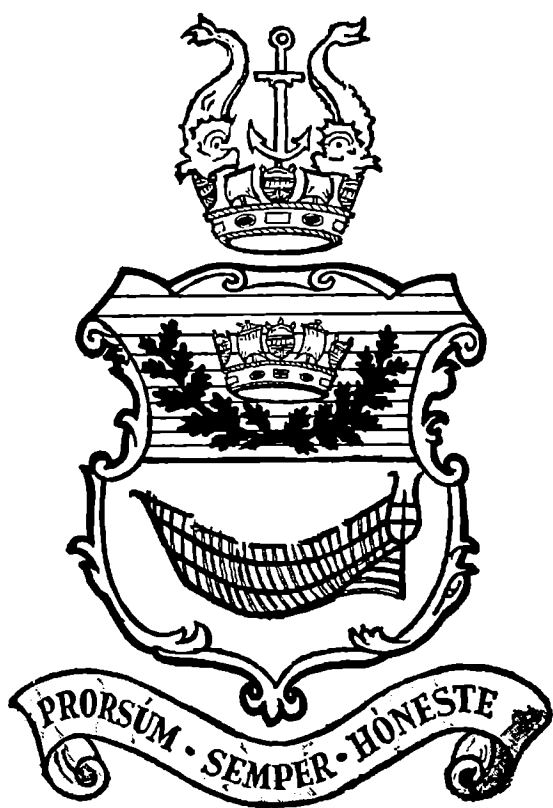


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Editorial

We hoped this year to produce a magazine which would have been an enlightening example to future members of the breed "Magazine Editor", a break with tradition and an outlet for literary expression. In "Forum" this ambition has, to a certain extent, been fulfilled but we have been forced to realise that the magazine has a definite job to do and this takes precedence over everything else.

Primarily it is an advertisement. The nature of the magazine is determined by the nature of the School and if the magazine seems egotistic it is because the School is anxious to prove itself one of the best in Plymouth. The School thrives on prestige and the magazine is there to meet this need. The School itself has a job to do. Society demands examinations and qualifications and the School must provide them.

We still feel, however, that opportunities for the junior school to be represented in the magazine are unfairly restricted and hope next year to produce a creative and colourful magazine which will not have to begin with an apology. The Art Master, Mr. George, has ideas on the layout of the magazine which we hope to learn more about next term.

School Notes

In July, Mr. J. G. Nicholas, Senior Classics Master, and Mr. H. W. H. Whitfeld, Senior English Master, retired. Mr. Nicholas had been on the Staff for twenty-four years and Mr. Whitfeld for thirty-five. The debt owed to these two by the School and countless Old Boys is immeasurable for each brought to his teaching career qualities of character, devotion to duty and outstanding efficiency which were an example to all.

Mr. Henry W. H. Whitfeld

Mr. Whitfeld's association with the School began in 1914 when, at the age of six, he joined the D.H.S. Preparatory School. In 1927, after passing the Inter-Arts examination, he went to Fitzwilliam Hall, Cambridge, where he obtained an Honours Degree in English in 1930. After four years on the staff of the March Grammar School, Cambridgeshire, he became a member of the English Staff at D.H.S. and in 1940 was appointed Senior English Master, following the premature retirement of Mr. R. E. Lockwood, M.A., as a result of ill-health. From 1941 to 1946 he served in the R.A.F. as Adjutant of No. 210 Squadron Coastal Command in Iceland and Belgium, resuming his duties as Senior English Master in 1946.

From the start of his career he was closely involved in numerous out-of-school activities including the Debating Society, Dramatic Society, School Cycling Club, School Magazine and the School Library which developed during the years 1934-69 from a few hundred books to 9,000. To all these he brought a vitality and infectious enthusiasm which remained undiminished throughout the years.

During his twenty-five years as producer for the School Dramatic Society, there were two productions a year—the main one at Christmas and a middle-junior school training one in the summer. Indicative of the high standard of his productions was *Aaron's Field* which, entered for a local Drama League Festival, was awarded top place against adult competition and *St. Joan* which was adjudicated by J. C. Trewin, the London dramatic critic, and given high praise in the National Press. Other memorable productions were *Murder in the Cathedral*, *The Zeal of Thy House*, *Macbeth*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, and *Richard of Bordeaux*. Most of these were staged at the Globe Theatre, Stonehouse, before the construction of the present School stage which, incidentally, was planned by him. His work as a producer was not confined to the School and in the 1950s he ran a successful and popular Youth Drama School.

Throughout the years he was actively concerned with School excursions both at home and abroad—the first being a trek to the Rhineland, Black Forest and Lake Constance in 1937, and the last a mountain walking holiday in the Swiss Tyrol in 1958.

Mr. Whitfeld was a dedicated, inspiring and conscientious teacher with a genuine concern for creative writing which led to the formation by him of "The Writers' Circle" and the introduction of "Senior and Junior New Writing". He can, justifiably, be proud of the consistently good G.C.E. examination results in English during his term as Senior English Master and of the success of the Fourth Year experiment achieved with a steady increase in numbers and no deterioration in quality of grades.

We wish him a long and happy retirement and look forward to frequent contacts with him in the future.

Mr. J. Gwyn Nicholas

Mr. Nicholas joined the Staff in 1945 when the School was evacuated to Penzance. After his education at the Merchant Taylors School, the University of Wales, where he obtained a degree in Classics, and Oxford, he began his teaching career in Scotland in 1927. After six years in Scotland he moved to a school in Wales, and later came to D.H.S. as Senior Classics Master.

Insisting on the same high standards of discipline and quality of work from his students as he set for himself, Mr. Nicholas soon established for his department a reputation which it holds to this day both in the routine G.C.E. examinations and in university scholarships.

His extra-curricular interests were numerous and for twenty-one years he was House Master of Drake which, under his guidance, built up a tradition of zeal and efficiency. He remained in charge of the House until July 1968, when the then House Secretary wrote: "The finest gift that Mr. Nicholas has left to Drake House is that of democracy. Drake is by far the most democratic of all the Houses and this is due to Mr. Nicholas's belief that the House should be run by its members and not by the House Masters."

Other interests included dramatics—his production of *The Birds* for the School Dramatic Society was a memorable one—and archaeology—he started an Archaeology Group at the School. As recently as 1968 he led a party of some thirty boys from the School on an educational cruise of the Mediterranean on the S.S. *Uganda*.

Perhaps one of his strongest interests throughout the years has been rugby—he played for West Scotland in his younger days—and both House and School rugby are the better for his assistance. He is the appointment secretary for the Devon Referees Society and a member of the Devon County Rugby Committee.

Although Mr. Nicholas will be returning during the next twelve months for a few periods to teach Greek, we should like to record here our good wishes which go with him in his retirement.

In September 1968 we welcomed as new Members of Staff Mr. T. Evans, who replaced Mr. Scott in the Geology department, Mr. Cole, who joined the Chemistry department in place of Mr. Davies, and Mr. Moon, who came to assist with Physical Education. Monsieur Bernard Charrière

joined us for a year as our French Assistant and we hope he found his stay with us enjoyable and rewarding. Mrs. Morgan, after four terms with us, left in July 1969, and we extend good wishes to herself and her husband (who made an appearance for the Staff cricket team!).

We congratulate Mr. Collenette and Mr. Farrow on their marriages during the summer holidays and wish them and their wives life-long happiness.

Speech Day next term will be on Friday, October 10th, in the Guildhall. The prizes will be presented by Professor Ward of Durham University.

“The Tempest”

“OUR REVELS NOW ARE ENDED”

This year the School Dramatic Society, under the very able direction of Mr. Clayton, staged a production of Shakespeare's *Tempest*. This was certainly the most adventurous play ever attempted at this school, and could so easily have been a failure. As it was, hard work and ingenuity produced an admirable evening's entertainment.

For the first time an “apron” stage was used. As well as allowing the actors greater freedom of movement, this tended to involve the audience in the action. It was encouraging to see how well the actors handled the difficulties of Shakespearian parts. Alan Murray's Prospero won great acclaim, showing feeling and maturity. Gary Young was suitably ethereal as the mischievous sprite, Ariel, and David Couch was outstanding as a grotesque yet appealing Caliban. We should like to thank Virginia Hale, of St. Dunstan's School, who very kindly played Miranda. She and Ross Morrell, as Ferdinand, played effectively opposite each other, though their love-scenes, as might be expected, lacked a certain conviction. Stephen Chope made a more-than-adequate Alonso, and was well supported by the attendant lords, Christopher Jarman, Brian Harvey, Graham Terry and Michael Burbeck. The comedy was provided by David Pinwell and Richard Selley, as Stephano and Trinculo.

The highlight of the evening was the masque scene. The introduction of girl dancers, for whose appearance we must thank Miss Rowse, added a delightful new dimension to the whole concept of a school play. This quest for realism, stepping outside the limitations of an all-male cast, has been a noted feature of Mr. Clayton's direction.

We trust that the audiences were far from disappointed with our efforts and we only hope that next year's production will find a little more support from members of the School.

R. MORRELL

SPEECH DAY . 1968

Every boy, with the exception of prizewinners, considers Speech Day as a necessary evil whose only function is to serve as a public relations evening for Devonport High School. Usually they suffer in nervous silence, all the time keeping a careful check on the clock. This year, however, everything was quite informal and, indeed, enjoyable.

The Chair was taken by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Ivor Lowe, who introduced the choir after the initial formalities. Under the directorship of Mr. Farrow the choir sang two American songs—one was Mr. Farrow's own arrangement of a Jamaican rumba which really delighted the audience, and the other was that old Negro Spiritual "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot". Alderman Lowe expressed the feelings of everyone present when he asked for an encore. This was a wonderful and highly entertaining performance.

In his annual report, the Headmaster once more was able to give a most favourable account of the year's activities. Members of the School had represented Plymouth and Devon in a variety of sports, but not at the expense of the academic sphere, for there were the traditional number of Oxbridge entrants and other educational successes.

The main speaker, a distinguished Old Boy, Mr. Murray Widdecombe, gave a speech in which he encouraged all boys to make the most of their education, at the same time not placing success before happiness or participation in extra-mural activities. Votes of thanks were proposed by Councillor R. V. Morrell and M. Hancock, the School Captain.

All in all a most rewarding evening.

R. MORRELL

SPORTS DAY . 1969

Part II of the annual Inter-House Athletic Sports was held at the Brickfields on Thursday, May 22nd, in perfect weather conditions. Because of the use of the metric system in marking out the track, no track records could be broken but this did little to diminish the keenness both of the individual competitors and of the four competing Houses. Gilbert House, who had taken a narrow lead in the Part I events, extended their lead on Sports Day and finished up clear winners with Drake second, Raleigh third and Grenville fourth.

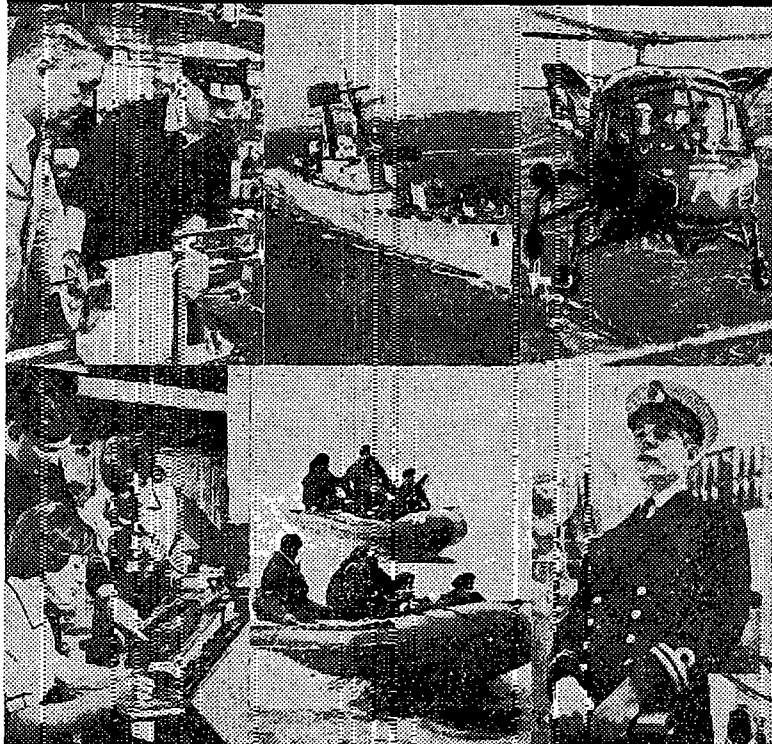
The Victor Ludorum Cup was won by G. L. Dawe, and other winners were:

Under-15 Championship Cup: K. Griffin
Under-14 Championship Cup: N. McShane
Under-13 Championship Cup: P. Bishop
Under-12 Championship Cup: A. Bellamy

The Treseder (senior runner-up) Cup was won by S. Hawkins.

We are grateful to Mr. G. W. Irish, Editor, *Western Evening Herald*, for presenting the awards, and to the P.E. Staff for their organization of the Sports.

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The Swimming Sports

The rays of a blazing sun poured down on the Mount Wise Baths during the 1969 Swimming Gala. The School were honoured by the presence of Mr. Dave Bennett, the Chairman of the Old Boys' Association, who presented the trophies. Rowe, Didymus, Tooley, Hodges and Job proved themselves the most successful in their age groups and won the individual cups.

Competition was unusually keen and Gilbert and Grenville contended for the lead throughout, the victory by Grenville in the final event, the over-15 relay, finally deciding the winning House.

Final placings were: (1) Grenville with 86 points, (2) Gilbert with 82, (3) Drake with 73, and (4) Raleigh with 50.

Although only one record was broken, this was a very pleasant occasion, and we thank Mr. Vanstone and his assistants for their efficient organisation of the Swimming Sports.

C. METHERELL

The Music Society Concert

The programme for this year's music concert catered for a variety of tastes with works by Weber and Offenbach being as well received as Mr. Farrow's arrangement of a Beate's composition.

The evening began with the choir's competent rendering of Yugoslavian Folk Songs by Mátyás Seiber, and this was followed by the orchestra playing a Gavotte and Pizz study by Armstrong Gibbs. There was a lack of expression and momentum in the Gavotte but the Pizz, despite the occasional mistake, was adequate compensation. Downing continued the proceedings with a self-composed piano piece which won him the approval of an appreciative audience. Then came a fine violin duet by Bentley and Willows which was well presented and so obviously well rehearsed. Following this, Chapman gave a magnificent performance of a Weber concerto, although Mr. Farrow's accompaniment must also be commended. Chapman was then joined by Prior and Loader and together they played a piece by Mozart which tended to drag on with too many pauses.

After this came the Madrigal group who played four works, and in this case we must congratulate Downing for his arrangement of "Blue Lake and Rocky Shore" and also Mr. Farrow for his interpretations of the Lennon and McCartney composition, "Here, There and Everywhere" and the piece by Offenbach. Trethewey added variety to the programme when he played three of his own guitar compositions for which he was loudly applauded. Undoubtedly the highlight of the evening was Benjamin Britten's "Rejoice in the Lamb". This great and difficult work was superbly performed and Mr. Bowden gave a noteworthy performance on the organ.

R. MORRELL

CAREERS

The year 1968-69 has been a rather mixed year as far as the careers work in the School has been concerned. On the one hand it has seen the introduction of regular visits to the School by the Careers Advisory Officer, and although the timetable permitted Mr. Cook to see only a small number of boys from the lower sixth form, the experiment proved so encouraging that the results are to be extended during the coming year. Mr. Jenkins (from the Department of Further Education) also spoke to the sixth forms to explain the details of the system of awards to students for Further Education at Universities, Colleges of Technology, etc., and it was clear from the interest shown and the questions asked that the visit was a very worthwhile one.

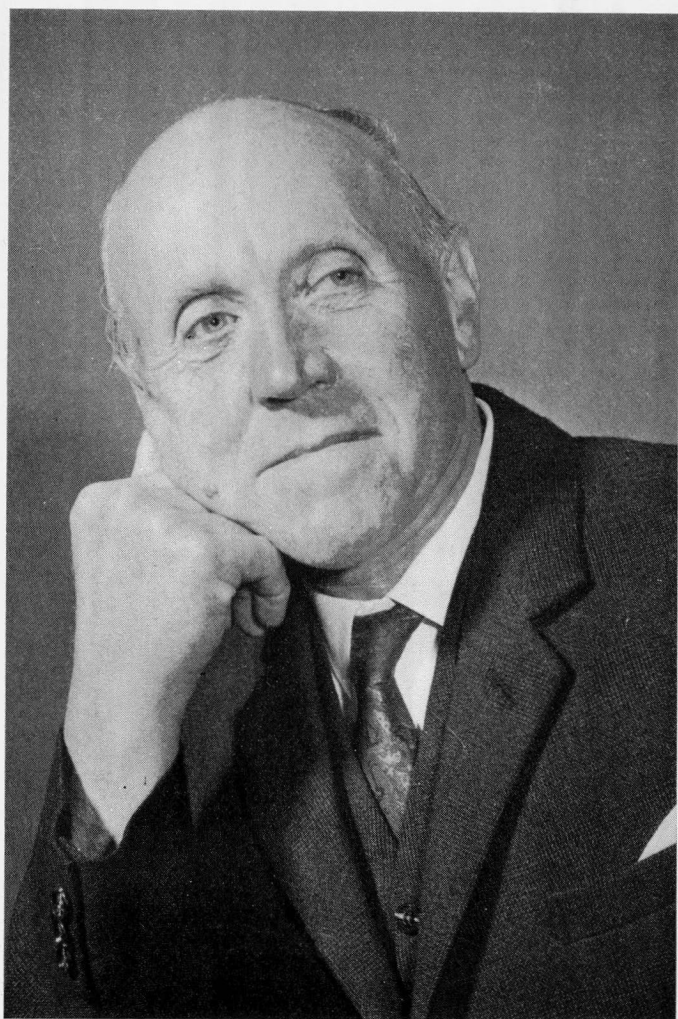
On the other hand, it is a regrettable fact that boys do not use the Careers Room in the manner intended and there seems to be little diminution in the tendency to drift along in the belief that something will "turn up in the end".

It is true that this past summer term has shown a marked increase in the number of boys in the sixth form who have suddenly (if belatedly) realised that information and advice are available on the premises, but in a number of cases their problems would have been much less acute and the solutions much more readily found if they had taken action earlier in the year. In the case of some boys the inaction is the result of a deliberate choice on their part, for in the course of personal interviews with me they have categorically stated their disinterest in the consideration of their future career; but the majority simply do not seem to realise that it is their responsibility to acquaint themselves with the opportunities which exist and the qualifications they require to grasp those opportunities. To postpone consideration of these problems until the last few months before leaving school is sheer folly.

The "S.S. Uganda" Cruise

Nothing is so boring as someone else's holidays, so I shall confine myself to the bare facts. Last November a party of some thirty boys from this School joined several hundred other pupils from Devon and Lancashire on the *S.S. Uganda* for an educational cruise. The ship called at Gibraltar, Malta, Rhodes, Piraeus and Venice. At each of these places there were trips and plenty of time ashore, while the days afloat were passed with talks, private study and deck games. In the evenings there was no lack of social life on board. Mr. Nicholas, assisted by Mr. Osborn, organized the party with military efficiency and usually good humour, and the thanks of all who went are due to him.

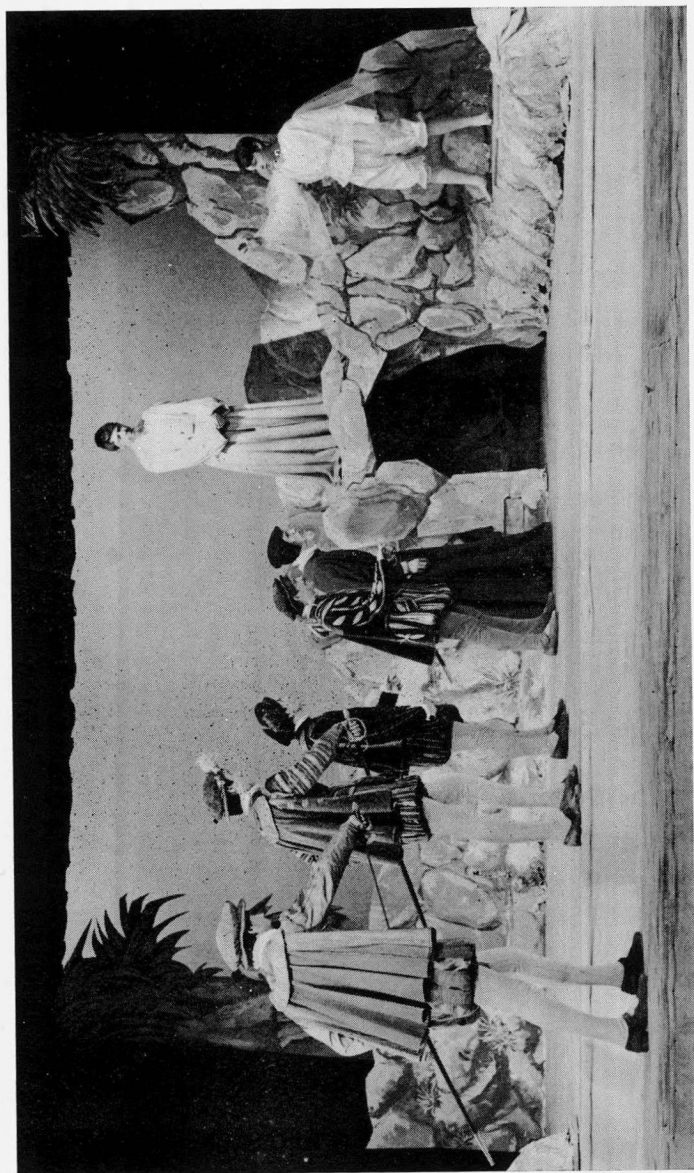
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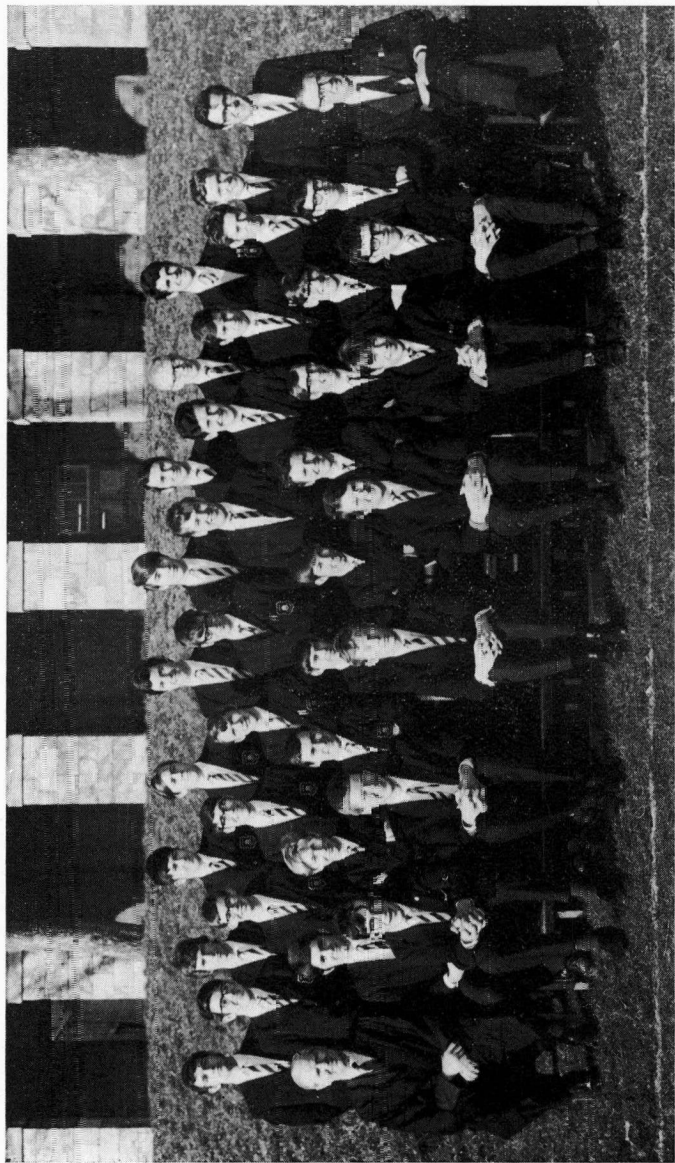


MR. J. GWYN NICHOLAS



THE SCHOOL PLAY - "THE TEMPEST"

Left to right: C. Jarman, B. Harvey, S. M. Choje, M. Burbeck, G. Terry, A. W. Murray, G. Young



PREFECTS 1968-69

Back row (left to right): D. G. Axworthy, C. R. Davis, M. D. Tregurtha, A Ferrett, P. D. Stapleton, A. C. Targett, P. G. Williams, D. H. Evans, C. J. Harris, C. E. C. Herbert

Second row from front: A. W. Murray, P. J. Thornton, M. O. Druce, R. A. Hunkin, N. B. Main, J. P. Harrington, D. J. Couch, A. R. Whitehead, A. H. Ellicott, A. T. Grundy

First row from front: Mr. H. Mallinson (*Senior Master*), S. F. Tindsley, H. B. Beake, K. W. Stevens, S. N. Wyatt (*School Vice-Captain*), M. Hancock (*School Captain*), D. R. O'Leary, A. Stander, C. R. Mercer, I. F. Rickard, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)

Front row: J. C. Chapman, C. J. Bentley, R. G. S. Clunn, R. J. Cope, M. K. Webber, M. J. Roster

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- R. N. ATRILL.* Entered 1962; 1st XV Rugby (colours); School Swimming; House Athletics; House Rugby; Science Society. Proceeding to Nottingham University (Mining).
- D. G. AXWORTHY. Entered 1961; School Vice-Captain 1969; Captain 1st XV Rugby; School Athletics. Reading Veterinary Medicine at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.
- T. BAILEY.* Entered 1962; Assistant Scout Master School Troop; School Tennis Team; Sailing Club. Reading Economics at Southampton University.
- J. D. BAKER.* Entered 1962; School Chess; House Rugby; Science Society. Proceeding to Birmingham University (Mineral Engineering).
- H. B. BRAKE. Entered 1961; House Vice-Captain; Christian Union; Sailing Club. Reading Law at King's College, London.
- J. C. CHAPMAN. Entered 1961; School Captain 1969; Chairman Music Society; Honorary Secretary Rambling Club; School Choir; Madrigal Group and Orchestra. London Institute of Archaeology.
- J. CLAYTON.* Entered 1962; 3rd XV Rugby; Chairman Road Users' Society; Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh (Brewing).
- R. G. S. CLUNN. Entered 1961; 3rd XV Rugby; Athletics; House Rugby; Motor Club. Taking up post at Barclay's Bank.
- R. J. COPE. Entered 1961; 1st XV Rugby; School Athletics; House Rugby; Road Users' Society. Proceeding to St. Paul's College, Cheltenham.
- D. J. COUCH.* Entered 1967; House Speech Captain; School Play; House Rugby. Proceeding to St. Luke's College, Exeter (Art and Crafts).
- R. CROSSLEY.* Entered 1962; School Chess; 2nd XV Rugby; House Chess Captain; Chess Club Secretary; Assistant Scout Master School Troop. Reading University (Geography).
- C. R. DAVIS. Entered 1961; 1st XI (colours); School Athletics; Treasurer Aeronautical Society. Studying Psychology at Manchester University.
- M. O. DRUCE.* Entered 1962; Vice-Chairman Debating Society; House Speech Captain; Dramatics Society. Reading Law at Liverpool University.
- C. EBRAHIMI. Entered 1965; Science Society; Sailing Club. Proceeding to Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (Paper Sciences).
- D. H. EVANS. Entered 1961; 3rd XV Rugby; House Swimming Captain; Rambling Club. Reading Archaeology at Cardiff University.
- A. FERRETT. Entered 1966; School Chess; 1st XI Soccer; 1st XI Cricket; Badminton Club Secretary. Proceeding to Sheffield University (Civil Engineering).
- R. S. FOSTER. Entered 1962; House Captain; 1st XV Rugby; School Chess; Chairman Debating Society; Christian Union. Studying Moral Sciences at Pembroke College, Cambridge.
- R. C. GODDARD.* Entered 1962; House Athletics Captain; School Athletics (colours); Treasurer Rambling Club; Science Society. Imperial College, London (Civil Engineering).
- A. T. GRUNDY. Entered 1961; 1st XV Rugby; Chess (colours); Tennis Team; House Rugby. Accountancy.
- M. HANCOCK. Entered 1961; School Captain, 1968-9; House Rugby; Science Society; Rambling Club. Proceeding to Churchill College, Cambridge (Mechanical Sciences).

- J. P. HARRINGTON.* Entered 1967; Fencing Champion (Devon Schoolboys). Studying Physics at Nottingham College of Education.
- C. E. C. HERBERT.* Entered 1962; Devon Public and Grammar Rugby Team; School Rugby (colours); Senior Athletics (colours); House Swimming; House Cricket. Proceeding to Plymouth College of Technology to study Pure Science.
- B. J. IRELAND. Entered 1961; 2nd XV Rugby; House Cricket; House Athletics; School Scouts. Reading Modern Languages at Exeter University.
- R. J. JENKINS. Entered 1961; House Captain; 1st XI Soccer; Secretary 1st XI Cricket. St. Peter's College, Oxford (Geography).
- M. J. LAMB.* Entered 1962; Science Society; Proceeding to Liverpool University studying Computer Sciences.
- C. J. LUCKRAFT. Entered 1961; School Rugby; School Athletics; School Cricket. Proceeding to Dartmouth R.N.C.
- N. B. MAIN. Entered 1961; Plymouth Museum Archaeology Group; School Athletics; Rambling Club and Music Society. Holborn College of Language and Law, studying Law.
- C. R. MERCER. Entered 1961; Library; 1st XV Rugby; 2nd XV Rugby Captain; 2nd XI Cricket Captain; Science Society. Taking up a post with B.A.C., Bristol.
- D. R. O'LEARY. Entered 1961; House Vice-Captain; Christian Union Committee; Science Society; Debating Society. Reading Medicine at Selwyn College, Cambridge.
- C. J. PIKE.* Entered 1962; Printing Group Leader; Choir; House Rugby. Proceeding to Bristol University (Aeronautical Engineering).
- I. F. RICKARD. Entered 1961; House Captain; House Soccer Captain; Chairman Junior Debating Society; Music Society; Cross-Country. Reading Law at King's College, London.
- D. W. SOADY.*Entered 1962; House Athletics; N.C.B. Scholarship. Proceeding to Nottingham University (Mining Engineering).
- A. STANDER. Entered 1961; Secretary Science Society; House Soccer; House Cricket; Christian Union. Studying Engineering at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.
- K. W. STEVENS. Entered 1961; House Captain; Printing Group Leader; Editor of School Magazine; Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award; Committee of Debating Society. Proceeded to Trinity Hall, Cambridge, studying Law.
- A. C. TARGETT. Entered 1961; Science Society; Music Society.
- S. F. TINDSLEY. Entered 1961; 1st XV (colours); School Athletics Vice-Captain; 1st XI Cricket; House Rugby Captain; House Cricket Captain; House Athletics Vice-Captain. Proceeded to Queen Elizabeth College, London, studying Food and Management Science.
- M. D. TREGURTHA. Entered 1961; Bridge Club; R.U. Club. Proceeded to Technical College, studying Botany and Zoology.
- C. J. WALLACE.* Entered 1967; School Swimming. H.N.D. Business Studies and Marketing at London College for Distributive Trades.
- M. K. WEBBER. Entered 1961; 2nd XI Soccer; House Soccer; Science Society; Electronics Society.
- P. G. WILLIAMS. Entered 1961; 1st XI Soccer Secretary; House Soccer Captain; House Cricket; Science Society; Music Society. Reading Law at Nottingham University.
- S. N. WYATT. Entered 1961; School Vice-Captain 1968-9; School Librarian; Editor School Magazine; House Speech; Christian Union; Chairman Debating Society; Music Society. Reading English at Pembroke College, Cambridge.

* Subject to examination results.

House Notes

DRAKE

The keynote of Drake's success in the St. Levan Shield this year was team-work. The Juniors maintained the high standard they set last year and the Seniors shook off last year's apathy to put up a creditable performance. Mr. Bowden had a very successful first year as Housemaster (we hope it will be the first of many) and his guidance and encouragement were invaluable. I. F. Rickard and A. W. Murray proved excellent House Captains and, with Mr. Bowden, they kept the House spirit high throughout the year. All the captains worked hard and managed to field teams, even if they did sometimes contain non-games players.

Drake got off to a good start in Rugby, the Juniors playing excellently and including a notable 45-0 defeat of Grenville in their three wins. Soccer, however, proved disappointing, with the Seniors losing all three matches, although the Juniors again played well, recording two wins and a draw. Drake won the Chess Competition, thanks once again to good play by the Juniors, and went on to win the Sailing Trophy. In the Speech Contest the team was very well led by A. W. Murray and due to a good all-round effort finished second. J. Ash proved a competent Athletics captain and, helped by a good House effort in the Standards, we were able to start Sports Day in second position. Despite much interchanging of second, third and fourth places, Drake finally managed to finish second, although we were a long way behind the winners, Gilbert. This put Drake in a challenging position for the St. Levan Shield. Then, thanks to a good display by both Seniors and Juniors, we won the Cricket Competition, and by winning their second match, the Juniors ensured that Drake won the St. Levan Shield. Unfortunately the year ended on a disappointing note, with Drake finishing third in the Swimming Sports, but this was still a fine year.

We wish Mr. Nicholas a long and happy retirement and thank him once again for his many years of devoted service and fine leadership of the House. We hope that our victory in this, his final year at the School, will have given him great pleasure.

P. M. SMALF, *Secretary*

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GILBERT

After a number of disappointing years, Gilbert House has witnessed a remarkable recovery through the influx of young blood in the junior school and its associated enthusiastic spirit. This spirit proved to be infectious and, for once, the fruits of the efforts of the Junior boys were not allowed to go to seed because of the sloth of the Seniors. The enthusiasm of the Juniors was matched with unaccustomed zeal on the part of their Senior counterparts.

Thus Gilbert seems to have finally made its way out of the rut. Unfortunately, 1968/69 proved to be a season of extremes. While in some spheres we surpassed ourselves, in others we failed dismally. There were no half-way measures.

In Rugby and Soccer we excelled, winning the Hay Rugby Cup and the Gerrard Soccer Cup. The Senior Rugby team, under the inspiring captaincy of P. Stapleton, won all three matches largely through team spirit, since "on paper" we did not have the strongest side; the Junior Rugby team contained many promising players and were unlucky to lose their first match 6-5 to Drake. Ably captained by J. Skinner, the highly promising Senior Soccer team was unbeaten, while the Juniors, though often outclassed, played with much determination. Most important, they captured the true essence of House spirit by never giving up the fight. Unfortunately, in Sailing, Cross-Country and the Speech Contest, Gilbert came third. Most disappointing of all was the wooden spoon in Chess, despite the efforts of P. Gross to instil some sense of urgency into those concerned.

The zenith was reached in May when, with the encouraging support of most of the House in Standards, under the leadership of A. Parsons, we became decisive winners of the Athletics Sports. We congratulate A. Bellamy, N. McShane, K. Griffin and S. Hawkins who all won cups, and A. Hobman for vaulting a creditable eight feet in the pole vault. At this stage in the St. Levan Shield, Gilbert were leading, but then disaster struck in the form of six defeats at Cricket, in spite of obvious enthusiasm. However, some reputation was salvaged through the agency of Job, who led the House to second place in a very close Swimming Sports, when we were deprived of winning by the victory of Grenville in the final relay. I. Rowe, A. Tooley and P. Job are to be congratulated on winning individual cups.

Much of Gilbert's success this year can be attributed to the persevering guidance and encouragement of Mr. Wayne. It is to be hoped that with the help of the rejuvenation of House spirit, next year will witness an improvement on this year's far from unsatisfactory second place and the attainment of that elusive St. Levan Shield.

A. H. PARSONS, *Secretary*

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GRENVILLE

Overall, 1968-69 was a season of mixed fortunes for Grenville, with first place in Cross-Country and Swimming, second place in Sailing, Soccer and Chess, third place in Cricket and fourth place in Rugby, Speech and Athletics. But these results are unimportant when one considers the tremendous enthusiasm exhibited by all our teams despite, in many cases, a general lack of skills. No longer did team captains have to press-gang boys in order to field full teams, a tribute to our new-found House spirit.

The House this year was blessed with a very fine Senior contingent, which achieved remarkable success, while the Juniors, suffering from a lack of really talented performers, reaped little reward from their efforts. This

was the case in Soccer, where P. Williams captained a very strong unbeaten Senior side while the Juniors failed to gain a point. In Cross-Country, too, the strength in depth of the Senior team more than offset the scarcity of good runners in the Junior team. The Senior Rugby team was deprived of the services of Herbert, but since the House is almost completely devoid of School-playing rugby players, it was no surprise that we had no success at all. Again we occupied our usual bottom position in the Speech Contest, despite the very enthusiastic coaching by Druce and Couch. Encouraging success was gained by the Chess team, captained by Treece, and by the sailing team very well led by Tomlinson and Hawkins. We can expect to maintain almost the same teams for the next few years.

With several fine players, the Senior Cricket team, captained by Bentley, failed to realise its full potential, while the Juniors under Ashplant were slightly unlucky not to do better than they did.

We started Sports Day with a substantial lead on Standards points, but the athletics team, extremely efficiently organised by Herbert, ended the day in last place mainly because we had only one or two really fine athletes such as Dawe, who is to be congratulated on becoming Victor Ludorum. However, the season came to a very satisfactory end when the Swimming team, under Bentley's guidance, pipped Gilbert in the very last event to turn out victors, with Didymus again winning an individual cup. Once again the House spirit was plain to see and credit must go to Mr. Warren, whose voice was always to be heard from touchline and trackside, egging the Grenville teams on. Our sincere thanks go to him for the support and encouragement that he has given us.

C. J. BENTLEY

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RALEIGH

There seems to have arisen an air of indifference in the House this year, especially in the Senior House, and this is particularly noticeable after our fine success in winning the St. Levan Shield last year. This year we came third, narrowly holding off Grenville at the end of the season.

We had a good season at Rugby with the Seniors winning two games and losing one, and the Juniors winning all three of their games. But Gilbert still managed to accumulate two more St. Levan Shield points than we did.

The Junior Soccer team proved to be the best from the four Houses in their games, but the Senior team won only one of their games, proving rather weak and a little lacking in enthusiasm.

Our Chess teams, however, displayed great enthusiasm and produced very good results, and in one interesting match one of our team members battled on for over seven hours playing time before finally conceding victory to his opponent.

The Cricket teams played well but managed to gain only average results. The same applies to the Cross-Country and Athletics teams, who both came third, despite the fact that the Athletics team started Sports Day in

fourth position, after an abysmal showing in the Senior Standards, yet quickly rose to second position, which they held until the last event when they were forced into third place.

The Swimming team failed miserably and ended the afternoon in an uninspired fourth position.

Our only real success this year came in the annual Speech Contest, which we again managed to win, under the able captaincy of Harvey. But this was a far more interesting win because the result was not certain until late in the afternoon and when we did finally come first it seemed far more of an accomplishment.

Lush succeeded Foster as House Captain in February and both have done their jobs in an able manner despite the lack of support from certain quarters of the House, and we have to thank them, and the House Master, Mr. Warn, for the success that we did have. And also thanks are due to Harvey for his hard work in organising our help, as a House, to Oxfam throughout the year.

Finally we would like to say thank you, goodbye, and a long and happy retirement to Mr. Whitfeld, who has done so much for the House in his long stay in the School.

D. A. PINWELL, *Secretary*

The Inter-House Speech Contest

During the spring term the question of the Inter-House Speech Contest raised itself. It was greeted with the usual amount of enthusiasm on the part of House members. As the actual day drew nearer, entries were accordingly "sifted" to remove the sub-standard ones. This proved, as in other years, to relieve the strain on the audience and the adjudicator, and to save time on the actual day.

Speech contests are by no means the most colourful affairs and the most entertaining part of them are the speeches. This proved to be the case in the morning during the Senior events. The fifth-form speeches were the most interesting, being both humorous and well-delivered.

In the afternoon, the Junior contest was held and this showed itself to be as keenly contested as the Senior contest. As in the morning, the speeches proved to be the highlight of the afternoon. This time they were delivered by the third form. It is, however, unfortunate that the third-form speeches were the last event and that more people were watching the clock and eagerly listening for the bell signalling end of afternoon school, than were paying attention to the speakers.

However, the final positions were Raleigh 1st with 35 pts, Drake 2nd with 29, Gilbert 3rd with 27½, and Grenville 4th with 24.

Our thanks go to Mr. W. Flint, M.C., L.G.S.M., who kindly gave up his time to adjudicate the contest, and to the English Staff who did so much to organize the contest and to coach the teams.

C. JARMAN

Out of School Activities

AEROMODELLING CLUB

The year 1968-69 saw continued interest taken in the Aero-modelling Club. The Juniors, under the most able guidance of Mr. Brown, completed during their lunch-hours a number of small, rubber-powered monoplanes which have been successfully flown on the School field. The Seniors, earlier in the year, completed the radio-controlled glider, "Slinky I" and this, too, has been successfully test-flown on the School field. However, "A"-levels prevented any "slope-soaring", for which Slinky I is designed, from taking place, since the Seniors were almost entirely composed of members of the middle-sixth. We therefore hope that any members of the Senior School who are interested in aero-modelling in general, or in Radio Control in particular, will join the club and use the equipment available to its fullest extent.

We must thank Mr. Brown for his invaluable assistance, since without his ever-ready fund of aero-modelling "tips and techniques", many problems would have seemed insuperable. Thanks are due, also, to Mr. George, who has most generously permitted us use of the Art-room for our lunch-time meetings.

R.G.

A.T.C.

During the past year the Squadron has again proved itself to be one of the strongest units in the Plymouth Wing by sending very strong teams to all of the competitions and carrying off many of the trophies. We won the Annual Wing Athletics Match for the second year in succession by a considerable margin. Cadet Pidsley became the Junior Champion, Sergeant Crews shared the Senior Championship and eight members of the Squadron have been selected to represent the Wing in the Southern Region Championships at R.A.F., Innsworth.

The squadron came third in the annual Wing Swimming Gala, also winning the Koon Trophy, and gained second place overall in the inter-squadron Cross-Country race held at Tavistock. For .22 rifle shooting we came fourth in the Southern Region for the Barrell Trophy and expect to do very well in the Commandant's Cup competition. The whole Squadron is indebted to Flt./Lt. Warren, who retired from his post as C.O. of the unit in January after 25 years' service with the A.T.C. Our congratulations go to F/O Boundy who has been appointed as the new C.O., to P/O Benwell, who was recently commissioned, and to Mr. Watts, who joined our ranks as a civilian instructor.

Sergeants Garnish and Crews were selected to attend camp in Germany this summer and several cadets will be undergoing an Outward-Bound Course at Windermere in the Lake District. The annual summer camp this year is at R.A.F. Wyton, in the Fens, and this promises to be a rewarding end to a highly successful year.

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CHESS CLUB

This year a pleasing increase in the membership of the lunch-time Chess Club, during the first two terms, led to the Club being opened experimentally for the summer term. Initially membership was high, but interest dwindled until the Club became almost a rainy-day affair, leaving in doubt the prospect of a summer term opening next year.

The School team, unaltered from last year, fared badly. They were beaten by Truro High School, who continued to win the zone cup in the *Sunday Times* competition. Plymouth College, our perennial rivals, beat the School in the Goodman Trophy.

Thanks are due to Mr. Adams, who again steered the Club through yet another year; and to all members of the Chess Club who give up their free time to supervise the lunch-time meetings.

A.H.D.

CHRISTIAN UNION

The Christian Union has certainly made its presence felt this year both in and out of School. After much discussion, it was decided that we ought to do something about a specific Christian Union Assembly, and so in January the "Tuesday Assembly" was introduced. This is an extra assembly held before school every Tuesday and is conducted by either a visiting clergyman or a member of the School. There is no obligation to attend but there is a regular group of about thirty boys. From the comments of those attending, both Christians and non-Christians, I think we can say that the experiment has been a success. We have not confined our activities to the School grounds and, as in previous years, we gave our assistance to the local Spastics at Christmas and have supported other charities through the year. All these activities are in line with our policy of putting our Christianity into action. We have not neglected our weekly meetings which continue to be the major activity of the Society. Once again we have invited along a number of atheists and humanists and the resulting discussions have been most rewarding and I hope to see them continued in the future.

P. J. THORNTON

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

For a debating society to operate at all successfully it is essential that there should be some sort of organisation so that members at least know where and when the debates are to be held. After several years of lamentable and unnecessary disorganisation, when the attendances were disgracefully low, it is gratifying to report that with a little planning and preparation, average attendances at school debates have increased two-fold.

Unfortunately, the standard of debating did not increase by such a large proportion, but, nevertheless, the elimination of hackneyed motions, which in latter years had proved all too abundant, ensured a fairly interesting programme.

In the autumn term there were three debates. "This House wishes to free Cornwall from English Imperialism" was probably the most entertaining, if not necessarily the most instructive. A light-hearted debate always goes down well and this proved no exception.

In the spring term there were another three debates and although for some unknown reason "Television is the root of most evil", "Christianity", nevertheless was proved "an asset for many people".

The Inter-School Debating Society has continued to flourish, and to the surprise of numerous cynics of both past and present generations, has actually increased both in numbers and in the standard of debating. The fact that "This House regrets the steady intrusion of bureaucracy on the rights of the British citizen" may not be of world-shattering importance . . . but then neither is the Inter-School Debating Society. I think all member-schools of the Society can be reasonably well satisfied with the topics debated and with the number of people willing to air their views.

A report of this nature always includes a word of thanks for the master-in-charge. This year's report is of special importance for we thank Mr. Whitfeld for the many years during which he has been associated with the Society. He has always taken a very keen and active part in the Debating Society, and I am sure that his unceasing support, enthusiasm and indeed devotion, will remain unequalled in years to come. We have learnt a great deal from him and although he often pretends to be downhearted and frustrated by our attempts, we know that he is joking! To Mr. Whitfeld we all offer our very great appreciation and thanks.

Finally we look forward to another successful year under the new guidance of Mr. Burrows.

B. HARVEY, *Secretary*

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

Probably the foremost duties of any school society are to encourage, educate, experiment and entertain, and the presence of each ingredient in varying degrees has been the keynote to the success of the Junior Debating Society during the past year.

However, it was experiment and entertainment that dominated most of the proceedings, which can partly be accredited to a more liberal attitude in the choice of topics for and methods of debating. In the autumn, those dignified and charming formalities: "Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen, the Honourable Proposer has just . . ." were abandoned in the hope that members would speak more readily and more freely. In this we failed; the Society henceforth comprised thirty-five perfect replicas of "Alf Garnet". The second experiment, however, fell on less stony ground. Four prefects were press-ganged into being interrogated about that "system" which administers Devonport High School for Boys. A few weeks later, a panel consisting of divers members of Staff were subjected to a similar inquisition, resulting in the drafting of no-other-than a "Juniors' Manifesto" which was duly presented to Mr. Mallinson for his perusal. It is hoped that as a result of these meetings, the administrators and their executives are now better informed of the numerous grievances, problems and valid criticisms of the first, second and third forms.

Unfortunately the playboy outnumbered the orator in those well-attended inter-school meetings with D.H.S. (Girls) staged during the summer term, but nevertheless, such conventions were, without doubt, the climax

of a generally successful year. On average, six meetings per term were held; ranging from space research in 1969 to questioning the nature of those mythical gods of previous civilisations. Attendances were high, though fluctuating—the average being thirty.

Although I fear repeating those awful encomia which are completely devoid of any originality, I feel greatly indebted to Brian Ayres, Michael Tapson and David Rowell for their unfailing assistance and enthusiasm in running the Society, and to Mr. Bowden for his infinite support and invaluable advice. Finally, special thanks must be credited to Ian Rickard, chairman until Christmas 1968, whose sympathy with the Juniors I have endeavoured to emulate.

D. A. LUSH

GYM CLUB. *Junior School*

For many years now this Club has met every Friday after school. Owing to the increase in numbers this term, it has been necessary to use two evenings. On Thursdays, the first year meet, and on Fridays, the second and third years take part in more advanced gymnastics. Any first-year boy making rapid progress graduates to the Friday evening.

The enthusiasm and improvement has been quite a feature this year. All boys who attend the Club are much aware of their improvement. Bricknell of 3w has been the secretary of the Club this year, and by his own personal high standard of performance has helped the other boys.

A lot of hard work was put into the Display for the Garden Party, which again proved very popular.

W. NASH

SCHOOL LIBRARY

It is natural for every institution to go through a bad patch; human imperfection ensures this. The Library this year was notable for its bad patches and lost opportunities. As a School service which forms an important part of the School's life the Library obviously has a need of strong-willed workers; unfortunately if the will becomes too strong, friction occurs. Respect for authority is something which is sadly lacking in many spheres of the School's life and this year it has entered the Library's life, where down-right refusal to accept authority has often disrupted the Library's work.

This may seem an odd sort of thing to write for a magazine which is noted for its self-praise, but it seems far wiser to print the truth than to go through the motions of self-deception and trying to smooth over the cracks. Nevertheless, despite these unfortunate occurrences, the rest of the Library staff have worked well, especially the fourth form for whom I have nothing but praise. Routine library work is pretty tedious and they have managed to survive the year with practically unflagging enthusiasm. It is to be hoped that next year's new batch will do the same.

The activities on Wednesday lunch-hours during the autumn term, which aimed to interest boys in subjects outside the curriculum, proved quite popular, especially the lecture by Mr. George. The autumn is really the only term suitable for this sort of thing and it would be very encouraging

if the venture could be repeated with like success next term. This is a valuable activity for the Library to pursue and as soon as it has grown out of its present mania for necromancy and extra-terrestrial activity could have quite an influence on the School.

This year, Mr. Whitfeld stops driving librarians round the bend and retires gracefully. The value of his work over the past years cannot be estimated and with his retirement both Library and School lose a great friend and leader. The present size of the Library and the facilities it offers are due almost entirely to the work of Mr. Whitfeld over the past years, and the eternal complaint of every librarian is that these facilities which he has worked for are not really used by the School. The refusal to read outside the curriculum really is amazing when the plethora of pictorial matter available is avidly studied by most members of the School. Perhaps the desire to think is the most latent of human emotions.

As Mr. Wayne enters his first year of office we offer him our total support and hope that in the year 1969-70 the School Library can, at last, begin to help to develop the interest of the boys of the School.

A. W. MURRAY

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Until 1969, the Photographic Club's sole function had been to supply a display for the Garden Party each year. Other than this it had remained dormant. However, with the help of Mr. Gibson, several fourth-formers succeeded in obtaining the Physics dark room and this marked the beginning of a new era of activity for the Society.

It is interesting to note that, at the outset, only two of the twenty members knew anything worthwhile about the technical side of photography, a situation which has gradually been remedied.

We hope very soon to move into a room in the Art room, which Mr. George is very kindly preparing, and from here we shall transform our Society into an active and useful part of the School. K.D. and M.R.

RAMBLING CLUB

This year, the Club suffered from lack of support in the lower school. The leaders and Senior members were enthusiastic but hampered by pressure of School work. Nevertheless, the scope of the Club has been widened—the horizons have been extended beyond Dartmoor to places as far afield as Exmoor, the Lizard, and the Lake District. Nearer to home, there have been weekends of hostelling and camping at Bellever, Boswinger and Elmscott. Dartmoor, of course, was not forgotten, and many successful one-day hikes took place during the year.

In keeping with their predecessors, members showed a remarkable disregard for the inclemency of the British climate, enduring both gales and blizzards. Thanks are due, as always, to Mr. Dodd, who has kept the Club running smoothly and allowed it to meet in his laboratory. Unfortunately, the future of the Club itself is in danger. New members and new leaders next year are essential for its prosperous continuation.

J. BOWER and S. PITTS

THE ST. LEVAN PRESS (School Printing Group)

The function of the group is twofold: to give to a succession of boys an insight into the intricacies of the art of printing and, secondly, to produce as much printed work, as varied, and to as high a standard as possible. It would be impossible to achieve these aims without the invaluable guidance and knowledge of Mr. Brimacombe, whom we take this opportunity of thanking most sincerely,

Unfortunately, many boys are daunted by the frightening amount of knowledge to assimilate and the totally unexpected, extensive use of maths in Printing. The youngest member of the group is Walters, 2N, who is already showing a very keen interest, and we trust that he will maintain this interest, at least until he reaches the sixth form. In the event of my leaving school the leadership will pass to M. Casey, L6, who in his years in the group has grasped a firm understanding of the Art.

This year has seen a further expansion in stock and equipment, all of which has been purchased out of income – that is income derived from the work we produce.

COLIN J. PIKE.

ROAD USERS' SOCIETY

The beginning of the school year saw the election of a new committee to run the Society which is now under the chairmanship of J. Clayton. The next item of importance was the grateful acceptance of a hut in the School grounds and this donation seems to make the Society more "official". The Club, however, is still in need of an old vehicle on which to try its mechanical talents, so anyone with such a vehicle please note! Otherwise, this year has been uneventful but we hope that next year we shall increase our activities.

R. DREWITT and J. CLAYTON

SAILING CLUB

This year the Sailing Club, led by Langmead and Taverner, has set its sights towards the future, which has meant that points racing this season has declined, but great enthusiasm has been channelled into the construction of a Mirror dinghy. Visitors to the 1968 Garden Party will remember the Club's appeal for money to use to this end. This has meant that one dinghy is almost completed and two kits await construction.

The gap left by Mr. Davies' departure has been ably filled by Mr. Brown and Mr. Cole, whose experience has been a great help in constructing the Mirror. Mr. Southern's presence on Saturday mornings has enabled sailing to take place, as has Mr. Cole's presence on Sundays. Finally, the Club owes a great debt to Mr. Collette whose experience and enthusiasm provided the nucleus for its continuation and expansion as we look forward to an even bigger fleet and membership in the coming season.

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SCIENCE SOCIETY

This year the Science Society has made a real effort to change its image from a glorified film club to a society in which thoughts and ideas can be expressed and put into practice. Under the very able direction of Mr. Mil-ton, the Engineering Club has been formed this year and is progressing along this line of thought. On Tuesday evenings, this group explores some aspects of science not met in the normal School curriculum. Such projects as telescope making and satellite tracking have all been attempted.

The Society still continues with its interesting films, shown during Tuesday lunch-hours, and its monthly lectures.

Thanks must be expressed to Mr. Hurrell for his annual talk and film show which has become so much a part of our Society's year. Also we must thank Mr. Poole for his unceasing and enthusiastic help and guidance.

J. WEBB

SCHOOL SCOUT TROOP

Last year's camp at Cobham, Surrey, was a great success and we approached the new scout year with great enthusiasm and a renewed desire to do well. Our first success was in the Plymouth Camping Competition, when a patrol led by A. Crossley won the much-coveted Rosebowl Trophy. Yet again we made our presence felt in the Scout Cross Country and the Abbot's Way walk. The New Year saw us at Bellever, ready for another Ten Tors season.

For the third year running, the first patrol home was a D.H.S. Scout team. Our fifty-mile team, led by P. Ireland, also successfully completed their course.

Whilst all these outdoor pursuits really put the fun into Scouting, it must not be forgotten that badge work provides a wealth of experience from which a Scout can draw help in whatever situation he finds himself. However, this year, we had limited success badge-wise. True, A. Crossley has gained the Troop's first Chief Scout Award, but, unless every Troop member pulls his weight in badge work, we shall not be able to present many more!

We must thank I. Rogers, T. Bailey, R. Crossley, and above all Mr. E. Cross for their tireless assistance since Mr. Attewell left as Scoutmaster. This year we go to Wales for summer camp and it is hoped that next year we shall have a new Scoutmaster. For, when the Troop is united behind one scouter we will repeat, even outshine, our former successes.

PATROL LEADERS

TRANSPORT CLUB

In the past year, we of the Transport Club have had a considerable amount of success in our activities. Much of this success can be attributed to our joint efforts with the Omnibus Society of Sutton High School. We ended the summer term of 1968 with a coach-trip to Bournemouth. Participation in this by the two societies was excellent; therefore the fare was extremely low. This year's summer joint-trip will be by rail to Cardiff: a city of great interest to bus and train enthusiasts.

The autumn term's meetings consisted mainly of members' talks, covering a diversity of topics connected with transport: cars, aeroplanes, the history of local railway lines and contrasting methods of bus operation in various cities. A number of our members also took part in Club-walks along local disused railway-tracks.

At the beginning of the following term, the Sutton Omnibus Society invited us to attend a discussion where the Deputy Transport Manager of Plymouth City Transport was present. In answering questions by members, he gave us valuable insight into the problems of bus operation.

In conclusion, we are indebted to Mr. Smith, whose enthusiasm and encouragement have enabled the Club to run efficiently. We hope that next term those members of the School who are interested in transport in one form or another, and who do not yet attend our meetings, will do so. Thus, by increased membership, we shall be able to widen our scope even further.

R. A. SALTER, *Secretary*

The Athletics Club

The season commenced in March with Standards. These led to Sports Day, notable this year for the adoption of the metric system for measuring track events, consequently no track event records were broken. Though this took some of the element of excitement out of the sports, it was, to some extent, offset by the closeness of the standard points. Grenville's lead in Standard points was soon overhauled by Gilbert in the pre-Sports events, who, on a sparkling Sports Day, ended up decisive winners.

In the context of School athletics, 1969 will be remembered as a season which failed to live up to its promise, but even so the season was fairly successful. At the Devon Public and Grammar School Sports and the Plymouth School Sports, which we held on the same day, our athletes performed creditably. As a result, ten boys represented Plymouth in the Devon School Sports and three went on to represent Devon in the S.W. Championships, while N. McShane and A. Lightfoot were selected for the All-England Championships. A new fixture with Kelly College resulted in a disheartening defeat, but the team pulled itself together to register convincing victories against H.M.S. *Fisgard* and Sutton H.S.

An encouraging feature has been the enthusiasm prevalent amongst the Junior School which has been rewarded by the following results. It is to be hoped that this trend will continue and that the Juniors will bring to future Senior teams this newly-found energy. Though the first year were beaten by St. Boniface, the second and third years avenged this defeat. Matches held against Tamar resulted in good wins for the first, second, third and fourth years, while the first form also defeated Plymouth College. The ever-popular inter-form sports, as keenly contested as usual, were won by 1N, 2S, 3S and 4C.

Finally, any report would be incomplete without a mention of thanks to Messrs. Nash, Stone and Moon for all their work in training and organisation. Their services towards the sport are so often taken for granted.

A. H. PARSONS, *Hon. Secretary*

The Cricket Club

Unfortunately, owing to bad weather, experienced during the month of May, the first four matches of the season could not be played, and it was with some apprehension that we faced our strongest opposition in the first match, namely Plymouth College. After chasing a total of over 160 the team ended the match only four short of victory. After this exciting drawn match, the season continued on a high note, the climax of which was an enthralling match against the Staff which was the closest, and one of the best, seen for years. Thus came to a close an undefeated season, the first for many years and this can be attributed to the excellent captaincy of Alan Luff, who not only proved to be a shrewd tactician but also the team's best all-rounder. Hoyle, Bennett, Cox and Douce have, in their first season, proved themselves very capable players and this augurs well for the future. On the whole, the batting proved quite effective, and was helped enormously by good performances from the openers Hoyle and Luff, the latter scoring 61 in the first match; this was ably backed up by Bennett who scored two fifties, and also Waugh whose powerful hitting backed up his accurate bowling. The bowling, although a trifle erratic, was sufficient at all times to meet the demands placed upon it. Of the bowlers, Cox was the most successful with 17 wickets, whilst Ash obtained the best performance of 5 wickets for 10 runs against the Old Boys.

Footnotes

Ash also achieved the unique distinction of never batting throughout the season. All the players wish Alan Luff every success in Australia.

2nd XI

The 2nd XI had a disappointing season, as can be seen by their record; this can be attributed to the fact that several of their better players were called upon to play for the 1st XI during the latter part of the season because of the departure of several of the older boys. However, under the leadership of Stapleton, a veteran of the 2nd XI, notable victories over Plymstock and Public 1st XI's were achieved.

As usual we must express our thanks to the Ladies' Committee of the P.T.A. for providing such pleasant teas at all the home matches. We must also thank all the Masters who have umpired for the various teams throughout the season. Over the past nineteen years the Cricket Club has been in the very capable hands of Mr. Wayne who has now decided to hand over the job to Mr. T. Evans. It is very difficult for us to thank him enough for all the time and thought he has contributed to the smooth running and well-being of cricket within the School. We offer our best wishes to Mr. T. Evans and hope he will enjoy as much success as Mr. Wayne.

Full colours were re-awarded to Luff, Waugh and Skinner, and newly awarded to Ash, Bennett, Cox, Douce, Hoyle and Mercer, while Prosser and Tindsley were re-awarded half-colours.

COLTS XI

A reluctance to practise, the apparent inability of certain boys to read the notice-board, and the failure of several players to provide themselves with the requisite white trousers badly marred the Colts XI's season, and four Junior boys—Paul, Elford, Gregory and Phillips—had to be called upon to make up the eleven. All four of these did very well and the season ended with three good victories. Congdon captained the side intelligently and some enterprising cricket was played. The outstanding player was Hill. He had never played in the Junior School—yet he finished the season with 52 wickets (including the hat-trick against Launceston) as well as scoring the side's only half-century.

JUNIOR XI

The Junior XI had Plymouth College 24-9 and then let them score 49. They themselves made 19 for the first wicket; then they were all out for 31. This, apart from a match lost to Plymstock because of sheer inept fielding, was the one blemish on a good season. The side was skilfully and unselfishly captained by Paul, who also enjoyed considerable personal success with both bat and ball. Phillips was a splendidly consistent opening bat and Gregory an outstanding spin bowler. Seventeen boys played for this team and nearly all of them achieved some performance worth cherishing.

UNDER-13 XI

Only three boys in the second form—Bolt, Evans and Johns—won regular places in the Junior XI, and the lack of opportunities for cricket enjoyed by the others was most marked in the matches played by the Under-13 XI. Almost everything depended on these three boys, and consequently they were compelled to adopt a very defensive role in the games against a powerful and victory-expectant Plymouth College side. Great credit goes to these three, particularly Evans the captain, for the resolution with which they stuck to their task.

FIRST FORM XI

The first form XI, captained by Cather, played only two matches, both against Plymouth College, winning the first and scraping a draw out of the second. There were several promising performances, but without doubt McSweeney was the outstanding player, bowling tidily and batting with admirable grit and calm.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Hill, who played for S.W. Devon v. Devon.

J. ASH, *Hon. Secretary*

The Cross - Country Club

The season has seen a vast expansion in the Cross-Country programme, which was completed with a fair degree of success and promises of a far brighter future.

The Plymouth Schools' League provided five races in which a large number of junior boys could be introduced to cross-country racing. Although

the final team result of third was disappointing, this was largely overshadowed by the excellent displays of four-second form boys, of whom Millman was really outstanding.

The inter-house races indicates a high standard of fitness predominant within the School. Grenville gained an overall team victory, following a revision of the scoring system, and the individual plaques were received by Selley and Lightfoot.

The results of the Plymouth Schools' Championships were rather mixed, with the Senior team winning comfortably but the Intermediate dropping to fourth and the Juniors to fifth. Nevertheless, eight boys were selected to represent Plymouth and Millman, Gruitt and Lightfoot went forward to compete creditably for Devon in the South-West and National Schools' Championship.

Another notable victory for the Seniors was in the recently innovated Beacon Park Road Relay race.

Full colours were awarded to Parsons, Lightfoot and Gruitt, while Bentley, Millman, Morrell and Sowden received half-colours.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Nash for the vital background training and to Mr. Gibson for helping to organise the teams.

A. J. LIGHTFOOT, *Hon. Secretary*

The Rugby Club

Hopes were high at the start of the season that the 1st XV was going to enjoy a good season. Twelve of last year's team returned. However, the full potential of the team was not realised, although some good performances were still turned in. This was due mainly to injuries to the more experienced players at the crucial stages of the season.

Until leaving early in the spring term, Mercer capably filled the full-back position, despite an inclination to over-attack. Rogers held down one of the wing positions all season, but his undoubted speed was not utilised because of lack of possession. The other wing was shared between Harris, S. Davies and Muldowney. When fit, Waugh and Tindsley showed all their experience and penetration in the centres. The fly-half position was filled by one of the few newcomers, Bennett, who showed great enthusiasm, and will be better for the season's experience. Luckraft played admirably at scrum-half, and his injury was a great loss in the later stages of the season. The front row was very solid with the experience of Axworthy, our captain, and Hawkins, blending well with the enthusiasm of Ferrett, our hooker. Atrill and Foster provided a steady, if not inspiring, second row. The back row was composed of Herbert, Stapleton and Parsons, who tackled and covered well.

The season started well but disappointments started with the collapse against our jinx team, Kelly College. The team was particularly unlucky against Plymouth College when we lost 6-0 with only twelve men. Good performances included draws against Truro and St. Boniface College and a victory against St. Boniface College. The Newport and St. Julians matches were close and entertaining, although we lost both.

The 2nd XV was handicapped by calls for the 1st XV because of injuries. Very rarely did they have a settled team. They played with tremendous heart under their captain, Barrett.

It is not fully realised that the 3rd XV is aimed at providing games for as many boys as possible, and the good season which the side enjoyed reflects a great deal of credit on the captain, Harris, C.

The Under-15 XV had a mediocre season. Their comparative lack of ability was compensated for by their great enthusiasm and spirit, which was inspired in them by their captain, P. Ashplant.

The Under-14 XV maintained an unbeaten record all season and were awarded the Griffin Trophy. Admirably led by Paul, they had several promising players, notably Medland, Eden and Finlay.

The Under-13 XV had a good season under their captain, Oates, and may have done better, were it not for lack of possession in the three-quarters. The team also had a good run in local seven-a-side tournaments.

Annually it is said what a great job Mr. Stone does in teaching new boys the rudiments of the game. The record of this year's team and the running of an A, B and C team on occasions exemplifies this.

The members of the Rugby Teams would like to express their thanks to: Mr. Southern, Mr. Horwell, Mr. Smith, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Clayton, Mr. Evans and Mr. Stone. Thanks are also expressed to Mr. Nash for arranging such a varied and interesting fixture list.

Congratulations to Herbert and Waugh, who represented Devon Public and Grammar Schools XV.

Full Colours:

Re-awards: Herbert, Axworthy, Tindsley, Waugh, Hawkins, Atrill.

New awards: Rogers, Luckraft, Foster, Bennett, Stapleton.

Half Colours:

New awards: Harris, S., Parsons, Cope, Ferrett.

| <i>Record</i> | | | | | <i>P</i> | <i>W</i> | <i>D</i> | <i>L</i> |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1st XV | .. | .. | .. | .. | 23 | 12 | 3 | 8 |
| 2nd XV | .. | .. | .. | .. | 18 | 5 | 0 | 13 |
| 3rd XV | .. | .. | .. | .. | 13 | 7 | 0 | 6 |
| Under-15 XV | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| Under 14 XV | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Under-13 XV | .. | .. | .. | .. | 12 | 11 | 0 | 1 |
| Under-12 XV | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 |

Griffin Trophy: Under-14 XV

House Rugby Cup: Gilbert

C. HERBERT, *Hon. Secretary*

The Soccer Club

The Senior teams were able to play most of the fixtures arranged for the autumn term but all teams were seriously affected by bad weather during January and February when virtually no matches were played.

The 1st XI lost only one game, to Britannia R.N.C., up to Christmas. The Devon final of the Individual Schools' Championship was delayed by circumstance and weather, and played eventually without R. Jenkins, the captain, we lost 2-3 to Sutton High School. We did, however, win a return game against them by 4-2 and the 1st XI record was

P. 15 W. 11 D. 1 L. 3 Goals: F. 56 A. 27

The 2nd XI experienced a very uneven season but were affected by the calls of the 1st XI.

The Under-15 XI were defeated only by Widey Tech. in the final of the Plymouth Schools' Senior Cup. Congratulations to K. Griffin, I. Towlson and A. George who were regular members of the the Plymouth School-boys squad.

The Under-14 XI played only six games and won four of them.

The Under-13 XI crowded a full league programme into about eight weeks and for the first time ever won the Junior League, Div. 1.

Especial thanks are due to Mr. Farrow who injects fine team spirit and enthusiasm into the players and who is untiring in refereeing; thanks also to Mr. Attewell, Mr. Warren and to other masters who have helped. We would also express our appreciation to Mrs. Slatter and her lady helpers who kindly provide refreshment for all our visitors.

The Tennis Club

The Club has continued its weekly practices while in School matches the team, consisting of varying combinations of Craig, Willcocks, Williams, Dawe, Grove, Bentley and Gould, achieved a certain degree of success:

P. 6 W. 3 D. 1 L. 2

The fixtures against St. Luke's College proved to be the most competitive and most enjoyable and the matches were closer than 2-7, 3-6 suggests. *Fisgard* were convincingly defeated 6-0, 9-0 while, after beating St. Boniface College 4-1 to reach the semi-final of the Plymouth knockout competition, the team drew with them in a return fixture. A tennis ladder was innovated and with the experience gained will, we hope, prove a greater success next year. The team will be weakened by the departure of Craig and Williams who have played steadily for the past four seasons, but we hope the fifth form will provide suitable replacements.

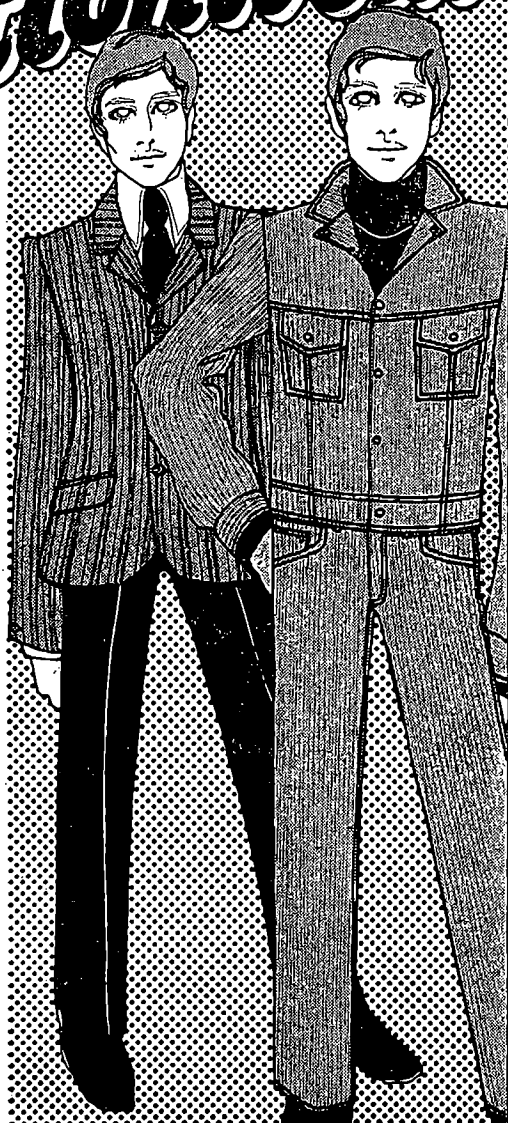
Thanks must go to Mr. Collenette for the interest he has shown and to the Ladies' Committee of the P.T.A. for their excellent teas.

L. WILLCOCKS, Captain

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The Parents' Association

The year's activities began with the Annual General Meeting in October at which Mr. Goddard succeeded Mr. Howarth as Chairman and Mr. Horwell, a member of Staff, became Treasurer. The business meeting was followed by a showing of two of Mr. H. G. Hurrell's films and the film of the visit to Lundy Island by members of the School Field Club, taken some years ago.

The social activities have followed the usual pattern. Support for the Whist Drives, held in November and March, has declined slightly, although they still attract about a hundred parents and friends. The Annual Dance in the Lower Guildhall is as popular as ever and, like the Garden Party, proves a happy reunion with old friends and parents of boys who have long since left the School. The Senior and Junior "At Homes" each produce a packed hall and seem to finish later every year.

The Association has provided money for Speech Day prizes and expenses; for an enlarger for the Photographic Society; for Carol books for the choir; for new football shirts for the Senior teams; and for the entertainment of all visiting teams. The committee is enquiring into helping with the purchase of a new grand piano and has had long and divided discussion over the possible provision of a swimming pool at the School.

Mrs. Slatter and her tireless band of helpers continue to render invaluable help to the School in many ways and we thank them most sincerely.

We look forward to another year of useful service to the School.

O.B.A. PERSONAL COLUMN

It is not possible to vary the introduction to these columns in any marked degree but perhaps this year, which has in many ways been a really exciting twelve months, must be marked by the retirement of Henry Whitfeld and Gwyn Nicholas. Both have served D.H.S. as Schoolmasters, not simply as salary minded teachers. Henry, an Old Boy of the School, for 35 years and Gwyn for 24 years. It is not possible to measure or to evaluate what they have given to us, given without stint and without ever asking or seeking reward. At the Plymouth O.B.A. A.G.M. on December 29th we shall give them a token of our esteem. I hope it will be possible for hundreds of you to attend.

At Speech Day, Murray Widdecombe honoured us by being our Guest Speaker. We enjoyed his visit. In his usual frank, forthright manner he did not hesitate to remind us and the people of Plymouth what D.H.S. stands for and means here, throughout the country and abroad—and when you think of what men like him have accomplished you can indeed be proud.

We are happy too to congratulate many of you for your successes and awards this year but none more gladly than Alan Pike who received the O.B.E. It was good to meet him and Mrs. Pike once more at the Bath O.B.A. Dinner, which due to the indefatigable drive of Len Truscott bids fair to rival the splendid London Dinner organised by Colin Grant and his helpers. Please do remember to support Colin this year—the fiftieth anniversary dinner.

There have been references in the Press to a large number of Old Boys who have gained their degrees this year. We do sincerely congratulate all of you. Among those we know of are: R. HAYDON 1st Class in Maths at Cambridge; R. DENNELL a 2/1 in Archaeology at Cambridge; R. BULEY a 2/1 in English at Cambridge; REG GORCZYNSKI 1st Class in Bio-Chemistry at Oxford; JOHN WILLIAMS 1st Class in Science at Bath; P. T. JONES a 2/1 in Geography at Oxford; DAVID LIGHTFOOT awarded a Senior Prize at Michigan; PAUL WHITE a 2nd at Oxford; JAMES SHEARER Dip. Ed. (1st Class) at Makerere; M. E. ELLIS a 2nd at Oxford; H. N. HANNAFORD a 2/1 at Southampton in Political Science; C. J. HARRIS a 2/1 at Exeter in Chemistry; P. COOPER a 2/1 in Social Science at Birmingham. I do wish all of you would let us know your results so that we can keep some record of what you do. We will print all and then you can know what has happened to the others in your year. I think you are shy of letting me know unless it happens to be something distinguished.

E. S. N. THOMAS called in. Still unmarried. Now working with Newsweek.

J. BALDRY. Now with Lloyds Bank and is married.

C. DRAKE. Now a Flight-Lieutenant and believed to be in the Middle East.

J. PRIDDLE. Understood to be doing research at Oxford.

C. RUSSELL has just been awarded a £1,000 research scholarship with Beechams Ltd.

D. COLLINGS. Left some 20 years ago and is now a Detective Inspector at Newton Abbot.

P. KRESSINGER is married and has a daughter.

I. CRIDDLE is now on a Petty Officer course. Served aboard H.M.S. *Fearless*.

P. A. CRIDDLE. Last heard of at H.M.S. *Fisgard*, is also believed to be abroad.

A. HIGSON, Lieut.-Col. is now with the Royal Marines at Stonehouse Barracks.

VIC WALTERS. You hear him most mornings. Is B.B.C. Radio Weatherman.

VIC WALKER, still in Lima, Peru, keeps in contact with us. Will any Old Boy drop him a line?—Aportado 1229, Lima, Peru.

E. R. JOHNS (1918–1923), Address: 96A Gleneldon Road, Streatham, S.W. 16, wrote us a long letter remembering the fascinating 'old' days. Why don't some of you get together and write the history of the School.

A. R. HOOPER. Now a Sub-Lieutenant serving on H.M.S. *Terror* in Singapore.

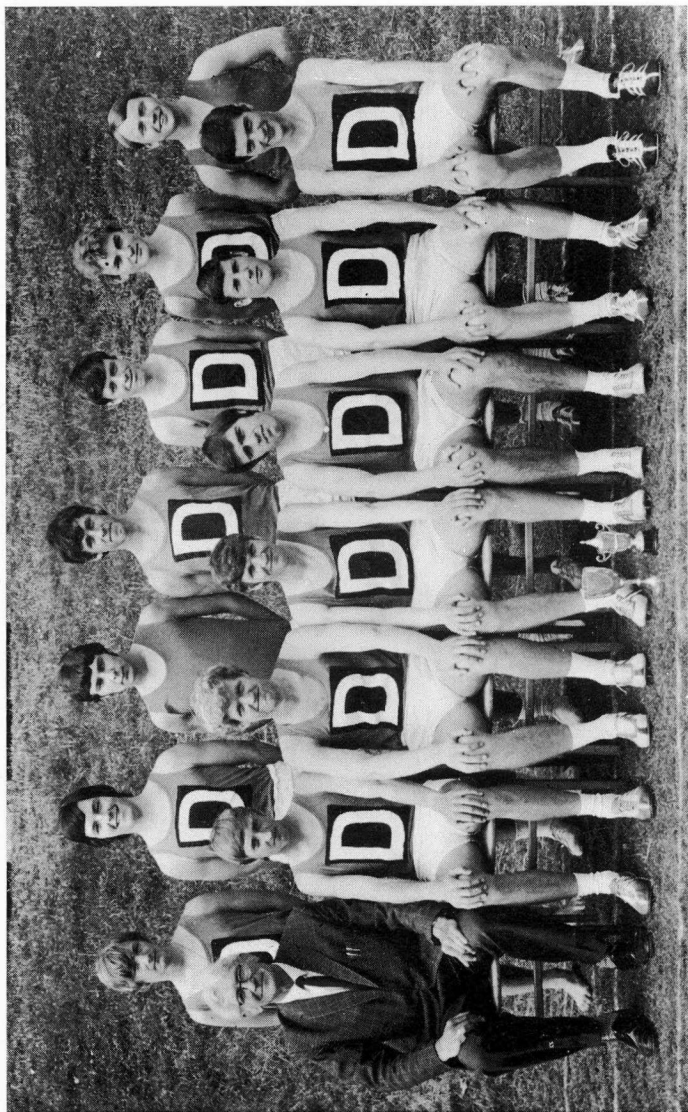
JOHN LUXTON. Now Deputy H.M. in a Bristol school was at School with Mr. Warn and Mr. Barkell. Edited the School Magazine in 1936.

N. RYDER brought a soccer XI from his school on a tour of the West-country. Naturally they played us.

D. CURRELL publishes his first book on Puppetry this year and is under contract for others.

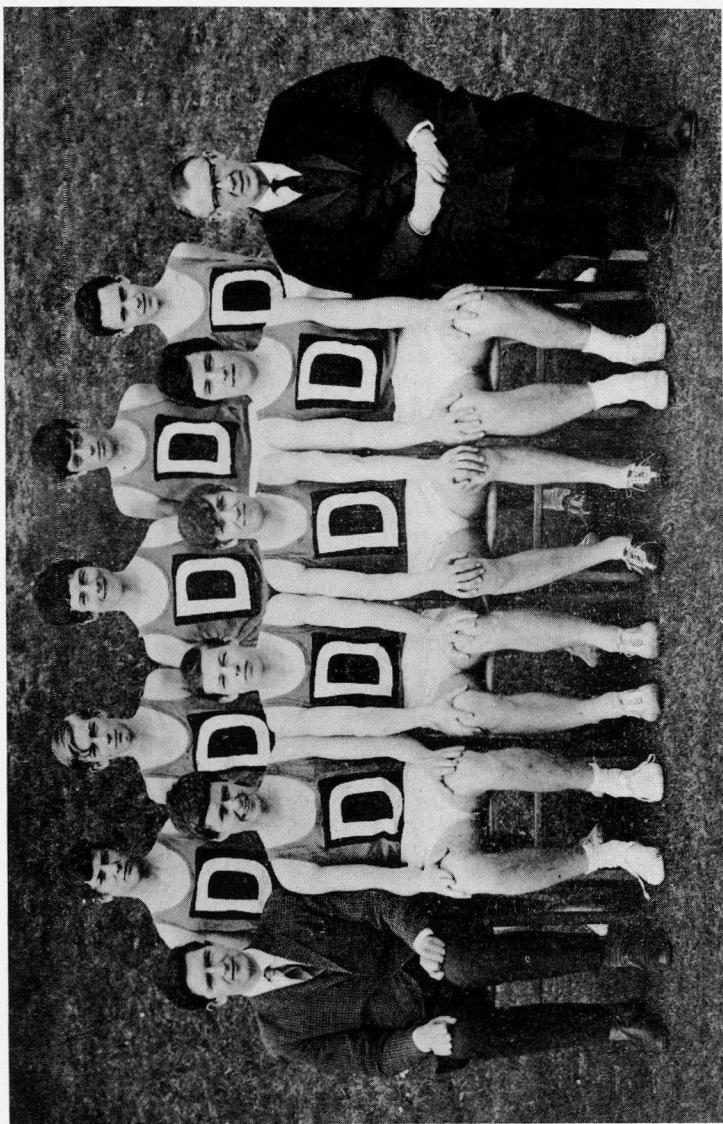
KEITH NORMAN has embarked on a Business Management Course at Manchester University.

T. NOBLE, a contemporary of E. S. N. Thomas, is now an accountant with Trust Houses.



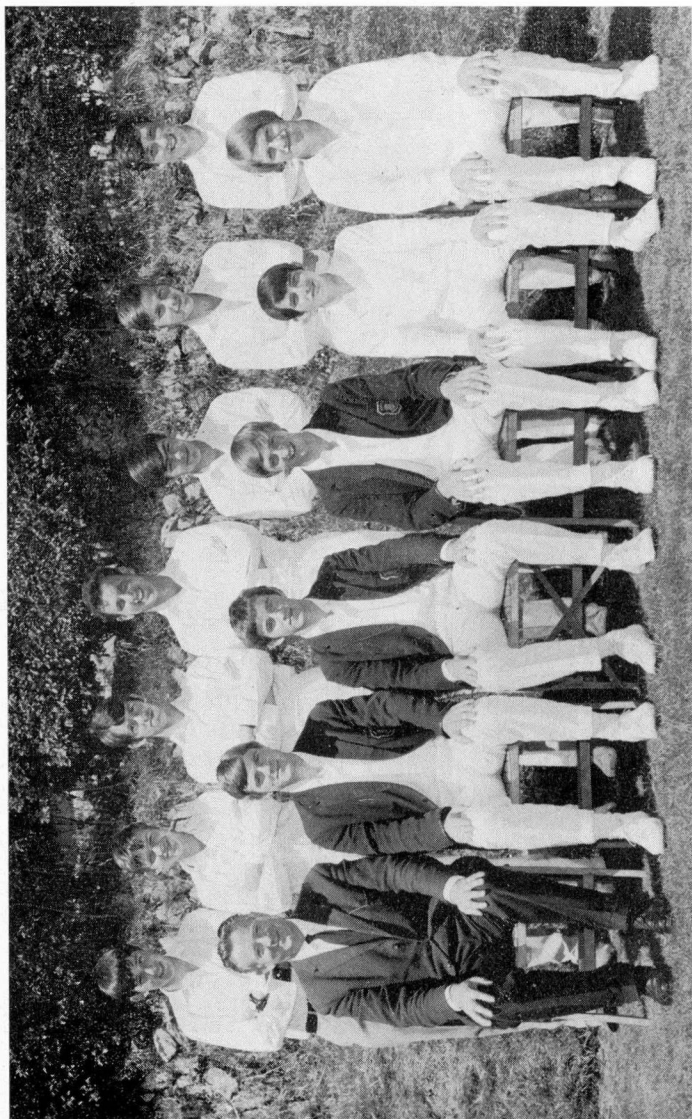
SENIOR ATHLETICS 1969

Back row (left to right): P. B. Hough, P. D. Stapleton, M. A. Brockington, C. A. Kovacs, R. K. Millman, R. G. Lugg, S. M. Choppe
Sitting: Mr. W. Nash, J. G. C. Ash, C. E. C. Herbert, A. H. Parsons (*Hon. Secretary*), G. L. Dawe,
 L. J. Sowden, C. E. Williams
Absent: A. J. Lightfoot (*Captain*)



CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM 1968-69

Standing (left to right): L. J. Sowden, J. R. Benstead, R. Morrell, R. K. Millman, J. L. Chidley
Sitting (left to right): Mr. B. Gibson, C. J. Beniley, A. J. Lightfoot (*Hon. Secretary*), A. H. Parsons (*Captain*),
P. D. Stapleton, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)



1ST XI CRICKET 1969

Back row (left to right): M. N. Brown (*Scorer*), M. Cox, J. P. Douce, P. St. John, R. C. Bennett, R. C. Skinner, C. J. Woods
 Front row: Mr. F. Wayne, G. Waugh (*Vice-Captain*), G. A. Luff (*Captain*), J. G. C. Ash (*Hon. Secretary*),
 M. J. Hoyle, P. J. Mercer

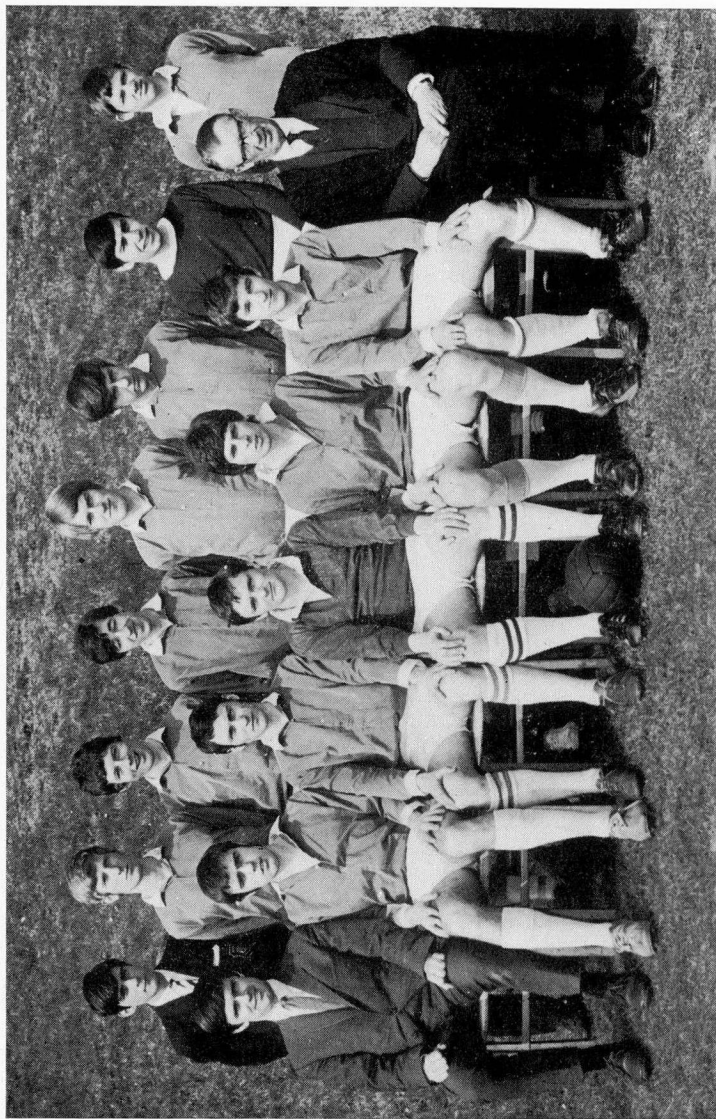


1st XV RUGBY 1967-69

Back row (left to right): R. C. Bennett, S. F. Harris, A. G. Rooke, L. J. Sowden

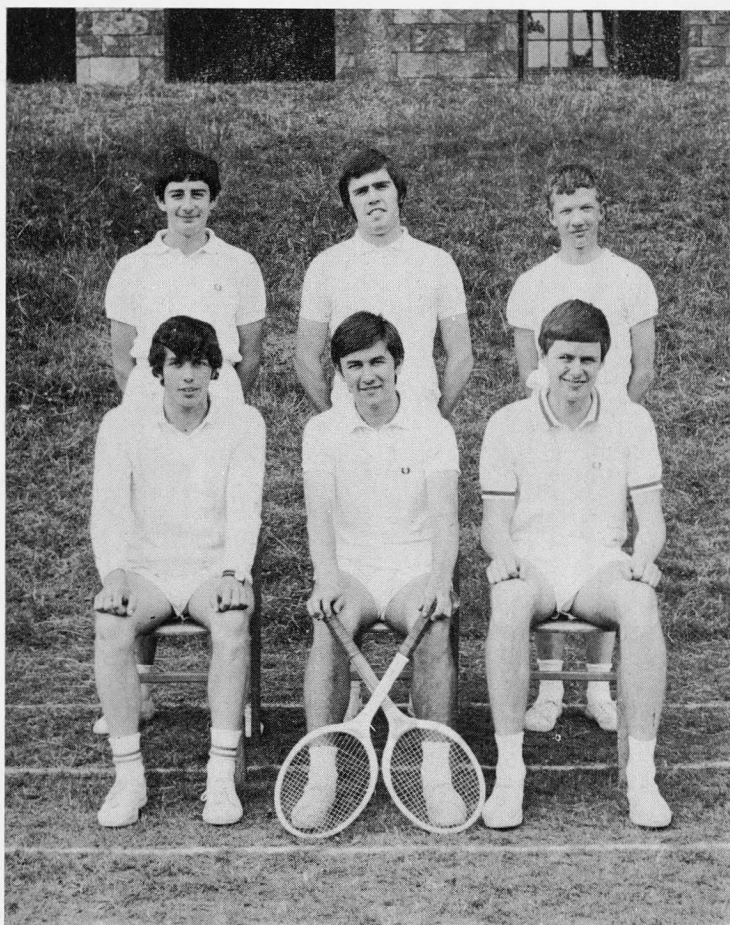
Middle row: I. F. Prowse, F. G. Hunt, R. N. Arrill, R. J. Cope, A. H. Parsons, I. Rogers

Front row: Mr. J. Southern, S. J. Hawkins, G. Waugh, D. G. Axworthy (*Captain*), S. F. Tindsley, P. D. Stapleton,
Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)



1st XI SOCCER 1968-69

Back row (left to right): S. Loze, J. Skinner, R. Morrell, B. Walsh, P. Mercer, R. Ferris, W. Baldwin, M. Cox
Front row: Mr. T. Farrow, G. Dawe, P. Williams (Hon. Secretary), R. Jenkins (Captain), C. Davis (Vice-Captain), A. Luff,
Dr. J. L. Cresswell (Headmaster)



TENNIS TEAM 1969

Back row (left to right) : S. Grove, G. L. Dawe, S. J. Gould

Front row : P. E. Williams, L. P. Willcocks (Captain), C. J. Bentley

- P. J. MATTHEWS has been accepted for service with the British Volunteer Programme overseas and hopes to go to South America.
- D. ABRAHAMS is with Eagle Star and is married and has a son.
- 'Tug' WILSON, of Caucasian Chalk Circle fame, is overseas with the army.
- D. TURPIN, now with the Honiton Police Force, called in to see us and looks extremely fit.
- M. I. J. WOODWARD (1953-61). Head of Geography Department at Ashton Grammar School. Still enjoys his rugby.
- D. ROBERTSON (1958-65), called in on a brief visit to England from Canada, where he is working with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. He looks prosperous and has a very charming wife.
- E. DOBINSON (1958-64) has just passed out as a Sub-Lieutenant in the Observer Branch. Well done.
- B. D. BISHOP (1958-65) is working extremely hard but enjoying his career in the Banking world.
- BRIAN WESTLAKE, a contemporary of P. COOPER, has a 2/2 in Chemical Engineering and has joined Courtaulds Ltd.
- TIM LANE, of the same year as WESTLAKE, is married and has a daughter, Jane. He is in his final year in Medicine.
- P. A. HOBBS (1960-67), is President of Rolle College Students' Union. He met BRYAN GRACIE who is now a Deacon at Whipton, Exeter, and still plays soccer.
- A. HONEYWILL (1956-62). Now married and will soon qualify as a Solicitor.
- P. INGS (1955-62). Also training as a Solicitor but manages to stay single.
- J. OVERILL (1955-62). After 3 years in Australia with the Australia and New Zealand Bank revisited old haunts on a brief leave.
- R. GORCZYNSKI has a Commonwealth Scholarship to read for a Ph.D. in Toronto.
- D. B. HARRIS starts teaching Mathematics this September at a Comprehensive School in Bristol. He was married in August. Congratulations.
- RUSSEL BULEY has joined the English Staff at a school in Penzance. He too is married.
- P. COOPER has been awarded a Research Scholarship by the Central Statistical Office to read for a further degree in Biometry at Reading.
- M. E. ELLIS is now reading for a second degree in Medicine.
- J. SHEARER has taken up an appointment as a teacher/lecturer in Kenya Polytechnic. He advises you all to have a spell overseas.
- P. T. JONES has joined Shell Petroleum Ltd. as a trainee executive. He will be based in London but expects to spend half of his time abroad.
- CLEEVE ARSCOTE is to retire to Dorset. We wish him a long and enjoyable life.
- J. WILLIAMS (1951-7) is now on a Research Course at Bath and is also on the Staff of Bath University.
- P. J. CROWTHER (1933-8) has moved from Bristol to the London area and is a regular attender at London functions.
- A. F. DAVIES (1944-50) and A. GERMAN (1927-33), who both live in Gosport, are welcome recruits to London Branch.
- REV. A. R. (BOB) LEIGH (1947-55) has had two causes for celebration this year—the birth of his second son and his appointment as a vicar in the diocese of Southwark.
- A. R. PIKE (1922-8), Chairman of London Branch, was awarded the O.B.E. in the New Year Honours. Congratulations, Alan!
- DES QUICK (1924-9) died in January 1969 and will be sadly missed by all his friends in London Branch and elsewhere.
- C. K. WOODFIELD (1946-54) has recently returned from some years abroad with the Diplomatic Service and is living in Brentwood, Essex.

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This year brought a few changes in our Committee, although mainly the same officers have continued to fulfil their duties as for many previous years. We were joined by Michael Stephens and Dave Searle, who is justly proud of his initials—D.H.S.!! In Dave we have another instance of an Old Boy whose elder son is now an Old Boy. With another son still in School, Dave has strong links with D.H.S.

It is always of particular importance to me as Secretary to enlist the support of Old Boys who are also successful local businessmen. They are my main supply of raffle prizes! But I am always open to offers from Old Boys.

I am pleased to report that Gilbert Polkinghorne has recovered from his recent illness.

The 1968 Annual General Meeting was very well attended and once again our thanks are due to Mr. Stafford Williams and his son for looking after us so well at the Magnet Restaurant. We shall gather there again this year on the 29th December—a prominent note to be made in all diaries, please.

The 1969 Dinner proved a great success. We were pleased to entertain Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whitfeld and were sorry that Mr. and Mrs. Gwyn Nicholas couldn't be present. Members are reminded that the appeal fund for these two gentlemen is still open. Donations to John Bowden, c/o the School. We shall make presentations at this year's Annual General Meeting.

The new tie has proved extremely popular. It is obtainable from Dingles at 16s. 6d. or orders can be sent to me. I should like to emphasise that this is a second tie which probably looks better with a lounge suit. It does not replace our existing tie, which is still available.

The plaque at Albert Road, commemorating the position of the School, has been remounted in the hallway. It can be seen on request to the local Principal of the College of St. Mark and St. John.

The annual cricket match versus the School was revived this year when we suffered our usual defeat.

In the Staff match at Plymouth Cricket Ground we declared at 90 for 9 (Vic Woodfield 30, John Shunier 26, Mike Marshall 14) whilst the Staff soon scored 73 for 3 before stumps were drawn. A very pleasant evening

was rounded off in the pavilion where we were pleased to find that Mr. and Mrs. Goddard and Mr. and Mrs. Slatter of the Parents' Association had joined us.

We now look forward to Speech Day and the gathering afterwards, which is becoming very popular. Last year we were delighted that a prominent Old Boy, Murray Widdecombe, was guest of honour.

BERNARD GILBERT, *Hon. Secretary*

The London Branch

Joint Presidents: A. T. BROOKS and C. F. AUSTIN

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We were very pleased to have representatives from both the Plymouth and the Bath and Bristol Associations at our Annual Dinner, including Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lawrence. Dr. Cresswell replied to Bill Bowden's toast of "The School", but we missed Mrs. Cresswell this year.

As usual, we were lucky with the weather for our Trent Park outing in July and the swimming pool was much in demand. Others were sufficiently energetic to use the tennis courts and some enjoyed a stroll through the spacious grounds. A few who were visiting Trent Park for the first time were surprised and delighted by the beauty and peacefulness of it all. As always we were indebted to Mrs. Simmonds for organising the refreshments.

Next year, the London Branch celebrates its 50th anniversary. We were founded in 1920 and we are proud to have Dicky Brooks, holder of Membership Card No. 1 as one of our Presidents. We have already booked our Jubilee Dinner to take place on March 14th at the Manettas Restaurant, Flemings Hotel, Half Moon Street, Piccadilly, W.1. Tickets will probably cost £2 10s. each and we are expecting a large demand, so let the Hon. Secretary know as soon as possible how many will be in your party.

We are pleased to welcome Colin Whitby and Colin Leather to the Committee in place of John Harding and Peter Cox.

C. P. GRANT

The Bath and Bristol Branch

Chairman: F. W. J. LAWRENCE

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Following the A.G.M. on 1st November the year got off to a good start when a coachload of members and wives, accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Cresswell, visited Harvey's Wine Cellars at Bristol. The visit included a tour of the cellars and wine museum followed by a film on the making of sherry and a sherry-tasting session. The whole party—much merrier on the return journey—voted it an excellent evening.

A steak supper at the ever-popular *George and Dragon* in January was the usual success although it was not quite the same without Jimmy and Peggy Lawrence—Jim being away from Bath on a course.

Our first function was with the Old Suttonians—a skittles evening at the *Bristol Bulldog*, Filton, in March also went down well. We proceeded to win the men's prizes whilst the "Old Suts" wives evened the score by winning both the ladies' prizes.

The second Annual Dinner at the *Francis Hotel*, Bath, on 2nd May was even better attended than last year. A total of 66 guests included the Headmaster (Mrs. Cresswell was unfortunately indisposed), the Plymouth Chairman, Dave Bennett, and Vice-Chairman John Ellis, with their wives, London Chairman Alan Pike and Mrs. Pike, plus Stan Hurden from London and Archie Summers from Paignton.

Departures from Bath were Derek Pyne, George Allin, Fred Marker, Chester Veale, Norman Dolton and George Bryant, but we welcomed new members Bill Darlington, Ken Duke, John Davies, Frank Gemesh, Herbie Jones, Ray Phillips and Dave Wyatt.

After the A.G.M. on 6th November the next function planned is a combined theatre visit and steak supper at Bristol near Christmas.

L. R. TRUSCOTT, *Hon. Secretary & Treasurer*

The Old Boys Rugby Club

The 1968/69 season proved to be the most successful for several years. Of 33 games played, 18 were won and 15 lost. A lean spell during March and April, when the Club experienced seven defeats in nine games, prevented the final overall result from being even better.

Dave Ferguson, who scored 134 points, was our outstanding player, while John Ellis, Alf Wayne and Bob Denney played well throughout. We were pleased to give boys from the School the opportunity to play for us and, among these, Stewart Hawkins, Steve Tindsley and Rick Cope played splendidly. Our Thursday training sessions were well attended. We are aware constantly of the need for younger players and welcome all boys who are keen to continue playing on leaving school.

D. BENNETT

The Old Boys Soccer Club

Failure to attract new blood from the boys leaving school has led to the team's average age rising slowly from season to season over the past five years. Continued increased costs have also made themselves felt in our endeavour to maintain two teams, and it was finally decided, at the 1968 Annual General Meeting that, in view of the very small benefit derived from running a second eleven, coupled with the extreme difficulty in fielding two teams of old boys each week, the best policy would be to run only one team in the Premier division of the Plymouth Combination League.

Inevitably this led to a few of the diehards of the second team having only an occasional game for the first team, with the resultant drifting away to other clubs of the theoretical reserve strength of the premier team. At such time as injuries or other calls on the services of our regular players, reduced the first team drastically, we had to call on anyone willing to fill the gaps. This resulted in a falling-off of the standard which, in turn, found the team yet again at the end of the 1968-69 season, struggling to maintain its place in premier football.

The regular members do not wish this position to present itself each year, and at the 1969 meeting it was voted that, as a temporary measure only, we should open the club to non-Old Boys, but that we should, through certain other new policies, endeavour to attract those Old Boys who at present would appear to find a greater attraction in playing for other clubs. Changes envisaged include new colours, new training schemes and other minor improvements to take the "grind" out of playing for the Old Boys.

Old Boys are still welcome to contact me, or alternatively, to come along to training on a Wednesday evening at the School, with a view to seeing whether the new style "Old Boys" is indeed more of an attraction than they had perhaps been led to believe over past years.

C. G. K. CAME, *Hon. Secretary*

FORUM . . .

an open discussion column

The articles in this section do not necessarily represent the views of the editorial staff

The Editorial

as originally submitted for publication by one of the Joint Editors

This is an apology.

We had hoped this year to produce a magazine which every member of the school could read with interest and enjoyment. Instead, we have just another catalogue of facts. We have been forced to realise that the magazine has a definite job to do, and this takes precedence over everything else.

Primarily it is an advertisement. The nature of the magazine is determined by the nature of the school, and if the magazine seems insular and egotistic, it is because the school is anxious to prove itself the best in Plymouth. The school thrives on prestige, and the magazine is there to meet this need. The school itself has a job to do. Society demands examinations and qualifications, and the school exists to provide them. Like the magazine, it is a symptom, not the cause.

So if we want a magazine to do more than record the achievements of a few, we must examine the nature of the school. If we want an education to do more than bulldoze us through examinations, we must consider the nature of society as a whole. In the last analysis, it is this which determines everything, and for any change to be really effective, it is there it must take place.

P. J. GROSS

~~~~~an advertisement~~~~~

Have you read "FLAME" yet? If not, read it. It is a blatant expression of some of the opinions and prejudices of its editors. If you disagree, or think you have something more important to say, now is your chance.

The School Magazine is past help. We have decided to let it fossilize in peace. Instead, this term we intend to get together an ANTIMAGAZINE. This will be everything the official magazine is not, nor will it be a merely "literary" effort. It will be about your interests (that too!), and your entertainments. It will be a cross between a ragmag and "GANDALF". (Have you read "GANDALF"? Read it—available from Peter Russell's record shop and other underground sources.)

It is all very indefinite as yet, but that is how it should be. We want bad jokes, poems, pornography, record/book reviews, more bad jokes and articles on anything you like. The whole thing will be home-printed on poor-quality paper and will cost as little as possible. When will it appear? That is up to you. Hand entries to Gross or Morrell—now!

do not sing now

do not sing now,
for you will disturb the dark waters,
the still depths,
where great fish glitter
and the weeds, lithe green or brown,
write silently.

you will disturb the night,
the icy regions where the stars flare,
where the planets swim,
enchanted
by a dying sun.

do not sing now,
for the singing of your body
whips the winds around the moon.

I am afraid.
the sea explodes
into a wilderness of foam
where men are lost
and only the seagull's cry
survives.

P. J. GROSS

SPARTACUS REVIVED

"Students and the Struggle"

"Whenever death may surprise us, it will be welcome, provided that this, our battle cry, reach some receptive ear, that another hand reach out to take up our weapons and that other fighting men come forward to intone our funeral dirge with the staccato of machine-guns and new cries of battle and victory."

ERNESTO CHÉ GUEVARA

With the murder of this man the men who rule America thought they would rid themselves of the new Bolivar; but, in fact, the bullets that destroyed this one life activated thousands of others. The "Third World" (the neo-colonies we call "underdeveloped"), the West and the bureaucratic lands of Eastern Europe are being faced with a new vanguard. No longer does the old hackneyed theory of the Communist Party leading the workers to the Promised Land hold sway over those who will not tolerate the rule of their masters. Instead, the guerilla fighter and the militant student are the "new revolutionaries" the "left opposition". Jacek Kuron and Karel Modzelewski are in jail in Poland for the same reason as Huey Newton in the U.S.A. and Regis Depray in Bolivia. Police beat demonstrators in France and Britain, Yugoslavia and Vietnam with the same healthy abandon. We are going through a difficult time, the transition between the ascendancy of Caesar and the elevation of the victims. The image of the lazy British worker notwithstanding, the structure in Britain is still based on the old principle which is—to quote the Revolutionary Socialist Students Federation—"Those that rule over educational institutions exercise the

same power throughout society, through their ownership of industry" and based on this analysis the R.S.S.F. in Britain, the S.D.S. in U.S.A., the Zengakuren in Japan, the S.D.S. in West Germany, are going to spread what, until recently, had affected only some students and some young workers throughout the entire populace. Universities exist not to educate but to manufacture scientific and social engineers—people who will produce inventions, advertisements, responses, public opinion and all the things the structure needs to maintain its way of life. Out of the university will come the red base, out of the student militants will come a students' movement, out of the suddenly-illuminated-students will come a reactivated workers' struggle. Out of all this will come revolution. Police clubs make militants and napalm begets freedom fighters.

The library cupboard contains an Oxfam poster and the caption reads, "You don't have to give them the earth." The truth behind all the "irresponsible agitators", "Communist terrorists" and "anarchists" that are sully the fair name of this and all other lands is that, in fact, you do !

M. DURHAM

Night-walk to life-end . . .

Floating spectrum-haloed lights
Lamp my way, mark a certain path through
Blurred uncertainty.
The fatly-breathing man stumbles by
With a steel-on-stone click as darkness
Flows above me
Suspended in a sombre
And somehow motionless
Tide.
My every sense, except unsure sight, is awake
To a dread
In this light-speckled black,
A dread which creeps and is part of me.
There are no shadowed forms to leap—
Just dancing deeper black.
Clicks become bangs, bangs
Burst my brain.
The din gradually grows more intense,
Always attuned to the struggle in
My mind.
I feel around for help as
Sickly night swamps my very being.
But no one I smell to save
My unpurposeful life.
—Not even the fat man.
And now the chasm before me
Leers at my face.

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