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EDITORIAL

The redevelopment of many areas of the school has been completed and opportunities for effective study have been significantly improved. A staff working party is currently discussing ways in which these facilities can be used. It is also time for the boys to consider how they may best avail themselves of what is on offer—particularly in the senior school.

One sixth form essayist on the subject suggested very wisely that there should be "more classroom discussion and the instigation of the seminar-type lesson" to "help pupils to understand their work better and also teach them to think more independently". The writer of this Editorial in his 13 years as a member of the staff always been impressed by the frank and easy relationship between pupils and staff members. But the point must be taken that the sixth form tutorial rooms have been designed and furnished in order to encourage even more dialogue between pupil and teacher. Every teacher, dedicated to his subject, welcomes this state of affairs since it is stimulating, indeed exhilarating to discuss the implications of one's subjects with pupils who are clearly achieving a new maturity. Hence it must be said that in order to reach the point where a seminar can 'take off', the ball must be picked up by the students, for it is in their court.

Why is this so? It is because the basic issues which have to be taught in the first stages of dealing with such and such a topic must be learned thoroughly. Teachers must do their part and explain things carefully using all of their skills but there comes a time when only the pupil can help himself to master a piece of learning—this he can enable himself to do more effectively by acquiring sound study habits. For instance: how many boys, before they begin their official homework, check over the information every evening which has been imparted to them during the day? How many return in the next lesson with questions concerning that which they have not understood? To follow such policies with self-discipline would help all members of tutor groups to cover their learning work so that ensuing discussion could be more exciting to those who have entered into it with confidence.

Much has been said above of the concern of sixth formers with these issues but, of course, good learning habits start early. In the final assembly of the year, the Headmaster urged members of the junior and middle schools to pay attention to the sheer day to day task of learning. Perhaps they should consider what is suggested here so that the excellence which has been predicted in their reports can be even more fully realised.

SCHOOL NOTES

In September 1981 Mrs. C. Hall joined the Maths Department. This young lady quickly established herself as a most determined teacher, particularly willing to help those who find the subject difficult. Her yomp through the January blizzard, from the far side of Saltash to the school gates, is already a part of staffroom legend. Mr. J. Skinner has added his own welcome brand of enthusiasm to the Biology Department and enjoyed a successful first year in teaching: already cross-country and cricket are much stronger for his presence. Mr. Hamill, who joined the Classics Department, has also brought a great degree of commitment to his subject and some valuable assistance to those engaged in public speaking.

Monsieur H. Bonnhalfa, an Algerian, stayed with us for a year as one of the most popular French Assistants—he certainly enlivened the staffroom during the early stages of the World Cup!

Most unfortunately Mrs. Dart, our teacher/librarian, moved on at the end of the year to D.H.S. for girls. She will be missed both as an excellent English tutor and as a splendid librarian. Her contribution to the new libraries has been inestimable. Our loss is the gain of our sister school.

SPEECH DAY

The school's fine achievements in both academic and extra-curricular activities formed the basis of the year's Speech Day. It was an evening which deserved the pride of the school staff, pupils and parents, and must have impressed the visiting speakers: Vice-Admiral Cassels, C.B.E. and the Lord Mayor, Mr. Ralph Morrell.

The Headmaster's speech contained a warning about the increasingly high standards of academic qualification needed to gain entrance to Universities and colleges throughout the country. It is hoped that pupils will have taken this advice along with the constant reminders from their subject masters.

The School Band again performed with a pleasant and unusual combination of four compositions under the watchful eye of Mr. Farrow. The Vice-Admiral's address revealed a remarkable amount of admiration and respect for the school, which was well appreciated by the audience. He also assisted Mr. MacTavish and Mr. Osborne without a hitch in the distribution of the various prizes.

The ever-popular "School Song" brought a rousing conclusion to the evening and came to its usual rousing ending.

Lastly, on a typically traditional note, I would like to thank, on behalf of the school, the Vice-Admiral, the Headmaster, the Lord Mayor and his platform party for making it another successful Speech Day.

SPONSORED BADMINTON MARATHON

IN AID OF ST. LUKE'S HOSPICE

Monday, 5th April was to become the day when, following three weeks of hectic sponsor seeking, ten members of the Lower Sixth set out on a 24 hour badminton marathon.

The marathon was run on a doubles format, with each 'game' lasting for one hour. The heroes of this epic were Russell Allen, Dean Campbell, Richard Dew, Grant Gee, Michael Northam, John Painter, John Williams, I, and our two trusty reserves Tim Adams and Darrin Reeves.

Our initial enthusiasm took us quickly through from the start at 1.30 p.m. to midnight without incident. But as the early hours of Tuesday emerged, a general fatigue descended upon the team, with the standard of play plummeting to a level that would have brought tears to the eyes of Mr. Smith. This situation was effectively remedied at around five o'clock when Dr. Phillips introduced us all to the famous P.T.A. boiler—providing much needed tea and coffee.

The dawning of the next day and the arrival of early morning moral support brought a new zest to the bleary eyed play. As it was, the morning passed fairly quickly, and we were visited by a photographer from 'The Evening Herald'. The marathon was brought to a noisy end by a hundred or so members of the school, packed into the gym, counting out the last few seconds—we had successfully played for 24 hours.

The reward of our efforts was £500 in aid of St. Luke's Hospice.

In closing, may I thank on behalf of all the team: Messrs. Milton, Trueman and Dr. Phillips for their overnight vigilance; the caretaker, Mr. Pengelly, for keeping the school open overnight; Mr. Moon for allowing us the use of the school's facilities; Mr. Clarke for organising the marathon and collecting the money; all those who so kindly took out sponsor forms; and, of course, the P.T.A. boiler.

SHAUN GLANVILLE, L6E

THE PARIS TRIP 1982

The party of D.H.S. boys departed from England's shores at 10 p.m. on a cold Wednesday evening. The channel crossing was calm and uneventful, but as the ferry neared the French coast, the excitement mounted, especially in the ranks of the younger boys.

Once in Paris, the coach visited the usual landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe. There was also a fascinating trip to the Pompidou Arts Centre. The visit to the Sacré Coeur in Montmatre, however, was spiced up with a touch of drama, when we realized that we had lost someone from the lower school.

Epic scenes ensued as Messrs. Jones and Simpson slipped boldly into the Parisian night. As the hours ticked by, it became evident that we would have to miss our ordered meal if we were to have a chance of catching our return ferry. But since the coachdriver had already driven for the maximum time allowed, we were forced to stop so that he could have a rest. When the missing boy had been collected from a police station, we were able to spend the night, locked in the coach, which was parked in a service station somewhere between Paris and Le Havre.

The return ferry crossing was again uneventful, but the party's spirits were raised as we approached Plymouth.

Our thanks must, as usual, be extended to Mr. Simpson, along with Messrs. Sandercock, Jones, Southern and Dr. Phillips, who made the trip an enjoyable, but eventful occasion.

G. GEE, L6C

THE JERSEY TRIP 1982

On the morning of Saturday, 3rd July, a coachload of boys from De la Salle College, Jersey, arrived at Bretonside Bus Station, to be met by a number of Devonport boys and their parents, who were to host them for the next three days. On the Monday, a joint concert was performed in Stoke Damerel Church which was well attended and contained some very good material.

The next day, the Devonport concert party set off from Plymouth with the Jersey boys, and, after an exciting trip through Hardyland, arrived at Weymouth. Having boarded the "Earl Godwin", the party set sail on a splendid voyage, filled with humour. On arrival at St. Helier we were met by our host families who kindly looked after us for the next three days.

In between rehearsals, boys were able to tour the town and also visit the Fort Regent leisure complex. On the Thursday, another concert was given in St. Helier Town Hall. It was a long, exhausting affair, but well worth the effort. A coach tour of the island had been arranged for us, and among the places that were visited was the German Underground Military Hospital, an impressive construction left from the days of Nazi occupation.

All too soon the visit was over and we set sail once more on Friday night. After twelve hours of travelling the party finally arrived back in Plymouth, tired, but with many happy memories.

S. TREMBLETT, L6B

THE OXFORD TRIP

Through the weary eyes of a rude 4 a.m. awakening, Plymouth Railway Station looked grey, damp and totally uninviting and the prospect of at least a four-hour rail journey did not enliven the scene. Yet British Rail was running on time and our journey to Oxford was a smooth one.

Oxford arose from a grassy plain to greet us with high facades glistening in the latter-spring day. The railway station may be like any other, but the ancient architecture of Oxford evoked an atmosphere as noticeable as the terrific heat of midday—our walk to Exeter College afforded us a taste of that atmosphere and beauty. Exeter College, usually cloistered in peace, was to be disturbed by twenty “mature young men” as we were to be called, and after Mr. Attwell had gathered his flock we went to see the Admissions Tutor and Rector of the college Mr. Barr. Having assembled around a large table in a plush room, we listened as Mr. Barr enlightened us concerning what could await a small percentage of us. The usefulness of this first discussion cannot be underestimated and thanks must go to Mr. Barr for his frankness and time.

Lunch beckoned us, free of charge, with the smell of ravioli from the high vaulted dining room across the square. The group then dispersed to descend eagerly upon the tutors of chosen courses to discuss fine details. When most of these discussions had finished, Admissions Tutors to the other colleges would have been wise to retire before the onslaught which followed from the group; university prospectuses being the prize of the hunt.

Everyone returned to the railway station ten minutes early, in order to avoid having to sleep on a railway bench. We left Oxford as the sun finally crept towards the horizon, tired but with a great sense of dispelled ignorance.

CRAIG IRVINE, L6D

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY TRIP

After the very successful trip to Oxford University, certain members of the Lower Sixth showed considerable interest in a similar trip to Cambridge. Such an expedition was arranged involving travelling to Cambridge and back in a single day. The party of twelve, accompanied by Mrs. Porter and Mr. MacTavish, left Plymouth Station at 7.30 a.m. After changing trains, we arrived in Cambridge in time to consume a hasty lunch before we entered the Downing College campus. Here, we were split into two groups of potential scientists and humanitarians. Each group was then told about the courses at Cambridge and methods of entry into the University by two of the Downing College fellows. We were then given an opportunity to ask questions and clear up any queries about the Cambridge system.

After this we were free for a couple of hours to visit any of the other colleges to obtain prospecti, leaflets and entrance papers and also to meet the students and fellows of the University.

Although the time actually spent in Cambridge was limited, the trip was invaluable to those candidates considering entrance to the University: they had a chance to discover whether or not they were suited to the collegiate system. It also helped them to gain an insight into the atmosphere of each college—this cannot be gleaned by reading the prospectus.

In conclusion, on behalf of the party, I would like to express our gratitude to all the members of staff who made the trip possible.

KARL FULLER, L6B

POST O-LEVEL ACTIVITIES

The scheme, which has now been running for several years, gives every member of the fifth year who is staying on for the sixth form, three weeks of work experience with a wide range of local employers.

The type of experience gained varies from the running of an office to manufacturing techniques in light industry. This year there were chances

for boys to learn about the various aspects of retailing, stock control and customer relations at Lawson's and Dingles. In the world of big business, several fifth formers were able to find out about the running of a bank with National Westminster, Midlands and Barclays. In a similar vein, there were posts with several insurance companies, estate agents and solicitors.

Several aspiring journalists spent many interesting hours with both the B.B.C. and also with the Plymouth and South Devon Times. A large number were able to work for a week with Devon Educational Television.

The greatest attribute of the scheme is the diversity of activities available. In addition to opportunities with manufacturing industry, such as Wrigleys and Arrow Hart, there were also some outdoor posts with the National Trust and the Forestry Commission. Peter Andrew and David Hill had a most enjoyable week learning about farming techniques at the Bicton College of Agriculture. For the medical enthusiasts there were places at the Royal Naval Hospital and in the animal field with a veterinary surgeon.

In total, it can be said that the scheme is extremely useful. It offers the opportunity for fifth formers to gain a brief taste of the sort of skills and qualities required in various jobs. It is very helpful as a guide to the usefulness of A-level subjects in various careers.

There are few members of the fifth form who have not thoroughly enjoyed themselves during the three weeks of the scheme and it will certainly continue to operate in years to come, carefully organised by Mr. Cox.

M. LARBALESTIER, L6D

POST O-LEVEL REPORTS FROM FIFTH FORMERS

Fire Station

During the post O-level scheme, as journalists for the South Devon Times and Plymouth Times, we were given the opportunity of discovering the daily routine of a typical fireman at the Plymstock fire station. At 9.00 a.m. we met Red Watch who were relieving the Blue Watch, the latter having just completed night shift.

Having dressed in their uniforms, the five members of Red Watch paraded. Then we witnessed an inspection of the fire engine and its various appliances and specialized equipment. From what we saw this vehicle is not just a fire engine but an emergency appliance. Among the specialized equipment we observed: saws, manual and petrol fuelled; a portable pump; various hoses with attachments; a comprehensive tool kit; search lights; breathing apparatus; 30 gallons concentrate (very often used when water is not suitable); protective clothing; guidelines; salvage sheets and of course the traditional ladders. But let us not forget the 400 gallons of water which is usually sufficient to put out most house fires with a duration of 30 minutes when using hose reels.

Following the check, the men were put through the practical drills. The first of which was the ladder drill showing that the men had the necessary careful manoeuvrability to man handle and position the ladder beside a tower. This was followed by the foam drill after which the hoses were rinsed thoroughly.

Preceding the next drill a fire call came over the tannoy announced by the operator giving the exact position of the fire. Red Watch proceeded and set off to extinguish a burning car.

On their return the engine was thoroughly checked, accompanied by a well earned cuppa. This was followed by a blindfold exercise in which two firemen work their way around the station to a set route laying a guide line.

Lunch was eagerly started but mid-way the tannoy announced a fire in a big city store. Red Watch departed immediately to discover it was a false alarm with good intent. After finishing their somewhat spoilt lunch they proceeded to the River Yealm for a river exercise.

This involved simulating that a pontoon was a burning yacht, and in conjunction with the coastguard simulated rescues were performed.

The tiring day ended at 6.00 p.m. after a vigorous physical training session as peak fitness is essential among firemen.

During our day with Red Watch we observed that they render a humanitarian service although a whole-hearted attempt is always made to prevent damage to property where possible. The firemen must know their area as well as a taxi-driver if not better. Above all discipline is as essential in a fire station as in any military establishment.

Young Enterprise I

FINE PRODUCTS

It was in September, that twenty lower sixth formers from our school and from Devonport High School for Girls met in the canteen of the Fine Tubes factory at Estover. Here we were introduced to our advisers and the Young Enterprise Scheme.

In the following two weeks the company officers were elected, a name was chosen for the company and a product selected. This proved to be the first difficult problem to overcome—but we eventually settled on candles as our primary product. On the first night of production we all sat with bated breath as our chief candle maker heated up the wax. Unfortunately he did not realise the adverse effects that boiling candle wax has on innocent yoghurt cartons: the result was one large, rather flat “candle”, covering half of the canteen floor. Our initial produce consisted of three alleged candles and six dilapidated yoghurt cartons. All this followed the raising of capital, which was achieved by selling shares in the company at 25p each to the sum total of £50.

Within a matter of weeks it became apparent that the manufacturing of candles employed very little labour—a problem which remained unsolved throughout the company's nine month life. Therefore it was decided at the first of our monthly board meetings that a second product was desirable and so we started producing jewellery, which proved to be our financial saviour.

In January the management team resigned to give others a chance to earn twice the wage paid to the production team for doing half as much work. At this time there was a presentation of our reports to the Local Rotary Club and another to the interim meeting of shareholders.

This was followed by a successful participation in the Debenham's Trade Fair in February. Most of the achievers took the Young Enterprise exam, with everyone passing and four (all male I might add) gaining credits. In April, liquidation of the company began and this reached its conclusion in May, when we rewarded our shareholders with a 48% dividend.

I would like to stress how much I have enjoyed participating in the Young Enterprise Scheme, gaining in the process an invaluable insight into the workings of modern industry—I would recommend active involvement to everyone given the chance to participate (even the unenthusiastic enjoyed the biscuits!). Finally I would like to thank Fine Products for the use of their premises, our advisers for their useful and often face-saving advice and Mrs. Clayton and Mr. Attewell for promoting the scheme at the two schools.

SHAUN GLANVILLE, L6E—First Managing Director

Young Enterprise II

ENIGMA PRODUCTS

Due to exceptional demand from our school and Devonport High for girls of pupils who wanted to take part in the scheme, we split into two groups, one of which went to Fine Tubes, and the other to Texas Instruments. Our company went to the latter and started business in September.

We found the girls very persuasive and it was they who chose the name Enigma Products. Once we voted in the management, I found myself as Managing Director. It was at this stage, we realised this scheme was a far more serious activity than we had first thought. Our meetings became more organised and we started co-operating with each other. We were all doing well or so we thought, until we started to try and sell our Memo-Boards. We had no quality control and found they were not as good as those being sold in the shops at a similar price. A few sympathetic Grans bought some and nearly all of the achievers Aunties were given one as a Christmas present, but it was clear that we were going to make a loss.

Although we did eventually make a 50% loss, we still learnt a lot, and maybe even more than companies who made a profit. In today's society a lot of companies are losing money and finding out the reasons why companies lose money, as we did, can only be beneficial.

So, although we made a loss, I have learnt a great deal about company life and I am sure this will help me in the future. This scheme should be missed by no sixth-former, as so much may be acquired from it.

IAN PHILLIPS, L6A

'KING LEAR' AT STRATFORD

(LOWER SIXTH ACTIVITIES WEEK)

The lower sixth form Activities week again afforded the opportunity of a pilgrimage, this time led by Mr. Dickens and Mrs. Dart, to the hallowed town of the great Bard, William Shakespeare.

What a wondrous feeling it was to walk over the concreted roads which covered the cobbles that William himself would have once walked over. How interesting it was to look at the well preserved imitation Elizabethan architecture. So much, indeed, was there to do that, spoilt for choice, we ended up paying a goodly sum for authentic Elizabethan tea and cakes.

Our arrival in Stratford was quickly followed by several boating adventures on "tempest-toss'd" Avon in boats which judging by the stout quality of the timber might well have been used by that revered man himself.

Before evening had arrived we were treated to four small open-air plays performed by local townsfolk which would have been better appreciated if the more illustrious theatre had not provided the backdrop for these particular thespians.

With the evening came the eagerly anticipated performance: "King Lear", arguably Shakespeare's greatest play. Though the seating which some were offered may have been deliberately designed to force a standing ovation upon them, yet the performance itself did deserve one.

The Fool played by Antony She, was interpreted as an extension of Lear's character, an interpretation which was effective, producing comedy, drama and sadness when Lear, played by Michael Gambon, in a marvellous dramatic moment, stabbed the Fool through a pillow which represented one of his daughters. The acting in general was superb, the imagery and ideas understandable but no less excellent for being so. The classic "eye-gouging" scene retained, for me, its dramatic effectiveness despite my fore-knowledge of what was to happen, and a general feeling of sadness was invoked when Gloucester cried on Lear's shoulder.

If Cordelia seemed not strong nor Edmund vicious enough, they were ably compensated by such strong performances as Kent and Albany played respectively by Malcolm Story and David Bradley.

The play completed a wholly enjoyable and cultural day. When a Shakesperian Tragedy is performed well it can fully move an audience; the rapturous applause which greeted the final bow indicated how well this performance had been.

ANDREW MILLIGAN, L6

CANOEING

(LOWER SIXTH ACTIVITIES WEEK)

On the Tuesday of the week a canoeing outing was arranged for anyone who had the urge to get soaked in the 'Sound'.

The demand was great and hence two groups were formed, one in the morning and one in the afternoon with the latter being composed primarily of the bleary-eyed souls who had only arrived back from Stratford at 4.00 a.m. that morning.

We were greeted by an enthusiastic Mrs. de Rijke and her colleague Simon who explained the delights of the canoe. Having had the various methods of paddling demonstrated to us, we noted that one intelligent participant had managed to install himself in his canoe the wrong way round!

Finally, I would like to thank Mrs. de Rijke and Simon, for giving up their time to teach us the rudiments of canoeing.

MARTIN PENN, L6E

CLIMBING

(LOWER SIXTH ACTIVITIES WEEK)

The group met a 9.30 a.m. at Shaugh Prior Bridge, and proceeded to the Dewerstone, led by Dr. Jenkins and Mr. Truman. We attempted a number of climbs, varying from 'very difficult' to 'severe', and also tried our hands at abailing. The highest climb was about 120 feet. I found this a thoroughly enjoyable experience, and would like to thank all those people who made it possible. Long may it continue!

H. DE RIJKE, L6E

BIOLOGY FIELD TRIPS

(LOWER SIXTH ACTIVITIES WEEK)

Armed with clipboards, nets, sampling bottles and the like, the Lower Sixth Biology set embarked on a series of four field trips. The first was a visit to Cadover Bridge, where, after spending the morning romping in a nearby bog, identifying and counting sundews, the afternoon was divided between wading in the Plym (searching for trout etc.) and mapping the vegetation of the riverbank at Shaugh Prior. The following trip was to Warleigh Point Nature Reserve, and it was here that Kevin Tull discovered that he held a great attraction for rather vicious wasps, after our little expedition disturbed a nest whilst analysing different types of woodland. It was decided to make an early lunch so that the injured parties could recover before our afternoon pond life and insect survey.

The third field trip was spent at Bovisand. The great majority of the Biology set caught a bus to H.M.S. Cambridge, and the resulting yomp across uncharted Devon coastline (led by Craig "Livingstone" Irvine) was not well received. We spent many happy hours splashing about in the rock pools inhabited by sea anemones, seaweed and shrimps. We catalogued temperature and salinity of the water, as well as the different species found living there. Our final field trip was spent on project work, most of which was concerned either with osmoregulation or with sea anemone.

Thanks must be extended to Messrs. Skinner and Jenkins whose expert guidance was much appreciated.

B. SMITH, L6A

TWO DAY HIKE

(LOWER SIXTH ACTIVITIES WEEK)

The morning was misty and very wet, when seven weary-eyed sixth formers plus Messrs. Southern and Trueman set off across the moors from Burrator Dam. We wandered for 12 miles on the first day across some of the wettest and boggiest terrain in the U.K. We eventually arrived at our camp site, Prince Hall Farm, in the early evening and erected our tents.

We then indulged in cooking our baked beans and ravioli, which went down very well with black, sugarless tea. After a few games of cards and a number of anecdotes, we all retired to bed, the first day of our ordeal over.

We were awoken at 4 o'clock by a violent thunderstorm and the pattering of rain teeming down on the fly-sheet. Fortunately the storm soon subsided and we were able to go back to sleep, only to be woken up by a call of 'Hi de Hi' by Mr. Southern. Droopy-eyed and half asleep we peered out of the tent to be dazzled by the sun beating down upon us. This was a great incentive to get moving but no sooner had we cooked our baked beans and ravioli than we were surrounded in a thick blanket of mist. Nevertheless, we continued on our 10 mile trek along the leat all the way back to Burrator, very weary but with a great deal of satisfaction having completed our energy-draining expedition across Dartmoor.

HORSE-RIDING ON DARTMOOR

(LOWER SIXTH ACTIVITIES WEEK)

On July 16th I went horse-riding on Dartmoor as part of the Lower Sixth activities week. I was lucky to get a lift to Trowlesworthy with David Harris in Mrs. Pierpoint's car.

As I walked up to the farm where the horses were, I felt rather apprehensive. I was even more apprehensive when I mounted a large, brown horse. I scrambled onto it with considerable difficulty.

Then we all set off on what turned out to be two hours of pure agony, riding across Dartmoor. My horse seemed to have a mind of its own, stopping to feed when it felt like it, and occasionally breaking into a fast gallop—so much so that I often wondered who was in control—I or the horse.

My nastiest moment came when one of my stirrups came off and the horse would not stop. Luckily I did not fall off and the two-hour ride was accomplished without any accidents, despite some hair-raising experiences, and some terrible aches and pains from which I suffered afterwards.

On behalf of all the horse-riders, I would like to say thankyou to Mrs. Pierpoint for kindly arranging and overseeing this very enjoyable and worthwhile activity.

P. A. LOCHHEAD, L6C

OXBRIDGE CONFERENCE

The Lower Sixth students from D.H.S. concerned with this conference were hastily alerted about its existence shortly before Wednesday, 15th July (half way through the Activities Week). In spite of this, however, it turned out to be an extremely interesting and stimulating day that could prove invaluable for the future for all those pupils taking the Oxbridge examination. Pupils from schools in and around Plymouth were present to hear the facts and views stated by Mr. Barr, Rector and tutor for admissions of Exeter College, Oxford; Dr. MacKinnon, tutorial fellow in medical studies of St. Hilda's, Oxford; and Dr. Baron, teaching fellow in English and admissions tutor of St. Catherine's, Cambridge. The day was split into four sessions, each dealing with a different subject, and each open to questions from the school pupils attending. There was also a panel of undergraduates from various colleges in Oxford and Cambridge, who all studied different courses and who were available for questioning during break times.

The first session was "candidature and assessment", chaired by Mr. Peck and discussed by Dr. Baron and Dr. MacKinnon. Then there was a break for coffee, which enabled the students and teachers to intermingle and converse, and perhaps also seek acquaintance with a prospective admissions tutor.

Afer break, students were split into two groups; the sciences and humanities in order to hear Mr. Barr discuss the latter (chaired by Mr. MacTavish) and Dr. MacKinnon the former (chaired by Mr. Attewell), in relation to "Intellectual qualities".

Following this we retired for lunch in the hall, which had obviously been prepared with great care, and we were able to take advantage of a second opportunity to socialise. We received advice from those residing in colleges at Oxford or Cambridge. After this enjoyable rest, we again returned to the lecture theatre for more sessions.

Mrs. Clayton (Headmistress of D.H.S. for Girls) chaired the first afternoon session on "interviews", and Mr. Barr and Dr. Baron spoke about these as admission tutors. Then Miss Newman (Headmistress of Plymouth High School for Girls) chaired the last session on "undergraduate experience", in which the aforementioned panel of undergraduates spoke about life in college. There was a particularly interesting law case mentioned as an example of how lectures can be alleviated from time to time.

After that, everybody retired again to the hall for a very enjoyable tea, where everybody had their last chance to clear up any mysteries or doubts that were previously annoying them, or simply to find out more about their subjects.

I personally found the conference immensely valuable and enjoyable, and I am sure that everyone concerned at least learned something of valid importance for the future. I am extremely grateful to all those people who took the trouble to attend, and who helped enormously in solving minor problems that needed to be discussed, and who gave us a greater impression of what life in Oxford and Cambridge is like.

H. DE RIJKE, L6E

ICELAND EXPEDITION SUMMER 1981

During the last summer holidays a group of sixth formers undertook a three week expedition to S.E. Iceland. Many months of preparation had gone into this expedition as all the food and equipment had to be acquired and sent out by sea in advance, for the group had to be self-sufficient in all respects.

The destination of the expedition was the Laufafell area of S.E. Iceland, this area is quite remote but very interesting due to its varied volcanic scenery having many examples of geysers, hot springs, boiling mud holes and was quite near to the recent volcano Heckla.

The group travelled to Heathrow by coach and then to Reykjavik by Icelandic airline. After two nights in the Youth Hostel in Reykjavik, to give a full day in which the crates of food and equipment could be got through customs and a supply of paraffin bought, a coach took the group into the interior and dropped them near Laufafell where the base camp was set up. From the base camp journeys were made into the surrounding area, some involving two nights away from base camp so food supplies, tents and cooking equipment had to be carried. A three day journey was made to Landmannalaugan where the group enjoyed a rest day relaxing and swimming in the famous hot pools. Another notable journey was made to the Ice Cap which although looking sparkling white in the distance was quite a disappointing dirty grey from close up.

The expedition had its upsets such as when the tents were blown down during a severe storm, and the happy campers had to evacuate camp in the middle of the night, wade a fast flowing river and walk several miles to a refuge hut.

Fortunately this happened towards the end of the expedition and did not upset plans too much. The coach was due to pick up the party on Tuesday morning but did not arrive until Wednesday evening—and only after three members of the party had walked 26 miles to send a message out.

Despite these mishaps the expedition was enjoyed by all who took part, some declaring that they would be willing to go on any further expedition to Iceland in the future.

Mr. J. L. SOUTHERN

LOWER SIXTH DAY TRIP TO PAIGNTON ZOO

In March the lower sixth Biology set went to Paignton Zoo for a short course, which was about Evolution.

We arrived at about eleven o'clock and were entertained with the usual talks and guided tour before having our lunch which was kindly provided by the zoo.

Afterwards we set out on the inevitable project work and soon made the fascinating discovery that many animals have adapted themselves to the climate, so that they are very difficult to see when it is pouring down with rain.

We therefore retired to the shelter of the aviary and reptile house. When the rain finally abated we set forth from our hiding place only to encounter a chimpanzee practising his fast bowling techniques at us poor, innocent bystanders using anything he could find. Fortunately for those of us in the back of the mini-bus on the way home, no one made any catches.

I would like to thank Mr. Skinner for providing us with this enlightening insight into one of the most fundamental concepts of biology as we know it!

C. HOOPER, L6

MORNING TIDE

The lurid lights of the street lamps have long been replaced
by the murky gloom of the dawn;
rain drizzles down in a thickly slop
to baptise the pavements of our urbanised doom.

8.55 a.m. Cars clatter, doors slam, buses screech, footsteps approach
coming closer and closer, receding into the distance.

The hour of the masses has arrived.

Mrs. P. hurries out of her yellow stone prison.
Where is she going? What is she doing? Nobody knows, or cares afig

Her coat is of chainmail, her lanky hair a steel helmet,
all purpose built by her maker
to give her protection against the shrapnel of life.
In her face is reflected Ages of History;
her furrows show battles, bloody and hard,
her pasty lips, loves forlorn and lost.
Dark eyes are glazed with the sheen of Valium:

"Tense, nervous, take . . ."

A gleaming white chariot with an angel at the wheel comes hurtling forth.

"Too late, too late," she mutters to herself
as she mounts the Acme escalator to Heaven.

9.00 a.m. All is silent except for the hose as it washes her life off the road.

A VIEW OF LOWER SCHOOL

When a new D.H.S. "scruff" first arrives at school to commence his compulsory education, his first impression is undoubtedly one of awe and possibly shock. How can so many young pupils be kept under control satisfactorily by just nine teachers and a deputy head? After some experimentation in attempting to disprove this fact however, the Lower School soon settles into normal routine and runs smoothly in the competent hands of Mr. Bowden. There is only the odd "hiccup", with which members of staff are well able to deal, even if a class has a certain reputation in that area.

The Lower School assemblies are usually run along the same lines, with the occasional diverting exceptions such as productions of "Not the Lower School Assembly", or "The Three Ronnies!" On one memorable occasion the curtains failed, and an embarrassed "scruff" was obliged to hold them together amidst an uproar of slow hand clapping.

Clubs and societies have prospered this year, as have the inter-form sports in which 3W won the third year finals. There has also been a great deal of athletic success in Plymouth and county championships: T. Hewson and D. Rudge in the cross-country finals, T. Manhine in basketball, M. Dolewill in athletics and S. Blake in swimming.

The new Ferraro library is also proving to be extremely useful for the first three years, especially in private study. All in all the Lower School is thriving to the benefit of all concerned with it, and one hopes that it will continue to do so.

I. PORTER, 3W

LIFE IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

So now you're in the Middle School, and suddenly you find yourself inundated with new-found responsibilities. You may no longer be scorned as a baby "scruff", and have such luxuries as the use of the "bottom playground", but work is now of the utmost importance. "O-Levels", once a distant prospect, are now a real and pressing concern. From the moment you enter the fourth year your academic life is geared towards exam success.

Your guides along this treacherous path are the subject masters, form teachers and the ultimate authority of Mr. R. G. Borbon. No longer the childish admonition of the Lower School, from now on the pressure is on you to behave responsibly and follow the eleventh commandment to any lengths: "Thou shalt not grow thy hair below thy shoulders."

However, there are opportunities offered to act as prefects for a week and also to assume other sixth form activities, along with the "Post O-Level Scheme", which provides an insight into the prospective careers of soliciting, accountancy, hospital work, journalism and many others. Mr. Cox is available for careers advice and arranges visits and interviews for those students interested in particular occupations. This is completed by a trip to Bath University, which is of special importance to those students concerned with entering such an institution after leaving school. There are also more varied activities provided in the fifth year during the games periods, so that they are no longer held within the scope of Mr. Moon's dictates.

In the Middle School, a broader scope on school activities and student contribution is given, which results in a more positive outlook on life and a determination to succeed.

A. HOSKING and M. TILSTON, 4N

'KING HENRY' IV PART I

It has undoubtedly been a long cherished ambition of Mr. Burrows to produce a Shakespearian play which could be both understood by and entertaining for a wide range of audience. Too often is the snobbish or mis-conceived view taken that the enjoyment of a Shakespearian play is the preserve of a high-intellect clique and that though they can be watched by a "lay" audience, the ability to understand and hence enjoy them is solely with that "clique". Too often, also, is the view taken that only professional companies can perform Shakespearian plays worthy of any praise.

How well then did the school performance of "King Henry IV Part I" do to bring adulations not only from the "clique", but also from many who had never before seen a Shakespearian drama and who began watching it with a little trepidation?

The praise has been justifiably directed to the actors. John Dart's Falstaff received much of that praise in no small way repaying the sweating and straining underwent beneath much padding and the increasingly heavy falls he took night after night in the final act.

Falstaff and Andrew Milligan's prince were well supported by a comic chorus which attracted much attention without being over obtrusive, and provided much entertainment. The lisping Peto of Kevin McCreeth, Colin Hooper's thick skulled Gadshill and, especially the nasally impaired speech of Neil Williams' Bardolph, emphasised every grimace and smile, every tear and laugh and re-inforced the comedy. Added to this was Ivan Rich as a mischievous, spritely Poins scheming, and enjoying the practical joke. To these antics the audience warmed.

The drama of the play was equally well portrayed—even if the fight sequences lacked the Errol Flynn swashbuckle. Chris Hunt in the title role brought his eloquence to the harsh character; Gregory captured Hotspur's impetuosity and Len Harvey displayed the scheming craft of Worcester well supported by Pfeil and Camp.

Shakespeare did not intend that the conspirators be completely despised and the touching scenes between Hotspur and his wife, beautifully played by Tracy Ackland, between Martin Penn as Mortimer and his charming Welsh spouse, Fiona Moore; the humour of Graham Prisk's Glendower and the noble defiance of Douglas, played by Dave Jolly, invoked sympathy from the audience.

Of course to Mr. Burrows special praise should go, as producer he encouraged us to express the text visually as well as audibly; he attended to themes and imagery and brought to the performance those little touches which only he knew.

Our thanks also for Mr. MacTavish's set design and swords; for Mr. Beswetherick as stage manager (and even off stage voice!) as well as to his stage hands. Annually we pay our thanks to Mr. Gibson's lighting effects which are so crucial to emphasise action, direct attention and govern the mood of the play, and this year is no different.

We are grateful to the make-up department, to the Shakespearian Society for their costumery and to Stoke Damerel High School for the use of their ladies.

All contributed to a performance that will pleasantly endure in the minds of those involved in it for a long time and also of the audience for I still meet many people who say "That performance was far above school-standard."

A. MILLIGAN, L6

Milligan neglects to mention his own performance as Hal—one which justly received some of the highest acclaim.

'THE LITTLE SWEEP'

Once again the music department ventured into the field of chamber opera, with a production in the Christmas Term of Benjamin Britten's "The Little Sweep". Because of more pressing activities in the term, rehearsals only began in earnest about a month before the first night. Although rushed, all would agree that the experience was beneficial (not to mention unforgettable!). Malcolm Murray took the lead role, as the dejected Sam, while Nicholas Powlesland and I played the two cruel sweeps Clem and Black Bob. The children's parts were taken by Andrew Money, Peter Crookall and James Heath, with some invaluable help from Tamar in supplying the girls. Sarah Cole from D.H.S. girls sang the domineering Miss Baggott, while Elaine Wright played the sympathetic Rowan. Alex Collinson and Michael Larbalestier handled the difficult piano-duet accompaniment with their usual proficiency. Thanks must go to Mrs. Dart for this her first production with D.H.S., and to Mr. Farrow, our musical director.

BRYAN SMITH, L6A

'SOUTH PACIFIC'

On the first Wednesday in March, the curtain rose for the first night of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific" at D.H.S. for girls. It was a major production for a school to undertake with fifty people in the cast and a large orchestra. After nine tiring and often frustrating months of rehearsal there was a great mood of pessimism as the curtain rose for the first time.

However, such pessimism proved unfounded because suddenly everything seemed to click and four almost flawless performances were given to packed houses. Indeed as word of the show spread around, many people turned up on the door or phoned the school in the hope of buying any remaining tickets.

Three boys from D.H.S. for boys took part on stage, Anthony George, Bryan Smith as the comic laundry man, Luther Billis, and I. There were also a number of boys involved in the orchestra. The whole thing was very enjoyable with lots of singing and dancing and flinging about on stage.

The cast also had appearances on television, airing on the radio and pictures in the paper.

Thanks must be extended to Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Debenham, the producers, for making the whole thing possible and to the girls of D.H.S. for making the D.H.S. boys and boys from other schools involved in the production so much at home.

S. TREMBLETT, L6B

THE 1 SOUTH TRIP TO LONDON

8.15 a.m. at Plymouth Station saw the start of the IS journey to London. Mr. Trueman and Mr. Moon were taking us on this day-trip partly as a revision exercise but mainly because the tower has such historical significance.

The 8.25 train to Paddington did not arrive until 8.45 but as the 125 rambled its way to the capital, the usual Tuesday morning school work was replaced by a pleasant journey through countryside and city.

Eventually we arrived at Paddington and after a packed, quick, tube journey we reached Tower Hill.

For the whole day the sun gleamed down as we toured the famous building. The security was extremely tight with beefeaters and the police force guarding the crown jewels. Although most beefeaters were helpful, some were snappy and told us to go with our teachers or else . . . (on seeing the torture-weapons we decided to go with them!). The crown jewels which are the centre of attraction at the palace, I found to be very glamorous and they cost millions of pounds.

Eventually with our long tour of the Tower over, we proceeded homeward. All in all the party had enjoyed the day out, and it had helped considerably in our revision programme.

JASON HARRIS, IS

TEN-TORS 1982

For the first time ever the school entered a team in the gold 55 mile section of the Ten-Tors expedition, as well as in the two shorter distances.

The gold team was to have consisted of lower sixth formers only, but due to certain members dropping out of the event at the last minute, the team had to be changed and we even had to poach a member of the fifth year 45 mile team. The gold team had undergone only limited training, but, under the guidance of Mr. Southern and Dr. Phillips, the younger boys had trained well.

We arrived at Okehampton Army Camp on the Friday evening, and after the usual routine of equipment checks and briefing, we were all up at the starting line at 7.00 a.m. on the Saturday. The 55 mile team, which

consisted of : G. Davies, K. Fuller, D. Moore, A. Minhinick, S. Glanville, and N. Scorey, finished with five members at 1.00 a.m. on the Sunday. The 45 mile team, consisting of : M. Wiltshire, G. Bell, N. Gerry, S. Wotton, P. Salt, and C. Broome, came in only a short time after. They also lost one member of their team during the expedition. Some time later the 35 mile team clocked in with a complete team, consisting of : C. Deacon, A. Green, D. Miller, M. Rawles, P. Harris, and S. Hall.

The weather was not kind, it being very hot and dry. This led to many cases of dehydration and some badly blistered feet. A special mention must go to Nigel Scorey, who was requisitioned by the sixth year team just one week before the event. Certainly, he was instrumental in the team's success.

Thanks must also go to Mr. Southern and Dr. Phillips who arranged the entries, training and were, in addition, team managers over the weekend.

The expedition is not easy, regardless of distance, but it is a great achievement and an experience to remember.

K. FULLER, L6B

THE NORTH-SOUTH WALK AND THE TEN LETTER BOXES WALK

Due to the great enthusiasm of the fourth year hiking team, Dr. Phillips was press-ganged into entering two teams in the annual North-South walk. Leaving Okement Hill at an early hour, the A-Team raced into the lead and held it until, at the second checkpoint, one member of their team injured his ankle, slowing his fellow team members to a snail's pace. He was deposited at the next checkpoint and the team then ran most of the way to Two Bridges. Here they stopped for lunch and then began the exhausting trek to the finish.

The A-Team was placed third and the B-Team were placed first.

After this success, two teams were entered in the Ten Letter Boxes Walk. The fourth year team set off intent on finishing ahead of Dr. Phillips. All went as planned until it came to locating Cranmere Pool, which proved more difficult than had been expected. When finally they arrived at the pool, the first thing they saw was Dr. Phillips, who, together with his team of D. Moore, Mr. Southern and Robert Southern, was relaxing on the grass with a cup of tea !

From this point the teams continued together and finished, though later than expected, in good heart.

P. HARRIS, 4N

TOTNES RAFT RACE 1981

As usual in October of '81 hundreds of 'loonies' descended upon the River Dart at Buckfastleigh armed with various rafts, wetsuits, helmets and other assorted items. The school entered five rafts, although only four and a half finished with one of Manson's crew 'dropping out'. Fortunately the river level was unusually high so most of the entries managed to finish despite the extreme cold. However, in spite of this latter problem the majority of the 'loonies' who participated thoroughly enjoyed themselves and vowed to struggle and freeze again next year.

K. McCREETH, L6A

STRATFORD AGAIN — THIS TIME 'WINTER'S TALE'

The Shakespeare Society, those stalwarts of Bard-appreciation, organised a journey to see the "Winter's Tale" at Stratford last October.

The performance was a matinée one and so left little time to explore the limited delights of the town. Those who did not sample the finest Shakespearian beverage, had no sooner finished their packed-lunches than they were seated in a theatre watching a performance which impressed me with but one memorable moment and but three memorable characters.

The great "Bear" scene of Act III sc. 3, was of such an excellent dramatic standard that it fostered a real feeling of excitement amongst the audience. Also Patrick Stewart's "Leortes", Sheila Hancock's "Paulina" and Robert Eddison's "Antigorus" were characters whom I still remember as I recall a production during which more than one member of the audience claimed they had fallen asleep.

The now obligatory but nonetheless heartfelt thanks, which seem to close every school magazine article, must go to the Shakespeare Society for arranging the trip and for the number of lectures, once described as "invaluable", which they have organised during the year.

ANDREW MILLIGAN, L6A

THE SUMMER FETE

Fortunately, this year we were blessed with fine weather for the July 18th School Fete. Following on from this, I think it would be fair to say that we experienced one of the largest turnouts to such an event for many years with £950 being raised. This was perhaps proportional to the number of new ideas and attractions devised by the dynamic Dr. Phillips. It was he who cruelly sacrificed the traditional tug-of-war in favour of the new obstacle pram race. Could this be the start of a new era? Other attractions involved, included the Wyvern Majorettes, the Royal Marine voluntary Corps Band and the Royal Marine dog training team.

Finally, our thanks must be extended to all the hard-working members of the Parent Teachers Association for organising the event and for manning all the stalls so capably.

K. McCREETH, L6A

MEANINGFUL NONSENSE

Boiling cold, freezing hot
Useless necessities, useful not
Dark black holes, shining bright
Lose yourself in neon light
Filthy cleanliness, sparkling grime
Restful insomnia, timeless time
Deafeningly quiet, silently loud
Whispering storm, tempestuous cloud
Mindless monarch, sensible fool
Lovely building, lonely school

ANON.

OPERA TRIP 1982

In March, a school party set off to see Puccini's "La Bohème" at the London Coliseum. On arriving in London, the lower school members departed with Messrs. Farrow and Hamill, to spend an exciting and enthralling day in the Science Museum (an annual event not to be missed), whilst senior members spent the day as they wished.

By 7.30 p.m., the audience was hushed and the opera began. Unfortunately it was not as well performed as one might have hoped. The singing and acting certainly failed to do any justice to the opera, and the sets were not exactly awe inspiring. The general consensus of opinion was that it was not a patch on Opera South West's Bohème, produced by our very own Mr. Burrows!

The journey back was comparatively uneventful, except for one incident of an unknown gremlin, which caused the lighting circuit of the train to break off on several occasions. This resulted in chaos, and when the lights went back up, several members were found to be lying prostrate on the floor.

All were exhausted on arriving back in Plymouth, and glad to think of getting home for that long awaited sleep!

One must not forget the long suffering Mr. Farrow. He assures me that his grey hairs have phenomenally increased in number since the trip, despite regular application of Grecian 2000. Thanks must be extended to him for organising the visit and for almost succeeding in controlling those concerned.

A. COLLINSON, L6B

NORTHCOTT THEATRE TRIP

On the evening of 11th May, the English scholars from both lower and middle sixth travelled by coach to see a performance of "Othello", perhaps Shakespeare's second greatest tragedy. We arrived at the Northcott Theatre, on the Exeter University grounds, well before the start.

The performance was rather disappointing in some respects. Thomas Baptiste's portrayal of the jealous Moor was felt to be disappointing, although Iago, Cassio and Brabantio were portrayed admirably. Some members of the audience laughed at tragic moments, which, although inexcusable, does reflect the standard of the performance. Nevertheless, it was useful to see our set 'A' level play in the theatre.

We returned home late—very late . . .

M. GARDINER, L6A

HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

The presentation and performances in this year's competition varied from relaxed and informal to strict and intense.

The favourites were, without doubt, Grenville and Raleigh. They do have the advantage that nearly all the musical talent in the school seems to have been concentrated, by fair means or foul, in their numbers. This did not, however, dampen the enthusiasm of Drake and Gilbert. What they lacked in talent they made up for in decibels!

The worthy winner was Grenville House, who presented a highly polished and well packaged display of accomplished music making. Raleigh's performance was also of a similar standard, but they were just pipped on goal difference.

Raleigh's tactics became a little dubious when they attempted to sabotage Drake's piano solo, by leaving a tambourine in the works. However, their fiendish plot was foiled by the open minded Mr. Bowden who seemed to think this was some highly intellectual arrangement of a Thomas Arne sonata "à la John Cage"!

The highlight of the whole competition must have been when S. Tremblett, for Gilbert House, sang (without microphone) "Take A Look At My Girlfriend". I just don't know. Was it the balance, the dance routine, or the fact that the singer's words were interspersed with outrageous laughter? By the end of the performance, the judge had been escorted from the hall in a hysterical fit of laughter, and Gilbert House received rapturous applause.

Overall the competition was most enjoyable. It is clear that there is a great deal of growing talent in the musical field at Devonport High School.

M. LARBALESTIER, L6D

SNOWDON 1982

The five D.H.S. sixth-formers who went to camp with Hardye's School, Dorchester, had all had considerable experience on Dartmoor before they went. They found the experience valuable, except that there is a lot more rock in North Wales and most of it goes up and down rather more sharply. The Devil's Kitchen with full load was one clear memory—a mile of 60° slope. Tryfan was another, the only mountain in the U.K. where you have to use your hands to get to the top. It was tough, much tougher than they expected, but it was a most enjoyable week. They returned much leaner and fitter with unbelievable stories of fighting their way across knife-edged

ridges and struggling through bogs to camp in idyllic valleys. At the slightest excuse, they will also bore listeners with their rock-climbing exploits—"I was in four friction holds on the top pitch of Sabre Cut and the runner came out". They learnt the skills of cooking army compo from the Hardy's people, and taught them the School song in return, an experience that their hosts said they would never forget, they feared. The master who accompanied them was only too sorry that he was unable to join them 'yomping' across the mountains, as he had to spend all his time on rock climbing instruction. His climbing stories are much more interesting and are not exaggerated in the slightest. For instance . . .

(This article has regrettably had to be cut for reasons of space—Ed.)

A. J. MACTAVISH

HOUSE NOTES

DRAKE

Once again, Drake won the St. Levan Shield, displaying the customary efficiency in organisation and high level of achievement. Under the close guidance of House Master Mr. Clarke and House Captains Mark Dewdney and then David Tinney we were again able to secure an early lead, and despite two minor setbacks in the Music and the Badminton, good victories in the Athletics and Swimming saw us safely to victory, with performances in each at a high level throughout the House.

Other outright wins were achieved in the Soccer, Cross-Country and Chess, with the Junior Rugby also being won, and overall second place in the Rugby and Basketball.

The excellent level of enthusiastic support for the House was particularly well emphasised by the members of the lower sixth who played a 24-hour sponsored badminton marathon, raising over £500 for St. Luke's Hospice.

I would like to thank all those who have helped in the success of the House, and wish them similar success in capturing the St. Levan Shield once again in the coming year.

Finally, all members of the House should be reminded of the Drake House motto:

"Other Houses do it well, but Drake do it better".

SHAUN GLANVILLE

GILBERT

Once again Gilbert has suffered a little from having fewer seniors than the other Houses. The junior part of the House has competed with enthusiasm and some success, finishing second in the Basketball and winning the Chess. Overall the most successful event was finishing second in the Swimming Gala. N. Raven and S. Blake swam particularly well. Lack of standards in the senior part of the House let down the Athletic team, which performed very well indeed. If the enthusiasm of the first four years continues the House should have a good base on which to begin its return to the top next year.

GRENVILLE

The House had a successful year characterised by a good team effort all round. We finished second in the St. Levan Shield and came a good deal closer to Drake than when finishing joint second with Raleigh the previous year.

David Jolly proved a reliable and enthusiastic House Captain. In Basketball we were again supreme, winning both junior and senior sections. Our Badminton team did very well to reach the final of the competition where they lost to the powerful Raleigh side. Glyn MacBeth was an efficient non-playing Captain of Swimming in which the team came third. Under the skilful leadership of Alex Collinson we were restored to our rightful place as winners of the Music Competition. Gareth Davies organised our effort in Athletics and was rewarded with second place. In Chess we slipped slightly



1981/82 D.H.S. PREFECTS

Back Row : M. Santillo, S. Smith, A. Horton, J. St. Aubyn, M. Roseveare, R. Lane, J. Dart, C. Penberthy.

4th Row : A. Babb, D. Manning, R. Knight, M. Wiseman, A. Hemingway, A. Palmer, S. Holwell, K. Atkin, S. Roberts.

3rd Row : T. Hortopp, M. Hamley, P. Bradshaw, S. Gibby, M. Flood, R. Pfeil, M. Cuff, C. Hunt, M. Page, P. Furneaux,
M. Andrew, C. Paice, G. McBeth.

2nd Row : N. Rutter, D. Howman, L. Harvey, M. Mears, D. Camp, R. Wills, M. Ferring, J. Martin, K. Clarke, J. Ballard,
G. Tillett, P. Waters.

1st Row : Mr. A. MacTavish, R. Richards, M. Kearley, D. Tinney, D. Parsons, S. Clarke (School Captain), D. Jolly, A. German,
M. Lang, Mr. Peck.



1st XV RUGBY 1981/82

Back Row : M. Northam, J. Martin, M. Roscoe, R. Dew, K. Fuller,
J. Hooper, J. Ballard.

2nd Row : Mr. Evans, G. McBeth, A. Blackwell, I. Gidley, M. Dewdney,
G. Bell, R. A. Blackford, A. German.

Front Row : Mr. Southern, G. Lenden, R. Price, T. Hume, A. Price (Capt.),
M. Perring, R. Wills, Mr. Peck.



1st XI SOCCER 1981/82

Back Row : N. Scorey, M. Northam, I. Phillips, D. Bastone, M. Flood,
R. Pfeil, M. Dewdney, D. Moore, M. Brown.

Front Row : Mr. Hayman, P. Gregory, M. Cuff, M. Kearley, S. Clarke (Capt.),
M. Roseveare, J. Bowhay, Mr. Peck.



BADMINTON TEAM 1981/82

Back Row : D. McCullum, K. Tull, R. Pfeil.

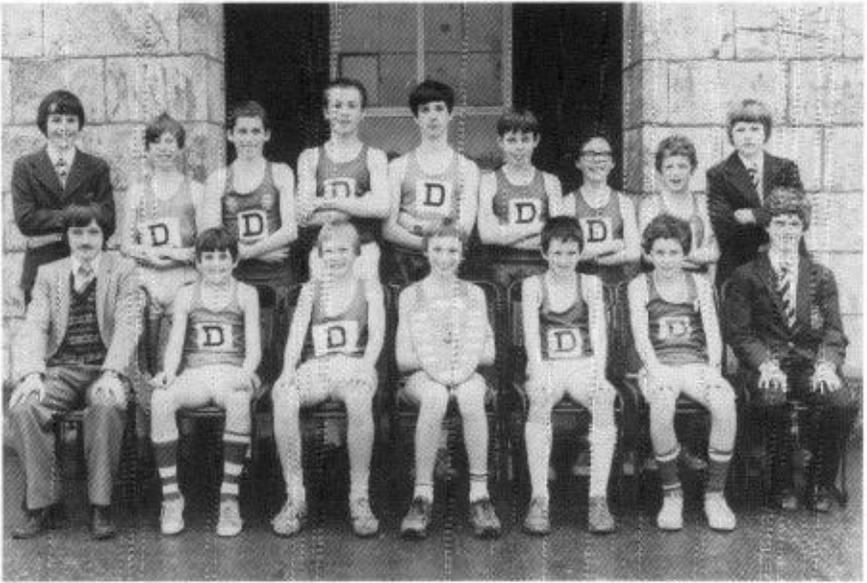
Front Row : Mr. Smith, A. Pipe, M. Flood, N. Rutter (Capt.), Mr. Peck.



BASKETBALL 1981/82

Back Row : T. Manhire, I. Bell, D. Parsons, G. Haley, G. Davies, J. Painter.

**Front Row : Mr. Moon, G. Smith, D. Jolly, C. Irvine, M. Flood (Capt.),
I. Mollard, Mr. Peck.**



PLYMOUTH SCHOOLS CROSS-COUNTRY LEAGUE

Joint Winners 1981/82

**Back Row (from left to right): D. McCallum, W. Knight, M. Croton, S. Blake,
A. Petherick, S. Green, K. Tilcock, B. Jenkins, R. Manhire.
Mr. Skinner, J. Rickard, P. Rudge, D. Rudge, S. Godolphin, S. Howe, T. Ewson.**



TOTNES RAFT RACE

Left to Right : K. McGreeth, P Aldersley, D. Childs and M. Penn.

but finished second overall and in David Cook probably have the most talented player in the school. Cross-Country was a disappointment, seniors third, juniors fourth, but we did put out a full team. Fortunes in Soccer and Rugby were revived. Or seniors came third and second respectively and in the juniors the positions were reversed.

Once again the House championship has enabled boys to have a game where school teams might not have provided a chance. And many boys have again displayed a talent for organisation and leadership.

G.K.S.

RALEIGH

The general impression gained from a glance at this year's St. Levan Shield results must, unhappily, be one of disappointment.

Over the last few years Raleigh House has improved markedly in all areas, and we have a new-found belief in ourselves. However, this belief, as yet, is not strong enough to convince the House that it is capable, through consistent efforts, of winning the championship outright.

That there is talent within the House is undoubted and this was displayed in very creditable performances in Music, Badminton and Cross-Country, as well as a superb performance by the senior Rugby team in gaining maximum points, and leaving the over-confident Drake team trailing behind. (Drake cannot be blamed for this, however, as they had difficulty in fitting their heads between the posts to score).

The whole Raleigh side played well, with the back row outstanding.

The House faltered, as usual in the main events of the year, the Swimming Gala and Sports Day, and the fact that there was no Speech competition, in which the House normally excels, did not help our title challenge.

However, I feel that the House has much to be optimistic about, and we must, eventually fulfil our potential.

Thanks must go once again to Mr. Southern and Mr. Burrows, whose unceasing involvement and encouragement have been as important a factor as any in the continued re-vitalisation of the House.

I must also praise the work of Mark Kearley, the House Captain, and Andy Price and Mike Roseweare, amongst others, for their helpful support. I am sure that the present Lower Sixth will lead the House next year in the same style.

A. HUME, L6C

SPORTS DAY 1982

Sports Day, this year, followed the customary format: Part One was held at school, whilst Part Two was held at the Brickfields. There were several excellent performances at both venues, the most outstanding being J. Allin's run in the Senior Boys 800m, when he set a new school record of 1 min. 57.4 secs.

A promising newcomer to the school is T. Hewson of the third year, who broke the Under 14 800m and 1500m records.

The individual championships were hotly contested, but none more so than the Under 14 championship, which resulted in a tie for the points cup.

The champions were:

Under 12 Champion: A. Scott (Drake)

Under 13 Champion: A. Pringle (Grenville)

Under 14 Champion: S. Hemiman (Gr.)/M. Colwill (Gil.)

Under 15 Champion: J. Heath (Drake)

Senior Runner-up: A. German (Gilbert)

Victor Ludorum: J. Allin (Drake)

Junior Standards Cup: Drake

Senior Standards Cup: Drake

Relay Championship: Drake

Overall Champions: Drake 748½ points

Runners-up: Grenville 644 points

3rd Place: Raleigh 532½ points

4th Place: Gilbert 528 points

I feel that the school can be fairly sure of the knowledge that it has a wealth of athletic talent within its ranks and a lot of the records set this year could be broken quite easily next year.

Finally, I must extend thanks to all members of staff, especially Messrs. Moon and Hayman, who ensured the smooth running of this sports event. Also thanks must be given to Mr. Pascoe, Chairman of the Board of Governors for the school, for presenting the certificates and trophies.

M. NORTHAM, L6

SCHOOL SWIMMING GALA

The annual School Swimming Sports was held at Central Park, in front of a small, but enthusiastic, crowd of parents and boys, who added greatly to the atmosphere of the occasion, by verbally encouraging their respective Houses.

A new cup was donated this year, by Richard Baker, for the Open Butterfly, in which he specialised. This was easily won by David Tinney, the captain of the Drake House swimming team, establishing a new school record.

Two records were broken by S. Blake of the third year, in the breast-stroke and freestyle events. P. Evens, of the second form, set a new back-stroke record, and he also helped his House to set a new record in the under-13 freestyle relay.

The individual year champions were :

Open Championship : D. Tinney (Drake)

Senior Cup : D. Tinney (Drake)

Under 15 : N. Raven (Gilbert)

Under 14 : S. Blake (Gilbert)

Under 13 : P. Evens (Drake)

Under 12 : J. Bartlett (Grenville)

The final result was fairly conclusive with Drake House, under the guidance of Mr. Clarke and D. Tinney, running out winners, by a substantial margin. Gilbert narrowly emerged ahead of Grenville for the runner-up position, with Raleigh taking fourth place.

Finally, thanks must be extended to Mr. Baker, who presented the trophies and certificates, and also to the members of staff who made the Gala, an occasion to be remembered.

N. RAVEN and A. WOON, 4N

RUGBY CLUB REPORT

Under the captaincy of Andy Price the 1st XV experienced a highly successful season especially in comparison with last year's disappointing results. However, the reason for this season's satisfying record can be attributed to the fact that the team as a whole was beginning to show a higher degree of maturity and experience and the younger members of the team especially (i.e. Swiggs and Bell) were able to display their true potential.

An early season win against Albion Juniors (despite a disappointing loss against Kelly College) led the team to believe that Devonport would be a strong contender for this year's Devon Cup and this was borne out in our first round match against West Buckland School. The team played some extremely impressive rugby in far from ideal conditions and the pack in particular totally outplayed a team much larger in stature than ourselves, leading to a 22-8 victory for Devonport. However, possibly due to a string of victories prior to our second round match versus Exeter School (to be played at Exeter), the team seemed to lapse into a very complacent mentality and as a result did not prepare for the game as they should have done. Accordingly despite a hard fought contest Devonport squandered a number of match winning opportunities, and were eventually defeated by 9 pts. to 3. This was probably the most dismal result of the season since our aim from the start had been to win the Devon Under 19 cup, a task which we believed was well within our capabilities.

However, this setback only seemed to serve as a boost to the team spirit and up until the end of the season we suffered only two more defeats and out of thirteen remaining matches we won eleven and drew one. This impressive run included wins against Brixham Colts, Manadon, Marjons and Plymouth Albion Juniors and included a nine match unbeaten record. Once again Mark Dewdney emerged as the top try and points scorer.

There can be no doubt that this season can be classified as highly successful despite our early exit from the Devon Cup, and furthermore it proved to be highly enjoyable with a fantastic team spirit and a fine degree of commitment.

Obviously we must not forget the efforts of Mr. Southern and Mr. Evans who again showed a great amount of effort and enthusiasm in the running and training of the 1st and 2nd XV. Special thanks also go to the P.T.A.

1st XV

Played: 34 Won: 22 Drew: 2 Lost: 10 F: 520 A: 353

The 2nd XV enjoyed a relatively indifferent season, the first half of which contained more losses than wins. However, towards the end of the season the team, under the captaincy of Sean Glanville and with the help of Dr. Jenkins fared well and eventually achieved a 6 match unbeaten record.

2nd XV

Played: 15 Won: 8 Drew: 0 Lost: 6 F: 203 A: 192

The Under 15 team, under the captaincy of S. Palmer, again notched up some satisfying results and overall concluded with a very commendable record. Thanks again must go to Mr. Burrows for the running of the team and the skill with which he seems to nurture promising 1st XV players.

Under 15

Played: 15 Won: 9 Drew: 0 Lost: 5

In comparison the Under 14 team experienced rather a frustrating season, although under the guidance of Mr. Trueman their commitment and enthusiasm cannot be doubted.

Under 14

Played: 13 Won: 4 Drew: 1 Lost: 8 F: 160 A: 186

The Under 13 team, under the guidance of Dr. Phillips, played extremely well and like the 1st XV enjoyed a very successful season.

Under 13

Played: 13 Won: 7 Drew: 1 Lost: 5 F: 266 A: 136

However, once again the Under 12 team, run by Mr. Moon and Mr. Bowden, proved to be the stars of the school, winning all but one of their matches played.

Under 12

Played: 11 Won: 10 Drew: 0 Lost: 1 F: 216 A: 41

Therefore in conclusion it can be said that the results of this season, throughout the school show great promise for future years, especially in terms of the Devon Cup Competition.

M. PERRING (Secretary)

SOCCKER REPORT

Once again, the 1st XI enjoyed a successful run in the Devon Under 19 Cup, reaching the final for the third consecutive season. On the way to the final, we recorded our highest score beating North Devon 10-3. After a semi-final victory against Torquay, we had to face Exeter in the final, but were beaten by the better team.

In the league, we had a mediocre season, finishing in a mid-table position. The league position was affected by injury problems, especially the ankle injuries to two key players, Paul Furneaux and Mark Kearley. Steve Clarke captained the team well, successfully organising it throughout the

season. Other notable performances came from strong defender Peter Gregory and Mike Rosevear, who was our top scorer for the season.

Our 2nd XI fared better this year than it has for a number of seasons, led by the captaincy of David Bastone.

The Under 15 team only managed to gain two points this season. But it was good to see that they enjoyed playing; staying loyal to Mr. Jones, by turning up for all the games.

It is regrettable that there was no Under 14 team this season, due to there being no teacher available to coach them. But the pupils are keen and willing to play next year, if a teacher is willing to help.

The Under 13 team were the most successful of all school teams; winning six out of eight games, losing only one game to Public. These performances were good enough to win the league, which was also due to their loyal supporters and the leadership of Mr. Sandercock.

The Under 12 team did well; winning three matches and drawing one. Unfortunately, the team captain, Manhire, broke his leg in the first match, Mr. Skinner appointed Tomms as a replacement, who took over the position well. It is pleasing to note the amount of interest in the first year, which is a good sign for the future.

IAN PHILLIPS, L6A

ATHLETICS REPORT

This year there have been some exceptional performances on the athletics track. The most outstanding achievement was J. Allin's 800m run in the English School's Championships at Birmingham, where he finished in fourth position. His final time of 1 min. 51.4 secs., broke the existing Devon record by nearly four seconds. M. Colwill was also selected to represent Devon in the National Championships and participated in the Junior Boys 80m Hurdles.

Five members of the school went forward to represent Devon in the South West School's Championships at Yeovil. They were:

Senior boys : J. Allin (1st), M. Northam (2nd)

Intermediate boys : J. Heath (4th)

Junior boys : M. Colwill (1st), T. Hewson (2nd)

Their positions are shown in brackets.

As well as individual achievements, there were good team performances for D.H.S. in the Plymouth Schools' Championships. The Junior team had an outstanding victory in their age group, whilst the Intermediate and Senior teams did well to finish third in their respective sections.

Finally, I would like to thank Messrs. Moon and Hayman for their tireless effort this year and I am firm in my belief that many more athletes throughout the school will reach as prestigious a position as Jason Allin has this season.

M. NORTHAM, L6D

SENIOR BASKETBALL

After several years of unqualified success, this season was just unqualified. Even with the aid of our imported player, Craig Irvine, we were unable to avoid defeat in seven of our twelve matches. The only successes were achieved by individuals; where Craig Irvine played for South West Schools Under 19 and both he and Ian Mollard played for Plymouth Schools.

Towards the end of the season, our coach experimented with junior members of the school with some promising performances from G. Waley, S. Aindow and T. Manhire.

Thanks must be extended to Mr. Moon and Mr. Hayman for their invaluable coaching and also to G. Smith who often 'scored' for the team.

Full colours : M. Flood, D. Jolly, C. Irvine, G. Davies, I. Mollard.

Half colours : D. Parsons, J. Painter.

D. JOLLY (Secretary)

CRICKET REPORT

The Senior School was obliged, once again, to resign itself to a season virtually devoid of cricket. This was not through any lack of effort from the boys themselves. A motion in favour of 1st XI Cricket, plus a real effort to to get back on its feet, was passed unanimously by the school council, but this proved totally ineffectual. A team was sent out to play a Kelly College side, despite the unavailability of several key players. The school defeated Kelly by 8 wickets, with all players giving an admirable performance. This, along with the excellent achievements by teams from lower down the school, shows that the school has real potential. This must be utilised as soon as possible, and the first step should be to ensure that some quality nets are available by next year. Dr. Phillips must be thanked for his invaluable assistance at all levels.

Under 15

Played: 8 Won: 4 Lost: 4

A mediocre season for a team requiring more practice. M. Rawles captained the side, under the guidance of Dr. Phillips. S. Palmer attained an average of 98 and D. Wright's consistent bowling earned him one wicket every 3.4 runs. The highlight of the season came when the team reached the final of the local 6-a-side competition, but lost on the last ball of the match, to a side from Saltash. The supreme moment for the whole team came in reaching the semi-final of the Plymouth 6-a-side Cup.

Under 14

Played: 4 Won: 3 Lost: 1

Again, Dr. Phillips must be thanked for his assistance at this, aided by Mr. Beswetherkick. T. Manhire captained the side, who lost only to Plympton Grammar.

Under 13

Played: 9 Won: 9 Lost: 0

An excellent season, under the efficient supervision of Mr. Skinner. Fennel, as captain, bowled well; but special mention must be given to Pring's all round performances, including an unbeaten half-century and taking 4 wickets on one occasion. Rimes, Harris and Goodey also performed well, helping the side to a clear win in the league. The season ended on a slightly frustrating note, with a defeat against Penlee in the final of a local 6-a-side competition.

Under 12

Played: 6 Won: 6 Lost: 0

The league consisted of D.H.S., Penlee, Whitleigh, Kings Tamerton and Tamerton. The school won all its matches, thus clearly winning the league. Angus, an excellent all-rounder, was captain and was well supported with strong bowling performances from wicket-keepers Morris and Pinch, who promises to be a dangerous leg-spinner, a rarity in modern cricket.

M. GARDINER, L6

SAILING REPORT

With the onset of the summer months, the waters of Plymouth Sound become perilous due to the presence of the distinctive red-hulled vessels of the School Sailing group. But we soon remembered the technical details of sailing and became very competent sailors.

In the sailing competitions, we gave disappointing performances against Kelly College and Saltash, mainly due to a lack of ability and much misfortune. These defeats generated a renewed feeling of determination and a team consisting of Lower Sixth and fourth formers was selected to take part in the annual Plymouth Schools' Regatta. In this event the school gained a resounding victory, having seven boats finishing in the top eight positions.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Dr. Phillips for working such minor miracles as keeping the School Sailing hut upright and in preparing the boats in time for the season's sailing.

D. CHILDS, L6A

TENNIS REPORT

Despite efforts made to arrange fixtures with neighbouring schools, the tennis season was not exactly busy. Offers of senior fixtures were made to over half a dozen schools in the city, but there was only one acceptance, by Plymouth College. The main reason for the distant lack of enthusiasm was the occurrence of external examinations, but it was a notable disappointment that many schools did not even bother to reply.

The match against Plymouth College was held on a fine, bright evening, and was a great success from our point of view. The team, consisting of: Mike Perring (Captain), Kevin Tull, Steve Palmer and John Williams, put up an inspiringly spirited performance to win by a rather more comfortable margin than was expected.

As is the usual practice, a senior team was entered in the Plymouth Schools' Championships, held at Mannamead. The pair of Perring and Tull spent an exhausting, but enjoyable day, playing some fine teams before being squeezed into second place. It was a disappointment that a team could not be entered in the Devon Schools' Championships due to a lack of players, even after entry fees had been paid and arrangements made.

The most enjoyable match by far was the encounter with the somewhat cumbersome staff, though one could not fault their attitude and application. The staff eventually collapsed under the more youthful exuberance of the school team.

May I just take this opportunity of thanking, on behalf of the whole team, Mr. Watson for his unselfish dedication in taking charge of the school side once again.

J. WILLIAMS, L6 (Secretary)

BADMINTON REPORT

The Senior team had a successful season, although there was a limited fixture list. The team did not lose a match, as the following results show:

Coombe Dean (H) 8-1
Plymouth College (H) 9-0
Plympton (H) 8-1, (A) 6-3
Plymstock (H) 9-0, (A) 7-2

Congratulations must be given to Neil Rutter, who represented Devon and won the Plymouth and District Under 18 singles and doubles championships, partnered by Myles Flood.

Congratulations also to Anthony Pipe, who won the Under 14 Devon Schools' singles, Under 13 Devon doubles, Under 14 Devon County and Under 14 Plymouth and District Doubles Championships, partnered by Danny McCallum. Both are players for the Devon County Under 14 team. and to the other players: R. Pheil and N. Gerry.

K. TULL. L6

SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY REPORT

The cross-country season started in October with a defeat against B.R.N.C. Dartmouth, despite an appearance by the highly talented Mr. Trueman. The main achievement of the year was the winning of the Plymouth Schools' Championship at H.M.S. Cambridge in the next match; J. Allin winning the event, closely followed by M. Horgan and M. Northam. Allin and Horgan went on to represent Devon in the All England Championship.

Kelly College won the following events, despite a repeat performance by Allin, Horgan and Northam occupying the first three positions. But the season ended on a high note with a revenge victory against Dartmouth, which included a fine effort from D. Rudge of the third form. This was followed by a resounding win against Plymouth College, despite a weakened D.H.S. team, which had seven runners in the top nine placings, which in-

cluded J. Potter's creditable runners up position. In the light of these triumphs, next season's prospects look even more favourable than this year.

Finally, many thanks must be extended to Mr. Dickens for his encouragement and organisation throughout the season.

D. MOORE, L6A

DICK TURPIN

They drew their guns and clicked them back
But good old Turpin was quicker than that
He whistled to Bess, one short one long
And she kicked her legs as he whistled the song.

Four men who held their place in the yard
Had a kick from Bess so strong and so hard,
Four men went flying out of the barn
But this does not yet end the yarn.

Turpin mounted his young Black horse
And clip-clop he went as he raced over the moors,
Four men behind, followed him there
Four men for law, loyal and fair.

The race was long and tiresome
For now there was a threesome
Following Turpin with all their might
Pistols ready, ready to fight.

Two more it was had now dropped out
One, but one, was left to scout,
But Turpin was now in deep distress
It was his horse, the lovely Black Bess.

She fell with a "thump" on the cold moorland ground
Panting and puffing, making many a sound,
But now the noise stopped, Black Bess was dead
Turpin lay down and raised her head.

"Farewell my beauty" Turpin cried
But the only one red coat was now by his side
Turpin it was who drew his gun first
And Turpin it was who carried the curse.

The gun went "crack", the bullet hit
Turpin cried out loud, as he felt the grit,
The bullet had pierced him through his head
And Turpin it was who fell down dead.

So Dick Turpin had met his fate
He was near the one and only gate,
He saw the Devil reach out his hand
"Welcome" he said "To the lonely land".

M. G. HARRIS, 2S

SCHOOL LIBRARY REPORT 1981-82

This has been an extremely busy year for the libraries. The Ferraro library, since its inauguration, has rapidly expanded and developed and those using it have demonstrated a very responsible attitude towards the new stock. Similarly, with regard to private study, the attitude of those using the libraries has been very pleasing.

The stock of the Ferraro library has increased this year and the Middle School library, although not as well stocked as the Ferraro library, is still used fully for private study. Hopefully next year will see an increase in the amount of fiction in the library. It is also hoped that next year it will be possible to expand the libraries, especially the Ferraro, to incorporate tapes of books.

We are grateful for all the time and effort devoted to the libraries by all the young librarians. Special thanks should I feel go to Simon Coles in the Ferraro library for giving up nearly every lunchtime to supervise the library and the issue of books. He has proved invaluable, as have all those who have helped.

We would like to thank Mr. Burrows for his help and support this year and Mr. Sandercock and Mr. Beswetherick for their continued work in the Ferraro and Middle School libraries respectively. My thanks go to Andrew Horron who has been an excellent librarian and ensured the smooth running of the three libraries. Best wishes for the future are extended to him and to Gavin Hamilton who has taken over from him and will be librarian for 1982-83.

Mrs. L. Dart

With her usual modesty Mrs. Dart has given no hint of her own enormous efforts to improve the running of the libraries—to her the greatest thanks must go—Ed.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

I am pleased to report that we have had another very successful year, and I would like to thank both those who have taken part, and all the parents for giving their support to our teams.

The first competition we competed in this year was the Rotary Club "Youth Speakers" competition. We entered a senior team, consisting of Christopher Penberthy (Speaker), Graham Prisk (Chairman), and Hugo DeRijke (Proposer of the vote of thanks), and a junior team consisting of David Miller (Speaker), Christopher Stone (Chairman), and James Coyle (Proposer of the vote of thanks). The senior team were beaten into second place by Plymouth College, but the junior team won their section, and went on to represent Plymouth in the area finals. They competed admirably in this competition, but were defeated.

In the English Speaking Union competition we only entered one team, the same junior team which competed in the Rotary competition. Virtually all the other teams were seniors, making all the more outstanding their placing of second to St. Dunstan's senior team, thus the school retains the E.S.U. runners up trophy.

We had a greater response, this year, to the Port of Plymouth Junior Chamber individual public speaking competition. The Junior school provided a number of interested parties, who certainly proved their worth. Christopher Pemberty, at very short notice again, competed for the senior section, and whilst doing very well, did not manage to secure a place in the final. However, our Juniors were more successful, with Jonathan Salt, David Miller, Christopher Stone and James Coyle winning through to the finals. Their performance was superb, with James Coyle winning the Junior section and David Miller was runner up. An individual trophy was awarded to the competitor who scored the most points overall, Senior and Junior, and James Coyle took this trophy, with the comment from the Lord Mayor that there was, "No question", as to who the winner should be.

David and James then went on to compete against many schools throughout the South West region, but were beaten into placings by an excellent team from Tiverton College.

I would like again to praise all those who took part, and I look forward to another successful year.

Mrs. P. J. SHAW

And, in turn, all those who took part would like to thank Mrs. Shaw—Ed.

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BARCLAYS

THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council met four times during the past year. As with other years, the attendance at the first meeting was high, but gradually dwindled through the year. The fourth meeting had to be cancelled because a quorum was not reached, but various motions were discussed in the course of the year, including the purchase of a tea and coffee machine for the school, and the revival of the 1st XI Cricket team. Our only success was the approval of a motion for the school bell to ring thenceforward at five minutes to one, as a reminder for all those attending meetings at one o'clock. I would like to point out that without the support of members of school, both in sending representatives to the meetings and in the supply of motions, the School Council would cease to function altogether. After all, it is your council, and is primarily concerned with the interests of the school.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of school who made the effort to attend all the meetings. I am also very grateful to those members of staff who generously gave the council their support and approbation.

R. WARNE, L6D

THE COMPUTER CLUB

Although the school has been slow to enter the age of the microcomputer, it has for several years utilized the Polytechnic's PRIME system. However, following the success of the D.H.S. appeal, the Headmaster decided to invest in several microcomputers. First to arrive was a large RML 380-Z, followed by seven of the new B.B.C. microcomputers.

There has been a great deal of interest from the fourth year and upwards. Now, as boys have learnt to program in basic, more constructive programmes are emerging. Games do still predominate, but they represent an excellent way of learning about computing, since they require complex programming for fast execution.

Looking to the future, it is rumoured that Computing will soon be introduced into the curriculum for the lower school. This will ultimately mean that every pupil passing through the school will have at least an elementary knowledge of computing by the time they leave us.

Next year, two more powerful B.B.C. computers will arrive, bringing the school's total number of computers up to eleven. Another recent arrival is a printer, which is now in daily use.

I must mention Mr. Watson, who has put a lot of time and effort into the purchasing of computers and the general running of the computer room.

S. BREWER, L6A

THE WARGAMES SOCIETY

On Saturday mornings, dictionaries and encyclopaediae remained firmly on their shelves, as the school library was taken over by fantastical creatures from other dimensions.

The Wargames Society held regular meetings throughout the year. It is not surprising that, with the great interest in fantasy role playing games, the meetings have been dominated by the playing of "Dungeons & Dragons" and "Runequest".

But we have not forsaken the traditional British wargame. During the past year, the Society has played numerous 1/300th scale tank battles.

For his enthusiasm and numerous peace initiatives, the Society thanks Mr. Dickens. He has given up a great deal of his time to organise the meetings.

New members, whether players of experience or complete beginners, are always welcome.

R. WARNE, L6D

PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

The Photographic Club has had one of its most successful years, with membership increasing to forty. All have been able to take advantage of the darkroom and associated photographic facilities.

Especially pleasing was the boom in lower school membership. With cameras poised and ready, they have been able to learn new techniques of photography. The credit must be given to Mr. Bassett for his unrelenting enthusiasm. His idea of holding regular competitions has injected a new incentive in to the club, which can only improve the general standard of photography.

One of Mr. Bassett's greatest innovations was the introduction of the Canon A1, one of the most advanced automatic SLR cameras on the market. Unlike its competitors, the Canon A1 has five priority modes, enabling a wide range of different types of photography to be undertaken using the same camera.

With Mr. Bassett at the head, it is obvious that the club will continue to develop and prosper. I am confident that next year will prove the most successful year yet.

C. J. KELLY, 2S (Secretary)

THE ART CLUB

There has been a veritable hive of activity in the Art Club this year. During lunchtimes and after school, the growing band of enthusiasts are able to study a wide range of artistic techniques, which cannot be thoroughly covered in lesson time.

Under the watchful eye of Mr. Bassett, the driving force of the society, standards of achievement are continually improving. This is especially visible in ceramics and modern design. A permanent art display on the middle landing of C-block shows the wide range of artistic talent which is developing in the school.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Bassett, on behalf of all members, and I hope that many more people will join us next year.

R. A. BLACKFORD, L6C (Secretary)

SENIOR CHRISTIAN UNION

This year has seen an important progression in the history of the Senior Christian Union. We have seen a significant growth in membership, no doubt partially motivated by the merging of our Senior Christian Union with that of Stoke Damerel High School for Girls.

We wish to extend our thanks to the Rev. Cryer for officiating at Communion Services and for the fortnightly use of his church; to Stoke Damerel sixth form, for the use of their hut, also on a fortnightly basis; to our speakers for giving us their time and finally to Graham Prisk and Trevor Bright who masterminded this year's successful activities.

We trust that next year the Senior Christian Union will once again increase its success.

C. PENBERTHY (Secretary)

JUNIOR CHRISTIAN UNION

The Junior Christian Union meets on Friday lunchtimes, and, over the past year has been supported by about a dozen or so interested pupils from the first, second and third years.

The meetings have generally taken one of three forms: Informal bible reading; listening to a visiting speaker; or just singing gospel songs with Mr. Philip Gibson accompanying on the guitar.

It is a friendly, and a lively society, which will always welcome new members. On behalf of all members we would like to offer our thanks to Mr. Gibson, who has spared so much of his time to the running of the Junior Christian Union.

N. MORGAN, 2S and N. MORTIMER, 2S

THE CHORAL SOCIETY

The D.H.S. Choral Society has had a very successful year. Few people realize that on the first Monday of the Autumn term, the choir starts practising carols for the December Carol Service. Singing carols with us this year, we were fortunate to have several members of staff. But there was a notable degree of absence among the latter, when, in the new year, we began work on an ambitious production of David Bedford's "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner". The Choir's year was enjoyably rounded off by the musical exchange with De La Salle College, Jersey.

M. LARBALESTIER, L6D

THE SCHOOL BAND

Every Thursday and Friday lunchtime, odd noises can be heard issuing from the depths of the Music Room. The school band is undergoing its regular practise sessions under the baton of Mr. Farrow. The band has developed into a semi-rock group, playing pieces ranging from "Light My Fire" to "Songs of Stevie Wonder". As Mr. Farrow will only too readily point out, the function of the band is to provide the opportunity for younger members to play together with more experienced players. The result is that every year, the ranks are replenished, by fair means or foul, with thirteen and fourteen-year-old Glen Millers. As the year progresses, the motley bunch of musicians come together into a highly disciplined group, whose renderings of popular pieces can at times be recognisable.

B. SMITH, L6A

THE DEBATING SOCIETY REPORT

Although this is a society catering for the whole sixth form, not exclusively the middle sixth, until very recently there was only one member from the lower sixth—namely myself.

The main problem in organizing this society has been the general apathy of the lower sixth, which I discovered when I took over as secretary in the Spring.

As in past years, most debates have been in conjunction with the girls of Stoke Damerel High School. One meeting was held with St. Dunstons, but with only three members of our school attending, this link seems doomed to failure. (It may be a while before we gain enough courage to show our faces there again).

As the year progressed, an attempt was made to turn the debates into a more informal sort of discussion. This has proved successful as it allows us to ease prospective members gently into the society.

Now that some people have been persuaded to come along, and have enjoyed themselves, I hope that the society will pick up momentum and continue with members from both lower and middle sixth years.

C. HOOPER (Secretary)

197 AIR TRAINING CORPS SQUADRON

The past year at 197 Squadron has been one of many varied and exciting activities. The Squadron's summer camp in 1981 was at St. Mawgan, where flying in Nimrods and visiting sections of the camp were enjoyed by all. Each year, cadets can decide to travel abroad, I myself went to West Germany at R.A.F. Laarbruch (a front line station).

A successful recruiting campaign at the beginning of the A.T.C. term amongst the lower years has now strengthened the squadron to favourable proportions.

The squadron's outdoor activities were again very successful. Participation in gliding, powered flying, 303 shooting and survival courses aimed at training all manners of discipline required to make a good cadet.

The amalgamation of the Plymouth and Cornwall Wings (now the Western Wessex Wing) was a blow to the pride of the Plymouth squadrons. Now, I am happy to say our squadron has steadily increased its participation with the Wing, including the 'Annual Sports Day' and special courses.

During the year, the squadron funded and encouraged its own activities outside the syllabus of the A.T.C. A group of cadets travelled to R.A.F. Abingdon to see the last airshow of 1981. Exercises on Dartmoor were also organised throughout the winter months. Two teams of four entered the 1982 Annual Plymouth Pram Race on the Hoe. Many turned out to watch the race and both teams staggered round the 3½ mile course to finish 22nd and 38th overall.

During the summer, cadets will be looking forward to the annual camp at R.A.F. St. Athan (South Wales), R.A.F. Laarbruch and special courses at Windermere and Berlin. This year's activities have finished, but the squadron will always welcome a visit from more potential cadets. If you would like to join, why not come down on Friday evenings, there's always room for more.

IVAN RICH, L6A

HIROSHIMA : HELL ON EARTH

("The greatest thing in history" : Harry S. Truman)

Little Boy, O Little Boy
What slaughter hast thou wrought ?
And to the naked foreigners
What dread havoc brought ?

Little Boy, O Little Boy
What destroy'st thou in thy path ?
To leave charred cities barren
Is this thy aftermath ?

Little Boy, O Little Boy
What Devil hast thou got,
That feeds upon its own life-blood
And we destroy cannot ?

So Little Boy, O Little Boy,
What say'st thou all the same
Of this, thy Hell-begotten Devil ?

Destruction is its name . . .

P. GRIBBELL, L6B

DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL, OLD BOYS SOCCER 1981-82 SEASON

The Old Boys soccer team operates in the Premier Division of the Plymouth Combination Football League. Once again, sadly, it was a struggle to find enough players suitable for that standard of football and the season has to be summed up as one of survival.

The team eventually finished fourth from the bottom of the league, from which the bottom two teams are relegated each season, and probably in a realistic position when compared to other sides in the league. The final record for the season was :

Played: 26 Won: 4 Drew: 7 Lost: 15 F: 47 A: 96 Points 15

Although quite safe eventually, a combination of some good results for Old Boys late in the season, and other teams failing to achieve what was for a long time mathematically possible, meant that the Old Boys fate was not confirmed until the last two weeks of the season.

One consolation was the award of the Premier Sporting Trophy, a cup which is awarded to the most sporting side in the division, as voted by other teams in the league. This is now the fifth time that the club has received the trophy : 1967-68, 1969-70, 1970-71, 1975-76, 1982-83.

The record in cup games was on a par with league results with just one victory in the three cup competitions entered. That victory was in the Senior Charity Cup with rapid exits being made from Devon Premier and Combination Premier Cups.

The prospects for 1982-83 do not appear good at present. Team Manager Dave Baskwill and player-come-fund raiser Martin Hunt, have both decided to call it a day. Two or three players are also certain to depart and the team is faced with having to build yet again. If the team is to continue to operate as an Old Boys side, it is essential that fresh blood must join the club from the school on a regular basis.

D. CAME (Hon. Secretary)

Rider :

The Manager and player situation is so serious that a vote is being taken this Wednesday, 4th August, on whether or not to disband the team.

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The annual Dinner/Dance was this year held at the Astor Hotel on Friday, 25th September, 1981, with many of the usual faces and several new ones. A very pleasant social evening was enjoyed by those attending, particularly the Rugby Club, who support the function both in body and in spirit. However, continued increased costs and a tight economic situation continues to reduce our members.

The usual round of social events continue, always with lively support from our Rugby Club. A few new faces each year appear at the annual Staff Cricket Match. Unfortunately they are not the strong side of the days of Messrs. Wayne, Mallinson, Barkell & Co., but with a little help from one or two 'guests', the match is always competitive and entertaining on the field, and pleasant socially off the field. Our thanks are due to Plymouth Cricket Club for the use of their ground and bar.

The redesigned dark green Old Boys' tie with a single crest and motto has proved quite popular, and is still obtainable from me at £3. Also the annual subscription remains at £2.

NEIL CLARKE (Hon. Secretary)

Old Boys' Rugby Club

The 1981-82 season was a disappointing one which ended with a tally of sixteen matches won, sixteen lost and one drawn. In the Lockie Cup the club made its exit in the second round at the hands of O.P.M.'s by four points to nil. This was made all the more galling in view of the two comfortable victories over the former Plymouth College pupils in regular club matches. Several narrow defeats again ruined any chance of success in the league-style R.N.E.C. Cup. End of season defeats by St. Columba and a weak O.P.O.'s side were other low points.

On the more positive side, the School were defeated twice and the double was also gained against Newton Abbot II. In addition the club won games with Torquay Quins, Teignmouth II, R.N.E.C., Brixham II, Paignton II, Withycombe, Plymouth Albion United, St. Columba, Rank Toshiba and a team of medical students from the Sorbonne in Paris. This last fixture formed part of one of the club's most ambitious undertakings in recent years—a foreign tour. Despite the many disasters which were met with traditional good cheer, everyone had a marvellous time and seeing England win at the Parc des Princes was the icing on the cake.

Some forty players appeared for the club at various stages of last season and this led to the formation of a Sunday XV to enable people to play more regularly. Five of the seven matches arranged were won and this venture might eventually lead to a regular second team. Paul Vaggers takes over as captain for 1982-83 and old friends and new faces will be welcome at training sessions in the school gym on Thursday evenings.

GEOFF SIMPSON

OLD BOYS' PERSONAL NOTES

ROBERT BOWDEN is working as a reporter on the Independent.

CLIVE BRADLEY after sampling zoology is to start a course in civil engineering at Plymouth Polytechnic.

R.F.E. "TEDDY" COCK died in November 1981. A member of Plymouth Rotary Club, Mr. Cock was a journalist for more than sixty years. He was post-war secretary of the Plymouth Société Française. His late brother Eric was a stalwart of the Old Boys' Association.

ANDY CREBER returned from South Africa and has now completed his second year at Nottingham University.

RICHARD CROSSLEY has obtained his Ph.D. at Hull University where previously he had graduated with first class honours.

BRIAN DAWES has been awarded a first class dual honours degree in Spanish and French at Sheffield University. He gained distinctions in spoken sections for each language and won three university prizes, two for Spanish and one for French.

MARK DEWDNEY is off to study for four years at Seattle University.

JED DOUCE has set up in business on his own selling items from hand drills to agricultural machinery and is still playing cricket for Plymouth.

PHIL DREW is working in the design department of Devonport Dockyard after one year at Bath University. He went ski-ing in March.

CHARLES EVANS retired as headmaster of Victoria Road Junior School in December 1981. His son **CHARLIE** is returning to Plymouth to work in a local firm of accountants.

DAVE FERGUSON, secretary of the rugby club, again completed the London Marathon and this time he was accompanied by last season's captain **BRIAN SHERRELL**.

JOHN GERRARD has written a widely acclaimed history of Plymouth from its earliest foundations 10,000 years ago to the opening of the Theatre Royal. "The Book of Plymouth" (£12.95) is published by the Buckingham-based firm of Barracuda Books. John is a university lecturer.

DAVID GOODFELLOW has obtained a first class honours degree in Natural Sciences at Cambridge. For his Ph.D. he is to research the song of the chaffinch.

HORACE GORDON has died aged 72. He was a former deputy head of Plympton Grammar School, retiring in 1973 after 40 years unbroken service to the school.

E. GREET of Portwrinkle has joined the association.

J. HALLIDAY is teaching in the West Midlands. He was equipment officer at the National Schools Athletics Championship.

PETER HARRIS has been awarded an upper second class honours degree in mechanical engineering at Christ College, Cambridge.

W. K. HAWKE wrote from Crafhole and has taken out membership of the association.

JOHN HAWKINS gained an upper second in banking and finance at Loughborough University. He was married in July and will be working for the Midland Bank in Plymouth.

MIKE HUGHES has also graduated from Loughborough and was also married in the summer. His elder brother Lt. **STEVE HUGHES**, R.M. was in the Falkland Isles and plans to get married in October 1982. He is stationed in Plymouth and plays rugby for Plymouth Albion along with **BRUCE FAIRGRIEVE** and **GARY LOVELL**.

PETER IRELAND lives in Cawsand with his wife Jean and their two children. He is working on computerising the records of the Land Registry.

KEVIN LOMAS is to teach at a public school in Eastbourne after graduating from Loughborough.

BRAD McSTRAVICK, who competed in the last Olympic Games, has been selected for the decathlon at the Commonwealth Games by Scotland. He now teaches in Sheffield.

RALPH MAYBOURN, now general manager of B.P. Shipping, was invested with the O.B.E. in March for his services to shipping. He married the well-known Plymouth pianist Gloria Adams in 1956 and moved to London in 1964.

DAVID MORTON, aged 52, has been appointed President of the Aluminium Company of Canada, the principal subsidiary of the worldwide Alcan Group. He joined the company on graduating from Cambridge University in 1954. He now has a private jet at his disposal.

MARK NORTHCOTT is off to study zoology at Liverpool University after a spell of medical studies at St. Thomas's Hospital.

PAUL "TOJO" PARSONS has retired as careers master at Widey High School. He was the longest serving teacher in the history of the school having joined the staff in 1948.

ANDREW PIKE, aged 25, is now in the central control and lending department of Midland Bank's area office in Plymouth. Last year he gained top marks in the Institute of Bankers exams in law relating to banking. As a result he won the Whitehead Prize of the Institute and the Midland Bank's own McKenna Prize.

The Rev. **KENNETH PILLAR** was consecrated as the new Suffragan Bishop of Hertford by the Archbishop of Canterbury and took up his post in February 1982.

MIKE POWER made his fifth appearance in the Oxford v. Cambridge soccer match but still has only one victory to remember as Oxford won 2-0. He has now won two Blues for Oxford and three for Cambridge.

DAVID RENDLE has been appointed assistant manager at Barclays International Bank at Ipswich.

CRAIG RICH opened the school fete in July.

IAN RICKERBY, aged 20, won two prizes in his final exams at H.M.S. Fisgard and joined H.M.S. Collingwood at Fareham in Hampshire to train as a weapons engineering officer.

CHRIS SCOBLE wrote from Madrid where he works for Barclays International and plays for the principal rugby club as a goal kicking fly-half. He helped them to win the Spanish Cup last season.

PAUL SHANNON is off to Loughborough University after three years with Natwest.

PHIL SHUTE is working at Barnstaple Hospital.

STEVE SMITH was married in August and is a principal supply and transport officer in the Dockyard.

JEREMY SPRING has had a successful first year at Exeter College, Oxford and has won a college exhibition to continue his study of psychology.

NIGEL STANBURY gained an upper second in physics at Selwyn College, Cambridge and is to take a one year teaching diploma.

PETER STEWARD is working on the North Sea oil rigs as a sampler.

MARTIN TAYLOR played rugby for the Freshers XV at Exeter University.

PERCIVAL TOTTLE has died aged 77. He was one of only two life members of the exclusive Goldfish Club—R.A.F. or Fleet Air Arm personnel who have "ditched" in the sea. His plane blew up while escaping from Java in 1942. His legs riddled with bomb fragments, they were later amputated, he had to bale out over shark infested waters. He survived for six hours before a native boat picked him up.

DAVID TREECE has obtained a first class B.A. honours degree in Spanish and Portuguese at Liverpool University, only the second awarded in fifteen years. He hopes to research Brazilian poetry for a Ph.D.

PAUL VAGGERS has been elected captain of the Old Boys' rugby club.

Captain **JOHN WARE** has become the director of music of the Royal Marines Band. He joined as a junior musician in 1960 and in 1975 became the first band sergeant to be directly commissioned to lieutenant. He has completed courses at the Royal Academy of Music where he won prizes and with the Open University, obtaining a B.A.

KARL WERNHAM has obtained a lower second in law and has gone to Chester Law School. He hopes to join a firm of solicitors in Plymouth. His father **PETER WERNHAM** has completed his second year at Exeter University.

ANDY WHITE has become a radiographer in Southampton after two successful seasons with the Old Boys' rugby club.

RAY WHITE, aged 35, has been promoted to principal finance officer with with Rochester-upon-Medway borough council. He now lives in Chatham with his wife Pat, three sons and a daughter.

STEVE WILKINSON is teaching in Japan.

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