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# Editor's Report

**"There was worlds of reputation in it but no money."**

The quotation illustrates the problems of this year's Richian. Unfortunately, because of lack of space, many first class contributions had to be set aside and we had to be very selective. Our apologies therefore to those submittants who do not see their articles in print. However we must thank those valiant sixth formers who raised £50 in a wet vote, their ducking in the swimming pool and their drenching with sundry materials, for coming to our rescue.

Although the budget was limited, we hope we have catered for all tastes. Our main goal throughout the many long and arduous hours was to present a magazine of a very high standard, but most of all one for your enjoyment. In this we have been helped by the editorial advisor and so the most thanks must go to Mr. Haynes for his unrelenting perseverance in producing the magazine, for without his tyrannical and sadistic rule the magazine would never have been ready.

**Richard Harris  
Simon Calver**

## Staff Editor's Report

Since taking over 'The Richian' in 1977, I have been impressed by the amount of work the Editors have put into the magazine's production. I should like to thank past editors like Dave Green, Tim Sergeant and Gary Bridge for their efforts, but I would like to say a special thank you to this year's staff.

Breaking with the tradition of working with people in the upper sixth, I have found boys who are interested in the lower school — so providing a degree of continuity in the difficult task of editing.

Simon Calver has given up many a long evening sorting through reports, re-writing them in order to present legible copies to the printers, pruning material and hardly tiring of the monotonous task of em-ing, justifying and unjustifying articles. His enthusiasm is to be commended. While Richard Harris has shown complete originality in setting the text. Realising from an early stage the difficulties involved when pages are to be aligned, he has faced problems and tackled them with confidence and a degree of precision. I feel that by the time he reaches the sixth form, Richard will be a very competent editor.

Producing 'The Richian' can be fun, or, of course, it can be a bind. During times of strain I was indebted, and so my gratitude must go to Simon Calver for relieving us all with his terrible puns and awful cliches which livened up what could sometimes have been stodgy evenings, and many thanks to Richard Harris whose lack of understanding caused more amusement than the textual errors we were correcting.

**G.E.H.**

## School Captain

The first major occasion of this academic year was, as usual, Speech Day. This year's chief guest, Sir Henry Plumb, member of the European Parliament for the Cotswolds, interrupted his globe trotting to spend an enjoyable evening with us.

Once again boys throughout the school took part in the Malvern sponsored walk collecting £200 for the Commonwealth Society for the Blind. Several other charities benefitted through school collections, although the support given could have been improved.

But my thanks to the lower sixth in organising the raid the larder scheme and then distributing their parcels to the local O.A.Ps.

The Michaelmas Term saw the first ever rock concert at S.T.R.S., 'Feedback', a rock band of four home grown sixth formers, played to an enthralled audience in a packed school hall. The end of January brought Mr. Haynes to the fore with his critical analysis of, and extracts from, the play 'Waiting for Godot' — an evening well supported by sixth-formers from all over the city.

Moving on, a few words about the newly formed Old Richians' Junior Section. Its aim is to foster greater interest in the school and I urge leavers to join without delay. Finally my thanks to Mr. Jones, our new caretaker, whose active participation and behind the scenes co-operation has made the past year highly enjoyable and extremely successful.

**David Cassell**

## Parents' Association

Mr. Ken Morris resigned as Chairman at this year's Annual General Meeting and his place was taken by Mr. Douglas Bruce who needs no introduction. Parents who attended this meeting were able to see the film shot by Dave Sullivan and his sixth form colleagues, with commentary by Mr. Moss. The film will serve as a permanent record to look back on concerning school life.

The first year parents' evening broke last year's record for covenants and will enable the school to enjoy a steady annual income for many years to come including income tax refunds on the monies covenanted by parents.

School activities and organisations benefitted from grants made by the P.A. which



this year totalled £4,000. Apart from the covenants, the major source of income was the annual dance and Orrel Rugby Club Draw. However, following adverse criticism it is unlikely that we will hold the draw next year. The dance was not as well supported this year but those who did attend were entertained by two bands and enjoyed an excellent buffet prepared by the refreshment mums.

Two sessions of decorating were carried out in the school by parents which helped to maintain the place's fabric in a first class condition, but there is plenty to do however and we will be looking for help again in the Autumn.

Last Summer saw a change to Sports Day which was held in the evening; the Parents Association provided hot dogs and refreshments. A cricket match took place between staff and parents which finished in the bar of the bowling club pavilion. The result was believed to be a draw.

The next few years will be extremely difficult for the school and it is important that parents continue to support the Headmaster and staff through the association in order to maintain the present high standards.

**K. G. White**

## Arrivals



Coming from London and Cambridge Universities, Sarah Hawker joined the staff in September to teach French and

some German. Her warmth of personality and sense of humour inevitably helped her in settling into the school and staffroom — a process which some, unfortunately, can find difficult.

By contrast with recent history, Sarah has established her charming presence not only in the classroom but also in the cycling club, Debate, Rambouillet Exchange, various staff sports and even the Prefects' Play for Cock House!

We extend our warmest welcome to her and wish her a long and happy stay.

**I.S.C.**

## Departures



David Joseph and John Bloxham have been at Rich's for sixty-seven years between them — over thirty years each — and are two of the dwindling band who can remember four headmasters. When two people have served an institution for that length of time they are part of the essential fabric and the ethos of the place, and their departure cannot but be keenly felt. In classroom and on the field they have perpetuated and strengthened the school tradition of caring about the place and the boys in it, and in the Common Room they have been constant sources of the laughter and quiet kindness which are such a mark of that rare and valuable association.

Now they leave us for retirement — only a shade greyer and the nearest bit less bouncy than the David Joseph who spent his spare time building his own house, or the John Bloxham who used to

cycle to and from Corse Lawn every day in all weathers. We shall miss David's anecdotes and John's clear-sighted, sane, cynicism about the world. We wish them well with all our hearts.

**N.J.B.**



On his appointment as Head of Geography at the Crypt School, Bill Spear leaves us with many fond memories. For some it will be of him battling against a strong east wind along Claypath, clipboard in hand pointing out the variations in fabric of Durham buildings, for others it will be the cheery welcome at the boathouse at 8.15 on a cold Saturday morning in January, or those awful puns at the lunch table or at the end of a gruelling expedition day with the Venture Scouts. Others will recall the imaginative work sheets on the Rambouillet exchange.

Those recollections are warm because Bill is a very good schoolmaster. A colleague described him as "loyal, resourceful and thoroughly involved", and when he came to us in 1972 from Grey College, Durham, his perceptive tutor referred to him as a real West Country gentleman. Both are right.

**A.S.P.**

At the end of the Lent Term we said "Goodbye" to Mr. Robert Fowler. He joined us from Wadham College, Oxford, the first appointment of our present Headmaster.



# OBITUARY

On Wednesday, June 3rd 1981, Mr. E. J. Pritchard died in Standish Hospital after a long illness. He was 71.

A native of Brynmawr, Gwent, Mr. Pritchard was educated at Exeter University and, in 1937, came to Sir Thomas Rich's to fill a temporary vacancy caused by the illness of Mr. R. H. "Chips" Saunders. On the return of Mr. Saunders, Eddie, as he was affectionately known, obtained a post at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Barnet. However, when "Chips" Saunders retired in July 1943, Eddie returned to Rich's as Woodwork and Games Master and remained on the staff until he retired as Senior Master in July, 1975.

Eddie was an innovator. One of the first things he did when he arrived was to stage a Hobbies Exhibition and these periodic exhibitions became a feature of his early days at the school.

It was in the field of sport however that he left his mark. In conjunction with Mr. W. J. Veale, the Headmaster, he introduced rugby to the school and refereed the first rugby match between the school team and the Headmaster's XV in 1946. He was a keen cricketer and had played in the South Wales League and for a Monmouthshire XI. He also played bowls for Gloucestershire.

Conscious of the fact that just after the war there were few opportunities for representational sport in the

county, he and Mr. A. G. K. Brown, the Olympic 400m silver medallist then teaching at Cheltenham College, founded the Gloucestershire Public and Secondary Schools Games Association which catered for cricket, rugby, athletics, cross country running, swimming and boxing. The highlight of the year was the Whit Monday County Athletic Championships at Lydney Grammar School. The Association lasted until about 1950 by which time control was passed to the constituent bodies of the various sports and schools became affiliated to the national bodies.

Then Eddie turned his attention to sport at a national level. He was the founder member and the first secretary of the English 19 Group Rugby Union and organised its first international (against France) at Kingsholm. He was a co-founder of the English Schools Cricket Association and staged the North v South trial on the Gloucester Spa ground, with Jack Hobbs and Herbert Sutcliffe as umpires. In those early days two of his students played for England — Brian Lane as hooker and Cliff Frowen as wicket-keeper. Eddie also served as one of the three Grammar School representatives on the National Council for School Sports.

Eddie had a genius for organisation. When Mr. Neale announced in 1956 that we should start a fund to celebrate the school's tercentenary in 1966, it was Eddie who

proposed that we should aim to match the £16,000 given by Sir Thomas Rich and that the money should be used to provide the school with its own swimming pool. Eddie undertook to raise the money. His sheer persuasiveness saw his efforts crowned with an astonishing £22,000. Ribston Hall and Pates Grammar School enlisted his aid for their own swimming pool projects and he was even consulted by an American firm of professional fund raisers who believed he could teach them something.

When the swimming pool was opened, there was still money to spare, and with the residue, Eddie set to the task of building a bowling green and pavilion, using voluntary and conscripted labour. From the fund also came money to pay for the registration of the school coat of arms with the College of Heralds, and the statue of the Blucourt Boy by Pat Connolly of Cheltenham. The school garage, the new changing rooms and the cricket pavilion also came from "Eddie's Fund".

In the school memorial service to Eddie Pritchard, Mr. Winstanley referred to the tablet to Sir Christopher Wren in St. Paul's Cathedral and commented that its wording could well apply to Eddie — *Si Monumentum Requirit, Circumspice* — "If you wish to see his monument, look around you".

We extend our deepest sympathies to his widow.

**D.I.J.**



# DRAMA



## WAITING FOR GODOT

**Vladimir:** Gary Bridge **Pozzo:** Simon Calver  
**Estragon:** Ian Cutting **Lucky:** Mark Simmons  
**Director:** George Haynes

After much controversy, Mr. Haynes gave an illustrated lecture to Gloucestershire schools on Samuel Beckett's enigmatic play "Waiting for Godot".

The evening began with an introduction about the strangeness of the play, concentrating on the theme of waiting. After the performance, Mr. Haynes gave a lengthy summing up on the play's Christian interpretation and finished with a rather pessimistic view of life and the human condition as he saw it as reflected in the play.

Described as a tragi-comedy, the play brought over these opposites fully. The humour came through presenting Vladimir and Estragon

as Laurel and Hardy type characters and the slap-stick dropping of the trousers comedy routine, while the play's serious side was created by the desolation of the Nick Sumner/Merlith Morrison set, the sadistic overbearing Pozzo, the cruel treatment of Lucky, and the incredibly long and static silence in Act II.

General congratulations should go to all the cast, but I would like to draw attention to Mark Simmons as Lucky. It could not have been easy acting with a noose around his neck, forced to hold heavy baggage throughout the performance. His stamina and endurance are to be commended.

It was evident that a great deal of work had gone into this production. I am sure all the people who saw it would agree that the weeks of arduous rehearsals, the doubts and conflicts were all worthwhile when the finished product was viewed.



# School Music



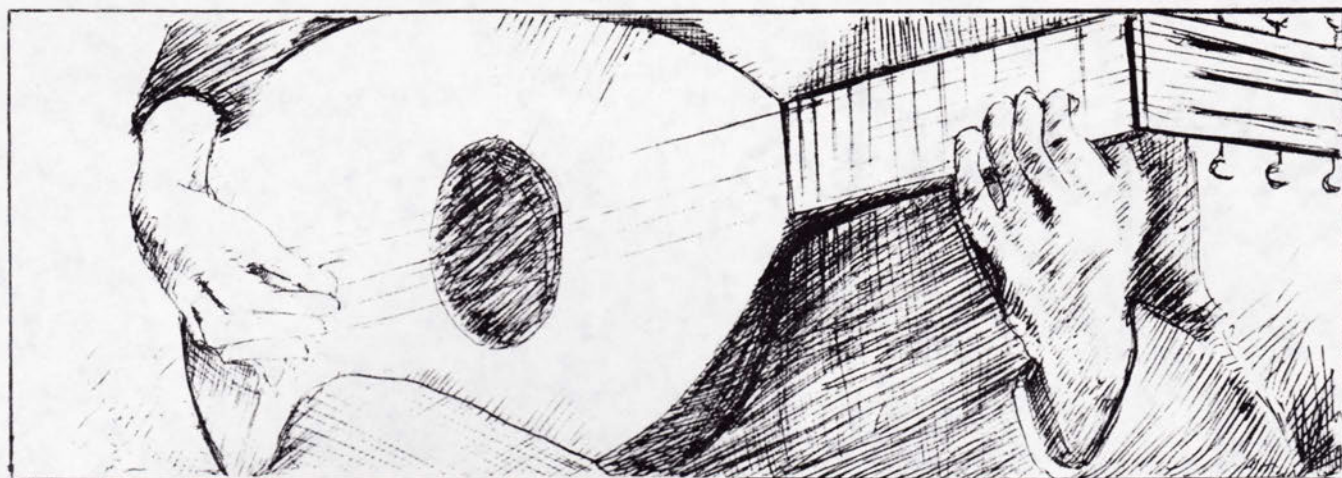
## FEEDBACK

In this review of the year, mention must be made of the school's own heavy rock group, Feedback, unfortunately now disbanded. Influenced by such groups as Rainbow, Deep Purple and Blue Oyster Cult, they performed four concerts in all between 1979-81: the first three at Longlevens Church Hall, and the last in the school hall — the group gave the profits from this concert to the school. They mixed well-known songs with several written by themselves. All members of the group are or

have been Richians: Pete Sullivan (bass guitar), Jer Smith (lead guitar), Phil Phillips (vocals), Rob Bewley (drums) and Dom Sheehy (keyboards). They increased in competence from each concert to the next and achieved quite a professional performance in the last one. They all deserve credit for making the effort to put their interest in music into practice; I know they put a lot of time into rehearsals. Of course they were far from perfect but considering their lack of experience and other commitments, they more than lived up to expectations.

**K. Howkins U6R**





1980-81 has again been musically a very busy year. Throughout the Michaelmas term the choir sang anthems in assembly, and for the Remembrance Service, "The Souls of the Righteous" by Walford-Davies was performed. The choir sang Evensong at St. John's Northgate and at Wells Cathedral.

The ever popular Christmas by Candlelight concert returned last year given by the Madrigal Group in the school library. The atmosphere was created by the combination of old rousing favourites with the rather more gentle carols; Michael Kirby giving a performance of Weber's "Concerto in E for Clarinet and Piano", and suitable readings by Messrs. Moss and Tavener, and by second former, Timothy Thorne. The whole evening, including the buffet, was a great success.

The carol Services were of a very high standard. Traditional favourites such as "Ding Dong" and "Sir Christmas" were sung, along with the moving "In the Bleak Midwinter", and "Carol of the Little King".

The most spectacular event was "Music and Monsters", a concert in two parts.

Finally thanks must go to Mr. Rangeley for his constant help and encouragement, without whom none of the above would have been possible.

**P. Phillips U6R**

## MUSIC AND MONSTERS

Invitations having been issued for the celebration of the wedding of Miss Dracula to the son of Frankenstein, the guests were assembled promptly at 7.30 p.m. in the school hall to pay their respects to the unhappy couple. A delay in the arrival of the wedding party, however, meant that the guests were able to relax for an hour while they were entertained by the school orchestra and a number of instrumental soloists.

The orchestra opened the programme with Rawsthorne's Overture for Farnham, and then individual players were given the opportunity to

prove their musical talent. The soloists were chosen from all years of the school, so their level of attainment varied considerably, and they had also been selected so that as wide a range of instruments as possible would be represented.

The players gave good performances, each at his own level, and some were affected less by nervousness than others. The two sixth form soloists, Thomas Davey (oboe) and Tobias Alington (violin) demonstrated their ability with a lively performance of Handel's "Allegro for Oboe, Violin and Continuo", accompanied by Michael Rangeley on the harpsichord, Mark Badminton competently played the solo violin while Thomas Davey conducted the orchestra for Küchler's "Concertino for violin and strings". John Chilman gave a most spirited and confident trumpet solo, while Kevin Adcock, apparently unhampered by the size and technical difficulty of the French horn, showed considerable musicianship in his performance of Mendelssohn's "On Wings of Song". Very sensitive playing came from Mark Broadhead on the cello and also from Glen Dohman on the guitar.

After the interval the choir of ghouls and fiends and their orchestra, led by Jean Alington and their "tormentor in chief" Michael Rangeley, were joined by the four members of the wedding party who had finally arrived, to perform Joseph Horowitz's "Horrotorio".

This was a most enjoyable and amusing piece, sung and played with considerable humour and enthusiasm. The four soloists entered into the spirit of the thing and sang their parts most dramatically, though unfortunately the words were not as clear as they might have been. The horrifying aspects of the music were heightened by ghoulish screams, the appearance of a large green dragon which ambled in a fairly friendly manner down the hall, and, not least, by the audience itself giving a very hearty rendering of "Baa Baa Black Sheep".

On the whole, an entertaining evening. Congratulations to everybody who worked hard to make it a success.

**S.I.H.**



# Reports

## DEBATING SOCIETY

We have been pleased to find that what STRS Debating Society thinks today, the rest of the world thinks tomorrow. Peter Westlake launched the Social Democratic Party months before the 'Limehouse Declaration', and Mrs. Thatcher's policies were branded 'an economic and social disaster' before unemployment reached two million.

There have been several Balloon Debates on topical subjects, and two debates held jointly with Denmark Road High School.

Nick Sumner replaced D. Q. Hook as Chief Reactionary; and we congratulate Nick, Keith Howkins and Ave Chaudhuri who together won the Rotary Club's Public Speaking Competition, slamming Darwin's Theory of Evolution, a subject which has become the Debating Society's cause célèbre this year.

**Christopher Jones U6T**

**Craig Pearce U6T**

## THE JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

The last school year saw the resurrection of the Junior Debating Society. From its lofty position in the Lecture Theatre, the Society looked out on the world below, and considered what was there. During the course of the year, various topics were discussed, and nuclear power, capital punishment and reincarnation were all dismissed as "pie-in-the-sky".

The Society's foundations were strengthened considerably by the immense support recognised from the lower school; some of whom, including Messrs. Fretwell and Williams, proved themselves to be very able speakers.

We would like to thank Nick Sumner for his invaluable assistance in artistic matters, and for keeping the rowdier elements at meetings under control. Also Mr. Cutting, our president, for his co-operation and encouragement, the Chairman for maintaining order, and the Secretary for proving that sarcasm is the lowest form of wit.

**D. Naylor 4T**

**A. Chaudhuri 4S**



## CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

One of the highlights of the year's events, occurred when Mr. Michael Dorgan of the 'Christian Mission to the Communist World' gave an illustrated talk about Christian life behind the iron curtain.

The fellowship also welcomed a missionary from India who spoke of her life in Delhi, and then Mr. Roger Chilvers, the local prison chaplain, who showed us an interesting, lively and up to date film on Noah's Ark.

We have maintained our connection with Denmark Road's Christian Union, which was continued by an evening meeting.

In closing we would like to thank the Rev. S. J. Woolley for all his help over the last three years and send him best wishes for his pastorate in Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex.

**N. P. Sumner U6T**

**P. Richardson L6T**





## FIVE SCHOOLS

The Association's events this year centred around end of term discos and the occasional topical debates, subjects ranging from disarmament to marriage being an outdated institution.

The Nuclear Debate was an after-effect of the showing of 'The Wargame' which was very successful, and my thanks go to Mr. Slinger for his help in arranging this.

Following the success of last year's music quiz, a general knowledge quiz was contested with Denmark Road coming out on top. Last term, two coach-loads went down to Bristol Ice-Rink, where after only their first tumble, many upper-sixth members retired to the bar to look down on the younger maniacs on the ice.

On the financial side, last year's trip to see 'Deathtrap' in London was not all that well supported, and we incurred a heavy loss, but the bank manager has at last calmed down, thanks to the discos, which make a small profit — and are always completely sold out.

## VENTURE SCOUTS

The Unit has continued to prosper this year, and much of the credit for this must go to the efforts of the six senior members, Nigel Brewster, Iain Weir, Pat Phillips, Stuart Bishop, Mark Simmons and Russel Watson, all of whom have achieved the Queen's Scout Award.

Among the activities that have occurred the highlight was undoubtedly last summer's visit to Norway. A party of fifteen divided their time between adventure in the mountains, and working for the Nansen International Children's Organisation. The work was carried out at two centres, one on Oslofjord where the venture scouts ably led by Old Richian, Phil Brown, dug ditches, painted, repaired roofs and gutters, and chipped out a swimming pool from solid rock! The other centre at Krattebol was deep in the countryside and far from the tourist routes. Here the work was mainly felling and transporting timber, and filling a barn with firewood for the long northern winter. Working with volunteers from several other nations proved to be a most interesting experience for the party. The highlight of the second part of the trip was a 30 mile hike across wild mountains — made more hazardous by the presence of reindeer hunters armed with high power rifles! After that visits to the snow of the Jostedal glacier — largest ice sheet in Europe and the Fjord country were made as the party travelled over western Norway by minibus, ferry, train, and mail coach to Bergen.

Those unable to go to Norway were able to participate in three major expeditions — to North Wales (to carry on a four year tradition of conservation work in the Carneddau National Park), South of Scotland, and North Wales again for a winter hike in force ten gales!

In addition to the exotic activities members have been involved in more mundane occupations such as digging gardens, felling trees, attending a First Aid course and indulging with success in a range of sporting activities. The Unit publishes its own magazine 'Venture 44' which is sent to many ex-members, and Friends of the Unit, with a circulation of approximately a hundred.



## RAILWAY SOCIETY

The Society has continued to prosper over the last twelve months, following the departure of Richard 'Jock' Cooke, and can now boast a membership of almost ninety.

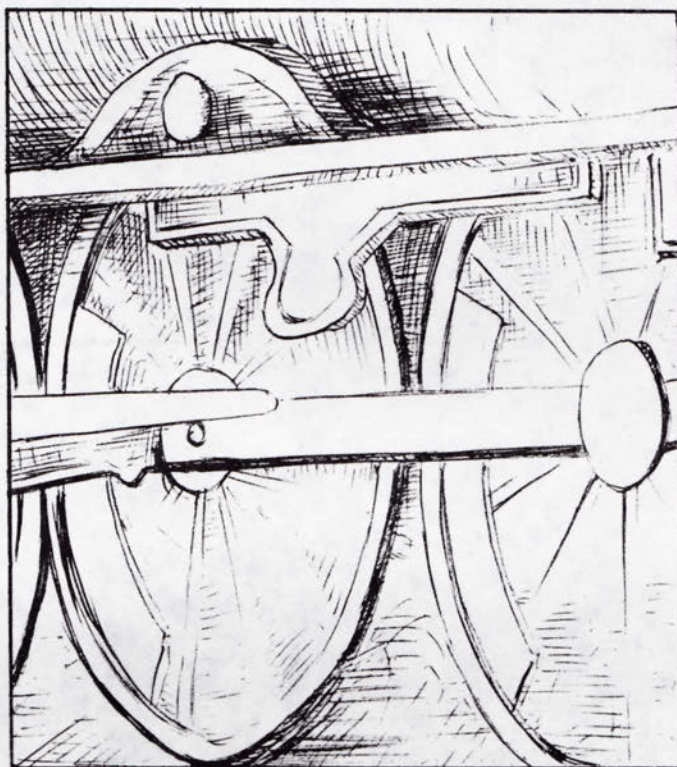
The first and biggest event of the calendar was a three day trip to Scotland. Leaving Gloucester at around 9.30 a.m., twenty-five members travelled north on Friday via Carlisle and Ayr to Glasgow, there catching an overnight train to Inverness. After having breakfast in Inverness, we travelled to Edinburgh via Aberdeen and Dundee where a much needed night's rest was taken. On Sunday we visited rail installations in Central Scotland before returning south in the late afternoon.

Several day trips have been organised during the year, visiting South Yorkshire, South Wales, Leeds and York, Manchester, and the North-East, and another three day Scotland trip is planned for the Summer.

Other activities have included a return visit to the Severn Valley Railway, and our regular meetings in the lecture theatre have included slide shows.

Finally, our thanks go to Mr. Cutting for his time, and for getting us out of many a difficult situation.

**M. Towkan U6T**  
**N. Holden U6S**



## CYCLING CLUB

The start of this new year at school heralds the start of a new leadership in the club. Our President, Mr. Spear, is leaving to teach at the Crypt School, but Miss Hawker has volunteered to become our new President. She will be leading cycling trips in and around Gloucestershire and any new members will be welcome to join her.

The racing season came to a climax last year with the entering of three members in the Western District Finals: A. Pearce came 29th, M. Riddick came 17th, doing a personal best, and best placed was K. Trinder coming 6th overall — just failing his personal best by three seconds.

**D. Baker 5R**

### First year cycling tour

On St. Valentine's Day, Miss Hawker lead a group of cyclists on a circular tour around northwest Gloucester taking in the sights as we passed. Passing through Maisemore, Corse and Upleadon, we discovered en-route medieval houses and a tithe barn.

**J. Shackleton 1S**  
**A. Barwick 1S**





## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In addition to our annual trip to Stancombe, we also visited South Wales last year, looking round Castell Coch (a Victorian mock-medieval castle) and St. Fagan's, home of the Folk Museum of Wales. The long awaited London trip took place in March: we walked around the Westminster and Whitehall areas seeing democracy at work in the form of a demonstration, presenting a petition to No. 10 Downing Street, and modern financial pressures; the eastern end of Westminster Abbey is only open at certain times and at a substantial cost. In the afternoon we visited Hampton Court Palace where sixth formers found that to get through the maze you had to keep turning right.

Events within the school included the first form Christmas quiz, won by 1R, and lectures by Nick Sumner on the development of naval arms, and Mr. Moss on the Emperor Nero. A final event was a 'know your place' quiz, based on the T.V. series, in which Mr. Huddleston made an appearance; the boys' team crushed the masters' by 37 to 34 points.

I would like to thank Messrs. Huddleston, Moss and Barrington, and of course Miss Townsend, for their combined interest, but especially all those members of my year who have loyally supported activities throughout their school career, and have formed the backbone of the society over the past four or five years.

**K. Howkins U6R**

## YOUNG FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

The society has been formed to promote an interest in the state of the Earth, has gained a great deal of support, mainly from the lower school.

The first term began with an illustrated talk by Miss Sue Everett of the Gloucestershire Trust for Nature Conservation. This talk was followed three weeks later by a showing of the Jonathan Dimbleby documentary 'The Bomb' and the printing of our first magazine which proved very popular with members. Probably the biggest venture of the first term was the nuclear power debate. Last November Mr. R. Smith of the C.E.G.B. defended nuclear power, and Mrs. Goodyear of the Gloucester Friends of the Earth opposed it the following week.

The second term, although no talks were arranged, was again very busy. A nature reserve was secured at Lassington Wood and conservation work has proved very popular with the members. An information file has been set up containing books and leaflets and a second magazine has been published.

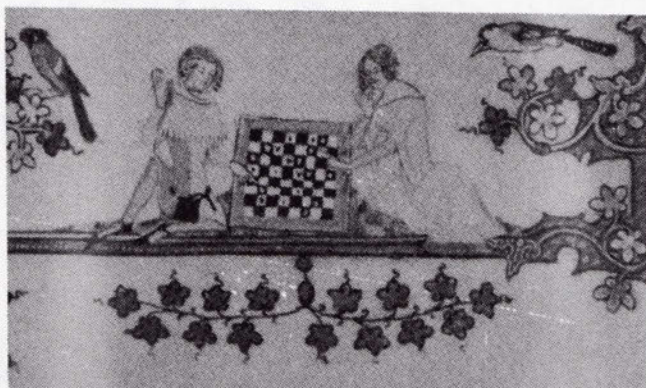
Our plans for the future include a trip to a nuclear power station or to the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, a film, a sponsored event, more talks and increased work at Lassington Wood.

May I take this opportunity to thank Mr. Slinger and the other committee members for their hard work over the year.

**M. Cole 4R**







## CHESS CLUB

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

The first team, in its first year in the premier division, has performed consistently and we can be well satisfied with our mid-table placing.

Particularly noteworthy, however, has been the performance of the second team who are at present leading Division Four and look all set to gain promotion for the second year running.

Unfortunately the team could not avert the annual catastrophe in 'The Sunday Times Tournament' where we lost on age handicap to the Harlow Middle School despite beating them by 4 boards to 2.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Mr. Fowler for seven years' service to the Chess Club during which he gave up a sizeable proportion of his spare time and thus enabled many woodpushers to become expert chess players.

Finally, I would like to thank Miss Hawker for taking over after Mr. Fowler's departure.

**G. Anthony U6S**

## BACKGAMMON CLUB

This year has been the most successful yet for the Backgammon Club and has seen a tremendous increase in members. The year began with our first external fixture against Avon Metals Ltd. Although the school team were defeated by 90 points to 39, it was an enjoyable and important occasion for the club. As a result of that match, the doubling cube has been brought into use, making every game more skillful and exciting. During the Autumn term a league was organised, which proved highly competitive. It was eventually won by Andrew Bruce with Steven Elkins finishing top of the second division. After Christmas the annual knock-out tournament was launched, again attracting a record entry. This is as yet unfinished but already there have been many hard-fought and exciting matches.

We now meet three times a week and we are regularly short of sets to satisfy the membership. We are grateful to Miss Hawker for taking over the role of President, following Mr. Fowler's departure, and to Mr. Watkins for the use of the room!

**Peter Wise L6R**





## AIRCRAFT SOCIETY

Full throttle selected, brake off and we were airborne from runway 09. The first take off of the new year. A series of circuits were flown until due to mechanical problems we made an emergency landing and backtracked. We solved the problem by a series of talks, and from the results of a competition we knew that it was safe to get airborne again. So we took off on a cross-country to the United States Air Force Base at RAF Upper Heyford. Here we were welcomed by the 20th Tactical Fighter Wing and shown around the base before returning home for tea.

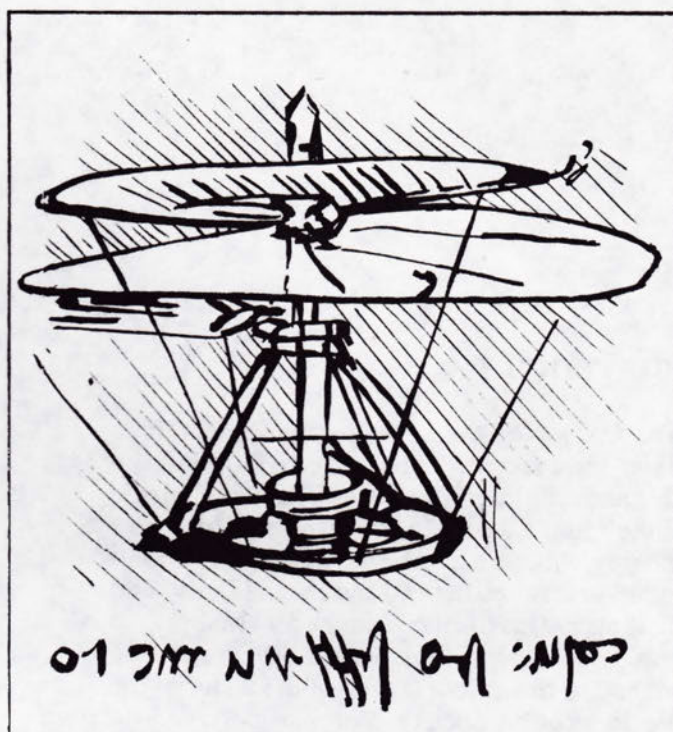
**M. Simmons U6R**



## DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS SOCIETY

This recently formed society is now thriving and meets on a Monday and a Friday in room 8 at 1.10 p.m. Any new members welcome, but are preferred in groups of 3 or 4 owing to the type of game. It is a fantasy role playing game which has its roots in Tolkein, R. E. Howard, Michael Morkot and other such famous fiction fantasy novelists. Many dungeons have been played including published dungeons like G1, B1 and self composed dungeons some of which have been created this term by new members to the society.

**K. Street U6T**

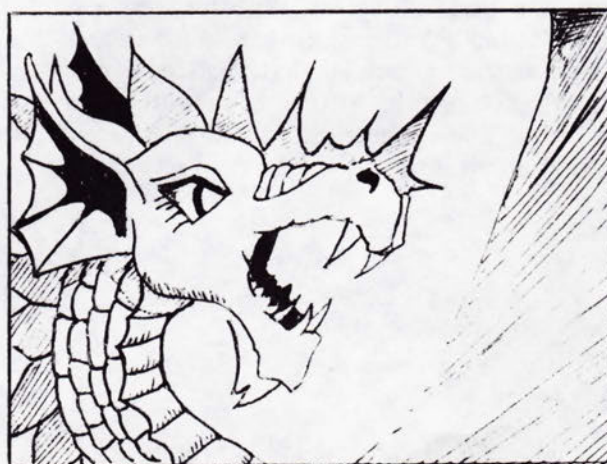


## ANGLING CLUB

Having beaten Rednock School, Dursley, so reaching the one day event of the National Schools Final held at Evesham, we finished a disappointing 23rd position out of 40 competitors. However, in the Eckington Open, Richard Harris (3S) won the day, gaining as his prize the match rod and then successfully helped our B team into a satisfying 5th position.

Since most of our activity takes place in the Michaelmas term, in appalling winter conditions, the Society members should be thanked for their dedication, and, of course, thanks to Mr. Barrington for driving us to matches and his general interest.

**M. Banks L6S**





## FILM SOCIETY

The first job on the agenda was to select three films for the term. Suggestions ranged from 'Emannuelle' to 'The Smurfs and the Magic Flute'. Sull's desire to show some of his home movies was shattered when equipment malfunction resulted in his 'Laurel and Hardy' film melting and his Shirley Temple film snapping in half. In the wake of this incredible catastrophe we had to resort to a survey of the tastes of the members of the society. Voting was very close with three films: 'Sweeney II', 'Blazing Saddles' and 'Monty Python', coming out on top. So the next day 'The Hound of the Baskervilles', 'Porridge' and 'Heaven Can Wait' were ordered. To avoid being lynched after the announcement of the term's programme, the members of the committee were forced upon to change their identity. The dashing, charming Mont overnight became the ordinary 'Soss'. The dull, unimaginative Sull became the dull, unimaginative 'Skip' and, finally, the slim, sophisticated Dave became the robust and generally irritating Ox and took to the role so easily that he has since found it difficult to revert to his original identity. (He ran off with the Society's funds and was last seen pulling a plough somewhere in South America).

So to the films. The star of 'The Hound of the Baskervilles' was undoubtedly the weak-bladdered dog whose performance sparked off a chain reaction among the 4th form members. People found 'Porridge' hard to swallow, and its story-line was so complex that it had to be taken with a pinch of salt. At time of press 'Heaven Can Wait' had not been shown and so little can be said about it.



## COMPUTING

The computing facilities have grown enormously during the last year. An Apple II microcomputer was purchased jointly by the LEA and the Parents Association who have recently paid for a printer to operate with it.

A Research Machine 380Z microcomputer was won by the school in the national competition run by the Department of Industry.

We now have about £5,000 worth of computing equipment which is being put to good use.

Next year the 380Z will be required to support the 'O' Level course because the computer link to the North Gloucestershire College & Technology is being terminated in July.

Apple has proved to be popular especially with the members of the four computing clubs in the junior school. The club membership is approaching forty.

I would like to see club membership grow over the next few years but it will always be difficult to completely satisfy demand.

R.L.T.





The two major events of the weekend's journey were the trips to the Lake District and to Yorkshire.

On the Saturday we made our way across to Yorkshire in order to visit Wuthering Heights, Thrushcross Grange and the moors where Catherine met with Heathcliff in Emily Brontë's novel. The landscape is best described in the book, and as we saw, it was "great swells of long grass undulating in waves to the breeze".

Top Withens, the house used by Brontë for Wuthering Heights, was visible from where we stood on the moors, although its architectural qualities were not so clear due to its present state of ruin. However the novel tells of "the atmospheric tumult" to which the place was "exposed in stormy weather. The narrow windows are deeply set in the wall, and the corners defended by large jutting stones". Indeed, the large jutting stones were clearly visible and the house itself was in fact 'exposed' as the novel puts it. This visit to Wuthering Heights was accompanied by a trip to the Brontë Museum where, apart from the inevitable pieces of restored furniture, paintings and other artifacts, there were some interesting pages from the miniature diaries made by Emily and Anne. The writing, however, was virtually illegible from the distance at which the works

could be viewed, but nevertheless the diaries provided us with a picture of the life-style of the Brontë family; a lifestyle in which they seemed to have all the time in the world to indulge in their pursuits at a leisurely pace.

The following day's events included a trip to the Lake District for a view of Grasmere, Rydal and Dove Cottage, where William Wordsworth had lived for half a century with his wife, Mary Hutchinson. He had described his feelings towards the surrounding landscape as "a whole, without dependence or defect . . . perfect contentment, unity entire". No doubt Wordsworth was fortunate enough to exist in a Lake District which was free from tourism, but despite these modern intrusions, the natural beauty of the high craggy peaks could not be avoided in any way. The distant peaks were veiled in an ethereal haze formed by the steady rainfall whereas the nearby mountains were enshrouded in a coating of lush, velvety green. Therefore the rain did in fact enhance the visual impact of the mountains rather than diminish it.

So the weekend's journey had been fulfilling and entertaining, thanks chiefly to the co-operation of Richard and Margaret, and to Mr. Haynes' first-class organisation of the event.





The seventh year of the Exchange brought various changes — an English coach in France; slightly less pupils and teachers — but the same style continued. The weather was unhelpful but M. Mitterand made up for it by awarding us a holiday. Merci!

It is difficult to choose from the kaleidoscope of impressions one element which epitomises the whole exchange except for, perhaps, the sight of a group of English boys illustrating the techniques of gothic architecture by claspng each other's hands and thus supporting the weight of Malcolm Miller, the English guide to Chatres.

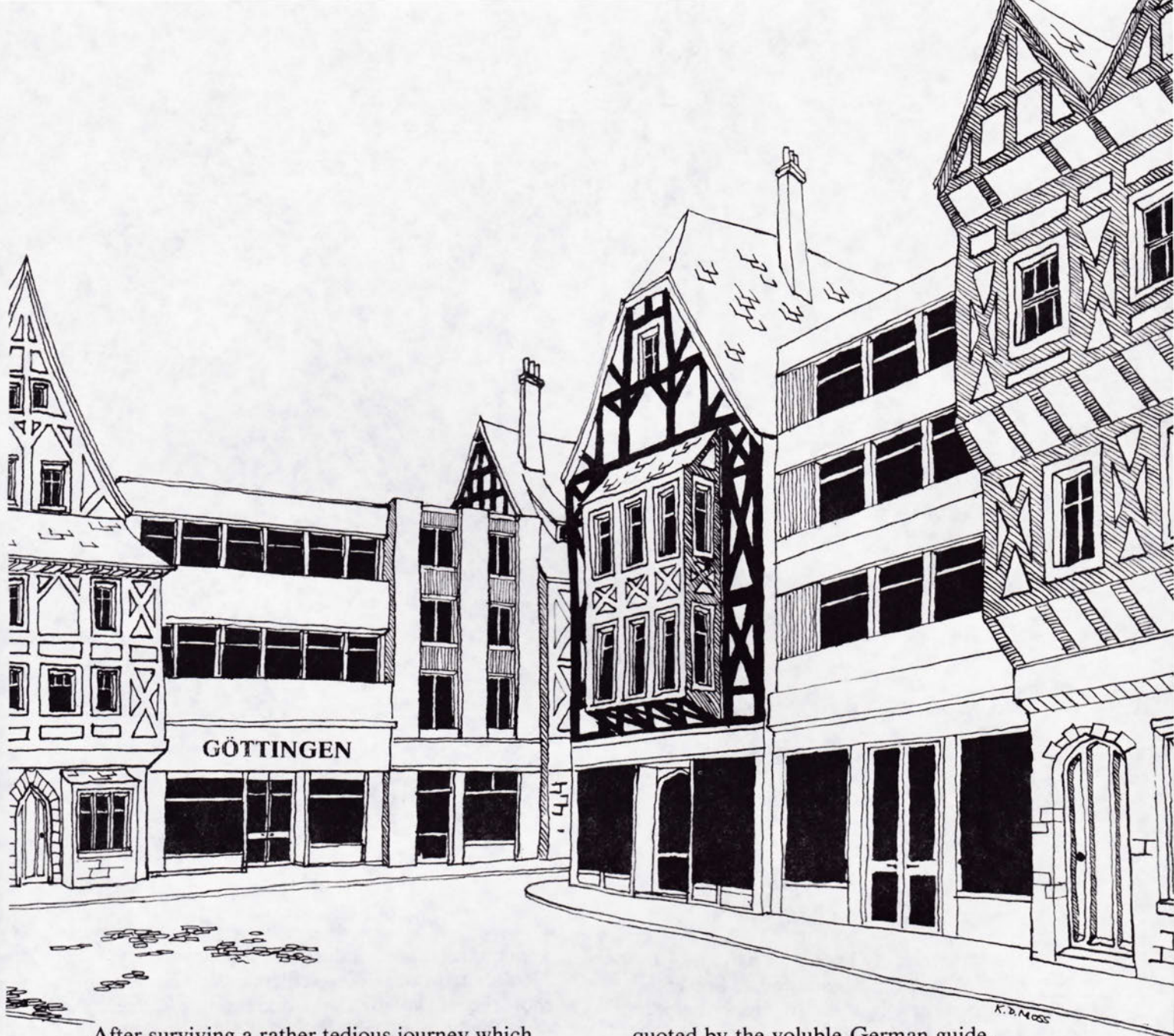
I thank most sincerely Mrs. Davie, Jenisch and Scofield of Colwell School and Miss Hawker for their invaluable help and support. With such a team success is guaranteed.

### Mardi le dix-neuf

Je me lève à sept heures et je m'habille. Puis je mange mon petit déjeuner. Après, je vais au lycée en autobus, avec Jean. Christophe, ou je rencontre mes amis et les professeurs. Puis nous montons dans le car et allons au Chateau de Versailles. Il fait beau et chaud. Le chateau est très grand, le périmètre est onze kilometres. Le chateau est très intéressant, malheureusement je ne peux pas entendre parler le guide. A une heure nous allons au parc et mangeons notre pique nique. Après, tout le monde fait de l'aviron sur le lac. Malheureusement, j'obtiens des doques, dix-neuf francs est le prix pour un bateau.

Nous arrivons au lycée à quatre heures et demie. Jean-Christophe et moi allons à sa maison. Je travaille pendant une heure, puis je joue avec Jean-Christophe. A huit heures nous mangeons notre dîner et puis nous allons jouer au football avec David Hinks et son partenaire. Après une heure et demie nous nous arrêtons et retournons à nos maison, ou nous allons dormir.





After surviving a rather tedious journey which lasted an incredible twenty-four hours and five minutes, we arrived at Göttingen station both apprehensive and excited. From the moment we were introduced to our German families we tried to live and eat in the same way as our partners. Separation from our fellow-countrymen did not last long, however, as on the next day we all met for a tour of the massive, modern, Otto-Hahn Gymnasium, with its 1700 pupils.

Later in the week we were taken on a day-trip through the peaceful villages of Lower Saxony to the Harz mountains. Under the leadership of Herr Kluge we left the coach and embarked on a long walk through pine forests to the top of the Achtermann, well over 3,000 ft. high, and a marathon which was not improved by the fact that at one point we lost our way! From here we gazed over the Iron Curtain to the Brocken, the highest summit in the Harz, blanketed in the eerie, menacing silence which hung over the whole of the landscape visible to us in the D.D.R. Later on we visited an ore mine of historical interest at St. Andreasberg, further interest being provided by "E.G.S." rushing to keep up with the flood of facts and figures being

quoted by the voluble German guide.

For the rest of the time we were with our German hosts, experiencing the delicacies in food and other celebrations such as the Osterfeuer which form part of the German Easter. When our partners returned to school, we went with them, at least to begin with, though eventually many of us wandered off to look round the town, with its mediaeval walls, its old Rathaus and its half-timbered buildings contrasting with modern shops and offices.

Our journey was not without its mishaps. One girl from Denmark Road broke her ankle, Sean Brettell broke his wrist playing football and Neil Manders ended up in hospital with suspected appendicitis — fortunately only a false alarm.

It only remains for us to thank our German families for their generous hospitality, and Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Miss Dennis-Jones for their valuable guidance. Thanks, too, to Mr. Slinger who made many of the arrangements, but did not accompany us.

**C. Peachey 4T**  
**M. Kozlowski 4S**





During the last week of October, a party of 40 members of the school Naturalist Society descended upon the Isle of Arran. Our base for the week was the Lochranza centre, owned and run by Dr. and Mrs. Hugh McKerrrell. They added to our trip by giving us the benefit of their multifarious talents, their encyclopedic knowledge of the flora, fauna and history of Arran which made us so much more aware of our surroundings. As well as guided walks, led by the McKerrrells, we were very fortunate in having Jonah Williams as our guide on several occasions. Jonah knew more about the wildlife on Arran than probably anyone else on the island, and his illustrated lecture one evening proved just how rich and varied an area Arran is.

Arran is described as being a microcosm of Scotland, having rugged highlands in the north and lowland pastures in the south, thus providing both farming of all kinds in stark contrast to the large areas of moorland and forestry. This diversity is also reflected in the island's wildlife. And for me, seeing the majestic golden eagle soaring above the cliffs and the rutting stag and timid deer watching us from a distance, must remain the most outstanding memory of the trip.

A coach tour showed us more of the island's

agricultural based industries and its history: Neolithic/Bronze-Age settlements, and the more recent Dougrie Lodge and Brodick Castle, once the homes of the Dukes of Hamilton and Montrose, who ruled Arran until this century. The coach trip proved to be the only time when it was necessary to restore order amongst the senior members of the party.

On the final evening we were given an illustrated lecture by Prof. Wills on Arran's geology. The first of the two films concentrated on the more outstanding features of his female research students, and the second, filmed in the Kenyan highlands, concentrated on many of the features not found on Arran, such as dust storms and dried up river beds!

For those taking, or intending to take, 'O' level Biology there was a chance for a day's field work. And, as in traditional on Naturalist Society expeditions, there was a competition with prizes.

The holiday ended all too quickly and it was time to migrate south. All those who went on the trip owe a great deal to the irrepressible J.Y.C. and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Winstanley without whose hard work and planning the week would not have been possible.

**D. Q. Hook**



# CONTRIBUTIONS



# PAGES





### **The Trench after the battle**

Like a scar the trench cuts into the earth's skin,  
 Bodies litter the area, unmoving, uncaring,  
 They were victims of greed,  
 Gassed. The men unseeing, but eyes staring  
 Wander aimlessly.  
 Wounded, unable to move, they cling tenaciously to life,  
 But in vain. They too will die,  
 Flea ridden, vermin drown in the mud.  
 Dead soldiers drowned in their blood.  
 Desolation. Destruction and death everywhere,  
 Where are the soldiers with buttons gleaming?  
 Where are the officers? Where is everybody?  
 Gone. All gone. Dead or deserted,  
 A few lie buried. The majority left to rot.

Where are the people who started this war?  
 The ones who inflicted the suffering and pain  
 who, given half the chance,  
 Would inflict this terror again.

**Carl Langford 4R**

Days of violence, days of toil,  
 Days of strikes which none can foil,  
 Social unease looms everywhere  
 Alas, too much for me to bear.

Wars are waged 'most every day  
 Problems which I can't alay  
 Tranquil times of bygone days  
 Like a shadow, drift away.

Oh, how troubled life can be  
 When a soul cannot be free  
 From the problems that life bears  
 Along with all the worries and cares.

**R. Hill 4T**



### **The Concentration Camp**

Thru' barbed wire fencing the zombies stared out,  
 Unable to comprehend what life's all about.  
 Their eyes glazed, tired eyes, atrocious and red,  
 Looked out at a free world, but inside they were dead.  
 By the hundred they perished, yet none had the right  
 To choose or to argue, to question, to fight  
 In the farcical life (and this was a sin).  
 Everyone lost and no-one could win.

Now forty years later, we look back and say,  
 'How bad! How horrendous! How good life's today!'  
 But the innocent are dying, in Ireland and elsewhere,  
 These crimes are horrific and I think we should care  
 About keeping the peace all over the earth,  
 So a mother can say to a child at his birth,  
 'You are born to a world where war is no more,  
 And everyone's wealthy and no-one is poor'.

**M. Cole 4R**





## CALYPTOGRAPHIC FLUGELHORNS

Inversely proportioned egg mayonnaise  
Dental reduction – the in lesson craze  
The socialist vendor  
The Mendelian Gender  
The Malvernoid spender  
Phylogenous ways.

S. Buley and M. Simmons U6R

The Head of Darwin

'Our heads are round so that thoughts  
can change direction'. Picabia.

Ugly axebow Ape-head sunk  
In white old strawfur neck.  
Pudding-basin head-cut streaked  
Across with channel-chapped trek.

Bacon rasher forehead grilled  
In quarried cragslope face  
Of scorn; sneer, sneer, pity, sneer;  
The changing face of the pace-chase race.

Krace

Almighty. No, not him for sure.  
He dropped dead long before;  
Consumed in stinking greygarbed stone;  
Carved from Mary's 'womb-sweet-home'  
(Yes, mother, just like yours).

For I'm as great a man as He,  
I have my cross to bear,  
But Darwin I could never be,  
Unless I shaved my hair (my hair).  
Unless I shaved my hair.

R. Bowers L6R

Unashamed, Summer sheds her clothes  
And the wind as soft and gentle  
As the early morning sun  
Steals the first withered leaves from the tree tops.

The leaves fall fluttering earthward  
Whilst dextrously avoiding the outstretched  
Arms of the trees.  
Reaching the ground, they tumble playfully  
Over one another,  
Blissfully unaware of the ominous whispering of the trees.

Winter stretches her cold fingers,  
And, at last, the countryside subsides into silence  
As the cold wind carries an air of bitter anticipation,  
To which nature submits,  
Reluctantly resigning herself to the inevitable hardships to come.

S. J. Trigg 4R

## THE ONTOGENOUS MERIDIANS OF SALTED PEANUTS

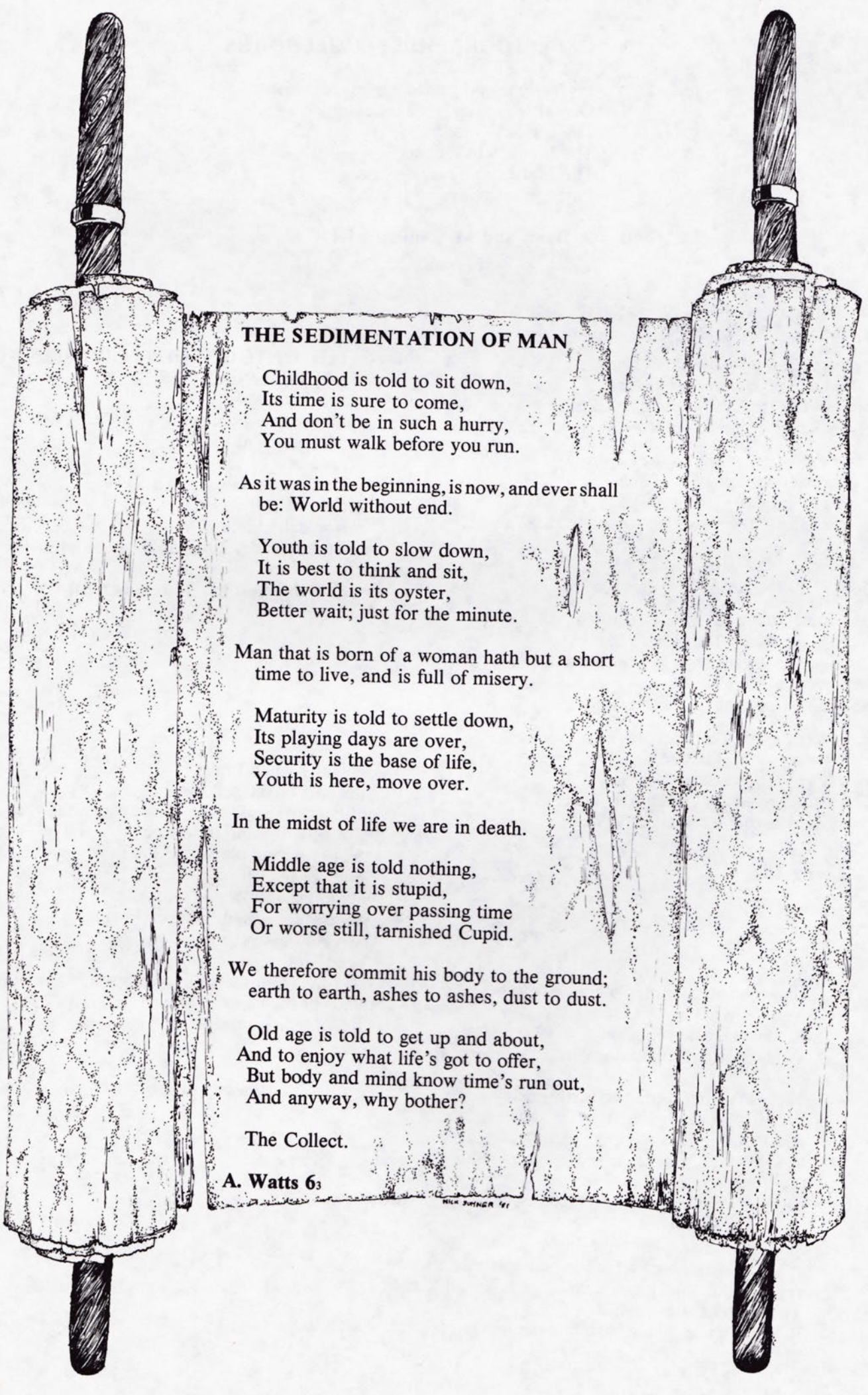
They came from the East  
All spicy and brown  
A sarong of saliva  
To Freud's salted town  
Cosmetically coated  
Ironically bloated  
And oven dry Roasted for over an hour.

S. Buley and M. Simmons U6R

Especially when I hear  
the sing of the salt sea  
And hear the waves crashing against the rock  
Booming with sand in its eye  
That I cross the planets of the dead  
and see myself  
Flow in the ship-shape clouds  
A foresaken, naked, immortal being,  
And your deathless face  
seen on the green  
Like a queen in the sunless salt sea,  
Sounds of the shore  
Echo and re-echo to me your love.

G.E.H.





## THE SEDIMENTATION OF MAN

Childhood is told to sit down,  
Its time is sure to come,  
And don't be in such a hurry,  
You must walk before you run.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall  
be: World without end.

Youth is told to slow down,  
It is best to think and sit,  
The world is its oyster,  
Better wait; just for the minute.

Man that is born of a woman hath but a short  
time to live, and is full of misery.

Maturity is told to settle down,  
Its playing days are over,  
Security is the base of life,  
Youth is here, move over.

In the midst of life we are in death.

Middle age is told nothing,  
Except that it is stupid,  
For worrying over passing time  
Or worse still, tarnished Cupid.

We therefore commit his body to the ground;  
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

Old age is told to get up and about,  
And to enjoy what life's got to offer,  
But body and mind know time's run out,  
And anyway, why bother?

The Collect.

A. Watts 63



# SPORT

## Tennis

School tennis is currently enjoying a boom. With the First VI unbeaten (except in the Glanvill Cup) for over two years and plenty of keen players in the lower part of the school the next couple of seasons look promising.

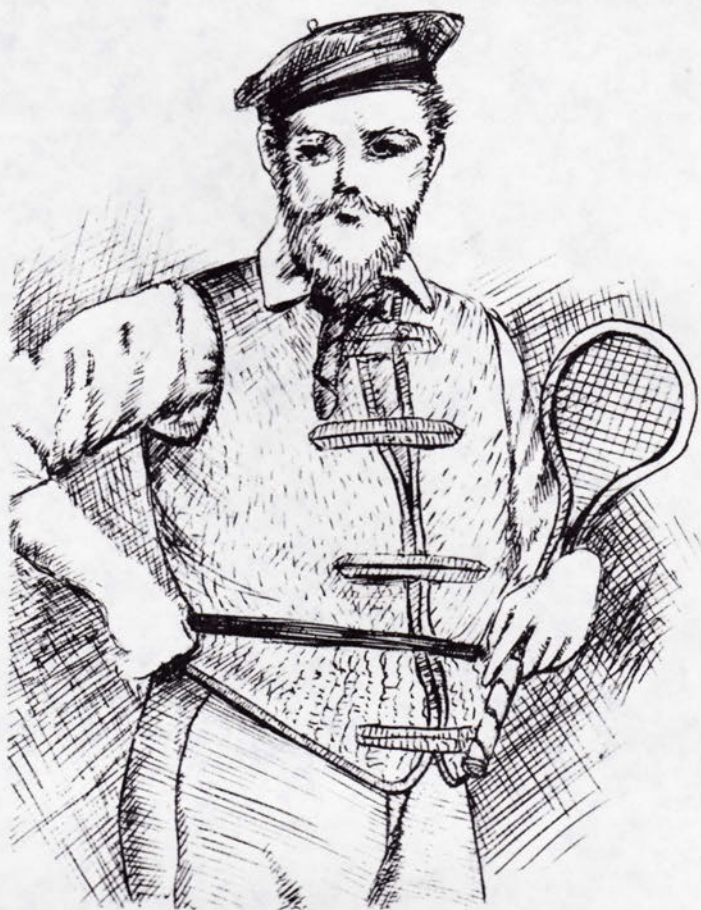
Now that half of the season is over we have had victories over Marling, Wycliffe and Dountsey's in the Glanvill Cup and have also beaten Whitefriars, Dean Close and Magdalen College School. This last result was particularly pleasing as it was the first time we had beaten our friends from Oxford, although we had previously drawn with them.

Glanvill Cup progress was halted for the third successive year by Barton Peveril College from Hampshire, who beat us 3-0. The other victor this year has been the weather for on three occasions courts have had to be swept during the match (grateful thanks to Mr. Jones!) and the game against Dean Close was played in drizzle.

The players, Bewley, Bruce, Fuller, Hamid, Radford, Smith and Westlake have coped well in the conditions and colours have just been awarded to Smith and Westlake by Robin Bewley, the captain.

The Under 16 side have so far only played two matches, winning against both Dean Close and Magdalen College School. What they lack in experience has been more than compensated for by enthusiasm and it seems a pity that we cannot run another side for third years.

In July we play against an Old Richians VI for the first time and we hope that this may become an annual fixture.



## Badminton

Unfortunately this year very few matches have taken place owing to the decline of schools' badminton in the county.

In the matches that were played, we lost to Upton Park School (London) and Beaufort School.

Nevertheless we upheld our tradition of supplying players for the county teams – M. Collins, N. Brewster (U18), C. Fisher (U14) all representing Gloucestershire throughout the season.

The club would like to thank Mr. Henderson for his continued support and his attempt to interest members from the staff and lower years.

## Squash

While the junior and senior tournaments are at present coming to a close, the first team has had a very rewarding season, finishing second in the Sunday league only losing two closely contended matches to Rendcomb College. However the 'B' team has had a disappointing season in results but encouraging in the standard of play by the younger members, for instance noticeable improvements have been seen in N. Shackleton and P. Smith during the course of the year.

**T. Smith U6R**

**N. Brewster U6R**



# Rugby



## FIRST XV

**P13 W6 L6 D1**

As in recent years, this was a mixed season for results. Excellent performances, including a memorable effort against Chosen Hill and good performances against Kings and Bournside were balanced against disappointing games in which the team seemed to lose concentration.

An inexperienced lightweight pack of forwards strived hard but with little reward in the heavy conditions of much of the season, but the back division with possession showed they had more flair and pace than most sides.

This season, however, the team, and indeed the whole squad, shared a degree of

commitment in both training and matches which was absent last year, thus helping to provide good spirit and the right attitude throughout.

**Colours:** D. Bishop, S. Bishop, O. Morris, N. Poulton

## SECOND XV

**P9 W5 L3 D1**

The young but motivated team this year was badly hit by injuries and loss of players to the 1st XV, but despite these the pack were able to dominate the opposition and so gain a good set of results.

**Colours:** D. Cassell, N. Lawrence, A. Wasley, R. Watson

## COLTS XV

**P16 W11 L4 D1**

A fine season which saw good wins over Culverhay, Cheltenham G.S. and Marling. The first defeat came in mid-October at Bournside in a match which was extremely well-contested in atrocious conditions, the final score being 4-9. With the exception of the game against Wycliffe College, the other defeats were also close affairs.

**Colours:** A. Baker, R. Griffiths, B. Herbert, D. Parsley, R. Penn.

## U14

**P16 W7 L8 D1**

An inconsistent season. On the one hand the team ran in a





victory of 52-0 against King's, a respectable-looking opposition, and there were occasions when the team showed tenacity as in the game against Bournside which resulted in a 0-0 draw after a determined struggle against a strong opposition and the elements. Yet for no obvious reason it gave thoroughly dispirited performances against teams like Lydney and Backwell – games that remain in the memory as reminders that rugby is a team game which depends on the ability and willingness of certain members to lead and the others to follow. The absence of this combination goes a long way towards explaining the team's mixed fortunes this season.

**Colours:** P. Anthony, S. Brazington, S. Elkins, R. Harris, N. Street

### **U13**

**P16 W16 L0 D0**

A marvellous season for the U13. It well illustrated the point that team work and technique can stop opponents at much greater size. With the forwards winning possession in most phases of the game this provided opportunities for back row attitudes which produced so many of the team's points.

### **FIRST YEAR XV**

**P11 W9 L2 D0**

Key words of this season must have been enthusiasm and involvement with regularly attended training sessions and close liaison with the cross

country club producing mutual benefits and many sound players. As a result selection for the 1st XV could be made from a variety of equally able players.

The initial match against Oxstalls was valuable and has lead to other teams being unbeaten locally. Hard and regular training has also proved to be the only way to beat more than just local sides.

Thanks to all 40 plus players involved throughout the year as well as the many parents for their support and taxi services to away matches.



# Cross Country



## JUNIOR

The loss of a successful nucleus to the Senior Squad left the Under 15's somewhat lacking in both numbers and depth. An enthusiastic group of first year runners have formed the majority of the Under 13 team. Although their inexperience sometimes took its toll, they show considerable promise for next year.

At the District Trials, a large number qualified to represent the City at the County Championships, held in December. U12 – J. Shackleton (1st place in District Trials), B. Ravenhill (3rd), S. Rogers (8th),

N. Yearsley (10th), J. Foster (12th); U15 – C. Mayo (1st), G. Reed (2nd), G. Smith (3rd), N. Butler (8th), M. Beagles (12th), A. Houldey (13th), P. Gilonis (15th); U17 – J. Barry (6th). Of these, Shackleton, Mayo, Smith, Reed and Barry (reserve) were selected to represent Gloucestershire at various Inter-County events, Mayo and Smith going on to compete in the National Championships at Wigan.

Noteworthy features of the season have been some fine individual performances, and a degree of general commitment throughout the Junior year groups which culminated in our

winning the Champion School Trophy at the Charlton Kings Relay at the end of the season.

## SENIOR

An early home victory over the Army Apprentices College, Chepstow, set the tone for the later Autumn Term wins over Millfield, Marling, St. Brendan's and Warwick Schools, with defeats at the hands of Abingdon and Marlborough only.

The first relay of the season at Beachley brought encouraging success to a team of varying age





and experience. David Price, Peter Mayo, Wayne Salter, Jeremy Smith, Nicholas Shackleton and James Moss achieved second place in a strong field of 20 school and young army teams. David Price clocked the fastest individual lap of the day, as he was to do later at both Abingdon and Sutton Coldfield.

Some fine running brought the 'A' Team second place once again at the Abingdon Road Relay. This was probably the best result of the season, bearing in mind the large field of 50 school teams, in which the 'B' Team finished 22nd. Sixth place in November at the Sutton

Coldfield Relay was slightly down on last year's result.

In December, Price became Senior County Champion for the second year running, and Mayo, Salter, Shackleton and Moss were also selected to represent Gloucestershire. Various Inter-County events were held, culminating in the National Championships at Wigan in March, where Peter Mayo rounded off his school running career with a creditable 73rd position.

During the Easter Term the team suffered the loss of Price, Mayo and Salter, and the thanks of the team must go to them for their loyalty, and most marked

contribution.

Adjusting to these departures, the team lost to King Henry VIII and Worcester Royal Grammar schools, and were placed 33rd in the Coventry Relay. 11th position in the Oxford Tortoises Relay showed an increase in confidence, as did a further win over Marling. Towards the end of term, the trio of Shackleton, Moss and MacManus won the Under 17 division of the Charlton Kings Relay. Finally, a visiting team from London, St. Dunstan's College, Catford, were defeated on a very wet and windy March Saturday. These latter successes augur very well for next season.



# Rowing



This report on the activities of the Rowing Club for 1980-81 is both the first and sadly the last I have had to give since taking over from Mr. Middleton last September.

The strength of the club this year has been very much among the junior members showing the sort of progress and enthusiasm that will look promising for the future. Thus participation in competition was more productive of experience gained rather than trophies won.

In the Autumn all but the new intake were presented with their A.R.A. Proficiency Award badges and certificates. These were for the basic watermanship skills of Rowing, Sculling and Coxing. Mike Barton gained the distinction of being the first in the country to gain all three, and the club the distinction of being the top holder of awards.

The winter Head racing season saw an inexperienced and Junior crew taking on open club crews. At Gloucester, going for experience in the Novice Eights Division, James Bizoumis coxed the J.16 crew in a well paced and exciting race to beat the King's School who took the J.16 Division pennant. As the season progressed James served the crew faithfully through training outings and the atrocious conditions at Exeter, to culminate in two well steered races on the Tideway at Putney. Although outclassed, John Pepperell stroked the eight well

in an event attracting the best of rowing in Britain — from the top few crews in the country to clubs like Rich's merely representing dedication to a regime that is 99% training and only 1% competition. Praise is due to the other members of the eight including the three J.15 members who shared two places through the season.

The need for dedication to training as well as competition sums up the contribution of rowing in school as I have been able to observe it over the past nine years. My observations began when I was able to witness the outstanding achievement of the record setting win in the Boston Marathon in 1972. This was my first real insight into competitive rowing and in the years since I have been involved with members of crews who have given up much to achieve similar success.

Memories are difficult to express but a few will serve as testimony of the activities of the club. Beginning with the prophecy of success in the 1972 Marathon from the 'Daughter of Gypsy Rosy Lee'. Hands that have been training for the 32 mile Marathon say much about training and dedication quite apart from hinting at the future! Then down on Loch Ness in August 1975 before a fairly ordinary Rich's crew rowed their way into the Guinness Book of Records. O.U.B.C.-style wellies

for a winning J.15 crew; was it a bribe or a motivating outside bet? The mad stampede as another Rowing Club Toy Sale exploded into action. The insanity of football after weight training, camping on Haldon Hill, breakfast in Totnes and a nine-mile race to Dartmouth. Coxing (yes, all 12½ stone of me!) a four round Plymouth Sound. Cycling along endless miles of towpath — at Gloucester, Exeter, the Severn and the Tideway to name but a few.

This year's memories of events and crews are tinged with sadness at the prospect of "the final outing". However, until then rowing continues and another year is being put through their paces for the watermanship tests, learning to master the art of sculling and sampling the delights of that unexpected dip in the canal!

Finally I would like to record my thanks to all those boys and parents who have helped make rowing a rewarding activity and particularly to Mr. G. H. Middleton whose guidance and expertise contributed so much to the club's success and to my own enjoyment and involvement.

## W.R.S.

**Colours:** D. Baker, M. Barton, J. Bizoumis, R. Hughes, J. Pepperell, M. Riddick, K. Trinder.

**Captain of Boats:** N. Bicknell.







# Old Richians

## OLD RICHIAN R.F.C.

Season 1980/81 (results at time of going to print)

1st XV	Played	26	W	16	L	10
2nd XV	Played	24	W	13	L	11
3rd XV	Played	21	W	9	L	12
Colts XV	Played	6	W	4	L	2

The 1st XV continue to field a very young side. Yet under the leadership of Club Captain Jack Smith the results have been encouraging particularly as some players are experiencing senior local rugby for the first time. 2nd XV and 3rd XV Captains John Shelton and Ian Stewart have played key roles in making the season a successful one.

Although the Boxing Day encounter with Old Cryptians for the Mike Longney Memorial Trophy was again lost, on this occasion by 7-6, there have been some good results to dwell on including victories against North Bristol, Old Patesians and Dursley. Players who are having a good year include Jim Byrne, Paul Calver, Pat Strutt, Martin Fletcher, Sean Neeley and Demetrio Prystajekyj.

We have again seen a Colts side playing in our colours and in September 1980 we witnessed the Club's first Colts tour. In the Havant area two matches were played and won, including a victory against Havant Colts who were champions of Hampshire.

Progress is still being made towards the building of a clubhouse at Elmlease, to be known as "The Elmbridge Club". We are currently involved in encouraging Old Richians and friends to support us in a Life Membership campaign for £50 so that the project can be properly financed. If this campaign is successful, 1981 will have seen the clubhouse commenced.

Once again we would like to record our thanks to Mr. Yates and Mr. Griffiths, and to Mr. Jones whom we welcome to Rich's, for their support and particularly to the Headmaster, Mr. Heap, whose encouragement and interest in our activities is acknowledged and appreciated.

K.D.R.

## EXECUTIVE 1980/81

**President** Jack Dean  
**Senior Vice-President** Frank Watkins  
**Hon. Secretary** David Billingham  
**Hon. Treasurer** Andrew Bishop  
**Hon. Membership Sec.** Idris Williams  
**Hon. London Sec.** Stanley T. Jones  
**Hon. Social Secs.** Dudley Moseley  
David Mills  
**Hon. Auditor** John A. Harris, F.C.A.

## Committee

A. E. Crockford	C. Davies
R. A. Owen	K. J. Morris
D. F. Collins	I. Morris
A. V. Porter	I. Henderson
D. R. Wynn	D. Q. Hook
J. Mellon	P. Calver
P. Day	K. D. Ray

## JUNIOR SECTION

At last year's A.G.M. it was proposed that the Junior Section be re-established to encourage a greater response from recent leavers and to bring new blood into the Association.

At our first meeting we set ourselves targets to increase membership within a year to one hundred, and secondly to raise a thousand pounds. To achieve these we have organised regular get-togethers in the Bowls Club, two highly profitable Discos and sporting events, including Cricket, Tennis, Bowls and Five-a-side football.

To help towards this target we have added to the range of Richian Memorabilia by producing mugs and files.

Next year we hope to hold further discos, re-introduce evening swimming for members, and continue fund-raising through new items of Richiana and possibly a sponsored event.

If we are to build on the success of this first year, we need even more ideas and support from those still at school as well as those who have left. This year is the beginning; the future is in your hands.

## DEATHS

We regret to announce the deaths in late 1980 and early 1981 of the following Old Boys.

BISHOP, Walter Reginald, was 87 years old. He moved to Gloucester with his parents in 1909. During the Great War he served in France with 5th Bn., Gloucestershire Regiment. He was commissioned in the Royal Field Artillery and served in Germany. After demobilisation in 1919 he became a partner in Vicks Ltd., the Bristol Road corn merchants, becoming sole owner of the business in 1947. On his death he was still chairman of the board of directors. A keen sportsman,



he had been an active golfer for over 50 years until, for health reasons, he had to hang up his clubs in 1971. CRESSWELL, Raymond Gilbert, died on 30th December 1980.

FOOT, Sidney Brett, at Swansea on 11th November 1980.

PARSONS, Herbert Leslie ("Bunny"), after a long illness, died at the age of 68. On his retirement in 1978 he was managing director of Priestley Studios Ltd., and chairman of the Priestley Group of Companies. He served as a local magistrate for more than 20 years and was a past chairman of the Gloucester City Bench. He was a past president of both Gloucester Rotary Club and Gloucester Round Table. He was also a Freemason.

Mr. Parsons had a long-life interest in sport, and played cricket for Gloucester Wagon Works and Gloucester Casuals. Since his retirement he had been a member of the Falcon Bowling Club.

WITHERS, Morris, of Milton End Farm, Arlingham, aged 63.

## OLD RICHIAN NEWS

EDWARDS, N. P., is studying Data Processing at Bradford University.

EGAN, S. J., will, hopefully, help to put us back into the "black" with his degree in Banking and Finance gained with 1st Class Honours at Loughborough University.

GEORGE, G. H., has gained 1st Class Honours in Mathematics at Southampton University.

GROVE, Leonard, has received the M.B.E. "for service to the community" as chief clerk of works of Redditch Development Corporation. Before moving to Redditch in 1962 he worked for several years in the family carpentry and joinery business. His award is for his part in the development of the Redditch "new town" created to house Birmingham's overspill. Leonard is married and has a son, Paul, a daughter, Naomi, and four grandchildren.

HOWELLS, M. J., is studying at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester.

JONES, R. P., gained 1st Class Honours in English at Selwyn College, Cambridge.

LAW, D. I., is at Keble College, Oxford, reading Theology.

SAMUEL, Richard, became London cross-country champion for 1981. Representing his club, Shaftesbury Harriers, he led all the way to win by four seconds.

WARD, I. R., gained 1st Class Honours in Law at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

WARD, S. J., gained an Open Exhibition for Natural Sciences at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, but is now reading economics.

WATKINS, Alan, was made responsible on April 1st for the Public Relations aspects of the National Bus Company's five newest companies plus two which are celebrating or have just celebrated, a century of public transport service. The old ones are Potteries (PMT) with headquarters at Stoke and Oxford-South Midland (at Oxford). The new ones are Midland Red (North), at Cannock, Worcester's Midland Red (West), Midland Red (East) at Leicester, Midland Red (South) at Rugby and Midland Red (Express), at Digbeth. Alan — a former Association Committee man is Officed at Edgbaston. His "parish" covers from Bedfordshire to Bristol, and from the borders of Wales to Buckinghamshire.

WATKINS, Malcolm J., the Archaeological Assistant at Gloucester Museum is completing three years service as a member of the National Council of the Museums Association. In July 1980 he represented the Association at a Buckingham Palace garden party to celebrate the Queen Mother's 80th birthday.

Part of his work during the past year has been to do with the interpretation of the East Gate. (Ironically since he was a member of Southgate!!).

Malcolm is an occasional contributor to "Severn Sound".

WHEATLEY, John, is a Director of Administrative Services on the National Sports Council. He lives at Crewkerne in Somerset and previously was South West Regional Director of the Sports Council. (Congratulations on your appointment, John).

## HIGHER SEATS OF LEARNING

### Universities

Aberystwyth: M. T. Evans (Agriculture).

Aston: K. C. Ball (Energy Technology), D. C. Glik (Business Studies), S. M. Meers (Business Studies), T. C. Morgan (Modern Languages), R. Riley (Mechanical Engineering), G. L. Wilman (Electrical Engineering).

Bath: S. P. Jones (Mathematics), J. C. May (Electrical Engineering), C. D. Neale (Mechanical Engineering), M. H. Warwicker (Mechanical Engineering), H. R. Watson (Pharmacology).

Birmingham: D. Materacki (Sociology), S. K. Riddick (Commerce).

Bradford: N. P. Edwards (Data Processing).

Bristol: I. Bewley (Modern Languages), D. G. Healey (Cellular Pathology), D. A. Sullivan (Civil Engineering).

Brunel: D. P. Brown (Mechanical Engineering), D. R. S. Bunney (Computer Science), S. N. Davis (Mechanical Engineering), A. Martyniuk (Production Engineering), R. Ralph (Mechanical Engineering).

Cambridge: P. J. Allen, Emmanuel (Modern Languages), P. A. Bruce, Queens (Natural Sciences), M. R. Cheesman, Downing (Natural Sciences), T. V. Curtis, Emmanuel (Law), S. J. Preston, Emmanuel (Geography), S. J. Ward, Emmanuel (Economics), G. H. Williams, Emmanuel (Mathematics).

Cardiff: C. J. Collins (Geology), C. J. Davies (English), S. Douglass (Geology), A. M. Jones (Medicine), M. K. Powell (History), G. J. Winstanley (English).

City: P. A. Brogan (Optics).

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

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



Keele: I. D. Rowney (American Studies), M. Turner (Biology).  
 Lampeter: P. W. Bright (Geography), A. P. Williams (Geography).  
 Lancaster: D. J. Green (English).  
 Leeds: N. A. Darby (Chemical Engineering), D. J. Morgan (Computer Studies).  
 London: G. C. Comeley, University (Architecture), J. J. Hawkins, Imperial (Civil Engineering).  
 Loughborough: B. J. Egles (Chemical Engineering), A. P. Jenks (Electrical Engineering), P. J. Jennings (Civil Engineering), D. M. Long (Chemical Engineering), R. H. Perriam (Engineering).  
 Manchester: R. I. Davey (Medicine), K. M. Morris (Medicine), A. M. Williams (Town and Country Planning).  
 Nottingham: R. Dalton (History), P. M. Gabb (Chemical Engineering), I. Richards (Maths/Science), I. S. Taylor (Geography), T. J. Ward (Music).  
 Oxford: R. T. H. Barnes, Magdalen (Astronomy), A. D. J. Jewell, St. Catherine's (Geography), D. R. Law, Keble (Theology), P. P. Montanaro, St. Catherine's (Geography), N. Priest, St. Catherine's (Geography), I. P. Simmons, Jesus (Geography).  
 Reading: S. A. Fisher (Cybernetic Engineering), A. C. J. Passey (Mechanical Engineering).  
 Salford: M. Taplin (Natural Sciences).  
 Sheffield: N. D. Raven (Genetics).  
 Southampton: P. G. A. Alington (Biology), R. J. Flower (Business Economics), M. Hallard (Geography), H. V. Isaacs (Biology), D. I. Jodrell (Medicine), B. R. Nichols (Biology/Oceanography).  
 Wales: G. P. Jones (Banking/Finance).  
 York: N. J. Dyson (Biology), N. D. Perry (Social Studies).

### Polytechnics and Colleges

Brighton: N. P. Smith (Business Studies).  
 Bristol: A. C. Barnes (Accountancy), T. D. Jenkins (Business Studies), S. Langley (Accountancy), L. Norman (Applied Biology), J. R. Smith (Accountancy), M. Sukiennik (Business Studies), K. Watkins (Accountancy), P. S. Yeatman (Medical Laboratory Studies).  
 Gloucestershire College of Art of Technology: P. Chester (Art), N. M. Harris (Art), N. S. Moore (Art).  
 Gwent: M. T. Barnes (Engineering).

Kingston: J. E. Fillis (Computer Studies).  
 Lanchester: P. D. Calver (Computer Studies), M. G. M. Fazuluddin (Electronic Engineering).  
 Leeds: P. T. Champion (Landscape Architecture), P. Leaver (Landscape Architecture).  
 London: K. A. J. Williams (Philosophy).  
 Manchester: A. E. Fuller (Engineering).  
 Nene, Northampton: S. M. Harris (Combined Studies).  
 North London: K. C. Priday (Business Studies).  
 Oxford: S. J. Dee (Business Studies), K. P. Neely (Business Studies).  
 Plymouth: G. A. Campbell (Civil Engineering).  
 Portsmouth: J. M. Bryans (Geology), P. J. F. Davis (Geology), M. Dix (Land Administration), P. G. Fillis (Civil Engineering), I. E. Holt (History), S. J. King (Mathematics/Statistics).  
 Royal Agricultural, Cirencester: M. J. Howells (Agriculture).  
 St. Paul's, Cheltenham: C. C. R. Pashley (Geography/Geology).  
 South Bank: I. K. J. Morris (Business Studies).  
 South Shields: C. Roberts (Marine Radio).  
 Trinity, London: R. P. Tones (Music).

BREWSTER, M. P. (1972-79) is working at Beaufort Computer Services Ltd.  
 DAVIES, C. J. (1972-80) a member of the F.C.S. at Cardiff University was elected onto the Student's Union.  
 HENDERSON, I. S. F. H. (1972-79) membership sec. of the Junior Section is in the Accident Unit! at Trident General Insurance Company.  
 HOOK, D. Q. (1972-80) is working at L. F. Heydens Auctioneers.  
 JACQUES, K. G. (1972-79) is employed at Barclays Bank, Southgate Street.  
 MURRAY, S. (1978-80) is working at National Westminster Bank, Westgate Street.  
 ROBINSON, M. A. (1973-80) is employed at Lloyds Bank, Northgate Street.  
 SMITH, S. (1973-79) is working at H. W. Young and Co. Ltd., Westgate Street.







