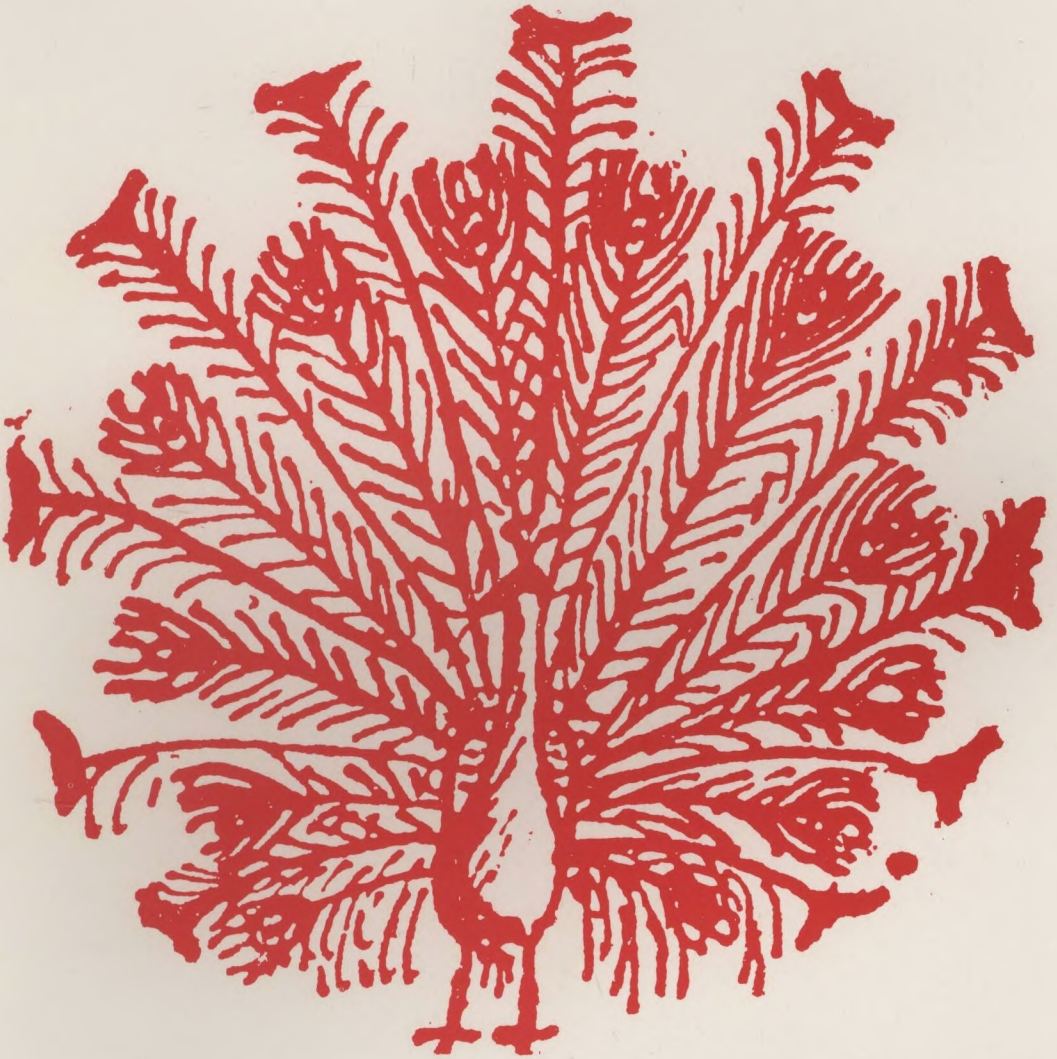


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M. A. J. Vlitos

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Dean Swift M. A. J. Vlitos

Harcourt J. B. Bowles

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HM & Family

EDITORIAL

IT IS A great pleasure to welcome Mr. David Goldsmith and his family to Cokethorpe. It is scarcely necessary to say that he comes to us from Radley College, where the greater part of his teaching life has been spent, part as house master and the last five years as Sub Warden. The nation at large, and we in particular, were afforded a chance to measure Radley's loss, and our gain, through the medium of BBC television earlier this year. Eagerly enquiring parents give proof of how fortunate this coincidence has been. We wish happiness for himself, his wife and two sons, and hope they will soon be settled in their mansion next to the market garden.

This is a good opportunity to thank Cliff and Moira Atkinson for the efforts they have made, and the excellent standard they have achieved, in their school catering. We thank, too, the departed Mr. Jolly for his expert endeavours in the field of physics. He left us last term to work in industrial research, but has generously continued to help his Advanced Level pupils to master their syllabus. We hope that Mr. Barker, who has stepped in at short notice to fill his place, has felt at home with us. We were sorry (in particular the boys of Harcourt house) to learn of Mr. Clayton's illness, and wish him a speedy return to good health. Mr. Brocklehurst has enthusiastically taken over the Biology Department this term, and he is warmly welcomed.

Congratulations go to Julian Keenlyside, the head boy, for watching over us ably through the year, and to his prefects Nicholas Berg, Andereh Danilanten, Kurosh Hayatdavoudi and Mark Vlitos. Dean Swift has proved to be the leading house, but has been hard-pressed by a much improved Queen Anne. I can assure them however that they will be strongly challenged next year by Harcourt!

My thanks to Mr. Nightingale for his rapport with the Peacock, and to all those who involved themselves therein in some way. To those leaving this term I wish good luck; especially to my friends in the Sixth form.

JASON EVERS

PRIZES

(Presented by Mr. R. S. Thompson, M.A.)

The Headmaster's Prize: P. M. W. Murphy

6th Form English: B. S. Mee

” ” *French:* M. Shurbaji

” ” *History:* B. S. Mee and M. J. White

” ” *Mathematics:* K. Hayatdavoudi

” ” *Chemistry:* P. M. W. Murphy

” ” *Physics:* P. M. W. Murphy

” ” *Biology:* P. M. W. Murphy

Cullen Debating Prize: S. H. Ashby

Martin Browne Memorial Prize: P. G. Clarabut

Open Art Prize: J. Blair

5th Form English Language Prize: M. S. Kunzer

” ” *English Literature:* M. S. Kunzer

” ” *History:* J. H. Evers

” ” *Geography:* M. S. Kunzer

” ” *French:* J. A. Tobin

” ” *British Constitution:* M. Weaver

” ” *Biology:* M. S. Kunzer

” ” *Physics:* D. J. Williams

” ” *Mathematics:* D. J. Williams

” ” *Chemistry:* D. J. Williams

4A Form Prize: B. Nazari

4B ” ” : S. Haas

3A ” ” : M. Harris

3B ” ” : R. J. Fincher and P. V. Bunnag

CHAPEL NOTES

SUNDAY SERVICES have been held throughout the winter in the Corinthian Room, and with the coming of warmer weather in the Chapel in the grounds.

The year's outstanding event has undoubtedly been the Confirmation in the Chapel packed to the door with candidates and their families, on the afternoon of Sunday 21st March. For the first time at Cokethorpe the Confirmation took place within a service of Holy Communion at which those who had been confirmed made their first Communion. The service was conducted by the Right Reverend S. C. Bulley MA DD, formerly Bishop of Carlisle, to whom we are greatly indebted not only for coming, but also for the splendid and very helpful address which he gave.

I think that there is only space for surnames, but those who were confirmed were:- IIIA: Beaty, Burns, Garside, Law, Shelley, Tomes, Wincott. IIIB: Dillon-Godfray, Douglas, Freeman, Porter I, Varnish. IVA: Adams, Andrews, Banham, Barrett, Dixon, Harris I, Moore, Russ, Simmons, Wigglesworth. IVB: North, Miller, Lascelles, Pearson, Rowley, Smythe, Tee, Yates. VA: Clent, Cook, Houghton, Morton, Saunders, Underhill, Wheeler. VB: Haas, Kent-Coward, Sewell, Taylor. VI: Tobin, Williams. Forty-two in all.

We thank Mr. W. E. Green for accompanying the singing not only for the Confirmation but throughout the year: Mrs. J. A. Tobin for organising the cleaning assisted by the Matrons and Staff, and Mrs. D. F. Goldsmith and Mrs. E. Webb for arranging the flowers. In having Frederick Walsh and David Martindale as servers at the Confirmation we recognised their devotion and helpfulness throughout the year, and we also welcome Hugo Mackay who will take over the preparation for the services next year.

Before the Confirmation the candidates spent a Quiet Day at the Benedictine Abbey of Prinknash near Painswick, conducted by the Revd. Fr. Bean SSJE whom we took along with us. Sincere thanks are due to the Abbot, not only for allowing the Quiet Day to be held there, but for tea in the Library when the monks came and made friends with the boys. The day came to a close with Vespers in the Community Chapel.

Another happy innovation this year has been the occasional introduction of a hymn at morning assembly which has greatly enriched this short service. Our Catholics are grateful to the Revd. Fr. Gill SJ who has continued to come each week from Campion Hall, Oxford, to say Mass, and also to Mrs. Vaughan-Fowler for taking care of his transport. Thanks are also due to Bro. Peter OSD who comes from Blackfriars to give instruction here on a Monday evening. Andrew Ruffell is in charge of the Chapel, and he, Duddridge and de Jode have served most frequently. Mark O'Sullivan provides the music. Andres Fernandez-Salvador was confirmed at the end of June.

D.P.L.

DEAN SWIFT HOUSE REPORT

THIS HAS BEEN a year of mixed fortunes for Swift. In July the House regained the rowing and canoeing cups last won in 1977, but could only finish as runners-up to Queen Anne in the Cricket Competition, in spite of Ashby winning the School Batting Cup, M. White winning the All-Rounders Cup and N. White winning the Fielding Cup. However at the end of the Summer term we lost the bulk of our senior sportsmen, M. White, Murphy, Ashby, Shurbaji, V. Wong, Clarabut and Drowley. This left a void which it has been hard for the few remaining seniors to fill, even though we are lucky to have a fair number of talented boys in the Junior part of the school.

Swift apparently went into hibernation during the Autumn term, for no competitions were won. In the rugby a weakened team lost heavily to Queen Anne and although our full-strength team led against Harcourt, injuries to Jowett, Vlitos and Martell, all of whom were forced to leave the field, contributed to our defeat by two points. Great credit must go to N. White, Burns, Saunders, Reeves and R. Porter for their valiant efforts during both games. Both the Clay Pigeon and Target Shooting seemed to elude us.

After Christmas there was a resurgence in the fortunes of the House. All members (whether past or present) must know that in the Spring all Swift's fancies lightly turn to thoughts of... Cross Country running. It goes without saying that Swift carried away the trophy for the seventh year on the trot. Scott won the individual cup but the whole House ran well. Saunders finished second, White was fourth, while Burns, Gregory and George all distinguished themselves. The Road-Relay Cup was once again won fairly comfortably, for the twelfth time in sixteen years. Colours were awarded to White, Scott, Saunders, Burns, Gregory, Rowley and George. To prove our all-round ability the Swift team of Walsh, Williams, R. Bright and D. Bright won the Bridge Cup, whilst at the end of term we were able to tuck away a new cup when Swift won the Singing Competition with a moving rendering of the Battle Hymn of the Republic, to the jubilation of the whole House including its Housemaster!

It only remains for me to thank Walsh and White for the help that they have given me throughout the year and to wish the House good fortune in the years to come.

M. VLITOS

HARCOURT HOUSE REPORT

ALTHOUGH WE have won four cups so far, this year has been one of constant second positions for Harcourt.

Last summer ended with overwhelming victories in both the Standards and the Athletics day events. The canoeing was one of the closest fought cups. Harcourt came second to Swift by 12 seconds. Brilliant performances by North and Bunnag I in the Junior tennis doubles gave us another second, behind Queen Anne.

In the Autumn the Rugby XV's were also closely contended. Queen Anne, with their huge senior contingent, managed very narrowly to put us in second position; and Swift, despite their claims, offered little resistance in their defeat. Colours were awarded to Fitzgerald (capt.), Gee, Marchand I, Storrie and Wheeler. Shooting was dominated by Harcourt. The rifle team (Fitzgerald, Choynowski and Sutton) received colours for a comfortable win. A new Clay Pigeon Cup was also won by Harcourt: Gee, Wheeler and Bowles received colours.

Spring once again saw the running cups go to Swift, but their usual dominant position was strongly challenged in both events. In the school Cross Country exceptional runs were made by Choynowski, Bowles and Law (3rd, 5th and 7th respectively), to gain second place. The Road Relay was another very close second behind Swift, while Queen Anne's team once again trailed pitifully. The Rugby VII's were tackled with strategy: because of the Queen Anne senior strength we sacrificed our seniors to strengthen our juniors. It nearly worked! Our juniors (Andrews, Assefi, Choynowski, Lilley, Irvani I, Sutton, McLean and Fincher) crushed all opposition, and McLean must be mentioned for his try, 10 seconds from kick-off, in the match against Queen Anne. Unfortunately the Swift juniors lost to Queen Anne and we found ourselves yet again in second place.

Tribute must be paid to the actors (Keenlyside, Penn-Gaskell, Evers and de Jode) in the house play which was so highly commended by the Headmaster.

We say goodbye to Mr. Thomson and Mr. Warr, our two House Tutors, and Mr. Clayton our House Master.

Thanks must go to the seniors and especially the juniors of the House, who have played such a major part in its success. Finally my personal thanks go to J. J. Keenlyside, an invaluable House deputy.

J. B. BOWLES

QUEEN ANNE HOUSE REPORT

THE SCHOOL YEAR 1978—79 ended in moderate triumph for Queen Anne. A comprehensive victory in the cricket was followed a few days later by a narrow victory in the Tennis Competition, with Tee and Ruffell playing excellently. The Athletics Competition was a disappointment, but we did have noteworthy individual performances from K. Hayatdavoudi and D. Foreman.

With the traumas of the previous year behind us, we were hoping for an *annus mirabilis*. In both the Rugby XV's matches we were led admirably by Kurosh Hayatdavoudi, who inspired the whole team with his vigour, and our overall victory was never seriously in doubt. Our chess team showed that excellence in sporting affairs isn't our only virtue, by outwitting the Swift and Harcourt teams (although we failed to take the Bridge Cup, despite the efforts of N. Berg).

The next important competition was the inter-House Cross Country. In this event it was evident that we are desperately short of good distance runners: even though Porter II finished ninth and M. Grundy thirteenth, we finished a disappointing third. The same was true of the Road Relay. However, Grundy and Iran ran well and received House Colours for their pains. But this trend was not to last long. The Rugby Sevens Competition ended in a runaway victory for Queen Anne. In the junior side Wigglesworth, Porter and Tee excelled themselves, and we beat Swift, but

were unable to hold Harcourt. The senior side crushed Harcourt, but only defeated Swift through sheer grit, teamwork and the individual strength of our captain, Kurosh.

In the football, Harcourt resisted but feebly and were forced to suffer the indignity of a 9—0 defeat. Swift were also annihilated 7—0, thus making amends for our poor showing in last year's competition. Apart from the House Kicking cup, the only other prize to be competed for was the Singing Cup (an innovation). The House sang well and heartily, but it was judged that Swift had won, and second place was the sum of our efforts.

It only remains for me to thank our captain, Kurosh, for his dedication throughout the year. Thanks also to Andereh Danilienten and S. Iran for their efforts. Most of all, congratulations should go to all those members of Queen Anne who participated in the competitions and helped make this year a triumphant one.

M. GRUNDY



THE HIPPOPOTAMUS

The happy Hippopotamus
Is really rather gluttonous
This can be observedibus
By looking at his tummybus.

He's really rather largibus
Due to his anatomus,
Considering he eatibus
A rather large amountibus.

He doesn't really knowibus
Much about the worldibus
But is thoroughly contentibus
To wallow in the mudibus.

And then it's time to matibus
With several femalibus,
To carry on the ancient race
Of 'hippo' mixed with 'potamus'.

R. TOMES, III FORM

PULAN AWA

Pulan Awa is two days' sailing NE from Singapore.

THE WAVES broke smoothly against the shore, and the water gently oozed over the glistening beach. In the distance behind me, I could see our ketch, with someone erecting an awning on the foredeck. "Probably my brother," I thought. I felt quite alone.

I had volunteered to get some fresh water from the natives, to put us in good stead for the sail home. I had gone alone. Gradually the menacing island came closer. I began assessing when to ship the oars of my rubber dinghy, and leap into the water. Unfortunately I misjudged how close I was to the island and I leapt out to find myself up to my waist in the surf. Trying to hide my shame and embarrassment, lest someone experienced was watching, I dragged the dinghy ashore.

Above the beach there was thick steamy jungle, and towering over this was a mountain, jutting up into the threatening sky. It seemed to be made totally of black rock. It dominated the whole island, dark and brooding. I felt afraid of this awesome tower. I got the water from a well at the back of a bamboo house which a Malay fisherman showed me. He didn't seem at all put out by me, a stranger on his island. Even so I was pleased to leap into my dinghy and row back to the ketch. After a troubled night's sleep we sailed for Singapore and home. I was glad to say farewell to this black rock in the sea.

T. M. ANDERSON, III FORM



THE GENERAL STUDIES TALKS

ONE OF THE most welcome features of the Sixth Form is General Studies, which broadens the horizons of those who are otherwise restricted for much of the time within the confines of their chosen A level options. In the last two-and-a-half years we have been extremely fortunate in securing over forty distinguished and interesting speakers, and this year was no exception. Once again the range of subjects was as diverse as the backgrounds of the speakers themselves, and the talks were of a high quality throughout.

Pride of place here must surely go to Lady Antonia Fraser who came in February, shortly after the publication of her *King Charles II*, to give a talk entitled 'A Biographer in search of a Subject'. She discussed in some detail



Lady Antonia Fraser at Cokethorpe.

Question: "If you had been alive in Charles II's time do you think you would have been attracted to him?"

Answer: "I am quite sure I would, and I hope he would have been attracted to me. With all those other ladies around, it would have been dreadful to have been left out!"

the subjects of her own books, as well as the art of biography in general. It is impossible to convey with any accuracy, in the limited space available here, the supple, spontaneous and passionate conviction with which Lady Antonia expounded her ideas and answered questions, but we soon realised that she was very much aware of what went on around her, and that she was actively involved in her chosen period of the 17th century — not someone who was passively detached and approached her task from a purely academic viewpoint.

At the beginning of the spring term we were once again very pleased to have Count Nikolai Tolstoy back to talk about his forthcoming book on Stalin. As with the story of 'Victims of Yalta', he gave us a fascinating account of the workings of Stalin's mind and of the tortuous course of Soviet foreign policy up to the outbreak of the second war; and one felt that he spoke with the sort of confidence only someone with a very personal knowledge and insight into that country could produce. Latterly, there was

some discussion of the exact nature of the motives behind the Russian invasion of Afghanistan.

The General Studies season began with a lecture by Mr. Gordon Matthews C.B.E., entitled 'Four Queens of the Eighteenth Dynasty'. In effect, this was a talk about the old, middle and new kingdoms of Ancient Egypt, about which Mr. Matthews spoke with immense enthusiasm. The huge task he had set himself meant that he was able to do little more than brush the surface of his subject, and he made it clear that he spoke only as an amateur. Nevertheless, with his beautiful slides, he gave us an insight into Ancient Egyptian life which we would not otherwise have had, and the occasion was an unusual and worthwhile one.

On an entirely different note Dr. James Flegg, for some years the Director of the British Ornithological Trust at Tring, came to talk about 'Man and Birds'. He approached his subject both from the viewpoint of what impacts birds had had on man, and vice-versa. Much of the talk revolved around his present research into bullfinches, but his other interests in woodland bird communities and puffins on the island of St. Kilda were also beautifully illustrated.

A third illustrated slide lecture was given by Mr. Charles Mussett, Head of the Art Department at Radley College, and also a painter in his own right, with nearly a dozen one-man shows to his credit. He chose to speak about 'Chardin and the development of Still-life Painting', showing us first Chardin's work, and then explaining the influences of the period on Chardin himself. In view of his own obvious enthusiasm for the subject, it was a pity that on this occasion the audience was slower on the uptake than usual.

We were very lucky to have Professor R. W. Rideout of University College, London, who came to talk to us in November about 'The Role of the Trade Unions'. He did an excellent job of making the subject interesting and lively, and dealt in turn with the conflict between collectivism and individualism, the question of whether the Trade Unions can be blamed for lack of productivity, and the related problems of industrial action. He dispelled several popular misconceptions on each count. Professor Rideout obviously enjoyed himself a great deal at question time; in fact, he confessed how difficult some of the questions were to answer! My only criticism would be that he didn't make it clear what the long-term aims of the Trade Unions were (as opposed to the long-term aims of management), but perhaps that would have been stating the obvious.

Mr. Ronald Higgins, Deputy Director of The Richmond Fellowship, came to give a talk entitled 'The Seventh Enemy: the human factor in the Global Crisis'. The 'human factor' in question was the moral blindness and political inertia in face of the six major world problems which confront us. He certainly had some fairly gloomy facts to offer us, but, far from being a hysterical Doomsday prophet, he said that his task was to incite an active

awareness of the way in which these problems have an importance to us not merely at the level of politics and economics, but at the personal and psychological level. This he did most successfully.

Mr. Richard Last, one of the *Daily Telegraph's* television critics, rounded off the Michaelmas Term with a discussion on 'Television and Society'. He spoke very briefly by way of introduction, and the main part of the evening was conducted, as he wished, through a question-and-answer session. His ebullient personality went down well with the Sixth, to whom he paid tribute afterwards by saying how pleasant it had been to have none of the usual questions about sex and violence which, in his experience, obsessed many adult audiences in discussing this topic.

It was good to see Col. J. W. M. Hipkin back at Cokethorpe in (we hope!) the less-demanding role of General Studies lecturer. In a talk entitled 'In the Bag' he described his experiences as a prisoner-of-war in Malaya during the last war, and how he and his fellow captives were forced to work on the Burma railway, much of the time in appalling conditions. Yet in spite of the hardships he had some very amusing anecdotes to tell, and he even brought with him some remarkable photographs which had been taken inside Changi and were later retrieved by an Australian after the war.

It is not easy to describe an evening of poetry to those who have not heard the poems, but we were fortunate indeed to have a reading of their work by Kit Wright and Craig Raine. Mr. Wright had just completed a two-year term as Fellow-Commoner in Creative Writing at Trinity College, Cambridge, and Mr. Raine has had a good deal of attention this year after the success of his second book of poems, *A Martian Sends a Postcard Home*. Although they were contemporaries at Oxford, this was the first time they had met for many years, and it was the first time they had ever read together. They made a good team, and accompanied their readings with an irreverent and often hilarious commentary. On the face of it, Mr. Wright's poems were the more immediately accessible of the two: Mr. Raine makes such rich and unusual use of imagery and metaphor that some prior explanation of his poems is unavoidable.

A big event during the Lent Term was the Mid-Oxfordshire Conservative Association's "Any Questions?", for which we were the hosts to the four panellists and their supporters. The luckless four were The Rt. Hon. Douglas Hurd M.P., Minister of State in the Foreign Office; Col. Sir Eric St. Johnston, formerly H.M. Chief Inspector of Constabulary; Dr. P. M. H. Moorhead, Principal of Hatherop Castle School; and Mrs. Mavis Batey, an historian of English gardens. Mrs. Batey who was standing in at very short notice for Sir Colin Crowe, who was still convalescing in Nairobi General Hospital after an unfortunate car accident in the week leading up to the event. The Sixth were allowed a very fair share of the questions, though it seemed to me that the more lightweight of the questions which had been written down were the ones largely chosen. However, the evening

was much enjoyed by all who were present, and it was certainly an event which, in Lord Grimston's words, would have been "worthy of national reproduction"!

Another such evening was the musical entertainment, 'Encore des Bons-bons', devised by two Dons of Westminster College, Oxford, the Rev. A. E. Perry and Dr. S. C. Phillipson. They played a wide variety of extracts from some of their favourite music, ranging through Rossini, Schubert and Leoncavallo to Lennon & McCartney and the 'Sounds of Africa'. But, by general consent, by far the most moving single item was Pachelbel's Canon on a ground in D Major, which must surely be used (with aerial shots of Cokethorpe) as the signature tune of any future series of *Public School!*

Dr. J. D. Kenyon, Fellow in Philosophy at St. Peter's College, Oxford, came to talk about 'Free Will'. Among the many ideas which he aired for our benefit was the notion that it is so unacceptable to most of us to believe that we aren't responsible for our own actions, that we simply have to find arguments to demonstrate that we are! It became clear, however, that what really interested him was the validity of argument, so that at times he seemed almost to be talking more about Reason than Free Will. This was an unusual talk with plenty of mind-boggling conundrums which scrambled everyone's brains alike, but I think most of us found it hard to function at Dr. Kenyon's high abstract level.

Towards the end of the Lent Term there was, for a change, an 'Away' fixture — a visit to the workshops of Oxford Scientific Films, where we were shown around by the Director, Gerald Thompson. He himself was just back from Australia where he had spent five-and-a-half weeks in the bush filming the pollination of an orchid, and we saw the kind of equipment and expertise which made possible this, and much of the footage for the first four programmes of David Attenborough's series *Life on Earth*. Equally eye-opening was the studio which contained the huge gantry-like cameras which were used for OSF's more recent special-effects work in *The Alien* and *Superman*. This, sadly, was the last General Studies for the present upper Sixth, but doubtless there will be just as impressive a parade for the new Sixth to look forward to next year; and the talks programme is now in the home straight towards the fiftieth, which should take place some time in November.



THE WINSLOW BOY.
by
TERENCE RATTIGAN

presented by the boys of COKETHORPE SCHOOL
on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday, 14th May, 1980.

THIS PLAY has a somewhat psychological theme in that in order to prove the innocence of his younger son, Arthur Winslow practically ruins the family fortunes and the lives of the rest of his family.

This kind of play, apart from some moments of humour, calls for a great deal of intensive acting on the part of the cast and this was admirably demonstrated by all concerned.

Apart from two 'walk-on' parts, Desmond Curry and Barnes (reporter) — ably portrayed by Richard Gregory and Keith Vickers respectively — the rest of the actors had very large parts to play and were on stage for very long periods at a time, which meant many, and not easy, lines to learn. In all cases the participants appeared to be word-perfect, which was indeed praiseworthy, and due, no doubt to the producer, Simon Warr.

Winslow père, (Mark Harris) had one of the most arduous roles in that his gruff, elderly voice had to be maintained throughout, and also his difficult movements owing to arthritis. He managed both voice and movements most professionally, though I fear his vocal chords must have suffered for some time afterwards!

Ronnie Winslow (Guy Brady) conveyed just the right amount of harrassment and injured innocence throughout, and his elder brother, Dickie (Roy Mclean), displayed the right mixture of frivolity and great disappointment at having to abandon his University career.

John Watherstone (Mark O'Sullivan) was convincing as the ardent lover who finally jilted the girl he loved.

Sir Robert Morton's part (Richard Banham) was not an easy one. To convey the pomposity and arrogance of such an unlikeable character even though he unbent in the end, was taxing, but was managed very efficiently.

Now to the female characters — I have never quite understood why it is that boys dressed as girls look so much better than vice versa. A girl of 14 or 15 in doublet and hose usually looks ludicrous but a boy of the same age group in a frilly frock looks quite presentable. A good example of this was Kate (Julian Harris) who looked quite entrancing (I hope this remark won't cause him to set fire to my house!) in the two pretty dresses he wore and the blond wig — a marvellous line was: "I really must go and do something about my hair!"

Grace Winslow (John Dixon) looked wonderful in that hat and especially those gorgeous ringlets and acted a difficult part with a great deal of feeling.

And last, but not least, Violet (James Dillon-Godfray) looked, and was, superb with an accent which became more and more convincing with each scene and rose to full perfection in the final speech at the finale.

Congratulations on a splendid performance to the whole cast, to the producer, and all those behind the scenes without whom the show would not have been able to 'go on'.

D. H.

AN EVENING OF MUSIC

Given by Ian Watson (piano) and Mark Stephenson (cello)
at Cokethorpe School
on Sunday, 1st June, 1980.

ONCE AGAIN we were indebted to Mrs. Keenlyside for giving us the opportunity of enjoying a delightful evening of music at Cokethorpe School.

The two performers, Ian Watson and Mark Stephenson, are such well-known personalities in the musical world that neither of them requires a fullsome description of their respective talents.

They chose a varied programme with which to enchant their audience and personally I enjoyed most the Sonata in G Minor, Op. 2, No. 5 as I am a great admirer of Beethoven's work. No doubt, however, the rest of the works performed were appreciated in their different ways by other listeners and the whole evening was a great experience for all those who were lucky enough to be present.

We thank Ian Watson and Mark Stephenson for giving us this enjoyable experience and for sparing us their most certainly valuable and well-filled time to aid the Jimmy Saville Appeal Fund for Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

D. H.

THE CULLEN DEBATE

The annual Cullen Prize Debate was held in front of the whole School in the Corinthian Room on the evening of Thursday, May 15th, the motion being that "*This House believes that the freedom of the individual has no greater enemy than the freedom of the Media.*" Speaking for the motion were Jason Evers and Duncan Williams, and against, Julian Keenlyside and Mark Walker. The panel of Judges was chaired by Mr. Barry Webb of Radley College, and also adjudicating were Mr. Gordon Dennis and Mr. Bob Brocklehurst. When put to the vote the motion was soundly defeated in the House, and the Judges awarded the prize for the best individual speaker to Julian Keenlyside.

CHAMPAGNE COUNTRY

THE VINEYARDS of Daniel Dumont are situated on the slopes of Rilly-la-Montagne, just outside Riems. The village of Rilly-la-Montagne is typical of the many small villages found in the Montagne de Riems in the Champagne region of northern France.

Daniel Dumont is a very small producer of champagne, with a total production capacity of about twenty thousand bottles a year. His champagne is considered to be a good one though not the best. He is noted mainly for his very limited production of still red wine which is only produced when there is a surplus of pino-noir grapes, used in champagne production.

Daniel Dumont himself is not what I imagined a champagne producer to be. Instead of a rounded, blue-smocked Frenchman he is a tall, neatly dressed, slender man. Well mannered to the extreme, he invariably opens a bottle of his best champagne on any occasion, be it the visit of a friend or the wedding of his daughter.

I visited his vineyards in late spring. The neatly pruned rows of vines seemed to roll out like a carpet across the hillsides adjacent to his Maison.

The Maison Dumont is in the centre of the village. Three large buildings flank a small concreted courtyard. Crates of empty bottles are stacked neatly on all sides and a gentle odour of fermentation pervades the atmosphere.

He led me into the largest of the three buildings which, from the outside, seemed just to be a house like any other, but with a very large front door. On entry one is met by four large concrete vats. These are used for the primary fermentation which is started the instant the grapes are pressed.

M. Dumont explained how a mixture of both white and black grapes are used in the champagne process. The vats are numbered. Number one is the vat used to ferment the juice of the white grapes. Numbers two, three and four are used for the red grapes. He does not own a press and so all his grapes are pressed in the local commune and the juice carried up to the vats by tanker.

Spring is the time of year when last year's fermentate is transferred to bottles. I arrived the day after this process had been completed. All the bottles are then transferred to the cellars. M. Dumont has three cellars cut into the chalk hillside. The first is used for storage and in the removal of sediment from the bottles after the second fermentation. This process I have not witnessed but I am assured it is a very difficult and skilled job.

The second is a deeper cellar where bottles are kept for three years after the second fermentation.

The third and deepest cellar is where the newly bottled, still wine is stacked. At a constant temperature of 8°C the wine will begin to ferment inside the bottle. This is where any imperfection in the bottle shows up.

They *can* explode! Champagne gets its sparkle from this fermentation in the bottle and as M. Dumont was very careful to point out, it is the *only* wine in the world which will ferment naturally in the bottle without ruining the flavour. The second fermentation is the most important part in the champagne process and, as M. Dumont says, "Without it champagne is not champagne."

Having seen the cellars and vats we crossed the courtyard to his house. Here he showed me his small cellar of still red and white wines which can only be produced when there is an excess of grapes for champagne.

The red wine which is his speciality is relatively rare, and therefore expensive. It is made by most champagne producers for personal consumption only. It has a very distinct flavour and great care is taken to make the best wine possible. Very few producers sell it as they cannot guarantee enough production to make it profitable.

M. Dumont and I spent the rest of the evening comparing various types and vintages of champagne wines, which are numerous, and discussing the skills used in their production. The next day was a very easy trip back to Riems to drink more champagne with my grandfather.

M. VLITOS



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THE BOAT CLUB.

IT HAS TO BE said at once that many factors conspired to make the 1979 season one of our less successful ones. The bitterly cold weather of the Spring Term meant that we did not get onto the river at all until the Summer Term, although we did once again begin the training of the Under 14's in the Autumn Term. Even in May the weather continued to be very capricious with squalls of hailstones, strong winds and quite dangerous currents commonplace on the river. All this slowed down training and made outings difficult.

The crews were as follows:

	<i>Seniors</i>	<i>Under 16</i>	<i>Under 15</i>	<i>Under 14</i>
Bow	Clarabut	Clifton	Houghton	Rowley
2	Tamlyn	Weaver	Morton	Duddridge
3	Keenlyside	Coles	Saunders	Pearson
Stroke	Vlitos	Berg	Martindale	Russ
Cox	Bowles	Davie	Hanbury- Tenison	Spring-Rice

It was a blow to us to find that the Gloucester Schools Regatta had been cancelled and that the Ball Cup Races and the Carmel Invitation Regatta were scheduled for the same day. Thereby hangs a story. At the 1978 Carmel Regatta the Rowing Master made a note of the proposed date for the 1979 regatta, duly entered it into his diary and turned up on the appointed day complete with three crews only to discover that we were one week early. The date had been changed on the official letter of invitation, but the Rowing Master had not read his correspondence carefully enough.

So the second regatta we attended, and the first we actually competed in, was the Ball Cup Races held on the River Trent at Nottingham. Two crews were entered for this regatta which was held on a very windy and showery day. As usual, we had to borrow boats in order to race at all and in all races we were rowing in clinker fours against crews with the advantage of faster restricted fours. Consequently, it was not without surprise that the Senior crew found itself in a final, admittedly a losers' final, but a final nevertheless. This is how it came about. In the first heat the Senior crew went down by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths to Sir Thomas Riches. Their second heat against Nottingham High School resulted in a win for us by $\frac{1}{2}$ length. This is what put us into the losers' final competing with Becketts School which race Becketts won by 1 length. The Junior crew lost both their heats to Becketts School crews.

At Hereford Schools Regatta on Wednesday 30th May it rained heavily for the entire day. Telephone communication with the start was constantly disrupted on account of the inclement weather. Three crews were originally entered, although the J 14 crew had to be withdrawn at the last moment. The Seniors lost their first race to Belmont Abbey. Because of the communications problems, they had to make two journeys to the start and

were thoroughly soaked for their efforts. The J 15 crew, who did not row in the first round, lost their race against High Wycombe who had already won one heat.

In the penultimate week of the term disaster struck when half of the bottom step at the boathouse, which had been showing the strain for some time previously, crumbled into the River Thames probably as a result of a blow from a cruiser mooring alongside. This made the launching of boats for the training sessions for the House Regatta extremely hazardous. Indeed, on the regatta day one of the fours was damaged as she was being launched and we were reduced to using one boat only. In contrast to the other regattas we had attended during the term, the weather at least was kind. Swift House won the regatta with a combined time of 5 minutes and 11 seconds:

FIRST XV RUGBY REPORT

Captain: M. A. J. VLITOS *Vice-Captain:* N. J. WHITE

THE FIRST XV has had a disappointing season this year. There were various reasons for this, but the most important must be the large number of young, and therefore inexperienced, players. However, the team at no time lacked spirit or determination, and always played to the best of their ability.

The season started with a victory against Shiplake (9—6). It was a close game with a lot of tough rugby being played. The tackling, in particular by the backs, was the most noticeable feature of our play, and was to remain so throughout the season.

The next match was our annual duel against Burford. As always it was an exacting game which ended with our first defeat of the season. After Burford we met Henry Box. A bad start made it seem as if defeat was inevitable, but the XV fought back to win a sound victory 33—6, with tries by R. Choynowski (1), K. Hayatdavoudi (2), N. White (1T. 1P. 3C.), A. Danilienten (1) and P. Bunnag (1).

From then on it seemed as if we could not hold our play together. A series of defeats followed which are hardly worthy of mention. All but a few of the matches played were hard fought. Against Oratory, playing in heavy rain, we seemed to be in their half throughout the game but inexperience led to numerous foolish mistakes giving the opposition final victory. In the Oxfordshire Cup we were drawn against Banbury who beat us 16—10. In a very close match against Radley College another silly mistake — an alleged off-side — led to our defeat 4—0.

However all was not as bad as this may sound. P. Bunnag and M. Wheeler reached the final trials for the Oxon U16 Colts, and M. Vlitos, K. Hayatdavoudi and N. White reached the third trial for the Oxon U19 Colts. M. Vlitos was eventually selected to play for the county.

It now only remains for me to thank the matrons who always provided clean kit for all our matches and acquired a set of numbered shirts for the team; Sister, who put up with our numerous injuries; and finally our fine coach Mr. Melrose who kept us going through all the disappointments of the season.

Full colours awarded to: M. Vlitos, K. Hayatdavoudi, N. White.

Half colours: R. Saunders (most improved player of team), F. Irvani I, P. Bunnag, A. Danilienten, T. Haas, L. Martell, M. Wheeler.

M. VLITOS

PLAYING RECORDS:

	Played	W.	L.	D.	Pts F.	Pts A.
1st XV	14	2	12	0	90	258
Colts	7	1	6	0	36	199
U14	1	1	0	0	30	4

Top points scorer: N. White 36 pts.

RUGBY SEVENS

AT THE beginning of the winter term the 1st XV squad became the 1st VII. The transition from fifteens to sevens did not come easily but by the first of our two competitions a good 1st VII had been formed with a fair second team. Peers VII was a bad day for the second team but a good one for the first. We held St. Edwards to a draw and only narrowly lost to the eventual winners, Chipping Norton, 4—0, with notable performances from K. Hayatdavoudi, A. Danilienten, L. Martell and P. Bunnag.

The Oxfordshire Sevens followed a week later and in fact were staged after the end of term. A squad of eight (M. Vlitos (capt.), R. Reeves, K. Hayatdavoudi, A. Danilienten, L. Martell, P. Bunnag, N. White and F. Irvani) remained behind in order to play. It proved to be worthwhile. The team wanted to make up for the disappointments of the season and played very creditably, with great determination. We eventually reached the semi-final, where yet again Chipping Norton (the final winners) knocked us out of the competition.

COLTS RUGBY

THE COLTS had a disappointing season, but tried hard. Throughout the long winter term we had some very commendable performances, especially against Bloxham, winning our first match 10—6 (our only win out of the seven games we played). Our situation was made worse by continual supplying of regular players to strengthen the first XV.

Commendable and regular performances throughout the season were given by Choynowski, Scott, Tee, Andrews, Yates and Porter II amongst our backs; and in the pack (most ably led by Duddridge) by Moore, who did sterling work as hooker, North and our new acquisitions Porter I, Varnish, Wincott, Gow and Storrie. We all give our special thanks to our coach Mr. James for making all the matches possible and we hope that next year's Colts re-establish the successful pattern of the recent past.

J. M. DUDDRIDGE
(Vice-Captain)

COKETHORPE CRICKET CLUB REPORT 1979

Captain: S. ASHBY *Vice-Captain:* M. WHITE *Secretary:* N. WHITE

THE CRICKET report usually opens with a general broadside against the inclemency of the elements and the pre-season disasters which an unkind fate seems to delight in inflicting upon us. It would be a relief to abandon this stereotype, but traditionalists can rest easy, 1979 produced the mixture almost as before — if anything, the conditions were even more inhospitable than in previous years. The three months before June produced the wettest spring since 1947 and to find a colder May one must look back to 1941. In fact, we dripped and shivered through the second wettest and fourth coldest spring this century; it snowed in May and hailed in June. Other minor inconveniences included the five trees which had been planted prettily on the 1st XI outfield during the Easter holidays (one cover, three extra covers and a fine leg), the breakdown of the heavy roller early in May and the colonisation of the Colts field by numerous moles (Fred's relatives?) and rabbits, whose tunnelling and scratching produced pits of which Robert the Bruce would have approved.

At the beginning of the season there were several obvious weaknesses in the XI. Only Ashby, the two Whites and Iran remained from the 1978 side so a great deal depended upon Ashby's ability to restrain his wilder impulses if sufficient runs were to be scored. In the event he was remarkably consistent and deserves great credit for the application and self-discipline that he brought to his batting. M. White played his usual dogged percentage cricket and was always hard to shift, while N. White, Iran, Andrews and Reeves made steady progress as run gatherers. The bowling relied too heavily on the military-medium of M. White, and the much improved swing of N. White, for even though Grundy wobbled the ball very interestingly at times at a gentle medium, there was insufficient variety in the attack and we were desperately short of a good-class finger or wrist spinner.

The first two matches of the season ended as draws. Against Abingdon, weaknesses were revealed in the XI's attack, fielding and field placing, but as little practice had been possible beforehand, this was hardly surprising and several useful lessons were learned. N. White bowled economically and

was unlucky not to take more wickets while Grundy's rocking style proved effective. M. White batted soundly to score 48 not out and would probably have completed his maiden half-century had the middle order batsmen not thrown away their wickets like lemmings rushing headlong to their own destruction. Bloxham batted very slowly for two and a half hours against some accurate bowling from N. White (19—7—2—34) leaving the XI only twenty minutes and the final twenty overs in which to score the runs. The challenge was not accepted and Ashby and M. White sensibly settled for an hour's batting practice.

In the next two matches the leading batsmen really began to play attractive cricket. At Shiplake the XI raced to 191—4 dec. in a little over two hours. Ashby hit a swashbuckling 92, N. White 38 in 44 minutes and Iran 37 not out in 43 minutes. Shiplake were then summarily dismissed for 27, N. White completing a fine all-round performance by taking 9—17, (a School record). At Stowe the start made by the XI was even more electric. With Ashby and N. White in full cry fifty was up in under half an hour and another big total seemed likely. However, this hectic pace was too good to last. Wickets fell and although Andrews batted bravely to hold the middle of the innings together, the XI were eventually dismissed for 98. Poor bowling and fielding allowed Stowe to romp to victory by eight wickets — to stand an old proverb on its head, catches, if they are dropped, lose matches with alarming certainty.

After the break for 'O' and 'A' levels the XI suffered three defeats in a row. P.J.G.'s XI won by 129 runs in spite of Grundy's clever bowling which went some way towards containing rampant batsmanship, while Andrews demonstrated his growing confidence with an innings of 22. At Pangbourne the home side dismissed the XI for 91 and went on to win by six wickets while a very strong Malvern team brushed the XI aside with an eight wicket victory and then went on to demonstrate how a cricket ball should really be struck in a thunderous beer match. In the XI's defence it should be mentioned that General Science 'O' level claimed N. White, Gee and Walsh for the matches against Pangbourne and Malvern, so against our strongest school opponents we were forced to field considerably weakened teams.



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The final match of the season against Rendcomb ended in a creditable draw for the XI. Ashby, Iran, Andrews and Reeves batted well, the White brothers sent down thirty overs taking 7—65 between them, but the final two wickets could neither be blasted out nor bought.

In conclusion, sincere thanks must go to Cyril for preparing wickets in a difficult summer, to Sister and the Matrons for keeping our various teams fully fit and well-turned out against all the odds, and to Cliff Atkinson 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)

Wed. 9th May *v.* Abingdon 3rd XI (Away) Abingdon 185—6 dec., XI 100—7 (M. White 48*).

Sat. 12th May *v.* Bloxham 2nd XI (Away). Bloxham 110—6 dec., XI 52—3 (M. White 22).

Thurs. 17th May *v.* Shiplake 2nd XI (Away). XI 191—4 dec. (Ashby 92, N. White 38, Iran 37*), Shiplake 27 (N. White 9—17).

Sat. 19th May *v.* Stowe 3rd XI (Away). XI 98 (Ashby 35), Stowe 99—2).

Sat. 23rd June *v.* P.J.G.'s XI (Home). P.J.G.'s XI 203—6 dec., (Grundy 3—37), XI 74 (Andrews 22).

Wed. 27th June *v.* Pangbourne 'A' XI (Away). XI 91 (Ashby 32), Pangbourne 92—4 (M. White 3—42).

Thurs. 28th June *v.* Malvern 'A' XI (Away). XI 43 (Ashby 20*), Malvern 46—2.

Sat. 30th June *v.* Rendcomb 1st XI (Home). XI 134 (Andrews 21, Reeves 20), Rendcomb 101—8 (M. White 4—35, N. White 3—30).

The matches against Dean Close, Oratory and Magdalen were rained off.



Dillon Godfray

XI AVERAGES

BATTING (Qualification 6 innings)

	<i>I.</i>	<i>N.O.</i>	<i>H.S.</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Av.</i>
Ashby	8	1	92	230	32.86
M. White	8	1	48*	121	17.29
N. White	6	0	38	83	13.83
Iran	8	2	37*	74	12.33
Andrews	7	1	22	57	9.50

* Not out.

BOWLING (Qualification 6 wickets)

	<i>O.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Av.</i>
N. White	84.5	16	19	232	12.21
Grundy	32	2	8	118	14.75
M. White	88	20	12	257	21.42

COLOURS

XI: S. Ashby, M. White, N. White

XXII: S. Iran

CRICKET CUPS

Batting Cup: S. Ashby
 All-Rounders Cup: M. White
 Fielding Cup: N. White
 House Cricket Cup: Queen Anne

HOUSE MATCHES

1st Match: Queen Anne 104 (Preston 26, Gee 3—18), Harcourt 34 (Grundy 7—16, Underhill 3—17)
 2nd Match: Queen Anne 124 (Tee 57, N. White 5—15), Swift 54 (Ashby 32, Underhill 7—30, Grundy 3—20)
 3rd Match: Swift 82 (N. White 28, Everett 4—21), Harcourt 81 (Andrews 45, N. White 3—16, Reeves 3—25).

NOMADS TOUR 1979

AFTER A damp and depressing summer, when rain fell steadily on the I.C.C. Trophy Matches (almost washing out the Mini-World Cup), Birmingham must have been overjoyed to see the return of the Cokethorpe Nomads for their eighth Crusade to that jewel of the Industrial Midlands! The full party consisted of Messrs. Green, Lewis and Luxmoore with Ashby, Carruthers, de Pass, Macleod, Pearce, H. Scott and Shutt, while Andrews and Morel played in two matches each.

On the Monday after the end of the summer term we set off on the first leg of our journey from Cokethorpe. We lunched traditionally at the White Swan, Henley-in-Arden, where Crispin de Pass broke the news of his impending nuptials. Amazed and delighted we drove into Birmingham to set up our headquarters at the Norfolk Hotel where we quickly took over the T.V. lounge to watch the Indians being beaten by an innings on the fourth day of the Test. Our evening meeting at "The Duck" was once again more of a social gathering than a team talk with "Romeo" Macleod paying special attention to an attractive, check-shirted "Susan". We went for our annual Chinese meal (those orientals must love us), but the chaos was not as great as usual, although Nick Luxmoore's impersonation of the poet, Enrik Ibsen, was amusing. The evening continued cheerfully: Macleod bumped into two unsuspecting young waitresses in the Hotel car park, Luxmoore conducted a brief rugby football training session on the first floor and Simon Ashby wandered the corridors in the early hours of the morning soberly searching for his mislaid room.

On Tuesday we breakfasted early and idled the morning away happily enough before assembling at The Duck for lunch. Our trip to Tanworth-in-Arden, where we were to play "E" Division, proved to be far more hazardous than expected; a multitude of specially programmed (?) traffic lights continually broke up our five-car convoy, and just for once all drivers were relieved to be joined by a Police escort. On arrival we found a rather dry, but pleasantly rural ground, won the toss and batted first.

Lewis and Macleod opened but at 13 Macleod kned the ball into his stumps and at 31 Lewis was caught in a stop-go situation and run out. Scott was caught for a single but Luxmoore and Green added 58 in 45 minutes before the Captain called for a sprint which Luxmoore failed to make. Nick had batted well to score 63 on a difficult wicket, collecting bruises in the manner of Brian Close against the West Indies, and it was around this splendid effort that the total was built. Ashby and de Pass chipped in with useful runs, while Andrews made a confident start for one so young.

After the declaration, and a forty minute tea interval, Scott took the first seven Police wickets (five of them clean bowled), on a wicket that was rapidly developing into a real pig. By now Macleod was turning his leg breaks almost square and Carruthers snapped up two fine catches to bring the Nomads victory in the tenth of the final twenty overs. The Police and their ladies entertained us royally in the evening and later provided another escort, this time back to the Hotel. Nearly everyone decided that enough was enough and fell into bed.

Wednesday morning was a time for relaxation. Crispin de Pass went swimming with hundreds of schoolgirls, while other members of the party went shopping in the city. We drove to Harborne C.C. after our Duck lunch, but lost the toss and had to field first. The giant Knowles was removed at 17 but then we suffered. The Harborne Captain (a former Warwickshire 2nd XI player) was put down twice in the thirties and went

on to score 119 not out (4 sixes, 15 fours) and although Scott bowled his heart out (16 overs for 46 runs) and the ground fielding was very good, with Macleod quite outstanding, Harborne were able to declare just before half time at 186—4.

In reply our innings began horribly. Six wickets had fallen for only 28 before Macleod put on 26 with Scott and 19 with Andrews before losing his patience, lifting his head and skying a catch to cover. Andrews confirmed the good opinion that we had formed of him already before driving over a ball of full length and the Nomads went down to inglorious defeat in the seventh of the final twenty overs. As always, Harborne entertained us superbly and the Club President, Ted Baker, a former County Cricketer (but I suspect, more famous at Cokethorpe as grandfather of Yates) very kindly left us a jug of ale that “the men of the Midlands drink” in which to drown our sorrows and toast the victors. We were further cheered by the arrival of Rick Morel in the evening, but sad to see the departure of Richard Andrews after such a promising debut. Later Luxmoore tried to inject a little culture into the proceedings by reading poetry to the lads in his mini-dorm. However, they had had a tiring day ...

On Thursday morning it was noticeable that several players lingered longer than usual over breakfast and clearly the pace was beginning to tell. In the afternoon we played Blossomfield and fielded all over the wicket on which America had beaten Israel in the early stages of the World Cup. Blossomfield batted first and Scott bowled their Captain Molesworth in the fifth over — a great relief after last season! However, it seemed that tragedy had struck when Scott went down in a heap after chasing a ball to the boundary and was carried off (“battered”) by Morel. Luxmoore bowled unchanged to keep the runs down, while Macleod flighted his spinners at the other end. Fortunately, our fielding held up well under pressure, Morel caught two good catches, Pearce stumped one batsman smartly and even the Captain at cover(!) participated in a run out.

Macleod and de Pass opened for the Nomads, but de Pass, Luxmoore, Lewis and Scott all fell quickly. Carruthers joined Macleod and batted with great care but both were dismissed within minutes of each other, leaving the score precariously at 52—6. Pearce held out for nearly fifteen minutes for nought, 69—7, but Green and Ashby batted out time without any further mishaps, even though two Warwickshire Colts were by now turning the ball viciously. During the course of this innings Green passed 1000 runs for the Nomads — a cause for minor, albeit expensive — celebrations in the Club House afterwards, and an admirable springboard from which the majority of the party could dive into the night life of the city.

On Friday the party was down to breakfast early and bills were paid with only the minimum of confusion. At the Duck the traditional team photograph was taken (once more Romeo Macleod provided the photographer), before we set off down the M.5 to Droitwich. This year we found the ground at the first attempt and were relieved to win the toss on a

warm afternoon. After early setbacks (16—3) the batsmanship of Luxmoore (an unbeaten 101 in two hours twenty minutes) and Scott, (not out 50) allowed us to declare at 202—5. When Droitwich batted several splendid shots were played. The openers put on 42 in thirty minutes and the second wicket fell at 97 after a little over an hour. Several distinguished catches followed: Luxmoore saved himself from a horrid injury by clutching a caught and bowled and caught another batsman on the deep square leg boundary, saving what would certainly have been six. Lewis held two skiers while Pearce pulled off a remarkable one handed catch behind the stumps. However, Droitwich just made the runs in time, winning by four wickets off the second ball of the twentieth (and last) over. Our bowling was not quite tight enough at the death conceding 24 runs from the last 20 balls. Nevertheless, it was a marvellous game of cricket which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

During the tour Pearce kept wicket better than ever. Macleod, Scott and Ashby fielded well everywhere, Lewis caught all his high chances, Shutt and Carruthers were splendid in slips and gully, Luxmoore swooped at cover while Morel and Andrews hardly put a foot wrong between them — but, the Captain was noticeably ... older!

Nevertheless, 1980 will see us refreshed and rejuvenated and maybe a new generation of Nomads will enjoy the variety of pleasures on offer to the touring cricketer.

SUMMARY OF TOUR MATCHES

- v. 'E' Division, West Midlands Police: Nomads 137—6 dec. (Luxmoore 63, Green 29), 'E' Division 54 (Scott 7—16).
- v. Harborne C.C.: Harborne 186—4 dec. Nomads 82 (Macleod 22).
- v. Blossomfield C.C.: Blossomfield 156—9 dec. (Luxmoore 4—60), Nomads 90—7 (Macleod 30, Green 26*).
- v. Droitwich C.C.: Nomads 202—5 dec. (Luxmoore 101*, Scott 50*, Lewis 29), Droitwich 205—6 (Luxmoore 3—89).

COLTS CRICKET 1979

U.15 XI: Won 1, Lost 4

U.14 XI: Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 2

ONCE AGAIN rain and waterlogged pitches reduced the number of matches played by the Colts and generally dampened Under 15 enthusiasm. In fact



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“Old Man Evers” found himself leading a team which contained no fewer than eight Junior Colts on several occasions, and the average age and lack of experience of the Colts XI must be taken into account if their results are to be seen in their true perspective. Irvani topped both batting and bowling averages, while Preston, Ruffell, Tee and Scott all showed skill and promise for the future. Not surprisingly the Junior Colts under Ruffell had a far more successful season (especially when Scott was allowed to bowl his prodigious bananas), and this suggests that 1980 should see a resurgence of Colts cricket at Cokethorpe under a new and genial Ayatollah — Heaven help any of them should they drop a catch!

COLTS RESULTS

- v. Abingdon U.14 (Home). Abingdon 126—9 dec. (Everett 3—22), Colts 21.
- v. Shiplake U.15 (Away). Shiplake 131 (Irvani 3—20, Everett 3—44), Colts 53 (Irvani 22).
- v. Stowe U.14 (Away). Stowe 50 (Irvani 4—15, Ruffell 3—8), Colts 53—6.
- v. Radley U.15.B (Away). Colts 36, Radley 37—4 (Gee 3—14).
- v. Rendcomb U.15 (Home). Colts 34, Rendcomb 35—1.

JUNIOR COLTS RESULTS

- v. Bloxham U.14 (Away). Junior Colts 29, Bloxham 30—0.
- v. Magdalen U.14 (Home). Magdalen 118—5 dec., Junior Colts 41—8.
- v. Cothill 1st XI (Home). Cothill 63 (Scott 4—12), Junior Colts 67—3 (Andrews 28*).
- v. Josca's 1st XI (Away). Josca's 34 (Andrews 6—12), Junior Colts 35—3.
- v. Pangbourne U.14 (Away). Junior Colts 21, Pangbourne 22—1.
- v. Millbrook House 1st XI (Home). Millbrook 25 (Scott 7—8), Junior Colts 26—2.

CROSS COUNTRY

THE SCHOOL Cross Country, involving every boy able to set one foot in front of the other, was once again won by Swift House, extending their impressive record to six consecutive wins, and twelve in the last fifteen years.

It was pleasing to see many junior competitors finishing in high positions and, considering the awful weather conditions, reasonably good times. Burns, Law, George, Irvani II, Ward and Porter II, all third formers, finished in the first 16, while fourth formers in the first 25 included O'Sullivan, Irvani I, Moore, Rowley, Gregory, and the overall winner, Scott of Swift House. Second and third places were taken by Saunders and Choynowski respectively.

Despite the annual problems of gaining access to various parts of the traditional course, which this year necessitated a minor rerouting, the school Cross Country is still the focal point of the first half of the spring term, being dreaded by many in anticipation but enjoyed by all (or nearly all) in retrospect.

- 1st Swift 1253 pts.
- 2nd Harcourt 1674 pts.
- 3rd Queen Anne 1806 pts.

The school also took part in the North Oxfordshire Cross Country Championships which act as trials for the county teams. In the senior age range Ibrahim, White, Walker and de Jode competed, Ibrahim finishing 12th out of 20. Scott and Saunders ran well in the U17 group, finishing 23rd and 24th out of 63; and in the U15 group George finished 26th out of 76.

In the match against Bloxham School the cross country team won overall, by 75 pts. to 86 pts. This victory was due to the U16 team effort led by Scott and Saunders, assisted by Smythe, Choynowski and Burns, who took the first five places, and won their half of the match 25 pts. to 31 pts.

The seniors fought well, Ibrahim coming in first, but lost their half of the match 50 pts. to 31 pts.

HOUSE ROAD RELAY

THE HOUSE Road Relay, following shortly after the Cross Country, was again won convincingly by Swift House, and produced some good individual times.

Rowley completed his junior leg in 8m. 53s. with Irvani II close behind in 8m. 56s.

Scott deserves recognition once more, as a junior running a senior leg and completing it in 18m. 15s. Choynowski similarly excelled himself, running a senior leg in 18m. 29s.

FOOTBALL

DESPITE A somewhat short football season, this year was a successful one with our winning two out of three matches. This was especially encouraging since much of our team was made up of junior boys who will be able to play again next year.

We started the season disappointingly, losing our first match against Christ Church, Oxford 5—4. At the end of first half they were leading 4—1, but with some concentrated effort on our part, we managed to score three more goals to their one. The result can be attributed to bad conditions and lack of teamwork.

While the senior team had a poor start, the junior team could not have had a better one in their match against Millbrook House on the same day: they won 12—0. Exceptional play was produced by Fernandez-Salvador, who scored five goals before being taken off to give the other side a chance of recovery. Other goal scorers were Law, Porter II, Marchand, Muller and Porter I.

The last match of the season was the senior team against the University College of Buckland, where we brought off a 5—1 victory. The efforts of S. Iran, M. Grundy and N. White deserve to be mentioned.

K. HAYATDAVOUDI

THE DOGLOVERS

So they brought you
And they kept you in a
Very good home:
Central heating,
T. V.
A deep freeze.
A very good home —
No one to take you
For that lovely long run;
But otherwise
“A very good home”.
They fed you ‘Pal’ and ‘Chum’
But not that lovely long run,
Until, mad with energy and boredom,
You escaped — and ran and ran and ran
Under a car
Today they will cry for you,
Tomorrow they will buy another dog.

D. J. E. SMITH, IV FORM

BIPEDS IN WHITES

Bipeds in whites,
They throw a leather string
That hits a wooden nail
To nowhere in long grass.

Pointless movements
Flinging a string
From three shaved sticks
To three shaved sticks.

Dazed by the sun
You wait for the willow
Will one stick fall!
Or will the tight mat
Fling down a lying twig.

Jumps and bounds,
You stab and kill the red leather
And bloody stings the branch,
Till six are over and then another torturer.

JASON EVERS, VI FORM

THE POND

THERE HAS BEEN much activity in the pond area this year. On a sunny afternoon large numbers of third formers helped by a few from the fourth have been engaged putting up dwellings for a variety of animals. One or two useful things have been learnt— for instance how to make concrete — though where the cement came from might best be left unasked! One wonders why the Headmaster's house has taken so long in being completed!

Ferrets and ferreting is now an established Cokethorpe pastime, though rabbits still seem to thrive in large numbers.

Bantams are back with us after an absence of a few years. A Silkie Cross hatched her first egg on Sunday after faithfully sitting for some weeks. Another pretty little speckled grey bantam is sitting on a clutch of nine eggs in the woods.

One failure during the year was the loss of a pair of Birmingham Roller pigeons and a pair of Homer pigeons. After their arrival they were cooped up for a month and then released. For a few days they returned to the loft but then flew off, rather like Noah's dove, 'which returned not again unto Him any more'.

However the great success story has been the building of a lovely aviary. This was an expensive venture and we are grateful to the Bursar for allowing us money from the Tuck-shop profits to help towards the cost. At the present it houses about a dozen small foreign finches. A pair of Bengalese immediately built a nest and laid three eggs, taking the best nest site available. The Zebra finches and St. Helena Waxbills have shown no interest as yet in increasing their numbers.

The pair of Chinese Geese continue to amuse one and all and lay eggs every other day but the female has not gone broody so far. The pond itself is in danger of being choked by the abundant plant life, and sooner or later we must drain it and clean it. Goldfish thrive in large numbers along with other interesting varieties. A large American catfish was discovered in it one day

to our great surprise. Lilies, iris and king cups bloom in their time, and altogether it is a delightful place to spend a few peaceful moments during a storm-tossed day.

D. L. T.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

IN THE last year this sport has started up seriously at Cokethorpe. In the Christmas term the inter-house competition was won by Harcourt, with Queen Anne second and Swift a close third.

We have been lucky enough to make the acquaintance of Tony Cox, a British champion, with whose help the Club has trebled its numbers. In the Easter term he kindly invited us to his skeet ground at Faringdon. It was a bitterly cold day but we all enjoyed ourselves very much. In the Summer term Tony Cox arranged an Open 30 Bird which was held here on 11th May, most successfully, and subsequently well reported in the Shooting Times.

I should like to thank Williams, Saunders, Sands, Martindale, Houghton, Foster, Underhill, Sellick, Rouse, Johnston-Smith and Morton very much for their work on that occasion; and Mr. Thompson for taking charge of us through the year (I believe he has enjoyed it as much as we have). We hope next year to be good enough to enter inter-schools competitions. Long may the Club prosper!

F. S. WALSH

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

IT WAS A great relief to move out of our cramped quarters in the second floor bathroom into our new Dark Room in the Autumn Term. The new Dark Room was set up in the largest of the rooms in the Archway. Sturdily constructed hinged shutters effectively keep out light at the windows. The room has been painted white and the table tops lined with a washable, white material so that there is a high degree of illumination when the safe light is on.

A new enlarger was purchased with a colour head, although it is still used to enlarge black and white prints at present. Another masking frame was purchased to go with it.

The Electronics Club fixed up our safe light, rewired our old enlarger, provided us with an adaptor box so that we can safely plug in our various appliances and made us an automatic timer. The timer can be used with either enlarger and times exposures with great accuracy from 1 to 99 seconds.

There is now space and equipment to occupy far more people at any one time and a large number are making good use of the facilities. One thing

that we still lack is a supply of water within the room, but I understand that the necessary plumbing will be supplied during the course of the summer holidays.

N. H. W.

GARDENING

AT THE beginning of the summer term five keen gardeners (Spring-Rice, Rowley, Garside, Mackay and de Jode) started with a great deal of enthusiasm to try and cultivate vegetables in small plots of land against one of the walls in the market garden. After many hours of hard work, and blessed with fine weather, a variety of vegetables have been planted and successfully nurtured. Protecting the plots against the marauding peacocks has been a problem, but at the time of writing the radishes, carrots, cabbages, brussel sprouts, lettuce and peas are well through the ground, and the strawberries in flower.



The Gardeners' Club commences operations

At the same time many more hours have been spent working on two flower borders on the north side of the house. One of these has been sown with a variety of annuals — 'Painted Lady', Nigella, Stocks, Clarkia, Rudbeckia, Cornflowers and Dimorphotheca — all of which have germinated in a remarkably short space of time. We are trying to do something more adventurous with the other border, which has been rescued from a tangled undergrowth of nettles, bindweed, ground elder and ivy, and is being planted with a variety of annuals and perennials. The perennials include Cloth of Gold, Papaver Oriental Poppies, Lychnis, Michaelmas Daisies and Helenium; and some Liliun Regale, Foxgloves, Lupins and cuttings of Delphinium are being brought on in pots indoors for next year.

The gardeners thank the Bursar, P. J. C. and Mrs. Garnade for all their help, and for the gift of plants. Bright I, Brown and Elliot have also helped occasionally.

H. S. D. M., J. S-R., J. M. de J.

COKETHORPE PARK RIFLE CLUB

SMALL-BORE RIFLE shooting has seen something of a revival this year with increased interest especially amongst the juniors. The performance of a number of boys has steadily improved over the months so that they are now quite good shots. Choynowski and Rouse have scored 99's and 98's have been obtained by Sutton, Fitzgerald, Moore and Smythe. Good scores have also been obtained by Barrett, Hanbury-Tenison, Muller I, Tobin, Underhill, Clent, and Gregory. Altogether about sixty boys have shot from time to time and twenty have shown keenness.

This year the House competition was narrowly won by Harcourt, defeating Queen Anne by two points out of four hundred. We entered teams in the under 15 and under 18 Junior Summer Inter-Schools competition and are awaiting the result. Some scores were not very good. In a small school it is difficult to make up the team of four boys that the competition demands. At the moment Moore is leading in the Davis Cup competition with a handicap of 4 and a score of 96, though Smythe, whose father is an Olympic shot, has yet to shoot.

COKETHORPE SOCIETY

THE HIGHLIGHT of last year's events was the hand-over of the Church to the School on July 6th. Vivian Williams, on behalf of the Society, handed over the Deeds to John Trevis, representing the School. A slate plaque has been inserted into the wall on the north side of the Church and the Chaplain, Rev. Lane, blessed this and said prayers with the congregation. The Church was filled with friends, boys and local residents from Hardwick

and Ducklington, many of whom have close connections with the Church, and everyone was delighted to find how well the renovation had been done. The school provided excellent refreshments after the ceremony. I am pleased to report that the response has been good to the Church Appeal although we could still do with a few more to complete the 100 Club. We are most grateful to those members who have sent donations. Mention must also be made here of the great contribution made by R. D. M. Stevens of Stevens, Howard & Co., Norwich, who did the legal work free of charge. This was an enormous help and much appreciated.

After the Church handover the members of the Society met in the front hall of the school where we were able to mark our appreciation of John Trevis's support to the Society by presenting an engraved barometer and a water colour of the Church to him, hoping these will serve as a reminder of the very happy relationship between John and the Society. We hope he can join us on future occasions.

The Rugger Match in October resulted in a win for the Old Boys and the Disco Supper afterwards was well attended and was a very successful event. Our thanks go out to Gerard Manley for arranging the team and to Stuart Macleod for captaining it. Also thanks again to Gerard Manley and to my mother for attending to the Society needs during my absence in Canada.

The A.G.M. and Dinner in April was a very happy event and a large age-range of members attended. The addition of ladies for the first time made it a most enjoyable occasion when over 70 sat down to the meal. We were delighted to have our President, Mr. J. E. Craig, with us and we welcomed David and Mrs. Goldsmith to their first Annual Dinner. We are grateful to the Headmaster for providing the facilities of the school for this occasion and thanks go especially to Cliff and Moira Atkinson and their staff for arranging a first-class meal which was appreciated by everyone.

We have had several letters returned this time marked 'gone away' or 'address not known'. I should be grateful if anyone could let me know the whereabouts of the following: C. Nicholson, C. J. Gower, J. Bruce, N. & C. Willsdon, M. S. Goss, P. T. Scully, D. H. Lumb and M. R. Pateman.

Please continue to let me have up to date news of yourselves. The following are extracts since the last Magazine. You will note there is one item of sad news and our sympathy goes out to David Franks and family on the death of his brother Michael.

John Meyer working with father in his Antique business in Kensington.
P. Clarabut Insurance Broker with C. T. Bowring (in the Aviation Department).

Adam White. New address: Rose Cottage, 101 Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford. Working for Thos. Cook, Travel Agents, High St., Oxford and enjoying it very much.

Matthew Walker working alongside Miles Gleeson at Witney Travel Bureau — recently been to Madeira.

Timothy Drowley studying for A levels at Magdalen School, Oxford.

- Mark Bridge.* Managing Conrad's Bistro, 50 Belsize Lane, Hampstead. Would welcome a visit from any Old Boys.
- Richard Adeniyi-Jones* is still working for Simpson's of Piccadilly and was married February, 1979 — new address: 114 Darwin Road, South Ealing, W.5.
- Christiano Freddi* is now in advertising working for J. Walter Thompson of Berkeley Sq. London.
- Paul Gleeson* was married November 1979 and is living in south London.
- Shane Gleeson* is teaching English to foreign students in Oxford.
- N. Wise* visited the School in February 1980. Address: Westrop Farm House, Highworth. He is Executive Director of R & K Wise. (supplies cakes to Marks & Spencers). Married, two children.
- Simon Thomson.* New address: 75 Marlborough Road, Elmfield, Ryde, I. of Wight. Just taken up a new appointment as Regional Sales Manager — South America — HS 125 Executive Jet Aircraft at British Aerospace, Hatfield, Herts.
- James Cartland.* New Address Castle Book Shop, 34 High Street, Arundel, Sussex. Now owns the Castle Bookshop as well the Museum of Curiosity at Arundel. The Castle Bookshop is a 450 year old house. James is Honorary Archivist to the town of Arundel. The two books he has written are "Arundel — a picture of the Past" and "Bygone Bognor".
- Douglas Cook* (ex staff). 16 Portland Road, Gravesend, Kent. Best wishes to all boys and staff who remember him.
- Rory Bourke.* Still studying, present address: 27 Beverley Road, Barnes, London S.W.13.
- Christopher Elsworthy.* "Woodview", Tockington, Bristol. Tel. Almondsbury 613855 (3rd child Spring 1980).
- Christopher Cooper:* Has joined Surrey Police, completed 3 months training in Ashted and posted to Walton on Thames Police Station.
- M. A. Jarrett.* 6 Highlands Avenue, Leatherhead, Surrey.
- Vivian Williams* (Chairman) Congratulations on arrival of baby son (Paul) in February 1980. We are further grateful for donation to Church from Vivian's father.
- Nicholas Dobinson.* Toke Place, Linton, Maidstone, Kent.
- Edward Edgell.* Now have second daughter. Address: Tibbalds Mead, White Chimney Row, Westbourne, Nr. Emsworth, Hants. Tel: Emsworth 4786 — Have just done extensive renovations to Tibbalds Mead and Jennifer takes visitors for Bed & Breakfast — would be pleased to see any Old Boys. If they wear the old boys tie they may have 10% off the bill! Edward still farming.
- D. P. N. Raynes* was unable to attend the Rugger Match as he is part of Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway Museum Trust and has to study engine practice ready for a run on the West Somerset Railway in the Autumn as part of the engine crew.
- D. Waithman.* Address: 2 Bath Street, Abingdon, Oxon. Owns Maintenance Chemicals (7 Grove St., Wantage) — called on the School to demonstrate products.

- R. Baars.* Negotiator in an Estate Agents office — shortly moving to a Central London Estate Agents.
- S. Macleod.* Address: Room K1—5 Darwin College, The University, Canterbury, CT2 7NZ.
- John S. W. Locke, FRICS., FRVA.* Address: 10 Vermont Close, Bassett, Southampton.
- J. Sayer.* Now has 2 daughters. With British School of Motoring and has been recently promoted to Staff Instructor — teaching people to become driving instructors.
- M. Kitchin.* 3 RGJ Oakington Barracks, Longstanton, Nr. Cambridge.
- Derek de Souza.* Sent a donation of £40 for the Church Appeal.
- Aubrey Harfoot.* New address — 14 Howard Court, Pontypridd Road, Barry, S. Glam. CF6 8NP.
- Richard M. Caplin.* Visited the School in October, having lost touch for some long time. Now married with two daughters. In Photographic and Hi Fi retail. Present address: 2 The Moat, Traps Lane, Coombe, New Maldon, Surrey.
- Victor Wong.* Doing further studies in Winchester — 104 The Valley, Stanmore, Winchester.
- M. Shurbaji.* At College in Bristol. Address: 31 Cotham Road, Cotham, Bristol 6.
- Donal Brooks.* 21 Lawn Road, London N.W.3.
- John Drake.* In Germany. Going on to College in Montreux to study French.
- Christopher Davis.* Company Secretary to a Timber Firm in Cheltenham. We were delighted to see his father, Mr. Colin Davis, was knighted in the New Year Honours List.
- Christopher Laughton* visited the School in November 1979 and found a few familiar faces among the staff. Address: 41B New St., Penzance, Cornwall. He is a designer and woodworker and comes to Oxford for timber. Hopes to come this way again and meet some old colleagues.
- Cameron Fielding* at Kennedy Private Hotel, Sous les Courtils, Albecqu, Catel, Guernsey C.I.
- C. Losuvalna* studying in Hastings. Present address: 15 St. Peter's Road, St. Leonards on Sea, Nr. Hastings, Sussex.
- N. Penn-Gaskell.* Doing further studies at Tutorial College in Hastings.
- Patrick Spencer.* New address: 73A Ormiston Grove, London W.12. Now working in the City selling Gold shares and has purchased a flat in Shepherds Bush.
- Russell Massey* is working in Zurich at The Hotel Baur au Lac and is hoping to do plenty of ski-ing.
- A. J. A. Wilson.* New Address: "Garlands", Ewhurst, Nr. Cranleigh, Surrey. Now working for small firm just outside Gatwick Airport specialising in computerised flight planning for executive and airline aircraft; other services are also offered and business is steadily building up.

- John & Trevor Key.* Major kindly replied on behalf of Trevor and John who are both out in Abu Dhabi.
- S. Phillipson.* Nice to hear again. After leaving school did a year on a farm near Oxford. In Oct. '77 went to Royal Agric. College, Cirencester for two years and gained College Diploma in Agriculture, with good grade. Decided to investigate Continental farming techniques so is now c/o Gaardejer E.Nygaard, Vestre Skolevej 35, Sknrring, 8464 Galten, Denmark, where he is assistant herdsman to a Jersey Herd. Returns to Royal Agric. College in Oct. 1980 for a further year to study Advanced Farm Management. Hopes to return to Denmark.
- C. Tabor.* We are most grateful for donation of £50 to the Chapel Fund. Charles is married with three children. Director of Tabor Farms Ltd. farming 1650 acres in south east and north east Essex, all arable. Very involved with Rolls Royce Enthusiasts Club and busy restoring a large village house as the Club's Headquarters and for the storage of all Sir Henry Royce's files and notes. The house is in Northamptonshire and will be operated by the Sir Henry Royce Memorial Foundation which is a registered charity of which Charles is a Trustee. He has owned several vintage Rolls Royce and Bentley cars since before the prices shot up! For interest: the annual rally of the Club is at Yarnton (nr. Oxford) 29th June. Club's President is Ted Harris, a Yarnton farmer. Charles asks to be remembered to all 1959—63 Cokethorpians.
- Michael Franks.* Letter from David L. Franks of 4a St. Stephens Gardens, W.2. informing us of the tragic death on 9th March of his brother Michael John Franks. Would like to get in touch with David Lumb if anyone can supply address as he was a close friend of Michael.
- M. Whelan.* Nice to have news after a long lapse. Back from Ireland and has been psychiatric nursing for past two years. Takes finals next year and will then return to Ireland. Would like news of Mr. Allen, Brennan, M. Gleeson, F. Bodenham etc. Present address: 18 Male Annexe, Warley Hospital, Brentwood, Essex.
- Alexander Dodd.* Now in Her Majesty's Forces, a private in The Queen's Royal Regiment at present stationed at Royston, Herts but after Passing-Out Parade in June will go to Colchester and thence to Northern Ireland. Address: Glendower, Forestdale, Hindhead, Surrey.
- John Tamlyn.* Training with Christies.
- Michael White.* With Bentalls prior to joining Father's business.
- Christopher Webb.* After an adventurous trip across Canada returned home in October. Appointed April 1980 as Personnel Officer (Development) to the West Berkshire Health Authority, Reading. (Tel: Reading 85111 Ext. 587 during daytime).
- Tony Vernon-Smith.* Would like to hear from 1959—62 colleagues. Has been with the Contractors' Plant industry since 1963 as a fitter. Graduating through to demonstrating and servicing. In 1967 transferred to Sales and posted to Dublin where for 4 years sold JCB Excavators. 1973 returned and covered East Anglia on GM Terex Motor Scrapers, dumpers etc. Now Area Manager for Volvo BM (Construction and

Forestry Equipment) covering London and four counties north.
Married, plays golf and lives at 8 Hempstead Road, Redbourn, Herts.

EX STAFF:

Alan Halstead (ex teaching) visited the school January 1980. Now Head of Geography Department and Careers at Chatham School, Kent.
Address: 47 Cork Street, Eccles, Nr. Maidstone, Kent.

Sister M. J. Walsh. Now living in Ireland c/o T. Kelly, Sea View House, Wicklow, Eire. She has been ill and also fractured her wrist and has spent some time in a Dublin Hospital.

Sister Haines returned to the School and "filled in" for half a term. Had a great welcome and was very popular.

Sister Barford left at the Michaelmas half-term to return to Kenya where she married Mr. Colin Matthias. Address: P.O.B.11 Kiambu, Kenya. Our best wishes to both.

CHRISTOPHER J. WEBB