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OBITUARY



MR. A. R. WARD

The return to school on June 5th, 1978, after the half-term break was immensely saddened by the news of the sudden tragic death of Mr. Ward which had occurred during the holiday. We had last seen him full of enthusiasm about his move to Cornwall and it is fitting that this should be the abiding memory of him, for it symbolises his attitude to all that he undertook. Whether dealing with the affairs of the French Department, organising the Pont L'Abbe exchange, adjudicating the Middle School Plays or participating in the School Opera he always showed the same zest and vitality and this, with his integrity, scholarship and unfailing good humour is what we remember with pleasure and gratitude of his all too brief association with Devonport High School.

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EDITORIAL

My first impressions on arriving at D.H.S. as a rather nervous 2nd year were not of the academic or sporting achievements, but of the size and the colour. It was big, and it was grey. As I grew and the buildings became more familiar, the illusion of vastness diminished. Yet, as I look around the school today, I am still given the impression of a grey, imposing, unfriendly place. The flower beds along the drive and beside the colonade have been allowed to rot away, the shrubbery is generally bare and unexciting. I realise that the grey walls of the building detract from any colourful surroundings ; however, steps can be taken to rectify the lack of pleasant flora in the school grounds. Let us hope that the recent activity outside the hall and along the top of the bank is not allowed to blossom and then wither away in the winter of Education Department expenditure cuts.

The interior decoration is similarly in need of much improvement. Due to a chemical process in the actual structure of the walls, paint flakes away to leave unsightly patches of grey (what else ?). Where there is paint, it is light blue, pale yellow or off-white, but even these are not arranged in any attractive colour scheme. Posters, paintings and murals such as the one found outside the art room should all be used to decorate the school. It must be remembered that a dull and untidy environment does not encourage creative or careful work—it produces boredom, vandalism and a lack of pride in the school. This must not happen to D.H.S.

N.B. Opinions expressed in individual items do not necessarily represent the views of the Editorial Staff.

SCHOOL NOTES

The academic year, 1978-79, will begin with five Departments under new management, following the retirement of four long-serving members of staff and the tragic death of Mr. Ward during the Summer Term half term holiday, a tribute to whom appears elsewhere in the magazine.

At Christmas, 1977, Mr. Dodd, Head of the Biology Department, retired and was succeeded by Mrs. O'Kell. It was his wish to retire with the minimum of publicity but he can be assured that his long and valuable service to the school is fully appreciated and that he has the good wishes of us all for the future.

At Easter, 1978, Mr. Nash, Head of the P.E. Department for over thirty years, retired to be succeeded by Mr. Moon. All the boys who have passed through the school during that period and all those who have served on the staff have been fully aware of his dedication to the task of

promoting physical fitness and of his wonderful powers of organisation shown in the smooth running of Athletic and Swimming Sports over the years, and in his management of School Rugby over a long period. The school's achievements, both locally and nationally, are an indication of his success and are the reward for his efforts that he would most value. We all wish him a long and happy retirement.

Mr. Warn, Head of the Mathematics Department and Senior Master, also retired at Easter with a unique record of 53 years' association with the school starting when he was a scholarship winner in 1925. He captained both the rugby and cricket teams at school and played for the soccer team, and this versatility continued at University College, Exeter, where he captained the College's rugby and cricket teams and obtained a Science Degree. While teaching at Launceston College in 1936/37, he played for Plymouth Albion, also obtaining a regular place at centre for Devon. After a brief spell teaching at D.H.S., his war service started in 1940 and he served in the Royal Artillery in North Africa, Italy (Cassino) and India, reaching the rank of Major.

After the war he rejoined the staff of D.H.S., becoming the Head of the Mathematics Department on the retirement of Mr. R. Ferraro a few years later. Unable to continue his playing career in rugby because of a wound in the arm, he turned to administration and embarked on a highly successful career as secretary of Devon from 1954-1966, being County representative on the Rugby Union for ten years, and President of the Devon Rugby Football Union. For a number of years during this period he played regularly for the Plymouth Cricket Club, for some time under the Captaincy of Mr. Mallinson.

In school, he became House Master of Raleigh House in the early 1950's, a position he held until his retirement. Versatility was still the key-note for, in addition to coaching and training school rugby teams, he was actively involved in the School Dramatics Society as business manager for Henry Whitfeld and he also produced a school play. In the early 1970's he became Senior Master, holding that position until his retirement.

Mr. Warn's links with the school remain strong and he is the current Chairman of the Old Boys' Association. May he enjoy a long and happy retirement and many more years of association with the school to add to his present score of 53! Mr. Watson succeeds him as Head of Mathematics.

F. WAYNE

The academic year 1978-79 began in the absence of one of the school's most influential personalities: for Mr. Wayne has retired. When Mr. H. Whitfeld's distinguished career ended in 1969, Mr. Wayne became Head of the English Department and, under his leadership, the Department has flourished for the last nine years.

Mr. Wayne is a modest person who has been pleased to allow his subordinates to enjoy the applause for the success of the Department: however, that success has been due to the superb organizational efficiency and the outstanding example of the senior man. He may be modest, but men of exceptional ability so often are. The facts about his career bear this out.

From 1936 to 1939 and again from 1946 to 47, he was a student at Nottingham University where he captained the University Soccer Club and played for the Cricket Team. During the war he served in the army (A.E.C.) and spent five years in the Middle East (there he played cricket for the Palestine Command against the Egypt Command!).

Mr. Wayne joined the staff at D.H.S. in 1947 and began his long and most successful career as an English Teacher. His contribution to the extra-curricular activities has again been enormous. He ran both the School and Staff Cricket XI's from 1951 to 1968—the high spot of this

activity was a glorious ton scored for the Staff against the School, a complement which no boy has ever returned; he edited the School Magazine from 1969 to 1978; he was Gilbert House Master from 1964 to 1978 and under his guidance the school team has thrice reached the English Speaking Union National Finals.

I am sure that Mr. Wayne will allow himself a quiet smile of satisfaction when he reflects upon the warm gratitude which thousands of boys and men owe him and the affection with which his colleagues on the staff regard him. Mr. Wayne left D.H.S. with the very best wishes of the whole school to himself and his family. His kindly presence and dry humour will be missed: we hope he will come to see us often.

C. G. BURROWS (Head of English Dept.)

Sincere good wishes go with a number of other members of staff who left at the end of the Summer Term. Dr. Timewell leaves to become Head of Chemistry at Bideford Comprehensive School, Mr. Hill becomes Head of Classics at Windsor Grammar School, Mr. Stanton is taking up an appointment at Liskeard Comprehensive School, Mr. Patrick is to teach French at Brookhouse School, Hackney, and Mr. Willis leaves at the end of his temporary appointment to the P.E. staff. Club and Society reports reveal the invaluable help given by all in numerous ways and all go with our thanks and good wishes, as does Mademoiselle M. Claude Picot our French Assistant who returns to University in Normandy.

F. WAYNE

THE TRAVELLER'S TALE

EXPERIENCES OF SCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING TEAM EN ROUTE FOR CANTERBURY TO E.S.U. FINALS

At noone's time whan that the sonne was high,
And gloomy clouds did nat obscure the sky,
Than camen we unto the railway stacion,
For to wenden many leagues across the nacion.
Our ende was to be at Caunterbury,
And, by my troth, our journey was nat merrie.
Though travellers may flinch at snow or hail,
But more so at that dread sign 'British Rail.'
'The softest way to travel' brochures cry;
The authors should themselves some viage try.
The train doth shake and jolt along the rail.
And seats do seem as hard as is a nail.
The waiter comes within a little while,
A splendre man to passen down the aisle.
His visage, as I trowe, was somdel sangwin;
His cote would not have fit a stunted penguin.
Oft he himself of his own wares betook;
'Tis strange, for yet he wore a healthy look.
So plesaunt was his 'Coffee, sandwich' shout,
The quality thereof there was no doubt.
Such luxury comes cheap at any price—
His coffee was but 17p a slice.
Its quality and taste we plainly saw;
Men drank, then started back with looks of awe.
And all the while we knew nat where we went
(Through Devon, Cornwall, Somerset or Kent?)
For though loudspeaker cables had been laid,
Yet seldom weren such pronouncements made.
Th'announcer, as I gesse, ful badly fared;

Of towns the size he neither wiste nor cared.
 Thus whan we reached Teignmouth, weren we told—
 At Londoun Town he made not so bold.
 And if a man wiste nat whan comes the stop,
 He needs must sit and watch his coffee slop.
 An idle wight, th'announcer seemed to be,
 In sooth who cared not but for page thrie ;
 His thoughts were such, How shal The Sun be served ?
 Lat B.R. have their swink to them reserved !

With railways are ye in the hands of fate ;
 To Londoun came we ten minutes late.
 And though we ran so fast as any wight,
 At Canon Street our train was nat in sight.
 Of porter we enquired whan cam the next ;
 I cannot write his words in English text.
 His directions weren nat English reely ;
 Yet ful fetisly he spak Swahili.
 And though he was nat fat but somdel lean,
 In visage was he like General Amin.
 To outhr stacions finally we passed ;
 An hour late, than cam our train at last.

If British Rail doth hear my plaintive voice,
 Then please do give the passengers a choice :
 'Twixt horse or railway or flying saucer,
 I'd ful rather come like Geoffrey Chaucer !

K. WERNHAM

THE SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF 'CHARLEY'S AUNT'

The festive season of 1977/78 was remarkable, amongst other things, for a revival of Brandon Thomas' famous comedy 'Charley's Aunt', both locally and nationally. Ralph Bates, of 'Poldark' fame, portrayed the lady from Brazil, 'where the nuts come from', on the Plymouth stage, whilst on television no less a comedian than Eric Sykes donned wig and dress in the same role. Yet, unbeknown to both I.T.V. and the Plymouth Theatre Company, by the summer of 1977 rehearsals were well under way for a production that was to exceed all others in the sheer comic farce (mostly unintentional) of its acting—the November production of the D.H.S. players !

Operas apart, the school had attempted no full scale play for several years and the producer, Mr. C. Burrows, must have approached his task with some misgivings as to the depth of dramatic talent available ; as events turned out, he need not have worried. We were extremely fortunate in being able to 'borrow' four very talented young actresses from Stoke Damerel High School, and the rest of the cast rose to the occasion magnificently. The result was a great success on all three nights of the play's brief run. For the first few minutes of each performance, the audiences seemed to be suffering slightly from the long-held belief that school plays are to be endured rather than enjoyed, but once they realised that such was not the case here (and who could honestly take Kevin Vittles seriously in a dress ?) they sat back and laughed until the final curtain fell—in actual fact they laughed at the final curtain itself, which got stuck half-way across. For the cast, after weeks spent rehearsing to an empty hall, it was rewarding indeed to hear the audiences reacting so enthusiastically.

At this point in previous school play reports it has been the custom to pass judgement on the actors with something along the lines of 'X was good, Y was adequate and Z will not be appearing again next year,' but

as a member of the cast myself, modesty forbids my commenting on my own superb performance. Instead I'll just say that if you were at one of the performances you would already appreciate how good every single member of the cast really was, and if you weren't you should have been.

What the audience, unfortunately, cannot appreciate is the tremendous amount of work that goes on behind the scenes; both on the night and during the months beforehand. Lack of space prevents me mentioning everybody involved in this respect, but our special thanks must go to Messrs. Patrick, Ward, Gibson, Wroath, Farrow and MacTavish, to Mlle. M. C. Picot, to E. P. Manley, and of course to Mr. Burrows, our producer. Without the kind assistance of all the above, as much as of Charley's Aunt herself, Jack Chesney and Charley Wykeham would almost certainly remain bachelors.

KARL WERNHAM

TRADE WIND

The sullen and abortive wind howls
Like a demon unleashed. It bites,
Moulds and cuts the cliff face like a
Maniac. It destroys and creates
Myriads of shapes in its lunatic rage.
All work, play, life and sport must
Stop for Nature to complete her work.

FLINT WESTWOOD, 8W

6th FORM ACTIVITIES WEEK

Inspired by the Post O-Level Scheme, for the first time last year, Mr. Attewell arranged an activities week for the L.6, which took place after the internal exams.

The activities available were diverse. Virtually everybody spent a night on Dartmoor and although this was viewed with trepidation in some quarters, it was generally enjoyed. Similarly many people enjoyed caving in the Radford Caves at Hooe despite Mr. MacTavish's horrific stories concerning people getting stuck in vertical squeezes. Other activities included sailing and visits to local industry, although the latter did not seem to be enjoyed to the same extent as the other options.

However, there were three main activities. The first of these was a joint trip to the marine training base at Lympstone and a police training centre at Middlemoor. The time at Lympstone was spent walking around the assault courses, 22 shooting and seeing a film about the Marines. At Middlemoor we were shown a film, given a lecture on Police Cadets and shown around the quarters.

The following day, a dual-purpose visit to Oxford was planned. Prospective Oxbridge candidates looked around the Colleges, especially Jesus and Exeter, the Colleges which hosted us. Many were able to meet tutors in their subjects. Another party continued to the British Leyland Works at Cowley to see the activity or rather inactivity and apathy of a large industrial plant. This was a great eye-opener for those who went there and it is little wonder that they cannot attract qualified engineers.

The third major activity was a trip to Stratford to see "Measure for Measure." It was planned so that we should have two hours to sample the local atmosphere before the play at 2 p.m. Although the production was not perhaps the best ever seen at the theatre, it was a most enjoyable experience.

All in all, the activities week was a great success and it must be of greater benefit to be out seeing industrial plants, universities etc. which

few of us have seen before than to spend the post-exam week in school getting thoroughly bored.

Thanks are due to Messrs. Burrows, Dingle, Gibson, Hill, MacTavish, Phillips, Smith, Southern, Watson and particularly Mr. Attewell without whose efficiency, none of this would have been possible.

M. RUSSELL

5th FORM BATH UNIVERSITY TRIP

In the Spring a party of boys set out to visit Bath University. On the way up everyone was given a 'free' plan of the University Campus and told where and when to go to the lectures that had been planned. The first of these was given by the Student Union chairman, who informed the party about university life and the various societies operating at Bath. After a rapid guided tour of the campus led by some very unenergetic students, we were sent to lunch in the student's cafe, which involved eating pork chops with soft plastic forks which tended to break. Following lunch, various lectures were given, which provided an insight into Chemical and Mechanical engineering. Another lecture was given on Biology.

The visit was very rewarding on the whole, and thanks must go to Messrs. Wroath, Stanton and Timewell—especially to Mr. Stanton, who provided the entertainment on the return journey.

BOB POPE

CRUISE '77

At midnight on Tuesday, 23rd November, 1977 a party of thirty-eight, including Messrs. Moon and Osborne, embarked on an Educational Cruise which was to take us to Venice, Izmir, Limasol, Cairo and finally to Athens.

After flying over the Alps we landed at Marco Polo Airport, Venice. At Venice, places of interest visited included the Rialto Bridge, St. Martin's Square and the Doges' Palace. Sailing down the Adriatic in a force 9 gale was not an experience that we shall forget quickly, and everyone was glad when Izmir came into sight. At Izmir, coaches took us to Ephesus, St. John's Basilica and the Home of the Virgin Mary.

After leaving Izmir, we enjoyed warmer weather and at Limasol it was like that of a British summer day. Here we were taken to see a fruit packing plantation, Koloni Castle and a Roman theatre at Curium.

Alexandria was our next port of call, from whence we travelled 150 miles along the Nile road to our main objective, Cairo, where we visited the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities which houses Tutankhamen's Treasures. The highlight of the day was the visit to the Pyramids of Giza and the Great Sphinx.

Unfortunately, due to more stormy weather, Rhodes had to be omitted, so we had an extra day in Athens, where we went to Cape Sounion where a temple dedicated to Poseidon was seen. The final morning was spent visiting the Acropolis and going on a tour of Athens.

The final journey, from Athens to Plymouth, took twelve hours, and we arrived at Bretonside Bus Station in the early hours of the morning of the 6th December.

This was a trip which we shall remember for the rest of our lives.

N. FEWINGS

PONT L'ABBE EXCHANGE

At Easter this year, twelve French boys spent two weeks with their English partners. All the boys got together at Central Park swimming pool on two occasions and there was a disco organised at the end of

the fortnight which was also attended by girls from the same French school and their hosts from Stoke Damerel High School.

Most recreational activities were organised by the individual host families and included visits to the Hoe, the Barbican, Newquay, Dartmoor, Looe and Paignton Zoo. Some of the French boys tried their skills at skate-boarding on the Hoe and others saw the lack of skill displayed at Plymouth Argyle. On the whole, the English climate was kind and the French party seemed well pleased with their return visit.

Our boys set off on the return journey to Pont l'Abbé in Southern Brittany on July 19th. The exchange scheme provides a wonderful opportunity for students of modern languages to practise and improve their spoken French. The cost is very reasonable, the experience enjoyable. Why not give it a try?

G. K. SIMPSON

THE PIRMASENS TRIP

In February, 1978, the entire Middle 6th German set ventured on a two week trip to Pirmasens (a small town in south west Germany close to the French border). Both pupils were aided by the Dr. Cresswell Memorial Awards which they were fortunate enough to receive.

After a tiring twenty-seven hour journey, including a depressing four hour stay in dreary Mannheim, a Cape Horn-style crossing of the English Channel from Dover to Ostende, the two were relieved to reach their destination. They were met by an acquaintance of Herr Jones and introduced to the families with which they were staying. It took a great deal of convincing by the German hosts that their compatriots did not always prance around town at three o'clock in the morning wearing cowboy hats and blowing trumpets. In fact, the perplexed Englishers had arrived at Carnival time. Both had their arm twisted on various occasions to sample the local brew, and one was lucky enough to be taken to the Weinstrasse where the German wine is distilled.

After two weeks of continuous snow and pampering by the hosts, the great trek home had to be made. The duo had visions of glorious English sunshine in front of them and eventually returned to Plymouth in the midst of its most severe snow blizzard for thirty years!

However, both thoroughly enjoyed their excursion and are sincerely grateful to Mr. Jones, for his thoughtful arrangements, and to the Old Boys' Association for its financial contribution.

C. DEACON

1978 PARIS TRIP

The 1978 Paris trip was a roaring success all around. The coach left school at five o'clock on Wednesday, 10th May. The trip to Southampton was a lively affair. Thanks must go to Dave Behennah and the author for their impressions of well-known Plymouth celebrities—the sessions were taped for posterity.

We finally reached Southampton where Ron, the driver, gave us a splendid trip around the docks. On the cross-Channel Ferry many party members took advantage of the duty-free prices in the bar (tut, some more than others?).

Thursday morning and we hit France. The coach journey to Paris was stimulating for those who had never visited a foreign land. The party was in high spirits except for the several corpses on the back seat. The highlight of this journey was the highest suspension bridge in Europe the name of which I've forgotten.

We eventually reached Paris by mid-morning and I was captivated by the beauty of the city. We visited the Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Church of the Sacred Heart and Les

Invalides. Many members of the party made new friends—Harvey Lacey must surely be in the running for British Ambassador to Portugal after the friendship he struck up with a man from the same country.

The trip back to Le Havre brought some anxious moments. There was an appalling traffic jam in the Paris suburbs with some amazing scenes of French motorists driving over the pavements and grass. We reached the ferry in time to be treated to a superb meal of some of the most terrible junk food in the world (and we loved every minute of it). In Bridport we stopped at an unusual café where grease was the main course, with bacon and sausage flavouring; the party was even provided with an alternative meal in the form of coffee.

In all, it was a great forty-two hours outing. It is likely that most of the party will take part in the follow-up to the Paris trip in 1979—"Son of Paris Trip." I must finally extend a very sincere "thank you" to Mr. Ward, Mr. Patrick and Mr. Hill for giving the whole excursion some semblance of order.

M. O'SULLIVAN, L6A

THE STREAM

A pungent haze eclipses eviscerated water,
The discordant stream diluted with excessive monosodium glutamate
Nature struggles to adapt but the spent acids take their toll of destruction.
A bedraggled bee buzzes endlessly searching for a ray of hope glimmering
through the abyss of sulphur dioxide.

The Messiah arrives from the unpolluted heavens:

A beautifully coloured goldfinch swoops down nearly choking on the
lung-crushing atmosphere.

Plummeting to a painful death, it adds to the satanic stench.

Bright green and prostrate it lies there,

Soon to be disembowelled by the evil-minded hydro-carbons.

This corner of hell, a honeymoon for the masochistic, the used and
unwanted.

S. W. ALLEN

TEN TORS

The junior team of R. Stoaite, A. Briggs, D. Burley, R. Ware, N. Jennings, B. Coles and S. Pope started training in late September. We went out every other Sunday and blazed a 10 to 15 mile trail across South Moor, doing our best to visit the places named on our route card.

Just before Christmas, one of our great adventures took place, namely a long weekend training out at Okehampton Battle Camp which was very successful, leaving most of us with a basic knowledge of navigation.

After Christmas, we moved our training to North Moor and increased the walking distance to between 16 and 18 miles at a time, also increasing the weight of our packs.

We did not start camping overnight until Easter, weather defeating our first attempt, the pouring rain leaving us with wet tents and, in most cases, wet sleeping-bags too. We decided to return instead of carrying on. The next attempt was slightly more successful for although visibility on the first day was a mere 100 yards, the second day was gloriously sunny. Meanwhile, Arsenal played Ipswich in a football match at Wembley. This was the last training hike before the actual event.

On the day, we travelled to Okehampton and although we originally camped next to Burleigh (Girls) 35 mile team we were swiftly moved well away by our ever-popular team managers, Messrs. Southern and MacTavish.

We were woken by the Army, who played Hallelujah chorus over the P.A. system at 4 a.m. We started walking at 7 a.m. in sunny conditions

and covered 23 miles by the time we camped at 2000 hours. We finished the final 12 mile stretch at 12 noon the next day, to the delight of the assembled crowd.

A. BRIGGS, 4N

A THREE-MONTH STAY IN GERMANY

Mid-April saw my departure from Plymouth to spend the Summer Term in Germany, where, it was hoped, I would expand my knowledge of the German language to immeasurable proportions. My destination was Holzkirchen, a village of comparatively little fame in the surrounding area of Munich and totally unknown outside of Bavaria. I travelled for eighteen hours by train from London to Munich with a British Rail ferry to take me across the Channel. In Munich, I was greeted cordially by a pleasant, middle-aged couple, who introduced themselves to me as Frau and Herr Eibl. They revived their travel-weary guest with a most refreshing cup of coffee and took him promptly to Holzkirchen in their Mercedes. I was soon made at home and became acquainted with the three children and their dog, a lively little dachshund, called Susi.

The next day, Gunter, the eldest son (he is 15 but well over six feet tall), took me to the school. Gymnasium Tegernsee is 22 kilometres from Holzkirchen and so I had a long bus-ride every morning. I met the headmaster who promised he would help me whenever I had a problem; a promise that, I am sure, he would like to have withdrawn.

During the three months I became more and more popular with my colleagues, who were soon calling me by name rather than addressing me as 'Tommy.' For the first few weeks, I found myself pondering over refraction, electrolysis and the formation of the Rockies; all subjects which I thought I had left well behind. Nevertheless, I soon received a time-table restricted to my A level subjects. The school itself shows D.H.S. to be bursting with youth. It is long and narrow and consists of three floors of endless white-washed corridors. The greatest asset of Gymnasium Tegernsee is that it is adjoined to the local brewery and, therefore, has a "Braeuhaus." Although the entrances to the school and the Braeuhaus are strikingly different, many of the students had astonishing difficulty in distinguishing them.

At the end I had practised and learnt a great deal of German, met and made friends with many Germans and seen much of the surrounding country-side of Germany. I had also experienced something of the Bavarian way of life, which, I have been told, is quite far removed from life in the rest of Germany. As a totally unexpected bonus I spent five days with my host family in Paris. Finally I would like to express my deepest thanks to the Cultural Interchange Service, who organised the scheme, to Mr. Peck and Mr. Jones, whose help has been invaluable, to Herr Perlinger, the headmaster at Tegernsee, who helped me attain a satisfactory time-table in the school, and last but not least, to the Eibl family, who made my visit a most enjoyable one and helped me make the most of my time with them.

A. MEDWAY

TRIP TO GREECE, AUGUST, '78

Last summer 1000 young people from all over Europe were invited by the Greek Government to spend two weeks in Greece as their guests. I was fortunate enough to be selected as one of the 160 representing Great Britain.

We met at Gatwick Airport but, due to delays, we left 26 hours late. This time was spent in hotels at Brighton and Eastbourne, put at our disposal by British Airways.

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BARCLAYS

During the first three days, spent at Athens University, we visited the Mycenaean Museum, saw a Royal Ballet production of Tchaikovsky's 'Sleeping Beauty, and enjoyed a trip around the islands of Aegina, Hydra and Poros. My group of thirty travelled with the Greek contingent and the Spanish and Portuguese also travelled with us, but in a different coach. Against the latter we had a continuous although always friendly feud, which came to a head when we defeated them in a football match, despite the fact that they had an Athletic Madrid player. After a day of rest on the beach at Patras, we continued to Sparta via Olympia where the first Olympic Games were held. On arrival in Sparta, we visited the Byzantine ruins at Mistras and, on the following day, went on to Molai in the extreme South where we spent two days swimming and relaxing on various beaches. On our return to Patras, we visited the ancient sites of Mycenae where the legendary Agamemnon was supposed to have reigned and Epidauros, the site of a famous, ancient theatre. We drove back to Athens the next day and some of us visited the Acropolis which we had missed at the beginning of the holiday because of our flight delays. Our Greek, Spanish and Portuguese friends left the following day but, as we had a spare day, our guide, Demetrius, arranged a trip to Cape Sounion to see the Temple of Poseidon which proved to be one of the highlights of the holiday.

What a shock to arrive back in Gatwick at 6.30 a.m. next morning, tired and cold to face a temperature drop of 22°C!

M. RUSSELL

THE POOL

As I look into the pool, black waters wait and watch,
 My imagination to distort, my mind to destroy.
 As tendrils of mist rise from the pungent liquid
 To fill my head with dreams of fearful reality,
 The tendrils grope in my brain looking for prey
 On which to feed and poison into a void.
 This is the pit of evil which tempts us all.
 Some, the lucky, chosen few, survive and smile.
 Whilst others are tortuously sucked dry to dry to dust
 As Satan creeps stealthily in and rejoices.
 No longer a woman but a body of sin and corruption
 Thrown by her master to enchant the innocent.
 Into the world to plague youth and mankind
 To bleed their beliefs, emotions and love. To fill with lust
 Those once angelic children who once did play in
 Sunlit meadows on days of the never ending sun.
 To laugh and shriek as a man becomes a woman's prey
 As he lies and waits, wanton, wanting her so badly.
 But she is not a woman, not the gentle loving maid.
 But Satan's mistress who takes all and leaves a
 Man frustrated forever, spinning like a lost soul through
 The Universe, his body blemished, his emotions nullified.
 Whilst in maddening laughter she forever taunts.
 Never to be reached but desired.

D. MAY

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

The School Council was set up "to promote communications between staff and pupils, so that any pupil can have his ideas discussed by a cross-section of the members of the school."

The idea has worked.

Since the 19th of May, 1977, the council has discussed, on average, five new suggestions at each of the three meetings held each term. This

reflects the wide range of suggestions which have been discussed, varying from "The school should organise discotheques for fourth and fifth-formers" to "There should be more litter bins situated around school." Some say that the subjects discussed are trivial, but these people do not usually concern themselves with council matters.

In its first twelve months, the council has not functioned without problems. At first, it was a struggle to find enough suggestions. Now we sometimes find that not enough people are turning up to the meetings. Thankfully, the former problem seems to have been solved, with the lower school showing more and more interest. The attendance problem unfortunately shows no sign of improving, maybe because the novelty of the school council has worn off, maybe because its members are too busy or apathetic. Hopefully the situation will improve with the new members resulting from the elections at the beginning of the Autumn Term.

"What exactly has all this achieved?" boys ask.

"What exactly do you want it to achieve?" is my reply. "If you don't put forward any suggestions or attend the meetings you have little cause for complaint." However, here is a brief review of what has been done so far.

The council felt that boys leaving the school ought to have a better idea of how to apply for a job and how to behave at interviews. A scheme was set up whereby all fifth and lower sixth boys have the opportunity to apply and be interviewed for an imaginary job with a firm in Plymouth. Fifth formers had the opportunity early in the year, lower sixth boys during their activities week in July.

The council decided that not enough notices were read out during House Assemblies to warrant a weekly meeting, so now they are only held fortnightly.

Other ideas which have either been put into action or will be in the near future because of school council decisions include inter-form soccer, inter-House table-tennis and senior inter-House badminton, all of which are new to D.H.S.

Perhaps even more important than these are the Mufti-days, three of which have raised a total of £87.28 for various charities. This may not have happened had the idea not been suggested to the council in the first place.

MARK BENNETT, School Council Secretary

WITHIN A FIRE

Bright red tongues lick the darkness of the night to life,
An invisible warmth shields against the icy air's whetted knife.
Looking deep into the heart of the fire, mind leaves body
To enter a world within itself but beyond reality.
At first haze, mist . . . slowly it clears . . .
A mountain! Born green grass, growing purple heather
Becoming white snow, dying grey mist . . .
A lake! Still? . . . As frozen. Then endless ripples. Across
Deep blue to green-brown
Colours so colourful . . . shapes so sharp . . .
Music lilts through the crisp air . . . a harp . . .
So beautiful . . . so peaceful . . .
Then tiredness . . . leaden eyes . . . a bracken bed . . .
Mist . . . Haze
Suddenly, warmth and light from the fire again
Then a hiss of discontentment at a drop of rain
But the flames leap healthily still into the black
And the brittle twigs continue to snap and crack.

DR. E. AMER

SPEECH DAY

Speech Day opened, as in previous years, with a few rather unusual musical pieces by Mr. Farrow and the School Orchestra and Choir. They were, however, much appreciated by the Lord Mayor. He also stressed, as did the Headmaster, the need for emphasis on languages and practical studies. The Headmaster was able to predict a brighter future than he did last year—mainly due to the great improvement in 'O' level results.

Dr. G. J. Dourick provided a happy contrast to the normal run of guest speakers. His speech was interesting, amusing, and, most important, relevant. The vote of thanks was replaced by a political oration by the Rev. Cryer. But John Hawkins, seconding, entertained us all with his novel use of dramatic pause! Let us hope that this shorter and more interesting Speech Day bodes well for the future.

M. CHATTERTON

TOTNES ROUND TABLE RAFT RACE

A sizeable chunk of polystyrene seen in the road at Millbridge traffic lights seemed an ominous start to the day, but, upon arrival at Buckfastleigh, number 134 "DHS" appeared to be in as good a condition as it ever had been, a stroke of luck which lasted at least until the start of the race, when the previously untested raft was found actually to float!

The journey down the River Dart to Totnes saw many rafts fall by the wayside due to their inability to withstand the battering of numerous rapids, weirs, and a set of salmon traps, but, in spite of the need to tie the front of the raft back on at quite an early stage in the race, "DHS" ("you'll be lucky if THAT lasts the first 600 yards") reached the half way mark to find Mr. MacTavish lamenting the disintegration of his team's raft after two miles.

This news increased our determination to finish, and so, spurred on by the incentive of free pasties at Totnes, "DHS" completed the course, albeit in one of the slowest times ever, 7 hours 10 minutes to cover ten miles, whereupon the raft, by now reduced to a sodden mass of wood, polystyrene and leaky plastic containers held together by a few nails, yards of string, and a carpet from the Sixth Form Hut, was laid to rest on the city dump.

We were left with a peculiar mixed feeling of exhaustion and satisfaction, and all that remains to be said is "thank you" to Mr. MacTavish for bringing the event to our notice, to Dr. Phillips for allowing us to borrow the Sailing Club life-jackets, and to Mr. Taberner for his home brew at the end of the race.

P. HARDWICK

THE GREAT DEBATE: CHAPTER 271

A faint blue haze drifted across the staffroom, bringing with it the aroma of cannabis resin. Through an open door opposite, came the unmistakable sound of "The Clash." Further down the corridor could be heard frantic screams rising above loud banging noises.

"Good God!" ejaculated Major V. C. Wyner (Retd.) "What on earth is going on?"

"What was that you said, Major?" queried Ché, offering the Major another Pink Gin. Ché was an inoffensive little man with a big bushy beard, wearing a ragged combat jacket which had obviously seen better days; he was also the new controller of Sociological Studies at the school.

"Oh that? Well, the smoke is coming from 4W. Roger is introducing them to narcotics as part of the environmental sciences course.

And that simply divine noise is coming from the Library. Justin, the new 6th Form Stress Evaluator, is seeing how the prefects react under acoustic pressure."

"Sounds bloody awful to me," snorted the Major, sipping his fourth gin of the day. "Anyway, what's the screams for, eh?"

"Oh, that's the 5th form Spring woodwork project. They are recreating a Biblical scene—heard something about a cross."

"Where's it all leading to? That's what I want to know? When I was a lad, we had our knuckles nailed to the desk if we were caught breathing too often! We had a bit of self discipline in those days, what!" Ché had heard the lecture many times.

"But don't you think that the children are now more sociologically and environmentally suited to life?"

"But can they count up to ten?" retorted the Major.

The conversation was interrupted as a deathly hush fell on the staffroom. Mrs. Pratt stopped dancing with the R.K. master; even the clinking of gin glasses was silenced as the masters stood to attention.

"Who is it?" whispered Ché. "The headmaster?"

"Lord, no," said the Major, falling to his knees. "It's the shop steward."

JOHN HAWKINS

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

The major functions of the school library are to provide an environment conducive to "private" study and also to offer a large selection of literature. The fact that these two objectives compete within a confined area of the school has resulted in a disruption of the former, if not the latter of these aims.

An attempt was made during the year to improve the supervision of private study periods by the use of a register. It was also hoped that the re-arrangement of desks would induce concentrated work. A certain amount of success was achieved, although working conditions can still be improved. Despite the problems encountered, an effort has been made recently to attract a larger number of readers. An injection of four hundred new paper-back books into the library stock has been the main source of renewed interest. This will be followed by another £800 worth of similar material next year. It is hoped the new fiction section of the library will encourage reading by offering a supply of modern literature in contrast to the traditional fiction which tends to be ignored.

The non-fiction section of the library contains a large quantity of up-to-date information, a fact which the majority of the school seems unaware. While senior members of the school naturally take an interest in the library, it is felt that, generally, full use is not being made of the extensive collection of literature which the school is fortunate to possess.

The smooth running of a library depends on the dedication and ability of its staff. During the early part of the year, the newly recruited fourth years completed a book check after several weeks of concentrated hard work. Although they seemed to take the rest of the year off to recover, I am sure they will prove a useful force in the future.

I should like to thank Mr. Wayne for his daily support of the library during the year. By introducing the new fiction section, he has managed to revitalise the demand for books and sustain the role of the library as a major function of the school.

The drive towards a fully efficient library system continues. Although financial and administrative difficulties exist, the continued support of the library staff will ensure that the significant position that the library holds as part of the school education is maintained.

A. M. SOUTHCOMBE, Head Librarian

POLITICS IN THE PLAYGROUND

(Scene: the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Everything in the Garden is rosy. Now read on...)

Mad Hatter: Quick everyone, there's some bloke in the playground handing out leaflets to the scruffs!

Alice: So? Who is he?

Mad Hatter: I think he's a member of the Nation Forward Party. (Gasps)

White Rabbit: Let's chase the bloody Nazi off the playground! (Cheers)

Alice: Why?

Mad Hatter: Why? That sort are a threat to democracy, that's why! They are trying to brainwash children with political indoctrination.

Alice: But why don't we talk to them, debate with them? If their arguments are fallible they will defeat themselves.

White Rabbit: You don't understand; they are violent and have to be smashed.

Alice: But surely...

Mad Hatter: Look! It's quite simple. We have to chase them off the streets, close down their papers, disrupt their meetings. They are a threat to the freedom of speech.

Alice: But I thought under a democracy freedom of speech was extended to all?

Mad Hatter: Only to those with whom we agree, stupid! (exasperated)

Alice: Oh! (puzzled)

Dormouse: Yawn. (bored)

JOHN HAWKINS

HOUSE NOTES

DRAKE

The year began with much scepticism as to the House's ability to retain the St. Levan Shield for the sixth consecutive year. This was soon dispelled however with the House's excellent victories in both junior and senior rugby and the better than expected results in football, the seniors managing a creditable second place behind a good Gilbert side and the juniors winning the losers' final to come third.

With the enthusiastic and constant encouragement of both Mr. Wroath and Mr. Clarke this winning trend continued with a victory in the junior cross country and a second place in the senior. Chess was also very successful, both juniors and seniors winning.

At the end of the two winter terms, the House had done well in almost everything including a win in the speech contest to depose the usual winners, Raleigh, from their throne. The only real flop had been the junior basketball where the house failed to win a game.

The real test of the House's character, which has been a fundamental point in its success, came in the athletics championships and at the swimming gala. This is where the talent of the House in depth shone through to bring it victories in both events. Thus the year ended in style with demolition of the opposition, especially in the athletics, to regain the St. Levan Shield.

D. J. GODDFELLOW, House Secretary

GILBERT

Once again the House began the new campaign with vigour and real hopes of success. But, as has proved to be the trend in recent years, early enthusiasm was pursued and quickly overtaken by the despair of defeat, resulting in third position in the St. Levan Shield.

However, the past year has not been filled with gloom and despondency throughout, with some of the performances promising a bright future. Proof of this was shown by the Senior Speech, Rugby and Cross Country teams, many of whom return next year; The Junior Soccer and Cricket teams; and finally the Athletics team who gave a brave performance after being in an impossible position to start with due to a lack of standard points—always a significant factor in this competition.

Therefore, although not achieving the hoped-for result to bid farewell to Mr. Wayne as Senior House Master, the House did compete with spirit in every event, which is, I feel, the most important aspect of the Inter-House Competition.

Finally, thanks must go to all of the House Masters, House Officials and Captains, and especially to Mr. Wayne for his fourteen years of dedication as Senior House Master.

ALAN M. WILLIAMS, House Secretary

GRENVILLE

The last year has been a most encouraging one for Grenville House. Those who organised the various events were given good support and this was highlighted at the Swimming Sports where Grenville were the only House to have a competitor in every event. There was not a great deal of strength in the Junior School so it is a tribute to the Senior members of the House that Grenville once again came second in the House Championship.

This year started well with Jago leading the House to victory in the Senior Soccer Championship. In Basketball, our Juniors were all-conquering and our Seniors were strong enough to ensure first place overall. Steward led the Senior Cricketers to victory and Grenville were again first overall in this Competition. Lillicrap and his talented team secured first place in the Music Competition and Bidgood, while winning nearly everything himself, saw the team come joint second in a nail biting finish to the Swimming Sports. A very good all round effort in the Athletics Standards helped Grenville to a pleasing second place at the end of Sports Day.

Case was a most helpful House Captain and May and Rose showed themselves to be capable organisers and competitors in the Junior School. Thanks are also due to Lee, Stanbury, Manley, Brewer and Taberner who put in a lot of time getting teams together for the various events.

G. K. SIMPSON

RALEIGH

As regards achievements, this was a rather disappointing year with Raleigh finishing fourth in the St. Levan Shield.

This result was not, however, due to apathy amongst the junior members who have shown encouraging signs of ability and enthusiasm.

This attitude, unfortunately, was not shared by several senior members and this resulted in Raleigh not reaching the required standard in many of the competitions, notably the swimming competition.

Sadly, Raleigh House must do without the valuable services of Mr. Warn, who this year retired after 38 years service to the school and 30 years service to Raleigh House. His position as House Master has been taken over by Mr. Southern who, we are sure, will do an excellent job.

Thanks to all House Officials and Masters whose help made the smooth running of the House possible, and let's hope that next year will be more fruitful.

D. FRY

DARK SIDE OF THE ROOM

Out on the wily, windy moors, there lived a black and yellow magpie, called Hadrian. He would often flit from bough to bough, twittering sweetly and giggling with glee. Until one day, while stocking his nest with fluffy leaves and bits of moss, he turned and noticed the child-like perception of the lines above. "It's got to stop," muttered Hadrian and flew off to find a new paragraph.

He landed on a handy preposition and mused quietly on the meaning of life. Meanwhile, on another sentence, the incredible Max Smile was having trouble with the lady from the ice-cream parlour, "But April is the cruellest month," she insisted.

"It's got to stop," he muttered as he struggled with a very descriptive adjective.

A little later, at Chicken-on-the-Mead, while lambs frolicked in the nearby meadows the tree-tops lookout noticed the cowherd as he hammered the sun-dial into the bowling-green with a picnic hamper.

"It's got to stop," decided the strange Mrs. Nidge inscribing hieroglyphics on a black geranium...

THE FALCON'S FRIEND

WHEN THE SHEEP WAS A CLOUD

Up on a cloud, just past the sky,
plucking at harps, watching worlds go by,
there was a sheep, a very sleek sheep.
Watch it wake up, watch it sleep deep.
Give it a prod, isn't it odd ?
Fill it with sauce, Fillet and cod,
Well I declare, love's in the air,
up at this height, isn't it rare ?

R. F. ASH

INTER-HOUSE SPEECH CONTEST, 1977-78

As in previous years, the Competition was, like Gaul, divided into three parts with Years 1 and 2 contest held in the Autumn Term on November 4th, the Middle School Plays performed in the Easter Term on March 20th and the Senior School Contest held in the Summer Term on April 26th. The adjudicators at all three Competitions made favourable comments on the standards achieved.

Miss Pedrick, the regional organiser of the English Speaking Union Public Speaking Competition, kindly adjudicated the Years 1 and 2 Competition and remarked that the practice obtained in the lower Forms did much to explain the remarkable success of senior boys of the school in the E.S.U. Competition (for the second year in succession a school team reached the National Finals). Raleigh were victorious in this stage, beating Drake by half a point.

The Middle School Plays were performed in the evening of March 20th and, once again, showed clear evidence of Mr. Burrows enthusiasm and success as Head of Drama, with the encouraging standard of the previous year being maintained. The adjudicator, Mr. Tony Ward, placed Drake first for their performance of part of "Toad of Toad Hall," Raleigh second for their extract from "Juno and the Paycock," Grenville third for a scene from "She Stoops to Conquer" and Gilbert fourth for their presentation of scenes from "Under Milk Wood."

We are grateful to Mrs. Crocker who adjudicated at the Senior section of the Competition which resulted in a victory for Gilbert by five points from the second placed Grenville. The Dorothy Fleury Verse Speaking

Award was won by W. Connolly of Gilbert and the Pinwell Public Speaking Award by M. I. Bennett of Grenville. The Creative Writing Shield, normally awarded on the basis of the Competition, goes this year to R. Ash for his success in the Barclays Bank National Essay Writing Competition, in which he was one of the 100 finalists and won a prize of £100.00.

The final placings in the Speech Competition were: 1st Drake; 2nd Raleigh; 3rd Grenville; 4th Gilbert.

F.W.

R IS FOR ROSEMARY

My younger sister Rosemary is really rather strange,
She's known to be a pretty girl, but sadly quite insane.
She wanders round the garden with flowers in her hair.
She sings such gentle, plaintive songs, she makes the neighbours stare.
Her frocks are often torn to shreds, she says it was the brambles,
But who knows where or why she goes, upon her country rambles.
On afternoons I find her sitting by the embers.
Atlas open on her lap; page 93, that I can remember.
They found my sister yesterday, amongst the river's reeds.
It seems the current pulled her under.
SO YOUNG, SO SWEET. WHY HER, YOU GODS?
Still it makes me wonder.
I found the atlas yesterday, I saw her lovely face,
93 the number, and Denmark was the place...

R. F. ASH

SPORTS DAY

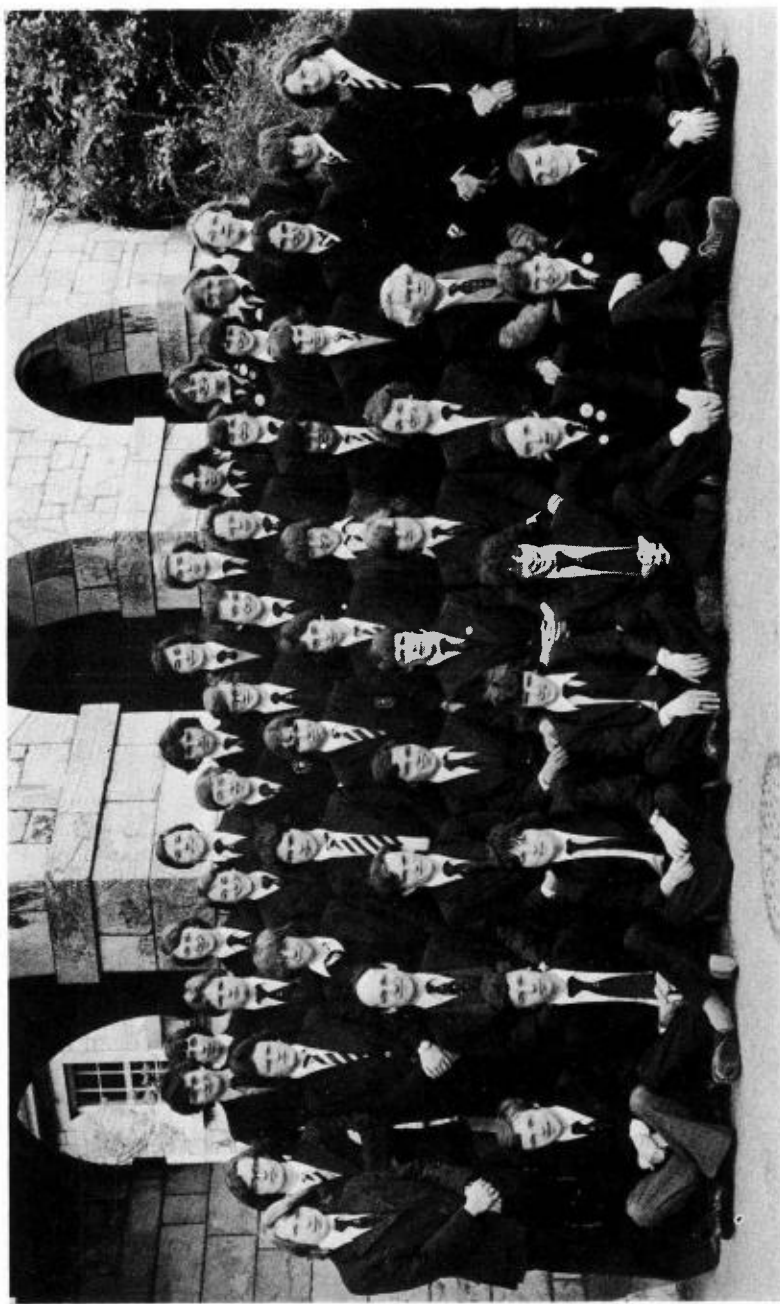
The standard of athletics in the school is very high at the moment; recently the school team won the Devon Public and Grammar School Sports for the third time (D.H.S. is the only state school to have ever won this event). Therefore, it is all the more disappointing that interest in athletics, outside the teams, is very poor, especially in the upper school. The weather for Sports Day was fine, if somewhat blustery, so that cannot be the reason for the poor attendance; neither can we blame the distance or cost of travel between the school and the Brickfields.

Those who attended saw some high quality athletics, with fine individual performances: Onslow's fine runs in the 400 and 800 metres, Williams heroic efforts in all the sprints and Mollard's results in almost every event are those which conjure up the most vivid memories.

The result? Drake won fairly comfortably, due mainly to the number of standard points amassed early in the season. Congratulations must go to their team, led by Hughes, and to the Reverend G. D. Cryer for shaking the hand of almost every boy in sight and disposing of a mound of paper certificates.

House Champions: Drake (776½ points)
Under 12 Champion: I. Mollard (Drake)
Under 13 Champion: M. Northam (Drake)
Under 14 Champion: D. Onslow (Raleigh)
Under 15 Champion: D. May (Grenville)
Victor Ludorum: P. Williams (Gilbert)
Runners-up: S. Tinney (Drake), T. Caufield (Drake)
Senior Standards Cup: Grenville
Junior Standards Cup: Drake
Remington Relay Trophy: Gilbert

JOHN HAWKINS



MIDDLE SIXTH FORM

Back Row : M. D. Burt, J. M. Webber, M. Holmes, M. E. Blackford, R. D. Moore, M. Chatterton, K. Fulton, E. P. Manley, M. D. Bidgood. 4th Row : J. D. Cook, J. S. Lee, A. J. Golden, R. C. Palmer, A. R. Coombes, R. J. Quaitance, P. Steward, C. Deacon, R. J. Belamy, P. Hardwick. 3rd Row : M. C. Pengelly, N. J. May, N. Colbourne, D. J. Tindsley, M. J. Lovis, A. C. Pain, K. J. Jago, V. M. Meswania, N. J. Willson, B. R. Surcombe, J. H. Dart, A. P. Lundstrom. 2nd Row : S. Mudge, Mr. McTavish (Deputy Headmaster), A. J. Cooper, K. Lomas, J. Hawkins (School Captain), M. N. Case, A. M. Southcombe, The Headmaster. Front Row : J. R. Nicholas, C. D. White, I. K. Robertson, G. Martin, A. M. Williams, S. J. Bridges, N. A. Miners, I. J. Taberner.



1st XI SOCCER

Back Row : P. A. Cunningham, D. M. Gould, I. R. Woocs, A. M. Williams,
K. J. Jago

Front Row : T. Farrow (master in charge), J. P. Whitefield, P. M. Pearce,
P. J. Shannon, A. C. Cawse, S. Bridges, R. J. Quintance, The Headmaster.



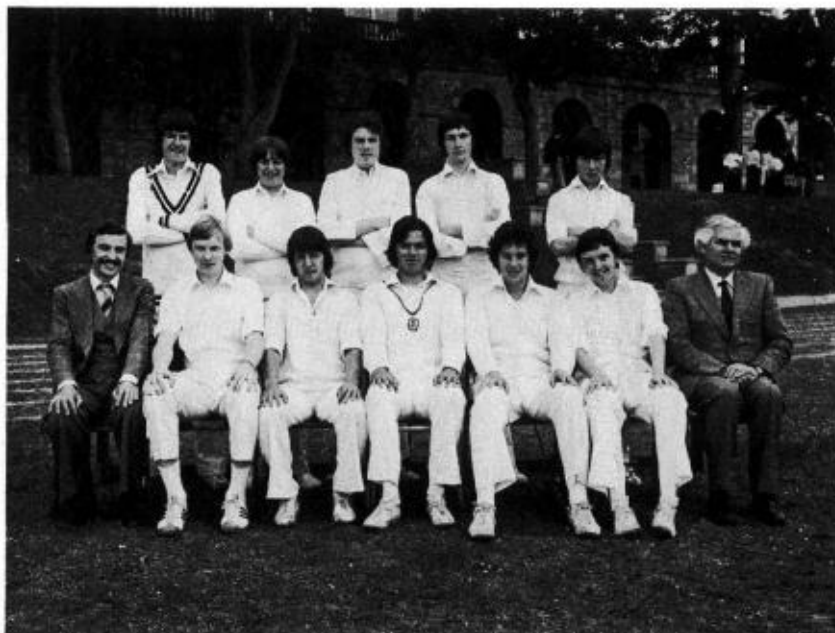
1st XV RUGBY

Back Row : D. Fry, N. S. Stanbury, K. Rundle, P. Williams.
Middle Row : A. D. Weymouth, S. B. Wittchell, R. H. Davies, K. Lomas.
Front Row : J. L. Southern, A. L. White, P. S. Robertson, A. C. Creber,
M. A. Hughes, J. Hawkins, P. J. Reynolds, A. Brewer, The Headmaster.



ATHLETICS TEAM

Back Row : P. Reynolds, M. R. Rose, M. Hughes, A. Nix, A. C. Creber.
 Front Row : Mr. Moon, M. Porter, P. Williams, A. Pain, K. Rundle, S. Barratt,
 The Headmaster.



CRICKET 1st XI

Back Row : D. Coates, M. Tucker, S. Smith, M. Russell, D. Fry.
 Front Row : Mr. A. Wroath, M. Bennett, K. Jago, K. Lomas, J. Whitefield,
 S. Bridges, The Headmaster.



BASKETBALL

Back Row : I. K. Robertson (Scorer), P. A. Williams, D. Goodfellow,
 I. L. Jamieson, K. Rundle, M. R. Roe, K. P. Wernham, A. Medway
 Front Row. M. D. Moon (master in charge), A. D. Weymouth, S. B. Witchell,
 M. A. Hughes, A. R. Nix, K. M. Corcoran, The Headmaster.



CROSS COUNTRY

Back Row : D. Fleming, A. P. Jansen, A. G. Gidley, S. J. Tirney.
 Front Row : Mr. K. Dickens (master in charge), M. N. Buckland, A. C. Pain,
 S. Barrett, K. J. Holmes, The Headmaster.



TENNIS TEAM

Back Row : Cornelius, Bennett, Williams.
Front Row : Mr. Watson, Porter, Lomas, The Headmaster.



BADMINTON TEAM

N. J. May, G. Martin,
A. M. Southcombe, N. A. Maffey,
M. Holmes, The Headmaster.



TABLE TENNIS

B. C. Patrick (master in charge),
P. D. Steward, R. J. Moore,
G. Martin, S. J. Bridges,
J. M. Webber.



MEMBERS OF STAFF LEAVING IN JULY, 1978

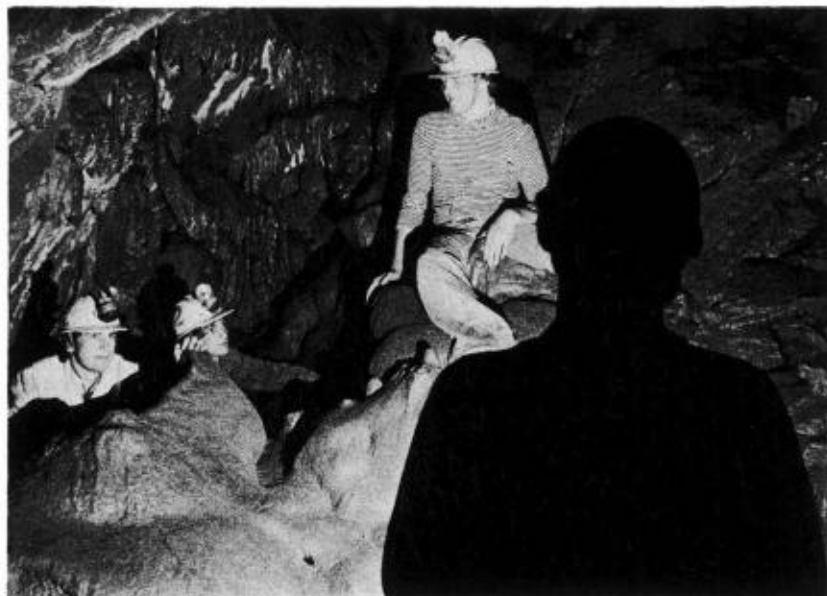
L. to R. Mr. A. Hill, Dr. C. Timewell, Mr. K. Stanton, Mr. A. Willis,
M. Marie Claude Picot, Mr. B. Patrick.



MR. WARN
Retiring Senior Master and Head of
Mathematics Dept.



MR. WAYNE
Retiring Head of English Dept.



6th Form Activities Week
Party in Radford Cave, Plymstock



6th Form Activities Week
Early Morning in Deepest Dartmoor



SCHOOL TEN TORS TEAM



TOTNES RAFT RACE 1978 (PREFECTS' ENTRY)



INNOCENT VICTIMS
(see poem)



"SITTING" in Sixth Form Hut

SCHOOL SWIMMING GALA

As usual this aquatic display was performed at Central Park. The audience, consisting mainly of the lower school contributed to the overall atmosphere and succeeded in adding vociferous support of sorts. As has become tradition in recent years Grenville House, who it is rumoured train with dolphins, were favourites. Indeed, after the first dozen events, it looked as if history would repeat itself. However, at the death due to Grenville's lack of depth in talent in the lower school Drake House triumphed by two points in one of the most exciting finishes for years. Tied for second place were Gilbert and Grenville. Gilbert's position was largely due to the Gidley Brothers. Customarily, Raleigh sank without trace in last place, mainly due to their lack of participation in the senior events.

With Mr. Nash's retirement, the organisation of the proceedings fell to Mr. Moon who, along with other members of the staff, ensured the marine exploits ran smoothly and punctually. To these persons we are indebted.

The trophies, presented by Mr. E. W. R. Warn (Chairman of the Old Boys' Association), were awarded to:—

Senior : M. D. Bidgood
Open Championship : M. C. Porter
Under 15 : R. Baker
Under 14 : D. Tinney
Under 13 : I. Gidley
Under 12 : N. Young

M. C. PORTER

THE END

In truth I was looking forward to the world wide transmission of "King Lear." God knows why the television companies chose to transmit it then. The American-Sino-Soviet talks were taking place in the same week. The two events compared quite effectively. Both were poised ready for the fall. The play was broadcasted over several days, the final Act being on Sunday, the seventh day.

I sat down to watch the climax. My wife listened to the talks in Moscow on the radio, having no love of literature.

It was an impeccable production. It had the best actors, photographers and directors. But what was it for? The talks were doomed to failure, America knew it, China knew it and the Soviet Union knew it. The ordinary people in the world were Lear. They withdrew from the insanity around them. The period of time in the play was months. It was really years. For years we had blinded ourselves to the truth around us. We sought escapism in music, sex, films and sport. But this same escapism tried to make us think. We just thought it entertaining. This was the fool, where did I fit in? I was the servant boy, messenger and soldier who stood by watching events. I knew what the climax would be, but I would not interfere.

Kent : "Is this the promised end?"

Edgar : "Or image of that horror?"

Albany : "Fall and cease!"

I had heard those lines countless times. My wife came in. The talks had broken down. War was inevitable. Reality mingles with fantasy. They cannot be separated. I'm running out of tape. There is so little time left.

M. O'SULLIVAN

THE RUGBY CLUB REPORT, 1977-78

This year's first XV fulfilled, to a certain extent, the promise shown last year. With only two of last year's team leaving there was a solid base on to which it was easy to graft two new players from the fifth form. The best displays of the season were reserved for the two games against Albion Juniors (both of which were unluckily lost by one point) and the early season game against St. Boniface, which was won 19-6. Unfortunately lack of training and over-confidence resulted in us losing the return match, which put us out of the Devon Cup. Next year's team will contain at least ten full colours and should challenge strongly for honours. Thanks must be extended to the Parents' Association for refreshments, to Mr. Southern for enthusiasm and to Mr. Pengelly for after-match cups of tea!

P	W	L	F	A
27	18	9	430	270

Devon Schools 19 Group : M. Hughes, J. Hawkins

Plymouth Schools 16 Group (Captain) : P. Robertson

Under Mr. Patrick, the second XV fulfilled its role; although it won only seven out of sixteen matches, it provided players for the first team on many occasions and a regular game for those who wished to play.

Despite Mr. Simpson's leadership the under 15 team had a poor season.

Mr. Burrows' under 14 side was one of the most successful in the school, with a run of twelve victories in which only eight points were scored against them. They lost only three matches, but unfortunately one of these was in the final of the Plymouth Cup.

The results of Mr. Bowden's under 13 team reflected the enthusiasm for the game in the lower school. They reached the semi-finals of the Plymouth Cup.

Messrs. Moon and Phillips produced yet another remarkable record for the under 12 teams; the A team tasted defeat only three times, the B team only once.

I should like to thank all the coaches for the effort they put into rugby at D.H.S., and I wish next year's teams a successful season.

J. HAWKINS, Secretary

SOCCER REPORT

The 1st XI had a season of mixed fortunes. The team, one of the youngest for some years, found particularly in the 1st term, that the superior physical size of most other teams was too much to contend with.

Confidence began to grow as the season went on (a good win in the Cup against Sutton helped) and, with constant hard work and enthusiasm on the part of the three senior players in the side, A. Cawse, R. Quaintance and S. Bridges results began to come. We were unlucky to be knocked out of the Cup at Okehampton (2-3) and achieved good results against St. Austell (2-2), Britannia R.N.C. and Plymstock (4-0).

Although a number of the young side have left the school, it is hoped that those left will provide a more experienced basis for next season's team.

The 2nd XI under the leadership of Bellamy were able to give games to a large number of boys, some of whom will find their way into next season's 1st XI.

T.F.

The school junior teams did exceptionally well last year. The Under 15 XI finished runners-up in their league which was an outstanding achievement after the disappointing results of previous seasons. Mark Dewdney represented Plymouth and, with Michael Ham of the Under 14s, played

in the Plymouth Schools' Centenary Match against Liverpool. The Under 14 XI was particularly successful, winning the league and losing the Cup Final. Captained by Michael Ham, who along with Michael Roseveare, played regularly for the city, the team showed tremendous spirit and all-round ability. The Under 13 XI finished runners up in both league and Cup, Tony Hume (captain) and Michael Northam looking excellent prospects for the future. Although the Under 12s did not achieve quite such good results, they showed enough talent to suggest that they will be a useful side next year under their captain, Swiggs.

All the teams were indebted to the members of staff who gave up so much time to complete their fixtures Mr. Farrow, Mr. Wroath, Mr. Dingle, Mr. Sandercock and Mr. Jones.

A.W.

THE PRETENTIONS OF CONVENTIONS (Ode to Joe Cool)

To ridicule and despise Kevins
Is all very well, it seems ;
To do the same to a black man
Would result in "Racist" screams.

It is fashionable to ignore fashion,
To mock those who follow its ways ;
But the soul of a man is not always revealed
By the things he does or says.

Snobbery is a dangerous vice,
Tainted with ignorance and fear ;
Hostility must be met with understanding,
And not with a stupid leer.

And so all you schoolkids remember,
It's a different world out there ;
And people should not be judged
By the style of their clothes and their hair.

You all like to appear so clever,
With your childish mickey takes ;
But have you ever stopped to think
That it may be you who are the fakes ?

A. N. OTHER

ATHLETICS REPORT

The season opened with Drake House winning the School Sports, helped by an enthusiastic pursuit of standards by the junior section of the House. Indeed Drake's 1st years won all their events.

At the Plymouth Schools' Championships, each age group did well with the seniors finishing third and a strong intermediate team winning the competition. All the junior teams came in the first three positions in their respective competitions, resulting in the school receiving the overall trophy. This led to fifteen members of the seventy strong Plymouth team coming from this school, with T. Caufield, M. Rose, S. Tinney and K. Rundle reaching the National finals, the latter two being knocked out of their events at the semi-final stage.

The senior team, boosted by a strong 5th year, won the Devon Public and Grammar School Championships for the third time, remaining the only non-public school to win this meeting, with new records set in the 1500 metres and 5000 metres by A. Pain and in the 110 metres hurdles by K. Rundle.

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Inter-school competition saw a high standard of performance with victories over Truro by all the school's teams. Indeed, the Under 14's remained undefeated.

The annual Form Sports was again keenly fought throughout the junior school with 1S, 2N, 3N and 4W coming out the victors. The junior school's enthusiasm was directed towards the 5 star award scheme resulting in 150 boys receiving certificates and badges.

The school entered a national competition called the Kangaroo Club, for the first time. This consists of a league where positions are gained by the total distance jumped by the school's best jumpers in triple and long jump. At the end of May, the seniors were third in their league and the intermediates were second. At the end of the season the intermediates retained their position, emphasising the school's strength in athletics, compared with the national standard.

Finally, we thank Mr. Moon for his organisation and selection of the teams, and Mr. Willis for successfully filling the gap left by Mr. Nash.

P. H. WILLIAMS, Secretary

CRICKET

1st XI

Under Peter Steward's leadership the Club had a mixed season. The fact that only three victories, against the Civil Service, Plymstock and H.M.S. Fiscard, were attained was largely due to the batting.

The burden of scoring runs rested heavily on Steward and Kevin Lomas, both of whom scored 50s against St. Boniface and H.M.S. Fiscard. Otherwise, only Kevin Jago passed 20 and provided good support throughout. Unfortunately it often proved that, after a good start, the remaining batsmen swiftly succumbed to the opposition.

The bowling was of a high standard. Steve Smith, Steve Bridges and John Webber provided a fine seam attack, backed up by John Whitefield's left arm spin. Dean Coates and Peter Steward also bowled effectively when needed.

The fielding was much better than last year with fewer lapses in concentration.

Steward, Lomas and Whitefield personified the teams' early season potential by representing Plymouth Under 19s.

P	W	D	L
10	3	1	6

2nd XI

Under the captaincy of Cooper and later Fry, the team was steered to three defeats and a rain affected draw against Truro.

Under 15 XI

The team had a much improved season, thanks to the dedication of Mr. Burton, winning five and drawing three out of twelve matches. Dewdney, in particular, developed well as a batsman and proved himself a capable wicket keeper. The fielding and morale were excellent under May, the captain.

Under 14 XI

Roseveare, who is developing into a fine wicket keeper, led a strong side to a record of four wins and a draw from eight matches. Price and especially Ham provided many of the runs and the most successful bowlers were Webster and Smith.

Under 13 XI

The Under 13s had a useful season with the majority of the runs scored by Bastone, Northam, London, Davies and M. Smith. Gardener, Couchman and McCarthy proved a strong bowling attack and Lynch looked a very promising wicket keeper.

Under 12 XI

Although defeated by Plymouth College, the Under 12s beat Laira Green by eight wickets. Smith, the captain, and Singlehurst appeared good batting prospects while Swiggs, Reddaway, Clarke and Smith shared the wickets.

Thanks are due to Messrs. Wroath, Burton, Sandercock, Burrows and Timewell for generously giving of their time to coach the teams and umpire the matches.

MARK RUSSELL, Secretary

SENIOR BASKETBALL REPORT

This year was a most successful one for the Senior team, who won the Under 19 League Championship, the South West Under 19 Cup and were runners up in the Plymouth Under 19 Cup. The only defeat of the season came in the Plymouth Cup final by Plympton B.B.C., but this was due to the presence of "imported" players in their team.

Five players represented Plymouth in the area Under 19 Championships. They were: M. Hughes, K. Rundle, S. Witchell, G. Callicott and A. Nix.

At the presentation dance Hughes received trophies for the Player of the year award and the Sportsman award (he just swears more quietly than anyone else!).

G. Callicott

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

The season started rather pessimistically and members of the team led by A. C. Pain were slightly apprehensive about the first match against Dartmouth R.N.C., but the team surprised itself, winning by 20 points, four of the first five places being filled by D.H.S.

In February came the Plymouth Schools' Championships and a match against Plymouth College. Both the Intermediate team and the two members of the senior team scored well at H.M.S. Cambridge, with Pain and Barrett going on to represent Devon in the National Championships, A. Gidley and K. Holmes reaching the S.W. Championships.

The team was thus confident at the prospect of a possible win against Plymouth College. Holmes won the race after a needle battle between three other members of his own team, and with good bunching the match was won convincingly.

Having earlier sized up the opposition from Kelly College, the team was again confident of a win over them, but, alas, the team lost in the snow by eight points. The team also competed in a ten mile road race around Central Park but unfortunately came second to Exeter College.

The season finished with a belated Inter House Cross Country competition won by Pain, who led the Gilbert team to victory in the senior event.

Next season it is hoped that, with virtually the same team, D.H.S. cross country standards will continue to improve. Thanks are extended to Mr. Dickens for the organisation of fixtures and transport.

S. R. F. BARRETT

The Junior cross country team regained the League Shield for the first time in five years. Out of twelve teams participating the 'A' team, consisting of Gibbey, Lang, Hurst, Clarke and Kearly won the first three races and came second in the fourth with Gibbey and Lang winning two races individually.

S. GIBBEY

SAILING CLUB

This year the Sailing Club has suffered from a lack of senior members in the school but the fourth formers have been very active on Friday afternoons, and weekend sailing (available to any boys in the school) is popular.

Wet weather during the Winter months delayed launching the boats until after Whitsun but we now have four Mirrors, two Enterprises and a G.P. on the water, thanks largely to the efforts of Dr. Phillips and Mr. Southern.

The Inter-House sailing match had to be cancelled because of strong winds but in between trying to stay upright and avoid rather large and fast R.N. vessels, the school managed to come fourth out of seven teams taking part in the Kelly College Sailing Regatta. Some progress has been made towards arranging sailing fixtures with other schools and it is now possible for school boats to take part in the Mayflower Sailing Club races on Tuesday evenings.

A new venture this year, sailing in the Lower Sixth activities week, proved very popular and hopefully will be repeated next year.

D. R. COLES, Sailing Captain

BADMINTON CLUB

Members of the club met regularly for coaching and to practise during three lunchtimes each week. The club was pleased to welcome Dr. Phillips, who assisted Mr. Smith in running the practices, and would like to express its thanks and appreciation to him.

Unfortunately, only two fixtures were played, owing to cancellations by other schools. It is hoped in the coming season to play three or four matches each term. A. Southcombe, G. Moore and C. Hunt played well in the Devon Schools' Badminton Tournament, held at Newton Abbot. They were unfortunate in that the winning team were in their group.

A. Southcombe and G. Martin reached the semi-finals of the Plymouth and District Youth Tournament (Under 18), but were eliminated by the eventual winning pair. C. Hunt managed to establish himself as a regular player in Division 1 of the Plymouth and District Badminton League and we wish him every success this coming season.

J. C. SMITH

TENNIS REPORT

The school had what could be called a mixed season. Since the majority of the 1st VI were in either the fifth form or M6, matches during the G.C.E. exam period and afterwards were impossible to arrange. All matches played were lost. Despite this, the players seemed to enjoy themselves and enthusiasm remained throughout. This enthusiasm was also evident at practices where attendance has risen this year. It is hoped that this trend will continue next year.

Thanks are extended to Mr. Watson for his assistance to the seniors and Mr. Jones for his supervision of the juniors.

MARTIN PORTER, Secretary

THE TABLE-TENNIS CLUB

Following our victory last year in the Plymouth Schools' Handicap League, we eagerly awaited the new season with two strong sides—only to discover on the day of the opening match that our B team was forced to drop out due to too many teams being entered.

It was not until half-way through the season—by which time we had climbed to the top of the table—that we fully appreciated the possibility

of retaining the championship. 9-0 wins over both Plympton sides (despite Ann Hawkins spurring her new school on), Public Secondary School and Plymouth College assured us of overall victory, by a comfortable margin of twelve points from our closest rivals.

Despite the imposition of stiff handicaps, particularly towards the end of the season, all six players—Bridges, Burley, Moore, Steward, Webber and Captain Martin—all finished with averages of over 50 percent.

Many thanks go to Mr. Patrick for taking over the table-tennis club, and in particular encouraging talent to develop in the lower school via the organisation of several tournaments. This must surely auger well for the future.

R. J. MOORE, Secretary

SHAKESPEARE UPDATED

The negro he spat on like an unwanted dog,
Burned with the fag end ; his back was beaten blue,
Bloodshot his eyes, and so afraid that
The white man laughed at him ; his legs were purple,
Which to the thud of boots kept palpitating, and made
The blood which flowed from them to follow faster,
As supplicant to the kicks. For the chief's own person,
It beggared all description ; he did live
In his Rhodesian mansion—den of slavery of black men ;
Disregarding those terrifying reports which the whole world
Know to be true ; all around him
Cringed a terrified nation, who knew not what to fear next.

K. POPE

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

The past year has seen a sustained interest in this society. Whether the cause of this was the desire to debate, as opposed to the fact that meetings were held with Stoke Damerel and St. Dunstan's is a question not too difficult to answer. Whereas school debates attracted no more than half a dozen members, this figure was quadrupled at inter-school meetings.

Subjects for debate varied greatly, including Cannabis Legislation, U.F.O.s., Nuclear Power and Rape. The efforts put into the speeches were rewarded by successful and lively discussions.

As usual, the number of debates declined with the advent of the Summer Term and M6 examinations. There is no doubt, however, that the present L6 and 5th Forms will continue society meetings in the Autumn Term.

I should finally like to thank Mr. Wayne for the support he has given to the society throughout the year.

A. M. SOUTHCOMBE, Secretary

CHRISTIAN UNION

Once again the Christian Union has had a very successful year. In previous years, membership has been almost exclusively from the Middle and Upper school, but, at last, some pupils from the Lower school have started to attend. This has meant that there has been an increased number of members during the year.

Due to the success last year of inviting speakers to come and take the Wednesday meetings, this practice has been continued with the same interest. We also continued with the communion services at Stoke Damerel Church at the beginning and end of each term.

One new venture that we have embarked upon this year is a Coffee Bar held once a term. The interest shown by the Lower school seems to suggest that this activity could be held more regularly.

Once again the School Carol Service was very well attended showing again that Christian interest in the school is far from dead.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Smith for his helpful support and to Rev. Cryer without whose help the Communion Services could not have taken place.

P. CLARKE, Chairman

BRAVE NEW WORLD

He had long since gone, but she remained, running her yellow fingers absently through her peroxide blonde hair. A plastic squirrel sat motionless in an aluminium tree, which creaked hypnotically in the gentle breeze blowing across from the lake. The rat had now ceased to move.

"Funny thing, that," she mused, looking at the faint red sun which rose shakily in the east, its fluorescent orange gas-bags not lifting it as quickly as they used to, "I wonder what they used to use before air was discovered?"

But she had no time for idle speculation. She rose swiftly and hobbled away over the sand on silver platform shoes, pursued only by an electric ferret, looking for scraps of food.

MUFFO THE AARDVARK

WARGAMES SOCIETY

This year's activities have been hampered somewhat by the fact that all the senior members were studying for "O" and "A" level examinations. Unfortunately, such a situation has had a restrictive effect on the organisation and subsequent attendance of the weekly Saturday meetings. It is hoped that the enthusiasm shown by the faithful few will revive in the Autumn and a hearty welcome is extended to any new first formers who are interested in the hobby.

One or two suggestions for increased interest come to mind. Occasional meetings might be set aside for tuition of junior members in modelling and wargaming skills, whilst guest speakers from the Plymouth Model Soldier and Wargaming Society and challenge games between the school society and its counterpart at Plymouth College might be arranged.

Throughout this year, as previously, the society has only been able to continue effectively through the goodwill and supervision of Mr. Dickens. Once again we express our thanks for the sacrifice of his spare time. Good luck to him and the Society in the 1978-79 session.

E. P. MANLEY

AIR TRAINING CORPS

The Annual Camp at R.A.F. Shawburg was the highlight of the past year for many cadets. Exercises were the order of the day; but what sort of exercises? Well, could you get five men across a canal by making a raft with two barrels, a door, and a considerable amount of rope? Or, could you move to an area which had to be mapped because it was cut out of the map which was supplied?

Then there was the night exercise. The object was to move across the airfield, undetected, and secure a radio mast. The presence of 'enemy forces,' however, made this more interesting.

And what about flying? Taking control of a Chipmunk for twenty minutes was most exciting. Firing .303 rifles on a twenty-five yard range was noisy but fun.

The rest of the year was taken up with enough sporting events to fulfil any sporty-type's appetite. All cadets enjoyed swimming, athletics, football, basketball and rugby. All in all, a very full and interesting year.

M. A. BAXTER, L6S

GHOSTS

Long ago a life was claimed
Oswald Puddleditch he was named.
He rode away in armour bright
Into the middle of the night.
That night an outlaw lurked in wait,
Ready to seal Oswald's fate.
His head was chopped clean off his shoulders.
It fell in the road amongst the boulders.
To this day he haunts the Puddleditch lair
So now I warn you don't go there.
Though if you see it one dark night
And go inside, you'll have a fright.
Moaning and groaning in despair,
Oswald Puddleditch he'll be there,
His head held tight in under his arm,
Singing his song of sorrow and alarm.

G. THOMAS

GERMAN FILM CLUB

This is a recent venture, which, it is hoped, will gain in popularity from September onwards. The aim is to show a variety of films featuring aspects of life in Germany today. As the commentaries are in English, all members of the school are welcome to attend the club, which meets on the penultimate Friday of each month at 1.00 p.m. in the Physics Lab. Details of films are posted in advance in D14 (German room). Finally, thanks are due to Elliot and Glanville of L6S who kindly acted as projectionists.

D.A.J.

INNOCENT VICTIMS

Looking pleadingly through blind eyes,
"Why me?" they seem to ask
As they lie, twisted
In a wooden crate.
A trolley rumbles past
Bearing different species,
All sorted, all weighed,
All dead.
What does it matter?
The money, of course!
But what's that
To the innocent victims of the trawlermen's nets?

P. HARDWICK

THE SIXTH FORM HUT

The Sixth Form Hut has become the centre for the Middle Sixth Form. This year, after an extensive restoration, it was raised to the standard of normal condemned property. A number of cliques have arisen—the card playing, the money's just for fun, group; the fluorescent tube consumption group and the sitting down group. This last group tends to be the most popular and one of its most eminent members, Mr. K. Jago, may be seen in the photographic section in a high state of sitting down. There has also been some talk about the mythical hut committee. It is difficult to say for sure whether this exists or not, but there have been various unconfirmed reports of sightings. However,

we must thank Mr. S. N. Iffer for raising funds to help finance the fluorescent tube consumption group, and we must also thank Mr. Borbon for his invaluable help in making the hut safe electrically.

MARK CHATTERTON

POEM

Lines of graves.
A ranked army dead.
The forgotten officers have flowers,
The privates stones above their heads.
They lie in coffins of wood and nail,
And thorns grow on their heads ;
Why allow such waste,
When one man died to save us from death ?
A generation to a cross,
In every village is found ;
Peace now from Somme and Ypres,
And the tartarean, blood-sodden ground.
Once a year we retrieve yesterday's era ;
The battles for freedom, the glorious victory prize ;
Today a poppy on the lapel remembers.
Is this a suitable memory for the men who died ?
Sixty years later we have not changed :
We are not free from the stain of war.
One day it will happen again,
As it has before.
Let the sad memory die.
No longer to buy a poppy your children train.
Let us forget the eternal, lying ritual :
"Wear you poppy with pride ; play the last post again."

K. POPE

THE ST. LEVAN PRESS

Twenty-one years ago, the Printing Group was created with the aid of a £30 loan from the Parents' Association. Great advances have been made since those early days, the first 'museum-piece' machine having been replaced by two new machines, and finer printing skills acquired.

1978 has undoubtedly been the most successful year yet, due to strong enthusiasm among our printers. The year commenced with a gap left by the departure of Richard Whitell, the keenest member of recent years. He is now training as a Journeyman-Compositor at the Plymouth Printers, Latimer Trend & Co. His place has been filled by Ian Phillips of the 2nd year.

Our thanks must go to the College of Art and Design, which has supplied us with four cases of new type in exchange for scrap type-metal. Dr. Phillips, too, deserves credit for the new typecase racks he has installed in the Printing Room.

Two visits were made to local newspapers, which both proved extremely informative and fascinating. We extend our gratitude to Mr. Casley, of the Western Evening Herald, and to Mr. Harley-Lawer of the Sunday Independent for allowing members of the Printing Group to tour their offices.

JON MASSEY

BOOK SHOP REPORT

In the Spring Term of this year the school book shop was opened under the leadership of Mr. Burrows. The aim of the shop is not to sell books to pupils any more cheaply than usual, but to introduce a

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widespread variety of books into the school, so that individuals might be more aware of the vast selection of literature available today. An added bonus is that the school keeps 10% of the price of each book sold. Since January, £120 worth of books have been sold, meaning £12 for the school.

The book shop itself is stocked by sixth form English students who also take orders for books not stocked. Regular visits to "The Bookseller" are also made to replace sold stock.

The shop proved very popular with pupils of all ages when it opened, with £30 worth of books being sold very quickly. However, the opening of the new school fiction library caused demand to dwindle, but as soon as the novelty of this had worn off, books began to be sold rapidly again. Overall, this new venture has been extremely worthwhile and it is hoped to continue next year.

K.P.

POEM

The tide of time sweeps ever onwards,
Reflecting into the blank face of the old man
As he sits, on the precipice,
Rocking back and forth
Between his memories
And the certain death before him.

His heart keeps time with the presentation clock
Which stands, his conqueror,
On the mantelpiece,
Flanked by fading past—
His wife, his brother, himself...
Who was the man with the hat?
Does it matter?

The bible stays open at page twenty-six
As he eventually slips,
And is lost, without a trace,
In the sea of eternity—
And no one notices.

J. PHILLIPS

THE BOTANY FIELD COURSE

For the third year running, a field course was held during the summer at Pensilva by kind invitation of Mr. Stanton. All sixth formers reading Advanced Level Botany participated and were accommodated at Pensilva.

The intention remained as in previous years; to enable boys to carry out ecological investigation over a short period of time in different localities. Two local industries were also visited and talks were given on 'Timber' and 'grassland' management by local experts.

As a novelty, Mr. Stanton and R. C. Palmer constructed a Rothampstead moth trap and this was set up for one night to investigate the population dispersal of moths. A fantastic 1,400 moths were trapped and thirty-seven different species identified.

THE TREE PLANTING GROUP

Following the establishment of a tree nursery on the Balcony, Mr. Stanton took a party of sixth form boys to plant some of these trees around an old people's housing estate in Pensilva. This was greatly appreciated by the local residents and an extension of the scheme is planned for next November.

Footsteps move around me
 But I cannot see their source.
 Eyes watch me,
 But they, too, are hidden from my sight.
 I am alone in a crowd.
 Here, where great men rose to power ;
 Here, where they died,
 Here, at the scene of man's greatest achievements ;
 Here, where I sit alone amidst a hundred people :
 All under those watchful eyes,
 All hearing those same footsteps,
 All alone.

P. HARDWICK

THE STAMP CLUB

The Stamp Club continues to flourish during Tuesday lunch times when competitions and displays are organised by the members. We have now established a school collection which is being organised by D. J. Tunnicliffe. Boys regularly give stamps from their own collections and some are purchased from approvals. Application has been made for the Stanley Gibbons Stamp Monthly and this should appear during the forthcoming year. It is hoped that R. F. Ash will continue the organisation of the group and thus enable it to continue after the departure of Mr. Stanton.

WINE MAKING SOCIETY REPORT

The wine making society has been very active throughout the past year, with both middle and lower sixth formers making many brews—some better than others. Experiments in making rowanberry, banana and parsnip and rosehip wines were also undertaken.

Meetings towards the ends of term during Friday dinner hours were the most rewarding, when wine-tasting took place. Members were also treated to the honour of sampling some of Dr. Timewell's own expert brews during these sessions.

A wine-tasting stall and raffle were again held at the Summer Fete in July, with the help of Dr. Timewell, some parents and some sixth formers. A healthy profit was made from the raffle, and some people (the ones who survived) actually complimented the wine that they tasted ; in fact, an over-indulgent sixth former came to the conclusion that it was the best he had ever tried after several large glassfuls.

Finally, members would like to thank Dr. Timewell for his keen leadership and expert advice. His support next year (and also the use of his airing cupboard) will be greatly missed.

K. POPE

LATE AUTUMN

The rain lashed onto the grey paving slabs, ricochetting up before it streamed down into the gutter to join the torrent of fast moving water, leaving leaves and soggy newspaper, heading towards the half blocked drain. The wind whipped the rainwater along in waves, and formed eddies around obstacles in its path.

Bordering on the pavement was a high wall of grey stone, with crumbling sherbet-like mortar packed into the cracks along with green, spongy moss, and many decades worth of black filth and exhaust fumes.

In the wall was a wooden door. It was painted green, or at least it was, as most of the paint had been worn off by the constant battering of the elements. The bottom of the door was rotten and broken, and the wood could be seen, soggy, yellow stalactites of fibrous decay waiting to be kicked off by the next passer-by.

Above the wall an old sycamore tree could be seen; devoid of leaves, it thrust long black fingers into the all consuming weather in seeming defiance. With each gust of wind, the whole tree shuddered and myriads of drops of water fell onto the pavement below. But still the tree stood, its black, slippery bark glistening in comparison to the clouds against which it was silhouetted.

They were black and grey and heavy—laden with yet more rain. The clouds appeared like vast lumbering elephants in comparison to the frolicking balls of cotton wool of spring and summer. They were the dominating feature in the scene, heavy and oppressive and seemingly permanent, not just an accepted part of the scenery.

Then the bus came.

A. BRIGGS

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association are very grateful for the support of all those parents who have helped in our fund raising efforts this year. In addition to our usual Bonfire Party and the Summer Fete, we also organised a profitable Jumble Sale and a home-made stall in the Plymouth Schools' Fete at the Guildhall.

Rather than taking responsibility for buying a major item for the school or supporting specific requests from the school clubs, as we have done previously, this year we have made £750 available to the Headmaster to distribute as he thinks fit. The Association has again made a bulk purchase of sports shirts, thus giving parents the advantage of better quality at lower prices.

Ladies continue to provide refreshments for school matches and other activities—and if there are any 'mums' who could spare an occasional morning or afternoon, Mrs. Porter, phone Plymouth 777428, will be very pleased to have their help.

S. M. REED

SUMMER FETE

Although it rained for most of Saturday, the first of July, the weather cleared sufficiently on Sunday to make a very reasonable success of this year's Summer Fete. A large number of people braved the clouds and were well rewarded with plenty to see: the R.M.V.B.C. Band and P.T. Display, a display by the Plymouth Kung Fu Centre, and a variety of tugs-of-war including Staff versus Parents. There were also the usual side-stalls run by members of the Parents' Association and although the Book and White Elephant stalls seemed less well-stocked than in previous years, teas, cakes and teddy bears were all in great demand. The overall profit from the Summer Fete was a handsome £560 for which the grateful thanks of the school are extended to Mrs. Reed and all the other members of the Parents' Association who worked so hard to make this event possible.

K. WERNHAM

MUSIC REPORT

This year has seen a considerable increase in the interest in music amongst the members of the school. Over 120 boys now take instrument lessons, due to the expert teaching of Mr. Burge, Mrs. Hitchcock, Mr. Weeks, Miss Harris and Mr. Evans.

The House Music Competition was won by Grenville (N. Lillicrap).

This competition gives the talented and less talented equal opportunity to create some form of music, and, although on occasion, certain performances became slightly repetitive, the contest was of a high standard.

The School Opera, "All the King's Men," was received warmly by each audience on the three nights of its production. Leading actors were K. Vittles, F. Endacott, N. Myners and A. Clatworthy. The other work in a double bill was "Hip, Hip, Horatio," ably accompanied by Alexander Collinson. Thanks go to Mr. Farrow, Mr. Burrows and all staff and pupils from this and other schools, for putting together successful evenings.

The next large event was the inclusion of our small singing group in the Plymouth "Youth Makes Music" concert in the Guildhall. After being labelled as "the highlight of the evening" by the local press last year, the group had a lot to live up to. However, Devonport showed their supremacy again, with three songs including "Devonport Blues," especially written for the occasion.

In the final week of term, the school undertook a new venture. About twenty-five musicians visited seven junior schools giving a concert and a music lesson combined. It is hoped that this fixture may be repeated again next year. Other events through the year have been lunch time concerts, performances in Junior assembly and aid in the school play. Finally, special thanks must go to Mr. Farrow for his patience in guiding the music department towards a very prosperous future.

N. MYNERS

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The A.G.M. at the Magnet Restaurant on Wednesday, 28th December, 1977, once again resulted in a disappointing attendance in spite of considerable local publicity. Consequently, the meeting decided to move the date of the next A.G.M. to April, 1979 at the Magnet Restaurant. All members will be advised of the date shortly.

The Dinner/Dance at the "Weary Friar," Pillaton, was well supported and a nostalgic evening was enjoyed meeting old school friends. It was pleasant to welcome Don Miles and his wife from the Bath and Bristol Branch and Terry Blackler and his wife from the London Branch. In view of the Rugby Club's Anniversary Celebrations there will be no separate Dinner/Dance next year, but it is hoped that members will make an effort to attend the Rugby Club Dinner.

Unfortunately, due to the weather the annual cricket matches at Peverell Park were cancelled. In view of our improving standards led by Devon County bowler, Jed Donce, this was rather disappointing.

NEIL CLARKE, Hon. Secretary

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A socially very successful dinner was held at "The Devereux" in November. It was however, a pity that more London-based Old Boys could not be present. We were pleased to welcome the Headmaster and Norman Chaff (of the Bath and Bristol Branch) and their wives.

Enjoyable in a different way was the evening spent by the officers with some recent school leavers at "The Sherlock Holmes" in January. Following this, we were able to welcome six of them as new members. We hope to repeat this activity in the near future, and I would like those who were unable to attend, together with this year's leavers who are coming to London, to contact me at the earliest opportunity.

The autumn get-together and A.G.M. will be held upstairs at "The Cardinal," Francis Street, S.W.1 at 6 p.m. on Friday, 27th October, and we hope to see some new faces present on that occasion.

TERRY BLACKLER

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The Annual Steak Supper, one of our most popular gatherings, was held in September, 1977, and was attended by forty members and their wives at the Viking Restaurant, Bathaston. For this most enjoyable evening we were joined by the Chairman and Secretary of the Bath Branch of the Old Suttonians.

Our Annual General Meeting was held in November and was again attended by the usual stalwarts of the branch. One of the main decisions of this year's meeting was that the visit of the winners of the Bath and Bristol Bursaries would continue for the second year.

Our fortunes in the annual skittles match against the Old Suttonians took a turn for the worse this year. We were beaten in a very light-hearted match by the odd game. It was a most enjoyable evening.

Norman Chaff, our previous Chairman, attended this year's Old Suttonians Annual Dinner. Unfortunately, we were unable to reciprocate as, for the first time in eleven years, we were unable to raise enough support. Let us hope for a return to our usual convivial evening next year.

Mark Cornelius and Mark Russell, the winners of the Bath and Bristol Bursaries for 1977, visited Bath on 7th and 8th July and had a most enjoyable week-end. My thanks to Charles and Miriam Veale who acted as their hosts and to Don Miles and Norman Chaff who gave them a most interesting tour of the Queen City.

R. W. LOCK, Hon. Secretary

O.B.A. Personal Column

AUSTIN, J., has obtained a 1st in his Finals at Cambridge and was awarded $\frac{1}{2}$ Blue in Athletics.

CAUFIELD, S., has been awarded a 1st in his second year at Cambridge.

JAMIESON, A. R. A., has been awarded a 1st in Computer Science at Cambridge and will now work on computer programming and geometrical analysis for an engineering firm. He plans to marry before taking up his appointment.

SKINNER, G., expects a 2/2 in his Finals at Cambridge.

TASKIS, D., has obtained a 1st in his Finals at London University (King's College) Working at Geological Science Museum at South Kensington: starts part time M.Sc. in October at U.C. London in Hydrogeology and Ground Water Resources.

WALTERS, A., has obtained a 2/2 in his Finals at Cambridge.

MILES, D., has successfully completed his first year at Bedford College, London, where he is studying Classics.

HANNAFORD, N., after a period as a transport manager in Glasgow, emigrated to Canada and is now the news editor of the "Alaska Highway News."

SUMMERS, G., who is following a course in Law, at North East London Polytechnic, has won the Maxwell Law Prize with an award of £75 for being the student with the best overall academic performance.

LUCOCKE, D., has been appointed manager of the St. Andrew's Cross branch of the Halifax Building Society.

RICKARD, F. E., who left school in 1945, and studied at Leicester University, is now County Education Officer for Lincolnshire and Lindsey.

McSTRAVICK, B., who is ranked number six in Great Britain in the Decathlon and finished third in the A.A.A. Championships, was favourite to win the British Student Decathlon Championships in Aberdeen. He is studying at Sheffield University.

TOWLSON, I. C., who left school in 1971, called and reported that he is in the R.A.F. stationed at Brizenorton.

THORNTON, T., has graduated from Southampton University with a B.A. (Honours) Degree and will continue his studies at St. Stephens House, Oxford, in order to enter the ministry.

WAYNE, A. J. S., has obtained a B.Ed. at the College of St. Mark and St. John and is now teaching at Plymouth College.

RYDER, M. T. J., has graduated at the University of Leeds in Colour Chemistry and will take up an appointment with Reed International, Kent.

Mr. J. GWYN NICHOLAS, former senior classics master, has been elected as the new President of Devon Rugby Football Union.

O.B.A. Football Club

The Old Boys' Soccer Club enjoyed another reasonably successful year. The "A" team did particularly well, finishing a commendable fifth in the Premier Division and third in the Cup Competition. Mike Cutler was outstanding in defence, Alan Mayes was topscorer and Clive Eden captained the side. The "B" team, regrettably, has lost its place in the First Division after surprisingly poor performances but we feel it very important that we maintain a second team and it will be competing in the Second Division next year.

The prospects for 1978-79 are good. Colin Piper is returning to the fold and Anthony Cawse joining from school. The "A" team has been allocated Millbay Park, a much sought-after playing surface; the "B" team will continue at Victoria Park. Training is held every Wednesday evening at school and any prospective new member will be assured a welcome and the opportunity of playing football in an excellent spirit.

ALAN WROATH

O.B.A. Rugby Football Club

Bruce Fairgrieve started the 1977-78 season as captain but was soon called upon by Plymouth Albion and had a very successful season with them. Brian Sherrell took over as captain and led the side to considerable success.

The London tour was again most enjoyable and at Twickenham we saw that the difference between England and Wales was the second half tactical kicking of Gareth Edwards. The disappointment of seeing our national team defeated was greatly offset by our own two victories during the week-end and the subsequent celebrations.

A narrow defeat by Civil Service saw our exit from the Lockie Cup at the quarter-final stage. In other matches, the double was achieved over Old Suttonians, St. Columba, R.N.E.C. and O.P.O.s. Victories were also gained against Devonport High School, Tavistock, Teignmouth II, Torquay Quins and Newton Abbot II.

Next season is the Golden Jubilee of the club and several prestige fixtures have been arranged. To do ourselves justice we shall obviously need as strong a pool of players as possible. Any prospective players will be made most welcome at the weekly training session in the school gym on Thursday evenings. There is to be an anniversary dinner in September 1979 as near to the date of the founding of the club as possible.

GEOFF SIMPSON

VALETE

- R. BELLAMY: computing at U.M.I.S.T
- M. BLACKFORD: engineering at Plymouth Polytechnic.
- A. BREWER: clerical or executive officer, Civil Service Commission.
- S. BRIDGES: maths and statistics at Loughborough University.
- M. D. BURT: business studies at South Bank Polytechnic.
- M. CASE: civil engineering at Loughborough University.
- A. CAWSE: hotel and catering course at South Devon Technical College.
- N. COLBOURNE: position in Civil Service or banking.
- J. COOK: British Rail sponsorship for finance and accountancy sandwich course.
- A. R. COOMBES: Barclay's Bank.
- A. J. COOPER: electronic and electrical engineering at Manchester University.
- J. H. DART: German at Durham University.
- C. DEACON: management science at U.M.I.S.T.
- K. FULTON: electronic and electrical engineering at U.M.I.S.T.
- A. GOLDEN: computer programming with SWEB.
- P. HARDWICK: Plymouth College of Art.
- J. HAWKINS: Midland Bank sponsorship at Loughborough University.
- M. HOLMES: Lloyds Bank.
- K. JAGO: University, following a year abroad.
- D. KNIGHT: Devon Library Service.
- D. LAMBDIN: Mining Engineering.
- J. LEE: Technician apprenticeship.
- K. LOMAS: maths and education at Loughborough University.
- M. J. LOVIS: seeking clerical-administrative position.
- A. LUNDSTROM: laboratory technician in local industry.
- N. A. MAFFEY: Law at Newcastle University.
- E. P. MANLEY: botany and geography at Durham University.
- G. MARTIN: banking.
- N. MAY: insurance.
- R. J. MOORE: geography and economics at Leeds University.
- S. M. MUDGE: marine biology and oceanography at Bangor University.
- N. A. MYNERS: Dip. H.E. at Dartington.

I. NEWMAN : Seale Hayne College of Agriculture.
J. R. NICHOLAS : management science at Loughborough University.
R. C. PALMER : computer programming in local industry.
K. J. PERKINS : history at School of Slavonic Studies, University of London.
I. C. POOK : computer programming at Wrigley's.
R. J. QUAINANCE : management science at U.M.I.S.T.
I. ROBERTSON : trainee management in local industry.
C. D. SCOTT : clerical assistant in the Post Office.
A. R. SHILLABEER : classics at Reading University.
M. G. SLOGGETT : National Westminster Bank.
B. R. SURCOMBE : engineering technician at Texas Instruments.
I. J. TABERNER : management science at U.M.I.S.T.
J. WEBBER : accountancy foundation course at Plymouth Polytechnic.
C. WHITE : urban planning and water resources at Aston University.
A. M. WILLIAMS : hotel and catering at University of Surrey.
G. J. G. WILLIAMS : law at Downing College, Cambridge.
N. WILLSON : engineering at Imperial College, University of London.



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