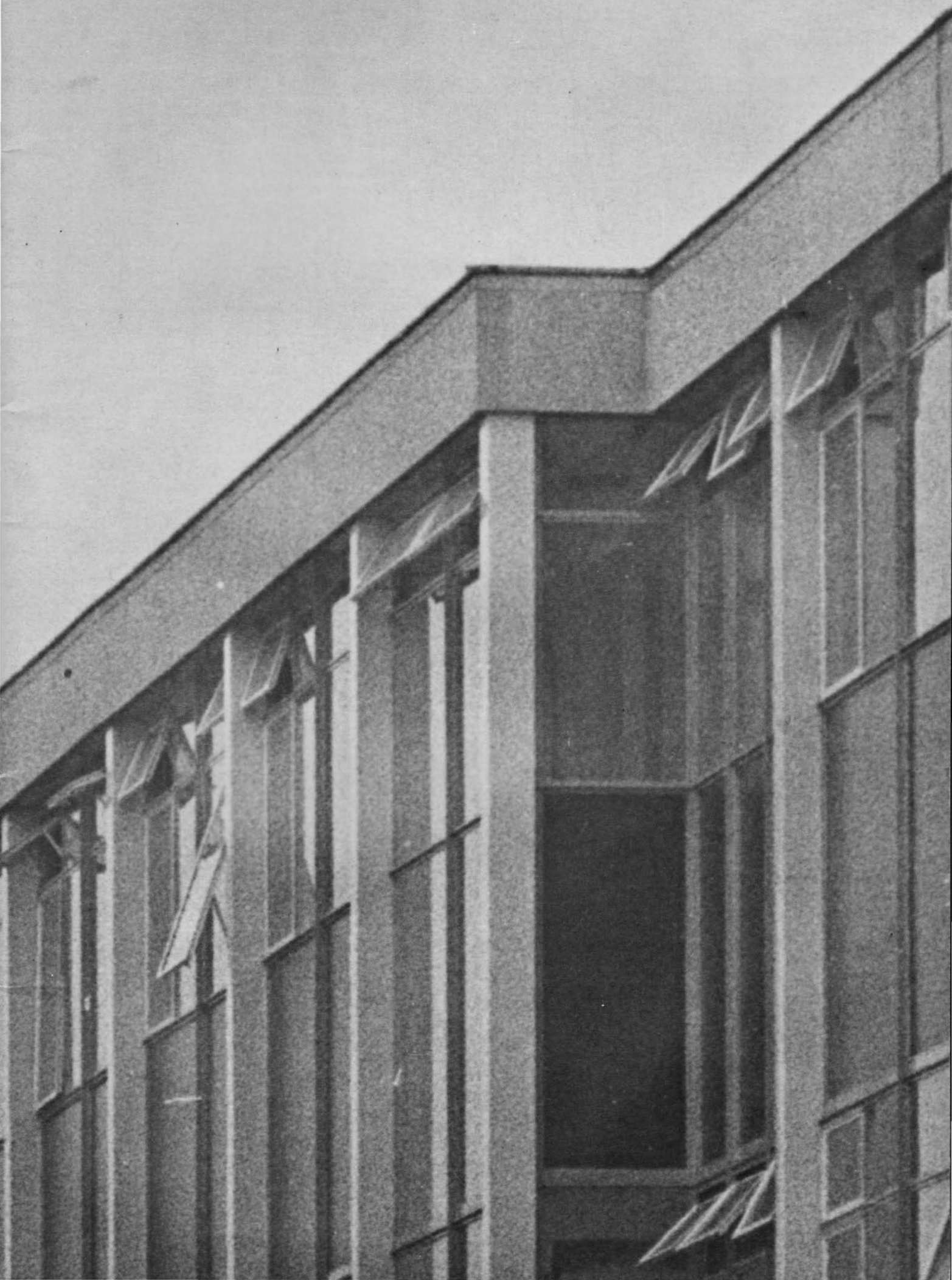




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## EDITOR'S REPORT

Looking back through past issues of "The Richian", I see that every editor has found it difficult to start the report of the year's activities. Some have used quotes to open their efforts ("Begin at the beginning"); others have just plunged in with "the year started .." and some have even admitted that "it is very difficult to know where to start, however ..." Using all that to hide my own loss for words, I start by recalling that the first major event on the calendar was the University Forum last September.

This was attended by pupils from throughout the city who listened to lectures covering many aspects of university life, and who also spoke to students who have already undertaken further education. The event was a great success, and it is to be hoped that succeeding generations of sixth-formers will be able to attend similar functions.

A week later came Speech Day, bringing Mr. D.G.T. Williams and his impressive array of post-surname letters to the school. He is Senior Tutor of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, one of the most popular colleges amongst our third-year sixth intellectuals, and his entertaining speech was the highlight of an excellent evening.

The Parents' Association has of course continued its admirable support of the school. Celebrity Lectures are, it seems, losing some of their attraction and the

Association now faces the enormous problem of how to tempt people into parting with their hard-earned, not-quite-worthless, pounds. Nevertheless, the usual variety of speakers has visited the school to give talks on anything from House Plants to Loch Ness Monsters and from Graves to — well, to almost everything really, for Cyril Fletcher's soirée was nothing if not wide-ranging.

December saw the usual, immaculately-organised Carol Services at St. John's and Longlevens — praise enough has already been given to these evenings, which seem to go from strength to strength every year. In the same month there was another event which doesn't usually receive much acclaim but which is almost as sacred to the hearts of the prefects — namely the Cock House Party and its accompanying play. This year's was certainly one of the best ever, and was as much fun to produce as to watch (perhaps even more!) Stratford hasn't yet offered us the use of its theatre, but it must only be a matter of time ... "Carols by Candlelight" was performed in December, too, and as with all the concerts in the Library, both the performances and the refreshments were very enjoyable.

Adequate mention is made elsewhere of "Handel and Horror" and of the Occasional Players' "Merry Wives of Windsor", so as regards music, I need only record that singers and players from the school have given performances in the Cathedral, Hucclecote, on a minor tour of Hastings, at that mecca of the musical world, Hempstead, and of course at



the two Founder's Day services which were of the expected high standard.

Individuals are not usually mentioned in the School Report, but for three boys 1975/76 has been a year of outstanding sporting achievement. The two Trenfield brothers have been the scourge of the swimming pools throughout the country. Steven has won eight county championships, the same number of Western Counties championships, innumerable local events and has qualified for both the National and European Youth Championships.

Younger brother David has won four county titles, and is almost unbeaten locally. He too is going to the Nationals in Leeds in August. Stephen Baker has also reached the top of his sport, rugby. He played for the England Under-16's both in this country and on a tour of France. Thanks are due here to school-captain Mike Jones who, so he tells me, taught Steve all he knows!

Congratulations and best wishes go to all three boys. Finally, we must remember that the school's primary role is an academic one, and it has continued to function at a remarkably high level. During the year, a record number of eight boys have gained places at Oxford and Cambridge, two of them with exhibitions. This is a remarkable tally and congratulations are due to all the boys and the staff concerned.

May the next 310 years be as good as the last ones.

Gareth Cox

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT: The Headmaster  
CHAIRMAN: Mr. Ken Morris  
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About 100 parents again attended the AGM, which was the occasion for the past Chairman and Secretary, Mr. Norman Partidge and Mr. Gerry Barber to stand down, after many years of service. We are grateful for their wise guidance, and glad that Gerry Barber was able to continue on the committee for a further year to give us the benefit of his long experience.

As usual, most of the nominations put forward by the committee were accepted without a vote. There is merit in a measure of continuity, but it needs to be emphasized that any parent can be nominated for any post.

After the AGM we were fascinated by an illustrated talk from Mr. Huddleston on "The Gloucestershire Garden Heritage 1375-1975" and we offer our thanks to him for opening our eyes to the beauty on our doorstep.

The 1st year Sherry Party was a success and we were pleased that the numbers of new parents who joined the Parents' Association increased, after the disappointing response the previous year. It was also encouraging that so many signed covenants, which enabled us to reclaim the tax. We hope this will continue as the

need for financial support has never been greater and many of the minor sports and fringe activities, which add to the richness of school life, would have to stop without our assistance.

Due to a fall off in support for the "traditional" celebrity lectures we decided to experiment with a comedian but "An Evening with Cyril Fletcher" was not a financial success. The event was enjoyed by those who attended but it made a loss overall.

The committee then had to retrieve the situation so the ladies organised a jumble sale, and a rugby film evening and large scale draws were also arranged. The rugby films showed a profit, but well below what was hoped for, due to insufficient support. However most parents responded to our request regarding the draw and this showed a worthwhile profit. We are most grateful to those who played their part in this effort.

The P.A. Dance which was the other main social event was again a success. The one regret was that the hall wasn't larger! All the tickets were sold very quickly and some parents who wanted to come were disappointed.

One change is that the parents now have the opportunity to appoint one Governor for the school. Unfortunately we were only informed at short notice so a vote was taken at a special committee meeting and Ken Morris, our Chairman, was elected from the nominations received. There will be an opportunity to discuss the future procedure at the AGM in September. (continued)

The Swimming and Bowls sections continue to flourish but are always glad of support and additional members. A word of appreciation is appropriate to Mr. Rangeley and the boys for all the music they have given us during the year. "Carols by Candlelight"; the carol services; "Handel & Horror" — a delightful contrast in styles — the Founders Day services — the list is endless. The danger is that we come to accept the very high standards as normal and forget the tremendous effort which is put in to achieve this, year after year.

Finally our thanks to the "Refreshment Mums", so ably led by Mrs. Stephens, who week by week quietly meet our every demand — and make a profit for the school in the process.

The year ahead may be even more difficult but we are fortunate as parents in having our children at a school which is second to none and it is up to us to support it in every way we can.

Mr. Douglas Bruce

## ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

We have been fortunate at Rich's this year, in that only three members of staff have left us. Details of their services to the school appear elsewhere, so it only remains for me to give some details of the new arrivals.

Mr. Edmund Tickner arrived from Bristol University last September, and has already become involved in activities during and

outside school hours. As well as playing his official rôle of teaching lower school French, he has also taken over from Mr. Bates as form-master of 1T. He takes a keen interest in cross-country and athletics, and is responsible too, for the present rash of Lolobrigida-like accents in the upper sixth.

We have also welcomed Mr. Andrew J. Pearce, who came to us from Shearwater County Secondary School, Woking. He was educated at Lucton School, Ross Grammar School and King Alfred College, Winchester, where he obtained the Advanced Certificate of Education for Handicrafts. He was faced with the formidable task of replacing Mr. Eddie Pritchard, but has settled down very well and is obviously going to be a helpful and popular member of staff. His interest in woodwork is apparently contagious, for he already organises a well-supported lunchtime group of budding cabinet-makers-cum-sculptors.

Mr. Bates has been replaced by Mr. Martin Riley, who joins us from Marling School, Stroud — perhaps he was impressed by our regular victories at rugby and cricket over that school! He is a man of many parts, for he has obtained qualifications in natural sciences, geology and geography from North East Essex Technical College and Selwyn College Cambridge. He is Mr. Tickner's "partner-in-crime" for athletics and cross-country activities, and is also a distinguished member of the Choral Society — having been a member of the Cathedral Choir for some time.

As I write, the replacements for Mr. Tom G. Smith, and Mr. Tom C. Sweeting have just been chosen. They are Mr. M. Ioan Davies, who come to us from Alcester Grammar School. He obtained his degree in Maths from the London University, and is a dedicated follower of rugby and cricket.

Mr. Ian S.C. Cutting comes from Desborough Grammar School, Maidenhead. He has a degree in French from the University of Reading, and has also studied at Poitiers.

To all these new members of staff, we offer a sincere welcome, and hope that their careers at Rich's will be long and enjoyable.



MR. NIGEL BATES

Mr. Nigel Bates joined the School in September 1970. He had been exposed to the intensity and turbulence of the revolution in Geography within the Bristol Department of the late 1960's, and then to the more leisurely study at Oxford where he was awarded a

distinction in his teaching diploma.

The benefits of both were soon felt at School. If his classes worked hard, he himself worked harder, and while no shoddy exercise was accepted from any boy his own lessons were most thoroughly researched. He was always glad to give time and care to those for whom he took responsibility. Field courses at Swanage, Kampen, Salcombe, Guimpir, Durham and Chartres owed much to his attention to organisation details. During his time at School he was elected to one of the committees of the Geographical Association.

The School Cross Country Club was lifted to its present stature by his strong influence. It's successes reported so frequently in Assembly and in the local press are received elsewhere in this and earlier editions of the Richian, but for Nigel Bates it meant supervisory training every lunch hour and many evenings, driving the mini-bus hundreds of miles to obtain adequate competition, and fostering a team spirit that can only be achieved through a personal interest in each member.

There are other areas of school life in which he made his full contribution and in which he took pride and for which we thank him. Especially we remember that firm tread through the Hall and merry quip to fellow travellers.

In his appointment as Head of Geography, Magdalen College School Oxford we offer sincere congratulations and good wishes for a happy and satisfying career.

A.S.P.



#### Mr. TOM SMITH

This term we say goodbye to Mr. T.G. Smith who leaves us to take up an appointment as Head of Modern Languages at Mid Gloucestershire Technical College.

He joined the staff in September, 1967 as Head of the French Department. His presence was soon felt when a tape recorder, projector and screen were installed in Room 8 and a modern audio visual course was started. Other rooms have now been equipped and internal orals have become very much part of the annual examination routine.

He has actively encouraged french exchanges and due to his enthusiasm the Rambouillet exchange at second form level was set up. For the last two years every boy in the second year has had the opportunity to go to Rambouillet for ten days. The whole of the present second year sixth Frenchset spent the first ten days of this term in France.

As an experienced 6th form master many boys have good reason to be thankful for the help and encouragement he has given them both in and after they have left school.

A keen sportsman, he has played an active part in coaching and refereeing school rugby. In recent years he has built up a successful swimming club which meets most mornings at 8.00 a.m. in the school pool. A P.S.V. licence holder, he has driven school teams to away matches on many occasions.

He helped run the voluntary service undertaken by the fifth and sixth forms at the end of each summer term. One-year he actually re-plastered one room which our boys had over-enthusiastically stripped.

He will particularly be missed in the Common Room for his advice on allotments and vegetable growing, his avid tea-drinking, and pipe smoking at every opportunity. He has been a member of that select band of 'staff ton-up boys'.

We wish him every success and look forward to seeing him and his wife at school functions for many years to come. He leaves behind a link with the school in that his son Patrick will still be with us.

J.D.H.



# OBITUARY

It is with deep regret and sorrow that we mark the death in March of this year of Mr. Tom C. Sweeting. He was 59.

Mr. Sweeting was educated at Gowerton Grammar School and University College, Swansea. After service in the Education Branch of the Royal Navy during the war, he was appointed to the staff of Sir Thomas Rich's in January 1947 as a Mathematics teacher, although, in his early years, when the school was considerably smaller, he taught Chemistry as well.

He was a devoted and successful teacher who insisted on the mastery of the fundamentals of his subject as a basis for success. He demanded sound concentration and hard work from his pupils, whether in the first year or the sixth form and many boys have been indebted to him for achieving results of which they never thought themselves capable. He had a remarkable memory for names and could remember even the desk occupied by a boy years after he had left school.

Mr. Sweeting's interests were centred on Rich's and, prior to his long illness, he was constant in his support of school functions. He took over the Chess Club soon after his arrival and saw it established as one of the most successful in the country. A generation of schoolboys will remember him as the official starter at the school sports and the rugby club as a highly competent referee. In his younger days he played cricket for the staff XI and kept goal in the annual staff v boys football and hockey matches. He served as school librarian for the past seven years and succeeded Mr. Nicholas as marshal at Speech Days.

Mr. Sweeting had been failing in health for a number of years but refused to give in or reduce his workload. He never complained and bore his illness with a fortitude that won the admiration of all who knew him. He will be remembered with respect and affection for his courage, his gentlemanly qualities and his devotion to the school.

When he entered Standish Hospital in December 1975, no-one suspected that he would never leave it. His years of battling against poor health however proved too much when he fell victim of the 'flu epidemic and he just did not have sufficient reserve of strength to fight it.

He was buried at Coney Hill Cemetery and his funeral in many ways reflected his love for the school and the school's respect for him. Boys, old boys and staff attended in force, six colleagues acted as bearers and the service was conducted by another good friend of the school, Canon Reg Houghton.

A widower for some fourteen years, Mr. Sweeting is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Jane Richardson. To her and her brother and sister, we extend our deepest sympathy.

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The Second Form visit to Rambouillet this year was in a somewhat modified form. Instead of being accommodated in dormitories at the Lycée, the boys were received by French families on an exchange basis, an arrangement which worked very well.

Two groups were involved: the first, led by Mr. T.G. Smith and Mr. Spear, from 27 February to 8 March, and the second, with Mr. Saluveer and Mr. Barrington, from 23 April to 3 May, a total of forty-four boys. The second group was enlivened by the presence of twelve girls from Colwell School, accompanied by Mrs. Sleeman. The party was completed by eight of our Sixth Formers travelling with the group but leaving to do their own thing once arrived at Rambouillet.

The programme arranged for us followed very closely the pattern set last year: sessions in school and visits to Paris and Versailles. Our boys received their French counterparts in Gloucester in the Easter and Whitsun holidays. Trips were arranged to London, Burford, Bath and Dodington Manor. The second group was received at the Guildhall by the Mayor and Sheriff.

Sir Thomas Rich's School and the Lycée de Rambouillet are now officially linked as twin schools and it is to be hoped that the association will continue and develop in the future, after the successful experiences of the last two years. Thanks are due to the parents, both English and French without whose interest and co-operation the exchange would not have been possible.

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To return to last summer's expedition, I am bound to say how much everyone enjoyed the eleven days' fell walking. The party, led by Mr. Rangeley with the assistance of Mr. Moss and myself, consisted as usual of twelve boys selected from the 2nd and 3rd years. In order to create some variety both for the team leaders (horrible term!) who, with certain of the boys had gone the year before, we stayed at some different hostels and organized new walks. Although I have been to the District four or five times and have consequently repeated many walks, the attraction never fades because there are always new and different things to see: things which have previously gone unnoticed or which perhaps have taken on a different appearance due to particular conditions of the weather.

Having spent the next three days at our favourite hostel at Keswick, we moved on to the secluded and still relatively unspoilt valley of Buttermere. Looking back on the day of the Red Pike walk, I vow never again to forget to take our packed lunches i.e. those belonging to Mr. Rangeley, Mr. Moss and myself, on a day's walk in the Lake District. I have never done X-country on Chosen Hill, but even in my ignorance I do not recommend Red Pike as a suitable course!

Our last three nights were spent at Wasdale Hall hostel. Some will remember them for the superb views and potential danger on the Westwall Traverse-Deep Gill ascent of Scafell; others for the frog in the hostel washroom. For me, the Lake District means escape, peace and beauty. The greatest of these is beauty.



# Handel & Horror

The presentation of "Handel & Horror" by the Choral Society made an enjoyable preparation to the Lent half-term holiday. Accompanied by the adequate Da Camera Orchestra led by Jean Allington & conducted by Michael Rangelay, the choir of 150 voices gave an impressive sound in the two Handel Anthems which formed the first part of the programme. The Coronation Anthem "Zadok the Priest" was confident, & the more lengthy Chandos Anthem "O Praise the Lord with One Consent" had much that was commendable, notably the ease with which the choir dealt with the florid passages. Timothy Probyn is to be congratulated on his singing of "God's tender mercy knows no bounds", but even less volume from the accompanying instruments would have benefitted this soloist. The Choir's diction was less than perfect at times, but in this setting with its repetition of words, this was not important. Neither did the uneasiness from which the two final choruses suffered, detract from the general excellence of this performance.

Immersed in the Handelian idiom, we were musically prepared for the Horrortorio which followed. From the beginning it was apparent that this was going to be something special. Horrortorio was first publicly performed at the "Hoffnung Astronautical Music Festival" in 1961. It is described as a musical extravaganza, using the framework of a "nuptial cantata". Brilliantly written by Joseph Horowitz, it is a mock oratorio with verbal & musical caricature. No one could doubt the success of this composition after such an amusing performance as this one. Following a slick opening (the audience was shaken into the spirit of the work by the appearance of four soloists dressed in red and black & a sudden blackout), the orchestra of Gut-scrappers, Beaters & Blowers performed the overture in which the Chorus of Wedding Guests, Minions & Monsters sang the syllable "Ha!" twice, with all the solemnity they would have devoted to the Hallelujah Chorus. With impeccable diction, the Rich's Raucous Revellers, with Michael Jones as Master Monster, remained poker-faced throughout - apart from a fleeting smile when telling Miss Dracula to "Shut up" when she was being repetitive.

Playing a triple role - narrator, son of Frankenstein & Dr Jekyll, was Denis Heaver. Miss Dracula, a deceptively demure soprano, was sung by Hilary Halsey, dripping blood from her scope. Gloria Finch excelled as the formidable Courage Lady Frankenstein, & David Purcell added humour & horror to his performance of Count Dracula with his villainous gestures & the full use he made of his cloak when, as Mr Hyde, he shared it in a duet with Dr Jekyll. These soloists were admirably supported by Alan Broome at the piano & harpsichord.

Mention must be made of the appearance of the appealing, luminous monster, & the horrific off-stage laugh. Detection of the musical allusions was not for everyone but the singing of "Baa Baa Black Sheep" & "Rule Britannia" was a source of satisfaction to all. For this stimulating entertainment congratulations go to Michael Rangelay, "Tormentor in chief & Blood Letter Extraordinary".

Mrs J Neurauter.



## CHORAL MUSIC

Two services at Gloucester Cathedral on consecutive days marked the first events on the school's music calendar. The first being the Diocesan St. Luke's Service where the choir sang one anthem, and then the Annual Service for Teachers where on this occasion three anthems were sung. We were very lucky to begin the year by singing in the marvellous Cathedral and would welcome the chance again.

With Christmas fast approaching the choir began to rehearse for the two festivals of nine lessons and carols at St. John's Northgate and Longlevens Holy Trinity Church. A blend of new and traditional music was the aim of the Choir Committee when choosing the carols, and I think this was well achieved. The 'tear jerking' 'In the Bleak Midwinter', contrasted with the rousing 'Hodie Christus Natus Est' suited all tastes and showed the great versatility of the choir.

While the choir was rehearsing for these two services, the School Madrigal Group was also hard at work preparing themselves for a 'Christmas by Candlelight' — an entertainment in words and music in the school library. The main aim was again to present a full range of carols, foreign, English, new and old. The extremely foreign 'Deck the Hall' was greatly enjoyed, mainly by the Madrigal Group, while at least one lady was heard and seen to 'swallow hard' after the ever present 'Away in the Manger' (both versions) and the superbly arranged version of 'Silent Night'. Definitely a night to remember.

The next major event of the year was a recital by the choir in Gloucester Cathedral. A dominant part of the service was a performance of the music of S.S. Wesley (a cathedral organist who died 100 years ago last April). His dramatic anthems were well performed and very well received, making the night one of the high spots of the year. (Even a very senior member of the choir was noted by all to get too involved in the music!).

Shortly after this, the Madrigal Group embarked on their second tour to Hastings, where recitals were given at St. Clement's Church, Hastings and St. John's Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea. A great time was had by all yet again! The accommodation and food was better than excellent — thanks to Miss Bradford, and the singing has never been better. Many attempts to record ourselves were made to prove to the people who mattered back in Gloucester what an effect the sea air seemed to have on us, but these weren't needed because on returning home we gave a recital at the Church of St. Phillips and St. James, Hucclecote. The singing again was excellent and I'm sure that some members had a lump in their throat after singing the 'Ave Verum Corpus' by Byrd for the last time!

It must not be forgotten that all through the year the choir has performed anthems on Wednesday mornings which have included 'In Tears of Grief' and of course 'Thou visited the earth'.

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Also this year House Music was held and was of a high standard. Southgate came out victorious and in doing so discovered a composer conductor and producer of music, much to their advantage.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Rangeley for all the work he has put in over the last year, and I hope he has the rest he deserves during his term away next year. Also I would like to thank the people who never seem to get enough praise, such as Mr. Fowler and Mr. Moss. Mr. Fowler for his piano and organ playing and Mr. Moss for the tiresome drive to Hastings, without whom the trip could not have been made. My thanks once again.

Mike Jones 63

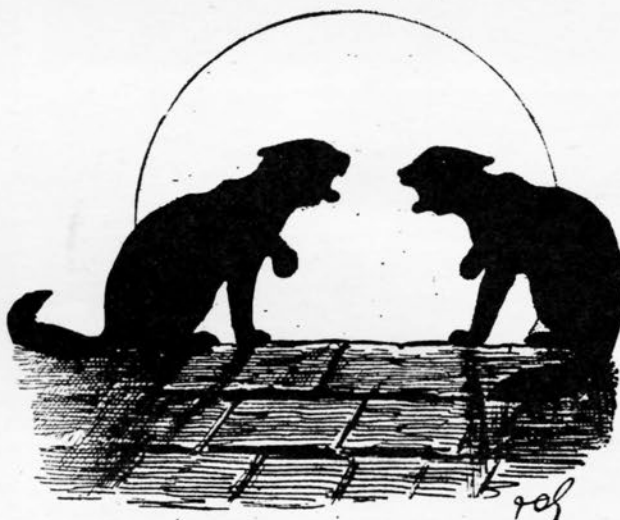
## HOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL

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The production of a short concert of twenty to twenty-five minutes for the House Music Festival would appear on the surface to present few difficulties. In practice, however, the change from compulsory set classes to an absolutely free hand presents problems not at first obvious and not, I feel, solved by any of the four houses.

To deal with the choice and presentation of programme first. Like a good melody a concert programme, even a short one, must have both variety and also unity, and should not consist of a few items loosely, and in some cases, hastily strung together. Not all the houses used their potential well, I thought. Southgate's "All glory, laud and honour" for instance could have been made much more professional by accompanying the first verse with light orchestra, the second with solo violin, cello and harpsichord (for which it was written) and the third with full orchestra. For Northgate not to use some of the obviously

excellent talent in their house seemed to me a great tactical mistake. Westgate, Northgate and especially Eastgate should, I think, have tried to include an instrumental ensemble in their programmes.



A "NOCTURNE" BY THE MICE-TER SINGERS.

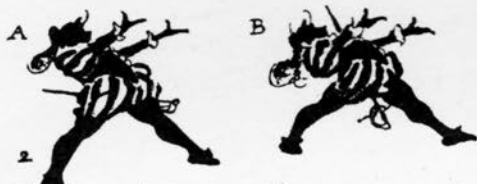
Many of the ensemble items had obviously been carefully prepared but, equally obviously, several were not performed as well as they could have been. The successful performance of music relies, I believe, on two things: absolute knowledge of what you are doing and, only possible when that has been achieved, absolute confidence in your ability to do it. Only then will you, and therefore your audience, really enjoy your music. There was not sufficient sense of performance, of confidence, of the culmination of many rehearsals about most of the ensembles. In short, there was so much concentration on the printed note that there was too little concentration on the spirit of the music. For me the outstanding ensemble item was Eastgate's enthusiastically performed "Country Roads". I should like to have heard more of Northgate's small madrigal group (use of potential again). I enjoyed Southgate's splendidly banal "Southgate rules O.K." (Surely the whole house could have produced more volume though), and, at the other end of the scale, I thought the singing of Andrew and Paul Bruce, in Vaughan-Williams' "Dirge for Fidele", one of the most sensitive items of the afternoon.

Singing or playing a solo in front of the school must surely be one of the most nerve-racking moments of a boy's life at Rich's. I fear that several soloists did not take care to settle them-



(1) Few things are more fascinatingly wonderful than the expression of emotions by operatic artists. Operatic gesticulation is guided by fixed rules, to transgress which would apparently be death.

Here are Signor Pecorabella and Signora Miagola. His action clearly expresses, "Alas! Manfredino has been murdered by the Duke with a toasting fork, while the hapless Mandolina, with her back hair torn off, now pines in the loftiest turret of the castle!" And you can tell at a glance that she is replying, "Then all is lost! Yet no—there is yet hope! Let us procure a rope-ladder, some beeswax, porous plasters, a stick of liquorice, and—" etc., etc.



selves and collect their thoughts before starting, and that several, having started, decided that they had better finish as quickly as possible before they made a mistake! You must relax and enjoy your own singing or playing otherwise your audience will not enjoy your music either. I thought the most sensitive playing came from Paul Bruce in a short Handel Prelude — I would like to have heard more playing from him. I liked also the quiet, lovely tone which Jeremy Hawkins produced, all too briefly, from his clarinet, but, like the adjudicator, I felt the outstanding individual item of the afternoon was the cello playing of Piers Alington. It was of course a help to play some of the finest music by the finest composer (Prelude in C by J.S. Bach) but, nevertheless, he was one of the few performers during the afternoon who really had confidence, who did not seem anxious to get to the end and who was prepared to enjoy his music with his audience.

The preparation of a house entry for the Music Festival involves the organiser in a great deal of hard and often frustrating work. The four organisers responded excellently to this work and to the additional problems of innovations this year, and the two fifth form organisers in particular will

have gained much valuable experience for future occasions.

On the morning of the festival I asked one of the sixth form organisers if he was happy with



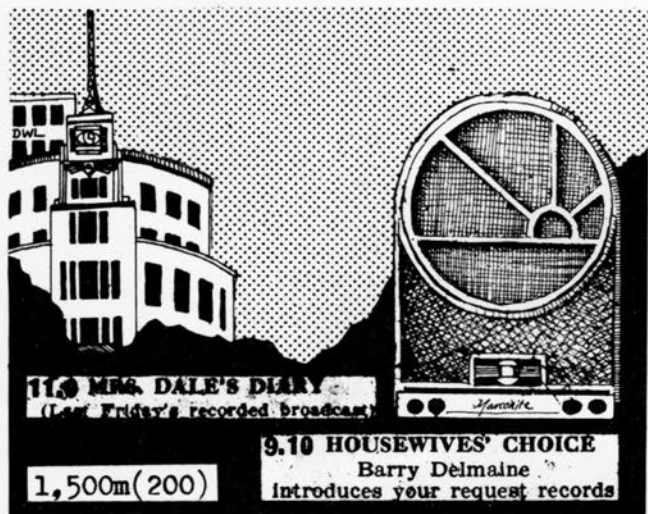
his various items. Sadly, his reply reflected what proved to be an underlying fault throughout all the performances: "Well they are not as I would like but I think they will beat the others." As high a standard of excellence as possible from the individual or group must be the aim of each house, irrespective of the performance of anybody else. When this aim is accepted and achieved you will be staggered at the resulting quality.

Finally congratulations and thanks to all those who organised and took part in an afternoon greatly enjoyed by the adjudicator, very many members of staff and most of the school.

M.W.R.



# REPORTS



## THE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

PRESIDENT: Mr. Thomas Morgan, G3XMM

SECRETARY: Stephen Richards, G8HFT

The society has held weekly meetings in lab E on Thursdays, at lunch time for the junior society and after school for the seniors. The aim of the society is to foster an interest in the art and science of radio communications. Both the junior and senior societies have succeeded in this aim with their projects.

The junior society medium wave radio project is now nearing completion. All radios finished so far are successfully working and useful practical skills have been learnt. Shortly we hope to start a series of lectures and demonstrations to teach basic electrical know-how. It is hoped that from this starting point some members will eventually sit the Radio Amateurs Examination (RAE). It is necessary to pass this examination before a transmitting licence can be obtained.

The senior society teleprinter project is progressing slowly but surely. Thanks must go to Gareth Williams U6R who has spent many hours building and testing electronic circuits for the project. It still remains for some mechanical alterations to be made and some more circuitry constructed before reception is possible. However, we hope to be successfully receiving signals before the end of the school year.

As well as the two projects, Mr. Morgan trans-

mits regularly from the school during lunchtimes. Amateur Radio Stations in countries all over the world have been contacted.

New members are always welcome, and we are sure that we can offer them a good starting point for an interesting and rewarding hobby.

Stephen Richards U6S

## THE AIRCRAFT SOCIETY

CHAIRMAN: Mr. John Burrow

ORGANISERS: Richard Kilyan L6S

Stephen Venn L6R

The aim of the Society is to foster an interest in aviation.

The usual round of talks and slide shows held during the year was well supported.

In addition two quizzes were held. The number of members was boosted by several new boys from the first form. The high spots of the year were the summer trips — two to the Shuttleworth Vintage Collection at Old Warden and a visit to the Biggin



Hill Airshow. Those who went on these trips enjoyed themselves immensely. Once again the members would like to thank Mr. John Burrow for his great help both in his capacity as Chairman and as driver on all the trips.

Richard Kilyan L6S

Stephen Venn L6R

## THE DEBATING SOCIETY

PRESIDENT: Mr. Harold Potter  
CHAIRMAN: Robert Davey U6S  
SECRETARY: Peter Jones L6T

- ME: Have you any thoughts on the season just ended for the magazine?
- HIM: Well, not really, y'know, I mean, this is debating, innit?
- ME: Ah, yes. Would you say that you were at all unlucky not to do better than you did?
- HIM: Well, y'know, the Boss works these fings out in training, but they don't seem to come off in the actual debate, like, know what I mean?
- ME: I see. You had a change of leadership at the start of the season, what effect did this have on the debaters?
- HIM: Yeah, well, the Boss, y'know, he's bin around the game a bit, ain't he? He's pretty well into the game as a whole, know what I mean? We get on alright, I s'pose.
- ME: Ah, good. What would you say was your best performance as a whole?
- HIM: Well, the Boss don't like to pick out individual debates like, know what I mean, I mean, we debates from one week to the next. Every debate's a cup-tie to us, know what I mean ... I'm going on a bit aren't I?
- ME: No, this is fine ... fine. From all the reports the debates with Denmark Road was a good all-round performance, wasn't it? You did rather well yourself, I hear.
- HIM: Yeah, it was a good debate. This metaphor came floating across (I dunno who said it) and I just stuck out a bit of Oscar Wilde and it went in, like, know what I mean?
- ME: Great. What were the fans like? One or two capacity crowds. I hear?
- HIM: Yeah, quite big ones as well, y'know they really gets behind us.
- ME: (Facetious) Except when you're playing the other way.
- HIM: Eh?
- ME: What about next season? Any exciting new debaters coming through?
- HIM: Yeah, we got one or two bright young lads

wiv a bit of flair, like, know what I mean? This is debating, innit? One week yer up, next week yer down, like; know what I mean?

ME: Quite.

Michael W. Sergeant 63

Peter Jones ...

Yeah, well, Mike Sergeant done alright by us, ain't he? All the lads thanks him for being Sec'try, like he's got a good left wit on him, ain't he?

## THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

PRESIDENT: David Wilton L6T  
SECRETARY: Glyn George L6S

Meetings this year have included the showing of a colour film "New Views of Space". The emphasis was on photography taken of and by Apollo spacecraft. Such was the interest generated that three showings were held.

David Wilton gave an illustrated lecture entitled "Probes to Venus and Mercury". He described American and Russian space vehicles and the information obtained by them, and proposals for

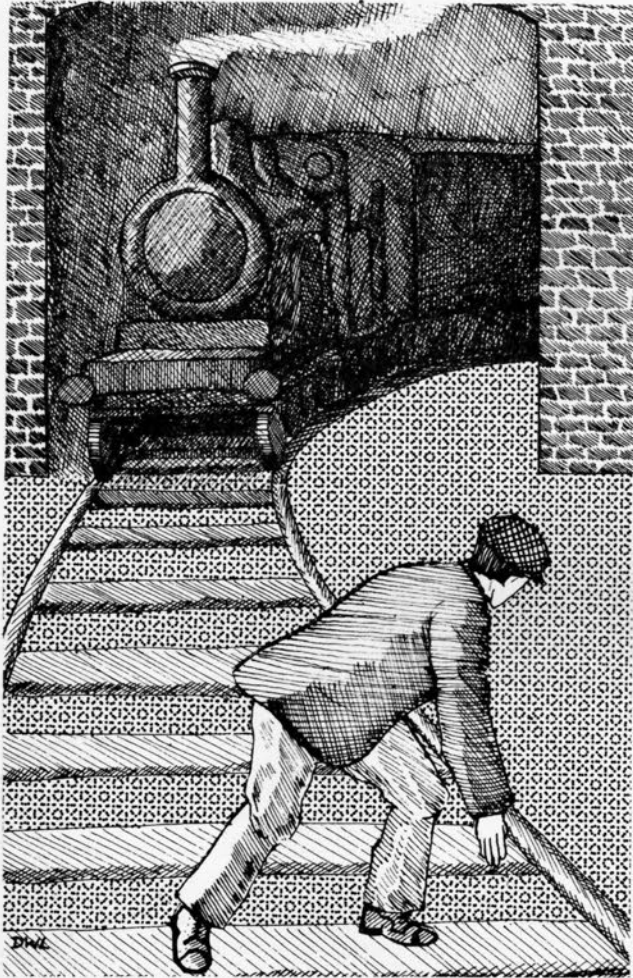


future exploration.

Our thanks go to Robert Jones, a founder member of the society in 1973 and its President for the past two years. We wish him well at Cambridge.

Plans for the future include a joint meeting with the Debating Society.

David Wilton L6T



### THE RAILWAY SOCIETY

Paul Fillis U6T  
 Adrian Showell U6R  
 Robert Smith U6R  
 David Pegler L6T  
 Stephen Hardy U6R

The society has continued to cater for the needs of railway enthusiasts in the school over the past year. Since the departure of Nicholas Giles last summer the chief organiser has been Paul Fillis.

Despite the rising cost of rail travel we have had two trips this year. The first was to Eastleigh, where we visited the locomotive workshops; and the second, during the Easter Holiday, was to York and Doncaster, visiting the motive power depots in each case. However, the highlight of the

trip was the National Railway Museum at York where we saw many fine examples of our Railway Heritage. Some of the younger members of the party were apparently more interested in the numbers of diesels on the nearby main line than historic engines like "Mallard" or "Evening Star".

Throughout the year, meetings have been held after school on Wednesdays, and a number of illustrated talks have been given. The future of the society seems uncertain; most of the organisers left school in the summer, but we hope that the society will prosper for many years to come.

Adrian Showell U6R

PRIVATE MEMO FROM MR. J. ARTHUR  
 RANK TO SIR LEW GRADE:

Heard about sir Thomas Rich's Film Society. My business near collapse. Suspect you are feeling the pinch too. This outfit does not charge inflationary prices, does not show hundreds of boring 'X' films about mid-European backstreet life but puts on top class movies even before you grab them and break them up into ten minute, incomprehensible sections.

Frank (Sinatra), Bob (Redford) and Barbra (Streisand) are so rich after appearing that they don't want to come to my first nights and they all turned down your offer to play Jesus. Barbra has taken up politics. I've had to turn my joint in Gloucester into a bingo hall. I hear you don't bother to put on good programmes on Fridays any more. No light at the end of the tunnel. 3 good movies ordered for next term. Still only 35 pence. How do they do it. Suggest we buy them out.

PRIVATE MEMO FROM SIR THOMAS  
 RICH'S FILM SOCIETY TO MESSIEURS  
 WINSTANLEY AND SPEAR:

Thank you for all your help.



## THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CHAIRMAN: David W. Lewis U6R

SECRETARY: C. Basil Comely U6R

History is a dead subject ... or so many seem to think, but to those in the historical society it is impossible to see it as such. The society does not exist to further the limits of classroom history or to mindlessly learn dates and facts, but to enjoy history as something that still exists. History can be experienced, and in doing so we try not to get lost in such terms as Renaissance and Reformation but look at history in a more intimate fashion – rather than examining an Elizabethan's politics we look at his garden. To a member of the historical society such names as Kent, Brown, Tresham, Sanderson Miller, Beckford, and Pope mean far more than the great movements that are supposed to have existed yet rarely affected the individual. In this way history is at once reduced from a huge anonymous concept to something that can be properly appreciated.

The splendid doings of the society have this year included excursions to Lacock Abbey and village, Corsham Court, Horton Court, Bath, Widcombe Manor, Avebury, Wells Cathedral, Mells Church, Lytes Cary, Lyvedon New Bield, Rushton Triangular Lodge, Kirby Hall, Castle Ashby and many other places. Events have included lectures on Oliver Cromwell and King Richard III, the Annual Historical Society Garden Party at Stancombe Park with the "Austrian Countess" (later joined by Mr. Moore), and less serious things such as quizzes, as well as a celebration of Lunies through the Ages. All have been attended by an exuberant and enthusiastic second form (plus a few others), who have during their travels encountered medieval cloistered bats, an aristocratic cat with matching chaise longue, a ghostly presence masquerading as an extractor fan, and a pompous lady guide who talked about "tall chairs" and who remarked, in reference to our beloved Miss Townsend – "Is that woman listening?" Non-events have included a mystery celebrity from Burnham who was not able to materialise at the Triangular Lodge because of Britain's entry into the Common Market, and also Sidney Jones and the Pump Room



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Trio who do not Bath on Sundays.

The Governors would like to bestow certain titles and dignities, in recognition of all the work they have done for the society, upon Mr. Linden Huddleston (few people could have engendered so much enthusiasm in the society for the history of landscape gardening), and Mr. Geoffrey Barrington (our new and able driver), and also Miss Doris Townsend, our ever-faithful matron who attends to nose-bleeds and people who take travelling pills when they shouldn't. However, since we do not count Her Majesty the Queen amongst our members, unfortunately they will all have to remain commoners.

Basil Comely U6R

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## YOUNG ORNITHOLOGIST'S CLUB

Although the total number of members of the group was slightly down, the meetings held during 1975 were better attended than those of the prev-



ious year. (The number of species seen during the year was slightly fewer than in 1974), but a good range of species was seen including a Red-legged Partridge at Ashton Keynes in May (which helped make up for the heronry which had disappeared). Only a couple of members were lucky enough to see the Pied Flycatcher at Cannop — after spending all morning looking for one. But then, such is the luck of the ornithologist. One of the effects of long spells of good weather in August and September is for migrating birds to stop off at fewer places to rest during their journey. The autumn migration period of 1975 was a poor one from the average birdwatcher's point of view because the birds stayed a few thousand feet up in the air and could not be seen. However trips to Frampton during the autumn were successful. An all-time record of ten Cormorants were seen together in one of the gravel pits. Several good waders were seen on the Estuary, too, including Knot and Green Sandpiper.

It remains for me to wish Simon Ward, the new Group Leader, the best of luck (with the weather and the birds especially) for the future. I hope he enjoys his spell "in office" as much as I enjoyed mine.

Stephen Kear

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## THE JUNIOR ELECTRONICS CLUB

PRESIDENT: Mr. Geoffrey Barrington  
VICE PRESIDENT: Alan Woodward 3S  
SECRETARY: Stephen Harris 3S

The club was only founded last year and with sixty five members it is going very strongly. During 1975 and 1976, a number of lectures have been delivered to an engrossed audience! The lectures have been on certain components of the radio receiver, such as the transistor, the resistor, the capacitor and the variable capacitor. These form the main parts of the ordinary radio receiver, which was the main 'subject' for last year.

Early in the first term of this year, the club was split up into three main groups. Group one, which was learning how to make the actual radio receiver, was taken by our secretary, Stephen Harris. Group Two was taken by me, and was given small lectures on how to put together certain specialised types of radio receiver and on certain electrical components such as the coil in domestic use etc. Group three chose their own projects, and they came up with some surprising, though feasible, ideas such as a pair of automatic windows and curtain opening and shutting devices.

Also during 1975 and 1976, a number of demonstrations were given by Donald Healey (3S) and myself.

Last year, and this year again, there has been quite a lot of practical work done. For example, the club members had to build for themselves an electroscope which stemmed from a shadow electroscope, which they had built for themselves before. The club members were asked to find the poles of an ordinary battery using two pieces of copper wire and a thin slice of ordinary household ..... potato.

The Junior Electronics Club meets every two weeks, on Wednesdays after school (in the Lecture Theatre (Lab G).) Membership by application only to the organisers.

Alan Woodward 3S

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## A LONG WEEKEND

I

Voices and faces  
Laughter and echoes,  
Stitching up holes in the blanket.  
Suffocating.  
The tinkling, liquid, pleasing noises  
Dull, bore, blur, fall  
To Silence.  
In the dark there is me  
(and a lamp-post).

# CONTRIBUTIONS

II

Hail to thee, Imperator!  
One of the greatest, and worthy of  
A hero's burial.  
So was he, but there weren't many  
Tributes for him  
(It was too dark to see them anyway)  
And it rained, which spoilt things  
A bit.

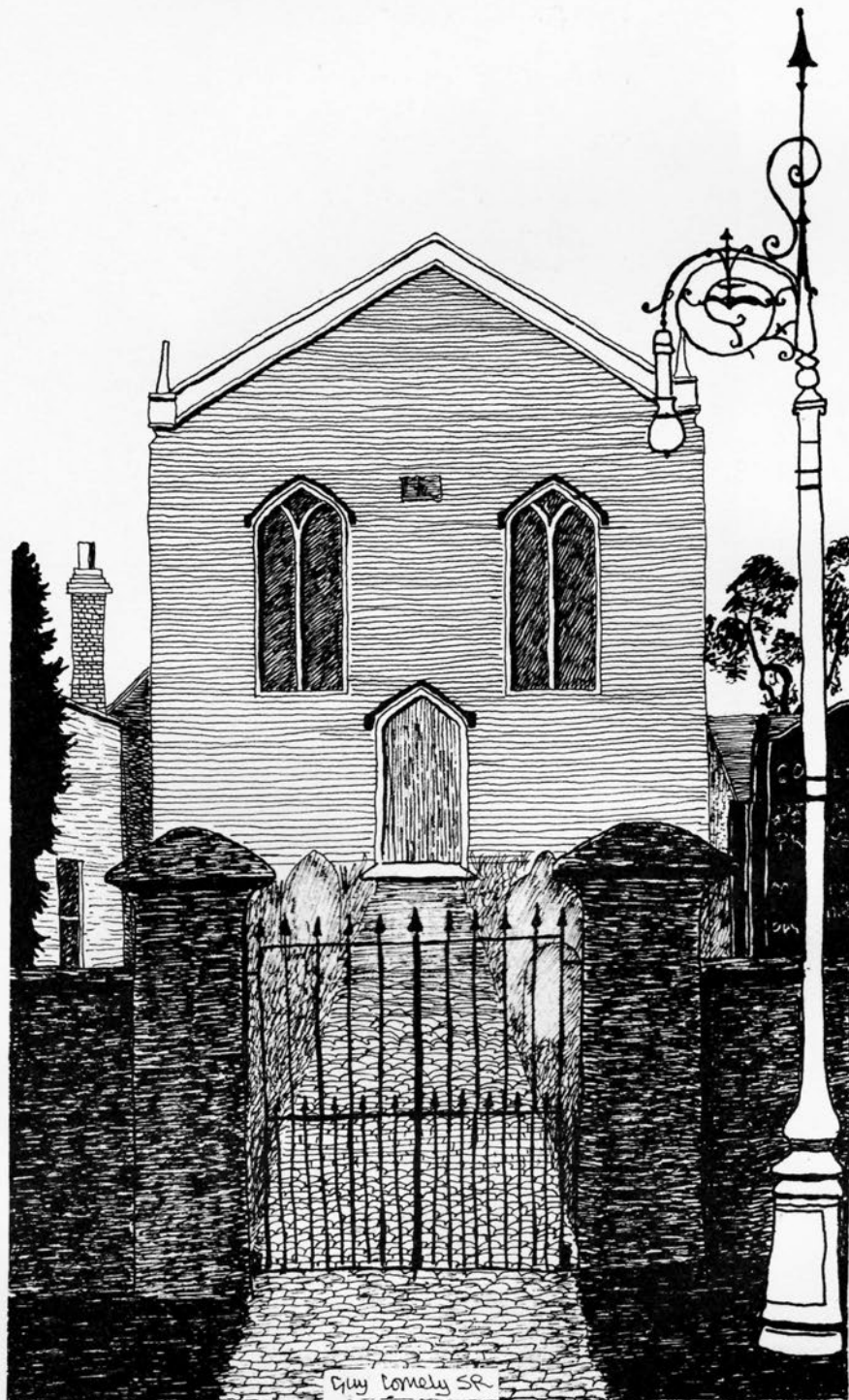
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Oh, look! Ebbw Vale!  
Baptist holes in the hills  
Full of miners and smells  
(nearer to Thee, I suppose).  
Scarecrow streets,  
Brown Woolworth  
Muddied 'Sporting Life',  
On the ring-road bridge  
"Jesus Crhist Superstar"  
(not even spelt right, vicar)  
Chapel and aerosols  
Dogs  
Shaddow of Ebbw.

IV

Knelt and smelt the earth.  
Damp and writhing,  
Pushed it through fingers,  
Scorched it with sun,  
Lashed rain on it,  
Rolled in it  
Kissed in it  
Slept in it.

Michael W. Sergeant 63





## THE BALLAD OF DOROTHY

Come all you honest countrymen  
And listen now to me,  
I will unfold a tale so cold  
Of dreadful tragedy.

My song concerns young Dorothy  
From Helstone, close nearby;  
How she & her fine gentleman  
And mother came to die.

Now one dark night November 'last  
Her house was all asleep,  
To meet her sweetheart, Ralph, she went,  
And soft as mouse did creep.

Two hours full she waited by,  
And in the lych did stand;  
Two hours in the cold, cold night  
While nightshapes touched her hand.

Through snow then crept she home again  
And was in great despair;  
But knew she not her love would come  
And would undo her there.

Before the dawn, or just, I'm told,  
A knock she heard outside,  
And rushing for to see her love  
The door she flung it wide:

The bloody sight she saw there then  
It quite unhinged her mind;  
She would not eat, nor move, nor speak  
And to Bedlam was assigned.

In chains they kept poor Dorothy  
In tight & noisome place;  
But her shrieks were heard full two miles round  
For she'd seen Lord Satan's face.

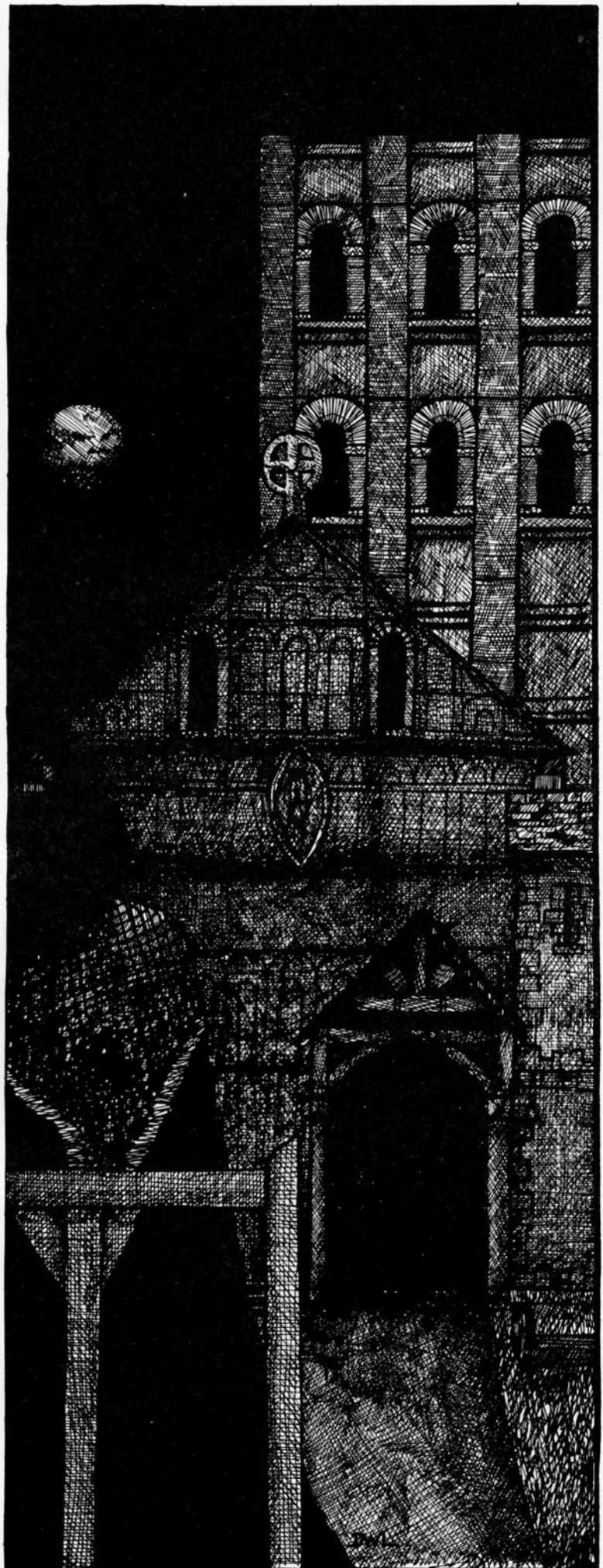
Now in conclusion of my tale  
I tell of Ralph her lover;  
Drenched he was with gore that night  
With the murder of his mother.

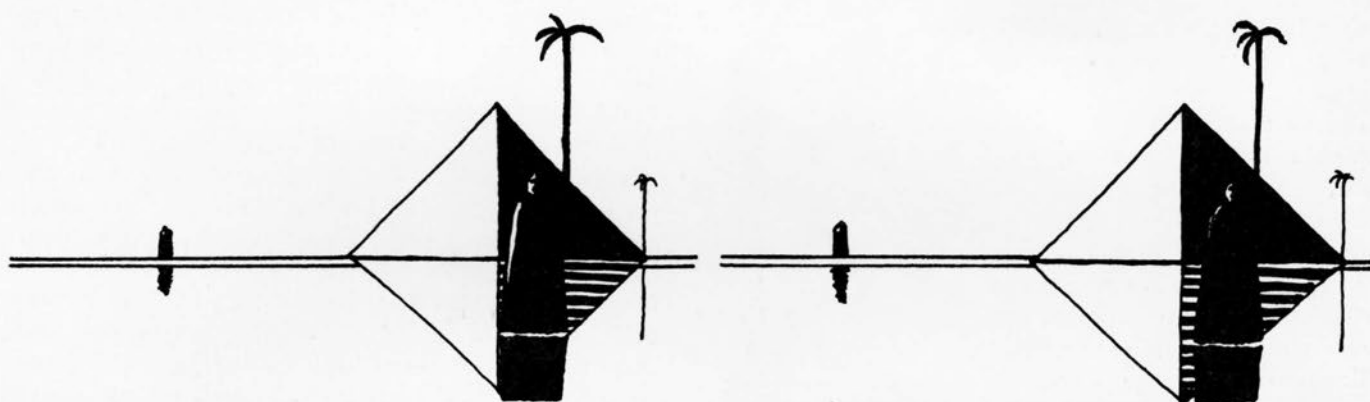
Pray heed me friends, and listen close;  
A jury did him try;  
Hanged was he outside the church  
On the gallows tree so high.

Poor Dorothy, poor Dorothy  
Soon after did she die;  
But passing Bedlam late by night  
You still may hear her cry.

Good warning take all wild young men  
Remember Dorothy;  
And three times o'er how debts were paid  
For a mothers jealousy.

David W. Lewis U6R

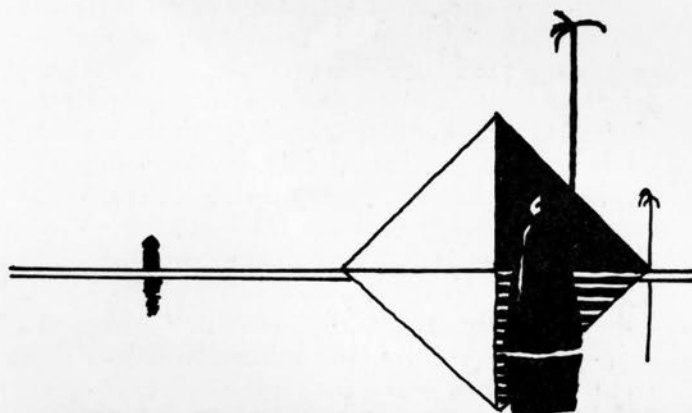




### METASTASIS

And the fields which had been brown  
 Were green, the cottages sang in the sun.  
 The soldier returned and the women wept  
 Because the world was white once more.  
 The voice of the brook chattered to the birds  
 About the long lost boy returning to the sky  
 After the storms had abated. At home,  
 His dog was waiting. For the first time  
 Since life died, the world was smiling.  
 The trees and fields relaxed, beaming  
 Benighly, contented and secure. Perhaps  
 A drop of rain fell, perhaps not. But time  
 Was moving on. Again, the leaves rustled  
 In uneasiness. The sun seemed cooler.  
 And soon, the supple energy grew stale  
 While waiting for an event. Peaceful calm  
 Solidified into boredom and the clouds  
 Began to cover the sky from day to day.  
 The light air grew thicker, like water  
 Becoming treacle, so that action was stiff,  
 Life was restricted — not dead — just ill.  
 Time stiffened, the sky grew darker.  
 The signs seemed to suggest a storm,  
 Certainly things were getting worse  
 But one thing clouded the people's minds  
 And they began to wonder:  
 Where was the soldier?

David Green 5S



# MRS MOUNTBATTEN WINDSOR



Next year this country is to celebrate the silver jubilee of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen. Although we have had many such royal occasions recently, Her Majesty's Silver Wedding, Princess Anne's Wedding, the Queen Mother's 75th birthday, and this year the Queen's 50th birthday, this certainly promises to be a royal year of considerable splendour. In an age of faceless politicians who try to govern without power it is perhaps time to ask why this country has been so lucky to have seen the Monarchy survive when many others have not.

There is no doubt that the people of this country hold unwavering loyalty and affection for the Royal Family and yet its rulers openly criticize and grumble over various aspects of the Monarchy. Illustrations of the lack of respect for H.M. the Queen and her family by the present government are too numerous to mention but are clearly demonstrated in such actions as the refusal of the Prime Minister to attend Her Majesty's birthday party earlier this year, the subsequent support given him by his Cabinet, and the doings of a particular colleague of his (who shall remain nameless) which are quite beneath contempt. His hypocrisy is clearly shown by the fact that on becoming a Member of Parliament he swore an oath declaring his loyalty for Her Majesty. He believes that he has scored a triumphant victory each time he reminds us that the Queen does not have to live in a council house, or that Prince

Charles has never worked down the pit.

I shall not plead the arguments for the continuation and preservation of the Monarchy because they are far too numerous and quite beyond contention (for those who want proof of this, read "My Queen and I" by the afore-not-mentioned and try to find one valid argument). While remaining an unswerving pro-monarchist I still recognise great dangers for the Royal Family which occupies such a vulnerable position. Our political leaders should look to the fates of countries who have already lost their Monarchies. In almost every case long periods of instability and dictatorship have been established—some permanent. Long may it continue that the political heads of this nation can not include in their ranks the Head of State.

As Head of State, the Queen reigns and in doing so unifies as well as represents Great Britain. To maintain this appearance of regal splendour that is so envied abroad, certain vital traditions must be maintained, otherwise our Monarchy will lose its attraction to the rest of the world and even possibly to this country. It is necessary that the Royal Family maintain their slightly aloof position — the Queen is not a person but a Monarch. If this element of Monarchy is lost and the Royal Family loses its great houses, traditions, and titles then the danger is that they will become ordinary and by doing so would lose their appeal to the British public (expense caused by such requirements is minimal, the total cost of the Royal Family per annum being £5 million — therefore it costs each person less than 9 pence a year).

The very essence of Kingship is continuity and in this respect the Monarchy is founded upon the hereditary principle — a principle which is very much under threat nowadays. This is seen in the extremely disturbing disappearance of the creation of hereditary peerages, either in the aristocracy or the Royal Family. There is, in fact, a ban on the creation hereditary peerages from which the Royal Family is exempted. This ban is rather shadowy in context since Mr. Heath stated in 1970 that he did not "absolutely exclude the possibility" of creating such hereditary titles (the last being that of Viscount Margadale whose patent is dated 1st January 1965). Despite the fact of the Royal Family's exemption titles remain rarely granted — the last



# RULES O.K.



Royal Dukedom (that of Edinburgh) was granted 29 years ago and it is 16 years since the Earldom was bestowed upon Lord Snowdon. This disturbing trend seems to be continued in the reluctance to accord Princess Anne the title of Princess Royal, and to give Captain Mark Philips a title. This increases disturbing speculation concerning whether or not Prince Andrew will be given the title of Duke of York (by tradition accorded to the second son of the Sovereign) and Prince Edward, the Dukedom of Sussex (the title suggested by Mr. Montague-Smith, Editor of *Debrett's*). One can go into intricate detail as concerns the inheriting of titles in the royal family — the declarations of 1917, 1952, and 1960, set out the rules concerning these matters. However, even these leave something to be desired since no provision is made for any titles for the children of princesses, a matter which could be dealt with quite easily by amending the Letters Patent. Therefore, the possibility that Captain Mark Philips is not to be given a title is even more horrifying, as in a world of few Monarchies the chances of our Royal Family, even Prince Charles, marrying royalty are slim, and, therefore, this might conceivably result, in the Royal Family consisting mainly of commoners. This will be the first time that the husband of a daughter of a British Sovereign has not been made a peer. This had indeed threatening Constitutional implications, and as a characteristic of the British Constitution is that a particular practice not operated for a con-

siderable time tends to fall into disuse these omissions are particularly disturbing. The British Monarchy will be profoundly changed if titles are not granted — it will be made to resemble the less glamorous Monarchies of the Continent.

The great hatred that some people seem to have for hereditary titles is entirely illogical nowadays as in the majority of cases such titles bring little or no financial rewards which might, for certain people, be a reason to moan. It is time to revive the hereditary system to prevent its eventually dying out altogether. The Queen should be invested with powers to create a very limited number of hereditary peerages without reference to the Prime Minister. These should be non-political and limited to perhaps a maximum of two every five years — enough to show that the hereditary system lives on in the aristocracy as well as in the Monarchy. The Life peerage system would, of course, continue, providing rewards, in the main, for those politically motivated. With no new blood the hereditary element of the peerage is gradually diminishing. The total is now 962 and the rate of extinction in the last ten years is five every year. Most of these were Baronies, but also included two Dukedoms, one Marquessate, five Earldoms, and eleven Viscountcies. Many, it has been forecast, are doomed to die out in the recent future. Indeed, there are now only 26 Ducal families in the country.

With the current fashion of disapproving of hereditary privileges surely this criticism of the aristocracy is only a short step from direct criticism of the very basis of the Royal Family. Can the Family even survive without an aristocracy? Perhaps it can, but if hereditary principles are lost in the aristocracy then the Monarchy is in danger. The Royal Family heads the aristocracy and if this disappears then the foundation of the Monarchy will have gone. No doubt it will take hundreds of years before all the aristocratic families disappear but it should be a thriving institution that, with new blood introduced occasionally, continues to give this country the grandeur and splendour of a hereditary class, headed by a Royal Family that is necessarily aloof, but respected and admired by all, and envied by the rest of the world.

Basil Comely U6R

"Les anglais sont vraiment débiles...!"

Impressions of a Sixth Former...

...who was trying very hard to avoid too much (possibly harmful) contact with about forty second formers of assorted sexes whose energy at 6.30 a.m. (I always wanted to see Gloucester Bus Station at dawn) was quite staggering. After the moving scenes with the tearful, angelic Cecils and Gertrudes waving frantic good-byes to relieved parents, we set off. Feeble efforts at high-pitched rugby songs are soon quelled, and the trip over is uneventful; there is one notable victim of "mal de mer" (he looked so tough!).

All the sixth formers are allocated very amiable families who seem to have heard about the Englishman's penchant for liquid lunches — the only tension occurs between a budding French Bob Dylan and some remarkably articulate members of our party who, reasonably enough, are not too keen on tuneless twanging of an ancient guitar at all hours. A trip to Versailles is remarkably successful as far as we are concerned, though perhaps a little overwhelming for the second years — "you bring 'em to the best chateau in the world, and all they do is stuff ice-creams and throw stones at b... ducks!" Visiting gay Paris provides a suitable climax to a superb trip, the memories of which will linger for a long time. Vive les débiles anglais...

Gareth Cox U6S





The God-Child and the Peddler were  
standing, hand in hand.  
They figured it was neat to hear just one more  
psycho band.  
Who'd have thought that two such dudes  
could see it all in sound?  
'If seven guys with seven strats jammed for  
half a year,  
do you suppose,' the Peddler said, 'that they  
could turn an ear?'  
'I guess not,' said the God-Child, and imagined  
a bitter tear.  
'Creation's such a HEAVY thing,' said the  
God-Child, kinda dumb,  
'You take 'em and you make 'em, and you get  
your chunk of fun.  
But it takes two million years for them to  
figure how it's done.'  
'I weep for you,' the Peddler said, 'I kinda see  
your point,'  
with sobs and tears. But feeling high he lit up  
one more joint,  
And swiftly set to Muzak one more silly  
phrase he'd coined.  
'The time has come,' the God-Child said,  
'to talk of funky things,  
for it's cool to be so heavy but what happened  
to our wings?  
We've all been pretty stupid when we've run  
around in rings.'  
'The Ghost of Time's Illusion's walking  
silently through space,'  
the Peddler said and something funny  
flashed across his face.  
'If toothpaste does all this to me, ain't  
smoking things a waste?'  
How neat to be a loser when you've won the  
human race.

Charles Stephens U6T



"MR. BINNS – TOMPKINS HAS AN EXCELLENT NOTE ...."

"This is really remarkable imagery."

"Cp. Act IV sc. ii 104-5."

"Granville-Barker is exhaustive on this point." Could they be wrong? No I must be stupid. It BORES me.

"There's an inconsistency here, sir."

"WHAAT!?!? An inconsistency eh? You are a fourth former, Binns-Tompkins, who blots on his best book, and puts two c's in necessary, and you dare to ..... Aaagh! Words fail me!"

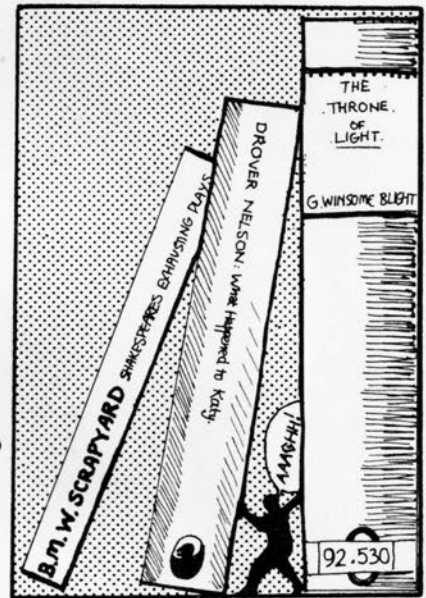
"But sir, earlier he wrote that she was the most devoted lover, and would never — .... and now ... well, she's gone and ... well, you know, she's ... sort of ..."

Idiot, Binns-Tompkins! Pleb! Fool! Insignificant little fourth former who has biro on his nose and a book full of C minuses.

The exam comes.

"This is really remarkable imagery," writes Binns-Tompkins.

Gareth Cox U6S



## SONG OF THE EARTH

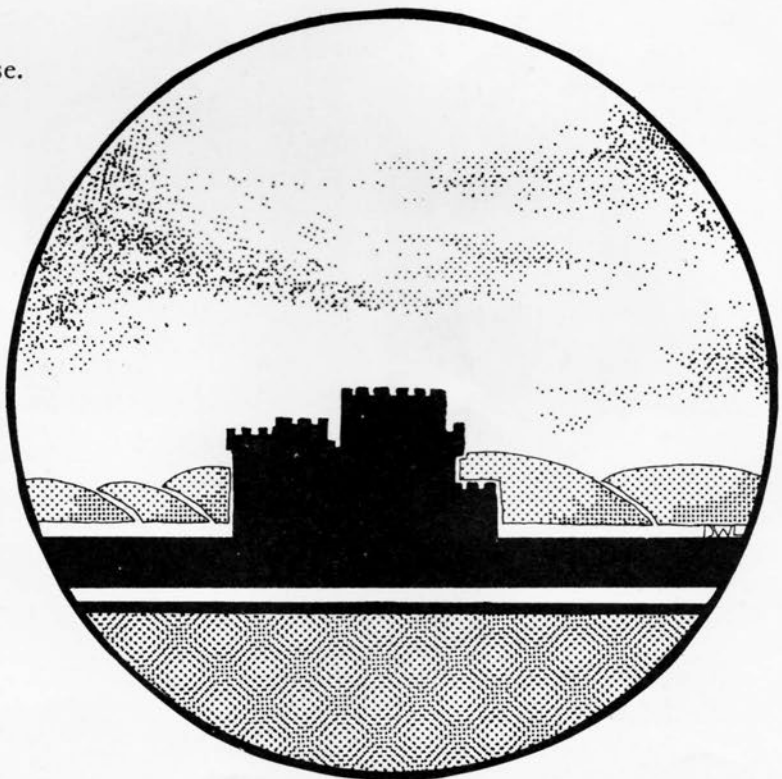
The angels are dead, over watchtower and copse.  
Even now they ride; their anger still not aware  
Of feelings long since changed.

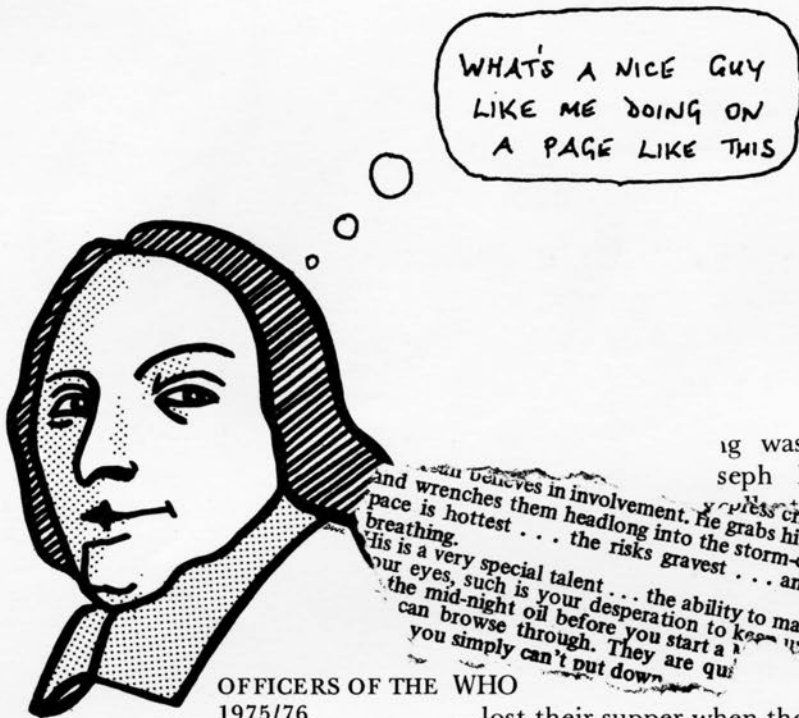
Perhaps tomorrow I will venture forth and ask  
Those angels:  
Who they are, or  
What they are, or  
If all the curses of men now dust,  
Seem ready for the night.

I release my bonds of calm seas,  
A restless robin cries for a love of no matter  
To those foolish wanderers.  
The Life-giver does not find rest  
Lying in valleys of pure silk that  
Are soft, so very soft, to the touch.

Fight, fight, fight!  
You bringers of destruction!  
Bring your sword and axe and smite me down,  
Lest I reach my country in the clouds.

John T. Penry-Williams 63





#### OFFICERS OF THE WHO 1975/76

Candidates must confine their papers.

Answer four questions.

#### SCHOOL CAPTAIN:

John Price

Michael Jones

#### SERVATORS:

Everson

Partridge

Poulton

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cynics who say it's not true—

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- lost their supper when the eggs hit the kerbstone?
- tore off this dolls head?
- belched up their guts in the doorway?
- trampled milk into the carpet?
- chose the useless presents, filling up the January dustbins?
- cuddled the pussy-cat, crushed in the street?
- paid for the flowers the wind snatched away?
- clears up all this mess?
- gives a damn anyhow?

Michael W. Sergeant 63

#### DEBRIS

#### WHO

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- clears up all this mess?
- gives a damn anyhow?

Michael W. Sergeant 63

Make the most  
of your popularity—this will bene-  
fit you in material ways

& THOMAS

chool Magazine, September 1976.

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# SPORT

The sportsmen of the school would like to thank all those members of staff who assist in any way with sporting activities. Without their help the teams and clubs of the school would be unable to achieve the success that they have done.

## Rugby

**CAPTAIN:** Christopher Carter 63  
**VICE CAPTAIN AND TREASURER:**  
 Michael Jones 63  
**SECRETARY:** Clive Smith

After a successful previous season and with the return of nine old colours, four of which had represented the County, there were high hopes for another good season. However, it was not to be an unbeaten season, in fact, in my opinion, not as good as the previous one.

Nevertheless, looking on the brighter side, the selected sides (say sides because one team didn't play for more than two weeks running) combined well, in spite of the obvious individual talent of many players to play fast, open, attacking rugby in the best traditional Rich's style. This was evident in the great wins against Culverhay (41-7), RAC (30-4), Beechen Cliff (27-9), Crypt (21-9), and Christ College Brecon (27-3).

The Half backs (and I include here Mike Jones, our vice Captain, who would have walked into

any other local school 1st XV), Steve Baker and Nigel Carter showed great attacking flair and set up numerous scoring chances (Nigel was in fact our top try scorer with 12, and in my opinion, was unlucky not to represent the County again this season). The threes, not to be outdone, provided the side with some fine running and an extremely sound and solid defence.

When one thinks about which game stands out most in one's memory, a great win usually springs to mind. In my opinion, though, the game of the season was one of our four defeats, away, at the hands of the extremely hard and successful St. Brendan's College (5 England under 19 Trialists). With only ten minutes played we were down to 14 men (having lost centre David Woodward with an illegally inflicted mouth wound) which is just the situation one doesn't want in such a demanding game. In spite of this disadvantage, the now even lighter pack (Darrall Jones having moved to his unaccustomed centre berth) played better than any Rich's pack I can remember playing behind.



Unfortunately, the backs could not match them on this occasion and the fair share of possession was too often badly squandered. Indeed the final score (26-0) was a poor reflection of a very evenly contested game.

Finally, representative honours went to Geoffrey Poole (Gloucestershire under 19), Christopher Carter (Gloucestershire under 19 and S.W. Counties), David Woodward, and Patrick Montanaro (Gloucester R.F.C. Colts XV), and last but not least, Steven Baker (who I'm sure, will get even higher honours) was selected after several successful trials to represent England under 16 against Wales and also for their short tour of France.

Christopher Carter 63

#### Second XV Rugby

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The 1975/76 season was a varied one for the second XV. The same side could not be fielded in successive matches, owing to injuries and players being called upon to play for the first XV. In all twenty-nine players turned out for the seconds during the season.

The season started well with victories over Chosen Hill (16-3), Culverhay (18-4), and Cheltenham Grammar (17-6).

Then followed the defeats at the hands of Kings 1st XV (30-6), Marling (18-3), and Q.E.H. where a very makeshift team lost 48-4, but as the poet says ... better to have played and lost, than never to have played at all.

Fine victories over Beechen Cliff (14-9), Whitefriars (24-8), and Crypt (22-0) brought the

run of defeats to an end. The last game of the season was against St. Brendans, as usual a hard-fought and keenly contested match which was lost 21-6.

John Penry-Williams 63

## OLD RICHIANs

CHAIRMAN: K.D. Ray.

A moderate season began with a disappointment when Club Captain Richard Owen was injured in one of the early games and was only able to lead the 1st XV in a handful of matches. We were fortunate in having Terry Girdlestone who succeeded him. Notable victories were recorded in the Boxing Day game against Old Cryptians, and also against Bath Spartans and Avonmouth O.B., who had previously included Mike Longstaff, Richard Hardwicke, Charlie Rogers, and John Coombes. Clive Pierrepont was the Club's top try scorer.

Administration is looked after by a small committee in which Robert Wheeler, as Secretary, and Ken Haines as Fixture Secretary put in a lot of hard work. The season ended on a high note when a 7-a-side tournament at Alcester was won by the Club, beating Stratford in the final. This year's Easter tour was enjoyed at Sheffield and there was a record attendance at our Annual Dinner Dance in May when former Gloucester captain, Keith Richardson, was our main guest. It was good to see a 3rd XV representing the Club again despite mixed results.

Our thanks go to Mr. Yates and Mr. Griffiths for their co-operation over the season and to the countless others, without whom we could not exist.

## Angling

ORGANISERS: David Pegler L6T, Nigel Anderson 5R

In terms of support this has not been one of our best seasons, but a few members are willing to attend all the meetings. These competitions are usually held on the canal but there have also been two trips this year. The first, to Lechlade, was marred by extremely poor weather conditions; nevertheless the school ran out easy winners against a disheartened Whitefriars team. The second was to Evesham and was a much better day for all involved. Pride of place in the honours list for the day went to "Nobby" Anderson ('Jaws' to his friends) with a 4lb chub.

The school entered the Schools' National for the first year and gained a very good win over Crypt by 101½ points to 88½ points in a match at Rea bridge on the canal. The school now meet Whitefriars and are confident of reaching the finals at the first attempt.

## Squash

CAPTAINS: Duncan Jodrell (winter) L6T

Michael Jones (summer) 63

SECRETARY: Hugh Watson L6R

By February, almost everyone in the club had become reasonably proficient and we were looking outside the school for further competition. So a challenge was issued to the Lower Sixth of Denmark Road High School for Girls. This was eagerly accepted! Two matches were then arranged for March and April, to be played at the girls' suggestion on their games afternoon, Thursday. Both matches were played in an atmosphere of congenial antagonism with the result that two resounding victories for us ensued under the inspiring captaincy of Duncan Jodrell.

The success of these matches may have contributed to the fact that the club membership has more than trebled since they were played.

A match against King's School is being arranged for the summer term and it is hoped to find other schools prepared to take us on in the near future.

**CAPTAIN:** Basyl Martynuik U6R

**SECRETARIES:** Paul Govan 63 and Mark Dix L6S

The season began with a trip to the Cantonian Relays, near Cardiff. Here the great improvement in depth of the club was shown when the "A" team, winning comfortably, were followed home by the "B" team in second position. This initial success was followed rapidly by victories over the Army Apprentices, at Chepstow and St. Paul's College, Cheltenham.

The fine start to the season continued as the club entered more relays at Millfield (A-2nd, B-5th) Beachley (A-2nd, B-5th) and Sutton Coldfield (A-8th, B-13th).

The highlight of the season in terms of inter-school fixtures came with the visit of King Henry VIII, Coventry and Millfield School. A Rich's team ran superbly, beating the Coventry team for the first time in 4 years. Basyl Martynuik won the race, with N. Gaunt 3rd. The club later discovered that this was the heaviest defeat the Coventry team had suffered since 1961.

# Cross Country



Three days later the club had another tough fixture at Marlborough College – but here the club could not produce a similar win, losing by 12 points. Basyl Martynuik won well, followed by

B. Noonan in a creditable 5th place.

The season continued immediately after Christmas, with the King Henry VIII Relay at Coventry. Here the team achieved a best ever 7th place, out of over 50 teams from all over the country.

More success followed at 3 other relays with the team increasing in stature all the time – at Haberdasher Aske's School Relay, near London, (placed 2nd); at the Oxford Tortoises Relay (The "A" team were the eventual winners, and the "B" team were 5th) – and finally at the St. Brendans Relay the team finished 2nd, behind a very strong Marlborough College team.

The district trials were again held at the school, and the club filled most of the city teams. M. Salter, B. Martynuik, B. Noonan, N. Gaunt and M. Dix were selected for the senior team, with R. Guest and P. Bright as reserves, and in the intermediate event S. Weston, D. Macmanus, A. Martynuik and B. Nicholls qualified for the county trials.

Just before Christmas the county trials were held at Arle School, Cheltenham. Again the school had an excellent day. S. Weston and B. Nicholls ran well for the intermediate team with B. Martynuik winning the senior race, followed by M. Salter 2nd, B. Noonan 3rd, N. Gaunt 4th, and M. Dix 7th.

After their successes at the County trials these runners were selected to run in the South West Championships. In the senior event, N. Gaunt ran exceptionally well finishing 13th – followed closely by Noonan, Salter and Dix who also qualified for the National Championships. For the intermediates, D. Macmanus, and S. Weston were selected for the Nationals.

The climax of the season came in the National Championships at Havant. In the senior race, B. Martynuik suffering from the effects of bronchitis could only manage a very disappointing 116th, the other city runners were M. Salter 138, N. Gaunt 156 and M. Dix 206.

**Mark Dix L6S**

**"Our Bas" – a tribute to Basyl Martynuik**

Bas leaves us at the end of this school year and it will be a tremendous loss to school running.

It was he who set the standards we have

today. Knowing that we couldn't always leave everything to him forced us to train harder in order to give him support.

He will be remembered for a long time, possibly as the best runner the school has ever seen. He has our thanks.

**Brendan Noonan L6S**

## **JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY**

We began well with both the under 15 team and the under 13 team, easily winning their respective events at the Cantonian Relays with some excellent runs.

Most of the places in the District teams fell to Rich's runners after dominating the trials held at the school. Representing the district team, the runners found tougher opposition at the County Championships staged at Cheltenham. However they completely outclassed the opposition with Robert Baldwin becoming the school's first ever County Champion ably supported by Paul Yeatman (2nd) Stephen Bond (3rd) and David Price (4th).

As a result of these fine performances these four runners were selected to represent the Gloucestershire side in the South-West-of-England and All-England County Championships.

Unfortunately Robert Baldwin was forced to withdraw, but his team-mates Bond (4th) Yeatman (8th) and Price (9th) ran outstandingly well on the tough Bristol course and the county team took 2nd place.

The highlight of the season came with the National Championships held at Havant, with Baldwin (112th) Bond (119th) and Price (125th) all finishing well up in the race.

Further under 15 team victories on the country came in the North Gloucestershire League, and in races against Marlborough College and St. Brendan's College, Bristol. Their versatility showed when they won easily the St. Nicholas Trophy race in Middlesex.

The best achievement of the under 13 team was winning the North Gloucestershire League (with Bond and Simon Weston taking 1st and 2nd individual placings).

**Paul Yeatman 3R and Miles Cheeseman 4S**



# Tennis

1st VI.

After two excellent seasons it was inevitable that the current one would not be as good for the First VI. The loss of Thompson and the bleeding of inexperienced players coincided with a strengthening of the fixture list and consequently several matches were lost. Early wins (including a good victory over Dean Close where for the only time this season I felt everyone played to their potential) were followed by tough matches against Bristol Grammar, Magdalen College, and Cheltenham College, all of which we lost.

The Bristol game gave us our introduction to the tie-break system which now operates in school tennis. We lost three tie-breaks that day and consequently the match, albeit narrowly. Since then we have made a habit of losing tie-breaks underlining the weaknesses of the present side which appear to be an inability to play pressure points well, and general inconsistency. Far too often we try to play for a quick winner instead of working for a position. Tennis is a game of thought as well as flair. However, none of this year's team are leaving and they should have gained sufficient experience to make next season a success.

At Magdalen we played against several junior Wimbledon players and although we lost we made many friends. However, this season has not been a bad one. Mellon and Glik played well to reach the final of the Gloucestershire Schools' Tournament where they lost to Bristol Grammar (again on a tie-break!). This pair also put Rich's on the map by reaching the semi-final of the Home Counties Tournament, beating Leighton Park and Reading before losing to Magdalen College. On the same day the rest of the First VI were playing well and beating Rendcome College.

The team was led by Mellon who was ably supported by Glik, Jodrell, Dix, Pashley, Perriam, Weston, and Bruce.

Under 16 VI.

The highlight of a fair season was undoubtedly the draw at Magdalen, achieved in failing light over six hours after the start of the game, when Weston and Bruce beat the opposition's top pair. The victory at Cheltenham is also worth mentioning as all pairs played well.

Although our first pair comprised members of the senior squad useful contributions were made by Fuller, Price, Harris, May, and Matthews. The last two have shown great willingness to learn, and promise well for the future. They played second pair for the team and reached the semi-final of the County Schools' Tournament for their age group, which incidentally, was won last year by Weston and Perriam. A rather exciting house competition and the two internal tournaments dominated events on the domestic scene.

B.McB.

# Volleyball

Although in the eyes of many, Volleyball is only a minor sport, to those dedicated few who have spent many Wednesday lunchtimes over the last two years in rigorous training, it is a way of life.

A captain could not have asked more from his players, whose "never say die" attitude saved many a game; and ensured that the team went undefeated through the season.

The season started well, with a fine victory over the county champions, Saintbridge. Inspired, the team went from strength to strength, beating opponents such as Royal Forest of Dean and Denmark Road.

Most of the success can be attributed to the coach — William (or Big-Bill) Spear, who, although with us on only one occasion, was a source of great inspiration. We also congratulate Robin Guest, being the first member of the school to win a 'cap' at Volleyball; David (Iron-lung) Woodward, who, although at times appeared rather lethargic, had a very good season, managing to stay on his feet for 3 games. P. Kemmet deserves a mention for dedicated service (but nothing else); Geoffrey (The-Cat) Poole after a devastating display in the first match of the season, was stricken by a 'rash' of injuries. The team sympathised at a distance.

Finally, the captain — without whom all this would have been possible, asked me thank all his players for the dedicated and loyal service they have given me (him) ...

CAPTAIN: Nigel Carter

# Bridge

TREASURER: Daryl Long U6S

The last year has seen bridge continuing to flourish. However this is almost entirely due to good support by the upper sixth, where the game is always keenly contested.

In November a team was entered for the Daily Mail Schools Cup, the first round of which was held at Cheltenham Bridge Club, the team narrowly missed qualifying.

The club has held several successful duplicate evenings. They are always very enjoyable and they do much to improve the standard of bridge.

April saw the return of the house bridge contest. Victory went to the favourites, Westgate. Second place surprisingly went to the Southgate team, which included Michael Partridge playing his first game for several years.

Daryl Long U6S

## ROWING

Our report begins almost 12 months ago, at the beginning of the 1975 Summer regatta season.

Outstanding memories from the 1975 season clearly include the progress made to the Evesham final by both fours, victory going in the end to the seniors.

In winning the Ball Cup, the National Event for small boat clubs, we achieved our outstanding result of the whole season, beating King Charles I School in the semi-final.

The previous Christmas, little hope of any success awaited this four and congratulations are in order to Julian Popple, Dave Carr, Roland Whitney and Gary Barber for their tenacity.

Following their open competition experience, Junior 15 success came easily to Chappell, Jackson, Price and Bennett with wins at Birmingham, Gloucester, Northwich and Hereford.

A novice four, formed only to contest the Norris Cup, reached the final at Evesham and gained deserved victory at Hereford. The departure of Mark Ashman and Gordon Gambling leaves us wondering what success there might have been had this crew stayed together.

Mention of success should not allow us to forget that victories

are often built on a wide base and particular thanks should be offered here to Steve Mace and Peter Stone, often the dogs-bodies in being shunted around to make up depleted crews, but very faithful members for some three years.

The summer camp had long been under discussion, and for a change the club decided to visit Scotland with an attempt on the 22 mile Loch Ness record in mind. The senior squad was not involved, and as before, the activities were designed to bring the Junior 14's to a state of race readiness for the following season. Much mention has been made elsewhere of the highly successful row and its acceptance by the Guinness Book of Records.

A training row the following day around the 19 miles of Loch Rannoch answered a challenge from the local school and won us an engraved tankard.

Training for the Boston Marathon began in September with 10 mile nightly rows in the eight.

Three years before, we had set a new race record which we hoped would stand for many years, but the organisers decided this year to re-site the finish. Announcement was made that new records would thus be declared as a result of this year's times. Thus to keep our names in the record books, we had to again win the 120 — entry race outright.

Obvious rivals were Durham A.R.C., last year's winners, and Hampton School. We fought the latter neck and neck on times for the whole of the 31 miles and therefore won the race, beating Durham by 7 seconds! The time of 3 hours 16 minutes equalled our previous record, so we remain satisfied.

Mention should also be made of the attempt in the race of the Junior 14 four, unobtrusively making great progress throughout the year. They finished third in under Junior 16 to Hampton and Bradford-on-Avon.

Bruce Dowding beat all-comers to win the restricted sculls.

An invitation Head at Hereford confirmed the Junior 14 (Emerson, Whitehead, Cambridge and Passey) were well up to usual standard. In the open adult competition they were awarded the organisers' prize for the most meritorious non-winning crew.

Apprehension over the lack of progress by the 5th formers broadened following defeat in this event.

Conversely, the Norris Cup victories by the 4th forms and seniors were outstanding. The 4th's won by almost a clear quarter-mile, and the seniors won by beating Crypt by some 3 lengths, the latter winners containing Cox Piers Alington rowing as a substitute.

An eight was formed for the Spring Head Season, and country-wide participation began. A challenge trophy versus Gloucester Rowing Club was won on the canal, and open competition followed at Exeter, Reading, the Schools' and Open Heads on the Tideway. Led by remarkably consistent Nick Harris and ably organised by Captain Gary Barber, improvements in position were made in all these prestige events.

At Reading, a highest position of 30th was reached, and our 28th in the Schools' Head was the highest position for a wholly state-supported school.

Nevertheless, Easter '76 saw some remarkably dedicated sessions by many Under 14 beginners and the senior squad sailed 5 miles daily throughout the holidays. Efforts like these cannot fail to be rewarded.

The six mile race around Plymouth Sound was well contested by a crew consisting largely of Junior 15's, and this report ends with anticipation of a 300 mile slog to Totnes and back to contest the 9 mile Dart Estuary Race against the cream of the Dorset, Devon and Cornwall Sea Clubs.  
**G.H.M.**



# Croquet

**PRESIDENT:** Mr. Michael W. Rangeley  
**SECRETARY:** Hugh Watson L6R  
**TREASURER:** Duncan Barnes 4S

Last season proved to be the most successful season for croquet since the days of the Historical Society Tournaments. A club ladder was operated throughout the season and a very successful Junior Tournament was held in which players entered as individuals and had their partners drawn out of a hat. The last two rounds of the tournament were played on a Saturday, the semi-finals in the morning and the final in the afternoon when Brewster (2S) (playing without his partner) defeated Bishop (2S) and Neale (3T) to win the cup.

Two visits were made last year to other croquet clubs. One was a visit to the Cheltenham Croquet Club to watch a league match and the other was to the All-England Championships at the Hurlingham Club in London.

This year the club has continued to grow at a phenomenal rate with the result that two club ladders and another Junior Tournament are planned for this season. At the beginning of the present season, the club purchased some new equipment with the help of a generous grant from the Parents' Association for the second consecutive year, thus avoiding the necessity of hiring equipment from the Croquet Association in the future. Both lawns are now larger than in previous years and the main lawn has been extended to full size for the first time. It is hoped, this year, to repeat visits to other croquet clubs and there is the possibility of a match against the Cheltenham Croquet Club.

Hugh Watson L6R





# Chess

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This year the Chess Team has played in the Sunday Times National Schools Chess Tournament, the North Gloucestershire League, the Gloucester and District Schools K.O. and the Gloucestershire Schools K.O.

In Division 3 North in the League we have once again had a very successful season. After losing the first match of the season to Cheltenham Knights we have remained unbeaten with fine victories against Crypt, Smiths and Churchdown and are now likely winners of our section.

The results in the 'Sunday Times' competition however, seem to overshadow anything else. In the first round we were paired against a useful Malvern College side whom we narrowly defeated on age handicap after a 3-3 draw. We then had a fairly comfortable road through to the final of the zone beating Monmouth 5-1, Caldicot 4-2 and Newport Grammar 2½-1½. In the final of the zone we met local rivals Cheltenham Grammar whom we beat 4-2 to win the zone for the first time ever. In the first round of the intra-zonals we met Haverfordwest, who had been unbeaten for 2 years, and forced a 3-3 draw which left us winners on age handicap. In the next round we were drawn against Priory Boys School from Shrewsbury, who had five county representatives in their team, and turned out winners by 3½-2½. This means that at the time of writing we have now reached the last 8 in the competition out of over 1,000 starters from the whole of Great Britain.

In the Gloucester and District Schools K.O. we have successfully defended our title by defeating Whitefriars 3-2 in the final.

This year we decided to run a Junior Team with the aim of giving the First year boys a little match experience. The team met with varied success but it appears that the prospect for the future is good.

G. Anthony represented the county at Senior and Junior level and at the time of writing is in the final of the Gloucestershire under 15 individual championship.

C. Pattenden U6R

# Cricket

CAPTAIN (1st XI): Philip Brown

Results to date —	P	W	L	D
	7	1	1	5



The relative lack of success showed by these results reflects the unfortunate lack of balance in the side. Only twice did the school reach three figures, and, although the team has four or five batsmen of high standard, they have rarely succeeded together. For example, only three reached double figures against Westwoods, only two against Cheltenham. However, outstanding contributions came from Barnes 50 v. Newent; Pattenden 24 v. Rendcombe and 44 v.

Whitecross; Stephens 23 v. Marling and 23 v. Westwoods.

The bowling was dominated by Brown and Sergeant, with good support from Curtis. These are the only effective bowlers the team possesses: unfortunately Preston's spin has not been given full rein due to the paltry batting displays.

Michael W. Sergeant 63

**CAPTAIN (2nd XI):** Ross Everson

Results to date —	P	W	D	L
	5	3	2	0

We started the season in glorious sunshine with our best performance to date, against Marling. Batting first, Marling pushed their score along, eventually scoring 126 all out, with Barnes, Pegler, Anderson and Sparkes taking wickets. We replied with Barnes (67) and Gabb (22) putting on 64 for the first wicket. The rest of the team added the necessary runs to reach 127 - 6 and win by four wickets.

The second match lasted a mere 55 minutes against a very weak Westwoods team who realised only 19 runs with Sparkes 5 for 8 and Pegler 3 for 8 taking the wickets. With the loss of only one wicket, Wickenden (6 n.o.) and Williams (4 n.o.) made the runs ensuring a 9 wickets win.

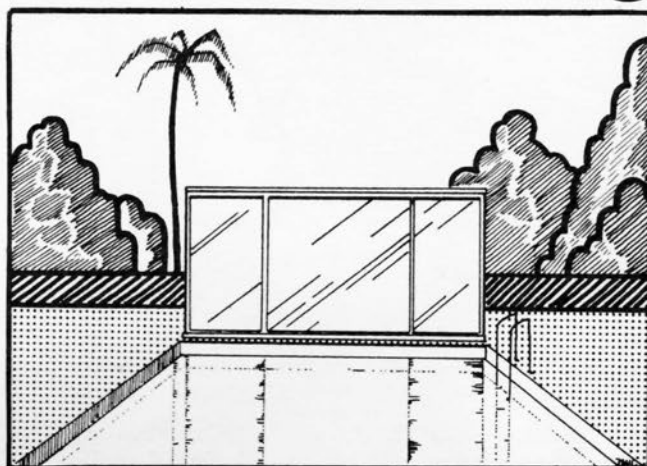
Against Cheltenham, Wickenden 8 - 18 bowled them out for a score of 94. Unfortunately we suffered a batting collapse and at one stage were 13 for 5 but Pegler (18 n.o.) and Allen (8 n.o.) managed to hold out to save the game which was drawn, our final score being 46-7 at the close of play.

Our fourth match against Chosen Hill gave us our third victory. Having dismissed Chosen Hill for 50, Gabb (16) and Sibery (24 n.o.) made the runs and we reached 51 for the loss of two wickets, winning by 8 wickets.

We managed to dismiss St. Brendans for 111 on a very slow wicket, Anderson taking 5-24. However our batsmen were unable to respond to the task at hand and apart from Williams (21 n.o.), the team collapsed. Luckily Anderson managed to survive the last two balls of the day and with the score at 42-9, the match was drawn.

Ross Everson 63

# Swimming



## SCHOOL TEAM

The school was very successful in this year's Gloucester Secondary School's Gala, recording what were probably the best ever results. A strong senior team (Stephen Bunce, Trevor Selby, Geoffrey Parker, Nicholas Edwards) swam well and took first place in both the medley and the freestyle relay. The Intermediate boys' medley relay team (Piers Alington, Gordon Winstanley, Peter Wickenden, Stephen Trenfield) and the Junior boys' medley relay team (Drinkwater, Morris, Smith, Watson) were also first in their respective events. In the Junior boys' individual events I. Morris, and Patrick Smith gained first places while A. Ible and P. Drinkwater gained second places. Stephen Trenfield (4T) has won several men's County Championships and has participated in the England Schools' Championships. Patrick Smith and David Trenfield have also represented Gloucester City Swimming Club.

## LIFESAVING CLUB

The club now looks set to make its strongest ever challenge in the Delapena Open-Water Competition at Ullenwood. We are hoping to retrieve the shield for the highest placed school team, which was lost by only half a point to Denmark Road High School last year.

Stephen A. Bunce U6R



# Badminton

The senior team has again enjoyed a successful season, winning 16 out of its 17 matches.

At an early stage it was apparent that the pursuit of the County League title would develop into a struggle between Rich's and Saintbridge as in previous years. Having been narrowly defeated in the away match 5-4, the school team completely outplayed Saintbridge in the home match and ran out 9-0 winners. This convincing victory ensured that the County League cup was retained for the third year running. There was a lucky escape at Cheltenham Grammar School where the school team at one stage were 4-1 down but recovered to win 5-4 after an extremely close last game. The majority of



the other league matches resulted in comparatively easy victories.

Several friendly matches were played, notably the exciting matches against Ashleworth Badminton Club, Brockworth School and Denmark Road H.S.

The junior team has had one of the most successful seasons for several years, remaining unbeaten throughout. In the County Junior League it has reached the semi-final and looks certain to regain the League cup. In reaching this stage the team won all its 6 matches, 4 of which were 9-0 victories.

This success is due to the very strong team fielded this year. The first pair of C. Collins and M. Brewster have had an exceptional season, remaining unbeaten. These two have been well supported by the remaining two pairs, K. Franklin and A. Fuller, D. Glik and Stone. Several young players were brought into the side for friendly matches against Brockworth, Longlevens and Cheltenham Grammar, and they all acquitted themselves well indicating a successful future for school badminton.

Junior Colours were awarded to Collins, Brewster and Franklin.

Trevor Selby U6R

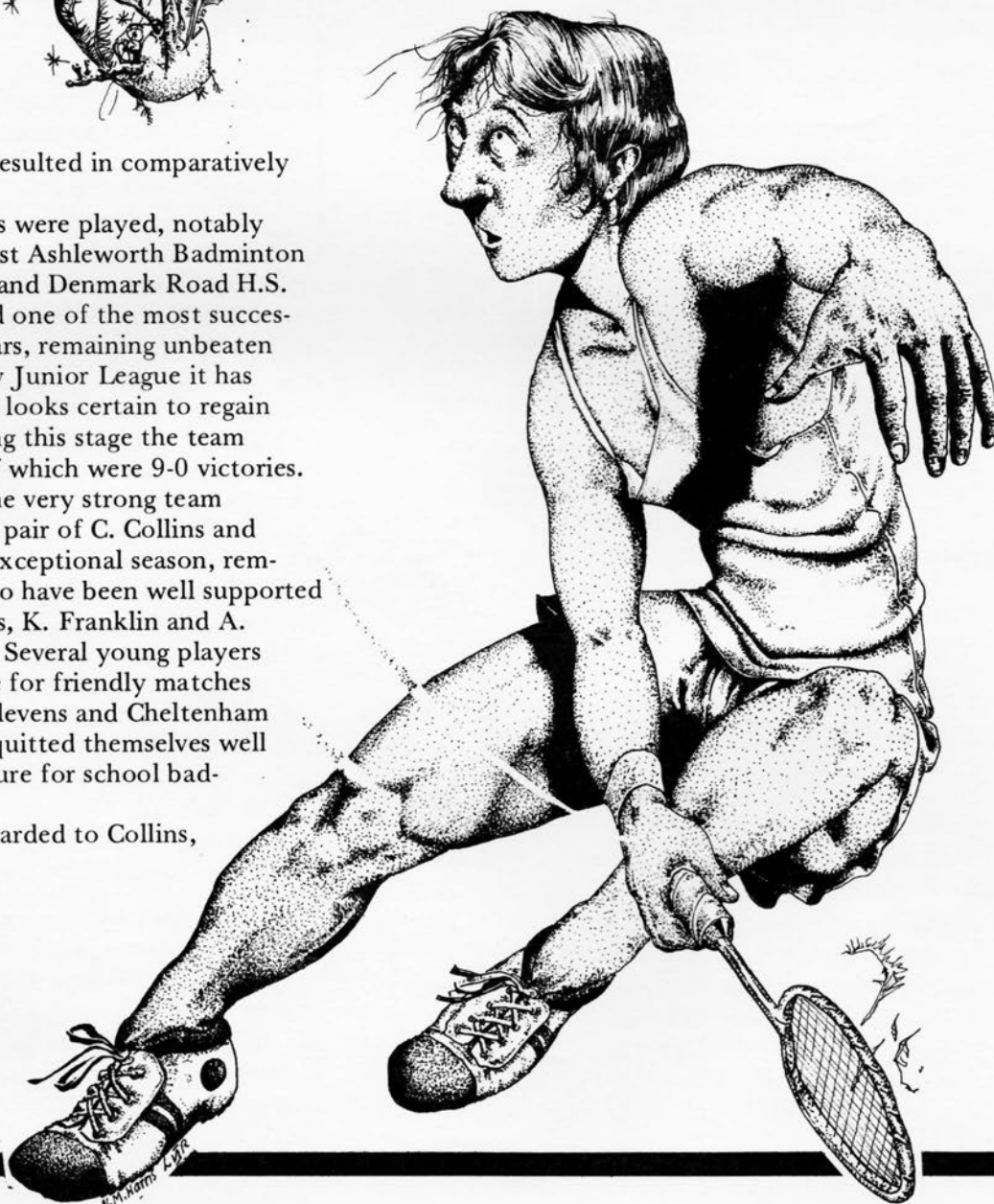
# Bowls

CAPTAIN: Philip Brown U6T

With its full complement of 80 members made up within the first 10 days of term, the school bowling section is looking forward to another enjoyable season. The green is in full use every lunchtime and most days after school and I am confident of being able to field a strong side for the annual match against our parent bowls club.

In addition to the house competition, a "Singles" Knockout and a "Pairs" event have been arranged.

Philip Brown



# OLD RICHIANs

## DEATHS

We regret to record the deaths of the following Old Richians:-

Mr. Frederick Henry Collett, aged 51, died suddenly in December 1975 at his home in Huntley. He was a keen cricketer and when at Rich's had played for the School.

Mr. Jack Charles William Harris died suddenly at home this year at the age of 56. Jack was licensing officer for Gloucester District Council, a post he had held since 1949, having joined the Motor Taxation department in 1937. He was a former president and secretary of the Gloucester City and District branch of N.A.L.G.O. For many years he had also been a prominent member of the Glevum Masonic Lodge, being secretary at the time of his death and a Past Master. His son, Richard, is also an Old Richian.

Mr. Edward Lionel Iles, aged 62. Ted was a staunch member of the Old Richians Association and was for many years a Committee member until he was taken ill with kidney disease. For more than 30 years he carried on the business of newsagent from a shop in Calton Road and, in his later years, was the secretary of the Gloucester branch of the Newsagents' Federation. During the last six years of his life, Ted developed a keen interest in bowls and, in addition to other Clubs, played for the School Bowling Club. His son, Derek, is also an Old Richian.

Mr. Gordon Jones, suddenly in December last, at the age of 47 years.

Mr. Graham Maly, aged 40 years, suddenly in April this year — an Old Richian.

Mr. Sidney Victor Masters, aged 70 years, died suddenly in February. Father of Christopher, also an Old Richian.

Mr. Donald Sayer, aged 21, in a road accident. It will have shocked many of the "younger" Old Richians to hear of Don's death. He was a very popular and talented young man and whilst at Rich's contributed a great deal to the sporting life of the school especially with regard to cricket and tennis. He will be remembered for a long time to come in local football circles where he had already made a name for himself. We all extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Mary, young daughter Clare and his parents.

Mr. T.C. Sweeting (Tom) — a gifted Master and well loved.

## WEDDING

We are pleased to offer our congratulations to the following Old Richian whose marriage has come to our notice, and wish him and his bride all happiness.

CLICK, Julian to Jennifer (née Browne) on 6th September 1975 at Wistaston, Crewe.

## ANNUAL REUNION DINNER, 1975

The annual Reunion Dinner was held in December in the School Hall. Those present, together with their ladies, included:

Messrs. W.G. Heap (Headmaster), D.J. Mills, A.C. Porter, R.J. King, H.W. Trinder, A. Johnston, G. Barster, Dr. J.B. Cook, Messrs. A.V. Martin, N.V. Hedges, E. Pritchard, J.M. Gaunt, A. Dalton, A.R. Manley, D.A. Townsend, H.J. Withers, W.M.L. Withers, S.P. Fugler, K.G. Legg, J.P. Cecil, R.A. Gabb, J.W. Dean, K. Ray, R. Hobbs, D.R. Wynn, I. Williams, R.A. Nind, N.A. McDowell, A.W. Sayers, H.V. Jones, V.G. Mundy, S.W. Smith, Rev. T.R. Harris, Messrs. S. Jones, M.H. Winter, S.C. Holbrook, R. Blair, J. Winstanley, W.G. Hook, K. Morris, R. Neininger, D. Billingham, D. Collins, L.C. Huddleston, J.Y. Cooper, D.I. Joseph, J. Hyett, G.F.J. Hyett, D. Powell, R.S. Chew, J.M. Smith, N. Giles, T.E. Scott, G. Hodder, P.E. Day, G. Romans, A.E. Crockford, S. Aubrey, L. Leah, F.O. Watkins, R. Fox and Paul Jenkins. In addition, 12 members of the 6th Form attended.

The opportunity was taken to make a presentation from the Association to Mr. Eddie Pritchard, to mark his retirement.

## WHERE THEY ARE

News of Old Richians is still not over-plentiful. There are still too many shrinking violets amongst the majority of Old Richians, who are content to sit back complacently — perhaps with the thought that we know where they are and what they are doing these days. But, you know, we don't and we really would like to hear from you — jobs, births, marriages, anniversaries, anything!! So please put pen to paper and let us have NEWS — you have until next February to think about it and act.

Meanwhile, just to give you an idea of what we mean, there have been letters, completed forms, newspaper stories, verbal stories and even unconfirmed rumours from or about the following . . .

ALINGTON, M.G.A., is studying Electrical Engineering at Southampton University.

AUBREY, Steve, not so very long ago our Social Secretary, was, during May, appointed Senior Surveyor for Shell in London. He is an active member of the New London Philharmonia Chorus. (Which, when I heard it, made sense of a remark in Mike Sykes' letter re "our Musical Surveyor" — even though I knew of Steve's great interest in music).

BARBER, D.G., is studying Civil Engineering at Portsmouth Polytechnic.

BARTON, R., dropped in to see Bill Hook during April. He lives in Melbourne, Australia, and works in the Engineering Division of Vickers out there. His job covers Heavy Engineering, Mining Equipment and Rubber making machinery. His visit came as an interlude during a highly concentrated business trip which entailed 2 weeks in the United Kingdom, 2 weeks in the U.S.A., and one week in Germany. I wouldn't mind betting he hardly knew Gloucester these days.

BEAMISH, G., is at Thames Polytechnic reading Business Studies.

BEYNON, G., gained his Ph.D. in Endocrinology at Cambridge.

BOWELL, M.P., is reading Education at St. Luke's College, Exeter.

BOWERS, G.M., is taking a course in Business Studies at Thames Polytechnic.

BRIGHT, S.J., is at St. Catherine's College, Oxford, reading Geography.

BRUCE, D.I., is studying Medicine at Bristol University.

BRUCE, J.W., is reading for a degree in Botany at Bristol University.

BUNNEY, D.R.S., is studying Computer Science at Brunel University.

CARTER, M.G. (1962–1970) is, we understand, working in Insurance in London.

CHEW, R., was appointed Vice Chairman of the Three Counties Agricultural Show Committee in 1975.

CLICK, Eric, is now Sales Director of Mitchell's Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, Ltd., at Gloucester. His one son,

CLICK, Julian, is a probation officer in Nottingham. Having obtained his B.A. at Durham University, Julian took a further course in Social Science at Nottingham University and gained his M.A. last year. He is married to a social worker in Derby and commutes daily from Derby to Nottingham. His other son,

CLICK, Ian, is still with I.C.I. Middlesbrough, having been promoted to Section Manager. He is married with two sons.

COOPER, S.M., is at Bath University reading Pharmacy.

DOREY, D.J. (1966–1971) is employed in the Accounts Office at Bryce Berger, Ltd.

DWIGHT, A.L., is at St. Luke's College, Exeter, studying Education.

EACOTT, Derrick, was earlier this year promoted to Treasurer of Haringey Borough Council, after being deputy there for about three years. Haringey is a dormitory borough, mainly developed in the Victorian period, with a population of about 250,000. Because of this he tells us that there are many problems, both social and of redevelopment. They have a turnover of £250 million per year so, as he puts it, the job is full of interest!! (Were you being humourous, Derrick?). He began his career at the age of 16 in the treasurer's department of Gloucestershire County Council. After war service in Malaya with the Royal Signals, he returned to the Shire Hall as machine accountant. In 1953, he moved to Coventry, where he took charge of the first electronic calculator to be installed by a local authority in this country.

He moved to Hornsey Council in 1959 as principal assistant. With the creation of Haringey Borough Council in 1965 he worked as chief pay officer and chief accountant and until his appointment as deputy Borough Treasurer in 1972.

EYLES, N.J., is at St. John's College, Durham, reading Theology.

FINCH, S.T., is at Thames Polytechnic taking a course in Business Studies.

FUGLER, Paul (1965–1973) was, when we heard, in his third year studying Music at Reading University — specialising in Renaissance Music.

GAGE, G., obtained First Class Honours in his Materials Science degree at Bradford University.

GARDINER, M.K., is reading Physics at Leicester University.

GILES, N.C., is studying Management Sciences at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

GILLETT, J.R., is reading Education at Canley College, Coventry.

GOATMAN, Charles, Mr. Goatman wrote to us from his home in Cheltenham. He is 89 years old and his memories of the School go back to the days of Mr. James Croft. Mr. Goatman had just returned home from hospital after an operation and tells us that he has lost his centre vision which prevents him reading or writing, and therefore taking an active part in the



- Association. His letter was written for him by Mrs. Goatman and he ended it "with the best of good wishes to all Old Boys". Mr. Goatman, I am sure I speak for all Old Richians when I offer you all our best wishes in return. May you have many more interesting and profitable years with the help of your good lady. Thank you both for writing.
- GODDARD, T., gained 1st Class Honours at Aston University in his Electrical Engineering degree.
- GRANT, Paul (1967–1972), having graduated in Geology with Geophysics from Durham University last summer, then went to Christ Church College, Canterbury, to take a one-year Post-Graduate course for his Certificate of Education specialising in Junior School age group.
- HILL, R.A., is reading Mathematics at Southampton University.
- HOLBROOK, Stan C. (1914–1917) is a retired Bank Manager, but he still keeps very busy growing roses and producing pictorial photographs. President of Lloyds Bank Photographic Society, Stan has had some 60 acceptances over the last 40 years in leading exhibitions. These include The London Salon of Photography and the Royal Photographic Society's Annual Exhibitions. He is, by the way, a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society. At the right time of the year he is a regular attendee at Internationals and Seven-a-Sides held at Twickenham. His home is in Beaconsfield, Bucks.
- HOLYHEAD, G.R. (1962–1970) is, we have heard, working at Chartered Accountancy in London.
- HOOK, B.W., played rugby for Leicestershire in 1975.
- HOSKIN, Rev. David W. (1960–1968), was ordained deacon by the Archbishop of York in June 1975 and is curate at Bridlington Priory in Yorkshire.
- HUGHES, M.R. was awarded the Herbertson Memorial Prize at Oxford for Geography.
- HURCUM, Trevor, is now Deputy Headmaster at Bleadon Hill Junior School, Weston-super-Mare.
- JONES, A.M., is at Birmingham University reading Medical Biochemistry.
- JONES, Stanley (1941–1948), our London representative, is back at Borough Road College, Isleworth. He has recently been awarded his M.A. (Educ) Degree in Child Development by London University.
- LAMB, S. (1967–1972) is at Bryce Berger Ltd., in the Cost Office.
- LAWRENCE, A., is studying Dentistry at Sheffield University.
- LONG, S.A., is reading Sociology at Cardiff University.
- LUDGATE, B.V. (1962–1967) is, we believe, the accountant at Slumberland Ltd., Gloucester. (Sounds a cushy number).
- MANLEY, A.R. (1963–1971) is teaching Biology at Finchley Manorhill School in London.
- MANN, Anthony A. (1967–1974) is a Pensions Clerk with the Eagle Star Insurance Company in Cheltenham, and is busily studying for the examinations of the Institute of Actuaries. He mentions that there are two other Old Richians working in the same office, whilst there is another in the office next door. It sounds almost like a takeover!! Unfortunately, Tony didn't mention their names.
- MAYO, T.A.J. (1938–1943) has retired from Service life to Greenlaw, Berwickshire, Scotland, where he keeps himself busy by operating a guesthouse during the Summer season and by managing a small factory in Winter. As he puts it "Never a dull moment". His son, MAYO, Jonathon (1960–1961) now commissioned in the Royal Air Force is serving at R.A.F. Leeming, Yorks.
- MCDOWALL, Nicholas (1963–1970) is studying Medicine at University Hospital, Wales. When we heard from him he was in his fourth year.
- NEWBURY, Nolan (1953–1958) was head of mathematics at Strathallan School, Perth, from 1967 to 1972, when he went to Nepal with the British Council to help, as head of maths and a housemaster, to set up an English-style boarding school. This exciting job involved travelling to the remotest areas including nearly 1,000 miles on foot. On returning in 1974 he went to Lochaber High School as a principal teacher of guidance. He has continued playing rugby and represented the North and Midlands district of Scotland between 1967 and 1970. He is married and has two daughters aged 9 and 6. His brother Don is teaching in Wiltshire after a spell in Bermuda and is still playing cricket successfully. By the time these notes appear he expects to have taken up a post in Germany as 2nd deputy head in a boys' boarding school. His address will be: Windsor Boys' School, Hamm, BFPO 103, Germany. He would be glad to hear from any of his contemporaries, and is particularly keen to trace Tony Huskisson and Alan Dixon, of the same vintage as himself.
- NEWCORBE, M.A., is reading English at Cardiff University.
- PEARSON, C.J. (1962–1970) is understood to have obtained an appointment on the staff of either a museum or art gallery in Plymouth.
- PEARSON, Mark Henry (1964–1972). When we received the information, Mark had just finished his studies at Swansea for his Zoology degree and was about to embark on a one year M.Sc. course on Applied Entomology at Imperial College Field Station near Ascot. The information then reads like pure Bram Stoker!! The work "involves taking insects, splitting their thoraxes open, ripping their livers out, and nailing their heads to boards". How about tearing off their legs and wings?

PREADY, N.S., is studying Mathematics at Southampton University.

PRITCHARD, Clive W. (left 1970), having graduated from Leicester University in 1974 with 3rd Class Honours in Engineering, is now working as Junior Development and Design Engineer with Marconi Space and Defence Systems at Portsmouth.

RAMSTEDT, C.J. (1966–1973) was articled in 1974 at Deloitte, the Chartered Accountants, Gloucester.

RAY, Keith, Chairman of the Old Richians Rugby Club and, as he puts it, “playing member (only just)”. He is married with one son. The last news of his progress in the business world was that he was Sub-Manager at Lloyds Bank, Cheltenham.

ROE, D.P. (1962–1970) left Deloitte & Co., Chartered Accountants, and moved to Brycer Berger Ltd., where he is training for the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants (I.C.M.A.).

SANCHEZ, G.C., is studying Estate Management at South Bank Polytechnic.

SERGEANT, Peter S. (1964–1971) is teaching English at Loughborough Grammar School, having gained a B.Ed. Degree from Oxford University with a distinction in English. He is engaged to be married this year.

SIMMONS, I.P., is at Jesus College, Oxford, reading Geography.

STILWELL, K.J., is at Imperial College, London, reading Electrical Engineering.

SUMMERS, B.J. (1966–1971) is employed, we learn, in the Cost Office at Bryce Bergers.

SWEET, J., is at Brunel University studying Building.

SWERINGTON, D., is taking a course in Creative Photography at Trent Polytechnic.

SYKES, Michael C. (1953–1958), gave me a few moments of head-thumping and heart-searching when I received his letter. Pausing before opening the monogrammed envelope in case it contained dire news from some society whose membership I had failed to renew or even good news from some other society who wished me to become a member, I thought of all sorts of strange and magnificent names for organisations that might abbreviate their titles to M.C.S. However, in desperation, I finally succumbed – and found that the contents were from our old friend, Vice President and former Hon. Sec. Those who can recall Mike’s style of writing when he was the latter will know that no-one can really write what Mike has to say better than Mike himself – I consequently offer his jottings in their entirety and in his own inimitable manner. With regard to his first paragraph, he just could find himself as a sort-of coffee club host when Old Richians are in Town and thirsty! “Greetings to all friends after having spent the last few years in establishing Regional and Continental Centres for our parent Company (Sony U.K. Ltd.) which

has involved a great deal of travelling. Now based as Chief Executive at Sony Showroom, 134 Regent Street, London W.1. A cordial invitation is extended to any Richian who may be in town to call in for a chat and a cup of coffee. Who knows, there might even be some Richian who can afford our range of hi-fi or television receivers .....

Now living ‘the life of a country gentleman’ in Thorpe, Surrey, (between Runnymede and Virginia Water) by kind permission of his Bank Manager and Building Society. Will Membership Sec. please note the current address ..... I know the card must be full but Gloucester, Richmond and Sunbury were vacated years ago ..... Lunch sometimes taken with one of the other Vice Presidents, Steve Aubrey (The Musical Surveyor) who helps get the menu soggy with nostalgia, or is it Moselle? No I am not married .... No I have no children .... No I have not changed my job .... No I have not passed away ... hence this note. What has the world got against SINGLE people and Richians at that?

It seems only like last week that I thought I had better send a contribution for the next issue of The Richian ... it must have been last September .... well time certainly flies ....” (Mike’s missive was dated April).

THOMPSON, J.W., is at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, studying Music.

VINER, A.J. (1962–1970) is, we have heard, teaching music at a school in Welwyn Garden City.

WATKINS, Alan O., is still enjoying his job as P.R.O. for National Travel. His journeyings during the past twelve months have taken him all over the country as well as to Eire and the continent. As the proof of the pudding, etc., he has, naturally, made most of his journeys by coach!!

WATKINS, Malcolm J., having sat the entry examination of the Museums Association, has been accepted as an Associate Member. He is Chairman of the Gloucester Military Modelling and Wargames Society, and recently succeeded, with another member of the local society, in a world-record attempt for continuous wargaming. They sat for more than sixty hours in a shop window in Clarence Street in aid of charity. (From experts at this wargaming I understand that a “long” game of ten hours duration is both mentally and physically shattering). Malcolm is engaged to be married this Summer.

WHITE, K., is studying Engineering at Churchill College, Cambridge.

WORRALL, S.W., former Headmaster (1957–1961) was created an Officer of the Order of the British Empire in the January 1975 Honours List. Belated congratulations, Mr. Worrall.





