

THE RICHIAN!

'83!

WHEN I WALKED INTO THE OFFICE I COULD SEE 'PANIC' WRITTEN ALL OVER HIS FACE! HE NEEDED A STORY PRETTY BADLY ...

LISTEN, JOE!
THE DEADLINE IS IN
TWO WEEKS AND WE'VE
STILL GOT THREE PAGES TO
FILL! GO OVER TO THE OLD
RICHIAN'S' HIDE-OUT AND SEE
WHAT THESE FELLAS ARE
UP TO, WILL YA!



I DIDN'T KNOW HOW THESE GUYS
OPERATED , BUT I HAD A HUNCH THAT
THEIR HIDE-OUT WAS SOMEWHERE OUT
ON PAGE 30 ...



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Editor's Report

It is an honour to be Editor of the magazine of such a prestigious and long-standing institution as Sir Thomas Rich's. I am not sure how far the history of The Richian extends in the past, but I am sure that the task of Editor has always been as arduous and tiring a job as it is today.

The job of the Editor is far from simple and holds a great deal of interest: reading, re-writing legible copies for the printers, proof reading and arranging the material all take time, and I do not feel that the majority of people appreciate the hard work and time the staff advisor and Richian team put into the job. The mistakes found on both sides of the fence help lighten gruelling evenings when we find it necessary to burn the midnight oil.

This year's production is a slimmer volume than last; this is because certain sections are not required. There have been no official leavers on the staff, for instance. However we are pleased to see more contributions from the school, thus

helping to swell that section. After all, the magazine, we feel, should incorporate all aspects of school life, not merely be a record of the last year's events.

We are behind printer's deadlines, but I hope the magazine will be available to the school on the first day of the Michaelmas Term as usual. I am sure we all look forward to the finished result. My thanks to David Seed for all the art work and to Mr. Haynes for trying against all odds to keep us on our toes to get the magazine completed in such a professional manner. If the reader may discover any error in the text, it will undoubtedly be a printing error!!

School Captain

The academic year has seen great involvement by pupils and members of staff. The first major event of the year, Speech Day, was well supported by boys and parents. The chief guest, Sir Patrick Nairne, provided an entertaining speech.

The major theatrical event of the year (next to the Cock House play, of course!) was performed by members of S.T.R. and Denmark Road schools. The play, which attracted a full-house, was "After Magritte" by Tom Stoppard. Mr. Haynes should be thanked for his producing efforts. Mr. Haynes again appeared during the prefects' play. The part he acted? Himself. This added to the fun because he blatantly over-acted the part!! A free concert was performed by pupils and members of staff and provided a highly enjoyable evening's entertainment. Mr. Rangeley must be mentioned for

his large contribution to making this evening so successful.

The usual quota of collections has been taken with sizeable donations going to the South Atlantic Fund and Cancer Relief. Discos for the first four years, organised by Mr. Foster and Miss Hawker, have been very successful in raising cash. The 'raid the larder' scheme, organised this year by the lower sixth, provided a large number of parcels to be distributed to the needy. Mr. Cutting organised a second running of a train under the name 'The Richian' to raise money for the Sue Ryder Homes National Appeal. In common with the trip to York, this was a sell-out. It's also helping to keep British Rail in business.

Sport has again flourished with a notable forman coming in the school's own under 13's rugby tournament which was again won by the school's own team for the second consecutive year. The new Rugby Club pavilion is well on the way to completion at the top of the field.

During the Lent Term the assistant school secretary, Miss Davis, retired after sixteen years' service to the school. Our

say, her elegance and charm brightened the common-room and all those who had trod its gloomy floor. We wish her every success for the future.

grateful thanks must go to her for the loyal support she has given to Mrs. Irvine in the office and to the rest of the school. I must also congratulate Miss Hawker on her marriage during the Easter holidays.

Finally, I thank all those boys, staff and parents who have helped over the past year in whatever capacity.

R. Barbour U6

Arrivals



We welcome to the school Mrs. Sarah White who comes from a well-established boys grammar school of an enviable reputation to help in the teaching of French. We wish her every success for our joint futures and we note with pleasure her active interest in spheres of school life already, such as the Cycling Club and the French Exchange. Welcome!

I.S.C.

Departures



It was with sadness that the school said goodbye to Sarah Hawker at the end of the Easter Term after nearly three years work in the French department. Her cheery, warm sense of humour and calm efficiency had made her a firm favourite with pupils right from the start, in September 1980. Needless to

The programme for the year followed the tried and proven pattern of previous years starting first with the A.G.M. in September; following this meeting a sub committee was set up to keep a watching brief on secondary school re-organisation.

Our chairman, Douglas Bruce, has been keeping a very close eye on events as various re-organisation plans have come and gone, and on behalf of the parents committee he has written many letters to the Education Authority, local councillors etc., in support of the motion passed at the A.G.M. that a grammar school presence should be retained in Gloucester.

As usual the first years parents night was a great success when £597 was raised in covenants and I am sure that the plentiful supply of wine and beer helped the spirit of the evening. Another fund raising occasion was the annual dance which was enjoyed by just under 200 parents, staff and guests. Thanks to the various fund raising efforts the Parents Association will be able to provide the School with £4,000 to buy equipment for the school and its various organisations.

K. G. WHITE

Parents' Association

The start of the new year saw the retirement of our honorary auditor Dennis Collins and the secretary of the Friends of the School, Dave Radford. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the many years of service they have given to the School.

OBITUARY

DORIS TOWNSEND

The £420 donation from the "Richian 2" to the Sue Ryder Foundation hospital at Leckhampton Court, where Doris Townsend spent the last few months of her life, must specially please those of her many friends who visited her there and experienced at first hand the expert, friendly and caring nature of the staff, to patients and visitors alike. It was appropriate, too, because of the last of Doris's many journeys with the school was the "Richian 1" trip to York in 1982. Over the years since 1950, many will remember her lively company on school journeys to France, Holland, Italy, Wales, and Cornwall; and on virtually all the Historical Society outings before and after her retirement. She expected high standards of courtesy and behaviour from boys on these occasions, but was always delighted when outsiders praised them, as they often did. She was straightforward in her dealings with everyone, and often down-

right in her expression, but there was always a kindness and a warm humour to bring away from the encounter.

She enjoyed school plays and music and rarely missed a concert, a service, or a production. Some will remember her as a lone contralto among altos in the Choral Society; others as a member of the Badminton Club. She was immensely proud of the School and enjoyed sharing the company of all its members: boys, parents, staff, and old boys. She lived all her life in the house she was born in, and had a wide circle of friends in the City, too, as well as among her contemporaries — and their children — at Denmark Road and in the School Secretaries' Association. The three headmasters she worked with all thought highly of her: She knew when to use her fund of expertise on their behalf, and when to respect their confidences: a secretary has to be secret.

She will be much missed by very many friends.

L.C.H.

DRAMA



"AFTER MAGRITTE"

Sir Thomas Rich's strives for originality in all it does, and this free concert and drama evening on the 8th December was another venture in that tradition.

A crowded school hall waited with baited breath for Mr. Haynes' interpretation of Tom Stoppard's surrealistic one act comedy "After Magritte". This work, I feel, has to be judged as a whole for the play depends on the creativeness of the set as well as the ability of the actors. And we were not disappointed. The opening was most unexpected and resembled Stratford's trendy productions: the set like a funeral parlour complete with corpse being illuminated for a few seconds with an archaic recording of 'Ave Maria' to give the desired sombre effect and then, after a black out, the lights raised with the characters rigidly in position. And what characters! Richard Harris as Reginald with bare torso, dress suit trousers and green fishing waders blowing into a light socket counter-balanced by a basket of fruit. Moira Govan as his wife Thelma, dolled up to the nines in a peach ball gown scrambling about the floor searching for .22 calibre bullets, and afterwards gossiping laconically about a peg-legged footballer. Unfortunately Dame Edna was engaged and so couldn't play the mother-in-law, but another megastar, Avi Chaudhuri, was available and was just as dynamic as his Australian counterpart. His costumes, straight from another world, showed his glamour, and his favourite resting

position on the ironing board developed his eccentricity. I didn't know his talents stretched to being a virtuoso on the tuba, but he appeared to give a spirited rendering of some sea songs by Henry Wood.

The play is not quite a 'whodunit', it is more of a 'whowasit'. Did Reginald and Thelma see a blind, white-bearded one-legged footballer carrying a tortoise, or was he carrying something else? Thank goodness our police force doesn't resemble the incompetent Inspector Foot of the Yard, played by David Naylor. He wasn't certain whether he was investigating an illegal amputation on a nigger minstrel, or an orgie. David's interpretation, however, managed to combine the incompetence of Inspector Clousseau with the rigorous officialdom of the 'Professionals'. But even he was not immune from the bizarre household and was eventually drawn into the comedy. Perhaps the most memorable scene, therefore, in the whole play was the denouement: Reginald, blindfolded, arrayed in his wife's dress, standing on the table balancing on one leg with arms outstretched, his wife crawling around the floor in her underwear looking for a needle, the Inspector sporting dark glasses, one foot bare and eating a banana, and, finally, the mother-in-law perched on a chair playing her tuba with the central light descending and the basket of fruit ascending as the lights fade. The effect was hilarious and a huge success.

Music

The year started quietly for a relatively young and inexperienced choir, with no major undertakings, other than the two carol services. However, a number of short Anthems were performed in assembly, nearly all of which were new to the Choir's repertoire. These included the powerful "Arise to God in the Highest" and Mendelssohn arrangement of J.S. Bach's "Sleepers Wake", complete with trumpet accompaniment. In October, for the second year running, the Choir took part in a Cathedral service for the Mentally Handicapped school-children of Gloucestershire. Stephen Mansfield sang tenor solo in the Anthem, "Thou Visitest the Earth", very confidently, under the unusual circumstances.

It was pleasing to see both the December Carol Services reach a high standard. One of the highlights was surely Vaughan Williams' beautiful carol, "The Blessed Son of God". Instrumentalists were not neglected in the Autumn Term. The first half of the evening entitled, "After Magritte", consisted of a number of soloists, together with performances from the recently formed Brass Ensemble and Clarinet Choir. A new instrument to the Rich's stage was the Tenor Saxophone, played with great gusto by Simon Hawkins in Moskowsky's lively "Spanish Dance".

In the Spring Term, all attention was focussed on the Concert planned for March. Instrumentalists and singers alike began rehearsing early in the term. It is important to remember the effort put into preparing such an evening, by all the performers and it was therefore pleasing to see a large and appreciative audience on the night.

The evening was well balanced, the first half consisting mainly of instrumental solos, all of which were very creditable to each of the performers, at his own level. The choir, although perhaps not at their best, gave quite sound performances of five pieces, ranging in mood from the rumbustuous "Captain



Stratton's Fancy" to the sombre "Vagabond" by Vaughan Williams.

The second half of the concert was largely taken up by selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe". Three members of staff, Messrs Moss, Cutting and Riley all gave convincingly lunatic performances in their solo roles and were well supported by the tenors, basses and altos of the choir. This part of the concert gave a little 'foretaste' of the lavish production of "The Yeoman of the Guard" planned for the autumn term of 1983.

Thus the year 1982/83, saw a maintenance of the importance of music as a feature of school-life. I would like to thank Mr. Rangeley for his hard work in producing a consistently good standard in both singing and playing.

Thanks must go to Mr. Jones for putting up with the many after-school rehearsals involved.

T.A. Jones U6S

Reports



RAILWAY SOCIETY

So far this year, we have managed some very successful trips to Bristol, South Wales, Derbyshire and Yorkshire. Although the weather, at times, was miserable, it never dampened the enthusiasm of our members.

The annual trip to Scotland had to be postponed (ironically due to a rail strike) but went ahead during the autumn half-term holidays. This weekend was enjoyed by all. Mr. Cutling and his party were recognised as "old friends from over the border" and were trusted with the freedom of various depots.

During the year we have had a quiz, thanks to the efforts of the 5th form, and an outside speaker, an Old Richian, Mr. Jenkins. The Railway Society's latest venture is "Stabbing Point", our very own magazine.

Behind all the activities has been the guiding hand of Mr. Cutling, to whom we owe grateful thanks. His interest and enthusiasm within the society is an encouragement to us all.

As this goes to press, the Richian II makes ready to leave for North Wales. Over five hundred happy travellers will again be aboard, including our latest addition to the Society from the school staff: Welcome Mr. Pearce; we wish you many hours of happy travelling with us.

R.C. Foster L6S
T.S. Humphrey L6R

NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

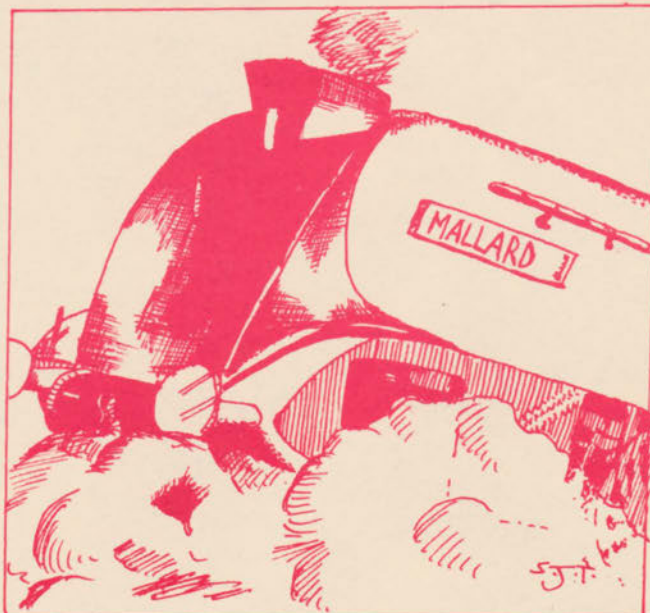
Once again, the year saw the Society engaged in a very wide range of activities. As usual, numerous trips were organised, to local places of interest as diverse as Gloucester City Museum, Ashleworth Ham and Sharpness Docks. Other excursions were farther afield and often took the form of coach trips for parents and friends, as well as members. Destinations for these trips included Badminton Horse Trials and the Cotswold Wildlife Park.

The autumn term saw much activity, since, as well as the arrival of the new Society Badges, we also launched our "Elm Project". A disease resistant strain of elm tree was planted near the tennis courts and the planting ceremony performed by Mr. Heap was of sufficient merit to reach the local papers!

The October trip was its usual success, the party of about 25 this time visiting the Aigas Field Study Centre near Beaulieu in Invernesshire.

The thanks of all the Society's 150 members should go to Mr. Cooper as mentor, Mr. Jones for putting up with our various escapades, Mr. and Mrs. Winstanley and Mrs. Cooper for their help at Aigas, and also to Mr. Henderson for driving the school bus for us.

T.A. Jones U6S



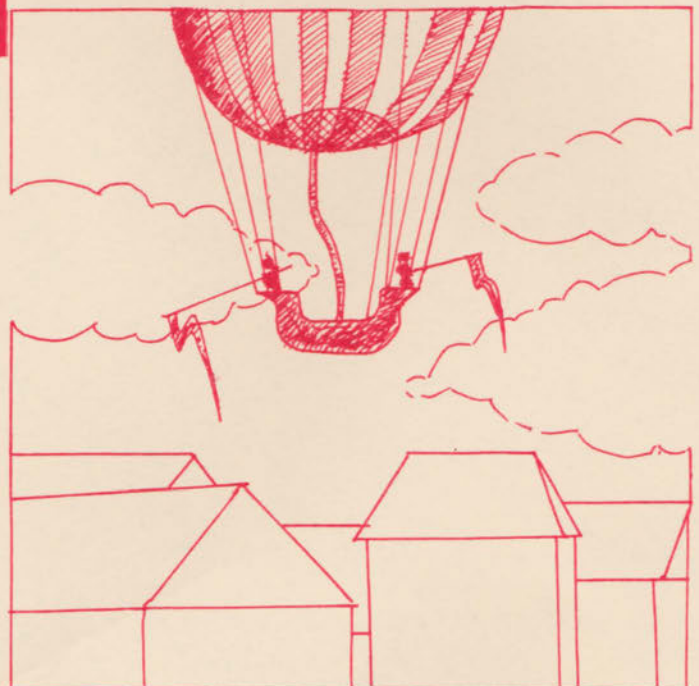


AIRCRAFT SOCIETY

The aircraft society meets approximately every two weeks in Room 16 during second sitting. Talks and quizzes are among the things we do to create an interest in all aspects of aircraft. Various trips have been made: one recently was made to Staverton Airport, where some members had a flight and everyone saw an aircraft being overhauled and tested.

We would like to thank the headmaster for his kind permission to visit the airport on a school day. Other trips are planned to Dwiford and Cosford museums.

Thanks to Mr. Burrow for his support.



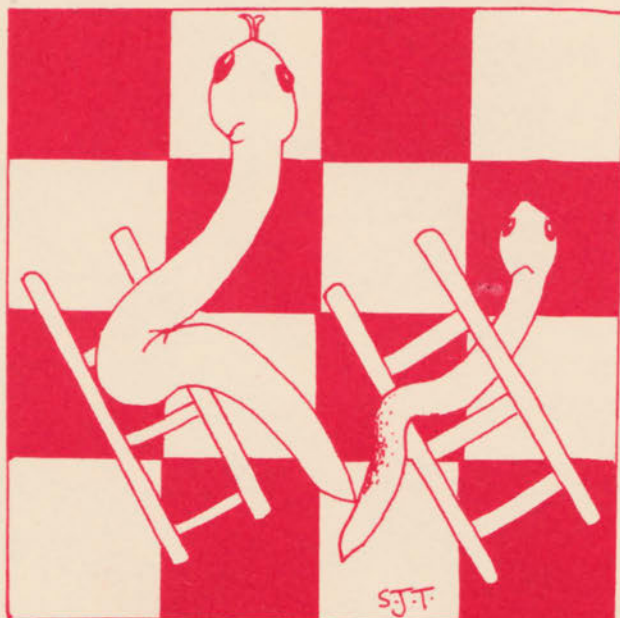
JUNIOR BACKGAMMON

Last winter a group of 3rd formers got together to form this offshoot of the Backgammon Club to cater solely for the lower school. With P. Corbett of the lower sixth as chairman a start was made, and after "press-ganging" Miss Sarah Hawker into becoming President, the "Junior Backgammon Club" became an official school society.

The club now boasts a membership of over fifteen and there are future plans to hold a knock-out tournament. We also aim to replace some of the ageing backgammon sets with money raised from the membership fee of ten pence per term.

Finally, thanks to Mr. Middleton for the use of Room 2, where meetings are held every Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes.

T. Rackliff 3S



DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

This society has over fifty members and meets regularly three times a week. Several other fantasy rôle-playing games are now played including Tunnels and Trolls, Rune Quest and Traveller.

There is a membership fee of 30p, and this year the Rune Quest boxed set was bought out of the society's funds. With an ever-increasing membership it is hoped that another game will soon be purchased.

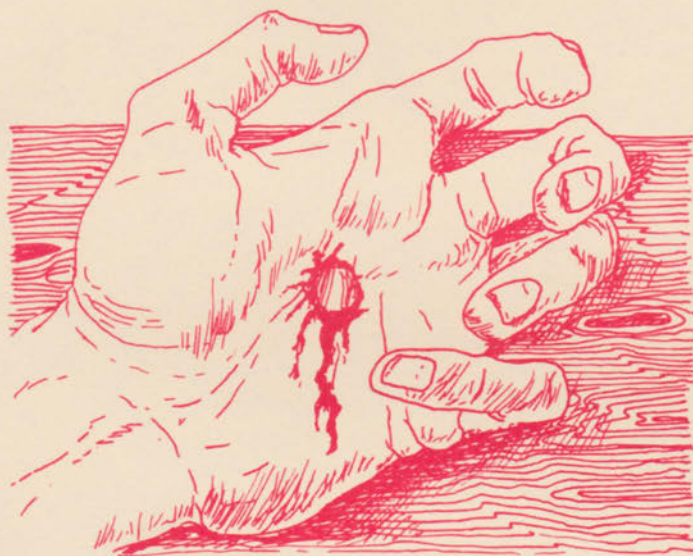
J. Moseley U6S



CHRISTIAN UNION

The Christian Union has made steady progress this year with meetings held each week for both junior and senior sections. Membership is small but committed. The junior meetings have aimed to present the Gospel in a lively and interesting way, in conjunction with games and activities ranging from a treasure hunt to the video film "Judo Champ". Meanwhile, the seniors have struggled with deeper issues such as relationships, the supernatural, violence, and Christian growth (with some success!). Our thanks, as always, to Mr. Watkins for his continued support throughout the year, and, of course, to God!

Robert Bruce L6R



ANGLING CLUB

The club this season has been relatively inactive as far as competitions are concerned, and so trips have been the major feature. The first of note was Mr. Haynes' magical mystery tour in torrential rain along the River Avon through Evesham, stopping merely to catch the air, and finishing opposite the Royal Shakespeare Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon where, after some time, some handsome catches were made. A more recent trip was to Ross-on-Wye, again in biting weather, but some interesting catches were made.

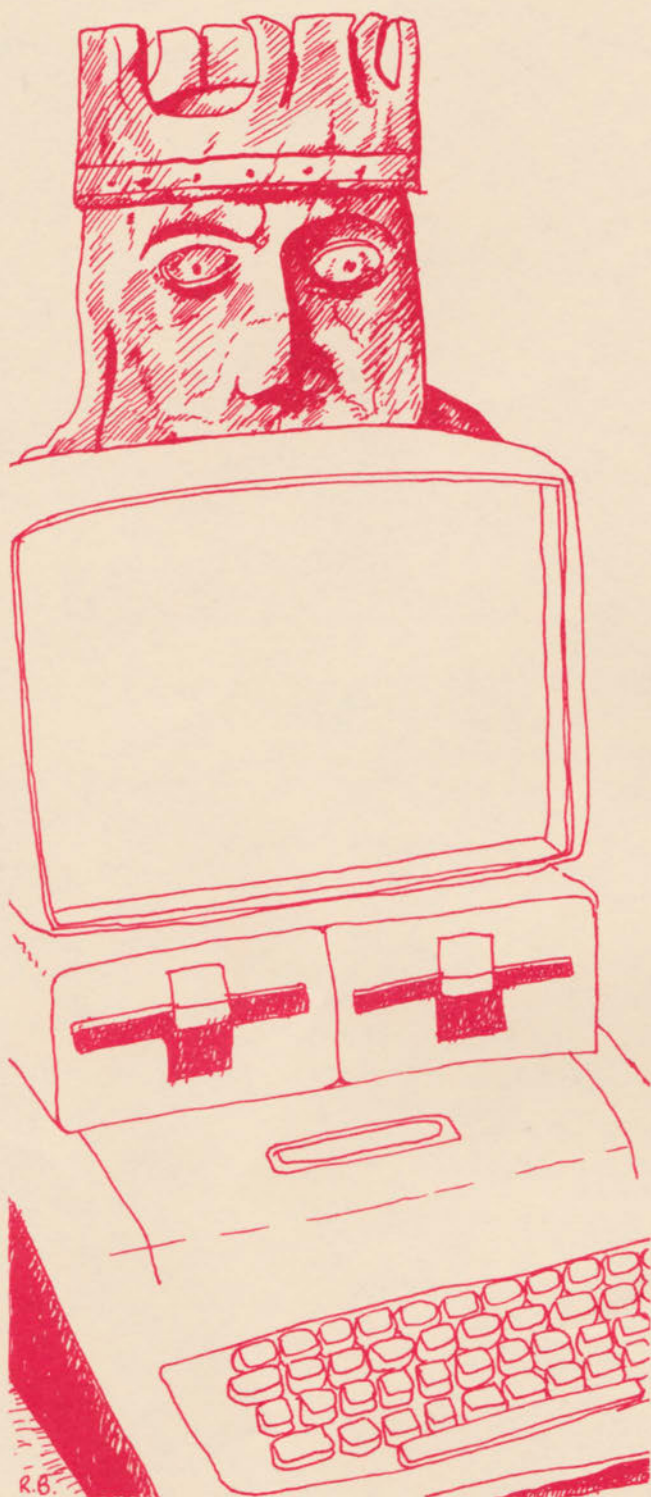
Some of our minor events include Sunday matches on the Gloucester Canal which have been well attended. However, a more eventful line-up is planned for the 1983/84 season and we hope Mr. Haynes' enthusiasm will continue and that he will drive us in the school bus even further afield.

M. Badminton L6T



R.B.

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COMPUTER CLUB

Meetings for this society are every Wednesday after school, but sometimes we meet on Saturday mornings when members bring their own computers.

Last November the club went to the Science Museum in London where we saw some fascinating gadgets and inventions. After the main attraction, we then went on a sightseeing tour of the city. Our thanks therefore to Mr. Foster, and to Mr. Tucker for all their help and assistance.

G. Thompson 4T

CHESS

This year the Chess Club has had to rely more heavily than usual on younger players, with results that promise well for the future. Particularly noteworthy is S. Clark's record of 17 wins and 2 draws in 25 school matches so far this season.

At the time of writing, the school has reached the final of the Gloucester and District Schools Knock-Out Competition and the Northern final of the Gloucestershire Schools Knock-Out Competition, the latter after narrowly defeating Cheltenham Grammar School. In the Times National Competition, the school was beaten in round 3 by Magdalen School, Oxford.

A team usually consisting of C. Peachey, S. Clark, Mr. Davies, R. Jones-Griffith and either M. Campbell or P. Moss was entered in Division 5 of the North Gloucestershire League, and has scored a respectable 6/13 against adult opposition. In the Gloucester and District Schools League, a second team has scored 3½/7.

A closely fought House Chess Competition was won by Eastgate, with Southgate second and Northgate third.

Membership of the club rose to about 50 during the year; new members are always welcome. Our thanks must go to Mr. Davies for his keen support and interest throughout the year.

C. Riley U6S

I should like to express the club's thanks to Chris Riley for his contribution to school chess. He has been an efficient and reliable captain, and his expertise (he is now a regular member of the Gloucester County Team) will be greatly missed.

M.I.D.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

After all the activity of last year (when our report took up a whole page of "The Richian"), the Society has taken things more quietly this year. However, this is not to say we have not been busy.

The year began in fine style when, on September 22nd, the T.U.C's. "Day of Action", we debated whether or not it was justified. Speaking in favour of the "Day of Action", Avi Chaudhuri and Tim Hughes both delivered good speeches but the mood of the meeting was against them and tub-thumping speeches from David Naylor and Martin Cole helped create an atmosphere reminiscent of the Tory Party Conference. The next meeting was a rather quieter affair: a "Call My Bluff" contest between staff and school which, much to the disappointment of the audience, the staff won by a rather large margin.

Before this we had, as usual, entered a team into the Rotary Club Public Speaking Competition. The team consisted entirely of third-formers, the three boys in question being Simon Moss, Toby Rackliff and Nigel May. They gave a most creditable performance against older opposition and finished a narrow third in a closely fought contest.

December found us in London where we went to see "The Pirates of Penzance" at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane. It was a very good layout and all who went enjoyed themselves.

The term ended in traditional style with a "Balloon Debate" featuring Joan of Arc (Miss Hawker), Arthur Dent (Philip Corbett), and Roy Jenkins (Toby Rackliff). Although his opponents both spoke well, Toby's rather earthy humour found favour with the audience and he stayed in the balloon.

In February, staff met school again, this time in a "News Quiz". Both sides were impressive and the contest ended in a draw.

A few weeks later, we held a joint debate with Denmark Road, the controversial motion being "This House Believes Women Are The Weaker Sex". The audience's



appetite for this debate was whetted when the participants were interviewed on "Severn Sound". The debate itself saw the girls taking the whole thing rather more seriously than the boys and although Avi Chaudhuri and Martin Cole got a few laughs, the motion was defeated.

Since then, we have been keeping a rather low profile although the open forum on the water strike saw some lively debate. This term, we have several debates planned, the first one being on the latest plan for city schools.

We would like to thank the following: Mr. Cutting for his unfailing support and encouragement, Sean Trigg for his marvellous posters, and everyone who spoke in debates. With a few more speakers, next year will hopefully be as successful as this one was.

D. Naylor L6T
A. Chaudhuri L6T

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

The Michaelmas Term was extremely busy with its numerous debates. It was our turn to give a verdict on the subject of nuclear disarmament, and our turn to discuss the reorganisation of the Gloucester Secondary Education system. On both accounts we decided the best possible course of events.

Before the end of term, a random panel took part in an 'Any Questions' session with some lively questions from the audience ranging from the use of rubber bullets in Northern Ireland to people wanting opinions on soccer hooliganism.

Three members of the society, N. May, S. Moss and T. Rackliff, represented the school in the annual public-speaking competition held by the Rotary Club. Their subject was the life and works of J.R.R. Tolkien and they took a creditable third place.

The society slipped into inactivity during the Lent Term but was woken up towards the end with another 'Any Questions', again with a random panel. It is hoped that we will be totally resurrected during the Summer Term.

A. Methven 3S

S. Moss 3S



CANOEING

The year's activities have been adversely affected by the breakdown of the heat exchange and pump which are integral parts of the school pool. The repairs were completed during the Easter holidays and training has now resumed.

The club membership is restricted to the sixth form at present due to limitation of resources. However, opportunities for canoeing lower down the school now exist in certain games lessons. Last summer about fifty boys from different parts of the school tried their skills on moving water at the Biblins Centre on the River Wye. Much fun was had by all, particularly in the middle of a thunderstorm when instructions were difficult to communicate and congratulations to non-canoeists!

Pool sessions consist mainly of learning and practising rolling techniques and support strokes in order to build up confidence for the real thing on rapids. Great is the delight on the faces of those who manage to roll up on their own for the first time.

J.R.W.A.



FIVE SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

The Five Schools Association is a combination of the four Grammar Schools in Gloucester with King's School. Its function is to promote social and cultural aspects in life and to create greater harmony between the schools.

During the past year a variety of events were planned. However due to lack of support in some instances and the British weather in others, not all of the events on the programme took place.

This year the association entered the video age with an enormously successful showing of "Monty Python and the Holy Grail". Having previously encountered problems with showing films, the video proved to be cheap, reliable and profitable! Plans are in hand to show more video-cassettes in the future.

By popular request a visit to the Mecca Ice Rink in Bristol was arranged. This was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Owing to bad weather the first Five Schools hockey tournament was cancelled. However, it is hoped that a tennis tournament will be arranged in the summer term (a chance for Rich's to win back the shield lost to Ribston Hall last year!).

In February this year a visit to London was organised; this included a play in the evening at the Albany Theatre. The play, "Children of a Lesser God", portrayed the difficulties that deaf people encounter in the "hearing world". The play was enjoyed by everyone. We would like to thank Mr. Haynes for his support in this trip.

This year has seen the demise of the famous "Five Schools Disco": although several have been held, attendance has been variable and due to competition, support has decreased.

As a result of our efforts, the association has been able to donate substantial sums of money to local charities. The first charity we helped was the Cancer and Leukemia in Childhood Fund (C.L.I.C.). A donation was also sent to Longford Special School. Both donations were gratefully received.

It is hoped that in the future the Association will be supported by more sixth formers.

S. Williams U6R



44th VENTURE SCOUTS

Membership has maintained the high level it reached last year, with still many people interested in joining the unit.

Last summer's trip to the Orkneys comprised of mainly younger members who explored famous landmarks of the islands. This year's trip will be to Norway, a favourite haunt of the V.S.L. Frank Henderson, where we will be making a return to the Krattebol Children's Centre. Other activities planned include a short visit to North Wales, and an Easter hike along the Offa's Dyke Path. Closer to home the unit again entered teams in the Cotswold Marathon.

The annual jumble sale and a disco were held as fund-raising events, and we also contributed to charities as shown by our participation in a Bed Race and our donation to a visit — speech machine appeal.

Sporting activities continue to flourish with football, darts, indoor cricket and more recently canoeing being popular activities. Our horizons in mountaineering and caving are being broadened through our association with "Mountain Gear" whose help has proved invaluable to the unit. Community work is undertaken in the form of tree felling and gardening. This side of scouting is often forgotten by members, but is an integral part of the movement as a whole.

The unit's own magazine, "Venture 44", is still being produced and is distributed to ex-members and friends of the unit.

R. Holford U6R

CONTRIBUTIONS

PROGRESS?

When men first fought in their mighty hordes
The weapons they used were spears and
swords.

When the victors paraded, the vanquished
fled,
All who were left were dying or dead.

When men first used deadly gun powder
Men were killed faster, the noise was much
louder

When the victors paraded, the vanquished
fled

It was then time to bury the dead.

Cannons and rifles killed again and again
And so all the armies needed more men.

When the victors paraded, the vanquished
fled

It was hard to identify most of the dead.

With the advent of bombs dropped from a
plane
Both soldiers and civilians in thousands were
slain

When the victors paraded, the vanquished
fled
There weren't enough men to bury the dead.

Finally there was the nuclear war
When the earth shattered right to the core
No victors paraded, no vanquished fled
And even in bunkers they were dying or dead.

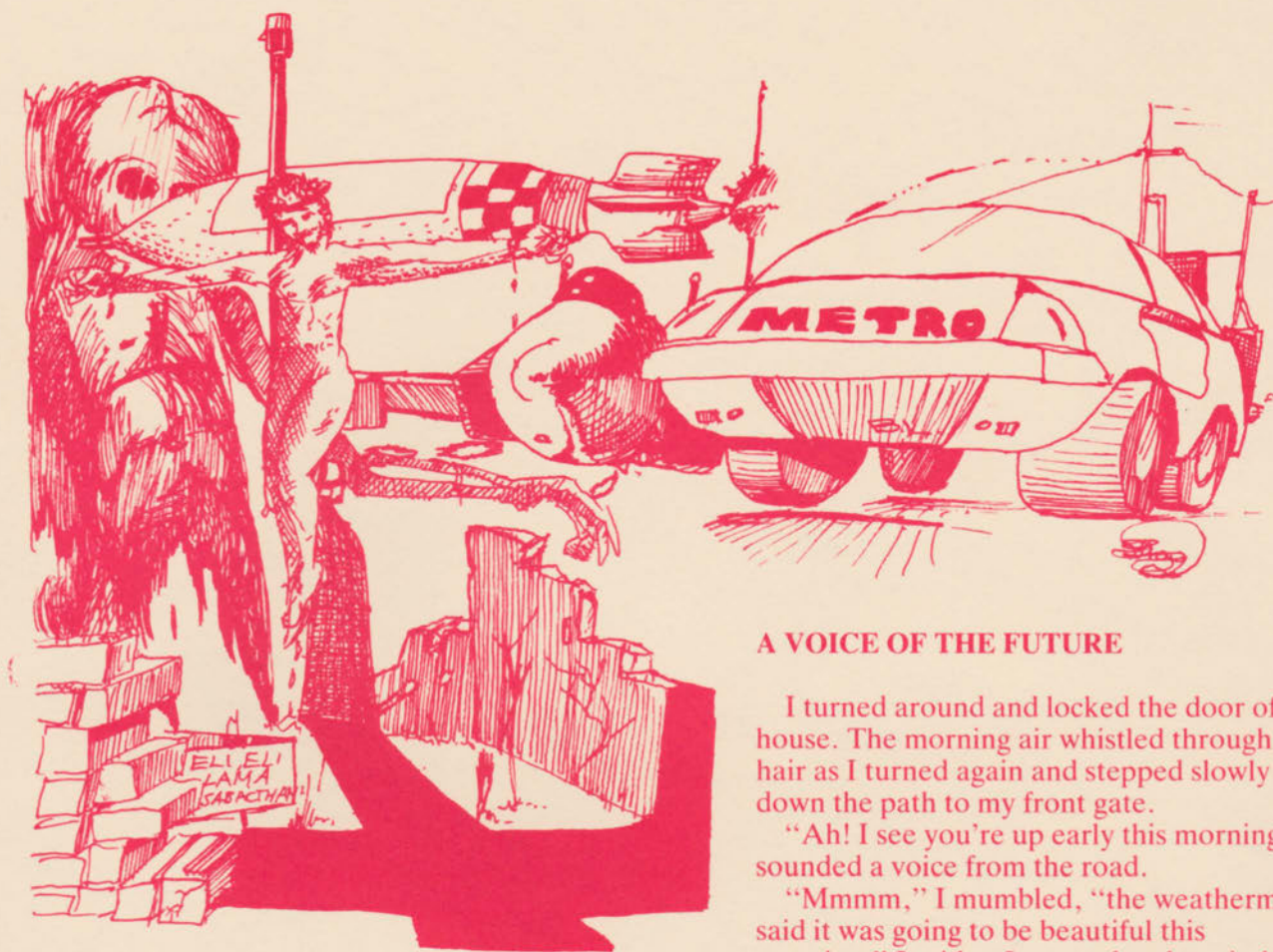
Carl Langford L6T



WATER

The trickling brook
From the hillside
O'er the bumpy ground
You make your way
O gentle wind
O rippling water
Where does your journeying end?
It ends not near,
It ends not far
It ends at the sea.
O sea,
O glorious sea.
From brook to river to sea,
How I wish that I was thee.

K. Harvey 1R



A VOICE OF THE FUTURE

I turned around and locked the door of my house. The morning air whistled through my hair as I turned again and stepped slowly down the path to my front gate.

"Ah! I see you're up early this morning," sounded a voice from the road.

"Mmmm," I mumbled, "the weatherman said it was going to be beautiful this morning," I said as I yawned and a raindrop trickled down from my forehead.

I clenched my shoulders in the cold and stepped forward. Suddenly everything was warm. I relaxed my arms, then pulled them up and rested them in front of me.

"I feel thirsty today. B.P.?" sounded the voice again.

"Yes," I replied. Then everything whistled by me, and my eyes gradually opened.

"That 'Zest' soap doesn't revive you as quickly as I had hoped," I said amidst a yawn.

"Yes, you can't believe anything they tell you on these adverts," replied the voice.

"Hey up! You haven't put your seat belt on," it said again, as I drove my new, A registration, advanced Austin Maestro in the B.P. garage.

David Beard 1R

ROBBERY (a poem of today)

Ours is a blighted planet
Our only development being decay
Yet I hear no cry of dereliction

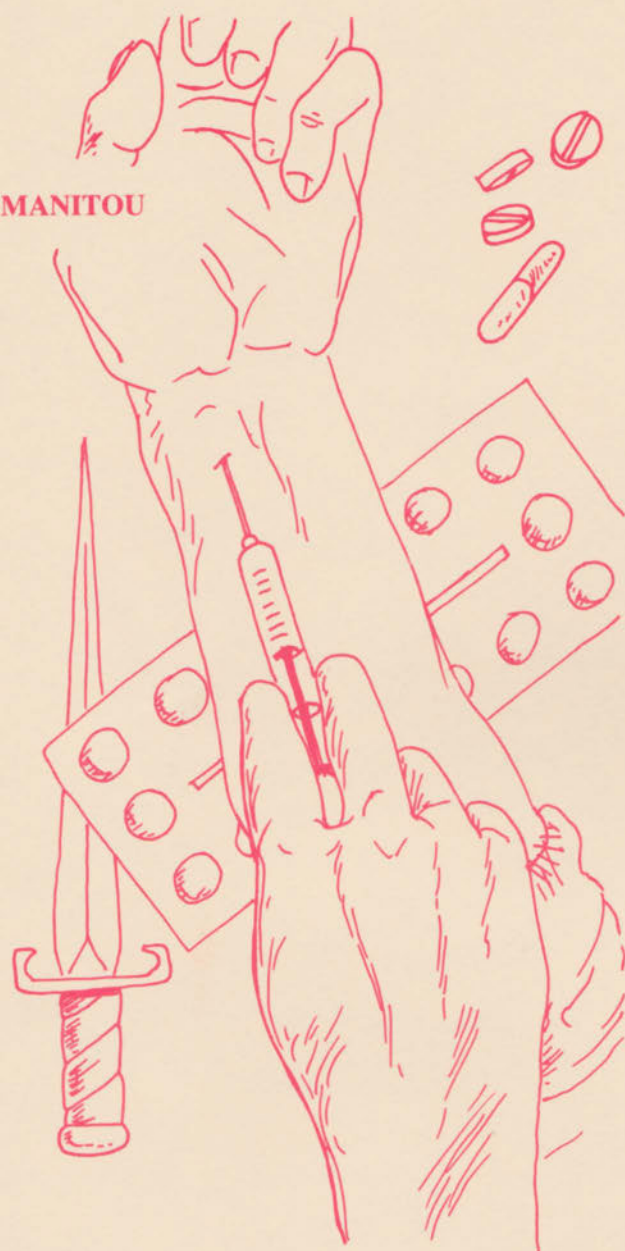
We cannot rely on ourselves
To begin a new age
So all our hopes are left
In the hands of Providence

Don't keep thinking if death
Will meet you early
On another world stands your double
A million miles from here

And your gods are so great
That they use you as puppets
In a war
They know they can't win

If you were the Christ
You'd better come in soon
For your time is running out!

MANITOU



The year was 2066; the place London, England's capital. The human race had finally achieved a state of mechanization, resulting in overwhelming decline in manual jobs. There were those who were lucky enough to work for their living and seemed adequately contented, but those who benefited from the State's generous 'wage' had to search for an absorbing hobby, or risk losing their conscious state of mind through innumerable stupor inducing drugs regularly delivered each month, which had proved a popular alternative.

One particular quarter of London, Oldbury, was an exception to the general trend of addicts, for most of its habitants vigorously resisted the sedative option in favour of varying hobbies. They ranged from home mechanics to meditation, but one of the most unusual pastimes in the twenty-first century was antique collecting.



Paul Richmond lived in a large, fully automated house in the south east division of Oldbury, a comfortable thirty minutes drive from the coast. Having acquired considerable wealth from a job which a mechanical mind had taken over four years ago, he had turned his attentions to antiques, partly because of his amusement at the simplicity of old technology, partly because he was disgusted with the idea of a doped reconciliation.

An uncanny sense of finding unusual bargain items had always surprised Paul himself, yet over the past two months he had made several purchases which had turned out to be worth far more money than their sale price. He had recently sold a small lamp for a two hundred per cent profit margin to a dealer who had just started a small business not a mile from his own home. Indeed, the manager had seemed very eager to make the purchase, and afterwards implored Paul to look over his well stocked shop.

Willing to oblige, Paul had casually assessed each object with no more than a passing interest until he saw a small figure which was partially hidden. Upon examining it, he was

quite sure he had never seen anything like it, but neither he nor the manager could explain it.

While driving home, the mysterious doll having been purchased for a small price, Paul concluded it had probably been a small child's toy. However, there was something about its face which looked familiar. He allowed himself a slight chuckle over his ambitious imagination. The car swerved violently, immediately dragging his reluctant escapist's dream back to reality. The doll appeared to be smiling, but the evening light was poor, and Paul was already thinking of his warm, welcoming house.

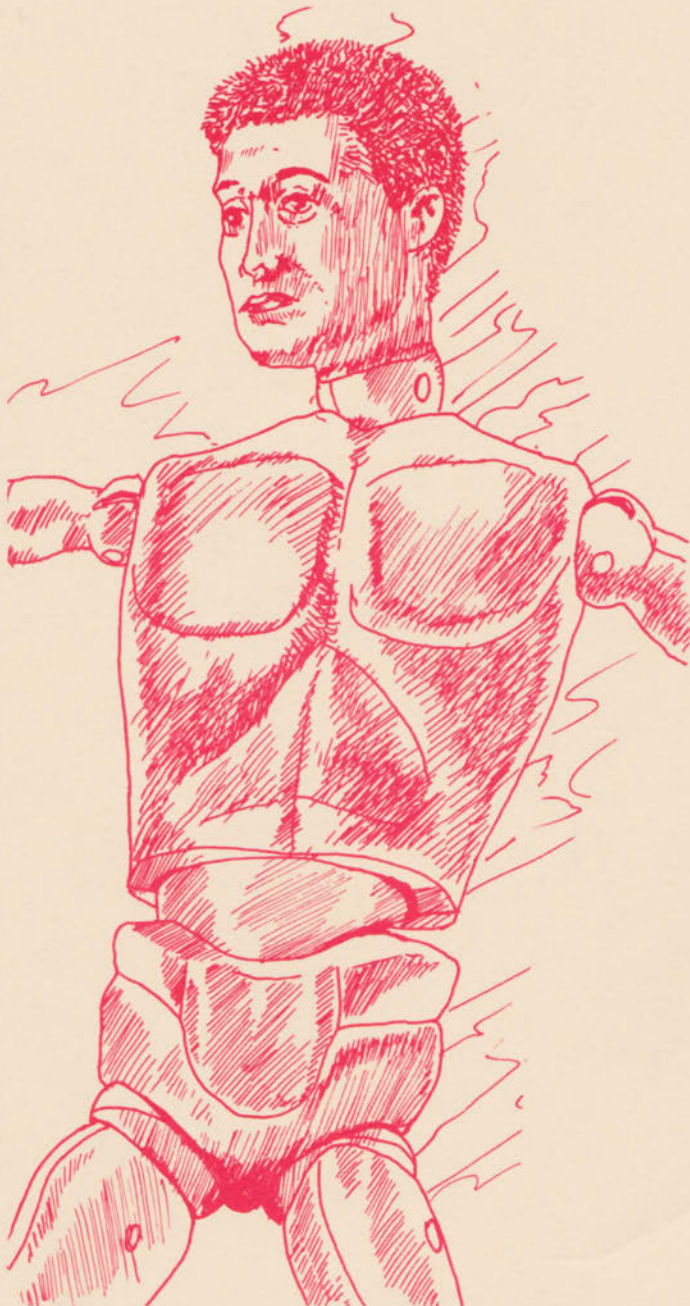


The following day Paul decided to travel down to the coast for a much-needed break. While driving he recalled how his wife had jokingly referred to a likeness between himself and the doll. She had also told him to contact the repair agency as one of the many domestic circuits had blown again, leaving the refrigerator and dishwasher inactive.

Glancing across the seats he noticed that his wife had fallen asleep. Soon they would be free from the concrete, the noise, and the lack of manual austerity, and would enter the perfect countryside controlled by unknown forces.

The engineer used his identity key to deactivate one sector of the security system, and immediately set to work on the defective area. He moved lethargically, for his monthly allowance had arrived that morning, and already half of it was gone. Unfortunately his methodical manner proved fatal, for he touched a reactive column, and was immediately reduced literally to fine ash. The fire did not spread quickly at first, but it had only just begun.

Paul awoke his wife. Pointing to the sea, it immediately had a relaxing effect on them both. They sat back and watched, immersed in a deep tranquility. Opening the window, Paul realised the temperature had risen inside the car, for he had broken into a sweat. They slept in their lazy atmosphere.

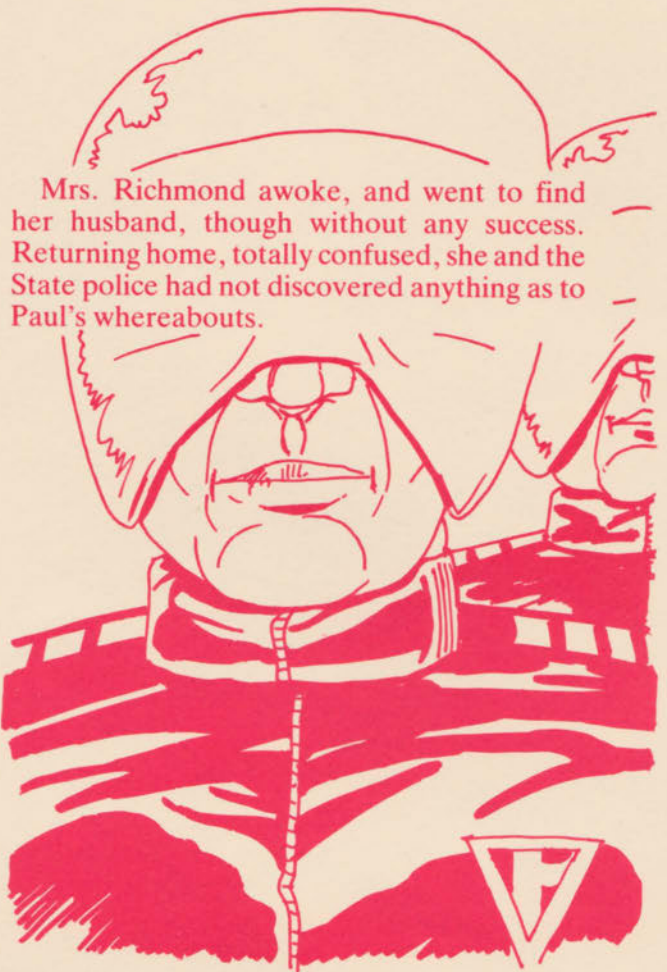


The doll was inches from the fire; already it was being singed by scorching flames.

Paul awoke saturated in a sweat; small rivulets trickled down his face, irritating his skin. He scratched his nose, but on seeing the waxy deposit on his fingers he became curious. It must have come from his face. He peered into the vanity mirror in the car, and was subsequently left literally speechless.

His face was a dripping mess, not of sweat, but molten skin. He rushed out to the cliff, unaware of what was around him. Droplets of his liquid epidermis sizzled as they hit the cold grass. His hands now consisted of stumps, distended at one end where frequent gobs were being unleashed.

The doll was now almost totally burned, the fire had exhausted its fuel. Everything appeared as normal, except for the fine ash on the carpet.



Mrs. Richmond awoke, and went to find her husband, though without any success. Returning home, totally confused, she and the State police had not discovered anything as to Paul's whereabouts.

The sea slowly advanced upon a beach which had witnessed the horrific incident, for it was slowly to discover for itself the skull, apparently grinning inanely, but the evening light was failing and there was a chill onshore breeze.



S. Brazington

R. BOWERS.

THOUGHTS

I sit beside the fire and think
Of what things used to be.
It is like looking through a chink
Of time, what I see
Are temples rising from the dust
Of colours bright and gay.
Ships that take the slightest gust
And run into the bay.

I see soldiers marching on a hill.
They are foreigners from far away.
At a command they all stand still.
Then they charge, at a trumpet bray.
After a while the soldiers depart
The colourful temples are razed to the ground.
And in the bay ships no longer dart.
Everywhere death and destruction is found.

I sit beside my fire and think
Of what things used to be.
I think of these and my heart sinks:
What happened to others may happen to me.

N. Edwards 1R



LIFE

Is there something in the life that shines?
One hundred percent for each subject in line,
A gold mine in life's progress;
To tidy up the loose strands, that lie in
such a muddled mess.

Is there something in the life that casts dark?
The moment when your subjects slip away
and part.
The empty gold mine, so dark, so tantalising.

Is there anything in the life of luck?
Four aces that prove the lucky duck,
Four lucky horse shoes,
That spread the news,
Of all the money coming your way.

Is there anything in the unlucky life?
That spreads all of the might of sight;
The sight that ends one second from night.

Is there much to find in life?
Stretch the never ending boundary,
Do the things that in your mind are so cloudy;
Then to you,
And only you,
The secret shall be shed,
The secret of this pattern:
This pattern known to us as life—
The unanswered life.

David Beard 1R



CATS

There is an animal called a cat,
 It can be short, it can be fat,
 They can be black, they can be white,
 They can move swiftly even at night.
 They do catch prey, a mouse is one,
 It waits by their holes until they come.
 Another one is called a rat,
 The cat eats them on the front door mat,
 My cat likes you to stroke his fur,
 And then occasionally he'll sit and purr.
 My cat likes to drink lots of cream,
 And then he'll lie and have a dream.
 I like all cats, each is a gem,
 But my cat Pickles outshines all of them.

C. Parry 1R

TIGER

Black and gold and white striped hair
 Unchallenged in your Bengal lair
 No native near would ever dare
TIGER

Emeralds gleaming in the dark
 Your spoor the hunter's only mark
 Of your domain since Noah's ark
TIGER!

But Rajahs in their Howdahs, safe
 Pukkha Sahibs with guns uncased
 Slaughtered sans a moments grace
TIGER

Zoos, Safari parks and others
 Hunted you and your brothers
 Who cared if cubs were without mothers?
TIGER

Restless, pacing in your cage
 Before the public's wondering gaze
 Helpless in your captive rage
TIGER

Lying on Baronial floor
 Your skin spreadeagled near the door
 We have stilled your awesome roar
TIGER

Your proud, unconquered, fearsome mask
 Stares down from walls, the cleaners task
 to wipe obsidian eyes of glass
TIGER

Our children soon will want to know
 "Where did this wondrous feline go?"
 Who only wished her cubs to grow
TIGER

"We didn't know!" we all will cry
 Responsibility we'll deny
 "We didn't want you all to die!"
TIGER

A. Morkot 5T

EXCURSIONS

OXFORD CANAL

OXFORD CANAL — APRIL 1983

As an introduction to inland waterways — there are over 2,000 miles available for cruising — the canal which leaves the Thames at Oxford, bound for the industrial Midlands via Banbury, is an ideal beginners' course. With a steady, varied selection of locks, bridges, trees, narrow stretches, shallow stretches — and plenty to see — eight members of 4S set out to taste the delights of cruising — and my cooking.

Of course it rained; with a vehement insistence such as one could imagine the weather gods laughing. Yes, and it was cold but the crew proved to be of resilient spirit, the Nelson touch even? Even so, we left Oxford with 12 tons of boat — and almost that much food — in the deceitful sunshine of Easter. Locks, once a safe and efficient method if mastered, become entertaining and, eventually, a challenge to speed. Lock crews relax in between bursts of energy, listening to the steady thumping of the diesel engine and drinking more tea and eating more toast at the regulation cruising speed of 4 mph.

Statistically we covered some 98 miles of canal, 68 locks, and hundreds of bridges. We consumed 14 gallons of fuel, 21 loaves, one window, one mallet. But with only one complete, recordable ducking, the accident rate was low . . .

I hope another group of budding canal cruisers will offer itself for duty next Easter.

I.S.C.



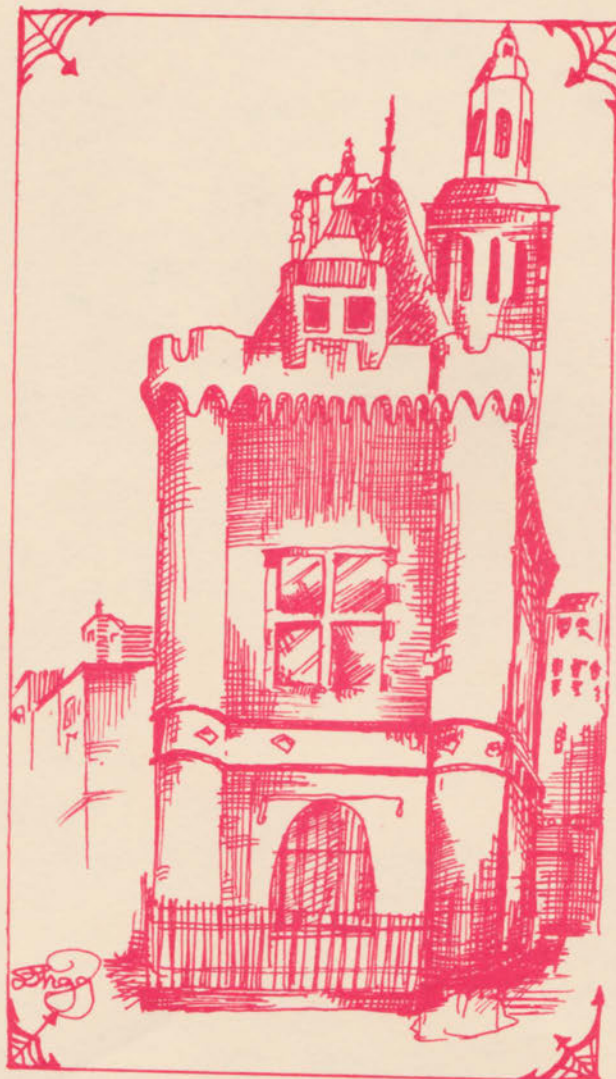
FRENCH EXCHANGE

This year saw the second exchange visit to La Couronne, near Angoulême. With a larger group of boys and girls than ever before, we successfully negotiated the very long journey by rail, and finally were greeted by crowds of French children, their parents and teachers, at Angoulême station.

On our first day we went to the school, the Collège d'Enseignement Secondaire in La Couronne, where the English pupils saw their French friends at work in the classrooms, at play, and in the refectory, where the noise equalled that of any rugby international! They also saw, and wondered at, the preparation of that same meal earlier in the morning on their tour of the kitchens.

There followed a bank holiday weekend, which for many involved new and exciting activities like trips to the islands off the coast near La Rochelle, visits to the Zoo, to the Charente, and participating in huge family parties on the occasion of a child's First Communion.

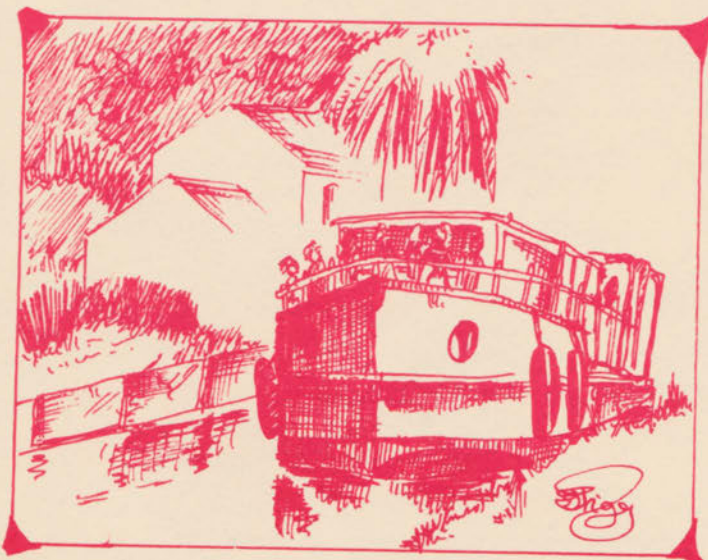
During the course of the next week we saw La Rochelle, with its three ancient towers



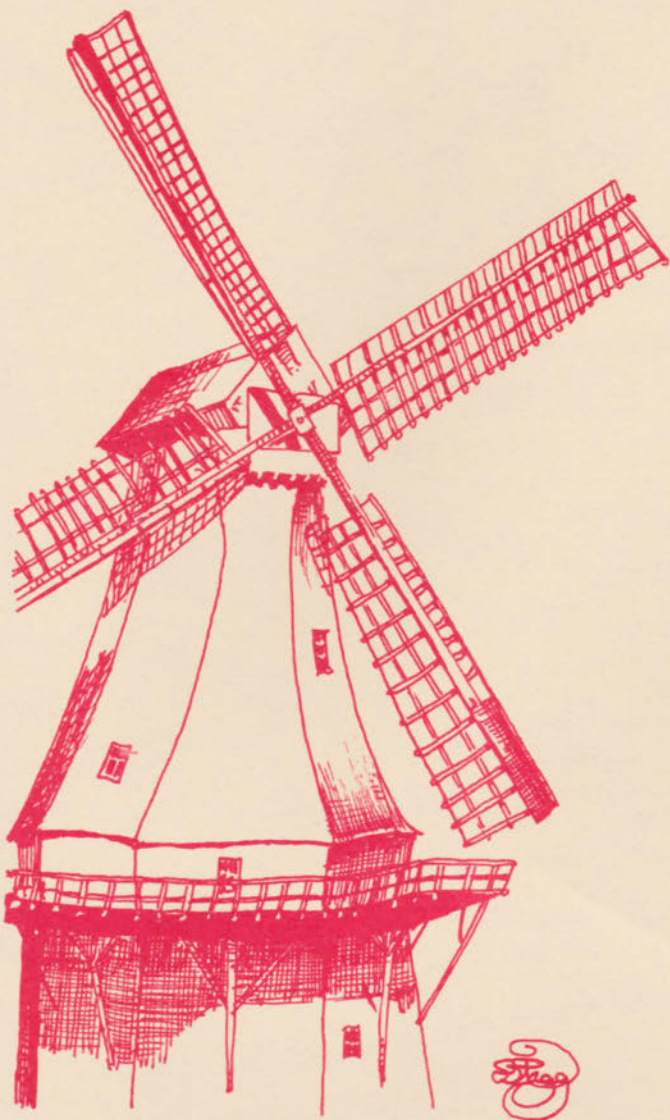
that guard the port and the town — arguably one of the most beautiful in France — vines stretching away to the horizon, supplying grapes for cognac, and the distilleries where the 'eau de vie' is made and stored for many years in oak barrels before being bottled and sent all over the world. We visited Romanesque churches built by pilgrims and magnificent Roman remains in Saintés.

The French families made us most welcome, fed us well on delicacies which were appreciated by the majority, and taught us all a measure of tolerance, cooperation, and not a little French.

S.I.W.



GERMAN EXCHANGE



GÖTTINGEN EXCHANGE

After a rather tedious journey which lasted twenty-three hours, we arrived at Göttingen station tired but excited. As soon as we had managed to find our respective families among the masses crowding the station, we were whisked away home where many of us experienced our first taste of German food, (which most found quite palatable), and where we also tried to answer the many questions our German hosts fired at us.

After a good night's rest, the group assembled the following morning outside the old Rathaus where we split into groups of four and set out to answer a questionnaire on Göttingen. The aim of this was for us to discover as much as we could about the city.

The following day we went to the Rathaus where we were shown an English film about Göttingen and where the Deputy Mayor officially welcomed us and wished us all an interesting and enjoyable stay.

During the second week of the visit we were all expected to attend school with our partners but for many it proved too difficult to get to school for a 7.50 a.m. start. For others, the novelty of a German school soon wore off and many were to be seen by 10.00 a.m. wandering off into the town. However, those who did manage to attend some lessons found it beneficial to witness the differences between the German school system and our own.

The school week was disrupted by our main excursion which was a coach journey through the Harz mountains. Our first destination was Duderstadt, a small town with around five hundred fine, beautifully-preserved half-timbered houses. We then went to view the border with the DDR, where a guide explained to us the intricate network of electric-fences, mines and watch-towers, which make it a virtual impossibility for anybody to escape into the West. After visiting a silver mine at St. Andreasberg, we stopped at Torfhaus where we ate our sandwiches in freezing conditions. Finally, we visited Goslar where we were left to our own devices for two hours. Many chose to visit the Kaiserpfalz as it had been recommended, but also because it offered shelter from the pouring rain.

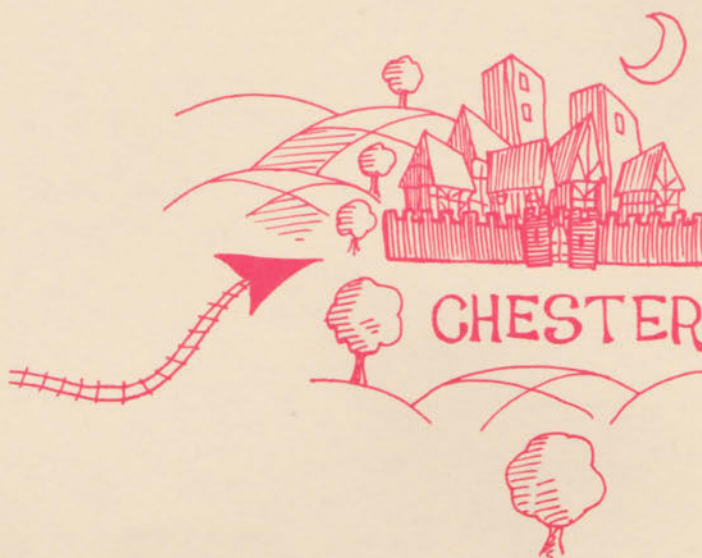
The two week visit was enjoyed by everybody and several were already making plans on the return journey to go again next year.

Many thanks to Mr. Tucker, Miss Whitsey and Miss Dennis-Jones for forfeiting their Easter holiday and helping to make the exchange run so smoothly.

D. Baldwin L6T

RICHIAN II

The temptation to repeat last year's train charter proved to be too much and, consequently, some 515 passengers boarded the 'Richian II' — headboard resplendent — at Gloucester or Cheltenham on St. George's Day — 23rd April, 1983. The choice of destinations (Chester, Llandudno, or the whole way to Blaenau Ffestiniog in North Wales) gave travellers the opportunity to select a day out to suit their tastes and pockets. Those who chose the full show were treated to a ride on the steam engine-hauled narrow gauge train that runs down to the coast at Porthmadog.



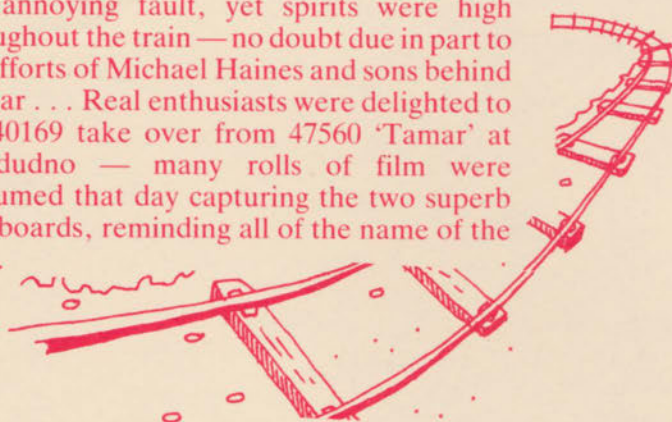
WALES

The experience of the Richian I to York last year proved invaluable in the preparation of this year's excursion, but it did not reduce the amount of work necessary — tickets, finance, letters, brochures, bookings, cancellations and publicity. I thank R. Foster and T. Humphrey for their tremendous help not forgetting all those who worked very hard indeed behind the scenes and on the day itself.

It went well — most people avoided the rain but the power of darkness overwhelmed Coach C this time, not Coach M of last year. The heating failed for our return journey and even a change of locomotive failed to remedy this annoying fault, yet spirits were high throughout the train — no doubt due in part to the efforts of Michael Haines and sons behind the bar . . . Real enthusiasts were delighted to see 40169 take over from 47560 'Tamar' at Llandudno — many rolls of film were consumed that day capturing the two superb headboards, reminding all of the name of the train.



GLOUCESTER



The total effort produced a marvellous £429.71 for the Sue Ryder Home at Leckhampton.

We're off to the South next year . . .

I.S.C.



RUGBY RESULTS — TOURNAMENTS

Sevens

Gloucestershire Schools U-16

beat St. Brendan College
beat Marling
lost to Cheltenham G.S.
(semi-final)

Wycliffe College Tournament U-16

beat Wycliffe
beat Rednock
lost to Millfield

Wycliffe College Tournament U-15

beat Wycliffe B
drew Marling
lost to Queen Elizabeth Hospital

Wycliffe College Tournament U-14

beat Archway
beat Bishop Wordsworth School
lost to Millfield (semi-final)

Kings School Sevens U-12

beat Linden
beat Oxstalls
beat Kings
lost to Crypt (final)

Clifton Sevens U-16

lost to St. Brendans College
lost to Prior Park College

Oxford Sevens U-16

lost to M.C.S., Brackley

Fifteens

Sir Thomas Rich's School U-13 Tournament

beat Ross
beat Rednock
beat Saintbridge
beat Oxstalls
beat Crypt (final)

P	W	D	L
21	10	2	9

After a difficult start to the season when injuries prevented consistent selection, the squad showed great character and perseverance to produce a satisfactory record. In fact only one of the final six matches was lost and this augers well for next season.

The season culminated in winning the Sir Thomas Rich's School 15-a-side Tournament; winning all their five games scoring 67 points for and 0 against.

1st XV

P	W	L
11	3	8

A disappointing season. It must be said that the XV had to be rebuilt and it is noticeable that the three wins came in the second half of term. However several narrow defeats could have been wins with more application.

Colours: G. Street, Jerrard.

2nd XV

P	W	D	L
10	4	1	5

Much improved — the 2nd XV failed to win a game last year — hopefully the foundation for stronger senior XV's next season. They displayed great spirit and commitment.

Colours: Oram (Capt.), Hughes T., Weston, Haynes, Sturdy, Thorne, Oldfield.



COLTS

P	W	D	L
21	14	1	6

Colours

Major, Merchant, Haines, Barber, Matthews, Fisher, Lawrence.

On the whole this has been a very successful season for the colts even though there were several occasions where they did not perform to their full ability. Although the side has lacked the finer aspects of the game, this was more than made up for in determination, strength and a willingness to win.

Throughout the season, the training sessions were well attended and over 25 boys represented the school showing an interest that could only benefit the team. As the season progressed the colts became more and more confident and began to play with a very positive attitude and played as a team rather than on the strength of individuals. This was highlighted by a very good performance against Belmont Abbey

in which the team lost narrowly in a game of a very high standard.

JUNIOR XV

P	W	D	L
24	21	2	1

Building on an impressive earlier record, the team continued to entertain with basic but attractive open rugby. Forwards were committed to winning ball for their backs, and a more coordinated threequarter line caused headaches to many defences. Tries came from all back division positions, and variety of penetration was the order of the day.

At least three 'undefeated' records fell to the school, and several memorable games are recalled.

A last gasp win against Culverhay, the wearing down of a strong Lydney team, a battle in the mud against Bournside, all away games, showed the team's mettle.

The final game of the season,

lost 0-8 to a Monmouth team beaten only by Taunton School, showed that scoring opportunities against quality teams come few times in a match. Advantages have to be seized when they occur. Nevertheless, entertaining as usual and sound in defence, the team earned deserved praise.

The 'B' team continued to back up the first squad, and won all five of their games.

U-12 XV

P	W	L
9	6	3

An encouraging start for the 1st year XV although they did experience some problems in defence against bigger, more physical XV's.

Cross Country



SENIOR

The season began with the now annual fixture against the Army Apprentices and Marling which resulted in a confidence-boosting victory a fortnight before the Beachley Relay. Here the team performed creditably enough to finish 9th, but this was bettered by 7th place out of a much larger field at the Abingdon Relay.

After an easy win at Monmouth, and a slightly harder home victory against St. Brendan's, the team achieved 11th place at the Sutton Coldfield Relay, behind strong northern opposition and despite the absence of fast-improving Peter Costley. James Moss avenged several defeats earlier in the season, putting the school in 4th place at the end of the first lap.

The "Quadrangular" fixture at Coventry against King Henry VIII, Junior Leaders Regiment and Warwick School resulted in third place, just behind the two strongest teams, but well clear of Warwick. Three days later in the County Championships at Winchcombe U-20's Shackleton, Moss and Costley all performed well to finish 3rd, 5th and 13th respectively. Intermediates Chris Mayo and Stephen Grieve finished 9th and 14th. All five of these, together with Gregory Smith, qualified to represent Gloucestershire. Mayo, Costley and Shackleton then went on to run in the English Schools National Championships at Chesterfield, where Mayo ran outstandingly to finish 88th.

The Spring Term began with a home fixture against R.G.S. Worcester where the team achieved a "whitewash", taking the first six places. The Coventry Relay, considered by many to be

the foremost Inter-Schools event of the season, resulted in an excellent 22nd place for the team in a large field of nearly 50 schools. The annual fixture against St. Dunstan's from London brought a defeat for the U-20's but victory for the U-16's with Nick Shackleton and Chris Mayo taking the individual honours. After a relatively easy home win against Kings, Taunton, the team competed in the Oxford Tortoises Relay with the emergence of Pete Costley (who clocked the fastest time for the School) and an almost identical time by the ever-consistent Chris Mayo, the School 'A' Team finished 6th. As creditable (if not more so) than this was the performance of the 'B' Team (Grieve, Reed, Devine and Smith) who came 18th. The final race of the season was the Lucton Relay, in which the school competed for the first time. A weakened team on an unfamiliar course produced a slightly disappointing 4th place, despite 2nd and 3rd fastest lap times by Costley and Moss.

All in all it was a very successful season and thanks go to Messrs. Riley and Foster for both arranging and providing

transport to the fixtures, and to the team for their dedication and consistency.

JUNIOR

The season maintained roughly the same pattern as previous years, although it is proving more difficult to arrange autumn term fixtures.

Both U-13's and U-15's beat Monmouth, but against Marling victory came only to the U-15's (the U-13's losing very narrowly). "The Hill" managed to get the better of our annual rivals from St. Dunstan's, London, although more used to steep Cotswold gradients were Cheltenham College Junior School who beat the U-13's fairly convincingly. On their first visit to the Lucton Relay, the U-15's were placed 5th.

Concluding the season were the three North Gloucestershire League races where the U-13's and U-15's finished 3rd and 4th respectively, representing a combined performance bettered only by Saintbridge. The League always brings home the importance of teamwork, although due credit must go to Alex Smith who won two out of three races to become 1st individual in the U-13's and to Adam Foster who was 6th.

Representation at District level was as usual strong with the following representing the City at the County Championships at Winchcombe: U-17, M. Brownlie, J. Lovell, C. Tande-
vin. U-15, A. Foster, J. Shackleton, A. Smith. U-13, S. Chant, P. Moss, K. Murgatroyd, M. Wheeler. Of these, J. Shackleton, A. Smith and M. Wheeler were selected to represent Gloucestershire.

Squash

'A' TEAM

Division 1, Sunday League

P	W	L
10	9	1

Division 1, Schools' League

P	W	L
10	10	0

'B' TEAM

Division 2, Schools' League

P	W	L
10	6	4

The 'A' team had another very successful season winning the Schools' League outright and already being assured of a place in the final 'play-off' of the Sunday League.

As expected the team was unbeaten in the Schools' League and finished well clear of the rest of the field, winning the Schools Shield for the 4th year running.

After a promising start to the Sunday League (played 5 won 5 including good wins against Rendcomb and Cheltenham Colleges) the team met their match away at Rencomb College and went down 1-4. Thus they will have to 'play-off' against Rendcomb.

A weakened team also entered the Team Knock Out Tournament played at everybody's favourite club — Cheltenham College. Unfortunately they went down in the final to the home team.

The success of the team has been greatly increased by the fact that it consisted of 5 regular players.

Akbar Hamid played with great authority and flair throughout the season and was a pillar of strength at No. 1. The dependability and experience of Bruce Radford (really in a class of his own at No. 3) resulted in him being unbeaten throughout the season.

Nick Shackleton always played with great conviction throughout the season and his combination of ground strokes and fitness usually pulled him through. Paddy 'little demon' Smith played extremely well on a handful of occasions and my thanks go to him for handling so well the monumental task of fixture organisation. I wish him all the best in captaining the side next year.

I would also like to thank the Headmaster, members of staff and members of the team for providing transport to away matches, and to thank parents of the team members for providing 'the teas' for home matches.

L. Duggal

Luv Duggal played well and his consistency at No. 2 and sound captaincy had much to do with our continuing success.

The 'B' team had a good season, losing twice to Wyedean 'A' team who won the League. We will be looking to many of this team to fill the vacancies in next year's 'A' team.

HEADMASTER

Colours: L. Duggal, A. Hamid, B. Radford, N. Shackleton, P. Smith.

Representative Honours:
Gloucestershire U-19: L. Duggal, A. Hamid.

SQUASH RESULTS

'A' TEAM

Sunday League, Div. I

Played 10 Won 9 Lost 1
To play off against Rendcomb College for the Shield.

Schools League, Div I

Played 10 Won 10
Outright winners of the Shield for the 4th year running.

'B' TEAM

Schools League, Div. II

A better season than last.
Played 10 Won 6 Lost 4
A. Hamid—19 County Captain
L. Duggall—19 County team

Team Knock-Out Competition

Lost in final to Cheltenham College 'A' team.

Old Colours

L. Duggall, A. Hamid,
B. Radford, N. Shackleton.

New Colours are awarded to P.M. Smith.

STRAWBERRIES...
24p EACH!

TENNIS

Results so far have not matched those of last year's excellent season (only one defeat 4-5 at Magdalen). After early victories over Marling and Dauntsey's, we suffered a heavy loss at Malvern against virtually the same side we beat last year. A sudden down-pour at tea-time in the Magdalen match almost certainly saved us from defeat.

Illness of key players and bad weather have been offered as excuses but lack of commitment is a more likely explanation. At the time of writing, however, we have returned to our winning ways and prospects for the remainder of the season look fair.

There is plenty of enthusiasm in the lower school with Craig Fisher and Gareth Ross making fine contributions and Richard Harris takes credit for generating a good spirit in the under 16 side.

Short tennis was introduced during the winter months and proved to be as popular an innovation with the staff as it was the the boys. We all look forward to next autumn as at least we know we can play even if it rains.

B.McB.

CRICKET

The wettest May for many years stopped cricket in the first half of term. Only four matches were played. The 1st XI beat Westwood and lost to Rendcomb. The U14 beat Kings and lost to Cheltenham College. Let us hope that the sun shines in June and some of the remaining thirty-five matches are actually played.

M.J.B.



Representative Selection in Michaelmas and Lent Terms

Rugby

D. Parsley, 19 group North Gloucestershire
S. Brazington, 16 group North Gloucestershire
N. Street, 16 group North Gloucestershire

15 group Gloucester Schools
W. Matthews
J. Merchant
J. Segura
D. Lawrence
L. Chapman

Squash

A. Hamid, L. Duggal, 19 group Gloucestershire

Swimming

D. Rolley, U-16 Gloucestershire

Tennis

G. Ross, U-12/U-14 Gloucestershire.

Badminton

C. Fisher, U-16 Gloucestershire and South West

Judo

N. Butler, Gloucestershire and South West
P. Anthony, Gloucestershire and South West

Association Football

S. Gladwell, Gloucestershire U-12 Youth Clubs

Cross-Country

Gloucester District

U-13: S. Chant, K. Murgatroyd, P. Moss, M. Wheeler
U-15: A. Foster, J. Shackleton, A. Smith
U-17: M. Brownlie, J. Chitty, S. Grieve, J. Lovell, C. Mayo, G. Reed, G. Smith, C. Tandin
U-20: P. Costley, J. Moss, N. Shackleton

Gloucestershire

U-15: J. Shackleton, A. Smith
U-17: S. Grieve, C. Mayo, G. Smith
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Fencing

G. Dohman, Gloucester City U-18 winner

Old Richians

President: Frank Watkins
Senior Vice-President: Dennis Collins
Honorary Secretary: David Billingham
Honorary Treasurer: Andrew Bishop

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

The year that has passed us by since our "copy" was due to the printers for the 1982 edition of *The Richian* has been a very busy one for Old Richians of whatever vintage.

A number of coach tours were organised by our younger members. These included visits to Badminton Horse Trials and to the John Player rugby final at Twickenham when Gloucester and Moseley clashed and ex-Richians Steve Baker, Steve Boyle and Mike Longstaff played. Incidentally I would like to record congratulations to Steve Boyle on his selection for the Lions tour. I feel sure that he is quite probably the first Richian to have received this honour.

We were deeply involved in the Bus Fair held at the School last summer. It was our responsibility to arrange for the show pieces and events that took place in the Arena. In view of the very large number of similar fetes and gala days taking place that particular day I feel that the selection we finally were able to produce was a good one. This was no doubt due to the hard work put in organisation-wise by Andrew and David Bishop — writing, ringing, begging and generally chivvying people like mad!! Their efforts combined with considerable "behind-the-scenes" work by Committee members and many of our ever-present Vice-Presidents.

In the evening an extremely successful Blue Banger Barn Dance was held, with the proceeds going entirely to the School Bus Appeal.

Our Annual Reunion Dinner, which was organised once again by David Billingham, was a most pleasant affair with over a hundred members and their personal guests. The Association's guests were Peter Irvine (left School in 1973) and Alan Watkins (1958-1964) who combined to propose the toast to the School. After the speechifying there was considerable time for mingling and those who attended must have enjoyed the evening because it was almost 2 a.m. when the doors were finally closed!!

The big cloud on our horizon at present is, of course, the uncertainty attached to the planned future for the School. I feel sure that the School will not cease to exist but it is high time for ex-Richians everywhere, whether members of our Association or not, to stand up and be counted and to voice an opinion on its future.

The School's motto is still "Garde ta foy".

F.O. WATKINS

I MUST'VE BEEN LUCKY THAT DAY 'CAUSE MY HUNCH WAS RIGHT... AND THEY WERE HAVING A MEETING! BUT MY LUCK SOON RAN OUT...

WHAT ARE YOU SNOOPING AROUND HERE FOR, KID?



JUNIOR SECTION

Chairman: David Bishop

Membership Secretary: Ian Henderson

This our third year in existence has been a time of consolidating the achievements of the last two years rather than introducing any radical new ideas.

Membership has continued to grow, and it has been encouraging to see nearly fifty Junior members place their membership on Bankers Order over the last twelve months. This trend towards having members on Bankers Order is one we are keen to encourage since it makes the administration of the section and the Association easier as well as more cost effective. The Junior Section has continued to raise money for the proposed Richian Trust at every opportunity. The sale of Richiana, together with the profits from three discos and a raffle held on the School's trip to Chester at Easter have once again meant that the Junior Section raised nearly a thousand pounds.

Several successful get-togethers have been held in the Bowls Club this year, although we hope that this year's Summer Sports Evening will not be as damp as last years.

The Junior Section owes a great deal of thanks to many people, not least Mr. Heap, Mr. Winstanley, Mr. Jones, the Bowls Club in particular Mr. Brown, and Simon Williams the Upper Sixth representative on our committee.

D.Q.H.



OLD RICHIAN'S RFC

Results — Season 1981/82

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

For Season 1982/83 Clive Bishop has taken over as Club Captain and he is leading a young side who are continuing to strive for experience and ascendancy in a city where local rugby is of a very high order. This Season's results for all three teams are again commendable and encouraging.

In the first XV there have been regular places for Jimmy Byrne, Pat Strutt, Gary Layne, Mark Fletcher, John Fletcher and Robert Fletcher. The Club were runners up in the Dursley seven-a-side competition and some notable victories have been recorded against Gloucester All Blues, Old Patesians and Gordano.

The Club has received outstanding support both on and off the field from second XV Captain Clive Howe and the third XV under the Captain of Glyn Jones have had an excellent season with a record number of wins.

Administration is looked after by a small committee and Richard Hardwick, now Club Chairman and approaching 20 years uninterrupted service deserves special praise.

We are pleased to be associated with Stephen Boyle, now an England International, and Paul Wood and Mike Longstaff all members of the outstanding Gloucester squad for 1981/82 and who started their playing days with Old Richians.

The building of a Club house to be known as the Elmbridge Club which will overlook the school started in January 1983 and building committee members Gerry Stone and Richard Owen will ensure that we see an impressive building in operation during 1983. However, in our efforts to build a first class Club house we shall always be short on finance 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.

In recording our thanks to the Headmaster for his help and encouragement and also to Mr. Griffiths I would also pay acknowledgment to the Caretaker Mr. Jones who has supported us significantly in our activities.

K.D. RAY

WEDDING

GAUNT, Michael (1966-1973) to Miss Alison Turner at Slough, 23rd April, 1983.

OLD RICHIAN NEWS

ANTHONY, Gareth, gained his Half Blue for Chess at Cambridge University.

BISHOP, David C. (1974-1981), the brother of our Treasurer, David has now been Chairman of the Junior Section for two years. When not working for the Association he is employed by the National Westminster Bank and is at present based in Cheltenham.

BOYLE, Steve, has had a wonderful rugby year. A stalwart of the Gloucester XV for some years, a County Player and England "B" International, Steve was chosen at lock for the full England side. While England was only able to gain the Wooden Spoon, he was next invited to play for the most exclusive rugby club in the world, the Barbarians. And just to cap his best season yet, Steve was in March invited to join the British Lions party for their 1983 tour of New Zealand. We extend our heartiest congratulations to this one-time Old Richians' forward.

BRUCE, P., gained 1st Class Honours in Maths, Queen's College, Cambridge.

CARTER, Christopher D.A. (1967-1976), is teaching Geography at the Royal Grammar School, Worcester.

CURTIS, T.V., obtained 1st Class Honours in Law at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. He is now at Chester Law College.

DAVIES, Christopher John (1972-80). Chris has had another busy year in Cardiff where he is a final year student of English. Musically, he has appeared in two operettas and numerous concerts (including Radio 2's "St. David's Day Gala") and is presently a choral scholar with Cardiff Cathedral's Choir. Next year he will be Deputy President of the Students' Union, having been elected in the largest poll in the Union's history. He is also on the National Committee of the Federation of Conservative Students. In his spare time, he adds, he is trying to get a degree!

DAY, Robert G. (1968-1977). After qualifying from Durham University with a B.A. Honours in Geography Robert spent a year with the Shell company in London working in their marine section. After spending a year at the Worcester Teacher Training College to qualify as a teacher, Robert is now a resident house tutor and Geography master at Old Swinford Hospital (founded 1667!), Dudley, in the West Midlands. As well as teaching Geography and Geology Robert is involved in organising sport and the Army Cadets.

DYSON, N.P., obtained 1st Class Honours and Top Student in Biology, York University.

EGLES, B.J., was awarded 1st Class Honours and was Top Student in Chemical Engineering at Loughborough University.

GAUNT, Neville Raymond (1970-1977), is a Royal Navy Observer on the helicopters of 820 Squadron. Living at Helston in Cornwall Neville served on H.M.S. Invincible during the Falklands conflict with H.R.H. Prince Andrew. At present with the Invincible in the West Indies, Neville had an opportunity to keep up his cross country skills against the University at Mayport in Florida.

HARRIS, N.M., obtained a Distinction in Illustrative Arts, Harrow College of Higher Education.

HOLDER, Leonard H. (1936-1941), is now a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. He is on the staff of the London Borough of Bromley Directorate of Technical Services as Principal Building Surveyor, dealing with Municipal Buildings, Schools, Swimming Baths, Colleges, etc.

HOOK, W.G. (Bill), was interviewed by Brian Johnson in March this year for the BBC Radio Programme "Down Your Way" which came from Gloucester.

LAW, D.R., was awarded 1st Class Honours in Theology at Keble College, Oxford.

MAYO, P.D., gained 1st Class Honours and was Top Student in 1st year Maths at Nottingham University.

WALL, Neil P.J. (1974-1981), is working for the Eagle Star Insurance Company in Cheltenham in the 'Life' Department. Neil represents Eagle Star at cricket, snooker and skittles.

WARD, I.R., gained the Sachs Law of Evidence Prize, Jules Thorn Law Scholarship, awarded by The Middle Temple.

WATKINS, Keith M., gained 1st Class Honours in Accounting and Finance at Bristol Polytechnic.

WATKINS, Alan O., left his P.R. job with the Midland Red bus company in December 1982, for an appointment as the Public Relation Officer for National Express covering the whole of the Country. His office is in Birmingham but his job takes him all over Europe. Alan is Regional Co-ordinator for the Bus and Coach Council in the Midlands. By the way, if anyone has a photograph of the old double-decker bus that acted as grandstand and changing room at Oakleaze, Alan would like to borrow it. He lives at Stourport-on-Severn but can be contacted through his father, Frank, on Gloucester 24273.

WATKINS Malcolm J., the City Archaeology Director, is very much involved in Gloucester's 500th anniversary celebrations of the granting of the City's Charter by Richard III. No doubt he will appear at various times dressed in mediaeval costume as he did when Gloucester's team was taking part in the English heats of Jeux sons Frontieres. He wasn't good looking enough for the Continental heat!

WEIR, A.L., gained 1st Class Honours in Physics at Lincoln College, Oxford.

WILLIAMS, John, is manager of Gloucester's Leisure Centre.

THE IDRIS WILLIAMS MEMORIAL

Members who subscribed to the above will be glad to know that it was decided that this should take the form of a tree, a seat and a plaque.

Arrangements are being made for the purchase and planting of the tree in the appropriate planting season.

FACE IT

Old Boy, when you can enter in the School
And know not anyone,
When those sought to teach the Golden Rule
Have gone, and there's not one
Who can remember just what sort of fool
You were, what cups you won,
If you could bat, swim, kick a ball, or bowl;
When there's not even one
Who can recall your being at the School —
You're REALLY old, Old Son!!

F.O.W.

University & College Places 1982

D.R. Barnard: Bristol Polytechnic—Accountancy.
R.J. Bewley: Oxford (St. John's)—Modern Languages.
A.M. Bruce: Liverpool University—Mathematics.
S.J. Calver: Hull University—Engineering.
H.W. Fuller: Portsmouth Polytechnic — Mechanical Engineering.
D.G. Heap: University of Wales, Aberystwyth — Microbiology
N.R. Holden: Sheffield University — Mechanical Engineering.
K.A. Howkins: Oxford (St. Catherine's) — Geography.
N.J. Iliffe: Oxford Polytechnic—Architecture.
A.V. Jones: Glos. Coll. Art & Tech.—Landscape Architecture.
M.G. Kirby: Guildhall School of Music.
A.A. McKenna: Glos. Coll. Art & Tech. — Building Technology.
N.D. Manders: Lanchester Polytechnic — Modern Languages.
K.J. Marsh: N.E. London Poly — French & English.
K.D. Moss: Canterbury Coll. of Art—Architecture.
A.J. Mowbray: Worcester College of Education.
S. O'Neill: Bruford School of Drama—Theatrical Arts.
J.S. Pearce: Sunderland Polytechnic—Electrical Engineering.
D. Powell: Sheffield Polytechnic — Business Studies.
M.P. Reece: U.W.I.S.T. Cardiff — Electrical Engineering.
T.G. Richards: Bath University — Mechanical Engineering & German.
P.W. Richardson: Warwick University—Engineering.
T.R.C. Smith: Reading University—Food Science.
K.D. Street: University Coll. Swansea—Geology.
N.P. Sumner: Brighton Polytechnic—Art & Design.
S.P. Thomas: Glos. Coll. Art & Tech. — HND Maths. & Computing.
M.J. Westlake: Portsmouth Polytechnic — Mathematics.
A.J. Wilton: Cambridge (Peterhouse)—Mathematics.

Your scribe has tried to bring his information as up to date as possible. Apologies for any names inadvertently omitted. In the present fluid situation in particular, it is no easy matter to keep track of everyone, and this list, of course, does not include those many Richians who left last July for other destinations, some from the Upper Sixth and others from the Fifth Forms. It is heartening to learn, that despite the present enormous difficulties facing school leavers, the "unemployment rate" for Richians has been, mercifully, very low and of short duration. Newly fledged "Old Richians" in the city have continued to swell the ranks at, for example, the banks, insurance companies, the Civil Service and in engineering companies and industry in general, according to reports that have filtered through. The situation has not been easy, but we have been far luckier than most.

NEXT DAY... AT THE OFFICE...



I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT, BOSS! I THOUGHT MILES WOULD CLAM UP... BUT HE SPOUTED THE WORKS! I'M TELLING YOU STRAIGHT... THE GANG'S OPERATIONS ARE ON THE LEVEL!

THAT'S NO GOOD TO ME, JOE! YOU'RE FIRED! GET ME A CUP OF COFFEE AND COLLECT YOUR CARDS!

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR, KIDS!



