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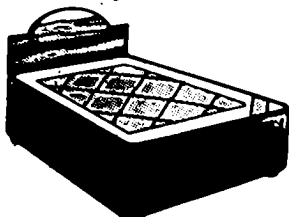
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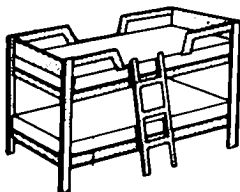
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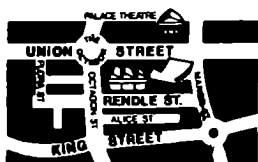
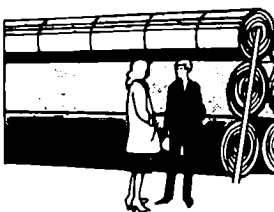
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EDITORIAL

The Devonport High School magazine editors have been set a task this year, the like of which their predecessors never faced. Due to the Education Department's cuts in expenditure, the School has once again been called upon to make economies, and as the magazine makes a heavy demand on the funds raised through the School subscriptions, it had become obvious that certain changes had to be made. The result of this has been that more responsibility than ever before has been placed upon the editors and pupils, not only to provide the material for the magazine, but they have had more involvement in its actual production. Thanks go not only to everyone of those pupils who have written an article, and to every member of the Editorial Staff, but particularly to the parents of pupils who have given up their valuable time so generously to help and guide in this production.

Following on the success of the School Appeal in 1981, and the continuing policy of self-help our school has adopted, this year a campaign has been embarked upon to raise £9,000 for the purchase of a school mini-bus. A very successful draw raised more money than ever before by this means, £2,000, and every pupil in the School has been encouraged to involve himself in projects to raise money. In order to provide this facility which will be of such great benefit to the School. We look forward to using this facility not only for transporting our highly competitive teams to venues, but also its extended use for fieldwork and educational visits.

As both the above projects demonstrate, along with the development of Computing and the improving of the sixth form facilities, the School is determined to rise above the present economic gloom and depression, to provide to the best educational experience for every pupil, and maintain its renowned degree of excellence.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

At the end of the Christmas term 1982, the school bade a fond farewell to Mr. A.J. MacTavish, who left to take up his appointment as Headmaster of John Hampten School in Hertfordshire. Mr. MacTavish joined Devonport High School as Deputy Headmaster in 1976, and brought with him his own brand of enthusiasm and personal commitment. His ideas for developing the sixth form personality, through changes in the uniform and responsibility, soon led to a deep involvement with this area of the school. Also, Mr. MacTavish's great interest and enthusiasm for the school tuck shop involved him with all levels of school life. He would turn his dexterous hand to anything from painting classrooms, to English 'A' level; or from mending the internal telephone to rockclimbing.

Mr. MacTavish was succeeded in his post by Mr. T.D. Evans, whose appointment triggered a chain reaction in the school's hierarchy. Mr. J.A. Bowden moved from Head of Lower School to become Senior Master, and Mr. C.G. Burrows became Head of Lower School.

With the movement and change in staff, the school has been extremely grateful to several temporary teachers. With Mr. Bassett retiring from teaching, the Art post was filled for a short time by Mrs. H. Bawden, and latterly by Mrs. M. Pishneshin. Mrs. M. Peacock has been of invaluable assistance to both the English and Geography departments.

At the end of the Easter term 1983, Mrs. C.M. Hall, who joined the school in 1981 and helped to set up our computing courses, left to join her husband in his new appointment. Her post has been filled temporarily by Mrs. J. Hall.

### CHRISTOPHER TRUEMAN

Christopher Trueman joined us to teach history in September 1980, having graduated at Aberystwyth and trained at Loughborough. He immediately plunged into his task of teaching at all levels of the school, with that mixture of vigour and informality which has since proved so consistently successful.

His vitality has regularly spilled over into extramural activities, such as Rugby, cricket, athletics and hiking. As one who feels that education should not end at the school gates, he has been active in organising external visits for pupils of widely differing ages.

As he educated in class, so he entertained in the staffroom, where he afforded living proof of the fact that you cannot keep a good man quiet. His banter and cheerfulness will be sorely missed by boys and teachers alike.

He carries off with him the school record for the Plymouth, or for that matter any other, marathon. Admiration of this feat is tinged with amazement that he succeeded in remaining speechless for a total of three hours and sixteen minutes.

Chris leaves us to take up a commission in the forces. Though sad to see him go, we wish him the very best of luck and urge him not to sever links with Plymouth, but at least to return now and again with some of those inimitable tales.

### STEVEN KEITH CLARKE 1963 - 1983

On Friday, 1st July, 1983, a Service of Thanksgiving was held in St. Edward's Church, Eggbuckland, for the life of Steven Clarke. The Service was conducted by the Reverend Charles Whitfield, M.A., with contributions of music and readings from the School. The service was attended by many of Steven's school friends, The Headmaster and former teachers, as well as family friends and relatives.

Steven joined Devonport High School in September, 1975, and his school record was one of outstanding academic success and major achievement in sporting and extra-curricular activities. He captained the 1st XI Soccer and represented the School at Rugby, Athletics and Cross-Country Running. He was elected Managing Director of "Devonport Incorporated Products", a Young Enterprise Company, by his fellow achievers.

His appointment as School Captain won popular support and he led most effectively and efficiently during his year of office.

He left school in November, 1982, intending to read for a degree in Geography at Leicester University, and joined E.C.C. International Ltd., for a six month period of industrial experience. Such was the impression he made, that he was offered a sponsorship to read for a degree in Business Management at Bradford University.

Steven was not only an excellent scholar, but led a full and active sporting life, involving himself with Scouting, Motor Cycling, Local League Soccer, particularly with Woodford F.C. Badminton and Squash.

This unassuming, considerate and perennially happy young man will remain an inspiration to his many friends.

### MINI BUS

In January 1983 the PTA agreed that it would provide a mini-bus for school use and a target of £9,500 was set for the purchase of a Mercedes Benz 17/18 seater. The sum was also to include a modification to an existing garage in the school grounds.

A small "Steering" Committee was set up which included Mr Skinner, Mr Dickens, Dr. Jenkins and Mr Southern as staff representatives and from the parents, Mr Ede, Mr. D'arcy, Mr Anning and Mr Miller. After much deliberation and discussion spread over six meetings it was realistically thought that the school would have its mini-bus within 10 months.

As parents are well aware our main function of raising the money was a grand draw, which raised some £2,000, a fine effort. The PTA events such as the Barn Dance, the highly successful fashion show and jumble sales saw more cash roll in.

Three members of staff, Mr Dickens, Mr Trueman and Dr. Jenkins made valiant efforts in the Plymouth marathon with great financial returns. Coffee mornings also helped and last but by no means least, the pupils' efforts on a variety of sponsored events, which have already raised over £900 and are still helping to swell the fund.

Local companies and firms have also helped, but as money is still likely to be donated a complete list will be published later. At the time of writing this article therefore (July 1983), our balance stands in excess of £6,000.

With the promise of an interest free loan from the County Authority the bus has been ordered for delivery in the autumn term.

The Committee has not however dissolved, as we are trying very hard to get a firm or firms interested in advertising on the bus and if this can be achieved, and we have every hope that it can be, the whole £9,500 will have been provided in a space of 10 months, a memorable achievement for which we thank pupils, staff and parents for their support.

THE MINI-BUS "STEERING COMMITTEE"

### School Council.

The School Council met five times this year. Many varied motions were submitted from all year groups to the secretaries. They ranged in diversity from getting a space invaders machine installed to boost school funds to paving the outside of the Tuck Shop.

Through the efforts of the attending members, many things of worthy note were achieved: the school drinking fountains were repaired, the school clocks were mended or if not working removed, the first XI cricket team was re-formed, and the issue of first year computer time was dealt with.

Though the Council has had a few disappointments this year, on the whole it has been a fruitful year.

In conclusion, I would like to offer my thanks to those members of the school who supported the School Council, and to the members of staff who gave up their time to make the School Council successful. P. Baulf. 160

## **SPEECH DAY**

Speech Day was once more a great success in improving the reputation of the school and, as has become the custom, the school band started the proceedings. We have been blessed over the past few years by having a number of exceedingly fine musicians and their skill was admirably demonstrated during the band's presentation.

The Headmaster gave his usual announcement of the year's appointments, departures and general events and then the prize giving ceremony took place.

Presiding over the evening was the Lord Mayor of Plymouth, Councillor Reg. Scott, an old boy of the school, and at the end of the proceedings we were entertained by a very amusing presentation by guest speaker, Dr. R. F. M. Robbins, Director of Plymouth Polytechnic.

## **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

The school had its usual full representation in the three competitions held each year. In the first of these, organised by the Rotary Club, the senior team came a close second to Plymouth College. The junior team, consisting of Andrew Money, Christopher Stone and James Coyle, bettered the efforts of Plymouth High School for Girls and were placed a convincing first.

Success was reversed in the English Speaking Union competition with the senior team of Ian Hodgins, David Miller and Paul Salt, being placed equal first with Plymouth College and later competing in the regional final.

The final competition, organised by the Port of Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce, is an individual rather than a team event. David Miller, Andrew Money, Christopher Stone and James Coyle all won places in the local final, in which David Miller gained third place in the senior section.

Thanks must go to the parents for all their support, and to Mrs Shaw who organised our entries and teams for this year.

## **SCHOOL FETE.**

**JAMES COYLE 45**

This year's school fete was a grand occasion featuring displays by the Plymouth and District Youth Band, the Kenpo Karate Club, the M.G. car club and the Western style shoot out performed by the Silver Dollar Group. This year's side shows were run to their usual excellent standard and, as in recent years, a large profit was made. The Super Six competition results were: Under 15 - M. Colwill; Under 14 - D. Schofield; Under 13 - R. Manhire; Under 12 - M. Cheatham.

The thanks of all those who attended must go to parents and teachers who helped to organise the fete.

**D. HILL. 16.**

## THE SCHOOL PLAY: "THE DRACULA SPECTACULAR".

A MILLIGAN M6

"LOOK! READ! GASP! QUIVER!" - quite a difference from the previous school production, "King Henry IV part I", but by no means less successful. The whole idea of the "Drac Spectac." is fun and it relies on over-acting, the absence of any serious dialogue and the usual collection of catchy tunes. The reaction we received from the audience on both nights proved that we had got it just right.

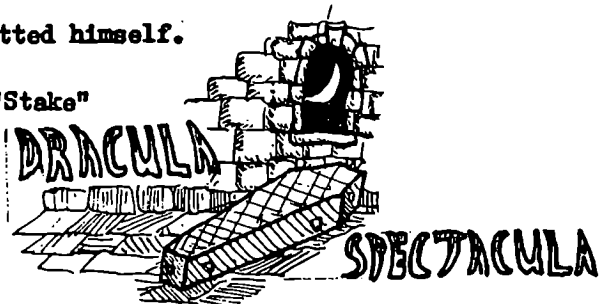
Much of the credit for this goes to Neil Williams as Dracula, whose gift for "ad-libbing" proved very very useful when the experiments wouldn't work and Fiona Moore as the innocent Nadia Naive. Excellent as these performances were, however, it would be unfair to single them out. Brian Smith displayed his unique comic ability in the role of Genghis, Dracula's deformed side-kick, and Nick Powlesland used his acting and singing talents to great effect as the hero, Nick Neorophilias.

They were backed up by some wonderfully comic caricatures; Simon Tremblett's hilarious, busty fraulein Gretel, Andy Spring in fine form as her husband Herr Hans, Roger Saunders' lecherous Landau, the Sultry Countess Wraith, alias, Cathy Adamson, and Brian Kenny, Jimmy Coyle and Andrew Callicot as the precocious and irritating American kids.

Mustn't forget our choreographers Thea Cole and Debby Van Neck who led the girls from DHS, Stoke Damerel, Plymouth High and elsewhere causing much admiration, not entirely due to the revealing costumes, and of course the excellent band.

Thanks also to Brian Gibson for the lighting, John Beswetherick as Stage Manager as well as to the schools mentioned above for supplying the female entourage. Finally, as always, special thanks to Clive Burrows who produced the Show and Trev. Farrow our musical director, who when we all thought things were floundering told us simply that it would be great. And so it was.

N.B. In his modesty Andy omitted himself. Needless to say, his energy and wit as "Father O'Stake" demonstrated his capable acting ability.





## YOUNG ENTERPRISE REPORT

### 'HOME YOUTH PRODUCTS' PLYMOUTH'S TOP COMPANY!

In September 1982, an unusually large number of 'Achievers' met at 'Fine Tubes Limited' to form a 'Young Enterprise' Company. Quickly the thirty pupils from both Devonport High Schools decided on the company name and the products to be manufactured. A management team was elected and the remaining pupils split into four production groups, making Bean Bags, Kitchen Racks, Desk Tidies and Executive Toys.

The group was very enthusiastic and expected to turn the £100 share capital we had raised into huge profits. Unfortunately this did not occur and after only a few months the Executive Toys had to be replaced by a new product, 'Pet Bean Bags', due to production problems and sagging moral in the group.

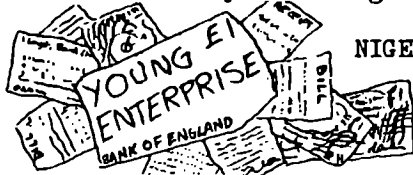
Halfway through the year, the management team was replaced, so as to give other 'Achievers' the chance of running the company. The new team's period of management was less hectic than the first's as they successfully maintained a high standard of production. The main problem the company incurred was keeping the large workforce occupied. The workers often lacked motivation and consequently Management, Workforce relations became strained on several occasions.

When liquidation had been completed and our accounts closed, we were pleasantly surprised to find that we had been quite successful. We were able to pay back a 40 % dividend to our shareholders.

More surprisingly we were the first ever company from D.H.S to actually win the area trophy for the most successful team. We felt that this was quite an achievement.

Every 'Achiever' in the Company felt they had not only enjoyed themselves, but had also gained a great deal of valuable experience and knowledge from the scheme.

For this we must thank our excellent team of advisors led by Mr Eric Crocker and also Fine Tubes Ltd for the use of their facilities. All in all we have had a very successful and enjoyable year in a scheme which all thirty pupils who took part would recommend to anyone coming through the school.



NIGEL SCOREY L.6.E FIRST MANAGING DIRECTOR

Early in September '82 twenty-eight members of the lower sixth from D.H.S. Boys and D.H.S. Girls met at the Dingle's warehouse in George Place with the intention of forming a (hopefully successful!) Young Enterprise company.

After electing the necessary officials and choosing the company name the major task was to decide on the products that the company would make. From a very long list of possibilities - ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous - four potentially money-spinning products were selected and the necessary capital to produce these goods was raised by selling company shares to anyone willing to part with some hard-earned cash.

However, of these products three quickly fell by the wayside, victims of manufacturing difficulties and we were left with only one product - the famed padded coathanger! Despite objections from the boys - "we can't sew!" - the coathanger started to be produced in bulk and to our eternal surprise sold well and continued as the company's main product throughout.

Due to the coathanger's remarkable success the company made a profit enabling us to issue a 20% dividend on each 25p share when the company was finally closed in May.

The success in Y.E. is not measured in economic terms though, it is the amount of insight and knowledge that the achievers gain which is the success and in our case this was illustrated by the fact that all the company members entered and passed the YE exam - the only company with a 100% pass rate in the area. The scheme is enjoyable as well as worthwhile and can be recommended to every sixth-former.

Finally I would like to thank Dingles for their support, the advisers for their enthusiastic help and Mrs. Clayton and Mr. Attewell for organising the scheme.

#### LOWER SIXTH ACTIVITIES WEEK.

This year the Lower Sixth Activities week was held from the 11th to the 15th of July and included a wide range of well-planned activities.

Mrs. Pierpoint led a very warm expedition horse-riding on Dartmoor, and Dr. Jenkins took a party rock climbing; neither group incurred any casualties. Mr. Southern took a party on an overnight camp on Dartmoor and his field trips were organised for the Biology and Geography sets, attended by Mr. Skinner and Mr. Sandercock respectively.

Mr. Attewell and Mrs. Porter took a party to London where many interesting excursions were arranged; these included tours of the Houses of Parliament, the Stock Exchange and the National Westminster Bank. There was also a conducted tour of the Ministry of Defence Headquarters in Whitehall, where the members of the party were introduced to Admiral Hannon. London Zoo was also visited by some

members of the party, and strangely enough, all were released; happily this was also the case for those visiting Guy's Hospital.

Sailing was led this year by the vastly experienced Dr. Phillips and was most enjoyable due to the exceptionally warm weather. One of the funniest events of the week was seeing Andrew Reddaway capsizing in his canoe during the session held on Tuesday at Phoenix Wharf. At least he remained cool !

Other activities in the week included a visit to the Law Courts, a conference at Coombe Dean and a session of Diplomacy at the house of Mr. Sharp.

The response of the Sixth form this year was even greater than on previous occasions, and this will ensure, hopefully, the continuation of these activities for the future sixth forms.

The Sixth Form would like to express their thanks to Mr. Attewell for the over-all organisation of a most enjoyable week.

Lower Sixth.

#### PONT L'ABBE EXCHANGE

At daybreak, sometime during the Easter holidays, boys from DHS gather with their parents to greet French boys who have sailed, more or less smoothly, to spend almost a fortnight with their English partners. The following July, usually at a more civilised hour, the English partners arrive in France to renew the acquaintance. It is a simple system that has worked well for nearly ten years making a modest contribution to international understanding.

Of course memories are much more precise: guiding a Combine Harvester along Pont l'Abbe's particularly narrow main street, dancing at a Fest-Noz to the music of the binioù which looks and sounds suspiciously like a bag-pipe and days exploring that region the French call Cornouaille are all experiences that linger in the memory. The exchange's main purpose is social; it was never intended to be either a treat for the gifted linguist or a penance for the rest. Each year boys go from all the sets and each boy returns better informed and with the knowledge that hospitality is a universal language in which he has coped happily. It is good that third and fourth form pupils should meet French boys and girls of the same age; it is better to become acquainted in a family setting. In that way the exchange is profitable as practical education in world affairs - a solemn title for an enjoyable experience. However, when older boys who did not specialize in French feel they can return to Brittany independently, something has been achieved. Perhaps the exchange is a brief but useful apprenticeship to more ambitious ventures abroad either as work or for leisure. This is all part of the trend of events in the free world, for only totalitarian states are loth to let their citizens travel freely abroad and, conversely, restrict contacts with foreign visitors.

P. W. GREENHALGH

## THE OXFORD TRIP

One unusually sunny morning in May, six members of the lower sixth along with another eleven potential Oxbridge candidates from Sutton High School, Devonport High School for Girls, and Plymouth High School for Girls, left North Road at 6.00 am heading for Oxford and its University's Colleges, Lincoln College in particular.

Despite Mr. Evans pretending he had lost the tickets on the way up, and arriving in Reading to watch our connection to Oxford pulling away from the opposite platform, we reached Oxford in good time, and we were able to explore a little of this wonderful city before meeting the Admissions Tutor of the College, Mr. Gardner, an old boy. We then enjoyed a superb lunch in the refectory of the College (the food at Lincoln is second only to Merton College and is really first class). Several undergraduates were introduced to us at this time and gave us a tour of the College, some generously showing us their own rooms so that we could see the varieties of accommodation. After this we were able to sort out any problems with our particular subject Tutors at the College.

We were then free to walk around the city and absorb the atmosphere, to stroll around the Colleges and soak up some of the peace and charm, and the general air of unhurriedness that is to be found there. To this end we explored every College we could find, and poked our noses into every part of each that decency and time allowed.

Finally the thanks of all the participants are due to the Tutors and students of Lincoln College for putting up with us, and to Mr. Evans for accompanying us and tolerating our somewhat lively discussions on the way back

MARTIN WILTSHIRE.

## OXBRIDGE CONFERENCE

Oxbridge must be the ultimate aim of every scholar and in order to give prospective candidates an insight into procedure and life at the colleges, the conference was set up.

Candidates from many Plymouth schools were invited to a day consisting of talks on access, application, qualities of candidates and perhaps the most popular, life and experience of present students in the hallowed colleges.

Each lecture was augmented by a period of questions, of which there was no lack and indeed if it were not for the strict chairmanships of Mr Peck, Mr Bowden and Mrs Clayton we may well have missed the breaks.

For many of the more 'inwardly-looking' scholars the breaks provided the peak to the day and the term 'food-for-thought' took on a new meaning. The dining staff did the school proud in a lavish spread, comparable to any college menu.

But the conference itself was fully appreciated by all concerned and the sincere vote of thanks by Carl Fuller was soundly echoed by students and dons alike for an informative and enjoyable day of learning.

A SHARP L6C

#### LOWER SIXTH BIOLOGY DAY TRIP TO PAIGNTON ZOO

In early February the intrepid lower sixth biology set travelled to Paignton Zoo - in a mini-bus driven magnificently by Mr Skinner. The purpose of this daring feat was to attend a day course on evolution run by the Zoo's staff.

Upon arrival at the Zoo our flagging spirits were revitalized by hot coffee and thus prepared we embarked upon a series of short lectures dealing with various aspects of the study of evolution. These lectures were followed by an interesting - but cold - tour of the Zoo.

After a lunch, taken in the Zoo's cafeteria, we attended one more lecture before being sent forth into the wilds of deepest South Devon - well, the animal enclosures really - to complete a short project.

Whilst fulfilling this task two evolutionary facts became clear. Firstly, tropical and equatorial animals readily adapt to a hideaway existence and consequently cannot be seen on winter days. Secondly, sixth form biology students rapidly evolve to a state where the tropical house is the only habitat capable of supporting them.

A few hardy souls braved the elements and were rewarded with the sight of this correspondent doing battle with a barbary goat - and losing.

Finally the thanks of the whole set go to Mr Skinner who arranged the visit and was incredibly good humoured about our criticisms of his driving abilities.

D. HILL L6A

## TEN TORS EXPEDITION 1983.

For a second year, the school entered three teams in the Ten Tors Expedition, one for each of the three catagories which comprised of 35, 45 and 55 mile routes. The three teams eventually assembled at the Okehampton Base Camp via various modes of transport. Each team quickly put up their tents and gathered their necessary equipment for the 'scrutineering'. This is the process whereby each team has their gear checked to see if they were prepared for the unpredictable weather of Dartmoor. After successfully passing the scrutineering test, the teams proceeded to a hangar where they assembled for the briefing. The briefing consisted of a film which was displayed through various television monitors. The film described the various 'do's and don'ts' for the general welfare of the moor. Following the film, the teams returned to the tents for a well deserved tea of baked beans and rice pudding. The evening was spent at the N.A.A.F.I. where the 55 mile team encountered an old boy who at present is a member of the Army and on this occasion was assisting some handicapped Ten Tors entrants who were to participate in the special event. Due to a half past ten curfew the teams were soon all tucked up and happily relaxing in their sleeping bags.

At approximately 4.00.a.m. on Saturday a cheerful voice boomed through the public address system wishing everybody a good morning. Simultaneous abuse from every campsite greeted the cheerful voice. Surprisingly, instead of the usual military brass band music, David Bowie was played through the p.a. system to encourage all of the walkers out of their sleeping bags. Occasionally there was an interval between the records for an announcement of the time and a weather report which seemed to be as pessimistic as possible. Very soon a hearty breakfast of sausages and assortments of cereal was prepared and ravenously eaten. Each team packed their rucksacks and made their way to the start (with bags under their eyes, I hasten to add.) Two thousand four hundred walkers waited at the start for the signal to be given. The traditional prayers were absent from this years Ten Tors start celebrations, due to the late arrival of several competitors. But at 7.00.a.m., the expedition was underway. The green hills became massed with the colours of hundreds of walkers. The three teams made haste from the start despite a waterlogged walking surface and persistant showers. All three teams remained intact until the end of the first day when the 55 mile team dropped two team members. But the remaining team drove on determined and finished on Sunday with five minutes to spare at 4.55. This memorable achievement was enlightened by the fact that the team completed the last part of their route in the overall fastest time. The 35 and 45 mile teams finished successfully with full teams on Sunday afternoon.

On the whole, the school had a set of encouraging results from the expedition. Mr. Southern and Dr. Phillips must be thanked for their faithful support and help given to the three teams.

PAUL SALT.



At 4 o'clock on Wednesday March 9th 1983 the party of 50 pupils from D.H.S. (in the second to fourth years) and 5 members of staff left school by coach to catch the overnight boat from Southampton to Le Havre. Stopping at Dorchester en route, we were given an hour to buy food

In France the next morning, we drove to Paris, and once there were given a quick drive past some of the sights which we would not be stopping at. These included the Arc de Triomphe and the Champs Elysees.

At the Eiffel Tower, the top stage was closed for repairs, but many of the party ascended by lift to the highest stage possible. The coach then took us to Notre Dame, the Pompidou Arts Centre, outside which were many street artists and singers; and the Sacré Coeur in Montmartre, near which a painting exhibition was being held in the Market place.

The ferry back was a slight anticlimax after the enjoyment of the day in Paris, and we arrived back in Plymouth at 11.45 on Friday morning.

Our sincere thanks go to Mr Simpson who undertook all the organisation for the trip, and also to Messrs Jones, Sandercock, Watson and Dr Phillips for accompanying him on it, making it all a very enjoyable trip.

P. DAVIES 48

### **JERSEY 1983**

The party of the choir and band of De La Salle College, Jersey, arrived at Bretonside bus station half an hour later than anticipated, on Saturday, 2nd July. At the bus station the De La Salle boys met their hosts and were then taken home or around the sights of Plymouth.

In the evening all the De La Salle party assembled, along with some Devonport boys, at the Drum theatre, in Plymouth's Theatre Royal. Here they watched a concert performed by the Devon Youth Jazz Band Orchestra and ended an enjoyable day.

After a long night's sleep the parties assembled once more late in the morning of Sunday on Phoenix Wharf. We then caught a ferry

boat called the Cardiff Castle up the River Tamar to Calstock. The boat stopped for about an hour here and everyone was free to look around the small town. The boat arrived back at the wharf after a quick journey back in the late afternoon.

On Monday morning the Devonport and De La Salle bands and choirs rehearsed their pieces for the evening's concert.

The afternoon, though, was spent with hosts taking guests around Plymouth town centre but a prompt assembly at the school hall took place at seven o'clock in the evening, when a joint concert took place. This was a very enjoyable and successful concert.

At seven o'clock on Tuesday morning the Devonport party assembled at North Road Station to begin the trek to Jersey. We arrived at St Helier and the Jersey De La Salle boys took their guests home.

On Wednesday, after assembling at De La Salle College both parties made their way to Fort Regent, a giant leisure complex, converted from an old fort in St Helier. The day was spent here.

Thursday brought the parties to St Clement's parish hall, where the morning was spent practising once more. The afternoon was spent mainly on the beach or in St Helier. Another concert took place that evening and was also successful.

On Friday the Devonport party assembled in the De La Salle music room, as the De La Salle boys had to attend college, for it was their last day. Here we established that we were to have a free day. In the morning most people went into St Helier town to buy souvenirs and presents of their visit. In the afternoon most people spent their time on the beaches of Jersey. The water was very clear and warm and most people obtained a good suntan.

At nine o'clock that evening the Devonport boys and their hosts said their farewells at St Helier ferry terminal and the Devonport boys journeyed on the Earl Godwin once more to Weymouth and then by train to Plymouth, arriving at eleven am. It was a very enjoyable visit and all participants pay tribute to all who made it possible.

by MICHAEL TIPPETT (2W).



## LIFE IN THE LOWER SCHOOL.

On arriving at D.H.S. a new boy is easily identifiable from the crowd by his lack of height and over-abundance of new clothes. Immediately they are encouraged by Mr. Bowden to toil at their academic subjects and also to participate in field sports.

•Life changed during the Spring term, due to the movement of staff, resulting in Mr. Burrows becoming Head of Lower School, who, if he runs the Lower School as he does the Rugby team, will certainly keep things in order!

To confuse matters, Mrs. Hall left at the end of the Spring term to be replaced by another Mrs. Hall! Altogether, a very successful year, both academically and sportwise, in the lower school.

P. LIDIARD 3S.

### Life in the Middle School.

The jump from the Lower to the Middle school has been made and you are no longer referred to as a "scruff," but as a respectable young man - or so they say! From now on everybody has a constant ringing in their ears as Mr. Borbon reminds us incessantly that now is the time to improve and work, work, work for the 'O' levels. The 'O' levels which seemed so far away in the lower school are now looming just over the horizon, and we are constantly reminded of this impending fate.

There are some consolations for being in the Middle School, however, and one such consolation is the exclusion of those hated subjects from the Lower School. Pocket calculators may also be unveiled for the first time and used in plain view of the teachers. There are also a few "perks" available such as the use of the lower playground and the opportunity to become a prefect for a week.

In conclusion I would say that life in the Middle School is as hard or as easy as you make it, and it is up to the individual to make the best of it.

P. and D. Rudge. 4W.



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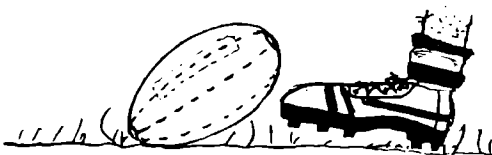


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## RUGBY REPORTS

SEASON 82/83



As predicted by last year's team, the 1st XV had a very successful season with the Devon Schools U/19 Cup final as the high-point of the year.

Experience was the key to our success, having retained almost two thirds of last year's side. However, during the first half of the season the team was very unsettled and thereby lost a far greater percentage of the games before Christmas than after.

One major problem we had to overcome at this stage was our inability to make an impression upon the opposing side in the first half. A classic example being the "Derby" match against St Boniface College. At half time we were losing 3-0 and at full time we had pulled back to win with a commanding result of 28-3.

Other important wins included the games against the well respected sides of Exeter College, West Buckland (and Victor!), Shebbear, Plymouth Albion Jnr, Brixham Colts and of course our fixtures in the preliminary rounds of the cup against Kings Ottery, Torquay G S and Ilfracombe.

We were never embarrassed in defeat. Our average losing margin was 9 points (not including our first friendly against the Old Boys.) Our defeat against Blundells was not so hard to swallow either as we lost by only 7 points and were worthy opponents of this formidable side which has, in the last two years scored a total of 103 clear points against the school.

For most of the team, who will be leaving school this year, the Cup final will be a game they will never forget. The 0-0 score line can, in no way, be used as an indication to how exciting the game was. It merely shows how evenly matched the sides were and how hard they both fought. It would also be unfair for anyone to say that on the whole we had the better of the Cup holders, Exeter School, although in extra time and for a part of the second half we dominated the play. On the other hand the first half belonged to Exeter School. Before I leave the subject of the cup final I must thank those people who came down to support, without whom the team would have lacked morale.

Among the personal honours credit must go to our two goal kickers Karl Fuller and Mike "Biff" Northam who between them saved many a game for us and were also selected to play for Devon Schools along with Ian Gidley. Karl Fuller was also the joint top try scorer with Tony Hume. A quick mention must go to Clive "Jockey" Swiggs for providing the now infamous "tackle of the season" which can be seen on the cup final video. The captain, Gary Lenden led the team, (should I say forward?) by fearless example giving the team that extra boost to their morale.

Lastly the sevens team of Gary Lenden, Karl Fuller, Mike Northam, Andy Blackwell, Steve Palmer, Rick Price and Gary Bell requires a special mention for adding the Shebbear Invitation Sevens trophy to the collection and for reaching the semi-final of the Devon Schools Sevens beating in both competitions many of the school's old rivals.

We all sincerely thank Mr Southern for guiding the team through the season and for cheering us up during those miserable games with his unmistakeable wellington boots. We owe our thanks also to Mr Evans for showing great patience in training a side who had little enthusiasm for hard work and for successfully instilling some "character" into the side.

Played 28: Won 19: Lost 8: Drawn: F 559: A 209:

No excuses can be made for the 2nd XV's performance but it should be pointed out that the team is generally considered as a training ground for the 1st and is a team in which rugby is played for the sheer pleasure of it. For this reason the spirit within the team never died through the lack of good results. We must also compliment Ian "Dinger" Bell who was instrumental in maintaining this spirit with his exceptional brand of leadership.

P 13: W 4: L 9: D 0: F 122: A 187:

With a definite preference for home games it was unfortunate that the majority of their fixtures were infact away. This culminated in a rather disappointing season for the U/15 team but we must thank Mr Truman for his efforts.

P 9: W 3: L 6: F 103: A 208:

Again the influence of Mr Burrows has had an impressive effect on the U/14 side, with results that speak for themselves. The team, led well by Schofield, had very few marginal wins which augurs well for the future.

P 12: W 10: L 2: D 0: F 347: A 99:

The U/13 team had a mixed season neither disgracing themselves nor excelling themselves although, ironically their best wins seem to have been against the stronger sides. We extend our thanks to Dr Phillips for taking the team through the season.

P 8: W 4: L 3: D 1: F 170: A 200:

The U/12 team faired much the same as the U/13 side although their points deficit was much greater. This again shows promise for the future and we are all grateful to Messrs Bowden and Moon for guiding the U/12s in their, tentative first season.

P 7: W 4: L 3: D 0: F 104: A 42:

GARY BELL, SECRETARY L6C



BACK ROW M. Roscoe, M. Joce, C. Swiggs, J. Painter, C. Irvine, J. Pindard,  
S. Glazsher.  
3RD ROW R. Price, S. Palmer, K. Fuller, R. Blackford, J. Gidley, D. Heggie,  
J. Ballard, M. Klym.  
2ND ROW J. Southern, M. Northam, R. Dew, G. Lenden (Capt.), R. Allen,  
A. Hume.  
FRONT ROW C. Bell (Sec.), A. Blackwell.

DEVON SCHOOLS CUP - SEMI FINAL  
D.H.S.: 18 ILFRACOMBE: 0

A ragged start on the part of both teams can be blamed on the cold wind and perhaps nerves, due to the promised rewards for the victors, a place in the Devon Schools Cup Final. But it was D.H.S. who seemed to settle down first and following a successful penalty-kick, from the boot of Carl Fuller, they were not setting their sights on anything but the cup.

Two powerful packs provided a well-balanced and enthralling tussle but it was the D.H.S. back division which proved decisive. Riachard Price, the D.H.S. centre scored the only try of the first-half, following a powerful break by full-back Carl Fuller.

The second-half was to proceed in much the same manner with the D.H.S. backs showing themselves to be the more able ball-handlers. Quick thinking and team-work combined to provide new-cap Steven Palmer with the second try, proving himself dangerous and a man to watch in the future.

Another penalty and try by scrum-half Michael Northam were the final nails in the coffin of Ilfracombe hopes and with this emphatic 18 - 0 victory under their belts the 1st XV travel to the final, eager to become worthy champions of Devon.

P. GRIBBELL & P. ALDERSLEY.

### SCHOOL SOCCER REPORT

The 1st XI had a very encouraging start to the season, with a fine blend of experienced and new players resulting in some excellent wins. Unfortunately after Christmas, with the loss of several older players, the team's performance declined with many matches saved only by Dave Bastone's fine exhibition in goal. On the whole the side lacked finishing ability and the injury to one of the more useful players, John Bowhay left a big gap in midfield. All in all, the sixth place that we finally achieved in the league did not live up to our early expectations and only by our run in the cup, losing only in the semi-final to Exeter, did we reward Mr. Hayman for his hard work.

The 2nd XI had a very mixed season, all their games were entertaining with high scores and end to end action, but the absence on certain weeks of key players, appearing for the 1st, meant that the side

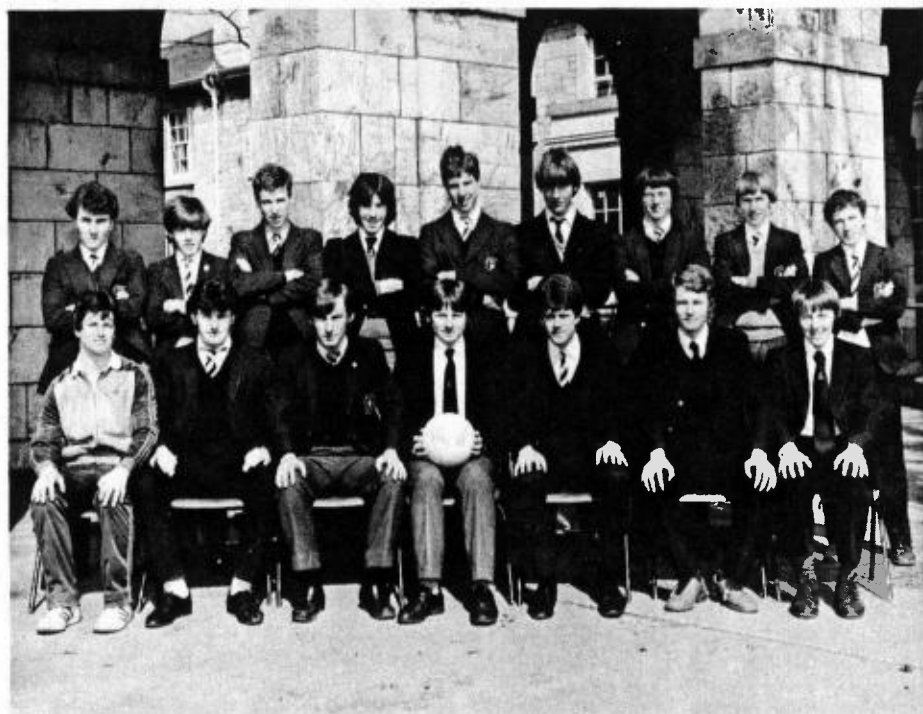
lacked a fixed team. Mark Gardiner was both a consistent and confident captain, leading the team to some fine victories.

The Juniors produced some very successful sides. The U-13 side, with the training of Mr. Skinner and the play of Willmott and Smith, won the cup and just failed to repeat this performance in the league.

The U-14 side, managed by Mr. Sandercock, won the league via some fine performances from Cook, Cody and Schofield.

The U-15 side of Messrs Beswetherick and Hamill did not fare quite as successfully and often Bats the goalkeeper had to save the side from certain defeat.

NIGEL SCOREY L6E  
(Secretary)



Back row    S. McCluskie   M. Sampson   S. Aindow   M. Horgan   M. Rawles  
                                 M. Gardiner   C. Toy   J. Williams   S. Clarke  
Front row   G. Hayman        J. Bowhay    N. Scorey   I. Phillips (Captain)  
                                 D. Bastone.        A. Milligan        D. Moore

## CROSS COUNTRY

This year saw, for the first time, competitive cross country throughout the school. This was made possible by the greater variety of competitions, and entry for the first time into the English Schools Cross Country Cup.

The Senior team had one major success, by again winning the Plymouth Schools Championships. The Intermediates reached The Regional Semifinal of the English Schools Cross Country Cup, and only failed by the narrowest of margins to reach the National Final. This strong team finished a slightly disappointing second in the new Plymouth Schools Intermediate League.

Although the Junior team made a weak start to the season, a great deal of hard work and determined effort was made throughout the winter, which eventually brought its rewards in the Spring Term races. They went on to finish second in their league, and, as a result the School won the overall Plymouth Schools Cross Country League Trophy.

Once again there was some notable individual successes with two Seniors, J Allin and M Horgan, and two Intermediates, T Hewson and D Rudge representing Devon, whilst two other Seniors, D Moore and P Salt represented Plymouth.

J. Skinner.

The cross country teams would like to express their gratitude to Mr. Skinner for his enthusiastic encouragement throughout the year.

## U-13 BASKETBALL

The team had a very successful season losing only one game. The team hope to capitalise on last year's season and hopefully do well in the English Schools Cup.

R. MANHIRE

## U-14 BASKETBALL

The team enjoyed a very successful season and clinched the league in exciting style by winning the last match of the season away to Honicknowle. A large squad produced a fine all round effort, with many outstanding individual performances. M. BICKFORD

## UNDER 15 BASKETBALL

For the second year running, the U-15 side succeeded in gaining a position in the top two of their league, beating all the opposition except for Barne Barton. The team was captained once again by Tim Manhire, who was replaced by Gary Andrews after breaking his leg. Andrew Young and Rob Anstey have become more than able forwards, due to help from Michael Colwill and Mark Bartlett. M. BARTLETT 4W.



## U17 and U19 BASKETBALL

The School entered teams in two junior leagues this year at U17 and U19 levels. As in previous seasons the U19 team did as well as ever, the highlight of the season being when C Irvine was voted the League's "Fair Player of the Year".

The U17 team had an excellent season, attaining a high standard throughout, and winning the league in convincing style. The team has every intention of repeating the success next year.

Thanks must go to Mr Moon and Mr Hayman for their invaluable contributions in running successful teams throughout the school.

T MANHIRE (4W).

## BADMINTON

The school team suffered once again from late cancellation of matches by other schools but did win comfortably the two it did play.

An Under 16 team was successful in the Devon Schools Tournament this year. For the mixed event the school combined with Devonport High for Girls. In the boys competition the team reached the semi-final, losing narrowly to Exmouth School.

Anthony Pipe is to be congratulated on being selected for training with the England Under 14 squad this summer. He also won the Devon Under 14 Championship. With T Huddy of Devonport High Girls School he won the Devon Under 15 Mixed Championship and they were runners up in the Under 18 Championship. Anthony also reached the last 16 of the Under 14 all England Championships. He was also runner-up in the Cornish Under 14 Championships.

D McCallum was in the Devon Under 16 training squad.

Next year's captain will be N Gerry.

J.C. Smith.

## HOUSE NOTES

### Grenville

The traditional balance of the St. Levan Shield championship was unfortunately severely upset in 1982-83 in that there was no music competition and, for the second year running, no speech contest. Undoubtedly we would have done very well in the former.

In soccer we were winners overall, finishing second in both senior and junior competitions while in rugby both sections of the house matched each other in winning their respective losers finals. Cross country was a major disappointment as we failed to muster a full team in either race. Basketball again saw our seniors all powerful under the captaincy of Craig Irvine whilst our juniors came joint third. In chess, under the leadership of Steven Hooper and David Cook, both seniors and juniors finished runners-up which meant that Grenville won the chess overall. In badminton, athletics and swimming we finished third and this proved to be our final position in the St. Levan Shield as a whole. Ian Bell and Andy Blackwell were efficient captains of various events and Craig Irvine was a most impressive house captain. Next year our fourth year will contain many talented sportsmen so we are hoping for an improved performance in the junior sections of the championship.

G.K.S.

### GILBERT

This year has been the most successful for several years, with the House finishing second in the overall house Competition. Our juniors won the Soccer, Cross Country, Basketball and Chess Competitions. Overall the House finished joint winners of the Cross Country with Drake. We also finished overall second in the athletics and swimming. This success is largely thanks to the much greater participation of boys in the various competitions and the growing feeling of belonging to a really worthwhile team.

Gilbert again raised over £120 for "Mencap" with its annual sponsored run. My thanks go to Karl Fuller the House Captain and Messrs. Dickens, Beswetherick and Gibson for their assistance.

J.C. Smith, Housemaster.

## DRAKE

Once again another outstanding win of the St Levan Shield by Drake House.

To commence the year, the team was quick to assert its winning ways, easily crushing all opposition to gain the House Rugby title; winning both the Junior and Senior sections. A fine win was also recorded in the Cross country event and in the swimming. The latter was undoubtedly the most exciting and hard fought event of the year; the team clinching victory by one point in the final event.

Perhaps the most commanding win of the year was the Athletics, this can again be largely attributed to superior organisation and a large amount of talent in the team as a whole.

Mike Northam (House Captain) must be commended on his excellent management of the house and also those seniors who enabled the house to function in an efficient manner.

Finally, thanks go to Messrs Clarke, Phillips and Sandercock and the other members of staff whose help enabled us to retain the coveted shield again for another year.

PETER J ANDREW

## RALEIGH

Although showing good spirit and doing their best, Raleigh did not have a very successful year when it came to the House Championship.

There is talent in the House and some very creditable individual performances were achieved. I continue to feel optimistic that Raleigh House will improve and achieve great things, especially as we have an enthusiastic junior part of the House.

I would like to thank all those who helped in the running of the various House activities and gave up much time and effort.

J.L.S.

## CRICKET

This year has seen a major improvement in the facilities for cricket with the laying of an artificial "Nottingham" wicket on the creek, thanks to considerable financial help from Wrigleys.

However, little cricket was possible early in the season as this was not put in until after Whitsun, whilst the Education Authority had removed our allocation on the Collings Park wicket, several weeks earlier.

Despite all this the U15, U14, U13 and U12 teams again competed in the local Plymouth leagues. At the time of writing the U14's have already repeated their success as U13's, by winning their league undefeated whilst the U13's and U12's both have a very good chance of joining them as league champions.

These four teams, as well as a senior team, have also played several "friendly" matches, again with considerable success. It is these matches, and particularly Saturday matches, that we feel should be our priority next year, if our very talented players are to develop their full potential. However, to do this far more coaching will be needed and to facilitate this, we aim to renovate the nets ourselves, which the Education Authority have allowed to fall into dereliction in recent years.

J.R.S. and M.A.K.P.

#### TENNIS REPORT.

This year's season commenced at a slow pace which was somewhat disappointing as later in the season the majority of our talented players were engaged in examinations. However this did not prevent us from putting up a good performance at the Devon Cup tournament - despite the appalling weather. We finished the competition halfway down the list of the original twelve entrants.

Some consistently spectacular play was shown by the two youngest members of the team, A. Drake and C. Brown who were the outright winners of the Junior Plymouth Cup. These players show great promise and proved invaluable members of the team in successive fixtures.

Several other matches were played with varying degrees of success. Perhaps the hardest fought was that against Plymouth High School for Girls, in which we were one player short and thus a rather unwilling (?) supporter was recruited to complete the team which went on to lose narrowly.

Finally, I would like to thank, on behalf of the whole team, Mr. Watson for his dedicated management of the school tennis team this year.

PETER J. ANDREW.

#### LIFE SAVING

For the first time this year, a team, consisting of two people, Stephen Blake and Stephen Green, entered the National School Lifesaving Championship. This team overcame stiff opposition to win the Devon round and, at the time of writing, will go on to the Devon and Cornwall round, hoping go obtain a place in the Finals.

S. Blake.

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## YOUTH AND MUSIC.

Despite the construction of the marvellous new theatre in Plymouth, Royal Parade by lamplight still lacks some of the magic of London's West End.

For the past two years, the Plymouth Youth and Music Group has been active in the sixth forms of D.H.S. for Boys and D.H.S. for Girls. Founded by Robert Mayer, the society subsidises ticket prices for various artistic events in London.

On our most recent visit, in April, we saw Dario Fo's famous farce, "Can't Pay? Won't Pay!" at the Criterion Theatre. The theatre itself was opened in 1874, and because of its subterranean auditorium, was used as a broadcasting studio by the B.B.C. from 1940 to 1945.

Dario Fo, who was born in Italy in 1926, likes to think of his work as "bourgeois comedy". Indeed it was his outspokenness, and open criticism of the Italian Government, Imperialism, and even the Catholic Church, which led to his being kidnapped, imprisoned and even banned by the Italian television and radio stations.

With support from the cultural wing of the Italian Communist Party, Fo's work was performed at "alternative venues", and his internationally acclaimed "Accidental Death of an Anarchist" once played to an enormous audience of 8,000.

Fo wrote "Can't Pay? Won't Pay!" shortly after his very successful "Mama's Marijuana is Best.". He based it upon the situation Italy found itself in during 1974: food and energy were being rationed; there were strikes over unemployment and inflation; there was a balance of payments deficit. And as 50% price increases were announced, so pasta products began "walking" off the supermarket shelves.

The play opens with two women attempting to conceal their involvement in the latest supermarket raid from their husbands. In order to do so, they hide shopping bags in their jumpers and pretend to be pregnant. To underline how poor the family is, Antonia serves her husband frozen rabbits' heads and millet soup, in an attempt to divert suspicion from herself. In truth, these items were not all that she could afford, but rather things she grabbed by mistake from the supermarket shelves.

The husbands are taken in, and Luigi marvels at the sudden news that he is to be a father. So when a packet of olives splits open, underneath Margherita's coat, and she clutches her stomach with a groan, within minutes she finds herself being rushed to hospital ... where she is delivered of a packet of cornflakes, two tins of condensed milk, an oven-ready chicken, and large quantities of tagliatelli.

Dario Fo's script expertly probed every avenue of humour, squeezing as many laughs into a two hour play as was humanly possible. The audience was never allowed to stop laughing, as one joke led naturally into the next, with the flow only interrupted by the interval.

In short, the evening was a highly enjoyable one, and Fo's play has certainly deserved the national renown it has gained over its two year run.

MICHAEL LARBALESTIER M6D.

## CONCERT AND OPEN EVENING

On Friday July 1st five senior musicians gave a concert in front of a distinguished audience (including Dame Joan Vickers and Mr. T. Pinney) to mark the opening of the new music rooms.

Each boy had been asked to prepare a work which they would not normally have performed at a school concert and which also displayed their interpretive and technical ability. Alexander Collinson, Lawrence Byng, Bryan Smith, Nicholas Powlesland and Andrew Widger met this challenge with skill and enthusiasm and gave outstanding performances of their respective choices.

Andrew Widger, despite losing his music to a gust of wind played Beethoven's Horn sonata with considerable energy. Alexander Collinson accompanied with his usual consideration and skill.

Nicholas Powlesland gave a sensitive performance of the Sonatina Meridional by Ponce and Lawrence Byng displayed his incredible technique and rich tone in a performance of Nel Col Pui by Boehm.

He was accompanied by Nicholas Powlesland on the guitar.

Bryan Smith had written a work especially for the occasion - an ensemble designed to incorporate each person taking part in the concert plus one extra to play the second piano part. Andrew Spring joined the group for this very effective performance.

Alexander Collinson played two short piano pieces to conclude the programme - a nocturne by Chopin and the lyrical but exciting Rhapsody in C by Dohnanyi. The Chopin emphasised Alex's natural feeling for the music of Chopin. Dohnanyi brought this most successful evening to an exhilarating close.

T.K.F.

## CHEMISTRY CLUB

One of the latest societies, Chemistry Club, was attended by about fifteen boys from the third year. To help us along several Lower Sixth formers were appointed by Mrs Porter, who supervised.

It was held every week, on Wednesdays for about forty-five minutes during the lunch-time. It mainly consisted of making dyes and actually testing them out on pieces of fabric. Booklets of different experiments compiled by Mrs Porter were handed out and kept throughout the term, and apart from a couple of smashed beakers all went well.

To make the dyes we had to go as far afield as Dartmoor, simply for a sprig of heather and spend hours crushing, mixing and boiling chemicals. Further experimentation could be carried out at home.

Although it was a little time consuming, we all knew that it could be beneficial in the years to come, as perhaps, a chemist.

Thanks must go to Mrs Porter for her preparation and supervision, but be warned, The Chemistry Club may be continued through to next year, for a whole new bunch of third years.

ANDREW SMITH 3W.

## THE CHESS TEAM

The year was one of moderate success for the chess team.

In the locality we achieved victories over Widey Tec., Sutton High and Public, but lost to the winners, Plymouth College. The league was then curtailed and a second round was not played. We thus attained second place, the same position we have held for many years past.

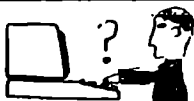
The team must now look forward to next year, and aim to end Plymouth College's traditional supremacy, both locally, and as regional winners in 'The Sunday Times Knockout Competition'.

Finally we wish to thank Mr. Milton for his help in co-ordinating the activities over the past year.

A.OSBORNE (Captain)  
I.S.COLLINSON (Secretary).



## THE COMPUTER ROOM.



The computer room is now equipped with 8 BBC micro-computer model A's and 2 model B's. Three of these have recently been upgraded to a new operating system. The School also has an RML 380 Z computer with a printer.

This year, computing has become a major part of the curriculum, as now everyone can acquire a basic understanding of how to use computers, which are becoming increasingly important in commerce nowadays. The computer room is open during lunchtimes and after School to all forms on a rota basis.

Programs are mostly educational, with the younger members of the School still familiarizing themselves with the computers, whilst the more senior members of the School usually plot graphs and use other mathematical programs.

On Saturday mornings there is a computer club, which is open to all members of the School and is run by Mr. Dickens.

M. Hicks. L6c

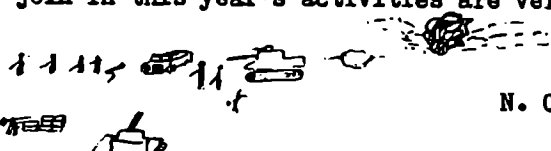
## THE WARGAMES SOCIETY.



The D.H.S. Wargames Society continues to expand under the watchful eye of Mr. Dickens. The club has recently branched out into different divisions such as 'Dungeons and Dragons' and 'Runequest' as well as the original wargaming activities, and the facilities for using computers have been appreciated on the regular Saturday morning meetings in 'D' block.

Those in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> forms who are interested can opt to do wargaming in their games periods on Wednesday afternoons, and this continues to be a popular option with enthusiasts.

The Wargames Society also exhibited at the school fete last year, and any members of the school wishing to join in this year's activities are very welcome.



N. Collins. L6B

The preceding year has seen the Squadron's cadet strength remain high, which is probably due to the many varied opportunities available. Twelve cadets attended Annual Camp at R.A.F. St. Athan in South Wales, a maintenance base. Activities included flying, shooting, visits to sections, Sports and an excellent assault course. Other cadet visits during the year have included Lake Windermere and R.A.F. Cranwell, as well as a gliding course at Syerston and an N.C.O.'s Course at R.A.F. St. Mawgan. The squadron hired a minibus to attend Farnborough Air Show and visited a local cement works and fire station. Cadets also helped out at both the R.A.F. Town Show and R.A.F. St. Mawgan Air Day.

In the Spring of 1982 a Presentation Evening for Parents was held and several Adventure Training Exercises on Dartmoor. More recently a Flight Simulator has been in construction and the long awaited toilet has at last been finished.

October 1982 marked the Squadron's twenty-first birthday and to celebrate this a dining-in-night was held. This event was thoroughly enjoyed by all and Mrs. Reed is to be commended for her excellent cooking.

1982/83 has been a year of achievement too with the Squadron attaining joint second place in the Wing Athletics and four out of the top 20 places nationally in the Currall Trophy, a competition of examination marks.

The whole Squadron was grieved to learn of the death of Pilot Officer B. Sparks whose energetic contribution to Squadron life will be sadly missed. Unfortunately Mr. S. Briggs and Mr. S. Rowell had to leave due to other commitments. However, Flight Lieutenant Marshall now joins Flight Lieutenant Reed on the staff. Thanks must go to all of the adults in the Squadron, without whom the unit would collapse.

For the future the Squadron looks forward to Camp at R.A.F. Brize Norton. I have been selected for a Berlin Camp and Sgt. Slone and myself have been selected for Leadership Courses at Frimley Park. We are always looking for new recruits, so if this is what appeals to you, why not come down to Squadron H.Q. after school on Fridays and see for yourself.

## ART CLUB

The Art Club suffered an unfortunate lack of attendance this year, however, enthusiasm amongst the junior school boys is increasing and it is hoped to see a revival very soon.

R.T.SAUNDERS L6B

# OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

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Due to an administrative hiccup notes for our branch failed to appear in the 1982 magazine but may I reassure readers that the branch continues to flourish. A most successful dinner was held on May 9th and we were delighted to have as our guests Mr and Mrs Peck, Alan Porter, who represented the Plymouth branch and his wife Pam plus those stalwarts Eric and Joan Warn and Henry and Marjorie Whitfield, without whom our gathering would not be complete. It was a most enjoyable evening although regrettably a number of our regular supporters were unable to attend. By popular request we will, once again, be having a 'Steak Supper' in the Autumn.

We were pleased to welcome Tony Kealey and Norman Ley as new members of our branch during the course of the year, though, unfortunately, Colin Small has not yet been able to attend our functions because of his business commitments but he keeps in touch and we look forward to seeing him in the near future.

The Headmaster's report, given on the occasion of our dinner, has enabled us to keep abreast of school activities and plans for the future. We are, of course, pleased to hear of the school's successes and send our congratulations and good wishes to all the staff and pupils. Anyone interested in joining the Bath and Bristol branch will be most welcome.

It is a pity to end on a sad note but readers will learn with regret of the death of Alec Hawkins in May 1983 after only three years in retirement. We shall all miss his fine sense of humour and his strong support of our branch.

D.T. CORY.

## Old Boys' Soccer Club

It is with much regret that it is necessary this year to report the end of an era and advise readers that the Old Boys' Soccer Club was disbanded at the end of the 1982-83 season. Following a further year of financial struggle and with even fewer actual Old Boys remaining associated with the club, there was no realistic alternative to disbandment. With the long and honourable history of the club in mind, it was a painful decision to be forced to make but under the circumstances prevailing at the time it was unavoidable. Financially the club kept its head above water by the narrowest of margins during the three seasons prior to the final one, during which a loss was incurred. The club's assets such as nets, kit and footballs will be sold off to cover this.

Some years ago, at an A.G.M., it was decided to utilise players who were not Old Boys in order to field a full team. Nevertheless an attempt was to be made to maintain 50 to 60 per cent of the team as Old Boys. That aim was achieved until last season when the number fell from 5 players early in the season to 3 at the end. Furthermore there were only two Old Boys, one player and one committee man, who were guaranteed to be available for the following season.

It is felt there were two main reasons for the decline and fall of the club, namely the changing face of both local soccer facilities and opportunities for higher education. Many years ago, with a much lower number of places in further education available and with fewer soccer teams to choose from, there were always enough Old Boys keen for a game. For many seasons the club ran a 2nd. XI. With the advent of greater educational opportunities a larger number of ex-pupils left the city, especially from a grammar school such as Devonport High. Over the same period both Sunday soccer and evening 5-a-side leagues have evolved, resulting in more chances of a game. The consequence has been more difficulty in obtaining players.

Other factors were involved for this particular club, such as being particularly selective about the choice of player both to uphold the renowned sporting tradition of the team and to maintain a high playing standard to remain in the Premier Division.

On the brighter side is the club's record over the years, not so much for winning trophies, although some were achieved along the way, but more for the sporting traditions of the team being maintained at a high level of competitive football. It was known that other sides enjoyed playing against the Old Boys because they knew they

could expect a hard but very fair and sporting game. The Sporting Trophy for the Premier Division was awarded to the team on a total of 5 occasions and the 2nd. XI won its Sporting Trophy at least once.

It is understood that the club was re-formed in 1949, being a permanent member of the Plymouth Combination Football League since that date and, to present day knowledge, always in the upper reaches of that league. Perhaps the most notable recent success was winning promotion back to the Premier Division in the mid-seventies, achieved by winning Division One without losing a single match. One remembers the anticipation of the last game that season at Victoria Park, with promotion already assured. The match ended in a draw. That same season the 2nd. team won promotion from Division 2 and were only prevented from going into the Premier Division the following year because of the league rule barring two teams from the same club being in the same division.

As a final acknowledgement it is tempting to mention names, but the history of the club is too long for that. Suffice to say that any Old Boy or member of staff associated with the team as the writer was, will deeply regret its passing.

David Came.

### Old Boys' Rugby Club

Under the captaincy of Paul Vaggers, the 1982-83 season saw an improvement in the club's results, the final tally being twenty matches won, one drawn and twelve lost. Once again there was a good performance in the Lockie Cup with wins over O.P.O.'s and Prince Rock but in the semi-final Plymouth Polytechnic, the most successful side in the Combination last year, proved too strong. In other matches the double was achieved over the School, Teignmouth II, Jesters, Tavistock and O.P.O.'s. Victories were also gained against Tamar Saracens, Plymouth Arguam, Salcombe, Plymouth Civil Service, Newton Abbot II, Kingsbridge, Marjons and Brixham II. The club finished runners-up in the R.N.E.C. Cup.

The highlight of the season was without doubt the tour to Ireland to see the international in Dublin. The programme of events included a visit to the Guinness brewery and to judge from the beverages of the tourists over the weekend, nearly everyone was greatly impressed. The legendary hospitality and friendliness of the natives proved to be based on solid reality and the fact that England picked up the "wooden spoon" at Lansdowne Road seemed hardly to matter at all, at all. Somehow the love of the game for its own sake, win or lose,

was wholly appropriate and quite in keeping with the Irish spirit.

The number of players joining the club from the school remains healthy but more are always welcome. Dave Morgan is captain next season and training will again take place at the school on Thursday evenings. Occasional Sunday matches are now providing an opportunity of rugby at a less competitive level for those who are not confident of reaching first team standard.

Geoff Simpson.

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The past year has been a sad one for the Plymouth branch in that Neil Clarke has relinquished the post of secretary following a serious illness. For several years Nobby has devoted a great deal of time to promoting the interests of the association and I am pleased to report that he will continue to serve on the committee. Alan Porter has been away from Plymouth on business quite frequently in the past twelve months so inevitably activity has been severely limited.

The A.G.M. in April was very poorly attended and the time has surely come for a reappraisal of what the role of the O.B.A. should be. The committee can only act to try and satisfy a demand but if there is no desire amongst old boys to maintain contacts with the school and their friends, then the association will die. This year sadly has seen the disbandment of the soccer club. The rugby club remains healthy and inevitably in recent years most social events have focused on this most vital part of the organisation. If any old boy reading this has any views on the future of the association, please write to me with your suggestions.

GEOFF SIMPSON, Hon. Sec.

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