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(THE MAGAZINE OF THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, HIGH WYCOMBE)

EDITORIAL

(We Are Not Amused)



D—n all past editors and their editorial moaning about apathy, convention, the minging shape and size of the magazine and the poverty of imagination of everybody. ‘ΑΥΑΗ ΣΙΥΗΘ We hereby abolish the traditional hypocritical apology to those whose work could not possibly be published by editors who fill the pages with their own works. Instead, we shall fill them with our own works if we want to, so there! And if you don't like it you can edit the next magazine yourself, when we shan't be here. I shall be delighted to see your works filling every page.

However, we thank sincerely all who contributed. These were so few in number and so exquisite in genius that hardly any are not represented in this magazine.

To continue our editorial honesty, we humbly admit that if the well of ideas is still dry and *The Wycombiensian* is no better than usual, it is nobody's fault but our own. We shall rack our brains and try to be original. ‘ΝΟΣΥΤΟΥ ΣΙΥΗΘ We might use the poetic trick of

setting
words
out
like
this,

or write out two lines of some inspiring word, like this:

rhubarb rhubarb rhubarb rhubarb rhubarb
rhubarb rhubarb rhubarb rhubarb rhubarb,

or insert some extraordinary creature, such as a cat, like this:



But all this would waste a lot of space without being particularly original. 'ΣΜΟΚΡΑΥΑ ΝΗΟΙ We considered cutting a large hole in one of the pages, and inserting therein free facsimiles of Dante's *Inferno*, the Forth Bridge, a Woman wailing for her *Wycombien-sian* and half a pound of Stilton Cheese. We were assured that the cost would then have to be raised to 4s. (20p) and the idea had to be abandoned. It appears that our only innovation is our victory over the problem of censorship. All censored matter—enough to keep the gutter-press happy for several years—has been specially printed on the two centre pages. Unfortunately we find that these pages are invisible to all but the possessors of the strictest purity.

Lastly, if you have defied conventionality and read this editorial, you will have noticed that instead of a list of editors at the top (or bottom) of the page, their names are scattered about the page, making nonsense of my fine prose, but triumphing over Tradition. Lastly, I make one concession to Tradition, by printing my own name at the bottom of the page, in the usual manner.

ADAM HARDY.

A.H. did ye cover and ye cartoons.

SCHOOL NOTES



Heat and examinations dominated the summer term; however, there has been no shortage of events to chronicle.

It was with great regret that we learnt of the death of Mrs. Peggy Goulborn, not only the wife of one of our former mayors and a governor of the school but also herself a member of the wartime teaching staff.

The Governing Body has appointed Mr. G. W. Ray, an old boy of the school, to take the place of the late Mr. N. H. Theed as a Foundation Governor of the school.

We are delighted to record that the R.G.S. is keeping its ties with the mayoralty of High Wycombe; Mr. Alan Goodearl, a governor of the school, succeeded the Rev. John Skipp as Mayor.

As always at this time of the year we were sorry to have to say goodbye to several members of our staff, and above all this year to Mr. Emlyn Jones who retired as Head of the Modern Languages department after 24 years of invaluable and dedicated service to the school. We were profoundly shocked to hear of his sudden death only a few days later. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Jones, who had also retired after ten years' service.

It came as a further shock to learn in the same week of the death of Mr. L. T. Hollingworth, who joined the Staff in 1945.

A tribute from the Headmaster appears after these notes.

We are also losing Mr. I. R. Hancock who has been on our staff for seven years and latterly House Tutor of Tylers Wood. He is going to Cheltenham Grammar School.

Mr. P. A. Taylor, leaving us for Whitgift School, Croydon, will be remembered for revitalising the game of hockey in the school.

We are also losing Mr. M. P. James who we feel has given magnificent service to the school, especially in the spheres of the library and the Drama Society, in addition to his work as second Head of the English department. Mr. James will be Head of English at Bramhall Comprehensive School, Cheshire.

Mr. K. A. Hillier will be taking over the very demanding job of school librarian.

Also leaving us are: Mr. P. A. Rooke for Hatfield School, Herts, whose work in the Music department will be remembered; Mr. J. S. Nockels for Guisborough 6th Form College, Yorkshire; Mr. E. Cropper, Mr. Craddock and Mr. E. L. Westrup.

This term we welcome to the school Mr. M. A. Gill, B.A. (Aberdeen) who will teach Geography and P.E., Mr. M. J. Prue, B.A. (Cantab) and Mr. R. J. Lyons, B.A. (London) who will teach English, Mr. J. I. Mitchell, M.A. (Aberdeen) who will be coming in January as 2nd Head of English, Mr. A. R. P. Steele, B.Sc. (New England, N.S.W.) who comes to teach Maths, Mr. G. Raymond, B.A. (London) (Modern Languages), as are Mr. T. J. Durbin, B.A. (Durham), Mr. G. L. Gaffin, B.A. (Oxon) and Mr. B. W. Wigginton, B.A. (Oxon), Mr. J. C. Dunnett, G.R.S.M. (London) will be joining us to teach Music, Mr. P. H. G. Ferris, B.A. (London) to teach Classics, and Mr. J. S. Crawshaw, B.Sc. (Durham) to teach Physics.

We also welcome as a temporary master this term Mr. L. M. Ryle, A.B. (Harvard), A.M. (Berkeley), to teach English.

Sports Day was held on May 28th, but the major sporting successes were accomplished by persistent effort throughout the term when unfortunately there was less support for the competitors.

Among the numerous school activities this term was the school Confirmation Service taken by the Bishop of Buckingham, the Old Boys' Dinner, and a striking performance of the *Medea*, produced jointly with the High School. A W.A.G. Folk Concert happened and at the end of term the Summer Concert once again displayed the musical talents of the school.

A planned Prefects' Revue never got off the ground, in fact went underground and buried itself.

Speech Day was on July 8th. The proceedings were enlivened by an unofficial peace demonstration. The guest speaker was Dr. D. M. A. Leggett, Vice Chancellor of Surrey University, and the Vicar of High Wycombe, the Rev. J. E. Crisp, gave the address at the Commemoration Service.

The School Leavers' Service was held at All Saints' as part of the Flower Festival there. The conventional service was replaced by a more modern format arranged by representatives from the

participant schools (R.G.S.—John Burrows). The service was a success but poorly attended. The R.G.S. contribution to the Flower Festival was provided by Graham Bell and Adam Hardy.

This year for the first time the second year 6th were allowed to leave after the examinations. A most sensible solution to the problem of end-of-term boredom for senior boys whose realms of enjoyment have stretched far beyond the limits of noughts and crosses and hangman.

The only grumble was that many boys found that they had said goodbye to only a small fraction of their school friends.

It is interesting to note that the second year 6th leavers last term were the last of a line that can remember one other headmaster besides Mr. Smith, for they were the 1st formers during Mr. S. Morgan's year as Acting Headmaster.

MR. EMLYN JONES

When, at the end of the summer term, we were wishing Mr. Emlyn Jones all good things for his well-earned retirement, none of us thought to hear of his death before the end of the first week of the holidays. The news was an immense shock to all who received it, and our deepest sympathy goes to Mrs. Jones (who had herself just completed ten years' part-time teaching at R.G.S.) and to her son Barri. Mr. Jones died of a sudden heart attack while he and Mrs. Jones were in London, preparing for their intended holiday in France.

Mr. Jones was born in South Wales in 1905, and had already reached the retiring age of 65 last September. He was educated at Barry County School, Glamorganshire and the University College, Cardiff, where he took II Class Honours in French. He held only two teaching appointments. After twenty years as Languages master at Cowley Grammar School, St. Helen's, Lancashire, he came to R.G.S. in 1947, and had just completed 24 years here. Although formally retiring this summer, he had intended to go on teaching here on a part-time basis. As Head of the Modern Languages Department he had established a reputation for dedicated and conscientious teaching of French and German, with qualities of scholarship which commanded the respect of all who knew him, whether as colleagues or pupils. His work was always characterised by a firm seriousness of purpose which alone was sufficient to guarantee him a place as one of the pillars of the Staff. Under his leadership the Modern Languages Department played a significant part in the great scholastic successes of the School that were built up during Mr. Tucker's Headship. Mr. Emlyn Jones was a most loyal supporter of the wider aspects of the School life, and in his passing we lose a most esteemed colleague whose memory will be long preserved in our affections.

M.P.S.

MR. L. T. HOLLINGWORTH

Only days after the sudden death of Mr. Emlyn Jones came the second shock of the very tragic death of Mr. L. T. Hollingworth in circumstances which stunned and shattered all who knew him as a close friend. To his son and daughter Roger and Anne we extend our very special sympathy and concern in the great and poignant blow which befell them in the loss of their father.

Mr. Hollingworth's last few years had been saddened by the untimely loss of his beloved wife. But, with great courage and resolution, with resourcefulness and meticulous care he kept his home going, acting as both father and mother to his young daughter, in a way which won the admiration of all who visited his home. During the last two years or so, worry and anxiety over his many commitments both at home and School had brought on a considerable sense of depression which he found very difficult to throw off, despite the efforts of his friends to sustain him. After a welcome respite this depression returned recently in an acute form. He had been—as he went each year—to the C.C.F. Camp at Sheepstor, where his fellow-officers had done their best to cheer him up and take him out of himself. But alas! it seemed that, as soon as he returned to his empty home the old anxieties overwhelmed him again.

Mr. Hollingworth was a Derbyshire man, born in 1909 and educated at Bemrose School, Derby, and Reading University, where he took a degree in English, History and Latin. After holding teaching posts in Edinburgh, Doncaster and Sudbury, Suffolk, he joined the Staff of R.G.S. in 1945, where, besides being a member of the English Staff, teaching up to Ordinary Level, he was Headmaster of the Junior School. He thus played a major role in the life and work of the School. He was extremely conscientious and methodical about all his School responsibilities. He was a firm and respected figure, even somewhat awe-inspiring to his younger pupils. His complete dependability and efficiency in taking charge of the first two year-groups of the School was greatly appreciated by the Headmaster. After the years of his reign in the ramshackle huts of Uplyme, with the junior School much more separated than at present from the main School, it was with much satisfaction that Mr. Hollingworth was able to re-settle his charges in the new 'Junior Block' in the 1963 building. Mr. Hollingworth served the R.G.S. faithfully and well for 26 years. His loss will be keenly felt by all members of the School community.

M.P.S.

SPEECH DAY

Speech Day was hot—damnably hot, and Alderman Clarke mercifully allowed us to remove our coats in the hall. ‘Coats only!’ he cried to some quarters of the audience.

The Headmaster, in his report, remarked upon the outstanding academic and sporting successes of the year. He then introduced the principal speaker, Dr. D. M. A. Leggett, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Surrey. The Headmaster explained that when he himself was at Trinity, Dr. Leggett was already a distinguished mathematician there.

After the prizegiving, Dr. Leggett began his punchy and vigorously delivered speech by exhorting us to choose an occupation which we should enjoy. He then gave us his formula for a successful life, remembered by the mnemonic REIN. His four guiding qualities were Reliability, Enthusiasm, Imagination (the ability to make the right decisions) and ‘Newton’s Laws’ (the ability to apply to life the law that action and reaction are equal and opposite). Dr. Leggett warned us not to stay in the farmyard but to fly into the sunset, like the eagle in his vigorously told story. We were encouraged to climb as near as possible to the summit of the pyramid. This was the key to personal satisfaction and a successful life.

At the commemoration service, the address by the Rev. J. Crisp, Vicar of High Wycombe, was an interesting contrast. Christ, he said, was hated for saying not that the world was evil, but that it was good. ‘And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.’ So Christ saw good in publicans and harlots, who were condemned by the Pharisees, whose position may have been high, but whose goodness was superficial. So must we see all that is good in others.

Exhibitions were fewer than usual, with the omission of the usual science exhibitions, but there was an interesting innovation: a Stage Exhibition, in which our diligent stage team exhibited relics from school productions.

As I can think of none better I shall conclude with the closing words of last year’s report of Speech Day:

‘And so another Speech Day, and not the last, was over.’

A.H.

SPECIAL PRIZES

- HEADMASTER'S PRIZE: V. R. Gubbins.
- GOVERNORS' READING PRIZE (Presented by Ald. R. P. Clarke):
G. J. E. Bell.
- GOVERNORS' CLASSICS PRIZE (Presented by Mrs. R. P. Clarke):
J. W. R. Walne.
- GRAEFE CUP FOR BEST C.C.F. CADET (Presented by the late Ald.
W. Graefe): A. Simmons and C. Grafton.
- HARTE CUP FOR BEST R.A.F./C.C.F. CADET (Presented by Wing
Commander C. S. W. Harte): B. F. Barney and D. R. Gillespie.
- GILES KEEN MEMORIAL CUP FOR BEST NAVAL CADET (Presented
by Mr. & Mrs. Keen): J. W. Burrows.
- FULL-BORE SHOOTING TROPHY: P. F. Thomas.
- P. J. CUTLER SOCIAL PROJECT PRIZE: S. M. Dawson.
- SOCIAL SERVICE PRIZE: C. J. Morrant.
- ART SHIELD (Presented by A. Hastings Esq.): D. G. Lowenhoff.
- HOPE CUP (Presented by Mr. & Mrs. Hope): R. S. Wesley.
- THORNE PRIZE FOR ENGLISH (Presented by Mrs. A. M. Bayley):
C. R. Rollason.
- WESTNEY PRIZE FOR MUSIC (Presented by The Rev. Michael
Westney): D. N. Lord.
- FLETCHER PRIZE FOR GREEK PROSE COMPOSITION (Presented by
C. T. Fletcher Esq.): J. W. R. Walne.
- STANLEY MALE PRIZE FOR LATIN: A. K. C. Wood.
- SEARLE PRIZE FOR BIOLOGY (Presented by G. D. Searle & Co.
Ltd.): M. C. Smith.
- SEARLE PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY (Presented by G. D. Searle & Co.
Ltd.): M. W. D. Oldnall.
- BURSAR'S PRIZE FOR SCIENCE (Presented by A. A. Lister Esq.):
M. Hardy, L. J. O'Callaghan, D. B. White.
- PHILATELY CUP (Presented by Lt. Col. S. E. Hands): D. J.
Sheridan.
- J. C. R. DAVIES PRIZE FOR HISTORY: P. J. Burnham.
- LANCE MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR PERSISTENT PROGRESS (Presented by
Bernard F. Lance Esq.): 1st year, R. L. Carter; 2nd year,
M. J. C. Paton.
- PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNALISM PRIZE (Presented by Precision Press):
T. G. Cromack.
- RAFFETY HOUSE CUP FOR SCHOOL WORK: Fraser.

FORM PRIZES

FORM 1A:

- 1st J. L. Hoy
- 2nd P. G. Chapman

FORM 1B:

- 1st R. Allim
- 2nd N. W. Thomas

FORM 1C:

- 1st P. J. Savage
- 2nd J. M. S. Davis

FORM 1D:

- 1st R. Orr
- 2nd J. G. Keeble

FORM 1E:

- 1st T. S. Hawkins
- 2nd J. M. White

FORM 2X:

- 1st G. J. Murnane
- 2nd R. M. Thornycroft
- 3rd C. P. Mould

FORM 2Y:

- 1st A. R. Berendt
- 2nd C. B. Stotter
- 3rd A. K. Brook

FORM 2A:

- 1st P. Dolphin
- 2nd J. M. Preece

FORM 2S:

- 1st C. J. L. Hellier
- 2nd N. Cleverly

FORM 2T:

- 1st M. E. J. Sinden
- 2nd S. D. Roe

FORM 3X:

- 1st C. R. Pendrill
- 2nd K. P. Madelin
- 3rd P. W. Dodd

FORM 3Y:

- 1st P. C. M. Thornycroft
- 2nd C. M. White
- 3rd D. G. Walbridge

FORM 3A:

- 1st I. Walker
- 2nd P. A. Jolly

FORM 3S:

- 1st D. K. Green
- 2nd R. H. Edwards

FORM 3T:

- 1st J. M. Pearce
- 2nd J. H. Kent

FORM 4X:

- 1st K. Tanner
- 2nd C. C. Burnham
- 3rd R. P. Lockwood

FORM 4Y:

- 1st S. Amin
- 2nd S. M. Gay
- 3rd S. P. Hopkins

FORM 4A:

- 1st I. D. Leigh
- 2nd I. P. Walker

FORM 4S:

- 1st J. H. Jones
- 2nd S. P. Andrews

FORM 4T:

- 1st D. Simpson
- 2nd W. Hawken

FORM 5X:

- 1st R. P. Vernon
- 2nd A. K. C. Wood
- 3rd M. N. Adam

FORM 5Y:

- 1st J. A. Spencer
- 2nd P. J. Austin
- 3rd M. T. Adger

FORM 5A:

- 1st P. R. Barrett
- 2nd M. F. Bedingham
- 3rd A. G. Foulds

FORM 5S:

- 1st N. A. Fraser
- 2nd S. G. Waight
- 3rd N. C. Brothers

FORM 5T:

- 1st M. J. Williams
- 2nd D. MacKenzie
- 3rd G. R. Gorton

FORM 5U:

- 1st R. P. Prior
 2nd S. A. Reiss
 3rd P. G. Brown

FORM 6—1ST YEAR:

- Classics A. D. Whittle
 French S. M. Dawson
 German B. A. Cowan
 English P. M. Copping
 H. G. L. Russell
 History R. M. Mawhinney
 K. J. Dean
 S. D. J. Green
 Geography M. J. Weston
 A. G. Stubbs
 Science & Mathematics
 A. J. W. Dicker
 D. M. Edwards
 R. C. Lacey
 A. P. Paine
 M. J. Wild
 A. G. P. Walker
 Science & Economics
 P. M. Stevenson
 Economics M. A. Pope
 Biology R. E. Nicol
 J. A. Sunley

FORM 6—2ND and 3RD YEARS

- Classics M. L. Hamblin
 Modern Languages (3rd year)
 N. J. Moon
 French D. K. Battisby
 German A. W. South
 Russian S. R. Crisp
 German & History
 B. Lowe
 English G. J. E. Bell
 C. A. Hardy
 History C. J. Head
 J. R. Hill
 Economics W. N. Champion-
 Smith
 S. Cooke

- Geography C. D. Johnson
 Geography & Economics
 A. P. Woolhouse

- History & Geography
 J. L. Vernon

- Science & Mathematics
 M. T. Barlow
 G. F. D. Baster-
 field
 I. Cole
 P. D. Evans
 A. Simmons
 D. S. O. Tinn
 E. J. Youens

- Botany J. E. Flintham
 Zoology P. J. McMillan
 Biology C. R. Walton

SPEECH PRIZES:

- 6th Form D. A. Lowe
 5th Form J. M. Flint
 4th Form { M. K. Parker
 W. M. R. Ramsay
 3rd Form P. H. Ross
 2nd Form P. S. Copas
 1st Form S. A. Barnes

NEATNESS PRIZES:

- 5th Form J. M. Flint
 4th Form P. J. Hollings-
 worth
 3rd Form M. J. Bradshaw
 2nd Form A. Catlin
 1st Form J. Tagg

OPEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

- D. G. Barker
 H. A. Becket
 C. J. Chapman
 P. L. Clarke
 R. C. Leegood
 P. G. Morris
 P. M. J. Costello
 R. Davison
 C. D. Hardy
 S. E. Jones

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATIONS

ADVANCED LEVEL RESULTS, 1971

(Italics denote grade A; * denotes distinction on the
'S' level paper)

M. L. Hamblin—English Literature, Greek, *Latin*; A. H. Le Vien—Greek, Latin, French; J. M. Stonham—Greek, Latin, Ancient History; A. W. Bassett—English Literature, German; J. C. Cook—English Literature, History, British Constitution; P. Darvill-Evans—*English Literature*, History*; A. D. Day—French, German; G. L. Jarman—History, British Constitution, Economics; M. S. Newton—French, Economics, Geography*; H. A. Becket—*English Literature*, History, Geography; G. J. E. Bell—*English Literature**, History*, Art; B. S. Boulton—History, Economics, Geography; M. J. Brown—English Literature, Economics, Geography; J. W. Burrows—History, Economics, Geography; W. N. Campion-Smith—Economics, Geography, Mathematics; J. Chalmers—History, Economics, Geography; S. Cooke—History, Economics, Mathematics; B. A. Cox—Economics; R. G. Cutting—English Literature, History, Geography; P. M. Fogg—History, Economics, Mathematics; C. A. Hardy—*English Literature**, Physics, Art; W. L. Harris—History, Economics, Geography; P. A. Inshaw—Economics, Geography; C. D. Johnson—English Literature, Economics, Geography; J. W. T. Moore—English Literature, Geography; J. C. Moss—History, Economics, Geography; M. J. Rawlins—German, Economics, Mathematics; M. P. Runnacles—English Literature, Economics; D. G. Sharpe—Geography; T. P. Short—Economics; D. R. Tranter—English Literature, History, Economics; R. C. Vestentoft—History, Geography; B. M. Wise—History, Economics, Geography; C. R. Wood—History; A. P. Woolhouse—*History*, Economics, Geography*; P. D. Anscombe—English Literature; P. F. Barlow—History, Geography; B. F. Barney—French, German, Mathematics; D. K. Battisby—*English Literature*, French, German; P. J. Coltman—French, Russian, History; S. R. Crisp—*English Literature*, French, Russian*; J. P. S. Dennis—French, History, Economics; M. E. Fitzgeorge—History; D. R. Gillespie—History, Economics; C. Grafton—French; N. E. C. Gravett—English Literature, History, Geography; W. F. Harrison—Economics, Geography; C. J. Head—*English Literature*, French, History; J. R. Hill—English Literature, French, History; P. J. Howland—French, History, Geography*; S. K. Jobs—French; A. I. Kerr—French, German; B. Lowe—*French*, German, History; D. G. Lowenhoff—History, Mathematics, Art; S. R. Martin—Russian, Economics, Mathematics;

A. G. Miller—English Literature; C. J. Newby—English Literature, French, History; N. J. Peach—Mathematics; T. V. Puddephatt—English Literature, French, Economics; C. R. Rollason—*English Literature, French, History**; C. D. Schlaefli—French, Economics, Geography; P. M. Simpson—French, German; A. W. South—*French, German**, Music; M. Thomas—French, German, Economics; J. L. Vernon—French, History, Geography; R. P. Hipgrave—Mathematics, Physics; A. R. Jackson—Mathematics, Physics; R. C. Butler—Chemistry; C. R. Feltham—Physical Science; J. E. Flintham—Physics, *Chemistry, Biology*; R. King—Mathematics, Biology, Physical Science; J. Lowe—Botany, Zoology, Physical Science; P. J. McMillan—Botany, *Zoology*, Physical Science; J. Marcinkiewicz—Physics, Chemistry, Biology; R. A. Moore—Physics, Chemistry, Biology; J. M. Powell—Chemistry, Biology; T. A. V. Rees—Botany, Zoology, Physical Science; M. R. G. Taylor—Physics, Chemistry, Biology; S. R. Thompson—Mathematics, Biology, Physical Science; C. R. Walton—Physics, Chemistry, Biology; T. Amin—*Mathematics*, Physics; R. F. Barnes—Mathematics, Physics, *Chemistry*; G. F. D. Basterfield—*Mathematics, Further Mathematics*, Physical Science; A. N. Carr—*Mathematics*, Physics; A. D. Carthy—Chemistry; I. Cole—*Mathematics**, Further Mathematics, *Physics**, *Chemistry*; N. O. Fenner—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; S. J. Godfrey—*Mathematics, Physics**, *Chemistry*; J. Greenough—Mathematics, *Physics*, Chemistry; V. R. Gubbins—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; L. W. Hobbs—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; D. Lewis—Mathematics, Physics, *Chemistry*; R. J. Martin—Mathematics, Physical Science; D. W. Maxwell—*Mathematics*, Further Mathematics, *Physics**, Chemistry; S. J. Partridge—*Mathematics*, Further Mathematics, *Physics*, Chemistry; A. Simmons—*Mathematics, Physics**, *Chemistry*; M. G. Simpson—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; D. G. Stone—*Mathematics*, Physics, Chemistry; D. S. O. Tinn—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; A. I. Wem—Physics, Chemistry; G. M. Wilson—*Mathematics**, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; S. Woosey—Mathematics, Physics, *Chemistry*; E. J. Youens—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; J. S. Adam—Physics; M. T. Barlow—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry**; G. J. Bayley—Physical Science; R. D. Brownjohn—Physics, Chemistry; R. C. Cobb—Physics, Chemistry; P. D. Evans—Geography, *Mathematics, Physics*; I. M. Grice—Economics, Mathematics, Physics; G. C. Heuser—English Literature, Physics, Chemistry; G. W. Hudson—Physical Science; P. B. Jay—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; P. E. Jee—Mathematics, Physics, *Chemistry*; P. W. Kern—Mathematics, Chemistry; A. P. Lake—Physics, Chemistry; C. J. Marrant—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; G. A. Nicol—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; M. C. Perry—Mathematics, Physics; D. J. W.

Sandles—Economics, Mathematics, Physical Science; N. J. Sears—Physics, Chemistry; J. A. Smith—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; S. J. Wright—Economics, Mathematics, Physics; N. J. Moon—German; T. Hunt—Zoology.

ORDINARY LEVEL RESULTS, 1971

The following boys obtained five or more passes in the G.C.E. Ordinary Level Examination:—

M. N. Adam (8); J. R. Allen (7); C. M. J. Barton (8); R. F. Blake (8); P. J. Burnham (8); R. J. Dyer (7); S. C. Evans (9); J. S. Gillespie (6); T. Hardy (8); P. J. Hills (5); G. A. Johnson (7); R. M. Kramek (6); D. J. Peatey (7); M. R. Phipps (7); P. Scott-Dow (8); R. P. Vernon (9); I. M. Waddington (7); M. S. Waller (8); K. M. Watson (7); A. D. West (8); A. K. C. Wood (8); J. R. Woodbridge (8); M. T. Adger (9); P. J. Austin (9); P. R. Barrett (9); T. J. Bartlett (8); D. C. Bell (7); A. M. Clarke (8); R. A. Cormack (8); N. J. Davy (9); A. J. Dodd (9); R. D. Hacon (8); M. J. King (5); S. Kreft (9); C. A. Long (8); I. L. Monk (9); A. C. Pearn (9); J. D. Rose (8); I. G. Shearer (9); M. G. Somers (8); J. A. Spencer (9); M. W. S. Stone (8); J. F. Wootton (6); P. N. Andrews (7); M. J. Archer (6); P. R. Barrett (8); A. R. Becket (5); M. F. Bedingham (9); P. J. Brooks (9); M. S. Bruffell (7); T. P. M. Carroll (7); A. J. Cook (8); J. A. Cox (6); I. S. Currie (7); M. R. C. Dudley (8); A. G. Foulds (9); N. J. Hansell (9); T. J. Howarth (9); M. A. Hyland (5); A. S. Johnstone (5); R. J. Maker (8); G. R. Martin (9); A. Morris (8); D. W. Riches (9); P. J. Stanger (5); R. C. Thorne (5); D. Tombs (7); D. M. Wagstaff (6); P. C. West (5); P. M. Winter-Taylor (9); R. C. Barber (8); N. C. Brothers (8); M. E. Brownjohn (7); G. N. Clutton (10); A. D. Cockett (10); G. L. Cowell (8); M. R. Crocombe (6); N. R. Davies (7); K. Douthwaite (9); S. R. Edwards (5); N. A. Fraser (10); R. Girling (6); C. Hall (5); S. J. Halson (8); T. J. R. Hill (7); R. K. Holland (7); P. R. Hotchkiss (7); S. G. Waight (7); H. R. Devey (5); J. M. Flint (7); D. S. Franklin (5); G. R. Gorton (8); D. H. G. Kershaw (6); A. G. Lewis (7); J. J. McGuckin (7); D. Mackenzie (8); K. V. Mash (7); D. J. Pickering (5); C. A. Roberts (8); P. K. Seward (6); D. J. Smith (9); K. V. Smith (7); N. D. Warner (7); S. V. Waters (8); R. S. Wesley (8); M. J. Williams (9); S. C. Winter (8); M. E. Barrett (8); P. C. Blewett (6); P. G. Brown (9); T. C. Chettle (8); A. W. Devey (6); D. Hinton (6); S. Le M. Hunt (5); R. A. C. Kaye (7); R. P. Prior (10); S. A. Reiss (9); D. W. Roberts (6); P. B. Zeisler (5); R. J. Barnes (5); D. A. Czerwinski (5); N. G. Hall (5); G. C. Haynes (5).

THE SUMMER CONCERT

At last the evening had arrived,
When by the sundry means contrived
The music section were presenting
A summer concert, thus preventing
People from staying home in flocks
To vegetate and watch the box.

First the Orchestra played Wagner, which
Is no small feat at all.

Then Choral Society soon began
The audience to enthrall
With lively Choral Dances
From Britten's 'Gloriana'
Pregnant with many nuances,
A changing panorama.

Now one of the most popular features to mark
Was the well-rehearsed jazz by the Junior Choir.
You could hear every word of 'Cap'n Noah and his Ark'
And also the standard of music was higher.

For fans of unadulterated brass
The Wind Band was placed in a class
Quite of its own, of which the realms
The normal contrapuntist overwhelms,
With heavy-textured sounds a-coming
From bits of complex-twisted plumbing.

Next on the programme came those swingers
The all-time-favourite Mastersingers,
And Messrs. Holmes, Rooke, Heath, and Cooper
Produced a sound uniquely super—
Not to mention Mr. Flinders
To dwell on him our ballad hinders.

Our warmest thanks to Mr. Holmes,
To Messrs. Rooke and Tiedeman,
Also to all the boys, who made
Their contributions to this plan.

DAVID LOWE.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Over the past year one of the most noticeable changes in the school has been the evolution of a new style of assembly.

Several abortive attempts had been made in the past by members of staff but they lacked enthusiasm and co-operation from the boys.

In the Autumn Term of the last school year John Burrows and Paul Anscombe started the ball rolling again by working out a

programme of readings, experimenting with poems and records in place of the old system of lesson readings by prefects.

Mr. Samways and Mr. I. R. Clark took this one step further by introducing films and tape recordings into assembly. Unfortunately many of the interesting approaches used in this first term were marred by technical hitches, and subsequent weekly programmes have been in some ways less ingenious as regards media but not material.

The Headmaster gave a great deal of encouragement to the programme in its early stages, such that the 'new style' assemblies became no longer experiments but an accepted practice.

Members of staff took over the responsibility for assembly readings from senior boys in the Spring Term, and since then there have been numerous interesting approaches and themes involving boys from all levels of the school.

The next stage in the evolution of assembly was the 'split assembly.' With the exception of Mondays and Fridays the first, second and third forms have a separate assembly at 8.55 a.m. in the Queens Hall. The senior boys attend assembly at 9.10 a.m. The traditional prefectorial role of marshalling boys in assembly was also taken over by the staff.

Naturally any new system involves more work for someone, and, as it would be much easier to slip back into the old routine, we must thank all the masters and boys who have put and will put so much effort into these assemblies.

'MEDEA'

In Euripides' *Medea* the Dramatic Society was faced with its most powerful material for many years. Devoid of physical action save the single climax, this play is a dark, primitive drama, with its mythical roots in the practice of human sacrifice, and is charged with the elemental, animal passions of hate, violence and egoism; yet after two thousand years it can still be important to us. Mr. Smith and Mr. Haworth's production, while toning down the black elements in order to attract our sympathy, did justice to the force and truth of the play.

The conflict was fought out against an excellently conceived, eloquent setting. The angular, functionalised, almost computerised classical motifs that formed the decor contrived to suggest ancient and modern, the detached and the fantastic, at the same time; a touch of surrealist horror was added by Medea's metallic, enigmatic chariot.

The sense of tension instilled by the setting was confirmed by the action, which was generally of a good standard. For Medea's performance I have nothing but praise. Susan Hardy, acting with

great conviction and power, made her primeval egoism more credible and sympathetic by her femininity and emotion (especially when about to kill her sons); whether screaming wordlessly, repressing herself in Machiavellian 'soft talk', or simply standing in agonised stillness, she dominated the stage.

Her commanding role was ably supported by David Lowe's confident, logically remonstrant Jason and Keith Ray's Creon. Of the subsidiary characters, Kathleen Combe's Nurse was outstanding in her combination of detachment and tension, yet the others reminded one more of puppets than of real humans. Doubts also begin to intrude over the Chorus. Visually, they were most arresting—the play's sense of unrest was dramatically underlined by their ritualised, expressionistic movements and gestures (and George Richardson's disturbing music); but whether these junior boys altogether had the maturity and understanding of the words necessary for this demanding part is dubious. Nevertheless, they made a worthy effort, and one often misses much by 'thinking too precisely on the event'.

The play is strong meat, and despite the handicap of an unpoetic translation came over as such. Down there in Elysium, Euripides will not be affronted at this imaginative production.

AUSTWICK 71

This year we lost the driver—leaving a sound but useless coach for two days. The Geography Field Trip at Easter returned to Austwick. With such a large party (which despite mishaps remained at 50, just!) it was necessary to distribute the forces for succour and repose within the village. It later transpired that Mr. Cook, as usual, got the easiest number (tea in bed); Mr. Samways had further to go, but with definite compensations; Mr. Moffatt and Mr. Westrup roughed it with the mass in the Traddock (which—for old hands—has unfortunately changed hands).

The now legendary fine weather failed on two occasions, but more than made up for it in the Lakes. The week was a sort of endurance course (they said) built round four day trips and two days of group activities. Day One loosened everyone up (except Jeremy Blake) over Ingleborough, down Ingleborough Cave and back over Norber. For the 'cognoscenti' this day—as all others except Sunday—was marked by aspects of, and magnificent examples of, Karst scenery in its bold and brutal glory. The following day was a spectacular visit to Gordale and Malham Cove, beginning with Anthony Woolhouse attempting a double back somersault, with tuck (tariff 2.2) into Janet's Foss. Other full-day trips were a soggy trek down Kingsdale and the Sunday's glorious sortie to Langdale. This was the weather and the Lake District at its best. The whole party reached Stickle Tarn, but then split—

a large summit party conquered Harrison Stickle via the East Face, while Mr. Cook led the relief party including Mick 'King Dart' Saunders towards Dungeon Ghyll. Here Simon Green tried—and failed—to accomplish an orthodox descent.

The group activities included chasing drumlins, spotting river terraces, following Giggleswick Scar, Austwick Back, studying Lancaster, Settle, Kirkby Lonsdale and Burton in Lonsdale, and finally demolition—albeit accidentally—of historic dry stone walls (A. P. Woolhouse again). It was here in these activities that everyone discovered the friendliness of the local people, and the fascination of finding things out for oneself. It was here that the impact and the success of the week could be gauged. And it really was a success, despite the food poisoning, disease, fracture, creaking stairs and that neurotic dog! Thank you to all for making it so.

VERSE—OR WORSE

It is plain (and I know it)
That being a poet
Is quite indescribable fun,
For whatever one writes
Its unfailing delights
Appeal, at least, to one.

DAVID LOWE.

MUSICAL MEMORANDUM

If we could all
Of one accord
Sing a new song
Unto the Lord
We would sing a song
Of sixpence.

CYNICUS.

THE WORLD

- (i) GOD spelt backwards
is dog
and LIVE spelt backwards
is evil.

A SHROPSHIRE LAD.

- (ii) Therefore:
Straightforward life is good
and
all dogs are backward gods.

A BUCKS LAD.



So what is a school magazine after all? We have been deprived of not only the services but the poetry of an extremist ex-editor, *nomine* G. J. E. Bell, Esq., who refuses to have any truck with the *Hansard* of the CCF/Old Boys establishment. A respected member of staff has also declared that far more people read the sport than the poetry. What place, then, is there for the creative spirit, jammed into maybe as few as six pages between the gyrations of geographers and the contortions of cricketers? It has been cogently argued that the best place for RGS man to become his true self is in an internal soul-only magazine, a 'Well of Life'; and I agree that such a collection would attract more writers and would be less liable to the blue pencil—in fact would be significant soil, not too far from the yew-tree, in a way that the *Wycombiensian*, in appetency on its metallated ways, can never be. Yet to our esteemed critics all I have to say is this—what on earth would be the interest of the magazine, except to various sizeable but distinct bodies, without those pages which are not dry casts of the analytic brain? Please read what our poets, polemicists and prestidigitators have written; their value is not automatically annulled just because they appear in an official organ.

N.B.—We had 15 contributors, of whom 67% were included, 26% were rejected and 7% were forgotten about (sorry, Andrew!).

C. R. ROLLASON.

'FILM'

Face that made so many laugh
Gone, when too old to live on screens
Alone without friends
he could have friends
but they would not be friends
People he had known
Nice people—money people—gone.

He is in a room
door shut
mirror is black
alone in a room
white walls
And seeing those people
his mother father family—wife—
he turns and looks at the blank wall
and kills the celluloid images
and pictures, and (looking at the Eye),
Himself
and he remembers not.
Though some saw beyond the face
the laughter is a thousand miles away.

STEPHEN EDWARDS.

'YOU WERE MY LIGHTHOUSE' (to Janet)

And if you ever ask
Why the wild flowers
Are sown on the seashore,
Why the wind winnows
While the waves scorn,
The sacred sands
By the fathomed fetch
Of the silver seas,
I will answer you.

When the oceans roll,
And the nights fall.
When the seas rise,
And the gulls call,
When the wreck sinks slowly
By the hands of the tide,
As mist grips the foreland
And the lighthouse lies.
If you ask why,
I shall answer.
It was you.

JOHN BURROWS.

TRAVELLING FAIR

See the lights shining, brazen, bright
Hear the music floating, drunken, light.
Motion people, laughter, smile into movie,
Run unknown while outside is dark, is sombre night.
 Careful painted wood comes live,
 Throw a penny, roll and dive,
 Take this car, there's room for five,
Enjoy it quick before the end arrives.
 Screams of joy,
 Girl meets boy,
See the temporary toy
Motion. People laugh and smile,
And tomorrow? It dies.

TIM.

'DEW'

The slow wake of daybreak
Made me grieve with the dew.
Daylight filled me with a remorse,
A longing,
A begging for mercy.

But by breaking the bread of duty,
The day became tender.
Grievance turned to indifference,
Indifference freed relief.

Relief is short-lived.
Dew returns.
It comes in the night.

PAUL ANSCOMBE.

I woke, wax-eyed,
from a hazy, midweek-sunny-afternoon doze,
grasping at something;
a forgotten dream
sweet with the music of nostalgia.
But, heavy with the sun's intoxicating warmth,
breath came easier with sleep.

N. YOUNG.

INVITATION

How many people can tell Circular 10/70 from Circular 10/65? What has Bucks LEA in common with those of Birmingham, Bolton and Manchester? Or, to be more direct, why has the bipartite/comprehensive school controversy kindled so little interest in this school? It seems to me it's just not a subject that gets talked about, and it was highly symptomatic that none of last year's Mock Election candidates mentioned the matter in their speeches; while the discursive piece of Edward Shortcake idealism that appeared in a recent *Wycombiensian* was the first ever observation thereon to appear in that august and, so hopes that contributor, moribund journal.

In the country at large, the question seems to have been answered in favour of Everyman's instant socialisation process; both the general drift of public opinion and the present government's resolute decision to have no views on the matter have led to this. However, in Bucks interest is hotting up—hardly a week goes by without an ardent Socialist flogging the LEA via the local press; and it seems strange that the S.T.E.P. campaign hasn't attracted any support from the local schoolchildren themselves. Indeed, it never fails to surprise me that our happy band of partisan, self-assured, dogmatic Socialists haven't taken time off from their pacifist activities to demonstrate or even strike until such times as, for instance, the RGS science facilities are wasted on a Terriers population not fully capable of exploiting them.

But instead there is no debate on the issue. Last summer, when, (I quote) 'the blue flag was unfurled over Westminster', the Establishment uttered its relief—as did the reporter of Speech Day; since when, silence. Perhaps the very fact of the school's continued placid existence both atrophies the extremists (sorry, disinterested moderates) and makes it unnecessary for the moderates (sorry, selfish middle-class reactionary imperialist paper tigers) to defend their views. Perhaps people aren't bothered. Or perhaps some Socialists even recognise that the place has its merits (oh, forgive me, of course a grammar school is a crime against the human race, therefore *cannot* have any merits). Yet I would have expected the Bucks conflict to have polarised opinion and generated a few passions—have I proved the egalitarians' contention that all grammar schools are stagnant, or have we simply other things to think about? Still, if an English Marx did rise up amidst us, *ex nihilo*, it would show a healthier interest in education as distinct from merely being educated, and it might even give me something to argue about next term.

'REACTIONARY.'

N.B.—The biased three-quarters of the editorial board claim no responsibility for the existence of the Conservative Party.

THE GROUNDSMAN AND THE CARETAKER

(The only part of the abandoned Prefects' Revue, 'Alice in Wonderland', ever written)

At ten to one the clock struck four,
A master home did plod.
He dropped some paper on the ground
And this was very odd—
Extremely odd, because it was
The middle of the quad.

Tunes issued from the Music Room,
Harmonious to hear.
Close by the Guard of Honour played,
Melodious to the ear,
And canteen dishes hit the ground,
Raising a hearty cheer.

The Groundsman and the Caretaker
Were working close at hand,
They wept like anything to see
Such quantities of land.
'If we could get it clean,' they said,
'Oh, wouldn't it be grand!'

'If seven maids with seven mops
Swept it from ten to four,
Do you suppose,' the Groundsman said,
'We'd have to clean it more?'
'I doubt it,' said the Caretaker,
And spat upon the floor.

'Oh, Onebugs dear,' the Groundsman said,
Heaving two plaintive sighs,
'Pray, walk with us, for you can see
The blueness of the skies,
But they could not because their caps
Were over both their eyes.

'Oh think,' the Caretaker did cry,
'Of all the sights we'd see.'
'And what is more,' the Groundsman said,
'We shall be back for tea.'
'We'd miss two lessons,' they replied,
'And that could never be.'

But they persuaded them at last
And with excited sounds
They trotted three times round the field
Across the cricket grounds,
And this was very odd because
The field was out of bounds.

Into an alley-way they went,
Called 'Bog', and over it
A mist of smoke hung in the air
And on the walls were writ
Some words explaining to the world
That someone 'was a twit.'

Then, when our friends at last had seen
All that there was to see,
They all went down a hole, and there,
At nearly ten to three,
They found a large machine, and this
Made 'onebugs' into tea.

'The time has come to make some tea,'
The Caretaker did say,
'But not of us,' the onebugs cried
In voices of dismay,
'After such kindness that would be
A dismal trick to play.'

But as they spoke, the Caretaker
At once began to send
In through a little metal door
Each little onebug friend.
The Groundsman took the bags of tea
Out at the other end.

The Groundsman boiled a kettle and
He filled the expectant pot,
He said 'it seems a shame to plan
Such an unfriendly plot.'
The Caretaker said nothing but
'The tea is much too hot.'

'I weep for you,' the Groundsman said,
'It grieves me much,' said he.
With sobs and tears he emptied out
The last few drops of tea.
The Caretaker said nothing but,
'Ere, leave a bit for me!'

But weep not, mortals, as you say,
'This wasn't very funny,'
Think how their early fate has saved
Boodles of public money,
Rolled round in earth's diurnal course
With Jam and Bread and Honey.

ADAM HARDY.

THE WORLD

- (i) What is this life, if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare?
Or, when we have the time, at length,
We find we haven't got the strength?

ADAM HARDY.

- (ii) What is this life, if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare?
And what is it, if, oft betimes,
We spend it writing silly rhymes?

DAVID LOWE.

'CONSULATION'

She is like the silvery water,
Dancing, rippling, Venus' daughter.
Hair sings delicately in the wind.
Face, precious, perfect, has not sinned.
No trace of evil's smooth caressing
Has hung her heart with blackened blessing
But pure and free her eyes run wild
To think with beauty the beauteous child.
She's neither sick nor innocent;
To shame the river was she sent,
To shame it with her cool blue eyes
Reflecting, hazily, clear calm skies.
And this beauty, unrivalled yet—
Now advertises a cigarette.

CHRIS HEAD.

A PARABLE

There were once three hens living in a barn. All had laid many, many white, brown, fertile, infertile eggs, and soon would lay no more—but it seemed they were past caring.

And yet one day one of the hens laid an egg—a single egg. It was strange, disturbing—unwontedly large, perfectly, faultlessly oval, a deep and stern brown all over. It was for the mother her first ever prospect of a work of art. For her it was more beautiful than the blue bowl of heaven. 'This will be a chick of chicks,' she squawked. 'His eye will be bright with the fire of being. His feathers will be the most glorious of them all. His crow will be the loudest. His crest will be the reddest. And this cock shall be mine!' The next morning dawned lustrous and cold; the egg, along with many others, was in the early hours taken away.

A week later, the second hen too laid a solitary egg—another egg among eggs. It was of the most ethereal, the most pure whiteness, small and delicate and consummately shaped. The mother was enraptured. 'What a mother am I,' she squawked. 'I have

mothered the greatest of mothers. This chick will grow into a hen of the most blossoming beauty—already I see her quiet unsullied deep brown body—and of an unsurpassed fertility. Brood after brood she will hatch and watch with grace.' The next day the egg was taken away.

Another week passed; and then the third hen laid her one egg. There cannot have been an egg like it—a great perfect oval, crystalline white (if its colour can be called by any name of earth), it shone through and through as if it were a pearl. In the darkness as it fell from her, it illumined the barn with a burning radiance. Above the barn, full and cold shone down one star. 'This shall be the chick of the centuries,' squawked the mother. 'He shall rise from the shell to guide the millions. His eye shall gleam with the power and the glory. He shall be the Christ of the race of the Gallinae.' With that she slept, and dreamed a dream of total and holy whiteness, while beside her the white egg gleamed in otherwordly sympathy.

In the morning, the egg was still there. The man had not taken it away. After a week, the egg was still there. After five weeks, the egg was still there, it never hatched. It was infertile.

C. R. ROLLASON.

EARTH (MOTHER)

Can you rid me of this cancerous flesh?
This pus-filled scab,
The poisons, mist and swirl,
with angry hiss and scream,
they cloud the sky,
Blackness reigns diurnal,
The sun may visit
Only to be quenched,
As was Hyperion of old,
The juices of waste,
ooze in dreadful rivers of disease,
It chokes me,
I cannot breathe.
The child is stillborn,
or prone with gruesome defect,
This hell is finite,
As my mind is not,
Do I have to die like this,
Or my offspring
all suffocate in my waste,
Can no one rid me of this dread place,
Doomed to nonentity,
from nascence.

G. HOLLAND.

A RAVING

'Love hath no bounds'—no limitations—
Purely petty complications.
Half a mile or half an hour
Love and light and life devour
By separating her and me
And love is lost eternally.
For love is endless ages long;
Love than death itself more strong;
But half an hour, or half a mile,
A hasty word, a thoughtless while
Loom all along the dreary way
Filling each dismal little day,
Till mere mistakes at last dis sever
Love from light and life for ever.

ADAM HARDY.

GREY EYES

now, in wet time of the descending
sky, greyer sky than in happiness,
falls fuller rain of sadder drenching
than in dry days of forgetfulness.

sky appears as a boding person
almost grey-hatted—stares on my face,
wet kisses, lips themselves are greyned
by its clinging, impinging taste.

see the sky-eyes, eyes grey-pupilled,
rain-dilated, sorrowing—
but not for me are the pupils tearfilled—
heavy they are for all things living.

eyes do not weep for one bleak human,
skies do not weep for one shower-bleared
rag in the rain; O greyer than sky, greyer is man
whose tears weep not for his brother's tear.

C. R. ROLLASON.

THE WORLD

It is some stern Philosophy
Which makes the world go round,
But it's Good-Humour which supplies
The joyful jingly sound.

A.H.

A POMESONG OF WINTER DISCONTENT

I wanted to sing you a song of the summer
But long away now is the heat of the sun
Our bodies ensnared, in winter, and dying
And the snow rejects me and turning I run.

I thought of the grass warm, and azure around me
And trees of the shade, we languid and light
As I saw the day-star through winter clouds peering
And I suppressed you within me, but dreamt you in sight.

Sometime I will find you, and toil will be easy
For plastic foundations will at last crumble down
And rules of repression, moulding and anger
Will die when they see you, and collapse to the ground.

With these black winter rains I sip of the bad wine
And eat of the tastelessness the world brings to me
And I like the seedlings cannot think warmly
Of when you, summer's child, will make my mind free.

STEPHEN EDWARDS.

CHURCH AT NIGHT

Slowly, hushed, I walk over the breathless stones,
From biding shadows issues a call
The grasshopper's bewitched click echoes round me
As my foot falls over the bones.

The black opening and the pondrous stone
So utterly permanent, recognise me
With chill, restrained greeting—
The door within its framework groans.

Air hits me, must-exuding, and dim shapes
Thrust out from the gloom.
No music now, but even yet a hum
Deep-throbbing but without resonance.

Blind-hood precipitously daze to scare
Clarions, eagles, and cobwebbed oak—
Blazoned angels strike out from the altar,
Hover, and dazzle.

Darkness recedes and the street-lamp passes me,
Head and heart move together, paining:
By degrees I become calm, rational
Was it for real? Please God . . . a sign . . .

DAVID LOWE.

TRIAL OF THE 'LITTLE RED SCHOOLBOOK' AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

The results of the recent legal proceedings against the Little Red Schoolbook are, no doubt, seen as being representative of the current anti-permissive trend, which has been propagated by various respectable public figures notably Lord Longford and the members of his commission on pornography. This, incidentally, cannot be said to be making an objective study of pornography, as both shades of opinion on the subject are not represented; all the members are seen as being against pornography, or, as one newspaper put it, 'leading a witch hunt on porn.' Therefore, the 'findings' of the commission will almost certainly be biased.

With regard to the Little Red Schoolbook's trial in the public eye, and also in the case of the sex-education film 'Growing Up, it seems that much of the strongest opposition has come from people without first-hand knowledge of the contents. Furthermore, any attempt to clamp down on the freedom to publish or read what one chooses is a grave infringement of rights, of the kind that eventually leads to the denial of freedom of speech and freedom of the press in political and philosophical fields.

Although the Little Red Schoolbook was banned on grounds of sexual obscenity, anyone who has read it must admit that the book is not obscene, but merely attempts to present the so-called 'facts of life' in a frank and informative manner, in terms familiar to the children for whom the book is written.

Having read the book it is difficult not to support the theory that it was banned because it questions authority and encourages children to do so as well—something which is not necessarily bad. Yet one of the book's outstanding features is that it repeatedly insists upon politeness and honesty when going through all the orthodox channels of complaint, and above all discussion and communication with staff and authorities before taking any unauthorised action.

The best sections of the book are those about education, although the ideas expressed are not revolutionary; streaming, marking and examinations are strongly and cogently criticised.

In conclusion this book, which has been acclaimed as a symptom of a general decline in moral standards, can be seen as a book to be praised for encouraging schoolchildren to speak out against all they see wrong in their own school, and on a broader scale in their own society. This makes for socially aware people—a genuine step forward in moral standards.

THE COMMUNE.



'Sea' by Adam Hardy

AUTUMN

Shudder of leaves in glad wind
They runrustle rich behind
Life alters
I alter not
I am the seasons' eternal leaf
Truthtree bole bore me to victory.

C. R. ROLLASON.

Mercy I cry city
Your conurbation fingers
Seek me out
In gentle wheat-fields waving.

You caress me richly
Arouse me against my will
Like a film of a chimney
Sailing greying smoke
Run backwards
I come to you;
Painfully.

Through your slate-hard streets
I crawl with glasses of distance on;
The pale figures squeeze by;
The ashen acts of entertainment
Feed me ashen sterility
Lava ropes of insanity
Get me in their grip.

But city
Though I hate your cambered nihilism
And your double yellow lines
Which stop me parking my mind
Still I come back
Expectantly.

Down the wires
Your ruin flowed;
And my salvation following
Must come from your telephone-exchange heart.

CHRIS HEAD.



Said the shark, as someone savoury around his chops he slished,
'It is a consummation most devoutly to be wished
That fish be efficient fishermen and fishermen be fished.'

A.H.

THE WELL OF LIFE

After months of talk of printed or duplicated collections of poetry, it finally took the great initiative of George Clarke, a second former, to organise and edit one. This was given the picturesque title of 'The Well of Life,' the name of a lugubrious poem by Andrew South, and the proceeds are being sent to Cholera Relief.

George Clarke's

'Will I find love when I'm gone from here?
All my life I've lived here.
Do I love streets or ornamental gardens?
Or twisting lanes, cool in shadow'

is an excellent example of that sweet wistfulness common to many of the poems, as when Jonathan Flint, cooing over the words, says

'I remember feeling sad
So very sad
So very long ago.'

When this is said by a superannuated person of at least sixteen we detect that poetic attitude or mood which many find it necessary to assume, making many of the poems in 'The Well of Life' individually unmemorable through a lack of distinguishable voices. The poetic attitude contains a high proportion of the Gloom for Gloom's sake which pervaded 'Words Words Words.' A gloomy spirit is thought necessary for good works. But let us hope that, in the future, many a collection of poems will provide a well of life to all who need it, without providing a well of death to all who read it.

A social conscience is evident throughout the collection. Though this does not always prove the best basis for poetry, it springs from a genuine idealism, and I am therefore sorry that some of these idealists feel obliged to be antagonistic towards the venerable *Wycombiensian*.

P.S.—A Young correspondent has informed us, in the Nick of time, that about £7 has been raised for Cholera Relief.

A.H.

W.A.G. REPORT

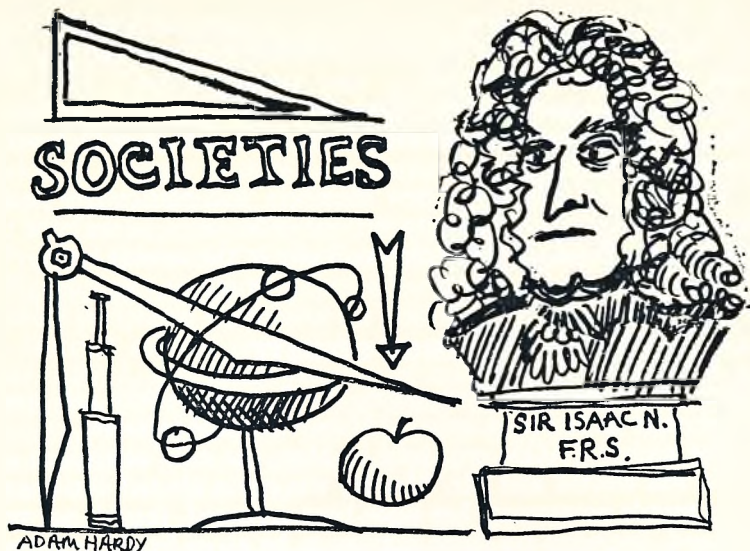
This year has seen a very wide range of activities which have been both profitable and enjoyable. We had earlier on in the year two mixed Rugger Matches and a Sponsored Walk. We have seen the Skin Alley Concert which made a loss but the Groundhogs Concert on July 31st should more than make up for this. We have also put on a Folk and Jazz Concert, produced by Graham Bell. There was a highly successful Jumble Sale on July 3rd. Finally in the fund raising activities was the W.A.G. Sponsored Beer Drink. This was a highly successful activity and should raise £80 for the group. Thanks go to the five drinkers, the adjudicator and the 'Beech Tree' for their help in this enterprise.

Apart from the fund raising activities, the group has been working in conjunction with Children's Dept. and the other organisations in the Wycombe Area. There is also the Caravan committee, which has found it difficult to find drivers on occasions. The Children's Holiday this year will be in the form of a day trip for the younger children on August 4th, and a Bar-B-Q for the older children in the same week.

Finally, this year we have sorted out our accounts which were in a bit of a muddle when we took over at the beginning of the year. We would like to thank all W.A.G. members, especially 'Fred' Brown, Mr. James and Phil Sadler whose thirst was enormous. We are looking forward to seeing the First Year Sixth and Fifth Form play a bigger part next year.

B. M. WARREN, *Chairman.*

S. THOMPSON, *Treasurer.*



JUNIOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Because of examinations, the Society has not held any meetings this term. Meetings will be resumed next term on Monday lunch-times in Room 6; membership is open to boys in the first three years of the school, free of charge. The Society's aim is to arouse interest in the work of Christ and pass it on to junior members of the school.

P. MARSHALL.

JUNIOR WARGAMING SOCIETY

This term our activities have been mainly centred around Speech Day. We congratulate all members of the Society who have spent time and money in making the Speech Day exhibition a success.

The World War II Display was one of the main centres of attraction, unfortunately for the people in charge. The attack on Hougemont (part of the Battle of Waterloo) was the best display, mainly because it was so realistic. The Romans + Ancient Britons display came in a close second. In the diorama competition, the best display was produced by P. Lidgley of 2y.

We hope that next year the membership will increase, with more 1st and 2nd years joining, after this very good start for the club.

A. HORNER, *Secretary*.

MODEL RAILWAY CLUB REPORT

Following our last report, the position of the society improved somewhat, but after a mere three weeks of normal working we were once more beset by problems, in connection with our electricity supply, and were forced to close.

By the time this report is published, however, it is hoped that the electricians will have been and remedied the fault and that we shall thus be able to re-open.

We once again extend our apologies to disappointed (and disillusioned) members and sincerely hope for a change of luck with the new school year.

We also cordially invite new members and particularly first-formers to come along and support our endeavours, as we hope to improve the facilities of the club radically in the coming term.

N. J. MOON, *Secretary*.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

After a year spent in hibernation, the Science Society will start afresh next term with a series of films, visits and lectures.

The society's AGM was held in May; the new committee of seven was elected and Mr. Mander was again elected chairman. Next term's programme has since been arranged, though not yet finalised. Included are three lectures to be given by the eminent scientists Dr. Hassall, Mr. R. M. Langstaff and the Rev. P. W. Sollom. There will also be a weekly film and a trip to the Radio-chemical Centre, Amersham; further trips will be arranged.

All that is now required is support from the school, and that does *not* mean support from the sixth form only—Middle School please note!

W. H. BARKSFIELD.

STAMP SOCIETY

If I may quote myself, two magazines back I remarked sagely that 'at least the society continues to exist, which is more than can be said of many.' Alas, I fear at the moment that the Stamp Club will predecease the RGS. Quite apart from the apathy (yes, *that* word again!) and low numbers of the membership, it appears that we lack a committee for next year. After the three stalwarts who now keep the patient alive have left at Christmas, what then? The answer is supplied by the lukewarm interest of the First Year Sixth and, worse, the total inertia of the Fifth Form—are we all philatelic philistines? If any assiduous and responsible hingelicker exists in the school who *is* prepared seriously to take over the running of the club, could he please make himself known.

Nevertheless, the society continues to . . . what am I talking about? Yet for all the colour shifts and woeful perforations of the heart which now afflict the committee, we have at least this term held the annual Speech Day Competition, won by Sheridan; the entries, though few, were felt by Lt.-Col. S. E. Hands to be of a high standard. Finally, I must as always express my gratitude to Mr. A. C. Hills for his continued help and interest, and to R. F. Barnes and N. J. Moon, the active segment of the committee. Perhaps we should put out an emergency overprinted issue . . .

C. R. ROLLASON, *Treasurer*.

THING (The ingenious new group) was formed just after Christmas for the construction of OOAC (our own analogue computer). Despite the obvious expense we all still seem to have the price of a bottle of coke (one bottle between eight?) thanks to Pete, our treasurer.

The introduction of integrated circuits replacing the original 'Practical Electronics' discrete amplifiers has greatly increased the efficiency and accuracy. Expense has been reduced by the use of school peripheral equipment for readout.

Hurried cabinet construction in the craft-room (thank you, Mr. Eaton), and much burning of midnight oil resulted in an integrator-switching unit which finally became operative on the morning of Speech Day. The whole was exhibited at MATHEX and attracted much attention—we hope our hurried explanations made the principles clear.

Thanks also to Mr. Kenningham for his invaluable assistance and to anyone else whose wrists were broken carrying our equipment.

W. H. BARKSFIELD.

HOUSE REPORTS

SCHOOL HOUSE

'With the other masquerades
That time resumes . . .'

comes another, inevitable boarding house report. Many complain that these articles are pointless *and* boring (manifold sin), of interest only to the 34 boarders of this house, who all know what happens anyway; whilst this may well be true, reports of this kind do provide a very necessary means of recording our successes (and our failures, if the writer is honest enough) and of expressing our gratitude to Mr. Skipp and Mr. Stubbs, the 'benevolent despots', who by their constant altruism make possible the 'smooth and efficient running' of such a pleasant and liberal regime.

It was very encouraging to notice how well boarders have performed academically over the past year; boys at every level, from 1st to Upper 6th forms, gained prizes on Speech Day. This balances our continuing support of school teams, notably cricket and swimming, and indicates that all boarders are not merely ball-kicking, bits-of-wood-swinging ignoramuses.

The close of a school year always sees the departure of many familiar faces for pastures new; we wish them all 'happy champing' in the future. Finally we say goodbye to Mr. Bexon who has so competently fed us over the last five years, and to Matron, to whom we wish a long retirement of Elysian bliss after so many years (deferentially vague) of devoted service 'to the boys.'

CHRIS HEAD.

TYLERS WOOD

With the escape of our resident poet to the Mediterranean, we have found it necessary to record the events of the past term ourselves.

Unfortunately, Mr. Hancock leaves us at the end of term, but I'm sure that his successor, Mr. Embrey, will deal ably with the task before him. Mr. Hancock is going to Cheltenham Grammar School, and we should like to wish him good luck in his new post. As well as Mr. Embrey, we shall welcome a rather large number of new boys: the house will, in fact, be full next term.

One person who we thought had left, namely P. L. Clarke, has been doing his utmost to prove us all wrong by turning up in the study nearly every week-end. Luckily (for us) he will be taking his place at Cambridge, where he has an Open Scholarship awaiting him.

He has not been the only old boy to return; amongst the others were I. Maun, R. Martin-Fagg and 'Bow.'

If the present increase in squirrels continues, we may find it necessary to advertise for a big-game hunter to keep their numbers down.

At all times the staff have been their usual competent selves. They must all be thanked for what they have done, but we would like to mention a couple of them by name. Brian has kept his cooking up to his normal high standard, and Matron and Walker have always been on hand when they were needed. Special thanks must go to Mr. and Mrs. Pattinson for all that they have done for us during the year.

UPLYME

It is always difficult to record the various activities of a boarding house over the preceding term and give some idea how the house functions. Obviously this last term has been dominated by the exams.

We did manage, however, to play our arch-rivals, Tylers Wood at cricket, and under the excellent (I hope) captaincy of A. Jones soundly thrashed them. We even managed to replace School House at the pinnacle of inter-house sport by beating them 7—2 at football.

For the smooth running of a boarding house, however, there must be co-operation between the boys and members of staff. Here we have been most fortunate in having Mr. Cooper and Mr. Holt who have been willing to devote much of their own time to house matters. Mrs. Connolly mustn't be forgotten, as who else could get us to breakfast on time?

J. W. LEWIS.



ARMY SECTION

Annual Camp this year was spent on Dartmoor in the delightful unspoilt village of Sheepstor near Yelverton where a party of fifty of all ranks spent a very enjoyable week.

The advance party set off on the Wednesday. Lieut. Hollingworth with a 3-ton load of camping stores preceded the main advance party and was through Exeter well on schedule and soon threading his way on the last lap of his journey, the stone walls gradually replacing the hedgerows and beyond Moretonhampstead the different shades of green giving way to the browns of undulating slopes of heather dotted with sheep and Dartmoor ponies. On past stream and leat, through the picturesque village of Postbridge, thence Two Bridges, followed shortly by a grim sight of the grey stone prison walls at Princetown, then into the narrow lanes, past the reservoir and back again after a three-year interval into Mr. Palmer's field. The friendly stream murmured a warm welcome, whilst the small brown trout scattered themselves for the time being to secluded hiding places amongst the weeds and stones.

By the time the C.O. arrived with the other 3-tonner together with L. Arnold and A. Boreham, two old boys of the C.C.F. in the Land Rover, tentage for the night was already set up and an impromptu meal waiting. The fresh air and evening sun sharpened appetites already keen with anticipation and the exhilaration of the surrounding countryside.

By the time the main body arrived on Friday, the camp was set up by the industrious advance party, even to the extent of electric light for the dining marquee, cookhouse, officers' mess and stores tents.

Training began with learning the local geography and becoming familiar with the fascinations of Dartmoor, its stone circles, stone

rows, crosses, hut circles, blowing houses, tumuli and cairns, providing endless speculation as to their origin and purpose.

Then followed special training to combat the dangers of Dartmoor navigational difficulties, and every type of emergency likely to be encountered in a long trek over the Moor. The two-day expedition which followed was similar to that of 1968. A small party of 'escaped prisoners' laying a trail across the Abbots Way to be followed later by the 'representatives of the law' in small groups searching for clues and eventually arriving at the delightful bivouac area near Cross Furzes two or three miles from Buckfastleigh. A temporary truce was declared and the fugitives resumed their role of Under-officer Gubbins and C.S.M. Grafton and Company until the next morning when they were surrounded on the Ringmoor Down training area and driven out of their hiding place, later becoming a quarry for a further night exercise, the sequel to a full and physically satisfying two days.

A visit to Tregantle Fort for rifle shooting was a welcome respite and the bathe in the afternoon sun completed the rest cure, and a meal of roast leg of pork and baked potatoes followed by fruit and Devonshire cream produced an atmosphere of contentment and achievement. Friday came all too quickly and with many regrets and promises to return a happy and successful camp was concluded.

R.P.

CAPTAIN L. T. HOLLINGWORTH

Tribute is paid elsewhere in general terms but the work and selfless service of Capt. Hollingworth in the C.C.F. should not go unmentioned.

He joined the C.C.F. in 1945 and many past members of the Army Section will remember him as officer in charge of recruits in 'C' Company. He did not miss an annual camp in the twenty-five years of post-war Camps and such was his memory that he could recount the Camps in date order with a special anecdote about each.

His common-sense approach to problems, his good humour and willingness made him an agreeable companion and loyal colleague whose absence will be keenly felt.

R.P.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

The summer term's activities were taken up with boatwork on the River Thames at Longridge. We were able to secure this training on a weekly basis, and provide an interesting and valuable course of instruction with the aim that all our cadets should be both confident and competent in handling and taking charge of a five-man pulling boat.

There were opportunities also for sailing and canoeing for those who proved themselves to be proficient at handling the pulling boats.

Boatwork was not only confined to the Thames for most of the section spent two days at H.M.S. Rame Head, Portsmouth, where they were able to take boats out into the harbour.

The number of cadets going on summer courses at Royal Naval establishments and ships this year is very encouraging. Their experiences will be of benefit not only to themselves but to the whole section.

A new syllabus for the proficiency and advanced proficiency examinations will come into force next term, presenting what appears to be quite a tough challenge.

The Naval Section has been able to pursue a more positive direction in training recently and for this we must thank Lt. Cdr. Waller, R.N. (retired).

It is with very great regret that we say goodbye to Under-Officer Victor Gubbins who has, for the past two years, dominated the section by his leadership and enthusiasm. He now moves on to Dartmouth and thence to Manadon to graduate as an engineering officer in the Royal Navy.

To just say 'thanks' would be mean, so instead—'Bon voyage!'

COX'N JOHN BURROWS.

R.A.F. SECTION

The section has been busy this term despite the interruptions of the exams and the earlier bad weather interfering with flying and other outdoor activities. This has been compensated for from half-term onwards culminating in the annual field day visit, this time to R.A.F. Brize Norton. The day after, W/O Gillespie took off from the same station on his V.C.10 flight to R.A.F. Changi, Singapore.

Air Experience (Gliding) flying has been carried out by 20 cadets; their great ability must have been apparent, for the section has been awarded four proficiency Gliding Courses to be held at R.A.F. White Waltham this summer. W/O Barney has completed a flying scholarship course and Cpl. Perry has been awarded a place for next summer.

The German camp, held during Easter at R.A.F. Gutesloh, was a success with flights in Wessex helicopters; the summer camp will be at R.A.F. Old Sarum.

The 1st July saw five cadets participating in the Army section's field day; map-reading initiative and infantry exercises were completed more or less satisfactorily (the RAF being annihilated several times during the infantry exercise). For this enjoyable day our thanks are given to the Army section.

We must also extend our gratitude to Flying Officer Bell of Dr. Challoner's Grammar School; and of course we are indebted to the close co-operation and support given to us by Colonel Pattinson.

S. GREEN.

SPORT REPORTS



CRICKET

1971 will be remembered by those involved as a most enjoyable and, in many respects, encouraging season.

More fifties were scored, at both junior and senior levels, than for some seasons, and mention must be made of Chris Johnson's contribution to school cricket. He set a splendid example both on and off the field, to which his team responded well. I am most grateful to him. Most heartening, too, were the performances by junior teams—performances which augur well for the future of the game at school.

I am greatly indebted to fellow members of staff for their many contributions to the game—their help, as always, has been invaluable. In addition, Bill Yates has assisted with the cricket coaching this season and we have been fortunate to acquire the services of a well qualified coach. I am anxious he should continue his association with the school for he undoubtedly has much to offer.

Finally, my thanks to Ivor Atkins, our groundsman, who has continued to give such good service to the school. We are indeed fortunate to have the opportunity of playing on such a well maintained square. J.S.

1st XI

With the cricket season starting almost immediately after Easter it was inevitable that the first few matches would have to be played by an inexperienced XI with very little practice behind them. A strong side from Tiffin School were the first visitors, not an ideal opening game, and in this match the weaknesses of the side were quickly revealed—brittle, although not unenterprising batting and a lack of penetration in the bowling attack on a fine batting wicket. Despite these prevailing weaknesses however, and an inability to

hold catches on occasions, the XI has enjoyed a season containing some fine victories and also some memorably close matches.

The batting was good on paper but flimsy in practice. The fact that five players scored half-centuries during the course of the season is testimony to its potential depth but unfortunately games were few in which more than one batsman scored many runs. All too often it was left to the later order batsmen to make the score look respectable. Of the batsmen openers Floyd and Cowin were the most successful, Floyd playing some fine and attractive innings while Cowin was probably the more consistent. Howland batted soundly at the start and at the end of the season while Newton had a disappointing season after a promising start.

The bowling lacked a real pace merchant and for this reason it was often difficult to make the initial breakthrough or get out stubborn tail-enders. Opening bowlers Costello and Hall showed the ability to move the new ball in the air and off the pitch, however, and therefore were moderately successful without showing much penetration on occasions. Saunders took some valuable wickets but was not always accurate while Long bowled impressively at the end of the season. Johnson provided the spin and took the most wickets without showing much improvement over other years but nevertheless showed more penetration than the other bowlers.

The fielding tended to be erratic and although on occasions the ground fielding was excellent, on others many vital catches were floored which cost us victory. Wicket-keeping duties were shared by Howland and Barrett who both proved sound without ever looking outstanding.

In all a satisfactory and most enjoyable season and with most players returning one hopes for a much stronger side next year. The team would like to thank Ivor Atkins for the excellent wickets we have played on all season and Mr. Samways for the tremendous amount of time and effort he gives for the 1st XI.

1st XI Averages for Season 1971

Batting		<i>No. of</i>	<i>Times</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Highest</i>	
		<i>innings</i>	<i>not out</i>	<i>runs</i>	<i>score</i>	<i>Ave.</i>
Johnson	....	14	4	247	51*	24.70
Floyd	....	16	2	339	66	24.21
Cowin	....	15	2	299	53*	23.00

* not out

Bowling			<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
Saunders	....	....	12	12.80
Johnson	....	....	50	13.00
Costello	....	....	21	17.76
Hall	....	....	11	26.20

1st XI Results

- v. Tiffin School (home): Lost by 7 wkts (Howland 66, Newton 50).
- v. High Wycombe 'A' (home): Lost by 40 runs (Johnson 5 for 60).
- v. Oxford School (away): Won by 7 wkts (Johnson 7 for 20, Floyd 54 not out).
- v. Emanuel School (home): Drawn (Cowin 53 not out).
- v. Leighton Park (home): Drawn (Johnson 5 for 46, Saunders 4 for 28).
- v. Vyners School (home): Drawn (Floyd 44 not out).
- v. Watford G.S. (away): Won by 4 wkts (Costello 5 for 21).
- v. St. Nicholas G.S. (home): Drawn (Johnson 6 for 32).
- v. Abingdon School (away): Drawn (Cowin 51).
- v. Emanuel School (2 days, away): Lost by 8 wkts (Howland 41).
- v. Borlase School (away): Lost by 8 wkts (Floyd 66).
- v. Queen Elizabeth G.S. (home): Won by 2 wkts (Johnson 5 for 57, Cowin 47).
- v. Old Boys (home): Drawn (Johnson 51 not out).
- v. R.G.S. Worcester (away): Lost by 6 wkts (Johnson 50).
- v. Staff (home): Won by 40 runs (Long 5 for 10).

UNDER 15 (COLTS)

Won 4 Drawn 1 Lost 2

In view of the somewhat limited cricketing resources available and the hammerings received in the first and last matches played, against Emanuel and R.G.S. Worcester, the Colts did remarkably well and had much the better of their other five games although the match with Watford was drawn. This improvement stemmed almost entirely from their attacking cricket in which all the members of the team deserve some credit. The opening attack of Worley and Glenister was always hostile and notably durable. Worley's 6 for 6 in twelve overs against Watford was especially commendable. With spin, Hollingsworth and Hawken came on well. Page's medium pace was not always consistent, but rarely failed to get amongst the wickets.

The batting was sketchy, to say the least. Fortunately Trendell played several breezy innings for scores around the 20 mark.

Walker, despite his absurdly optimistic aggression, often contributed usefully to the score. Otherwise, the best supporting batting came from the principal bowlers, Glenister, Worley, Hawken and Hollingsworth. These are awarded the Colts colours along with Trendell who as captain did not always set his field to best effect but generally showed a shrewd appreciation of the state of the game.

Averages

Batting			<i>Innings</i>	<i>Not out</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>H.S.</i>	<i>Ave.</i>
Lloyd	....	....	5	3	36	15	18.0
Trendell	....	....	8	0	104	27	13.0
Hollingsworth	....	....	6	0	77	33	12.8
Glenister	....	....	7	0	70	34	10.0

Bowling			<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Ave.</i>
Worley	....	....	68.5	26	123	24	5.4
Page	....	....	27	10	45	7	6.4
Hollingsworth	....	....	30.5	7	66	10	6.6

UNDER 13

Played 4 Won 1 Drawn 1 Lost 2

Despite the record this side showed distinct promise for the future, particularly in batting. Lloyd, Currie, Thomas and Russell all played extremely good innings. In the last match Currie and Lloyd put on 81 for the first wicket against Dr. Challoner's.

The bowling was not so good and lacked penetration as we saw in the game against Watford G.S., when with time and runs in hand the game could not be clinched. The most consistent bowler was Wheeler of 1A.

Special mention must be made of the match against Emmanuel. Despite scoring 144 RGS lost in a fine game. It was very pleasing to see the way the defeat was taken—this sportsmanship reflected the way the side has been captained by Charles Lloyd.

M.W.C.

UNDER 12

'A' Played 6 Won 2 Lost 3 Drawn 1

'B' Played 5 Won 1 Lost 3 Drawn 1

Although more matches were played this year, the final record was disappointing and it was not until the last match that the 'A' team fulfilled its promise. In the early matches the batting was too tentative and vital catches were dropped.

Ault bowled with great fire and Williams with guile. Hasted and Stinchcombe batted with determination while Hoggett played the one outstanding innings.

I.R.C.

SKANDERBORG CRICKET TOUR

July 17th—21st

Vi byder Danskerne velkommen til High Wycombe dette ar—after our most successful tour of Denmark in 1970 we were very pleased to entertain the friends we made in Skanderborg. We met them at Harwich on the Sunday (leaving Mr. Goldthorpe to travel back on the ferry to spread Wisden's gospel in Esbjerg for two weeks), and, after a gruelling journey back to Bledlow, laid on a convivial barbecue in the evening. When Tuesday evening descended on us we had played some cricket in between excellent fare provided by Ivy *et alii*.

The first match was played at the R.G.S. on Monday—the School scored 234 for 6 (Peter Howland 104*, Graham Long 58), Skanderborg replying with 110 (Jan Wittus 44). On Tuesday Bledlow Cricket Club (who have very kindly provided sleeping accommodation) was the venue—the School made 252 for 5 (Andrew Cowin 98—run out, the supreme irony for those in the know!, Chris Johnson 80* in 35 minutes!!, Robert Floyd 38), and Skanderborg 73.

On Wednesday we travelled up to London and spent a fascinating day at Lord's, looking round the home of cricket and picked up some tips from the England cricketers practising in the nets. We left the Danes in London with thoughts of the future in mind—Vi haber at se dem i Skanderborg i 1972!

Danish touring team:—John Simonsen (capt.), Jan Wittus (wkt), Torben Andersen, Jens Priess, Ole Krag, S. A. Nielsen, Hans and Kjeld Udengård, Ingolf Nissen, Niels Smith, Bent Madsen, Vagn Nielsen; led by Poul Rodding and Tina Nielsen. Lilliputian umpiring by Nigel Currie and Charles Lloyd.

K.A.H.

LAWN TENNIS

1st VI

Played 17 Won 12 Lost 5

v. Stowe School	.... 2-7	v. Abingdon School	.... 5-4
v. Oxford School	.... 7-2	v. St. John's	.... 6-3
v. Windsor G.S.	.... 7-2	v. U.C.S.	.... 2½-6½
v. Leighton Park	.... 4-5	v. Highgate School	.... 4-5
v. Radley School	.... 5-4	v. High School	.... 8-1
v. Magdalen Coll. Sch.	4-5	v. Halton R.A.F.	.... 5½-3½
v. St. Benedict's	.... 8-1	v. Dr. Challoner's	.... 5-3½
v. St. Nicholas	.... 8-1	v. Staff	.... 5½-3½
v. Ampleforth College		6½-2½	

As expected our 1st VI have missed the services of Ian Johnson and Richard Simons this summer! We have been on the losing end of some very close matches—usually because we have not had quite the application or sheer tennis skill. Pairing has been a major factor in the unsettled nature of the team. Guy Johnson, the captain, has had a variety of partners in the first pair—perhaps the strongest combination being with Newby. Both have played attractive tennis although they may have lacked the vital element of determination at times.

Other players included J. Lowe, D. Gillespie, J. Dennis, J. Lewis, N. Cliff, W. Joss, D. Battisby, and J. Gillespie. All have provided adequate service and sometimes won matches for us.

Next year looks more promising—with Johnson and Cliff returning as first pair and Aston and Hunt (who have played in the last few 1st VI matches this year) a rather young but potentially good second pair.

Our thanks must go to Mr. Haworth for his untiring efforts to keep a very hungry crew satisfied, and to Ivy for her duties; also to Ivor Atkins for his aid and interest this year. So a reasonable year with hopes for even greater things in 1972 on **THREE COURTS!**

K.A.H.

Our thanks to Mr. Hillier who has given up a lot of his time to manage the tennis teams, and to Mr. M. M. Davies for the entertaining match against the staff.

G. A. JOHNSON.

2nd VI & COLTS

2ND VI Played 5 Won 3 Drawn 1 Lost 1

COLTS VI Played 6 Won 5 Lost 1

This year has seen a consolidation of 1970's work—as a result of coaching and plenty of match practice, we have gained good wins, especially at Colts level. M. Aston and G. Hunt have been the mainstay of the latter, winning 17 of their 22 matches. They should provide a good basis on which to build a young 1st VI in the next two years. Three newcomers show promise—R. Ault (1A), C. Morrish (1E) and S. Reed (2X), while other useful players at junior level are G. Tinn, C. Gomm, K. Guha, and C. Dixon.

At 2nd team level enthusiasm has been shown by those sixth formers who cannot quite make the 1st VI—the team has included M. Oldnall (captain), J. Dennis, B. Lowe, M. Smith, J. Lewis, P. Whymant-Morris, D. Battisby, J. Gillespie, M. Reed, and M. Spencer.

SWIMMING

Another season has passed with varying success. We began with two encouraging performances. In our first match we narrowly defeated Dr. Challoner's Grammar School, then retained the Wycombe District Schools trophy by a comfortable margin. As a result of their efforts in this gala the following were selected to swim in the County Gala at Amersham: C. Denne, G. Clark, R. J. Edwards, R. H. Edwards, T. Bartlett, R. Andrews, D. Lewis, J. Martindale, D. Tinn.

T. Burke also swam well and was unfortunate not to make the Wycombe District team. T. Bartlett and D. Tinn won their events at the County Gala and are being considered as representatives for the County at the Division Seven championships in September.

Our first away fixture at Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet, disappointingly resulted in a defeat, but the following day we regained our confidence by beating old rivals Sir William Borlase. The last few matches were unfortunately dogged by absenteeism. I am however pleased to say that many team members showed their enthusiasm and reliability until the end, including R. Smith who stepped in at the last moment to complete the relay squad for the Amersham Swimming Club-Gala.

The match against Watford G.S. was closely fought to the last race, and we were unlucky to lose by eight points; the fixture with Aylesbury G.S. was, in contrast, disappointing by comparison with last year's battle, as we were convincingly trounced by 41 points.

Half-colours have been awarded to R. Shearer, N. Fraser, J. Martindale and T. Burke.

D. S. O. TINN.

ROWING

'1st IV: bow, M. R. G. Taylor; 2, P. J. McMillan; 3, J. C. Dixon; str. C. R. Walton; cox, J. C. Moss—won 26 races, lost 3. Rowed in seven regattas, won five events. Won Home International.' When you've said that, you've said it all, but only those involved will know and appreciate the rest of it—the physical effort, the mental strain, the jangling nerves that go to make up any racing season. Even the crew tends to forget how they felt at the start of a season like this—how lacking in confidence they started, and how they finished with the professional confidence of a winning crew.

Some good, if unspectacular long-distance results started the spring season, and the defeat at Wallingford by Hereford in the Junior Fours final still suggested a promising season to come. However, it was at Reading Junior Regatta that we got the win

we were looking for. The crew rowed with more relaxation and polish there than anywhere else, if with less power; not surprising, when one remembers that Max Taylor and Phil McMillan were both ill and substantially below peak fitness.

The next week was the first big one—the National Schools Regatta, which is what it sounds like—a national event. Heavy rain a week before turned the course into a six-furlongs upstream slog against a flood, where the towpath station became worth $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths over the middle two; and the bank became a foot-deep quagmire of white, liquid mud. To row was a severe endurance test, to win an unequalled triumph. That we did it in the middle lane, beating our closest rivals, Tonbridge, who were on the towpath side, was probably the greatest effort of all. Not a pretty row, but impressive in its power and guts.

Thereafter, the season looked a long line of wins, which is why it was probably as well that we rowed badly at Marlow and lost to St. Paul's. This enabled us to 'get a grip' and win convincingly at Reading Town and Egham, the latter being the first time that R.G.S. has been the object of the dislike reserved for top rowing schools. To quote a club coach—'If you hadn't — come, we'd have won this.'

So far, so good; successful, but no more than we'd hoped. Then, just before Egham, the laconic phone-call, 'Can you row in the Home Countries International at Glasgow?' Little need be said about the reaction to this or to the length of the course—2000 metres. Even less is recorded about the post-regatta disco and rave-up, except to note that we don't only win at rowing—the crew collect the girl everyone else has been pursuing for days.

The race? We rowed last but one in the programme, when it was clear England were winning every race comfortably. No one said it, everyone felt it. Was the lake deep enough for five (or six) people, if we were the only ones to lose? However, Wales led for 500 metres, Scotland lying third. At the 750-metre mark we took the best spurt of the season and went clear, rowing away for the rest of the course to win from Scotland, who broke Wales at 1500 metres, by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, Wales 1 length further back. It was the better win because we were using a borrowed boat of dubious ancestry.

What of the other crews? Obviously overshadowed, the Colts rowed well enough to make me confident that in 18 months they will equal or surpass this year's wins. The 2nd IV had mixed fortunes—unlucky may be, but also discovering the value of regular training. Some have my sympathy, others don't. Everybody else worked hard for varied results, but will return next year to improve, without a doubt.

I.A.B.

THE OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS' CLUB

The Annual General Meeting

The A.G.M. was held in the E. R. Tucker Memorial Room at 6 o'clock on Saturday, May 22nd, 1971. Twenty-two Old Boys were present. The Chair was taken by the President, Mr. Malcolm Smith.

Before the business meeting began, all stood in silence for a few moments as a gesture of affection and respect for Mr. P. L. Jones and Norman Theed who had died during the last year.

The Minutes of the last A.G.M. were then read, confirmed and signed. Arising out of the minutes:—

- (a) The Financial Report—the Hon. Auditor, A. E. Franklin Hole, explained the balance sheet and expressed some satisfaction with the finances of the Club.
- (b) The E. R. Tucker Memorial Room—last year the President reported that the heating system had proved to be inadequate in very cold weather but was being seen to. This year the President reported that nothing had been done and Aylesbury had been asked to help expedite matters.
- (c) The Cricket Club had had a very good season in 1970 under the leadership of Ken Maslin (1954–60). His resuscitation effort had been successful.

The Headmaster informed the meeting that the School had applied for affiliation to the Public Schools' Club in Piccadilly. The application had been received with some warmth and would be considered by the Committee at its next meeting. The Headmaster hoped that our affiliation would be announced in due course because this London Club would be a very pleasant and useful asset to many Old Boys who wanted a *piéd à terre* in London. For an Old Boy under 25 the membership fee was only £5.25.

Some of the younger Old Boys present wondered whether a buffet dance could be organised in the Queen's Hall during the winter. It was decided to discuss this at the next committee meeting.

The Election of Officers

The officers for 1970–71 are:—

The President: Malcolm P. Smith, Esq.

The Chairman: G. W. Ray, Esq.

Vice-Presidents: Col. L. L. C. Reynolds, Messrs. G. A. Grant, S. Morgan.

Committee:

The Rev. A. J. Skipp (1929-37)	S. E. Hands (1915-20)
R. W. Bartlett (1900-07)	G. W. Ray (1917-23)
J. K. Prior (1934-40)	J. P. Lord (1934-38)
G. C. Rayner (1937-45)	G. E. Green (1940-46)
S. A. Goulborn (1928-36)	G. W. West (1935-40)
W. A. C. Knowles (1951-58)	R. S. Wombwell (1960-67)

Hon. Secretary: M. M. Davies, Esq.

Hon. Auditor: A. E. Franklin Hole, Esq.

There being no other business the Old Boys repaired to the Junior School Dining Hall for the Annual Dinner.

The Annual Dinner 1971

The Annual Dinner was held on Saturday, May 22nd, 1971, in the Junior School Dining Hall at the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe. Eighty Old Boys gathered to welcome their Guest of Honour, the Worshipful the Mayor of High Wycombe, Alderman the Rev. A. J. Skipp (1929-37), M.A.

M. M. Davies, Esq., B.A., proposed the toast to the Guest of Honour. He made particular mention of the truly splendid way in which John Skipp had carried out his duties as Mayor of our town. His sound common sense, his wit and polished brevity had won universal acclaim and he had done the School proud.

In his reply the Guest of Honour lived up to his reputation and very wittily and briefly demolished his proposer. He sincerely thanked the Old Boys for the honour they had done him and for their kind attendance at the Annual Dinner.

Alderman S. A. Goulborn (1928-36), B.A., J.P., proposed the toast to the School and Club and said that as an Old Boy, the father of an Old Boy and now as a Governor of the School he was proud of his close association with it. Assailed as it was on all sides, particularly by supporters of the Comprehensive System of Education, he felt it needed and deserved the support of all Old Boys. It would be a tragic loss to the town and district if the Royal Grammar School were to lose its identity.

The Headmaster was introduced by the Chairman, G. W. Ray (1917-23). Mr. Malcolm Smith replied to the toast and outlined the extraordinarily successful academic and sporting record of the School throughout the year—quite possibly its most successful year ever. The School was playing a very positive part in the lives of over a thousand boys and its influence was immeasurable. The Old Boys could be truly proud of their School.

CAMBRIDGE OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS' DINNER

The Annual Dinner at Cambridge took place in the Old Library, Pembroke College, on Saturday, May 15th. The Headmaster, Messrs. W. Clark, R. Pattinson, H. Scott and D. G. Jones represented the Staff. Old Boys present were M. G. Baker, P. J. Bedwell, M. M. Burrell, D. J. Clare, R. B. A. Gash, J. T. Hughes, Dr. C. R. Maunder, I. R. H. Pattinson, P. M. Richards, T. W. Smith, R. B. Stevens, P. J. Watts. I. C. Mann was in the chair. In a brief toast to the School he called attention to the academic achievements of M. M. Burrell who gained a First in his Tripos and to I. R. H. Pattinson's distinction on the golf course. The Headmaster replied to the toast bringing much news from home quarters. Roger Gash proposed a very witty toast to the guests and Mr. Pattinson replied with his usual aplomb. At the close of a very enjoyable evening, the party adjourned to the College Bar.

DEATHS

Masters

Old Boys will be very sad to learn that Mr. Emlyn Jones and Mr. L. T. Hollingworth died very suddenly in the first week of the summer holidays. The loss of these two dedicated men is a grievous one.

Old Boys

L. K. FOX (1930-37), on November 18th, 1970, at 'Gable Cottage', 10 Vernon Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, aged 51 years.

Leslie Keith Fox was a keen musician and sportsman at the School. He entered the Westminster Bank, Reading, in 1937 and was manager at Westcliff-on-Sea from 1966. He bore his last nine months of illness bravely. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Ruby Fox, and a son and daughter.

A. S. WICKENS (1958-63), on April 25th, 1971, drowned in a rowing accident on the Thames, aged 24 years.

Allan Wickens was a boarder at School House and did Classics in the 6th. He entered banking when he left school. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Sheila Wickens, 32 St. Paul's Road, Staines, Middlesex.

OLD BOYS' NOTES

ABERCROMBIE, R. (1961-67) has just obtained his M.A.(Hons.) in English at Aberdeen University.

BISSETT, A. D. (1959-65) completed a good honours degree in Chemistry at Oxford in May and has now taken up a research post at the University of California at Riverside near Los Angeles, where he will be spending the next four years.

BOWERS, B. (1950-57) left school to do Electrical Engineering at King's College, London. He became Examiner in the Patent Office on completing his degree. Since 1967 he has been Assistant Keeper at the Science Museum in charge of the Electric Power collection and the X-ray collection. He has just published a booklet, *X-rays*, likely to be of interest as general reading for Science students.

COLEMAN, T. J. (1956-60) faithfully turned up to play cricket for the Old Boys' team against the School every summer. Dr. Coleman is at present living in Brighton with his wife and baby and doing research into diabetes at Sussex University.

DRAPER, P. (1948-55), when home on leave in July, wrote to give the latest news of his very interesting (to the Hon. Sec.) life. He has been living in Osaka, Japan, for 15 months but spends most of his time travelling in the Far East. Last March he travelled 20,000 miles, visiting Manila, Sydney, Djakarta, Bangkok, Bombay, Karachi and Teheran—he finds it very tiring. His most memorable trip was to Manila—he was there during their worst typhoon in 86 years, winds up to 150 m.p.h. and no water, no electricity, no laundry in the hotel for four days—temperature 98 deg. F and 100 per cent. humidity. This happened on a Thursday, on the Saturday they had an earthquake and Draper flew off to Bangkok on the Monday. Doing Market Research in the Far East is an exhausting experience. He does not like living and working in Japan—he speaks some Japanese but cannot understand T.V. or radio. He returns to New York in January and will be responsible for Richardson and Merrell, the Vick Vapour Rub Company, its market research in Latin America as well as the Far East. This is another promotion.

EDWARDS, C. M. J. (1946-53) writes from 73 Village Drive, Dollard des Ormeaux, Quebec 980. He was visited recently by ABDALLAH, T. W. (1946-53) who was on a business trip from Australia. Edwards is now working in Head Office as a product manager for a chemical subsidiary of Gulf Oil. The company name is McArthur Chemicals. He hopes Old Boys passing through Montreal will contact him. He wrote about the time of the Cross affair in Canada and it was a strange feeling to drive to an airport to pick up an American visitor and find oneself staring down the barrel of an M-1 carbine, fully loaded and with fixed bayonet at a control point.

FERGUSON, M. R. (1956-63) writes from Western Germany where he is teaching in a German Gymnasium near Emden. He and his wife move in September to Berlin where he is

- going to work for the publishers Cornelsen, Velhagen and Klasing. He will be part of their Redaktion working on new English material for German grammar schools.
- FRANKLIN HOLE, A. E. (1925–30) is the new president of the Rotary Club of High Wycombe. He is company secretary and a director of the Davenport Vernon group of companies and he carries on a tradition of service to Rotary by members of his firm.
- GLASS, D. A. (1956–61) who has given hospitality to Old Boys passing through Hong Kong, wrote recently from International Dress Corpn., P.O. Box 6050, Kowloon. He is a successful accountant.
- HALLASEY, F. (1913–19) writes from Chicago, Illinois. He was sorry to read of the death of Mr. P. L. Jones whom he called a most kind, joyous and understanding person. He has been seven years in Chicago and is in charge of the Foreign Patent operations of the Borg-Warner Corporation. He has an apartment within walking distance of the Lake Michigan shore line. He doesn't regret finding his life in America—a country of much changeable scenery and moods—but he finds it difficult to fit into the American way of life. He feels he is a stuffy outsider at times.
- HANDS, S. E. (1915–20), now Senior Vice-President of the Royal Philatelic Society, recently attended, with Mrs. Hands, the International Philatelic Exhibition at Cape Town, which was held in conjunction with the 10th Anniversary of the Republic of South Africa. His display of Palestine and Israel stamps again gained him a Silver Medal. They greatly enjoyed their visit which included a visit to Johannesburg, Pretoria and the Game Parks. Meeting prominent collector friends from all over the world provided them with a wonderful holiday. He is now Treasurer of the Old Wycombiensians' Masonic Lodge.
- HICKEY, G. L. S. (1950–57) has a tractor motif on his envelopes. He is a farmer and contractor at Shelton House, Great Comberton, Pershore, Worcs.
- HICKMAN, H. C. (1939–45) got back from Togliatti in time to attend the Annual Dinner. Togliatti is on the banks of the Volga River between Kuybichev and Kazan and is the site of the Fiat car factory. He was glad to report that after three years of sweat the Fiat equipment, for which he is responsible, was delivered and in production.
- HICKOX, R. S. (1959–65) has been appointed Organist and choir-master at St. Margaret's, Westminster. (The best people obviously want the best music.) He has also formed the Richard Hickox Singers and Orchestra. They received an excellent review in *The Times* for their first concert recently.

HILL, R. C. (1957-65) has completed a three-year B.Sc. in Architecture but decided not to become an architect (involving four more years of training). He worked instead as a research assistant at U.C.L. on an investigation into the problem of noise in hospitals. He ended up working for two of the professors as an 'environmental designer.' He is involved in providing architects with consultancy advice on aspects of heating, lighting and acoustics of buildings as well as undertaking long-term research work for various government departments.

JOHNSON, H. W. (1930-37) visited us recently. He is still Housemaster at King Edward VI School, Louth, and at the moment is on the steering committee for Careers of the Head Masters' Conference. His own Headmaster, WITNEY, D. R. (1934-42) is chairman of the Boarding Schools' Association. The idea is to further State boarding. DUCKERING, A. G. (1940-46), Housemaster at Leighton Park School, is on this committee. HARVEY, A. (1950-56), a brilliant cricketer in the Horace Johnson era, is now working on a D.Phil. in Social Service at Exeter. He is on secondment from the Child Care department of the Probation Service.

KEEN, S. G. J. (1921-25). George Keen is President of the Windsor and District Royal Warrant Holders' Association. He has often met members of the Royal Household.

KIMBER, R. M. (1919-23) is the new president of the Shorthorn Society of Great Britain and Ireland. He is renowned internationally as a judge of the Shorthorn breed of cattle.

LLEWELYN, B. P. (1961-67) has just completed a year at a prep. school, Brocksford Hall, Doveridge, Derbyshire. One of his pupils has gained a scholarship to a public school. He teaches French, English and Art. He leaves for Morocco this summer and will then probably go to India. After that??

MACREADY, L. (1955-62) has been chosen to train with the Olympic Hockey Squad and may well play in the Great Britain side in the Munich Olympic Games in 1972.

MARTIN-FAGG, R. J. (1962-69) wrote just before graduating at Leicester University. He was soon off for interview with the Highlands and Islands Development Board. If he got the job, he would be based on Inverness and working with the area planner analysing the possibilities of industrial development. If anyone should want a holiday in Inverness, they simply get in touch with him. He had just been awarded a half maroon for rowing when he wrote.

MATTHEWS, R. Mr. Matthews heard the news of Mr. P. L. Jones' death with great regret. He says this makes him the sole survivor of the Arnison regime (he taught at the School

from 1916–19) but he has forgotten Mr. S. Morgan and Mr. G. A. Grant, who is still going strong and who sent the Club a kind letter and generous donation on the occasion of the Old Boys' Dinner which he regretted greatly he could not attend. Mrs. Grant is not well. Mr. Matthews, who was Second Master under Mr. Arnison, used to attend faithfully but has found the journey a little too much of a strain recently.

MORRISON, M. F. (1960–67) obtained his M.A. degree in Classics (Grade 'A' pass) at the University of Western Ontario in May.

MORTON, D. (1960–67) has just returned from a year at Lenin-grad University, which to him must be the one spot on the globe where there are no other Old Wycombiensians. BARRATT, A. (1959–66) is, however, going to Moscow University in September to do some research for his Ph.D. thesis on the literary movement associated with Maxim Gorky.

OWEN, S. J. (1961–67) has been awarded the degree of LL.B. at Bristol University. His friends will not be surprised to read that he has gained employment as one of H.M. Inspectors of Taxes. It is through Simon Owen's interest in becoming a member of the Public Schools' Club, 100 Piccadilly, that the School has sought affiliation to this Club.

PATTINSON, I. R. H. (1962–69) has been elected Secretary of the Cambridge University Golf Club. He got through two rounds of the English Amateur Championship in July. His brother, PATTINSON, M. R. (1953–60) gained further success with his Rugby School Rifle Team at Bisley. This year they were 3rd in the Ashburton Trophy.

RAY, G. W. (1917–23), Chairman of the Old Boys' Club for the last two years, has been elected a Foundation Governor of the School. He is proud of this honour.

SLADE, J. T. G. (1943–51) dropped in at School in July while on a research visit to this country. After opting for Science in the 6th, he left the R.G.S. and reverted to Modern Languages. Here he was very successful, he became an interpreter in Southern Germany and later studied French at Rennes University. He then defected to industry and commerce and spent several profitable years in Zurich, Duisburg and Ludwigshafen. An appointment as lecturer at Mannheim College of Economics ceased just as the College became a University. Under the shelter of numerous pseudonyms he has written many articles in several languages and published books on specialised contemporary history topics. This probably helped him to the membership of a few learned societies and to his new job, starting in October 1971, as lecturer at the Ruhr University in Bochum.

SMITH, J. R. (1939–45), D. (1942–47), A. J. (1945–50). When their father Mr. 'Joe' Smith retired as Head Gardener at Wycombe Abbey he had to give up his house there. He was agreeably surprised when his sons presented him and Mrs. Smith with a house. Old Boys might like to note this.

SMITH, G. P. (1961–68) has just completed his second year at Durham where he is studying law. Durham is a beautiful city especially in the summer and even the examinations couldn't spoil it. In the summer holidays he will join the flourishing Old Boys' Club working at Wycombe Hospital as porters.

SOMERS, P. R. (1963–69) has different ideas of Romantic Heidelberg from most of us. He went there from Exeter University where he is studying German and could find no accommodation at first. The police allowed him to sleep with others under a bridge and promised they would not send them on!

STEVENS, R. J. (1959–67), son of Harold STEVENS (1927–31) was married on May 1st, 1971, to Miss Carolyn Gomm, daughter of Roland GOMM (1932–38). Richard Stevens is now a computer programmer with Messrs. E. Gomme Ltd. He has not followed in his father's business—C. Stevens and Sons Ltd., who have been butchers and bacon curers at Prestwood and High Wycombe since 1824.

TERRY, J. H. (1938–42). The Hon. Sec. got the wrong Terry brother in the last edition of the Notes. J. H., not R. C., has been appointed as National Westminster manager at the Highway Branch, Beaconsfield. He has settled in and is treasurer of the Beaconsfield Society and of the local branch of the R.S.P.C.A.



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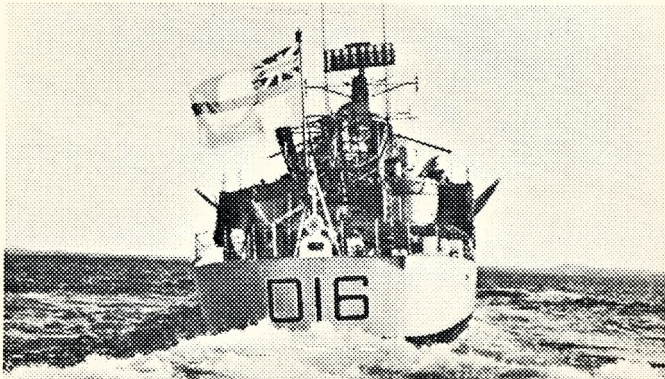
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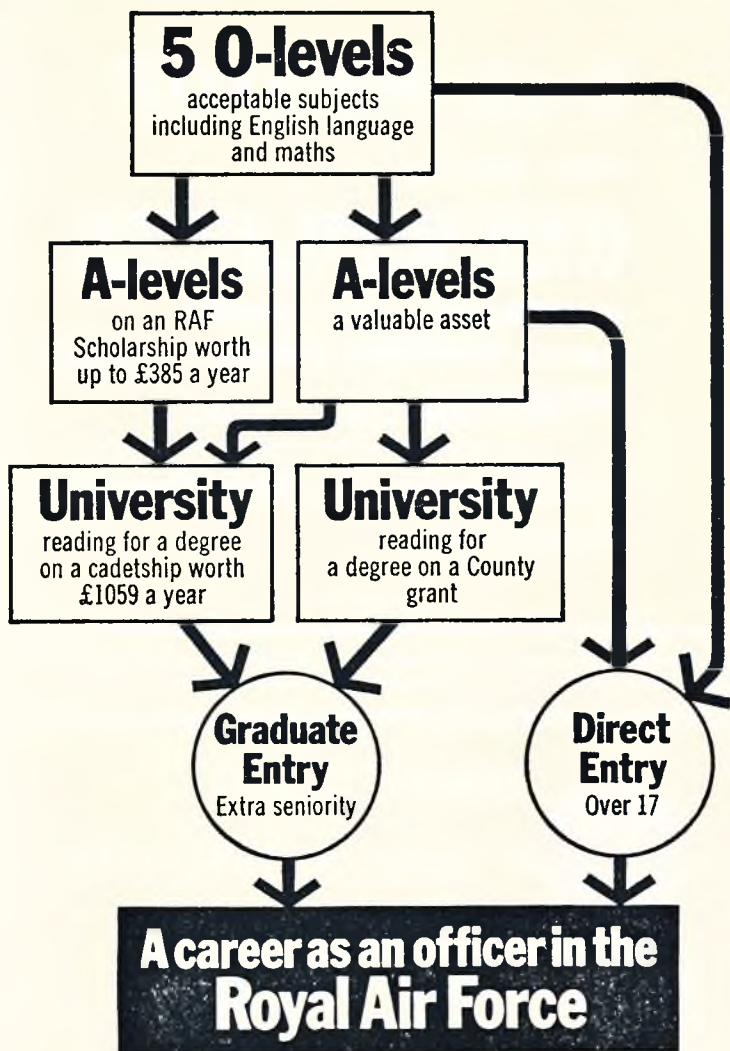
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