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Heads of Houses

Dean Swift M. J. White

Harcourt J. M. S. Tamlyn

Queen Anne B. S. Mee

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Vice-Captain M. J. White

Captain of Boats M. A. J. Vlitos

Vice-Captain and Secretary P. G. Clarabut

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The Chairman of the Governors, The Headmaster,
and the Head of School.

J. E. T.

AFTER THREE YEARS at Cokethorpe John Trevis leaves at the end of term to become the first Headmaster of Westbury House, near Petersfield, in Hampshire.

We all have reason to be grateful to him for what he has achieved in such a short time. By virtue of our increased numbers the School has prospered, new amenities have been provided, existing facilities improved. There are tennis courts where primeval market garden formerly flourished; new common rooms where tuck boxes once lurked; a masters' changing-room where the boilers boomed. The kitchens have been brought thoroughly up-to-date; South Lodge renovated; classrooms redecorated; the front of house repainted. Not least, the Church has been acquired, which will be a considerable asset in time to come.

All this bespeaks a real and practical concern with the welfare of Cokethorpe boys (past as well as present) and staff. John Trevis has not only seen to it that we are better provided for: he has constantly made himself available to underwrite these provisions with his own tolerance and good-humour. The head's study is a place never entirely remote from associations with crime and punishment; but surely for Cokethorpe boys of the 1976-79 vintage it will be recalled chiefly as a place of voluntary migration, where the genial greeting and the patient ear were offered as appropriate.

With our thanks go our very best wishes for success in the new, and challenging, post at Westbury.

PRIZES

(Presented by Mr. T. Devlin, Director of I.S.I.S.)

The Headmaster's Prize: S. M. C. MacLeod.

6th Form English: N. F. Stewart.

„ „ *History:* R. H. C. Bourke.

„ „ *French:* R. H. C. Bourke.

„ „ *Geography:* M. Drew.

„ „ *Maths.:* P. A. L. Tolley.

„ „ *Chemistry:* P. A. L. Tolley.

„ „ *Biology:* M. B. Andrews.

„ „ *Physics:* N. F. Stewart.

Cullen Debating Prize: R. H. C. Bourke.

Martin Browne Memorial Prize: G. G. S. Bourne-May.

5th Form English Literature: J. J. Keenlyside.

„ „ *English Language:* M. A. Grundy.

„ „ *History:* M. A. Grundy.

„ „ *Geography:* M. A. J. Vlitos.

„ „ *French:* M. A. Grundy.

„ „ *British Constitution:* M. Walker II.

„ „ *Biology:* M. Walker II.

„ „ *Physics:* R. Cooke.

„ „ *Maths:* J. J. Keenlyside.

„ „ *Chemistry:* J. J. Keenlyside.

4A Form Prize: J. Tobin and M. S. Kunzer.

4B „ „ : B. Shahnazi.

3A „ „ : B. Nazari.

3B „ „ : P. A. Davie and R. S. Choynowski.

CHAPEL NOTES

ANGLICAN SERVICES have been held throughout the year in the Corinthian Room, and the School has been fortunate to have such a suitable room in which services could be held. However, it will be good to return to the church, when the restoration is complete and to have a proper school chapel at last.

We are most grateful to Mr. W. E. Green for playing the piano Sunday by Sunday either for Holy Communion or for a short School service.

The Roman Catholics are greatly indebted to Fr. Gill, S.J., for coming out from Campion Hall to say Mass and to minister to their spiritual needs.

D.P.L.

DEAN SWIFT HOUSE REPORT

THIS HAS BEEN a most successful year for Swift. All but three of the Inter-House Cups have been won and the cabinet is now cheerfully bedecked in black and blue ribbon.

The year began indifferently with defeats in both the Tennis and Cricket Competitions. It would be an understatement to say that on court we did not shine and only M. White, N. White and Reeves were awarded their colours. On the cricket field we narrowly lost to Harcourt in an exciting match but showed our true form against Queen Anne with N. White scoring 57, M. Walker surprisingly taking 4 wickets for 9 runs and last year's Head of House Paul Saunders holding on to two catches. Ashby, M. White, N. White, Walsh, Reeves, M. Walker and Singlehurst were presented with their House colours.

Honour was salvaged by our oarsmen, who shared the Rowing Trophy with Queen Anne. House Colours were awarded to Baker, Murphy, Vlitos, Clarabut, Jackson, Clifton, Martindale and Drowley.

In the Winter terms Swift was far more successful. First we prevailed over both the elements and the opposition by winning the Kicking Competition: M. White (22 points). Andreozzi (18 points) and Clarabut (17 points) were the leading scorers. From one victory we moved on to another. In the Rugby XVs Queen Anne were conclusively beaten, while Harcourt, unable to put out a team, conceded the game and cup to us. In the Sevens we faced stiffer competition and in the final match the Seniors had to beat Harcourt by over four tries. This was achieved with panache and much credit must go to Ashby and Martell who scored 28 and 16 points respectively in the two games.

The predominance of Swift in the running events was maintained for the sixth year in succession. In the School Cross Country the myth that Swift was just a House of individuals was shattered by splendid packing throughout and Rowley, Morton, Clarabut, Gregory and Martindale should be congratulated on their praiseworthy performances. The leading runners including Murphy, who won the race, R. Saunders (fourth) and the new boy Scott (sixth) all ran in the Road Relay helping us secure this coveted trophy for the eleventh time in the last fifteen years—a proud record.

The Football Cup was also won by Swift. After nervously drawing 1-1 against Queen Anne (thanks to an improbable Murphy header) we annihilated Harcourt 8-0 with hat tricks from Drowley and Ashby, suggesting just how poorly we must have played against Queen Anne, who, after an exciting game, were beaten 3-2 by Harcourt.

The most prominent success of the other Houses was their defeat of Swift in the Bridge Cup and although we spent many hours in the close atmosphere of Room Nine, the luck of the cards was against us.

Last year we said goodbye to Mr. Lewis ('Chunky' to the boys) after

two years as House Tutor but we have been very fortunate to obtain the services of Mr. Melrose who now controls our purse strings.

My personal thanks go to S. Ashby and P. Murphy who have assisted me throughout the year. I wish everybody in the House the best of luck for an equally successful year in 1979-80.

M. J. WHITE

HARCOURT HOUSE REPORT

ALTHOUGH WE have failed to dominate the Inter-House Competitions this year, there has been a tremendous amount of effort from the majority of the House.

Last summer ended with a decisive victory in the Cricket Cup, and a competitive second in both the Rowing and Tennis competitions.

The Autumn Term opened with Harcourt just losing the Kicking Cup by the precipitous margin of four points. The Juniors performed remarkably well, beating their equivalents in Queen Anne and Swift. A special mention must be made of Kirkby (equal best score), Everett, Wheeler, Choynowski and Irvani who were awarded their House colours.

The Spring Term began with the Cross Country Competiton. Although we did not win, we performed better in this event than ever before. It was very pleasing to see many of the Juniors do their utmost and I must congratulate all those who ran well. Unfortunately we were also denied the Road Relay Cup, but Choynowski and Kent-Coward ran especially well and were rewarded with House colours.

Our card players, G. Jenkinson, M. Walker, Roberts and Robins secured the Bridge Cup for which they received their colours.

Rugby is traditionally one of Harcourt's strong points. However, this year we encountered stiff opposition from Queen Anne. A combination of illness and absence prevented us from showing Swift our true worth and we were unable to retain the Rugby XV's trophy. During the Inter-House VII's competition the Juniors excelled under the leadership of Wheeler, defeating the opposition of Queen Anne and Swift. In spite of a determined effort by the Seniors (notably Kirkby, Fitzgerald and Everett) and their victory over Queen Anne we did not win this event.

The Football competition proved to be extremely exciting. Though we were beaten by Swift, Harcourt shocked Queen Anne by a crushing score of 3-2. In particular I must single out R. North for his splendid goalkeeping. As a result of their performance in the Rugby and Football competitions House colours were justifiably awarded to Keenlyside, Kirkby, Everett, Choynowski, North, Irvani and Bunnag.

I must thank G. Jenkinson, the House Deputy, for his able organisation, and assistance, and participation in all the House events. I must also thank those who have been involved in the competitions and who have infected the House with a characteristic spirit of enthusiasm.

J. M. S. TAMLYN

QUEEN ANNE HOUSE REPORT

JULY 1978 ended in modest triumph for Queen Anne. We won the House Tennis Championship and shared the Rowing Cup with Swift.

Since then, we have enjoyed little success. The winter was characterised by bad weather, ill-health, misfortune and the determination of some House members from various forms in the school. Kurosh Hayatdavoudi and Michael Grundy, in the Sixth, and Andrew Ruffell, Siamak Iran and Jonathan Smith have all done a lot to improve House spirit and performance.

We were placed third in both of the running events, despite enthusiasm in the case of the Cross Country and desperation in that of the Road Relay (where the Head of House himself was obliged to don a track-suit and Ruffell was pulled out of the Sanatorium to run a senior leg!).

The Rugby competitions proved more interesting. In the VIs Andreh Danilanten was ill, but played with great determination. Kurosh Hayatdavoudi was injured, and could only watch from the sidelines. In terms of spirit, the high point for Queen Anne came with the Rugby XV's. We finished second in this event, beating Harcourt by a margin of ten points.

The Football result was disappointing. We started well, holding Swift to a 1-1 draw. Our chances of first place were shattered when Harcourt collapsed before the Swift machine, losing 8-0. Lacking resolution, we lost to Harcourt by 3-2. There followed the frustration of defeat in the Bridge Competition by 40 points after we had established an early lead.

We said goodbye to some real talent. Stuart MacLeod, Paul Dawe, Sonny Ching and Marcus Andrews formed the backbone of last year's effort. The experience bequeathed to the younger members of the House will prove valuable in time to come. Swift are losing the giants in the Upper Sixth who have carried their effort alone. Queen Anne, on the other hand, have taken on a great many talented members. Next year—the *annus mirabilis*—is ours! At the time of writing, many events remain to be played: Chess, Cricket, Tennis and more. I see no reason why we should lose any of them.

B. S. MEE

THE GENERAL STUDIES TALKS

THE SIXTH FORM saw an impressive parade of distinguished speakers this year, and the range of subjects was as diverse as the backgrounds of the speakers themselves. Luckily, the character of each speaker, and their willingness to speak, matched up in every way to their qualifications.

Count Nikolai Tolstoy received a very enthusiastic welcome from the Sixth Form. His story of the forced repatriation of over two million Russians at the end of the war, and the fate of these prisoners when presented to Stalin as the result of a secret agreement between Eden and Molotov in 1944, horrified everyone. Tolstoy shook the commonly-held



Count Nikolai Tolstoy

belief that we were the 'good guys'. It was the British Foreign Office—and particularly its permanent officials—which perpetrated and concealed this crime; many of the men involved are eminent 'pillars of society' today. Count Tolstoy's strength of character was manifest. I have learned since the talk that he met with considerable financial difficulties during the six years in which he researched and wrote *Victims of Yalta*: nevertheless, it was a cause to which he felt total commitment. Never once during his talk—which he delivered without any notes—did he falter or hesitate. It came as no surprise that *Victims of Yalta* has been a best-seller, and we look forward to the film which Fred Zinnemann is to make of it.

Christopher Barrett followed Count Tolstoy and he delivered his two lectures, 'Looking at Paintings', in the quiet and sensitive tone of voice one expects an artist to use. The points which he made did not bowl us over at first, but they became more meaningful after we had given them time to sink in. A true artist, we have often been told, can find beauty and interest in any subject, however superficially unattractive it may appear to others. In this instance, Mr. Barrett showed us a wide variety of slides, from medieval mosaics to modern art; and he set himself to finding the common denominators for us in terms of the techniques used by many painters of different periods in order to realise their conception, or to create certain illusions on the canvas. An exhibition of Mr. Barrett's own paintings at the Bampton Arts Centre received acclaim in the *Oxford Times* just before he gave his talk.

Dame Janet Vaughan was the most eminent speaker this year. Such a description, however, does nothing to convey her captivating vitality. Despite the demands of her work as Principal of Somerville College between 1945-67, and in medical administration outside Oxford, Dame



Dame Janet Vaughan

Janet would wish to be remembered primarily as a scientist whose first commitment is to research. She spoke about her life in medicine, and vividly delineated the contrast between the medical world of the 1920s and today. She described at some length the setting up of the N.W. London Blood Supply Depot on the eve of the second war, and—as the first doctor to enter Belsen—the plight of the concentration camp victims. Her early interests in the pathology of blood and bones have led to her more recent work on radiation pathology. Dame Janet is unaffected by her heap of honours—which now include election to the Royal Society—and she retains an overwhelming modesty which conceals the magnitude of her achievements. When I asked her for what, specifically, she received her D.B.E., she would not say.

Our next two speakers, the Baroness Davina D'Arcy de Knayth and Mr. Philip Lewis, are both disabled. Everyone was impressed by the ease and good humour with which they spoke about the tragic accidents which paralysed them. Lady D'Arcy broke her spine in a car accident in 1964. After intensive training and care at Stoke Mandeville, she took part in two Paraplegic Olympics and was involved with the passage of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act in the House of Lords in 1970. At the time of his car crash Mr. Lewis was on a managerial trainee scheme with a firm of timber merchants. He too had been to Stoke Mandeville; since

when he has qualified and practised as a solicitor, taken part in two Paraplegic Commonwealth Games, and won an Olympic Silver Medal. However, the film which they showed about sports for the disabled, *Not Just a Spectator*, did not convey so effectively the courage and determination of the disabled in comparison to the way in which Lady D'Arcy and Mr. Lewis recounted their personal experiences.

During our course on comparative religions, Mr. Raymond Dawson, a Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford, came to talk about Confucianism. This was followed by a related discussion begun by John Billington, from Repton School, on Buddhism and Hinduism. Both men are experts on their subject, but I was more impressed by Mr. Billington's enthusiasm and humour. In one striking simile he compared the human soul to a malteser candy. The central tenets of Buddhism, in particular, were presented with much conviction. I doubt, however, whether anyone was able to gain more than a fleeting insight into these incredibly profound religious philosophies.

The Arch Common Room now receives a copy of the *Daily Express*, and for this reason I was surprised to find Lord Longford—who came to us in December, just two days after he had been entertaining President



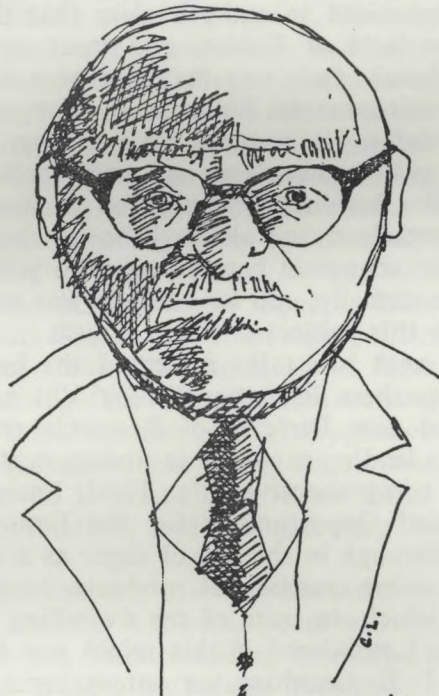
The Earl of Longford, K.G.

Nixon—less eccentric and provocative than I expected. Another national daily newspaper once depicted a judge sentencing a criminal to x years hard labour, and regular visits from Lord Longford, 'both sentences to run concurrently'. From the inside the joke is not so funny. Lord Longford's talk on 'Crime and Punishment' made one appreciate his modest,

humane and intelligent approach to prison reform—though some members of the Sixth had expected something more sensational. He quickly dispelled the idea that he wishes to be soft on criminals: some form of punishment is necessary. But justice should be reconciled with mercy, and every prisoner should be given the opportunity of being redeemed. He believed that the argument used so often in the House of Lords—that it would cost too much to reform the penal system—was a bogus one. The fact is that it costs ten times as much to detain a prisoner as it does to rehabilitate him. At the moment, however, there remains a deplorable lack of leadership and vision on this subject in British politics.

Sergei Tarassenko visited Cokethorpe for a second time during the Lent term. His diagrams always provoke thought, and it is exciting to hear so distinguished a physicist discoursing enthusiastically on a subject outside his field—in this instance, 'Marriage'. His purpose was to show that marriage is not just a function of man's survival, but a rehearsal of God's creation when time and space cease to exist. However, Mr. Tarassenko repeated several points which he had made in last year's lecture; he also assumed that everyone was a committed Christian! As a result, this year's talk was not as striking, and I think people went away less satisfied than before.

Sir Humphrey Waldock presented the last lecture of the season. As the President of the International Court of Justice he is certainly qualified



Sir Humphrey Waldock.

to speak on the subject! He described the structure and composition of the Court, and its contributions to international law and adjudication. One of its principal difficulties is that many member states of the United Nations still will not use a Court which is outside their jurisdiction. Sir Humphrey demonstrated how dependant the Court must be on the assent of Sovereign states. To make matters worse, the public tends to retain a die-hard, post-World War I idealism when they speak of the Court's duties. My own die-hard idealism received a significant blow when I discovered that the International Court could be preoccupied, for a time, drawing a line through the English Channel.

Four scientists delivered lectures this season. On the whole, I was surprised by their wide appeal, which was demonstrated by the questions and discussion generated on each occasion. Indeed, each of the speakers specifically complimented the Sixth Form on the questions which they asked.

Mr. John Hughes, M.R.C.V.S., and Dr. H. J. M. Bowen, Reader in Analytical Chemistry at the University of Reading, both spoke about problems in the setting of the U.K. Mr. Hughes talked about Rabies, and the peculiar (and possibly temporary) immunity afforded to England by the Channel. To illustrate his lecture he brought with him a new audio-visual kit issued by the British Veterinary Association. The points which he made were neither polemical nor alarmist in tone, but certain points were sufficiently emphasised to make it clear that the general public is still ignorant of the facts of Rabies, and most certainly the dangers involved in any outbreak. Only one man has ever survived the disease. Dr. Bowen's talk, 'Environmental Pollution by Inorganic Substances', was also illustrated by slides. He covered air pollution by sulphur dioxide and other by-products of combustion, and water pollution by phosphates and heavy metals. Dr. Bowen was concerned primarily with the nature of the pollutants themselves, and although he concluded with some comments on the present economic consequences of pollution, he presented the facts to us unemotionally, and his outlook was refreshingly free from the pessimism which this subject tends to arouse.

The titles of the next two talks indicated the broad and far-sighted views taken by the speakers. Professor 'Chuck' Vlitos, a plant physiologist from Oklahoma, and now Director of Research and Development for Tate & Lyle Ltd., is a leading exponent in finding new uses for sugar cane. Speaking under the comprehensive title, 'Food, Energy and the Environment: Challenges and Opportunities for the Future', Professor Vlitos described the breakthrough in the use of sugar as a source for industrial chemicals, fuel and other commercial products, to replace the oil-based hydrocarbons from which, in spite of the dwindling oil supply, they are still mostly derived. I wondered if this might not be a hot tip on the stock market! Dr. J. E. Cranham, an entomologist from East Malling Research Station in Kent, gave us an insight into the 'New Horizons

in Pest Technology', though he readily conceded that it is now impossible for one person to talk knowledgeably about every aspect of this subject. Dr. Cranham is at present working on integrated pest management of tree fruits and hops. Having described the artificial methods of insect control by hormone interference, by pheromones, and by sterile insect release, he then explained how this could be blended with control by predatory natural enemies. The thought occurred to me while listening to Dr. Cranham that today's scientific photographers are mostly frustrated artists. I was greatly taken with his slide show, which competed in every way with the current David Attenborough series, *Life on Earth*.

BRENDAN, MEE, UVI

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ROSE OF DEATH

THE PRESENTATION at Cokethorpe of Peter Cranham's *Rose of Death*, an anthology of prose and poetry, music and songs about the First World War, came appropriately very near to the sixtieth anniversary of the 1918 Armistice.

The panelled gloom of the Corinthian Room, with a wreath of scarlet Haig poppies to catch the eye and, less obtrusively, a scattering of autumn leaves, provided a suitably evocative setting. Discreetly in the background was the elaborate equipment generously and enthusiastically provided by students from Westminster College to achieve an excellence of lighting and sound which added much to the effectiveness of the spoken voices.

The extracts, arranged roughly in chronological order, took us through the years from 1914 to 1918, so that the changing emotional attitudes towards the war could be reflected as the visions of glory gave way to bitter disillusionment. Familiar poems by Grenfell, Sorley, Brooke, Sassoon, Rosenberg and Owen were joined by less well-known prose contributions from, among others, Louis Spears, Harold Nicolson, E. E. Cummings, and Robert Graves, and from such politicians as Lloyd George, Woodrow Wilson and Churchill. The music of Elgar, and the 1915 voice of Dame Clara Butt, together with the less authentic but telling sound of Maggie Smith's 'I'll make a man of you', supplemented the spoken word. An original and significant concluding touch was provided by some prophetic lines from T. S. Eliot's *The Waste Land* with their vision of the crumbling of civilisation, and the gathering in the east of hooded barbarous hordes.

The impact of these extracts (not far short of forty of them) depended, of course, upon the readers. A moving poem will not move if the reading is inadequate. There was no such failing here. The five readers (Amanda Laker and Raymond Wilson, both from Westminster College, and Peter Cranham, Gordon Dennis and Brendan Mee, all of Cokethorpe) each

provided moments that will be remembered; in particular, Miss Laker's measured simplicity and sincerity in her reading of Wilfred Owen's *Futility*, and the anguish of Peter Cranham's *Dulce et Decorum Est*.

The insertion of humour (necessarily black humour) may have been dramatically effective but in fact was less successful. Haig and French became caricatures with their blimpish voices and, although such distortions raised an easy laugh, they belonged more properly to the satirical world of *Oh, What a Lovely War!* To read an officer's letter of condolence to the relatives of a dead soldier in a voice heavy with sneering overtones was unjustified when the words themselves demanded no such interpretation.

However, these are small points, for the evening was a deserved success. After sixty years the new generations need to be reminded of the scale and the horror of what happened. Peter Cranham's *Rose of Death* provides that reminder, and its Cokethorpe audience last November was clearly moved. He has compiled extracts, nearly all of them contemporaneous, which form in their well-judged ordering, an impressive anthology. The pity of war is there, and . . . 'The poetry is in the pity'.

P. T. ELLIS

A SONG AT TWILIGHT

ANOTHER EVENING of a similar if less sombre nature was the reading, at the end of the Spring Term, of *A Song at Twilight*, an anthology of prose and verse. Ronald Lyle, Norman White, Clive Nightingale and Peter Cranham provided a wide range of voice and tone to deal with pieces which, while mainly drawn from this century and the last, included something from such earlier writers as Sir Thomas Malory, Sir Walter Raleigh and John Aubrey. Most extracts were gently melancholic in their nature, but Thomas Love Peacock, Vernon Scannell and John Betjeman provided lighter moments. Familiar poems like *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* and *Fern Hill* gave their familiar pleasures, but fewer in the audience would have met before the passages taken from Alan Bennett's *Forty Years On* and from Victoria Sackville-West's novel *All Passion Spent*. Mr. Lyle's reading of Robert Frost's *Birches*, and Mr. Cranham's of 'The Death of Lord Marchmain' from Evelyn Waugh's *Brideshead Revisited*, were but two of the items which seemed especially to appeal to this end-of-term audience. The autumnal, elegaic, crepuscular tone of most of the pieces—nearly two dozen extracts in all—was perhaps in keeping with the passing of yet another term, although it could be said that 'breaking up' does not usually evoke such a mood. Perhaps the suggestion of renewal in Edward Thomas' *Sowing*, the penultimate poem, was more appropriate to the feelings of boys, staff and parents as they trooped out of the Corinthian Room to begin their four weeks' break from the exigencies of O and A levels.

P. T. ELLIS

DEBATING 1978

THERE HAVE BEEN but two debates this year. The first, in the Christmas Term, was on the motion 'This House believes that a spell of Fascism could benefit Britain'. Proposing were Michael White and Matthew Walker; they were opposed by Michael Grundy and Timothy Drowley.

Michael Grundy, speaking first, drew attention to the racial tensions in Britain which, he thought, would be aggravated by the presence of a Fascist party. Other consequences might be diplomatic isolation or economic sanctions, such as were applied to South Africa.

Michael White thought that a Fascist party would move swiftly to check immigration and so reduce over-population. He was supported by Matthew Walker, who thought that under Fascism our lost patriotism would be re-kindled and our former reputation restored. Timothy Drowley feared that after a 'spell' in power the Fascists would seek to extend their rule, by force if need be.

The early questions from the floor were encouraging, but the standard was not maintained. Moreover, while White and Walker were subjected to intense (and repetitious) questions, the opposers had little to do. This made the result all the more surprising: the motion was narrowly defeated.

The Debating Society did not reassemble until the Summer Term, for the Cullen Debate ('This House considers that terrorism is a legitimate form of political action'). Simon Ashby opened, saying that, while he abhorred murder, the oppressed might be justified in fighting their oppressors, if other liberties were denied them. He referred also to the Resistance fighters of the Second World War. Paul Murphy, opposing, characterised terrorists as 'savage, primitive, violent and vulgar'. He spoke of the violence bred of violence, producing a vicious chain of death; and urged a peaceful alternative, notably the example set by Martin Luther King. Brendan Mee on this occasion (and contrary to expectation) did not impress the House. His argument lacked form and his reading from 'Nineteen Eighty-four' failed in its desired effect. Finally, Timothy Drowley rose to speak against. His relaxed and frequently humorous style proved popular. He drew attention to terrorist activities in Rhodesia and N. Ireland. In his opinion terrorists use violence to attract attention to their cause. 'The media are the playground of the terrorist', he concluded.

While the judges retired to consider their verdict, the House questioned the speakers. After a slow start, some lively exchanges developed. When the judges returned, Mrs. Whalley, from the Chair, announced their decision and the grounds upon which it was made. Ashby had narrowly defeated Murphy, and Mee had squeezed Drowley into fourth place. The subsequent vote from the floor saw the motion defeated by 76 votes to 27, a reflection surely of personal conviction rather than an appraisal of the merits of the speeches.

M. GRUNDY

THE JUDGES' VERDICT ON THE CULLEN DEBATE

This House considers that terrorism is a legitimate form of political action.

THE PROPOSERS of this motion proved themselves the better debaters because they imposed their definition upon the whole debate. Ashby, in a quiet, grave tone that suggested that no responsible person could think otherwise, limited his examples of terrorist activity to the gallant Maquis and their kind, ably seconded by Mee whose machine-gun observations made the point that such activities are the only way open to the opposers of total tyranny and that they form a spearhead for more legitimate resistance to follow. After this the opposers argued entirely within this definition. No one mentioned the ransom merchants, the indulgers in vendetta, or the individual psychopaths who are nowadays part of the daily news. No one even mentioned the world-wide nightmare of the hunting down of the Kennedy family and the poor, mad, young man who thought he could justify himself to the world by saying 'I did it for my country', though nobody now remembers which his country was.

Within the narrow definition which they had allowed the proposers to put upon them, the opposers showed a good flair for exploiting the obvious emotional sympathies of the floor. Murphy made pleasing use of the technique of the rhetorical question voiced with mild astonishment working up to righteous indignation. Drowley seconded with a fine show of the same righteous indignation rendering logical argument inappropriate to the feelings of the house. Both speeches had good initial attack and final climaxes. But neither made any appreciable new points, and one point was a mistake—the citing of Martin Luther King and Steve Biko as examples of peaceful protesters, whereas both, however peaceful their intentions, were provokers of bloodshed.

In dealing with questions from the floor, and summing up, the proposing team showed far better professionalism than the opposers. Both Ashby and Mee answered hostile questions clearly and without fluster and Ashby was notable for his dignity in dealing with silly ones. The real difference showed in the summing-up, however, where the proposers summarised quickly and clearly and stuck to their points, whereas the proposing side rather gave the impression of having forgotten what they had said.

It was a very instructive evening in the technique of debate by negatives. The house voted overwhelmingly for the opposition—what could they else? But the proposers won the prize.

Points were awarded out of 100. Ashby gained 58, Mee and Murphy 56, and Drowley 48. All are to be congratulated. The proposing of such a motion had obvious difficulties, and the opposing had equally obvious pitfalls.

M.W.

EVENINGS OUT AT THE OPERA

ENTHUSIASM FOR OPERA visits continues to be as great as ever and often demand for tickets far exceeds the supply. In the Autumn Term the group concentrated on lighter operas by Mozart and Rossini, whereas in the Spring Term we saw three tragic operas by Verdi and Puccini.

Mozart's *Il Seraglio* at the London Coliseum delighted us with its enchanting music and its clever combination of the comic and the serious. Snow and freezing fog almost prevented our intrepid party from seeing *Così fan Tutti* at Covent Garden in mid-November. We were disappointed that the opera was not sung in English, making the complexities of the plot somewhat difficult to follow. However, the creamy voice of Margaret Price who was singing the role of Fiordiligi, a role for which she is internationally famous, not to mention the cream and gold setting of the Royal Opera House, compensated for our disappointment and the arduous journey. The last great comic opera we saw in the Autumn Term was Rossini's *Barber of Seville* which was fast, funny and tuneful. Is it surprising that this was the performance the group most enjoyed?

At the beginning of the Spring Term we went again to the London Coliseum to see *Tosca* and *Il Trovatore*. It was particularly interesting to hear Ava June, famous for her interpretation of the role of Madame Butterfly, singing the part of Floria Tosca and we were really impressed by Rita Hunter, generally associated with Wagnerian roles, singing 'Leonora' in the spectacular *Il Trovatore*. Our return journey from the latter was much delayed when the minibus ran out of fuel. We were very grateful to be 'rescued' by the Headmaster. The Scottish National Opera's production of the short and masterly *La Bohème*, which we saw in Oxford, was conducted by Sir Alexander Gibson.

We are looking forward to seeing Verdi's *La Traviata* in June.

THE BOAT CLUB

WHILST WE did not win any events, the 1978 season was more successful than the previous one. We began the training of the Under 14s in the Autumn Term which is a new departure in Boat Club policy. This meant that most of the new members had some experience in the Fours by half-term. At the beginning of the Spring Term P. Murphy was appointed Captain of Boats and G. Jenkinson Secretary. The weather was such that it was possible to make most of the crew selections during the Spring Term, unlike the previous year, and get a number of useful outings in.

The crews were as follows:

	Seniors	Under 16	Under 15	Under 14
Bow	Tamlyn	Clarabut	Clifton	Houghton
2	Jenkinson	Vlitos	Robins	Morton
3	Parker	Keenlyside	Coles	Nazari
Stroke	Murphy	Dodd	Drowley	Martindale
Cox	McHugh	Bowles	Weaver	Hanbury-Tenison

Two crews were entered for the Ball Cup Races held at Bewdley on a warm, sunny day in early May. The Junior crew (Under 16s) started off very well by winning their first race with Belmont Abbey easily. Unfortunately, they lost their second race by one length. The Senior crew went down in their first heat, but only by a half-length. In all this was a very encouraging start to the season.

At the Gloucester Schools Regatta there was no race for the Under 14s. It does seem to be a trend that more schools are rowing in Eights rather than Fours. Indeed, there was only one entry in the Under 15 group so a special 'Final' was arranged in which our Under 15 crew rowed—and lost to Strodes. The Senior crew lost both their heats, although the verdict in the second heat against Monmouth was a mere half-length. It was the Under 16s who once again provided us with an interesting day. They lost their first heat and then won their repechage against Abingdon by a very commendable three lengths which put them back into the running once more. In the third heat they went down to Hereford.

The Under 14s finally got their chance to row at the Carmel College Invitation Regatta where we entered four crews. We were delighted to witness the Under 16s going right through to the Finals where they were leading against their old enemies, Sutton, for more than half the course in a very spirited and exciting race.

Although two crews were originally entered for the Hereford Schools Regatta, one had to be scratched at the last moment leaving only the Under 16s to compete. They went down in their first heat but in recognition of their really encouraging efforts during the season and the preceding two seasons they were awarded their School Half-colours for rowing.

The House Regatta held on the Thames at the end of the Summer Term was closely contested. The Swift Senior Crew returned the fastest senior time by three seconds and the Queen Anne Juniors were the fastest juniors by six seconds. This left Harcourt out of the running. Swift and Queen Anne were declared joint winners each with a combined time of 5 minutes 19 seconds.

FIRST XV RUGBY REPORT '78-'79

Captain: P. MURPHY *Vice-Captain:* M. WHITE

WE WERE all very anxious if not dubious, at the beginning of the season, having lost several 'Old hands' from the previous year, and incorporating many newcomers to sport a very young team. However, to our relief (I can't say amazement) we discovered that we certainly did not lack spirit, strength or ability, and went on to enjoy a most successful season.

Six players, Murphy, Kirkby and Vlitos from the scrum, and Ashby, White I, and MacLeod from the backs, provided a stable skeleton from last season, while the scrum members Simpson, Drowley, Fitzgerald, Haas I, Smith and Shurbaji and the backs White II, Everett, Irvani,

Hayatdavoudi, Danilanten and Jenkinson made up a very promising squad.

The first game, *v.* Shiplake, was to be a very significant and morale-boosting one, with the School winning 28-0. One could hardly call the game neat, but the keenness and spirit in this first match was all evident. The first try of the season was taken by S. MacLeod, whose 'slippery' running and dummy passes had far from faded during the summer break.

Burford put up a very good fight, with both teams obviously finding their own feet again. As always it was a clean match with plenty of good spirit, and the final score was close. The School deservedly won 21-16.

Then followed two much easier, less conventional games, against Henry Box and Witney Technical College, which one could regard perhaps more as fitness exercises than classical games of rugby, with an undesirable amount of loose ball and scrappy play. However, it gave us all a chance to boost the statistics in the score book, with points coming from Macleod, Ashby, Everett, and the White brothers in the line, with Kirkby and Vlitos driving through for tries, to keep the scrums in the picture! It also gave Hayatdavoudi a chance to play his first game of Rugby in the team, and to prove himself to be a valuable member of the line.

We won our first round of the Oxon. Under-19 Cup, playing Bicester, away. Our opponents were a much larger team—there were even laughs amongst the spectators comparing the two sides as we lined up for the kick off. However, at the end of a physical and exhausting match, the score was 33-7 in our favour. The scorers were MacLeod, Ashby and White I who seemed to play exceptionally well despite being watched by large groups of female spectators.

The Old Boys fielded a very strong team, and it was obvious from the beginning that they were out to win. Several recent leavers played, which left no room for the more senior Old Boys, and lessened our chances of a win! As always, the game was highly spirited and the School played admirably well in keeping the score down to a respectable 31-10.

Our first defeat was at the hands of Bloxham, where we did not seem to be able to achieve any solidarity or rhythm and our opponents capitalised on our weaknesses winning by 32-15. This blow only increased the determination of the team to win the following match against Abingdon Seconds, which we did by 9-4 after a hard but fair game.

We lost the second round of the Oxon. Under-19 Cup to King James' at Henley, who had a massive side and who were also very experienced. Cokethorpe again managed to keep the score down to 42-0, which under the circumstances was commendable, the team already having played two matches in the preceding five days.

Due to injury in the backs, we played a weakened team against Magdalen College School, with scrum members playing in the line, and some Colts players being given a chance to play in the scrum. The weather was terrible, with a furious wind, and for Cokethorpe the match

began very badly. Gradually we fought back until the last twenty minutes when Cokethorpe were well on top—in play, if not the score. It was agonising when the final whistle went as we were on our opponents' touch line, with the score 16–15 in their favour. It did give the newcomers a good taste of life in the First XV, and provided much excitement for all of us.

For the first time we drew with Woodgreen School, in a disappointing match for the School. The lesson learned was certainly not to be over-confident or to underestimate the opposition.

We went on to beat Lord William's 3rds 30–8, and ended the season at Peers, Littlemore, with a fine score of 38–9, with two team members away sitting Oxbridge exams. This was a suitable ending to an excellent season, on the whole, with many new aspects learned and fresh experience gained. For its size, and average age, the team performed extremely well. Determination and good spirit were never lacking and the younger, newer team members contributed a great deal of effort and courage when at times it would have been easier to 'get out of the way' or fall behind.

Much appreciation and gratitude is given to Mr. Melrose, our new Rugby coach, who spent many hours training the team, and giving encouragement. I am sure that much of the success of the season and the enjoyment we had was due to his enthusiasm.

Finally, I would like to thank both Sister and the Matrons for all their work and care in keeping the First XV team looking clean, and in good health, and for the patience they have shown on many occasions.

I would also like to wish the future team the very best of luck for next season, and I hope they will carry on the School's excellent record and further promote its rugby reputation.

PAUL MURPHY

FIXTURES

<i>Opponents</i>				<i>Score</i>	<i>W/L</i>
Shiplake	...	...	...	28–0	W
Burford	...	...	...	21–16	W
Henry Box	...	...	...	37–0	W
Witney Tech.	...	...	...	51–0	W
John Mason	...	...	...	28–3	W
Bicester (Ox. U.19)	...	...	...	33–7	W
(Old Boys)	...	...	...	10–31	L
Bloxham	...	...	...	15–32	L
Abingdon	...	...	...	9–4	W
King James (Ox. U.19)	...	...	...	0–42	L
Oratory	...	...	...	7–7	Draw
Magdalen	...	...	...	15–16	L
Wood Green	...	...	...	4–4	Draw
Whitefriars	...	...	...	4–14	L
Lord Williams	...	...	...	30–8	W
Peers	...	...	...	38–9	W

Played 16: Won 9, Lost 5, Drew 2. Points for 330. Points against 193.

Colours

Half colours awarded to: M. Andreozzi, D. Everett, K. Hayatdavoudi, N. White, M. Vlitos, J. Smith, C. Kirkby.

Full colours to: P. Murphy, S. MacLeod, S. Ashby, M. White.

COLTS RUGBY 1978-79

THIS HAS probably been the Colts worst season for a number of years, with the lack of numbers telling against the School. Though scores were disappointing, the Colts maintained a high quality of flowing rugby, which unfortunately was not quite good enough to deal with the opposition. Our problem was worsened by the 'lending' of a number of players to strengthen the First XV.

Commendable performances were provided by Saunders, Bunnag and Irvani in the backs, and Martell, Gee, Reeves, Moore and Kunzer in the pack. Though not as successful as they deserved, the Colts gave some excellent team performances, and some disciplined individual performances, notably that of Choynowski against Peers.

Thanks for this team spirit go to all, not least to M. Wheeler as Captain.

COKETHORPE CRICKET CLUB REPORT 1978

Captain: S. MACLEOD Vice-Captain and Secretary: S. ASHBY

SUMMER TERM 1978 was as grey as it was cold and as dismal as it was raw. This dearth of sunshine prompted the apposite witticism that the only person seen wearing dark glasses was an off-duty weather forecaster trying to avoid recognition. Indeed, we enjoyed the coldest and wettest April for forty years, and it rained so hard on 1st May (the new U.K. Day), that we became convinced that the day the world was flooded and Noah took to his Ark must have been the original Bank Holiday Monday. Other hazards included horses on the outfield before the start of term and a frisky herd of bullocks nobly kept away from the square in the early hours of the morning by 'Torero' D.L.T. and assistants.

At the beginning of the season there were several obvious weaknesses in the XI. Only MacLeod, Ashby and M. White remained from the 1977 team and if the first two were to fail with the bat, it was difficult to see where the runs would come from. In the event, M. White and Carruthers proved worthy men-at-arms, essaying nothing spectacular but batting solidly, while N. White and Fielding steadily improved their technique. The bowling was stronger with MacLeod's seam and spin, M. White's military medium and N. White's swing to the fore. However, the welcome return of Vaughan-Fowler from Track and Field strengthened the XI in all departments.

After the cancellation of the Abingdon and Stowe fixtures due to soaking pitches, the first three matches began on time in spite of slow wickets and outfields like sponges. Against Dean Close, MacLeod and Ashby put on 21 brightly before MacLeod hooked a long-hop and was caught by long-leg in self-defence. Ashby fell in the same way (49-2) but only Carruthers and M. White offered significant resistance in the collapse which followed. The XI's bowling and fielding was very untidy and Dean Close won by eight wickets. At Bloxham the XI earned a commendable draw on another grey day after being put in to bat and losing MacLeod second ball. Ashby and Carruthers scored 38 very steadily, and when 'Tot' was out l.b.w., M. White helped Ashby add 55 confident runs for the third wicket. In fact, Ashby almost killed one of the change bowlers who was foolish enough to try for a caught and bowled, and he was unlucky to miss his maiden fifty. After the declaration the XI applied considerable pressure with all the fielders clustered round the bat like vultures, but stout Bloxham defence earned a draw. The full Shiplake First XI, coached by the former Middlesex and England player Eric Russell, comfortably beat the XI by 72 runs in spite of a brave stand of 31 between the White brothers.

In the two matches leading up to 'O' and 'A' Levels there was a distinct improvement in the performance of the XI. Against Oratory, Vaughan-Fowler with 27 not out and M. White with 23 held the batting together after a delayed start. MacLeod declared sportingly, but as the ball became harder to hold for bowlers and fielders alike, the Oratory batsman scampered well between the wickets, winning with just five balls of the final twenty overs remaining. Against Magdalen MacLeod began with a flourish, scoring 31 in half an hour, but after his dismissal the run-rate slowed, although Ashby and M. White batted soundly. Vaughan-Fowler, MacLeod and M. White all bowled well but time ran out and Magdalen escaped with a draw.

After a break for examinations the XI continued its steady improvement. P.J.G.'s XI was put in to bat and quickly ripped out by Vaughan-Fowler and Davenport on a lively wicket. MacLeod played a virtuoso innings in the circumstances and his 26 was worth sixty or seventy on a true pitch. Festival food and drink flowed freely in the library in the evening. Against Pangbourne, Fielding, Meyer and MacLeod batted well, Vaughan-Fowler bowled with great speed but little luck and the home side recorded their first victory over the XI. The final match of the season at Rendcomb was something of an anti-climax, but all the positive cricket came from the XI. Rendcomb batted for two and a half hours leaving the XI just thirteen minutes and the final twenty overs to chase the runs. To their credit they had a go and might have pulled off a famous victory had Ashby not fallen victim to an imaginative l.b.w. decision.

In conclusion, sincere thanks must go to Cyril for preparing pitches for our teams to play on in a difficult summer, to Sister and the Matrons for

keeping members of those teams fully fit and well-turned out against all odds, and to Cliff and the myriad cheerful ladies of the kitchen for all those extra meals at unusual times.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES PLAYED

XI: Won 1, Drawn 3, Lost 4 (cancelled 3)

Thur. 11th May *v.* Dean Close Second XI (Home). XI 71, Dean Close 73-2.
 Sat. 13th May *v.* Bloxham Second XI (Away). XI 113-6 dec. (Ashby 48, M. White 21), Bloxham 68-5 (Vaughan-Fowler 3-23).
 Thur. 18th May *v.* Shiplake (Home). Shiplake 143-4 dec., XI 71.
 Wed. 24th May *v.* Oratory Second XI (Away). XI 83-9 dec. (Vaughan-Fowler 27,* M. White 23), Oratory 84-4 (MacLeod 3-24).
 Wed. 31st May *v.* Magdalen Second XI (Home). XI 130-6 dec. (MacLeod 31, M. White 27,* Ashby 27), Magdalen 102-8 (MacLeod 3-20, Vaughan-Fowler 3-35).
 Sat. 24th June *v.* P.J.G.'s XI (Home). P.J.G.'s XI 48 (Vaughan-Fowler 5-19, Davenport 5-25), XI 49-8 (MacLeod 26).
 Wed. 28th June *v.* Pangbourne 'A' XI (Away). XI 89 (Fielding 28), Pangbourne 90-2.
 Sat. 1st July *v.* Rendcomb (Away). Rendcomb 98-5 dec. XI 76-8 (Ashby 21).

XI AVERAGES

BATTING (Qualification 6 innings)

	<i>I.</i>	<i>N.O.</i>	<i>H.S.</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Av.</i>
M. White	8	2	27*	115	19.17
Ashby	8	0	48	115	14.37
MacLeod	8	0	31	99	12.37
Vaughan-Fowler	6	1	27*	61	12.20

*Not out.

BOWLING (Qualification 5 wickets)

	<i>O.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Av.</i>
Davenport	24	8	7	50	7.14
Vaughan-Fowler	58.4	11	14	155	11.07
MacLeod	66	10	10	199	19.90
M. White	36.4	7	5	122	24.40

COLOURS

XI: S. MacLeod, S. Ashby, M. White, J. Vaughan-Fowler.
 XXII: A. Carruthers, C. Fielding, N. White.

CRICKET CUPS

Batting Cup	S. Ashby
All-rounders Cup	S. MacLeod
Fielding Cup	J. Vaughan-Fowler
House Cricket Cup	Harcourt

HOUSE MATCHES

1st Match: Queen Anne 80 (Underhill 20, Picton-Warlow 5-15), Harcourt 81-9 (Gee 26, Underhill 7-34).

2nd Match: Swift 88 (N. White 22, Gee 4-25, Vaughan-Fowler 3-6, Picton-Warlow 3-19), Harcourt 89-6 (Vaughan-Fowler 39, N. White 3-18).

3rd Match: Swift 136-4 innings closed (N. White 57, Ashby 34), Queen Anne 51 (MacLeod 23, M. Walker 4-9, M. White 3-9).

NOMADS 'TERM' MATCHES

Sun. 21st May v. Queen's Division Depot, Bassingbourn (Home). Queen's Divisions 111 (MacLeod 5-22), Nomads 61.

Wednesday 21st June v. University College, Buckingham (Home). Nomads 186-4 dec. (Lewis 90,* Ashby 39, Green 21), Buckingham 37-2. Rain stopped play.

NOMADS TOUR 1978

IN AN otherwise damp and depressing summer, St. Swithin's Day was dry, so the Nomads set out with high hopes on their Seventh Crusade to the jewel of the Industrial Midlands. The party consisted of Messrs. Green and Lewis with Carruthers, M. Dennis (son of G.W.D.), de Pass, MacLeod, McKenzie, Morel, Pearce, H. Scott and Smit. Mr. Nightingale came up to play against Harborne.

Like all good Bedouin we paid special attention to our watering places, lunching at the White Swan, Henley-in-Arden (Smit found himself in the cellar again!), before arriving at our base, the Norfolk Hotel, in time to watch England beat New Zealand in the Prudential International. Our evening meeting at The Duck was more of a social event than a team talk, 'Tot' was almost picked up by no fewer than three young ladies. The majority dined at a Chinese restaurant while a splinter group performed a sort of 'Chinese cut' after seeing the prices. Morel was given an unsolicited curry by a none-too-hot oriental waiter and the rest of us suffered a 'Benny Hill' impersonation for the next few days—'What a sirry irriot!' After this the lads slipped off to Punk Rock at Barbarella's where de Pass fell asleep in his chair—a long, hard day.

On Tuesday morning Morel appeared at breakfast wearing his No. 6 rugby shirt, but was unable to work any flankers with the waitress. Gentle soccer and leisurely putting filled our time until noon, when a superbly built blonde served us lunch at The Duck. After this inspiring feast we drove to the well-appointed Wilmot Breedon sports ground near Elmdon Airport to play the Police, won the toss and elected to bat. Lewis and McKenzie shared in a fruitful second wicket stand of 65 while Scott and de Pass added 38 cheerful runs in 25 minutes for the fifth wicket. Scott proceeded to an unbeaten, swash-buckling, half-century before the declaration. The Police were then interrogated by Dennis and Scott who proved far too quick for them and when MacLeod was brought on to bowl his leg breaks the Police failed to spot the clues, chances were snapped up and we won by 135 runs.

After the match, the Police asked us to accompany them to the Club House and we had a convivial evening. As we were leaving, a policeman reversed into Lewis's stationary Mini, but not hard enough to bring on cardiac arrest. Morel was taken to a low dive by the Police Captain and felt quite a featherweight when introduced to the 23-stone 'bouncer'. The remainder of the party sought the delights of the prosaic fried potato before returning to the hotel where the romantically-inclined MacLeod was quickly on the telephone to the light of his life. Pearce put his bedroom light out successfully but missed when he launched himself at his bed: Scott snored happily through it all, enjoying the sleep of the just.

On Wednesday morning spirits were high as the events of the previous night were gleefully related. Several waitresses came to minister to our needs and lunch at The Duck was served by three young blondes—our fame was spreading. However the Harborne match brought us back down to earth! We lost the toss and were put in to bat by the strongest side to play against the Nomads to date. Lewis was beaten for pace at 18, MacLeod and McKenzie put on 22 before MacLeod touched a steeply-rising ball to the wicket-keeper. McKenzie and de Pass left at 53, Scott and Green were removed at 63 and Pearce was run out at 64. Dennis and Carruthers battled for an hour to drag the score past the hundred, but Smit was left high and dry after Nightingale had struck a splendid Aussie pose—and lost his off stump. After tea, in dull light, Scott attacked downhill while Dennis bowled accurately, taking two wickets, in support. The Harborne batsmen made the most of any loose deliveries gradually edging nearer their target, and although Nightingale bowled four highly intelligent overs for two runs and two wickets and Carruthers snapped up a sharp chance at slip the home side were not to be denied, winning by six wickets and so avenging their 1977 defeat.

After the match we spent an enjoyable evening in the club-house. The window game went down excellently, Carruthers turned through a staggering 90° arc playing Blind Man's Buff, and the Harborne captain, our great friend Paul Knowles, playfully flicked a smouldering match

into the ample cleavage of a cigar-smoking, pint-drinking wife of one of his team mates. Scott wove his way across the ground to the Car Park in the dark while several tourists went for a late night Indian meal with the Harborne players. Those with real stamina even tried to get into The Opposite Lock, but had to settle for an hour and a half at Barbarella's.

On Thursday morning the party was looking decidedly ragged and it was perhaps fortunate that light rain fell after breakfast, allowing most players a period of recuperation. After lunch we arrived at Blossomfield to find that the wicket had been covered, so play could begin on time. Blossomfield won the toss and greatly to our relief, put us in to bat. Scott sighed and went to sleep under a towel in the dressing-room while MacLeod and Pearce put on 40 runs for the first wicket. McKenzie followed Pearce but was bowled at 68 and Lewis hit lustily, 58 runs coming in 44 minutes before he was caught and bowled. Four runs later MacLeod's two-hour vigil ended, but he had batted with greater confidence than ever before. Scott was unfortunately adjudged l.b.w. for 24, after which Green and Dennis scampered 20 runs in 14 minutes before the inevitable occurred and the Nomads declared at 192-6. Tea took rather longer than anticipated (!) but Blossomfield still had two hours in which to make the runs on an easy wicket. Unfortunately their opening bat, aptly named Molesworth, took a personal decision not to chase our total, and dug in for 42 not out, stolidly playing for his average. Various professional ploys, including a missed run up, a no ball and an imaginary broken boot lace made sure that only twenty overs were bowled in the last hour, so at least the 'Mole' was denied his half-century. There were lighter moments in an otherwise dull draw. The field trembled under the combined weight of Lewis and Morel as they gallumphed to the long-leg boundary, and McKenzie in the gully was twice suspended in time and space before hitting the ground seconds after the ball had passed him. We spent rather longer than usual in the dressing-room before making our way like so many unwilling schoolboys etc. to the bar for an hour before visiting Barbarella's again. This time it was Pearce who fell asleep over a pint while MacLeod and Scott tried, without success, to make a hit with 'les girls'.

On Friday the party was in much higher spirits. We breakfasted early, paid our bills, ate our final lunch at The Duck, and prevailed upon one of the blondes to take our team photograph before driving down the M.5 to Droitwich. This year we found the ground first time but lost the toss and Droitwich batted on a fast and true wicket. The Worcestershire Colt, who had scored 50 against us in 1977 batted even more fluently scoring 77 out of an opening partnership of 127 in 87 minutes. The quicker bowlers lacked accuracy and a fistful of catches went down as Droitwich raced to 202-3 declared in under two and a half hours. The fielders visibly wilted and the outstanding performance came from 'Bella', a sheep-dog type bitch who saved us considerable trouble finding the ball every time it

was lashed into the hedge that surrounds the ground. Again it was the 'pining' McKenzie whose vain drives kept us amused, but our barks of 'Rough—Rough' hinted that the Scottish goal-keeper in the Argentine had had his problems too! Lewis skinned himself on the bone-hard ground, the Captain split a nail, but Smit outdid us all cutting a finger and chipping a bone while attempting a difficult catch. He retired from the field with blood-spattered trousers and sweater, leaving a gory spoor for us to follow into the pavilion at tea-time.

After our roasting in the field we batted poorly against an accurate attack. MacLeod and Lewis put on 29 in even time but were both then dismissed. Scott scored a duck in half an hour, while Pearce ran himself out almost upon arrival, and when de Pass was caught for a cleanly struck 26 half the side had gone for 55. McKenzie held the rest of the innings together with a solid 38, breaking a boundary flag with a six, but after half-hour stays Green and Carruthers were both dragged forward by a slow left-armer and stumped. Morel threatened the close fielders with actual bodily harm, but his visit to the crease was transitory. Dennis drove freely and for a quarter of an hour the gallant Smit kept him company with blood seeping through his bandages—but Droitwich won by 66 runs in the end.

After the match we said our goodbyes before splitting up to go our various ways. Morel and a small group actually went back to the Harborne barbecue and an exotic night with the Police—we will hear more about that evening when we make the Pilgrimage again in 1979!

SUMMARY OF TOUR MATCHES

- v. 'E' Division, West Midlands Police: Nomads 184–7 dec. (H. Scott, 56,* McKenzie 44, Lewis 30), 'E' Division 49 (MacLeod 5–18, H. Scott 4–12).
- v. Harborne C.C.: Nomads 105 (MacLeod 25), Harborne 107–4.
- v. Blossomfield C.C.: Nomads 192–6 dec. (MacLeod 57, Lewis 33, H. Scott 24), Blossomfield 111–2.
- v. Droitwich C.C.: Droitwich 202–3 dec., Nomads 136 (McKenzie 38, De Pass 26, Dennis 22*).

COLTS CRICKET 1978

U.15 XI: Lost 5 U.14 XI: Won 1, Lost 3

ONCE AGAIN both Colts sides suffered from a lack of experience and their results, for the most part, do not make cheerful reading. The problem remains the same as always, a really able 'Colt' soon finds his way into the XI and is consequently unable to play for a junior side when there is a clash of fixtures. N. White and Iran fell into this category in 1978, but both were eligible and present when the Junior Colts destroyed Magdalen. That result in particular illustrates the problem, but suggests that better

times lie just ahead. Much credit must go to Walsh who captained both junior sides, nobly supported during the season by Gee, Underhill, Reeves, Wheeler, Wilson, Everett and Evers.

COLTS RESULTS

- v. Bloxham (Away). Bloxham 107-3 dec. Colts 23.
- v. Shiplake (Home). Colts 81 (Drake 40), Shiplake 82-7 (Gee 3-27).
- v. Oratory (Away). Colts 39, Oratory 40-0.
- v. Magdalen (Home). Colts 40, Magdalen 42-3.
- v. Rendcomb (Away). Rendcomb 135-4 dec. Colts 40.

JUNIOR COLTS RESULTS

- v. Millbrook (Away). Millbrook 74-9 dec. (Underhill 3-6), Junior Colts 66.
- v. Magdalen (Away). Junior Colts 67, Magdalen 19 (N. White 6-11, Gee 3-4).
- v. Cothill (Away). Cothill 137-6 dec. (Singlehurst 3-23), Junior Colts 62.
- v. Pangbourne (Away). Pangbourne 170-3 dec. Junior Colts 56.

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

A COLD, wet and persistent winter almost pushed this event off the calendar. Only great determination and enthusiasm shown by those who enjoy Cross Country running pulled it back from the brink.

After the usual practice runs round various courses, the School set out on a typically wet and chilly day to complete a very muddy course. Swift won the race, to make a consecutive run of six victories. Their success was due to good packing in the middle order. The individual winner was P. Murphy in a time of 31 min. 15.4 sec.

- 1st Swift 2032 pts.
- 2nd Harcourt 2252 pts.
- 3rd Queen Anne 2389 pts.

The Road Relay was also won by Swift, with Murphy again proving to be a formidable adversary, making up nearly three and a half minutes on his leg.

INTER-HOUSE ROAD RELAY COMPETITION 1979

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	<i>Swift</i>	<i>Leg Time</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Acc. Time</i>	<i>Harcourt</i>	<i>Leg Time</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Acc. Time</i>	<i>Queen Anne</i>	<i>Leg Time</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Acc. Time</i>
1.	Saunders	21.10	3	21.10	Tamlyn	20.25	1	20.25	Smith I	21.00	2	21.00
2.	Gregory	8.50	2	30.00	Choynowski	8.25	1	28.50	Underhill	9.30	3	30.30
3.	Reeves	9.15	2	39.15	Kent-Coward	9.25	1	38.15	Houghton	10.00	3	40.30
4.	Murphy	20.20	1	59.35	Robins	23.55	2	62.10	Weaver	23.00	3	63.30
5.	Scott	18.20	1	77.55	Walker II	20.30	2	82.40	Mee	20.20	3	83.50
6.	White I	21.35	1	99.30	Jenkinson	20.50	2	103.30	Ruffell	23.45	3	107.35
7.	White II	19.18	1	118.48	Everett	17.55	2	121.25	Palmer	19.37	3	127.12

1st Place Swift 118 min. 48 sec.
 2nd Place Harcourt 121 min. 25 sec.
 3rd Place Queen Anne 127 min. 12 sec.

FOOTBALL FOCUS 1979

THIS SEASON has not been a very successful one; partly due to the terrible weather; we only managed to play two matches, the other four being cancelled. The two matches we did play were against Christ Church, Oxford, and the Old Boys.

We played Christ Church, Oxford, on the 1st March, only two weeks after the season had started. Our lack of team practice and match fitness were shown up by our opponents in the early stages of the game. At half-time we were one goal down and barely surviving. In the second-half, the team pulled themselves together and gave a fine performance. A brilliant goal by A. Danilanten put us back into the game. A late penalty by V. Wong gave us the winner. Iran had an excellent game in goal and played an important role, along with the rest of the team, in keeping our chance of winning alive!

Our second and last fixture of the season was on the 27th March. This is the first time ever in Cokethorpe history we have had an Old Boys football match. It has always been a tradition in the rugby but has never been done before in football. I have to express my gratitude to G. Manley for all the effort he put in to make this possible.

The match was a fine spectacle with plenty of skill being demonstrated. We were the better team on the pitch that afternoon. I am not taking anything from the Old Boys, in fact, all credit to them for putting up such a fight and producing the best in us. Both teams got into the game quickly, desperately wanting to prove themselves the best. Pool and Manley scored for the Old Boys. Four goals between White I, Grundy and Murphy (2) gave us a 4-2 victory.

While most of the senior players are leaving at the end of the year I am delighted to have introduced one youngster into the game, Bunnag. He took the chance and settled well in the team. He will be a great prospect in years to come. I am looking forward to coming back next year as an Old Boy to compete with the fiery White II, the impeccable Iran and the remaining members of the squad plus all the members to be.

Last but not least, I express my special thanks to Mr. Melrose for coaching the squad throughout the season, and also to Mr. James who has helped the squad to enjoy the recreational side of soccer.

V. WONG

BRIDGE

A SMALL group of devotees still play regularly on Thursday afternoons and standards of play amongst them have improved considerably, but, in general, interest in Bridge has diminished to the extent that in 1978 there was no Inter-House Bridge Competition. However, it was revived this year and keenly contested. Perhaps this was because the inclement weather early in the year made out-of-doors activities unattractive where-

as the prospect of a cosy hour or so over the cards in Room 9 took on a certain appeal. After a protracted struggle Harcourt won by a small margin of points over Queen Anne, the Swift threat having been eliminated in the early stages of the competition.

ELECTRONICS (DANGER! UNEXPLODED ELECTRICAL DEVICE)

IN THE MIDST of sound-to-light devices, amplifiers and a mini-computer, the flashing light unit by M. Kunzer actually worked at the second attempt. Meanwhile a number of people succeeded in annihilating two clocks (Davie and Clifton), injuring an amplifier, and insulting the aforementioned computer by running a Pink Floyd tape through it. Berg was speechless, and Keenlyside re-programmed it to respond to uncouth phrases. Davie and Pearson have had limited success with amplifiers, and Coles has built a clock which lights up willingly, but fails to go past noon.

We should like to thank Mr. Jolley for his patient help through this year, and hope he retains his equilibrium through the next.

P.D. and D.M.

AIR TRAINING CORPS

THE COKETHORPE SCHOOL section of the A.T.C., Witney Squadron, was formed in February. Cadets are instructed in such skills as map-reading, aircraft recognition, first aid and weaponry. Thanks to the work and kindness of R.A.F. Brize Norton we can also shoot on their ranges and fly, occasionally, in the VC10, and thanks to R.A.F. Abingdon first class cadets can fly in Chipmunks.

There are now upwards of a dozen cadets, led by Corporal Raison.

COKETHORPE SOCIETY

I AM PLEASED to report that support for the Society is growing every year. At this year's A.G.M. there was again an increased number in attendance, many of whom were recent Old Boys who seem very enthusiastic to participate in Old Boys' activities. I am also now receiving a great deal of correspondence, some of which I have edited at the end of this report.

This year's A.G.M. was exceptionally successful due to the Catering Manager, Cliff Atkinson, and his staff, who produced a superb meal at a very reasonable cost.

The Church Appeal which was launched last year to mark the School's twenty-first birthday is progressing but we are still in need of more support to reach our target of one hundred subscribers. If you know of anybody who would like to join in the Hundred Club I will gladly provide them with an Appeal form to sign. The deeds of the Church are to be officially handed over to the School by the Old Boys on Friday 6th July.

We are all very sorry to hear that John Trevis is leaving Cokethorpe and would like to take this opportunity of thanking him for the support

he has given to the Old Boys' Society. We look forward to seeing him at our future functions and wish him every success in his new position at Westbury House near Petersfield.

The Rugger Match last year and Disco Supper were a huge success with the Rugby Match resulting in a win for the Old Boys. Our thanks go out to John Vaughan-Fowler for his hard work in organising the team. The Disco Supper was a hit due to many contributing factors—the support from Old Boys, the good food laid on by the School catering department, the professional disco provided by Jonathan Brown and the girls from Wychwood School whose company was appreciated by both Sixth Form and Old Boys! This event is to be repeated again this year on Saturday 20th October when we look forward to meeting the new Headmaster, David Goldsmith.

I shall be in Canada from June until September but will be returning in time for the Rugby Match; during my absence my Mother, with the kind help of Gerard Manley, has agreed to keep things ticking-over so please contact her c/o the School if you need information re Cokethorpe Society.

Here are some extracts of news from Old Boys' letters received since last year:

Peter Siu has asked that any Old Boy who wishes to continue playing rugby in London should contact him at 42 Westbure Road, London N.W.2. Tel.: 01-794-7555. He is playing for Hampstead, who run sides every week. He says it does not matter how fit or unfit you are and it is also a good way to keep in contact with other Old Boys.

Sonny Ching. Doing degree course in Architecture at Oxford Polytechnic. Present address: 192 Headington Road, Oxford (Oxford 64052).

John Allmond. Has been in Tenerife for two years and at present involved with the letting of Holiday Apartments in the south of Tenerife. Hopes to be over in England in August, 1979. Kindly sent £36 to the '100 Club'.

Michael Green. New address: 'Ambleside', 34 Priory Walk, Leicester Forest East, Leicester (392121). Married seven years, has a son Matthew 4½. Production Director in family knitwear firm (J. Gould & Co. (Leicester) Ltd., Countesthorpe, Leicester).

Richard Woods. New address: 1 The Waverleys, Park Lane, Thatcham, Newbury, Berks. Has been travelling in U.S.A. and will be in touch again when work allows. We apologise for addressing his wife and himself as Messrs. R. & J. Woods.

A. E. Carraher. New address: 'Pentre', 98 Clarence Road, Horsham, W. Sussex (Horsham 67765).

James Cartland. Has been out of touch for some time. Has had antique business for several years and in 1972 became owner of 'Potter's Museum of Curiosity' which is one of the last complete Victorian natural history museums left and is now housed in Arundel High Street.

Very popular with children and during 1978 over 40,000 visited it. Has appeared several times on TV and Radio. Also the owner of a local craft centre and shopping arcade with ten shops. He is particularly interested in old buildings and converted the Museum of Curiosity 6 High Street, Arundel, last year. Is a local historian and had first book published this year on Arundel. Two more in process at the moment—we look forward to hearing when they are published.

Andrew M. Wild. We were pleased to hear from him in July 1978 and hope he will now keep in touch. His news is: after spending seven years in banking became a keen rock climber and alpinist, left the Bank and became instructor for two years in the National Mountaineering Centre, N. Wales. There he met a Swiss girl and married her and is now a legal executive with a firm of Solicitors in Leeds. Finally hopes to become a Solicitor like his father. He was in the New Inn, Bourton on the Water and realised afterwards the 'familiar face' who had just left was Milvain.

Major J. R. Harrison, R.E. Address: c/o Lloyds Bank, 10 Wimbledon Hill Road, Wimbledon SW19 7NT. Sends greetings to all of 'his vintage'.

A. R. Esland. Address: Footmans, 8 Bath Road, Eastbourne, E. Sussex. At present in second year of a degree course in Business Studies at Middlesex Polytechnic. Hope to see him at future Old Boys' functions.

Miss M. J. Walsh, known to many when she was Sister for a number of years at the School has kindly sent a donation for the Church Fund in memory of 'Eddie' whose familiar bark was well known to all. Her present address is 21 Queen Emma's Dyke, Corn Street, Witney, should any Old Boy wish to look her up.

Rick Hayward. I received a letter from his mother, who now lives in the south of France. Rick Hayward's address is: F. H. Hayward, 613½ E. Broadway, Monmouth, Illinois 61462 U.S.A. He is married and is manager for Public Utilities of the town of Monmouth. He took a degree in the States, has worked hard and well and now merits Cokethorpe's approval! She asks for address of Denton Rowe—can anyone help?

J. J. Robinow. Called in at the School in March looking very fit. He has just completed the foundation course in accountancy with the City of London Polytechnic and hoping for good results when he will join Tansley Witt (Chartered Accountants) in September.

Nicholas Holland. Playing the organ at The Twain Met Restaurant, Suffolk House, Banbury Road, Summertown, Oxford.

S. Samms. New address: 89 Troughton Road, Charlton (01 858 2824).

Trevor Key. Went to Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. in February of this year to join the National Contracting Company there on a two-year contract.

John Key. Still in Dubai, U.A.E. with Costain Taylor Woodrow Joint Venture and after being involved with the Rashid Dry Dock is now completing one of the breakwaters before returning to U.K. about the

- end of May 1979 (after three years). Both Trevor and John were there when the Queen visited the Persian Gulf.
- William Crisp*. In Australia staying on a cattle and sheep ranch in New S. Wales—working hard and enjoying it enormously.
- J. Hitchcock*. Recovering from lung operation. Enjoying married life. 'Soliciting' in Bromsgrove. Hopes to attend a future function with wife and meet old friends.
- Dr. D. M. Gillman*. In Australia since January 1978 in general practice in N. Queensland. Address: c/o P. Office, Airlee Beach, Queensland 4800, Australia. Has one son 6.12.77, second child expected May '79.
- M. de Weymarn (ex staff)*. Arrival of Iain Andrew on 3rd February (8.10½ oz). Holding his head up well and 'father thinks he will be a prop!'
- Chris Notley*. Now back from the Far East and living in Brecon. He is instructing with the 2nd KEO Goorkhas as part of the School of Infantry staff and hopes to have a full two years in Brecon.
- Clive Carpenter (ex staff)*. Regretfully could not attend A.G.M. owing to a friend's wedding. Is now working full-time in publishing. Prior to this did a lot of work on the Guinness Book of Records.
- Justin Sayer*. Wife has just given birth to second daughter so they are very busy. Best wishes to the Society and kindest regards to John Trevis and with all good wishes to him for the future.
- Robin T. Richards*. Left 1962 and enlisted in the R.A.F. in 1963. Did five years' service, married in 1967. After R.A.F. service went into the family business in 1968 manufacturing fasteners—nuts and bolts. Did day release at W. Bromwich College of Commerce & Technology followed by a course for B.Sc. Metallurgy at the Wolverhampton Polytechnic and in June 1978 gained a 3rd Class Honours degree in Metals Technology. Hobbies: collecting old toy trains, inland waterways and cine photography.
- P. Janson-Smith* (Swift 1963–7). New address: 13 Liston Road, London SW4. Now Associate Editorial Director of Corgi books, one of England's leading paperback companies. Joined Corgi in 1974 and has travelled all over United States in pursuit of books. Last year went to Rhodesia to edit Daniel Carney's (author of *The Wild Geese*) new novel—an extraordinary experience and an unforgettable one—had to carry a sub machine-gun wherever he went because of terrorist attacks! Married for seven years to Lavinia who runs an independent and successful catering business in Chelsea called The Cookshop; two children, Emma three and Mark eight months. Any Old Boy passing through London would be welcome to visit them in their Victorian terraced house in Clapham.
- Roderick McKenzie*. Now with Capital Radio working in the Programme Department as Information Officer and organising competitions.
- C. Marshall*. Commencing as car salesman at Cheltenham in July.
- N. R. W. Lambert*. New address: Goldsmith Building, Temple EC4.

