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Editor's Report

This year 'The Richian' has been produced with a rather limited budget in that the cost of producing it has risen but the school's budget has not risen in line with this. To match up to, let alone surpass, the very high standard of last year's 'Richian' has, indeed, been a very difficult task. The Editorial staff have produced the following pages in the hope that it will give pleasure to boys of the past, present and future and to anyone who reads it. With help from the indefatigable Mr. Haynes, a team of complete novices have found themselves working harder than they anticipated to meet printer's deadlines but the difficulty this year is that we have had an abundance of material but nowhere to put it without 'cramping' the pages. The editor has had the difficult and unenviable task of choosing which material to include because most of the contributions were of a very high standard. Our thanks go to all those who have made a contribution in any way because without you we would be out of a job and we would have been

forced to concentrate on our A-levels.

Robert Dalton
Tim Sergeant

Parents' Association

The year, which began with some apprehension, ends with renewed hope for the future of the school as we know it. That is, as a community where the boys have the opportunity to find and develop their potential in work, sport and personal development in a wide range of activities. The results are achieved by setting high standards and challenging boys to meet them and are only possible because of the dedication of all the staff and the encouragement and interest of the parents.

The Committee were again encouraged by the response at the 1st year Parents' Evening; especially regarding the number of covenants completed. The tax refund which can be recovered is a valuable addition to the sum we can give to

support the activities.

The Dads' Working Party has been revived under Mr. Tony Bishop and has completed a number of valuable jobs but more volunteers would be welcome (Glos. 417329).

The Parents' Association Dance was the main social event of the year and greatly enjoyed by those who attended. The Rugby Draw was the major fund raising activity and one of our parents did choose the winning time. This year a number of others also guessed correctly so a further contest is to be held to allocate the main prizes. We thank parents for their support of these two items.

One particularly interesting project is that Mr. Ken White is guiding a group of boys in making a film on the School year. This will provide an interesting record for the future as well as giving the group valuable experience in direction and technique. We shall all look forward to seeing the results.

No comment on the past year would be complete without reference to the "Choir 20" events. The choir provides the focus of school music and the nucleus of the Choral Society which in a normal year involves so many boys in singing and creates a wider interest in music which must be of value to them

in the future. "Choir 20" was an opportunity to 'build up the centre' and anyone who heard the concert or one of the many services will appreciate how well this was achieved. The boys and masters involved, and especially Mr. Rangeley, put in a tremendous amount of hard work, but there is no doubt they all feel it was well worth it.

Looking back over the year it is impossible to comment on all the contributions, but each year the staff achieve the equivalent of climbing Everest. There is danger that, as parents, we come to accept the standard at Sir Thomas Rich's as the norm, but if you talk to parents from other Local Authorities, you realise how high the standard is at Rich's. We must continue our support of the school for the standards to be maintained.

D. Bruce

Arrivals

Arriving from Cheadle Hulme School in Cheshire, David Slinger takes over the task of teaching German in the school. We welcome him and wish him

a long and happy stay.

After graduating from Reading University, David Slinger entered the Civil Service working in the Foreign Office but the delights of the classroom must have proved



irresistible and we are fortunate to have him with us. Bringing, as he does, his cricketing skills, boys and staff alike welcome his presence with their respective teams. The Debating Society has noted his presence at many debates with pleasure and he is already fully occupied with preparations for the coming German exchange.

Coming from the north also, Philip Waywell, a graduate of Newcastle University, is a new member of the French Department this year. His

efforts with the Cross-Country teams have already been appreciated. We welcome him warmly to the School.

Departures

After a brief but distinguished period at Rich's, Mr. Ioan Davies leaves us to become a student at Bath University where he will study maths. Mr. Davies has thrown himself into all aspects of School life and will be especially missed by the Choir and the thriving Contract Bridge Club which he resurrected.



School Music

With the Choir celebrating its twentieth anniversary it unfortunately proved impossible for Choral Society to meet this year, but the resulting loss in School music was more than made up for by the 'Choir 20' events, which are described fully below.

However, before work could start proper on 'Choir 20' rehearsals, there was the slight matter of two Carol services and a 'Christmas by Candlelight' concert to be prepared!

Christmas is usually the favourite time for Choir members and their enjoyment of the season was well reflected in the singing at the two Carol services, especially in 'Now the holly bears a berry', the impressive 'In Dulci Jubilo', by Bach, and most noticeably in the Nativity Carol. A wide range of carols was chosen to suit most tastes, and tested the versatility of the Choir.

Versatility was also the note in the Madrigal Group's 'Christmas by Candlelight' concert, held in the Library. Eighteen carols in all were performed, ranging from old favourites like 'Ding Dong' and 'Away in a manger' to the more exotic Carol with Lullaby and 'What Cheer'. The readings once again this year were perfectly chosen, including 'A Christmas Carol — (in twenty minutes!)', the refreshments were yet again superb and these all combined to make the evening extremely enjoyable.

An account of the rest of the year follows below, but I would like to take this opportunity to

thank Mr. Rangeley for all his hard work throughout the year and also all those whose help we have come to depend on, staff and parents. Thankyou, again very much.

However, celebrations were not only confined to musical events. A dinner was held for fifth and sixth form and staff in the Choir, Past Choir Captains and guests, and a splend evening it turned out to be. A Junior Choir Party was similarly enjoyed and, of course, there was the great fun of the Tour, and the Birthday Tea which rounded it off so well.

Considering the amount of singing the Choir did, it is perhaps amazing that things went so consistently well, as around forty-five different pieces had to be learnt and most of them brought to performance standard for a two week period. Certainly the Choir has had to work possibly harder than ever before, but the high standard achieved is not amazing when one remembers the tradition in the Choir built up over the past twenty years, of loyalty and perfectionism.

Yes, it was hard work, harder than most of us thought it would be when the events were originally planned in 1977, but things were not all 'blood, sweat and tears', for the effort put in repayed itself many times over with some marvellous singing, and as a by-product of the 'comrades-in-arm' attitude which built up, there was also a great deal of fun and laughter.

Things which stand out from the celebrations? So many, of

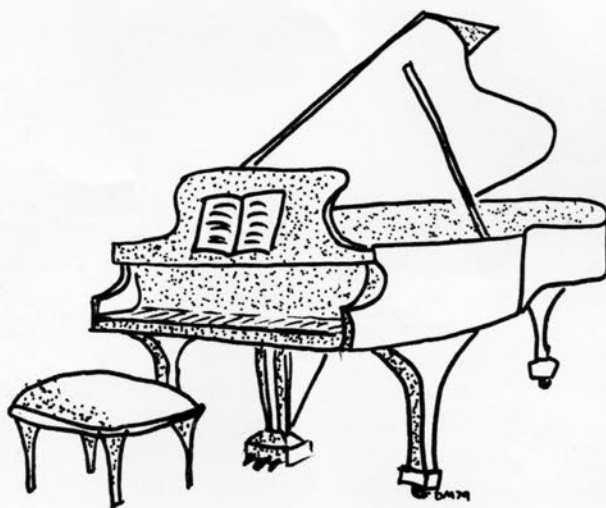
course, but if pressed one would have to mention the incredible atmosphere and sense of team-spirit at the Celebration Dinner; the marvellous camaraderie during the tour, and its musical highlights, the beautiful 'Ave Verum Corpus' in Blandford, and the unforgettable 'In Tears of Grief' at Wimborne; the core of the celebrations, the Recital in Gloucester Cathedral, with its consistently high standard of performance; the great fun during the second half of the Birthday Concert with the secular songs, the ideal acoustics at Hereford Cathedral which made everything we sang sound marvellous; and the final event of the celebrations, the evensong at Holy Apostles, especially the anthem 'Let all the World in Every Corner Sing'.

Of course, 'Choir 20' would have been impossible without the tremendous support the Choir received from staff, boys, parents and friends. So many people helped us, too many to name individually, so I would just like to thank them all, on behalf of the Choir, for making this year one of the highlights of the Choir's life.

Now the celebrations are over and the Choir, as it has done many times before, will lose some of its senior members and gain some new young blood. Faces may change, but I think this year has proved that the traditions of the Choir will always remain the same.

Chris Davies (Captain of Choir)

Young Richians



"Our true intent is all for your delight."

Some one hundred and seventy first- and second-formers, ranged across the stage to sing; others forming an orchestra in the 'pit'; all neatly brushed and spick, white-shirted in uniform; all watching the conductor with intense concentration; bursting into Britten's setting of Psalm 150 with enjoyment and verve. That was how 'Young Richians' began an evening of entertainment mainly by the first three years.

The musical part of the programme was planned to give the experience of playing and singing in public to as many pupils as possible. So, naturally, some of the performers were relatively

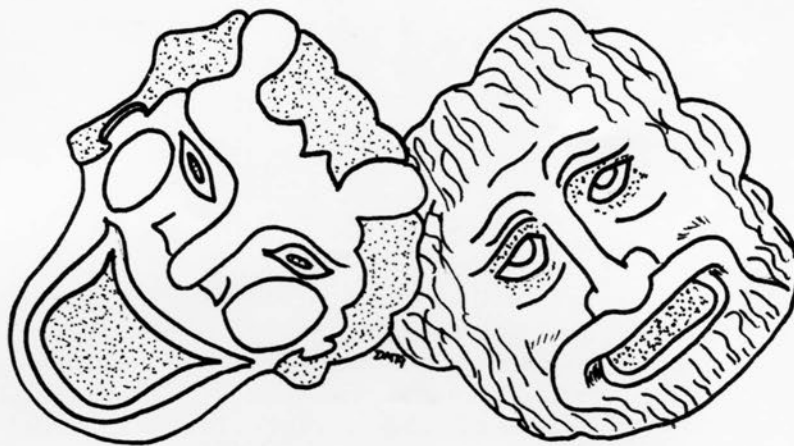
inexperienced; and some of the pieces people play at an early stage are particularly revealing of any faults of timing or accuracy.

A piano soloist seems especially exposed, and has also to contend with the probability that many of the audience will in their time have attempted such composers as Kuhlau and Clementi. Among the pianists, the movement and positioning of Ray Brown's hands were natural and 'right', and Graham Reed's rendering of 'Pony Ride' was a good example of how effective a short lively piece can be.

Of the other instrumentalists; there were two violinists, competent at their respective levels, though one of them might more happily choose something slightly less demanding for public

performance; two clarinettists, David Walker and Andrew Bruce, each confident at his level; two quite advanced 'cellists, Peter Dale and Hugo Ashby; Robert Bruce (trumpet) gave a spirited and very reliable 'March from Scipio'; John Chilman showed impressive musicianship in his cornet solo; Thomas Davey demonstrated a good control of that physically and technically demanding instrument, the oboe; and Glen Dohman revealed himself to be a really sensitive guitarist with the Prelude No. 2 by Villa Lobos.

The Choir trebles sang four songs showing a wide range of moods, from Benjamin Britten's 'Jazz Man' to Finzi's 'Dead in the Cold'. I felt that, in general, the performers' relaxed and confident approach quickly established a rapport



with their audience. The same was true of the dramatic part of the programme, the mechanicals' play from "A Midsummer Night's Dream". The fun of this came from the play itself; from some robustly amusing 'business'; and from seeing actors most, if not all, of whom have not appeared on Rich's stage before.

The Duke and his court have the difficult task of appearing to react spontaneously to the play-within-the play. As this was an extract, they had very little time to establish themselves as characters. The costumes and make-up helped! Robert Foylan and Richard Barbour were prettily flirtatious as Hermia and Helena; Mark Gouldbourne was a dignified but not too stuffy Duke; Julian Kelly was a truly Amazonian Hippolyta, combining the

brassy seductiveness of a Shirley Bassey with the substantial solidity of a Molly Sugden. These actors, with Yosha Cowmeadow (Lysander), Brian Symcox (Demetrius), and Ian Hughes (Philostrate) did well to make the impact they did while contriving always to focus attention on the 'country craftsmen' and their efforts.

Mark Beynon as Prologue was suitably overawed in the presence of the gentry; Adam Jack was a pertly mischievous Wall; Graham Sargen as Lion frightened nobody, as indeed he should not; David Booth as Moonshine was convincingly gormless and put out by the courtiers' comments. He did well not to let the dog upstage him completely. David Moger, clanking into the part at short notice, was a splendid Pyramus, strutting ludicrously about the

stage, uttering his speeches in ringing tones, with effective timing to make the most of the comedy and ensure no loss of words. His doe-eyed beloved, Thisbe (Paul Vale), pneumatically buxom, flaunted her charms and fluttered her eyelids until her final tragic deflation and demise in a flurry of well co-ordinated awkwardness.

To dwell mainly, as I have, on the Young Richians themselves, is not, of course, to undervalue the work done by Michael Rangeley as musical director, George Haynes as producer, and all the many others unrecorded here who worked hard in various ways on this entertainment.

D.F.M.



BIRTHDAY CONCERT

The Choir's 20th birthday concert, given on 4th April to a large and appreciative audience, not only confirmed the school's competence in staging major choral and orchestral works at a consistently high standard but also gave the choir the rare opportunity of performing such light-hearted material as befitted a birthday celebration. The success of both halves of the programme served to demonstrate that hard work and discipline are just as essential to lighter works as to more serious ones if their respective mood is to be satisfactorily conveyed. The convinced applause was due as much to the choir's splendid singing as to its undoubted versatility.

The concert began with a choral fanfare specially commissioned from the founder of the choir, Mr. K. D. Smith, who was present. This composition, which combined a polished form with an underlying sportiveness, suitably set the tone for the rest of the evening.

Following this introduction, the chamber orchestra, led by Jean Alington, performed J. S. Bach's Suite No. 3, the movements of which contrasted between the familiar Air, executed with a sensitive precision, and the lively and spirited Gigue which concluded the work.

The orchestra was then joined by the choir and guest soloists

in Purcell's "Come, ye sons of art," composed for the celebration of Queen Mary II's birthday in 1694. The nine sections of this carefully balanced and harmonious work — alternating between solo passages, a duet, parts for full chorus, all to the accompaniment of the chamber orchestra — were fused into a thoroughly satisfying whole. The Counter-Tenors, Derek Acock and Michael Eddy, and the bass soloist David Purcell, all sang with flair and confidence, as did both the trebles, Robert Bruce and Graham Sargen. Butterworth's rollicking and boisterous arrangement of "Roving in the Dew" marked a change of mood sustained by the choir's spirited singing of another arrangement, this time of three Hungarian folk songs, put across with imagination and enthusiasm.

The Choir trebles sang four modern compositions which contrasted in theme and temperament: Finzi's "Dead in the Cold" and Britten's stark and sombre funeral dirge "Old Abram Brown" were both handled with sensitivity and control, while "Jazz Man", also by Britten, was rendered with appropriate energy and vigour.

The tenors and basses could be their usual rumbustious selves — but quite legitimately this time — in two jaunty sea

songs: "The Old Superb" and "Captain Stratton's Fancy" which were sung with obvious enjoyment.

Instead of the version of "What shall we do with the drunken sailor" we know and love, the choir gave us Cashmore's unorthodox arrangement which could have better been titled "What have they done to 'the drunken sailor'?" The style of the arrangement was so incongruous and affected that it clashed markedly with the spirit embodied in the traditional setting. It was also regrettable that the cacophony produced by the discordant "Contrappunto bestiale alle mente" by Banchieri was too protracted to remain amusing for very long.

But despite the many fine performances, the evening will be remembered by most for the hilarious rendition of a "newly-discovered psalm" (Praecepta Ludi) given by Messrs Rangeley, Moss, Davis and Passey. Sparing themselves and their vocal chords no excruciation, they amused us immensely with their setting of the school rules in four part harmony, complete with topical doxology: "As it was in 1666, is now and ever shall be — general election permitting . . ."

Well done.

G.E.H.

CHOIR TOUR DIARY

Friday 6th April

The main party arrived at Bryanston School, Dorset after a three hour coach journey. Everyone was impressed by the extensive grounds, in which the school was situated. We soon got down to business in the form of a full choir rehearsal, after which we were served an excellent tea. It seemed only a short time before we were in bed trying to get a good night's sleep.

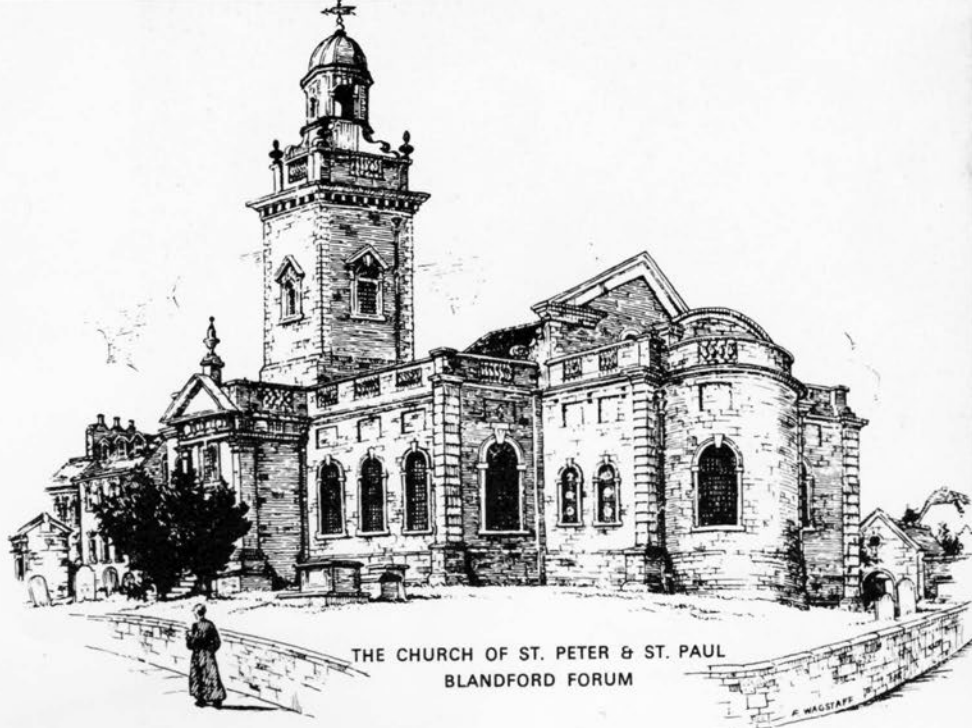
Saturday 7th April

After a good breakfast we left for Sherborne Abbey where we rehearsed for fifteen minutes to get accustomed to the acoustics of the building which was small in comparison to some of the cathedrals in which we have had the pleasure of singing. Before we returned to Bryanston for lunch we had an opportunity to look round this historic place.

The afternoon was spent utilising the many and varied amenities made available to us. During the evening we performed at Sherborne Abbey but unfortunately the singing was not up to the usual standard. After dinner we made an effort to get another good night's sleep.

Sunday 8th April

Following another excellent breakfast we made a seven minute recording of our singing to enter into the National School Choirs competition. Once again, the singing was not as good as we would have liked.



THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL
BLANDFORD FORUM

We spent the afternoon playing squash and football. The staff entertained us by flinging themselves into the deep end of the swimming pool, after which we travelled to Blandford Forum for a rehearsal for the evening service which incidentally, went much better than the previous evening's.

Monday 9th April

We travelled to Wimborne Minster, where there is a magnificent organ, for another rehearsal. The afternoon was spent in leisure activities which included swimming and playing football.

The evening service went very well and on our return we sang for our supper, which also went down very well.

Tuesday 10th April

After clearing the dormitories we continued our competition recording but the singing was still not up to the standard that we had anticipated.

Some of the choir visited the Bovington Tank Museum and in the late afternoon we left for Gloucester.

Robert Bruce 2S
Richard Drew 2S

The first and possibly the most beautiful of the three churches we visited was Sherborne Abbey. Unfortunately we did not think that the acoustics of the building matched its fine architecture, and although we sang well in the Abbey, we did not sing our best.

The second church we visited was the Parish Church of Blandford Forum. The little Dorsetshire town is considered to be one of the most serene and delightful of the rural towns in England. The Church, which was undergoing restoration during our visit, is Georgian in style and the interior has escaped interference, retaining its galleries, box pews, and Mayoral seat.

Our final church was Wimborne Minster. This church is the only one in Dorset which has a two-towered fabric. The astronomical clock on the south wall dates from the 14th century and is one of only four still in existence. It was here that we were greeted by an exceptionally large congregation which helped to raise our performance — we sang at our best on this, our third Evensong of the tour.



After departing Gloucester on the 24th May at 3.00 p.m., one of the two coaches drove direct to Southampton and the other went via Bath and Salisbury to Southampton. The crossing was at night, so there was not much to say about it because nothing was seen, however, it was rough. After the crossing, we proceeded towards Paris where we had to change coaches for Rambouillet.

We arrived in Rambouillet towards midday on the Friday, lunched at the school, and returned to our partners' homes, (most of the families we were staying with lived in a large estate called la Clairaine).

Except for a brief visit to the school on Saturday morning, we spent the weekend with the families.

On the Monday we went to Chartres by train. Chartres has a cathedral (for those who don't know), which has two towers. The significant thing about the towers is that they are not the same.

The train which we travelled on was electric. We arrived at Chartres at about 12.00 and had our lunch. We were then free to do what we wanted.

At 5.00 we met again outside the cathedral and went home by train again. We were a bit late and had to hurry for the school bus.

The Tuesday we visited the town of St. Quentin en Yoelines. Not knowing what to expect, we paid a visit to the information centre before proceeding to the town centre. It was a slight disappointment, being an interesting mixture of wind swept walkways frowned on by high rise flats.

In the evening we were the guests at a display of folk dancing, at which we were very honoured.

We were to visit the capital on Wednesday. We first of all took a boat trip on the Seine, which was very pleasant. We saw many of the Paris sights from the boat including Notre Dame. We landed, and, as we had half an hour in hand, we paid a short visit to the famous cathedral itself. We ate our lunch at the Louvre.

After lunch we were split into two groups. One half drove straight to the Eiffel Tower. This impressive mass of metal was ascended by us in a lift (fortunately) and the view from the top was magnificent. We came down and went to the Beauborg, a strange building with all the heating pipes on the outside! It is a modern art centre, and the building might be called modern art too. The other group did the same in reverse order.

On Thursday we visited Rambouillet itself. After a refreshing swim at the local baths, one half of us visited a part of the Château, seeing everything from the mediaeval prison, and 18th century furniture, to 20th century telephones. We were invited towards the end of the morning to the Town Hall, "La Mairie". The Mayoress gave a speech, getting the idea we were from Great Yarmouth and attending a school called Gloucester. Anyway, a buffet was served which disappeared in two minutes!

In the afternoon we were shown the "Pavilion des Coquillages", a small one room building with every inch of the wall decorated with shells.

It was the Palace of Versailles on Friday. We went by coach. The Palace was the official residence of the French Royal family. The party split into three groups and were shown around the palace by a French



guide who spoke English.

After lunch we explored the huge park and soon discovered the lake where we all went rowing and Mr. Waywell demonstrated his rowing skills, or lack of them.

Saturday morning we visited Rambouillet market, where nearly everything was sold from all types of food to expensive clothes. The remainder of Saturday, and, up until Monday, we spent with our French families.

But, unfortunately, a most enjoyable visit had to end. At 3.00 p.m. on the Monday we left Rambouillet, passing through Paris to Le Havre, and caught the midnight ferry. We travelled from Southampton by coach and arrived at School at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 5th June.

G. Sargen 2S
P. Smith 2S

It would be very easy for this report to become a chapter of accidents since there were many this year — broken arms, squashed fingers and so on. Whilst this did a power of good to my hospital vocabulary, it hides the more positive aspects of the Exchange and the most important of those is that we all enjoyed our stay in France and the visit of the French here.

It is a busy time and certainly this year saw an earlier onset of fatigue so that by the end of the week in France many boys were noticeably flagging, not that it kept them from buying ice-cream, chewing gum, coca-

cola and so on. Even so, they listened — often very attentively — to both English and French teachers attempting to instruct them about some monument, church or museum, they were amazed — as always — by the striking differences between the two Schools yet accepted lessons in the School in Rambouillet with something approaching equanimity.

Our visits now follow an established yet exciting pattern: Chatres on the train, to visit the glorious cathedral; Paris, with the French for a whole day; Versailles for the overpowering Chateau. This year we visited the new town of St. Quentin-en-Yvelines with an opportunity to combine some Geography with French. Mr. Spear was delighted.

Obviously the timing of our visits is difficult — we are in France during Whitsun half term week, and the French pupils are here shortly before the exams. Yet whilst this places an enormous strain on staff and pupils alike, the whole event does pass without too much interruption and dismay.

I am indebted to Messrs. Spear, Bevan and Weywell for their untiring efforts and constant concern for the welfare of our boys. The exchange simply could not work without them. The other important factor is the cooperation of all members of staff at school, for typing, welcoming, providing last minute help, substituting in lessons or simply standing and waiting.

As a postscript, I am delighted to find so many boys who want to return the following year. This surely is indicative of no small measure of enjoyment to be had in Rambouillet. I hope they do return.

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hypersophisticated
interdenominational
interpenetrabilities.

it makes sense when read
very carefully—honestly!

C. Christie 3R

SAM—A POET

I know! I'll write a poem,
That'll show 'em
That you don't have to be
Particularly literary
To make words rhyme
All the time.
As long as it is written thus,
Then you can be anonymous.
You need to be, to write this way
'Cos English masters shudder and say
"Was this writ by a first form boy?"
I say, "No, I wrote it. Me, a sixth-former,
An excellent ploy."
That's what seven years have done
To my mentality, and when I'm gone
They will say, "Who was Sam anyway?"

Timothy Sergeant U6T

STUDY IN GREY

The raindrops
beat a light staccato
on the window pane,
The quiet and steady rhythm
of the endless falling rain.

My mind reflects the blankness
of the grey and leaden sky,
And thoughts, like lonely teardrops
which the dreary heavens cry,
Fall ceaseless to oblivion,
to patter
And to die.

P. M. Bruce L6S

COMING OUT

Remote the island is still
where once we lived together
Its rivers are frozen now
and it will be dark until
the clouds disperse. We never
wanted to stay there although

It was a safe place to hide
There were too many secrets
and untold stories, and strange
nervous looks in their sad eyes.
And we left with no regrets
when our lies were too much strain.

It's much better than last year,
now there's no such thing as doubt.
A new impulse has begun,
And now we can follow our
own inspiration, go out,
and feel the warmth of the sun.

David Green

THE MODERN PREMETHEUS

Dawn

The pale sun rises, casting its cold light across the barren mountains. I watch the black speck on the horizon grow to an eagle swooping down towards me. Its talons rake across my cheeks and I flinch, pulling desperately on my chains. The eagle perches beside me and cocks its head, watching my fingers scrabble in the dirt, searching for something to throw, but they have bound me well and there is nothing. Still watching the eagle steps forward and plunges its cruel beak into my stomach. I scream. Again it strikes. I faint, immediately the medi-pack in my iron collar injects me and I awake. I lose count of how many times I faint, living only in a red haze of pain. Eventually, gorged on my liver, the bird leaves. Already anti-shock drugs, hormones, glucose, and the myriad other substances required to keep me alive until evening are being fed into my bloodstream by the medi-pack. How

long have I been here, chained to the mountainside? I used to count the days, but when each day is the same what do you count?

Evening

A muted whispering, dark shapes move across the mountainside towards me. They cluster around, extending strange devices into my wound. Soon they are finished and withdraw, leaving me whole again and ready for the dawn.

I watch the stars rise, my eyes searching the heavens. There! That dim spark, a G2 sun, shining on the world I came to love more than life itself. But I interfered: I went among the people of that planet and changed their future. I gave them the most wonderful, most dreadful gift imaginable and for that I was punished by my race. Earth's legends tell of Prometheus the god who gave man the gift of fire and was punished by Zeus for so doing. I gave man love, so here I lie, Crucified. Again . . .

A. Weir L6R

RICH'S GOES "ON-LINE"

Early in January, after much nail-biting, our computer terminal produced its first intelligent message. THE QUICK BROWN FOX JUMPS OVER THE LAZY DOG. Since then Mr. Winstanley has been suffering shell shock due to the continual clatter emanating from Room 66.

The terminal is connected, by a telegraph line installed by the P.O., to an ICL 2903 computer belonging to the North Gloucestershire College of Technology in Cheltenham.

The terminal is in almost continuous use throughout the day by both staff and boys. Getting time on the terminal can prove difficult and the overriding obsession with all users is how many spare buckets there are.

R.T.



Resurgam



It was cold. The air in the vault when the man woke was cold and scented. He had opened his eyes for the first time and saw darkness, although a glimmer of light seemed to be penetrating the distance. What was he to do, he thought, on the first day of his life? He lay inert for a while considering. Gradually he began to remember. Yes, he remembered. They had beaten him; they had mocked and shamed him, then hung him naked on two sticks exposed to the world. The Voice of Authority and Humanity had been degraded, shamed for all to see. Stirring, he felt his wrists. The wounds were real. As he felt he remembered with terror the making of them on his now thin, waxy hands. The Romans had beaten their rusty nails of hate sadistically into the hands of Love. He had flinched and recoiled with every malicious blow as the ugly nails entered his beautiful virgin body. He reached up and discovered the thin lacerations on his dead forehead. He remembered the scorn and abuse as he was crowned, but most of all he remembered the pain as the sharp points of wood were crushed into his temples. He remembered all. The man with no name remembered his past life.

Slowly he rose and stood on his thin broken feet which had died. He took the napkin from his head, rolled it, then laid it on the slab which had supported him. With uneasy steps the man who had died made his way to where the light was to be seen. Reaching the door of his prison, he pushed it open to expose a whole new experience. Breathless for a moment, the man who had died lingered at the tomb's entrance and surveyed the land. It was dawn. A whole new freshness stood on the earth. He was ethereal. He had never seen such beauty before. His tomb had opened on to a garden. The grass, fresh with dew under his broken feet, was a new experience. The moisture from the dew bathed and eased his wounds. He studied all for a moment with eyes which had never looked upon nature before. Was the point of his death to show him all this? He turned his face and saw the trees. He saw their freshness. The leaves swaying gently in the Dawn's breath excited the man. The man who had died considered to himself: he was outside Nature. Yes, he thought, he was outside Nature; he belonged to a higher sphere. Everything he saw was below him. He had died in youth; middle age had brought him maturity of thought. The resurrection

had come in his maturity, and now, for the first time, he saw Creation.

His thoughts were soon distracted from nature, he was disturbed by a soul-searching cry. He stirred from his reverie, this dead man, and in the clear light of dawn he saw in the corner of the garden the bent figure of a woman. The man with no name had always been compassionate. His heart strained for he knew why she was weeping. With delicate ease Humanity walked on thin broken feet which had been butchered by the Romans towards the woman. As her cries became more audible, the man who had died stopped and stood silent for a moment for he thought he had known the woman. Yes, from the vaults of his memory, he struggled to form an image. The cloud dispersed: he saw the scene. He had sat in a chair and a woman, whom he believed to be this woman, had anointed his feet. He remembered, she had washed his feet first, dried them with her hair, then anointed them with the sweet-smelling perfume. Even now perfume lingered, the same rich scent now oozed from his garments and body in the breeze of the dawn.

"Woman," he heard himself ask, "Why do you weep?" The woman's tender, heart-searching reply brought the man who had died back to reality:

"Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

With a surge of life and all doubts dispelled he exclaimed, "Mary!"

Drained of life because she sensed a great presence over-shadowing her, the woman turned. She saw for the first time the man in white linen. She saw his transparent body, the livid wounds made by the Romans on his waxy forehead, side, thin dead hands and feet. She looked into his face, the face of Compassion, and was transfixed by his dark, penetrating eyes. Day had dawned at last. It was the first day of the week. She too remembered, she remembered that act of cleansing and that incredible promise made concerning the man's return from death. She wanted to touch him and made motion to do so. Perceiving this he murmured in his soft, gentle voice, "No, do not touch me. I have not yet ascended."

For her at that moment Alpha and Omega had joined. Obeying she knelt before him, bowed her head and whispered, "Rabboni."

G.E.H.

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S. Hopkins IR

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The Royal Palace

Samohht Shcir
Sultanate of Ez-Aelkao
Arabian Gulf.

Greetings, humble peasants.

Reclining here in the lap of luxury (wife No 3 actually,) the manifestation of opulence, my every wish carried out at the speed of \$1000 a day income. I am reminded of my recent visit to your little institution.

Despite the snows of March, the warmth of my welcome touched me, deep in my wallet. The attention to details, such as having women wear yashmaks was pleasing. It was unfortunate, however, that there was not time for an unveiling ceremony - during my next visit perhaps?

May I, as my country's leading expert on everything, recommend two changes you could consider in the running of your school? First, discipline. In my country we believe strongly in using physical methods of correction. We no longer remove right hands, since this produced poor results in examinations, but caning is still a popular pastime amongst Arab teachers. Secondly, your School Fund should be raised from the present ludicrous sum of £1 to £200 per annum. This would provide funds for the little extras the Arab scholars enjoy, such as grouse shooting, diving for pearls, or safaris to Kenya.

As you know I came to your country for some tips on education; strangely, I seemed to be doing most of the tipping.

This is unimportant, after all, I do not have to worry about where the next barrel of oil is coming from, and, as that old Bedouin saying goes: "Oil's well that end's well".

The future for me is very rosy, and I hope that it will be so for Sir Thomas Rich's. As I have said, if Allah had wanted women to be Secretaries of State for Education, He would have made them Conservatives. I have also warned the Conservatives about having the 'Iron Lady' as leader, but that was to no avail.

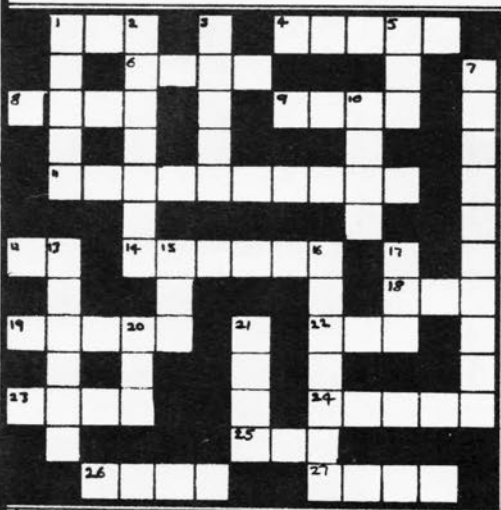
By the time this letter reaches you, I should be even more wealthy because I am just about to fix the oil price rises with Shake Your Money, the Saudi Oil Minister. The rise will be in the region of 15%, it may be higher, Kuwait and see (another old Bedouin saying).

محمد بن عبد الله
D.Q. Hook

سالم شحير

Court Correspondent. 1st April '79

Crossword



Across

- 1 Suggested connection between head cover and this function of the mouth
- 4 An agitated wasp
- 6 Human attitude to the subject of 4 across
- 8 Person symbolic of St George
- 9 Bygone refreshment
- 11 Country of an aged marshal
- 12 Combination of people
- 14 This we are here to be
- 18 Pardon the spelling 'nute'
- 19 Possible but not probable description of this X-word
- 22 Some put one on more than others
- 23 Teacher's colloquial gambit to dense pupil.....very singular

- 24 Place of idyllic rest
25 This one would be difficult
to digest
26 The subject of 25 across
would not do this to the
appetite
27 It's difficult to insure
against this type of upheaval

Down

- 1 Excluding none
- 2 Something required involving engagement of brain prior to making audible noise
- 3 Articles employed to keep structures or ladies figures in place
- 5 11 across is perhaps a paler shade of this
- 7 Results in leaving one's responsibilities to someone else
- 10 Condition found in some less popular parts of the world
- 13 Mentioned in an old song and part of a monopoly situation
- 15 A cigarette tree?
- 16 Academic success is dependant on one of these
- 17 A tennis collection
- 20 A regular excess of 9 across can make you into one of these
- 21 To travel from A to B in the shortest possible time

Compiled by R Crooks 3R

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THE RUINED HOUSE

For days and weeks, months and years,
The old house stood frozen in time with tears of
mildew,
Pitch fork rotten, and windows cracked,
Cursed by the hand of hell and racked,
Desolate, debris of weeds, water and rain,
Nature reclaimed the lord's domain.

Masses of thorn, and trees of oak,
Protecting the old house with a thick green
cloak,
Its secrets kept, its silence held,
Protected from all, its structure felled,
From Mansion fine, to derelict mass,
This fine old house to rubble did pass.

Grass so green, cow hazelnut brown,
The house watched the change in time,
Roads so long, paths so wide,
The tide of man was forever far,
As he smashed the distant highlands green,
And attacked the house with mallet and steel.

The burly wrath which had resisted time,
And protected nature in its time,
Now shuddered to the clang of iron, wood and
steel,
The sturdy walls were now a broken mass.
Not a brick survived the blast,
And now there stands a block of flats.

A. McKenna 3R

LATE

Oh, woe is me, who stayed in bed,
I wish I had listened to what
My form master said.
He said, "You're late again,
You are a pain! You are a star!
You've messed up my registrar."
I said "It's not registrar, you see
It's register with an 'E'."

Robert Dalton U6R

SUMS

Did you know that
One add one is two
But that two add one is eleven?
It's very simple, don't you see
When you add in Binary.

Timothy Hastings 1R

EMPIRICAL PARODY

Spasm: the light
Cracks.
A golden syrup
Spills
Over the infinite flux.
And I sit,
Still,
While innumerable waves break
On new-formed shores of life.

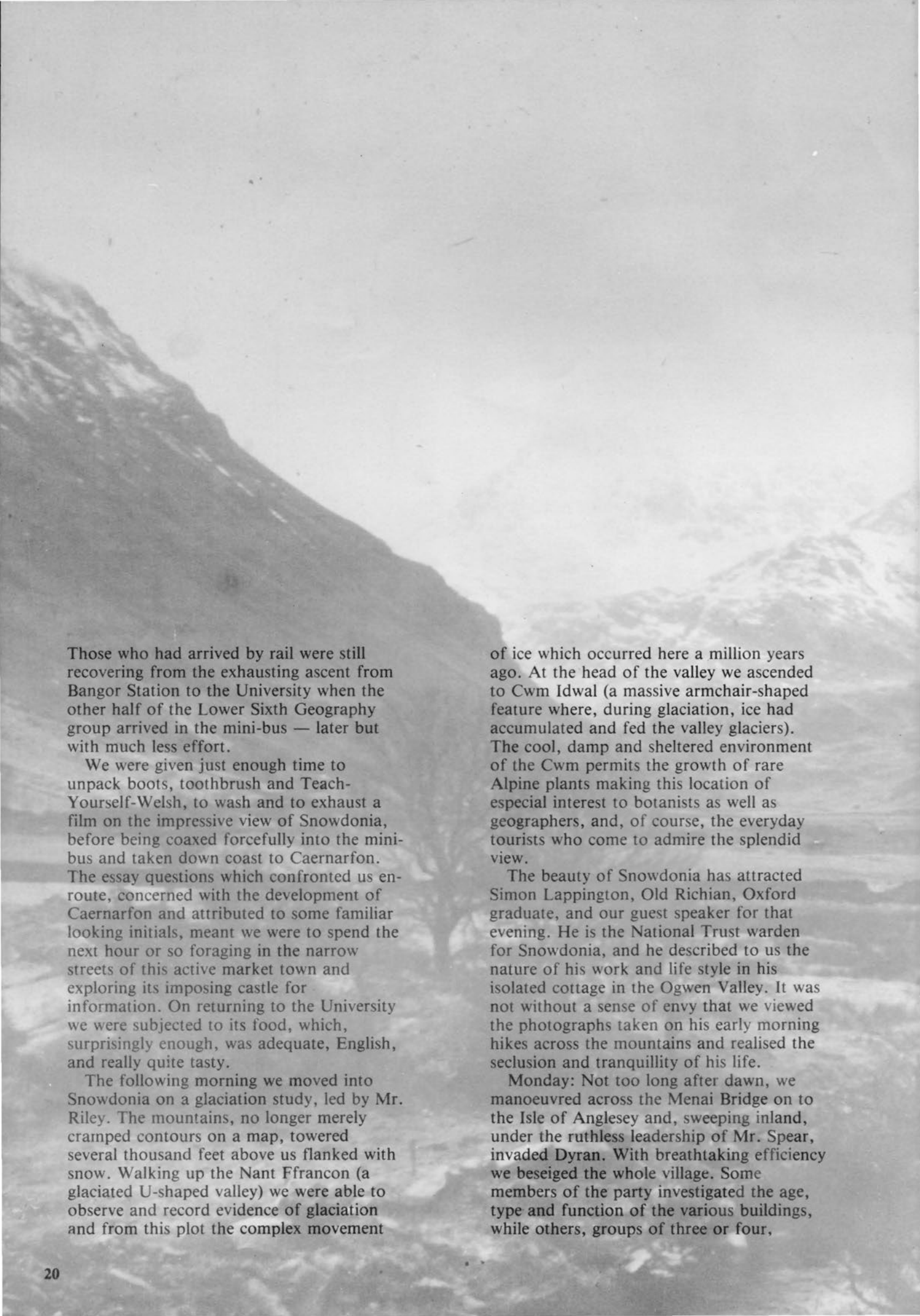
A scent, a sound
A sweet heady atmosphere of pure pleasure
Gone.
Transitory paradise

Death
Not of past, but future.
Empty

The wheel
Revolves
A warm breeze of happiness carries me on.
Fight, to lose.
Outside, looking in, I see
Two, and yet one.
But, for golden Eden before
I still yearn

Soon—spasm.
Till then I soar on flights of fancy
And look down on the incoming ocean.

Christopher Davies U6R



Those who had arrived by rail were still recovering from the exhausting ascent from Bangor Station to the University when the other half of the Lower Sixth Geography group arrived in the mini-bus — later but with much less effort.

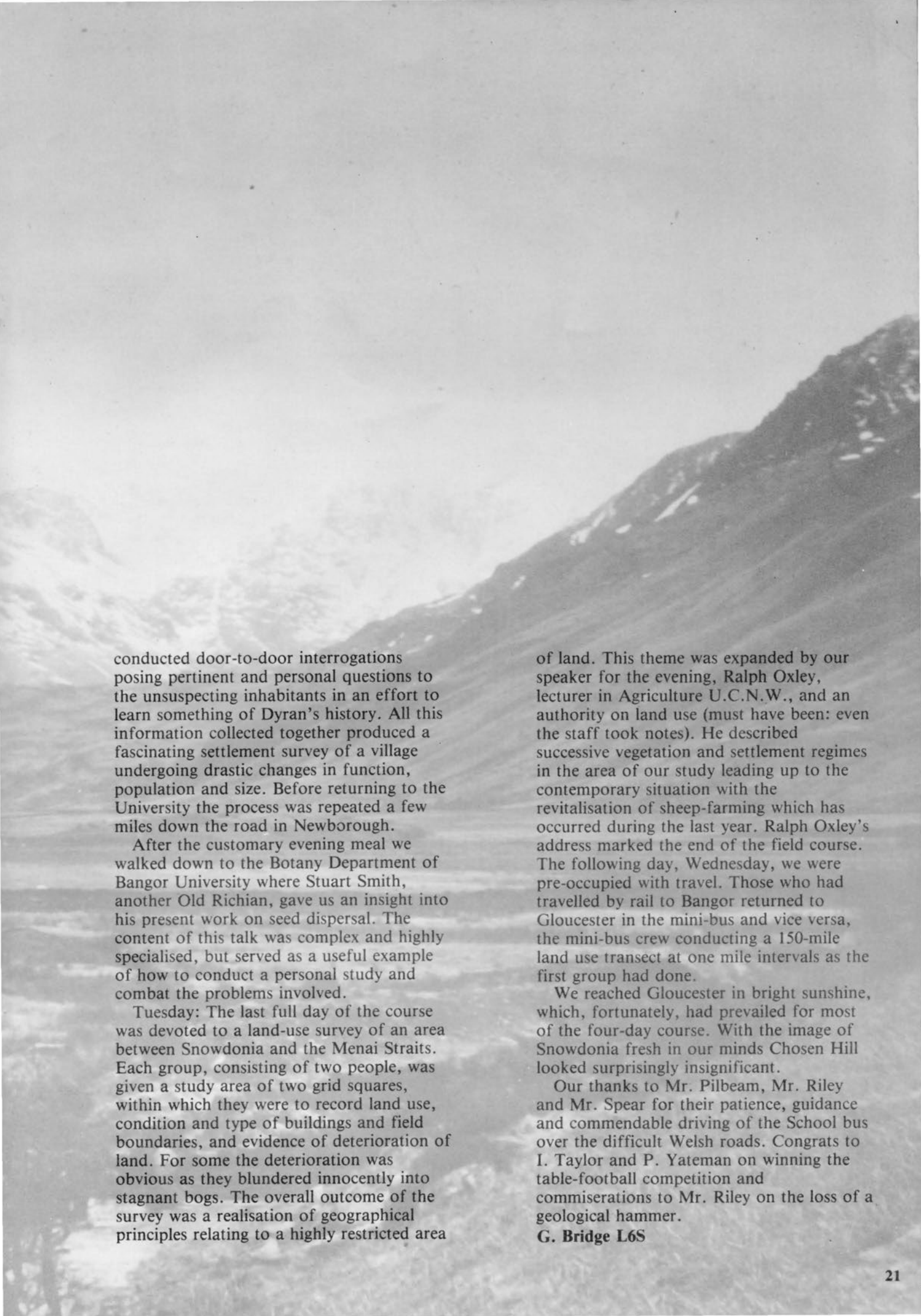
We were given just enough time to unpack boots, toothbrush and Teach-Yourself-Welsh, to wash and to exhaust a film on the impressive view of Snowdonia, before being coaxed forcefully into the mini-bus and taken down coast to Caernarfon. The essay questions which confronted us en-route, concerned with the development of Caernarfon and attributed to some familiar looking initials, meant we were to spend the next hour or so foraging in the narrow streets of this active market town and exploring its imposing castle for information. On returning to the University we were subjected to its food, which, surprisingly enough, was adequate, English, and really quite tasty.

The following morning we moved into Snowdonia on a glaciation study, led by Mr. Riley. The mountains, no longer merely cramped contours on a map, towered several thousand feet above us flanked with snow. Walking up the Nant Ffrancon (a glaciated U-shaped valley) we were able to observe and record evidence of glaciation and from this plot the complex movement

of ice which occurred here a million years ago. At the head of the valley we ascended to Cwm Idwal (a massive armchair-shaped feature where, during glaciation, ice had accumulated and fed the valley glaciers). The cool, damp and sheltered environment of the Cwm permits the growth of rare Alpine plants making this location of especial interest to botanists as well as geographers, and, of course, the everyday tourists who come to admire the splendid view.

The beauty of Snowdonia has attracted Simon Lappington, Old Richian, Oxford graduate, and our guest speaker for that evening. He is the National Trust warden for Snowdonia, and he described to us the nature of his work and life style in his isolated cottage in the Ogwen Valley. It was not without a sense of envy that we viewed the photographs taken on his early morning hikes across the mountains and realised the seclusion and tranquillity of his life.

Monday: Not too long after dawn, we manoeuvred across the Menai Bridge on to the Isle of Anglesey and, sweeping inland, under the ruthless leadership of Mr. Spear, invaded Dyran. With breathtaking efficiency we besieged the whole village. Some members of the party investigated the age, type and function of the various buildings, while others, groups of three or four,



conducted door-to-door interrogations posing pertinent and personal questions to the unsuspecting inhabitants in an effort to learn something of Dyran's history. All this information collected together produced a fascinating settlement survey of a village undergoing drastic changes in function, population and size. Before returning to the University the process was repeated a few miles down the road in Newborough.

After the customary evening meal we walked down to the Botany Department of Bangor University where Stuart Smith, another Old Richian, gave us an insight into his present work on seed dispersal. The content of this talk was complex and highly specialised, but served as a useful example of how to conduct a personal study and combat the problems involved.

Tuesday: The last full day of the course was devoted to a land-use survey of an area between Snowdonia and the Menai Straits. Each group, consisting of two people, was given a study area of two grid squares, within which they were to record land use, condition and type of buildings and field boundaries, and evidence of deterioration of land. For some the deterioration was obvious as they blundered innocently into stagnant bogs. The overall outcome of the survey was a realisation of geographical principles relating to a highly restricted area

of land. This theme was expanded by our speaker for the evening, Ralph Oxley, lecturer in Agriculture U.C.N.W., and an authority on land use (must have been: even the staff took notes). He described successive vegetation and settlement regimes in the area of our study leading up to the contemporary situation with the revitalisation of sheep-farming which has occurred during the last year. Ralph Oxley's address marked the end of the field course. The following day, Wednesday, we were pre-occupied with travel. Those who had travelled by rail to Bangor returned to Gloucester in the mini-bus and vice versa, the mini-bus crew conducting a 150-mile land use transect at one mile intervals as the first group had done.

We reached Gloucester in bright sunshine, which, fortunately, had prevailed for most of the four-day course. With the image of Snowdonia fresh in our minds Chosen Hill looked surprisingly insignificant.

Our thanks to Mr. Pilbeam, Mr. Riley and Mr. Spear for their patience, guidance and commendable driving of the School bus over the difficult Welsh roads. Congrats to I. Taylor and P. Yateman on winning the table-football competition and commiserations to Mr. Riley on the loss of a geological hammer.

G. Bridge L6S

Expeditions:

Iceland 1978

This summer tour of Southwest Iceland was the second of its kind for 44th the Gloucester Venture Scout Unit. Two surviving members of the previous tour were with us, and with a very experienced guide to lead us we set off with the utmost confidence.

The tour lasted for fourteen days and took us up mountains, through valleys and across rivers, seeing some magnificent sights as yet untouched by man. A complete lack of roads, telegraph poles and general signs of civilisation gave us a great sense of adventure and left us with a memory that will linger for many years to come.

Generally the party got on very well together, in fact we had no choice since no one was in a position to leave! Looking back on the tour, there was a certain amount of sub-conscious apprehension over safety. Being so far from civilisation did have its disadvantages and most of us took great care about what we did.

The food was good, the weather was not unreasonable and the sleeping

accommodation was different. As most of us had made careful preparations, the strain on our feet was not over-great, so no one was left in the unfortunate position of being abandoned on account of painful feet.

As a reward at the end of the tour we spent a day sight-seeing by bus. We 'did' Gullfoss (the largest waterfall in Iceland), Geysir (the largest erupting water fountain, now defunct), Strokur (a working geysir) and Thingvellir, the seat of the ancient Icelandic parliament.

A day was spent in Reykjavik, wasting our now revalued kroner on souvenirs and sampling the night life.

On our return to Gloucester we each had a different tale to tell and even now the varied memories are as vivid as they ever were. A special 'Venture 44' magazine was produced at great expense and detailed accounts of the tour are included. These are still available from Mr. F. Henderson at the School and make very interesting reading.

Tim Sergeant U6T

The Lakes

Last year's Lake District Trip gave me my first taste of the weather for which this area is renowned. Our party arrived to find a Lake District mostly hidden from view by very low cloud and rain. Even though that day's walk (Blencathra) was merely a 'warm-up' for the more exciting and more tiring hikes to come, it was in itself an exhausting and icy-cold introduction, for the majority of the party, to the Lakes.

Although this was my third trip to the Lakes with a school group, I was able to witness for the first time, amid appalling conditions on the second day, the beautiful sight of being above cloud base with the only visible object a solitary summit

protruding above a sea of brilliant white.

The third day's walk was in effect our only day of fine weather. However, biting winds and misty skies remained with us as we moved from Buttermere to Eskdale.

Our longest and yet still one of the most enjoyable walks was undertaken on the seventh day — up the peaceful valley of Upper Eskdale to Bowfell and back via Crinkle Crag, a total of 14 miles. After a shorter walk next day followed by a trip on the narrow gauge railway we moved to Wasdale from where the last three walks started.

The final day's walk in the Lake District was fittingly over the highest mountain in England: Scafell Pike.

Martin Brewster U6S

Reports

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This year the Historical Society has once again endeavoured to provide both education and entertainment of a historical vein.

In the summer term of last year the society visited Stancombe Park, a small country house near Dursley. After tea, provided by the owners of the house, Mr. and Mrs. Barlow, the society toured the garden which contained an artificial lake, a temple and various other follies. After such strenuous exercise the members of the society (predominantly ravenous Fourth Formers) descended upon the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moss in Hucclecote where we were served with supper.

During the Autumn Term, the society was at its most industrious. Trips were undertaken to Northleigh Roman Villa, Rousham (noted for its gardens) and Claydon House, an eighteenth century building with a library that proved to be particularly interesting. Towards the end of term, a trip was held to the Georgian city of Bath. The visit took the form of a walk along the canal and a guided tour of the Roman Baths led by Mr. Moss.

The Governors of the society are hoping for increased support from the lower part of the school, since this is essential for the society's survival. Lastly thanks must go to all those who helped the society during the year especially Messrs. Huddleston, Moss and Barrington, and Miss Doris Townsend.

David Hook U6R

DEBATING SOCIETY

The lack of willing speakers has meant a rather quiet year for the society. However, as the year draws to a close, interest has been rekindled and all looks set for a highly active final term.

Meetings, which have been consistently well attended, have dealt with a variety of subjects. The democratic vote has taken the Olympic Games from Moscow, reinstated capital punishment, given the Sultan of Oman the right to live at the expense of Elvis Presley and Reginald Iolanthe Perrin, and suggested that Winston Churchill still has the sympathy of the British people.

Our thanks to all who have spoken, particularly David Hook, although we miss Mr. Haynes' loquaciously funny contributions. Anyone wishing to suggest a topic for debate please contact the Chairman or Secretary.

Stephen Riddick L6T

CHESS CLUB

Two teams this year competed in the North Gloucestershire League, one in Division Five, the other in Division Two.

The first team has continued to do well and is in strong contention for promotion to Division One. Of the first team's four losses, 3 have been to Whitecross School, two in the League and one in 'The Sunday Times Tournament'. The loss by 3½—2½ in 'The Sunday Times Tournament' was all the more surprising because Whitecross were not allowed to field their teachers.

The second team, in its first year in the league, started off badly obtaining only one point from their first six matches. A late season revival, however, has enabled them to reach fourth place out of nine.

On a brighter note, the school has reached the final of the Gloucestershire Schools' Cup by beating our old rivals Cheltenham Grammar School in the semi-final. We have also reached the final of the Gloucester and District Knockout where we are considered favourites to win, although schools' chess in the area is improving after a recent lull.

In House Chess, Southgate won overall with Eastgate coming second.

Finally, we would like to thank Mr. Fowler for his support and guidance, and for his driving us to matches in the school bus.

Gareth Anthony 5S

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Christian Fellowship was re-founded last year and meetings organised by five sixth formers have been held in Room 1 on a regular basis since that time.

The Junior Christian Fellowship (years 1 to 3) meets during Thursday lunchtime, and the Seniors meet on Fridays. Meetings have been led by pupils, masters and visiting local Ministers. Discussions and talks have taken place on Bible passages and ministers have talked about their vocation. Soundstrips and slides have also been shown on Israel, The Life of Christ, The Message of Christmas and the work of missionaries.

The highlight of our year was the visit in February of Mr. David Godfrey from the Slavic Gospel Association. He spoke at a joint meeting with Christian Fellowships from other schools.

Stephen Jones U6R

NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

During the last year the Society has expanded and now, just two years after its forming, boasts a membership of over ninety.

At the A.G.M. at the beginning of the year members were given the opportunity of putting forward their ideas for future activities. Many of these suggestions were carried out resulting in a series of interesting and useful meetings. The Society visited the Forest of Dean, Dowdeswell Reservoir and members successfully walked most of the Cotswold Way. The major excursion of the year was a visit to the Natural History Museum in London.

Indoor activities included slide shows, the occasional film, and a number of talks and two lectures, the first, an edifying talk on guide dogs given by Mrs. Clarke, an outside speaker, whilst P. Green offered us an insight into the private life of the locust.

The Society's most ambitious excursion has been planned for October of this year when, at half term, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Winstanley will lead an expedition to the Scilly Isles.

Finally, thanks to all Society Officers and especially Mr. Cooper for his ceaseless enthusiasm and careful handling of the school bus.

Ian Henderson U6T

VENTURE SCOUTS 44th GLOUCESTER

Once again we have had a full and active 12 months, fitting in all our usual scouting and associated activities . . . In our annual entry in the Cotswold Marathon hike, our team of P. Champion, D. Brown and J. May did well to win the Senior Trophy in the face of strong opposition; Cleeve Hill, the Forest of Dean have both witnessed visits from eager rock climbers from the 44th. A rather cold winter hike was held over parts of the snowbound Cotswold Way. We performed a week-long stint of conservation work last summer on the Carneddw (National Trust) Estate in North

BACKGAMMON CLUB

A newly-formed club who owes much of its present success to its founder members P. Richardson, A. Bruce and M. Reed. A ladder was created for weekly challenges which led to the year's main event, a keenly contested tournament in which P. Richardson defeated J. Pearce 3-0 in an entertaining final.

Next year it is hoped to continue our weekly meetings of this flourishing new society.

Peter Wise 4S

RAILWAY SOCIETY

Throughout the past year the society has continued to meet the demands of the railway enthusiasts in the school. Increase in membership has led to a junior and senior division in the society, and trips have been specially run for these groups.

The society has planned a three day grand tour of Scotland for the summer, the first undertaking of its kind for which we would like to thank Mr. Cutting, our new president, and Richard Cooke for their untiring work, and the Parents' Association for subsidising us, so helping towards the accommodation.

Paul Everson U6S

Wales; community service projects are still very much to the fore on the local scene and our unit magazine, "Venture 44" still appears on a regular basis.

On behalf of the Unit, I would like to thank Messrs. Henderson and Spear for their ceaseless hard work and enthusiasm in keeping the Unit active.

Our report is shorter than usual, this time to allow space to detail what has undoubtedly been the highlight of our year: a 14 man, 14 day, hiking expedition to Southwest Iceland last August.

R. Dalton U6R

AIRCRAFT SOCIETY

The Society was re-formed at the beginning of the year with the aim of fostering an interest in aviation.

The year's agenda got off to a flying start with a slide quiz, followed by several lectures. A competition was organised to design a single piston-engined fighter, which was won by A. Wilton.

The first trip of the year was to the R.A.F. Museum at Hendon which was a great success. Visits have also been made to R.N.A.S. Yeovilton and the Fleet Air Arm's Museum.

The members would like to thank Mr. John Burrow for his guidance and for driving the school bus on our many outings.

Ian Henderson U6T

G. Read 5T

CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB

The Bridge Club has experienced a re-vitalisation this year with membership much increased. An active fourth form promises a strong school team for the future. Lack of experience, however, is proving to be the main stumbling block and so the team excelled in their defeat of Crypt School in the only match of the season.

Many thanks to all sixth form members, especially S. Harris and A. Fuller, and, of course, Mr. Davies for his successful organisation of the club which meets every lunchtime in Room 9.

Stephen Riddick L6T

ANGLING CLUB

After a very successful '77-78 season, the '78-79 season was not so profitable. We were knocked out in the first round of the Schools' National Competition by Newtown School, Tewkesbury — the school which, incidentally, we beat last year. Successful trips have been run to Lechlade and Evesham, where some very good weights were recorded. Good matches have also taken place on both the canal and River Severn.

Club members would like to thank Mr. Barrington for his untiring efforts driving the school bus.

David Manchester 4T

FIVE SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

This year has been the most active to date with at least one disco every term providing regular income to boost funds. We were able to hold several competitions including table tennis, football, quizzes and debates.

The most ambitious event of the year was an outing to London to see "Jesus Christ Superstar" at the Palace Theatre. This was the first event of its kind in the Association's history and much planning was necessary to ensure that things ran smoothly. However, everything went according to plan and further outings are expected to take place in following years.

Events planned for next year include a 'Super Schools' competition, a swimming gala and the usual quota of discos.

Jonathan May U6T

CYCLING CLUB

The Club's racing shield was won this year by M. Riddick who achieved 49 points, second was D. Sargent with 39 and third was D. Baker with 32 points.

Mr. Davis took us on an enjoyable trip last term to Withington. On the way we decided to have a 'free wheeling' competition. We chose a seemingly good hill, very steep, but which unfortunately had a large Cotswold stone wall at the bottom. Luckily no one was hurt. At Withington, however, we all had a good time.

David Baker 3R

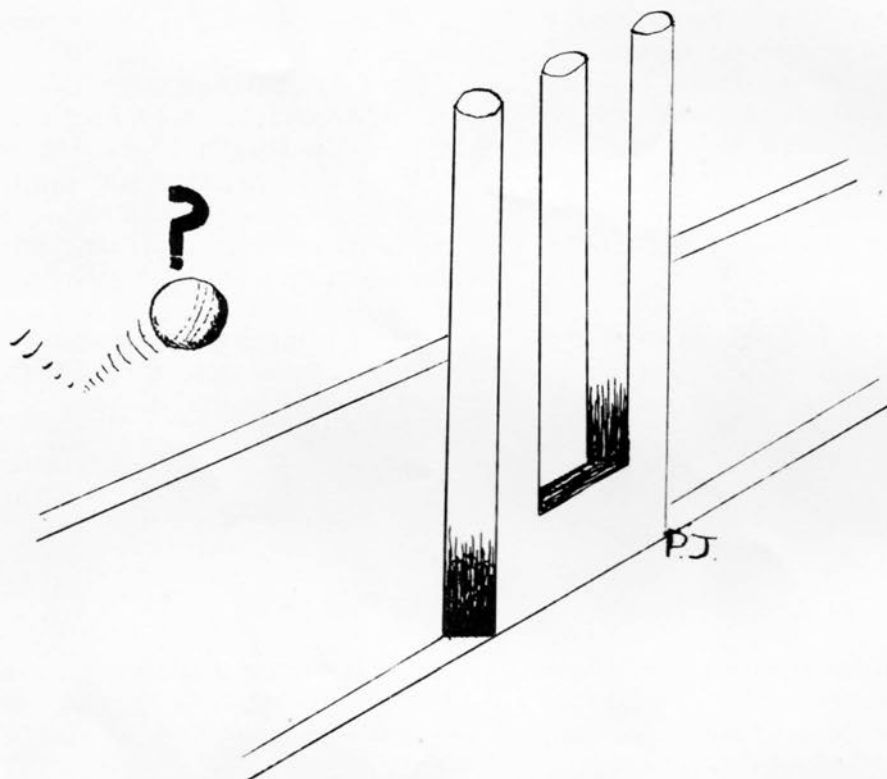
LIFESAVING

So far this society has had a very busy year. During the Michaelmas term six people were entered for R.L.S.S. Awards. Four boys, W. Salter L6R; A. Wasley 5R; M. P. Watson 5T and D. Sheehy 4R, passed their Bronze Medallion Award, and S. Harris L6R gained the Award of Merit and the Teacher's Certificate. More examinations are to be organised for next year.

People who would like to know more about lifesaving are encouraged to attend. Meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at 7 o'clock in the school's pool.

Stephen Harris L6R

SPORT



Cricket

Writing this in the middle of a heat-wave in June, it is difficult to recall the wet days and muddy pitches that have dogged cricket matches this season. Eighteen games have been cancelled. The results of the matches played have been as mixed as the weather.

Sensible straight batting has again produced runs for the likes of Salter, Poulton and Lewis in the 1st XI, Radford in the U15's, Huckfield in the U14's, Griffiths and Bishop in the U13's. Often, however,

games have been lost or drawn because of wild cross-bat shots or totally negative batting by middle order batsmen. There is a happy medium for our middle order players to strive for.

Our bowling strength has again been pace bowling. The best performances to date have been Thorne 7 for 29 v. Marling, Griffiths 5 for 28 v. Marling, Bebb 6 for 4 v. Whitecross, Hughes 6 for 20 v. Whitecross and Darby 3 for 13 v. Tewkesbury. The difficulty that most of our opposition

have against spin bowling suggests that we ought to develop this area to balance our bowling.

Our fielding has improved since last season particularly at 1st XI level. Special mention must be made of A. Williams's wicket keeping for the 1st XI. He has saved many byes when our bowling has been erratic.

Total School record to date:
P21 W4 D8 L9
19 fixtures left to play.



Tennis

The opening weeks of the season were affected by weather with several matches being cancelled and others played in damp, and at times farcical, conditions.

With John Mellon not in the side for the first time in seven years, and with several other experienced players also having left, the team has been relatively young. Nevertheless, results have been good. The School succeeded in two rounds of the Glanvill Cup, beating Marling, Wycliffe College and

St. Cyres, Penarth. In the third round, however, we were well beaten by a school from Southampton and by Bristol Grammar School (our only defeats so far this season), although our first pair, J. May and A. Fuller, played particularly well.

The best performance to date was the victory over a good Cheltenham College side by 6 matches to 3. Our three pairs contributed equally to the score and all played positive attacking tennis.

R. Bewley and N. Willis have regularly been the second pair and several pairs have played as a third string. M. Peachey and M. Fuller had some good results in the Glanvill Cup in that role, and at present M. Westlake and T. Smith are our representatives.

The junior side has only played three matches to date and is still unbeaten. It is encouraging to note that all of this side has at least one more year in this age group.

B.McB.

Rugby



The 1978/79 season saw a large increase in the number of fixtures for all the school teams except for the U12 XV. This was due to the introduction of several new schools to the list such as, Cheltenham College, Wycliffe College, Royal Latin School, Backwell School and Ayleston School from Hereford. Regrettably the poor winter weather caused the cancellation of many of these. In addition, visits from touring XVs from Dinnington School, Sheffield and Queen Elizabeth School, Barnet were agreed to although the latter was one of the victims of the weather.

FIRST XV

CAPTAIN: P. D. Calver

P	W	D	L	Cancelled
11	4	1	6	5

As expected the season's results were mixed. The team was young and inexperienced and against heavier and more mature sides the pattern of play was quickly established with long periods of spirited defence separated by the occasional quick break where the backs had brief opportunities to show their attacking flair. The forwards enthusiastically led by P. D. Calver, had insufficient physical strength to win good balls but the small margins of all but one defeat reflected well on the quality of tackling and cover.

Thirteen players with 1st XV experience will be available next season and this augers well for the future. The strength of the side within its age

group can be gauged from the fact that seven played for the City under 16's; J. S. B. Baker, A. M. Bartlett, D. C. Powell, I. R. Smith and N. P. Willis played for the county; and Baker and Smith represented the S.W. England under 16's.

Frost, snow and floods curtailed the fixture list in the Lent term when the traditionally hard games with Christ's College, Brecon and St. Brendan's normally occur but it is significant that the finest performance of the season was in the last fixture with a strong J.E.H. team.

Colours: P. D. Calver and P. J. F. Davis

A.S.P.

SECOND XV

CAPTAIN: D. Q. Hook

P	W	D	L	Cancelled
8	6	0	2	2

The team's performance this season was very creditable with convincing victories over Culverhay and Backwell schools. Again, the severe winter weather affected some of the fixtures but of those which were played, the team showed great enthusiasm and co-ordination throughout the season. Special commendations for effort and dedication should go to Robert Clancy, Paul Jennings and Owen Morris.

David Q. Hook U6R



COLTS XV

CAPTAIN: S. J. Calver

P	W	D	L	Cancelled	Points	
					F	A
17	5	1	11	4	168	213

Although the above record indicates a poor season, the points difference, for and against, shows that all was not lost. The teams effort and determination was unfailing and several games were narrowly lost. Notable performances were given by Calver, McGregor, Tanner, Lawrence and Purveur.

In 'sevens' competitions the Colts squad were 'runners-up' at Saintbridge and semi-finalists at King's School.

R.N.H.

U14 XV

CAPTAIN: D. Booth

P	W	D	L	Cancelled
16	10	0	6	4

The season was full of mixed results with one outstanding performance at Aylestone where the team had a convincing victory, 38pts—4pts. The season ended prematurely owing to bad weather but this still gave players such as Booth, Bebbler and Williams an opportunity to continue to excel.

U13 XV

CAPTAIN: A. Baker

P	W	D	L	Cancelled
16	8	0	8	4

This season proved to be a frustrating campaign not only because of the incidence of cancelled matches but also because the squad seldom realised its potential. However, later in the season their game improved with notable victories over Cheltenham Grammar and Backwell Schools.

In the Saintbridge 'sevens' competition, the school beat five other local teams conceding only four points. This highly successful team was made up from: V. Price, G. Carr, D. Parsley, P. Haynes, A. Baker (captain), A. Thompson, P. Anthony, D. Smith and M. Lee.

U12 XV

P	W	D	L	Cancelled
4	3	0	1	1

This first year team gave an excellent account of themselves in their four matches. There was sufficient evidence to suggest that in seasons to come this team will prove to be a formidable one. Good wins over Crypt, Wycliffe College and Longlevens RFC illustrated this point very well.

M.J.B.

Rowing

Our report again spans a complete year, and begins at the beginning of the summer term.

The School had already won its 4th Senior Ball Cup in a row, this time at Bewdley, and began the half-term holiday with the usual enjoyable visit to Hereford Schools' Regatta.

In the Betts Cup, the seniors made smooth progress to the final, only to be edged out by 3 feet by Strodes entering a year of great success in Europe.

The juniors left nothing to chance in their final, and easily took the Prosser Cup.

The Dart Head was faced with some apprehension, as the School attempted to defend its U-18 Trophy with the U-16 crew. A valiant attempt failed by only a minute, the trophy going to the host club.

One of the most memorable events for several years took place on Edgbaston Reservoir in the junior 15 event, graced with only three entries.

We began without any racing experience as outsiders in a new shell boat. A preliminary outing removed some of the rough edges, but we were well trounced by Bradford School. The repechage system offered us a second chance, and following another solid hour of basic training, a lone path to the final was gained, due to the few entries.

Favourites were The Pilgrim School who had club experience were good and knew it! Improvement to our Junior under 15's had been phenomenal and we thought we might have the measure of Bradford.

A sprint start instantly left Bradford and kept us within reach of Pilgrims who rowed long and confidently waiting for us to crack.

The psychology of the sport then came into play as Andrew Wasley kept the crew plugging on. Pilgrims' confidence

wavered and turned into raggedness as ours grew. We realised they were only human and scraped past them for a canvas win!

An enjoyable day on the sea at Mumbles ended with a junior 16 win; vast experience in senior events gained a hole in our bank balance, and Paul Earl in hospital!

Rowing continued during the summer for many members with Gloucester R.C., the highlight being two wins at the home regatta.

No entry this year was anticipated for the Boston Marathon, the School being content to sit on its record. As it happens our time of 3 hours 13 minutes was flattened by a National Squad scull with a following wind in 3 hours 13 minutes.

The Autumn sculling season started in earnest with all-round participation with Nigel Bicknell aiming to prove himself the club's outstanding single-boat sculler. Competition at Monkton, Worcester and Wycliffe provided a considerable trophy haul, and provided Piers Alington with his final competition as club member and captain.

Piers' departure at Christmas ended the School career of one of the club's outstanding individuals. Spending two informative years coxing the then outstanding junior 15 and junior 16 crews, Piers both learned and provided experience to stand him in good stead as an oarsman. Memories from either end of the experience spectrum recall him boxed in by dozens of crews on an ebb tide on the Tideway observed by coaches and crew alike with hearts in mouths! Counter this with superb brinkmanship in coolly steering, the Evesham Ball Cup crew to success in the

semi-final and one appreciates the value of good coxes.

As an oarsman Piers possessed that sense of timing and pace so lacking in many technically perfect oarsmen, and it was more than coincidence that many of his crews 'clicked' into a successful rhythm.

We remember his gentlemanly treatment of the lady oarsman from Becket in one of our modern non-discriminatory races and the ensuing favourable comments from many a visiting Headmaster. We also remember his example in training, in driving himself and encouraging others.

Thanks also to Julien Alington for supporting, encouraging and coaching the club throughout the last four years. Alan Passey took over the reins in January only to be faced with 3 months of ice and snow in which the club hardly took to the water.

The Easter holidays arrived and passed with a win for the Junior 16s as Gloucester Rowing Club in the Divisional Championships, after which we go to press.

Appreciation must be shown to the Junior 4th form members of the club for their efforts in training throughout the year. The honours and successful reports always belong to the seniors, but success is always built lower down the ladder . . . Your turn will come!

Senior members: P. Alington (Capt.), A. Passey (Capt.), A. J. Price, A. Williams, M. Caulkett, A. Wasley, S. Meredith, P. Smith, D. Bishop, S. J. Bennett, S. W. Bennett, T. Alington, N. Bicknell, D. Parsons (Cox), P. Earl (Cox).

**G.H.M.
W.R.S.**

Cross Country

SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY

The season started off very well for the School Team with easy victories against King Henry VIII, St. Brendan's College, Millfield School, the Army Apprentices, and St. Paul's College. David Price, Stephen Bond and Wayne Salter were consistently well up in the field, with Mark Robinson, Jeremy Smith, Peter Mayo, and Mark Hallard giving strong support.

The first of the season's five relays was at Millfield, where the 'A' Team, consisting of Price, Bond, Smith and Robinson, continued the School's success by gaining third place in a field of over 30 teams. Next was the Sutton Coldfield Relay, where the same 'A' Team managed 5th place in a much harder race. After some disappointment at Coventry (24th), the team were back on form in the Haberdashers' Aske's Relay (5th), and the relay season reached a fitting climax a fortnight later, when 2nd place was achieved in the Oxford Tortoises Relay.

Several runners qualified for the County Championships, where their positions were:— Robinson, 1st (County Champion); Price, 2nd; Mayo, 4th; Salter, 6th; Cooke, 12th; and Jones, 19th. In the Intermediate age group Bond also won the Championship, while Smith was placed 5th. From the results Robinson, Price, Mayo, Salter, Bond and

Smith were selected to represent Gloucestershire at Inter-County fixtures, including the South West, and All-England Championships.

JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY

This has been quite a successful season, characterised by the willingness of many to improve the standard of their running by regular training, and by the realisation that team race results are not determined solely by the performance of the outstanding few.

During the Autumn Term, races over the courses of two long-standing rival schools, Marlborough and St. Brendan's, resulted in a win and a defeat respectively. Locally, easy victories were achieved at Marling and Wycliffe College Junior schools. A long journey to Haberdashers' Aske's School in Middlesex proved very worthwhile for the U14's, when a team consisting of Barry, Birt, Hughs, Lovell, MacManus and Moss were placed 5th in the Chaldon Trophy Race.

The School was well represented in the Gloucester City team, which competed in

the County Championships at Fairford in December. Positions were — U17: D. Trenfield 10th, G. Salter 20th, M. Sired 27th. U15: N. Shackleton 10th, J. Barry 17th, A. Lovell 24th, T. Hughes 27th. U13: M. Beagles 2nd, A. Stephen 8th, G. Smith 20th, M. Burrows 21st and G. Greenway 28th. Of these, Marcus Beagles consolidated his reputation as an outstanding First Year runner, while Nicholas Shackleton and John Barry went on to represent Gloucestershire at Inter-County events.

The twelve schools which entered the North Gloucestershire League in March provided keen competition for the U13 and U15 teams. Once again, the School 'A' Team runners were overall winners of the U13 section. Andrew Lovell took the 3rd individual place, with John Barry 4th, and Gregory Smith 6th. The U15's were narrowly beaten into 2nd place by Marling, although School runners took 4 of the first ten individual placings — Mark Banks 5th, Marc Sired 7th, Patrick MacManus 8th, and Tony Birt 9th.

M.S.R.

Badminton

The season has proved disappointing for the Senior team in terms of the number of matches played, but the Juniors have had a successful time.

Highlights of the season included the 9-0 victory over a team from Upton House School (Hackney) and a 5-2 defeat of Park School (Telford) in the regional semi-finals of the Top Schools Tournament. Sadly we were then beaten in the final by a strong team from Biddulph, Staffordshire — our only defeat of the season.

This year an Under-15 team has been formed, losing only one of its four matches. Coaching sessions have been well attended and the general standard of play has risen

steadily throughout the season.

We will be losing our two star players this year, Chris Collins and Martin Brewster. Both have represented the school for 6 years and now play in County Senior teams. Of the hundreds of games they have played together in school matches and tournaments, I can only recall one that they have lost — 6 years ago! They will be greatly missed, both for the quality of their play and also for the very high standard of sportsmanship they have always displayed.

Junior Colours: N. Brewster, T. Smith.

F.H.

Squash

PRESIDENT: Mr. W. G. Heap

CAPTAIN: J. May

'B' TEAM CAPTAIN: D. Heap

Division One: STRS 'A' 2nd

Division One: STRS 'B' 3rd

Division Two: STRS 'C' 2nd

This season the club has been very active with five teams competing in local leagues. However, the result of the schools league was a little disappointing.

In the Sunday league the opposition were, as expected, very strong but the experience gained by those who played regularly was of tremendous value.

As a games activity, sixth formers are encouraged to play on Wednesday afternoons while boys with potential lower down the school are given a chance to play on Thursdays after school.

The school tournament which has been played throughout the Michaelmas and Lent terms was won by Ashley Fuller after he defeated Jon May in a closely fought match.

Jonathan May U6S

Basketball

CAPTAIN: D. Brown

League Results				Points	
P	W	D	L	F	A
8	5	0	3	414	327

This season was the most successful in the short history of the club. Strong teams from St. Peter's, Churchdown and King's Schools were the only ones who could beat us but then only by a narrow margin.

The improved standard of play was further underlined when the captain, D. Brown, was selected to play for the Gloucester and District U19 team in matches against Stroud and Cheltenham.

The leading point scorers for this season were:

D. Brown 230 pts

D. Price 56 pts

D. Glik 55 pts

The team would like to thank Mr. Bevan for all his hard work throughout this season. The high standard of play is entirely due to his dedication to the team in both coaching and support.

David Brown U6T

Old Richians

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INCREASED SUBSCRIPTIONS

At a Special General Meeting held at the School on Wednesday, 7th March 1979, it was resolved that the annual subscription for members of the Association should be increased from £1 per annum to £2 per annum and the subscription for School leavers, in the first year after they leave School, to 50 pence per annum, this to be effective from the subscription due on 1st July 1979.

It was obvious that the previous subscription of £1 was purely nominal and if one took into consideration the cost of the magazine alone, together with postage, cost of printing newsletters and stationery it was ridiculous.

We hope that by now all members who are paying by Bankers Order will have made the necessary change to their instructions to their Banks.

BUT SERIOUSLY THOUGH

To save money on postage, your Committee members will take it upon themselves quite often to hand-deliver to members locally addressed correspondence from the Secretary, magazines, etc.

During the winter months one of the delivery crew thought it was an ideal time to meet one of the members when delivering a letter so, one evening, he duly arrived on the member's doorstep and banged the knocker. When he received no reply he realised that the member/householder must be out, and decided to call back.

He did this on three nights without avail and then thought he would whip round to the house on the Sunday morning when he felt sure that, providing he arrived at a reasonable hour, he would be able to rouse some member of the household.

So, in the fury of one of last Winter's blizzards, on the following Sunday he turned up once again at the house — only to find it was empty!!

Of course when the story was first told we all saw the funny side and laughed like proverbial drains — until we considered the implications of the whole thing.

First, it could have been one of us who was inconvenienced — then it would not have been funny.

On the other hand, if the letter had been posted and urgent enough to warrant a first-class stamp — the Association would have been nearly two-shillings in real money out of pocket and the letter still would not have been delivered! That, too, would not have been funny.

Please, please, please — if you move will you, at the same time as you are telling the telephone manager, the electricity and gas authorities, the rating people, all the other people who will want to send you bills, Old Uncle Tom Cobleigh and all, kindly let the Secretary know your new address — so that he doesn't again make too many fruitless journeys on dark, cold Winter's nights!!!

OLD RICHIAN R.F.C.

Report Season 1977/78

Results	Pl.	W	D	L	F	A
1st XV	25	9	—	16	216	315
2nd XV	22	8	2	12	205	201
3rd XV	26	7	2	17	234	461
4th XV	5	2	—	3	66	96

The Club's 1st XV are still under reconstruction, and we must be patient before the results shine through. The emergence of a 4th XV last Season shows a healthy base, and was entirely due to the pleasant influx of schoolboys amongst our ranks.

These have been retained and increased but it has not prevented current Club Captain Richard Hardwicke from experiencing a difficult year, both on and off the field. He is looking after a young and inexperienced side, sensibly and capably, and we are confident that a settled and winning first XV will soon develop. He has received good support from 2nd and 3rd XV Captains, Stephen Worrall and Ian Stewart respectively.

Schoolboys Paul Jennings and Robert Clancy have bolstered our playing strength, and new players Chris Rees, Chris Perry, Clive Bishop and Chris Pashley have proved very good acquisitions. Old Cryptians recovered the Mike Longney Memorial Trophy by winning the Boxing Day encounter and to date we have had two notable victories worthy of mention over Dursley and Alcester.

We are, however, delighted to pay tribute to an under 17 XV that we were able to field for the first time in the Club's history, and they are making good progress in the Ken Cottle Club Competition.

Administration is looked after by an energetic Committee led by Chairman Gerry Stone, where Secretary Jack Smith and Fixture Secretary Paul Jenkins play key roles. The determined efforts of many members to organise the building of a Clubhouse at Elmleaze are still under way, and making good progress.

Our thanks again to Mr. Yates and Mr. Griffiths for their support, and particularly to the Headmaster Mr. Heap whose encouragement, interest, and enthusiasm in our activities is very much welcomed and acknowledged.

K. D. Ray

THE ANNUAL DINNER, 1978

In view of the usual proximity of the annual Reunion Dinner to Christmas and the fact that at that time of the year most people have a spate of dinners and speeches, it was decided to hold the Reunion at an earlier date. Saturday, November 28th, was the chosen date and it was with some trepidation that your Committee and David Mills in particular set about organising things. Acceptances were so slow in arriving that at one stage it was considered that we had made a fatal mistake.

However, the night arrived and over a hundred Old Richians and guests sat in the School Hall to a great meal (our Caterers really did us proud).

Under the chairmanship of our President, David Billingham, our guest speakers were Old Richians, Frank Jordan and John Williams, who made a joint effort of proposing the toast "Sir Thomas Rich's School and all that it implies". The response was made by the Headmaster.

Master of Ceremonies, combined with Honorary Toastmaster, was Past President, Alf Martin.

Throughout the meal recorded music was supplied by Senior Vice-President, Jack Dean.

If you were unable to be there you might like to know who was. Perhaps—in 1979—with your help we shall be able to push up our numbers even higher.

Present:—

Mr. and Mrs. David Billingham, Mr. W. G. Heap, Mr. and Mrs. John Winstanley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. John Williams.

Mr. D. Blick and guest, Mr. K. Ball and guest, Mr. J. R. Bloxham, Mr. A. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blair, Mr. P. A. Bruce, Mr. D. Bradford and guest.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. E. Click, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cecil, Mr. P. Cambridge, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Crockford, Mr. Dennis Collins, Mr. T. Curtis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dean, Mr. and Mrs. P. Day, Mr. P. Denning.

Mr. P. Ellington and guest.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Ford, Mr. K. Franklin.

Mr. P. Gabb and guest, Mr. Rowe Gabb, Mr. R. A. Guest.

Rev. and Mrs. Terence Harris, Mr. L. C. Huddleston, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hook, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hedges, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Holbrook.

Mr. A. Jewell, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Jones, Mr. Stan Jones, Mr. R. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. King.

Mr. and Mrs. David Mills, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Mayo, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Martin, Capt. John Mayo, Flight Lt Jonathon Mayo, Mr. and Mrs. D. Moseley, Mr. J. Mellon and guest.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Norris, Mr. M. A. Newcombe.

Mr. R. Owen.

Mr. A. Pilbeam, Mr. and Mrs. W. Parry, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Price, Mr. and Mrs. H. Pickthorne, Mr. Alf Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Philby, Mr. R. Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Reid, Mr. Keith Ray, Mr. P. Rule.

Mr. Michael Sykes, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sayers, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smart.

Miss D. Townsend, Mr. E. L. Turner.

W/Cdr and Mrs. John Vick.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wyburn, Major and Mrs. Frank Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wynn, Mr. K. Wynn and guest.

The thanks of all of us are due to the School Bowls Club who provided and staffed the bar. It would not be out of place at this time to remind all Old Richians that they are entitled to join the Bowls Club and further particulars can always be obtained from Mr. Eddie Pritchard.

OLD BOYS AT SEATS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Following is a list of Old Richians who were studying at Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges at the end of 1978. This is as complete as possible.

Universities

Aberystwyth: R. N. Thwaites (Geography), J. G. Williams (Geology), M. T. Evans (Agriculture).

Aston: M. D. Berry (Transport Studies), G. Barber (Engineering), S. M. Meers (Business Studies), T. C. Morgan (Modern Languages).

Bath: S. M. Cooper (Pharmacy), B. Charlesworth (Mechanical Engineering), H. R. Watson (Pharmacy), M. H. Warwicker (Mechanical Engineering).

Birmingham: A. M. Jones (Medical Biochemistry), M. C. Partridge (Law), T. D. Stuart (Commerce), B. Martyniuk (Russian Studies), T. P. Barnes (Mathematics), D. Materaki (Sociology).

Bristol: D. F. Booth (Medicine), D. I. Bruce (Medicine), J. W. Bruce (Botany), P. J. Pegler (Botany/Zoology), S. D. Allen (Geography), I. Bewley (Modern Languages), M. P. Holt (Medicine).

Brunel: D. R. S. Bunney (Computer Science), J. Sweet (Building), P. J. Brown (Engineering & German), A. Martyniuk (Production Engineering).

Cambridge: J. Thompson, Emmanuel (Music), K. White, Churchill (Engineering), I. R. Ward, Emmanuel (Law), R. P. Jones, Selwyn (Philosophy), P. Govan, St. John's (Modern Languages), J. S. Price, Emmanuel (Modern Languages), D. W. Lewis, Queens (English and History of Art), G. H. Williams, Emmanuel (Natural Sciences), P. A. Bruce, Queens (Natural Sciences), S. J. Preston, Emmanuel (Geography).

Cardiff: S. A. Long (Sociology), M. A. Newcombe (English), J. T. Penry-Williams (Maths), S. Douglass (Geology), M. K. Powell (History), C. A. Smith (Chemistry), G. J. Winstanley (English).

City: D. Barnes (Economics), P. A. Brogan (Optics).

Durham: R. E. Day, St. Chads (Geography).

East Anglia: P. W. Jones (Law).

Edinburgh: R. A. Cook (Astro/Physics).

Exeter: S. R. Kear (Biology), A. L. Dwight (Education).

Guys Hospital: S. R. Allum (Dentistry).

Keele: M. Turner (Biology), I. D. Rowney (American Studies), R. Lloyd (Geography and Maths).

Lancaster: D. J. Green (English).

Leicester: M. K. Gardiner (Physics).

Liverpool: R. Guest (Archaeology).

London: K. J. Stilwell, Imperial (Electrical Engineering), J. A. Skinner, Imperial (Physics), G. C. Comely, University College (Architecture).

Loughborough: S. J. Egan (Banking and Finance), D. M. Long (Chemical Engineering), C. D. A. Carter (Education and Geography), B. J. Egles (Chemical Engineering), R. H. Perriam (Engineering).

Manchester: N. C. Giles (Management Studies), C. G. Parker (Civil Engineering), A. M. Paterson (Computer Studies and Maths), R. I. Davey (Medicine), D. M. Wilton (Zoology), K. M. Morris (Medicine), A. M. Williams (Town and Country Planning).

Nottingham: R. M. Pragnell (Geography), T. J. Ward (Music).

Oxford: I. P. Simmons, Jesus (Geography), K. R. Hughes, St. Catherine's (Geography), D. B. Cameron, Queens (Modern Languages), A. C. Poulton, St. Peters (Geography), S. A. Staite, St. Edmund Hall (Geography),

P. P. Montenaro, St. Catherine's (Geography), P. W. Bright, St. Catherine's (Geography).
 Reading: R. R. Smith (Physiology and Biology), R. W. Champion (Horticulture), S. A. Fisher (Cybernetic Engineering).
 St. Andrews: R. T. H. Barnes (Astronomy and Theoretical Physics).
 St. David's, Lampeter: P. W. Bright (Geography).
 Salford: M. Taplin (Natural Sciences).
 Sheffield: A. Lawrence (Dentistry).
 Southampton: M. G. A. Alington (Electrical Engineering), R. A. Hill (Mathematics), N. S. Preedy (Mathematics), G. Cox (English), G. H. George (Mathematics), S. D. Hillyard (Mathematics), D. I. Jodrell (Medicine), H. V. Isaacs (Biology), R. J. Flower (Business Economics).
 Sussex: C. B. Comely (English).

Polytechnics and Colleges

Bristol: A. C. Barnes (Accountancy), R. F. Williams (Applied Biology), T. Selby (Business Studies), C. Roberts (Marine Radio), K. A. J. Williams (Politics), D. R. Barnard (Accountancy), S. Langley (Accountancy), L. Norman (Applied Biology), J. R. Smith (Accountancy).
 Brighton: P. C. S. Kimberley (Pharmacy), N. P. Smith (Business Studies).
 Leicester: B. G. Dowding (Law).
 Middlesex: C. J. Pegler (Geography).
 North Gloucestershire: N. M. Harris (Art), N. S. Moore (Art), P. Chester (Art).
 North London: K. C. Priday (Business Studies).
 North Staffordshire: P. Munro (Accountancy).
 Oxford: S. J. Dee (Business Studies).
 Plymouth: G. A. Campbell (Civil Engineering).
 Portsmouth: D. G. Barber (Civil Engineering), P. G. Fillis (Civil Engineering), D. Jones (Pharmacology), I. E. Holt (History), S. J. King (Mathematics/Statistics).
 St. Paul's, Cheltenham: C. C. R. Pashley (Geology).
 South Bank: G. C. Sanchez (Estate Management).
 Trent: D. Sweringen (Photography).
 Thames: G. M. Bowers (Business Studies), S. T. Finch (Business Studies).
 Borough Road, London: P. R. Everson (Education and P.E.).
 Canley, Coventry: S. A. Bunce (Education), J. R. Gillett (Education).
 Madeley: M. Salter (Education).
 Bishop Grosseteste, Lincoln: M. W. Sergeant (Education).
 Harper Adams, Salop: N. J. Mouldsdale (Agriculture).

GENERAL

ANDERSON, Keith (1955-1963) is a freelance management consultant based in London. More often than not, however, he is likely to be dashing for an aeroplane at Heathrow (Ian Angell, please note!) Keith is still globetrotting and has spent several months on a telecommunications project in the Far East. Keith is still single (Ed: He can't find much time to be anything else!) but probably enjoys Japanese bath-houses. Meanwhile, brother
 ANDERSON, Kevin (1960-1968) is Senior Housemaster at Eastbourne Grammar and High School. His school is in the throes of reorganisation and is scheduled to become a Sixth

Form College in September. At the changeover Kevin will become Senior Tutor. A busy young man — he has coached school soccer teams to three county championships in three years, has produced a couple of plays and the odd opera, is conductor of Eastbourne's largest choir and, in recent seasons, has directed the Messiah, Creation and St. Matthew Passion. He puts it all down to a Rich's education (though he is not sure about the football). He, too, is still single "but getting distinctly worried (life has never been the same since we merged with the Girls' High School last year)". Some would say lucky Kevin!!

ANGELL, Ian (1963-1971) was recently in Gloucester en route to the School for the Choir celebration dinner. He is now permanently posted at Terminal 3 of Heathrow Airport as one of H.M. Immigration Officers. As he put it "according to certain sections of the Press we are the people who indulge in gynaecological examinations of young ladies from the Asian sub-continent." This, he trusts we will realise, is considerably incorrect.

Ian says he will be happy to make the acquaintance of any Old Richians who happen to be travelling through Terminal 3 and will be pleased to buy them a drink to speed them on their way.

He tells us that, last year, Old Richian Alan LEACH (1963-1970 approx.) was returning from Canada with his wife. As Alan did not recognise him, Ian took great delight in giving him a potted history of himself, much to Alan's growing astonishment that Immigration Intelligence had made such researches into British subjects!!

Also in 1978, Mark BRYANT (1963-1971) left Heathrow to return to Australia to work as an accountant. Mark obtained a Law degree from Emmanuel, Cambridge. If anyone would like to write to Mark, Ian has his address in Sydney.

George SANCHEZ (1966-1973?) met up with Ian in the Staff Canteen of Terminal 3 last year, whilst working on a vacation job with a security company at the airport. It appears that, at the time, he was undecided whether to carry on with an M.Ed. course or go straight into teaching with the qualifications he had.

By the way, for anyone wishing to write to him, Ian's new address is at 3, Lynwood Court, Fordbridge Road, Ashford, Middx.

BAXTER, George (1924-33) still lives at Farnham in Surrey. Although already a retired Headmaster, George retired once again in July 1978 from his last full-time job as Field Officer with Surrey Schools Council. He is now trying, as he puts it, on a part-time basis, to fill the gap left by the untimely death of Frank Potter, another Old Richian, reported fully in the last edition of "The Richian".

BAYLIS, Roy L. (1941-1948) lives in Iwerheath, Bucks, and is Technical Manager of the I.C.I. Paints Division at Slough. He is married with a daughter aged 20 and a son aged 17. Lists his hobbies as Squash, Motor-caravanning and Walking.

BRIGHT, Peter W. (1970-1977) is at St. David's University College, Lampeter, reading Geography for his B.A.

COOK, Dr. John B. (1951-1958) is Headmaster of Christ College, Brecon, Powys. Since his arrival, the College has had rugby fixtures with the School. So far the First XV honours are even, two wins each. Winter won the fixture during the 1978/9 season — snow and ice causing the match's cancellation.

John is married with three children.

CROWHURST, David R. (1960-1965) is a Technical Instructor of some sort or another at G.C.H.Q., Cheltenham. He

lives in Churcham with his wife and two young children. He owns a Smallholding, has a wide variety of animals, and is now partly self-sufficient — which he admits is thanks to his wife's efforts. He says he has little time for hobbies as such, but is interested in Sub-Aqua, for which he holds an International Diving Instructors Certificate. After leaving School he spent several years working in the Far East.

DALLARD, Norman John (1937?-1942), is a Consulting Engineer and one of the partners in Freeman, Fox and Partners, with Head Office in London. Left for Hong Kong in March. Is married with three children aged 24 to 11.

DYKE, Neil (1964-1972) is Personnel, Payroll and Admin Officer with the Southern Electricity Board at Hounslow. Lives in Berkshire and is "still married to Sandy". His hobbies include fishing, darts, squash, wine and beer making (and drinking). In regard to the last, Neil would like to hear from any friends from School (not, he says, that he had many) especially those who like a social drink now and again. His address is 19, Elliott Rise, North Ascot, Berks.

EVANS, Mark Trevor (1969-1977) is studying Agriculture at Aberystwyth University.

FOOTE, Sidney Brett (1920-1924), who lives in Swansea, retired from the Post Office Engineering Department in 1968 after 42 years service. He is married and has three grown up children. His one hobby is gardening.

FOWLER, Christopher Harvey (1957-1964) lives in Gloucester with his wife and 15 months old son. He is a Solicitor with his own practice in the City.

FUGLER, Paul (1965-1973) obtained his M.A. (on Tudor Church Music) from Exeter University in December 1978. He went to Exeter 1976-77 for a supposed one year course — and then spent from October 1977 to June 1978 at home, writing up the dissertation.

Paul is at the moment working as a piano teacher but hopes to return to Exeter in October 1979 to start on his Ph.D, providing he can get a grant. His eventual aim is to take up University lecturing — one of the few jobs, apparently, that will allow him sufficient time to continue his own research work.

GAUNT, Michael (1966-1973) is a Project Engineer (Water Treatment) with the Permutit Std Plant Div, Houseman (Burnham) Ltd., Slough. Michael graduated in 1976 from Birmingham University with an Honours degree in Chemical Engineering. Still a bachelor, he is a Lieutenant with 2 Wessex (V) TAVR in Slough and, in April, was preparing hard for the presentation of Colours in Portsmouth on 30th June this year. His hobbies are orienteering and collecting stamps.

GAUNT, Neville Raymond (1970-1977) is serving with the Royal Naval Air Service in Cornwall as a Royal Naval Observer. He is a member of the Royal Navy (Portsmouth Command) crosscountry team.

GEORGE, Glyn (1971-1977) is a Student at Southampton University, just completing his 2nd year en route to a B.Sc. (Hons.) Mathematics degree. Was re-elected Junior Common Room Secretary of Glen Eyre Hall for a second year. He is also the first chairman of Glen Eyre Hall Debating Society.

GREEN, R. A. (1928-1932) is a member of another of those families with more than one generation at the School — in his case, his father and his two brothers were also Richians. He left Gloucester in 1936 and now lives in Torquay.

Mr. Green tells us that at least four of the masters who taught his father also taught him, "viz., Benny Benfield whose son was a contemporary of mine, Freddie Freeman,

Shirley Sherwood and Mr. F. Davies, whose nickname escapes me at the moment." It was "Patsy", Mr. Green!

Mr. Green recalls that "Mr. Rogers-Tillstone was Head at the time and, being an M.A. (Cantab) our colours were changed to lemon yellow and Cambridge blue with the House colour in the little button on the top—not appreciated by our parents because they faded and got dirty very quickly."

Mr. Green joined L. H. Fearis Ltd., on leaving School and, except for the War years, has been in the food industry ever since. On his demobilisation, he set up in business on his own for 22 years. For the last seven years he has been Provisions Manager at Tesco's Supermarket in Newton Abbott, where he hopes to remain until his retirement in two and a half years time.

Mr. and Mrs. Green celebrated their Ruby wedding this year — congratulations to you both.

Ronald is interested in and plays bowls, and has been a doll's doctor for thirty-odd years.

HARRIS, Basil (1941-1951), one of the Association's past Secretaries, is a House Headmaster at local Saintbridge School.

HARRIS, Nicholas Mark (1970-1978) is a student in the Foundation Year of Cheltenham Art College.

HARRIS, Revd. Terence R. (1946-1952) is Minister of St. Luke's Methodist Church, Barton Street, and part-time Chaplain to Coney Hill Psychiatric Hospital. Terry's wife, Julia, teaches at Gloucester Technical College while his two children are at Calton Road Junior School. Terry is a member of the Gloucestershire Philatelic Society.

This Summer, the whole Harris family exchanged Pastorates with an American Minister and his family, and spent two months in Lexington, Kentucky.

HOOK, Robert Edward (Bob) — 1922-1928, formerly County Youth Officer for Devon, has now retired. Bob is a widower living near Exeter. He regrets that, due to arthritis, his activities are very restricted — then goes on to list "rugby, salmon fishing, cricket, oil Painting (lazy), shooting, and looking after young brother, Bill". By what he says about them, I would guess that he is very proud of his four children (two boys, two girls) — not forgetting his eight grandchildren.

Bob sends greetings to any Old Boy who remembers him.

I like Bob's opening remarks — "Please forward to the President or whoever thinks this is important — suggest other uses better!"

IRVINE, Peter J. (1965-1973) on Sunday, 25th March, 1979, Peter ran for Northern Ireland in the International Cross Country Championships.

JEFFERY, Revd. Kenneth Charles (1951-1959), another of our Ministers of Religion, is Vicar of Ditchling in East Sussex.

JORDAN, Frank, one of our Guest Speakers at the Annual Reunion Dinner, will be remembered by many for his interest in sport, especially rugby. Frank is a Member of the Institute of Personnel Managers and has held various posts in this field with the Michelin Tyre Co., Stanley Tools Ltd., and at this time is Senior Personnel Manager with British Tissues Ltd. Prior to entering Industry, Frank was a member of the teaching profession, his subjects being Physical Education, Maths and English. His varied interests are swimming, rugby, cricket, music and reading.

LEACH, John M. (1943-1951) lives in Nottingham where he is branch manager for Newey and Eyre, electrical distributors. He is married, with four children (three boys, one girl) — the eldest is 17, serving with the Junior Leaders Regt., R.E., Dover.

John's wife is just completing her B.Ed. (Hons) course in Special Education at Trent Polytechnic. She is assistant swimming coach to the Special Olympics team (Mentally handicapped games) presently preparing to visit Brockport University, New York State, in August 1979.

LEWIS, Dr. John, was in 1978 awarded the title of Honorary Professor of Chemistry at Hull University for his work in the field of medicine. This honour also reflects the close links between that University and one of Hull's local companies, Reckitt and Colman, of whose pharmaceutical division Dr. Lewis is research and development director.

He is no stranger to the academic world, having lectured in medicinal chemistry at Lancaster and York Universities. Before joining Reckitts in 1965 he was senior lecturer in organic chemistry at Loughborough University.

Dr. Lewis who is 45 was a "high flyer" at Tommies in the late forties when he was School Captain and an outstanding rugby player. He obtained a Ph.D at Oxford University. After graduating, he continued to play rugby and was a member of the Leicestershire County XV.

John is acknowledged as one of the country's leading medicinal chemists.

John's wife was formerly Miss Joy Bubb. They have three children.

LIBBY, John W. (1921-1929) retired in July 1974 from the position of Premises Manager with Lloyds Bank Head Office, thus ending 43 years service in banking. Since his retirement John has worked voluntarily for the English Speaking Union at Dartmouth House, Charles Street, London W.1, being chairman of the Dartmouth House Club since April 1975. John is a member of the National Executive for England and Wales.

LYES, Norman Alfred Henry (1930-1938), lives in Bourne-mouth as a retired Local Government Officer. Norman is married, has two married daughters and four grandchildren.

MAYO, T. A. J. (John) — 1938-1944, is now an "R.O.3", which is "a cross between a serving Military Officer and a civil servant", with the Logistic Executive (Army), Ministry of Defence, having moved from Scotland to his present home in Andover during 1978. His current posting is as Officer-in-Charge, B.A.O.R. Shipping Section. Both John and his eldest son, Jonothon (1960-61), were at the last annual dinner. Jonothon is a Flight-Lieutenant in the R.A.F.

MELLON, John (1970-1978), is presently articulated with David G. Billingham & Co (our President's law firm). John, at the time of writing, was on a one year course at the College of Law, preparing to sit Part 1 of the Law Society's qualifying examination.

MILLS, David John (1952-58), is the Association's Social Secretary. In his spare time from these duties David is Electoral Registration Officer to Tewkesbury Borough Council — and asks anyone he meets this year not to mention elections! Living in Hucclecote, David is married with one daughter (4½ years old). Mr. and Mrs. Mills are expecting another child during the early Summer. States his hobbies are caravanning and bird-watching (feathered).

NIND, Bob (1951-1959), is Academic Secretary of the University of Sheffield. After six years at Cambridge which he spent in the School of the Physical Sciences, enjoying at the same time an official Fellowship at Clare Hall, Bob moved Northward to Sheffield in Autumn 1978. He finds Yorkshire a stimulating change apart from last Winter's weather.

OUNSWORTH, Paul E. (1952-1957) is serving as a Police Constable in Gloucester. He lives in the Longlevens area, is

married and has two children. He plays badminton and rugby. (Incidentally, Paul's son is at Tommies.)

PAGE, Brigadier Malcolm Bruce (1937-1944), left the Army in September 1978 after 34 years service. His last appointment was as Commander, Bicester Garrison/Commdt, Central Ordnance Depot, Bicester. The high spot of that time was a visit by H.M. The Queen in May 1978, when Malcolm escorted her throughout the whole day which included lunch for 80 and a Garden Party for over 1,000 people.

The Brigadier's new job as Inventory Manager, International Division of International Computers Ltd is concerned with supplying computers and spares to overseas customers. So far, business has taken him for a week to Sydney, Australia (a city that impressed him greatly).

A lot of Malcolm's spare time goes to the Institute of Materials handling. He is a Fellow, National Chairman, and Chairman of Thames Valley Division of the Institute.

He keeps in close touch with the Anglo-Somali Society and, on leaving the Army, took over the duties from his wife of Secretary to the Council.

The Pages settled in Maidenhead shortly after his retirement.

PALMER, Percival James (1918-1921), formerly on the Staff of Midland Bank, is now retired and lives at Rodborough.

A widower, he has one daughter who lives in Stourbridge.

PHILLIPS, Gordon Brian (1957-1963) is employed by Avon County Council Education Authority as a "peripatetic Brass instrumental teacher with responsibility for Brass in Avon Schools Symphonic Wind Band". Gordon lives in Wotton-under-Edge, is married and has two children — Stephanie (5½) and Gregory (3).

He is Co-ordinator of the Wotton-under-Edge Arts Festival and mentions that he received help with the Festival for a couple of years from contemporary, David ASHLEY, who lived in Dursley for a while.

While playing with the Avon Concertante, "our Staff Orchestra", he bumped into Trevor HURCOMBE at his School in Backwell.

Gordon is the local (Wotton-u-E) representative of the 750 Motor Club.

At the time he wrote he was convalescing after losing his appendix.

For those who knew them as staunch members of the Parents Association, Gordon's parents are both well and living at Eastington.

PRAGNELL, Robert (1969-1976), is living in Derbyshire until August 1979, and is a final year student at Nottingham University where he is reading Geography. He tells us he has already filled in numerous application forms for jobs, and "could end up anywhere between Inverness and Plymouth". (There are one or two places North of Inverness as well, Bob. However, we hope you will not settle too far from Gloucester.)

RAY, Keith D. (1954-1960) lives in Charlton Kings, commuting to Cirencester where he is Assistant Manager of Lloyds Bank. Keith is President of the Old Richians R.F.C. He has two sons and plays Squash and Golf.

RICKARDS, Sidney (1932-1938) lives at Hucclecote and is a Tax Inspector with the Inland Revenue. He is married with one grown-up daughter. Sid lists his hobbies as "watching sport, gardening and doing nothing!" (Ed: Sort of shout, sprout (brussels) and nowt or know it, grow it and blow it!)

RILEY, Gordon A. (1956-1962) is a Police Officer with the Metropolitan police. After previous service in the West End of London he is stationed at Harrow Road Police Station, Paddington. He is still actively engaged in playing soccer

and cricket for the police.

Gordon's wife, Vanessa, is a Beautician and an International Ice Skating judge. She was a judge at the British championships of 1977 and 1978.

RILEY, Robert (1972-1977) is a student apprentice at Babcox Moxey Ltd., and is hoping to go to Aston University in October 1979 to study Mechanical Engineering.

RILEY, Steven (1967-1972) is a Senior Methods Engineer at Lucas Bryce in Gloucester, having obtained an H.N.C. in Mechanical Engineering.

RORSTAD, Peter (formerly WHITEHOUSE, Peter) wrote to us before Christmas 1977 (?) from "outpost of the Empire" Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

Peter is working as a Probation Officer in Durham Gaol "where so far he has not met any Old Richians", although Mr. Steinhausen had just retired as Governor.

There apparently exists a small band of Richians in the North East including Roger LANE, who lives at Washington (Tyne and Wear) and John CORNWELL.

ROWNEY, Brian (1965-1973). An early 1978 letter which was too late for inclusion in last year's magazine brought us information about Brian. After leaving Rich's he completed a degree course in Engineering at Pembroke College, Cambridge. Since 1976 he has been employed as a graduate trainee by the Nuclear Power Company (Risley) Ltd., and was undergoing training to the Institute of Mechanical Engineers' requirements for corporate membership. Besides working at the head office of the company at Risley, Warrington, he has also worked at the power station under construction at Heysham, Lancs.

SALTER, Mark (1970-1977) is a P.E. student at Madeley College. He is Secretary of the College Athletics Club.

SCOTT, Thomas Edward (1947-1954) lives in Littleover, Derby. He is Assistant Development Engineer (Bogies and Suspensions) for the British Railways Board at the Railway Technical Centre, Derby. Because of the nature of his work and, in particular, the specialist subject of roller bearing axle boxes, Thomas for the past four years has represented B.R. on the Committee of the Office for Testing and Research of the International Union of Railways. This has involved him in extensive travel in Europe, particularly Holland, France, Germany and Austria and has meant discussions with Engineers from West European and Eastern Block countries, including East Germany and Poland. These meetings are conducted in three languages — English, French and German.

SERGEANT, David John (1963-1969) is married with a two-year-old daughter and lives at Charlton Kings. For four years until March 1979 he was an assistant master at Whitefriars School, Cheltenham, teaching English, History and Games. In March he joined the Home Farm Trust Mental Handicap Charity as Youth Development and Appeals Officer.

SERGEANT, Peter S. (1964-1971), is married and lives at Ashton-on-Trent near Derby. He currently holds an English post at Loughborough Grammar School. Peter and his wife are expecting their first child in June this year.

SERGEANT, Michael W. (1967-1976) is at Bishop Grosseteste College, Lincoln, studying English and American Studies. He expects to go to the United States this summer before doing a fourth year for an honours degree.

SERGEANT, Timothy E. (1972-1979), has just embarked upon a career in surveying with a reputable firm of Gloucester Estate Agents, Land Valuers, Auctioneers and Chartered Surveyors.

SMART, Jack (1924-1935) is Head of Science at St. George School, Bristol, and lives at Henleaze in that fair City. Jack will be remembered by many (including the writer of these

notes) as School Captain for the years 1934/5. For qualifications Jack carries B.Sc. (Hons. Chem.) C. Chem., F.R.I.C. President of the North Bristol District Scout Council, his interests include photography, heraldry, and collecting and restoring antique clocks. He is an active member of Horfield Parish Church and is a former Churchwarden.

Jack is married with a son and daughter (both married), and five grandchildren.

Reasonably fluent in French, German and Italian, he says he is "actively interested in Continental travel."

SMITH, Leslie Edwin (1913-1921) lives in Hucclecote as a pensioner of Cable and Wireless Ltd.

A married man, his hobbies are fishing, cooking, wine and gardening. Almost self-sufficient!

STAITE, Simon (1968-1975) is in his third year at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford University, reading Geography. When he leaves Oxford he intends to go on to study Law in London.

STOCKS, John Anthony (Headmaster from 1961 to 1972) retired from the Headmastership of Wolverhampton Grammar School in August 1978. Like Idris, however, he couldn't leave it alone and is presently part-time teaching at King's School. He lives locally in College Street. "Jasper" gives us the news that another former Head, Mr. A. S. Worrall, is also now retired. His address is 65, Antrim Road, Newtownabbey, N. Ireland.

STONE, Gerry (1953-1959) is a Building Contractor. Chairman of the Old Richians R.F.C., he is very much a leading light of the Club.

WALL, David John (1958-1964) lives in Whitby, North Yorkshire. Married, with a two-year-old Son, he is a Solicitor and Partner in the firm of George Cass, Rylands & Co. of Whitby, Loftus and Redcar.

David mentions he is still in contact with Tony Romans, Alec Parrott and Bob Symons — but, unfortunately, he gave us no details of their present whereabouts.

WELLS, Patrick Thomas Maslen (1906-1910), one of our older members, resides in Stratford on Avon. Previously self-employed he gives his present occupation as "Retired". Among his form-mates he can remember Guy PARKER. Mr. Wells has given us what he calls his exposé and hopes we will accept it—"one hates to impose amongst all the 'Degree Wallahs'". Following is Mr. Wells' Exposé—

- 1906-10 — Neglecting education at Rich's.
- 1910-14 — Pupil engineer with W. Sissons, Barnwood.
- Aug 1914 — Left Gloucester as a Corporal in the 3rd (Glos.) Battery R.F.A.(T).
After service on the Western Front, joined the Egyptian Expeditionary Force and took part in the capture of Jerusalem.
- 1919-22 — After various posts in London, Manchester and Bournville, joined the Sudan Government Nile Steamers as Captian/Engineer, based Khartoum.
- 1925-33 — Dockyard, Port Sudan on the Red Sea.
- 1933-36 — Dockyard, Khartoum.
- 1936-40 — Agent, Railways and Steamers, Kareima, Northern Province, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan (as it was then).
- 1939-40 — Bimbashi (Major), Sudan Defence Force.
- 1940-45 — Dockyard Manager, Khartoum, running African Lines of Communication.
- 1945 — Left service of Sudan Government.
- 1950 — Appointed one of the official Guides to Stratford on Avon, eventually free-lancing as a Guide Lecturer, Tourist tour adviser and B.T.A. examiner.

Has been Parish Councillor and Rural District Councillor. Is now a District Councillor and Chairman of Old Stratford and Drayton Council.

Married 1923-1977.

No children.

No gongs (Ed: Decorations and medals to the uninitiated).

Criminal Record

- 1912 — Riding cycle at Barnwood without a light.
- 1920 — Found not guilty of drug manipulation.
- 1933 — Adverse report, due to environmental pressure.
- 1945 — Detained for 24 hours by Egyptian Police for breach of Passport Regulations. Condemnation for work on African Lines of Communication.

Present age 84 years and 11 months.

Thus stands Mr. Wells' beautifully written record — quite able to stand on its own merits amongst the "Degree Wallahs" on whom he hates to impose.

Sayeeda, Bimbashi.

WILLIAMS, John, left Rich's in 1949 and joined Gloucester Corporation as a Junior Clerk in the Town Clerk's Department. Gradually he progressed through the various sections of that Department to his present post as Entertainments and Leisure Centre Manager. John has always been interested in Youth work, and was in at the inception of Endeavour Training when it was started in the County in 1950. This has now grown into a national organisation dedicated to improving the "Attitudes of Young People" from the Youth Service and Industry.

He is a founder member of the successor organisation Endeavour Training Ltd., President of its Voluntary Staff Organisation and a Member of its Council. John has a passion for steam engines, claiming that his job gives him a natural outlet for his other interests of tourism and sport.

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Mr. G. E. Barber, Mr. P. W. Bright, Mr. V. Evans, Mr. & Mrs. Manchester, Mr. Nicholls, Mrs. Norris, Mr. S. D. Smith, Mayor of Gloucester and Old Richian, Mr. Stilwell, Mr. & Mrs. Sukiennik, Mr. K. White, Mr. & Mrs. Yeomans.





