weston-super-Mare.

COLLIER, Raymond V., was senior warden on an Ullapool, Scotland, nature reserve, when last we heard of him, although we understand he was to take up a post as Lincolnshire's conservation officer before Christmas. Last year he spent a month as one of the leaders of the Brathay Trust Exploration Group which was based just south of Nairobi. A keen nature lover, he was carrying out various work with the group on biology and ecology. Raymond has two young sons. COLLINS, David Brian (1956-61) has become something of a landlubber these days after seven years in the Merchant Navy. He wrote from his home in Chester to say that after rising to the rank of Chief Officer, and being for two years Master of a tug (I wouldn't mind a few days of that myself, mal de mer and all-Ed.) he has become a senior marine surveyor.

COLLINS, Dennis (1939-45) is now a senior assistant in the County Treasurer's department at

Gloucester. In his spare time Dennis, a qualified badminton coach, sits on the Council of the Gloucestershire Badminton Association.

COLWELL, Tim, has been making quite a name for himself in the local rally scene. Plans to take part in the Tour of Dean, in which last year he won a team prize, had to be scotched, however, when he was taken ill.

CONWAY, George, who was affectionately known as "King of the Chuffers" when he was at Rich's, has passed his final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and is now an Associate of the Institute.

COOK, John R (1961-8), who is in his fourth year at Brunel University, Uxbridge, was captain of Basketball last season.

COOMBS, J. F., is at St. Luke's College of Education, where he is studying geography. one of a number of geographers at colleges of further education.

COOPER, N. J., is studying tourism with W. M. Bennett at Bournemouth's College of Technol-

CRAIG, S. J., is another Old Richian who left in 1971 to study at Van Mildert College. Durham. He is reading Physics.

CURTIS, E. J. W. (1950-7) is now head of the Biology Department at St. Bartholomew's Grammar School, Newbury.

DAVIES, Paul, has been appointed the new editor of "Cars and Car Conversions" after relinquishing his post as technical editor of its biggest rival, "Hot Car", which he helped to plan and launch three years ago. He recently wrote a book on tuning and modifying Ford cars. Triple C-as his new mag is known-is a monthly publication selling to around 120,000 enthusiasts. DAVIS, P. D., is studying another of those rapidly-growing sciences, computers, at the North

Gloucestershire Technical College.

DU MUGHN, R. B. (1949-55) writes to us from Johannesburg, where he is factory manager of Quinns, South Africa's largest bread and confectionery bakery. He has been there almost a year. Mr. Du Mughn certainly knows his bread for he spent nine idyllic months in charge of a bakery in Athens after acting as production manager of bakeries in such enthralling places as Rotherham, Doncaster, Chesterfield and Bradford. Prior to that he had a short service commission in the Army Catering Corps. He writes "The Army taught me to travel, having sent me to Aldershot and then Catterick". Mr. Du Mughn, who is now married with three children, adds "I would be interested to hear from anyone who claims they know me-a thing most people keep dark about—and especially from John Dee, Paddy Sharpe and John Moody. If anyone else would like to know more first hand about the Junta in Greece or Apartheid in South Africa I'll be only too pleased to write". His address is 24 Norfolk Road, Kensington, Johannesburg, SA.

DYER, G. S., is specialising in English at the Brighton College of Education. FAULKNER, D. W., has been awarded an Engineering Scholarship with the P.O. FISHER, Martin W. P., is personnel officer with Perkins Engines at Peterborough. We are a bit

late in recording the fact that Martin, who gained a BA honours degree in English Language and Literature at Queen Mary College, University of London, was married in September 1970. Congratulations, nevertheless, and belated First Anniversary greetings! (Incidentally, has the Pete and Dud routine finally bowed out?-Ed.)

FOSTER, S. A., is studying art at the Nottingham College of Education.
FOWLER, Christopher, has left the Gloucester City Corporation. He has joined John Duncombe and Co., the Cheltenham solicitors, of whose newly-opened Gloucester office he has charge. GAGE, P., is reading materials science and technology at the University of Bradford.

GIBSON, Paul (1958-63) has given up his job as an architect to become a professional entertainer with the Variations Showband. Paul is the group's bass guitarist and vocalist. During last Summer they had a four month season at a holiday camp on the Isle of Sheppey before doing a three month tour of Europe.

GITTINGS, T. J., who has been at the Gloucestershire College of Art, has passed his Foundation course, and is now taking his Dip. A.D.

GODDARD, Richard J. (1963-70) is now a full time student at Sheffield City College of Education. He boasts of being a confirmed bachelor . . . we await the future with interest!

GRANT, M. D., is at Gypsy Hill College of Education, but we are afraid we don't know what he

GREEN, Arthur P. (1902-5), who left Rich's 65 years ago, took time out to drop us a line. Mr. Green, one of our oldest members, was the first manager of the Ministry of National Insurance at Elmbridge Court. He has long since retired and is living at Clapham Court, Gloucester. Many good wishes for the future, Arthur, from everyone in the Association.

HALL, Leslie A. (1939-43), who represented Gloucestershire in the 440 yards in 1950, is now (if he will forgive the intended pun) a highly-valued member of the Association. He has risen to be partner in the local auctioneering and land agents' firm of J. Pearce Pope and Sons, with whom he has been—except for military service—since he left Tommy's. Leslie, who lives at Epney, is a Fellow of the Chartered Surveyors, Fellow of the Valuers Association, a past-chairman and full member of the Gloucestershire Agricultural Valuers, and, when we last heard from him, he was a president of the Gloucestershire Young Farmers.

HALL, Martin, is at Newcastle University where he is in his second year, reading economics

and accountancy.

HARPER, Ronald (1960-67), treasurer of the Gloucester Richians Cricket Club, is an area representative with Lombard North Central Ltd. If you are interested in playing for the Old Boys (formerly known at STROB C.C.) then contact Ron at 10 Simon Road, Longlevens, Glou-

HARRIS, J. W., is specialising in youth leadership. He is at Trinity College, Carmarthen. HARRIS, Terrence R. (-1952) is now a Methodist minister in the Reading Circuit with -1952) is now a Methodist minister in the Reading Circuit with two churches in Caversham. A happy event is recorded under "Births".

HEMING, Anthony, is now living in Monmouth where he manages six estates for a Cheddar

firm. His brother .

HEMING, Ian, has gained an MSc in electronics after studying at Bradford University, A B.Ed. into the bargain, Ian is now reading for his Ph.D., in Nuclear Physics at the South Bank Polytechnic. We understand both brothers are married.

HILL, R. A. (1964-69) has resigned from being a tax officer with the Inland Revenue in Glou-

cester after being accepted as a police constable by the County force.

HITCHINGS, Christopher, having qualified as a Weights and Measures inspector with the City

Council in Gloucester, has taken up a post at Weymouth.

HOBBS, David (1960-7), who resigned from the post of fixture secretary to STROB C.C. because of business commitments, is now working as a planning assistant with the Leicestershire County Council. This follows his successful completion of a town planning course at the Gloucestershire College of Art last Summer.

HOOK. John, is, so we heard, aboard HMS Leopard, an anti-aircraft frigate. He is an Able Seaman. When this news came to us he was in the Turkish port of Izmir during a British Week. HOSKIN, David, obtained his BSc in chemistry at Durham last June, but has decided to go into the Church. At the moment David is teaching English at the International Language School at Tripoli after attending a course at the International Language Centre in London. He is in Libya until next September when he can take his place at Wycliffe College, Oxford, for a three year theological course. Ironically, he has met a girl in Libya with whom he went to school at Tredworth, and they have spent at least one interesting evening discussing the fates of their contemporaries!

HUGHES, Brian H. (1944-51), better known to his contemporaries as Bill, is now deputy headmaster of Abbey High School, Kenilworth. He has held the post for the past four years. Previously he was in Plymouth, teaching local scholars there. In response to our appeal for information Bill writes "I occasionally see E. P. Butcher, a former member of Rich's staff in the late

Forties, who is now teaching in Nuneaton"

HUNT, Brian D. (1964-71), who is now studying history at St. Luke's College, Exeter, has already made the 1st Badminton team at the College. On a slightly less energetic level, his sporting prowess has led to him making the second team in the College's bridge club!

HUNT, P. A. S., is one of three Old Richians who this year have gone to the Westminster Col-

lege of Education. He is specialising his studies around English and Geography.

HYLTON, Edward, who left Rich's to go to Thornbury Grammar School when his family moved from the district a few years ago, has been reading chemical engineering after going up to Imperial College, London.

IRELAND, Roderick L., is at the University of Newcastle where he is studying economics. JAMES, Derek, who is PRO for the Dowty Group, has finally completed his mammoth self-appointed task of writing the history of the old Gloster Aircraft Company. The volume will undoubtedly become the definitive work on Glosters, and includes many rare photographs and drawings never previously seen.

JEEVES, M. R., who left Rich's in 1969, is reading History at Exeter University.

JEFFERY, the Rev. Kenneth (1951-9) answered the call for information with news that he has moved from his last parish—St. Michael and All Angels, Summertown, Oxford. He is now assistant priest at St. Peter's, Brighton. He writes "There is very little resident population, but we draw on people from a wide area around Brighton." Pleasant news for our other men in cloth-Go East, young men.

JENNINGS, John L. (1911-18), epitomises the "local boy makes good" story. He is managing director of John Jennings (Gloucester) Ltd., the Brunswick Road printers.

JENNINGS, Robert H. (1958-66) is studying theology at the Birmingham Theological College, after obtaining a BA (Hons) degree at Durham University.

JENNINGS, Robert J. H. (1959-65), after two years teaching at King Edward VI School, Southampton, is teaching Mathematics at Bristol Grammar School.

JONES, Richard W., is a second year student in the chemical engineering department of Imperial College, South Kensington.

JONES, William Arthur (1930-37) is doing one of those jobs which too often people prefer to forget. He is a peripatetic remedial teacher with the City of Worcester Education Department. Incidentally, he's been the teachers' representative on that city's education committee since

JOSEPH, Roland, is still single, having reached his final year as a student at Birmingham Medical School.

JOYNER, T. M., has been named as the next Mayor of Cheltenham. In January he was ap-

pointed an Alderman. He is managing director of the Leicester Office Equipment group and during the past year has been Cheltenham's deputy mayor. He is married with two children. A Conservative councillor, Ald. Joyner, has represented the College Ward in the town for 14 years. He is chairman of the council's libraries and Arts committee. As such he has played a prominent role in Cheltenham's festivals of Music and Ant.

JUSTICE, George, who is now 70, returned to Gloucestershire for the first time since he emigrated to New Zealand in 1919 after serving as a merchant seaman. He is married with a

daughter.

KARAS, Danny (left 1967) is a telecommunications technician with the rank of Corporal in the British Army, Last November he was posted to Germany to serve with the 20th Field Workshop (Electronics) of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Since leaving Rich's he has played for the Army Apprentices School, Arborfield, at rugby and has represented various unit teams. In 1970 he did a six-month spell with the United Nations force in Cyprus.

KAY, Dr. Michael, is a senior lecturer in pathology to the United Liverpool Hospitals. He is also consultant pathologist to those hospitals and the Liverpool Regional Hospital Board. This news came from David Billingham, who writes "I hope Michael has not moved again, and that

this information is correct".

KEARSEY, William G., is another Old Richian who has gained sporting honours while at Sheffield University. He is the current Captain of Rowing.

KEEBLE, Stuart, has married. An undergraduate at Leeds University, he is studying for a Min-

KEMEYS, Ian R. S., is doing applied language studies in French, German and Russian at Ealing

Technical College. "Unmarried" appears beside his name.

KENT, Anthony J. (1935-44), who is living in Maidenhead, is the Commodity Research Controller for Mars Ltd. (Confectionery Division) at their Slough base. No doubt he's sweet on his job. (Groan-Ed.)

KING, Andrew, recently gained a BA at Oxford in Politics, Philosophy and Economics. He is now at Brunel College doing a Cert.Ed. course. He is on the Old Richians committee. He has

obtained a position at Dr. Challoner's Grammar School in Amersham.

LANE, Brian (1944-50) who gained the school's first 19 Group rugby cap as an England hooker, is attached to the Specialist Section of the Inland Revenue's head office (Brian-I don't get paid for doing this!-Ed.). A former member of both Gloucester and Bath rugby clubs who gained representative honours with the RAF, Gloucestershire and Dorset and Wilts, he joined the Civil Service from school and was soon in that organisation's own team. After working at Gloucester, his Inland Revenue work took him to Swindon, Cardiff and Bristol where he qualified as one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Taxes. After a spell in Oxford, he served as District Inspector at Ludlow before taking up his present post. He is married, with two daughters.

LAPINGTON, S., is reading English at Lincoln College, Oxford.

LANE, Roger J. O., writes: "I am single, but spoke-for in a kind of way!" which has had us scratching our heads ever since. Having gained a BA Honours degree in Geography at Oxford. he is now engaged on a certificate of education course at Leeds University.

LANGMAN, Paul, has gained an unconditional place at Pembroke College, Cambridge, to read

Mathematics. Paul, an expert on medieval church plainsong, goes up in October.

LAYTON, Michael, recently became the youngest-ever member of the Gloucester City Council when he won the Eastgate Ward from Coun. Norman Partridge (Chairman of the Parents' Association).

LEE-SMITH, J., is now an RAF officer cadet.

LEGG, B. C., is an accountant with Courtaulds in Manchester, having graduated from Manchester

University with a BA Honours in Class 2, Div. 1.

LEWIS, J. W. (1943-50) is divisional research manager to Reckitt and Colman's pharmaceutical division in Yorkshire. Last year he was Visiting Reader in the Department of Chemistry at York

LOCK, John, has been appointed sub-manager of Lloyds Bank, St. Georges's Street, Cheltenham. Previously he spent 18 months as first clerk and manager's deputy at their Stonehouse branch. John is married. He is treasurer and a former vice-president of the Gloucester and County Junior Chamber of Commerce, and enthusiastic member of Churchdown Chess Circle, and an entertainments committee member of the local RSPCA.

LORD, T. L., is studying aeronautical engineering at City University.

LOTT, G. A. M., is at the University of Sheffield where he is studying chemical engineering.

LOVERIDGE, F. G. (1928-33) is now one of the leading lights of that beautiful holiday resort in North Cornwall, Newquay. He is a director of F. Loveridge Ltd., and Cornwall Hotel and Caterings Ltd., founder chairman of Newquay Round Table, a past chairman of the town's Chamber of Commerce, a governor of Newquay Adult Education College and also churchwarden/treasurer of the parish church of St. Columb Minor. Quite a distingushed list (How's Penhale these days?-Ed.).

MANDER, B. A. C., has gained his Engineering Tripos Part I, Class II, Div. I at Fitzwillian

College, Cambridge.

MANLEY, Adrian R. (1963-71) is now reading biology at Queen Elizabeth College, University of

MARTIN, C. H., is learning the whys and wherefores of physical education at Loughborough College of Education.

MARTIN, R. E. C. (?-1945) was the deputy manager of the National Provincial Bank at Plymouth, according to the last news we had of him.

MASCIE-TAYLOR, C. G. N., is doing research work in the genetics field these days. He is at Churchill College, Cambridge. He gained his BSc in Human Biology at Surrey University.

McDOWALL, N. A., is at the University of Birmingham, reading biochemistry.

McGARRICK, Jim, has answered our appeal for information with the following statement: "Place of Work/Study (work deleted)—Bristol University". In answer to the request for "Position, Qualifications, Married, Etc." Jim, in typical manner, replies: "Third year Hons. physiology. Unmarried (except to books!) cordon bleu chef, spaghetti my speciality. As yet no Nobel Prize. Expert at intracellular recording from snail brain. Awaiting acceptance to Foreign Legion,

pending success in entrance exam." Send us a post card, matey!

McWILLIAM, Andrew, is a recent leaver whom we welcome—with his colleagues—into the Association. He is studying for a BSc in Applied Physics and Electronics at Van Mildent College.

University of Durham.

MERCER, Norman (Johnny), has been living dangerously in recent months. As first secretary at the British Embassy in Saigon he had the shock of his life when a Vietcong plot to kidnap him and his wife, Rita, was uncovered by the South Vietnamese special security head, Col. Mguyen Mau. Apparently the Vietcong had got at the Mercers' cook and his wife, but a Chinesemade rifle found in the Embassy gave them away. John's comment: "He was a rotten cook anyway. I was glad to see the back of him". After leaving Rich's Mr. Mercer worked in the local income tax offices, but after a period in the Navy he joined the Foreign Office staff. He has been an embassy secretary in Greece, Prague and later in Jerusalem where he met Rita. Their son, Ricky, is a student at Durham University.

MERRETT, Bryan, also hit the national headlines last year when he led the English table tennis team across the Chinese border after they had participated in the world championships. Bryan is the non-playing captain of the team which set an international precedent after the Communists suddenly started de-freezing the Cold War last year.

MORGAN, G., is now taking an MSc at Surrey University, having gained his C.E.I. Academic

Test Pass at the North Gloucestershire Technology College.

MORGAN, Mike, is another of the wits in the Association. He is at Ealing Technical College and writes: "Position?-sitting; Qualifications?-None; Married?-No, not even etc. Greetings,

MORGAN, Peter, who graduated last July from Leeds University with a BA degree in Semitic languages, has been spending time as a trainee librarian at the John Rylands Library in Manchester. Peter writes "I'm engaged to be married next Summer. Otherwise I'm still sound in body and mind."

MOSS, Charles, who is employed in the municipal offices at Guildford, is currently on a four year BSc course at Aston University. A student public health inspector, he is studying environ-

mental health.

MOULSDALE, John, is Assistant City Planning Officer with Gloucester City Council.

MULLINS, Noel (1949-55) is Wiltshire County Council's senior architect. Dropping us a muchwelcomed line he wrote "Just built my own house this last summer (with the help of some tradesmen and a few friends of course). Feeling fit but rather shattered." That'll teach him to move away from the drawing board.

NEININGER, P. D., is now a house officer at the Dorchester County Hospital after obtaining

his L.R.C.P. and M.R.C.S. at Birmingham University.

NIND, Robert A. (1951-9) is a Senior Research Fellow with the Administration at the University of Sussex. At the present time "Archie", a former school captain who later returned to teach at Rich's, is seconded to hold a Fellowship on the "Planning and Management of Universities" project being sponsored by the Department of Education and Science at Sussex University.

OLIJNYK, Joe, is a quantity surveyor with Bare, Leaning and Bare in Gloucester. In his spare time he risks life and limb as navigator to a Citizen reporter in motor rallies in the region.

OSADA, A. C. L., is studying Anthropology at Hatfield College, Durham.

PAGET, Keith, who left Tommies about 1940, is now a representative for the Guardian Royal

Exchange Assurance Company, in Johannesburg.

PANTER, Maurice. The story about him shows the funny places you can get to hear of Old Boys. Alan Watkins was sitting in the Newport Rugby club press box chatting to some fellow reporters when one of them mentioned he originally came from Gloucester. One thing led to another, and it emerged that Maurice was his brother. So here is the information: Maurice is a trouble shooter with Saunders Valves Ltd., at Cwmbran. He is playing rugby these days for Cwmbran, after retiring from the first class scene having played for Longlevens, Pontypool, Abertillery, and Newport. Ironically, he never played at school.

PEGG, Richard, is studying at the Technical College in Gloucester. He writes "I'm an unmarried, hard worked GCE student (in other words I'm doing what I should have done at school)".

PERKS, Prof. A. M., who has a double MA among many other honours, has been appointed Professor of Zoology in the University of British Columbia at Vancouver. Thanks for your letter. PICKTHORNE, ? ? (1935-40) is a valuer with the Inland Revenue at the District Valuer and Valuation Officer's Department in Gloucester. (I hope we only meet out of office hours!—Ed.).

PONTIN, Dr. Alan, the former Midland Counties 440 yards champion, is now married and working with his wife, another doctor, at Mpilo Central Hospital, Bulawayo, Rhodesia. He went there in August after passing his finals at Birmingham University. Since then he has been studying for his Surgeons' examinations, and was the only doctor from Mpilo to pass the first

POULES, R. S., is studying French and German at Bradford Technical College.

QUINN, David (1957-62) is the senior assistant valuer in Leicester City Estates Department, a post he has held two years. A Professional Associate of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, he trained and qualified as a Chartered Auctioneer and Estate Agent with the Gloucestershire County Council's Land Agents and Valuer's department.

RALPH, D. J., is one of two old boys who, we hear, are studying public health at the Bir-

mingham Polytechnic.

RANDLES, T. R., has gained a BSc 2nd Class Div. II Honours in physics at the East Anglia

University.

RAWCLIFFE, The Ven. Derek Alec (1929-1939) is archdeacon of Southern Melanesia where he has been living since 1947. He was in Britain last year visiting relatives while taking a long leave. RAWLINGS, Colin, so a little blue bird tells us, has got engaged to a girl from London.

REDDING, M. A., is another physical educationalist. He is at St. Luke's College of Education. REES, A. S., is also at St. Luke's. He, however, is studying English. He and Mike Redding are lodging in the same house.

RIGBY, Ken, writes from wildest Cornwall where he is living with his wife and two daughters. Having gained his Certificate in Education, he is now an assistant teacher at the Tywardreath C.P. School. Apparently poor old Ken is lonely for he says "Anyone down this way is really welcome to 'pop-in'. It's a pillar-box red house close to the 'Safe Harbour Inn'". As if any Old Richian would frequent the vicinity of such an establishment purveying alcoholic beverages! Any-

way, the address is 45, Lostwithiel Street, Fowey.

ROBERTS, Arthur G., wrote to the school sometime ago about his family's long connection with Rich's. His father first attended Tommies about a century ago, and Mr. Roberts followed in his footsteps in 1903 when Jimmy Crofts was still headmaster. He was reminded of his unique distinction when sorting through some old books and papers. He found two school prizes—one to his father and one to himself—and a picture of his dad while at school wearing the old "blue coat" uniform. Mr. Roberts wrote "I apologise for inflicting this on you but perhaps it is true that reminiscence is a sign of old age, though it is equally pleasant". It was certainly pleasant hearing from him after all these years.

ROBINS, Steve (1964-9) has left the Gloucester and County News Service to join his contemporaries, Nigel Dean and Alan Watkins, in the Reporters department of the Citizen. If you add Frank Watkins (accounts), Robert Davies (photographic) and Ron Hamblett (teleprinter), then the old boys have a strong representation down in St. John's Lane. Un petit oiseau Francais has it that Steve may be getting engaged in the none too distant future. Ooh la la! ROBINSON, D., is doing economic studies at the University of Newcastle.

ROE, D. P. (1962-70) is one of several Old Boys based on Exeter. He is reading physics and economics at the University.

RYDER, M. J., is learning the "inns" and outs of hotel and catering administration at the Birming-

ham College of Food and Domestic Arts.

SAMUEL, R. E., is one of a number of Old Richians who is following a career in the public health field. He is studying at Enfield Technical College these days.

SARGEANT, Dave, is working in the Hucclecote branch of Barclays Bank.

SCOTT, T. E. (1946-54) has been doing extensive travelling throughout Europe during the past five years. Mr. Scott, who lives at Pinner, Middlesex is development assistant to the Traction and Rolling Stock engineer (development) of the British Railways Board. He has represented British Rail on the . . . wait for it . . . Office de Recherches D'Essais de Union Internationale de Chemin de Fers. (My French was diabolical, but Mr. Scott assures me this is the office for experiments and tests of the International Union of Railways. They could not do better than experiment some time with an easier title!-Ed.) As well as Germany and Holland, Mr. Scott-who is a chartered engineer and a Member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers-has been to Switzerland. Austria and Poland. In between trips he found time to drop us a line (no pun intended!)

SERGEANT, P. S., is studying drama and English with J. M. Smith at Westminster College of Education.

SHEPHARD, Jonathon G., has gained his English BA at St. Catherine's College, Oxford. He is now engaged on another first degree course at St. Catherine's—this time in law. SHORT, R. J. B. (1950-5) is a partner in the Gloucester estate agency of R. E. Graham and

SHORT, Terry, is in Gloucester CID.

SIK, Michael, is taking a Doctor of Philosophy degree at Darwin College, Cambridge. SILLS, Christopher N., is an assistant building quantity surveyor at Bristol where he is studying for his HNC, having gained an ONC in Building Construction. Meanwhile, brother . . .

SILLS, Timothy, is at Newport where he is an assistant quantity surveyor in civil engineering. He is studying for his ONC.

SMART, Norman L. V., retired last year from his post as Deputy Hospital Secretary to the

Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, after more than 40 years service.

SMITH, Fr. Douglas, made history last year when he became the first Roman Catholic to be ordained priest in Gloucester since the Reformation. After leaving Rich's he spent four years as a laboratory technician at the Gloucestershire Royal Hospital before studying as a secular priest. He represented the Clifton diocese at Breakspear College, Abbots Langley, and Oscott College, Sutton Coldfield. Before being ordained he served his diaconate at Christ the King, Amesbury.

SMITH, J. M., is with P. S. Sargeant at Westminster College of Education (q.v.).

SMITH, Leslie E. (1913-22), is now living at Hucclecote after retiring from the staff of Cable and Wireless Ltd., of London.

SMITH, Peter (?-1952) is a Doctor in Boort, Victoria, Australia. SMITH, Commander Reginald John (1907-12) is another senior member of the Old Richians' Association living in Eastbourne (q.v. C. A. A. Hankins). I may be wrong but I think he is the only member of the Association whose name appears in "Who's Who" for 1963 which is the latest edition the Editor could lay his hands on (I can't get Debrett or Kelly's Directory for East-bourne, unfortunately—Ed). Now in his 77th year, it is time we recognised in full his distinguished service which was capped by his election as a Vice President of the Old Boys. He joined the Metropolitan Police in 1915 but was soon in action, spending the years 1917-19 in France and Flanders with the Royal Artillery. He rejoined the Met in 1919 and was promoted Sergeant the following year, just before his marriage. Some years later he was promoted Inspector and in 1940 became a Superintendent. In 1945 he was awarded the King's Police Medal for distinguished service during a Flying Bombattack on London. In that year he was appointed Assistant Chief of the British Police Mission to Greece, but the following year he was back in England with the rank of Deputy Commander. In 1947 he was appointed Commander, a rank he held until his retirement from the Metropolitan Police in 1958. In 1951 he was made a Chevalier of the Order of Dannebrog, and three years later he was created a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order. He is also an Officer of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. Since his retirement he has become a Churchwarden and vice chairman of East Dean Parish Council in Eastbourne.

SMITH, S. W., is this year's president of the Gloucester Rotary Club.

SPARROW, K. G. (1931-37). Our old boys who have played for Gloucester Rugby Football Club are many. Names like Bill Hook and Mickie Booth spring to mind, but the record number of appearances on the Kingsholm pitch must go to Ken Sparrow who recently recorded his 25th anniversary as the magic sponge merchant to ailing players. Ken is station officer at the City Ambulance headquarters in Eastern Avenue. I'm not quite certain, but I don't think we recorded that he was enrolled as a Serving Brother of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem recently. (And I thought T. E. Scott's organisation had a tongue-twisting title-Ed.).

STAITE, N. R., is reading jurisprudence at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford. STEVENS, Terry (1955-62) tells us he married in 1964 and now has two children, a five-year-old daughter and a three-year-old son. He is Chemistry Master at Southern Grammar School for Boys, Portsmouth.

STILWELL, N. J., is hoping to specialise in traffic engineering. Employed in the Gloucester City Engineer and Surveyor's Department, he is attending an ONC/HNC course at the North Gloucestershire Technical College where he is hoping to qualify as a civil engineering technician. STONE, Barry, recently married.

SYMONS, Robert J. (1960-5) qualified as a solicitor in November 1970. He served his articles with G. H. Turner, of Messrs. Haines and Sumner. The following month he was appointed assistant

solicitor with Shrewsbury Borough Council.

TANKARD, Malcolm Henry (1939-42) was recently awarded his PhD for a thesis on stereochemistry of Esters. He ran a business in London, but sold it and went to live in St. Ives, Cornwall. When he recently revisited Rich's Malcolm announced that he was hoping to go to Australia in the near future.

TAYLOR, Gavin, was seriously injured in a car crash near his home in September. He is a photographer at Brockworth. We wish him well.

TERRY, David, who learnt the error of his ways in time to teach at Rich's after being educated at another Gloucester Grammar School (old rivalries forbid me to mention its name except in the sporting sections) and revived the school rowing club, has been appointed headmaster of a 1,000 pupil comprehensive school in Lancashire. Mr. Terry-well known at Rich's for his 750 cc motorbike—is chief examiner in modern mathematics for the North Regional CSE Board and has been appointed the head of Hillside High School at Bootle. The new school is an amalgamation of a local girl's grammar and a mixed secondary modern. After leaving Rich's Dave, now married with a son and daughter went to Wallingford Grammar School, then Marsh Hill Technical-Grammar School for Boys at Birmingham before being appointed to his last post as head of the Upper school at Abraham Darby School, Telford.

THORLEY, D. B., left Rich's in the Summer to go to University College, Swansea, to read

TUDOR, M. G., having gained a BSc in Physics at Sussex University, and subsequently gained his Dip.Ed. at Bath University, is teaching physics at King Edward's School, Witley, Godalming, Surrey.

TYLER, Alan (1948-54) is still studying even now. Alan, who lives at Wotton-under-Edge with his wife and two sons, is currently doing a part I BSc degree course at Cardiff. He is ultimately hoping for an honours in Archaeology. He writes that after leaving Sir Thomas Rich's he did an apprenticeship in industrial chemistry at Permali, and continued working there until 1959. He then joined Plessey's research establishment at Caswell, Northants, where he spent seven and a half years before he transferred to Eric Controls in Northampton. He was employed on process engineering until last August. He writes that two Old Richians who were at School the same time as himself were Keith Bryant and Tony Beanson. He met up with them again in Northampton, but for the past five years has been out of touch with them. (Keith, Tony—Alan lives at 17 Shepherd Leaze, Wotton, these days!) Incidentally, Alan adds in his letter "I represented Northants at Archery which will be a surprise to anyone who remembers the effort I used to expend in dodging sports' afternoons at school!"

TYLER, Martin W., who is well known among our rugby fraternity, is currently in the middle of a few years "moving around". When last we heard of him he was in Toronto, Canada. URSELL, Barrie, is another vehement bachelor. He is an accounts' clerk in the Gloucestershire

Surveyor's Department.

VINER, Alan, is the first person to study for a performance degree on the organ at Reading University. He is studying under the guidance of John Webster, the well known organist at University College, Oxford. Alan made his public debut last Summer with a recital at St. Luke's Church, in Gloucester.

WALTON, Chris, the newly-elected captain of the Cricket Club, is working for Messrs. S. J. Moreland and Sons.

WATERS, B. D. (1962-65) writes that he is now in his first full-time employment! He has just gained his PhD in Biochemistry at Birmingham University and has just obtained the post of assistant chemist and bacteriologist with a WaterCompany in Staines, Middlesex.

WATKINS, Alan O. (1958-64), is one of the founder members of the Gloucester Civic Trust. A member of its Council of Management, Alan is the Trust's first Secretary. His father . .

WATKINS, Frank (1932-37) was recently presented with the first clasp (a bar in layman's terms) to the Army Cadet Force medal, representing 24 years service. A captain, he is second-in-command of the local Cadet Battalion. Frank was at one time a member of Patsy's Army. To the uninitiated, this was the school's old Cadet Corps, named after "Patsy" Davis, who ran it. His younger son .

WATKINS, Malcolm J., is in his third year at the University College, Cardiff, where he is reading archaeology. After his successes with the University's badminton team, Malcolm has now turned to shooting-a hobby followed by his father and brother, who are both on the Old Richians' Committee. He is now in the 'Varsity' smallbore team, only a few months after taking up the sport, and became the first member in the club's history to gain a "possible"—100 per cent accuracy. This feat was marked by the presentation to him of a silver spoon.

WELLS, Bryan (1940-46), that stalwart of the Association who is headmaster of Hempsted School (good luck with the new building when it's completed!) has just come of age in the rugby world. After 21 years as a referee, Bryan has finally confirmed our digs of past years that he is slowing down. Want to hire some crutches, old 'un?

WELLS, Colin, is a senior systems analyst with Burroughs Machines Ltd., at Castle Bromwich. He is married-to a teacher.

WHEELER, Robert, is a conveyancing assistant with the Gloucester City Council. He is studying

for qualification to the Institute of Legal Executives. WHITCOMBE, Rev. Michael G. S. (1942-53) is chaplain and sixth form master at the Diocesan

Boys School in Kowloon, Hong Kong. He is co-author of The Oxford Progressive History for Hong Kong Missionary, U.S.P.G. However, Michael was returning to Britain in July this year. Until further notice he will be on leave at Frankton Rectory, Rugby.

WHITEHOUSE, Peter, has given up the banking world, and is currently doing social studies at the Teesside Technical College, Middlesbrough. He was seriously injured last Autumn in a car crash in which his brother was killed, but we are glad to report that Peter is now up and

WHITNEY, J. J., is a public health inspector with Stroud Rural District Council, after gaining the necessary diploma at the Bristol Polytechnic.

WILLIAMS, A. R. J. (1922-27) lives in Nine Elms Road, Gloucester. We hear from him that he is the District Administrative Officer for the MEB. Electrifying news, so to speak, Meanwhile

WILLIAMS, Michael J., is at Reading University where he is in the College of Estate Management. He writes to say he is "still single and happy".

WILLS, D. L., is now working at Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, where he is a development engineer holding a Bachelor of Science degree. He is also an Associate Member of the Institute of Industrial Engineers.

WINTER, Michael H., is a student at Durham University.

WOOD, John, has returned to Gloucestershire as a development chemist with Spice and Flavour Services, Ltd., at Cam. He gained his BSc Hons 2nd Class Div. 2 in Food Technology in the National College of Food Technology at Reading University.

WORTH, A. F. N. (1942-6) is training adviser with the Rubber and Plastics Processing Industry

Training Board. He is Number 2 to the Senior training adviser (Midlands Region) acting in a consultancy role to industry. He helps with training techniques and methods for all levels of employee in the industry from the operative up to management level.

WRIGHT, Nigel, who is an undergrad reading zoology and botany at University College, Car-

diff, has become engaged.

WYATT, Martin T., is attached to Bristol Hospitals while at the local University. He writes to tell us that having passed his second MB, he is on the clinical part of the MB ChB course. (The translations department of the Old Richians Association muttered something about these being the first steps towards unintelligible medical prescriptions, but I think that was being unkind.-Ed.).

WYNN, David I. (1959-66) has relinquished his position as head of Boys PE at Wadhurst County Secondary School, Sussex, to take up a commission in the RAF. David, who captained Crow-hurst RFC, has played for Sussex.

YATES, Sidney F. (1939-45) is the president of the Gloucester and District Coal Merchants' Association. He is branch manager of John Williams and Co., in the City. At the time of writing, the Power Dispute was in full swing, with the local coal supply rapidly diminishing as Sidney's grey hairs increased.

YORKE, Anthony (1949-55) has been appointed development Director of Deyong Golding Ltd., of Shoreham, Sussex. He joined them in 1963 as time and motion study engineer. In 1968 Deyong Golding appointed him their Production Manager. He is married with three children, and his home is at Lancing, Sussex.

GENTLEMEN ...

Over half the Old Richians Association membership is represented in the items above. Without your response over Christmas this would not have been possible, and proves to us that we aren't wasting our time.

If the standard is to be retained and preferably improved it is up to you to start sending in little bits of gossip now for next year's magazine.

Thank you all!

(AW and FW)