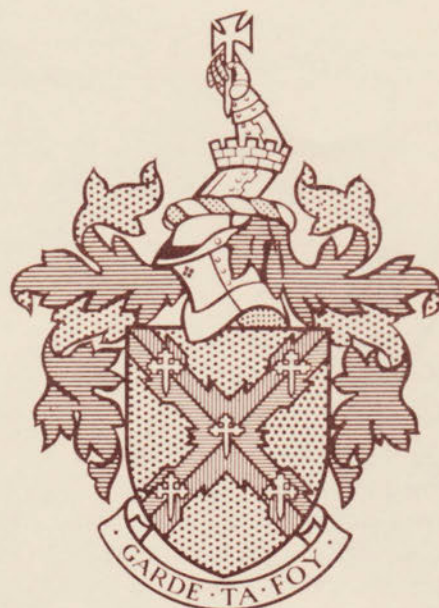




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# School Captain

## Editor's Report

After the economic recession, it seemed as though a period of growth was evident. Permission was given for a thirtysix page magazine and this gave the editing team a new lease of life — since the space available could be used for developing its talents. However, the vigour was soon lost when the articles were collected and the arduous task of checking and editing began.

The main problem this year was to get the magazine started, a task made more difficult since we had to counteract the Staff-Editor's apathy caused by undue criticism of last year's edition. However, this did not last long and Mr. Haynes came bouncing back and kept us on our toes to meet crucial deadlines.

Many new and interesting features have developed this year thanks to Richard Bowers, our Art Editor. For instance, we hope you like the brown print on the cream paper. I am sure that you will agree with me when I say that his originality of approach has made 'The Richian' more than just a school magazine. Next my thanks to Richard Harris for his assistance, but my special gratitude must go to Mr. Haynes for burning the midnight oil on many occasions to help produce this year's result.

**Simon Calver U6R**

Speech Day was the first major event of the academic year. The chief guest was Councillor K.J. Wilson, J.P. (Chairman of the Gloucestershire Education Committee), whose speech contributed to an interesting and enjoyable evening.

December saw the production of "The Merry Wives of Windsor" by a joint cast of members from this school and from Denmark Road High School for Girls. Thanks must go to Mr. Broome for the hours of work he put into directing the play, which, along with the efforts of the actors and actresses, made the play a success.

The Michaelmas Term finished with the annual carol services held at St. John's and Longlevens churches. Once again, the choir gave a display of its high standard of singing.

The Lent Term has seen the first ever running of a fifteen-a-side rugby tournament by a school in this area. The U13 fifteen entertained nine other school U13 teams, and were victorious in, what is hoped, will become an annual event, when they beat Wycliffe by 14 – 0 in the final.

Throughout this term there have been various fund raising events in all areas of the school to raise money for a new school bus. These have ranged from a sponsored relay from the tomb of Sir Thomas Rich in Sonning to St. John's Church Northgate where he was baptized, held by the cross-country club, to a sponsored bird-watch, held by the naturalists society.

However, we have not forgotten the needs of others, and regular school collections throughout the year have helped a number of charities. Finally, my thanks go to Mr. Jones, the caretaker, whose efficiency and friendliness have helped to make the year run so smoothly.

**P. Phillips 63**

## Arrivals



After leaving school, Jonathan spent a year as a volunteer working in the Nairobi slums teaching principally maths and science. He has visited Masai villages with medicines and climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro.

He attended Bristol University where he obtained a joint degree in geography and geology. After marriage and teacher-training in Birmingham, Jonathan taught geography, geology and games at Archway School. Living in Stroud, Jonathan cycles to Rich's daily. He is a qualified canoeing instructor and hopes to develop this sport in the school. He regards his motivation for living as being the Kingdom of God.





Joe Gallagher was educated at Barrow-in-Furness Grammar School and St. Paul's College, Cheltenham where he obtained a B.Ed (Hons) degree in physical education.

He joined Rich's staff last September to teach physical education and mathematics. Joe's interests are rugby, basketball, outdoor pursuits and weight training. He has already made his mark in the school by beginning a weight training club and has begun to build up the standard of basketball with lunchtime sessions.

**R.N.H.**



Ian Bowie comes to us as Head of Biology from the Crypt School where he taught for twelve years. He has already contributed to Rich's life by assisting the Floor Manager at the school play and ran the highly successful Grand Bus Draw to raise funds for the new minibus. We wish him a happy stay at the school.

## Parents' Association

In the absence of Ken White in the U.S.A. a substitute has been called for! It is perhaps an opportunity to pay tribute to his quiet but efficient organisation for the P.A.

The A.G.M. passed quietly — as usual — but parents had the opportunity to put their views if they wished to do so. The first year Parents' Evening was successful, with an encouraging proportion of covenanted subscriptions — and the election of Ray Smith as the first year representative. This is a valuable event which helps the new parents to feel closer to the school as shown by their subsequent contributions to the various activities including decorating and providing refreshments.

With regard to decorating we have so to speak "reached the end of the Fourth Bridge." The Head says we have now decorated every part of the school at least once. This is valuable in maintaining standards which the boys feel are worthy of their respect, in addition to providing more

attractive surroundings.

It is also encouraging that the Dads' Working Party has been revived and a backlog of smaller but necessary jobs are now being done.

As outlined at the A.G.M. the Parents Association was able to help the school and societies with grants of nearly £3,000 last year which supported the efforts of the staff in maintaining the highest standards in academic work and sport and a very wide range of other activities.

One development was the change to a new Governing Body with increased representation for teachers and parents. A special general meeting had to be arranged to elect the new Governors. Douglas Bruce and Michael Haines are the parents' representatives and will stand for three years (or until their sons leave the school).

The P.A. dance was again a very enjoyable event and, due in no small part to the efforts of the ladies in producing an excellent buffet supper at reasonable cost, the profit will be in the region of £500.

Finally this is the "Year of the Bus Fair" and as I write the pace is starting to quicken. This is one of the experiences of life not to be missed — it is hard work, but it is also good fun and you will get to know masters and parents better in the process!

**D. BRUCE**



# OBITUARY

When Idris Williams died in the autumn of 1981, a spell was broken that had been woven over the course of fifty years. It was indeed half a century ago that a dapper little man from Resolven in the Neath Valley first appeared at Rich's.

A latter day Merlin, he came to the school after passing through the University of Wales and then Cambridge to teach Chemistry, and before long he had established a position in the school and in the hearts of his pupils that singled him out as a rare and gifted master. The old laboratory at Barton Street became his sorcerer's den, where, amongst the retorts and condensers, chemistry was transformed into magic. Molecules became marbles, atoms were apples as the unique blend of alchemy that was distilled by "Ikey" Williams was absorbed by fascinated school boys. Lessons in other subjects were quickly forgotten, but for many boys, myself included, chemistry and the spritely and genial man who taught it were permanently imprinted on the mind.

During his last few years at school he was Senior Master and took a particular interest in the welfare and progress of new members of staff, making them welcome with genuine warmth.

In 1968 Idris "retired" and true to his style he held the school spellbound with his final speech. Of course, it was only partial retirement as the bonds that had been formed with the school he loved over all those years could never be completely broken. He continued to teach part time and so was able to spend many pleasant hours in the staff room, entertaining and encouraging his colleagues.

For a man who had made such an impression on the boys he taught it seemed natural that he should like to maintain links with his ex-pupils and so for many years he served the Old Richians Association as Treasurer and later President. He had an amazing memory and could recognise those he had taught years before with an uncanny skill, and the affection of the boys for him could be measured by the large number who on visiting school after his retirement would enquire after him.

I knew him first as an inspiring and human teacher, later as a lively colleague and finally as a good friend. Like many people who have been associated with Rich's over a long period of time, I feel that the death of Idris has left a gap that can never be filled.

**F.H.**



# DRAMA



## THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR

During the frosty and Arctic conditions of December 9th, 11th–12th, the school dramatic society bravely fought the cold to present Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor". However, despite adverse weather conditions, the final evening's performance, about which I write, was not spoilt.

At times, a difficult play to perform owing to its rapidity of pace, but handsomely led by Ian Cutting, Simon Calver, Moyra Govan, and Kay Norman, the cast were drawn towards the vitality of performance required.

It is always surprising to see how well young ladies of Moyra's and Kay's age can so convincingly portray worldly women of middle age, as indeed Mistress Ford and Page are. And yet they tackled the parts with confidence. As an observer, the central theme of the play seemed to be the tricking of Falstaff. An ability to interpret is required and Ian Cutting's amusing portrayal of "the fat Knight" showed us the womaniser, spend-thrift and lover of sack that he was. Whilst Simon Calver's Master Ford had a maturity of action, when being the jealous husband it lacked a degree of worldliness of voice. But despite this, he gave his all.

The supporting cast were a mixed bunch. Paul Vale's rotund portrayal of the foppish

Slender was not always convincing, nor yet at times even heard; whilst Mark Broadhead, as his servant Simple, became the character the name suggests. Nick Sumner's interpretation of a husband unconvinced of his wife's infidelity owed more to the 'Fonz' than the unworried, unruffled, home-loving spouse. Pauline Whitsey's, Mistress Quickly, was to be highly commended, interpreting exactly the gossipy fuss-pot with avaricious tendencies. We were not sure whether Dr. Caius was saying "By Gar" or "bugger", but Avi Chadhuri's portrayal was most convincingly French. And one would think that David Naylor had grown up in the Welsh valleys after hearing his Evans.

The play took place in an appropriate setting designed by 'Tav', made and erected by him and a band of volunteers, and lit under the direction of Andy Pearce.

Finally, thanks must go to Allan Broome for his hard work in directing a difficult play, his wife for managing make-up, Sue Dennis-Jones for her aid in dressing the performance, and George Haynes for his smooth handling of stage management activities.

R.A.J.F.



# Music

## HOUSE MUSIC

This year the same format as the last was adopted and was again successful. This involved both instrumental and vocal solos held in the music room during the morning and then the school gathered in the hall after lunch to hear the two major solos and ensembles. The great effort put into the preparation by the houses for this event resulted in an interesting and varied programme. Particularly surprising was the wealth of talent in the third year providing four excellent instrumental solos, finally won by Mark Broadhead on the cello. Other notable individual performances included Michael Kirby's professional rendering of a very difficult piece by Poulenc.

A. Bruce U6T

## SCHOOL MUSIC

Although a fairly quiet year, 1981-82 has seen several performances by the choir, all of which reached the high standard now expected. These began in October with the choir's participation in a service in the Cathedral for the mentally handicapped. In unusual, and at times noisy, circumstances the choir did well to produce a polished performance of the anthem and several hymns.

The next items in the calendar were the carol services. These annual events again resulted in two fine performances with a balanced blend of traditional and modern carols.

March 10th saw the choir at St. Catharine's church singing full choral evensong with a guest appearance by Mr. Fowler at the organ. Of particular note was the vivid anthem by Joubert, "O Lorde the maker of al thing".

In addition to these several anthems were performed in assemblies.

Interest in orchestral groups has flourished with the introduction of both clarinet and brass ensembles.

## RICH'S AT WESTMINSTER

Arriving bright and breezy, the group was given a guided tour of the Palace of Westminster, including both the Lords and Commons. Throughout the day we saw many famous M.P.s including Messrs Benn and Nott.

After a short lunch, preparations were made to enter the public galleries of the Houses. Unfortunately very few were able to get into the Commons on the day that Lord Carrington resigned. However, everyone managed to see a debate.

From Parliament those not going on to see 'Anyone for Denis' left for Paddington, whilst those visiting the theatre had time to wander around the metropolis before the performance.

As if we hadn't had sufficient excitement for one day, the return journey to Gloucester began on the sleeper to Penzance, and then, after a coach journey from Swindon, we arrived at Gloucester at 3.30 a.m. rather exhausted.

The trip managed to raise £40 towards the school's mini-bus appeal, and we hope that we can now make this trip an annual event. But before closing, we would like to thank the following for making the day successful: The Rt. Hon. Sally Oppenheim, M.P., for arranging and Messrs. Lesley and Hicks for giving the tour of Westminster, Mr. Haynes for recommending such an excellent play and Mr. Cutting for acting as shepherd to our little flock.





# Reports

## DEBATING SOCIETY

Having lost two of its most famous members in Nick Sumner and Keith Hawkins, the society began the year with "Call my Bluff" in the literary archives of the school library, where the school team were well and truly beaten by the staff.

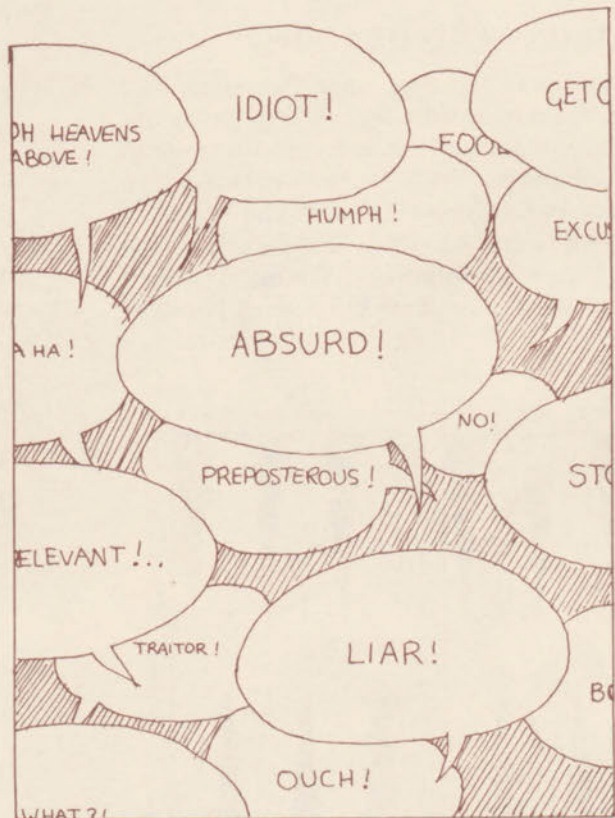
In the first debate the members defeated the motion, "The press and television are the opiate of the masses." Soap operas and the press were attacked by the proposers, but the debate was won by the opposition on a technicality: today's news was in no way soothing, they said, and therefore, the word opiate had been used correctly. Mr. Slinger contributed by saying that it seemed newspapers were not interested in news, just boobs and bingo. He suggested that by substituting trusts for dominating ownerships we might get a fairer and better press.

During the same week Simon Calver joined us to stand once again in the annual Rotary Club public speaking competition. Our chosen subject was transport policy. In a closely fought competition, in which all the speeches were of an extremely high standard, we were rather unlucky to finish runners-up to Beaufort School. We felt the winning team were helped by the fact that their chairman was rather vivaciously attired in a low-cut dress!

It was widely accepted that our team's presence in the competition during the past three years had vastly raised the standard of speaking.

The following debate was one of the most controversial the society had witnessed in recent years. It was daringly proposed by Messrs Agass and Beynon that Jesus Christ was Not the Son of God. Deep theological arguments took place between the believers and the non-believers, with Messrs Haynes and Potter making major contributions to the discussion. But eventually the motion was defeated by twenty-five votes to fifty. We found it amazing that so many people voted in favour of the motion and that there was an unusually high number (twenty-one) of abstentions, thus proving that they had been faced with a genuine dilemma.

During the year Peter Wise spoke in both the debates and was undefeated on each occasion.



On a lighter note, 1981 ended with one of our ever popular balloon debates which featured Mr. Bevan, posing as the blatant sexist, Groucho Marx, Mr. Watkins as the immortal Lloyd George, and Mr. Bowie as a slightly serious Dr. Jenner. Mr. Bevan had obviously judged the audience to be a united band of M.C.P.s as he won convincingly.

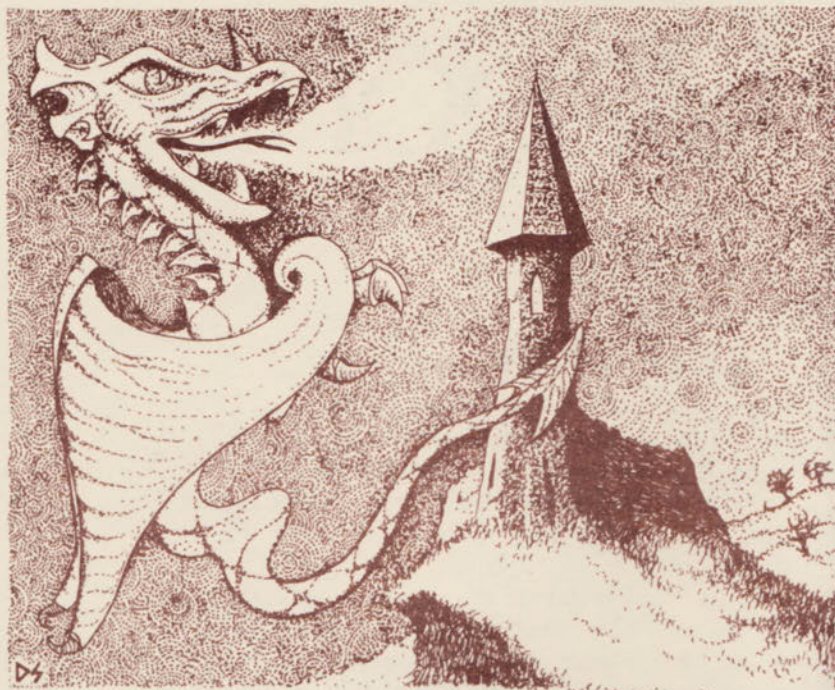
Last year's notorious riots provided both of us with a golden opportunity to air our personal views on the subject. This we did on two separate occasions. First when Mr. Chadhuri presented his socialist analysis which was sympathetic to the rioters; and later Mr. Naylor retorted by pointing out that their grievances there was no excuse for the violence which was experienced throughout the country. Yet it was agreed by both that there had to be a great deal of wrong with society as a whole for things of that nature to happen on such a vast scale.

**A. Chadhuri 5S**  
**D. Naylor 5T**



## DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

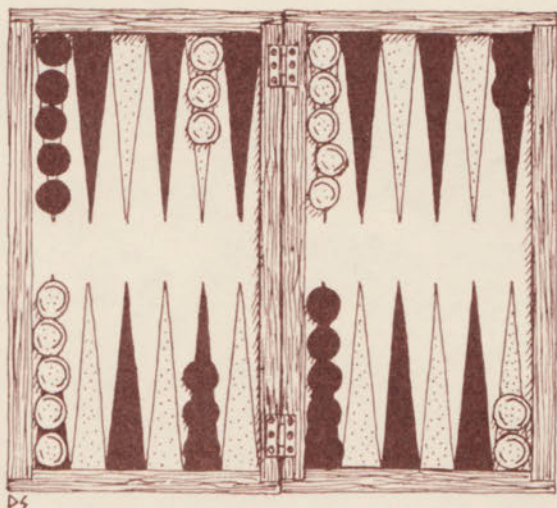
This year was more popular than last, and despite a membership fee of 25p being introduced the society has increased to around eighty members. With the money raised an introductory dungeon (U1) and The World of Greyhawk were bought. The fact that the society meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays seems to indicate its growing popularity.



## BACKGAMMON CLUB

At the beginning of the school year interest in the club seemed to indicate that a large membership would be forthcoming. Unfortunately the micro-chip proved more appealing so lack of attendance meant that no Backgammon League or tournament games were held.

**R. Harris 4S**



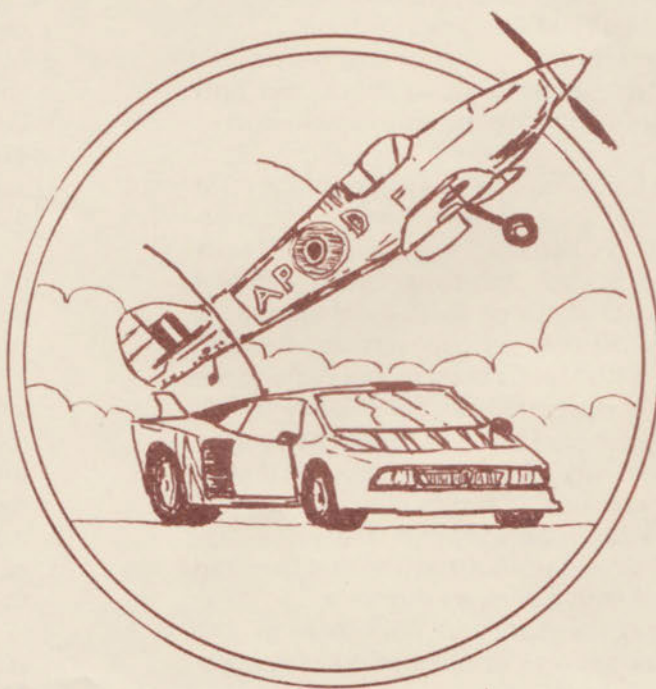
## RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL SOCIETY

This newly formed society, being only two terms old, is concerned with the building and running of radio-controlled vehicles. Although most interest lies at the moment in radio-controlled cars and buggies, the society hopes to expand into the realms of R-C boats and aircraft.

The society has already generated a considerable amount of varied interest from all parts of the school. It has many attractive features to offer members, such as regular racing venues on school property and helpful lunch time meetings for model owners. It is hoped that they will attract many new members in the future to this very enjoyable and exciting hobby.

**I. Lyne 4S**

**T. Hössle 4S**







### COMPUTER CLUB

This is a relatively new club: only a few months old in fact. But in spite of this it has attracted a great deal of support and enthusiasm from each of its twenty regular members. The club is open to boys in years 1-3 but most support seems to have come from the first and second years. A trip was made to the Beaufort Computer Centre where a party of fifteen boys were shown some commercial computers. A day trip to the Science Museum is planned for later this year.

**G. Thompson 3T**

### AIRCRAFT SOCIETY

The society meets every second Wednesday. To date there have been trips to museums and airshows and it is hoped that this active interest in aircraft will be encouraged by further visits to the R.A.F. Museum at Hendon and the Shuttleworth Trust air show later this year.

**D.C. Mathews 4T**



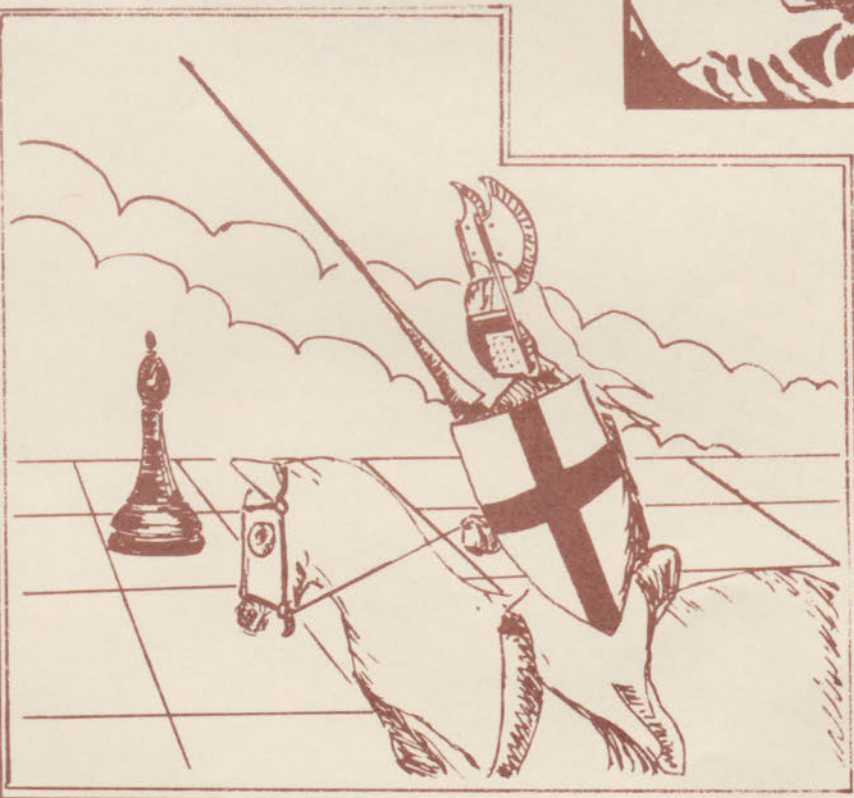
### CHESS CLUB

The school chess team has experienced mixed fortunes this season. After the loss of three of the first team it seemed that the team was destined for a hard time and this was shown to be true in the first division of the North Gloucestershire League where relegation was unavoidable.

However, the season as a whole was quite good with the school winning the zone in the Sunday Times Tournament and going on to play at a national level. The junior team also fared well and came out with equal wins and losses against other schools' senior teams.

Finally, we are grateful to Mr. Davies for taking over in the role of chairman and we would also like to thank Mr. Jones for his co-operation in the use of the school outside normal hours.

**P. Richardson U6T**





### **NATURALISTS SOCIETY**

During 1981-82, the membership showed a healthy increase over previous years and with over 140 members the society remains the largest in the school.

As usual, a wide range of activities was organised. There were many weekend and afternoon trips to local places of interest, such as the Severn Estuary and the Forest of Dean. Several more ambitious trips were arranged and these included outings for parents and friends, as well as the major event of the year, the October excursion to the Lake District.

Indoor activities included several films, a competition and two extremely interesting and successful lectures by locally prominent guest speakers. In October, Mr. J.W. Hale gave a fascinating talk which was illustrated on the ringing of birds and the information that can be gained by doing this. Whilst in February, Mr. R. Aspinall, a local vet, gave a lively and enlightening lecture on his work.

As is unfortunately always necessary, a number of fund-raising events took place over the year, such as the Annual Dance, and a sponsored birdwatch. The success of these ventures was due in no small way to the support of parents and friends for which we are very grateful.

The Society's thanks must go to a number of staff whose efforts often go unacknowledged. They include Mr. Winstanley, Mr. Jones, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Bowie and last, but definitely not least, Mr. Cooper. Without his enthusiasm and imagination, none of the above could have happened. We can therefore look back on a highly successful year and we hope that the next will be even more rewarding.

**T.A. Jones L6S**

### **FIVE SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION**

The past 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 1981 summer term a tennis tournament was held at Ribston Hall despite the poor support and the typical British climate. We are happy to announce Ribston Hall's first ever victory over S.T.R.S.

The enormously popular visit to London, which included the play "Educating Rita", was repeated this time taking in the highly amusing play "Anyone for Denis?".

The usual quota of quizzes were held throughout the year which included a 'Musical' quiz and a successful "Call My Bluff". And two well-supported discos were held with a strategic change of venue.

Owing to the highly popular nature of the above activities, the Five Schools Association has been able to donate a handsome sum to cancer research (Thanks for the quid, Ack — PEACH).

**A. Segura U6R**  
**M. Peachey U6S**



#### **44th VENTURE SCOUTS**

Although many unit's stalwarts had left school last summer membership has risen to its highest mark for some years, with a great influx of fifth-formers.

The party to N.W. Scotland comprised of both young members and a few more experienced ex-members, taking in the often stunning 'Highlands and Islands' scenery. Mountain climbs were undertaken, one of which being the ascent of Ben Nevis. The Oban games was also visited and enjoyed by all. Indeed, inevitable good organisation by the tireless VSL (Frank Henderson) made for a worthwhile and enjoyable trip (except for the midge bites).

North Wales and several other smaller visits were undertaken. These sorties were interspersed with a Barn-Dance and Jumble Sale which are now annual fund-raising events.

Whilst the aforementioned activities are an integral part of the 44th's programme, the more mundane though nonetheless important means of occupation should not be forgotten. Such activities included tree-felling and the ubiquitous gardening. Raising money for good causes is something the unit does not shirk from and one recent venture in this direction was our participation in a Bed Race which raised a substantial sum for local charities.

Sporting activities are always present on the unit's programme highlighted by district competitions in five-a-side football and darts. 'Venture 44', the unit's own magazine, continues to be produced and distributed to ex-members and Friends of the Unit.

**S. Bishop 63**

#### **CYCLING CLUB**

This year cycling club activities have been hampered on a number of occasions by bad weather. The first outing took place shortly after the summer holiday, when a group rode to Andoversford to see some road races organised by a local club. Progress up the hills was rather slow but eventually we arrived in the village just in time to see the end of the last race.

The next trip had to be postponed due to torrential rain, but a few days later a group of first-formers cycled to Highnam, Hartpury and Maisemore.

The club competition began in November and was run on the school tennis courts. Events included an obstacle course, a slow bicycle race (the last one over the line being the winner!), a sprint and a pursuit event. Some of the events which should have been included in the competition had to be cancelled when the tennis courts froze at the height of the bad weather. The final winner of the competition was C. Taudevin but the holder of the club shield is Marcus Whitmore who was runner up.

Thanks are due to Chris Taudevin and Gary Thompson for their work and enthusiasm as organisers and scorers.

**S.I.H.**



## ANGLING CLUB

The club has held a season of relatively mixed success. We were narrowly knocked out in the first round of the Schools National Competition by Rednock and Crypt schools, in a three-way match. Our team was relatively inexperienced but we did have some success on the day with J. Myrans taking the top weight of the whole competition with 4 lb. 4 oz. and V. Price finishing in fourth place with 3 lb. 10 oz.

The school also entered two teams in the Gloucester Schools Challenge Shield held on the River Avon at Eckington where our A team came a jolly good fifth place out of the twenty-eight teams taking part.

Other activities of the season included a trip to Gardners Pool where, again, J. Myrans took the honours with a superb 3 lb. tench. There was also a sponsored 'Fish-in' which raised £50 and this was followed by a series of matches held on the canal.

For the coming season, the club would like to see more support, particularly from the lower school in local matches. Finally, the members of the club would like to thank Mr. Haynes for his untiring efforts driving the school bus and his support at National Matches.

**D. Manchester U6S**



## RAILWAY SOCIETY

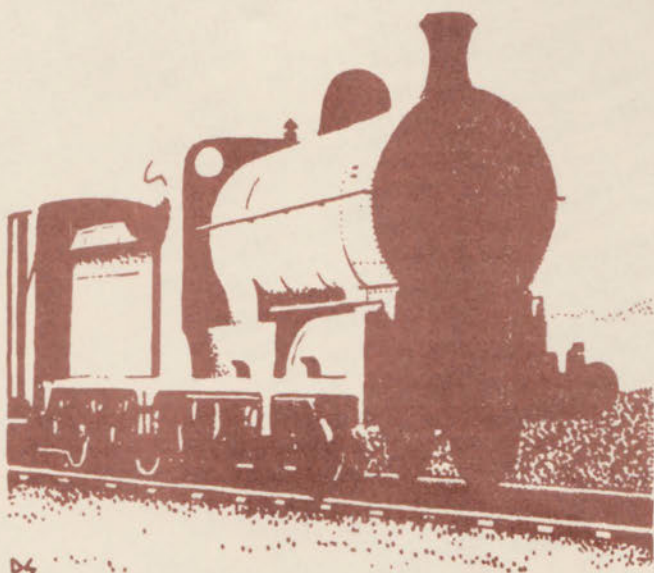
This year has been slightly less hectic on the trip front, but what was lacking in quantity was made up for in quality. The end of the 1981 Summer Term was celebrated by the traditional three-day Scotland Trip, followed by the departure of stalwart organiser Mike Towkan to Bath University. The school year 1981-1982 has included successful trips to East Anglia, Manchester (twice) and Doncaster. The year will be concluded by a bigger, better four-day Scotland trip. Other Society activities included a Quiz (won by Crockford 3S), a Photographic Competition (won by Griffiths 4S) and an excellent slide show by Stu. Bishop.

The 'Richian' special train organised by the Railway Society, was the biggest venture we have ever attempted, and was a resounding success. At this point, tribute must be paid to Mr. Cutting whose support and involvement in the Society has always been total and without whom the 'Richian' would never have been.

All in all, a successful year. Roll on 1982-1983 (and the 'Richian II').

**N.R. Holden 6 3**

**J.N. Poulton 6 3**







## CHRISTIAN UNION

The Christian Union, now in its fourth year, has been flourishing. Senior meetings every Monday, joint meetings with Beaufort and Denmark C.Us, and events of the new Gloucester Schools' Christian Union have all been well attended and we are very grateful to the outside speakers who have encouraged and helped us throughout the year. In April the school also played host to Spirit Level in a highly successful Christian rock concert.

The junior section has also thrived with meetings every Thursday which consisted of quizzes, filmstrips and guest speakers. This summer some members are going on a camp and new activities are already being organised for next year. Although meetings have been well attended we would like to see even more support in the coming year, and we would like to thank Peter Richardson and Andrew Deeble for their leadership and encouragement.

Both sections of the Union would like to express their gratitude to Messrs. Watkins and Jones for their support and help throughout the year.

**R. Bruce 5S**  
**R. Mowbray 1S**

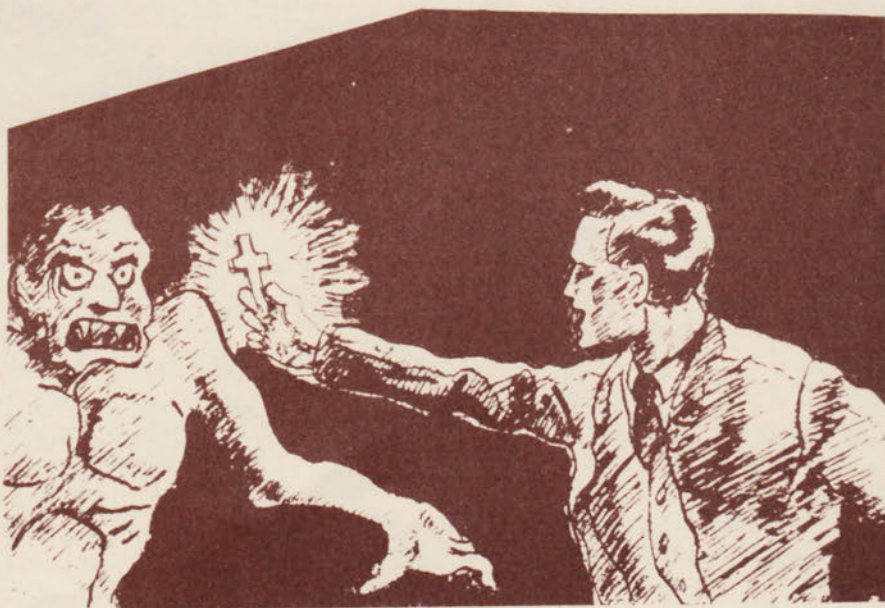
## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Some people might think that the Historical Society is like a history lesson, but ask anyone in it and they will tell you differently. We go on trips or have guest speakers and have Tournaments like the First-form Christmas Quiz which entertained a large audience and was won by 1R.

Three trips were made in the Autumn term. The highlight was a guided tour of the Roman Baths at Bath. We also visited the Avoncroft Museum of Buildings, where we were shown around the windmill and how flour was ground. We went on to Boscombe, where Charles II hid, with its cunning hidey-holes and famous oak tree, and took in the Wall on Watling Street with more Roman remains. Finally, at Newent Falconry, we were treated to a display by one of the falcons and made the acquaintance of Mozart, a huge owl more used to people than to his kind.

We continue to hope for even better support during the coming year. We would like to thank Mr. Barrington, Mr. Huddleston, Mr. Moss, and Miss Townsend, for their support, and especially Keith Howkins for his seven years of interest and guidance.

**R. Mowbray 1 S.**





# CONTRIBUTIONS



## THE RIDER

*The night was still and the full moon shone clear reflecting the trees through the wood when suddenly the quiet was shattered by the pounding hooves of a black horse. The animals cringed in their holes and the birds escaped from the trees as the noise approached.*

*The sound was that of a phantom rider who was doomed for his crimes to roam the woods until he came face to face with an innocent who resembled the creature who had cursed him all those years ago. The man on the black steed was originally a murderer and a highwayman. After robbing his victims he would brutally butcher them, but his final one had vowed that for his sins, after death, the rider would never rest in peace.*

*As the sound of the hooves drew closer, the earth shook with their power. Unsuspecting, and a little distance from the roadway, there was a rustle of skirt in the bushes as a woman reluctantly left her lover. She rearranged her clothing as she neared the roadway through the woods.*

*Looking up, she saw coming towards her the night rider. The moon etched his face as he pounded past the spasmodically silver-tinted*

*trees. Their eyes met and, as she looked at the ghastly pock-marked complexion, her mind regressed to an earlier existence. She mentally felt the slash of the knife across her breast and she involuntarily cursed him.*

*Instantaneously, a few yards ahead, the woman saw the ground rend assunder and out of a fiery abyss came a dusky succubus, a slave of sheol and a sentinel of Hell. She beckoned to the rider who plunged into the chasm. After the smoke had settled the earth was still and the figures and pit had gone. The moon again reflected its light and the woman was left stunned.*



### THE EBRO: MAN AGAINST MACHINE

*Remember the Ebro, the Ebro in Spain  
The site where thousands of Spaniards were  
slain*

*A site of much carriage, rivers of blood  
Men and machine lay drowned in thick mud.*

*Honeycombed with trenches riddled with guns  
The hills were defended by fathers and sons.  
That awaited attack destined to come  
Not everyone worried but there were some  
Who feared an attack not just by man.  
They were proved right when the slaughter  
began.*

*The defenders retreated, hid in the bunkers  
Pounded by Heinkels, blasted by Junkers  
Thousands died 'til many lay dead.  
The bombings continued, the defenders then  
fled,*

*Through the E bro, exhausted, they crawled  
Leaving behind the dead and the mauled.*

*Spain never recovered from total hell  
The Republic crumbled, surrendered and fell.*

**C. Langford 5R**



### Autumn

*Autumn comes and Autumn goes,  
Why it comes nobody knows.  
It comes after the Summer and the Spring,  
Autumn really is a funny thing.*

*It takes the leaves right off the trees,  
And brings a cool refreshing breeze,  
The brown leaves fall upon the ground,  
They fall so gently without a sound.*

*The trees look bare against the sky,  
The buds grow fast, the birds soar high.  
The dogs play round the trees all day,  
They play in such a friendly way.*

*Autumn makes me happy and gay  
I wish we'd have more holidays,  
But why should I miss my summer's play?  
Yes, I like the Autumn in many ways.*

**L. Jenkins 1T**



## THE WILDERNESS

*Satanical saplings sprouted from sombre soil, ignorant of their foul surroundings. Huge mountains menacingly peered down on to the desolation beneath, dwarfing anything and everything.*

*Cracks meandered over baked ground which had been killed abruptly by the unrelenting heat. Signs of life were scarce, the saplings proving to be a fluke of nature; nothing else had survived. A decrepit shack defiantly remained, though its occupants did not. Its door slamming in sporadic gusts emphasised the silence, bleakness and exposure which flourished in abundance.*

*On all sides precarious peaks surveyed the valley of death, watching for any signs of life, eager to snuff them out. The place was a 'hell-hole'; no life, no water or food could be found. Only the sun's rays penetrating the monotony, providing an alternative to the darkness.*

*The approaching stranger arrived unnoticed, until he had reached the edge of this stagnant 'Utopia of Hell'. Before him lay outstretched an infinite barren land, tempting him to journey across it, as a fly in a Venus fly trap is tempted to land on the flower. The massive cracks in the baked soil appeared to enlarge themselves, ready to swallow him up, for they had not eaten for some time.*

*The sun's rays drew him, as if he was a filing and the sun a magnet. The stranger methodically planned his route through the daunting maze that had challenged him. He saw the withered saplings dying because of the sun's sadistic heat.*

*The intimidating mountains glared at him, disbelieving that he had dared to tempt to permeate its stifling atmosphere.*

*The battle between the assailant and the unassailable was about to start. The stranger walked boldly into the mountain's clutches. He looked like a microscopic animal treading carefully on a dry sponge, the cracks just waiting to engulf him.*

*Every step he made, the egg-shell-like crust appeared to split, for thousands of tiny cracks wandered aimlessly amid the distorting haze.*

*The beads of sweat that trickled down his face were the only source of water within several miles. The stranger faced an uphill climb, stuck helplessly like a fly in some ointment. A solitary, silhouetted figure strayed into the sunset, walking towards a goal he could never reach.*

*Every hour he weakened, the sun's influence sapping his mental and physical strength until finally he stopped next to a withering plant, sat down and assessed his predicament.*

*The mountains, peering at him from their awesome height saw no difference between the dying plant and the disconsolate figure which slumped exhausted next to it. Like the fly, he had given too much too soon, and now had nothing left.*

*The light began to fade and darkness crept in unnoticed, just as the stranger's arrival had been. The jaded corpse which lay under the stars had only a decaying plant as its headstone, and a dead left as it epitaph.*

**Stuart Brazington 4S**





## **The Anniversary**

*Buried for five years  
Yet to me you live.  
Electrically driven memories  
Return again and again  
To those days of before  
The woman of my life,  
The inspiration of my dreams  
Still moves delightfully, dazzlingly  
Graceful through the unseen alley  
Of my mind at dusk.  
Thoughts without words,  
Conversations I remember,  
Your movements — your constant smile  
And the immortal words of 'my love'.*

*Up in the mountain a kestrel soars,  
Finding a rabbit, he can pursue with his claws,  
His beak and his talons are ready to fight,  
He has a feline creature in his sight.  
The creature has seen him,  
He's scampering away,  
This time the predator  
Seems to have lost the prey.*

**P. Smith 2T**

## **The Desert**

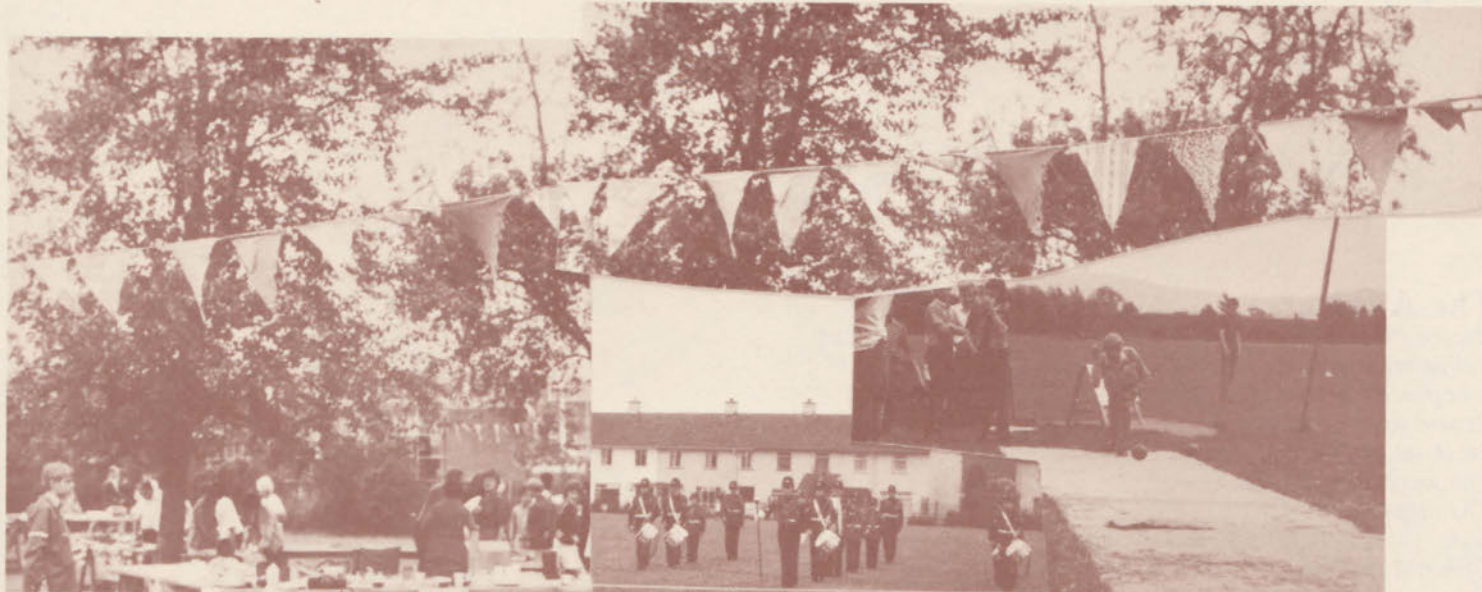
*The warm sun is beaming  
Its rays are overpowering  
The nomadic tents of the Arabs  
Cluster around the oasis.  
Crystal-clear waters gleaming in the scorching  
sun.  
The lush foliage of the palm's shadow the refreshing  
waters.  
Scorching sands contrast against the azure skies.  
From the dawn of history the pyramids have sil-  
houetted the horizon.*

**M. Whitmore 3R**

**S. Price 3R**

**G. Ogden 3R**













## GOTTINGEN EXCHANGE

Thanks to British Rail, we made all our connections on time and we looked forward to a journey where more talk rather than sleep — especially on the boat — was to be our objective. The tedious journey from the Hook of Holland to Hanover was relieved by Mr. Hayne's 'Observer crossword, and Richard's clear-sighted information about N.A.T.O. Our objective on the boat being achieved, we neared Gottingen tired and apprehensive. But the warmth of our German hosts soon set us at our ease as we left the station for our respective homes.

After a well-deserved rest, the group assembled the following day for a guided tour of Gottingen. But because the school had broken up for its Easter break, when we dispersed it was over a week before we met again thus giving us a chance to speak English. The only chance seemed to be the casual meeting in Gottingen. During that week, however, our German hosts entertained us to the full, some going into the south of the country and one to Italy!

The Group's main excursion was a coach to the border at Duderstadt. Unfortunately the day was foggy, but by the time our guide had explained that this was only one of nine crossing points, and given us other pieces of information, the fog had lifted and we were able to see the 'iron curtain' fence. Stopping at another strategic point, we noticed that we were the subject of photographs being taken by the East German guards! Later there was an opportunity to either swim at a wave-making pool, or sight-see around Gottingen. Most people, however, chose the former. Well, would you miss such an entertaining sight as seeing Mr. Slinger and his counterpart Herr Dyck swim?

The two parties reassembled for a drive to the Harz Mountains. En-route we visited a silver mine which proved to be mentally exhausting attempting to translate rapid facts and figures which the German guide narrated. Because we spent so much time at the mine, little time was left to fully appreciate Goslar, our next port of call.

Our only opportunity to see inside the school came during the farewell party when Herr Dyck acted as our guide. We were only able to relate our full experiences to each other at Gottingen station ready for our return journey, and these were many.

On behalf of the group, we would like to thank the teachers for accompanying us, Mr. Slinger and Miss Dennis Jones for organising the exchange and finally a special thank you to our German hosts for giving us such a memorable time.

**G. Davies 4R**  
**T. Hössle 4S**  
**C. Mayo 4S**





## FRENCH EXCHANGE

We set out for new pastures this year with increased numbers and greater than usual enthusiasm. Our destination, La Couronne near Angoulême in the south west of France where the visitor from Gloucester is impressed more by the similarities than by the differences — agriculture (vines rather than plums), cathedrals (romanesque rather than gothic), the Charente for the Severn and, of course, industry — Angoulême is the home of the dreaded 'Exocet'.

Casting aside thoughts of war, we made the marathon rail journey to Angoulême to find a warm welcome for all. In the Collège d'Enseignement Secondaire de La Couronne we were, at first, objects of curiosity than delight. The girls from Colwell School and our boys were bemused by the little differences between our two countries and — one always expects it — surprised by the food. Perhaps one day our boys will return to this region and feast upon the local delicacies, after all, many did attempt oysters for the first time but many also remained cautious in the attitude. Who can blame them when a major local pastime is the hunting at dusk, with the aid of a torch along damp stone walls for "les cagouilles"?

The visit to La Rochelle proved again for me how beautiful the port and town are; the oyster beds at Marennes were fascinating; the distilleries of Cognac were, shall we say, heartwarming. Yet it is the welcome in the homes we shall remember the most.

As ever, it was hard work. However, without the help of Mrs. Davie and Miss Lett from Colwell and Mr. Bevan and Miss Hawker from our school, I could have done nothing. Many thanks to them and all others who helped directly or indirectly to make this year's exchange one of the best ever.

I.S.C.

## ANGOULEME

At 5.30 a.m. on Friday, 21st May, 1982, the first S.T.R.S./Colwell exchange to Angoulême began and after a long but exciting journey we found ourselves on Angoulême station at two in the morning. Here we were met by our French partners who took us to their homes.

The next two days were spent with the family, who made every effort to make me feel at home and were always willing to help me adjust to the new surroundings.

During the week my partner, Herve, and I went to his school every day from where our outings to the surrounding area began. On Monday and Thursday we visited the town itself with its beautiful cathedral, city walls, castle-like Town Hall and the indoor swimming pool.

The other visits were to two old chateaux that turned out to be cognac distilleries; to the harbour town of La Rochelle where we climbed the towers, visited the Cathedral, got hopelessly lost in the back streets of the town, being rescued at the eleventh hour by Christopher Brockwell. We also went to the seaside town of Royan with its fine harbour and entertaining beaches.

Other memorable aspects of the trip included a party held by one of the French girls, learning the art of oyster eating and getting stuck in a lift on the sea-link ferry.

All in all the trip was a great success and we returned better equipped to cope with French lessons than we had been before.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Cutting and Miss Hawker, along with other staff both sides of the English Channel, who made the trip possible.

T. Rackliff 2S



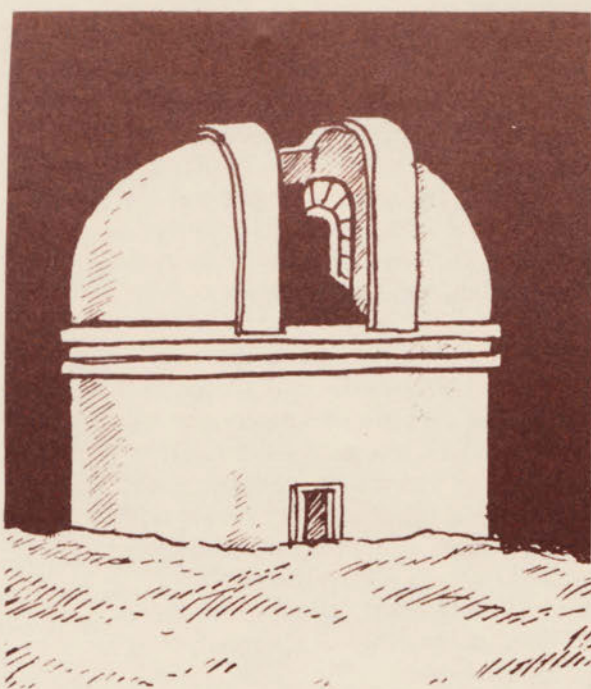
## TRIP TO THE STARS

My foster-parent and I arrived at the Drury Lane Hotel on Good Friday. At about 7.15 we met Dr. Patrick Moore in the hotel restaurant.

I managed to sit next but one to Dr. Moore and I was able to ask him many questions such as what did he think of astrology? He replied that "there's nothing in it, but there is one thing that astrology proves — there's one born every minute!" He was also talking in detail to one of the girls about space rockets.

I did eventually find out which planet everybody wanted to visit. Each of the boys chose Jupiter for the possibilities of life there, although Dr. Moore disagreed. Two girls chose Venus and a third chose Pluto. This may not be the farthest planet from the sun; Dr. Moore and other astronomers believe that there is a large distant planet even further out. However, Pluto's climate is so cold that air would solidify.

On Saturday morning the six winners went to the Old Royal Observatory at Flamsteed House in Greenwich. Adjacent to this was the Planetarium. At first we were shown around by Dr. Moore who pointed out to us the various telescopes used by the 17th and 18th century astronomers. There was a special section about Sir William Herschel, the discoverer of Uranus and a telescope in the museum is believed by most astronomers and historians to be the one he used when he discovered Uranus. Dr. Moore also showed us the first reflector telescope ever made by Sir Isaac Newton.



Immediately north of Flamsteed's Observatory is Bradley's 'New Observatory' which was built in 1749 and extended between 1809 and 1870 to form today's Meridian Building on the south side of the courtyard. Through it runs the world's Prime Meridian. Many of the instruments which had helped to make Greenwich famous can be seen mounted in their original working positions.

The Great Equatorial Building was built in 1857 to house the Observatory's first large telescope: a twelve and three quarter inch refractor which, in 1893, was replaced by one of a twenty-eight inch aperture. Because the new telescope was ten feet longer than the old one a new dome, shaped like an onion, had to be installed. After the war this telescope was moved to Herstmonceux and the bomb-damaged dome was demolished. In October 1971 the telescope was brought back to Greenwich and remounted in its original position. A new dome of the same appearance as the old made from modern materials, has been installed. The twenty-eight inch telescope — still one of the largest refractors in the world — is once again in full working order. Although at present it is not open to the general public, we saw it and were photographed with it.

In the afternoon we visited the National Maritime Museum, which included a lot of navigational equipment as well as a lock of Lord Nelson's hair.

Our final visit was to the Cutty Sark. Although the whole day was interesting, I most enjoyed seeing the refracted telescope and listening to Dr. Moore's computer-like memory. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Moore for all his kindness, helpfulness and patience.

**R. Brown 4S**





With the announcement of fund-raising efforts to replace the school minibus, the Railway Society, answering the call to arms, sought ways to involve itself. At an early stage, a rail trip was proposed and after an initial feasibility study and negotiations with British Rail the idea of a charter train evolved, announced as such to an unsuspecting public in early December 1981. The response was staggering: within ten days, initial plans for 400 places broke the 450, 500 and 600 barriers before finally settling, just after Christmas, at 650 places!

Preparations, involving, for example, ticket allocations, seating plans, brochure preparation and correspondence with York were of course time consuming but somehow exciting. The headboard, bearing the proud name "The Richian", was a major item involving hard work by Messrs. Pearce and Jones — and after a heart-stopping last minute disaster by one of our "sub-contractors", Tav stepped in and kept his own faith. The board was certainly a photogenic success on the day and has been

subsequently loaned to "Severn Sound" for one of their trains.

The 3rd April proved to be a beautiful spring day and the sun shone on our train, our visitors to York and the fine city itself. The outward journey was a masterpiece of time-keeping; after a detour on the return, we were only ten minutes late arriving in Gloucester. The Venture Scout Unit did a roaring trade in their buffet/tuck shop — many thanks to them. Thanks also to John Ambury who had to fight — single-handed — the powers of darkness in coach 'A' where the lights had failed. We apologise to the passengers of this coach who cheerfully bore dark tunnels and a gloomy return journey.

Our thanks to all those who helped — stewards, typists, engine crews and especially Cliff Adams at the Travel Centre. Not forgetting 47029!

Roll on "The Richian II"

**Nigel Holden**

**Nick Poulton**



# SPORT

## Tennis



### 1981 SEASON

It seems appropriate as a postscript to the last edition to congratulate last year's team led by Robin Bewley who were undefeated in all matches excluding the Glanvill Cup. The highlight of the season came too late for inclusion last year. It occurred at Radley in the Home Counties Schools Tournament where Robin Bewley and Mike Westlake finished as runners-up to a strong pair from Slough. We lost 2 sets to 1 in the final having beaten Windsor Grammar School in the semi-final and Radley in the quarter final. This must rank as the school's best achievement in tennis to date.

**COLOURS:** H. Fuller, A. Hamid, T. Smith, M. Westlake.

### 1982 SEASON:

With most of last year's side back at school the 1st VI were too strong for most local opposition (although the match with Cheltenham is still to come). Two new fixtures were played this season. In May we visited Dauntsey's School near Devizes and later we entertained Malvern College. The school won both these fixtures.

Only once, so far, has rain affected any of the matches so the brushes and brooms have plenty of bristles remaining. I suspect that court sweeping is one of the lasting memories of many a Richian tennis player.

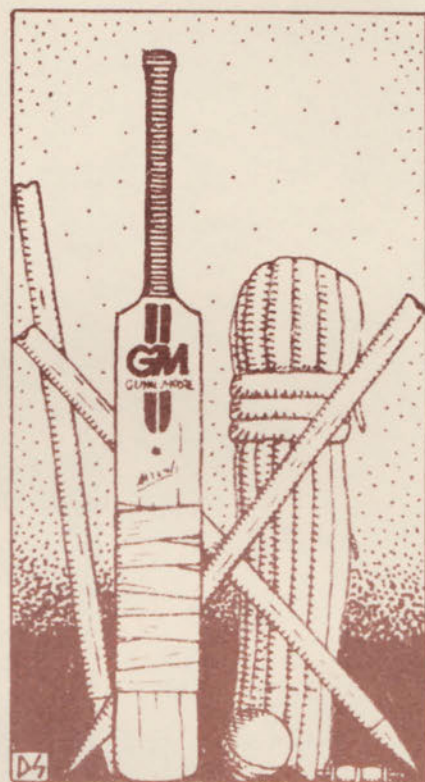
Magdalen College again had a strong side. Here Mike Westlake and Howard Fuller lost their only set of the season so far. We certainly had a chance to win, but by losing two vital tie breaks, we lost the match by 4 matches to 5, our only defeat so far. The set Mike lost was the only one (excluding cup games) he lost as a senior player in three seasons. A fine record indeed.

Akbar Hamid was assisted by Mark Peachey or Bruce Radford in the second pair and the side was completed by Rob Hopwood playing with Andrew Bruce or Adrian Nash.

The under 16 side has won most of its games although they also lost at Magdalen. Together with Hopwood the bulk of this team will form next year's first six. Regular players were Smith, Beynon, Thompson and Berry.

**B.McB**

## Cricket



### CRICKET

In stark contrast to last year, the weather has been kind to us and many games have been played in ideal conditions: warm summer sunshine. Although we still have nineteen fixtures left, we have played a total of twenty games, winning twelve of these, drawing three and losing five.

Although all the players deserve recognition two players in the U15 team, R. Harris and R. Grimwood, and N. Clifton in the U13 team, have all hit undefeated half centuries. Bowling has also demonstrated some talent. In the U13 team N. Clifton and M. Thomas have been proficient spinners, while D. Hinks in the U14 and R. Emery in the U12 teams have seamed the ball successfully.

**M.J.B.**



# Cross Country

## SPONSORED RELAY

The Club's Sponsored Relay from Sonning near Reading to Gloucester in aid of the School Bus Fund began at 5 o'clock in the morning on 20th March, when 13 runners with Messrs. Riley and Foster set off for Sonning. Two hours and 75 miles later they arrived at Sonning Church, the burial place of Sir Thomas Rich. After a brief stop in the Church for a group photograph around Sir Thomas Rich's tomb, the first pair of runners set off from the churchyard with Mr. Foster in close attendance. To his acute embarrassment he needed to be picked up by the bus after half a mile.

Fortunately the rain kept at bay for the whole day, although the wind combined with the sheer distance involved tired the runners, especially over the Cotswolds. At the "Air Balloon," where they were met by other Club members, the sight of Gloucester provided renewed strength. At various points after the "Air Balloon" the rest of the Club joined in for the final leg via the school to finish at St. John's Church, which also has historical associations with Sir Thomas Rich. The Mayor was there to welcome us, greeting the tape 8 hours and 48 minutes after the start, having raised nearly £250 towards the new School Bus.

Thanks must go to Messrs Riley, Foster, Cutting and Winstanley, to Greg Smith, whose humour the team could have done without, and to the rest who took part including the "long distance" runners R. Barbour, J. Chitty, A. Foster, J. Foster, J. Lovell, C. Mayo, J. Moss, G. Reed, D. Seaton, J. Shackleton, N. Shackleton, A. Smith.

**N. SHACKLETON L6T**  
**J. MOSS L6S**

## SENIOR

The Seniors began the season successfully with wins over Marling, Chepstow Army Apprentices and Warwick, and a draw with Monmouth. The Team competed in the usual relays holding good positions at Millfield (7th), Beachley (9th), Abingdon (7th) and Oxford (16th). Slightly disappointing results were recorded at Sutton



Coldfield (21st) and at the Coventry Relay, when the relative youth and inexperience of the team took its toll. In many matches the Seniors were supported by younger members of the school, notably Chris Mayo.

Later in the season, St. Dunstan's Catford, gained revenge for last year's defeat, as did Marling. However the team had convincing wins over two new opponents — Wolverhampton Grammar

School and Cheltenham College.

Outstanding amongst the team was James Moss. With Nicholas Shackleton and John Barry he was selected for the County Team and competed in the South West of England and National Championships as well as in regular inter-county fixtures.

## JUNIOR

Encouraged by the successful trio of Chris Mayo, Graham Reed and Gregory Smith, the U15's gave consistently of their best, and were well deserved winners of both the Charlton Kings Relay and the North Gloucestershire League, where individual honours were gained by Mayo (3rd), Smith (6th) and Reed (9th). These three along with Mark Brownlie and Darren Seaton were selected to represent the District at the County Championships, Mayo and Smith obtaining places in the Gloucestershire Team as a result. Wins over Marling and Cheltenham College, as well as a good battle against a strong St. Dunstan's team were further proof of the commitment and enthusiasm of the U15's.

First years formed the nucleus of the U13 Team, and although their age was therefore against them, they held their own in a variety of races, beating Saintbridge (twice), but losing narrowly to Marling. 5th place in the Cheltenham College Junior School Relay and 4th position in the North Gloucestershire League auger well for next season. In terms of individuals, the grit and determination of Alex Smith and Adam Foster has brought them personal successes as well as a boost for the team. Both were selected to represent Gloucestershire, Smith reaching his peak at Cardiff, where he won an Inter-County race.

**R.S. Barbour L6S**



# Rugby



## SENIOR RUGBY

Senior Rugby has encountered many difficulties in recent seasons: Vth form boys leaving and increased Saturday working amongst VIth formers have made it difficult to maintain standards. In addition many schools larger than our own have a greater pool of talent from which to draw and consequently results must be viewed against this background.

The 1st XV lost 8 of its 13 matches, but the record does not reflect the commitment of the players. The XV, consisting virtually of all new players, had to come together as a team so it is significant that it is the later games that were won. Despite being young and small the players gave a good account of

themselves in all games, and all but one of the defeats were by a relatively narrow margin.

**Colours:** S. Calver, M. Collins, D. Heap, M. Lawrence, A. McKenna, M. Stubbs, J. Tanner (*Capt.*)

The 2nd XV struggled in all of their games, usually against older and more experienced teams. They lost all but one of their eleven games but must be commended for their continuing loyalty and enthusiasm.

**Colours:** G. Carr, C. Hall, T. Jenkins (*Capt.*), D. Jerrard.

## COLTS XV

P	W	D	L
18	12	1	5

In this season, the U15s have enjoyed a certain amount of success. A major factor was the positive attitude of the squad towards both training and playing. Throughout the season 23 boys regularly represented the school which indicates the interest and commitment on which good rugby is founded. After a dubious start, losing three of the first seven games, the team went from strength to strength only narrowly losing two of its remaining seven fixtures.

All of the players should be congratulated but Brazington and Harris deserve a special mention for representing the





Gloucester City Schools at U15 level. The U15 7's team were runners up in both the Wycliffe and Saintbridge tournaments.

**Colours:** S. Brazington (*Capt.*), R. Harris, R. Oldfield, G. Smith, N. Street.

#### JUNIOR XV

P	W	D	L
18	14	0	4

After a rather apprehensive start it was another good season for this age group. The forwards applied themselves well, often against much bigger opposition; the scrummaging and loose play was always sound and provided the backs with quality possession; and the back play was always competent if not outstanding. The fact that there is a large squad of players from which to choose augers well for the future.

In the Saintbridge School Seven's Tournament the team were runners up.

**Colours:** Barber, Broadhead, Chapman (*Capt.*), Haines, Major, Matthews, Merchant.

#### U12 XV

P	W	D	L
7	6	0	1

The new boys had little knowledge of rugby football and it therefore took some time for team work and understanding to develop. Two games were played in the Michaelmas Term resulting in a narrow win over Oxtall's and a defeat by King's.

In the Lent Term, however, the willingness of the boys to learn and their enthusiasm and regular attendance at training — they trained during two lunch hours a week and Saturday mornings, in addition to their games' afternoon — resulted in rapid progress. As a result, excellent wins over Bournside school, Christ College, Brecon, Marling, Wycliffe College and Saintbridge school, were achieved. The team was also runners-up in the Saintbridge School Seven-a-Side Tournament.

#### U13 XV

P	W	D	L
23	20	1	2

With the experience of many U12 games behind them, a diminutive but experienced team faced another full season. Early matches against Bournside and Saintbridge showed lack of preparation. After settling down 19 consecutive wins were achieved with double figure wins over traditional rivals Culverhay, Backwell and Beechencliff. The maturity of play was generously complimented by referees and games' staff from other schools.

January continued with the defeat of Belmont Abbey (U14 'B') and Christ College Brecon, and a disappointing loss to Wycliffe College. However, a satisfying win was achieved over new opponents Worle of Weston and the earlier disappointing loss to Saintbridge was reversed at a later game.

The team achieved later success against Wycliffe in the final of our school's first U13 tournament.



# Squash & Athletics

## 'A' Team Division One Sunday League

P	W	L
10	8	2

## Division One Gloucestershire Schools' League

P	W
10	10

## 'B' Team

## Division Two Gloucestershire Schools' League

P	W	L
10	4	6



School squash has reached a peak this year after its inception six years ago. We have now won the Schools' League Shield four times out of the five years it has been awarded. To win both the Schools' League and Sunday League so handsomely is an immense achievement and reflects great credit on the present team, three of whom (D. Heap, A. Hamid and P. Geaves) have represented the school for six years.

H.M.

The 'A' team has enjoyed its best season ever, winning both the Schools' League and Sunday League. The team, consisting mainly of upper sixth players, will unfortunately be leaving this summer. However, I hope that enthusiasm for the game within the school will allow us to keenly contest the trophies won this year.

Although performing consistently well in the league matches, the 'A' team was beaten in the finals of an Invitation Team Tournament at Cheltenham College by Tewkesbury S.R.C.

The 'B' team, consisting of some twelve different players, achieved good results in spite of relatively inexperience and are showing promise for the future.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank the mothers who provided refreshments for Sunday matches, and parents and staff (especially the Headmaster) who provided transport for away matches.

## B. Radford U6S

Colours: L. Duggal, A. Hamid, P. Geaves, D. Heap, B. Radford, N. Shackleton.



There has been an upsurge of interest in athletics and more competitions, including a House Sports Evening, which have helped provide the incentive to improve standards. In particular high jumping has improved with D. West breaking the long-

standing 3rd year record with his 1-64m and M. Jones breaking the sixth form record with his 1-80m. Eleven boys represented Gloucester City Schools Athletics Association, and M. Broadhead (U15, 100m), S. Thomas (U20, 400m) and J. Moss (U20, 5000m) emerged county champions.

Mr. M. Rangeley has donated a cup which was originally won by his father, W. Rangeley former Olympic and Commonwealth Games medalist sprinter. This will be awarded annually to the outstanding sprinter. This year it was awarded to M. Broadhead.

## COLOURS:

SENIOR: M. Jones, J. Moss, S. Thomas

JUNIOR: M. Broadhead, C. Mayo, D. West





# Old Richians

## OLD RICHIAN RFC

### Results — Season 1981/82

1st XV P 25 W 16 L 9  
2nd XV P 30 W 22 L 7 D1  
3rd XV P 20 W 8 L 12

Jack Smith, in his second successive year as Club Captain, along with Gery Stone, our Chairman, were largely responsible for maintaining the morale and spirit amongst the teams and the seasons results were again commendable and encouraging. The 1st XV continued to field a young side and this promises well for the future as does the very fine performances achieved by the 2nd XV under the leadership of Paul Toleman.

His side had an outstanding season and succeeded in reaching the final of the North Glos Combination Junior Cup where in an exciting and entertaining match they were narrowly beaten by Saintbridge by 15 – 13. The 1st XV recovered the Mike Longney Memorial Trophy by winning the Boxing Day encounter with Old Cryptians by 16 – 0 and another notable victory was against Stroud Nomads 6 – 3 which ended an unbeaten record by the Stroud Club.

Mark Tovey, in his first year with the Club deserves mention, and also Jimmy Byrne and Demetrio Prystaj-eckyj. In the 2nd XV, Chris Hopkins and Clive Howe had first class seasons and it was appropriate that John Fletcher was nominated "The most improved player of the Year" and Sean Neely took the "Man of the Matches" award. Jimmy Bryne received the support of his colleagues when he was nominated the "Players Player of the Year."

Progress is still being made towards the building of a clubhouse at Elmleaze, to be known as "The Elmbridge Club." We currently feel we are close to finalising some legal formalities to enable us to commence building this summer. However we are still short on finances and if any Old Richian would like to support us in a Life Membership appeal costing £50 I would like to hear from them (T/N Brimscombe 884812). Thanks to Richard Owen, one of our fund raising activities held in February was a concert involving the Morriston Orpheous male choir when we were privileged to entertain this world famous Welsh choir at the School. Another concert with the Pendyrus choir has been organised for October 16th.

In recording our thanks to the Headmaster for his help and encouragement and also to Mr. Griffiths, I would pay particular acknowledgement to the Caretaker, Mr. Jones who has supported us a great deal in our activities.

K.D. RAY

## BIRTHS

WATKINS — To Alan and Sylvia, a second Son, Stuart Alan, on 12th April, 1982, brother for Robin.

## OBITUARY

Idris Williams died in October, 1981, after a long illness. He was born in Resolven in South Wales where he received his early schooling at the local elementary school, followed by a period at Neath County Intermediate School. He proceeded to University College, Cardiff, where he graduated B.Sc., later entering St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, where he graduated B.A. with honours and was appointed Fellow of the Royal Chemical Society. He later qualified as M.A. and became Science Master at Maidenhead Secondary School before taking up the appointment in 1931 of Chemistry Master at Rich's, where he later became Senior Science Master until his "retirement" when he continued on a part-time basis for a number of years. For many years, Idris was an Officer of the Association being, Treasurer, President, Vice-President and Membership Secretary.

In his later role, Idris was a mine of information and, without his knowledge, the Old Richians Notes would often have been most difficult to compile.

This pleasant little man will be remembered by many generations of Richians as a master who was both fair and had a twinkling sense of humour which over the years never dimmed, despite what must some times have approached despair at the non-scientists among us. We shall miss this man who offered the hand of true friendship to all and whose heart was with the school for fifty years.

We offer our sincere condolences to his widow, Helen, and to his daughter, Elizabeth.

### For Idris

Willow wept gracefully on bank untilld  
While sighing wind spread leaves around  
Like teardrops on receptive ground.  
Shadows fell sombrely and sky was gownd  
In velvet black. High heaven was filled  
With silence deep — all bird songs stilled.

But when the morrow came and sun broke through,  
Those teardrop leaves all gleamed with gold.  
The dawn shone bright and sky was crystal blue  
While sweet bird songs rang clear and bold.

Yet memory our Friend will long recall,  
Reminding us as only Memory can  
Of things he said, did, was — but most of all  
His modest way — this gentle gentleman.  
F.O.W.

## DEATHS

FOOTE, Sydney Brett, died November 1981 at Swansea Hospital. He was aged 72 and, until twelve months before his death, had enjoyed good health and had always been a keen sportsman, playing cricket and hockey for Swansea Civil Service. In his younger days we believe he was offered a place with Gloucester City A.F.C.



**PALMER, P.J.**, previously of Rodborough, died at Stourbridge, December 1981, at the age of 80.

**SMITH, Commander R.J.**, at Eastbourne, where he had retired after a distinguished career with the Metropolitan Police. Commander Smith was one of our Vice Presidents.

**STROUD, Leslie James**, who left school in 1937 and became an electrician with L.C. Mitchell's of Gloucester.

**TURNER, Cecil**, in November 1981 at the age of 91. He had lived in Gloucester all his life until the early 1970s when he moved to Cheltenham.

## OLD RICHIAN NEWS

**ANGELL, Ian (1963-1971)** has been working since he left school as an immigration officer with Customs and Excise, based for the last few years at Heathrow. He spent six months this year in India at the British High Commission in Dacca. As off duty relaxation, he found himself playing touch rugby on Sunday mornings alongside an Old Cryptian!!

**BALL, K.C.**, was awarded a prize for best Engineer of his year at Aston University.

**BILLINGHAM, David G.**, (1957-1964), is senior partner in the firm of David Billingham and Partners, Solicitors, with offices in Bath and Gloucester. In March David was elected President of Bath Chamber of Commerce, having previously been Vice President and first Chairman of the Professional and Services Committee. The Chamber represents industrial, professional, retail and commercial interests in Bath and the surrounding areas. The offices of the Chamber are open throughout the week and deal with both national and international enquiries. David is now approaching his seventeenth year as an Officer of the Old Richians Association having, in that period, been Assistant Secretary, Secretary, Senior Vice President, President, and now Vice President/Secretary.

**BROWN, P.J.**, gained the Dowty Richardson Prize for consistent high standard as Student Apprentice.

**BRYANT, Mark**, left Rich's he believes in 1971 and read Law at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, until 1974, spending his vacations working in Connecticut and Denmark. Before starting a career he spent a year travelling, working again in the United States and Australia. On his way back to England he included the delights of the Trans-Siberian Railway. Mark then trained to be a Chartered Accountant, qualifying with Arthur Andersen & Co., in Birmingham in 1978 and transferring to their Sydney office in the same year. He has had two trips back to England since then and hopes to be back again in 1982. Much of his free time is spent with football. He still plays but, due to diminishing speed, has recently qualified as a referee. He says "This is so that I can continue being included when I have ground to a halt as a player."

**CHEESMAN, M.R.**, gained an Athletics Blue at Cambridge University. In the inter-varsity match he was first in the 200 metres.

**CLICK, Julian N.**, lives in Newcastle-on-Tyne where he is a Social Worker (Group Leader). He is married with a daughter aged 4 months.

**DALTON, Robert (1972-1978)** is a History B.A. student until July 1982 at Nottingham University. Still

single, Robert says "Extremely varied university life, with little academic work — main concern editing "BIAS" (Student Union newspaper) for 2 years. "Bias" was runner-up in The Guardian Media Awards 1981."

**DEAN, Jack W.**, (1927-1932) lives in retirement in Longlevens, Gloucester. He is married and was the former President of the Old Richians Association. He is now President of the Gloucestershire Budgerigar and Foreign Bird Society, and Chairman of the Arcadians Sports and Social Club of Gloucester who are celebrating their 50th year in 1982.

**DEAN, Nigel**, is Head of Sport on local radio station, Severn Sound. From 1969 to 1973 Nigel was with the Gloucester Citizen and spent the following four years with newspapers in Nottingham, Sheffield and Cardiff. In 1977 he joined Radio Hallam, Sheffield, leaving in 1979 to become Sports Producer with BBC Radio Derby.

**DUNFORD, Colin**, is a partner in the local firm of Solicitors, R.A. Eggleton & Co. He follows an active role in Rugby and Cricket circles in the City.

**EVANS, David**, who left school in Mr. Veale's last year as Headmaster, is Professor of Computer Science at William and Mary College, Virginia. Canon David Paton, as Governor of the school, met him whilst on a recent visit to Canada and America. Believe it or not, they met in Gloucester, Virginia.

**GEORGE, Glyn**, (1971-1977) is a Post Graduate Student at University College, Cardiff. He lives at Penarth where he is Sub-Warden at Llandaff House. He was a member of the College Senate 1981-1982.

**HALLARD, M.**, gained 1st Class Honours (1st year) Geography at Southampton University.

**HOLBROOK, Stan**, (1914-1917) is a retired Bank Manager, living at Beaconsfield, Bucks. Married, he has one daughter who is married to a Pharmacist. Saw war service as a Flying Officer, R.A.F. V.R. He also served on General Eisenhower's staff at S.H.A.E.F. His hobbies are listed as Pictorial Photography (Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society) and Rose Growing (Life Member, National Rose Society).

**HOOK, Gordon**, (1956-1965 approx.) lives at Ringmer, near Lewes, and is Sports Master i/c at Brighton and Hove VI Form College. He is father to three sons aged 9, 7 and 2. A member of the Parish Council, he is a former Liberal candidate.

**HOOK, John**, (1963-1970), is still a bachelor and lives in Streatham, London. He is employed by Warner's Fabrics, Noel Street, London.

**HYETT, H.J. (Jim)**, wrote in September, 1981, to say he was at that time of "no fixed abode." After 49 years of married life — both 75 years old — he and Mrs. Hyett "are wandering gypsies." In fact, they had sold their cottage in Churchdown, vacating on August 14th only to find that, due to legal problems, they were unable to take possession of a bungalow at Innsworth for a whole month. Jim was our President in the early 1950s for two years.

**JENKINS, John G.H.**, (1967-1972) lives in Chepstow. He is Railway Signalling and Telecommunications Engineering Supervisor with British Rail (Western Region) at Newport. He is a Special Constable in Gloucestershire Constabulary and a server in Gloucester Cathedral. We understand he is due to marry in September 1982.

**JODRELL, Duncan Ian**, (1970-1977) is a medical student until June 1982 when he hopes to become a House Physician at R.S.H. Hospital, Southampton. He is a founder member of the folk group, Greenwillow, who, he says, are "famous throughout S. Hampshire for Eskimo reggae and Icelandic funk."



Weird!! Duncan is a member of B.O.S.O.M.S, a Medics revue group which performed in the Edinburgh "fringe" in 1981. He has been an organiser of the Southampton Hospitals Bed Race which raises in the region of £10,000 a year for charity. Duncan was the first recipient of an Old Richian's grant when he spent three months with paramedics in the U.S.A.

JONES, S.P., gained 1st Class Honours (Part 1) and was top student in Mathematics at Bath University.

KAY, Dr. J.M., (1947-1955) is one of Rich's exports. He graduated in Medicine from Birmingham University in 1960, and then specialised in Pathology. He was Lecturer in Pathology at Birmingham University from 1964 to 1968 then, successively, Senior Lecturer and Reader in Pathology at Liverpool University. During 1971/1972 he was Visiting Professor at the University of Colorado Medical Centre, U.S.A. In 1977, Dr. Kay moved to Hamilton, Ontario, and became Professor of Pathology at McMaster University in that town. He is married with a son aged 16 and a daughter aged 14.

MAYO, John, (1938-1944) lives in Andover, Hants, and is Officer in Charge, BAOR Shipping Section, Logistic Executive, Ministry of Defence (Army). His son, Jonathan (1960-1961), is now a Squadron Leader and stationed at RAF Leuchars.

MELLON, John, (1971-1978) is an Articled Clerk with the firm of David Billingham & Partners. In October 1981 he successfully passed the Law Society Final Examination at his first attempt. John is articled to the Association Secretary, David Billingham, and must now complete his period of articles before admission as a Solicitor. Outside work, John plays rugby for the Old Richians' First XV. During the summer he plays tennis.

MILLS, David J., (1952-1958) lives in Hucclecote and is Electoral Administrative Officer with Tewkesbury Borough Council, David, one of our Vice Presidents, is married and has two children, Helen (7) and Andrew (2). He is Clerk to Hucclecote Parish Council administering the Civil Parish under the direction of the elected Councillors. Other interests include caravanning, folk singing, folk dancing, and reading.

MORRIS, Kenneth John, (1945-1950) is Managing Director of Kingsdale Morris Business Equipment Ltd. A great Scouter, Ken has been Scout Leader at Longlevens for thirty years. He is a member of Gloucester North Rotary Club and has a 19 year old son, Iain, and a 17 year old daughter, Beverley.

MORRIS, Iain Kenneth John, (1973-1979) is a Sales Representative with Kardex Systems (UK) Ltd., currently a student on the HND Business Studies Sandwich Course at South Bank Polytechnic. Plays rugby for Finchley and Old Richians, and cricket. Interested in Scouting.

PASSEY, Alan C.T., (1972-1979) is a student at Reading University, reading Physics. (Sorry if we previously got your subject wrong but we can only work on information received from one source or another).

PARKER, Philip David, (1968-1974) lives in Johannesburg where he is a Management Trainee with Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Co. Ltd., who are in mining. He expects to marry in July 1982.

PERKS, Professor A.M., (1942-1950) lives in Vancouver where he is Professor of Zoology at the University of British Columbia. He is also Faculty Research Scholar with the University of Florida College of Medicine. He is continuing his research on the effects of hormones in the foetus, and spends considerable time commuting between Canada, Florida and Gloucester.

PHILBY, Ron., (1932-1938) is Distribution Manager with A.B.M. Chemicals (Dalgety Spillers Group). He is married and has one daughter. Ron is a member of the Chartered Institute of Transport, a member of the Social Services Area Consultative Committee, and a National Councillor of the freight Transport Association. Deeply interested in old people's welfare; he is chairman of the League of Friends of Trevone Old People's Home.

PRIEST, Nicholas, (1972-1980) is a student reading Geography at St. Catherine's College, Oxford. He is College Junior Common Room President, Hilary and Trinity, 1982, and is the College football secretary. He is also a Staff/Student Committee Member of Oxford University School of Geography.

ROBBINS, Alan George, (1964-1972) is Timber Harvesting and Marketing Manager for Central, West, East and North Scotland. He lives with his wife and two children in Stirling. Alan has been north of the border since leaving school in 1972 and taking residence in Aberdeen University. Alan did a brief spell with the Forestry Commission and with British Gas, engaged in the agricultural reinstatement of land after laying of overland gas pipelines from the North Sea. He moved to Stirling and joined his present employers, Tilhill. Alan sends his regards to all who know him.

WATKINS, Malcolm J., previously Archaeology Assistant at Gloucester Museum has been appointed Archaeology Director for the City. In 1981 he completed three years as a member of the National Council of the Museums' Association, and became an examiner for membership of that Association. Married to a Dental Surgeon, he lives in the city.

WYNN, Paul Anthony, (1965-1973) has lived in Egypt for the past three years. His address is in Cairo in the suburb of Macdi. He is married and is the Marketing Agent for Egypt and Sudan for the firm of Gillette.

WYNN, Flight-Lieutenant David Ian (1958-1965) is a Flight Commander at R.A.F. School of Recruitment, Swindon, Lincs. He lives in Lincoln with his wife and two children (one of each). He recently completed a three year tour in Cyprus. He is still interested in rugby and is now a qualified referee (whatever that is). Still plays for The Sinners during their annual foreign tours. This year it was to Miami, U.S.A. — next year Hong Kong! But what a glorious name for a rugby XV!

WYNN, Keith Graeme (1963-1970) is Youth Tutor with Hertfordshire Education Committee, living in Royston, Herts. Married, with a daughter born in September 1981, he is captain of Royston Second Rugby XV.

## HIGHER SEATS OF LEARNING

### Universities

Aberystwyth: M.T. Evans (Agriculture).  
 Aston: K.C. Ball (Energy Technology), D.C. Glik (Business Studies), R. Riley (Mechanical Engineering), G.L. Wilman (Electrical Engineering), J. Woodward (Engineering).  
 Bath: S.P. Jones (Mathematics), J.C. May (Electrical Engineering), C.D. Neale (Mechanical Engineering), H.R. Watson (Pharmacology).  
 Birmingham: D. Materacki (Sociology), S.K. Riddick (Commerce).  
 Bristol: I. Bewley (Modern Languages), D.G. Healey (Cellular Pathology), D.A. Sullivan (Civil Engineering).



Brunel: D.P. Brown (Mechanical Engineering), 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. Ward Emmanuel (Natural Sciences).  
 Cardiff: C.J. Collins (Geology), C.J. Davies (English).  
 East Anglia: P.W. Jones (Law).  
 Guys Hospital: S.R. Allum (Dentistry).  
 Keele: I.D. Rowney (American Studies), M. Turner (Biology).  
 Lampeter: A.P. Williams (Geography).  
 Leeds: N.A. Darby (Chemical Engineering).  
 London: J.J. Hawkins, Imperial (Civil Engineering).  
 Loughborough: S.J. Egan (Banking and Finance), B.J. Egles (Chemical 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. Richard (Maths/Science), I.S. Taylor (Geography).  
 Oxford: A.D.J. Jewell, St. Catherine's (Geography), D.R. Law, Keble (Theology), N. Priest, St. Catherine's (Geography), I.P. Simmons, Jesus (Geography).  
 Reading: S.A. Fisher (Cybernetic Engineering), A.C.J. Passey (Physics).  
 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).  
 U.W.I.S.T.: G.P. Jones (Banking/Finance).  
 York: N.J. Dyson (Biology), N.D. Lerry (Social Studies).

#### Polytechnics and Colleges

Bath: J.R. Palmer (Engineering).  
 Birmingham: G.L. Wilman (Electronic Engineering).  
 Brighton: N.P. Smith (Business Studies).  
 Bristol: S. Langley (Accountancy), L. Norman (Applied Biology), P.S. Yeatman (Medical Laboratory Studies).  
 Gloucestershire College of Art and 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).  
 Leeds: P.T. Champion (Landscape Architecture).  
 London: K.A.J. Williams (Politics).  
 Manchester: P.J. Neurauder (Psychology).  
 Middlesex: M.G.M. Fazaluddin (Electronic Engineering).  
 Nene: S.M. Harris (Combined Studies).  
 North London: K.C. Priday (Business Studies).  
 Oxford: K.P. Neely (Business Studies).  
 Plymouth: J.S.B. Baker (Architecture), G.A. Campbell (Civil Engineering).  
 Portsmouth: J.M. Bryans (Geology), P.J.F. Davis (Geology), M. Dix (Land Administration), P.G. Fillis (Civil Engineering).  
 Royal College, Cirencester: M.J. Howells (Agriculture).  
 St. Paul's, Cheltenham: C.C.R. Pashley (Geography/Geology).  
 South Bank: I.K.J. Morris (Business Studies).  
 Royal Academy of Music: Thomas Davey.

A.L. Weir: Open Exhibition Physics, Lincoln College, Oxford.  
 G. Anthony: Trinity Hall, Cambridge (Mathematics).  
 J.P. Barnes: Southampton University (Accountancy and Economics).  
 N.D. Brewster: Brunel University (Mathematics/Management).  
 S.J. Buley: Aston University (Chemistry).  
 D.R. Cassell: Reading University (Building Surveying).  
 N.C. Cummings: Downing College, Cambridge (Mathematics).  
 A.M. Daymond: St. Anne's College Oxford (Geography).  
 A.M.M. Fazaluddin: Umist. (Civil Engineering).  
 A.P. Jenks: Bath University (Electrical Engineering).  
 C.M. Jones: University College, London (Biological Engineering).  
 P.D. Mayo: Nottingham University (Mathematics).  
 D.J. Meadows: Bristol University (History).  
 S.G. O'Mahony: Bath University (Mechanical Engineering).  
 C.S. Pearce: Brunel University (Building Technology).  
 K.D. Richardson: York University (Computer/Mathematics).  
 W. Salter: Worcester College, Oxford (Engineering).  
 M.J. Simmons: Leicester University (Geology).  
 T.R.C. Smith: Reading University (Food Sciences).  
 M.F. Towkan: Bath University (Mechanical Engineering).  
 A.T. Watts: Southampton University (Sociology).  
 K.J. Webb: Aston University (Chemical Engineering).  
 I.D. Weir: Swansea University (Chemical Engineering).  
 A.S. Westlake: Southampton University (Music).  
 P.A. Baynham: Portsmouth Polytechnic (Mechanical Engineering).  
 N.J. Burns: Portsmouth Polytechnic (Sciences).  
 G.G. Court: Bristol Polytechnic (Electronic Engineering).  
 E.P. Duckworth: Gloucester College of Art and Technology (Art).  
 R.J.G. Heathfield: Sheffield Polytechnic (Industrial Studies).  
 D.Q. Hook: Leicester Polytechnic (Estate Management).  
 T.D. Jenkins: Oxford Polytechnic (German Studies).  
 D.S.M. Milton: Nene College, Northampton (Combined Studies).  
 P.J. Montanaro: Bristol Polytechnic (Business Studies).  
 O.J. Morris: Portsmouth Polytechnic (Civil Engineering).  
 D.J. Price: Bristol Polytechnic (Medical Laboratory Studies).  
 R.B. Watson: Lanchester Polytechnic (Engineering Systems and Control).  
 P.M. Westlake: Middlesex Polytechnic (Business Studies).

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#### UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE ENTRANCES GAINED DURING 1981

G.H. Bridge: Open Scholarship Geography, St. Catherine's College, Oxford.  
 P.M. Bruce: Open Scholarship Mathematics, Queens College, Cambridge.







