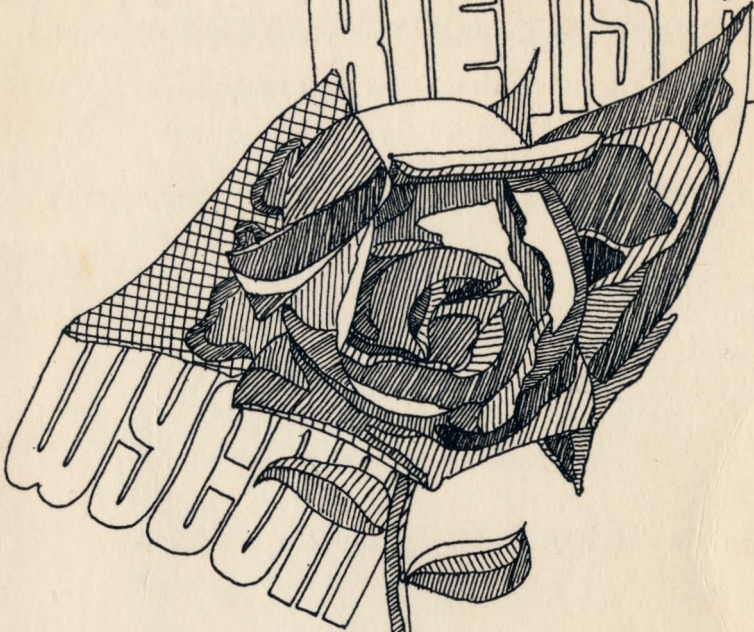


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R. M. Mawhinney (Cox)*

# THE WYCOMBIENSIAN

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



This Editorial comes to you from deep space where lonely trees grow. No one knows why no one reads these. So the time has come to begin a count-down that will launch you on a mystery tour through the land of Aardvarks rushing between the falling leaves of trees. Hand in hand with the Pied-Piper you can finger Lol's flute to your heart's content. Plucking the fruits of space-station R.G.S. High Wycombe on the top of Amersham Hill, we know the eyes glare and don't care, so. Under the trees where plastic Gnomes write poems, we have danced gaily, except Doff who's no fairy. Amongst poisonous toadstools and other nasty disfigurements to this extra-stellar paradise, we have discovered a few rare gems like drops of dew hanging on the grass. All these we have gathered together for your delight: creamy Aardvarks, chewy Giraffes, nutty presidential candidates and the SPORTS REPORTS. What more could you ask for? Thank you, contributors and all those creative individuals who elaborated on the notice outside the COMMON room; Fanny is fine, thank-you, and Lindsey Patterson's toes are as well as can be expected.

THE EDITORS.

## SCHOOL NOTES

The Summer Term has been, as usual, eventful. G.C.E. examinations are now over, and the examiners' judgements are published in this magazine.

On a more pleasant note, school music has continued to flourish, with a concert in the Purcell Room, a summer concert in school,

and a projected concert in St. John's, Smith Square, in the autumn.

Sports Day was held in, for this summer, typically cold conditions which did not prevent the breaking of several records. The sporting highlight of the term—the Staff v. 1st XI cricket match—was held in idyllically warm conditions, and resulted in an exciting draw.

Mrs. M. E. Young replaces Mr. G. F. K. Fizia as a Governor, and Mr. MacA. Bexan has withdrawn through ill-health.

Among the Staff, the term has been overshadowed by absences: Mr. Leighton-Jones and Mr. Oldring have now returned from hospital; Rev. J. Skipp is now making a recovery from his operation; Mr. Hills has been away all summer term and is due to enter hospital in August. The Bursar also has been admitted to hospital. We wish them all well in the future.

Four members of Staff are leaving: Mr. Steele is going to Trinity School, Croydon; Mr. Ward is to be Head of Science at Comberton Village College, Cambridgeshire; Mr. Palmer to be second in the Chemistry department at Poole Grammar School; and Mr. Holt to be Head of Classics at Kirk Balk Comprehensive School, Barnsley. They will be missed by the school in general, and Mr. Holt also by the boarders at Uplyme, where he has been House Tutor.

In their place we welcome Mr. R. M. Page, B.Sc. (London), to teach Maths; Mr. C. P. Smaje, B.Ed., to teach Physics and take charge of the R.A.F. section of the C.C.F.; R. W. Fair, B.A., Ph.D. (Cantab), at present I.C.I. research fellow at Essex university and Mr. R. C. Dorrance, B.Sc. (East Anglia) to teach Chemistry; and Mr. I. J. Wilson, B.A. (Leicester) to teach Classics.

Speech Day was held on July 14th; the Mayor, Councillor Barber, the father of one of the VIth form, was present, and also the M.P. for Wycombe. The Guest Speaker was Professor J. Ferguson of the Open University who gave an entertaining and thought-provoking address.

Alderman Clarke announced that the Governors had made public their opinion that the R.G.S. should remain a selective school, and the Headmaster pursued this theme as part of his report. Alderman Clarke also said that this was his last Speech Day as Chairman of the Governors.

The school Tuck Shop has been rebuilt in sturdy brick and slate by Mr. J. C. Hills and blends in well with the earlier school buildings.

Finally, if any member of the school or the public has been mystified by the sight of various staff, boys and librarians being filmed doing silly things around the pool, tennis courts and elsewhere, the staff revue at the end of term will reveal ALL.



## SPEECH DAY

The sun, as usual, was beating down—not exactly in time with the CCF's impersonation of a massed band, but then that wasn't in time with itself. Their subtle satire on in-step marching was most entertaining.

The chair at the 410th anniversary was taken by Alderman Clarke. It was the Alderman's swansong as chairman, but his merry introduction was proof of his high spirits. The Headmaster then read his traditional speech and informed us that girls from Lady Verney H.S. had been playing with our boys, and warned us that it may also be his 'academic régime's' swansong. In fact, everyone, except the principal speaker, seemed preoccupied with the advance of comprehensive schooling in the county, and the Headmaster reluctantly gave statistics to prove the academic success of this school, and finally quoted from the Bible to support tripartite education.

The prizes which were piled high on the table like the second-hand bookstall at a jumble sale were speedily and efficiently disposed of to the happy recipients.

At last the principal speaker, Professor J. Ferguson, M.A., B.D., F.I.A.L., of the Open University started his speech. If he had not 'made it' as an academic, he would certainly have done so as a stand up comic. You see there was this Dean and Director of Studies in Arts and he never won no neatness prize, see, so he admires people who are neat don't he? There then followed a quick-fire selection of anecdotes and jokes and Prof. Ferguson's speech ended with a plea for us to involve ourselves in the world's problems, and help solve them through adapting our learning.

The speeches finished with a vote of thanks which included another statement of support for this school in its existing form.

The exhibitions, I thought, were of a higher standard than last year. The most impressive being the Stage Exhibition which had a certain atmosphere (a Spanish restaurant?) and the latest Test score. By the way have you heard the one about the gibbon in a fur coat . . . ?

F.G.

## SPECIAL PRIZES

- HEADMASTER'S PRIZE: J. W. R. Walne.
- GOVERNORS' READING PRIZE (Presented by Ald. R. P. Clarke):  
K. D. Ray.
- 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): M. W. D. Oldnall.
- HARTE CUP FOR BEST R.A.F./C.C.F. CADET (Presented by Wing  
Commander C. S. W. Harte): E. P. Gibson.
- GILES KEEN MEMORIAL CUP FOR BEST NAVAL CADET (Presented  
by Mr. & Mrs. Keen): J. E. Martindale.
- FULL-BORE SHOOTING TROPHY: D. J. Harvey.
- P. J. CUTLER SOCIAL PROJECT PRIZE: M. S. Bruffell and M. E.  
Barrett.
- SOCIAL SERVICE PRIZE: D. F. Steele.
- ART SHIELD (Presented by A. Hastings Esq.): J. M. Flint.
- HOPE CUP (Presented by Mr. & Mrs. Hope): T. J. Barnett.
- THORNE PRIZE FOR ENGLISH (Presented by Mrs. A. M. Bayley):  
S. M. Dawson.
- WESTNEY PRIZE FOR MUSIC (Presented by The Rev. Michael  
Westney): S. M. Gay.
- FLETCHER PRIZE FOR GREEK PROSE COMPETITION (Presented by  
C. T. Fletcher Esq.): J. W. R. Walne.
- STANLEY MALE PRIZE FOR LATIN: S. Amin, C. C. Burnham and  
K. Tanner.
- SEARLE PRIZE FOR BIOLOGY (Presented by G. D. Searle & Co.  
Ltd.): M. F. Bedingham.
- SEARLE PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY (Presented by G. D. Searle & Co.  
Ltd.): S. G. Waight.
- BURSAR'S PRIZE FOR SCIENCE (Presented by A. A. Lister Esq.):  
J. C. Barton, P. J. Savage and A. J. Tyler.
- PHILATELY CUP (Presented by Lt.-Col. S. E. Hands): D. J.  
Sheridan.
- J. C. R. DAVIES PRIZE FOR HISTORY: J. W. M. Chadwick.
- LANCE MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR PERSISTENT PROGRESS (Presented by  
Bernard F. Lance): 1st year, C. J. McDermott.
- WORLD STUDIES PRIZE: R. M. Laurie.

## FORM PRIZES

### FORM 1A:

- 1st A. R. D. Curtis
- 2nd N. Featonby

### FORM 1B:

- 1st T. J. K. Griffiths
- 2nd I. R. Gibbons
- D. S. Heal
- M. R. Jolly

### FORM 1C:

- 1st R. J. Ball
- 2nd P. J. Maynard

### FORM 1D:

- 1st C. A. Ward
- 2nd R. C. Standing

### FORM 1E:

- 1st J. P. Young
- 2nd H. K. Mann

### FORM 2X:

- 1st N. W. Thomas
- 2nd P. G. Ludgate
- 3rd J. G. Keedle

### FORM 2Y:

- 1st R. M. Orr
- 2nd J. Hoy
- 3rd A. J. Tyler

### FORM 2A:

- 1st P. T. Howe
- 2nd R. F. Heath

### FORM 2S:

- 1st P. R. Hester
- 2nd R. J. Glenister

### FORM 2T:

- 1st M. G. Owen
- 2nd S. R. Tribe

### FORM 3X:

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

### FORM 3Y:

- 1st A. R. Berendt
- 2nd P. Hunt
- 3rd P. P. Lidgley

### FORM 3A:

- 1st J. M. Preece
- 2nd M. J. C. Paton

### FORM 3S:

- 1st M. Dixon
- 2nd M. Fisher

### FORM 3T:

- 1st M. E. J. Sinden
- 2nd D. R. Peach

### FORM 4X:

- 1st R. P. Madelin
- 2nd C. R. Pendrill
- 3rd P. J. Hoddinott

### FORM 4Y:

- 1st D. G. Walbridge
- 2nd C. M. White
- 3rd S. A. Hopkins

### FORM 4A:

- 1st H. I. G. Hare
- 2nd I. C. Walker

### FORM 4S:

- 1st D. K. Green
- 2nd S. E. Britnell

### FORM 4T:

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

### FORM 5X:

- 1st C. C. Burnham
- 2nd K. Tanner
- 3rd I. C. Vale

### FORM 5Y:

- 1st S. M. Gay
- 2nd S. Amin
- 3rd G. E. Hirst

### FORM 5A:

- 1st I. P. Walker
- 2nd { P. N. Watson  
I. D. Leigh

### FORM 5S:

- 1st J. H. Jones
- 2nd S. P. Andrews
- 3rd M. G. Tordoff

### FORM 5T:

- 1st D. C. Simpson
- 2nd W. J. Hawken
- 3rd I. Saunders

FORM 6—1ST YEAR:

Classics:

Greek R. M. Kramek  
Latin M. N. Adam

Modern Languages

D. J. Peatey  
French M. R. Phipps  
German I. P. Ferguson  
English J. M. Flint  
T. Hardy  
History S. C. Winter  
Geography M. F. Bedingham  
Science & Mathematics

M. T. Adger  
N. J. Davy  
M. E. Rackstraw  
I. G. Shearer  
Economics P. J. Burnham  
K. Douthwaite  
Biology S. Pajovic  
P. J. Shaw  
J. A. Spencer

FORM 6—2ND AND 3RD YEARS

Classics:

Latin K. J. Dean  
Greek A. D. Whittle

Modern Languages

S. M. Dawson  
French & Russian  
R. C. S. Newton  
German B. A. Cowan  
English H. G. L. Russell  
History A. G. Cowin  
S. D. J. Green  
R. M. Mawhinney

Economics, Science & Maths  
P. M. Stevenson

Geography M. J. Weston  
Science & Mathematics  
A. J. W. Dicker  
D. M. Edwards  
R. C. Lacey  
M. W. D. Oldnall  
A. P. Paine  
Botany J. A. Sunley  
Zoology R. E. Nicol  
Biology M. C. Smith  
Music D. N. Lord

SPEECH PRIZES:

6th Form D. A. Lowe  
5th Form J. H. Jones  
4th Form P. H. Ross  
3rd Form A. R. Berendt  
2nd Form M. D. Avery  
1st Form C. C. Tite

NEATNESS PRIZES:

5th Form J. Brooks  
4th Form M. J. Bradshaw  
3rd Form C. J. L. Hellier  
2nd Form A. J. Crook  
1st Form A. W. F. Trzeciak

OPEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

C. J. E. Bell  
J. W. Burrows  
I. Cole  
S. R. Crisp  
C. J. Head  
C. R. Rollason  
D. S. O. Tinn

## OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATIONS

### ADVANCED LEVEL RESULTS, 1972

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

J. W. R. Walne—Ancient History, Economics; R. S. Lloyd—Greek, Latin, *French*; D. J. Sheridan—Greek, Latin, *French*; A. D. Whittle—Greek, Latin, Ancient History; P. J. Coltman—French, Russian, History; P. J. Howland—History, British Constitution, Geography; A. G. Miller—French, Geography; P. M. Simpson—History, Economics; J. L. Vernon—History, *British Constitution*; J. G. Cawley—History, Economics; E. H. L. Chapman—History, Economics; B. A. Cowan—German, Economics, Mathematics; J. Hutchison—History, Economics, Mathematics; M. J. Lee—History, British Constitution, Economics; D. A. Lowe—English Literature\*, German, Economics; G. J. Pearce—*History*, Economics, *Geography*; M. A. Pope—German, *Economics*; M. J. Reed—History, Economics, Mathematics; G. C. Ross—History, Economics; L. P. Sale—German, Economics; M. Solomon—English Literature, History, *Economics*; C. R. Tankard—History, British Constitution, Economics; K. A. Weston—History, British Constitution, Economics; J. N. Blake—English Literature, *Economics*, Geography; D. J. Bright—Geography; P. R. Coe—History, Economics, Geography; S. D. J. Green—English Literature, History, *Geography*; W. A. Joss—English Literature, French, Geography; G. P. Lunnon—History, Economics, Geography\*; R. M. Raja—*Urdu*, Economics, Geography; K. D. Ray—English Literature; S. C. Roberts—Economics, Geography, Mathematics; N. A. E. Rose—Economics, Geography; K. A. Saunders—Economics, Geography; A. G. Stubbs—English Literature, Economics, Geography; P. F. Treacher—English Literature, History, Geography; M. J. Weston—Economics, *Geography*; P. M. Copping—*English Literature*, History, Economics; A. G. Cowin—*English Literature*, History, Economics; K. J. Dean—*English Literature*, Latin, History; C. Goff—English Literature, History, Economics; J. W. Lewis—English Literature, History, Economics; D. N. Lord—English Literature, *Music*; R. M. Mawhinney—English Literature, French\*, History; N. R. Monaghan—English Literature, History\*, Economics; H. G. L. Russell—*English Literature*, Latin, History\*; R. S. Shearer—Economics, Mathematics; N. J. Sherriff—History, Economics, Geography; D. C. Abbott—English Literature, French, History; N. M. Cliff—French, History; M. C. Coe—French, German; J. F. Crowley—English Literature, French, Russian; S. M. Dawson—*English Literature*, *French*, *German*\*; P. A. Logan—English Literature\*, Latin, *French*; R. S. Lord—French, German, Mathe-

matics; D. P. Martin—English Literature, French; R. C. S. Newton—*English Literature, French, Russian*; P. A. Pettit—English Literature, French, History; M. L. Rutt—French, History; S. N. Wright—French, History; J. S. Adam—*British Constitution, Economics*; P. Hills—Chemistry, Biology; R. King—Mathematics, Biology; J. Lowe—Botany, *Zoology, Physical Science*; R. A. Moore—Physics, *Biology*; J. M. Powell—Physics, Chemistry, Biology; S. R. Thompson—Botany, Zoology, Physical Science; T. J. Allen—Geography, Biology, Physical Science; B. W. Angell—Geography, Chemistry, Biology; C. V. Beale—Physics, Chemistry, *Biology*; N. M. Clark—Physics, Chemistry, Biology; D. Costello—Physics, *Chemistry, Biology*; C. L. Froude—Mathematics, *Biology, Physical Science*; R. Martin—Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology; R. E. Nicol—*Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology*; S. Plumridge—Physics, *Chemistry, Biology*; P. A. Sadler—Geography, Chemistry; M. C. Smith—*Mathematics, Biology, Physical Science*; D. F. Steele—Geography, Biology, Physical Science; M. L. Strange—Mathematics, Biology, Physical Science; J. A. Sunley—*Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology*; A. P. G. Walker—*Mathematics, Botany, Zoology, Physical Science*; B. M. Warren—Chemistry, Biology; W. H. Barksfield—Physics, Computer Science; K. N. Beare—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; W. P. Cannell—*Mathematics\**, Further Mathematics, *Physics\**, *Chemistry*; A. J. W. Dicker—*Mathematics\**; *Further Mathematics\**, *Physics*, Chemistry; E. T. H. Evans—*Mathematics*, Further Mathematics, *Physics, Chemistry*; E. P. Gibson—*Mathematics\**, Further Mathematics, *Physics, Chemistry\**; F. D. Glenister—*Mathematics\**, Further Mathematics, *Physics, Chemistry\**; R. T. Hammond—Economics, *Mathematics, Physics*; S. E. Hearnshaw—Mathematics, Further Mathematics, *Physics*; S. R. Jenkins—Mathematics, *Physics*; G. Lacey—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; R. C. Lacey—*Mathematics\**, *Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry\**; G. D. Long—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; G. D. Morris—Mathematics, *Physics, Chemistry*; C. Noble—German, Computer Science; M. W. D. Oldnall—Mathematics, *Physics, Chemistry\**; A. P. Paine—*Mathematics, Physics\**, *Chemistry*; J. Pepper—Mathematics, *Physics, Chemistry*; A. G. Smith—Physics, Chemistry; M. S. Spencer—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; H. Stevens—Mathematics, *Physics, Chemistry*; R. J. Stoker—Mathematics, Chemistry; D. M. Tappin—Mathematics, *Physics, Chemistry*; P. F. Thomas—*Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science*; M. C. Tiffany—Mathematics; M. T. White—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; M. J. Wild—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry\**, *Computer Science*; R. J. Wilson—Mathematics; R. V. Allnutt—Mathematics, *Physics, Chemistry*; J. E. Benyon—Mathematics, *Physics, Computer Science*; M. J. Birch—Mathematics, *Physics, Chemistry*; B. C. Chamberlain—Mathe-

matics, Physics, Computer Science; A. J. Chettle—Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science; C. P. Edwards—Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science; D. M. Edwards—*Mathematics, Physics\**, *Chemistry\**; L. Gerveshi—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; C. M. E. Gregory—Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science; R. M. Harrison—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; B. W. Hill—Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science; G. Holland—English Literature; C. M. Innes—Geography, Mathematics, Physics; A. G. Jones—Economics, Mathematics, Physical Science; M. I. Jones—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; R. H. Key—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; K. M. Knowles—*Mathematics, Physics\**, Chemistry; M. A. E. Massey—Mathematics, Physical Science, Computer Science; V. J. Osborne—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; J. F. A. Renton—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; A. Rosier—Chemistry; M. Saunders—Geography, Mathematics; P. A. Stanley—Physics, Computer Science; P. M. Stevenson—*Economics\**, *Mathematics, Physical Science\**, *Computer Science*; J. J. Szwerc, Computer Science; J. E. Underwood—*Mathematics, Physics\**, *Chemistry\**; D. I. Wicks—Mathematics, Physics, *Computer Science*.

### ORDINARY LEVEL RESULTS, 1972

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

N. J. Berendt (9); J. Berth-Jones (8); K. R. Bolding (8); J. G. Buchanan (7); C. C. Burnham (9); J. W. M. Chadwick (8); N. G. Channon (8); T. W. Digby (8); S. A. Edwards (8); P. J. Flint (9); M. N. Hedges (7); G. H. Hunt (6); N. D. E. Jones (8); B. P. Leeser (7); K. A. R. Liebscher (9); R. P. Lockwood (9); F. P. Massey (6); F. W. Pearson (5); W. M. R. Ramsay (7); M. N. P. Rogers (9); T. J. Ross (7); M. G. Rust (8); N. M. C. Smith (7); D. J. Stevens (7); D. C. Stewart (9); K. Tanner (9); W. A. Trendell (9); I. C. Vale (8); M. J. Waring (8); M. I. A. Watson (7); P. J. Wilkinson (6); N. C. Young (7); S. Amin (9); D. A. Barnes (7); S. Bird (10); P. A. Cockett (10); R. B. Dapling (9); S. M. Gay (9); J. Glenister (9); M. E. R. Hardy (10); F. G. Harrison (9); G. E. Hirst (10); R. E. Holliman (8); P. J. Hollingsworth (9); S. P. Hopkins (9); R. M. Laurie (8); N. W. Lewis (7); A. J. Longworth (10); F. D. MacDonald (9); J. P. Newell (9); L. J. O'Callaghan (10); J. N. Pearce (8); P. I. Poskett (10); R. A. Quiney (10); N. H. Roe (9); K. Rogers (7); J. D. Savage (8); P. D. Sudworth (7); M. J. Vaughan (8); S. J. E. Walker (6); P. Whitcombe (8); P. C. Whitelock (7); D. F. Willmot (5); P. G. Wills (8); J. B. Amos (9); M. A. Aston (5); J. Brooks (9); D. R. Bunn (9); A. B. Corser (9); M. S. Edwards (7); R. K. Garnett (6); P. Harris (8); S. S. G. Hyams (6); A. P. Jones (6); P. G. Knipe (7); I. D. Leigh (10); N. C. E. Lloyd (7); P. McGushin (7); R. A. Mansfield (8);

N. J. Oakey (8); P. B. Oxbrow (5); M. A. Page (7); L. J. Prentice (8); G. M. Solomons (6); I. P. Walker (9); P. N. Watson (9); D. I. Wheeler (7); C. G. Whyte (5); M. I. Wilkin (6); D. P. Worley (6); C. A. Wylot (7); S. A. Yaghmourian (10); M. T. Ziolkowski (5); M. W. Abbott (7); S. P. Andrews (10); M. E. P. Atkins (6); B. A. Backhouse (6); T. J. Barnett (5); P. C. Bergson (6); R. A. Butler (5); S. G. Clark (6); T. Dowdeswell (9); P. M. Dunn (5); R. D. Harry (7); J. H. Jones (9); S. P. Murphy (5); I. K. Stewart (7); M. G. Tordoff (9); J. F. Woodley (7); A. C. Blaicklock (7); H. Catherall (8); W. J. Hawken (9); I. M. Holt (7); P. J. Howe (6); S. C. Latimer (7); G. E. Lilley (8); S. P. Munday (9); M. K. Parker (5); R. Peake (9); I. A. Price (5); G. C. Prior (8); S. J. Rayner (7); I. Saunders (10); P. A. Shelley (6); D. C. Simpson (9); A. Smith (6); B. J. Strevens (9); D. R. V. Thomas (8); G. N. Townsend (7); K. M. Waller (9); P. F. Wankling (8); T. R. Wanstall (8); J. Wright (8); J. G. Richardson (5); N. P. Twitchen (5).

### UNIVERSITY PLACES: TWO SEPTENNIA

In 1962 there appeared as 'Appendix C' on page 116 of the School's quarter-centenary history a table showing the awards and places won by boys at Universities during the seven years from 1954/55 to 1960/61. This material is reprinted here (as Table A) but without the columns showing county awards and state scholarships (no longer relevant) and without the footnotes. To contrast with it, is presented a corresponding table (Table B) of university places won during the last seven years, 1964/65 to 1970/71.

The source of information for both tables has been the *Wycombiensian*; but absolute accuracy and correctness is not claimed. Records are a parergon of people employed by the L.E.A. to do other work at this school; but they were prepared with care. The information in the new table kindly has been abstracted for me from the magazines by boys in the Classical Sixth. Some changes of status during the period among Universities, Polytechnics, Colleges of Technology and other institutes of Higher Education, have introduced another small element of doubtful accuracy into the information.

C.M.H.

**Table A University places in 1954/55-1960/61  
(awards in brackets)**

Oxford	17 (5)	University of Wales	2
Cambridge	63 (26)	Hull	2
London	81 (1)	North Staffs	2
Leeds	48 (2)	Nottingham	3 (1)
Leicester	10	Birmingham	2 (1)
Bristol	7 (1)	Exeter	1
Reading	6	Southampton	1
Manchester	5	St. Andrew's	1
Durham	2	Sussex	1
Total	257 (34)		



**Table B University places in 1964/65–1970/71  
(awards in brackets)**

Oxford	44 (25)	Bradford	5
Cambridge	60 (27)	Kent	4
London	58 (2)	Liverpool	4
Leeds	35	St. Andrew's	4 (1)
Birmingham	20	Warwick	4
Manchester	19	Aberdeen	3
Nottingham	18	Aberystwyth	3
Newcastle	17	Bangor	3
Exeter	15	Bath	3
Bristol	13	Brunel	3
Sheffield	12	Dundee	3
Lancaster	9	Sussex	3
Southampton	8	Swansea	3
Durham	7	Aston	3
East Anglia	7	Salford	3
Essex	7	UMIST	3
Hull	7	City	2
Leicester	6 (1)	*University of Wales	2
Cardiff	6	Edinburgh	1
Keele	5	Lampeter	1
Loughborough	5	Strathclyde	1
Reading	5	Surrey	1
York	5		
	Total	449 (56)	

\* No further identification.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM AND INDIVIDUALITY

All individuality is wiped out at one monstrous stroke. On entering Grammar or High School, children are issued with a formidable list of what to wear. The budding 11-year-old individualist is press-ganged into clothing tailored to blot out his personality, turning him into a nobody with embroidered badge, even the colours of scarves or socks are specified by some authority.

It is indeed a pathetic sight to see England's budding individualists and future leaders tumble out of classrooms all dressed the same way (an omen perhaps—Marylebone Station, 8.30 a.m.?). Someone once compared this to a bed of flowers being dug up and turnips planted in their stead. Many defend this suppression of individualism in the name of democracy and fair play. The uniformity of exterior is supposed to disguise the natural inequalities between rich and poor. But this hardly applies now—standard of living better etc. If it does cover these so-called inequalities, it only serves to postpone the discriminations till later life. We all hear the stories about smart exteriors etc. keeping up the standard of the school. But really, is tradition as fundamentally important as education?

Q. WALLACE.

## GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP 1972

### A Postscript

'The worst summer for thirty years', chortled our Head of Geography as we peered through the drizzle at the school cricket square. Ruminating damply on this humorous aside, I cast my mind back to perhaps the most sodden of all weeks, carefully noted in my diary as 'Geography Field Trip, N.B. boots, vocab book, sense of humour'. A. K. C. Wood has written cogently enough (for one who belongs to the 1st XV) of some of the exploits, although I recall his memory of the evenings was somewhat hazy: it *is* difficult to keep up with Mr. Gill in full swing; but there are omissions which should be rectified!

Aberystwyth itself sported few amenities—one Bingo Hall, several coffee shops (they all *seemed* to remember 'Cook the Book' with nostalgia), a castle-cum-graveyard, but no Marks and Spencers. Unfortunately the day I elected to wander round it (Borth *was* wet!) everywhere was closed. Urban geography was reduced to a gruelling climb up to see The University (spawning ground of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.C., and D.R.C. to name but one), and back in ever decreasing concentric zones to the table-tennis table. I did note that Mr. Cook's ex-digs were situated in a zone of urban blight.

My other urban study encompassed Dolgellau in all its glory: its main factory made covers for lavatory seats and floors, and its main bookshop provided us with good 'crib' notes for G.C.E.—apart from that another drenched outing, but one must not slate the area because of that. Rain-soaked days were usually disastrous for the majority of us, for the large hot-air cupboard always revealed a veritable scarp-slope of Mr. Samway's accoutrements, yellow and black designs on all his garments. His daily excursions along the Borth spit in search of sunken forests, cusps, and Sally Cornia on the salt marsh, invariably resulted in sunken features, sprained groynes, human erosion, and mild attacks of pneumonia—is this 'inversion of relief'? Mr. 'captured rivers' Moffatt, and Mr. 'come on lads' Gill's daily trekkings remained mysteries to me—flood plains being plain enough to me from a distance, and P.H. work not suited to my disposition.

However, the week was enjoyable, acting as a (slightly truncated) spur to galvanize the History stalwarts into action one day: only we'll probably end up in Hughenden.

K.A.H.

### SPORTS DAY 1972

Sports Day had come again. There was, however, one major change from previous years—it wasn't raining, not yet anyway.

At 2.00 p.m. prompt the starting pistol (cannon?) signified the start of the 78th School Sports. With ears ringing the 100 metres

dash for colts was on. One lad was so shocked by the blast of the starting pistol, ably fired by a white-coated Mr. Pattinson, that he went sprawling headlong amidst riotous laughter.

With the usual field events taking place at the same time as the track events, there should have been enough to keep everyone occupied. However the inevitable dwindling of the crowd and various ball games took place.

'Bruce' Brothers (Arnison and Australia) was clear favourite to take the tape in the 100 metres open. He didn't disappoint his 'fans', and won by about 5 metres.

The tannoy system expired amongst crackles and whistles and Mr. File's high-pitched tones. Members of the Stage Lighting team worked like demons to repair it but it never functioned properly again.

A previously mentioned Aussie won the 200 and 400 metres 'open' as expected. A. J. Hotchkiss won his events easily—another notable performance.

The crowds drifted into the Queen's Hall at 3.45 p.m. to witness the prize-giving. The various winners went to collect their cups and had the honour of shaking hands with the Mayoress.

All credit must go to the organisers, Mr. Learmonth in particular, for a good couple of hours' entertainment.

RODNEY BARBER.

## W.A.G. REPORT '72

Wycombe Action Group this year has been somewhat of a problem to myself and the trusty bank manager. However we have had an extremely successful year. A year that has seen us buy a new caravan and changed our site from Weymouth to Selsey, despite offers for our business from other sites around the country.

After a disastrous start to the year, i.e. no caravan, no money and the handicap of Perks, Bruffell, Jefferies, a certain Irish nanny, not to mention certain Ladies from both Lady Verney and the High School—Wendy, Karen, Liz and Janice,—the year turned out rather well.

After very nice jigs with Al Stewart, Stray, Flash, Head, Hands and Feet, and a rather chaotic (ex. David Bowie?) but superb, Jon Kelly concert, the Intrepid Treasurer soon realised that he had become rather proficient at monopoly and needed great restraint from attempting to buy Park Lane and a new Gibson (a sort of car!?).

We also held a Christmas party for the kids, had a market stall, a jumble sale, and an amazing bed push. We were given both the P. J. Cutler Prize at the R.G.S. and £100 from Wycombe Council. Yet again we wish our supporters well, and must thank Mr. Smith at the R.G.S., the long-suffering Mrs. Blyth at L.V.H.S. and

Mrs. Miller at W.H.S.! Also I hope that next year, the secretaries here will put up with us with as much patience as they have this year. Thanks also to the lovely Lindy at the Free Press, the Welfare Department, the Council and everyone who has been with us this year.

Next year we have another Jon Kelly gig (without Nigel's assistance our concerts just won't be the same; ta) in Nov. or Dec.

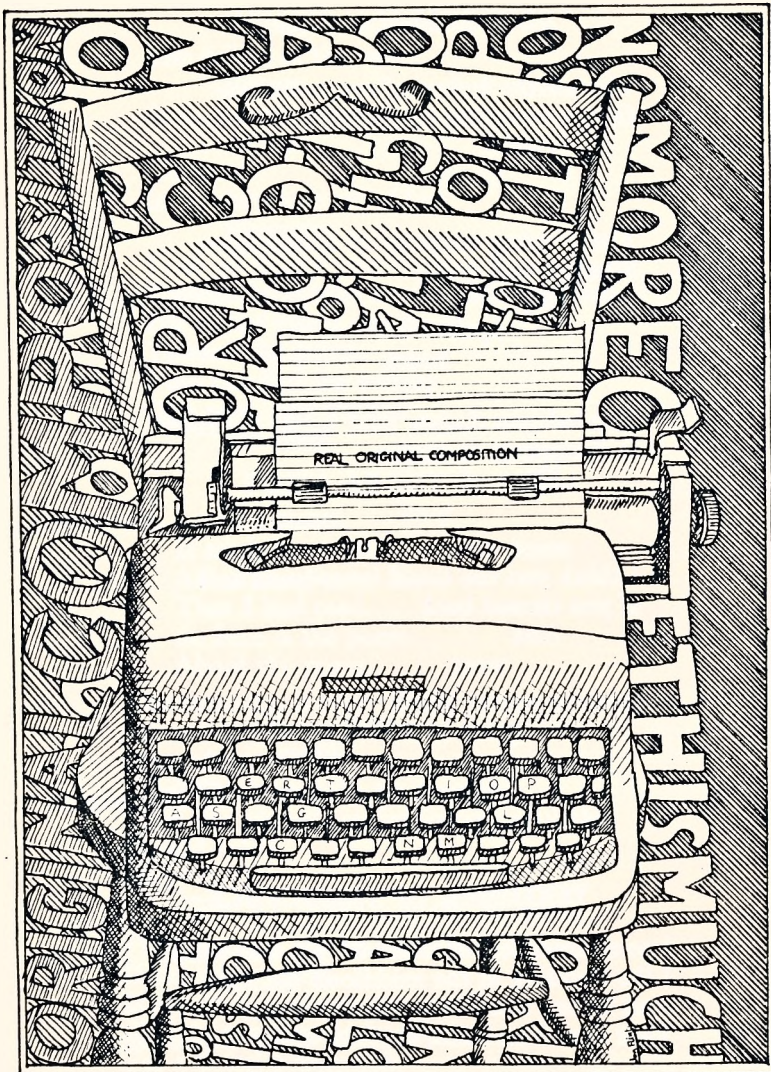
Love, BRILLO, D. R. PERKS, M. S. BRUFFELL.

## THE LIBRARY

Writing in the 'close' season, when a rather unnatural lull descends on the two Libraries, it is difficult to realise just how much work has been put in week by week during the rest of the year. Every Thursday long lists of overdue books have to be written out, books (often recent additions) repaired, new books covered in an attempt to prolong their lives—all necessary work due to the thoughtlessness of the many. The five or so days between each check show that some boys just use the library shelves as shunting grounds—moving books all over the place. This constant sorting of books on the shelves is a monotonous job and should not be necessary.

On the bright side, we have bought many new books—e.g. the superb Caxton *Atlas of the World*, *The Doomsday Book*, Arthur Hailey's *Wheels* (even before the rave reviews!), a beautifully produced 20-volume set of *The International Wildlife Encyclopaedia*—and many new Jackdaws and paperbacks. The lunch hour rule of silence seems to be appreciated by the majority, who now have a haven of quiet in which to work and read. The display boards have shown a variety of interesting topics throughout the year (especially good was Mr. Cooper's fortnight on Roman topics). Due to our practice of covering books with transparent Vistafoil the shelves are much brighter than before—old and out-of-date books are also weeded out from time to time. Mr. Goldthorpe's 'Book Bang' was successfully held in the Upper Library again in the Spring. Finally, of course, my sincere thanks must go to the hard-working boys who turn up (nearly!) every lunch hour and Thursday to give their time to ensure the smooth running of the Libraries. If only the rest of the school knew how much work went on behind the scenes then perhaps they *would* fill in the tickets properly, bring the books back on time, look after the books, etc. etc. . . .

K. A. HILLIER.



### J'ACCUSE

Hirohito's tree is gone,  
 Punitive autumnal bomb;  
 Tailor-made—sartorial—  
 A second purl arboreal?  
 Cue for mist and mellow season,  
 Queue if missed this yellow treason;  
 Why seize on  
     trees in  
     Kew?  
 (Nos.)

## SOUL-SADNESS

The antlike feelers of my loneliness  
Grope down the corridors  
And I  
revolve.

The groping tentacles of unhappiness  
Strangle and crush  
My  
optimistic  
heart.

The halcyon flashes blue across the river  
It disappears in circles  
Through  
soul.

I think you too could be as small as I  
If you turned back  
And  
went  
upon  
your  
knees.

H. NIGSWORTH.

## TEXTURES OF INNOCENCE

I sometimes feel in times of rain and wind,  
Like standing in the middle of the road  
And letting out a long exotic scream  
That would resound, flapping along the streets.

I recall once, moving across a square,  
In Baker Street, or thereabouts, it was,  
Seeing an old man, long grey-bearded face,  
Dressed in a sackcloth coat of little worth,  
Throw back his head and yodel to the roofs.  
Nobody paused, or looked, or even turned,  
But passed along, unswerving and alone.

The sight of that old man, crying aloud,  
Brought tears into my long unsweetened eyes.  
But I was younger then.

THE PIED PIPER.

## WINTER RENAISSANCE

The pillars of the rain  
Return,  
And, glaring, gnash their teeth  
At me.

Clashing  
In tombstone rows of lost  
Remorse.

I can no longer float on blue horizons,  
Twisted in mental unrest past the dawn.  
For as the year's end hauls  
Towards its grave,  
I too can feel the ecstasy  
Of a new, rain-soaked  
Re-birth.

### A POEM ABOUT A POEM

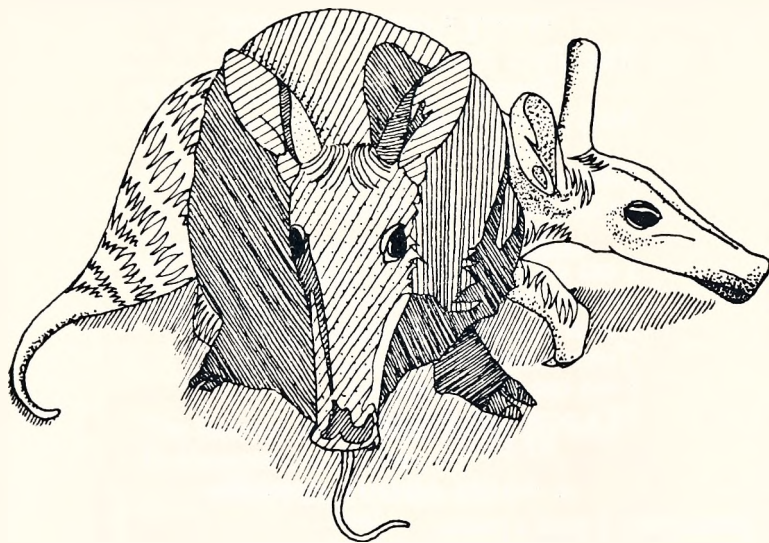
(PROLOGUE: I read a poem.

It made me want to write a poem  
About the poem  
That I had read.  
So here is the poem  
About the poem.)

Theoretically, if every living person or thing  
Ate another living person or thing  
Every day,  
(Which they do, on average)  
Then our planet's entire living population  
Should halve  
Every day.  
(Which it doesn't, as can be seen).

From there, I worked out that  
If my theory held,  
It would take about one month  
(Thirty-two days to be precise)  
For a living population  
Of one thousand million  
To dwindle to one.  
I sat and pondered.  
Would it be true to say that the lone survivor  
In his great greed  
Had eaten  
Nine hundred and ninety-nine million,  
Nine hundred and ninety-nine thousand,  
Nine hundred and ninety-nine  
Birds, animals, insects and fishes  
In just thirty-two days?  
Would he have indigestion?

G. MURNANE.



### ZOOLOGICAL FUN

I wish I were an Aardvark  
Scurrying under the ground,  
Wouldn't life be a great lark  
Eating from a termites' mound.

And maybe a bit later  
You could see me at the zoo  
'Orycteropus Afer'  
Staring at Homo Sapien you.

DAVID HINTON.

### MASTERS (See page 21)

Some are big, some are small,  
Some you 'ardly see at all,  
Some are good, most are bad,  
But all you see are plainly mad.  
They have to teach us chaps.  
And that, you know, has many mishaps.  
We never pay attention,  
Don't hear a thing they mention.  
They get, a complexion.  
An' we get a DETENTION.

A. J. GULLIVER.



For your face  
I'll write  
day and night  
all my life  
for your face  
all my life  
For your smile  
I'd paint a likeness  
of you, smiling  
all your life—  
It's not so much to ask  
For you to smile  
all your life  
But then you'll ask me  
'What's the catch?'  
and I'll say 'There is no catch'  
I'll be content  
to make you smile  
and paint your likeness  
day and night  
as long as you'll pose for me  
all my life.

ANON.

To Angela Davis.  
'You're lovely  
I love you.  
Think of me  
I dream of you.'

ANON.

### PREFECTS

Some are prefects,  
All have defects.  
Things you dare not mention,  
And if you say just one of them  
They put you on detention.

A. J. GULLIVER.

## THE BATTLE

The field before  
Is lush green, bending gently in the wind  
Like a cork in a gentle sea.

The river before  
Is shining silver, creeping up the valley  
Like a snail's path.

The hay-barn before  
Ruddy brown and yellow with the freshly stored hay  
Like a maiden's golden locks.

After the battle  
The field is a muddy brown torn and broken plain  
Covered with wreckage and red bodies  
Like spilt jam.

After the battle  
The river flows blood red, flows along the same path  
Carrying decomposing carcasses  
Like paint on silver paper.

After the battle  
The hay-barn is no more, but a blackened skeleton  
Surrounded by once golden flesh  
Like a telegraph pole in freshly dug earth.

LEIGH TAYLOR.

## FIVE MILES OF GOLDEN SKIN

Beautiful Diane  
Had a deep brown sun tan  
all over  
But by November  
it was  
all over.



### 'MASTERS'

A literary appraisal by Kevin Booby

Occasionally, sifting through the dross 'norm' of *Wycombiensian* original contributions, a work of genius comes to light. 'Masters' shows just such a genius in its embryonic stages. Naturally I would not attempt to gloss over its occasional defects. Let us, for instance, note the rather abrupt additional syllable in the last line, which is a rude awakening for more mature tastes. Gulliver's use of homeoteleuton shows a refreshing regard for 'modes primitives'—rhyming couplets for the first six lines and all the last four lines rhyming, bringing the poem to a strong conclusion. Lines 1 and 3 are split into trisyllabic doubles, and are balanced by lines 2 and 4. These opening lines show Gulliver's awareness of his surroundings—they mimic the perennial C.C.F. drummer and add superb vitality. But Gulliver is not content with conventional rhythmic concepts, and shows himself to be a protagonist of the avant-garde; after a tri-spondaic trimeter (line 5) another split line of four heavy syllables in the first half, and five in the second. But the poet keeps his foot firmly on the ground by making the next couplet a perfect match. But best of all is his manipulation of the English Language

using 'complexion' for complex—metrical expediency at its best. Gulliver has captured the puerile imagination in ten lyric lines; at first it appears the work of a snivelling 11-year-old runt, but closer inspection reveals all. Gulliver is at once a traditionalist and a revolutionary. I look forward to his further works.

K.B.

### POEM I

Sometimes

You launched me  
Sky high  
With happiness

Most times

You shot me down  
With anti-aircraft guns  
Constructed of your own  
Superficiality.

ANON.

### POEM II

**'A sweeping but valid generalisation'**

Today's girl  
wears hip clothes  
buys avant garde records  
pretends to read Penguin Modern Classics  
But today's girl  
(underneath the make-up of pretence)  
is just like  
Yesterday's parents.

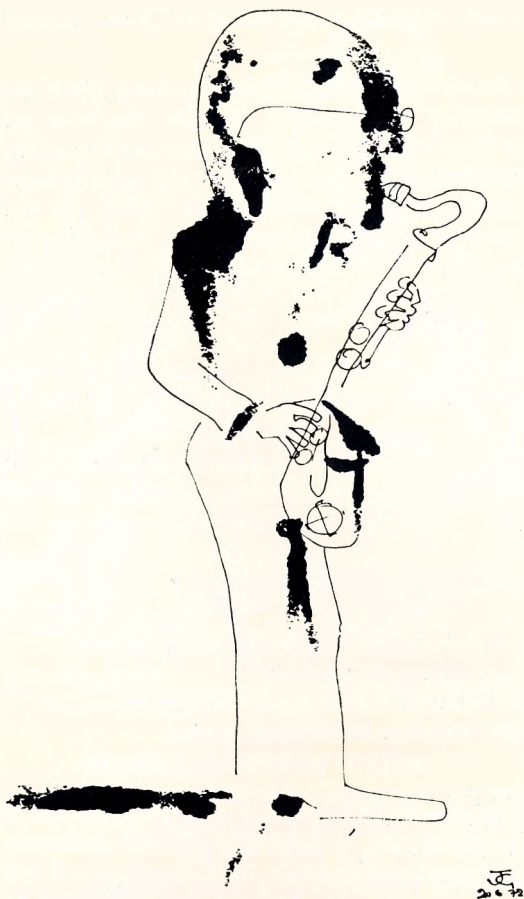
THEY

want their place on the ladder:  
Life is a full double-garage  
Life is a colour television  
Life  
is a race to the top, half-knowing  
No-one gets there.

SHE

wants a boyfriend with money  
Love is a sports car  
Love is flash clothes  
And yet  
Today's girl talks (angrily)  
Of Women's Lib.  
It is Today's girl that makes men  
Chauvinist pigs.

ANON.



## JONATHAN KELLY AND LOL COXHILL

Go into the street, ask any freak, and he will tell you: 'Charities are cool, man.' This is true. On Friday, April 28th, a concert in aid of Oxfam was held in the Queen's Hall, conceived and organised by Steve (Iron Nerves) Thompson and Paul Walker, with (very) small contributions from myself. The evening was opened by Sofa, who played a heavy-as-lead set lasting an hour. The great Mr. Lol Coxhill then took the stage amidst thunderous bewilderment from the audience, which by this time was very large. For half an hour Lol regaled them with mystifying stories and very intricate saxophone playing, achieving at one point the miracle of complete audience silence.

He was followed by Les Payne, late of 'Chameleon', who played a very good, though short, set including amongst other things his

version of 'Court of the Crimson King' and some expertly executed feedback.

Jonathan Kelly then came on stage, looking like a trendy fisherman and carrying a fortune in guitars. Rocking straight into 'Allright till then', Jonathan led the audience singing, stamping and grunting through a string of his own songs, sometimes wistful, sometimes elated, always excellent. His appeal for audience participation received enthusiastic response, including at one point a jazzy flute break from our very own soon-to-be-known Steve Latimer. Jonathan sang two encores at the end leaving the audience still gasping for more.

A clear profit of over £130 was made and duly dispatched to Oxfam. Warm thanks are extended to Fred, the caretaker.

JOHN GEORGE RICHARDSON.

### EVENING SKY

Now field's fresh breath embraces face  
And all the air is purified,  
Each downy thistle's ghost with grace  
In soft abandon earthwards glides.

Across the way come cries of dogs  
And children, echoing in the wind,  
Not it nor they may clear the fog  
That clouds my brain with dank unkind.

Above my head young swallows soar  
Dipping and curving on the breeze,  
They love the air's disturbance more  
Than we do waves in lazy seas.

Up far behind the baby clouds  
Like half-spun silken skeins are chased  
By golden bars and purling shrowds  
Horizoning sky's crystal waste.

Red-gold, blue-silver, pearl opaque,  
The sun's exalted chariot slowly rends,  
And new-raked clouds now peaceful in its wake  
Leave the day coyly blushing from so soon an end.

DAVID LOWE.



### MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

At the end of last term we held our first exhibition, which several local clubs attended. We are indebted to Mr. White-Taylor, the caretakers, the Tuck Shop, Mrs. Hunt of the canteen, and many others for the success of this venture.

We hope in the future, to hold other such events, and trust we will continue to have your support for this new departure among the many activities of the school.

THE COMMITTEE.

### STAMP CLUB

The forces of apathy and public examinations have all but nullified this term's activities. Another regrettable factor was Mr. Hills' unfortunate illness.

Meetings were held most Friday lunchtimes, at which the attendance was very small.

The Speech Day Competition was held as usual, and we should like to thank the Headmaster for his valuable support.

For the information of boys joining in the Autumn term, the Club meets on Friday lunchtimes at 1.25 p.m. in Room 14 (if you do not know where it is—ask!). New members are always welcome!

## EUROPEAN SOCIETY

Towards the end of 1971 the European Society came into being, mainly thanks to an idea of Mr. B. Wigginton. Our repertoire consisted of films and talks, the latter by the French assistant, M. Serge Simondin, Mr. Heath and Mr. Durbin. Some of the films were rather silly but all were enjoyable. Many thanks to Uncle Andy for the marvellous proficiency with which he operated the projector, to Mr. B. Wigginton for his organisation, and to Doff Allen for embezzling the funds. I hope that next term we will extend our activities even more.

## CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Over the year, the society has indulged in a variety of different activities. Talks were abundant this year: we have had two talks by Mr. Oldring; one of these dealt with the problem of drugs. We have also had talks by a few distinguished outsiders such as the Reverend Mr. Croad and Dr. Kipping. For much of this year we have considered the topic of 'suffering', on which we did four days of assemblies. We then considered the problem from another point of view by making a tape recording of *Androcles and the Lion*. We are now organising a trip to St. Albans. New members will always be welcome.

S. WIDBERG.

## RED CROSS

At the beginning of this school year, members of the group received instruction in first aid and subsequently took an exam. Most of the members were awarded senior certificates.

Some members of the group have been helping handicapped children to swim on a Saturday evening. This project involves a lot of hard work and patience. The members of this group have greatly helped in the maintenance and running of the scheme.

If any other member of the school wishes to help with this duty in any way he should contact Martin Barrett, 6B2, help of any form would be appreciated.

I feel compelled to say that the Red Cross Group is a recognised alternative to the Combined Cadet Force, and any boy may join it. Let no one say that he is compelled to take part in the C.C.F. on a Thursday afternoon.

## HOUSE COMPETITION

For many years past House captains have written reports of their year of frustration in trying to sell the idea that participation in House events is not the unpleasant experience that even members



of school teams believe it to be. Pessimistic speculation concerning the prospects of competitions in future years would achieve very little and therefore the fact that each house was represented in every competition apart from tennis (which took place on the penultimate day of the school year), shows that if little pleasure was derived from the House competition, then the organisation, for which Mr. Learmonth and the House captains must take much credit, was not to blame.

The result of the competition, which remained undecided until the last tennis match was finished, was as follows:

(i) FRASER	152	points
(ii) ARNISON	151	„
(iii) YOUENS	111	„
(iv) TUCKER	109	„

For Arnison the year started with a poor showing in the Rugby competition, but, as the term progressed, they proved their worth by winning the basketball and hockey competitions.

The Summer term started well for the Seniors, with a convincing victory in swimming, where T. Bartlett was the prominent member of the team. Athletics proved a mixed bag, with the lower school failing a little, while the Seniors excelled: winning all track events and performing admirably in the field events, with two firsts and two seconds. Special mention must go to N. Brothers, who won the Victor Ludorum overall whilst winning the 100 metres (11.3 seconds—a record), 200 and 400 metres. T. Carroll also won the Victor Ludorum for the Shot, Discus and Javelin, setting up records in Discus and Shot.

Although two 1st team players were missing, the Seniors won 1st place in the cricket, due to a good team effort and steady batting from D. Czerwinski and I. Currie. The 1st and 3rd forms must be mentioned for notable successes in cricket.

Arnison's captain, T. Carroll was fortunate in finding co-operation amongst the whole House, many of whom participated, whom he would like to thank, especially the Seniors who were the backbone of Arnison's efforts, which all but brought them victory.

Much to the surprise of the captain of Youens house, J. Walne, the appearance of a Youens second pair in the tennis competition, thus earning the house four valuable points, deprived the House of the honour of retaining the Wooden Spoon. Notable successes included the shooting competition at the end of the Spring term, the 1st form cricket, colts swimming and volleyball, but they were only able to come as high as second in three of the fourteen other

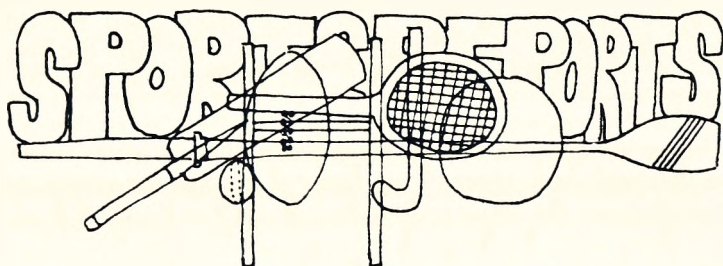
competitions. Despite this, there were many good individual performances, but a mere handful of people had to bear the burden for the whole house, a fact which was shown up in some of the results.

Fraser's victory was to the great credit of the athletes, winning the competition in three of the four age groups, the second form cricketers and the junior swimmers who showed excellently, along with many other members of the house, in the later months.

Finally, while the House captains would like to thank all those who participated, thanks are due to Tim Carroll (and Martin Bruffell) of Arnison, Peter Howland of Fraser, and Jon Walne of Youens for their help in compiling this report.



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## ROWING

Three pots this year: a win at Wallingford and Reading for the first four who came third at National Schools, a close final for the second four at Reading Town and the first ever colts cup was won at Egham.

After a rather depressing start to the season the colts really 'screwed them down' at Egham for three cool races, a well deserved victory and a disproportionately large pot.

If nothing else, the first four was remarkable for the luminous colours of its cox and the nerve-racking habit of coming through from behind, just for your entertainment.

All this was achieved by the exhausting training of Ian Blyth (how did he keep it up?) and for his dedication and encouragement we would like to award him the title of 'Coach of the Month'. Well, Ian, just like you said, we went out there and grappled with those lads, screwed 'em down hard and tanked it away. Thank you.

H. NIGSWORTH.

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I would like to add one or two comments to my literate friend's report above: the 1st IV rowed extremely well over all, in spite of the faults wittily mentioned by Nigsworth, and I look forward with mind freely boggling to next year's possibilities. What can we not do with the likes of Max, Timi, Mike No. 1, Foss, Ernie, Pete, Mike No. 2, Ian C. and little Dougie? Not to mention Henry Nigsworth (and I wasn't going to). Incidentally, next year's catch-phrase is going to be: 'Prod off up the river and pole it along.' Learn it, will you?

I.A.B.

## LAWN TENNIS

### 1st VI

Played 14 Won 9 Drawn 1 Lost 4

v. John Hampden S.	7-2	v. St. Benedict's S.	7½-1½
v. Leighton Park S.	5½-3½	v. Dr. Challoner's G.S.	4½-4½
v. Stowe S.	3½-5½	v. R.G.S. Staff	5½-3½
v. Abingdon S.	5½-2½	v. Wycombe High S.	6-3
v. Magdalen College S.	4-5	v. R.A.F. Halton	5-4
v. Radley College	6½-2½	v. R.G.S. Old Boys	3-5½
v. Watford G.S.	4-5	v. Ampleforth College	6-3

Although a first glance at our results may show otherwise, this has not been a successful season for us. The weather has been an absolute disgrace, ruining several fixtures altogether, and making others very miserable. In one sense it has helped our balance sheet—among those cancelled were U.C.S., Highgate and Merchant Taylor's, all probable losses on our present standard of play.

Guy Johnson has played well this year, not losing a single match; sometimes his tennis has been on a different plane from the rest of the team and, usually, the opposition. He thoroughly deserves his place in the Bucks County Team, due to play at Budleigh Salterton at the end of July. I hope he will lead our challenge in the Youll Cup when we re-enter it next year. Neil Cliff has partnered him for most of the season; he has played very well with Guy but, I feel, often needs the latter to bring him up to par. He is certainly suspect when *he* has to carry someone else. He has, all in all, proved a very useful member of the team, and his tennis has improved considerably.

Unfortunately, the rest of the team has not improved since last year. Lowe, awarded a cup for long service, was erratic; Oldnall, Lewis and M. Smith never really achieved a good 1st VI standard. All too often they failed to win vital sets by simply playing badly. Most disappointing, as more was expected from them, were Hunt and Aston. They just could not keep up the pressure on opponents and frequently lost their nerve and/or standard in important games. They really must get in some hard practice during the winter if they are to gain the school victories next year. Guha, Gomm and Ault all played occasional matches, but need more experience if they are to help us in strength in the future.

Up to the usual standard was Mr. Haworth with his provision of fine teas, Ivy and Jill with their ministrations, and Ivor Atkins with a variety of aid and advice. We certainly will miss him next year. So, between now and April 1973, we must put in some thorough practice, and come back ready to be far more determined on court, and not having to lean on Guy for all our victories.

K.A.H.

## 2nd VI and COLTS

2nd VI Played 3 Won 3

Colts Played 4 Won 1 Drawn 1 Lost 2

The weather caused most havoc with our 2nd VI matches: cancelling four of the six matches prepared. Those that were played were successful: we beat Leighton Park 6-3, Magdalen College School 9-0; and Sir William Borlase 9-0. Those who played were: Spencer M., Smith M., Lewis J., Gomm C., Harris P., Corser A., Oldnall M., Ault M., Guha K., Johnstone H., Quiney R., and Waring M.

The Colts VI could not quite keep up the good standard of 1971, losing to Leighton Park  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ , and Stowe 3-6; drawing with Windsor G.S.  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ , and only beating Abingdon 6-1. I would like to see even more keenness at this level. Players included Waring M., Quiney R., Ault R., Guha K., Reed M., Morrish C., Johnstone H., Quiney I. K.A.H.

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I would like to thank Mr. Hillier for all the time he has put in and all the work he has done for the teams and for tennis generally in the school. I would also like to thank Mr. Prue and Mr. Raymond for helping the second and Colts teams, and helping the junior tennis in the school.

G. A. JOHNSON.

### CRICKET

In spite of the miserable weather which persisted for much of the term, there were again a number of very encouraging performances this summer.

At senior level, there was a high degree of involvement—as indicated by the large number who were available for selection—and thanks are due to all players, particularly Bob Floyd and Peter Howland, for their considerable efforts on behalf of the 1st XI, and Bernard Warren for helping to organise the 2nd XI so efficiently.

At junior levels, the success of the U.14 XI in the Esso Championship was perhaps the highlight, although all teams achieved a number of clear victories, with '50's' and '5 wickets' being regularly recorded.

Such results are achieved by hard work and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking sincerely all my colleagues (together with Bill Yates, our coach) who have given so freely of their time and energies in order to promote the well-being of cricket in the school. As long as school cricket is fortunate in having such loyal support, the future of the game is bright indeed.

J.S.

#### 1st XI

Played 16 Won 3 Drawn 9 Lost 4 Cancelled 3

It is immediately obvious from the above results that for the second year running the School 1st XI found it agonisingly difficult to obtain a final result from games which at the time were very evenly contested. This could be put down to several underlying reasons, all of which showed themselves during the season. At times the team lacked a really penetrative bowler who could quickly wipe away the opposition's tail and thus give our batsmen sufficient time to get the runs. On other occasions the batsmen

failed in their attempts to score their runs quickly, and more often than not these two failings were accompanied by an inept fielding display.

However, when one considers that the first two games of the season were lost, this means that the team out of the remaining 14 games was only beaten on two occasions. And also I would like to point out that one of these defects was inflicted upon us by St. Benedict's 1st XI purely and simply because of the team's inactivity in the previous three weeks due to the half-term break and some bad weather. Therefore, I think it can be said that the team nearly always did as well as they needed to, i.e. to stop the other side winning, but consistently found it difficult to press home their obvious advantage. Against Leighton Park, the school made 140 for 6 declared and then proceeded to dismiss nine of the opposition for the meagre total of 48. Yet the team failed to get the final wicket so we had to be content with another draw. Against Emanuel School in a two-day game, the school finished eight runs short of victory chasing 150 in two hours with three wickets to spare. Both the games should have been won with time to spare as would have the game against Lord Williams of Thame had it not been for rain. In the latter game, the opposition made 140 batting first and set us two hours in which to get the runs. After exactly one hour's play Peter Brooks had scored a sparkling 50 and Andrew (Manny) Cowin had made 40 n.o. The score was 96 for 0 when the rain began, and by the time the two teams came off the field the score was 101 for 2. Victory still seemed possible as long as the rain ceased in good time for the batsmen to re-set their sights. Come 6.50 p.m. the rain had stopped and it was decided that we would have the luxury of six overs to make the remaining runs. We duly agreed to take up the challenge subsequently losing four more wickets and ending up on the defensive. The result was yet another draw!

One bright note of the season was the team's victory at Hampton Grammar School, which will always go down as Mick Saunders' match. By the time the coach driver found out where the school actually was, the team looked as if they had just finished a game, not about to begin one. The fielding consequently was poor to say the least, and if it wasn't for an extremely tight piece of bowling by Alan Lewis, the side would have been chasing 180 runs at least. However, it turned out that the target was to be 120 runs in 100 minutes. Quite a fair declaration one might say, but with 40 minutes to go the score was 57 for 7. Ladbroke's (re Manny) then began to take bets on a School victory and odds of 50—1 were quoted. Mick Saunders had always had a reputation of being a hard hitter and now it was fully realised. In the time remaining he and Adam Wood put on 64 runs for the eighth wicket of which Mick made 48 not out. This was a truly amazing victory.

The season was brought to a climax by the now annual School cricket week which, this year, involved playing eight days of cricket in the space of 10 days. Surprisingly all the games were at home in this period, and because it is such a good batting wicket on nearly every occasion, this always led to a lot of runs and very few wickets. Therefore every game was drawn because it was almost impossible to bowl a side out. However, during this week, David Czerwinski finally proved he was a 1st XI player scoring three 50's in all and fielding as enthusiastically as ever. Note must also be taken of Peter Brooks' consistent high scoring throughout the season and he must be congratulated on making his way into the Bucks Young Amateurs side.

Colours were awarded to: P. Brooks, D. Czerwinski, P. Barrett, G. Long, D. Costello.

I must thank Peter Howland for his eternal help in times of difficulty as vice-captain of the side. No praise is great enough for the work done by Mr. Ivor Atkins as groundsmen and for Ivy and the tea ladies who surpassed previous worthy achievements. The final words must be for Mr. John Samways whose total involvement in the school cricket scene for the past four years has been admired by everyone.

BOB FLOYD.

## 2nd XI

Won 7   Drew 2   Lost 2

The 2nd XI has had an outstanding season and this has been due to the depth of batting, bowling and all-round fielding ability of the side. The opening pair usually got us off to a brisk but solid start, both Warren and Currie scoring 200 runs during the season. The difficulty was in finding a No. 3 after Chiz had painstakingly accumulated his way into the firsts. Sid Hunt, probably the best bat in the side, didn't score prolifically due to his annoying habit of looking to heaven while playing a shot. Bill Trendell had some dubious decisions at the beginning of the season but proceeded to score a lot of runs towards the end of the season. Mark Bedingham scored soundly and quickly when necessary, as did Jimmy Maher, even though he made better use of the edge than the face of the bat. George Miller had the knack of being next man in and J.L.V. scored a hefty 30 against Leighton Park. The tail batted well when called on, but our batting only failed once and that was against Watford.

The spearhead of the bowling attack was provided by Hilton Browne until his bag of 19 wickets gave him the promotion he deserved. In his absence Des Worley proved a very capable replacement. The bowling of Chris Hall was always accurate and sometimes devastating. Alan Lewis, Mick King and Richard King

all bowled very well, the decision as to who should bowl first being made very difficult. Young Pete Harvey bowled exceptionally well and should prove to be a very good cricketer over the next few years. Adam Wood didn't always bowl well but succeeded in fooling the batsmen with a mixture of long-hops and full-tosses. Jimmy Maher was the 'find' bowler of the year, his leggers earning him a deserved 5 for 13 against Watford. Warren bowled his innocuous dolly-drops with some purpose, managing to pick up a few wickets. The bowling was backed up by some exceptionally good fielding except against Emanuel where it was worse than atrocious. Ian Currie's wicket-keeping varied from the diabolical to the brilliant, but proved generally sound. Sid Hunt also kept when asked.

My thanks go to everyone who has made this year's cricket so enjoyable; especially Mr. Holt whose right index finger remained itchy all season, and to Mr. Samways for his continued support.

B. M. WARREN.

### COLTS (UNDER 15)

Won 4 Drawn 1 Lost 5

It was a very disappointing season for the Colts. Only on the very last Saturday of their season did the sun blaze down and the batting appear to have any substance or depth. Then they showed their real potential and won well against St. Nicholas G.S. For most of the season, however, their cricket had been about as reliable as the weather.

Andrews always bowled well, despite much ill-luck and a back injury, which stopped him bowling fast for several matches. Edwards was less consistent, but often enough had the opposing batsmen in trouble. Bucknell, Turner, and Harvey, the captain, all had some good spells although their talents were not fully utilised.

The batting proved the main weakness. Russell, promoted from the Under 14's, was clearly the most talented and successful batsman despite his proclivity for skying the ball. Harvey, Chandler, Edwards, Bucknell and Howorth all showed some ability (especially Howorth who won the Junior Single-wicket competition), but none appeared at all secure at the wicket when scoring at a respectable rate. Unfortunately the fielding was also weak, especially in the slips, so that the undistinguished results represented a just comment on their overall efforts.

R.C.F.



### Averages

Batting	Innings	Not out	Runs	Ave.
Russell	5	—	92	18.4
Chandler	8	2	83	13.8
Fraser	8	1	72	10.2
Howorth	9	—	87	9.7

Bowling	Overs	Wickets	Runs	Ave.
Turner	8	6	25	4.2
Harvey	21	13	60	4.6
Andrews	90	22	167	7.6
Edwards	58	13	124	9.5
Bucknell	40	8	92	11.5

### UNDER 14 XI

Played 8   Won 5   Lost 3   Drawn 0   Cancelled 4

Editorial restrictions mean that only a little of a fascinating and gripping Under-14 season can be reported. Shocking weather early on. A predictable but not dishonourable defeat (5 wickets) by our own Under 15's. A catastrophic collapse (28 all out) against Hampton G.S. (lost by 91 runs), and then things begin to go well. Borlase are well beaten in the first round of the Esso (Russell 63 n.o.). One wicket defeat by St. Benedict's after Thomas had taken 7 for 11! Watford are beaten by 2 wickets—good bowling by Coxwell and a good innings by Thomas. Next: v. Woodside County Secondary in Slough (Esso semi-final). Great tension. RGS all out 48. Fears. But Woodside are all out for 20, wrecked by Coxwell's bowling and Russell's stumping. And so into the final: v. Dr. Challoner's in Amersham. Only moderate cricket, but nail-biting tension, and a team effort carries us through. A memorable win by 26 runs and medals all round. Could it be The Oval next year? To end the season a stylish performance in beating St. Nicholas, against the clock, by 84 runs. Good batting from Dolphin and Thomas. Good bowling from Wheeler.

Those who represented the team were as follows: C. C. Lloyd (capt.), H. M. Thomas, T. P. Russell, D. N. Currie, R. Allison, T. C. Clark, P. Dolphin, D. G. Coxwell, R. J. Edwards, P. M. Flower, J. P. Wheeler, I. K. Trigg, C. D. Woodbridge, R. M. Thornycroft, S. J. Newman, A. C. A. Horner, A. J. K. Russ. (Reserves: A. R. Berendt, K. J. Jouhar, M. A. Stinchcombe, D. R. Peach, A. D. Betteridge, C. J. Paul, A. J. Edwards.)

S.R.G.

## UNDER 13 XI

Played 7 Won 5 Lost 2 Drawn 1

The season ended with a fine 112-run win against St. Nicholas G.S. This sums up the improvement made during the season. The captain, Richard Ault, set a fine all-round example and finished with 7 for 18 and 66 not out against St. Nicholas G.S.

Hoggett, Stinchcombe and Hasted all made good scores and Hamer and Dickinson were useful supporting bowlers.

The fielding generally was good, with Jordan an excellent slip fielder and Hoggett outstanding.

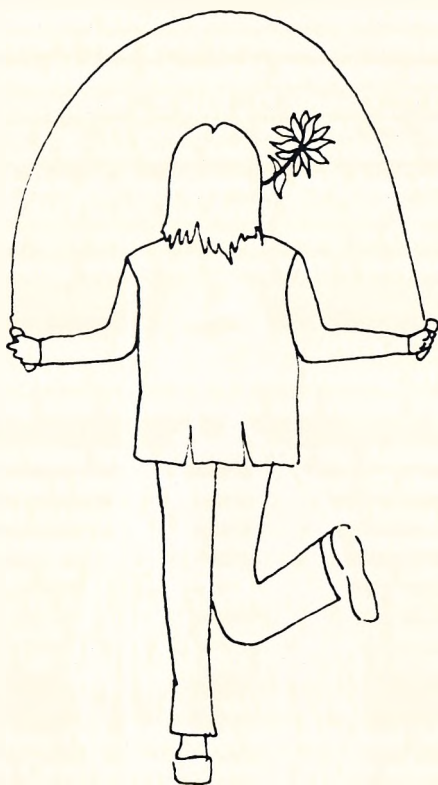
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## UNDER 12

Played 7 Won 5 Lost 1 Drawn 1

As usual great enthusiasm has been shown, and this year the results have matched the enthusiasm. There have been some fine individual as well as team performances with Cole's innings of 79 against Raans being outstanding. Heal, with 6 for 6 (including 5 wickets in 5 balls) against Wellesbourne, and Woodbridge have been the most dangerous bowlers; while Redwood, Poskett, Cole and Woodbridge have scored most runs. Titcombe shows promise as a wicket-keeper, while Gulliver has captained the team capably.

I.R.C. & D.R.C.



### CRICKET TOUR TO DENMARK July 21st - 29th

Once again welcome to John *'fabelagtig'*<sup>1</sup> Samway and his boys. We remember them from two years—1970. It was nice meeting the leaders Mr. Hoptimist, Kenn, and Steev. A week this time they were with us in Skanderborg, all in groups of pairs in our homes. Bernie stayed with Bent. We take them to the club Capri, to Aarhus and the 'Tivoli' and sometimes to the *Boldklub*<sup>2</sup>. *'Den Gamle Dreng'*<sup>3</sup> was learning us well in the nets—'keep at it, and you will surely do very well indeed,' he say. But the other leaders were always in the *Klubhouse*<sup>4</sup> with the Polsner.

The whole of Jutland had the team for Sunday; the R.G.S. make 171 (Long 43; Howland 42; Bernie 33), and the Jutland team 96 (Jens Priess 46 not out). We have many useful nets where we learn all the skills from Samway.

On Thursday the rains come down and we sweep the grass and the mat often to play, which we are keen to do. We play 20 over game which we again lose—we make 47 and R.G.S. boys 110. They say on Friday, they have really enjoyed themselves much; they especially like the Wednesday film show, and Mr. Samway say he like Wednesday night very greatly too. We are

hoping to come to High Wycombe in 1973 July and play to win at the home of English cricket.

English Team: Floyd R. (Captain), Howland P., Long G., Barrett P., Hall C., Costello D., Raja R., Bedingham M., Trendell W., Wood A. K. C., Miller A., Wheeler D., and Bernie.

B. KNUTS.

(<sup>1</sup> Fabulous; <sup>2</sup> Sports Club; <sup>3</sup> The Old Man; <sup>4</sup> Club house.)



### ARMY SECTION

A great many interesting activities were arranged during the term but unfortunately some were not as well supported as they

deserved. The Signals weekend on Christmas Common, one such example, achieved a very good result due to the untiring efforts of A. Becket and Walker who could have done even better with more support.

One bright spot of the term was the invitation of Major I. M. Tomes, an Old Boy of the School, to visit his Company at Catterick for a few days to see the Army from the inside. Six Senior Cadets had four days after the exams living as Officers and seeing a variety of training which left them with a profound impression of Army life.

Field Day at Frimley Park, the Headquarters of Cadet Training, was a very enjoyable day of adventure training with a variety of activities ending with Assault boats and canoes on the lake.

This year no team went to Bisley for the Ashburton, and .303 shooting has been a little disappointing, but .22 shooting was well up to the usual standard, a notable success being achieved in a competition arranged at Camp where with borrowed rifles on an unfamiliar range the team was narrowly beaten into second place. It is interesting to note that a team of five Old Boys competing in the Public Schools 'Veterans' match at Bisley improved on their position of 3rd last year to 2nd this year with a score of 246 out of a possible 250.

A party of four Officers, Tony Boreham and 34 Cadets had a very enjoyable Camp at Crowborough on the edge of the Sussex Downs. The contingent was most impressed to be visited by the Vice-Chairman of the Governors, Mr. J. K. Prior, who came on Friday evening after the Cadets had spent a day on the coast locating 'enemy shipping' followed by relaxation in Hastings before returning. The visit proved to be even more popular when it was announced that he had kindly made provision for a tin of Coke per head to be consumed during activities in the Pippingford Park training area. The good spirit which prevailed and the appreciation expressed was ample testimony to the enjoyment of the Camp.

It is hoped that R.S.M. M. Oldnall and C.S.M. A. Paine will be back to take Cambridge Entrance next term, but C.S.M. J. Pepper, who has done outstanding work in the armoury, will be missed for the many services he has given.

R.P.

## ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

This summer term we were fortunate in being able to get down to Longridge Scout Camp very early in the term, where cadets were able to put their theoretical knowledge into practice. Our

own motor-boat was added to the Longridge Fleet later in the term, and has remained there, after the trailer collapsed.

After the shortage of N.C.O's during the earlier part of the term we are pleased to have a comparative wealth of Leading Seamen, and two Petty Officers, Martindale and Bartlett.

Several cadets have spent part of the holiday on courses or at sea in H.M. ships, although one group who were to have joined H.M.S. *Alnmouth* were unfortunate in that having been in dry dock at Easter, she has again run into trouble (literally) and their course was cancelled.

At the end of the term the Seamanship Room was thoroughly tidied, and the section is now once more ready to begin classroom instruction this winter.

P.O. BARTLETT.

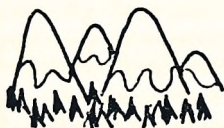
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# TALES OF THE DUBERVILS

BY THOMAS TARDY  
AND GORG

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THAT FLOATS ON HIGH  
OVER VALES AND HILLS



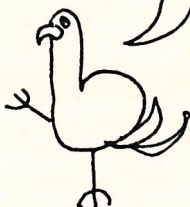
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A HOST OF  
GOLDEN DAFFODILS



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I WANDERED,  
LONELY AS A CLOUD



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WHEN ALL AT ONCE  
I SAW A CROWD...



DUBERVILS  
CAN'T FLY.



## THE OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS' CLUB

### General

The Committee of the Old Boys' Club met on Speech Day, July 14th, 1972, and decided that the Annual Dinner should be held in London next year. After holding the Dinner for four consecutive years at the School in the Junior Dining Hall, it was felt that a change of venue might well help to increase the attendance which has been disappointing of late.

The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 31st, 1973, at the East India Sports and Public Schools Club, 16 St. James's Square, to which the Old Boys' Club is now affiliated. A circular giving all details will be sent out in February 1973. All Old Boys of the School are very welcome to attend. A coach has been booked to take Old Boys from High Wycombe to the Annual Dinner and bring them home safely.

### DEATHS

M. T. HARRIS (1939-45), on March 28th, 1972, at 'Windrush', Hillrise, Chalfont St. Peter, aged 43 years.

Michael T. Harris served in the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry when he left school. After his military service he entered Barclays Bank and was making a very successful career for himself when multiple sclerosis began to affect him ten years ago. The bank finally retired him two years ago after allowing him to work from a wheelchair for as long as possible. During his long illness his cheerfulness inspired all who met him.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. June Harris and four children, Jeremy 19, Robin 15, Simon 12 and his pride and joy, Annabel 6. We should mention too his widowed mother Mrs. Violet Harris, whose four sons were all pupils at the School.

### OLD BOYS' NOTES

ANDERSON, N. B. (1962-69) is now doing six months industrial training with Binnie and Partners, Westminster, after successfully completing the academic side of his Civil Engineering sandwich course at the University of Wales, Cardiff.

BARRETT, E. L. (1954-60). Captain Barrett has a new address: O.C. 414 Pk. Tpt. Tp. R.C.T., B.F.P.O. 1. He is now in command of 36 mules, 3 horses, 9 Britons and 57 Hongkong Chinese. His job is to re-supply the infantry on border guard in the New Territories—only mules can get to our troops in many mountainous parts.

BERKS, P. M. (1961-68) and BERKS, J. G. (1961-68) left Manchester University in June 1971 and were fortunate to have jobs lined up for September. For the first time the two



brothers went their separate ways. Jonathan Berks started in Lloyds Bank Executor and Trustee Department in Tunbridge Wells. Peter entered the Organisation and Methods Department of Standard Telephones and Cables, Basildon. He says that industry is as competitive and ruthless as most people believe. They are both engaged and getting married soon.

BEVIS, P. C. (1921-25) has been nominated for the annual Janay Literary Award for the best work of fiction for 1971-72. He received the award last June at the Janay Authors' Convention. The book for which he got the award is a novel, *Marilyn*, published by the Janay Publishing Company, Chichester. He is a former Technical Director of Broom and Wade Ltd., High Wycombe, and writes because he likes to keep his mind fully occupied. His ambition is to write a series of crime novels.

CAPELL, J. C. (1960-67) has completed his Diploma in Education at Oxford and takes up a teaching post at Solihull School in September. He and STEPTOE, R. (1961-69) spent a month this summer looking after a group of young Germans from the Rheinland-Pfalz. The Bucks Education Authority has very close links with this region of Germany.

CLARK, J. W. (1960-66) is to be congratulated on his First in German and History at Birmingham University. His course lasted five years, two of which he spent in Berlin. In July he went to Germany for three weeks to gather material for a talk for the West German Radio. At the moment he is spending a year at the new University of Bremen, to study Bruno Schonlank, a worker-poet of the 1920's who was connected with German Youth movements. He was a Socialist who went into exile in Switzerland.

COBB, R. C. (1963-70) left the R.G.S. in 1970 and contrived to fail the first year examinations at Nottingham University. When he wrote he was working as a labourer on the Gerrards Cross By-Pass before going to Birmingham University in October to read Commerce.

DAVIES, R. O. (1963-69) gave up his teaching course at Borough Road Training College and was last heard of working in the Sports Department of a big Berlin store. He is playing Rugby over there and doesn't think much of the beer.

DYER, G. C. (1945-49) has been promoted to Acting Wing Commander and to Director of Studies at the R.A.F. College, Bracknell. He attended a year's course at the Canadian Air Force Staff College in Toronto and was posted back to the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall before his new appointment.

LEVIN, D. S. (1961-67) passed his Bar finals in May 1972 and begins pupillage soon. He hopes to become a barrister. Recently at the Council of Legal Education he was on the

same course as LINE, P. J. (1966-67) who gained his Degree in Law at Warwick University. At B.P. Head Office he bumped into JONES, R.C. (1960-64) who was a choral scholar at Cambridge and qualified as a Solicitor before joining B.P.'s Legal Department. At a party he really did bump into DEBNAM, B. R. A. (1961-66) who was just off to Adelaide to take up the post of Arts Director for the State of South Australia.

NEWTON, M. S. (1964-71) has been on a management team of Saxon Inn Motor Hotel, Huddersfield, to gain invaluable experience before going to Surrey University in October to study Hotel and Catering.

NIGHTINGALE, D. T. (1940-45) is now a Director of Harleyford Estates, Harleyford Manor, near Marlow.

ORCHARD, D. G. (1956-62) is still playing good tennis with MOORES, P. J. (1957-62). David Orchard gained his Ph.D. for research in inorganic chemistry a year ago and has just completed his first year of teaching at Sir William Borlase's School, Marlow. Peter Moores is teaching at a big Comprehensive School in Bracknell.

PALLET, D. C. J. (1955-61) is teaching music at Wakefield Grammar School. He has just married a Welsh girl, so there's hope for him.

PLATT, R. L. (1930-33) has just retired, or as he puts it, having reached the age limit, he has been sent out to grass on a pension after 32 years in the service of the Crown. He finds it strange to be his own master.

PUDDEPHATT, K. R. (1953-57) is married with one son and in charge of the Computer Department of Equity and Law Insurance Company. PUDDEPHATT, R. J. (1955-62) gained his Ph.D. at University College, London, spent two years in London, Ontario, and is now back lecturing in Chemistry at Liverpool University. PUDDEPHATT, T. V. (1964-70) is at the North Staffs Polytechnic doing a sandwich course in Business Studies. He was working at Biffa, Loudwater, in June doing his six months practical training.

SIMPSON, J. S. (1953-61) is now a surgical registrar at the West Middlesex Hospital and recently passed the final F.R.C.S. He became a father for the first time in February 24th, a daughter, Rachel Jane.

SPITTLE, G. G. (60-65) joined local government in Slough when he left school but when he met the Italian girl who became his wife in August 1971, he found Slough rather uninspiring. He joined B.E.A. for better prospects and the travel perks. The cheap flights helped his courting quite obviously and Annamaria Marcaccio from Caserta succumbed. They have settled down in Flackwell Heath and when he wrote, were expecting a child in July.

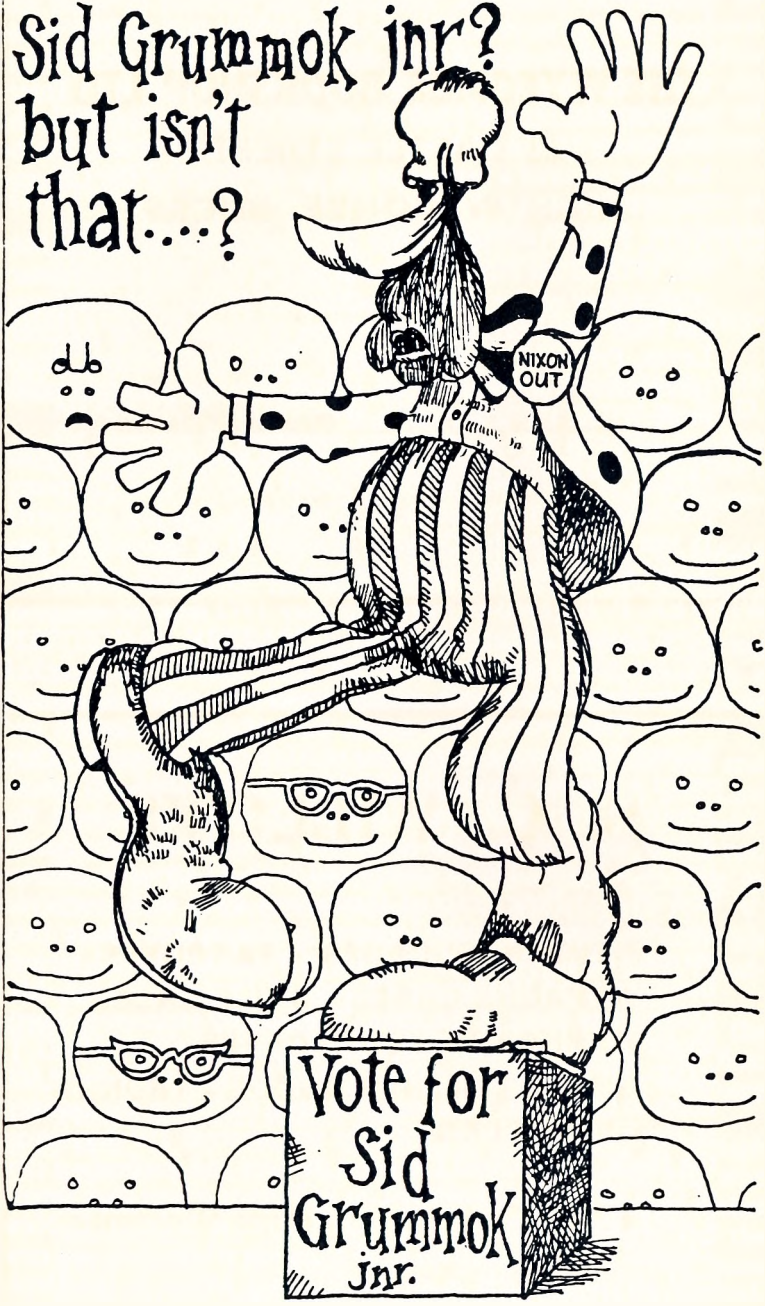
TETTMAR, B. (1951–57) started thinking about the School last January in Bulawayo, Rhodesia, and decided to write and join the Old Boys' Club. He did his National Service when he left and thought it well worthwhile. After London University his first job was as a research geologist with International Mining. In 1968 he moved to his present firm, the Rhodesian (Mining) Corporation. Thanks to promotion he has now secured a very good job on the board of the Chrome Export Division.

UPPARD, P. G. (1957–62). After a distinguished recital on May 9th, 1972, in the Purcell Room as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations of the Royal Academy of Music, Peter Uppard has been appointed a full professor of piano by Sir Anthony Lewis, Principal of the Academy. This appointment, which takes effect from September, makes him the youngest piano professor on the academic staff.

WALKER, G. P. M. (1953–60). A revised and enlarged English edition of 'Libraries in the Federal Republic of Germany' published by Harrassowitz of Wiesbaden, has just appeared. It was translated by Gregory Walker. It is beautifully produced and must have made tremendous demands on him.

WINTER, P. E. (1960–67) wrote in May 1972 from Wellington, New Zealand, where he and R. J. MARTIN-FAGG (1962–69) are now working. They flew from England to Bangkok where they spent a week, which proved not nearly long enough—the Thai women are really beautiful and friendly and believe that serving men is one of life's chief pleasures. They spent a few days with HONGSKULA, R. (1965–68) whose family is very well connected in Thailand and whom the gossip columns call 'the social fox'. The Hongskulu family live in a luxury family compound with 22 servants. Winter and Martin-Fagg dragged themselves away and journeyed on—via Penang, Kuala Lumpur to Singapore. There they stayed with the married daughter of Mr. John Dowell, former headmaster of Hazlemere Church of England School. Mr. Dowell was there at the time. Then on by steamer to Perth where their room-mate in a Youth Hostel was GUNNING, J. (0000–00) now working there. They hitched a lift for 2,600 miles to Canberra. This took five days, including the crossing of the Nullarbor desert with the temperature 110 degrees in the shade. They found Canberra modern and soulless—a city of civil servants, so hastened on to Sydney where they stayed a week, and swam on Bondi Beach which is hideous. In New Zealand they have settled in Wellington where they are now civil servants. Roger is an investigating officer in the Dept. of Mines and Philip an investigating officer in the Treasury. They hope to be home for Christmas.

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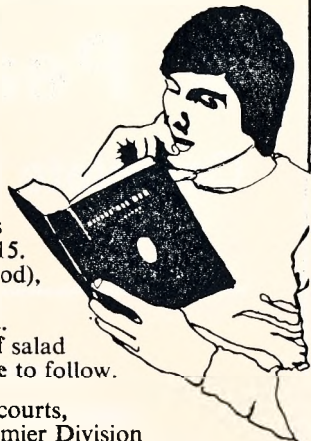
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