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S. GLENN

HUGO MACKAY

6.2.1965 — 5.1.1981

WE WERE all shocked and saddened to hear of the tragic death of Hugo Mackay in a car accident in Holland on January 1st, 1981. Though he had been at Cokethorpe only two years he had made a great many friends and established himself as a thoughtful and likeable character who, as Sacristan, worked very hard for the Church Services and practices. A measure of his popularity was evidenced by the fact that every member of 5A (and many other boys) attended his funeral service at St. Andrews, Winterborne Houghton, Dorset, on the second day of term.

To his parents and family we extend our sincere sympathy and love. Hugo is greatly missed at Cokethorpe but we cherish many happy memories of him.

EDITORIAL

THIS YEAR has seen a number of changes, of which the provision of fire doors and a fire escape in the House was the most necessary, the most significant and the most expensive. Sixth and fifth formers were moved out of their top floor dormitories during the autumn term, first to the gym, then to the Corinthian Room and finally to the lower sixth common-room. The fire escape went up (and up) during the Easter holidays, and the top floor is now once more in use. Everyone involved is to be congratulated on making our banishment (relatively) comfortable. The eighty-five night wait was well worth it!

Thanks to Mrs. Goldsmith, the running of the tuck-shop is much improved. Helpers this year included Cook, Haas, Iran, Kent-Coward and Ruffell, Sister and even, on occasions, the Headmaster. In the summer term the tuck-shop sponsored a table-tennis competition which was won by Irvani I. His prize was £1.00 worth of tuck-shop goods. Perhaps this marks the start of a wide range of sponsored contests? The tuck-shop committee purchased a video-tape recorder out of profits, which was immediately used to record the F.A. Cup Final and replay.

Noteworthy among new activities this year are pottery (run by Mrs. Worthington, whom we welcome warmly) and wood-turning, under the skilful guidance of John White, to whom we are most grateful. The first turned artefacts (not readily identifiable) have already been sold!

The advent of the School Paperback Bookshop is especially valuable, and for this we are indebted entirely to the initiative of Mrs. Goldsmith.

J. H. E.
P. A. D.

DEAN SWIFT HOUSE REPORT

THIS HAS BEEN another good year for Swift. In July the House secured the Athletics Standards Cup thanks in no small part to the enthusiasm of Alexander Curtis, while on Sports Day we were only overtaken by Queen Anne in the final relay, finishing second by a single point in a thrilling competition. Our cricketers, unfortunately, had more outs than ins, but our rowers (with a powerhouse of a junior crew in Rowley, Pearson, Duddridge and Porter) retained the Inter-House Cup fairly comfortably. We were sorry to lose Mr. Melrose at the end of the summer term but were pleased to welcome Mr. A. E. Gentry, the newly appointed Physics master, as House Tutor in his place.

The Autumn term began well when the House won the Kicking Cup and later in the season Robert Saunders led the Swift XV to victory in the two Rugby House Matches. At the end of term the ill-fated Swift House Play won great critical acclaim although many of the actors were suffering from flu; indeed Banham was too ill to act and I would like to thank the Head Boy, F. Walsh, for replacing him at the eleventh hour.

In the Spring term Swift captured four more cups. The Cross-Country was won for the eighth year in succession with Iain Scott retaining the individual trophy. House Colours went to Scott, Gregory, Martindale, Burns, George, Walsh, Clarke, Freeman and Akande, but all our runners must be commended for it was the House as a whole, not just these nine fliers, that won the race. The Road-Relay Cup was also retained, this time by the very wide margin of five and a half minutes, our thirteenth win in seventeen years. With the invaluable help of Mrs. Gentry we successfully defended our Singing Cup, while our Chess team (Hammouri, Williams, Martindale & D. Bright) took the cup from the reigning champions Queen Anne in a hard fought competition. We were not quite so successful in soccer (we came third in both the Six and Eleven-a-side competitions!) although Scott played valiantly throughout. Jowett, with a personal score of 99, captained our shooting team but even this was not enough to steal the cup from Harcourt's semi-professionals. We were more successful with the Work Cup however, winning the Headmaster's Recommendation Stakes for the second term running.

This term has begun well also, for Swift won the Clay Pigeon Shooting Cup under the captaincy of F. Walsh, backed up by M. Harris, Martindale and Wincott. We hope to clinch more victories in the remainder of the term, and I would like to wish Swift many more successes in work and games in the future.

Finally, it was with great regret that we learned in January of the tragic death of Hugo Mackay, one of our most loyal supporters, who will long be remembered for his courage in the face of adversity and his elfin high spirits in the House Play.

HARCOURT HOUSE REPORT

IN RECENT years Harcourt have not achieved these heights to which we were once accustomed. It has become necessary for members of the house to demonstrate that they can be dignified losers as well as honourable winners.

At the end of last school year we welcomed two new masters to Harcourt, Mr. White, formerly Queen Anne house tutor, as our house master, and Mr. Brocklehurst, who is in charge of Biology, as our house tutor.

In the summer term we failed to win what used to be known as 'the Harcourt Cup' when we were defeated in the Athletics competition. For the record it was only the second time in eighteen years that we had lost in the field and track events. However, Bowles, Bunnag II, North and Irvani II take the credit for ensuring that we triumphed in the Tennis. In the Cricket we ran a very close second to Queen Anne.

In the autumn term, in spite of having Mark Wheeler as Captain, we lost the house Rugby and Kicking competition, although a valiant effort was made by all concerned. We were fortunate in gaining several promising players in Form III in Cameron, Wankling and Nzeribe, and I am sure they will help us to reverse the results in years to come. Six of our team — Wheeler, Choynowski, Moore, Irvani I, Storrie and Bunnag are to be congratulated for gaining their school rugby colours.

We failed to regain our hallowed second place in the school Cross Country in spite of good runs by Choynowski, Moore, Ward and Irvani II, with juniors Wankling and Cameron running well. Final placings in the Road Relay were the same, although Irvani II ran particularly well. For the ninth time in twenty-one years Harcourt won the Rifle cup (and for the second year running). Two of our shooters, Smythe and Sutton, had already gained school colours the previous term.

Then there was an almost new competition — the Soccer six-a-side — which was held in 1977 but under different conditions. On this occasion we won both the junior and senior matches. Colours were awarded to both teams. Irvani I captained the seniors and Wankling the juniors. Both Marshall and Humphrey showed great promise in the juniors. A clean sheet was kept by 'Harvey', who was in goal for the seniors.

The Chess we conceded again, but to Swift this year. The house Singing eluded us despite the 'stadium feel' we gave 'Guide me, O thou Great Redeemer.'

In the house Sevens we were handicapped by the loss of three seniors. Moore did well to guide our side to second place. Ward captained the juniors who won very comfortably, taking two of their three games, and

thus the cup. They crushed Swift 26—0 and Queen Anne 22—0, with terrific tries shared between Cameron and Wankling. Colours were awarded to Moore, Bunnag, Storrie in the seniors and to Cameron, Wankling and (for a hefty effort) Yui in the juniors.

We now believed we could beat the most formidable of soccer teams — the Queen Anne XI, who thrashed Swift and Harcourt out of sight last year without conceding a goal. Captained by Irvani I we beat Swift 3—1 in our first match on a very difficult pitch. On the day before the end of term we lost 1—5 to Queen Anne (who beat Swift 10—2). Irvani was injured and could not play; North captained competently. Colours were awarded to Irvani I, Irvani II ('man of the Swift match') and sweeper Marshall.

What the house needs for the future is a little more 'first' and less 'last', and I think we have the right material to bring this about, provided that everyone, including the non team players, makes the effort. I should like to thank Mr. White and Mr. Brocklehurst for all that they have done. I also appreciate the help I received from the house prefect, Gregory Kent-Coward, and from John Breeze, not to mention the work Peter Davie put into the production of the house play. My thanks go too to all the captains and players, both senior and junior, of Harcourt house.

J. H. EVERS

QUEEN ANNE HOUSE REPORT

THIS YEAR was in some respects a good one. We came second in ten competitions, which is a record in itself. We won the Athletics Cup at the end of the summer term in the last race — beating Swift by only one point. For the second consecutive year Queen Anne won the Cricket Cup, first by playing a close match against Harcourt that was decided in the last over, and then by thrashing Swift by nine wickets after bowling them out for 21.

We then came to the rugby season. All the house XV matches were excellent games; but unfortunately we were beaten into second place. The same was true of the House Kicking, the VIIIs, the Chess, the Singing, the Cross Country and the Road Relay. But then came our first triumph in the next term: Soccer. Queen Anne inflicted a crushing 10—2 defeat on Swift, Mark Yates scoring five of the goals. The game against Harcourt was much harder: we were down 0—1 at half-time but came back well in the second half to win the match 5—1 and take the cup.

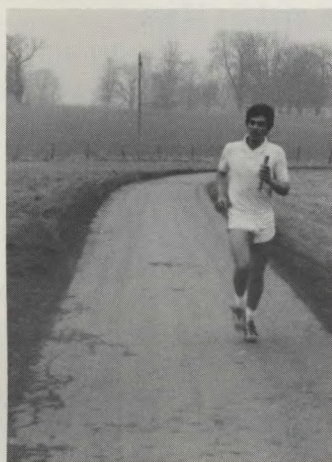
However, the six-a-side soccer competition did not go so well. We were let down slightly by our juniors, and also suffered a defeat by Harcourt seniors. It was Harcourt who took the cup, and the Queen Anne came second again.

In the clay pigeon shooting competition E. Porter and M. Markham shot well, but Swift stole away the cup. In the rifle shooting (Captain: W. Rouse) the result was the same.

It only remains for me to thank Siamak Iran, our head of house, for the one hundred per cent dedication which he displayed throughout the year. I should like, too, to thank all members of the house for their perseverance. As I heard the Swift house master say from the bench just before the rugby match: "Never have I seen a Queen Anne team go on to a field with such determination to win."

At the beginning of the school year we were sad to see Mr. White leave us, to take a new post as house master of Harcourt. In his place may I welcome Mr. Watts as our new house tutor?

A. RUFFELL



THE PEACOCK AWARD, 1981

FOR THE FIRST time *The Peacock* has offered prizes for original entries in verse and prose. The number of entries was disappointing; but those from the third form gave pleasure, and it is encouraging to see talent which will develop.

The three winners (all from the third form) are B. Akande (for 'A Midsummer's Day'), R. Eames (for 'The Sunset') and J. Youdan (for 'Sea Breeze').

Not all entries submitted were original, which is a poor reflection on some would-be contestants. Unsuccessful entrants were Atkins, Roberts II, Sellick, Glynn I, Evers, Davie I, Foster, Russ, Nzeribe, Tomes, Yendle and Smith I.

PRIZES

(Presented by R. Early, Esq., M.A.)

The Headmaster's Prize: J. Keenlyside

6th Form English: M. Grundy

" " *History:* M. Grundy

" " *French:* M. Grundy

" " *Mathematics:* K. Hayatdavoudi and R. Cooke

" " *Physics:* M. Vlitos

" " *Chemistry:* J. Keenlyside and N. Berg

" " *Biology:* J. Keenlyside and M. Vlitos

5th Form English Language: S. Clent

" " *English Literature:* P. Davie

" " *History:* P. Davie and S. Haas

" " *Geography:* B. Nazari

" " *French:* C. Hanbury-Tenison

" " *Mathematics:* S. Iran

" " *Physics:* A. Ruffell

" " *Chemistry:* B. Nazari

" " *Biology:* M. Wheeler and B. Nazari

" " *British Constitution:* M. Wheeler

Open Art Prize: K. Bunnag

Cullen Debating Prize: J. Keenlyside

Junior Debating Prize: R. Banham

4A Form Prize: M. Harris

4B " " : R. Fincher

3A " " : N. Johnston-Smith

3B " " : T. Anderson

THE SUNSET

Out and about in the evening sky,
the sunset darts from tree to tree,
As it shines it starts to fall,
Making ripple patterns on the sea.
In the west it starts to fall,
Then casting darkness over all.

R. EAMES (Runner-up in Peacock Award)

GENERAL STUDIES

1980-81

THE GENERAL Studies season opened with a talk by Mrs. Mavis Batey about the history of the English garden. Mrs. Batey is a local historian with a special interest in the literary and artistic associations of a place. Some boys had feared that this was going to be a talk about horticulture and plants as such, but when it became clear that her talk was about the main historical developments in gardening, and traditions and styles of gardening as a reflection of the spirit of the age, they began to respond well with some original questions. Mrs. Batey's lecture was delightfully illustrated and she conveyed her interest with warmth and enthusiasm. She emphasised the uniqueness of the English landscape garden as a cultural contribution, and she also managed to work in much of the history of the Harcourts at Cokethorpe and Nuneham Courtenay. She closed with a long quotation from Vita Sackville-West's poem *Sissinghurst* — an appropriate conclusion to a talk that had begun with a discussion of the medieval 'yardour', a walled enclave which shut out the encroachment of a hostile and inhospitable world.

We were fortunate to have an evening with the Right Hon. Douglas Hurd, M.P., Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Mr. Hurd was here last year as a member of the 'Any Questions?' panel organised by the Mid-Oxon Conservative Discussion Group. On this occasion, however, he was here in his own right, after a busy day which had included the opening of the Chinese Exhibition in London, a meeting with shop stewards at Smith's Industries, and a visit to another local school. He talked mainly about his working life as a Minister. Although it may sound patronising to say so, we felt he had grown in stature even in the time since we had last seen him, although it was felt by some that a number of his answers to questions were rather on the thin side — a compound of ministerial caution and the official party line, no doubt! However, the audience warmed to him, and he gave the impression of someone very much at the peak of his powers, obviously enjoying every moment of his ministerial life. (Just before the talk he was called to the telephone by his P.P.S. at the Foreign Office who said that he must speak to Mr. Hurd before the 10 o'clock News!) When the inevitable question was asked, "Would you like to be Foreign Secretary?", Mr. Hurd answered honestly that he would.

Perhaps the highlight of the General Studies talks during the Michaelmas Term was the visit by Roald Dahl. This event was a much enlarged one, since it was a pity not to give many more members of the school the chance to hear him. This was a very successful evening, although Mr. Dahl's talk was not quite what one had expected. It began well but didn't entirely

cohere, since he discarded his prepared script half way through and began to speak off the cuff instead. He reminisced over his schooldays, and regaled us with anecdotes and impressions of writers whom he had known or met — the most highly-praised being Ernest Hemingway (“An almost totally introverted man, and a pretty unhappy one at that — but I would put up with anything just to be along side him.”). Evelyn Waugh, on the other hand, he found insufferable. “I only met him three or four times, and when I asked him who his favourite writers were, he answered: ‘Only myself’.” Fiction, said Mr. Dahl, “is something you slide into by the back door”. “I do not believe it is possible for a teacher to spot a future writer at school — at any rate, not in fiction.” But he pointed out that many writers had initially been teachers. “Among your staff there may be a future D. H. Lawrence or a Sartre — and you can’t tell which, so you might as well be polite to them all!” He said that the children’s books which he had written had given him more pleasure than anything else — “but they are no easier to write than ordinary novels or stories”. And finally: “I like writing about nasty people, but I’m not as beastly as my stories are.”

Another writer to visit during this term was Humphrey Carpenter, the biographer of J. R. R. Tolkien, C. S. Lewis and others — and, currently, W. H. Auden. He was a good example of the speaker who is interesting in an unexpected way, since most of us knew very little about him and found delight in listening to him. As a speaker he was exceptional and he made us vividly aware of the problems which confront a biographer. Unlike Dr. Johnson, he personally did not believe it was necessary, or necessarily a good thing, to have known one’s subjects, however slightly. “The detachment which non-involvement in one’s subject’s life is likely to bring is best,” he said. Nevertheless, the convincing biography must be written from the inside-out and not outside-in. “It’s close to acting.” He was insistent that a biographer, like any other writer, must write books which will appeal — and this is carried over into the structure and writing of the book itself. “If he is to write a readable book,” said Mr. Carpenter, “he must be as much a novelist as a biographer.” Thus, he himself liked, at some point, to construct an imaginary day in the life of his subject — or, in the case of *The Inklings*, an imaginary conversation... Finally, Mr. Carpenter said: “You should be left with a sense of mystery about your subject — it’s when you’re sure you understand them that you are liable to make a mistake.”

The Michaelmas Term closed with a talk by Mr. R. K. Blumenau, Head of the History Department at Malvern College, on ‘The Artist and Religion’. He brought with him a varied collection of slides, ranging from Byzantine iconography to the Renaissance, Breughel, Rembrandt, and Goya — although, strangely enough, nothing from El Greco. He dealt with the subject under various headings: our awareness of the figure of Christ, the meaning of the Crucifixion, the depiction of a loving God, Christ as a human figure, and so on. Within this framework, and with the use of two

projectors, Mr. Blumenau was able to demonstrate most effectively the contrasting treatments accorded to the same events in different artistic periods. Thus, one was particularly conscious of the differences between the religious art of the Spanish Netherlands in the 14th and 15th centuries, and that in Spain itself during the same period. Then again, one was conscious that the Crucifixion was either depicted as an agonising event or a glorified occasion. Only at a late stage of his talk did it become clear that Mr. Blumenau himself is an avowed non-Christian, and that this might seem a strange topic for him to have chosen. As he explained, however, he is simply very fascinated by the way in which the representation of Christ, and thus man's attitude to God and worship itself, has changed throughout the ages. Suitably enough, he finished with a slide of the famous Dürer drawing of the Praying Hands.

The first event of the Lent Term was a particularly informal evening when the members of the Mid-Oxon Conservative Discussion Group came to elicit our opinions on Law and Order. Mr. Clive Reynard was in the chair, assisted by the Assistant Chief Constable of the Thames Valley Police, Mr. John Reddington. At times the 'discussion' became almost a question and answer session between Mr. Reddington and the boys, but it was none the less informative and stimulating for that. We talked over the issues of increasing crime, remedial methods of stalling a runaway condition in the occurrence of violence, methods of improving detection, and the question of increasing the powers of the police. It was felt, however, that the scope of the discussion had been too wide — and that any one of these items would have provided sufficient meat for the occasion.

This was followed by a talk by Dr. Maxwell Atkinson, Senior Research Fellow at Wolfson College, Oxford, on 'Techniques for Inviting Applause' — in effect a talk about the techniques used by public speakers, particularly politicians, to gain applause, whether spontaneous or not. For the past year Dr. Atkinson has been taping and transcribing sections of speeches which brought applause for the politician concerned. He concludes that applause for politicians is hardly ever spontaneous: it is deliberately elicited by rhetorical devices which tell the audience exactly when it is supposed to clap. An orator's success thus depends on his (or her) knack for timing these tricks so that the audience responds on cue. The significance of pausing, repetition, contrasts, 'three-part lists', were all touched upon, and of course the video-tape examples, as well as being most entertaining, allowed a broadening of the analysis into other than non-verbal signals. So far Dr. Atkinson has identified only a handful of these devices, but he finds that they are remarkably widespread. His studies of the way politicians speak have been made in his own time, not as part of an officially sponsored research project, and he therefore welcomed the opportunity to demonstrate his findings to us in this detailed way.

Professor Robert Boyd, F.R.S., Director of the Mullard Space Science Research Laboratory, came to talk about 'Space and Beyond'. The current research of his lab. covers a wide field of space science and most of us had expected a topical lecture on the current developments, perhaps including insights into the findings of the recent *Voyager* expedition to Jupiter and Saturn — and what direction such research will take in the future. But in fact, having discussed the existence of a horizon to the universe (revealed by X-Ray telescopes), and the various theories about the phenomena known as Black Holes, Professor Boyd then posed the question 'What is beyond?', and much of his lecture was then devoted to attempting to answer this unanswerable question with a number of metaphysical and quasi-religious speculations about time, relativity, the Creation and the existence of God. This was an interesting, challenging talk, to which no short summary could do justice, but most people were foxed by the enormity of it all!

The General Studies season concluded with two talks at the beginning of the summer term. The first of these was a reading by the poet Elizabeth Jennings. Miss Jennings read from three substantial collections of her work, *Growing Points*, *Consequently I Rejoice* and *Moments of Grace*, the first of which was the product of a summer "when I was literally possessed by poetry", and which included her moving 'Elegy for W. H. Auden'. Although clearly a poet of deeply humane values and the highest artistic achievement, one must be frank and say that one would have been better able to appreciate her work if the quality of her reading had matched the quality of the poems themselves! She became somewhat less nervous as she went on, but one still had to listen very carefully to be able to appreciate her technical control and simplicity of expression, and the occasion provided a salutary reminder that the reading and the writing of poetry are quite different arts. Miss Jennings was far more at ease when the proceedings turned to questions, of which there were many. When asked whether she had her own set of poems that were too personal to be published, and therefore kept privately to herself, she replied that she did!

Finally, Mrs. Gay Firth, at one time a speech-writer to the Chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission, came to talk about women's rights. She began by describing the sudden and rapid progress towards the liberation of women — a really massive social revolution taking place over the last two hundred years, and flying in the face of five thousand years of discrimination — and succeeded in provoking some of the liveliest discussion we have had this year, about the social, political, and particularly legal, accommodations we have to make as a result of the Sex Discrimination Act of 1975. Those who had expected a more ardent women's libber were disappointed: although articulate and outspoken, Mrs. Firth's views proved to be more moderate than this, and she condemned the bra-burning extremists. Indeed, she pointed out a number

of respects in which, although they do not notice, men now have a harder time than women! She concluded by saying that we make assumptions about the psychology and behaviour of men and women that don't stand up to examination; and that the differences between individual men and women are far more interesting than those between men and women as groups.

J. H. EVERS, Vith

Judge Hazel Counsell, Andrew Motion, Peter Oppenheimer, Dr. Garry Hunt, Lord Swann and John Julius Norwich have accepted invitations to speak here during the 1981-82 General Studies season.



GENERAL STUDIES 'DESERT ISLAND DISCS'

THE LAST OF the '81 G.S. season was a *Desert Island Discs* presented by Mr. Cranham. We know the castaways as members of staff but had not seen them before expressing their musical tastes. Mr. White, Mr. Brocklehurst and Mr. Jenner each chose six pieces of music to while away the endless hours of solitude. Here is a brief mention of their selections. Mr. White chose those records that reminded him of places and holidays : works by Borodin, Dvorak and Richard Strauss, a song from the Auvergne, a tribal drum recording from Zaire and an extract from a Greek Opera. Mr. Brocklehurst preferred more choral and vocal classics — works by J. C. Bach, Mongrove, Britten and Bartok, Verdi's *Requiem* and Mozart's *Magic Flute*. Mr. Jenner was more romantic in his love for the virtuoso at his piano. On the island he would listen to Paganini's 'Little Bell', Joan Sutherland, a polka by Smetana, Elgar, Saint Saens and Liszt's, 'Don Juan's Fantasia'.

And as for comforts? A cat for Mr. White, an upholstered chair for Mr. Jenner and the fattest and best book on art for Mr. Brocklehurst. We were indebted to Mr. Jenner for his painstaking recording of all the works and for his co-ordinating of the sound which was superb.

J. H. EVERS



THE HAPPIEST DAYS OF YOUR LIFE

By John Dighton

presented by the Cokethorpe School Amateur Dramatic Society on the
19th and 20th March, 1981

THIS HILARIOUS romp was first produced soon after the end of World War II and I recall seeing the film long ago with three illustrious people in the leading roles, Margaret Rutherford, Joyce Grenfell and Alistair Sim. To most amateur dramatic societies, trying to emulate such well-known names might seem too daunting a task, but in the present instance, as those taking part were not then born, this hazard would not impinge upon them.

It is somewhat astonishing that the dialogue does not date after so many years, except perhaps for certain innuendoes re 'mistresses' and such, which no doubt were very daring then but make little or no impact on a present-day audience!

The whole performance was indeed praiseworthy in the extreme and much appreciated by a receptive audience judging by the laughter and applause.

It is essential in a farce of this kind for the lines to be delivered slickly and without ominous pauses. This was done and if anyone 'dried-up' it was not apparent to the onlooker.

Dick Tassell (M. S. O'Sullivan), Rainbow (the handy-man, played by E. R. Porter with a suitably bovine expression and an accent to match) and Rupert Billings (J. H. Evers) started the ball rolling and kept it in play admirably in the first act — the beginning of the summer term at St. Hilary Hall School for Boys in Hampshire. All seemed fairly normal until the arrival of the Headmaster, Godfrey Pond (R. V. Banham. This part was an exacting one and very well executed), with the bombshell that the school is to have an invasion of girls and female staff from an evacuated girls' boarding-school. Thereafter everything becomes complete and utter rampageous confusion starting with the arrival of the Headmistress of the girls' school, Miss Evelyn Whitchurch (R. M. Harris) with an ample Headmistress's figure and a voice of supreme authority, and her second-in-command, Miss Gossage (J. D. Dillon-Godfray) — a perfect foil to Miss Whitchurch, in that she is small and fluttery and essentially feminine. She makes a dead set at Rupert Billings, coyly suggesting that he call her 'Sausage'! which doesn't achieve her desired effect. In fact, he is so frightened that he informs her, untruthfully, that he has already had three wives and hopes soon to have a fourth. This scene is very funny indeed and was acted with great verve by both participants.

Hopcroft Minor (W. R. Combley), the black sheep of the lower school, performs his part with an admirable mixture of injured innocence and guile, and I particularly liked the lilting Welsh accent of Barbara Cahoon (A. J. Yendle), one of the pupils of the girls' school. Joyce Harper (R. N. P. Roberts), a junior mistress, looked very fetching in that dress and blonde wig with an attractive husky voice and Dick Tassell falls for her in a big way (but without any noticeable success).

The end of the first act is an absolute riot and 'brought the house down'.

The two sets of parents, the Rev. Edward Peck (G. P. Kent-Coward) and Mrs. Peck (S. N. I. Harrison) and Edgar Sowter (K. E. Vickers) and Mrs. Sowter (J. O. R. Shelley) were enacted with considerable panache and a fine sense of timing and righteous indignation, the Pecks assuming that they are visiting their daughter at her new school and the Sowters under the impression that they are visiting their son at the 'boys' only' school where he has always been. Wonderful misunderstandings ensue all round and the Head and Miss Whitchurch get more and more entangled in their abortive effects to sort them out.

The finale, where the whole cast (forgetting all differences) band together against a further threatened invasion of the school by another group of evacuees, is a fitting end to the hugely enjoyable production, and in view of the smallness of the stage it was even more commendable that no-one seemed to collide with anyone else in the frequent critical and dramatic confrontations.

A word about the costumes of the female characters. They were absolutely 'spot-on' and could not have been more appropriate for the individuals concerned.

As always, great credit is due to all those who so ably assisted 'behind the scenes' and did such a splendid job; and we were happy to have Mr. Ron Lyle back in his so-oft repeated and most polished rôle of producer.

D. H.



MUSIC

WITH THE arrival of the new musical director and piano teacher, Mr. Colin Gordon, the music at Cokethorpe has looked up in the last twelve months. We have also benefited from the arrival of Mr. Brocklehurst who, in addition to his skills as a Biology teacher, is also an enthusiastic and talented flautist and singer. We now have a small school choir which performed at the Carol Service and at a "home-made" concert in March. The latter featured Mr. Gordon and Mr. Brocklehurst and also Mrs. Gentry (wife of the new Physics master) who impressed us all with her piano accompaniment and beautiful voice. With the advent of the weekly "Hymn Practice" the volume of singing in the two Churches has increased considerably and there is now an annual inter-house singing competition — won by Swift for the last two years!

There have been a number of concerts on Sunday evenings many of which have been kindly organised by Mrs. Keenlyside. The promising young professional pianist, Ian Watson, has given three recitals, one for solo piano, one with Mark Stephenson (cellist) and the third on an 1824 Broadwood Square Piano with Jenny Thomas (flautist). There has also been a concert in the Church by the Cherwell Singers. All these concerts have been well attended by local friends of the school and parents, though we do wish that more boys would come and experience for themselves the delights of hearing good music.

There have, as usual, been several organised parties to concerts at the Festival Hall and to concert halls in Oxford. Memorable occasions have included Verdi's *Requiem* and a piano recital by Emil Gilels but there have been many other equally good orchestral concerts.



The Church in April

LECTURES

IN ADDITION to the General Studies programme there have been several Lectures during the year open to all members of the school. Mr. Tim Dinsdale gave an illustrated talk on his researches on the Loch Ness Monster, and the popularity of his talk was proved by the fact that no fewer than eighty boys ordered copies of his book.

Brigadier Hamilton-Bailey talked about his experiences as a prisoner-of-war in Colditz and other prisoner-of-war camps, and he brought with him some fascinating exhibits such as a gramophone record which had been smuggled into the camp with a map of the district hidden inside.

Mr. Anthony Crabbe, a member of the Magic Circle, gave a conjuring show one Saturday evening which was much enjoyed by all those who attended.

Other visiting speakers have included Dr. George Werner, who spoke about his work on cancer research, and was presented with a cheque raised by Cokethorpe boys on a Sponsored Walk earlier in the term. Also Mr. Owen and his colleague talked about "Outdoor Pursuits" courses which they run for boys in Snowdonia — as a result a party of twelve boys went to a very successful "climbing and walking weekend" in May.

MID-SUMMER'S DAY

It's mid-summer's day,
And they're cutting the hay,
Down in the meadow just over the way.
The children all run
To play in the sun,
For hay-time is play-time out in the sun.

It's mud-summer's day,
And they're threshing the hay,
Down in the meadow all golden and gay.
They're tossing it high
Beneath the summer sky,
And the hay rakes spread it out to dry.

B. AKANDE (Winner of Peacock Award)

THE COAL MINER

A DULL LIGHT was cast on the coal wall as the miner worked at it with his pick. The sweat poured from his body so he took off his shirt and trousers and cast them aside. He thought of his fellow miners at the bottom of the shaft working in the unbearable heat. He thanked the Lord for not being among them!

All of a sudden there was a rumbling of the ground, an explosion and a piercing scream. The roof swayed and creaked. Dust and rocks started to fall about him. Panic struck as he saw the entrance blocked by rocks and boulders. He realised after the rocks had ceased moving that fire gas must have exploded lower in the mine shaft.

The miner started to pull the rocks away from his exit. After an hour he had hardly got anywhere! The heat was nearly unbearable and the air was misty. he realised that in a few hours he would suffocate.

‘Hello... anyone in there?’ came an echo from the rocks.

‘Yes. Please help! I’ve got little air and....’

‘Hold your breath, lad. We’ll soon have you out of there!’ came the voice again.

As the miner was lifted to the top of the shaft he saw a line of bodies covered in old blankets. How many times had he been trapped? He had lost count. How many bodies had he seen, lying in the same place? He had again lost count. He knew the risks he and they took. He knew he would not live to a ripe old age. He also knew he had to feed his family. This was the only job for miles.

He would be back tomorrow to dig for coal again.

G. C. HARRIS, III Form

DECLAMATIONS

February — 1981

THE WORD WAS an unfamiliar one, and there was puzzlement. There were, it seemed, to be prizes (for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Forms) for saying a poem or prose passage. The response at first was cautious. To enter would involve hard work and embarrassment; however, as details emerged, interest grew and the list of entries lengthened. All had had experience, of course, in the Trinity College of Music Effective Speaking examinations, but “Declamations” was to be different — easier in that everything could

be prepared beforehand, and read aloud without having to be learnt by heart, but more taxing in that there would be an eliminating semi-final, and, at the final itself, a sizeable audience instead of only one benevolent examiner. Two passages had to be read, one in verse and one in prose. One was set and common to all contestants in a particular age group; the other was the free choice of the entrant. Mr. Cranham's selections of the set passages ranged from Orwell, Wilde and Greene to Auden and Larkin. The free choices (which demanded more shrewdness in selection if they were to provide appropriate outlets for individual personalities) included established anthology favourites by Wordsworth, Tennyson and Kipling, and also less well-known samples of Waugh, Betjeman and Causley.

As so often at Cokethorpe the Corinthian Room provided the setting; Mr. Peter Way, Head of Drama at Radley College, came to judge. This was our first experience of Declamations and we did not quite know what to expect. However, three things soon began to emerge. One was the pleasingly high standard of the readings and the seriousness with which they had been prepared; another was the evident pleasure being felt by the audience, and the third (perhaps least expected) was the confidence, poise and presence of the readers themselves. In recent years, because of drama, debate, and effective speaking courses, the spoken word has begun to play a bigger part at Cokethorpe. Some of the benefits of these activities could now be seen and heard.

The winners, chosen by Mr. Way, whose percipient and wise comments held us in due suspense until their names were announced, were A. J. Yendle (3rd Form), A. A. Agbim (4th Form), R. V. Banham (5th Form) and F. S. Walsh (6th Form). The evening ended with Mr. Way's own fine reading of Edward Thomas's *Sowing*, a suitably sensitive note upon which to close.

P. T. E.

Dame Helen Gardner and Mr. Dennis Silk will be judging next year's Declamations.

THE BUILDING FUND APPEAL

AS IS WELL known this Appeal was launched in October 1980 to provide money to build new common rooms for junior boys and classrooms. There have been several Parents' Meetings held at Cokethorpe at which the aims of the Appeal have been explained by the Headmaster, and there was also a successful and enjoyable party for Old Boys at the end of March.

Collections at Concerts and the School Play have been given to the Appeal Fund and there have also been successful Bring-and-Buy stalls, an Auction, conducted by Mr. Messenger, (at which over £300 was raised) and a Jumble Sale. At the time of writing (May 1981), the total stands at around £50,000, and we are extremely grateful to all those who have supported us whether as parents, old boys, or friends of the school.

Information about the Appeal (together with a Brochure) can be obtained from the Headmaster.

SEA BREEZE

It was a fearful night,
When trees would sway,
They'd have trouble
Getting in today,
The wooden boats would swell and list
In the strong sea current and mist.

When I saw that sail
Against the sky,
My tears were dashed,
And hopes raised high
They threw their rope around the rod,
Then up the homeward path they trod.

J. YODAN (3rd Place in Peacock Award)

MALAYSIAN WEATHER

WHILST BEARING up into wind on the Mallaca Straits in a small sailing dinghy I became inebriated with the sublime tranquility of loneliness. I had been instructed not to stray far from the shore due to the spontaneous change in climatic conditions. However in my innocence and ignorance I drifted slowly further away. Shortly afterwards I tacked and headed toward the shore running before the wind. It was only now I saw the huge grey thunder clouds forming over my mast. I was now very near to the shore when it happened. The rain hit me with a stinging, numbing sensation. My centre board was thrust down by my automatic hands as the first fork of lightning hissed above me. I bore up to the wind more as I found it increasingly difficult to control the before-wind roll known by sailors as the death roll.

I tightened my mainsail and furled my jib as I aimed my bows toward the gap in the frothing turmoil of water beyond the reef. A clap of thunder nearly deafened me as I sighted the club house through the spray off my bows.

As I leaned inboard to pull up my centre board so I could run on to the sandy beach, I was struck by the boom cleanly on the back of the head. I was in the water helplessly swallowing salty water. My safety rope snapped taught and flung me toward the centreboard. I lunged out and was able to cling to it. Shortly after I was hauled out of the water by two men.

All around I could still hear the storm raging on unabated. Then as quickly as it sprung up it was gone and I stole a dejected glance at my wrecked Fireball.

A. COOK, VI Form



Return from the Pond

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

LAST SUMMER the Junior Debating Prize was competed for the first time. The motion, 'This house believes that British athletes should not take part in the Olympics', was proposed by Banham and D. Smith and opposed by Gregory and McLean. Debate centred predictably upon whether or not sport stood outside politics. Arguing persuasively that it did not, the proposers saw their motion carried comfortably. The prize was awarded to Banham, who spoke fluently and dealt with questions with calm assurance.

There have been a number of debates since, where speakers from the fourth and fifth forms have shown their strength; but the contribution from the floor has generally been disappointing. The motion, 'This house believes that we should buy British', was proposed by Brady and Porter I, with Varnish and Dillon-Godfray opposing. The debate took place in the dining hall and was almost parliamentary in its arrangement and atmosphere. Brady spoke with zeal and patriotism, and warned us of the Japanese threat to our industry. Dillon-Godfray explained that British craftsmanship is of a low standard and that foreign manufacturers outstrip us all the time. Ian Brown stood up to ask the question of the night, vigorously asserting that British pens were faulty. The motion was carried.

'This house believes that National Service should be reinstated' was proposed by R. Harris and Banham, who sought to defeat the counter-arguments of Ramsbotham and Anderson. The debate did not live up to expectation : the proposers were neither well-armed nor convincing, and the opposers, speaking confidently, had an easy victory.

A balloon debate depends a great deal upon the choice of celebrities. On the last such occasion Julian Keenlyside won as the excellent John Cleese. This year the choice lay between Dr. Christian Barnard (Alan Wigglesworth), Magnus Pike (the vivacious James Dillon-Godfray), Jimmy Saville (the big smile of Andrew Harris) and Lech Walesa (the outspoken Guy Brady). The survivor was Christian Barnard, who won the 'hearts' of his audience with over seventy votes; then came Lech Walesa, some fifty votes behind. It was a pity that Brady had spoken for him and not as him. At times the balloon seemed in jeopardy as the questions dried up.

The Cullen Debate was contested in the Corinthian Room on 20 May. Proposing 'that this house believes no man can be an island' were Peter Davie and Mark Harris; the opposers were Duncan Williams and Jason Evers. The sentiment expressed by the motion arguably save the proposers an advantage; but in debate the opposers were more convincing and saw the motion defeated by 71 votes to 37. The judges, the Headmaster, Mr. Thomson and the guest chairwoman Mrs. Hipkin, decided by a two to one majority that Duncan Williams was the best individual speaker. Their choice was especially apt in that it was his eighteenth birthday!

A week later the Cullen Junior Debate took place. The judges on this occasion were Mrs. Lowde, Mr. S. F. Florey and Mr. Ellis. For the motion, that 'this house deplores the liberation of women,' were Guy Brady and Richard Ramsbotham; against, James Dillon-Godfray and Timothy Anderson. All four spoke well, and Dillon-Godfray and Brady especially so, the latter taking the individual prize in a close contest. The motion was carried by the slim majority of fourteen votes (65-51). For once, questions from the floor were numerous and of a high standard; here Agbim and Milward in particular distinguished themselves.

At the time of writing, two Third Form debates are pending: 'This house believes that rugger is a game for gentlemen and football for hooligans' (J. Glynn and B. Humphrey : G. Harris and R. Milward); and 'This house believes that the Yorkshire Ripper should have been hanged' (K. Healey and B. Akande : J. Youdan and S. Harrison).

J. H. EVERS

THE JUDGES' VERDICT ON THE CULLEN DEBATE

This House believes that no man can be an island

IT WAS EASIER to produce a convincing case for the motion, than against it. All the speakers, however, needed to define their view of the motion more clearly; and, overall, there was also a need for clearer, concise debating points.

P. A. Davie (Proposing) went straight into his speech with no introduction: he made a number of good points, but his voice then dropped, and in spite of some attempt to modulate it, his delivery became poorer as he proceeded. This was particularly so during his summing-up. R. M. Harris (also Proposing) achieved a more emphatic delivery, but the points which he made were perhaps pitched at a somewhat superficial level. His summing-up was rather too long. A praiseworthy effort from a 5th former, though.

D. J. Williams (Opposing) produced an interesting speech, but had a slight tendency to wander from the point; and although he held up his notes, he read from them verbatim rather too frequently. There was, however, no question of inaudibility here; nor was he too visibly taken aback by his inability to reply to one question from the floor! J. H. Evers (also Opposing) began very well, and deserved to be commended for much evidence of thought and effort. He read from his speech, but looked up confidently, in spite of a slight loss of interest in the House at this stage. He

had not many questions to answer, but produced a fairly strong summing-up.

The Judges were agreed that the Award lay between Williams and Evers, and the final decision was a majority verdict, two to one, in favour of Williams.

D. H.
D. F. G.
D. L. T.

THE JUDGES' REPORT ON THE JUNIOR DEBATE

'This House depores the liberation of women'

FACED WITH the task of selecting the best individual speaker from the two Proposers and two Opposers, the Judges decided to award marks for Content, Shape, Clarity, Confidence and Tempo.

The general standard of these junior debaters was high. All spoke clearly and confidently and gave the impression that they were enjoying what they were doing. Each gave a carefully prepared opening speech and when the debate was thrown open to the Floor each took his turn to answer questions and rebut opposition arguments. It was in the opening speeches that perhaps the chief weaknesses lay. Too little account was taken of the points made by opposing speakers and here even the Proposer of the motion can anticipate his opponents' views and belittle them before they are revealed.

The first speaker was Brady. He gave a carefully reasoned and well organised speech, delivered with considerable dignity and sensible restraint. His chief fault was a lack of variety in speed and emphasis.

Dillon-Godfray led for the Opposition. He spoke fluently and rapidly and with great confidence, and had clearly taken a good deal of trouble to research his facts. Once or twice he lost the thread of his argument and consequently the attention of his audience.

Next came Ramsbotham. He, too, spoke clearly and his argument was forthright and sensible but his manner was a shade monotonous.

Finally Anderson spoke for the Opposition. His speech was well prepared but delivered with rather less conviction than those which came before.

At this stage the Judges found that Brady and Dillon-Godfray were running neck and neck with Ramsbotham and Anderson following in that order. All would depend upon the general debate and the summing-up.

Here Dillon-Godfray was swift to take up a point but sometimes a little too swift, answering once or twice without sufficient thought. Brady, however, weighed each criticism thoughtfully and after careful consideration gave his reasoned reply. Ramsbotham was effective but did nothing to reduce the lead of the first two and, although Anderson was more successful here than in his formal opening speech, he, too, did not do enough to threaten the leaders.

The Judges, therefore, congratulated all on their efforts and decided that Brady had won the contest by a very small margin indeed from Dillon-Godfray.

S. F. F.



Sixth Form Study Group

FIRST XV RUGBY REPORT

Captain: S. IRAN *Vice-Captain:* M. WHEATER

ONCE AGAIN WE had a rather disappointing season due, in the main, to lack of experience and size against older, and larger, opponents. However, this young team did not lack spirit or determination.

Before I say any more about the matches, I wish to thank Mr James for all the support he gave us throughout the season. He took on the responsibility of managing the XV at short notice, following Mr Melrose's departure. We are also indebted to the Oxford students who came to the school twice a week to coach all aspects of the game.

The season started with a defeat against Shiplake. Even though our backs played excellently, the forwards were pushed by a physically superior side. This story was repeated throughout the season, apart from the match against Wood Green, when we played as a team and won 32—6, to prove that on the day we could produce spirited and decisive rugby. (This success was sufficiently noteworthy to be reported in the *Telegraph* and *Times*!)

I should like to mention a few players without whose sheer determination and skill the season would not have been the same: Mark Wheeler, the vice-captain, whose departure sadly jeopardised our chances in the Oxford Sevens; Richard Choynowski, who proved himself a worthy number eight; Jason Moore, who showed that size is no indication of guts; Stefan Haas, who showed both; David Martindale; and the key figure at the back, Robert Saunders, who played outstandingly throughout the season. Farzan Irvani was a skilful and aggressive scrum half; Philip Bunnag's speed and swerve provided him with many tries; the deceptive speed of newcomer Bamikole Akande was a great asset — being the youngest member of the team he experienced heavy pressure which he dealt with in a very mature way.

Finally, may I thank the Matrons, who provided us with clean kit, and Sister, who dealt with all the injuries?

Full colours were awarded to S. Iran, M. Wheeler, F. Irvani, R. Saunders, J. Moore

Half-colours to P. Bunnag, D. Martindale, R. Choynowski, A. Storrie and J. Duddridge.

S. IRAN

MATCHES:

Played	W.	L.	D.	Pts F.	Pts A.
10	1	9	0	59	411

COKETHORPE CRICKET CLUB REPORT 1980

Captain: N. WHITE *Vice-Captain:* S. IRAN *Secretary:* L. GEE

ANOTHER WARM Easter dried out the pitches before the start of term and the first few weeks of the season were fine, if chilly. In fact such is the perverse nature of the British climate that no rain fell from 22nd April to 19th May, forest fires raged in North Wales and on the wireless there was speculation on the possible appointment of a Minister for Drought.

Meanwhile the youngest XI ever to represent Cokethorpe (nine of the regulars played for the Under 16 team) began the season with a confidence and maturity that belied their tender years. Against an Abingdon team largely composed of Sixth Formers, Andrews and Tee, both Fourth Formers, opened the innings with a record first wicket stand of 114 in 87 minutes. White played some splendid cover drives, Iran, Gee and Reeves slogged happily, and the XI raced to 191—5 equalling the record total scored in a School match. After the declaration Gee sent back the openers and Grundy wrapped up the tail most effectively. The fielding throughout was of the highest standard and White handled the team with a touch more reminiscent of Brearley than Botham.

Confidence continued to grow in spite of a defeat at the hands of Dean Close for Andrews and Tee again batted well while Scott showed promise in the middle order. At Bloxham the XI were bowled out for 106, Andrews and Grundy to the fore this time, before reducing the home side to 21—7. Unfortunately the opening bowlers had now tired and the change bowlers proved unable to capitalise on the situation so Bloxham escaped with a draw. At Stowe a dropped catch probably decided the game against the XI for the opener who was given a “life” when on six scored 50 out of the first 60 runs and finished with 64 in all. Underhill tied up one end when he was finally brought on and his figures of 11—4—3—18 suggested what might have been. When the XI batted Iran tried to carry the fight to the Stowe bowlers with some clean hitting while Walsh dug in bravely but unavailingly for forty minutes.

At Oratory, the weather broke after Tee’s gallant 47 had put the XI in what seemed to be a winning position. Shiplake were put to the sword by White for the second time, although his figures of 7—19 were not quite as impressive as last year’s 9—17. Clearly he enjoyed bowling to Shiplake batsmen!

The break for examinations seemed to throw the XI out of its stride for the final five matches of the season ended in defeat. Radley Senior Colts won by 44 runs despite Grundy’s beautiful bowling (14—3—8—36) and Scott’s resolute batting, but their only major scorer (69) was dropped in the slips when he had made nine, so this match might have gone either way.

P.J.G.'s XI was made to fight hard for victory, especially by Andrews and White who batted unflinchingly, but secret weapon Governor G. Barrett demolished the middle order after that old maestro Mr. Nightingale had picked off the openers. The Pangbourne match was a disaster played on a water-logged pitch and only Grundy showed the right spirit with the bat. Fortunately the Junior Colt Shelley took a wicket in his first over for the XI so a little pride was salvaged from the debris. Tee and Yates batted courageously on a cold, grey day at Rendcomb but although White and Underhill bowled tightly the home team won with two overs to spare. At Malvern, White, Tee and Shelley batted productively but the task of containing an experienced side on a true wicket proved to be tantalisingly out of reach for the XI and the match was lost in the last of the mandatory twenty overs.

In conclusion, sincere thanks must go to Cyril for preparing wickets in a difficult summer, to Sister and the Matrons for keeping the XI fit and well-turned out, and to Cliff Atkinson and his myriad cheerful ladies for all those extra meals at unusual times.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES PLAYED

XI: Won 2, Drawn 2, Lost 7

Wed. 7th May *v.* Abingdon 3rd XI (Home). XI 191—5 dec. (Andrews 56, Tee 43, Reeves 22*, White 20), Abingdon 75 (Grundy 4—2, Gee 4—37).

Thurs. 8th May *v.* Dean Close 2nd XI (Away). Dean Close 148—6 dec. (Grundy 3—45), XI 80 (Andrews 32).

Sat. 10th May *v.* Bloxham 2nd XI (Away). XI 106 (Andrews 30), Bloxham 82—7 (White 4—31, Gee 3—13).

Sat. 17th May *v.* Stowe 3rd XI (Away). Stowe 135—6 dec. (Underhill 3—18) XI 55 (Iran 21).

Wed. 28th May *v.* Oratory 2nd XI (Away). XI 90—8 (Tee 47) Match abandoned, rain.

Thurs. 29th May *v.* Shiplake 2nd XI (Home). XI 133—7 dec. (Tee 26, Iran 23), Shiplake 69 (White 7—19).

Sat. 7th June *v.* Radley Colts (Away). Radley 153 (Grundy 3—34), XI 69 (I. Scott 27).

Sat. 21st June *v.* P.J.G.'s XI 169—8 dec. (Grundy 3—34), XI 69 (Underhill 20).

Wed. 25th June *v.* Pangbourne 'A' XI. XI 30, Pangbourne 31—2.

Sat. 28th June *v.* Rendcomb 1st XI. XI 70, Rendcomb 71—4.

Thurs. 3rd July *v.* Malvern 'A' XI. XI 113 (White 24, Tee 23), Malvern 114—3.

NOMADS "TERM" MATCH

Sun. 22nd June *v.* Blenheim Park C.C. (Home). Nomads 84 (Iran 29),
Blenheim 58 (H. Scott 5—18, Luxmoor 5—32).

XI AVERAGES

BATTING (Qualification 6 innings)

	<i>Inns.</i>	<i>N.O.</i>	<i>H.S.</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Av.</i>
Tee	11	0	47	181	16.45
Andrews	11	0	56	171	15.55
Underhill	8	4	20	50	12.50
Grundy	10	2	18	82	10.25
N. White	10	0	24	86	8.60
Iran	11	0	23	90	8.18

BOWLING (Qualification 6 wickets)

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Mdns.</i>	<i>Wkts.</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Av.</i>
Grundy	64.1	15	21	209	9.95
Underhill	53.2	14	8	129	16.12
N. White	108.5	30	19	319	16.79
Gee	76	16	12	243	20.25

COLOURS

XI: N. White, S. Iran, M. Grundy, P. Underhill
XXII: L. Gee, R. Andrews, A. Tee

CRICKET CUPS

All-Rounders Cup: N. White
Batting Cup: R. Andrews and A. Tee
Fielding Cup: S. Iran
Inter-House Cup: Queen Anne

HOUSE MATCHES

1st Match: Harcourt 98—9 innings closed. (Gee 27, Shelley 3—36), Queen Anne 99—9 (Shelley 32, Yates 24, Andrews 3—39).
2nd Match: Swift 22 (Shelley 4—7, Grundy 3—1), Queen Anne 23—1.
3rd Match not required

NOMADS TOUR 1980

ON BASTILLE DAY the Nomads began their ninth crusade to the jewel of the Industrial Midlands! The tour party consisted of Messrs. Green, Lewis and Luxmoore, with R. Andrews, Carruthers, Gee, Macleod, H. Scott, Shelley and N. White. P. Andrews played in two matches while De Pass, de Weymarn and George appeared once each.

After watching Carruthers sadly saying "goodbye" to his new friend the goat, the main party set out for Birmingham on the Monday following the end of term. As tradition dictates we lunched at the White Swan, Henley-in-Arden and signed in at the Norfolk Hotel, Birmingham, in time to watch Boycott playing a masterly innings against the West Indies on television. A quick afternoon visit to a local prep school secured a ground for our match against the Police but the party was united again for our celebrated social gathering at the Duck and equally hilarious beginning of tour Chinese meal. Romeo Macleod led a small party of tourists to the Peppermint Place in the city centre to test the temperature of the night life (having first telephoned his girlfriend to protest his good faith) but his initial amorous advances met with failure.

On Tuesday, St. Swithin's Day, the party breakfasted early, lunched at the Duck cheerfully, and set off to play the Police at Hallfield in high spirits. On a damp wicket the toss proved vital, for although we started indifferently a fourth wicket stand of 43 in 30 minutes between Lewis and Green altered the balance of the game in our favour and when R. Andrews weighed in with 24, a creditable total of 160 was reached. The bounce became increasingly uneven as the wicket dried and Scott, White and Luxmoore with three wickets each, proved too good for the Police to handle. In the field some Nomads were not-unnaturally distracted by an attractive leggy blonde in skimpy athletic shorts running round the boundary. However this did not prevent Gee from catching a steepling shot at extra cover nor Lewis showing good form as wicket-keeper with two fine stumpings. After the match some of the Police team returned with us to the Duck for a friendly evening, Linda found Shelley too attractive to resist, but later at Mr. Moon's, Macleod's luck was again definitely out when he discovered that diamonds (in engagement rings) are, apparently, forever.

On Wednesday, we were reinforced by the considerable talents of Philip Andrews (Richard's elder bother) who scored a splendid 109 against Harborne C.C. The importance of his innings can be gauged by the fact that Lewis was second highest scorer with 9. Philip struck several sixes straight back over the bowler's head, over the trees onto Harborne's second ground on the other side of Old Church Avenue, and was particularly severe on one spinner (who had taken 4—5 the previous weekend) thrashing him for 41 in two overs. After tea we were in turn treated to some

splendid batting by the Harborne opener, finally losing by six wickets in the last possible over. However, this was a thoroughly good game of cricket played in the very best spirit, followed by an equally enjoyable evening in the friendliest Clubhouse in Midlands cricket.

On Thursday rain delayed a prompt start at Blossomfield. To make matters worse we lost the toss and were invited to field first. However, after coping with a gigantic Space Wars machine at lunchtime, etc., we fielded like demons and four slip catches were snapped up with unusual aplomb.

Luxmoore bowled particularly well into a strong wind for over an hour and a half, taking 3—27, and Blossomfield were contained so tightly that they were forced to bat on, finally leaving us an hour and a half to get 146 to win. This seemed a tall order from the start and although we reached 97—3 it was against a very defensive field and in dismal light. Scott's 32 not out in 35 minutes was the briskest knock of the day, helping to earn us an honourable draw. Later on Macleod won £75 on one of the Club's One Armed Bandits and after getting over the shock he generously bought jugs for both teams.

After paying our bills at the Hotel we set out in the rain for Droitwich on the last day of the tour. Michael de Weymarn had made a gallant pilgrimage from Wrekin to play in this match and when the Nomads batted it was most fitting that he should score a splendid 82 on a pitch that was surprisingly fast after so much rain. White sprinted well between the wickets, George with all the innocence of youth hit his first ball for six over mid-wicket, while the Captain spent a few minutes falling over and entertaining before getting out in the final slog. When Droitwich batted the Nomads took three wickets quickly and if catches had been taken who can say what might have happened? As it was, the canine population of Worcestershire seemed to be on our side — a beagle watered the wheel of the sight screen as Scott was running in to bowl and a friendly labrador kept trying to join the match: we could certainly have used another fielder, for Droitwich won by five wickets in the 31st of 35 overs.

After the match we said our goodbyes before splitting up to go our various ways. However, plans are afoot to tour again this year, and provided the weather is kind to us our contest with Droitwich in 1981 should be the fiftieth Nomads match since our first game in 1972.

SUMMARY OF TOUR MATCHES

- v. "E" Division, West Midlands Police: Nomads 160 (Lewis 62, R. Andrews 24, Green 21), "E" Division 52 (H. Scott 3—8, Luxmoore 3—15, N. White 3—18).
- v. Harborne C.C.: Nomads 167 (P. Andrews 109), Harborne 169—4.

- v. Blossomfield C.C.: Blossomfield 145—7 dec. (Luxmoore 3—27), Nomads 97—3 (H. Scott 32*, P. Andrews 29*, Lewis 20).
 v. Droitwich Spa C.C.: Nomads 130—8 after 35 overs (de Weymarn 82), Droitwich 134—5.

COLTS CRICKET 1980

YET AGAIN THE English summer failed to arrive, and the U15 XI were only able to play six matches. Despite this fact, the team did very well, ending up winning three and drawing two. Only the mighty Abingdon overcame the enthusiastic Colts. Good performances came consistently from Shelley and Tomes while North's aggressive batting was excellent. His innings of 99 (run out) at home to Stowe was the highlight of the season. Markham, George, F. Irvani I and Jowett also scored useful runs, as did Yates who also kept wicket tidily. Shelley, Tomes, Ward and Markham all bowled well throughout the season, Tomes taking 13 wickets at an average of 9.62. George also bowled his "Wild Things" but failed to take any wickets although he frightened opposing batsmen not to mention our wicket keeper.

It remains for me to thank the Headmaster for his team management and I hope that next year's under 15 team will enjoy its cricket as much and have even more success than we had in 1980.

A. RUFFELL

JUNIOR COLTS CRICKET 1980

Played: 8 Won: 2 Drawn: 3 Lost: 3

THE WEATHER was kind as only one match, against Magdalen, was cancelled although two were curtailed by rain.

Our first match against a very strong Bloxham U.15 side (Bloxham had made a mistake over the age groups), resulted in a heavy defeat. Shelley batted throughout our innings and carried his bat for 33 out of a total of only 54.

In the next match, Oratory batted first and scored 139—3 declared. It was obvious that the game could not be won and we had already decided to concentrate on saving the match when the weather intervened.

We batted first on an almost perfect wicket at Radley. Tomes played superbly to make 47, while Markham contributed 36. We declared at 117—5, Radley attempted to win but the match ended in a draw.

At Cothill we batted first on a wet wicket but the openers put on a steady 41, Tomes once again batting well to score 30. We declared at 114—9 but the rain fell before we could force a victory.

Next it was Millbrook House. They batted first and declared at 60—9. Tones was caught for 4 but Markham came to the crease at 6—1 and flit his first ball for six. He continued in that excellent style to make a glorious match winning 52 not out.

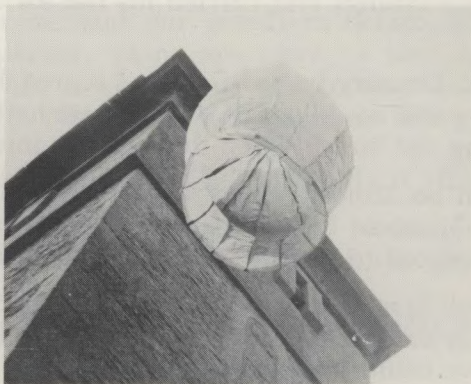
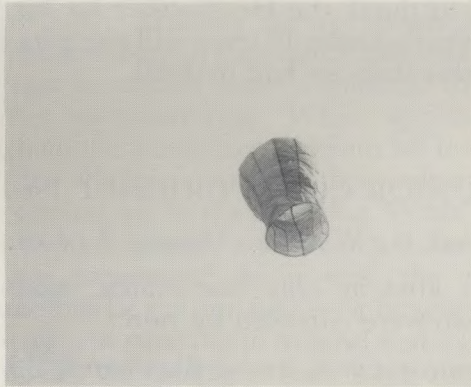
Against Joscas we batted first with Shelley making a good 39 in a total of 106—6 declared. Joscas were all out for 18 with Shelley and Tones bowling well to take four wickets each so the U14's won by 91 runs.

Next we played Bloxham and batted poorly on a wet wicket to be dismissed for only 46. Bloxham scored 50—6 and so won by 4 wickets. Shelley bowled tightly to return figures of 10—5—5—14.

The final match was against Pangbourne but we were caught on a wet wicket again and unfortunately only made 61. This was not enough to win the match and we were defeated by 4 wickets.

This ended an enjoyable season for the Junior Colts and I hope that they will continue to play attractive cricket next year.

J. O. R. SHELLEY



CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

THIS SEASON's programme went through its standard rainbow start in January — red merged into blue as different courses were attempted until finally the real thing was upon us, and one hundred and twenty-seven boys set out to tackle the full School Cross-Country route. Last year's winner, I. Scott, retained the individual trophy in 32 min. 5 secs., followed home by R. Choynowski, R. Gregory, J. Moore, J. Russ, D. Martindale, A. Burns, F. Irvanipour (ii), R. George and F. Walsh. Swift, collectively, won the House Event with 1981 points, Queen Anne (2466 points) just beating Harcourt (2498) points for second place.

Twenty-two boys ran in the North Oxfordshire Area Championships held this year at Woodgreen School. In the Under 20 age group Moore and Martindale led the Cokethorpe team to second place overall, Scott was selected as a reserve for the North in the County Championships at Intermediate level while Clarke ran gamely in a large field in the Under 15 race.

THE INTER-HOUSE ROAD RELAY

ONCE AGAIN THIS Cup returns to Swift House. Scott (Swift) clocked the fastest outward lap of the day with 17 min. 05 secs., while Irvanipour (ii) (Harcourt) was quickest to get home in 18 min. 19 secs. Times were generally rather slower than in previous years (the 1976 Swift record holders would have beaten their 1981 successors by 6 min. 12 secs. — a little over a mile), but nevertheless all the runners should be congratulated on their determined efforts.

<i>Lap</i>	<i>Swift</i>	<i>Queen Anne</i>	<i>Harcourt</i>
One	37 min 17 sec	37 min 59 sec	39 min 45 sec
Two	38 min 26 sec	39 min 56 sec	40 min 02 sec
Three	36 min 17 sec	39 min 34 sec	38 min 29 sec
Totals	112 min 00 sec	117 min 29 sec	118 min 16 sec

A THIRD FORM PHYSICS LESSON

ONE FINE TUESDAY when our Physics lesson was due to be held in the classroom we took a hot air balloon which Richard Milward had made down to the lee side of the Church. Using Mr. Barker's blow torch and a piece of asbestos pipe from Cyril, we filled the balloon with hot air. Milward gave the 'off' and it rose steadily heavenwards. It drifted one way quite majestically, then changed course which unfortunately produced a minor collision with the bell tower. After a flight of some fifty metres the balloon came gently back to earth, to fly again, we hope, another day. My brother and I developed and printed the photographs which we had taken.

S. J. BOGGON

THE LIBRARY

SINCE I HAVE been at Cokethorpe, I have found the Library to be one of the more useful and comfortable rooms, especially in winter when the fire is lit.

There is a very wide selection of books, with many new ones being added. They vary greatly in theme and content. A re-classification is in progress at the moment. The choice of non-fiction seems to be better than fiction, perhaps because it is difficult to have a selection for everyone's taste; but our needs are also catered for by the loan of over a hundred books from the Oxfordshire County Library.

The Library has other uses too: for English lessons, religious instruction, evening prep., Saturday detention and occasionally General Studies talks (as happened recently when Elizabeth Jennings read from her poems there).

All in all it is a very valuable room within the school.

R. RAMSBOTHAM

A.C.F.

A UNIT OF the Army Cadet Force was formed at Cokethorpe in September, 1980, and it has proved a very popular and profitable Monday afternoon activity attracting at one stage over fifty boys. The programme includes a certain amount of Barrack Square Drill but also Map Reading, Field Craft, Weapon training, etc. and there have been several all-day and night exercises. Mr. Thomson and Mr. Watts are our local Officers but we are very grateful for all the help we receive from other dedicated Officers and N.C.O.'s from the regular army and from the local A.C.F. organisation. In November a party of thirty boys, two Officers and the Headmaster attended a Passing-Out Parade at the Rifle Depot of the Royal Green Jackets at Winchester. This was a most enjoyable and interesting day and the boys were given a warm welcome by Captain Mark Kitchen, who is an Old Boy of the school. We are very grateful to him for organising this visit and for his trouble in showing us round.

A.T.C.

THIS YEAR HAS been a very packed one as far as the A.T.C. has been concerned: numerous flights in Chipmunks at Abingdon and also glider flights at South Cerney and Little Rissington. There have been three night exercises and the squadron took part in the simulated attack on R.A.F. Brize Norton which was extremely interesting. There has been .22 shooting

nearly every Sunday and .303 every four weeks. Altogether it has been a very eventful year and the next one seems to be just as promising.

R. V. BANHAM

WOODWORK

IT IS GOOD to see that the numbers in woodwork have picked up again this year. But I do wish people would be more imaginative in what they make. While I have been here I cannot count the number of times people have walked in and made a box because it was something to do. Think of something that would be useful in the home or in the classroom. There is an immense feeling of accomplishment when you have achieved your goal. In future just put a little bit of thought into the craft before you turn up, because it is really worthwhile. Our thanks once again go to Colonel Hipkin, without whose help this excellent club could not continue.

R. V. BANHAM

COKETHORPE SCHOOL JUDO REPORT

I HAVE BEEN teaching judo at Cokethorpe for over a year now, and quite a few of the boys have given it a try.

Last summer the school played host to a team from Eynsham and put up a terrific fight before going down to a more experienced team. This was a most enjoyable match and one that we hope to repeat this summer.

Just before Christmas there was a team competition held at Faringdon Judo Club. Some of the Cokethorpe boys took part and gained valuable experience. They all fought extremely well, with Wankling in particular catching the eye with a brilliant throw.

Recently we held a Sunday afternoon practice session at the school and invited some pupils along from Eynsham. The turnout was disappointingly small but the pupils who did come enjoyed it.

We have held an end-of-term grading and most of the boys went in for it. Howard Josephs reached the highest grade that he can in the BJC as a junior, that is a green belt with three black stripes. He has been doing judo for about eight years. Joseph Wankling was awarded his green belt, and the other pupils were graded according to ability and the time and effort put in.

Two of the most important qualities for judo are stickability and correctness of attitude. In this field Howard Josephs comes out very highly and when he becomes a little stronger he will be a real force in the sport. Joseph Wankling has probably made the biggest impact of all since joining the class. His keenness and natural ability are great assets. Timothy Smith

is making great strides forward due to his attitude and powers of concentration. Robert George is also an asset to the class. With more experience he could make a very good judo man. Kieran Healey is making rapid progress, and so is Simon Webb. Most of the others have the ability to do well, but in some cases they do not concentrate hard enough. Also, some of the pupils miss far too many lessons to expect to make progress.

S. GODDARD, 2nd DAN

ARCHERY

DURING THE Summer Term of 1980 two Archery Championships were held at Cokethorpe School on Sundays. We were pleased to welcome the archers on both these occasions and they provided colourful and fascinating spectacles which were enjoyed by many of the boys. With kind help from one of the parents we have now acquired some archery equipment ourselves and this is being started as a "Friday Activity" in the summer term. It is hoped that many boys will take up this worthwhile activity which could surely become a feature of the School.

GUITAR

THE COKETHORPE guitar group has been dominated by the sixth form this year, though we do have one third form member.

Thanks to the talents of our teacher, Mr. Allcock, we have at least gained in experience, and have looked forward eagerly to our Thursday sessions. Recently we have been learning more modern methods of playing. Our sounds (good or bad) have been heard booming from the top floor of the house at weekends. This has been to the delight of our fan who stands, rain or shine, transfixed on the ground below.

J. BREEZE

COOKING

COOKING TAKES place each week in the Headmaster's house, under the supervision of Mrs. Goldsmith and Mrs. Lowde.

We enjoy ourselves enormously, cooking more or less what we like (and cleaning up afterwards). We work either singly or in pairs, making such things as pancakes, chocolate cakes, flapjacks, and spaghetti bolognese.

We should like to thank Mrs. Goldsmith and Mrs. Lowde for their assistance during the term.

PHOTOGRAPHY

MEMBERSHIP HAS increased this term. In part this is due to a more spacious and better-equipped dark room; but it is also thanks to the enthusiasm and effort of Mr. Barker, who has the character to liven up almost anything. We have learned a good deal and enjoyed ourselves greatly.

A. FOSTER

ROYAL TENNIS

ONE OF OUR more unusual activities is Royal, or Real, Tennis. The court, in Merton Street, Oxford, is only available for a limited time, and so our numbers are few; but North, O'Sullivan and Ramsbotham have been playing regularly and are improving steadily.

Royal tennis is played in, rather than on, a court, which has galleries on three sides with grilles below. The accomplished player can also make use of various obstacles around the court.

Last term a match was arranged against Stowe School. Their vastly greater experience meant that we were heavily defeated. Nevertheless, it has been quite a promising year, and I should like to thank Mr. Goldsmith on behalf of the three of us for taking us each week and for providing some competition.

R. NORTH

GOLF

A SMALL PARTY of Cokethorpe boys has attended the Frilford Heath Golf Club each Friday afternoon. Frilford is a very smart, beautifully-kept course lying on either side of the road. It has a variety of holes: long, short, hard and deceptively easy!

About eight boys attend each session and are most ably taught (in all kinds of weather) by the club professional.

Over the last two years the interest in, and standard of, the game has improved dramatically. Though we have lost such greats as P. Underhill and D. Foreman, we have managed to produce good players in S. Müller and A. Foster. There has, however, been no individual competition since The Foreman Cup was played for in 1979, and it is to be hoped that others can be arranged before too long.

A. COOK

THE SOCIAL SERVICE GROUP

IN THE WINTER terms a good quantity of wood was chopped, and help was given at 'The Elms' with Christmas decorations and painting. Thanks to the undaunted efforts of Mr. Lyle we have continued in employment, and our numbers have grown, throughout this summer term. He must have spent all the Easter holiday ringing around to find old people who needed help. The result has been that on Monday afternoons up to sixteen boys (ranging from the third form to the fifth) have set off with Mr. Lyle in the school bus to be dropped in various parts of Oxfordshire to complete their allotted tasks.

Davie II, Lascelles, Morton and Roberts I tend the Ducklington churchyard; Boggon I, Douglas, Dunn, Eames, Elliot, Garside, Hailey, Olleson, Sellick, Smith II and Smith III do gardening for the elderly in the Witney area; and Baker and Harris II attack the undergrowth in the garden of a ninety-three year old gentleman at North Leigh.

We hope to add some newcomers to our ranks next year.

A. J. HARRIS

NEVER AGAIN

IN THE SWELTERING heat, my clothes stuck to me and the sun overhead was dazzlingly bright. To my left, a road wound lazily down the hill. Lining the road at intervals were Singapore Air Force ground crew in light and dark blue uniforms. They fidgeted and talked loudly.

We were waiting for a funeral procession. The man being buried was a Singaporean who had often flown with my father and had been a good friend. I had come to the funeral partly because I had known Wee Ching but mostly because I had never seen a military funeral.

At first I heard the music, solemnly slow and dreary. Then the Guard of Honour appeared, clad in blue uniforms with white gloves, carrying their rifles in reverse order. They were followed by a Land Rover towing the coffin on a gun carriage. Behind this came the chief mourners, hunched Chinese figures with purple sacking on their backs, wailing loudly. Behind them came Air Force Officers (including my father) government officials and acquaintances. They were glum and silent. As the procession passed on, I joined it. I plodded slowly behind the trudging mourners. I was troubled by my first glimpse of the family. This was not what I had expected, such open grief! Up ahead I saw the crematorium. The procession halted at the entrance and the heavy coffin was carried shakily inside by six blue-clad comrades. Slowly we all started to file in. I caught up with my father and sat by him somewhere at the back. The coffin was now by the oven hatch which was hidden by some curtains. A Buddhist monk in

saffron yellow burned some incense and intoned a few rhythmic chants in Chinese while ringing a little bell. At the front I could hear the subdued sobs of the close relatives. They appeared to be made up of four old women and Wee Ching's widow. Then the coffin started its short journey and as the curtains began to close shrieks of grief came from the front. From outside an order was given and six shots rang out.

Then the relatives, almost prostrate with grief, were helped out. On our way out we were offered white handkerchiefs. I hated to touch anything there. Never had I imagined death to be so unclean and sordid. It was little consolation to me when I was told on the way home by my father that the Chinese hired professional mourners. I made the resolution that never again would I go to a Buddhist funeral.

T. M. ANDERSON, IV FORM

COKETHORPE SOCIETY

ONCE AGAIN I am pleased to report that the Rugger Match was won by the Old Boys. Our thanks go to Mark Vlitos who captained the team and we are grateful for the support given by Gerard Manley who unfortunately was unable to play owing to a knee injury. The social event in the evening was a great success and we are most grateful to the school for allowing the use of their facilities. This year's rugby match is being held on Saturday 17th of October 1981 when accommodation will be available afterwards as it is the first Saturday of the school's half-term.

We were unable to hold our Annual Dinner at the end of April because of the Easter Bank Holiday but the Headmaster invited all Old Boys to a Grand Reunion to hear about the future plans for the school. We were entertained to an excellent meal and even the weather, which had been very unsettled, was kind. Although numbers were less than hoped for the whole atmosphere was most friendly and relaxed and everyone who came agreed it was a most enjoyable evening. The Headmaster and Group Captain Vaughan-Fowler outlined the plans for new common rooms for junior boys and extra classrooms and a great deal of interest was shown. We were delighted that during the evening Covenants were signed for over £5000 and since then more have come in. When the new buildings are completed we look forward to a similar happy gathering.

Here are some extracts of news from Old Boys received since October 1980:

N. Penn-Gaskell. Has joined John Lewis as a trainee manager and is at present with Waitrose in Slough.

J. Tidswell. Training for Hotel Catering in Salisbury.

- N. Raison.* Correction: Doing 3 year Viticultural Degree Course in Switzerland. Address: c/o Jean Marc Dufour, Malessert Sur Perroy, 1166 Perroy, Vaud, Switzerland.
- P. Siu.* Address 7 Littleton St. SW1B 3SZ 01 946 7276
- Julian Wilson.* Address: 1 Alington Close, Evening Hill, Canford Cliffs, Poole, Dorset.
- Peter T. Sculley.* Address: Sycamores, Upper Castle, Combe, Chippenham, Wilts.
- R. Donnelly.* Address: 7 Avenue Road, Hampton, Middlesex.
- Peter Ingerslev.* Very pleased to have a letter telling us he has recently married and now works for the Louis de Soissons Partnership as an Architect on Hospital projects. Is an itinerant preacher involved in local Churches around his newly-purchased Devonshire cottage near the Exe estuary i.e. The Old Glass House, Glass House Lane, Countess Wear, Exeter. We are most grateful for his donation to the Society.
- C. W. Lesley.* Is at the Hants College of Agriculture, Sparsholt, Nr. Winchester. Address: West End Cottage, Bishops Cannings, Nr. Devizes, Wilts. Cannings 243.
- B. Azari & A. Danilanten.* Both studying at the E. Warwickshire Polytechnic. Address: 10 Elsee Road, Rugby.
- Bouvy G. J. A. M.* Visited the school when over here from Holland. Now a Film Director. Address: Kierersgracht 318 Amsterdam, Holland.
- Michael Gregory.* Doing well in Catering and is a Manager at the Hyde Park Hotel, London.
- Nicholas Hilder.* New address: 4 Rostrevor Rd., London S.W.6.
- Alexander Curtis.* Wrote to tell us he is very happy at Grenoble University and looking forward to some ski-ing. Address while at University: Chez Mme. Delmatto, 2 Rue Saint Hugues, 38000 Grenoble, France.
- Julian Keenlyside.* Address: Eustace Percy Hall, Castle Leazes, Apittal Tongues, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Studying Plant Biology and Zoology at Newcastle University.
- Douglas Cook.* (ex staff) of 16 Portland Road, Gravesend, Kent, wrote to wish us well for the Old Boys match and to be remembered to staff and pupils who remember him.
- Jeremy Hitchcock.* Moving to the outskirts of Oxford where he is joining Messrs. Linnell & Murphy, Solicitors of 3 Westbridge House, Cowley. We look forward to seeing him at Society functions when he eventually moves house to Oxford.
- W. S. Behn.* New address: Ya-Seou, 5 Avenue Pellot, 64500 Saint-Jean-De-Luz, France.
- Mark Pateman.* 90 The High Street, Knaphill, Woking, Surrey (Brookwood 81907).
- David Lumb.* New address: Great Beeches, Hornbeam Crescent, Harrogate, N.Yorks.
- David A. Clark.* The Broad, Marsh Main Street, Flintham, Notts.

Michael de Weymarn (ex staff). Pleased to hear his family are well (Tanya 4 and Iain 2). Send good wishes to all who remember him. The cricketers met up with him when he played for the Nomads last July.

Clive Willsdon. Has left the R.A.F. and joined British Caledonian Airways at Gatwick as a 707 pilot. Address: 2 Lurgashall, Burgess Hill, W.Sussex. RH1S 0BL. Tel. B.Hill 45942.

Iain Brown left Christmas 1980 to go to St. Clement Danes School, Chorley Wood.

B. A. Melville. Married in Summer, 1980.

David Slack of 1 Westland Road, Kirk Ella, Nr. Hull, N.Humberside. Visited the school and was interested to receive up to date news. Hope to see him at future Old Boys functions.

Russell Massey. Back in England again and just got engaged to a Swiss girl. Is assistant Manager at The Palace Hotel, Torquay.

John Blair. Studying at West Oxon Technical College, Witney.

John Sewell. Studying at West Oxon Technical College, Witney.

Toby Jenkins c/o Cannon Assurance, Cannon House, 12 Park Row, Nottingham.

C. Hanbury-Tenison. We hear is happy and doing well at Blundells.

B. Rozei. Wrote from Teheran and is continuing his studies there.

Peter Lynn visited the school in February. We are glad to have his address as we have been using the wrong one. He is Sales Manager of Guinness Superlative (Publishers). Address: 1 Disraeli Road, Ealing, London W.5.

M. Vltos. Continuing his studies in Oxford.

John & Trevor Key. Trevor still in Abu Dhabi. John in Fujairah engaged in work on sea erosion in the area of the Gulf of Oman. Engaged to be married at Christmas to a teacher in the English Speaking School in Dubai.

Nicholas Holland. Manager of a music shop in Swindon. Hopes to start his own Band shortly.

Howard Bryant. Heard from his mother that he has joined his sister in Florida and now has a Travel Agency of his own there.

Alan Halstead (ex staff). Now in America teaching near Detroit.

Ralph Baars. With N.F.K. Inc. of Harrow (Surveyors, Estate Agents etc) Address: 87 Glendale Av., Edgware, Middlesex. 01 958 7411

Dominic Smit. New address: 39 Rhyl St., Malden Road, Chalk Farm, London N.W.5.

A. B. Lawrence. 3 Broughton Mews, Frimley, Surrey.

Nigel Sherry. New address: 44 Queen Alexandra Rd., Salisbury, Wilts.

T. J. Hicks. Tudor Cottage, Candle Green, Cheltenham, Glos.

J. E. Farr. 60 Tanhouse Lane, Malvern, Worcs.

Peter Underhill and *Lyndon Gee*. Both working in London at the Savoy Hotel doing the training course. (26 Norland Sq., Holland Park, London)

S. Macleod. At Canterbury University.

Roger Harvey. Nice to hear after a long silence. Qualified as a vet from London University two years ago and now in practice in Suffolk (13 Tabers Lane, Stowmarket). Married 1979, first child expected Spring 1981.

D. A. Thomson. Studying at Sheffield University (Physics/Electronics).

Chris Sillitoe. Flat 1, 13 Homefield Rd., Bromley, Kent.

Patrick Spencer. Could not make the reunion as working in Geneva at the time, his job entails a lot of "globe-trotting".

N. I. Parsons (1965—70). The Old Mill House, Milstoy, Durrington, Nr. Salisbury, Wilts. Married $2\frac{1}{2}$ years and has a one year old son. Working in partnership with his father.

Major J. M. Campbell. Stationed in Germany at present.

J. D. Bally. At present abroad. Home address Lower Penylan, Glasbury-on-Wye, Hereford.

Allan Mellaart. Working in Turkey for the Wellcome Foundation.

D. L. Foreman. Address: 7 Bouverie Park, Stanton St. Quinton, Chippenham, Wilts.

Tim Ward. Visited the School in March. New address: Asserton House, Berwick St. James, Salisbury, Wilts. He is a timber merchant but keen on motor racing and looking for sponsorship!

Paul Baker. Working in Solicitors Office.

James Wells. We hear on the "grape-vine" that he is now married.

A. B. Hope. Address: Little Witcombe House, Little Witcombe, Glos. With Alexander & Angell Ltd. of Witcombe.

Dr. D. M. Gillman. Wrote from P.O.B.188, Airlie Beach, 4800, Queensland, Australia. Regards to all old friends and staff. They have been established for over 2 years in general practice and have a son Callum (3) and daughter Polly-Ann (2). A warm welcome to anyone who visits Australia — they live in a very beautiful tourist area. Enjoys a lot of sailing.

Nigel Lambert (Life Vice-President of the Society). Has been practising in the Temple as a Barrister for 7 years — at the Criminal Bar mostly in the Crown Courts in the London area — prosecuting and defending. Married with a boy $2\frac{1}{4}$ and we congratulate them on the recent arrival of a daughter. Lives in Hampstead. Also on Board of Governors of the School.

Eric Van de Steene. 79 Rue St. Bernard, Bruxelles 1060, Belgium. Working for Burberry's in Belgium. Regards to all who knew him. Met up with Christopher Webb when the latter visited Belgium recently.

Martin Drew. Still studying at College.

R. D. M. Stevens. 3 Maida Vale, Norwich, Norfolk.

J. D. Armson. 26 Grosvenor Court, Chapel Park, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Paul Jewson. 32 Banbury Road, Woodstock.

D. G. Yates. Venturers, Church Green, Shotley, Suffolk.

- J. R. Palmer.* Overseas for indefinite period. At present "crewing" on a yacht and shortly off to the Amazon and S.America.
- Mr. & Mrs. Mathias-Williams* (ex staff). Recently accepted post of Director of Studies at Rydal Public School in N.Wales starting September 1981, hopes to keep in touch.
- Simon Henderson.* Engaged on two-year Contract in the Seychelles Islands leading a Youth Education programme for 16—19 year olds.
- A. H. Wans.* 34 High St., Ilminster, Somerset.
- M. D. Caines.* 11 Chadley Close, Buryfield Road, Solihull, Birmingham.
- Hugh & Anne Williams* (Ex staff) 25 Abbey Way, Farnborough. Send their good wishes. Still teaching at Salesian College, Farnborough where he is now Sixth Form Tutor and a Housemaster.
- C. Gourley.* Writes from Galbally, 46 Winston Rd., Kloof, Natal R.S.A. sending good wishes and asking to be remembered to Mr. Allen and Mr. Mathias-Williams.
- Andrew Turner* of 16 Lyndon Road, N.Luffenham, Oakham, Rutland has recently set up in his own business specialising in making all types of pine furniture (North Luffenham Pine).
- C. Burchett.* Working in Insurance. 14c The High Road, Willesden Green, London N.W.10
- Paul and Janet Gleeson.* Congratulations on the birth of a daughter in the Spring, 1981.
- James Miller* (1959—61). 17 Sandy Close, Petersfield, Hants. Business at Goose Green Farm Poultry Sales (involved in the production and dispatch of turkeys).
- James de Jode.* Doing restaurant work while studying for further 'O' levels.
- R. A. Gascoigne-Pees.* (Estate Agent, Auctioneers) New address: Hillrise, Ockenden Lane, Cuckfield, Sussex.

