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## Editor's Report

The major editorial 'headache' this year has been to fairly represent the diverse interests that make up the dynamic life of the school within a severely reduced printing space (a product of a falling budget and rising production costs). Unfortunately these economies have meant the rejection of much high quality work. Club secretaries are to be commended for their concise and, with a few notable exceptions, punctual reports. The editor's thanks to Mr. G. E. Haynes and other ink stained accomplices, all contributors and a tolerant representative of the printing company, who helped take 'The Richian' into the eighties.

## School Captain

By looking back on the achievements of the past year, Speech Day, traditionally the first big occasion on the school's calendar, sets the tone for the next reminding us all of the need for constant self-criticism and improvement in all areas of our lives. This year the guest speaker was Sir Robert Hunt, Chairman of the Dowty Group, who addressed the School on the vital importance of industry in education.

The School Council met regularly and showed its worth by starting, amongst other

things, a ring pull collection for charity and a sponsored cycle, while still giving boys a platform on which to air their grievances. Greater diversity in assembly was requested and this has been achieved through the invitation of guest speakers and assemblies conducted by pupils.

Music, drama and sport have all flourished this year. In the Michaelmas term we, with the aid of the Denmark Road girls, staged Bernard Shaw's 'Androcles and the Lion'. The choir has sung on numerous occasions, including a recording for the B.B.C's World Service.

The School did not forget the needs of others. Throughout the year six collections raised money for charities. In addition, the 'Raid the Larder' scheme provided over 80 parcels for local senior citizens. Boys took in two sponsored events, a sponsored 24 hour fast which raised funds for population concern, and the Malvern Sponsored Walk on behalf of the Commonwealth Society for the Blind which raised a record £174.

The area around the tuck-shop was given a face-lift during the Lent half-term by members of the Parents' Association. They produced a truly professional finish and we thank them for their efforts. A wet vote was held — the winner had the privilege of throwing the School Captain into the swimming pool; the money raised enabled the observers to paint and decorate their own room.

This year has been one of busy activity in differing areas of school life, showing encouraging trends towards mass-participation. May I thank all

those who have helped in whatever way and hope that the achievements of this year, rather than being quickly forgotten, are used as a foundation on which to build even greater things in the future.

## Parents' Association

Douglas Bruce retired this year as secretary and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking him for all his work over the past year, although I am pleased to say he will continue to serve on the committee.

Although the First Year Parents' Evening this year brought a record amount in covenants and four new members for the committee, there have been two more outstanding events in the year: The first was a talk and film given by a pilot from the Red Arrows which was extremely well received. The second was the Annual Parents' Association Dance in February, this was a sell-out and made a profit of over £500. We thank all those parents, friends and mothers (who provided refreshments) for making it such a memorable evening.

Money received from the dance and other fund-raising events, such as the Orrell Rugby Draw, is used to buy items for the school, such as the recently purchased Cine projector and prizes for Speech Day. My thanks for the other ways

parents have provided things to aid the welfare of their sons such as equipment for teams and societies, and help towards the running costs of the School Bus.

The shooting of the School film has been completed and now comes the mammoth task of editing and soundtracking, but it is hoped to hold the "World Première" at the Parents' Association's Annual General Meeting, so be sure to come along.

Once again parents have provided practical help in decorating the School and through the Dads' Working Party made items required.

We look forward to the future and will continue to support the work of the Headmaster and his staff in maintaining the high standard which we have all come to expect as normal.

**K. G. White**

## Arrivals

We welcome Alan Foster from Kingshill School, Cirencester, to teach mathematics. Already he has involved himself in cross-country and the Bridge Club. We hope his stay will be a pleasant one at Rich's.



From Lippstadt in Nordheim, Westfalen, we play host to Franz Joseph Wienecke. This brave 16 year old has come to study with us in order to improve both his knowledge of English and our culture. To do this he has interrupted his education in Germany. Gloucester, he says, is vastly different from the highly industrial area of his home district.



## Obituary

R. T. Moore had already completed a distinguished career teaching Classics at Manchester Grammar School when he came part-time to Rich's in 1962, at the age of 67. He was 82 when he stopped teaching. He never stopped learning.

To younger boys perhaps he seemed a gruff old man, firmly insisting on accuracy in the declension of 'hic, haec, hoc'; always indeed demanding a high standard of work and behaviour. But he expected far more of himself. Senior boys and we, his colleagues, were privileged to glimpse other facets.

There was a roguish, debunking sense of humour, delighting to dismiss some successful man, a former wayward pupil, now a

parliamentary under-secretary perhaps, with, "I never thought he'd amount to much". He remembered everyone.

Would our new Latin course jeopardise standards? On closer examination he found a former pupil among its authors. Not that that made any difference. And had he not taught J. A. Stocks, who occasionally needed to be impishly reminded that even headmasters were once mischievous third-formers? We shall remember with pleasure the affectionate wit which sparkled between these two men at "Arty's" 80th birthday party.

There was his love of company and conversation: he attended our plays, concerts, Historical Society outings; until a fortnight before his death, he lunched regularly at school, where he enjoyed religious discussion, moral and political debate — or just what we were up to. He questioned us rigorously but with a humility that was happy to learn from anyone.

His Christian commitment, his love of Classical scholarship, and his simple outgoing humanity will continue to inspire us as they have many others.



**D.F.M.**



# School Music



After the frenzy of "Choir 20" a quiet year musically might have been expected. Little of it! 1979-80 saw activity throughout the year.

Things got swiftly under way with the choir singing evensong at Hartpury Church on September 7th. The service commemorated the church's bells, and Purcell's appropriate "Bell Anthem" was performed.

The Carol Services saw the usual high standard of performance with many old favourites, such as "Sir Christemas" and "Ding Dong" being revived and the choir's expertise with carols was also seen at a Cathedral service, commemorating the "Year of the Child".

An exciting event was the evensong at St. Mary de Crypt, parts of which were broadcast on the BBC World Service, resulting in letters of congratulations from around the world.

The choir did not rest on its laurels, however, performing in April two major works: "Rejoice in the Lamb" by Britten and Fauré's "Requiem", which presented new and vital challenges.

"Music for Springtime" was held on May 1st in the Library. The Madrigal Group sang

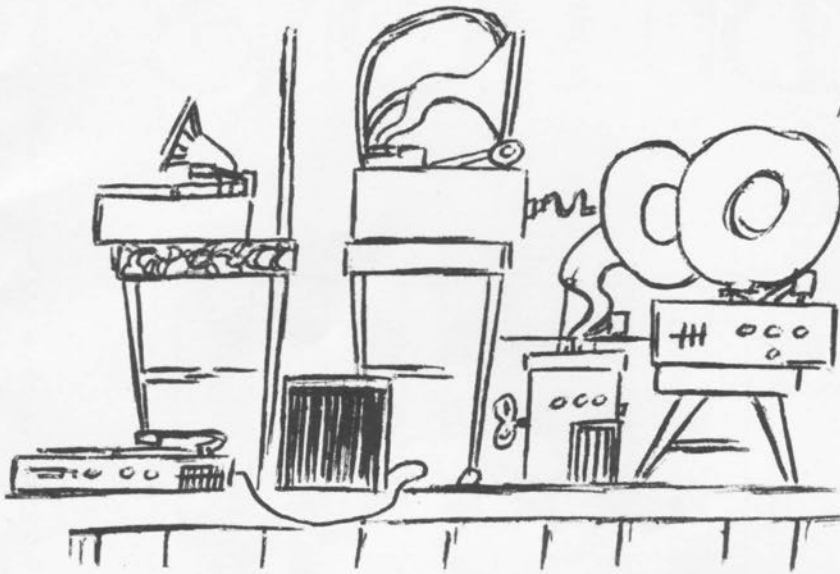
several suitable spring-time pieces, from the rather melancholy "The Silver Swan" to the lively "Sweet Honey-sucking Bees". Christopher Davies sang Butterworth's song-cycle "A Shropshire Lad" and Andrew Westlake performed Brahms' clarinet sonata in E flat major. The whole evening, including the excellent buffet, was a tremendous success.

Long may these stylish, yet informal evenings continue. "S.T.R.S. in concert" says all about this evening of mass participation held on May 10th. Junior boys performed Britten's lively "Golden Vanity", the school orchestra and soloists played pieces by Dvorak, Haydn and Handel and the evening was robustly rounded off by a selection from Gilbert and Sullivan.

May saw the climax but not the conclusion of the musical year. This came with the choir's performance in the Leonard Stanley Music Festival.

Finally, thanks must go to Mr. Rangeley for his constant enthusiasm without which none of the above would have been achieved.

**Chris Davies**



## HOUSE MUSIC

**Don't clap now it's only . . .**

One of the few cultural events in a sport biased Cock house competition, House Music is for some a tedious interruption between rugby matches and cross country races. However, I think it exists, on the performing side at least, to fulfil two quite justifiable aims. One is to provide opportunity for the musical involvement of house members, possibly for the first time; this often reveals talent in surprising places, which is all to the good — for example Eastgate's vocal ensemble. The newly introduced treble song involved practically the whole first and second form and, incidentally, provided a more than usually equal basis for competition — this was reflected by the closeness of the scores. The other aim is to foster musical excellence — a

much maligned quality nowadays in all fields, but a vital one nevertheless.

The reversion to a structured class competition as opposed to a free programme was a move towards this end, and one result was the greater degree of preparation that went into this year's competition, in some cases from anything up to a month beforehand. Often a very high musical level was attained — for example Andrew Westlake's movement from a Brahms clarinet Sonata, Richard Tomes' rendering of "Spring Song" by Frank Bridge, or Christopher Davies extolling the virtues of "Captain Stratton's Fancy". Incidentally, the last of these (on a subject doubtless amenable to our school captain's heart) shows what can be achieved in terms of the other facet of music, audience entertainment, without sacrificing musical quality.

There are many who, never having attempted any musical activity, naïvely, dismiss the amount of work involved. In fact a great deal of effort was required on the part of all participating and considerable nervous strain was imposed. I doubt whether many of our tough fifth formers would have the courage to stand up and sing a solo in front of the school, as second and third formers were doing. For the other organisers and myself, despite a great deal of work and worry, there was also considerable satisfaction. The opportunity to put ideas into practise, including, in my case, a first experience of writing for orchestra and hearing the work actually performed, was invaluable.

Mind you, I still haven't forgotten odd moments of panic, like that mis-timed applause.

**P. Bruce U6S**

## Drama



### "ANDROCLES AND THE LION"

A combined Sir Thomas Rich's and Denmark Road school cast entertained us with a performance of George Bernard Shaw's 'Androcles and the Lion' in the Michaelmas term.

From start to finish Allan Broome's production never lost Shaw's original wit and agelessness. Paul Vale's voluptuous Magaera contrasted admirably with the weedy constitution of Mark Simmons as the henpecked Androcles. Edward Duckworth as

the dandy Lentulus was very convincing and he created his rôle in a whole new light. Donald Moss brought dignity and humour to his role as Emperor, and Ian Cutting's Ferrovius was an effective interpretation. Shaw was at fault for not giving the lion a larger part. We would have liked to have seen more of the cuddly pussy — Bill Spear's Lion definitely captured everyone's hearts.

Unfortunately Marina Caldarone was a little too flirty and vivacious a Christian to portray Lavinia; and was Gary Bridge really every much the handsome captain?

# CONTRIBUTIONS

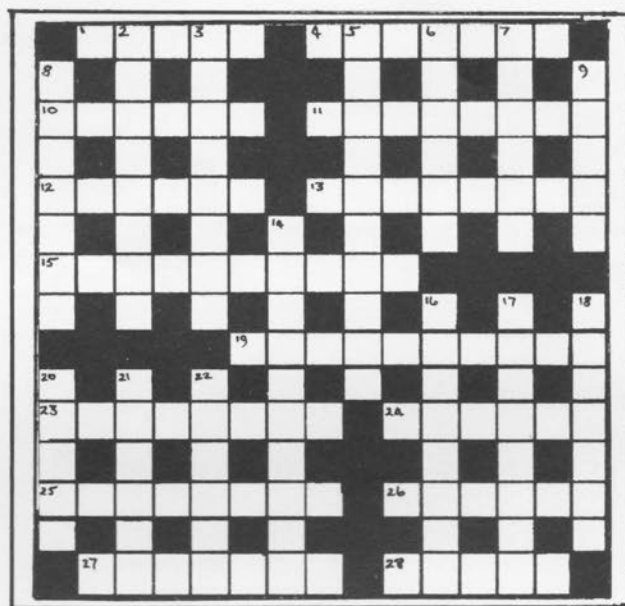
## ACROSS

1. Malice arising from a hole in the South East (5)
4. Admitted that everyone was in debt. (7)
10. Assessed the worth of an antique (6)
11. Wipes over sparingly (6-2)
12. Regretting in a French road? (6)
13. E.G.S. rings making a saucy chuckle (8)
15. Not fast when ascending in this place (4-2-4)
19. Sounds like Cain's brother can manage to contain a Norman Bishop (4-2-2-2)
23. Measure of reserves? (3-5)
24. In tip top condition? (2-4)
25. Eastern London Football Club (8)
26. Sir Tin jumps to it when told to dissolve sugar (4-2)
27. Exclamation at a posh party (4-1-2)
28. Teach haphazardly to get a dishonest person (5)

## DOWN

2. Dull Peon donned socks perhaps? (6-2)
3. Indian holy men sound like a pop group (3-5)
5. Hanging on these you could find a yellow relative of 6 (5-5)
6. To range around could contain a source of citric acid (6)
7. Is there a way in tense electricity to sew up a hawk's eyelid (6)
8. French is an eternal mountain perhaps? (7)
9. Sinus engaged? (2-3)
14. Orchestra to make moonlight serenade (3-3-4)
16. Highest cut in the tree (3-5)
17. No mans land after A-bomb scare? (2-2-4)
18. The Ministry of Transport rent out provocation (7)
20. Charlie plays sweet games (5)
21. Luge sounds like to murder (6)
22. A non-cat isn't able to when confused (6)

Compiled by P. Davis, M. Robinson & A. Darby Upper 6R.



## FLIGHT

It screams along the ground,  
and then deliberately lifts off,  
Its beautiful body, perfectly streamlined, glides  
through the air,  
getting faster, creating more noise,  
Its delta shaped wings form patterns across the  
sky,  
And then faster, breaking the sound barrier,  
leaving no trace of sound,  
But still leaving deadly vortices and pollution  
behind it,  
covering miles in a matter of hours,  
and then coming in to land,  
Reducing speed, and touching down,  
screeching wheels heard over jet engines,  
And then, silence . . .

## Blackstock 2S

### A sprog in Winter

Winter is here, summer has  
gone,  
The trees are all bare,  
And the flowers are none.

The wind is cold,  
The sun has gone,  
The winter storms will surely  
come.

The sky is filled with South-  
flying birds,  
They all fly slowly into the  
clouds,  
While I just stand, and watch  
them go.

The children are skating,  
Upon the crystal stream,  
Winter is here, and here to stay.



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I met an ant-bear from an alien land  
Who squealed: Two vast and spotless 'droids of  
chrome

Wage war deserted. Near them in the sand  
And junk a battered general lies, whose brown  
And wrinkled skin and dehydrated hand  
Tell that the 'droid did well its missiles use  
Which still both hurl, in calculated flings,  
The bombs that rock them and the beams that  
fuse.

On the communique these words appear:  
INSTRUCT ENTER NEGATIVE EVOLUTION  
BRACKETS OFFENSIVE SYSTEMS CLOSE  
BRACKETS INITIATE STOP INSTRUCT  
DELETE IRRADIATION OBLIQUE  
TECTONIC BLAST OBLIQUE NEGATIVE  
EVOLUTION BRACKETS CIVILISATION AS  
WE KNOW IT COMMA EXISTENCE OF  
CLOSE BRACKETS EXECUTE MESSAGE  
ENDS

The planet is quite barren save for these  
Grim artefacts, all solemn souvenirs  
Of the necessity of saying please.

A. Wilton 5S

## WAR

Over the top or you die.  
Over the top to No Man's Land  
or be killed by the army's own hand was the cry.  
It was dark and the survivors came in.  
A General threw his plans in the bin.  
The General yawned and said,  
That's another game over, I'm off to bed.  
And the wounded cried with pain,  
While the General slept after his game.

S. Grieve 2R

## Surroundings

Pathetically dipping their hands in the marmalade  
The goldfish bleat and cry to be laid  
On slabs of toast  
Golden reincarnation  
Religious self-mutilation  
A choral recitation of death untolled.

Christianity pouring itself into honey jars  
Dead beetles crushed beneath Japanese cars  
Still crying  
Still lying  
Still born

S. Buley & M. Simmons L6R



Göttingen

Rambouillet.



#### RAMBOUILLET EXCHANGE

The best way to begin an exchange with the French is to start on a hot day. We did. Consequently spirits were high on both the coach to Southampton and boat to France. Discipline relaxed, we spent a leisurely hour walking around Southampton and an expensive one (playing on the fruit machines) on the boat. But the chains and fetters were eventually attached and we retired to our sleep chairs.

We would like to thank our French partners for providing us with such a full itinerary. Perhaps the height of our stay was the visit to Paris where we saw the usual tourist attractions, including the Eiffel Tower, and we took a boat trip along the River Seine. Trips to Chartres, St. Quentin en Yvelines, the country residence of the French President, and the Palace of Versailles were also popular.

As distinguished visitors, we were given V.I.P. treatment which included a press interview, resulting in our photographs in the local paper, and a Civic reception. Of course we promoted Anglo-French relations: international games of football and a game of rounders were organised.

Like Cinderella, midnight came and we had to leave the ball to face the tiring journey home.

Our thanks to all those people who accompanied us on the trip, and to our friends for providing us with the anecdotes we can tell to our friends at home.

G. Dohman  
S. Elkins  
R. Harris  
M. London (2S)





## GERMAN EXCHANGE

Despite swelling seas and the sensation of nausea, the return boat journey will live on. The ambiguity of the British/Continental time, with the continent one hour in advance, meant for some an extra hour's play, despite the disagreement between Miss Whitsey and Mr. Haynes as to whether we should be in bed by midnight British or continental time. Examining the boat as quickly as possible (since G.E.H's rule on midnight British time was upheld), we discovered the disco, the bar and duty free shop (both, incidentally, out of bounds). Unlike the outward journey where we had the discomfort of reclining chairs, the homeward journey provided us with the luxury of cabins: single sex.

Our two weeks' stay in Germany ended for some on boarding the train at Göttingen station, but for most not until the dispersal at Gloucester. All of

us, in one way or another, holds memories pleasant and unpleasant concerning the visit.

Although during the first week we were alone with our German families, and for many unaware of others' activities, many will, no doubt, remember our first organised tour as a group to Fürstenberg, Hann Münden and the Barb-e-cue platz during the second week of our stay. It was at the Barb-e-cue platz that with great delight to us all we showed our lack of skill as scouts. We eventually made a fire on which we cooked wurst, apples, steaks and chops. For many their inability to cope brought amusement, and this was added to when Salcombe, in devilish pose, split the seat-seam of his trousers! Fortunately safety pins were available. Many of the group entered their second childhood on this excursion, playing on the swings, see-saw, and in the sandpit, while others relaxed in the warmth of the sun, after their fuddle.

The German school begins at the ungodly hour of 7.40 a.m. Regardless of protests, we managed to arrive on time. The school experience was beneficial in that we saw how the other half lives. But it did become tedious being confused with the French and being blamed for their errors — like playing cards in a geography lesson.

The Friday of our stay we were given a Civic reception and from the sixteenth floor of the new Rathaus we gained a panoramic view of Göttingen — which was better than any postcard view.

It now only remains for me to thank our German families for their generous hospitality, and Miss Whitsey and Mr. Haynes for forfeiting their Easter holidays and for supporting us in all we did.

**Craig Elkins 5T**

# Reports

## DEBATING SOCIETY

The Debating Society has enjoyed a busy and most rewarding year, with topics ranging from the deadly serious, such as the Afghanistan crisis, to the frivolous, as seen in the numerous "Balloon Debates". The society has again relied heavily on too few speakers, especially the staid David Hook.

A team drawn from the society, consisting of Mr. Chaudhuri (3S), Mr. Hook and Mr. Riddick, won a public speaking competition against strong opposition, Mr. Chaudhuri presenting a convincing case for the existence of the Loch Ness Monster.

Although the society is soon to be mourning the departure of Mr. D. Q. Hook, debator extraordinaire, we feel certain that the younger members will, with great effort and enthusiasm, succeed in compensating for this most tragic loss.

Stephen Riddick U6T



## FIVE SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

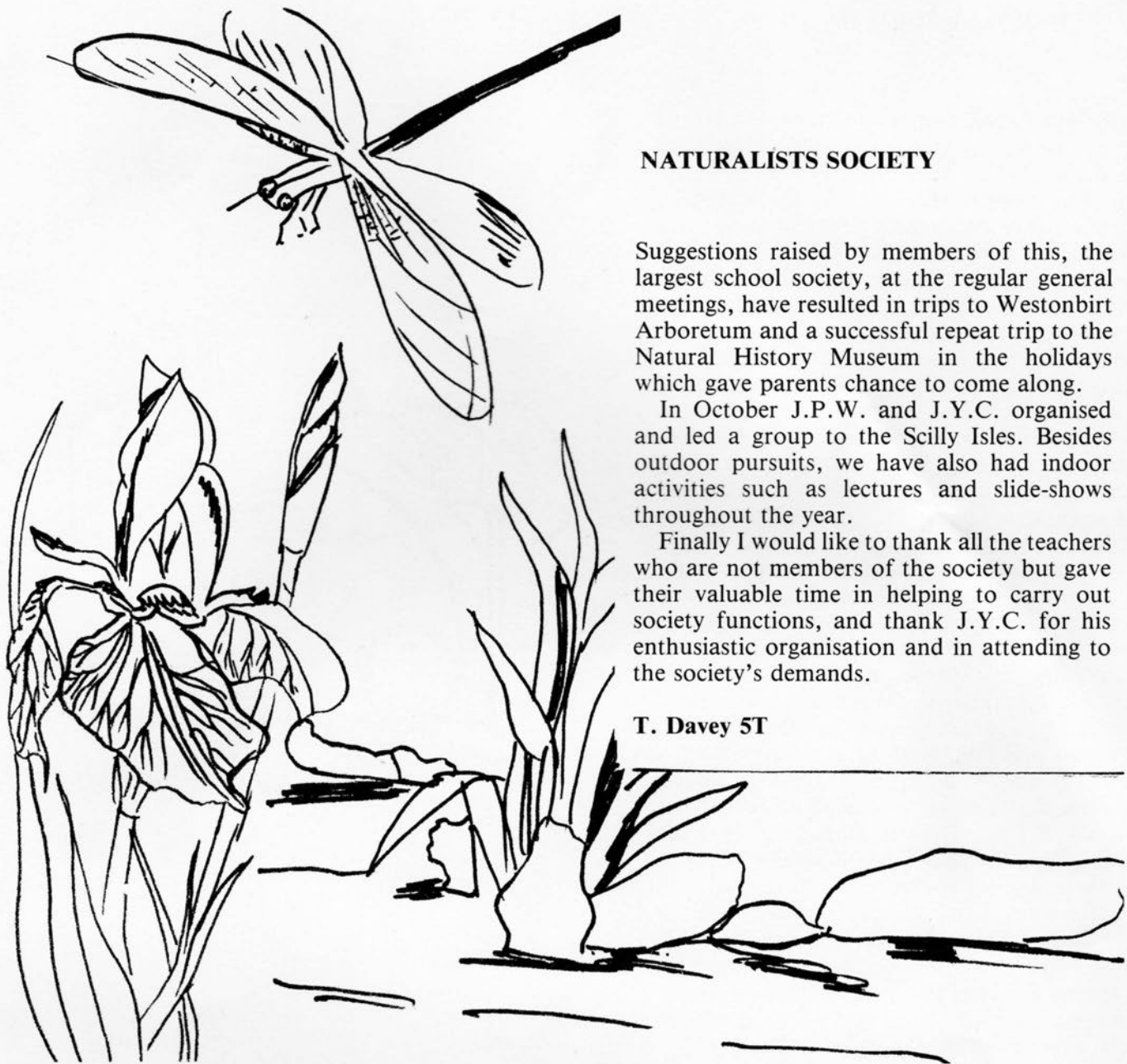
This last year has seen a wide variety of social and sporting events which hopefully catered for all tastes among the sixth formers of the Five Schools Association. At the end of the 1979 summer term a "Superschools Sports Competition" was organised at Crypt. Despite poor support, the drenching of the competitors helped to make the event a great success.

The ice skating trip to Bristol was

enormously popular, and will be repeated fairly soon. Two debates have also been held in the last year; entitled "Marriage is an Outdated Institution," and "A Woman's Place is in the Home": both motions were defeated. The usual end-of-term discos were held and, at the time of writing, a theatre trip to London is planned.

A. Daymond





## NATURALISTS SOCIETY

Suggestions raised by members of this, the largest school society, at the regular general meetings, have resulted in trips to Westonbirt Arboretum and a successful repeat trip to the Natural History Museum in the holidays which gave parents chance to come along.

In October J.P.W. and J.Y.C. organised and led a group to the Scilly Isles. Besides outdoor pursuits, we have also had indoor activities such as lectures and slide-shows throughout the year.

Finally I would like to thank all the teachers who are not members of the society but gave their valuable time in helping to carry out society functions, and thank J.Y.C. for his enthusiastic organisation and in attending to the society's demands.

**T. Davey 5T**

## BACKGAMMON CLUB

The Backgammon Club had a fine start to the year with a membership of well over forty. In order to make the weekly games more interesting a competitive divisional system was introduced. This succeeded for the first term and the club attracted a regular following. Unfortunately interest declined after Christmas and the divisions had to be abandoned due to lack of support. Other commitments led to difficulties in organising meetings and only the popular knockout

competition, which is still in progress, kept the club going.

Looking forward to next year, we may return to having a ladder for the weekly games. It was encouraging to see support from the lower school, particularly the first form and we trust this may continue in the future.

**Peter Wise 5S**

## THE RAILWAY SOCIETY

The Society has continued to prosper over the past twelve months, and now boasts an enthusiastic membership of over seventy, making it one of the largest in the school.

We have attempted to diversify our activities during the year, while still catering for the majority interests in current British Rail activities. Six day-trips have been organised to a wide variety of destinations including the North-West, Humberside, Hampshire, and East Anglia, during which (with an extremely convincing impersonation of Idi Amin) the depot foreman at Norwich refused us admission to the engine shed: the first occasion this had happened to the society in over three years.

The major event in the calendar was a three-day trip to Scotland last summer; by far our most ambitious undertaking for many years. Leaving Gloucester on Friday, we reached Glasgow at around 8.30 p.m., after stopping at Carlisle and Ayr, and then travelled on the over-night train to Inverness. Saturday saw us moving on to Aberdeen, Dundee and Edinburgh for a welcome night's rest. Sunday was spent travelling around central Scotland, returning southwards later in the day to arrive in Gloucester at 10.40 p.m., tired, but nevertheless pleased with the great success of the trip.

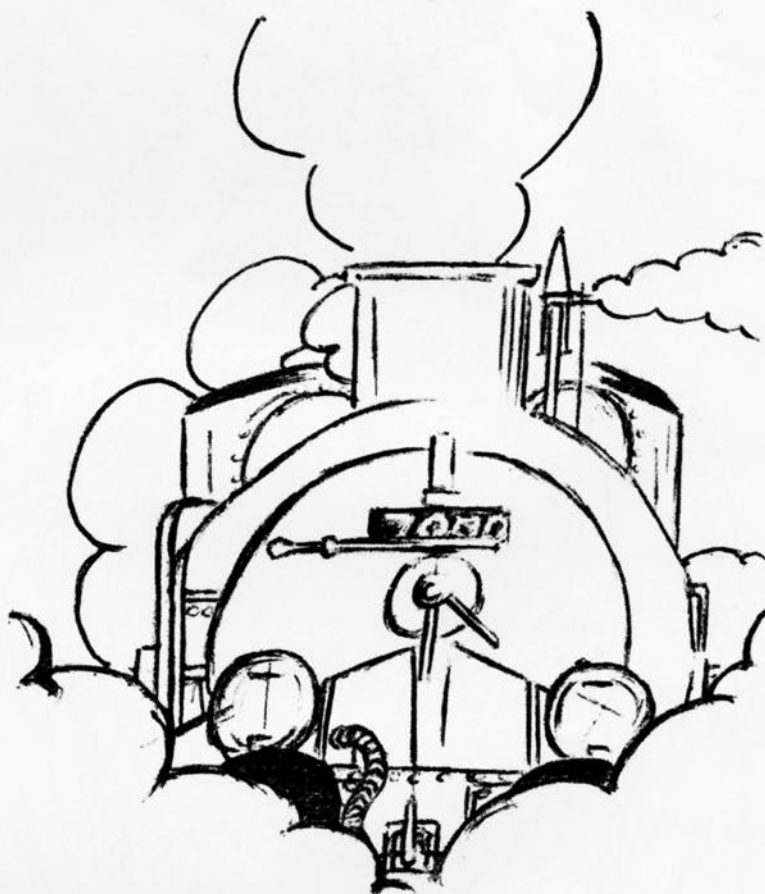
Our other activities have included a visit to the steam-operated Severn Valley Railway, which proved so popular that a return visit is planned for later this year. Regular meetings in the lecture theatre have produced competitions, slide shows and talks.

Finally, our thanks go to the Society's President, Mr. Cutting, for his time, effort, wit and patience.

**R. Cooke U6S**

## BRIDGE CLUB

The Bridge Club has prospered amongst the sixth form this year, although membership in the lower school has been somewhat disappointing. New members are always



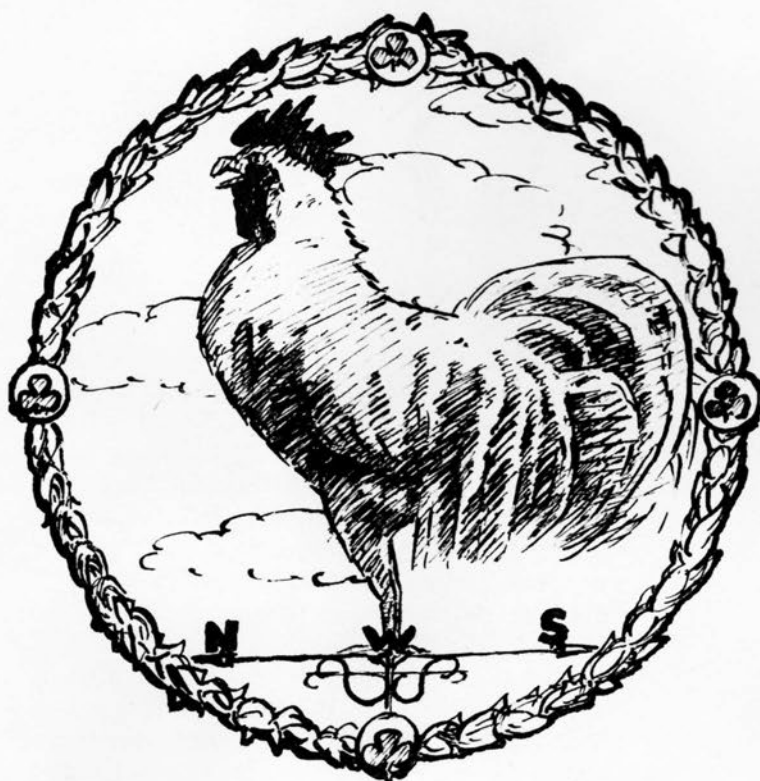
welcome to the meetings at the new time of Thursdays after school in room 4.

The first team has improved beyond expectation but was unlucky to miss the semi-finals of the Daily Mail National Schools Bridge Cup. A larger and less experienced team performed creditably against Crypt with mixed success. These promising foundations, however, may not be capitalised unless more support is forthcoming from the lower school.

**Stephen Riddick U6T**



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# NEWSREEL

## AIRCRAFT SOCIETY

Hampered by inclement conditions, the society's flying start was delayed but take off came with talks and slide-shows. Refuelling with a visit to the Shuttleworth Collection at Old Warden and a trip to Cosford, we touched down at our destination after an aircraft recognition contest won by T. Richards.

M. Simmonds L6R

## FILM SOCIETY

Unlike previous years the film society was only able to operate for one term instead of the usual two. This was largely owing to the projector's tendency to fall apart — much to the distress of our two projectionists, N. Cummings and I. Richards. Guaranteed support from the school was required and this was eventually achieved through the persuasive efforts of Salter and Harris. This meant that the Film Society managed to make a profit. The committee would like to thank all concerned for the supply of buns during the past two terms.

The three films shown were:

The French Connection No. 2.

"The last reel was worth waking up for" — P. Bruce.

"zzzzzzzz . . . . . ." — C. Neale.

"The symbolic force of the fly-on-the-wall scene was stunningly reminiscent of Fellini's 'Don Pasquale' although the Jungian overtures were sadly lacking" — P. Mayo. Sleeper

"I want one of those orbs" — N. Cummings.

"zzzzzzzz . . . . . ." — C. Neale.

Fuzz

"zzzzzzzz . . . . . ." — C. Neale.

"Raquel Welch" — W. Salter.

"Raquel Welch" — I. Richards.

"Raquel Welch" — D. Cassell.

Thanks should go to the chairman, A. Weir, secretary, A. Weir, treasurer, A. Weir, the committee members, N. Cummings, I. Richards, P. Bruce (publicity agent), C. Neale, S. Riddick, S. Harris, D. Cassell, P. Mayo and W. Salter.

Special thanks to our patrons, Mr. J. P. Winstanley and Mr. W. R. Spear for giving up their time, and to Mr. F. Henderson and his venture scouts for supplying the tuck shop, and a very special thanks to Mr. J. Drake whose late night trips out to fix the projector almost certainly saved the committee from being lynched by a frustrated audience.

A. Weir U6R

## JUNIOR ELECTRONIC CLUB

For several years now there has been a demand from junior boys to be introduced to electronics. Satisfying this need without sufficient time or equipment has, until recently, been impossible.

Fifty boys in the school have just embarked on an introductory course which will take about twenty weeks to complete. We have purchased four experimental kits for the course and they are being used daily. First impressions lead us to believe that they will prove to be very successful.

We must take this opportunity of thanking the Parents Association which has met half the cost of the equipment.

An advanced course based on the integrated circuit is planned for next year.

R.L.T.  
T.W.M.

## ANGLING CLUB

The club has had one of the most successful seasons for many years. The main activity has been a series of matches on the canal with points being awarded for the first five places. Attendance has been good, throughout the season.

A sponsored "Fish-in" to raise money for further activities for the club was organised in January and with most members catching, £56 was raised.

Part of the preparation for the Gloucester Schools' Challenge Shield involved a trip to the Avon at Tewkesbury where all members made a catch, an excellent achievement considering the many novices fishing there for the first time. The best catch of the day was made by M. Sukiennik totalling 12lbs 8oz; this included a bream of 3lbs 14oz. The club finished 10th in the finals of the competition in October.

Rich's has entered the National Schools' Competition for the third successive year and are confident of reaching the finals for the second time. Our first round opponents will be a school from Tewkesbury.

The members of the club would like to thank Mr. Barrington for giving up his spare time to drive the school bus and his support at National Matches — Tight lines for 1980.

M. Sukiennik U6R



## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This year, the Society's activities have again been varied, while concentrating on trips rather than meetings in school. In the summer term of last year, David Hook gave an interesting lecture about Gibraltar, which was unfortunately poorly-attended: masters outnumbered boys. We made our annual visit to Stancombe in June, and stopped at Haresfield Beacon afterwards. The main summer trip visited Avebury Stone Circle and its adjacent museum, Wilton House with its Cube Room and Palladian bridge, Old Wardour Castle, and Stourhead's impressive gardens which include a lake, grotto and numerous temples.

In the Michaelmas term, we visited Wimpole, newly acquired by the National Trust, and Audley End (travelling in Mr. Moss's car due to small numbers); and in November looked at Roman remains:- Bath and Cirencester, where, in the Corinium Museum, boys amused themselves by trying to be picked up on the closed-circuit TV screen. The Christmas first form quiz in the library was well-attended and closely contested, 1S winning by only two points.

Thanks go to Messrs Huddlestons, Moss and Barrington for driving the bus on our trips; to Miss Doris Townsend for providing her usual support; and to all those who have joined in our activities over the past year, especially the lower sixth and second forms. We would however, welcome more interest from other sections of the lower school.

Keith Howkins L6R

## **SWIMMING AND LIFESAVING SOCIETIES**

The swimming and lifesaving societies have been rather hampered because of the reduction of fuel for the pool's heating.

During the winter term, however, these societies did function; and the facilities were enjoyed by those who braved the cold water and early mornings.

With the warmer weather coming the organisers are looking forward to a renewed interest in swimming and hope that the society will continue to function in the coming year despite economic difficulties.

I would like to thank D. Milton U6S for his help with early morning swimming and also the caretaker for locking up after us.

**S. Harris U6R**

## **THE 44th GLOUCESTER VENTURE SCOUT UNIT**

The period 1979 to 1980 has been a very active time for the school venture scout unit which kept up its tradition of competing in marathon hikes. The Cotswold Marathon and Round Cheltenham Hikes were both contested. The unit produced the fastest time for the Cotswold Marathon and Mr. Henderson, our V.S.L., won the Veteran's Trophy. We also competed in a 10-mile Bed Race, came eighth and raised £70.

In the summer of 1979 we camped at Dolgellau in North Wales where we later continued our conservation work by maintaining a hiking path at Bodesi near Capel Curig. In October, returning to Wales, we hiked over the Black Mountains. During the first few days of the New Year we walked the 40 miles' coastal path from Minehead to Ilfracombe, and in February members of the unit were loosed on the Isle of Wight for a 24-hour Initiative test.

The unit has also organised a Barn Dance, Jumble Sale, the Glosaid "Raid the Larder" scheme and a sponsored fast. When we are not doing all these things we still have time to pursue sporting activities such as football, golf, darts, table tennis, and archery.

It is to be hoped that the unit will continue to prosper and function as an integral part of school life.

**M. Simmons L6R**

## **CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

After its re-formation, the Fellowship, now in its second year, has continued to flourish both in numbers and activities.

The last year has seen the development of stronger ties between the School Christian Fellowship and The Denmark Road Christian Union. Meetings have taken place after school and have included Bible quizzes, discussions, and an evening of Bible study. The Fellowships have also enjoyed an ice-skating trip together. The highlight of the year must have been when Pastor Pokorny spoke at a joint meeting about his life and the way in which he himself came to know Christ after being a member of the Nazi Youth League.

The School Fellowship holds its own meetings on Thursday and Friday lunchtimes for the lower and upper school respectively. These meetings have been taken by a missionary, pupils, local visiting ministers, as well as a member of staff.

**P. M. Westlake L6T**

## **CHESS CLUB**

Two teams this year competed in the North Gloucestershire League, one in Division 5 and the other in Division 2.

Following the narrow misses of the last two years, the first team is virtually assured of promotion to Division 1. However, this excellent form was not shown in the Sunday Times National Schools Tournament where we suffered a surprising 3½ - 2½ defeat at the hands of Magdalen College, Oxford.

The Second Team are also having a good season and are in strong contention for promotion to Division 4.

In local tournaments the school has again done well and has reached the final of the Gloucestershire Schools' Cup by beating our old rivals Cheltenham Grammar School in the semi-final.

As might be expected in such a successful season the school was well represented at county level with both K. Richardson and Gareth Anthony playing in the U18 and senior sides.

Finally, we would like to thank Mr. Fowler for giving up much of his spare time and especially for driving us to matches in the school bus.



# SPORT

## Rowing

Success seems to be the keyword for this season spanning fourteen months. It began with our retaining both the junior and senior Ball cups and ended with our gaining numerous other trophies. After a creditable win of the Prosser Cup at the schools' regatta held at Hereford, we apprehensively went to Nottingham. King Edward VI school provided the main opposition, but anxiety produced adrenalin and we took our fifth consecutive win: a fitting climax to Alan Passey's career who was retiring as captain. The junior cup was contended by Beckett School, but eventually, after a psychological drama, we took our fourth success.

Rowing is a nationwide event. Participating in Dartmouth we took the 9-mile U18 trophy, and at home A. J. Price won the Frith Sculling Cup. A keen senior 'C' combination of A. Price, A. Williams, ex-captain P. Alington and Gloucester's Tim Wood won the Llandaff trophy, but a double entry in the eight and four took its toll. Although Stourport won, we beat Worcester in the semi-final. Gloucester, winning by a canvas, had a hard struggle against the Northwich four.

In the new year A. Williams was created captain and mass entry was the policy. Sculling

heads were entered for training purposes and we entered en masse at Wycliffe, but it was an unenjoyable day, only relieved by winning the Junior 18's. The 1980 Head Season entered a combined Rich's/Gloucester crew containing ex-members G. Barker and A. Whitehead. Night training as well as the usual Saturday mornings helped win trophies at Gloucester, Exeter and Bristol.

Team spirit maintained, we gained a creditable 26th place against national opposition at Reading, were in the top 150 at Tideway against European national squads, and gained a well-deserved 27th place against public school opposition, again out of 150 starters.

A Ball Cup was again won at Stratford, but the successful crew of Messrs. Wasley, Bishop, Hopkins, Bicknell and Walker in the Junior event could not compensate for the loss of the senior trophy by half a length to Becket in the final after an initial dead-heat.

Finally, the end of an era, we say farewell to sixth formers A. Williams, A. Price and M. Caulkett. We also bid farewell to various fifth formers from the following squad: S. Brearley, J. Gardner, S. Probyn, R. James, N. Walker, S. Hopkins and cox P. Earl. We thank them for their efforts over the years. But in closing special mentions should be made of S. Hopkins who has made an invaluable contribution to competitive crews over the last six months, and P. Earl who, combining gentle subtlety of skills, has gained respect from his crews, and helped win

trophies which might otherwise have been lost.

G.H.M.

## Badminton

Despite the limited number of matches contested, we can boast one-hundred per cent success. Victories were taken against Hackney, Dean Close, Westwards and Beaufort.

Although this year witnesses the departure of M. Howells and I. Brewster, the club is compensated by having an enthusiastic first form.

The school's tradition of excellence in this sport is maintained by N. Brewster (U-18), I. Brewster, M. Collins, H. Fuller (U-16) and Craig Fisher (U-12) playing at county level. I. Brewster was selected to attend the South West training course in Devon. He has won the U-21, U-18 and U-16 county tournaments, the U-16 competition with opposition from all over the West Midlands. Craig Fisher produced a comparable performance in his age group in the same tournament.

N. Brewster L6R

# Cross Country

## SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY

The season got off to a very good start with home wins over the Army Apprentices, St. Brendans, Millfield, Kingswood, Beachencliff and Magdalen College Schools, and later against Monmouth. An away fixture in January brought victory over R.G.S. Worcester and Newcastle High School, while the only "friendly" defeat of the season was at Coventry, against a strong King Henry VIII team.

Success on a larger and more significant scale came in the season's relays, where David Price, Mark Robinson, Peter Mayo, Mark Holland, Paul Yeatman, Jeremy Smith, Dominic Sheehy and Wayne Salter formed the basis of the teams.

The first of these seven relays was at Millfield where the 'A' team performed consistently well to finish third, and a young 'B' team gained needed experience in coming 20th out of the 28 competing teams. A weakened team ran hard at Beachley to finish 6th, but the best performance of the Autumn Term came at the Sutton Coldfield Relay where the 'A' team of Price, Robinson, Mayo and Holland excelled themselves to win the Relay by almost 40 seconds.

January saw the annual Coventry Relay, where, competing against 42 teams from all over Britain, the School was placed 19th, which represented an improvement on last year's position. The team again performed exceptionally well at the Haberdashers' Relay in Middlesex, finishing 3rd, a few seconds ahead of old rivals

King Henry VIII.

As a fitting conclusion to such a successful season, the 'A' team won fairly comfortably both the Oxford Tortoises Relay and the Oxfordshire Schools Relay, meaning that during the season, the School had added three new trophies to their list of previous victories. The "Tortoises" Relay, organised by the Oxford University Athletic Club has grown to become a national event, making the School's win something of a milestone.

Price, Robinson and Mayo finished 1st, 3rd and 5th respectively at the County Championships in December, and were subsequently selected to run for Gloucestershire in the South-West Championships at Yeovil and in the "Nationals" at Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

A special mention must be made of Dave Price, who maintained an unbeaten record at inter-school fixtures, clocked the fastest lap at many of the relays, and finished 2nd in the South-West Championships. Both he and Mark Robinson will be sorely missed next season.

## JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY

This has been yet another full season with a variety of fixtures. Wins were achieved over Charlton Kings, Marlborough, Monmouth and Oxstalls, we were defeated by St. Brendan's and had mixed fortunes against Marling at various times during the season.

At the County Championships in December, the School was well represented. In the Minor race, Neil Butler (3rd) was the

only first year runner to shine, although Matthew Bawden (22nd) and Kevin Sargen (23rd) both ran well. Fine runs in the U15 race by John Barry (5th) and Gregory Smith (11th) assured them a place in the Gloucestershire County Team at the South West and National Championships. Andrew Lovell (20th), Christopher Mayo (31st) and Graham Reed (37th) all ran well and show promise for the future also. In the U17 race, only Nicholas Shackleton (18th) and Dominic Sheehy (19th) came in the top twenty, therefore the School had no members of the County Intermediate Team.

The highlight of the season was as usual the North Gloucestershire League. An entry of fourteen teams meant that the U13 team performed most impressively to win all three races. Gregory Smith (1st individual), Marcus Beagles (3rd), Chris Mayo (4th), Neil Butler (7th) and Graham Reed (8th) ran consistently well to gain half of the individual honours, while Paul Gilonis completed the scoring team. In the three U15 races, Nicholas Shackleton (8th individual), Richard Barbour, James Moss, Timothy Hughes, Patrick MacManus, Neal Bircher and John Barry all ran well to ensure that the School Team took second place behind a very strong Marling team.

Thanks must of course go to Messrs. Riley and Foster for their help in organisation and for giving up their free time to transport the various teams.

**Peter Mayo (UVIT)**

# Rugby

## FIRST XV

**Captain:** P. D. Calver

P12 W4 D0 L8 F147 A182

The 1979/80 season saw many ups and downs for the first XV, a side comparatively more mature than that of last year, although they were handicapped by the small size of the pack. Much ball was lost in the line-out and often in the loose, but this was more than made up for by the spirited tackling of the whole side. As a result, the general pattern of play occurred as a long period of defence, followed by quick, penetrating breaks by both the backs and the mobile forwards.

After a disappointing start to the season, capped by a 22-0 defeat at the hands of Chosen Hill, a well deserved home win against Culverhay was welcomed. The next month produced the best spell for the team, in which 60 points were amassed in two games, whereas only 6 points were conceded. These figures speak well for the defensive ability of the side, and when aroused, the attacking flair.

Despite this sudden flush of success, our expectations were not to be reached. The latter part of the season heralded what seemed a change of attitude within the side. It appeared as if the will to win had all but disappeared. However, on one occasion, we managed to overcome these feelings and put on a sparkling performance to beat Beechencliffe.

Colours: P. Sullivan, M. Bryans

## COLTS XV 1979-1980

**P19 W16 L3**

**Points for 486 Points against 86**

This was a very enjoyable season for the team. They trained and played hard. They won the majority of their games and a large number of players, twenty-three in all, represented the school.

The team tactics were based on a vigorous rucking and mauling game. Most of our opposition were unable to stop the penetrating runs of our centres Booth (22 tries) and Stubbs (25 tries) or prevent them linking with our back-row forwards to provide quality possession. Traditionally strong opponents were swept away by this pressure rugby, Wycliffe (30-0) and Q.E.H. (22-0).

When the opposition attacked they found an extremely tough tackling team. Resolute defence decided matches against Lydney (7-3) and Cheltenham Grammar (18-10). Many teams decided to avoid the crunching tackles by kicking away their possession into the capable hands of our full-back Blanch.

Colours were awarded to the captain Booth, Baldwin, Bebbler, Blanch, Hopwood, Stubbs and Williams.

Christie, Booth, Stubbs, Williams, Oran and Greenway were selected for the Gloucester and District squad.

## SECOND XV

**Captain:** D. Q. Hook

P6 W2 D0 L4 Cancelled 3

Although this year's young XV consisted mainly of fifth-formers, the team gave creditable performances against more experienced sides, narrowly losing two games and gaining two hard-fought victories in true Richian style.

The team spirit, never lacking this season, should ensure that next year's XV will be a force to be reckoned with.

Of the many players, three deserve special mention, I. Morris, D. Wasley and O. Morris.

## U-13 RUGBY

The U-13 rugby team had a very successful season. In increasing the squad of players to 22 several boys came to the fore to increase the strength of the side. The season's outstanding players must be Anthony and Street but without support from the rest of the team the final result would not have been:-

**P18 W13 D3 L2**

**Points for 378 against 118**



# Tennis

Considering that four players under 16 have regularly played for the First VI this season, the results have been very good. Apart from a Glanville Cup defeat at the hands of a 6th Form College from Hampshire, the only match not won so far has been at Magdalen College School. Here the side fought back to draw after defeat seemed certain, although by winning their three matches Bewley and Westlake really carried the team on that occasion. The inexperience of the side has been apparent in the more difficult fixtures and with tough opposition still to be played the unbeaten record will be severely tested.

There has been a good atmosphere and a sense of loyalty amongst the side which has included Bruce, Fuller, Hamid, Harris and Smith.

The under 16 team has obviously been weakened by supplying members to the First VI. They have done well to win all matches so far except that at

Magdalen, where they were soundly beaten. Enjoyment and enthusiasm has been apparent to Robin Bewley and Michael Westlake, both of whom played for Gloucestershire Under 18 this season with Robin being elected as captain.

**B.M.**

# Cricket

Total record—P31 W17 D5 L9

## 1st and 2nd XI

The 1st and 2nd XI have had a better than average season. Particular note must be made of the seven wicket defeat of St. Brendan's by the 1st XI where Poulton and Salter put on 105 for the first wicket. Salter has also been on form with his bowling with 5 for 11 against Whitecross. The 2nd XI defeated St. Brendan's on the same afternoon by 6 wickets. Both sides have shown when at full strength, they can provide strong opposition to most teams.

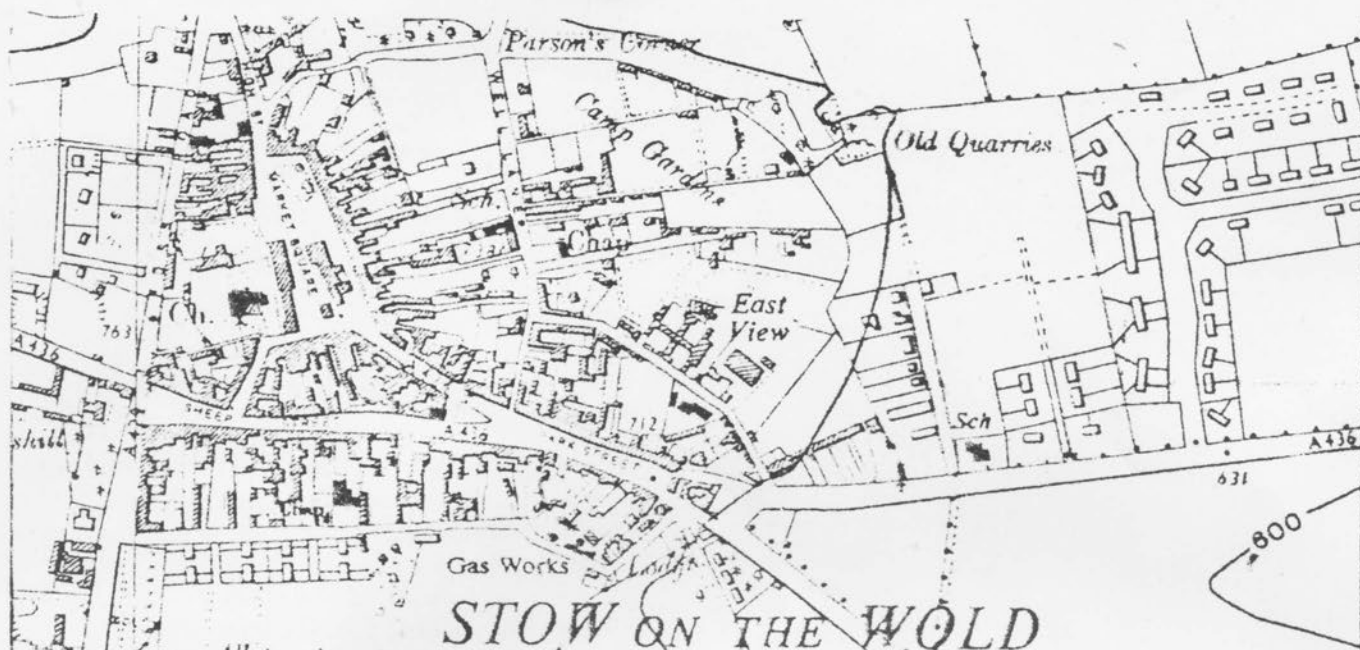
At U-15 level there is a solid core of keen and able cricketers. Team spirit is good and this has increased everyone's enjoyment of the game. It is encouraging to note that the team is now showing more determination and enterprise in always setting out to achieve victory rather than settling for a draw. This is reflected in quicker running between the wickets and greater use of the team's only spin-bowler Chris Lewis. Simon Thorne has given the best batting performances, while the captain Anthony Bebbler, has demonstrated the value of accurate, but varied, bowling.

## U-14

After being defeated in their first fixture of the season at Marling, the team has recovered well and recorded a number of decisive victories. Notable bowling performances have been provided by T. Jenkins and D. Sargent, whilst R. Griffiths and A. Nash have revealed the ability to score plenty of runs. In consequence, the Third Round of the Lord's Taverners Trophy (Gloucestershire section) has been reached.

## U-13

The under 13 XI is an accomplished team and plays attractive cricket. Like most junior sides it normally plays on poor wickets which unfortunately handicaps the batting but the first six batsmen are all capable of high scores and the bowling is well balanced. R. A. Harris leads the team with mature understanding and not surprising every match, so far this term, has been won.



### FIFTH-FORM GEOGRAPHY FIELD COURSE AT STOW, 1979

Shortly after last year's O-level exams, fifth-form geographers went on a week's field course at Stow-on-the-Wold, sleeping in tents at the Rugby ground. The weather was fortunately warm and sunny for the whole of our stay. After arriving on Monday at lunchtime, we split into pairs, each pair being allotted two grid squares, in which to record the agricultural use of every field, the types of field boundary, maximum angles of slope (using home-made clinometers, or rather cardboard tubes with pieces of plastic for pointers), and evidence of deterioration in the fields, through the presence of thistles or scrub. The popular image of the Cotswolds has been that of a great wool-producing area, as indeed it was in mediaeval times, but our results showed that arable crops, and barley especially, now constitute the commonest land-use, accounting for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the land, a proportion greater than that of pasture. However, the cultivation of arable crops has undoubtedly been hampered by steep slopes, which are often devoted to grass. Also, the traditional Cotswold stone wall has, in many cases, been superseded by hedges or barbed wire.

Next day, each pair visited three villages, noting details of the types of houses, the materials with which their walls and roofs had been constructed, garden type, and the villages' amenities — shops, and services such as schools or garages. Again, change is occurring. Nearly every village has seen a decrease in the number of shops and services over the past century. A 100 years ago, it was common for a village to include a dozen shops; today, none of those studied has more than four, some being without even a post office or general store. This decline has been caused not only by the concomitant decrease in rural population due to mechanisation of agriculture and greater job opportunities in the towns, but also by mass-production and the dominance of the car, both

giving access to a greater number of goods than before, and making many of the country trades obsolescent. Divergent changes which have befallen Cotswold villages could be seen in the contrast between two neighbouring places. Lower Slaughter is neat, tidy, and enjoys prosperity from tourism as a "typical" Cotswold village, though the spacious modern houses of commuters lie conveniently away from the part of the village most frequented by visitors. Upper Slaughter, however, has suffered from depopulation, and many of the buildings are derelict or disused.

On Wednesday, we visited Stow, Moreton and Bourton, three small towns serving as urban centres for the N. Cotswolds. We recorded the numbers and types of shops in each town, and compared the three with each other, and also with the data for last century and 1939. The most noticeable trend has been the effect of the increase in tourism — antique shops and gift shops, often selling products, such as toy lions, totally unrelated to the Cotswolds, have boomed. Again, many shops based on traditional rural crafts have declined.

Next day, we collected rock samples from the Stretton-on-Fosse gravel pits, and later classified the stones as to whether they were round, angular or a combination of the two, and also measured their approximate volumes. Differences in smoothness were due to the distance that they had been carried by water.

On the last day, we visited the Cotswold Farm Park at Guiting Power, where many rare breeds of livestock are kept. We were also shown some of the wild flowers and plants growing in the limestone soil, and thus uncommon back home in the Severn valley.

Thanks to Mr. Pilbeam for driving us around, to the sixth-form cooks who kept serving us with potato salad, and to Skylab for not falling on Stow.

**Keith Howkins L6R**

# Old Richians

## OLD RICHIAN R.F.C. SEASON 1979/80

1979/80 saw the Club field its youngest 1st XV for many years, and the performance improvement that has been evident as the Season has unfolded speaks volumes for those who have experienced their first view of 1st XV local rugby.

Club Captain Tony Wheeler has coped with a difficult year very well indeed — his example and enthusiasm on the field has inspired many of the young members around him and he has been a good ambassador for the Club in social quarters. He has been fortunate to receive good support from Vice Captains Andy Miles, Richard Hardwick and Nick Freckleton and Club Secretary Jack Smith. 2nd XV Captain Mike Smith and 3rd XV organiser John Jackson have also worked extremely hard.

Although the Boxing Day encounter with Old Cryptians for the Mike Longney Memorial Trophy was lost 7-0, there were some notable victories for the 1st XV to enjoy including those against Cheltenham United, Oldfield Old Boys and Cinderford United.

Some of the members who deserve praise for their efforts are John Mellon, Pete Davis, Andy Wakeham and Des Powell. We have also been pleased with the development of an under-19 XV. They have only been able to play a handful of matches but their rugby has been a joy to watch, and underlines the message that the rugby tuition and coaching that is being received at Rich's is as good as it ever was.

The Committee's efforts to see a substantial Clubhouse built at Elmleaze, overlooking the School, have continued to receive priority, and we are hoping it will not be too long before building commences. We are fortunate in having Club Chairman Gerry Stone and Vice Chairman Richard Owen, who will feel that they have worked towards nothing else during the past 2½ years.

Our thanks again to Mr. Yates and Mr. Griffiths for their support and particularly to Mr. Heap, the Headmaster, whose interest and encouragement in our activities are still much in evidence.

**K. D. Ray (President)**

## BIRTHS

**WATKINS** — On February 25th 1980, to Alan and Sylvia at Stourport-on-Severn, a son, Robin James Owen.

## DEATHS

We regret to announce the deaths in late 1978 and 1979 of two valued stalwarts of the Association, Vic Mundy and Ray Neining.

**MUNDAY**, Victor George, at the age of 82. Vic, as he was affectionately known by us all, was one of the longest serving members of the Association.

He was an Officer of the Old Richians, serving in one capacity or another for so many years that no-one could remember when we had not had the benefit of his quiet, sensible advice.

By profession a Chartered Accountant he was, in recent years, one of our Honorary Auditors, keeping his finger firmly on the pulse of our finance. He rarely missed a Committee meeting even though, sometimes, he might have stayed away through illness.

Vic was a breed that, through natural wastage, is becoming extremely rare.

**NEININGER**, Ray. Another quiet hard-working Officer of the Association, Ray was our Treasurer until his death after a long illness.

He never quite reached retirement age and the joys he was certain came with that age.

He had a gentle, subtle, dry humour that was easily overlooked by those who did not know him very well.

Other deaths include:

**ALLEN**, P. John (78). Although not an Old Boy of the School himself, Mr. Allen was the son of A. E. (Bert) Allen, who left money in trust to the Association. His legacy has helped to provide many school prizes over the years.

**HUGGINS**, Robert Dundonald (Don), aged 80, one-time Laboratory Steward at Barton Street, appointed by Mr. Worrall.

**MOGRIDGE**, John Leslie H., died on holiday in Cornwall at the age of 43. A highly respected local businessman, John was a former Head Boy. He gained a B.A. degree at Bristol University before travelling widely in Africa and the South Pacific for the Colonial Office.

Returning to the City, he became a partner with local Estate Agents, F. E. King & Co.

He joined the Gloucestershire Housing Society where, in an effort to help young couples, he originated a "Young Persons' Scheme". He was working on a similar "Elderly Persons' Scheme" when he died.

He is survived by his wife, Norma, and two young daughters.

**MULLINS**, William Ernest (Bill), aged 70. Son of the one-time licensee of the, now defunct, Shakespeare Inn, Northgate Street, Bill was a member of the staff of L. C. Mitchell, the Electricians from 1928 until he was forced, after many years of ill-health, to retire in 1969.

During the war he served with the R.A.F.

## HONOURS, AWARDS AND PRIZES

**BERRY**, R. L. P., appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire (C.B.E.).

**PRICE**, J. S., 1st Class Honours Oriental Studies, Senior Scholarship, Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

**WARD**, I. R., 1st Class Honours Law, Bachelor Scholarship, Rodwell Prize, Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

**MONTANARO**, P. P., Burton Prize, Geography, St. Catherine's College, Oxford.



## HIGHER SEATS OF LEARNING

### Universities

Aberystwyth: M. T. Evans (Agriculture), R. N. Thwaites (Geography), J. G. Williams (Geology).  
 Aston: G. Barber (Engineering), K. C. Ball (Energy Technology), M. D. Berry (Transport Studies), D. C. Glik (Business Studies), S. M. Meers (Business Studies), T. C. Morgan (Modern Languages), G. L. Wilmon (Electrical Engineering).  
 Bath: B. Charlesworth (Mechanical Engineering), S. P. Jones (Mathematics), J. C. May (Electrical Engineering), M. H. Warwicker (Mechanical Engineering), H. R. Watson (Pharmacology).  
 Birmingham: T. P. Barnes (Mathematics), B. Martyniuk (Russian Studies), D. Materacki (Sociology), M. C. Partridge (Law), T. D. Stuart (Commerce).  
 Bristol: S. D. Allen (Geography), I. Bewley (Modern Languages), D. F. Booth (Medicine), D. I. Bruce (Medicine), M. P. Holt (Medicine), P. J. Pegler (Botany/Zoology).  
 Brunel: P. J. Brown (Engineering and German), D. P. Brown (Mechanical Engineering), D. R. S. Bunney (Computer Science), S. N. Davis (Mechanical Engineering), A. Martyniuk (Production Engineering), J. Sweet (Building), A. C. J. Passey (Mechanical Engineering), R. Ralph (Mechanical Engineering).  
 Cambridge: P. A. Bruce, Queens (Nat. Sciences), T. V. Curtis, Emmanuel (Law), P. Govan, St. John's (Modern Languages), R. P. Jones, Selwyn (Philosophy), D. W. Lewis, Queens (English and History of Art), S. J. Preston, Emmanuel (Geography), J. S. Price, Emmanuel (Modern Languages), I. R. Ward, Emmanuel (Law), G. H. Williams, Emmanuel (Natural Sciences).  
 Cardiff: C. J. Collins (Geology), S. Douglass (Geology), A. M. Jones (Medicine), J. T. Penry-Williams (Maths), 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).  
 Exeter: A. L. Dwight (Education), S. R. Kear (Biology).  
 Guys Hospital: S. R. Allum (Dentistry).  
 Hull: A. V. Jones (Geography), B. R. Nichols (Biology/Oceanography).  
 Keele: R. Lloyd (Geography and Geology), I. D. Rowney (American Studies), M. Turner (Biology).  
 Lampeter: P. W. Bright (Geography).  
 Lancaster: D. J. Green (English).  
 Liverpool: R. Guest (Archaeology).  
 London: G. C. Comely, University (Architecture), I. P. Fletcher, Queen Mary's (Biology), J. A. Skinner, Imperial (Physics), J. J. Hawkins, Imperial (Civil Engineering), M. P. Brewster (Mechanical Engineering).  
 Loughborough: C. D. A. Carter (Geography), S. J. Egan (Banking and Finance), B. J. Egles (Chemical Engineering), D. M. Long (Chemical Engineering), R. H. Perriam (Engineering).  
 Manchester: R. I. Davey (Medicine), N. C. Giles (Management

Sciences), K. M. Morris (Medicine), C. G. Parker (Civil Engineering), A. M. Paterson (Computer Studies and Mathematics), A. M. Williams (Town and Country Planning), D. M. Wilton (Zoology).  
 Nottingham: R. M. Pragnell (Geography), R. Dalton (History), T. J. Ward (Music), P. M. Gabb (Chemical Engineering), R. C. Meyrick (Social Studies).  
 Oxford: R. T. H. Barnes, Magdalen (Astronomy), D. B. Cameron, Queens (Modern Languages), K. R. Hughes, St. Catherine's (Geography), P. P. Montanaro, St. Catherine's (Geography), A. C. Poulton, St. Peter's (Geography), A. D. J. Jewell, St. Catherine's (Geography), D. R. Law, Keble (Theology), I. P. Simmons, Jesus (Geography), S. A. Staite, St. Edmund Hall (Geography).  
 Reading: R. W. Champion (Horticulture), S. A. Fisher (Cybernetic Engineering), R. R. Smith (Physiology and Biology).  
 Salford: M. Taplin (Natural Sciences).  
 Sheffield: A. Lawrence (Dentistry), N. D. Raven (Genetics).  
 Southampton: G. Cox (English), R. J. Flower (Business Economics), P. J. Alington (Biology), S. D. Hillyard (Mathematics), H. V. Isaacs (Biology).  
 Sussex: C. B. Comely (English).  
 York: N. J. Dyson (Biology).

### Polytechnics and Colleges

Bishop Grossteste, Lincoln: M. W. Sargeant (Education).  
 Borough Road, London: P. R. Everson (Education and P.E.).  
 Brighton: P. C. S. Kimberley (Pharmacy), N. P. Smith (Business Studies).  
 Bristol: D. R. Barnard (Accountancy), A. C. Barnes (Accountancy), S. Langley (Accountancy), C. Roberts (Marine Radio), T. Selby (Business Studies), J. R. Smith (Accountancy), R. F. Williams (Applied Biology), L. Norman (Applied Biology), D. G. Rogers (Aeronautical Engineering), K. Watkins (Accountancy).  
 Canley, Coventry: S. A. Bunce (Education).  
 Harper Adams, Shropshire: N. J. Mouldsdale (Agriculture).  
 Kingston: J. E. Fillis (Computer Studies).  
 Lanchester: B. Gossage (Electrical Engineering).  
 Leeds: P. Leaver (Landscape Architecture).  
 London: K. A. J. Williams (Political).  
 Madeley: M. Salter (Education).  
 Manchester: M. T. Barnes (Mechanical Engineering), A. E. Fuller (Mechanical Engineering).  
 Middlesex: C. J. Pegler (Geography).  
 North Gloucestershire College: P. Chester (Art), N. M. Harris (Art), N. S. Moore (Art), S. F. Poole (Maths/Computing).  
 North London: K. C. Priday (Business Studies).  
 Oxford: S. J. Dee (Business Studies).  
 Plymouth: G. A. Campbell (Civil Engineering), M. G. A. Alington (Electrical Engineering).  
 Portsmouth: M. Dix (Land Administration), P. G. Fillis (Civil Engineering), I. E. Holt (History), D. Jones (Pharmacology), S. J. King (Mathematics/Statistics).  
 St. Paul's, Cheltenham: C. C. R. Pashley (Geography/Geology).

## OLD RICHIAN NEWS

ALINGTON, P. J. is reading Biology at Southampton University.

ALLEN, P. J., gained an Exhibition in Modern Languages at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

ANDERSON, Keith, was at the time of writing these notes, on a world-wide tour incorporating Japan, Russia and the U.S.A., taking part in an International Paint Study. He had not long returned from S.E. Asia. Meanwhile brother . . .

ANDERSON, Kevin, from more homely surroundings in Sussex has announced his forthcoming marriage, in July, to Eastbourne teacher, Christine Carter.

BALL, K. C. is at Aston University studying Energy Technology.

BARNES, M. T., is studying Mechanical Engineering at Manchester Polytechnic.

BENNETT, S. J., gained entrance to the Army's Welbeck College.

BREWSTER, M. P. is studying Mechanical Engineering at Loughborough University.

BROWN, D. P. is at Brunel University taking Mechanical Engineering.

CARR, David, has been appointed a Director of the British Oxygen Co., in charge of the Cryogenic department.

CLICK, Ian (1953-61) was a guest speaker at the Annual Reunion Dinner in 1979. When he left Rich's, he studied Chemistry at St. Peter's College, Oxford, where he obtained his B.A. in 1965 and after a further two years' research in organic photo-chemistry was awarded a D.Phil. and M.A. At present, Ian is a Project Technical Manager with the Petrochemicals Division of I.C.I. This entails planning investment in one area of the Division's activities, with business responsibilities for another two product areas. It involves him in some foreign travel, with occasional short trips to Europe and last year to the U.S.A. and Australia. His interests are Squash, Swimming and Tennis on the sporting side and Music (playing folk guitar and listening) reading and compulsory D.I.Y.!! With two young sons, he reckons that these activities prepare him for the major job of keeping pace with them. Lives in Cleveland.

COLLINS, C. J., is at Cardiff University reading Geology.

CURTIS, T. V., is reading Law at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

DALTON, R., is at Nottingham University reading History.

DAVIS, S. N., is studying Mechanical Engineering at Brunel University.

DIX, M., is at Portsmouth Polytechnic studying Land Administration.

DYSON, N. J., is reading Biology at York University.

FAULKNER, D. W., gained his M.Sc. from Essex University.

FILLIS, J. E., is at Kingston Polytechnic on a Computer Studies course.

FLETCHER, I. P., is reading Biology at Queen Mary's College, London.

FULLER, A. E., is studying Mechanical Engineering at Manchester Polytechnic.

GABB, P. M., is at Nottingham University studying Chemical Engineering.

GLIK, D. C., is reading Business studies at Aston University.

GOSSAGE, B., is at Lanchester Polytechnic studying Electrical Engineering.

HAWKINS, J. J., is studying Civil Engineering at Imperial College, London.

HOGHTON, Leslie Guy (1917-21), lives at Minchinhampton.

He was employed by Midland Bank Ltd. and retired as a Bank Manager. He has been married for more than 40 years and is blessed with a daughter and two grandchildren. A member of Stroud Probus Club, his main hobby is gardening although he does attend a pottery class at Stroud Art School.

HUTTON, John F., (1935/42) was in September 1979 presented with the Annual award of the British Society of Rheology for "his contributions to Rheology in Industry, for his Services to the Society and for developing co-operation between Industry and the Universities".

John is employed by Shell Research Ltd., Thornton Research Centre.

He very kindly explains Rheology for the benefit of the uninitiated (which probably includes 90% of our readers) as a "branch of science devoted to deformation and flow. It is known as a multi-disciplinary science and the membership includes mathematicians, physicists, chemists, engineers and medicals, with societies throughout the world."

In October 1979 John was invited by the U.S. Society to give an Address at their 50th anniversary meeting in Boston, Mass.

Among his other qualifications he is an Honorary Fellow of University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.

John raises an interesting problem. I am quite prepared to accept that Mr. Frank Davies was known to Richians as Pat or Patsy according to their years at the School. John's suggestion that Mr. Davies exhorted his class (form, surely?) to learn some things "off pat", i.e. exactly and precisely, seems perfectly reasonable. Yet it worries me — whether Pat or Patsy, because of his sharp tongue and fierce manner, may have been originally "Paddy", i.e. temper? Such a suggestion, if true, would make the other two merely derivatives!

Perhaps there is an ancient Old Richian who knows what Mr. Davies was nicknamed when he first joined the Staff, and the reason.

IRVINE, P. J., was awarded his International Cap for Northern Ireland, competing in the World Cross Country Championships.

JEWELL, A. D. J., is reading Geography at St. Catherine's College, Oxford.

JONES, A. V., is at Hull University, reading Geography.

JONES, S. P., is reading Mathematics at Bath University.

KILYAN, Richard Edward (1971-77), is self-employed as a professional "disc jockey" — which may possibly be our first! — engaging in various local functions. His personal interests are music and photography.

LANE, D. J., gained his Ph.D. at Bangor University.

LEAVER, P., is studying Landscape Architecture at Leeds Polytechnic.

LEWIS, John, left Rich's in 1950 for an Open Exhibition in Chemistry at Merton College, Oxford, and obtained a First Class Honours in 1954 followed by a D.Phil. in 1956. He then spent two years with Albright and Wilson before moving to Loughborough University of Technology where he became Senior Lecturer in Organic Chemistry. In 1965, John moved back to industry as Deputy Head of Organic Chemistry with Reckitt & Colman where he is now Research and Development Director of the Pharmaceutical Division responsible for activities ranging from drug discovery, through development to clinical evaluation, to the market. He has maintained his foothold in the academic field with visiting appointments in the Universities of York and Lancaster and, more recently, with the University of Hull. As a good Richian, John's main sporting activity is Rugger which, in years gone by, he played at County level for Leicestershire. He has also played a great deal of Squash but claims that this is now on the decline so that he has been forced to taken up jogging!

He was a guest speaker at the Annual Reunion Dinner in 1979.

MAY, J. C., is at Bath University studying Electrical Engineering.

MULLINS, Noel, was appointed in September 1979 as Architect to the City of Winchester.

NICHOLS, B. R., is at Hull University reading Biology/Oceanography.

NORMAN, L., is at Bristol Polytechnic studying Applied Biology.

ORGAN, Clifford (about 1911 to 1915/16) wrote a chatty letter from his home in Ngaruawahia, New Zealand.

His main occupation at the tender age of 80 is golf.

He is a widower with four children and ten grandchildren. Two of his daughters were teachers, while his son was Editor of the "Turangi Chronicle" for a number of years, graduating to the Auckland Building Society by way of the Justice Department.

At the time of writing, Mr. Organ, his son and daughter-in-law had just returned from holiday and he was most enthusiastic about it. "Travel", he felt, "is not a luxury, but a good investment, good value for money, very educational."

PASSEY, A. C. J., is studying Mechanical Engineering at Brunel University.

PERKS, Professor Anthony Manning (1943-50), is at present combining his appointment as Professor of Zoology in the University of British Columbia, Canada, with being Faculty Research Scholar of the College of Medicine, University of Florida Medical School, U.S.A. This means that he has become well-known to many air-hostesses because he is obliged to commute regularly between the top left hand corner of America to the bottom right hand corner!

His research is into "the hormonal controls of the foetus before birth", and rediscovering that it is only another kind of fish.

Tony is an elected Member of Sigma XI (the United States Honorary Research Fraternity), and has been invited to speak in, amongst others, Quebec City, Florida, and Oxford.

Each year he is annual lunch companion of our dear Idris. I quote from his letter dated January 14th this year: "Please pass on my hearty congratulations to those who worked on the last School magazine — it was just splendid, and I was proud to show it to people here in America". (Duly done, Tony.)

Tongue in cheek, I am sure, he continues "I could not help noticing the great improvement in relations with the Crypt School, since their colour was used for the cover. Blue and Yellow for "The Cryptian" next year?" I hardly think so, Tony. We are, unfortunately, quite often in the hands of our printers and binders who, in order to keep costs down, supply from stock. Take heart, this current edition may be tucked into Ribston Green!!

POOLE, S. F., is attending North Gloucestershire College, studying Maths/Computing.

RALPH, R., is at Brunel University studying Mechanical Engineering.

RAMSTEDT, Christopher John (1966-73), qualified as a chartered accountant with Deloitte, Haskins & Sells in 1978 at his first attempt. He was due to take up a two year tour abroad (to further his career) at the end of 1979, probably in South Africa.

Played rugby for the Old Richians and hoped to see the building of their new Clubhouse before leaving this Country.

RAVEN, N. D., is reading Genetics at Sheffield University.

RICHARDS, S. J., was named as Trainee Radio Technician of the Year 1979 at G.C.H.Q.

ROGERS, D. G., is studying Aeronautical Engineering at Bristol Polytechnic.

SMITH, Sidney W. (1920-25), was Mayor of Gloucester 1978/1979.

A Vice-President of the Old Richians Association, Sidney served as our President from 1955 to 1958.

When he left Rich's he entered the Timber trade, being employed by Joseph Griggs & Co. Ltd., with whom he spent the whole of his business life, retiring as Managing Director in 1974. For the period 1960/61 he was President of the Bristol Channel Timber Importers Association and for many years represented the Timber Trade on the Gloucester Employment Committee.

He is a life-long Methodist and at present is Senior Steward with Lonsdale Road Church.

Always interested in the welfare of young people, he is a former President of Gloucester & District Sunday School Union, and served for several years on the City Youth Committee.

He was a member of the former City Education Committee and Governor/Manager of the City Secondary and Primary Schools. Since the reorganisation of local government in 1974, he continues to serve as Governor/Manager of several City schools.

For 20 years a member of the Longlevens Parish Council he was Chairman for some 13 years. Elected to the City Council in 1973 as a member for Tuffley, he is at present on the Health, Housing, Highways and Airport Committees.

A Rotarian, Mr. Smith was President of the Gloucester Club in 1971-72.

In his spare time(?) Mr. Smith is a keen gardener and enthusiastic walker, besides having many sporting interests.

Mr. Smith's son, Michael, also attended Rich's 1950-1955.

VICK, Wing Cdr. John (1928-34). Having completed 32 years RAF service, during which he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, John returned to his former home in Frampton-on-Severn after his retirement.

He is an accomplished miniature portrait painter and is an exhibitor at the Royal Miniature Society. Spends part of his year painting in Spain, somewhere between Alicante and Valencia.

His hobbies include caravanning, and he is often out with the local centre of the Caravan Club.

John's son is married to a Japanese and teaches English in Osaka. His daughter married a geologist whom she accompanied to Bahrain.

We have heard that a belated tribute to John's wartime service was paid in "Five Up", the autobiography of "Laddie" Lucas. John apparently flew with him as navigator in a Mosquito.

WATKINS, Keith, is at Bristol Polytechnic, studying Accountancy.

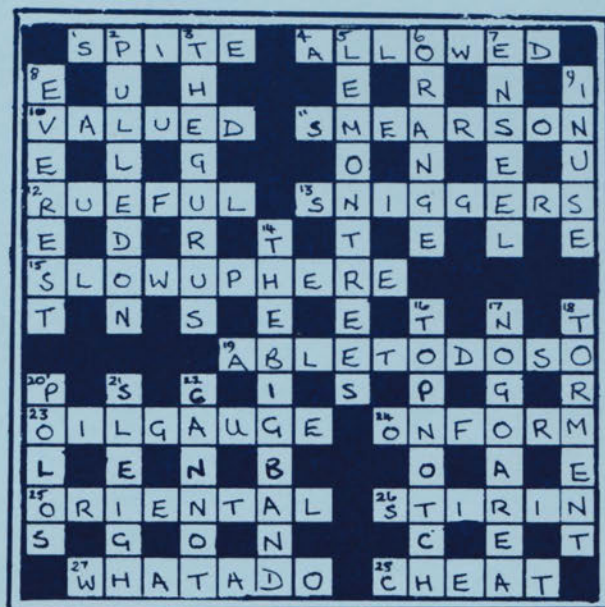
WILMON, G. L., gained a place at Aston University to study Electrical Engineering.

YEOMANS, R., gained an Exhibition reading Modern Languages at Downing College, Cambridge.

#### **The school would like to thank the following for their generous donations:**

Badminton club (Thursday evenings),  
Mr. Brian; T. V. Curtis, N. J. Dyson, A. Fuller, A. S. Lewis, Mrs. Neurater, Mr. Odgers, N. Priest, Mr. Walker and H. Wienecke.





# NOTE

Invaluable study aid for future 'A' level geographers: 'Local Projects in "A" Level Geography', A. S. Pilbeam, Allen & Unwin, 1980.

