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## EDITOR'S REPORT

"There is a pleasure sure in being mad, which none but madmen know."

Editing the Richian is one of a few tasks which require no qualifications. What can help is an infinite amount of patience and energy, though supplies of the former are well past exhaustion before publication to the detriment of the health of those involved! The collection and correction of contributions, the arbitrary setting and postponement of deadlines and the frantic, eleventh hour preparation of approved material all take their toll on the mental equilibrium of the unfortunates concerned. By necessity, novices are invariably entrusted with the responsibility of preparing the magazine, and this lack of continuity must be outweighed by a team of newcomers who overcome their inexperience by a combination of (often ineffectual) enthusiasm and (ultimately successful) trial and error.

The tottering Editor's thanks go to all who have made their contribution to the finished product. He welcomed the greater readiness this year to offer material, and although much was of a high standard, the regrettable limitations of space necessitated a judicious pruning.

Finally, our thanks to Mr. Haynes and Hugh Watson, without whose help . . .

**Roger Yeomans**  
**Guy Comely**

The school year was prodded into life by a Speech Day invigorated by the address of our guest speaker Sir H. Montague Finniston, F.R.S., who, when dealing with the future of education, avoided party dogma by advocating a return to the two R's, Reason and Responsibility, thus introducing a welcome change of emphasis in an issue dominated by political ideology. The future of the school still sadly remains uncertain though it would be untrue to say that this indecision has affected school morale.

This was very evident in the hectic week which brought the Michaelmas term to a close, during which there was a Christmas Concert in the library, the Cock House Party, carol services at St. John's and Longlevens, and the Old Richians' dinner on consecutive days, and all this while sixth formers were busy delivering food parcels to old people locally.

Musically, the school presented a Christmas Concert, previously mentioned, an Orchestral and Choral concert, and a Choral Society performance of Handel's Messiah, not to mention the prefects' rendering of an untraditional version of the anthem "Thou visitest the earth" at the Cock House Party. To provide variety, we were hosts to a Welsh Choir,

an RSPB film show, and the Barnwood Festival production of Oliver Goldsmith's comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer."

A busy summer programme consisted of the two Founder's Day services at St. John's, Sports Day, the House Music Competition, the Rambouillet exchanges and the Bus Fair, which was the culmination of the year's fund raising activities. These included a Folk Night and a highly successful sponsored swim which raised a sum in excess of £1,000. Unfortunately, this report has had to be written before the fête to fit in with the printers' deadline, so a full account cannot be included. However, by the time the magazine is in print, we hope to be looking back on the climax of a successful year and forward to an equally successful future.

**Hugh Watson**

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. and the "Sherry Party" for first year parents were as usual the starting events for the year. We were most encouraged by the support at the sherry party, especially the number of covenants which were signed, enabling us to claim back from the tax man half as much again as your contribution — a rare pleasure!

The reorganisation of secondary education then occupied our attention for some three months. As you will recall,



letters and meetings were used to inform the parents about the proposals and to obtain your views which were then passed to the Counsellors and Chief Education Officer. The position at present is that no action will be taken before 1981, but we must be prepared for whatever the future may bring.

During the year, volunteers from the parents have done three sessions of decorating which has helped to bring the School back to a high standard. The Headmaster has already expressed his appreciation and the committee would like to add their thanks to all who helped. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Bishop and the fathers who have revived the "Dads' Working Party" which makes a valuable contribution to the extras which are frequently needed. They meet each Monday evening, 7—8 p.m., in the woodwork shop — other volunteers are always welcome.

The Parents' Association Dance in February was again a great success and we are grateful to Mrs. Healey and her band of helpers who prepared the delicious supper. This was only one of the many occasions when, we benefited from their help. It always looks so calm and efficient that we may forget the amount of work behind the scenes to produce these results.

The swimming section have had a mixed year with the weekly swim stopped for a time during the oil shortage. However, further members are always welcome and at 75p for one, or £1 for both parents per year, it

must be the best value in Gloucester.

The Bowls Club had a serious blow when the Club House was burnt down. Plans are going forward for a new building but funds must be raised to replace the contents. I am sure it will finish up better than ever.

We are again grateful for the support of parents for the Draw — it is now of necessity one of our major fund raising events and the money will be put to good use for the benefit of the boys.

As I write, preparations are going ahead for the Fête on 8th July. Let us hope the weather is kind and it is as enjoyable as the previous occasions. In the past it has always proved an opportunity to make new friends and to meet old ones besides helping the School.

**D. Bruce**

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## ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

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**TIM SALUVEER  
EDMUND J. TICKNER**

The departure of two language teachers this year leaves a large gap to fill. Edmund Tickner after three years with us is leaving to take up a post at Ipswich School in the autumn — and our loss is their gain.

In the short space of his stay with us Edmund has proved to be an energetic and painstaking teacher as well as an efficient



organizer of cross-country teams and events. Members of staff will remember him for his dedication to squash, tennis, running but not rugby! His forte, however, seemed to be the financial wizardry involved in counting the pounds, pence and francs for the Rambouillet exchange, but rumours that he has a numbered Swiss bank account are totally unjustified.

Whilst we are sorry to see him go, we wish him — and his charming wife — good luck for the future in their new schools.

We say goodbye also to Tim Saluveer who leaves us after seven years to take up his new post at Cheltenham College. During his time at Rich's he has made a special impact through



his enigmatic personality and individual approach to language teaching.

His contribution to the modern languages' department extended beyond the classroom to the helping with and supervision of foreign exchanges to Rambouillet, and he also initiated the participation of his pupils in a similar link with the town of Göttingen. His interest and involvement in these trips have been invaluable and will be greatly missed.

Tim also made an original contribution to sixth form general studies in the form of a course on the Blues, reflecting his particular musical tastes. His sporting skills will be missed in the staff rugby and cricket teams, and he also played squash regularly through the school club.

We wish him all the best in his new post and hope he will maintain his links with the school.

Last September we welcomed to the School two new members of staff, Mike Bevan and George Haynes.

Mr. M. J. Bevan from St. Luke's College, Exeter, has joined the staff to teach P.E. to all years, and science and geography to the lower school.

Mr. G. E. Haynes has arrived from Leicester University to teach English. In his first year he has involved himself in the Debating Society, Choral Society and become staff adviser for the School Magazine.

## OBITUARY

### W. G. F. BRADFORD

The news was broken to boys at the first assembly of the new school year that Mr. Frank Bradford had died on the previous afternoon. Although he had been in poor health for a number of years and had been away from school for the whole of the previous Summer term, the news of his passing came as a great shock to staff and boys alike.

After service in the Royal Navy during the war, Mr. Bradford went to University College, Cardiff and graduated in English in 1949. At college he was prominent in the Dramatic Society and played rugby for one of the college teams.

He joined the English department of the School after his teachers' training year and also coached rugby and cricket on four afternoons a week. He was a gifted teacher and an inspiring coach. For a number of years he had charge of the first XV and was selector and treasurer of the Gloucestershire Schools' Rugby Union (19 Group). Four of his boys played for England but the highlight of his career was winning the Oxford Sevens in 1963. He maintained his connection with the stage as a member of the Occasional Players, acting in several productions at the Barnwood Festival. He was a member of the School Choral Society and wrote the reviews of the annual performances for the school magazine.

He was a voracious reader and will be remembered in the Common Room for his fund of rugby stories and anecdotes. The esteem in which he was held was reflected by the large attendance of staff, boys, Old Richians, parents and friends at his funeral at Barnwood Church.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife Gwyneth, David, Catherine and Victoria.

D.J. CAB

# School Music

Once again school music has enjoyed a full and varied year. With the choir treading new ground by learning the art of Psalm chanting and the Choral Society preparing earnestly for their performance of Handel's 'Messiah', this has been a year when complete dedication to rehearsals was needed for a high standard of performance and this was achieved admirably.

The year began for the choir with an Anthem familiar both to School and choir: "Thou visitest the earth" which has its own fan club amongst the upper sixth at the back of the hall, who by now are so familiar with its delightful theme that this year, I am positive, they were singing along during the opening section for trebles.

In October the choir led the singing at St. John's, Northgate, for the 'Education Sunday' service when their contribution included the 'Magnificat' and 'Nunc Dimittis' in C by Stanford, and the modern anthem by John Joubert, 'O Lord, the maker of all things', all three of which are magnificent in their own right and were greatly enjoyed by both choir and congregation. A month later they sang their first evensong at St. Mary de Crypt where they confidently negotiated their first psalm and at the end of the month, using a small selection of singers from the choir, they performed the first of three parts of a large number of chorales collectively entitled the "Orgelbüchlein", at St. Catharine's Church. Each chorale was followed by its own organ prelude, and with Mr. Rangeley, Mr. Davies, Mr. Fowler and Paul Bruce sharing the organ pieces, the 'Orgelbüchlein' was performed in a relaxed atmosphere and Bach's music was enjoyed by all.

The Christmas festivities began with what has become an established event: 'Christmas by

Candlelight', in the library. The event was performed by the Madrigal group with some light-hearted readings in between the carols. This was closely followed by the carol services on successive evenings at St. John's and Longlevens where, after a lot of hard work, carols such as 'A babe is born Iwys'; 'In the bleak midwinter', and the 'Nativity carol' were enjoyed by many, especially the boys in the choir.

In February the choir was honoured when asked to sing Evensong in the Cathedral, where we again sang the Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittis but with greater effect because of the acoustics afforded by the Cathedral.

Also in February, a School choral and instrumental concert brought most of the musicians in the school into the public eye, whatever their age or ability in their particular instrument.

The highlight of the year was perhaps the Choral Society's rendering of Handel's 'Messiah'. The rehearsals which began in the previous October were realised when on the evening of the performance the audience impatiently awaited the 'Hallelujah' chorus — they were not disappointed.

Looking forward to next year, the choir celebrates its 20th Anniversary, and, as such, plans are in the melting pot for a four day tour of the Dorset area, singing in local churches and for a long-playing record to be made of the choir which will be available to the School, and a dinner for all founder members and past captains of the choir.

Finally, I cannot thank Mr. Rangeley enough for his undying enthusiasm over the past year, and also Mr. Fowler for his willingness to play the piano or organ when the need arose.

**Kevin Ball U6R**



## **SCHOOL CONCERT FOR CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA**

On 15th February, 1978, the School Choir and Orchestra gave a combined concert where the music ranged from classical to light contemporary from the present age.

The School Orchestra began the evening, playing a waltz by Dvorak. But it quickly divided to expose the many talents of its individual members. Especial note should go to the following in the middle school for their outstanding performances: Tobias Alington on violin who gave a well executed and vigorous rendering of Handel's Sonata in E. Fauré's 'Sicilienne' was played on the flute by Mark Peachey. Praise should be given to Peachey because the flute is a difficult instrument and he mastered it with great ease. Backed by the orchestra, Julian Baker played Handel's concerto for trumpet and strings. Baker's rendition was speedily followed by Peter Dale on cello and Paul Bruce on piano playing 'Berceuse', a delicate work, again by Fauré. From the lower school, Nigel Jones and Graham Sargen provided slight amusement standing like clockwork soldiers whilst they gave a promising performance of a duo for violin, a Sonata in C, by J. W. Kalliwoda. And finally, from the upper school two praiseworthy performances came from Roger Yeomans who played the Larghetto from Mozart's Piano Concerto in D, and Andrew Westlake on clarinet and Paul Bruce on Piano who produced a mellow atmosphere in the duet from Finzi's Bagatelles. The orchestra reassembled to open the second half of the concert, playing perhaps the best piece of the evening, a Tudor Suite by Henry VIII which emphasised that much neglected instrument, the harpsichord.

The choir gave us in the first half of the performance J. S. Bach's "Jesu, priceless treasure", and in the second, to close the evening, "My spirit sang all day", by Finzi, followed by a boisterous arrangement by Butterworth which brought the evening to a close.

In conclusion it must not be forgotten that at great expense and to the audience's delight special guest appearances were made by that infamous pair of piano duettists Rolf Wobble and Charlie Meanyleg. In their usual frivolous fashion they gave us everything from the 'Listen with Mother' theme to the Jamaican Rumba. The only question I have to ask when they played the rumba was 'where was their Carmen Miranda?'

## HANDEL'S ORATORIO



## MESSIAH

Handel's "MESSIAH" with its variety of richness and challenge, was given by the Choral Society on 16 March. Every mood of the music was handled with confidence, from the subdued to the uninhibitedly joyful; the challenge was met with assurance. We were shown that the well-known "Hallelujah" chorus is only a part of a richly diverse work. Worthy of special praise were the two young Treble Soloists, HUGO ASHBY and GRAHAM SARGEN. The Countertenor, BEREK ACOCK sang with verbatimity, control, and style; the Orchestra was well led by JEAN ALINGTON. But it was the fluent and succinct direction of MICHAEL RANGELAY that marked the evening with authority.

DAVID GREEN



# Rambouillet



Leaving S.T.R.S. early in the morning, we arrived at Southampton in good time to catch the Le Havre ferry. The weather was warm and the crossing very smooth. Many of the group found the crossing exciting because it was their first sea voyage. The boat berthed at Le Havre in the early evening, and without much delay we left for Paris where we changed for the coach to Rambouillet.

During the week the group participated in a wide range of activities and interests arranged by our French counterparts. Some time was devoted to sports, basically football and handball. At the Lycée at Rambouillet we played two games of football and won both: 2-0; and 2-1. At handball, however, we were not so successful and we lost to the French 10-1, and 3-1.

Excursions were planned to the parc de sammage, a wildlife sanctuary. This was fascinating with its many exotic birds and animals, all of which were accessible to photograph. The main attractions in the park seemed to be the displaying peacocks, the Wallabies and some extremely friendly deer. The group, being divided into two, alternated their programme, and whilst the first visited the parc, the second visited the Bergerie. Here the group went into a small museum and found delight in deciphering the labels against each object. In pens were some merino sheep and our visit to them caused some hilarity when Mr. Cutting,

climbing into the pen, attempted photographing one. The other sheep seemed to know his mind and quickly surrounded the 'poser'. But eventually Mr. Cutting managed to snap a photo of it alone! There was a cylindrical building in the bergerie, and this we discovered was the pigeon loft which contained over 2,400 holes — and that's one hell-of-a-lot of pigeons!

Rambouillet is about an hour away from Paris, and we arrived at the capital about 10.00 a.m. The group again was divided into two parties, and one paid a visit to the Beaubourg.

The best way of seeing the Beaubourg, or 'National Centre d'Art' was to begin at the top and steadily work one's way down. The modern art work there took our fancy. It was in fact a postcard. The card was white with one blue line on it, and sold for approximately twenty pence!

After the Beaubourg, we walked to Notre Dame Cathedral. This impressive building from the outside, surprisingly, is relatively small inside. Perhaps the most memorable event of the Paris trip was the ascent of the Eiffel Tower. It was worth queuing the 25 minutes, the two stops and the change of lift simply for the panoramic view gained from the top. A leisurely end to the day was a pleasant river trip on a Bateau Mouche. From the boat we had a mini-tour in itself, getting excellent views of Notre Dame, a miniature of the Statue of Liberty, the Eiffel Tower, and sunbathers on one of the





islands!

The Thursday of our 'exchange', we went en masse to Versailles. Until the Revolution the Chateau at Versailles was originally the home of Louis XV. The chateau covers quite a large area, with vast estates. In the grounds there is a canal where one could hire rowing boats. After emptying our pockets, some of us chanced to join Messrs. Spear and Tickner in a rowing boat. We sat holding on tightly as Mr. Spear demonstrated his rowing skills, but Mr. Tickner proved to be no rower. In the grounds of 'Versailles' is a small house where Marie Antoinette used to play at being a simple country shepherdess.

A second chateau visited was that at Rambouillet. Although the exterior implied age, once inside we were somewhat disappointed. Many of the large rooms which we saw were not fitted in an antique style as we supposed, but consisted of modern equipment for the use of secretaries and so on. Instead of grouping the 'modern' rooms, unfortunately they were spasmodically placed, so spoiling any continuity which might have otherwise occurred.

Saturday and Rambouillet was a hive of industry because it was Market day. The fascinating thing was that this market sold not merely fruit, vegetables and toffee, but was similar to a bazaar, selling anything from nick-nacks to exotic dresses. One did not have to be too astute to note the varying

prices, but then neither was it difficult to notice the different quality of the goods. The whole market stretched from the Town Hall through to the school, a distance of approximately half a mile.

On our final day, the group went swimming in the morning, where most enjoyed a satisfying bathe. Afterwards we made our way to "La Mairie", which is the Town Hall. We were invited to a civic reception. The Lady Mayor gave two speeches, one in French, the other in English. Mr. Cutting replied (in French) and then we ate the buffet which had been prepared. We were given soft drinks and watched enviously as teachers sipped ice-cool champagne. Later that afternoon the group was the guest at a party organised by our French hosts.

At 3 o'clock, "goodbyes" having been said, we left for Paris. We changed coach and went on to Le Havre where we boarded the good ship 'Dragon' early. Being a night crossing, we were provided with semi-comfortable reclining chairs. Some of the group had an extra perk: they were in female company!

The ferry berthed early Tuesday morning, and we promptly left for Gloucester, where we arrived without much hindrance.

**Hugo Ashby 2T**  
**Richard Barbour 2T**  
**Simon Williams 2T**



## RAMBOUILLET '78

There were many differences between this year's visit to Rambouillet and previous visits. By travelling in one group by coach directly to Paris from the School — even if it meant sacrificing a week's holiday — many administrative problems were avoided. In fact we were all very pleased that very few difficulties arose: hardly any injuries, no one lost, things all very well kept, even the weather was superb for us in France.

Impressive was the general good behaviour of both English and French pupils and the welcome given the pupils and teachers on both sides of the Channel. Visits were plentiful, work and diary writing was energetically undertaken.

I must thank Messrs Spear, Saluveer and Tickner for their constant and valuable support — not forgetting Mrs. Anster and Mrs. Davie from Colwell School and their help. Without this team there could be no exchange. In addition to these I should like to thank all our colleagues who exhibited vast amounts of patience and tolerance during our various absences.

Of course it's hard work, harder than most people realise but it is work which pays huge dividends for the pupils not just in terms of French learnt, but rather in terms of French people met, spoken with — even if not fully understood.

Plans are already in hand for next year.

I.S.C.

Cette année il y avait le quatrième échange scolaire entre Gloucester et Le Lycée National, Rambouillet. Pourtant pour moi, c'était ma première visite à Rambouillet. J'y suis allé accompagné par cinquante-cinq de nos cinquièmes pour passer dix jours à la maison de mon correspondant français. Lui aussi, il allait au Lycée de Rambouillet et donc, je recontrais assez souvent des jeunes anglais:

Après un voyage très fatigant de dix-huit heures (en car et bateau) nous sommes arrivés au Lycée à minuit moins cinq, vendredi le vingt-six mai. Puisque Sylvain Cattaneo — mon correspondant — habite à quarante kilomètres de Rambouillet, j'ai passé la nuit chez Mme Maurin, professeur d'anglais.

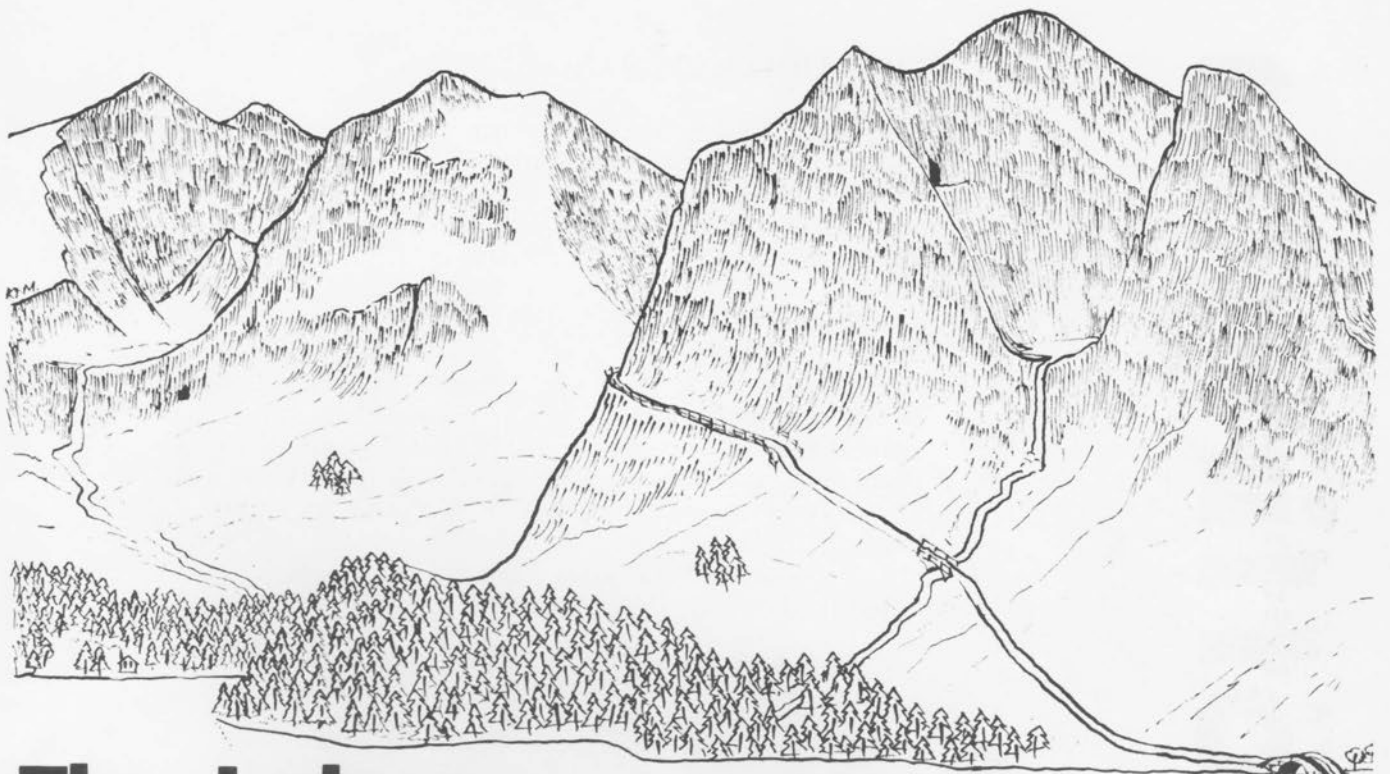
Pendant les jours qui suivaient je m'amusais bien. La famille Cattaneo était très "sympa" et la maison était grande et moderne. Mais c'était la saison de la Coupe du Monde et puisque Sylvain s'intéresse au football, il passait presque tout son temps chez lui à regarder les matchs télévisés, surtout ceux de l'équipe française. Moi je le trouvais un peu embêtant.

Personne de sa famille ne parlait anglais et donc j'étais obligé de parler français. Maintenant je comprends que cela m'a beaucoup aidé, puisque je commençais à penser en français et lorsque je recontrais les élèves anglais, je le trouvais un peu difficile de parler anglais.

Comme j'ai dit, Sylvain habite à 40km de Rambouillet et donc il arrive au Lycée en car de ramassage. Mais l'autobus part de Beynes à 7 heures vingt-cinq du matin, beaucoup plus tôt que je ne pars pour l'école d'habitude.

On s'aperçoit en arrivant qu'il y a beaucoup de différences entre un lycée français et un lycée anglais. Mais bien entendu il s'agit d'autres pays, autres moeurs . . .

Robert Dalton L6R



# The Lakes

What I remember most about last year's Lake District trip is the great variety of both weather and scenery which we experienced—the weather ranged from ideal walking conditions, on Great Gable, to torrential rain on High Stile!

The first day in the Lakes was a warm up for the more exciting, and more tiring walks. The following day's walk proved this but despite the length of the walk it was greatly enjoyed because of the interesting scenery and variety of fellow walkers.

The good weather lasted until we moved to Buttermere. On our second day there it poured down all day and thus we could not carry out the planned schedule for that day. We came off the summit of High Stile, after having eaten a soggy lunch, and descended quickly to the valley floor. We spent the afternoon walking to Scale Force in wet clothes and then we returned to the hotel. (A "Force" is a waterfall.)

The next day was considered by most of the party to be the best. The weather was ideal for walking, a complete contrast to the previous day, and the views from Gable were magnificent. It was also one of the most exciting days—especially for those who dared to cross the South Traverse (Upper Route) to see the "Cat Rock" and "Naples Needle".

The next day we moved to Eskdale and spent a less strenuous day climbing Harfer Fell, in preparation for the following day which was the longest walk of the holiday. To reach that day's objective, Bow Fell, we had to walk beside the beautiful shimmering River Esk with its cascading waterfalls and deep clear pools and up the peaceful, uninhabited valley of Upper Eskdale.



The following day's walk was a short one and was concluded with a journey on narrow-gauge railway.

The last three walks were all long, the final one being Scafell Pike. Once again the passage from Scafell Pike to Scafell by way of Lord's Rake, the West Wall Traverse and Deep Gill.

The following day the school bus returned on its long journey back to Gloucester filled with 15 tired but happy people.



# Austausch Göttingen

## THE GERMAN EXCHANGE

This Easter a German exchange trip was arranged between Otto-Hahn Gymnasium in Göttingen, a large university town in the East of West Germany, and Sir Thomas Rich's and Denmark Road Schools, with a small contingent from Tewkesbury and Chipping Campden.

### The Journey:

Due to leave at 4.30 on Easter Monday, we congregated at Sir Thomas Rich's at 4 o'clock. The coach left on time to wails of anguish and cries of, "My God, I've still got your passport!", and "Don't come back!" We replied with yells of "Good riddance," and "My God, I've forgotten my passport!"

The journey to Folkestone was fairly uneventful, interrupted only by the occasional flying banana skin.



THE GROUP

We arrived at Folkestone one and a half hours early to find that, owing to building construction, we had to wait in the bitter cold.

Eventually we boarded the ferry and immediately found the bar. "Slim" Cummings—so known because of his rather smart tie—consented to buy us all a beer (purely for medicinal purposes, of course). We hope his bruises have now completely healed. However, while buying these antibiotics, a can was dropped, and when "Smiley-Miley" Mayo opened it, he merrily sprayed it all over Weir.

We finally arrived at Ostend and were then driven to Göttingen. Ten minutes from our destination, suddenly aware of our limited German vocabulary we spent the remaining time memorising "Guten Tag."

At Göttingen, we met our German partners and went off with them to their homes—our homes for the next two weeks.

### The First Week:

Experiences, obviously, varied enormously and to tell them all would fill the 'Richian' three times over. However, there were a few places where almost everybody went, for example the theatre to see "The Hauptmann von Köpenick".

Many people went to see the Herkules in Kassel to see the famous fountains and water cascade. However, several of the more observant noticed that there was no water. Our intrepid investigators discovered that this was because the water was only switched on for special days during the summer. However, a lucky few did find water when they went into caves and were promptly soaked to the skin by concealed fountains.

These first seven days were very enjoyable but they soon ended, and on the Monday our only organised trip took place.

### **The Trip to Goslar:**

A trip was originally organised to the VW works near Kassel, but owing to industrial action, this was cancelled, and a trip to Goslar, via the Harz mountains was arranged instead.

Eyes agog for all the beautiful scenery we had read about, we drove into Harz . . . . but visibility was only 16.342 feet in the fog. We saw nothing.

The Horror of Goslar, or Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind:

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After this horror, we had an organised tour of Goslar in which we were shown round all the places of interest in the town. During the tour, a certain French master, whose name we will not mention, wore a funny hat. We stared at him . . . "My Goloshes!" exclaimed Ian "Rabies" Henderson. Luckily Slim had his camera, a Praktica XL65307 double zoom bi-focal twin lens reflex TTL, with him.

The result:



**THE HAT**

### **The Otto-Hahn Gymnasium**

On the next day we went to School, which started at the ungodly hour of 7.50, and we had a football competition against the Germans. We managed to win two out of the five matches, which was not bad since they had a much larger choice of players than us with our motley crew of about twenty. And we fouled better than they did!

After this, we went to a Civic Reception and a guided tour of Göttingen, which was very interesting. However, some members of our group, tired by the football, just couldn't stand the pace.

The other days at School were fairly uneventful and so we decided to write sixteen pages on them, but these were butchered by Mr. Haynes/Mr. Saluveer/Spike Milligan (delete as appropriate).

### **Thank to the Germans:**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people involved with the German exchange. Everything ran very smoothly and we all had a marvellous time.

We would especially like to thank the German families for looking after us, providing for us, and for showing us so much about Germany and its inhabitants. We only hope that the Germans will enjoy themselves, as we did, when they come to England.

**S. K. Riddick (5S)**

**A. Weir (5S)**

### **MAYO ASLEEP**



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Councillor  
P.M. Robins

The Great Debate has been and gone, various government and discussion papers have emerged, and the dust where it was disturbed has settled. Too much is, has been and always will be said and written about education. I apologise for adding to it.

"This publication is intended to stimulate professional discussion. The views expressed are those of the authors and not necessarily those of the Inspectorate as a whole or of the Department of Education and Science. Nothing said is to be construed as implying Government commitment to the provision of additional resources."

This is the opening paragraph to "Curriculum 11-16 Working Papers by H.M. Inspectorate:" a contribution to the current debate.

The document is a useful and stimulating one though non-controversial. The foreword, however, is symptomatic of our society. The wish not to be pinned down to definite statements, to avoid confrontation and the suggestion of dictating. In this and many other documents no sense of leadership has emerged, least of all from the Department of Education and Science.

Young people need a definite framework within which to develop and this framework must be provided both at school and in the home. They need leadership from those who are older! Parenthood is not for the faint-hearted nor is teaching. We must not take the easy way out and we must not lose our nerve. Parents need to dictate to their children from time to time as to what is right and what is wrong. We must dictate at school also and keep reminding young people what is right and what is wrong. I have no doubt that all parents know what is right and wrong. Many parents are all too eager to suggest that they were taught this in their homes and at their schools in the golden days of education. (Golden days are those times the person speaking spent at school! Personally, although my grammar school days were golden, I believe the education provided at Sir Thomas Rich's is better than was available at my school).

Education is leading outwards and forward. What should a school provide? A useful check list is found in the publication "Curriculum 11-16." Areas of experience that should be found in a school are the aesthetic and creative, the ethical, the linguistic, the mathematical, the physical, the scientific, the social and political

"The Council should institute proceedings in the High Court against Mrs. Williams by a declaration that she is acting unreasonably and against the interests of Gloucester's children in requiring the council to reorganise secondary education in haste, split-site

TO THE RECENT LETTERS ON "THE REORGANISATION OF SCHOOLS IN GLOUCESTER, THE OPPORTUNITY GIVEN COMMITTEE TO MEET AND VES AVAILABLE, BUT THIS SENT AND THERE IS WIDE- THE LETTER AND

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Even though more than  
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a petition against it.

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# Take Mrs. Williams to court—Coun



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The National Association  
of Schoolmasters recently  
commissioned the British  
Market Research Bureau to  
carry out a survey among  
teachers into education  
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of the opinion that the fall  
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and the spiritual. This we try to provide whether  
in the classroom or outside, but how to ensure  
that the pupils partake — that is the question?  
Perhaps boys and parents would like to go  
through the check list and see if they (i.e. the  
boy) partakes of all these areas. If he does not, is  
the school failing him or is he failing himself? To  
borrow J. F. Kennedy's sentiments; Ask not  
what the school does for me but rather what do I  
do for the school? I know there are very few  
boys at Rich's who do not participate in such a  
way as to partake of **all** these areas of  
experience.

### THE SMALL DEBATE

A year has elapsed since detailed discussion on  
re-organisation within the city. The consensus of  
opinion (if there is such a thing for 90,000  
people), indicates a preference for 11-18  
Comprehensive schools. Such a scheme is to be  
introduced when money is available to do the job  
properly on single sites, or when the Government  
forces the Authority to act.

Selection at 11+ by testing is to end and for  
many sincere people this is held to be a good  
thing. The Question still remains as to how  
children are to be allocated to the re-organised  
schools. The nearest school might seem the  
obvious solution but it has been stated that  
allocation for the new comprehensive schools will  
**not** be neighbourhood schools. If this is so,  
allocation (= selection) will still be needed and  
children may well be selected, say from  
Longlevens, to go over to the other side of the  
city. It is therefore a mockery to pretend that  
selection will end. All that will happen in these  
circumstances is that the criteria used for  
allocation will be changed. Selection is a fact of  
life and it will be with us in the city whatever  
changes are made.

The 1st XV, the Colts XI, the Chess team, the  
Choir and the cast list for the play will still be  
selected at this school from the best boys  
available. Naughty boys, largely self-selected, will  
be corrected, coaxed and punished where  
necessary.

The views expressed in this article are mine and  
I am prepared to discuss them with anybody.  
They imply my commitment to this school and its  
pupils.

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## Melting pot for higher chooling

The possibility of setting  
sixth-form colleges in  
main towns of Glou-  
stershire was being dis-  
cussed at the Shire Hall

### SECONDARY EDUCATION

The distraught remarks  
reported last week of  
the games-mistress pre-  
sident of the local Tea-  
chers' Association are  
understandable. It must  
be very disappointing  
for Manor School that  
their expectations have  
not been fulfilled.

The offer comes from Mr.  
orman St. John Stevas, the  
pries' chief education  
okesman.

He gives it in a letter sent  
Mrs. Penley yesterday at  
the request of Gloucester MP  
rs. Sally Oppenheim, who  
campaigning to save the  
ty's grammar schools.

Mr. St. John Stevas  
nclosed a letter written by  
rs. Margaret Thatcher set-  
ting out Conservative policy  
education and has  
plied it to the Gloucester-  
ire situation.

He drew attention to Mrs.  
hatcher's pledge to repeal  
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## Shabby dogma

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Total number of signatures collected in Gloucester 18,215  
schools with inadequate facilities and with insufficient time to  
properly plan what will, at best, be a transitional period of  
immense upheaval and, at worst, a situation of chaos and disorder."

# REPORTS

## **44th GLOUCESTER (SIR THOMAS RICH'S) VENTURE SCOUT UNIT**

This is our tenth anniversary year and as usual we have had a busy and active 12 months. Much has been achieved, and many people have benefited from participating in the activities.

On the competition side, teams from the Unit again won both the Senior and Junior sections of the local annual hike, the 38-mile Cotswold marathon. Although it is the 5th consecutive time that we have won the Senior Trophy, it must be remembered that a lot of hard work goes into preparing for and competing in this event. The Black Mountains Expedition was also won by a team of our members for the second time.

As a change from hiking, four of our members entered and finished the 32 mile Boston Canoeing Marathon. Three of them used new fibreglass canoes which we had constructed as a creative project two weeks beforehand. Philip Champion deserves special mention for finishing in under 7 hours.

Once again we have visited Cleve Hill and the Forest of Dean for rock climbing trips, and the Mendip Hills have been the scene of some caving visits. Work on service and community projects has also been much in evidence. Six members spent a week on the Carneddau (National Trust) Estate in North Wales last July, repairing and improving mountain paths. Our visit was at the invitation of the Warden, Ex-Richian Simon Lappington.

Looking at the local scene, trees have been felled, hedges cropped, gardens tilled and wood chopped, all in the name of "community service". One job we undertook with heavy hearts was the clearance of the Bowls Hut site after its burning by vandals, but we are now glad to see another one quickly arising "Phoenix-like" from the ashes of the original. Our Unit magazine "Venture 44" still appears regularly and goes from strength to strength, with a wide range of topics discussed and written about in every edition.

Plans are now well advanced for a major 14 man Unit expedition to Iceland this summer and this will undoubtedly prove to be a major highlight in the lives of the members going.

In this limited space there are many activities I needs must miss out, but in finishing I would like to thank Mr. Davies for his climbing instruction, Mr. Bevan for his lunchtime canoeing sessions, and

finally Mr. Henderson and Mr. Spear, our VSL and AVSL for their ceaseless hard work and enthusiasm which has contributed so much to the success gained in 1977-78 for the 44th Gloucester Venture Scout Unit.

**R. Dalton L6R**

## **FIVE SCHOOL'S ASSOCIATION**

**TREASURER: Alan Jewell U6T**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS: David Glik U6T**

**Jonny May L6S**

**Chris Davies L6R**

The aims of the association are to promote links between the five Grammar schools, and to encourage members of each of the schools to meet socially outside school hours.

In the past year, our activities have been surrounded by a certain amount of publicity following Mrs. Sally Oppenheim's "investigations" into our reasons for deciding that The Beaufort School should not be invited to join the association.

We came to this decision because, for practical purposes, we feel the association is already large enough—we are not merely assuming a superior air and "keeping them out" because they do not have Grammar school status, though, unfortunately, too many people have been left with this impression. When one considers that for our termly discos—nearly always a sell-out—we have only 350 tickets to make available between five schools, it is obvious that, if we were to increase our membership dramatically, we would have either to find a larger venue whose facilities matched those of the Leisure Centre—an impossible task, we feel—or cut the number of tickets allocated to each school, and, thus disappoint many of our regular customers. It would be nice if there were more communication between all of the schools in Gloucester, but an association like ours, run by a committee of sixth-formers in their spare time, is not capable of bringing this about, because of the enormity of the organisation involved. Also, in a much larger association, the importance of the individual would inevitably be diminished, as would his sense of commitment.



### **NATURALISTS' SOCIETY**

**SECRETARY:** Simon Ward L6T  
**TREASURER:** Ian Henderson L6T  
**MEMBERSHIP SEC.:** David Hook L6R

The Naturalists' Society is a newly-formed society whose aims are to cultivate an interest in, and concern for, all forms of wildlife.

Activities this school year got under way with an October trip to "the Biblins" in the Forest of Dean. Two further trips to other areas of the Forest were arranged later, so that the flora and fauna in different habitats at different times of the year could be compared. This illustrates the educational nature of the society's activities. The same sort of procedure was carried out in areas of the Cotswolds, with trips to Cranham common,

Witcombe reservoirs, Crickley Hill, Dowdeswell reservoirs and Cleeve Hill.

These outdoor activities were backed up by considerable indoor work. Speakers at indoor meetings have included Mr. J. Cornrie — "Walking the Cotswold Way", Mr. M. Ogilvie — "Birds of the Arctic", Mr. N. Riddiford — "Wildlife of Dungeness", and Mr. S. Mason — "Butterflies of the World". In addition, five filmshows and a competition were arranged.

It remains for me to thank Mr. J. Y. Cooper for driving the bus on our trips and for generally co-ordinating activities.





## **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**SECRETARY: Guy Comely U6S**

**GOVERNORS: David Hook L6R**

**Keith Howkins 4S**

The activities of the Historical Society this year have, to say the least, been spasmodic.

The main activity of the summer term was a sponsored walk on behalf of the Jubilee Appeal, which raised over twenty pounds. Plans for a lecture on the Jubilee celebrations entitled "God Save the Queen", had unfortunately to be cancelled.

The Michaelmas term was the Society's busiest with a major activity each month. The term began with a trip to Erddig, near Wrexham. This recently restored manor house, owned by the National Trust had a great variety of exhibits ranging from vintage cars to human skulls!

In October the society held its version of "Just a Minute" in which a team of boys soundly defeated the masters, much to the obvious delight of the large audience. It must, however, in all fairness, be noted that the questions were 'slightly' biased towards the boys.

The trip, which took place after half-term, was to the museum of Industrial Archaeology at Iron-

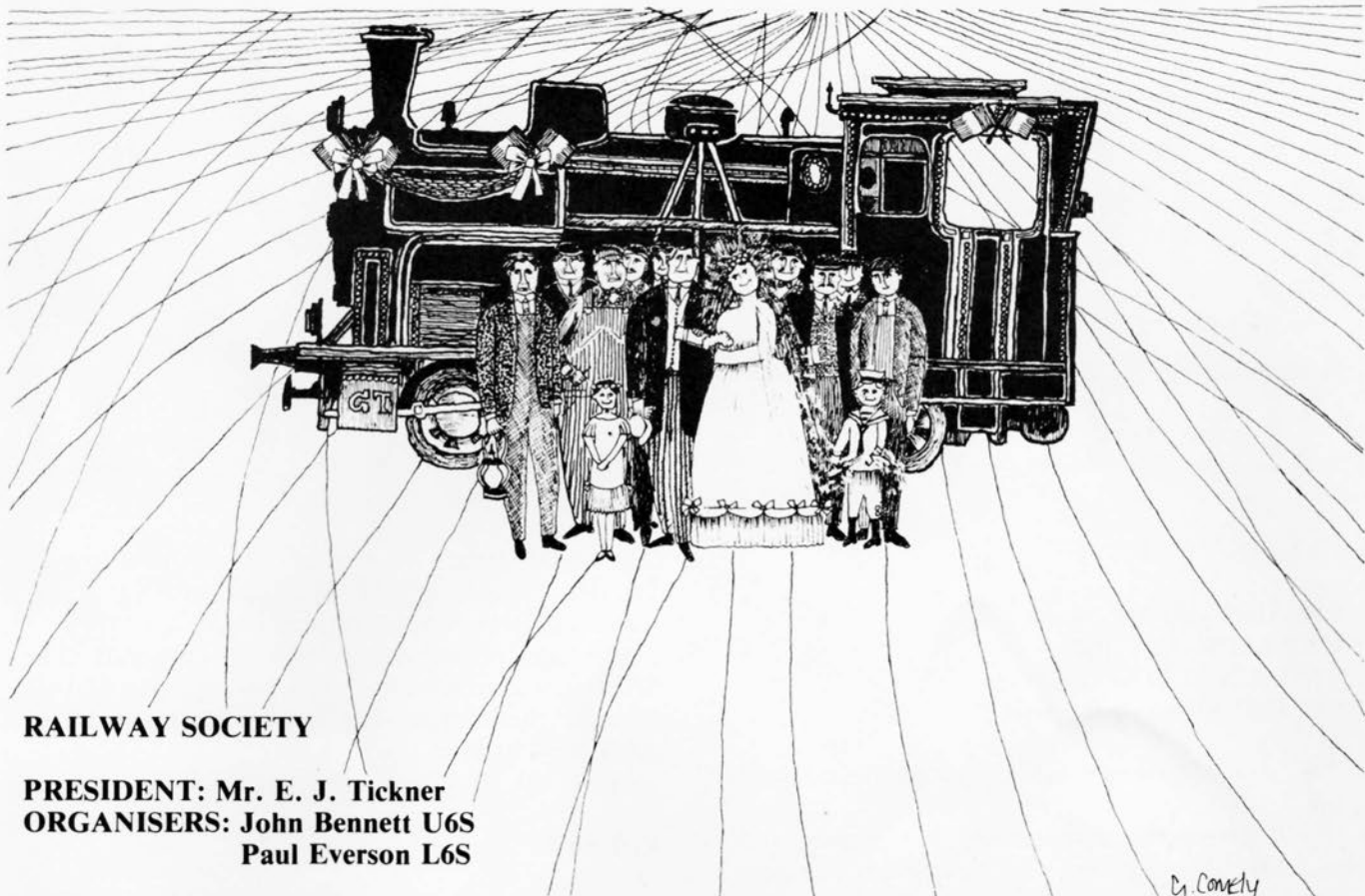
bridge. Not long after our visit, the museum was given the E.E.C's first award to a museum, could it be that a visit by such an illustrious society was a deciding factor in the judges' minds?

In December we welcomed Mr. Bryan Jerrard from the Gloucestershire College of Education, who gave an entertaining illustrated lecture on "Gloucester and the Monarchy". We were joined by our opposite numbers from Denmark Road, and this final touch to Jubilee year was of great interest.

Our Activities in the Lent term have in contrast been very 'low key', although in March we held a trip to Avoncroft Museum and the Staffordshire County Museum at Shugborough. The two places, though very different, proved to be of great interest to the party of boys that visited them.

The society's thanks go to Messrs. Huddleston and Barrington, not forgetting Miss Townsend, without whose advice and chauffeuring expertise our visits would be impossible.

**David Hook L6R**



## RAILWAY SOCIETY

**PRESIDENT: Mr. E. J. Tickner**  
**ORGANISERS: John Bennett U6S**  
**Paul Everson L6S**

Against a background of rising costs, the Railway Society has continued to travel far and wide on the railways of the country, catering for the needs of a growing number of enthusiasts.

The departure of Dave Pegler last summer saw the organisation of the year's events shared by Paul Everson and myself. We would like to thank Dave for his contribution to the running of the Society. We would also like to welcome a new president, Mr. E. J. Tickner, and we thank him for his interest and support.

Since the last edition of the Richian, the society has been on four trips to locomotive installations of interest. The first was to South Wales where Cardiff Canton and Swansea Landore depots were visited, plus, at rather short notice, the stabling point at Radyr. Unfortunately, this trip was not an outstanding success although sufficient locos were seen by the party of forty-six to dispel thoughts of a riot on the way home.

For the remaining three trips, the number was limited to twenty and these proved more successful. The first of these was the biggest society undertaking for many years and involved leaving

the city at 02.12 a.m. to reach Humberside and return within the day. Visits were made to diesel depots at Immingham, Frodingham, Doncaster, and Tinsley and despite the early start all agreed that for £3.80 it had been well worthwhile.

The second visit was to depots in the Manchester area and at Wigan. This was a great success despite the late arrival of the train to Crewe, where a vital connection was missed. British Rail however kindly arranged for this late train to make an unscheduled stop at Wigan especially for the party to alight. The third and final trip was to the Teesside area, involving visits to depots at Darlington and Thornaby.

Throughout the year, meetings have been held after school on Wednesdays in the Lecture Theatre, and a number of illustrated talks have been given. The future of the society seems uncertain with a possible division into Junior and Senior sections because of the large number of boys interested, but I hope it will prosper for many years to come.

**John A. Bennett U6S**



### CYCLING CLUB

**PRESIDENT: Mr. Spear**  
**CAPTAIN: K. Trinder**  
**VICE-CAPTAIN: D. Baker**  
**SECRETARY: P. Baldwin**

This newly formed Club is for the Junior part of the School.

We have a shield, presented to the club by Mr. and Mrs. Trinder, for which members compete in

the winter term. This year it was won by K. Trinder, second was M. Riddick, with D. Baker coming closely behind in third place.

We have occasional outings at weekends. The first trip was to Chedworth, where the party of six enjoyed themselves very much, although all of them were tired at the end.

We thank Mr. Spear very much for his support.

**K. Trinder 2R**

### DEBATING SOCIETY

From its lofty position in the lecture theatre, the society looked out on the world and considered what was there. From time to time, we moved around to do something else like visit Denmark Road, or play "Call My Bluff" in the library. It was decided that soccer was not anti-social, racialism was not posing a serious threat to society and that punk rock was not the true voice of today's youth — all of which goes to prove that idealism is still a powerful force among the young.

Speeches were of a generally high standard. David Hook as Idi Amin deservedly kept his place in our balloon at Christmas, and defended male chauvinism in typical Churchillian style at Denmark Rd. Attendances were greatly improved and a number of meetings were full to capacity — to the point where one of the "Call My Bluff" audience fell out of the window.

Credit should be given to Mr. Haynes for his loquacious contributions, Mr. Cutting for his undeniable inevitability, Mr. Gaston for keeping the red flag flying and the National Front for not turning up.

**David Green U6S**

### BRIDGE CLUB

A renewed interest in the club has been generated by the arrival at school of Mr. Davis, a keen bridge player himself. The club meets in room 63 every Tuesday lunchtime and anyone interested is welcome to attend.

The only event to take place this year has been the entry of a school team in the Daily Mail Cup for Schools. The team, consisting of P. Bruce, B. Egles, M. Holt (Capt.) and R. Perriam, surprised themselves, when in their first competition they qualified for the semi-finals by coming third out of ten teams in the first regional heats, beating far more experienced entrants. The next round at Bristol did not go as well for the team which was not at ease playing against new and strange systems.

In the future, when the bridge club has grown and become firmly re-established in the school, it is to be hoped that more accomplished teams will rise to even greater heights in bridge competitions.

Finally the club owes a lot to Martin Holt for his personal contribution both in playing and teaching beginners.

**Ross Perriam U6S**



Sir Thomas



Rich's School

Name: S.T.R.S. FILM SOCIETY. Age: 3 years Michaelmas-Lent Term, 1977-78.

MAIN SUBJECTS	Term Assessment	DATE	REMARKS
The Adventure of Sherlock Holmes "Smarter Brother."	X - excellent.	23.9.77.	Gene Wilder / Marty Feldman farce detailing hilarious struggle of the imaginary Sigerson Holmes trying to recover a stolen document vital to Queen Victoria.
The Good, the Bad and the Ugly.		21.10.77.	Powerful 'Western' set during U.S. Civil War. Clint Eastwood, Eli Wallach and Lee Van Cleef battle it out-with assorted extras - for \$200,000.
Rollerball.		2.12.77.	Need I say more! James Caan in <sup>VIOLENT</sup> futuristic 'Match of the Day.'
The French Connection		26.1.78	Nothing to do with Channel Tunnel. Gene Hackman in typically violent American movie about heroin smuggling.
Love and Death		10.2.78	Non-stop comedy loosely based on 'War and Peace.' Directed by, and starring, Woody Allen plus Diane Keaton.
SUBSIDIARY SUBJECTS			
"Those Magnificent Men....."		All the time.	With thanks to: JPW, WRS, T. Curtis, D. Glik, K. Morris, M. Fox, N. Bishop, R. Dalton, R. Clancy, P. Jennings, M. Cheesman, D. Rodgers, S. Bennett, The Tuck Shop Gang and all other helpers.

Support your local Sheriff.

Form Master

"It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad, World"

Head Master

# The Bus Fair







# CONTRIBUTIONS

**POEM: FEB. 17th TO MARCH 6th 1978**

Condemned to question that which must remain  
unanswered,  
waiting in the war-like noise, standing 'midst confusion  
and alone,  
Behold! The poet-soldier waits to speak.  
Christ-like in his humble-pride, the son of man, by man  
betrayed.  
And silently he waits, and silently the Earth he views.  
Her soil alone his consolation, she alone his aim.  
No word his pain reveals:  
Each slow and heavy breath of flame and torture tells.  
But this he must accept: His role he plays,  
His end he knows, the hero he in tragic prose.

**Anon**

## **JANUARY SUN**

January sun,  
I like it best,  
It warms me right to my  
woollen vest.  
It warms the trees,  
the cats and the bees.  
It warms the wall that  
I sit under  
So I'll be safe if it  
starts to thunder,  
but there's no chance of that  
I'm sure you'll agree  
because the January sun  
is free, like me.

**Stephen Drew 2T**

I wish  
I cared  
But I  
don't so  
I pretend  
to and  
people think  
I do.

**Anon 6R**

## **CLEAR SKY IN ANGUISH**

Tonight, everyone's sleeping  
Under a clear sky and our  
Anguish will ebb away, out  
Towards the cold stars creeping  
Home. But we sleep where we are,  
Following a random route.

Tonight, minds embracing where  
They meet in mid air diffused  
Now dance the slow movement set  
Against the oncoming cares  
And the clouds emerging loose  
From the horizon and yet

What doubts now linger in those  
Sleeping minds, knowing the clear  
Sky cannot last with the wish  
Tomorrow was not so close,  
And we know everyone here  
Sees the clear sky in anguish.

**David Green U6S**

## **THE BUTTERFLY**

Drunken down thru sunlight  
Clashing mirrors sparkling/straining  
Iron hands around my eyes  
Of fire/still night rocked  
By subterranean silent madness  
Stars I never knew that shot  
From galaxies newcarnate/wrestling  
In the leaves we trod last autumn  
Here we stopped and this the lake  
Now tossed with cyclones  
Clutching tearing wings  
Destroy my flesh/you cried  
My handkerchief was wet  
Now metal fountains drop upon my head.  
Too hot, too hard, too dry  
To live.  
And only yesterday you smiled  
As the butterfly folded its wings  
And died.

**G. E. H.**

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**EMERALD**  
 PICTURES - TIM BARNES © 1977 © 1978



DOWN FROM THE CLIFFS



CAME THE MARCHING MEN



WITH THEIR SHIELDS AND THEIR SWORDS...



... TO FIGHT THE FIGHT THEY BELIEVED TO BE RIGHT



TO OVERTHROW THE OVERLORDS



TO THE TOWNS WHERE THERE WAS PLENTY



THEY BROUGHT PLUNDER SWORDS AND PLAME!



WHEN THEY LEFT



THE TOWNS WERE EMPTY...



... AND CHILDREN WOULD NEVER PLAY AGAIN.



FROM THEIR GRAVES I HEARD THE FALLEN



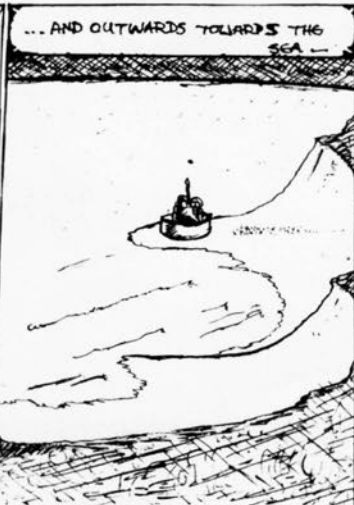
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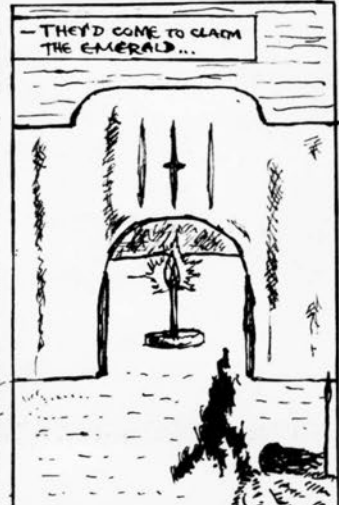
BY THAT BRIDGE NEAR THE BORDER THERE WERE MANY MORE TO -



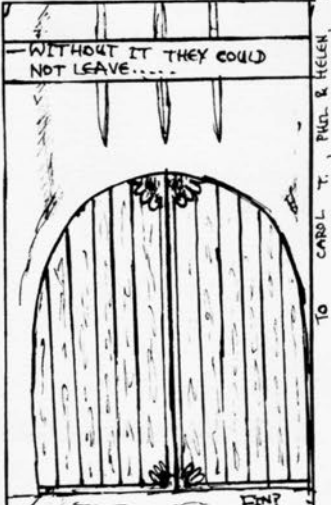
THEN ONWARD OVER THE MOUNTAIN...



... AND OUTWARDS TOWARDS THE SEA



... THEY'D COME TO CLAIM THE EMERALD...



WITHOUT IT THEY COULD NOT LEAVE...

AND THE TWO MARSHALLES PERS WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE PRODUCTION OF THIS STORY.



### THE OWL

The owl in the farmer's barn,  
Sat there till night was nearly gone.  
He twittered and hooted  
Until half past three.  
Then the owl in a weary way,  
Looked down to seek his prey.  
A field mouse was by a log,  
But the owl did not see.  
He had spied another mouse,  
Down below his perch.  
The owl hadn't eaten yet,  
And was getting tired.  
So faster than you and me,  
He dived and missed the mouse.

Timothy Young 2T

### THE FOG

Slowly the fog,  
Dark and grey faced,  
Slowly spreading, advancing  
Touching the way.  
Past the houses,  
And gardens of roses,  
Up the street, from the sea.  
The fog approaches  
searching, seeking.  
Slowly the fog,  
Until it clears.

Mervyn Moody 2T

### THE FOREST AT NIGHT

Dead leaves litter the ground as the wind  
whistles round. Twisted branches seeming  
to reach out at me swaying with the wind.

As it darkens, the trees seem to grow  
taller as the light fades. As the warmth  
giving sun disappears below the western  
horizon, the creatures of the night appear.

Owls fly on silent wings waiting for a mouse  
looking for its own food to appear.  
Flexing its powerful talons.  
The owl sees its prey.  
It sweeps down with bone-jarring force,  
and then kills the victim  
by crushing it in its mighty talons.

Shaun Vizor 1R





## WAR

People yelling in confusion  
Shooting mercilessly to kill.  
Wounded; carried away;  
Screaming with pain.  
Dead. Left to rot.  
Officers shouting orders:  
'Advance', 'retreat', and 'fire'.  
Soldiers charging to oblivion,  
Some getting shot to pieces,  
Others blown to kingdom come.  
Battle fields full of dead bodies  
Which are covered in blood  
Just for power;  
Just for greed.  
Some soldiers get medals,  
Others have a funeral,  
Others in pain for life.  
Even now, somewhere  
There is hatred:  
Countries wanting power.  
There will never be world peace!

C. Langford 1R

## THE BATTLE

Guns were roaring,  
Bullets were flying,  
Generals were shouting,  
Men were dying.

Planes were dropping,  
Ships were sinking,  
Blood was curdling,  
Men were thinking.

The war was over,  
The widows were mourning,  
They cried until  
The day was dawning.

Andrew Thompson 1R

# THE HUMAN FACTORY



As the small ferry-craft carrying Holderman began to accelerate towards Jupiter, he glanced back through the viewing port. Behind, the liner that had carried him from Earth hung motionless, visible only as a shining crescent against the hard black emptiness of space. All around it shone the cold ethereal light of the myriad shattered stars. Below lay the vast bulk of Jupiter, with its immense blurred strips of orange and brown.

Holderman, a consultant psychologist of wide repute, had been assigned to deal with the problem on Ganymede. About eighteen years ago, a scientific colony had been set up on the satellite to study Jupiter; its achievements in that field were now renowned. However, serious personality problems were developing in children born on the station. Exhaustive study had practically ruled out factors such as radiation and diet abnormalities, and now a psychologist was being called in.

Ganymede was now in view, though at first it seemed insignificant beside Jupiter itself. As they closed with the satellite, however, he noticed the polar cap, and dark patches of lava—scars, aeons old, of meteorite impacts. Soon the ferry was sweeping in low over the shattered surface, and he heard the faint whistle signifying an atmosphere, albeit a tenuous one; most of it was still frozen in the polar cap.

Holderman put away his papers and prepared for landing.

He was greeted on disembarking by the Station Commander.

“Holderman, I presume?”

Holderman suppressed a smile (the commander seemed obvious of the parody) and replied, “Certainly”.

“You know the situation?”

“In part; but I’ll need some time to assess the situation fully”.

The commander snorted, replied brusquely,

“Peterson will look after that”, and strode off.

Holderman raised his eyebrows.

His neighbour smiled wryly, and said in an apologetic tone, “He is a bit touchy, I’m afraid, but he’s under a great deal of pressure at the moment. By the way, I’m Peterson—Donald Peterson”.

The two hands shook, and Peterson said, “I’ll take you to your room”.

During the next few days, Holderman began to get a clearer picture of the problem. The children born on the station seemed unstable; they collected in large groups around the station depressed and withdrawn, yet at the slightest provocation flew into a frenzy of rage.

On one occasion he saw a child being scolded by his father. Even after several warnings, the boy had continued to associate with his ‘gang’, and the exasperated father was shouting, “so you’re still doing it! I’ve got a good mind to . . .” Holderman was horrified, and the father, somewhat taken aback, to see the boy retreat, cowering, into the corner and collapse, his huddled body shaken by uncontrollable silent sobs.

By now, Holderman’s trained instincts urged that the problem was centred around insecurity, yet he could still see no obvious explanation for it on such a wide-spread and serious scale.

He found the solution, when, on the fourth day, he visited the nursery. There he saw rows of babies,

many perhaps only a month old, each one alone and isolated in its aseptic cot. Many lay there whimpering, or curled up like a foetus.

The nursery supervisor explained to him in her office: "The mother is usually a scientist engaged on some research project; after all, that is the purpose of this station. They are anxious to return to work as soon as possible after birth, and after about a month we usually get the baby for most of the day, at least. Holderman noticed a trace of resentment in her voice; she was herself an organic chemist herself by training.

"Anyway," she continued in a matter-of-fact voice, "though they cry at first, they soon settle down quite happily."

Holderman knew that she was wrong—totally and disastrously wrong. He also knew that he had his explanation.

In the Commander's office he explained the position: ". . . and so the children, deprived of emotional contact with the mother, become severely insecure, and eventually emotionally unstable. The whole station is deplorable; how it was allowed to . . ."

"Rubbish!" shouted the Commander. "You're wrong! You're wasting our time—get off this station, at once".

With a shock Holderman remembered that the Commander's mother on Earth had been noted, and no doubt, devoted scientist.

Back in his room, he decided to make one last attempt to convince him. He punched in the Commander's number and waited; but when he saw his angry face on the scene, Holderman knew he had lost.

The Commander, about to shout at Holderman, heard a sound behind him and spun round to see a gang of teenagers. Irately he yelled, "Get out! All of you!" Then, without thinking, he struck the nearest one.

Holderman watched, horrified and helpless, as the infuriated mob tore him to pieces.

**Paul Bruce 5S**

## **MONDAY OR TUESDAY**

Lazy and indifferent, shaking space easily from his wings, knowing his way, the heron passes over the church beneath the sky, white and distant, absorbed in itself, endlessly the sky covers and uncovers, moves and remains. A lake? Blot the shores of it out! A mountain? Oh, perfect—the sun gold on its slopes. Down that falls. Ferns then, or white feathers, forever and ever—

Desiring truth, awaiting it, laboriously distilling a few words, forever desiring—(a cry starts to the left, another to the right. Wheels strike divergently. Buses conglomerate in conflict)—forever desiring—the clock asseverates with twelve distinct strokes that it is midday; light sheds gold scales; children swarm)—forever desiring truth. Red is the dome; coins hang on the trees; smoke trails from the chimneys; bark, shout, cry "Iron for sale"—and truth?

Radiating to a point men's feet and women's feet, black or gold encrusted—(This foggy weather—Sugar? No, thank you. The commonwealth of the future)—the firelight darting and making the room red, save for the black figures and their bright eyes, while outside a van discharges, Miss Thingummy drinks tea at her desk, and plate-glass preserves fur coats—

Flaunted, leaf-light, drifting at corners, blown across the wheels, silver-splashed, home or not home, gathered, scattered, squandered in separate scales, swept up, down, torn sunk, assembled—and truth?

Now to recollect by the fireside on the white square of marble. From ivory depths words rising shed their blackness, blossom and penetrate. Fallen the book; in the flame, in the smoke, in the momentary sparks—or now voyaging, the marble square pendant, minarets beneath and the Indian seas, while space rushes blue and stars glint—truth? or now, content with closeness.

Lazy and indifferent the heron returns; the sky veils her stars; then bares them.

**G.E.H.**



# SPORT

## Cricket

<b>1st XI</b>	P	W	L	D
	7	3	2	2

After the disappointments of the last few years, the performances from this season's 1st XI were quite encouraging and by mid-season, many members had hopes of the side remaining unbeaten.

Wins were attained against Newent, by 25 runs, a low scoring match in which Brown took 5-15: at Westwoods by 64 runs, the school declaring at 89-7 and skittling the opposition out for 25 thanks to some fine bowling by Brown (3-5) and Darby (4-6); and later on in the season at Lydney by 1 run, Brown again doing well taking 7-10.

The matches against Marling and Cheltenham early in the season were drawn, the latter of which saw the 1st XI reach 143-6 dec. due to some hard-hitting by Lewis, 48 and Brown, 43. Cheltenham in reply 'shut shop' and were 62-3 at close.

Midseason saw the side's hopes of remaining unbeaten dashed when playing a 'little below par' losing by 8 and 9 wickets respectively in successive matches against St. Brendons and Kings.

The season however was generally successful and the prospects for next season look even better.

<b>2nd XI</b>	P	W	L	D
	5	2	2	1

Under the experienced leadership of Anthony Wakefield again this year, the second eleven, after a poor start rounded off the season with two convincing wins. The match at Marling was drawn, quickly followed by two heavy defeats by St. Brendons and Kings. In between though Westwoods were beaten thanks to an all round team effort and finally Chosen Hill fell victim of Sullivan who took 7 wickets in their last game of the season.

<b>Colts XI</b>	P	W	L	D
	4	1	1	2

A better season than reflected by the results was achieved by a side which for 3 matches were deficient of Nick Poulton who, on his return from the 1st XI, inspired the side to their only win of the season against Tewkesbury by taking 9-6. The matches against Rendcomb and Saintbridge were drawn and the only defeat of the season was at the hands of Cheltenham.

Special mentions are due to Ball as wicket-keeper and batsmen, Phillips and M. Price as batsmen and bowler respectively, and also Anthony Sullivan, Brewster, Winfield and Watson none of whom

gave outstanding performances, but all of whom were vital in the team's composition.

<b>Junior XI</b>	P	W	L	D
	4	3	1	0

A fairly successful season for the Junior XI this year beating Marling, Saintbridge and Lydney, Griffiths taking 5 wickets against Marling and Haried scoring 50 against Lydney. These results are very encouraging and will soon be providing players for the 1st and 2nd elevens.

<b>U-13 XI</b>	P	W	L	D
	4	1	1	2

Although playing less matches this year than last the season was just as successful. Against Saintbridge Booth made a thumping 80 before being out before tea at a time when it looked as though a lack of partners would rob him of a century, all of which enabled the U-13 XI to top the hundred. In reply Saintbridge just hung on for a draw losing 9 wickets in the process. The matches against Marling and Rendcomb were drawn and later in the season, the side confidently beat Tewkesbury.

**A. Williams U6S**

# Squash

**CAPTAIN: David Glik U6T**  
**SECRETARIES: Hugh Watson**  
**Jonathan May L6S**

The 1977-78 season was the most successful to date in the short history of the squash club. Although primarily a sixth form club, many boys from the lower school were given the opportunity to play on squash club courts.

Five teams from the school were entered in local leagues: three in the County School's League, and two in the County Junior Sunday League. In the schools' league, all three teams finished in the top four places, the A team winning the league. Our results were not as good in the Sunday League where most of the opposition was in the form of squash clubs, but the experience of playing a higher standard of opposition was valuable. An under 14 team played eight matches, also mostly against clubs, and did well to win half of them. Under 16 and under 13 teams were also fielded.

As a result of their performances in school matches, seven players were selected for county coaching squads: under 19's—David Glik, Ross Perriam, Jonathan May, Ashley Fuller; under 16's—Tim Smith; under 14's—Nicholas Shackleton, Paul Geaves. Of these, Jonathan May, Tim Smith and Paul Geaves went on to represent the county in matches.

We now eagerly await the start of next season, hoping to continue and improve on our successes.

**Jonathan May L6S**

# Basketball

## Team Squad:

D. Glik (captain)	P. Drinkwater
D. Brown	J. Mellon
M. Cheesman	D. Cassell
B. Allen	R. Clancy
K. Neely	A. Lewis
D. Price	

This season the basketball club had an eleven match fixture list and has reached the semi-final of the North Gloucestershire knockout cup, as yet unplayed, despite being only in its second season.

The results were rather inconsistent, with good wins being achieved against Beaufort (15-10), Rednock (25-13), Oxstalls (38-19), St Peter's 'B' (51-38) and perhaps the best result of the season against Saintbridge, where the team came back from being 12 points behind at half time to come out eventual winners by 31 points to 30. In this match tempers became somewhat frayed and 7 players in all, 5 from Rich's, were ordered to take early baths. Throughout the season as many wins were achieved as losses sustained. At the time of writing the highlight of the season, the annual basketball match against Denmark Road had not been played, but preparations are in hand, with the team in the middle of an intensive training programme.

The biggest vote of thanks is perhaps surprisingly not to the team, although their spirit and dedication were unfailing, but to Mr Bevan. His guiding hand and often foot have been invaluable. From the undisciplined mob of last season has emerged a team playing with thought and order. This fact can be borne out by the improvement of results from last season to this, though perhaps this can be partly attributed to a new set of shirts.

On behalf of the team I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for the shirts, but most of all Mr Bevan. The team is staying virtually intact for next season. With a new captain Dave Brown and the continued efforts of Mr Bevan, there is great hope for success.

**D. Glik U6T**

# Cross Country

Senior Cross Country has suffered a slight setback this season owing to the absence of last year's Upper Sixth, although fine running by members of the Fifth Form has held the team together. The team has travelled far and wide as usual, with fixtures at Millfield, Beachley, Coventry, Sutton Coldfield, Oxford, Clifton, and Cheltenham.

The first major fixture of the season was the Millfield Relay, in which both 'A' and 'B' teams were entered. The 'A' team finished in 2nd position, just behind King Henry VIII Coventry, while the 'B' team had a disappointing race, and were well down in the field.

In a friendly fixture against St. Paul's College, Cheltenham, in preparation for the Beachley Relay, the senior team was narrowly defeated, despite good running from Robert Baldwin (4th), Mark Robinson (5th), and David Price (6th). Two teams were entered for the Beachley Relay, one of the highlights of the season. The 'A' team took 4th position, while the 'B' team ran well to finish in 9th place out of the 17 teams competing. Baldwin ran the 7th fastest individual time for the course, and Stephen Bond, still a Junior, the 10th fastest.

The following Wednesday at Home, the 'A' team scored a victory over a Millfield School 'A' team, with the Rich's 'B'

and 'C' teams both beating Millfield's 'B' team. However, travelling to Coventry to run a friendly race against our long-standing rivals, King Henry VIII School, we were narrowly defeated in a closely contested race.

The School 'A' team ran creditably in the face of strong opposition to finish 8th out of 30 teams in the Sutton Coldfield Relay. The 'B' team also had an encouraging race, finishing 21st. The 'A' team on this occasion was composed entirely of 4th and 5th Form runners: Baldwin, Bond, Price, and Robinson. Mark Hallard, Jeremy Smith, Wayne Salter, and Paul Yeatman formed the 'B' team.

As usual, the School had a strong representation in the County cross country teams, particularly at U17 level. Rich's runners in this age group took five out of the first six places in the County Championships held at Fairford, where Baldwin became County Champion. Other Senior runners who represented Gloucestershire were Price, Robinson, Salter and Yeatman in the U17's, and Brian Nichols, Steven Hannis and Ian Henderson in the U20's. Unfortunately, Hallard had to drop out of the County Championship race, owing to a leg injury.

The South West of England Championships held at St. Austell in Cornwall were as

usual on the same day as an important Gloucester Athletic Club fixture in the Midlands. Price was placed 21st, Robinson 38th, and Yeatman 45th in the Intermediate race, with Hannis 38th and Nichols 51st in the Senior.

The School Team then travelled to Oxford University for the Oxford Tortoises Schools Relay. An 'A' team consisting of Bond, Price, Salter and Yeatman came home in a final 6th position out of 34 teams.

At Clifton the following Saturday, the School won the Clifton College Trophy Race, just one point ahead of Millfield. Some good performances came from Bond, who was 4th, Price, 6th, Robinson, 7th, and Yeatman, 9th.

The season's final events were the House Cross Country Championships, won by Westgate, closely followed by a long journey to Kent for the National Schools Championships' run in ideal conditions over the grassland of Mote Park, Maidstone. In the Intermediate Race Baldwin finished 100th, Yeatman finishing fast managed 156th, followed very soon by Robinson (159th) and Price (162nd), out of a field of 331. In the senior race, Hannis and Nichols came 201st and 219th respectively, out of 326 runners.

**Brian Nichols U6T**





## JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY

The season for the U15's got off to a good start with a win over St. Brendan's from Bristol. Although the U13's were beaten early in the season by both Marling and St. Brendan's, the Autumn Term was marked by a significant improvement in performance. By November, both U14 and U16 teams were of sufficient calibre to gain easy victories in the annual run against Marlborough College, at which Graham Abbott (U14), and Stephen Bond (U16) won their respective races.

The start of the Lent Term brought with it the County Championships, and an opportunity for Rich's runners to represent Gloucestershire a few weeks later. The tough Fairford course took its toll on the Minors, with only John Barry (10th), and Andrew Lovell (11th) managing to finish in the top fifteen placings. In the U15 age group, Nicholas Shackleton finished 6th, with Abbott 8th, and Marc Sired 15th. Of these, Shackleton and Abbott went on to represent the County in the South West of England Championships, and eventually the All-England Championships—finishing well

up in the field on both occasions. The County Championships brought more success still for the U17's, with five of the top six placings falling to Rich's runners, of whom Junior runner Bond finished 3rd.

Mid-March, as usual, proved a busy time for the U14's, with the annual fixture at Haberdashers Aske's School, in which the School team was placed 4th, followed by the St. Nicholas Trophy Race, again in Middlesex three days later, in which the team was placed 5th. The best overall performances came from Abbott (4th & 8th), Shackleton (21st & 13th) and Sired (22nd & 16th).

The season was rounded off with the North Gloucestershire League, in which 11 schools took part, and which was once again won by the U13's. The

U15's ran disappointingly to finish 2nd overall (being beaten, for the first time, by Whitefriars School, Cheltenham), despite excellent running by Bond, who won all three races. Other individual placings were Smith (6th), Abbott (8th), Winfield (13th) and Sired (17th) for the U15's, and Barbour (13th), Barry (15th), and Sacklyn (20th) for the U13's.

In the Summer Term, both U14 and U17 Whitefriars Road Relay trophies were won by School teams for the 3rd year running. Shackleton clocked the third fastest U14 time of the day, while the U17 team gained the distinction of achieving the four fastest U17 times, Baldwin with the fastest, followed by Price, Smith and Robinson.

**Jeremy Smith 4S**

# Angling



**1978 National Team**

**PRESIDENT: Steven Langley U6T**  
**SECRETARY: Mark Sukiennik 5R**

The 1977-78 angling season has been a very successful one for the School club. Trips were held to Lechlade in the summer and to Evesham last Christmas. Unfortunately both were marred by poor fishing conditions, but under the circumstances everyone did well.

In interschool matches the team is beginning to make a comeback. After failing to reach the final of the Schools National competition again last season, the School recently beat in this year's first round Newtown School, Tewkesbury, the School which knocked us out of last year's competition. The match was switched to a Tewkesbury venue, after discovering that the canal was frozen over. This meant that the team

was at a great disadvantage, because they were not prepared to fish a river. They coped well however, and narrowly beat a well formed opposition. The School has to beat one more team to reach September's final.

Earlier in the season, the team fished a friendly match against Culverhay School, winners of last year's School's National. In sub-zero conditions, our School was only just beaten.

A disappointment last season was the lack of support for School matches on nearby waters, I hope this will be remedied next season.

On a final note, the members of the club would like to thank Mr. Pearce for driving the School bus on trips and his presence at National matches.

**Steven Langley U6T**

# Chess



**PRESIDENT:** Mr R. L. Fowler  
**CAPTAIN:** Peter Bruce U6S  
**SECRETARY:** Ross Perriam U6S

	P	W	L	D
1st Team	18	8	8	2
Juniors	8	4	4	0

The chess club meets after school on Tuesdays in Room 4 and has quite a large following, especially amongst the lower forms. A club league, on a handicap system, is organised and was this year won by P. Richardson 3S.

The competitive season was slightly disappointing from the teams' point of view, but it must be borne in mind that a strong fixture list was arranged including many adult teams.

The Gloucester and District Knockout was won for the umpteenth year in succession with a win over Churchdown in the final by 6-0, King's school having been dismissed by 4½ — 1½ in the semi-final.

the Junior Team, consisting of 1st 2nd and 3rd formers, won 4 matches out of 8 and they will provide a useful base for future years.

Progress in the North Gloucestershire League was steady, after some initial hiccups, and some useful games brought the team up to 2nd place. Later in the season, however, the team slipped a little to finish in 5th position.

The performance in the Gloucestershire Schools Knockout was slightly disappointing in that the school was narrowly defeated 2½ — 3½ by old rivals Cheltenham Grammar School in the 2nd round.

Another upset was the defeat at the hands of Malvern College in the second round of the Sunday Times Tournament. After some unfortunate misunderstandings about timing, the school narrowly lost 3½ — 2½. In the first round last year's finalists, Hereford

Cathedral School, had been despatched 4½ — 1½.

Over the Easter holiday the annual Chess Congress was held with good results from members of the school. The U15 section was won by G. Anthony 4S, in the U18 section K. Richardson 4S came 4th and in the U13 section C. Riley 2S finished second equal.

On the home front, the House Chess Competition was once more easily won by Southgate, with Eastgate just edging Northgate out of 2nd place.

G. Anthony represented the county regularly at both senior and junior level, winning most of his games in the process, and even played for the county No. 1 team.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Fowler for his support and guidance, and, of course, for his driving!

**Peter Bruce U6S**



# Rugby



**First Team Squad**

**W. Price K. Ball M. Calver G. Winstanley D. Brown C. Bishop M. Bryans P. Gabb A. Rose  
P. Jennings M. Hazard I. Fletcher S. Baker J. Mellon P. Davis P. Calver C. Pashley N. Dyson**

## FIRST XV

**CAPTAIN: John Mellon**

**VICE-CAPTAIN: Stephen Baker U6T**

P	W	D	L	Ab.	F	A
11	3	2	5	1	116	126

With the return of nine old "colours", a good season seemed in prospect. However, for several reasons this did not materialise. Enthusiasm and the will to win seemed to be lacking in certain quarters, and our performance was worsened by a spate of injuries which resulted in twenty-three different players representing the school in the first three games of the season.

Although the team lost nearly twice as many games as it won, there is, in fact, only a ten point difference between the number of points scored "for" and "against", and this is a more accurate reflection of the season's events. Three of the defeats, indeed—Bishop Wordsworth, St. Brendan's and Christ College Brecon—were against possibly the three best sides in the West of England.

Undoubtedly the best display of the season was the game against St. Brendan's, in which aggression and, determination were the key

characteristics of the team's performance. But for a lapse in concentration in the first few minutes, during which twelve points were needlessly conceded to the opposition, I feel that this could have been the best ever performance against St. Brendan's.

Several players have consistently made outstanding contributions to the team and so deserve a special mention. Mark Calver has had a very good season, and, after being converted from flanker to prop, went on not only to represent the Gloucestershire U19 team but also the South and South-West of England against the Australians. Similarly, Steve Baker was outstanding at scrum half, giving of his best throughout the season (in more ways than one!) and producing moments of genius. Andy Rose and Chris Pashley also deserve a mention; Andy for his tireless work in the loose, and Chris because he has played for the first fifteen in every position.

Finally, I think I should mention the excellent achievement of the U16 sevens team in reaching the final of the Clifton sevens tournament.

New colours were awarded to Clive Bishop, Kevin Morris and Chris Pashley.



## SECOND XV

**CAPTAIN: R. W. J. Cole U6T**

This season, because of bad weather, allowed only seven fixtures, and one of these had to be abandoned. The side, nevertheless, showed up well in all the completed matches with the largest losing margin being only five points.

Whatever the team lacked in individual flair was more than made up for by the tremendous team spirit and enthusiasm—something that the Second XV has not seen for a number of years.

An exceptionally strong side started the season with a fine 16-0 win over Chosen Hill, with good clean performances from both sides. A further 20-0 away win over Culverhay seemed to suggest a very successful season ahead. A weakened team, however, went down 6-11 to a well drilled Cheltenham G.S. side at home and ruined all hopes of an undefeated season.

The match of the season was the 4-4 draw against Marling, a good hard team. The draw was even more remarkable since only the last minute inclusion of Dave Glik (God bless him) allowed a full team to be fielded at all. The game proved harder than expected. A win seemed likely until the last few minutes when Marling cancelled out Glik's debut try with a score in the corner.

A disappointing display at Beeches Cliff (6-8), the abandoned R.A.C. game and a crushing win over Crypt (29-4) brought the season to a close, with the eagerly anticipated clash against St. Brendan's cancelled.

If prizes were to be awarded for the most encouraging newcomers they would surely be

given to Malc Campbell and Warren Price. Altogether it was a fine all-round team effort.

Regular team members were:

N. Dyson	D. Hook
P. Strutt	M. Campbell
C. Flower	I. Morris
W. Price	P. Drinkwater
E. Hogben	D. Prystajekyj

## Richard Cole U6T

### Under 15 Rugby

This was another very successful season for one of the best XV's to represent the school. A shock defeat at Chosen Hill and narrow defeats in superb games with St. Brendan's College and Cheltenham were the only reverses of the season. The XV not only won most of their matches (8) but won them in style, playing very entertaining rugby. It was a reflection of the talent in the side when, at the end of the season, eight were selected to play for Gloucester Under 15's and nine awarded colours. Captain Julian Baker was also invited to captain the Gloucester team.

Colours: J. Baker (Capt.)

O. Morris	D. Powell
N. Willis	N. Poulton
I. Smith	S. Ball
P. Sullivan	A. Bartlett

### Under 14 Rugby

After a rather indifferent start to the season, the team began to play with purpose and enthusiasm. Three drawn games—against strong teams from Culverhay, Cheltenham G.S. and Bishop Wordsworth—were followed by a win against Marling. These games set the pattern of play for the rest of the season; a mobile and vigorous pack, ably led by Calver, demonstrated impressive rucking skills and considerable determination. Partly owing to injuries there was not always the thrust behind the scrum to capitalise on this, but the enthusiasm throughout the side was unflagging.

### Under 13 Rugby

The Under 13's made a slow start to the season by losing several of their early matches. With some reorganisation the team was improved and finished the season having won six out of the nine matches played.

# Tennis

**CAPTAIN: J. Mellon**  
**SECRETARY: J. May**  
**TREASURER: P. Bruce**  
**CAPTAIN U16: N. Willis**

The season started with a win over Marling followed, three days later, by a wet Glanvill Cup exit. Having beaten Downton, Salisbury and King's Worcester in this competition we lost to a strong Bristol Grammar School side. A victory over Dean Close soon restored morale. Perhaps the highlight of the season so far is the draw at Magdalen College School, where we have been trounced for the last two years. Mellon and Glik dropped only one set that afternoon and avenged defeats in years past.

With three senior matches remaining and domestic competitions to be settled tennis is far from over. We have good hopes, too, for our entries in two tournaments, particularly the B.S.L.T.A. Tournament at Oxford where Mellon and Glik have been losing semi-finalists for the last two years. The players who have represented the 1st VI so far this year in the eight matches played have also included Pashley, Fuller, Bruce, May, Weston and Willis.

Bewley and Willis have formed the backbone of a junior side which promises to be an excellent first team. Comfortable victories over Dean Close and Magdalen may



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have been responsible for the complacency which caused defeat against a IV from Rendcomb. Our main fault at this level is that some have a reluctance and lack of confidence to attack and volley.

After six years in the First VI, the last three as captain, we must now bid John Mellon farewell. I can only recall him missing two matches in this

time. He has been a most loyal and successful captain, well respected wherever we have travelled. His partnership with David Glik has been outstanding and they have not often been defeated as a pair. David's brilliant natural strokeplay has blended with John's power to give a formula which we will surely miss.  
**B. McB.**



# Rowing

Once again our report spans a complete year, and begins during the summer regatta season of 1977.

Successes had already been prolific with Ball Cup successes and wins at Evesham and Hereford.

A first entry in eights was made at the National Schools Regatta in the West Cup, the event for public schools third eights.

Rowing in six lanes at Nottingham, a repechage was just avoided by scraping into third place in our heat. This gave direct entry into the final and time to adjust to conditions and tactics. A far better row resulted, and 3rd place was obtained, beaten only 1 foot by 2nd place Radley. Bedford won comfortably in the coveted lane 1 position.

Examinations disrupted competition at this stage, and any successes gained further were by seniors rowing with Gloucester Rowing Club, where several summer events were won.

September brought the Boston Marathon upon us again, and the usual fortnight of mileage training. The race itself was uneventful, consisting of relentless steady-state rowing. A hold-up of 8 minutes at Badney Lock cost us the outright win, beaten by 3 minutes by Nottingham Boat Club. We had the satisfaction of beating London University

and a large number of top-class club crews, but once outright success has been tasted, second place is never quite so acceptable. Several old boys, now with Gloucester Rowing Club, demonstrated what is needed for success in this the most gruelling event in the calendar and disposed of several pretenders in smashing the fours record.

Sculling heads now occupied the autumn period, and R. Chappell and Piers Alington gained considerable success before the fiasco of the flood at Hereford, where many of the competitors were lucky to come away with their lives!

Concentration on a potentially strong squad of J-15s now took over during the competitive lull. Following twelve months' sculling and watermanship, care was given to technique, past experience showing clearly that too early competition without technique has its competitive limits towards the end of the 5th year.

Bad weather and influenza annihilated 'Head' competition, and only a win at Bristol and a row for the juniors at Worcester were squeezed into a disastrous term. Nevertheless, hard work during the holidays compensated somewhat, and the regatta turntable completed full circle.

Early competition at Evesham and Bewdley did not quite bring

the usual results, but the system came good as usual with a fourth win in a row for the seniors in the Ball Cup, and a hat-trick for the 2nd Four.

A visit to the sea brought a tremendous haul of silverware and a magnificent trophy from Penarth, at which stage we go to press.

The club wishes to thank the Parent Supporters for all their help, both financial in the prompt payment of subscriptions and efforts to bring us a much needed new boat, and for their transport and vocal support at numerous events throughout the year.

We say goodbye to club captain Nick Harris, surely the epitome of loyalty, Mark Bennett, Dick Chappell and Hugh Price, whose departure ends an era in school rowing, and possibly to Piers Alington, who started as a cox, but is now approaching a competitive peak as an oarsman and sculler.

The future of the 5th form is always doubtful at this stage, but A. J. Price, A. Williams and M. Caulkett must not go unmentioned as giving unstinted loyalty during a generally undersubscribed year. The future holds great possibilities for the large number of high potential fourth formers, who next year must assume a very senior role.

**G.H.M.**

# OLD RICHIANs

## RUGBY 1976/77

1st XV	P 25	W 16	L 8	D 1
2nd XV	P 27	W 12	L 12	D 3
3rd XV	P 23	W 5	L 16	D 2

The drought provided early frustration for a season that was poor in terms of success on the field, as compared with the previous year's high standards.

Charles Rogers was Club Captain and was ably assisted by 1st XV team members Richard Hardwicke, John Coombes and Barrie Price. Although the Boxing Day encounter with Old Cryptians was lost, we gained revenge in another hard fought match later in the year. Other notable victories included Tredworth, Saintsbridge and Bath Spartans.

## 1977/78

Clive Walford took over the Club Captaincy and has succeeded in keeping the Club spirit at a good level. He has received good support from 2nd and 3rd XV Captains, John Shelton and Graham Hall, respectively.

The loss of key players, however, has contributed much to a poor playing record, although we were proud to win our Boxing Day battle against arch-rivals, Old Cryptians. The emergence of a 4th XV has been remarkable and entirely due to the pleasant influx of schoolboys amongst our ranks. Those who have achieved 1st XV status in their first year, have been Mark and Paul Calver, Dave Brown, John Mellon and Graham Campbell. They and numerous others have served the Club admirably and we must foster their presence and ensure that priority is given to encouraging schoolboys to join us in future years.

With this in mind, a most determined effort is being made to build a Clubhouse at Elmleaze, overlooking the School. Club Chairman, Gerry Stone, and a strong Social Committee consisting of Richard Owen, Tony Wheeler and Stan Jenkins, have devoted much towards this aim. Our thanks again to Mr. Yates and Mr. Griffiths for their support and particularly to Mr. Heap, the Headmaster, whose encouragement, interest and enthusiasm in our activities has not gone unnoticed.

## K. D. Ray

## OLD RICHIANs DANCE, 1977

With what is once again fast becoming an annual event, on October 15th, 1977 the Association held another successful dance.

Some two hundred and twenty Old Richians, staff, parents and friends enjoyed a varied programme of dancing to music provided by the Tony Payne Show Band.

The School Hall was transformed for the occasion by the provision of candle-light while some spectacular effects from the stage lighting added to the scene. A very efficient bar service organised and run by the Bowls Club also helped considerably towards the success of the evening.

As a result, the Association was able to make a substantial donation to the School Bus Fund, so fulfilling our main objective, as well as giving a welcome boost to the Association's finances.

Plans are in hand for another dance in the year ahead, full details of which will be circulated in due course.

Meanwhile, keep this date free — OCTOBER 14th, 1978!

## THE ANNUAL RE-UNION DINNER 1977

The annual Re-union dinner organised by the Old Richians Association was held in the School Hall on Saturday, 17th December. The dinner is open to all past members of the School whether or not they are members of the Association and, year by year, the numbers attending have increased. 1977 was no exception and those who were unable to attend missed a splendid occasion of good food (and wine), good humoured speeches (short and witty) and, above all, good company. Old friendships were renewed, reminiscences exchanged, and the presence of our ladies created the correct atmosphere for what is, after all, a family party held in the family's home — the School.

Our guest speakers were Canon W. R. Houghton (on his retirement), Mr. John Winstanley (deputy head) and Mr. Michael Sykes (Gloucester's bland answer to Japan's television invasion), while the Headmaster (Mr. W. G. Heap) and our President (Mr. David Billingham) gave their reports.

We give below a list of those who were present, in the hope that it will remind them of a warm and happy evening and, at the same time, whet the appetites of those who could not make it last time, ready for the 1978 "get-together".

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Heap, Canon W. R. Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Winstanley, Mr. M. Sykes, Miss D. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Billingham, Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Mundy, Mr. J. A. Stocks, Rev. and Mrs. T. R. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Mills, Wing-Cdr J. W. Vick, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Dyke, Mr. R. T. H. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Leah, Mr. and Mrs. J. King, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. R. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sayers, Mr. and Mrs. P. Day and Son, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. E. Click, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Parry, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hook, Mr. and Mrs. R. Langston, Mr. and Mrs. R. Tucker, Mr. I. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. R. Crockford, Mr. A. Bishop, Mr. R. Guest, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gabb, Mr. and Mrs. S. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Joseph, Mr. A. S. Pilbeam, Mr. L. C. Huddleston, Mr. F. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Smith, Mr. N. R. Waite, Mr. and Mrs. J. Smart, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Jones, Mr. P. J. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Claridge, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Romans, Mr. and Mrs. R. Wilson, Mr. R. Fox, Mr. H. Withers, Major and Mrs. F. O. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cecil, Mr. P. Irvine, Mr. N. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Chew, Mr. P. Champion, Mr. M. Choat, and seven members of the VIth Form.

## DEATHS

We regret to announce the following deaths:

HOBBS, Reginald, at the age of 70, died on the 18th October, 1977 at his home in Estcourt Road, Gloucester. Reg kept his interest in the School alive over many years as a member of the Association. He was Past President and will be missed by all of us. Reg was a Local Government Officer and retired in 1967 from the County Treasury as principal auditor after 42 years service with the Council. During the War he was deputy sub-controller of A.R.P. in Gloucester

and afterwards was very active in Civil Defence for which he was awarded the B.E.M. He was Chairman and President of the Gloucester Relief in Sickness Fund and, at the Shire Hall, started the children's Christmas parties of which he was M.C. for nine years. He helped found the Gloucestershire area NALGO Retired Members Association, of which he was chairman and, more recently, president. A keen sportsman, Reg had an unbroken membership of the Shire Hall Cricket club, having served at various times as secretary, captain and chairman. He was also a founder member of the Shire Hall Sports and Social club, being its first secretary and, for over ten years, its chairman. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, and three sons — Peter, John and David. A quiet little man with a big heart.

**PARKER, William Guy**, aged 83, died at the end of 1976. Mr. Parker was the last surviving grandson of Caleb Parker, founder of the original firm of C. Parker, dyers and cleaners, of Gloucester, which was established in 1838. While working with his father, Henry, who took over the business after Caleb's death, Guy greatly extended the business to outlying towns in the county, opening up new branches. During the 1914-18 war, he served in Flanders with the Royal Field Artillery, Signals Section. He was an expert bowls player, having played for Gloucestershire. In his younger days he was an active racer of pigeons. During the Second World War he worked in the aircraft industry, and for a time was with Gloster Aircraft Company. Mr. Parker is survived by four sons and two daughters.

**POTTER, Dr. Frank** (1936-44 approx), university administrator and former deputy head of Churchdown, spent the bulk of his distinguished teaching career in Gloucestershire before becoming deputy director of the Adult Education department at Surrey University in May 1973. Dr. Potter played an important role in comprehensive reorganisation at Churchdown where he began as head of physical education at the newly built county secondary school in 1954. He was later to become head of English and deputy headmaster. Dr. Potter pioneered the early school camps which culminated in the Churchdown Lapland expedition in 1965, and was also involved in the building of the school's swimming pool. As a mature student, Dr. Potter gained a diploma in education at Bristol University and an M.A. degree at Lancaster for his psychological research. He pursued his academic interests at Surrey University, where he gained his doctorate. In his younger days, Dr. Potter was an energetic member of a number of local sports clubs. He was a county hockey player, and past captain of the Gloucester City and Cotswold Clubs. A keen cricketer, he played for Gloucester City and, latterly, Stinchcombe Stragglers. Dr. Potter left a widow, Jean, and two sons, Andrew and Christopher. Mrs. Potter, as Jean Webb, taught biology at Rich's and became head of biology at Gloucester College of Technology.

**PROSSER, Graham**, (39) was killed in a car accident in Buenos Aires late in 1976. Graham was born in South Wales but moved to Gloucester early in life. He served an apprenticeship at Gloster Aircraft Company from 1954 to 1959, and was a leading light in the Gloucester Branch of the International Friendship League as well as a member of the Gloucester Welsh Choral Society. In the late 1950s, Graham was a member of the Old Richians rugby club. In 1960, with Pat Bunting, another Old Richian, he undertook the 4000 mile journey through the Andes from Buenos Aires to Lima on horseback. The trip took them 18 months and he returned home early in 1962. He then took an

appointment as South American representative for Longmans Green Publishing House, a position he held at the time of his death. Graham was unmarried.

**REA, Reginald**, at 92 years of age, in Ryde, Isle of Wight. Mr. Rea's death severs links with an age when Gloucester had no less than three live theatres. For nine years just after the turn of the century, Mr. Rea was under-Manager of the Palace Theatre in Westgate Street which was either where there is now a furniture shop or where there is a D.I.Y. store. He moved there from the King's Hall Theatre across the road. This became a cinema until demolished to make room for a part of the Shire Hall. At the outbreak of World War I Mr. Rea was managing a theatre in Maesteg, Glamorgan. He joined the Royal Navy and soon gained a reputation for producing shows for Service personnel. After the war he became manager of the Albert Hall, Sheffield, where he remained until it was burned down during World War II. He then took over as manager of another theatre in Sheffield. Subsequently, Mr. Rea spent several years touring the North of England as publicity manager for a theatrical group until his retirement, which he broke several times to manage theatres in several parts of the country. At the time of his death in 1976, Mr. Rea was survived by his second wife, Ruby, and his two sisters, Mabel and Olive, who still lived at the family house in Worcester Street.

**WARNER, Clive Douglas**, aged 21, died in November 1976 as the result of an accident.

#### GENERAL

**ALLEN, S. D.**, is at Bristol University studying Geography.

**BAKER, S. J.** was a member of the Gloucester R.F.C. tour party to the U.S.A.

**BARBER, G.**, is studying Engineering at Aston University.

**BARNES, A. C.**, is studying Accountancy at Bristol Polytechnic.

**BARNES, R. T. H.**, gained 1st Class Honours in Astronomy at St. Andrews University.

**BAXTER, George** (1924-33), will be retiring in June 1978 from being Field Officer to Surrey Schools Council. He was headmaster of Farnham Grammar School from 1953 to 1970. (When the compiler of these notes was a new boy in 1932, he can remember George Baxter as a prefect and contemporary of "Dolly" Sims and McCoy.)

**BOYLE, Steve** (left School 1971), is a regular playing member of Gloucester R.F.C. His position is in the second row. He was an Under-23 international and has captained the England Under-23 touring side to Canada. This year, after Gloucester's success in the John Player cup final at Twickenham, he was chosen to tour Rumania with England "B".

**BURNETT, Neil**, is in the Passenger Services department of National Travel at the Coach Station in Cheltenham.

**COMELY, C. B.**, is reading English at Sussex University.

**COX, G.**, is at Southampton University reading English.

**DAVEY, R. I.**, is reading Medicine at Manchester University.

**DAVIES, S. I.**, is at Kent University reading English.

**DAY, R. E.**, is studying Geography at St. Chads, Durham.

**DEE, A. S.**, gained 1st Class Honours in Chemical Engineering at Cambridge University.

**DOUGLASS, S.**, is reading Geology at Cardiff University.



- DYLER, Alex, is teaching at Boston, Lincs, where he has been for over five years. When we last heard from him he was Head of Second Year, involving Pastoral and Administrative work. He says this gets hectic at times as it involves sorting out discipline problems within the second year. He had applied to the Open University but, as it is on a "first come — first served" basis, did not yet know if he had been successful. Alex was a little puzzled by a rumour re his "forthcoming marriage". He admitted he was courting a young lady from Norwich for the past two years or so, but has no plans for marriage yet!
- EVERSON, P. R., (1968-76) is, at the time of writing, in his second year at Borough Road College (now West London Institute of Higher Education) where he is reading for a B.Sc. (Geog/Maths). He continues to play rugby and turns out for the Old Richians when he comes home.
- GEORGE, G. H., is at Southampton University studying Mathematics.
- HAMBLETT, Ronald E., is, we hear, a member of the management committee of Matson Youth Club, and a church warden of Matson parish church.
- HARDY, Maurice, having worn out a few pairs of boots as a police constable in Gloucester has taken them off for keeps and rejoined the Citizen office as a sub-editor — a position he held before opting for the healthy open-air life of a policeman!
- HARDY, Stephen, works for National Travel at the Cheltenham Coach Station, in the Development and Schedules department. This department is responsible for forward route planning and the production of timetables.
- HILLYARD, S. D., is studying Mathematics at Southampton University.
- IRVINE, P. J., obtained a Full Blue in Athletics for Oxford University against Cambridge University. He was a member of the combined Oxford and Cambridge team that toured the U.S.A.
- JODRELL, D. I., is at Southampton University reading Medicine.
- JONES, R. P., gained 1st Class Honours in Philosophy at Cambridge University.
- JOSEPH, Rowland (1959-1966) qualified as a doctor at Birmingham School of Medicine in 1971 and, in 1974, started a vocational training course in the Cornwall group of hospitals. Following a year in general practice in Bodmin, Rowland was accepted into a group practice in Pool, near Camborne. He was due to take up his duties on April 1st this year. Rowland captained the Medical School rugby team and during last season played full back/centre for Truro. He has played in a representative game for Cornwall. He married Vivienne Jean Wilson of Mylor Bridge last summer.
- KNIGH, Leslie, R. W., writes that he retired two years ago upon reaching the age of 75 and lives on his own at 15 The Drive, Cranbrook, Ilford, Essex. He manages to see a lot of rugby and, except for the game against Cornwall during the 1977/8 season, has been to all Gloucestershire's games for several seasons. Whilst looking round a church in London, Mr. Knigh tells us he saw someone wearing a tie similar to his own "and so met an Old Richian who lived in Rochester". Moral, as he says, wear an Old Boys' tie at all times!
- LEWIS, D. W., gained an Exhibition in 1977 at Queen's College, Cambridge, (History of Art).
- MARTIN, A. V., a past President of the Association, retired from business at the end of 1977. When applying for tickets to the Reunion Dinner last year, Alf gave his years at the School as "1666-1687 (First Form)" but this cannot be correct as we calculate he should have commenced drawing his pension somewhere around 1721! Anyway, Alf, 300 plus years old or not, we wish you a long, healthy and happy retirement.
- MARTYNIUK, B., is at Birmingham University taking a course in Russian Studies.
- MEERS, S. M., is taking a course in Business Studies at Aston University.
- MONTANARO, P. P., in 1977 gained an Exhibition in Geography at St. Catherine's College, Oxford.
- MORGAN, T. C., is reading Modern Languages at Aston University.
- MOULSDALE, N. J., is at Harper Adams taking a course in Agriculture.
- PONTIN, Alan, is we understand, a doctor in South Africa in the same hospital as Doctor Christian Barnard. Alan will be remembered by many as probably one of the finest all-round athletes the School has ever boasted. — He was a runner and a rugby player — not just for the School but in representative athletic teams and rugby XV's. — not just for one short season but for almost the whole of his stay at Rich's.
- POOLE, G. S., was British Junior Heavyweight Power-Lifting Champion, 1977.
- POULTON, A., is a member of the Oxford University Authentics Cricket XI.
- POWELL, M. K., is reading History at Cardiff University.
- PRICE, Peter, has been resident in Hampshire since 1970 working as a Civil Engineer for what is now Havant Borough Council. His interest in sport and rugby football in particular prompted him to join the local club, Havant R.F.C. He subsequently captained the club for three seasons until a serious pelvic injury put an end to his playing career. During his captaincy, Havant reached the last 16 teams in the John Player Cup. Peter's main interest now is coaching and developing young players, and he also acts as Rugby Co-ordinator for the club. This must keep him fairly busy as Havant runs seven senior sides, two colts teams, under sixteens and mini-rugby. Peter says that he often thinks back to his happy days at Tommys, mentioning contemporaries such as Bruce Carr, Terry Sharpe, Leo Crowley, Brian Dixon, Ian Click, etc., wondering where they are and what they are doing. (This is the whole point of these notes, Peter, and if anyone would like the address it is 55, Galaxie Road, Cowplain, Portsmouth, Hants.). Family-wise, Peter's wife, Margaret, has returned to teaching Physical Education at Portsmouth High School, and they have two daughters, Rachel (8) and Rebecca (6). **Later.** A subsequent letter from Peter says that due to a list of addresses forwarded to him by the Association he has discovered an Old Richian living about two minutes walk from where he works — one, J. Chase, and he intended to look him up. He recently met Terry Roberts (through rugby, of course!) and he can be found c/o Farnham Rugby Club, Surrey.

RAY, Keith D., (1954-60), President of the Old Richians R.F.C., is Assistant Manager of Lloyds Bank in Cirencester. He is married, has two sons, and lives in Cheltenham.

ROBERTS, C., is studying Marine Radio at Brunel Technical College, Bristol.

RULE, Peter (1954-60) is in Management with the West Bromwich Building Society at Swindon. He is married with three children and lives at Cricklade.

SALTER, M., is studying Education at Madeley College.

SAMUEL, R. E. (Emlyn) is Environmental Health Officer for Hammersmith. He has represented Wales three times in the 2000 metres Steeplechase. His club is Shaftesbury Harriers, whose members include David Bedford. Emlyn has taken part in what is called a demi-marathon — presumably half the distance of the full marathon — and was placed fourth in an International field.

SMITH, C. A., is at Cardiff University reading Chemistry.

SPEED, Alan, one of Rich's ex-masters, writes from Gateshead where he is headmaster of Saltwell Senior High School. His letter states "This neck of the woods remains more or less constant, though long exhaustingly conceived proposals are taking shape regarding re-organisation of secondary education in this area. Mention of school closure set the professional Associations alight and the fires smoulder while Corporate Management at L.A. level pokes about the grate. No prize for guessing *which* school may close!!! Our building is 75 yards/metres from the local Technical College . . ." I like that word "re-organisation". Alan gives news of his three daughters. The eldest, after a period in hospital following "an argument with a lamp-post and shattered windscreen", was back at school to complete her "A" level course with a view to entering University in 1978 — twelve months later than it might have been. His second daughter is at College studying Hotel Management, whilst the third is still subject to investigation to discover the cause of an illness which has confined her to a wheelchair. At the time of writing they were waiting impatiently for news of the latest tests. We sincerely hope the news was good.

TAPLIN, M., is reading Natural Sciences at Salford University.

TURNER, M., is at Keele University reading Biology.

TYREMAN, Jim, works in the Accounts department of the Citizen office.

WARD, I. R., in 1977 whilst at Cambridge University gained the Maxwell Prize for the best 1st Class Honours of the year in Law, and the George Lang Prize for Roman Law.

WATKINS, Alan O., when we last heard was in the process of transferring from his job as P.R.O. for National Travel (South-West) at Cheltenham to be P.R.O. for the Midland Red bus company at Birmingham. This company, as well as being the largest in the country, is also responsible for overseeing Potteries Motor Transport and The City of Oxford bus company.

WATKINS, Frank, having completed 30 years commissioned service with Gloucestershire Army Cadet Force, retired in September 1977 and was granted the honorary rank of Major. Frank's interest in matters military was aroused between 1932 and 1937 as a member of "Patsy's Army". (Note for the initiated — this was the quite unofficial title of the School Cadet Corps. Its commander was Captain

Frank Davis, one of the masters, who was affectionately known as "Patsy" — although the reason is quite obscure). In 1937, Frank (now a sergeant), and the school's cadet sergeant-major, were selected to represent all the cadet units in Gloucestershire at the Coronation of King George VI. In 1938, he joined the 5th Glosters with whom he was mobilised on the outbreak of war in 1939. Demobbed in May 1947 he still had not had enough of uniform and, in the following May, presented himself at the local Army Cadet unit and asked if he could help. Two months later he was granted a T.A. commission. Now, 45 years after he first donned one of the School unit's ill-fitting uniforms, consisting of peaked cap, brass-buttoned tunic, breeches and long puttees, Frank Watkins took off his current uniform for the last time. When asked what he was going to do with all his spare time he felt he would be fully occupied — and apparently he has been just that!!

WATKINS, Malcolm J., our Archaeological Assistant at Gloucester City Museum, is standing for election as a Professional Councillor of the Museums Association and for the position of Gloucestershire representative of the South West Federation of Museums and Art Galleries.

WILLIAMS, G. H., is reading Natural Sciences at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

WILLIAMS, J., is at Aberystwyth College reading Geology.

WILLIAMS, K. A. J., is studying Politics at Middlesex Polytechnic.

WILTON, D. M., is at Manchester University reading Zoology.

Richard T. H. Barnes (1967-1974), who during four idyllic years at the University of St. Andrews has been gliding about in his scarlet gown, singing in several choirs, and walking in the sea, has returned from the distant wild coast of the Kingdom of Fife, graduating with a First Class B.Sc. Honours Degree in Astronomy and Theoretical Physics.

Summer '77 he spent at the Royal Greenwich Observatory, Herstmonceaux, playing croquet and getting to know the peculiar galaxy M82, and from October 78 "Barney" will be working for a D.Phil in Astrophysics, and conversing with the deer, at Magdalen College, Oxford, supported by the Don Postgraduate Scholarship, an internal award from St. Andrews to Magdalen, to which he has been elected.

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Mr. & Mrs. Alington, Mr. Allen, Mr. Badminton, The Badminton Club (Tuesday and Thursday), Mrs. Braizier, Mr. & Mrs. Bright, Dr. Denny, Mr. Girdlestone, Gloucester Welsh Society, N. Harris, G. Hearle, Mrs. Hesketh, Mr. R. Hobbs, P. W. Jones, R. P. Jones, Mr. Mason, Mrs. J. Neary, Mr. M. Price, Mr. E. J. H. Stephens, J. W. Thompson, Miss D. Townsend, Mr. Waltham, Westgate Motors, Mr. Whitaker, Mr. & Mrs. Williams, Mr. Wingham.



"Then on a distant slope,  
He observed one without hope flee back up the mountain side.  
He thought he recognised him by his walk, and by the way he fell.  
And by the way he stood up and vanished into air."  
Taken from "One for the vine", from the Genesis album  
"Wind and Wuthering"







