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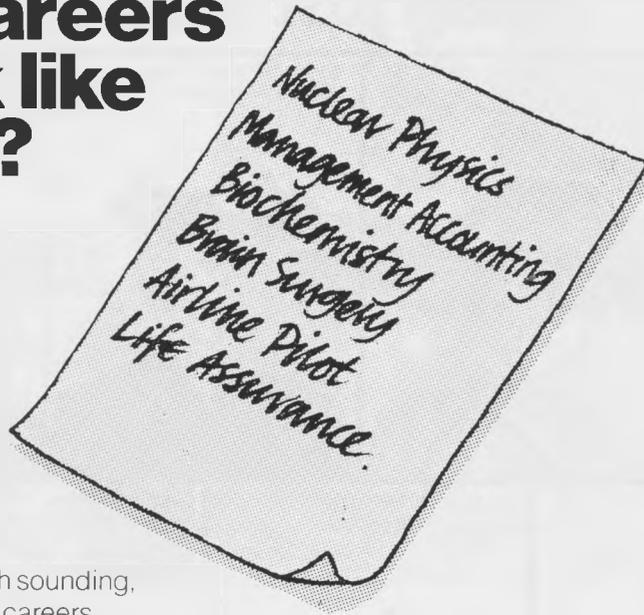
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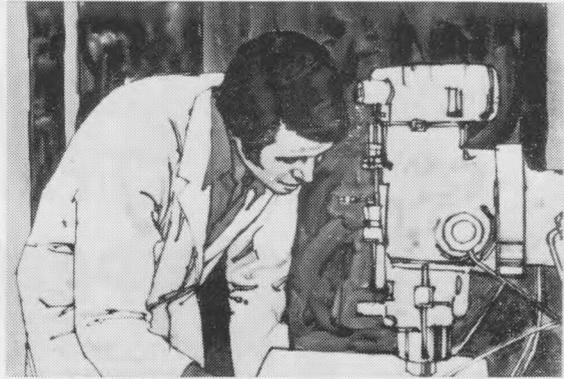
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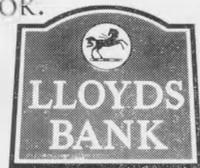
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# THE WYCOMBIENSIAN

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## EDITORIAL

Faced with the forbidding task of selecting material for the magazine, the editors have had a difficult though in many ways agreeable job. The response to our artistic and witty appeals for contributions has been somewhat disappointing. Those who criticise the contents of the magazine should find time next year to submit something constructive towards it. 'Apathy rules, o.k.' may be seen on walls, but we beg to disagree. So, overcome your apathetic tendencies and show us what a scintillating writer you are.

Editors included: Christopher Tite, Mark Foster, Neil Timberlake, Adam Gaines, Steven Bramley, Paul Stinchcombe, Alasdair Duncan, Christopher Janes, John Adams.

Comments on:

Accepted pieces for the *Wycombiensian*

Nice and freaky.

I feel insecure knowing there are such people in this school

Great, thoopa—sorry!

A true scientist doesn't write anything, he gets a computer to do it for him.

This trash is typical of the uneducated bourgeoisie of this school.

Strikes furiously at the heart of the fallacy that aardvarks are white.

It would be insane to print this.

### Rejected pieces

No—this is offensive.

Tut, tut.

Very bad, but typical of the majority of poems published in the last *Wycombiensian*.

Has this poet got a built-in discrimination against joggers?

Pretentious pseudo-intellectual drivel.

Good for a second-former (piece of sixth-form work).

The obscenity fails to disguise the atrocious poetry.

Inunderstandible.

# Lieutenant Colonel Reginald Pattinson

Lieutenant Colonel Reginald Pattinson, known as 'Pat' by so many who knew him, was one of those rich characters, who by the depth and breadth of their personality, the quality of the service they give to the Community, the range of interests they have and their concern for others, make schools like the Royal Grammar School the schools they are.

From the time he was Head Boy at Bemrose School, Derby and an undergraduate at Pembroke College, Cambridge, it was clear that he was marked out for a significant and richly rewarding career. The young man who was 100 yards sprint champion for the North of England had already shown that determination to make a strong and positive contribution to whatever line of action he committed himself. Fortunately for Wycombe and RGS Mr. Tucker in 1936 invited him to join the staff in that year, and so began a 41-year span of service for which we have all cause to be deeply grateful.

Called away to serve King and Country in the War he saw service in France, India and Burma and rose to the rank of Lt. Col. in the First Indian Survey Regiment RA. Back home after the war he proceeded to take the golf scene by storm and became an amateur International in 1949, and played with such consistency that he was Derbyshire County Champion some 20 times and in June of this year played for Britain in a Seniors triangular match with Canada and USA. His natural modesty was such that probably few people knew his range of interests encompassed being President of the National Federation of Pigeon Racing Clubs and having an interest in legal matters, enabling him to take a case successfully to the High Court, where he pleaded on his own behalf. He somehow managed

to fit all this in to a life where his sense of commitment to, and unstinting love and affection for his family were at the very core of his existence.

His span of service at RGS encompassed 25 years as Housemaster of Tylers Wood Boarding House which he and his wife, Jean, founded, and 31 years as Contingent Commander of the CCF. In this sphere too he rose to national level as a member of the Combined Cadet Force Executive Committee and Bucks representative on the Council of the Combined Cadet Force Association, but he never allowed this to detract from his involvement with the Unit at school and it is somehow fitting that it was while he was at the Summer CCF Camp, his 70th—which must be something of a national record—that the end came. There was something typical about Mr. Pattinson in that, for the end to be while he was in harness, in full flow, actively involved with the staff and boys to whom he had given a lifetime of service. His last four years as Deputy Head had given him opportunity to give full vent to his inspiration—completely and unswervingly loyal, looked up to and respected, enjoying the confidence of the staff and boys that whatever he undertook or became involved in would be done forthrightly, thoroughly and fairly, and with that splendid touch of humour which he could give an enterprise making even a task of drudgery something to enjoy.

It is because it is felt that many who knew Mr. Pattinson will wish to see his lifetime of service commemorated that the creation of the Pattinson Award, mentioned in a separate leaflet, is commended to all readers.

*R. P. Brown*

## THE 1976 ACT AND THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Many friends of the school, particularly those who may no longer be in touch with local affairs, are no doubt wondering to what extent the possibility of educational re-organisation in Bucks may affect us.

The secondary schools in this county as a whole are producing academic results well above the national average, and in fact the Royal Grammar School now sends a higher proportion of its pupils to university than any other maintained school in the whole country. This is a remarkable achievement, but it did not just happen. It resulted from the sustained efforts of a first-class, dedicated staff over many years, under a series of far-sighted and determined headmasters whose names will never be forgotten whenever all-round excellence is mentioned.

This is not just an academic matter; the school is also among the leaders in sporting, musical and many other extra-curricular activities, owing to the initiative and interest of the staff, who spend many hundreds of hours each year in encouraging boys to excel in whatever suits their capabilities best. It is essential that the pupils of a school like ours should be able to develop in a stimulating environment throughout their secondary career, and changes similar to those implemented elsewhere could only result in a reduction of opportunity for able boys to reach the top irrespective of their social background.

It is indeed fortunate for us, therefore, that the County Authority has not aban-

doned its principles or consented to the destruction of the school or a lowering of its hard-won standards. We admire the stand they have taken—which, as public opinion surveys have shown, is strongly in accordance with the wishes of so many Bucks parents. The Governors and staff have on several occasions expressed their view that the school can remain a centre of excellence only if it stays selective, and there is no reason at all in law why it should not do so.

The Governors do not believe that the best interests of South Bucks or of this school will be served by changing the nature of RGS, but such vandalism has happened in some other counties, where fainter hearts have taken the easy way out and let things go by default. Let there be no misunderstanding of where we stand, therefore; it is our opinion that it would be nothing short of flagrantly criminal waste for the current RGS standards to be lowered, or its resources dispersed or misapplied. If the county are forced to reorganise, we hope it will be possible for this school to be retained as a selective grammar school within the maintained system: should this prove impossible, however, we would wish, reluctantly, to discuss means by which the school could continue its excellent work in the only other way open to it—*independently*.

*J. K. Prior, Chairman, Nov. 1977*

### THE SHARK

I move through the water  
Like a snake through grass.  
I snap my jaws and live.

# OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATIONS

## ADVANCED LEVEL RESULTS, 1977

Italics denote Grade A

\*denotes distinction on the 'S' level paper

N. Allen—Physics; S. A. Barnes—Mathematics, Art; R. P. Easterbrook—*Geography\**, Mathematics, Physics; M. Fane—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; T. N. Fernley-Jones—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; G. A. Hannam—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; G. D. Hill—Mathematics, Computer Science, *Physics*; J. G. Horne—*Mathematics*, Computer Science, Physics; M. J. Ketteringham—Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics; H. E. Kilgour—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; P. G. Ludgate—Mathematics, *Physics*; A. M. McNally—Physics, Chemistry; C. D. Morrish—Economics, *Mathematics*, Physics; T. N. Mount—Physics, Chemistry; I. H. Norrington—Physics; I. Raistrick—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; W. R. Rhodes—Mathematics, Chemistry; S. P. Smith—French, *Mathematics*, Physics; R. I. Thick—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; P. M. Thomas—Mathematics, Physics, Art; S. R. Tribe—Physics; M. K. Walker—Mathematics, *Physics\**, *Chemistry*; R. J. Appleton—*Mathematics*, *Physics\**, *Chemistry*; T. J. Bateman—*Mathematics\**, *Further Mathematics*, *Physics*; P. H. Browne—German, *Mathematics*, Physics; P. R. Burton—*Mathematics*, *Physics*, *Chemistry*; G. L. Chapman—*Mathematics\**, *Further Mathematics*, *Physics*, Chemistry; P. G. Chapman—*Mathematics\**, *Further Mathematics*, *Physics\**, Chemistry; R. J. Glenister—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; R. F. Heath—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; S. Hickmott—*Mathematics\**, *Further Mathematics*, *Physics*, *Chemistry\**; P. G. S. Hornsby—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; P. T. Howe—*Mathematics*, *Further Mathematics*, Physics; J. L. Hoy—*Mathematics\**, *Further Mathematics*, *Physics\**, *Chemistry*; J. M. Macphee—*Mathematics*, *Further Mathematics*, Physics; R. M. Orr—*Mathematics*, *Further Mathematics\**, *Physics\**, *Chemistry*; A. J. Perkins—*Mathematics*, *Physics*, Chemistry; D. J. Perry—*Mathematics*, *Further Mathematics*, Physics; T. E. Redmond—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; S. N. Rowe—*Mathematics\**, *Further Mathematics*, *Physics*, *Chemistry*; S. D. F. Taylor—Mathematics, Physics; N. W. Thomas—*Mathematics*, *Physics\**, *Chemistry\**; K. Thomson—Mathematics, *Physics*, Chemistry; J. Turner—*Mathematics\**, *Further Mathematics*, *Physics\**; A. J. Tyler—*Mathematics\**, *Further Mathematics*, *Physics*, *Chemistry*; D. J. Watson—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; J. F. Yapp—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; R. M. Allim—*Mathematics*, Physics, *Chemistry\**, *Biology*; K. P. C. Carroll—Physics, Chemistry, *Biology*; M. J. W. Davies—*Geography*, Chemistry, Biology; S. G. Fenner—Mathematics, *Chemistry*, *Biology*; P. A. Gray—Physics, *Chemistry*, *Biology*; K. Irvine—Physics, Chemistry, Biology; M. P. James—Mathematics, Physics, Biology; R. F. Keene—*Mathematics*, *Physics*, *Chemistry*, Biology; D. G. Newberry—Physics, Chemistry, Biology; P. J. Savage—Physics, Chemistry, Biology; C. E. J. Sinden—Physics, Chemistry, Biology; J. R. Skinner—Physics, Chemistry, *Biology*; S. J. Stinchcombe—Physics, *Chemistry*, *Biology*; J. Varah—Physics, Chemistry, Biology; J. M. White—*Mathematics*, *Physics\**, *Chemistry\**, *Biology*; S. R. R. Wilson—Physics, Chemistry, Biology; R. Wood—Physics, Chemistry, *Biology*; M. D. Avery—*English Literature*, French, *History*; A. J. Balmer—German, *History*; N. A. Bingle—Art; A. J. Crook—*History*, *Economics*, *Mathematics*; P. N. Dickinson—Economics, Geography; M. G. Goldstone—*English Literature*, *History*,

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*Geography*; J. S. Davies—English Literature, German, History; P. Howard—English Literature, French, History; R. Kettlewell—English Literature\*, History, Music; J. G. King—English Literature, History, Music; D. O. Sherwood—English Literature, History, Economics; G. J. Smith—English Literature, History, *Geography*; R. W. Stewart—English Literature, History, Economics; T. D. Stone—English Literature, History Economics; J. J. White—English Literature, History, Economics; J. S. Dicker—*Mathematics\**, *Further Mathematics*, *Physics*, *Chemistry*.

### ORDINARY LEVEL RESULTS, 1977

The following boys obtained Grade C or above in five or more subjects in the G.C.E. Ordinary Level Examinations:—

A. M. Appleton (9); D. J. Ball (9); G. T. Barraclough (9); S. M. S. Bramley (7); P. J. Carey (8); F. G. Collins (9); E. J. Coutts (9); R. A. Dean (7); P. N. Dilley (9); H. J. Garrety (7); R. W. Godfrey (8); M. Gosling (8); S. D. Hill (8); A. H. Jones (9); P. D. Layzell (9); J. R. Matthews (8); E. K. Merryweather (7); G. H. Milton (10); S. P. P. Paton (9); M. J. Phillips (8); G. P. Sacchi (8); A. J. Sendall (9); A. A. Simpson (9); A. D. Staynor (8); J. F. Taylor (9); P. A. Taylor (9); D. K. Watts (10); A. D. Wells (9); M. S. White (7); J. P. Allcock (9); A. B. Amin (9); N. S. Billig (7); J. S. C. Broadribb (9); T. C. Coker (9); H. C. Dalton (9); P. R. P. Davies (8); A. Duncan (8); G. R. Fletcher (9); P. R. Gellert (9); P. D. Glover (9); M. Glyn Jones (9); A. M. Hollingsworth (9); K. A. Hopkinson (9); M. G. Knowles (9); J. W. Laidler (9); W. J. Lamber (8); G. I. Lewis (9); T. D. Lindsay (8); D. T. McIndoe (6); G. A. Madgwick (9); M. T. Orr (9); W. J. Parker (9); J. M. R. Preece (8); A. P. Price (8); W. J. Shapcott (9); G. A. Steel (9); P. D. Stinchcombe (9); C. S. Stokes (9);

A. J. C. Stott (9); P. J. Strickland (8); J. R. Wilks (8); D. O. R. Wilson (9); M. J. Aldous (9); N. M. Barr (10); S. J. Barrett (6); S. E. Binder (9); A. P. R. Birch (8); M. B. J. Buckingham (8); R. J. Coker (9); J. R. Dodds (5); N. R. Gibson (9); K. R. Hawtree (6); J. P. Hinch (9); N. H. C. Hodson (8); M. Jarvis (8); P. W. L. Jervis (8); S. M. Laws (8); S. Magill (9); E. D. Moehlenpah (6); D. V. Molesworth (9); N. Quiney (7); S. H. Revell (5); J. F. Rixon (8); H. M. Scott-James (7); J. C. Shaw (9); T. E. J. Sinden (6); C. P. Speed (9); P. N. Timms (8); S. M. Todd (8); G. J. W. Tregunna (7); T. J. P. Watts (9); N. Yeatman (8); C. A. Abbott (6); G. H. Aitken (8); S. T. H. Andrews (5); P. B. Ball (6); A. G. Booth (9); N. J. Bosley (7); M. D. Coburn (9); F. Collins (6); N. R.

Connor (8); J. Cook (9); C. D. Corfield (7); J. M. Coups (6); S. J. Crook (8); K. M. Davies (9); C. R. Falconer (8); T. L. Gillman (5); M. A. Goodwin (7); J. S. Hannan (8); M. Harris (7); M. P. Hedgecote (9); R. J. Highton (5); G. I. Moine (9); P. J. Morrish (9); K. P. Shields (9); N. Holland (8); T. Ilian (8); A. L. Jenkins (8); A. M. King (8); D. D. Leece (8); P. A. Llewellyn (9); P. R. Loft (9); F. G. M. McDermott (5); N. P. McDonnell (5); J. Metcalfe (5); B. J. Morgan (9); C. G. Mounsher (5); A. M. Palmer (9); D. V. Power (7); S. I. Ridgley (7); C. F. Rutherford (9); D. B. Senton (6); K. Shakespeare (9); P. R. S. Smaje (9); K. M. C. Smith (9); K. S. Smith (8); S. E. Steare (9); S. N. Vladar (9); P. Welch (8); R. H. C. White (7); G. V. Wiles (7).

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#### A PENSIVE SNAIL

I slowly slithered to my favourite spot in the  
shrubbery,  
Leaving a trail of silvery slime behind me,  
And sat down, to think, why was I here?  
'I am a humble snail,' I said with a huffle.  
What purpose do I serve?  
I don't fly or walk or run or squawk.  
I just slither.  
'Am I important?' I ask myself.  
  
'I'm food for the thrush and man.  
But that's not the answer.  
But I suppose I'm important to me.  
Come to think of it, why is man—  
Or the spider or the bird?  
What is their purpose,' I wonder.

*S. Irvine, 2GR*

# CLUBS & SOCIETIES

## PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The formalities of democracy were not observed in the Photographic Society this year. Instead the Society has enjoyed the benefits of a strong dictatorial committee. At the beginning of the term there was a small amount in the bank which grew quickly owing to large membership and the 50 per cent increase in subscription rates. The money was put to good use in purchasing large stocks of film, paper, developer and fixer which are available to all at greatly reduced prices (slightly less greatly reduced to non-members).

There have been meetings every Wednesday lunchtime (G2) in which members have learnt much of the skills and thrills of photography. Enthusiasm has been awakened—the dark-room has been used more than ever before; it is better equipped than ever before. Entries are being received for the current competition for black-and-white prints with the subject 'people'.

With the new term we hope to be issuing a comprehensive handbook of photography, starting with the basic skills and ending with some sophisticated techniques for the already accomplished photographers.

New members are, as ever, very welcome.

*C. Jones and H. Why  
Master-in-charge: Mr. G. Ryder*

## CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club has started quite well this term after last year's disappointments in the Bucks League—the 1st team were relegated from Division One whilst the 2nd team narrowly missed promotion from the Third.

So far this year the club has played about five friendly matches, recording some good performances—especially against Aylesbury and Langley Grammar Schools when the senior team won  $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$  both times. In addition a team of four, David Carless, Michael Church, Geoffrey Barraclough and Brian Church, came equal first in the Bucks Jamboree.

Again this season we are entering two teams in the Bucks Junior U16 League after the relative success of last year. Our captain

is David Carless, with Geoffrey Barraclough as treasurer and Russell Ball in charge of the Chess Club at lunch-times to which all new members are very welcome. Many thanks must go to Mr. I. R. Clark again for his tireless efforts and to Mr Wilson and Mr. Cook for their help with the transport.

*Neil Featonby*

### STAMP CLUB

The Stamp Club meets in Room 13 every Friday dinner-time, at 1.30. Under the leadership of Mr. File we have 'persuaded' a large number of people to become members (20p per year, or 10p per term).

Quite a few trips are planned for the coming year, to Stampex, the Post Office Philatelic Bureau in London, and Stanley Gibbons Shop in the Strand. These trips will only be open to members though.

Neil Forrester of 6E2 is the treasurer this year, and Steven Todd of 6H, the secretary.

*S. M. Todd*

### MILITARY SOCIETY

This year the Military Society is flourishing considerably thanks to the new intake of second years. However, there is a distinct lack of all third and fifth years except one, which I hope can be put right.

We are continuing our WW2, Napoleonic and Gladiatorial wargaming (as well as the occasional argument and bundle), and we are going to introduce ancient and middle earth wargaming.

WW1 air-warfare has now been introduced and the occasional sound of machine-guns can be heard above the noise of rumbling tanks, explosions and Niekirk.

Because of complaints of dictatorship, a committee has been formed with one member of each year as a representative plus J. Keen (treasurer), D. Martin (secretary) and B. Banham (chairman). The committee has widespread powers over how the club is run, ruined (and who gets 'done').

This year we are going to the Model Engineering Exhibition in London, and we hope (with the help of Mr. White-Taylor) to make this an annual event.

I would like to thank Mr. White-Taylor for all the help he gave us last year and for the help this year over the trouble of 6<sup>o</sup> and the caretaker.

*B Banham*

### DEBATING SOCIETY

The Debating Society continues to flourish despite an unfortunate reluctance by the vast majority of the school either to attend debates or speak in them! Last term the society was again indebted to the indomitable J. M. S. Davis whose particular brand of speaking will be sorely missed when he departs to The Queen's college, Oxford, this autumn. Several very successful debates were held with the girls of Wycombe Abbey school last year, and it is hoped that these will be complemented by debates with Wycombe High School and Dr. Challoners High School (for GIRLS) this year!

The more entertaining 'Balloon' debates, the first of which proved a remarkable success, both for the society and the Marquis de Sade, alias S. D. Everson, will become a regular feature of the society's programme and it is hoped that several junior boys can be persuaded to air their views, however reactionary they may be!

Ninety-eight packed into the Senior Library in November to find out if the 'Baader Mainhof faction' were modern heroes. After heated speeches, notably J. M. S. Davis' marathon, and equally passionate contributions from 'the floor', 34 decided that they were. Despite (?) the sardine-like conditions it was a very lively and enjoyable debate: a notably successful start to the programme of inter-school events.

Notice about forthcoming debates can be obtained from the main noticeboard and also from Mr. Mitchell whose, so far, unquenchable supply of instant coffee has maintained the proud boast that 'Refreshments are provided,' we are ever grateful. Membership of the society (a paltry 20p!) can be obtained from T. Lindsay 6S<sub>1</sub>, H. K. Mann 6T<sub>2</sub> and R. J. F. Shaw 6A<sub>2</sub> (room 26).

*R.J.F.S.*

## THE WARGAMES CLUB

Ah, the traumas of writing a Wargames Club report! After the personality crises, libel and puns of last time, I've decided to write a brief résumé of the club's activities over the past few months, hoping to offend as few people as possible.

The Board Wargames competition ended in a welter of apathy, the five finalists agreeing to divide the prize money as they could not find the energy to play each other. Truth is, they'd rather be down a dungeon, collecting gold pieces, and killing nasty monsters. Of course this does have its drawbacks: you could be hanged by the Doppel-gangers.

Some members still take refuge in the traditional SPI games—Yellow Fever inside

Veracruz, with 83 per cent casualties from this dreaded ague. This is nothing to the fit thrown by Flash when his brother opens up with an Orbital Laser Bombardment on his seven androids.

Some veterans even play games with model tanks and soldiers and also cleverly take advantage of the Military Society's facilities.

In future we propose to have another Board Wargames Competition, organised on slightly modified lines.

The committee gives it thanks, as always, to Mr. Talbot, without whom all this would not be possible. New members are always welcome.

*A. H. Jones*

## THE MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

So far this year we have 31 members and we also have £5.60 in the club's finances. The financial situation is at last getting better. Practically all these improvements are thanks to the devotion of Tim Blagbrough and Alex Fordham, for the drawing and printing of posters. Alex Fordham has repaired the club's DMU. Various new second years have also helped considerably in the bringing down of locos and stock. Woodman has left the post of treasurer and Dymott has taken over. The results of the electricians 'efforts' now leave us with only two SMALL lights.

It is hoped to start monthly meetings for all members and also to start a monthly Model Railway Club magazine. Thanks must go to Dymott who has given invaluable advice to all members and we are very grateful.

The Model Railway Club is run by enthusiasts for enthusiasts and all new members are welcome.

We hope to change the somewhat ridiculous image of the Model Railway Club and give it a new image, better than ever before.

*T.B. and A.F.*

## LIBRARY REPORT

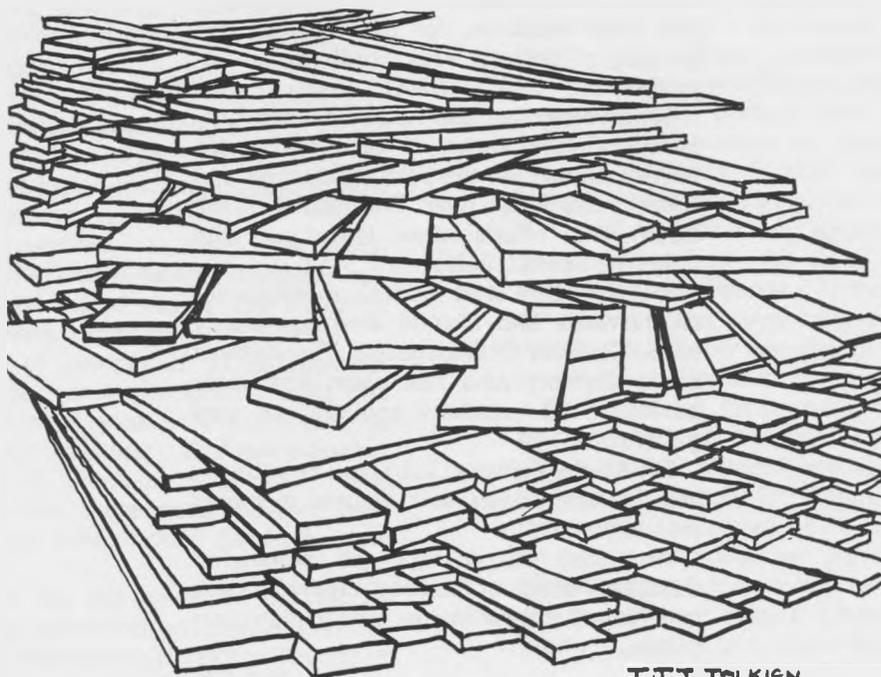
The Library began the year with a reminder of the general honesty and carelessness of the school's pupils in that a list of all books lost or stolen in the past three years was issued to all boys, except those in Year Two, in the hope that some of these may be recovered and returned to Library service. The response has been slow but promising with a slow trickle of one or two books returned, per week often having been found in the most unlikely places. Looking at the Grey Books for the 1960s reminds us of our staff shortages as we see that in 1967 no fewer than 23 Librarians were employed compared with our meagre 11, some of whom are not as reliable as could be hoped for. However new books have been placed into use at a fairly regular rate causing Mr. Mitchell occasional difficulties with books that do not easily fall into any recognisable category. Unfortunately he can no longer seek the advice of Mr. Hills and under pressure is improving in this department rapidly.

Thursday afternoons are still a hive of

activity with several fourth and fifth-year pupils, having forsaken the call of drama or CCF or whatever, gainfully employed in repairing damaged books, covering new ones and generally helping to keep the Library going. Mr. Goldthorpe has replaced Mr. Gibson as chief book-covener, a task to which he has taken with much zest but, unfortunately as yet limited success. However such contributions are gratefully received and mean that we can now stay open Friday lunch-times and provide even better value for money (all this and Frank Collins too!).

The New Season saw the return of Stephen Everson to the Resources Centre—a sad loss to the Library indeed (?)—but we have managed to pull through with the help of all the Librarians (yes, that does include Chas and Kelly), Mr. Mitchell and the Deputy Head Librarian, Frank Collins, OBE. Thanks All.

*A. D. Bradmore (6G2), Head Librarian*



T.J.J. TELKIEH

# CCF NOTES

## ARMY SECTION REPORT

The Colonel took us to Summer Camp. This great friend of ours will remain in our memories.

A fuller tribute is paid elsewhere. We should all, members of the CCF here, past and present, like to add our recognition that we owe him more than we can realise. He simply worked quite selflessly for us. We feel a special sympathy for his wife, Jean, and his family who played, at their different times, such a welcome part in our activities.

The programme for the Summer Camp near Settle in Yorkshire was energetic. A special word of credit should go to the advance party who unexpectedly had to collect all the gear from a distance. They set up camp in a far shorter time than was planned and were ready not only with a meal and tents but also with a cheerful welcome for the main body.

The next day was spent in local instruction particularly in navigation for the Three Peaks Expedition. Graham Woodman devised an enterprising orienteering scheme and training was also given in first-aid and survival.

Sunday and Monday were spent on the main Expedition—the Three Peaks, Whernside, Ingleborough and Penyghent. A party of seniors managed it in a single day. The main body took two days with a night away from base camp. The weather was mainly wet, windy and rather cold. High ground was in cloud and correspondingly wetter and so on. But the parties navigated well on both days and although some had to fall out most had the satisfaction of seeing through a difficult and rewarding exercise.

We were extremely pleased to welcome the Headmaster who came up to visit us at this stage. The Chairman of the Governors was himself only prevented at the last

moment by an important and unexpected business commitment from coming to see us.

Preparations immediately began for the two-day military exercise in the Barnard Castle area and early on Tuesday morning we set off again. The weather was much kinder on that side of the Pennines. We had a good range day and then took up positions for the night exercise—patrols and reconnaissance for an early operation on the Tuesday. This was successfully completed.

It was then that we learnt with shock and sorrow that Colonel Pattinson had died.

It seemed best to complete the main camp programme especially as he no doubt would have wished this.

So on the Thursday there was a circus of rock climbing at Giggleswick School, thanks to the CO there, canoeing and time for shopping in Settle.

We found the Colonel had made all preparations for the usual end of camp meal and quite rightly it was enjoyed.

During the summer holiday RSM Hornsby successfully completed his flying scholarship training and now holds a private pilot's licence. This term we have taken our share in the Recruit's circus. Thirty-three members are joining the Army section. 'A' Company are nearing their Proficiency exams.

Nineteen cadets came on a weekend expedition to the Brecon Beacons from October 7th-9th. We were joined by members of the RN and RAF sections. There were different courses according to the experience of the groups involved. Again the value of accurate route planning and compass work was vindicated in the cloud on high ground. We were very pleased to

welcome RQMS McCready who valiantly tried to disregard a leg injury and took as much part as possible in our activities.

I should like to add a personal note this time. I am always grateful for all the help of members of staff whether in the CCF or as active friends, of Old Boys who come to assist and of NCO's who take much genuine responsibility. But this summer and since then I have had particular reason for this. The team the Colonel built up is another tribute to him and I think we are determined to go on honouring him in the best way we can—by getting on with the job he and we agreed is important, rewarding and surprisingly often highly enjoyable.

In addition we have had invaluable help from the regular forces—South-East District HQ, 16 Cadet Training Team, RAEC Beaconsfield and offers from elsewhere. It is quite clear that behind what can seem to be a rather impersonal organisation there are many people wanting to make sure we can carry on with this worthwhile work.

F.N.C.

### RAF SECTION

The section was very involved in the RGS Show with crockery breaking, dive-bombing, oil search and balloon race side-shows as well as demonstrations with the Primary Glider and forced landings by the control line model aircraft.

Soon after the Show the onset of the GCE examinations marked the takeover from the upper sixth senior NCO's by the lower sixth who had been understudying them for some two months.

The Spring half-term holiday saw six members off to gliding courses at RAF Manston. Corporals Smith, Dowson, Mann, Standing R. C., Heal and Yarrow all completed their training up to solo standards in spite of rail strikes and difficult weather.

During the summer holidays some 40 cadets spent a week at RAF Marham, one a week on HMS *Ark Royal* and Corporal Shields and Cadet Church completed gliding courses.

On a more exotic level, Warrant Officer Stuart Rowe spent three weeks in the USA as a participant in the International Air Cadet Exchange Scheme. Sergeants Gurney and Vestentoft spent a month at Luton Flying Club earning their wings through RAF Flying Scholarships.

This Autumn term has seen the section in operation without one of its most popular members, Flying Officer R. W. Fair who has left the school to take up an appointment at Warwick School. We wish him well.

### Summer Camp 1977

In mid July about 40 members of the section plus one RN cadet travelled to RAF Marham, Norfolk in our fleet of mini-buses.

This camp proved to be one of the best attended to date with a variety of activities laid on during our stay.

Cadets were very pleased to welcome the Headmaster who paid a visit to see them in action, but were saddened by the news of Colonel Pattinson's sudden death.

The camp opened with a church parade and then a navigation exercise. During the week there was shooting, flying, sports and visits to the Victor Tanker Squadrons based at Marham. Probably the most popular activity was a whole day exercise in the Thetford Forest Training Area after which some 10 of our cadets spent the night in the forest 'sleeping rough'.

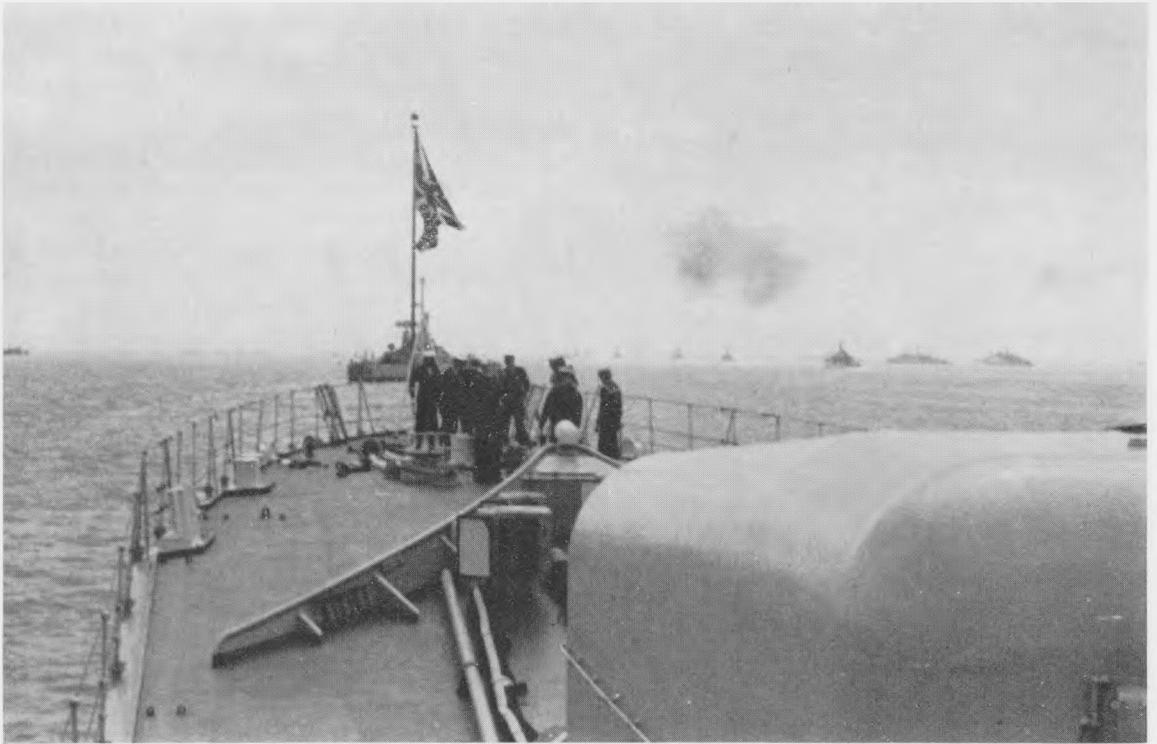
Competitions were organised between the various RAF sections at camp and the RGS cadets won them all; the Plaque for the best school; Cadet S. E. Church, best cadet award; Sergeant Standing, M.P., the aircraft recce award with a score of 100%; 90% of badges awarded for shooting were won by cadets from this unit.

Yes, Marham 1977 was a vintage camp. Thanks must go to Flt Lt's Smaje, Sollars and Fg Off Dr Fair who have given up so much of their time to help the section.

R.J.D.W.

P.S. The crewroom flourishes as always.





## ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

As the pictures indicate, a number of cadets were present at the Fleet review. We, along with Mr. Hornsby, travelled down to Portsmouth to join the Leander class frigate HMS *Andromeda*. The morning after the review, the fleet assembled into line ahead to begin the steam past. The first picture shows the view, looking out across the bows of the *Andromeda*, of the ships jostling to join the line by squadrons and in correct order of seniority. The steam passed over, the fleet split up and the warships proceeded to their separate destinations, ours being St. Ives in Cornwall. Later that afternoon, however, the *Andromeda* Refuelled at Sea (R.A.S.'ed) and, as we approached the oiler we were overtaken by HMS *Ark Royal* (second picture). Both *Andromeda* and *Ark Royal* then RAS'ed simultaneously, *Ark Royal* to port and *Andromeda* to starboard of the oiler. With the fuel tanks refilled the *Andromeda* then worked up to full power, the whole ship vibrating as it pushed through the sea at maximum speed. To complete the excitement we were then treated, that evening, to a view, from the hangar, of an extensive flying exercise with the ship's Wasp helicopter. The following afternoon we disembarked at St. Ives and

caught the train back, everyone having enjoyed themselves very much.

During the summer holidays our activities continued with a course on board HMS *Ark Royal*, a trip to the Royal Tournament, a number of one-day trips up and down the river in the *Argeyess* and the usual summer courses.

Shortly after returning to school we took part in the annual CCF sailing Regatta at Chatham where, despite being landed, in one race, with a really terrible boat, we achieved a very good position.

We have, at the time of writing, just received the new recruits and are preparing to start the usual winter activities. A number of field days have been applied for and we have just returned from a one-day trip on board HMFT *Bembridge*, which all seemed to enjoy. The remarkable part of this course was that nobody was seasick, despite the fairly brisk winds that day.

I think that that summarises all that has happened since the last issue of this magazine and I hope that we can look forward to a lot more activities before the next one.

*P. J. Maynard*

# BOARDING HOUSE REPORTS

## SCHOOL HOUSE REPORT

At the beginning of this term, we were very glad to hear of the successes achieved in the recent A-levels by our boys. Out of the 36 subjects taken, 12 were grade A and included six distinctions at S-level. Three of the most successful, Jonathan Davis, Pete Chapman and Dickie Appleton, have returned to pit their knowledge against the Oxbridge examiners. Of course, we wish them every success. Those who did not return have all gone on to higher education elsewhere.

The considerable gaps in our numbers have been filled by five juniors and three seniors, all of whom are settling down well. There is of course a new band of prefects striving to maintain the old traditions. Everyone is delighted that Mrs. Pattinson feels able to continue as Matron and we hope this may long be so.

As usual we are well represented in almost every school activity. Our greatest contribution, besides to the Debating Society, is to hockey, with Ally Diack and Brendan McNally playing regularly for the 1st XI (Ally 'keeps' for Bucks too!); Ian 'Skydiver' Hutton and Gerard McNally playing for the 2nd XI which, incidentally, is captained by Dickie Appleton. Pete Chapman and Julian 'where's my comb' Shaw play for the 1st XV, Andrew Appleton and Mathew Coburn for the 2nd XV. It is rumoured that Benny Minch is a member of the U19 basketball squad.

We have all been very grateful to the Parents' Association for gifts of furniture which have done so much to increase our comfort, if not our industry.

*Brendan McNally*

## UPLYME HOUSE REPORT

As usual Uplyme has maintained the high standard of representation in School sport teams. Neil Featonby was a regular member of the 2nd XI cricket team and kept up his usual standard (no further comment) in the Bucks Chess League. In the fourth-form Guy Moultrie was a consistent player in the School tennis team when he wasn't ill (?). Tim Burgess was also in the athletics team and went on to represent them in the District Finals.

Meanwhile on the academic side Rod Walker's performance at A-level is perhaps best not mentioned, while Neil Holland gained a respectable set of results at O-level. In addition N. Featonby was awarded the Governors' prize for Economics.

As for the 'old boys', Alun Jones, John Preston and Kevin Haugh have been paying frequent visits. They are all getting on well in their respective careers. We also wish all the best to Michael Hill and Tim Burgess who are leaving the house at Christmas.

Back to last year and our second barbecue was another 'hot' success. We all enjoyed ourselves that evening. Many thanks must go to the Stubbs for their constant hard work, especially for the preparation which went into the barbecue. As well as that, congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs on the birth of Uplyme's latest 'new boy'. We are sure that he will carry on the Uplyme traditions. Meanwhile Mr. Edwards carries on as the house 'bank' and also as coffee supplier at weekends. We would be lost without him.

by The Prefects,

*N. Featonby, N. Holland, M. F. Hill*

## DRAMA WEEKEND 1977

Anyone leaving school at 4 p.m. on Friday, October 14th would have noticed the arrival of 20 or so members of the opposite sex at school. Was this an experiment in co-education? a sixth-form orgy? No, these were the Sacrificial lambs who, with an equal number of RGS boys were due to undergo that most exquisite form of torture—the Drama Weekend.

Mr. Smith introduced the programme—of warm-ups, lectures, practical sessions and final performance on the theme of medieval Miracle Plays—to an increasingly horrified audience which left at 5.30 wondering what they had let themselves in for.

Saturday morning dawned cold and foggy but the warm-up exercises and subsequent lectures from Mr. Mitchell—on scripts—and Mr. Tom Wilde of Bulmershe College—on medieval drama—left participants physically and mentally stimulated. The talk from Mr. Wilde provided the ideal background for the afternoon's visit to the Cottesloe Theatre (National Theatre) to see the production of the York cycle of the Passion.

The performance while unconventional, in that the action took place among a standing audience, was extremely effective and met with the unanimous approval of the group. Integration between the schools, after a hesitant start, had improved tremendously and the return coach trip witnessed a good deal of fraternisation.

On Sunday, in groups, the real work started and the morning was spent 'creating'. Many worked on during the lunch-break

and the afternoon in an atmosphere of increasing, if organised, panic.

The climax came with a performance before an audience of parents, friends and boarders. The Lighting Team opened with an imaginative representation of Creation in light and sound incorporating Mr. Cave's large revolving polythene disc, previously a cause of much amazement. Steven Bramley then gave a spirited performance of Noah, and there was an interesting version of the story of the Prodigal Son.

Plays on the themes of Herod and the trial of Christ blended passages of Monty Pythonesque humour with fine serious acting, notable performances came from J. Cooper, A. Paterson and N. Morris. The collection of sketches and poems on the theme of damnation from R. Kettlewell's group made a fitting conclusion, highlighted by an excellent impersonation of Rev. Ian Paisley from Angela Diffley.

The enthusiastic applause from the audience, seated all around the acting area in the Hall, indicated the remarkably high standard achieved in such a short time: not a word, not a move existed before Sunday morning!

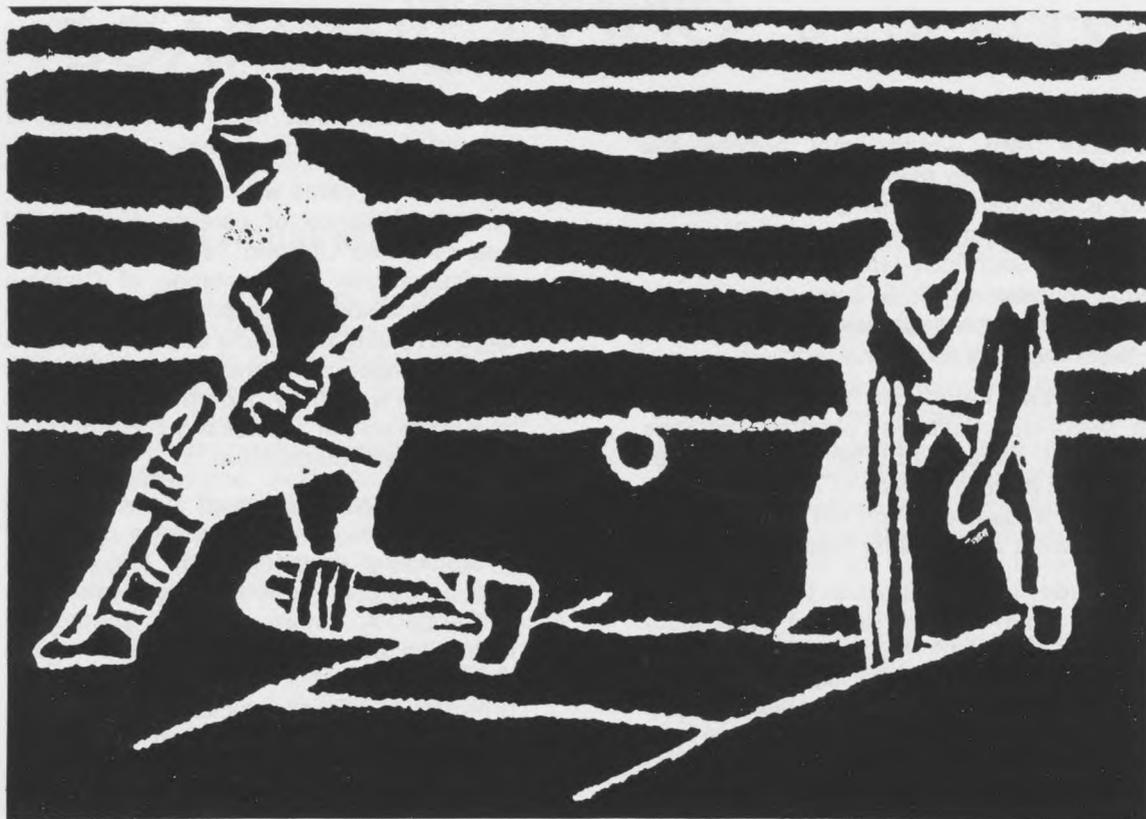
All those attending the weekend contributed to its great success—the best ever? Special thanks to Mr. Smith, Mr. Cave, Dr. Dorrance, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Ruff. Also to the Stage Lighting Team who, besides their usual activities produced a programme for the performance.

*M. Foster*

### THE JAGUAR

The meal trots by.  
I wait, I crawl, I move.  
Seconds pass, my hunger subsides.

*C. Smith, 2GR*



### 1st XI CRICKET

Played 13 Won 0 Lost 5 Drawn 5  
Tied 2 Abandoned 1

For the first time for many years (ever?) the RGS 1st XI went through a season without a victory.

The difficulties experienced by school cricket for the last few years (lack of money, lack of resources and good facilities, and lack of a settled, qualified groundsman and assistance) finally took their toll.

Much time, worry and effort have gone into the attempt to improve matters—and I am extremely grateful for the headmaster's support in this. *Some* progress has been made, but it will be some time before circum-

stances are right for the development and nurture of successful school cricket teams.

It was cruel luck on this year's XI that victory should have eluded them. They were a pleasure to be with: always cheerful, ever willing to listen and learn, and never succumbing without a struggle.

It is astonishing that *twice* in the same season (within two months, in fact) they should have been involved in tied games (so near, yet still so far from victory!). In both cases, having bowled the opposition out cheaply, they just did not have the ability to make a winning score.

And that sums up the season: an ability to bowl sides out (unlike in 1976), but an inability to make winning scores. If only the batting of 1975 and 1976 could have been added to the bowling and fielding of 1977 . . .

The indifferent weather—and wickets which thus assisted the bowlers—did not help our batsmen, who struggled to find any sort of confidence and form. Only two half-centuries were scored—by Simon Stinchcombe (68 v. Abingdon) and Chris Hoggett (51 v. Emanuel). Stinchcombe's innings was remarkable, in that it was his only innings of the season; he was otherwise unavailable. A great pity! His opening partnership with vice-captain David Poskett (47) was the best of the season.

Poskett was the leading batsman, with a good, watchful defence, but he could not master the spinners. Hoggett, despite a suspect technique, was a determined bat, who occasionally revealed a powerful attacking streak. Douglas McIndoe played one or two promising little innings, but must also improve his technique. Mark Redwood too occasionally showed some fine shots, but needs to strengthen his defence. For the future the promise of third-former, Philip Newport, is encouraging

There were numerous bowlers in the side. Neil Hamer did well, opening the attack most commonly, and taking 23 wickets at 11.57. The captain Paul Dickinson took 17 at 16.64 without ever being at his best, while the greatest promise was shown by newcomer, Malcolm Robertson, whose away-swing claimed 14 wickets at only 8.56. David Poskett's leg-spin was not as penetrative as had been hoped, but he was not helped by the wickets.

The fielding was excellent. Behind the stumps Chris Hoggett set himself such a standard in the first few games that he was not quite able to sustain, especially after a nasty knock later on. Julian Shaw held some fine catches, and Paul Dickinson set a true skipper's example in the field, where off-spinner, Nick Hasted, also excelled.

In short, everyone in the team gave of their best. They never lost badly, except perhaps against Dr. Challoner's, when they were somewhat dispirited. The captain's leadership, while not always tactfully astute, was always genial and respected, and everyone enjoyed and profited from playing. What more can one ask?

### LEADING AVERAGES

#### *Batting*

D. A. Poskett	198 runs at 16.50
C. J. Hoggett	171 runs at 15.56
D. T. McIndoe	130 runs at 13.00
M. Redwood	138 runs at 11.50

#### *Bowling*

M. Robertson	14 wickets at 8.56
C. N. J. Hamer	23 wickets at 11.57
P. N. Dickinson	17 wickets at 16.64
D. A. Poskett	14 wickets at 18.78

*S.R.G.*

### 2nd XI CRICKET

Won 2 Drawn 2 Lost 2 Cancelled 5

The 1977 cricket season was one of disappointment for the 2nd XI. Only six out of 11 fixtures were completed. Despite this, continued enthusiasm and optimism ensured that regular net practices took place.

Following cancellations against Tiffin, Oxford and Hampton, the side had its first game at St. Bartholomews, Newbury. In a very close game, the home side were defeated by two runs. In reply to our 86 all out, Newbury looked comfortable at 84-6 but thanks to a great spell from Peter Radford, who also top-scored with 33, Newbury's last four wickets fell without any further score. Radford's figures were 6-23 which provided the excuse for S. Goldthorpe to haul him off to the 1st XI!

The side's first defeat came against Watford, following a low-scoring draw at John Hampden and yet another cancelled fixture. A dismal batting performance left Watford a mere 59 to win. However, they only achieved this target with two wickets and



only a few minutes to spare. This was due to a determined effort by our bowlers, especially Steve Vlarar whose remarkable figures of 6-8 included two wickets in the first three balls of the Watford innings.

After another cancelled match, the Abingdon game, was doomed to a draw following a very late declaration from the opposing captain. Two days later, the side suffered its heaviest defeat at the hands of Emanuel. Despite a valuable partnership of 45 by Geoff Heels and Andy Price, which enabled the side to reach 91-4, the batting collapsed and the final total was a mere 100 Emanuel's task was made difficult by some accurate bowling but eventually they ran out easy winners by seven wickets.

The final match at Barnet brought a victory by 30 runs. Steady batting saw the total to 107 for 8 declared and good bowling by Michael Standing (4-17) and Dick Highton (3-9) secured the victory.

Overall, the batting was very shaky but this was partly offset by some good bowling. The fielding was either brilliant or appalling, the notable exception being Neil 'Graham Barlow' Featonby.

Thanks are due to Messrs. File and Gibson for their much appreciated enthusiasm and hard work. Last but not least, my thanks go to Chas for scoring, who still dreams of half-colours (usually when he should be scoring!).

*K. M. Titcombe (captain)*  
*C. M. Chandler (vice-captain)*

### **UNDER 15 CRICKET 1977**

Played 11 Won 6 Lost 5

The team had an excellent start to the season, winning its first four matches, but faltered when tougher opposition was encountered in the second half of the season.

Despite bad weather in May, convincing victories were achieved against John Hampden, Burnham and Aylesbury G.S. These victories were due mainly to attacking bowling by Nagle, King and Gardner. Batting consistency was never achieved but there were some good individual performances.

Re-arranged fixtures at the end of the season, meant playing five matches in six days. As it happened, we met difficult opponents in each of these matches and although we suffered heavy defeats against Emanuel and Worcester RGS, we scored a thrilling one-wicket victory over Dr. Chaltoners GS.

The team enjoyed its cricket at all times and we would like to thank Messrs. Wilson and Stone for all the time and help they gave us.

Regular members of the team were: A. Baxter, D. Evans, I. Smith, P. Nagle, S. Parks, D. King, R. Jordan, N. Telfer, F. Walsh, J. Evans, N. Gardner and M. Baldwin.

*A. M. Baxter*

### **UNDER 14 CRICKET**

This year we suffered badly from the weather and only seven out of our 13 scheduled games were played. Our masters-in-charge, Dr. Dosser and Mr Edwards, made use of 16 players during the season.

The batting relied heavily on the openers Newport and Scott, and vice-captain, Scriven. There was also an occasional unorthodox flourish from Wattis. Newport, in seven innings, scored one half-century and reached 30 on three other occasions, including a superb 45 not out in five overs against John Hampden. His form was recognised by the 1st XI for whom he played in the latter half of the season.

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Mention must be made of Hargreaves who, although disappointing with the bat, kept wicket excellently.

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Standing shyly on the spotlight stage,  
Just wonder what to say,  
The music plays and deafeningly  
Though louder yesterday.  
My strength is sapped  
I can't go on  
Help me please to try  
Take my hand  
and understand  
The great gig in the sky.

*P. Newman*

### LIFE'S BREATH

Life is but the essence of your smile  
Floating vaguely against a breathless sky  
Depending on your rapid mood.  
Existence hangs on the thread of a sigh  
Yours are the very shears of damnation.  
One being relying on endless time  
and there is the result of misfortune.  
Struck when first our eyes met.  
My life's breath is locked away  
Your command the key.  
One turn and I'm free.



### THE FOX

A black shape glides swiftly along in  
the whispering dark—  
A fox!  
The shadowy form slips away,  
into the dense undergrowth,  
with only an occasional rustle to betray its presence.  
Then, it crosses a small clearing,  
its outline indistinct, and then it merges with the  
shadows and disappears,  
into the mysterious wood.

*M. G. Smith, 2B*

## THE TERROR IN ROOM 32

It was 9.37 on the morning of the 32nd of February when we walked into our French room with glum expressions on our faces, in dread anticipation of the two million word vocabulary test and the quintuple French period.

The French master, grinning eagerly, slammed the barbed-wire gate by kicking the waste-paper basket at it. He then wrote 82 verbs on the board and told us to write all 18 tenses of them in our rough books. They were to be finished off for prep. This was all part of his pre-test psychological warfare to make you forget both the words you have learnt.

"Ouvre les fenêtres!" was his next command. The three boys nearest the windows carried out the order and a howling blizzard then raged through the room. By the time the windows were blocked up by a snow drift, Swinhoe-Standen had died of exposure. Then the first words were written on the blackboard . . .

Soon after we started, the French master announced that he was going to collect in the prep. At this, Hunter collapsed and kicked the waste-paper-basket—in other words—he died. The post-mortem revealed that he had failed to do his homework. I wasn't feeling exactly overjoyed myself as I still had 17 essays, 11 comprehension tests and 14 translations to do. In addition to the 19 French-English dictionaries I hadn't learnt.

Then the reign of terror started. Tilley was caught cheating, so he was dragged out to the front of the class, tied to the leg of the French master's table and machine-gunned with a 30 second burst from a battery of 10 Vulcan cannon. The table's leg was kicked back on again by the French master. Wilson hadn't done his corrections, so he suffocated under a pile of extra ones. Walker died as a result of writer's cramp—the swot. Davey was hit on the head by a waste-paper-basket travelling through the air at a very high

velocity after it had been kicked harder than usual by the master, and Sendall chose the honourable way out after the master discovered him drawing a guillotine, despite the 10 foot wall of French books he had built round his desk. It was afterwards calculated that he had hit the ground at 22.39 miles per hour. Finally Davis died from an overdose of French.

Suddenly there was a noise of talking in the corridor outside, which could be heard above the ticking of the death-watch beetles. The French master leapt to his feet from tearing our books apart with his red biro (marking them), and strode to the door; opened it and yelled 'Quiet!!' at the top of his voice. Even the beetles went silent. 'What are you doing out here?' he asked looking at his watch. 'There's another 18 seconds before the end of the period.' One of the wombugs spoke up, 'Please sir, but there's a fire . . .'

'A fire? But that's no reason for the noise in the corridor to be audible' He returned to our lesson.

'It appears that there is a fire. But before you go—prep. I want you to learn all the vocabulary in the big fat book. That won't take long, so in addition you are to do exercises . . .'

But he never finished. Even as he was saying this, 4SE were bundling out of the door and over him. A few seconds later, after the last one of us had left the room, the fire burst in. The French master died with all his corrections, texts, essays, etc.

Within an hour, the whole school was a pile of smouldering, blackened rubble. Apparently the fire had started when Twissell (it had to be him), sharpened his pencil too quickly; it got hot and flared up.

The characters in this story are purely imaginary and any resemblance to any person is entirely coincidental

*M. P. Niekirk (4SE)*

## OPINION POLL 1977

Two hundred and forty-eight boys were interviewed by a team of editors and others to elicit their views on some topics of current interest. We hope their opinions are reasonably representative.

1. 'Would you like this school to become co-educational (boys and girls together in one school) ?'

Yes: 74.5%

No: 18.5%

Don't know: 7%

Perhaps a surprising result to many people.

2. 'Would you like this school to become comprehensive ?'

Yes: 12.5%

No: 81.8%

Don't know: 5.7%

3. 'Do you think the minimum school leaving age should stay at 16 ?'

Yes: 75.4%

No: 20.2%

Don't know: 4.4%

Nearly all of those who voted 'No' thought the age should be lowered.

4. Do you think there should be more features in the *Wycombiensian* ?

Yes: 60.9%

No: 15.3%

Don't know: 23.8%

Perhaps those wanting more articles instead of reports will send them in next time—they don't just materialise.

5. 'Are you satisfied with the cost and quality of school meals ?'

Yes: 17.7%

No: 58.5%

Don't know: 23.8%

We hope canteen staff won't be too downhearted—if they hear! Most Don't know's were from sandwich eaters.

6. 'Do you approve of the idea of school uniform ?'

Yes: 52.8%

No: 38.3%

Don't know: 8.9%

If the poll had been about sixth-form uniform, many indicated they would have voted differently.

*S. Bramley, A. Gaines and C. Holmes*

### A POLITICAL MANIFESTO

Vote for us at this election  
And we will give you a selection  
Of subsidies, for your protection—  
But first, you'll pay more taxes.

We will stamp out this wages race  
The prospect of small pay you'll face  
But Unions—they're a special case—  
You can't make them pay taxes!

We'll cut the price of bread and tea  
And off the rates we'll take 3p  
And pull out of the EEC—  
But first, you'll pay more taxes.

If people strike—well, let them be,  
We won't have hard line policy  
And strikers then should willingly  
Pay lots and lots more taxes.

We will cut down on teaching staff—  
The Army we will cut by half  
and then at NATO we will laugh—  
But you will pay more taxes.

And then in paradise we'll be  
Ruled over by the TUC  
With Jack Jones and Joe Gorm-e-ly  
And we'll all pay higher taxes.

So vote for us—if you don't, then  
The country will be ruled by men  
Like Michael Foot and Wedgwood Benn.  
(I'd rather pay more taxes!)

*A. Glover*

## THE FIRST BOOK OF GRADE

*or*

### GENESIS, rewritten

1. In the beginning Grade created the air-waves and the earth.
2. And the earth was without programmes; and darkness was upon the face of the television sets. And the spirit of Grade moved upon the face of the television sets.
3. And Grade said, 'Let there be light entertainment': and there was light entertainment.
4. And Grade saw the light entertainment, that it was profitable: and Grade divided the light entertainment from the boring stuff.
5. And Grade called the light entertainment 'Sunday Night at the London Palladium' and the boring stuff he called 'Crossroads'. And the evening and the morning were the first day.
6. And Grade said, 'Let there be a commercial break in the midst of the programmes, and let it divide the programmes from the other programmes'.
7. And Grade made the commercial breaks and divided 'Coronation Street' from the 'London Programme', and it was so.
8. And the evening and the morning were the second day.
9. And Grade said, 'Let the current affairs under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the "News at Ten" appear': and it was so.
10. And Grade called the news ITN and Grade saw that it was profitable. And the evening and the morning were the third day.
11. And Grade said, 'Let the commercial breaks bring forth advertisers, the commercials yielding trite rubbish and soap-powder adverts'.
12. And the commercial breaks brought forth advertisers, the commercials yielding trite rubbish and soap-powder adverts: and Grade saw that it was profitable.
13. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.
14. And Grade said, 'Let there be shining stars in the studios to divide the good programmes from the talent programmes'.
15. 'And let them be for light in the firmament of heaven to give dire boredom to all mankind'.
16. And to rule over these programmes Grade brought forth living creatures and creeping things after his kind.
17. And He called them Nicholas Parsons and Hughie Green.
18. And Grade made the beast of the earth after his kind and every thing that creepeth upon the face of the earth.
19. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.
20. And Grade created man in his own image. And Grade saw everything that he had made and behold it was very profitable.
21. And in the evening Grade had a rest because London Weekend took over.

*Neil Timberlake*

### THE FALCON

From high above  
I spy upon my doomed prey.  
Down I swoop to kill and devour.

## OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATIONS

General Certificate of Education

Summer Examination 1977

Advanced Level

### SKIING

Time allowed : Three hours

A77

Write the number of the paper, A77, on the left at the head of each sheet of your answers in the space provided.

Answer any four questions: Credit will be given for maps or plans attached to any answers to which they are appropriate.

Additional marks will be awarded to candidates who successfully avoid answering any of the questions.

1. 'Skiving is the art of the possible'. Discuss this statement with special reference to either (a) Games

or

(b) Friday afternoon.

2. How successful was 5T in its attempts to pacify Mr. Davies before the summer examinations 1977?

3. In what sense, if any, does John (the Skiver) Jamieson merit the title 'Great'?

4. Mr. X, a master, is approaching you

across the quadrangle. You owe him a total of three (3) essays, which are respectively three days, two weeks, and four months overdue.

Either (a) Outline your plan of escape  
or

(b) Your reasons for non-completion of the essays.

5. Examine the role of the Second Master in the apprehension and punishment of skivers.

6. You have been sent to the back of the canteen queue. Outline the methods you would adopt in order to regain your original place.

7. Give an account of the historical role of prefects in the school system.

8. 'The ultimate deterrent to unruly behaviour is the "pink card"'. Discuss.

*Neil Timberlake*

### THE SHARK

He lies in wait at the bottom of the gruesome, polluted sea, gazing up at the ships churning their way past. There is absolute silence. He makes slow, deliberate movements as his path is cleared of smaller fish. A wounded kipper lies ahead in a cloud of blood. The shark, smelling the blood (and the kipper) darts forward to attack. He cannot see the kipper, although the sun shines out overhead, because of all the general 'muck' in the water. As he approaches it it washes water around in a desperate attempt to swim away. The shark tears the kipper to shreds with its huge teeth, then devours it mercilessly. The kipper wriggles desperately in its last seconds of life, flips over and stops dead. The shark finishes the kipper off at his leisure, and returns to his aimless drifting in the currents and tides of the deep. He returns to a stupor as, unknown to him, the sun sets and life on land ceased for another night.

*R. Twissell, 2B*

## ARE YOU A SUITABLE RGS STUDENT?

This is a guide for you to find out if you, or your son, are suitable to attend the RGS. The answers are directly below the questions so that all suitable students will be able to cheat.

(Q.1) If you found yourself at the bottom of Amersham Hill at 9.10 a.m., knowing it would take you 30 minutes to walk up the hill, and knowing you will get a Pink Card if you are late, would you:

- (a) Run all the way up the hill and arrive, absolutely exhausted, at 9.15 a.m., just after assembly.
- (b) Hitch a lift up the hill.
- (c) Resign yourself to the *unfortunate* fact that you will not get to school on time, so go into a Wimpy instead.

*What your answers mean*

- (a) Are you Chris Tite?—0 points.
- (b) Ingenious, should do well at 'O' or 'A' level—5 points.
- (c) A perfectly suitable RGS student! Just what we need!—10 points.

(Q.2) You have not done your French homework for 1st period today, would you:

- (a) Wake up at 4.00 a.m. in the morning and do it then.
- (b) Not do it, but go to school and apologise profusely for two hours, promising that you *will* do it by next Tuesday.
- (c) Realise that this time you have gone too far, so decide it is better to stay at home and watch TV all day.

*What your answers mean*

- (a) You *are* Chris Tite!!—0 points.
- (b) Clever . . . You still haven't done it but have escaped punishment. A polished performer, indeed—10 points.
- (c) Sounds OK, but it is a little boring watching Rainbow, Play School, etc., isn't it?—5 points.

(Q.3) The headmaster has warned of violent clashes between a neighbouring school and RGS. He warns you not to go down the Cemetery Path alone, would you:

- (a) Run all the way home, hiding petrified from all other schoolboys in fear that they might attack you?
- (b) Deliberately walk unarmed down the path, on your own, as a matter of principle?
- (c) Collect all the hard lads you know, arm yourself with desk-lids etc. and conduct a surprise attack on the school during lunch-time?

*What your answers mean*

- (a) You are a despicable little coward, not worthy of attending kindergarten, let alone the RGS—0 points.
- (b) Admirable . . . But a little foolish, don't you think?—5 points.
- (c) Well done, perfectly suited to the RGS!!!—10 points.

*Summary*

**0-10 points:** You are blatantly totally unsuited to the RGS. Try Eton, Harrow or a monastery, they might want you, we don't!

**10-20 points:** *Just* suitable, but you really have to try harder if you do get here.

**20-30 points:** Well done!! Drop in any time you like! We'll be only too glad to see you!

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R. A. Dean

P. D. Stinchcombe)

## NATURE

Sophisticated urban blares,  
Smash the agnostic calm.  
And businessmen; all sick again  
Seek the soothing balm  
Of Nature.

Pollution wracks the cities' air,  
Man moves underground.  
The illness creeps, through sordid streets,  
And screams defile the sounds  
Of Nature.

Decadence has pride of place,  
Cynics reign supreme,  
Campaigning rats; in bowler hats,  
Abominate the dream  
Of Nature.

C. McD.

## COMPUTERISED WORLD

At the end of last year a few sixth-formers visited the Engineering department's open day at Cambridge. Although time was short and the exhibits were interesting and impressive we did find time to peruse the amusing computer programmes on line. Amongst 'Star Trek', 'Stationary target practice for Star Trek', 'Moving target practice for Star Trek', 'Instructions for Star Trek', etc. was a game geared to the power-mad scientist with a social conscience. Below is exactly what emerged from the computer.

ACC DEMO  
LOA SUMER  
RUN  
16:12 07/01  
SUMER VERSION 1.4 (3 YEARS)

MY LORD AND MASTER,  
ABSOLUTE RULER OF SUMER,  
I, YOUR HUMBLE SERVANT, THE M5 MULTITRONIC UNIT,  
BEG TO REPORT ON THE STATE OF YOUR DOMAIN . . .  
LAST YEAR 10 PEOPLE DIED AND 10 IMMIGRANTS CAME INTO YOUR DOMAIN  
THE PRESENT POPULATION OF SUMER IS THEREFORE 40 LOYAL SUBJECTS

WE PLANTED 300 OF YOUR 400 ACRES LAST YEAR  
AND HARVESTED 2.50 BUSHELS PER ACRE . . .  
THE TOTAL HARVEST WAS THEREFORE 750 BUSHELS  
BUT THE KLINGDONS STOLE 75 BUSHELS  
THUS YOU NOW HAVE 675 BUSHELS IN YOUR STOREHOUSE.

THE GODS DECREE THAT ONE BUSHEL IS REQUIRED TO PLANT ONE ACRE AND  
THE LAWS DECREE THAT ONE ACRE PER PERSON MUST BE SET ASIDE  
FOR NON-AGRICULTURAL USE

THIS YEAR WE CAN BUY OR SELL LAND FOR 19 BUSHELS PER ACRE.  
HOW MANY ACRES OF LAND DO YOU WISH TO BUY THIS YEAR?  
?300

MUCH THOUGH I WOULD LIKE TO EFFECT THIS TRANSACTION ON YOUR BEHALF,  
MASTER, IT WOULD COST 5700 BUSHELS—WHICH IS  
MORE THAN THE 675 BUSHELS IN YOUR STOREHOUSE.

THEREFORE, PLEASE RECONSIDER :  
HOW MANY ACRES OF LAND DO YOU WISH TO BUY THIS YEAR?  
?35

AS YOU KNOW, MASTER, THAT MEANS THERE ARE NOW 10 BUSHELS  
STASHED IN THE STOREHOUSE.  
HOW MANY BUSHELS OF GRAIN DO YOU WISH TO DISTRIBUTE AS FOOD?  
?

WELCOME TO ENGINEERING

1

TYRANT!! MANY PEOPLE WILL STARVE . . . I SHALL LEAD THE REVOLUTION!!  
THERE ARE 395 ACRES AVAILABLE FOR CULTIVATION, SIRE  
HOW MANY DO YOU WISH TO PLANT WITH SEED?

?3

YOUR DISTASTE FOR AGRICULTURE NEVER FAILS TO AMAZE ME, SIRE  
AND HOW MANY OF YOUR 6 BUSHELS DO YOU WISH TO SPEND  
ON PROTECTING YOUR GRAIN FROM THE KLINGDONS?

?6

UNDER YOUR RULE, MASTER, YOUR PEOPLE ARE FAST SICKENING

(A YEAR PASSETH . . . )

LAST YEAR 35 PEOPLE DIED AND 0 IMMIGRANTS CAME INTO YOUR DOMAIN  
(YOU'VE BEEN RECEIVING A BAD PRESS LATELY . . . )  
THE PRESENT POPULATION OF SUMER IS THEREFORE 5 HUNGRY SUBJECTS  
WE WHO REMAIN HAVE DECIDED TO LEAVE FOR A HEALTHIER PLANET.  
FRANKLY MASTER, AS A RULER YOU ARE A FLOP

SCORE BREAKDOWN

POPULATION	—14
GRAIN	—11
LAND	29
MISTAKES	— 5
HUNGER	— 9
HARVEST	11
DEATHS	—32
DEPOSED	—50
TOTAL	—81

YOUR PERFORMANCE WAS      GHASTLY  
FAREWELL

3410 HALT

*Four mad scientists—C.J.C.J., C.D.S.S-S., J.M.E.A. and S.M.P.*

## A POLITICAL MANIFESTO

In view of the current financial crisis the following figures recently published may be of interest :

Population in the country	54,000,000
People aged 65 and over	14,000,000
Balance left to do the work	<u>40,000,000</u>
People aged 18 and under	18,000,000
Balance left to do the work	<u>22,000,000</u>
Union members	9,000,000
Balance left to do the work	<u>13,000,000</u>
People in the Armed Forces	2,300,000
Balance left to do the work	<u>10,700,000</u>
Local Government and Council officials	9,800,000
Balance left to do the work	<u>900,000</u>
People unable to work	888,000
Balance left to do the work	<u>12,000</u>
People in prison	11,998
Balance left to do the work	<u>2</u>

You and I, therefore, must work harder, especially you as I am fed up with running this joint on my own.

## THE VAMPIRE BAT

It lands on the sleeping hand,  
It lowers its tiny mouth, and bites.  
The blood oozes out,  
And it laps, like a cat with milk.

Then it flies away, Dracula.  
Its glossy wings beat in the darkness.  
Its radar is on, searching a way.  
It lands on a rock and dreams of blood.

*M. J. Barnard, 2GR*

Roses are Red,  
Violets are Blue,  
Aardvarks are a sort of muddy brown colour.

*Flash*

# OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS CLUB

## DEATHS

J. HILL (1907–14) died recently at his home, in Ellwood House, Crowell, where he had lived all his life, aged 78 years.

Joe Hill was one of the few remaining farmers who had experienced the days when the shire horses provided the farm's power and the flocks of sheep kept down the weeds and fertilised the fields. During the last war he was senior member of the War Agriculture Executive Committee. He was chairman of the Thame Show committee from 1952 to 1958 and president in 1959.

Shooting and riding were among his favourite pastimes. He was an accomplished rider to hounds and was for several years chairman of the South Oxfordshire Hunt. His keenness for point-to-point racing prompted him to lay out an excellent course on his land. He was married three times and leaves a widow, Mrs. S. Hill and a daughter.

The Hon. Sec. has to thank A. E. Jeffries (1928–34) for this obituary notice. He also made mention of Joe Hill's brother, H. H. Hill (1906–14) who died of wounds when serving as an infantry captain in the 1914–18 War. Henry Hill was the first boy at the RGS to gain his Certificate 'A' in the War Office OTC examination.

E. G. ROSE (1941–46) died suddenly at his home 'Chiltern Top', Bledlow Ridge on June 16th 1977, aged 46 years.

Eric George Rose was secretary of the High Wycombe and District Furniture Manufacturers' Society for the last 17 years and won the respect and affection of all those engaged on both sides of the industry for his unfailing conscientious work for the welfare of the industry. A memorial service was held in Oakridge Road Baptist Chapel on June 28th. Tribute was paid in an address by Mr. Lucien Ercolani, president of the Society. 'Eric Rose's job was to represent the employers but the success he enjoyed was the result of his desire to understand life right across the scene. He was concerned about people.'

He was a lay preacher, a prison visitor, a football referee and a member of Bledlow Ridge Parish Council. He taught in the Sunday School, he led a Bible class and served as a deacon at Oakridge Road Baptist Chapel.

He leaves a widow Mrs. José Rose, two sons and a daughter.

D. J. STEVENS (1967–74) on September 26th 1976, aged 20 years.

David was a boarder at School House from 1970 following the death of his mother. At the time of his death he was at Keele University reading French and Russian. Our sympathy goes out to his father Geoffrey W. Stevens (1936–41) who lives at 'High Beech', Lower Road, Loosley Row.

## NOTES

### Old Boys

- BLOKLAND, J. (1952–59). J. van Blokland gained a B.Sc. in Agriculture at Reading and then worked for the Commonwealth Development Corporation in Africa, spending one year in Malawi and one year in Tanzania. He then went to the College of Tropical Agriculture in Trinidad and returned to Africa, to Swaziland, for two years. In 1973 he went to the USA after doing research work at the University of Aberdeen. He gained his Ph.D. at the University of Illinois. In July 1976 he joined the University of Florida, where he is now an assistant professor in Agricultural Economics. Jon Blokland was a good all-round sportsman at school excelling at cricket, at which game he captained the School 1st XI.
- BOWELL, K. C. (1948–54) writes from Mairangi Bay, Auckland 10, New Zealand. He emigrated when he left school and qualified as a chartered accountant in New Zealand. He worked in the timber industry until 1969 but then took up a post with a group of companies in cement distribution, transport and forestry. He is now Managing Director. He married a New Zealand girl and they have two children. At the RGS he was leader of the school orchestra and remembers that Mr. Clark played at assembly only when they sang 'And did those feet'. He can still see Mr. Hill riding a massive motorised bicycle in 1949. He keeps in touch with Tudor C. OLSEN (1948–54), 'a classmate who will be well known to Mr. Sam Morgan'. He is in Real Estate with his own business in Auckland.
- BRIGHTON, T. L. (1957–62) has left the Bucks Free Press, where he was advertising sales manager, to take up an appointment as advertisement manager with the Surrey Herald Series at Chertsey. He began as a departmental trainee 15 years ago. He spent a year in a wooden hut on the forecourt of the original offices in Castle Street, collecting 'small ads.'
- CRISP, S. R. (1965–72), gave a talk at school recently on his work on the languages of the Caucasus. He spent some time in Daghestan on a cultural exchange. It is a small area (250 x 150 miles) but has over 30 separate languages plus different dialects. The legend is that God was on a tour giving out languages from his sack, when it split open on a jagged peak in the Caucasus and lots of languages tumbled out.
- DAY, H. F. W. (1911–13) writes from 12 Hauraki Road, Oneroa, New Zealand. He celebrated his 80th birthday in August 1977. He retired in 1959 after 40 years with the engineering side of the Post Office out there. He emigrated after returning from the 1914–18 War. He has his own transmitter and station in his home and in the lonely spells he talks to fellow 'hams' all over the world. He hopes the RGS can still field a good Soccer team!
- DIXON, A. H. (1958–64). Andrew Dixon is an Assistant Lighting Designer at the BBC end looks back with nostalgia to around 1963 when he was helping to run the School stage lighting and sound team and the Science Society.
- DODGSON, A. (1913–18) continues to enjoy the *Wycombiensian* and congratulates the School and the editors on its appearance and contents. He was unable to attend the Dinner in honour of his old friend Sydney Hands; he was in hospital. He has recently developed asthma—all he can get out of the medics is that it is due to old age! He left 59 years ago but everything remains as fresh as ever in his memory. He came to the RGS from a remote village school in 1913—the School opened his eyes to a new world and gave him a chance, to become more than a farm labourer. In fact he was able to finish as Headmaster of a largish school in Wembley. He is eternally grateful.
- DOWDESWELL, T. (1967–74) gained a BA Honours degree in Public Administration and Management at Kent University and has joined the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. His course at Kent was very rewarding—a good mix of the practical and the abstract—statistics, economics, public administration, theories of organisation, accounting and com-

puter studies. He played basketball for the University and was a member of the Conservative Association there. S. A. YAGHMOURIAN (1967–74) was the chairman.

DURY, I. R. (1954–59). The *Daily Express* on October 25th 1977 wrote 'He's like Max Wall, Chaplin and Judy Garland in one'. They were commenting on Ian Dury's performance in the show 'Stiff's Greatest Tour.'

'One tiny man emerged as a genuinely gigantic talent, blessed with an original ability to sing his witty and devastating songs. He is still semi-crippled by polio but brushes this aside as being unimportant.'

When Ian Dury left he went to the College of Art and gained some reputation as a painter. He gave up painting for music and formed a band called 'Kilburn and the High Road' which had a strong following in the pub rock circuit in the early 70's. The newspaper went on: 'He has stage presence, infinite star quality—if you can't go to see him and the rest of the talented Stiff during their British tour, then hear Ian's album 'New Boots and Panties'—it might shock but it must delight too.'

Many will remember the little boy coming to us in 1954, hobbling around on his stick and falling about all over the place.

EDWARDS, C. M. J. (1946–53) called in recently. He is Manager of Computer Operations for the McArthur Chemical Company in Montreal. He is a senior rugby referee in Canada and was standby for the Canada v. England Under-23 match. He is proud of his daughter who at 14 plays basketball for Quebec in the Junior Division. The language laws in Quebec are giving English a rough time—at school there is total immersion in French in all subjects for some of the earlier years. The Montreal Stamp Club has 450 members—Chris Edwards runs the junior section. Brother J. P. J. EDWARDS (1947–54) has moved from Watford to Reigate. He has a new job as consultant engineer in the paper industry.

EVANS, E. T. H. (1965–72) gained an Upper 2nd in Part II Law at Cambridge and was awarded a prize for his performance in the Tripos.

EVANS, J. L. (1956–61) has changed his job. After 15 years in the Accounts Division of the RAF he has joined the London Borough of Lambeth, still spending other people's money. He finds it pleasantly surprising that in civilian life he enjoys his own cooking.

FRANCIS, M. J. D. (1943–47) emigrated in 1948 to South Africa. He took a BA Degree at the University of Cape Town and followed this with a post-graduate LL.B. He practised as an attorney (solicitor) for 10 years in Cape Town and the Transkei but then became legal adviser to the SA Mutual Life Society (the biggest). He is 45 years of age but is still a very enthusiastic long-distance runner. He has run 10 times in the Durban to Pietermaritzburg race—55 miles. During his three months in Great Britain recently he ran in the Two Bridges marathon in Scotland and the London to Brighton race. He covered the 52 miles in eight hours 15 minutes and was last but one to finish. Of such are long-distance runners made.

GIBSON, E. P. (1965–72) has left the Army Mess at Shrivenham with one year left to complete his Ph.D. His first publication, a review essay on the Applications of Luminescence in Forensic Science should have appeared in the *Journal of Forensic Sciences* by now. Last June he attended the wedding of F. D. GLENISTER (1965–72) in Cambridge. Also present were A. J. W. DICKER (1965–72), E. T. H. EVANS (1965–72) and R. F. BARNES (1965–72). Richard Barnes has a job with Scottish and Newcastle Breweries after gaining an M.Sc. in Brewing Science.

GINGER, D. A. (1938–45) MA, FRIC, C.Chem., M.Inst.P., studied Organic Chemistry at Cambridge and joined Nash and Thompson in 1948. He was promoted to chief chemist and took charge of the development of a variety of scintillators.

He moved to Thorn Bendix as manager of the Research Division and then to Koch-Light in 1969 as manager of the Scintillator Division. He has just been appointed their Marketing and Sales Manager, Laboratory Chemicals Division. He lives in Worcester Park, Surrey. He is Hon. Treasurer for the Radiochemicals Methods Group of the Chemical Society's Analytical Division.

HICKOX, R. S. (1959–65). Sir Charles Groves is retiring as principal conductor of the Bradford Festival Choral Society and his place will be taken by Richard Hickox, who is regarded as one of the most versatile of the younger generation of British conductors. Other past conductors at Bradford include Sir Malcolm Sargent and Sir David Willcocks.

HOLLINGSWORTH, P. J. (1967–74) has finished at Bristol University. He gained an Upper 2nd in Economics and Statistics despite the handicap of an attack of glandular fever at Easter. W. A. TREN-DALL (1967–74) got the same result in Economics and Accounting. Peter can recommend this course for any economist who is strong in maths. It is ideal for someone looking for a career in econometrics or actuarial work. Bristol is a wonderful place too—the attractions have proved so great that he is working there with Price Waterhouse, the international chartered accountants.

HOLMES, L. N. (1972–77) started in October to study for a BA in Business Studies at Trinity College, Dublin.

HORNER, A. C. A. (1969–76) gained three A-levels but his grades were disappointing and in his interviews for places at University the tutors seemed more interested in his grades than in his attitude and turned him down. Wycombe Careers Office advised him to apply at Ealing Technical College where he was accepted for a Business Studies sandwich course. He managed to find a firm to sponsor him, Anacon Instruments Ltd. at Maidenhead, and they gave him industrial experience. At Ealing he is now following a four-year course which should lead to a BA degree.

HOWE, P. T. (1970–77) writes giving news of brother Philip (1967–74) who has just completed a year in Abingdon working for the Science Research Council—this is the industrial year of his Sandwich Degree Course in maths and computer science at Teesside Polytechnic. Peter is at Nottingham University studying mining engineering. He has a National Coal Board scholarship to supplement his grant and this also gives him vacation work in Doncaster, Yorkshire.

HOWELL, P. (1931–38) joined the Westminster Bank in 1938 and served in the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry during the war. He was sent to India and was commissioned in the Indian Army. He rejoined the bank in 1946, doing trustee work, and retired four years ago under an early-retirement scheme. Nostalgia brought him back to school after nearly 40 years and he has joined the Old Boys' Club.

HUGHES, J. C. (1957–64) spent seven months in 1976 with his wife in Nashue, New Hampshire, 40 miles north of Boston, USA, where he was at his head office developing a new product. He was there during the Bicentennial celebrations and was invited to take part in the re-enactment of a famous battle to lend a touch of authenticity to the British red-coats. They returned in leisurely fashion on the QE2, in November, but a particularly bad patch of weather during dinner enabled them to witness the demise of some £1,000-worth of crockery. Since his return his company, Sanders Data Systems has been taken over by an American giant, the Harris Corporation. They have a place in Slough—Harris Intertype—and Clifton's place in Hitchin is now called Harris Data Communications.

HUNT, G. H. (1967–74) graduated in Law from Exeter University this summer and then took a three-month trip to America and Canada, driving 12,000 miles in all. He met T. HARDY (1966–73) in Washington DC and also saw New York with him. They will be sharing a flat in Guildford from February 1978 for six months, preparing for the Law Society Part II course.

- At the moment he is working on a building site where the old Covent Garden market is being redeveloped as offices and shops.
- He bumped into M. BARKER (1968–75) recently—Mark decided to leave Nottingham University after one year and is now working in London.
- Geoffrey Hunt is doing his articles with a firm in Fleet Street. The partner who interviewed him there spoke highly of the RGS—his two best friends at Oxford were Old Boys—it obviously helped him to get the job.
- JEFFRIES, A. E. (1928–34). Is he the only Old Boy who owns or has owned a Rolls-Royce?
- JONES, G. D. B. (1947–55), Professor of Archaeology at Manchester University led a team of 12 students, assisted by local volunteers, in a three-week dig on the site of a Roman town near Chirk, North Wales, last summer. The town which covered 50 acres midway between Chester (Deva) and Wroxeter (Uriconium) was discovered by Barri Jones when he was flying over Offa's Dyke during last year's drought.
- KETTERINGHAM, M. J. (1970–77) is in the School of Social Studies of the University of East Anglia in Norwich and is enjoying himself immensely.
- LANCE, J. W. (1965–72) is not letting the grass grow under his feet. He has bought an hotel in Bournemouth.
- LEVIN, D. S. (1961–67). After four years' delightful practice at the Bar in Cambridge, David Levin, wife and daughter are off to Melbourne to try their luck. His wife hails from Melbourne. It is possible that he will work as a solicitor there before he attempts to commence practice again as a barrister. He would be delighted to hear from any Old Boy out there (19 Simpson Street, Northcote 3070, Victoria).
- LIDGLEY, P. P. (1969–76) is in his second year at Bristol University reading Geography. He is chairman of entertainments in the Hiatt Baker Hall of Residence, shares a flat with M. D. COPCUTT (1969–76) and regularly sees I. N. HAZLEWOOD, M. H. DIXON, A. S. BURNAND (1969–76) and M. G. GOLDSTONE (1970–77).
- LINSTEAD, A. S. (1972–75) completed an HND in Business Studies a year ago but jobs were hard to find. Together with a friend he did a market survey in Bucks, Beds and Herts of car repairing and maintenance. They decided on Bedford, found premises near the centre and it all seems a great success. They look after the car fleet of Rank Xerox and other smaller companies. They have close contacts with Woolfrace who specialise in wheels and they do good business customising (tarting-up?) cars, mostly for Arabs.
- LOWE, D. A. (1965–73) finished at the Mozarteum in Salzburg last summer and has been fortunate enough to have been accepted for lessons with the famous singer Walter Berry in Vienna. He lives in Munich and will commute to Vienna for his lessons! His contracts with the Landestheater in Salzburg and the Austrian Radio continue.
- MAWHINNEY, R. M. (1965–73) has been awarded a two-year scholarship by the Middle Temple to continue his legal studies. P. J. HARRISON (1968–75) of Emmanuel College, Cambridge has been awarded a Senior Scholarship and P. J. HODDINOTT (1968–75) of Imperial College an Open Award after they both gained first class results in their examinations.
- MERRIMAN, D. W. (1969–76) writes with his usual enthusiasm from Sheffield University where he is doing Business Studies and finding that an academic life is much easier than working! He has just completed a 'year off' during which he worked for several companies in the Tube Investment Group (they are sponsoring him). He would recommend anyone to seek sponsorship with a fairly big company as there are countless advantages (especially in terms of money) for those who are thinking of going into industry. He would be pleased to give details of the training scheme run by Tube Investments to any boy interested (Room L18, Sorby Hall, Endcliffe Vale Road, Sheffield S10 3ES).

MOORE, R. M. (1955–62). Flt Lt Moore writes from RAF Valley. He is there to instruct in the Gnat aircraft, the RAF's advanced trainer (soon to be replaced by the Hawk). The Gnat, although very old now, is a joy to fly. He hopes to change to the new Hawk and is looking forward to helping any Old Boy student pilots. He has two daughters—apparently fighter pilots always have girls—in his squadron in Germany they had nine girls in a row!

PATTINSON, M. R. (1953–60) was shooting very well at Bisley last July when the sudden tragic death of his father at Summer CCF Camp called him away. In the Wimbledon Cup his was one of the three scores of 50—in the ties on the spot, he came second. He is Head of Biology at Rugby School and together with D. Tinbergen he has just produced a textbook 'Biology, Step by Step' (publishers Edward Arnold). It has been very favourably received. Solicitor brother I. R. H. PATTINSON (102–69) is moving to a new job in Cambridge.

PAUL, C. G. (1969–74) has been working this summer as a swimming-pool attendant and in Robertson's 'Golden Shred' factory in Bristol. He is secretary of the Manchester University Cross-Country Club and is training hard. He will also be running for Westbury Harriers and hopefully for Somerset. Last season he was called up at the last moment to run for Somerset and was narrowly beaten by J. L. HOY (1970–77) running for Bucks. Young brother M. C. PAUL (1972–74) got nine 'O'-levels at Bristol and is taking French, English and Geography at 'A'-level. One thing he does not like—he has to cycle 18 miles a day to school (at the RGS he lived a couple of miles away).

PRIOR, P. J. (1929–36) was kind enough to send a copy of his book 'Leadership is not a bowler hat' to the School. 'He is chairman of cider maker H. P. Bulmer and ace parachutist, enthusiastic pilot and driver and perhaps Britain's most active proponent of the art of leadership' (*Sunday Telegraph*).

'Peter Prior works on the principle that management and workers need each other and therefore need to learn to know and trust each other. And there is nothing like a commando-style training course for building up mutual knowledge and trust.' (*Daily Express*).

There hasn't been an industrial stoppage for nine years at the company.

RAY, G. W. (1917–23) one of the best-known figures in the Wycombe furniture industry, finance director of Ercol Furniture and deputy-chairman of the Governors of the School has been elected the new chairman of the Slough and District Chamber of Commerce.

RAY, R. F. gained an Open Scholarship in Modern Languages to Jesus College, Cambridge in 1948. He is a dedicated teacher and Head of the Modern Languages Department at Haverfordwest Grammar School—but he is very uneasy about the change to comprehensive education in the near future.

RUNDELL, D. J. (1960–67) is still working in the Video Tape department of the BBC at the TV Centre at White City. He has been promoted and his now a member of the Maintenance Team. He comes into contact with A. J. KNOX (1958–65) who is the Technical Adviser to the Operations Manager. He hears regularly from R. S. WOMBWELL (1960–67) who is in South Africa for International Computers Ltd. on a commissioning project. Brother P. F. RUNDELL (1963–70) is preparing for his final examinations in chartered accountancy.

SALMON, J. D. (1925–31) moved house and wrote from Horton Kirby, Dartford. He left Wycombe in 1935 but his many relations, among them Old Boys K. D. J. BONNETT (1922–27), D. A. J. LIDGLEY (1927–32), P. G. LIDGLEY (1934–39), C. H. N. LOCKE (1921–25) and E. H. WYATT (1923–29) keep him informed. M. E. C. BIRD (1924–30) sent him a copy of the *Bucks Free Press* showing him the felling of the chimney of T. B. Furd's factory in Loudwater (his old home faced it).

SAMUELLS, T. W. (1912–16) celebrated his 75th birthday on November 2nd 1977 and 100 people gathered in High Wycombe to wish him well, including representatives from Sweden where he is known and loved for his work with the hard of hearing. Thomas Samuells left the RGS after becoming very deaf as a result of a kick in the ear at games. It was felt in those days that there was no future for him in the academic world because of his deafness. He became a farmer and eventually took a diploma in agriculture at Reading. He is a great model railway enthusiast and is chairman of the Wycombe Hard of Hearing Club. As a boy he became a boarder at the School and lived with some other boys in the tower of Priory Road School. An RGS master lived in a house opposite and tried to keep an eye on them.

SAUNDERS, J. R. (1943–50) finally got round to writing—he was laid-up at home with hepatitis. Since leaving University he has been in industry—in Selling and Sales Management functions—mainly in metals. At the moment he is Sales and Marketing Director with Aluminium Bronze Co. Ltd. of Walsall. He has logged nearly 700,000 miles promoting British exports.

SECKER, F. G. (1932–37) is extraordinarily busy since he retired as Senior Captain with British Airways. He is a local councillor, a county councillor and thoroughly involved. In June 1977 he was elected Deputy Mayor of High Wycombe.

SLADE, C. G. (1916–22) revisited the scenes of his youth last term—he re-lived some of his successes in the mile and half-mile and on the cricket field. He pointed to the spot at the end of the corridor in the Main Building where in 1916 a strong man would appear at break every day with his basket of delicious buns for sale. He had to be strong to withstand the rush. When he went to the War his successor did not last long—he was often bowled over and had to give up.

SMITH, V. S. (1958–64). Lt Col R. A. Paine handles finance and insurance mat-

ters in the Combined Cadet Force Association. He has been a great help to our own contingent and now he is to be more closely linked to us when Vincent Smith marries his daughter Jean Elizabeth in the near future.

STEVENS, J. A. (1959–66). John and his wife Mechthild were delighted to announce that their son Mark Edward was born on 16.6.77 in Ostring 11, 8011 Eglharting, West Germany.

STEVENS, S. J. (1935–39) was good enough to send the *Daily Express* cutting about Peter Prior, together with the comment: 'The RGS has set its stamp on so many who are sorely needed today to rid us of the English disease and all its complacency'.

Stanley Stevens is a butcher and vitally involved in Rotary work in Newport, Isle of Wight. He also sent a paper bag produced by the Stevens family in 1950. On it are likenesses of 15 members of the family, all butchers—nine are Old Boys (Rupert, Walter, Sidney, William, Harold, Albert, Edward, George and Stanley).

THOMAS, D. R. V. (1967–74) gained an Upper Second in Geography at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, this summer. He was offered a place at Imperial College to read for an M.Sc. in Environmental Technology but has deferred his entry until next year after being offered a position with a leading firm of international consultants as the Geographer with a team of town planners working in Eastern Nigeria, planning three major towns near the border with the Cameroons.

THOMAS P. (1970–77) is reading Production Engineering at Birmingham University.

THOMSON, K. (1970–77) is working on helicopters with the Westland Aircraft Company for a year before going to University.

TOMLINSON, J. D. (1963–69) gained his Ph.D from London University this autumn for his thesis: 'Anglo-Indian economic relations 1913–28, with special reference to the cotton trade.' He writes: 'I have found this an invariable conversation

- stopper when people have asked me for the title.' Tomlinson lectures on 'Britain, Germany and Russia 1850-1945' with the Department of Economics at Brunel University and he shares a first-year course on Economic History and Philosophy with Lord Vaizey. R. C. L. HEMMING (1962-68) also in the Economics Department at Brunel got his Ph.D from Stirling University this year too.
- TORDOFF, M. G. (1968-74) gained an Upper Second in Psychology from Leeds University and has left to follow a four-year Ph.D course at the University of California, Los Angeles.
- WALTER, J. F. (1923-27) wrote from North Walsham to inquire about a cup his parents presented to the School in 1927 to encourage junior rugby. Mr. Learnmouth was able to reply that the cup is now presented to the champion junior form team. Competitions at the RGS are now between the forms in each year.
- WARDE, W. D. (1953-62) has been promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor in the Statistics Department, School of Mathematical Sciences, Oklahoma State University at Stillwater and has been granted tenure with the University. He and his wife rejoice in the birth of their son Colin William who arrived on St. George's Day, April 23rd 1977. He is still active in scouting and is Assistant Scoutmaster to the local jamboree troop. He was recently elected to the Vigil Honor in the Order of the Arrow.
- WARNER, G. (1948-54), Director of European Studies at Hull University has been appointed to the Chair of History at Leicester University.
- WILL, E. N. (1970-77) spent most of the summer working in factories. He found it tedious for the most part but he enjoyed working with J. P. M. DIFFLEY (1969-76) for a furniture removal company—this was rewarding and amusing. He now plans to tour the Continent with M. FANE (1970-77) before working in the USA for three months starting in May 1978. After this he will follow a course in American Studies at Sussex University.
- He misses especially playing rugby for the School.
- WILLIAMS, L. C. (1947-52) reads the magazine with great interest, particularly the chess and CCF reports. He was chess captain at School for three years and RSM in the army section. He left Miles Druce and Co., High Wycombe where he was Group Treasurer from 1969-74 (they were taken over by GKN). Since then he has been Finance Manager, European Division, P&O Steam Navigation Company. It is very interesting work but commuting to London is no fun.
- WINTER, P. E. (1960-68). It is always good to get a letter from Juba, Equatorial Sudan—even better when written by Philip Winter. He wrote in August from Juba Boat Yard. He was living in a thatched house on the banks of the Nile—the area is very liable to total severance of communication, frequent attempts at coups d'état and serious sicknesses. It is of course fascinating. He was working out there for Intermediate Technology Development Groups Ltd. He returned in October and hopes to gain his Economics M.Sc. from Birkbeck College at the end of the academic year. It is hard work on top of a busy day-time job.
- YAGHMOURIAN, P. B. (1969-76) is following a very interesting course at Leeds University. It is French and Management Studies. He will spend two years in Leeds and one year in France (in an industrial situation). He lives with 11 others in a Victorian house in Leeds.
- YOUENS, E. J. (1964-71). After graduating with First Class Honours at Imperial College, he toured the USA, Canada and Mexico before returning to start research in Physical Chemistry. That lasted a few months—he decided he didn't want to be a scientist. He joined the Midland Bank as a programmer, worked in the City, but a year ago most of the computer staff were relocated to Sheffield. He married a girl he met at work and they live in Sheffield just on the edge of the Peak District.

### **The Old Wycombiensians' Masonic Lodge, No. 6754**

Norman W. Lunnon (1925-30) became Master, Frank Bravington (1933-38) Senior Warden and Phillip Ray (1958-65) Junior Warden of the Old Boys' Lodge on October 6th 1977.

### **Old Wycombiensians' Cambridge Dinner**

The Annual Dinner was held on Friday, 11th November 1977 in the Old Combination Room, Christ's College. Nineteen Old Boy undergraduates and the Headmaster and five members of staff were present. C. R. Pendrill was the organiser and in his words of welcome made mention of Mr. Pattinson's sudden death and the sense of loss they all felt. Mr. Pattinson loved Cambridge and was a most faithful attender at Annual

Dinners there. The Headmaster echoed these sentiments and gave details of the organisation of a Pattinson Memorial Fund which would be used to keep members of the School taking part in adventurous activities of the outward-bound type. He continued by giving a glowing report of the School's progress. He spoke of possible changes in the educational system but affirmed that the School remained 'apprehensive rather than comprehensive'. The toast remained 'The Royal Grammar School, long may it flourish.'

### **The RGS Fete and Gala Day**

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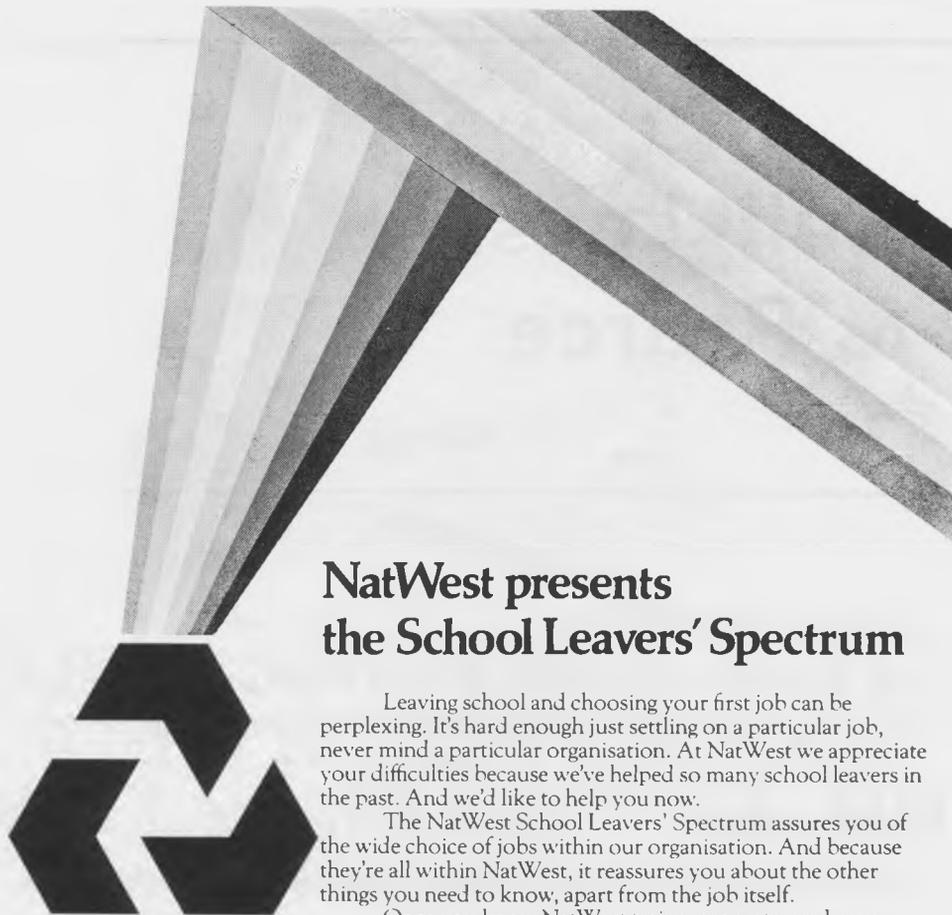
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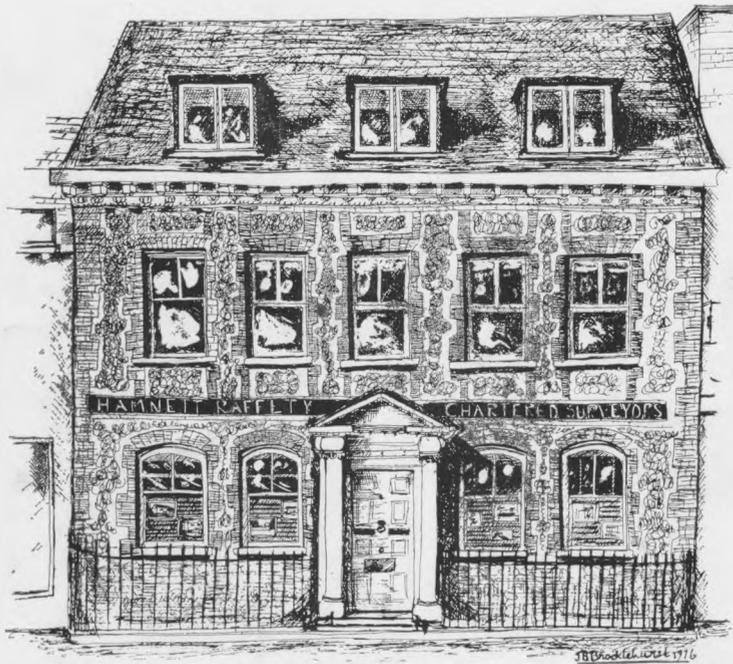
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