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School Prefects

R. J. Andrews

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Queen Anne A. E. Wigglesworth

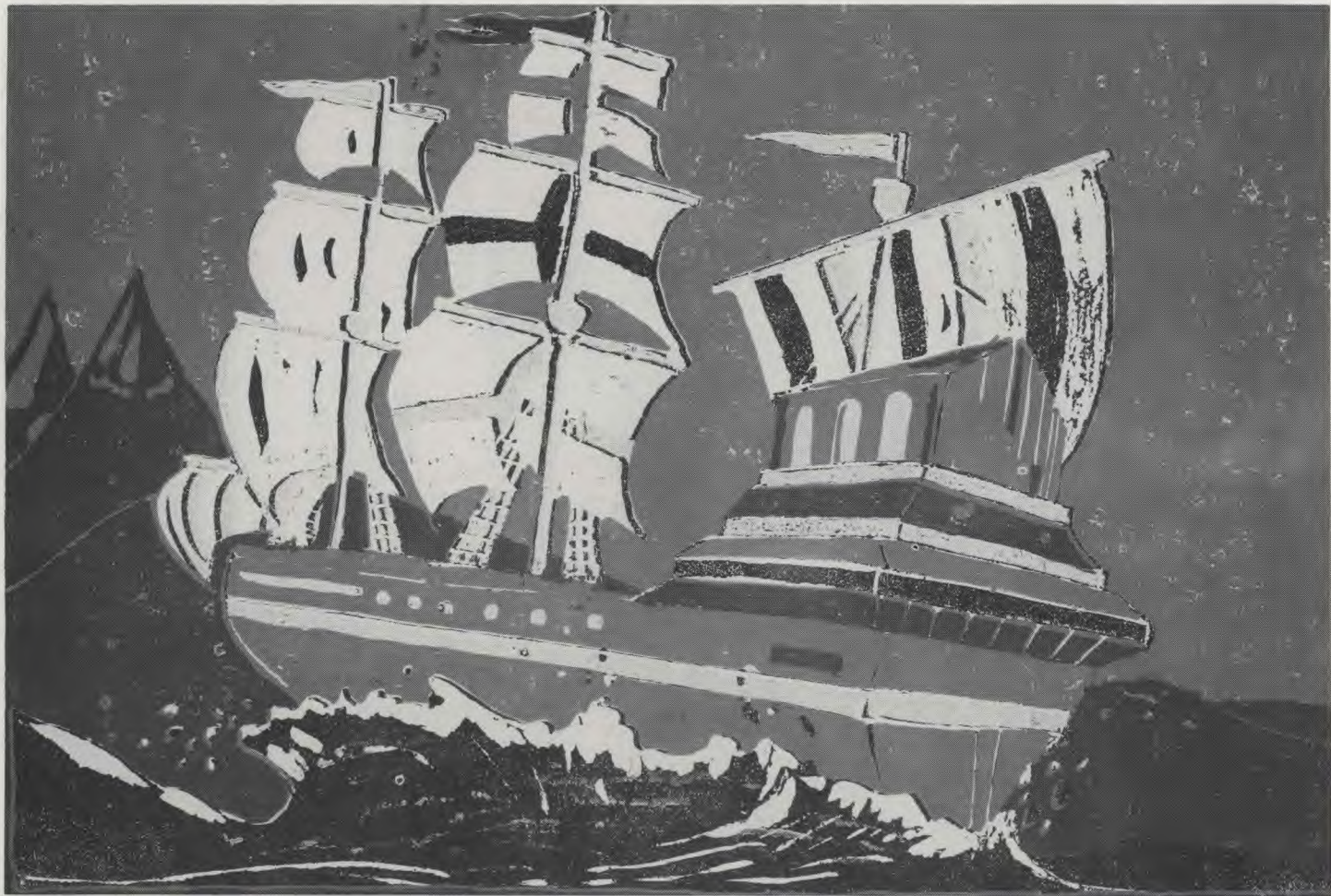
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Vice-Captain J. O. R. Shelley



MAJOR-GENERAL SIR RANDLE FEILDEN, KCVO, CB., CBE.,
DL.

IT WAS with great sorrow that we heard in October last year of the sudden death at the age of 77 of Major-General Sir Randle Feilden. Only ten days earlier he had attended a Governors Meeting at Cokethorpe and had appeared to be in his usual good spirits. He had a very distinguished career in the Army culminating in his appointment as Vice-Quarter-Master-General at the War Office, and on his retirement from the Army he was elected a member of the Jockey Club and became its Senior Steward.

His family were the last owners of Cokethorpe Park before it became a school in 1957. He was Chairman of the Governors from 1966-1977 and remained an active Governor and loyal supporter until his death.

It was very nice that a small group of Cokethorpe boys should be invited to lead the singing at his funeral in Ducklington Church, and the present Chairman of Governors and the Headmaster and his wife attended an impressive Memorial Service at the Guards Chapel in December.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Lady Feilden and to the rest of the family. We shall all miss the General very much.

D. F. G.

EDITORIAL

LAST YEAR we wrote in the editorial of many changes within the school; this year has been equally full of the winds of change. Last year's changes dealt mainly with the addition of a fire escape to the school and various fire doors within the building as well as a fire alarm system. This year has brought us more and more varied changes: there has been the building of the new common rooms, with which we are all pleased; there was also the construction of a new science lab block which was very necessary. There has also been the refurbishing of the old classroom block to the delight of the masters, who now have their own particular rooms. The boys themselves have even constructed a golf course. Various people have looked on concernedly at large piles of turf dotting the school grounds, but due to good management no vital part of the grounds have been lost. It seems that this year there has been virtually no time in which there was no construction going on, be it the common room block or the golf course, or anything in between.

Sadly we have had to say good-bye to Mr. Lyle and to Mr. Ellis who have both been such an asset to the school in so many ways. They will both be missed after their long years of service to Cokethorpe. Mr. Brocklehurst, whose stay was somewhat shorter, also left this year. He came originally to

take over the Biology Department from Mr. Clayton, and found himself staying for two more years. Mr. Jowitt will be taking over from Mr. Lyle as Second Master, and Mr. Daniels from Mr. Brocklehurst. To both of them we extend the warmest welcome.

On a different note I am pleased to present the Peacock Award, for the best entry in poetry, art-work or photography to Stephen Glynn. Well done!

Lastly to all the leavers this year I wish you all the best of luck in your respective futures.

P. A. D.

R. V. L.

R. V. L. RETIRED at the end of summer term after teaching at Cokethorpe since 1959. He was throughout that time in charge of Modern Languages, and many an Old Boy owes to him the first kindling of his interest in and love of a language and literature not his own. Then, rather more than twenty years ago, Ronald Lyle became Second Master; and thus it was that he came to know, and sometimes teach, almost every boy who has been educated at Cokethorpe.

His teaching will be remembered, as will his productions of plays. Staging one of these at Cokethorpe has never been easy for, especially in the early years, we have lacked every sort of facility, but, with his enthusiasm and extraordinary ability to coax an arresting performance from even the most unlikely boy, he could by dint of astonishing improvisation create again and again productions of a quality which far outstripped what might have been looked for at a school of this size.

So much for what might be called his more conventional activities (and there is no room here to do more than merely refer to his help in earlier years on the rugger field and with the Boat Club); his greatest contribution to the well-being of Cokethorpe, however, has simply been the quiet imposition of his personality. He became a part of the fabric of the School and generations of boys and masters came to rely, not just on his powers of organisation and his meticulous planning, but on his kindness, his patience, and his readiness at all times calmly to listen to their problems and to offer wise advice. These were the qualities which impressed themselves on all, from the crustiest of his colleagues to the most impish junior boy.

For over twenty years R. V. L. devoted his life to the School. Its worries were his worries (it was his notable courage and integrity that helped it to survive an early crisis in its history). In its successes he rejoiced.

Throughout these years of service he has been sustained and encouraged always by his wife, Beryl (whom, in fact he first met here). Cokethorpe wives are long-suffering and, with a more than usually dedicated husband, she must sometimes have felt that she had to share him with a most demanding rival. It was her support in times good and bad that gave him the strength to serve Cokethorpe as he did.

It was a fitting touch that saw him invited to present the prizes on July 10, the last of his many Speechdays. It was a happy occasion but one tinged with sadness. With his familiar rose in his button-hole he was speaking, most movingly too, to a Cokethorpe audience for the last time. He and Beryl take with them our affection and warm good wishes for a long and contented retirement.

P. T. E.

A GRADUATE of Manchester University, Paul Ellis came to Cokethorpe as Head of the English department in September 1960. All those who had the good fortune to be taught by him will look back with gratitude on his patient and thorough ways, insisting always on the highest standards, whether in analysing some difficult lines in Eliot or Auden, or the more prosaic but no less necessary task of making sure that commas and full-stops were in their rightful places. Many a doubtful candidate for "O" Level English has Paul Ellis to thank for that valuable but elusive prize — a pass in English Language!

Very soon after his arrival, Paul shouldered the task of producing the first School Magazine, "The Peacock", which owes its present healthy state very largely to his care and attention when it was still a "chick". One must not forget either his help in the early days of the Old Boys' Society, and his devotion to the Library and Debating Society; but it is as Housemaster of Swift House from 1963 to 1976 that most boys will remember him.

A man who has been no stranger to pain and discomfort all his life and yet has never been known to complain, Paul is an inspiration to us all and brought a kindliness and understanding to Cokethorpe which we shall long remember. May he, together with his wonderful wife, Jo, enjoy many happy years of retirement.

DEAN SWIFT HOUSE REPORT

THIS HAS BEEN another good year for Swift and if we did not dominate the entire sporting calendar we won more than our share of cups once again.

Summer Term, (1981), began with an unexpectedly convincing victory in the Clay-Pigeon shooting under the captaincy of F. Walsh, supported by D. Martindale, A. Wincott and M. Harris. R. George, A. Foster and A. Cook chipped in with the Golf Cup, the Work Cup was retained while the whole House combined to win the Athletics Standards Competition by 78 points. D. Williams and G. Brady carried off the Senior and Junior Debating Prizes and on the Final day of term the Athletics Cup was won by the wide margin of 31 points to round things off nicely. Our main disaster occurred on the river for although Swift's Junior Crew (D. Toscan, N. Johnston-Smith, G. Brady, T. Anderson and W. Combley) put up the fastest time of the day, our seniors (virtually the School First Four), caught a crab and attempted to climb the bank, so we had to settle for second place — by one second. F. Walsh (Head Boy), D. Martindale (Head of House), D. Williams (Winner of the Cullen) and I. Scott of Cross Country fame, were the main stalwarts who left at the end of term, but all our leavers will be missed for one reason or another.

The Autumn Term was relatively quiet but we worked well and our Rugby team excelled themselves defeating the hot favourites Queen Anne 4—0 in a game of desperate tackling, and Harcourt 10—4 in several inches of snow. The whole team showed guts and determination throughout and all were awarded House Colours. Next came the House Play and for the first time this was an entirely home produced affair — written, directed and performed by the boys. An excellent effort of which the whole cast should be justifiably proud.

The Spring Term brought bad news for Swifts past and present. For the first time in eight years the Cross-Country and Road-Relay competitions were lost. These cups had become almost our personal property so we felt bitterly disappointed this year. However there was good news also for Swift won both the XI and VI-a-side soccer competitions under the captaincy of A. Sanderson, with B. Akande scoring seven goals in the two House matches. Unfortunately the House Kicking was lost, despite valiant efforts from B. Akande and A. Sanderson, and although we scored the same number of points as Harcourt in the seven-a-side Rugby Competition, they scored more tries so we finished an unlucky second — perhaps we were sunk by a Funeral! We did manage to retain the Recommendations Cup once more while R. Banham carried off the Sixth Form Declamations.

The Summer Term began well when Swift won the Rifle Shooting cup. J. Jowett captained this successful team, and colours were awarded to all

four members each of whom shot 91 or better out of 100. Individual success followed for G. Brady when he won the Cullen Debate. However the Clay-Pigeon Cup narrowly escaped us and although our cricketers reduced Harcourt to 29—4, having first scored 96 all out, the dream proved transient. Our Tennis team was captained by Denise Kilkenny and if they did not win their matches they fought hard and drew more spectators than is usual — Denise certainly deserved her House Colours. Once again the Work Cup and the Athletics Standards Cup were won by wide margins thanks to good House spirit and organisation, while the Athletics cup was won with even more dash than in 1981.

Finally a mention of the House Common Rooms. These have proved to be a great benefit for all concerned and are a welcome change from the old form rooms. Apart from the light blue walls it is also good to see that we have the best record for tidiness and quiet preps — perhaps the latter has helped our G.C.E. candidates to pick up a significantly higher percentage of O level passes than might otherwise have been the case?

J. M. DUDDRIDGE

HARCOURT HOUSE REPORT

TWO YEARS AGO a previous Head of House said that Harcourt was on the rise. This proved true, aside from a slight setback last year. We truly are now at the crest of the wave. We have carried away six cups this year. The Autumn term looked bleak with a modest second place in the Rugby which Swift won after a hard fight with us — there was also a blizzard at the same time. In the Spring, despite losing to Queen Anne in the Cross-country, we got away with the Road Relay, the House Kicking and the Rugby Seven a sides, all three won in a row, leaving the other Houses somewhat dazed from the fray.

In the Summer term we again proved ourselves to be the masters and showed that the winning spirit was well and truly alive in the House. Early on in the term we won the Clay Pigeon Shoot, and later we swept away the Cricket Cup. We also carried off the Tennis Cup splendidly.

Colours have gone to all the winning teams, along with a few to some deserving members of the house for their efforts in various events. In the Cross Country Davie II won the individual prize and also got his colours, the people who arrived in the top twenty runners also got their colours, these included Irvani, Wankling and Storrie. Unfortunately Keene II did not quite make the top twenty bracket, but he did get his colours later in the term for his help in winning the Road Relay, led by Davie II. Patel and Abbot deserve a mention for their efforts in the Football, in which, although we did not win, we did play very well. In the Clay Pigeon

Milward did extremely well in getting 17 out of 25; he was only one point off getting the shooting shield. Two cricketers distinguished themselves by their notable performances, not only did they play well they also played while injured. Richard Andrews the captain, played with a knee injury while Healey also played while similarly afflicted.

Aside from sport, the House Play, which overall was not as good as it might have been, did contain some very good individual performances, notably from Webb and Milward, with some good support from Hawgood and Wankling, who surprised us all with his latent ability to act. Wankling seems to have got into almost every team we put out, either by himself or with Ward, Irvani or Andrews.

Lastly on a personal note I would like to thank Tristan Sutton, Farhad Irvani, Richard Andrews and Nicholas Simmons for their invaluable help as House prefects, without which most of the above could not have been managed. I end as all heads of houses do by saying that we will do very well next year, which I am sure because there is a lot of new and rising talent in the junior part of the house, (who will soon be seniors!). Keep it up!

P. A. DAVIE

QUEEN ANNE HOUSE REPORT

Queen Anne on the whole have had a disappointing and in a way an unlucky year. The house has only a few cups as a reward for some very close and exciting competitions. The Clay-Pigeon shooting cup was lost by just one clay; Edward Porter and Mike Markham both making outstanding scores. The House Kicking cup was lost by just four points with again Edward Porter and Mike Markham making good efforts. Nicholas Smith also kicked well for the juniors and all three were awarded their house colours. The Road Relay was all Queen Anne up until the last leg where Harcourt stole it from us. Good performances came from Jeremy Russ, Donald Newling and Chris Walker. The Football was dismally lost due to lack of support for the team. The 7-a-side Rugby tournament was a completely different story. The senior side won their matches, but the very young and inexperienced junior side were totally white washed in both their games. House colours were awarded to Richard Ramsbotham, and Raymond Atkins. The XV a side rugby, although we lost, really did show that the house determination and spirit is not quite dead as there were good aggressive efforts by everybody. We were unlucky in that a number of tries were disallowed. Donald Newling and Julian Harris received their house colours for exceptional performances. In the six-a-side competition Queen Anne were let down by a very ill disciplined senior side. The juniors on the other hand played extremely well and they were all awarded their house colours.

The Cross Country was the event of the year as far as the house is concerned. For the first time in eight years Queen Anne won the cup due to an intense all-round effort, proving that the house is capable of winning an event for which everybody is entered. A fantastic effort. We won by over 250 points and a big 'well done' to all concerned. Colours were awarded to fifteen people including Donald Newling, Jeremy Russ, Mike Markham, Edward Porter, Toby Lascelles, Michael Olleson and Martin Haley. The Cricket unfortunately did not go quite as planned. We were bowled out very quickly indeed by Harcourt and our fielding was not up to scratch. Even so, Richard Ramsbotham made a very good effort and scored several runs.

Another good house effort was the house play. We picked a good play which had the right balance of comedy and realism! The actors showed complete confidence in their lines and movements showing clearly that a lot of rehearsal work had been done.

So, on the whole, not a very successful year for Queen Anne but one to look back on. If the spirit and determination are there then anything can happen; so with the arrival of the long awaited house common rooms I am hoping during next year Queen Anne will become a more united house.

ALAN WIGGLESWORTH

PRIZES, 1981

The Headmaster's Prize: F. Walsh

6th Form English: J. Evers

” ” *History:* J. Evers

” ” *Maths:* D. Williams and D. Martindale

” ” *Physics:* D. Williams

” ” *Chemistry:* D. Williams and B. Nazari

” ” *Biology:* B. Nazari and D. Martindale

Declamations

(the Richard Early Prize):

6th Form: F. Walsh

5th ” R. Banham

4th ” A. Agbim

3rd ” A. Yendle

Open Art Prize: P. Wood

Cullen Debating Prize: D. Williams

Junior Debating Prize: G. Brady

5th Form *English Language*: R. Banham
 " " *English Literature*: M. Harris
 " " *History*: M. Harris and I. Scott
 " " *British Constitution*: I. Scott
 " " *Geography*: R. Andrews
 " " *French*: A. Fernandez-Salvador
 " " *Mathematics*: A. Adams
 " " *Physics*: A. Adams
 " " *Chemistry*: M. O'Sullivan and A. Wigglesworth
 " " *Biology*: M. Harris and J. Harris

4A Form *Prize*: A. Medina
 4B " " : R. Hira
 3A " " : R. Roberts
 3B " " : B. Humphrey

Peacock Award: B. Akande

PRIZES, 1982

(Presented by R. V. Lyle, Esq., M.A.)

The Headmaster's Prize: A. Russ and N. Simmons

6th Form *English*: P. Davie
 " " *History*: Miss D. Kilkenny
 " " *Mathematics*: D. Newling
 " " *Chemistry*: A. Wigglesworth
 " " *Biology*: D. Newling

Declamations

6th Form: R. Banham
 5th " O. Brundin
 4th " R. Milward and A. Yendle
 3rd " C. Paravicini

Open Art Prize: G. Rowley

Cullen Debating Prize: G. Brady

Junior Debating Prize: S. Webb

Martin Browne Memorial Prize: G. Kent-Coward

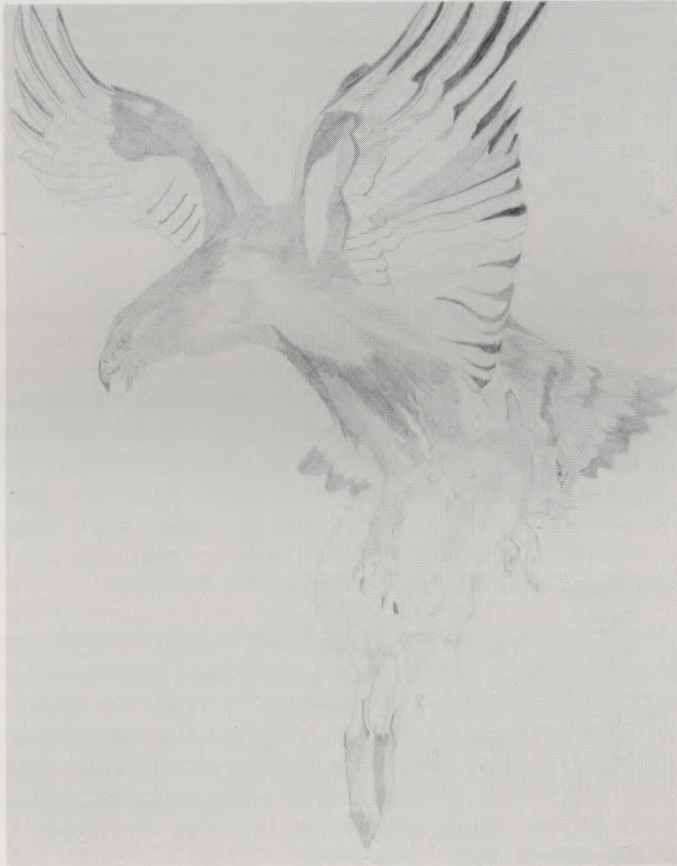
Pottery Prize: H. Maktabi

Photography Prizes: J. Jowett; J. Breeze; S. Boggon; N. Messenger; J. Spring-Rice; S. Elliot

Peacock Award: S. Glynn

5th Form *English Language*: T. Anderson
" " *English Literature*: S. Glynn
" " *History*: N. Johnston-Smith
" " *Geography*: R. Porter
" " *French*: R. Hira
" " *Mathematics*: A. Medina
" " *Physics*: A. Medina
" " *Chemistry*: D. Patel
" " *Biology*: T. Anderson and D. Patel
" " *British Constitution*: S. Glynn
" " *Art*: T. Anderson and S. Glynn

4A Form *Prize*: R. Roberts
4B " " : B. Humphrey
3A " " : J. McAteer
3B " " : N. Fisher



GENERAL STUDIES

1981-82

THE PAST YEAR has been an extremely varied one as far as General Studies is concerned, and we have been lucky to have such a diversity of speakers to inform and entertain us.

The first speaker of the Michaelmas Term was DR. J. M. CARTER, a classicist from Royal Holloway College, London, with an interesting talk on 'Schliemann and Mycenae'. There were fascinating slides of excavations at Troy and Mycenae, and the treasures from these famous sites; but Dr. Carter could have tailored his lengthy prologue on the changing attitudes towards the classical past up to Schliemann's time, in favour of more information about Schliemann himself.

The next talk, given by HER HONOUR JUDGE HAZEL COUNSELL, was more enjoyable, for what was expected to be a rather sombre and straight-faced lecture on the law proved to be a highly enlightening and amusing account of her experiences as a barrister and a judge, and of the really tremendous changes she had seen in the position of women at the bar in the last 25 years.

The highlight of the term, however, was the reading given by ANDREW MOTION, then much-publicised winner of the *Observer/Arvon* Foundation Award. With the exception of one poem by Craig Raine, Mr. Motion read entirely from his own work, starting with *The Letter*, the poem which won him his £5,000 prize, and ending with *Bathing at Gandopouli*, a narrative poem based on his grandfather's experience in Egypt during the first world war. In spite of his obvious shyness and modesty, and a quiet, slightly monotonous manner of reading, he held the attention of the audience throughout.

A man who obviously loves the life-style which his work enables him to lead is DR. JOHN COOKE, who came to talk about the making of natural history films. Having been head of the arachnology section of the American Museum of Natural History, he joined Oxford Scientific Films in 1973, and, with the aid of some very exceptional sides and 16mm film, he described to us many of the 'tricks of the trade' in making such outstanding series as *Life on Earth* and London Weekend's *Survival*.

Another scientific talk, entitled 'The Body's Self-defence', was given by DR. RICHARD BELCHER, Head of the Biology Department at Bloxham School. However, in spite of his obvious enthusiasm for immunology, and an array of intricate diagrams which revealed the care he had taken in preparing this lecture, Dr. Belcher's rather elementary opening points quickly moved to some very technical stuff with no intermediate stage, and he tried to cover far too much ground in the time available. Considering this, the boys' questions were very good.

Two academics who visited us during the course of the year were MR. PETER OPPENHEIMER, the economist at Christ Church, Oxford, and DR. BARRY PASKINS, Fellow in the Department of War Studies at King's College, London. Mr. Oppenheimer talked about 'South Africa in Historical Perspective', and gave us some helpful insights into the troubles and tribulations of that vast country. At times, however, it was felt that he seemed to take on rather a partial tone. Dr. Paskins talked about 'Deterrence', his main theme being that of 'secondary defence' — the ability to strike back after the opposition had fired on you first. He spoke with the calm efficiency of a military theorist, which enabled us to understand this very complicated subject; and although he brought out only too clearly the threat posed by the amount of nuclear hardware possessed by the USA and the USSR, he was able to end on a reassuring note.

Likewise, two rather similar talks took place during the Lent Term. MR. DAVID HARDY, Head of the Biology Department at Radley College, came to talk about his researches into pink-footed geese. This was the story behind two expeditions by himself and 6th Form biologists at Radley, and he not only told us about how they monitored the wild geese, but showed some breathtaking slides of the terrain of Iceland and Greenland. Equally notable for beautiful slide material was the talk on 'Trekking in the Himalayas' by DR. H. W. B. BARLOW. The most interesting slides were, of course, the ones of Everest. Questions at these talks went on for considerably longer than usual, and they both remained conversation points for several days afterwards.

MRS. LESLEY ABDELA, founder member of the '300 Group', an all-Party pressure group comprising both men and women, and dedicated to getting more women elected to parliament, came to talk to us about the aims and methods of her organisation. Although she demonstrated how more women would be beneficial to parliament, she puzzled the audience by admitting her dislike for the present Prime Minister! This was not the best talk we have had, but Mrs. Abdela spoke with conviction, and if we did not wholly agree with what she said, we were certainly roused by the content and the way in which she put it across.

During the summer term there were four talks, starting with a lecture on the European Parliament by MR. ROGER BROAD, Head of the EEC's London Information Office. We were lucky to have him, since he was just about to go off to attend the start of the Plenary Session in Strasbourg later that week. With the aid of diagrams and slides he explained how the European Parliament worked and what it set out to do, its relationship to the Commission and the Council of Ministers, the party divisions and what each party stood for politically.

MR. BERNARD MATTHEWS, senior physicist at the Berkeley Nuclear

Power Station, came to talk about nuclear energy, and brought with him much demonstration material in the form of geiger counters and other equipment, and radio-active samples which were passed around the audience. The main emphasis of his talk was on toning down the somewhat far-fetched claims of the anti-nuclear lobby with regard to the safety of nuclear reactors, and their uses for peaceful purposes. BISHOP KENNETH CRAGG gave us a brief, but exceedingly lucid and illuminating insight into the troubles of the middle east, discussing the present problems in their historical context and also in the light of his experience as the assistant Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem. Ironically, he spoke to us on the evening of the very day that Israeli forces invaded the Lebanon in their latest attempt to smash the P.L.O.

The concluding talk of the season was undoubtedly a 'scoop' by Mr. Cranham, who succeeded in persuading the foreign correspondent of *The Sunday Times*, SIMON WINCHESTER, to come and talk to us. Mr. Winchester had been back in England for only two weeks that day after his eleven-week ordeal in an Argentinian gaol during the Falklands conflict. He spoke fluently and with delicious under-stated humour about his journalistic career and his experience in Argentina: as was expected, many people turned up and they did not leave disappointed. This was clearly the most outstanding talk of the year. Mr. Winchester explained that he intended to return to Argentina for the trial, not only because it is a test case in which important principles of journalistic practice are at stake, but also for personal reasons: not to go would certainly mean being condemned in his absence, and that would mean he could not work in any country which had an extradition treaty with Argentina. We wish him the very best of luck, and, more importantly — justice.

We were very sorry to hear of the death, earlier this year, of Sir Humphrey Waldock, Q.C., who, while he was President of the International Court of Justice came to speak at Cokethorpe in May 1979.

The Lord Swann F.R.S., General Sir John Hackett G.C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Humphrey Carpenter and Professor Geoffrey Eglinton F.R.S., are among those who have accepted invitations to speak during the Michaelmas Term 1982.

R. V. BANHAM, U6.

MRS. SHEILA HEPWORTH

WE WERE ALL saddened to learn of the sudden death on June 29th of Mrs. Sheila Hepworth who was assistant matron from 1972 to 1977. She will be remembered by old boys of that time as Mrs. Sheila Butler, but since her second marriage she had lived in Newcastle. Our sympathies go

out to all her family especially to her sister, Mrs. Jennie Russell, who is currently senior matron here.

MUSIC

THE MUSICAL LIFE of the school continues to develop. More boys are now learning instruments (piano, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, guitar) and all boys in the 3rd and 4th forms have time-tabled Musical Appreciation Periods taken by Mr. Gordon and the Headmaster.

There have been four Concerts during the year. In June 1981 there was a Horn Recital by Paul Willett accompanied on the piano by Colin Gordon. In September there were performances of the Carnival of Animals and Haydn's Toy Symphony by a group of visiting musicians conducted by Christopher Fletcher-Campbell. In November there was an unusual, and at times light-hearted, recital by a Trombone Ensemble. In June 1982 there was a welcome return visit by the Cherwell Singers who gave us a splendid evening's entertainment. There have also been several informal "home-made" concerts by our own musicians Colin Gordon, Joan Gentry and Bob Brocklehurst, assisted by the School Choir and various boy instrumentalists. Memorable was an item specially written for five clarinetists all in their first year of learning that instrument. It is hoped that interest in music (both playing and listening) will continue to develop at Cokethorpe.

SCHOOL LECTURES

IN ADDITION to the normal General Studies programme there have been four School Lectures during the year. In June 1981 we were visited by Dick Francis, the well-known author of Horse-Racing thrillers. He signed copies of his books and later gave a fascinating lecture on his life and experiences as a Steeple-Chase Jockey and author. At the end of the term we had a most interesting evening with Mrs. Keeling and her menagerie. Among the animals she brought were a Mexican king snake, a bird-eating spider, a chinchilla and a tawny owl. In October we had an illustrated lecture by Jo Homan who runs the Boys Town in Tamilnad, Southern India, and we have twice since then sent him our weekly Church collections to help with the marvellous work he does.

Finally in January we had our fourth lecture given by Gerald Howat, the Cricket Historian and Author. He talked about three famous cricketers of the past — Learie Constantine, "Tiger" Smith and Jack Parsons, and it was obvious to his audience why he won the "Cricket Writers Award" a few years ago for his biography of Constantine.

NEW LOOK — Cokethorpe 1982

IT HAS BEEN a tremendously exciting year of new building, and pride of place must surely be given to the Common Room Block which now means that every boy at Cokethorpe lives in a House Room Common, with his own desk, cupboard and cooking facilities instead of the squalid form room block which has served many generations of Cokethorpe boys in the past. That form room block has now been transformed into a covered teaching block in which each master has his own classroom, carpeted, with new desk and blackboards. There is also a brand new Terrapin Science Complex with Biology and Chemistry Laboratories and store rooms and preparation rooms. All these new buildings were opened at the beginning of the Summer Term, 1982, and have made a great deal of difference to life at Cokethorpe. The top floor of the Round House, which used to be a Biology Lab, has now been converted into a very attractive Art Room.

Also during the Easter vacation two new boilers were installed in the Cellar which have greatly improved the hot water supply throughout the school. The "Loos" in the Round House were also renovated and updated.

During the Summer holidays of 1982 it is planned to extend the present Changing Rooms which will effectively double the space available — a long awaited improvement.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

DURING THE LAST year three of the old stables have been converted into a Pottery with a Wheel and Electric Kiln. 3rd formers now receive weekly time-tabled instruction from Mrs. Worthington and those who are keen can spend much of their spare time at this very enjoyable activity.

A new Art Instructor, Mrs. Stone, was appointed in September and under her guidance the number of boys involved has increased dramatically. Indeed we had six 'O' level candidates this summer and one boy, George Rowley, is taking his 'A' level in 1983. Naturally the new Art Room at the top of the Round House has helped greatly to encourage this activity.

Two other stables were converted into a wood-turning shed with an electric lathe. Many boys receive instruction from John White and have been making some very attractive articles such as table lamps, bowls, barometers and clocks.

The old Chemistry Lab is in the process of being converted into a spacious woodwork and metalwork room, though one end has already been taken over by the newly-formed Cage Bird Society.

New Common Rooms and Laboratories, 1982



TOP OF THE FORM

A 'TOP OF THE FORM' competition was held during the Michaelmas Term. Although for convenience the teams captained by Banham, Davie and Wigglesworth were chosen from their houses — with representatives from each level of the school — this was not an inter-house competition. The questions were devised by Mr. Cranham, along the lines of the popular programme on Radio 4, with some help from Mr. Brocklehurst and Mr. Gentry on scientific matters! Mr. Cranham and Mr. White acted as Question-masters, and Mr. Lyle and Mr. Thomson as scorers. The competition was spread over two nights, and as the result of a Qualifying Round, Davie's team played Wigglesworth's in Round One, which was convincingly won by the former (80—54). In Round Two, however, Banham's team crept ahead of Davie's in the last three rounds to win by 8 points (74—66).

Teams: A. R. V. Banham, R. A. Sanderson, R. J. Porter, R. N. P. Roberts, P. J. Roberts.

B. P. A. Davie, N. J. Simmons, O. M. Brundin, B. G. Humphrey, N. J. Fisher.

C. A. Wigglesworth, A. Fernandez-Salvador, R. F. Ramsbotham, S. N. I. Harrison, H. Woodcock.

THE MOOR AT SUN-DOWN

Alone I sat on that craggy mount,
Watching the fiery sun
Drift towards the rugged horizon.
The grass whispered like a forgotten soul,
And somewhere in Eden's Vale
A fox darted in the dying light.

A ghostly vapour swept the moor,
And the evening light golden grey,
Played with the swirling mist.

A mountain stream
Though distant and faint
Flowed to my ears,
And bubbled within my very body.

R. MILWARD



‘THE REAL INSPECTOR HOUND’

by Tom Stoppard

presented by the Cokethorpe School Amateur Dramatic Society on the
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THE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY’S choice for this year’s play was Tom Stoppard’s ‘The Real Inspector Hound’. This is in some ways a suitable one for a school production for no single part is a major one and there is, instead, a range of eight or nine widely contrasting characters each one allowing scope for the actor to show his worth. Then again this is a farce in which over-acting, which comes easily to young actors, is permissible, indeed essential.

However, a play by Stoppard always has its difficulties, for cast as for audience. ‘The Real Inspector Hound’ is unmistakably Stoppardian. We join two theatre critics who, off-stage, are watching what at first seems to be an all-too-conventional ‘who-dunnit’ set in the drawing-room of a country-house, Muldoon Manor, in the 1950s. We have, it seems, the familiar ingredients — a crusty major and his lady, a baffled policeman, a comic charwoman, an attractive blonde — and a body behind the sofa. But naturally in a play by Stoppard all is not what it seems. Quite apart from this being a play within a play, we are on constantly shifting planes of

reality. A surrealist atmosphere soon establishes itself. The critics, off-stage, and the characters, on-stage, interchange. Complications accumulate. Identities become confused — as, to some extent, does the audience. The general anarchy is hugely entertaining as the idiocies pile up and the threads of the past become more and more entangled. It is all done with great pace and gusto (there is, for instance, the playing with speed and zeal, of a zany game of cards which seems to incorporate elements of bridge, poker, pontoon, roulette and even chess).

But this is a tantalizingly clever play, one that demands an alert audience. It is filled with oblique allusions and echoes. Stoppard has a keen ear and delights in pastiche. The critics, each distinguished by his own clichés, are delightfully parodied (I wonder, by the way, if Stoppard was taking a dramatist's revenge in having them both killed off by the end of the play).

The School was lucky this year in having at its disposal a number of quite experienced actors. There were those two dependable veterans, Banham and O'Sullivan, who ably played the critics, Dillon-Godfray taking the role of Mrs. Drudge in his stride, Yendle, Harris and Roberts. The latter as the body was splendidly inert throughout. No opportunities for over-acting here! All these had been blooded before. There were three newcomers — Martineau as Major Muldoon, chair-borne until a dramatic moment towards the end, Webb as Chief Inspector Hound, and Wolff as Felicity Cunningham, the tennis-playing young heroine. Wolff in this role was quite outstanding with a husky voice that must have reminded older members of the audience of Miss Joan Greenwood. Every affected word was delivered confidently and as clearly as a bell. Here is a young actor whom we shall enjoy in future years.

Although this is a play that is tricky to direct and perform, the production moved smoothly and rapidly. No prompting was detectable, the hardships of a small stage were overcome and lighting, sound effects, make-up and costumes were all of a high standard, thanks to the enthusiasm and ingenuity of the production staff.

Some of the audience may have departed a little mystified, resolved quietly to read the text later, but that all had found much to enjoy showed clearly in the play's warm reception.

P. T. E.

DEBATING REPORT

THE FIRST DEBATE of the year was also the first time we had the pleasure of having an inter-school debate with the Lechlade Convent. Miss Cherie Johnston and Miss Alison Young, both members of the Lechlade sixth form, came with an additional number of forty or so female supporters to propose the motion that "This House believes the female of the species is deadlier than the male". Miss Johnston delivered an excellent speech, and if any criticism could be made it was that she might have slowed down and spoken up more. However, she was amusing, and was hotly supported by the girls who were present. Miss Young was perhaps slightly less powerful and convincing, and her nervousness showed through. The motion was opposed for Cokethorpe by Mr. Banham and Mr. Wigglesworth. Mr. Banham, as usual, gave a strong and audible speech in which he systematically attacked Miss Johnston point by point; and when put to the vote the motion was carried by a single vote (60—59). There were 13 Abstentions. The reaction from the floor was disappointing, with only two contributions from the girls.

The second debate during the autumn term was undertaken by members of the 4th Form. Mr. Jonathan Glynn and Mr. Humphrey proposed the motion that "This House believes it was better to live a hundred years ago than today". They were opposed by Mr. Webb and Mr. Milward. Mr. Glynn, with zest and humour, made many valid points. Mr. Humphrey sounded nervous and his speech was slightly disjointed. Mr. Webb delivered a good counter-attack, although perhaps with less power than Mr. Milward, who was certainly the most audible speaker of the evening. When put to the vote the motion was defeated — again by a single vote. Those who asked questions from the floor were Mr. Agbim, Mr. Lilley and Mr. Goldsmith.

Two members of the 5th Form challenged two prefects in a lively and rather controversial debate during the Easter Term, on the motion that "This House believes there must be a better alternative to the present prefectorial system". Mr. Brady and Mr. Dillon-Godfray proposed the motion, and were opposed by Mr. Haas and Mr. Wigglesworth. All the speakers delivered well, and although the debate took place in front of a slightly smaller audience than usual, it was keenly participated in by a number of people. Mr. Lilley, Mr. Irvani and Mr. Milward were commended for their efforts from the floor. The motion was defeated by 3 votes (30—27), with 15 Abstentions.

The two prize debates took place during the early part of the summer term. The Junior Cullen Debate, on the motion that "This House believes that a lot of brawn and little brain is better than a lot of brain and little brawn", was proposed by Mr. Wankling and Mr. Nzeribe, and opposed

by Mr. Jonathan Glynn and Mr. Webb. It proved quite a difficult task for all the speakers, and the results were commendable, although Mr. Glynn and Mr. Webb had the stronger case to argue. The debate was judged by Mr. Gordon Matthews C.B.E., and Mr. Watts and Mr. Randall. They decided that Mr. Webb was the best speaker. when put to the vote in the House the motion was defeated.

The Senior Cullen Debate was fought on the motion that "This House believes that Argentina should have sovereignty over the Falkland Islands, but that there should be a continuing period of British administration". The motion was proposed by Mr. Davie and Mr. Sanderson, and opposed by Mr. Banham and Mr. Brady. Mr. Bruce Purchase of the Royal Shakespeare Company came to judge the debate, and was assisted by Mrs. Goldsmith and Mr. Nightingale. Messers Banham, Brady and Davie all spoke well, but it was Mr. Brady who was picked out as the best speaker. However, credit should go to Mr. Sanderson, for in spite of the weaknesses of his speech, this was the first time he had spoken in a debate. When put the vote the motion was defeated by 71 votes (89—18), with 23 Abstentions.

G. A. P. BRADY



*Anemone
pulsatilla*



*Cypripedium
calceolus*

DECLAMATIONS

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This year's Declamations were held on Thursday 4th February, and adjudicated by Dame Helen Gardner and Dennis Silk Esq. The set passages — either a poem or a piece of prose in each category — were selected from Day Lewis, Seamus Heaney, Elspeth Huxley, Housman, Maugham, George Herbert and L. P. Hartley; and passages chosen by the readers themselves showed a similar diversity, ranging from Blake and Owen, to Henry James and Evelyn Waugh.

The judges retired briefly to consider their verdicts, but their decisions were swift and, one sensed, in keeping with those that had been made by members of the audience. In the 3rd Form C.V.S. Paravicini easily carried off 1st Prize with his readings of C. Day Lewis' *The Fox*, and, more particularly, from the opening of Hemingway's *A Farewell to Arms*. H. A. Maktabi was also highly commended for his rendering of Edward Thomas' *Sowing*. In the 4th Form, however, 1st prize was shared between R. C. Milward and A. J. Yendle — the sensitivity of Milward's reading of Kipling's *The Way through the Woods* contrasting nicely with the rhythmical (and verbal) felicities of Hilaire Belloc's *Jim who ran away from his nurse*, chosen by Yendle. Dame Helen also commended R. N. P. Roberts for his reading of Christina Rossetti's poem *Uphill*. It was a pity that all the 4th Form contestants opted for the extract from *The Flame Trees of Thika*, in preference to Seamus Heaney's *Blackberry-Picking*.

Among the 5th Form, G. A. P. Brady, O. M. Brundin and J. D. Dillon-Godfray all put up strong competition with personal choices from Waugh, Owen and John Betjeman respectively — and this section demonstrated, perhaps, the strongest performances of the evening, the only weakness stemming from a last-minute change of choice of A. A. Agbim in his passage from *Jane Eyre*. It was the reading from the set passage, an extract from Somerset Maugham's short story *The Alien Corn*, which tipped the balance in favour of Brundin for 1st Prize.

R. V. Banham was again clearly the most outstanding reader among the four 6th Form participants, with a personal choice from Rupert Brooke, but M. S. O'Sullivan was deservedly commended for his extract from *Washington Square*.

The evening concluded with Dame Helen's own rendering of George Herbert's *Life*, the set poem for the 6th Form; and Mr. Silk's superb readings of Siegfried Sassoon's *Cleaning the Candelabrum* and Robert Frost's *Out, Out*.

P. J. C.

IMAGINE ...

The facade fell,
And I had nothing more to hide,
My feelings rose to anger
But I knew they would subside:

The poor man had been through it all,
Death, sorrow and hate,
He had lived for love and eternal peace,
But for us he was too late.

In New York City at eleven o'clock
In the winds of a December's frost,
A shot rang out to shock the world:
John Lennon had been lost.

Yoko screamed but could not help,
John Lennon clutched his chest,
And he whispered to the doorman
Of peace and love and rest.

As Sean slept peacefully
Mark Chapman dropped his gun
And he uttered those pathetic words,
'I've just shot Mr. Lennon.'

His peace and love have spread now
To the hearts of every man
And his soul lies with us,
We, the respectful fan.

W. GEORGIADES

SEA QUEEN

Sea swilling, splashing,
Scraping the land-locked hull,
Rushing over the awning.
Oblivious above floats a gull.

The sea crashes through a faceless port-hole
Pulling its grimacing bulk of liquid saws,
Filling, cutting under the keel like a mole.

Useless she lies in her imperial throne of sand,
Queen of desolation hove to on the stork beach;
Touched once by human hand,
Now only in the sea's reach.

VISIT TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS

THE 5TH FORM British Constitution set visited the House of Lords on Tuesday 11th May as the guests of The Rt. Hon., The Earl of Longford, K.G. Thus, on a very hot day when there were long queues outside Parliament for admission to the public galleries of both the Lords and the Commons, we were able to walk straight into the House in time for the Lord Chancellor's procession at 2.20 p.m. "Hats off!" cried the policeman on duty, as the small, robed figure of Lord Hailsham passed us in his wig, knee-breeches and silver-buckled shoes, solemnly preceded by Black Rod. Then there was a pause, while the Chamber was closed for five minutes for Prayers — said that day by the Bishop of Oxford. We wandered down to the Central Lobby. In the Commons it was the day of the debate on the Capital Punishment Motion, and we stood for a moment looking down the Commons' Corridor watching M.P.'s thronging in and out of their Chamber in hundreds. 'Young' Winston Churchill suddenly passed within elbow's distance of us, moving briskly in the same direction.

Seated in the gallery of the Lords, with the Chamber more than half-full below us, we could clearly recognise Lord Home sitting to one side on one of the front benches on the government side, and, among others on the back benches on the opposition side, Lord Brockway. Question Time began, and The Baroness Burton, Lord Aylestone, Lord Davies and The Lord Molloy rose in turn to put the starred questions in their name on the Order Paper of the day. They were answered by Ministers who came to the Despatch Box on the government side of the Table. Then the formal Third Reading of a Private Bill took place. The Lord Chancellor rose: "As many as are in agreement with the Motion will say 'Content'." "Content," murmured their Noble Lordships. "As many as are not in agreement with the Motion," continued the Lord Chancellor, "will say 'Not Content'." There was no-one who was not content. "The 'Contents' have it," pronounced Lord Hailsham — and sat down again on the Woolsack. The Chairman of Committees then moved that under the provisions of Standing Order 113 the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill should be committed to a Select Committee. The Lord Chancellor then rose and left the Chamber. Alas, the Debate which followed on the Oil and Gas Enterprise Bill was less lively than Question Time. Lord Longford was unable, as he had hoped, to give us tea at 4 o'clock. But the unexpected bonus of being able to meet Black Rod, Maj.-Gen. Sir David House — who answered our questions with kindly interest and great courtesy — more than made up for this.

COKETHORPE CRICKET CLUB REPORT 1981

Captain: S. IRAN, Vice-Captain and Secretary: R. J. ANDREWS

EASTER WAS warm and dry and the pitches were in very good order when term started. However, the English climate is a perverse animal; rain drove us from the nets on the first Saturday, two inches of snow fell that night, roads and railway lines were blocked, power lines were brought down and most of Oxfordshire was blacked out in the worst Spring blizzards of this century. In the next few days parts of the Cotswolds disappeared under ten foot snow drifts, lambs were frozen to the ground and thousands of homes were flooded. The waters receded to permit ten days of cricket (much of it in drizzle) but then the monsoon returned to drown out the second half of May completely and ten School matches (at various levels) had to be cancelled.

The XI showed great promise in the early matches beating Abingdon and having very much the better of drawn games against Dean Close, Bloxham and Kingham Hill. At Abingdon Akande gave notice of what opposing sides could expect with figures of 11—6—4—9, Iran captured 3—8, and the XI won by two wickets despite a panic in the middle order. Iran and Andrews shared a record fourth wicket partnership of 101 at Dean Close, (Iran 55), Andrews then took 4—7, Patel bowled one batsman round his legs with a ball that turned almost square but the XI could not quite force a victory. Bloxham found our bowlers very hard to score against so batted for over two-thirds of the time available! Although Akande took the glory with his 5—33, Shelley deserved a hatfull of wickets swinging the ball away and nipping it back off seam quite beautifully. Andrews and Tee put on 53 against Kingham Hill, but then our batsmen got themselves out playing dreadful shots — Andrews was l.b.w. to a ball about to bounce for the second time, Irvanipour and Akande were caught off long hops, Scott was bowled by another one, while North hit a generous full toss gently to mid off — only Walsh was dismissed by a good length ball. However, had it not been for dropped catches and some poorly directed bowling, the XI would surely have won this match with time to spare.

Next came the rains. The matches against Stowe, Radley, Oratory and Shiplake were washed out so the XI was not in action again until 13th June, when Magdalen were skittled for 65 and defeated by 7 wickets. All the bowlers performed well, Markham, “the whippet”, rounded off their innings with two wickets on his debut, and although three wickets fell for 31, Iran struck the ball firmly to see the XI home comfortably.

The last four matches produced two draws and two defeats. In spite of Tee’s spirited 28, the XI were dismissed by P.J.G.’s XI for 63 — (“secret weapon” Andrew Barrett 3—28, Mr. Nightingale as Mephistopholean as ever, 4—6), but only lost by six wickets after a stern battle. At Pangbourne

Yates came firmly into the picture with his innings of 30 and the XI were edging towards victory when more rain fell. Shelley made a steady 47 not out against Rendcomb, while Akande showed all-round potential with a breezy 17 not out. However, the Rendcomb batsmen played some crisp shots winning by five wickets in fine style. Tomes took his first wicket at Malvern, but young Akande stole the show yet again with 6—47, giving him a haul of 25 wickets in his first year. The XI was given eighty-five minutes to score the required runs but approached the task with extreme caution. Few shots were played until Andrews joined Iran at the fall of the third wicket so the match was drawn.

In conclusion, sincere thanks must go to George Balmer for his excellent work on the grounds and his preparation of really true net wickets, to Sister and Matrons for keeping the XI fit and well turned out, and to Cliff Atkinson and his myriad cheerful ladies of the kitchen for all those extra meals at unusual times.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES PLAYED

XI: Won 2, Drawn 5, Lost 2

Wed. 6th May *v.* Abingdon 3rd XI (Away). Abingdon 67 (Akande 4—9, Iran 3—8), XI 68—8 (Irvanipour 20).

Thurs. 7th May *v.* Dean Close 2nd XI (Away). XI 137—5 dec. (Iran 55, Andrews 40), Dean Close 58—8 (Andrews 4—7).

Sat. 9th May *v.* Bloxham 2nd XI (Away). Bloxham 101—6 dec. (Akande 5—33), XI 56—2.

Wed. 13th May *v.* Kingham Hill 2nd XI (Away). XI 97 (Andrews 33), Kingham Hill 67—9.

Sat. 13th June *v.* Magdalen C.S. 2nd XI (Home). Magdalen 65 (Andrews 3—13), XI 68—3.

Sat. 20th June *v.* P.J.G.'s XI (Home). XI 63 (Tee 28), P.J.G.'s XI 66—4.

Wed. 24th June *v.* Pangbourne A XI (Away). XI 110—5 dec. (Yates 30), Pangbourne 53—4.

Sat. 27th June *v.* Rendcomb 1st XI (Home). XI 130—6 dec. (Shelley 47*, Tee 21), Rendcomb 131—5.

Thurs. 2nd July *v.* Malvern Senior Colts (Away). Malvern 126—8 dec. (Akande 6—47), XI 64—3. (Iran 27*).

UNDER 16 MATCH

Thurs. 14th May *v.* Radley Under 16 C (Away). Radley 119 (Healey 3—4, Andrews 3—32), Under 16 115.

NOMADS TERM MATCHES

Sun. 31st May *v.* Blenheim Park C.C. (Away). Nomads 77 (Green 22*), Blenheim 62 (Nightingale 4—16, H. Scott 3—4).

Sun. 5th July *v.* Steeple Aston and Rousham C.C. (Away). Nomads 110 (Macleod 33, H. Scott 24). Steeple Aston and Rousham 106 (H. Scott 6—32, Luxmoore 3—29).

XI AVERAGES

BATTING (Qualification 6 innings)

	<i>Inns.</i>	<i>N.O.</i>	<i>H.S.</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Av.</i>
Iran	8	2	55	150	25.00
Andrews	9	1	40	134	16.75
Shelley	9		47*	97	16.17
Tee	9	0	28	119	13.22

BOWLING (Qualification 5 wickets)

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Mdns.</i>	<i>Wkts.</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Av.</i>
Akande	103.5	47	25	185	7.40
Andrews	38	7	10	105	10.50
Markham	26.3	6	5	82	16.40
Iran	29	9	5	83	16.60
Shelley	68.4	21	9	160	17.78

COLOURS

XI: S. Iran, R. Andrews, A. Tee, J. Shelley, B. Akande
 XXII: I. Scott, M. Yates, F. Walsh, J. Evers

CRICKET CUPS

All-Rounders Cup: R. Andrews
 Batting Cup: J. Shelley
 Fielding Cup: S. Iran
 Inter-House Cup: Queen Anne

HOUSE MATCHES

1st Match: Queen Anne 172—8 innings closed (Iran 25, Barrett 22*, Markham 22, Roberts 3—23), Swift 28 (Barrett 3—7).

2nd Match: Harcourt 70 (Andrews 20, Barrett 4—11, Iran 3—21), Queen Anne 74—4 (Tomes 32*, Healey 3—8).

No third match required.

NOMADS TOUR 1981

ON THE 600th Anniversary of the Peasants' Revolt, but more significantly the day of the Leicester riots, the Nomads set out on their tenth crusade to the Jewel of the Industrial Midlands! The full tour party consisted of an Old Brigade, Messrs. Green, H. Scott (Vice-Captain), Macleod and Pearce, five members of the XI, Iran, Andrews, Shelley, Yates and Akande, and Graham Balmer, the Groundsman's son. De Weymarn and Chatterton appeared once each (as planned) so too did George Balmer and Walsh, who kindly helped us out of the mire into which two eleventh-hour cancellations had plunged us.

As tradition dictates the main body (rather truncated this year) lunched at The White Swan, Henley-in-Arden, where we picked up Yates (who immediately cheered us up by mislaying his kit) before arriving in Birmingham and registering at the Norfolk Hotel. Here we were joined by Shelley and Akande (by courtesy of Mrs. Shelley), Iran (by courtesy of British Rail) and Andrews, our Wolverhampton Wanderer. The party gathered at The Duck for a serious (?) team talk, although a pulchritudinous, pneumatic barmaid proved distracting (not Linda, much to Shelley's chagrin), tested a host of complex electronic games before moving on for a Chinese meal. The Old Boys set out to investigate the nightlife at Liberty's, Macleod turning on his charm to obtain free tickets for the next two evenings, while Pearce showed frisky tendencies. Meanwhile the youngsters returned to the Hotel for an early night.

On Tuesday morning the Police phoned to break the bad news that over a thousand West Midland Officers had been summoned to deal with Monday's riots in Leicester, leaving the rest of the force on stand-by duty, so our match became one more unfortunate casualty of civil unrest. This was a shattering blow, but while the Old Boys were defeating the youngsters at soccer on the Hotel lawn, an S.O.S. call to A. C. Smith (the Secretary of Warwickshire C.C.C.) gave us the chance to visit the Edgbaston Ground, inspect the trophies and photographs in the Long Room and watch a 2nd XI match from the comfort of the pavilion, all as guests of the County. Blossomfield C.C. kindly allowed us to use their nets in the afternoon and we were very grateful to their Chairman for signing us into the Clubhouse for a drink later on. After a meal a select (elderly) group made for Liberty's to observe scores of shapely young ladies on the dance floor clad in those newly resurrected Sixties' fashions — hot pants and mini skirts. Scott went smoothly into operation chatting up one bright young thing and even Macleod admitted to being impressed by Harry's technique.

On Wednesday it was a relief to play some cricket at last. Harborne is the most friendly of Midland clubs and our reception was as warm as usual.

They batted first on a true wicket but were contained by the accuracy of Scott and Balmer, supported by excellent fielding. Pearce claimed four victims behind the stumps, Yates hurled himself around athletically (his grandfather, the Harborne President, was proud of him), while Iran held a steepling catch at long-on, despite Akande closing on him at great speed from long-off; fortunately for them both, and the nearby spectators, there was no collision. After tea Macleod fell cheaply but Balmer and Andrews put on 58. Iran hit lustily, (three sixes) scoring 46 out of 61 for the third wicket in half an hour, but both he and Andrews were dismissed at 123 and although Scott played some fine attacking shots the impetus had been lost and the match was drawn. However, this was a fine game played in the best spirit, rounded off by an enjoyable evening in the Clubhouse and a hilarious Indian meal with the Harborne players. Later still our youngsters tried to "befriend" two off-duty waitresses (a reversal of the balcony scene!), even setting out on a jaunt of their own before being coralled by Mr. Vice. The difficulty they experienced in getting back into their room was poetic for Andrews (after his innings of 49) was already sleeping the sleep of the just.

On Thursday we drove to Blossomfield where we were reinforced by Paul Chatterton, won the toss and fielded first on a dampish wicket. Balmer bowled smoothly sending down 16 overs into a strong wind taking 4—48, Scott was more expensive but still managed to take three wickets in four deliveries. Akande's speed was impressive for he really slipped himself bouncing the ball so venomously that the Blossomfield captain called for the helmet. Dust from the construction of an ambitious sports centre half a mile away was irritating and several sharp chances were missed. However, Akande held two incredible catches at mid-off and Iran made no mistake with a catch at cover despite complaining bitterly that the wind was ruining his hair style. Rain drove us in for an early tea at 130—5 (Shelley's first shower of the week?) and when play continued, Blossomfield batted on for some time so our innings did not begin until 6 p.m. After a horrid start (2—6) Chatterton used the long handle to good effect planting a six onto the bowling green, Balmer and Scott both played fluently and we took some credit from the draw. In the dressing room Akande joined the coiffeurs bringing out his comb, but jests about dead mice, broken biscuits and dead leaves flew from every quarter. Iran showed great panache with the jug in the clubhouse, but that intrepid navigator Pearce failed to lead the convoy to the Chinese restaurant he thought he remembered from the 1979 tour.

After observing a fire practice, paying our bills and eating a final lunch at The Duck, we set out for Droitwich on the last day of the tour. Walsh and Michael de Weymarn reinforced us while two supporters were pressed into service, Ward as scorer and George as twelfth man for Droitwich. The wicket was hard but very lively, having been watered on Thursday and rained on that morning, so it came as no surprise when we were put in after

losing the toss. Balmer was defeated by a quickish ball that lifted steeply (1—2), Andrews was caught close in (2—5), de Weymarn hopped about bravely but left to another sharp catch (3—22) Macleod stayed in line well but was finally caught at the wicket for 16 (4—44), while at 51 Scott was caught and Iran bowled off his inside edge. Green and Shelley stayed together for forty minutes dragging the score along by dint of painstaking (and painful) defence punctuated by the occasional belligerent blow, but at 73 the Captain missed a swinging full toss and departed ruefully for 17. Shelley soon followed (8—74) and when Akande was ninth out, our score was still only 80. Walsh joined Pearce in a productive last wicket stand which took the total to the comparative respectability of 113. Pearce finished with 22 not out after playing like a master; while Fred accrued an interesting 7. Nevertheless the difficulty of the wicket can be gauged by the number of extras — 22. After an excellent tea it was our bowlers' turn to enjoy themselves and the bat was beaten time after time. With an hour left Droitwich still needed 89 runs to win, but then the heavens opened so the forty-ninth Nomads match was drawn.

After the game we said our goodbyes before departing in all directions. However, many memories linger on — the three Old Boys looking after the social side of things and quietly explaining to the youngsters what was expected of them; Balmer's gentle teasing of "Bam-Bam's" "rocky" romantic connections; Scott's infernal camera that took most unflattering pictures; Macleod combing his hair hour upon hour preparing for romantic adventures; Yates, superb in the field and so eager when answering quiz questions ("I know it") after the Harborne match; Akande's hilarious interjection "I knows it — I grows it", his reaction to a bee at Blossomfield, his telescopic arms and his efforts to convince the waitresses that he was seventeen; Pearce investing florins in late night calls to "la belle", and her frosty early morning replies; Iran's mighty sixes and sprouting beard; Andrews' confident stroke play at Harborne and Shelley's trainers ... left outside at night, much to the general relief. So much good humour, good comradeship and genuine effort on and off the field — no doubt we will do it again in 1982.

SUMMARY OF TOUR MATCHES

- v. "E" Division, West Midlands Police — cancelled due to riots in Leicester.
- v. Harborne C.C.: Harborne 183—9 dec. (H. Scott 4—53, Macleod 3—39), Nomads 160—4 (R. Andrews 49, Iran 46, Scott 32, G. Balmer 21).
- v. Blossomfield C.C.: Blossomfield 161—7 dec. (Balmer 4—48, Scott 3—55), Nomads 114—6 (Balmer 28, Chatterton 24, Scott 23).
- v. Droitwich Spa C.C.: Nomads 113 (Pearce 22*), Droitwich 25—0. (Rain stopped play).

COLTS CRICKET 1981

ONCE AGAIN the Senior Colts were hard hit by the inclemencies of the English summer and could only play five of their eight fixtures. This was particularly unfortunate for when it was at full strength, this side was a most talented, even formidable unit.

Tomes, Shelley and Wankling scored their runs regularly and well. (Tomes finished top of the averages with 51.67 and virtually won the Inter-House Cup for Queen Anne off his own bat), while good support came from Healey, Markham, Jowett, Irvanipour and Smith. Wankling headed the bowling averages although Tomes and Healey bowled more overs, sending down their spinners to good effect, and Akande and Shelley took wickets when "on holiday" from the XI.

It was particularly pleasing to watch the Colts beat Magdalen by six wickets (Shelley 56 not out), and slaughter Radley's "B" side by 99 runs, (Tomes 63 not out, Akande 11—3—7—23) — two very useful scalps.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES PLAYED

Won: 2, Drawn: 2, Lost: 1

Wed. 6th May *v.* Abingdon U.14 (Home). Abingdon 93 (Tomes 5—51), U.15 68 (Healey 25).

Wed. 10th June *v.* Oxford School U.15 (Away). Oxford 103—9 (Shelley 4—31), U.15 89—7 (Wankling 41, Shelley 24).

Wed. 17th June *v.* Magdalen C.S. U.15 (Away). Magdalen 112—7 dec. (Healey 3—29), U.15 114—4 (Shelley 56*).

Thurs. 25th June *v.* Radley U.15² (Home). U.15 162—8 dec. (Tomes 63*, Healey 28), Radley 63 (Akande 7—23).

Sat. 27th June *v.* Rendcomb U.15 (Home). U.15 141 (Tomes 76, Wankling 23), Rendcomb 137—6 (Wankling 4—20).

JUNIOR COLTS CRICKET 1981

THIS YEAR'S crop of new boy cricketers was particularly gifted and the Junior Colts enjoyed a "harvest festival" of a season. The leading batsmen were Healey and N. Smith, whose contrasting styles and determination to master every attack made them an ideal opening pair — they averaged over forty for the first wicket, failing only once to provide a firm foundation. Nor was this the end of the batting for Roberts, Akande, Wankling, Cameron, Marshall and Miles (average 63.00!), all made useful runs, while others showed promise for the future. The bowling was fast, ferocious and guileful — Akande, Wankling and Roberts supplied the muscle, Healey and Smith the flight and spin, while Milward's left-arm added variety. Josephs kept

wicket quite tidily but neither he, nor Wankling, could play in the Lord's Taverners' Cup matches (they were just a few days too old). Badawi took Josephs' place, but sustained a broken nose in the first round so Atkins was pressed into service as second deputy — an experience to make him old before his time. If these Colts can smarten up their fielding, which was below standard, they should indeed be a force to be reckoned with as they move through the School.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES PLAYED

Won: 6, Drawn: 1, Lost: 1

Sat. 9th May *v.* Bloxham U.14 (Away). U.14 141—3 dec. (Healey 58, Wankling 26, Markham 24), Bloxham 73 (Markham 4—4, Wankling 3—7).

Thurs. 11th June *v.* Radley U.14² (Away). U.14 140—4 dec. (Smith 38, Roberts 25, Healey 25, Akande 23), Radley 76 (Healey 6—16).

Sat. 13th June *v.* Magdalen U.14 (Home). Magdalen 123—8 dec. (Healey 3—26), U.14 95—6 (Smith 31, Cameron 21).

Wed. 24th June *v.* Pangbourne U.14² (Away). U.14 106 (Roberts 29), Pangbourne 50 (Wankling 4—15, Roberts 3—13).

Thurs. 2nd July *v.* Joscas 1st XI (Away). U.14 151—9 dec. (Miles 49*, Roberts 20), Joscas 50 (Roberts 5—12).

LORD'S TAVERNERS U.14 CUP MATCHES

1st Round: Fri. 29th May *v.* Magdalen (Home). U.14 109—9 innings closed (Smith 39), Magdalen 57 (Akande 3—8).

2nd Round: Tue. 9th June *v.* Oxford School (Away). U.14 140—7 innings closed (Healey 51, Smith 44), Oxford 77 (Healey 4—11).

3rd Round: Thurs. 18th June *v.* Lord Williams', Thame (Away). U.14 102—9 innings closed (Akande 24), Thame 103—7 (Akande 3—6).

RUGBY 1st XV

Captain: S. IRAN *Vice-Captain:* S. HAAS

Won: 6, Lost: 6, Points for 212, Against 189

THIS SEASON ended most pleasingly, with the 1st XV managing to turn their determination, fitness and skills into victories on the fixture list.

The first match resulted in a 10—6 win against Shiplake 2nd XV, where Sanderson showed the threat he was going to be to all opponents throughout the season by scoring the team's opening try. This heady victory was followed by a hard, tough match against Burford which was lost

12—0. However we all drew pride and strength from this match which showed that the whole team was prepared to give 100% effort. Following this hard match came the first of the local derbys with the 1st XV decisively beating Henry Box 16—9, with Burns, showing the danger that the loose forwards were to pose in the future, scoring a try.

A visit to Abingdon's John Mason saw another hard match against a much heavier and larger team which ended in a 10—23 loss. The run up to the Old Boys' fixture saw a defeat against Bloxham and a surge of tries by Russ, Bunnag and Akande in an emphatic victory against Redrice. The Old Boys' fixture resulted in a defeat but with courageous and determined playing by the whole team on what was a most dismal and miserable afternoon.

The latter half of the season saw a series of narrow defeats against Abingdon, Oratory, Rendcomb and Radley; though all scores were close the Radley match typified the narrow margins of defeat and the danger our backs posed to opponents. These defeats were soon forgotten in our 12—0 win over Wood Green, a score which flatters the opposition, with their home advantage, who were almost continuously kept in their own half by the aggressive forays of the loose forwards and centres. The last two matches of the season saw the 1st XV at their best with the pack playing in a most disciplined, skilful and determined way, backed up by some imaginative and skilful back play.

For a change this year saw a healthy competition for places which resulted in a high quality of teamwork and fitness. The pack shone in all matches, proving the equal of many older and larger opposition packs. Wincott and Evans with Jowett provided a solid workhouse of a second row which supplied the push to a most experienced and skilful front row of Duddridge and Haas supporting a technically superb Moore. The loose forwards had the strongest competition with George, Burns, Porter I and Storrie vieing for selection to a back row showing the great speed, determination and aggression. Behind the pack a new member to the team, Sanderson, provided the base which we had missed in the past, showing great speed and skill as scrum half.

The backs, though starting the season full of promise, saw many positional changes before their true potential was produced. Yates, Wankling, Akande began to dominate the three quarters while competition between Porter II, Newling and Ross for the wings was strong. The full back position was most staunchly filled by Iran, understudied by Ramsbotham. Also to be thanked are Irvanipour and Bunnag who filled in position as demanded.

Our thanks as always to the Matrons for providing exemplary kit and to Sister for patching up the wounds.

Full Colours — J. Duddridge, A. Wincott, S. Haas, A. Sanderson.

Half Colours — A. Burns, R. George, D. Newling, E. Porter, F. Irvanipour, B. Akande, J. Wankling and R. Porter.

Shiplake	Won	10—6
Burford	Lost	0—12
Henry Box	Won	16—9
John Mason	Lost	10—23
Redrice	Won	28—6
Old Boys	Lost	9—25
Abingdon	Lost	15—17
Oratory	Lost	7—24
Rendcomb	Lost	7—24
Radley	Lost	10—22
Wood Green	Won	12—0
Kingham Hill	Won	40—0
Magdalen College	Won	48—15

CROSS-COUNTRY REPORT

THE OPENING of the Lent Term was disrupted by snow and ice, the School was closed for a week and Cokethorpe's Cross-Country season was completely thrown out of step by this "false start".

When we returned the term's fixtures had to be squeezed into a seven week period so our season was perforce limited to purely domestic competition and for the first time in ten years we did not send teams to the North Oxfordshire Area Championships.

This year one hundred and eighteen boys took part in the School cross-country race. J. Davie won the individual trophy in the fast time of 32 mins. 02 secs, followed home by F. Irvanipour, J. Russ, D. Newling, J. Wankling, R. George, G. Rowley, M. Markham, M. Freeman and A. Burns. Queen Anne, collectively, won the House Event with 1874 points, Swift (2127 points) just beating Harcourt (2254 points) for second place.

THE INTER-HOUSE ROAD RELAY

AFTER A LONG sequence of Swift victories, this cup was won by Harcourt House. Irvanipour (Harcourt) ran the fastest outward lap of the day in 17 min. 47 sec., while Davie (Harcourt) came home in the remarkably good time of 15 min. 56 sec. Times were rather better than in 1981 (a particularly slow year) but still two minutes outside the 1976

record. Nevertheless, the runners should be congratulated on their determined, lonely, efforts.

<i>Lap</i>	<i>Harcourt</i>	<i>Queen Anne</i>	<i>Swift</i>
One	36 min 11 sec	35 min 58 sec	37 min 44 sec
Two	37 min 41 sec	37 min 08 sec	37 min 51 sec
Three	33 min 43 sec	38 min 04 sec	38 min 03 sec
Totals	107 min 35 sec	111 min 10 sec	113 min 38 sec

ATHLETICS

COKETHORPE'S REPRESENTATION in county athletics was maintained in 1982 by John Davie, who was selected to represent the North of Oxford, against the rest of the county at Iffley Road, Oxford. This was a successful outing with John coming first in the 3000 metres (in 9m. 31s) and second in the 1500 metres (4m. 27s). On the 18th July John represented Oxfordshire at an Inter County meeting at Southampton against Essex, Kent, Surrey and Hampshire.

R. J.



COKETHORPE CRICKET CLUB REPORT 1982

Captain: R. J. ANDREWS

Secretary: J. O. R. SHELLEY

IN MANY WAYS 1982 was a record year. The Youngest XI ever won five matches, drew six, losing only narrowly to Rendcomb whose attack was spearheaded by an England squad fast bowler! During the season the team scored more runs (1382), at a higher average of runs scored per wicket lost (24.45) than in any former year. A new record total was set up in the Abingdon match, and so consistent were the leading batsmen that only at Rendcomb was the side dismissed (at Stowe the XI declared at 130—8) while in the other ten matches no more than five wickets fell in any innings. This reflected great credit on all concerned although the team's good spirits owed a great deal to Andrews's quiet but genial captaincy and the sound tactical advice of Shelley.

After a sodden Spring no rain fell for two weeks before the start of term so we began our cricket season in dry, relatively warm conditions. With so many youngsters in the side (excluding "old man" Andrews the average age of the seven key players on 1st September was 15.0) some encouraging early results were vital, but the first five matches were almost too good to be true. At Abingdon the XI raced to 224—4 declared in two hours thanks to some thrilling hitting from Wankling (56), stylish batting from Tomes (61 not out) and a hurricane 32 not out from Markham. The fifth wicket pair added 62 runs in 24 minutes, a fair percentage of the time being spent searching for sixes hit out of the ground! Akande then took 5—12 in 11 overs to send Abingdon crashing to defeat by 152 runs. Next it was the turn of Andrews (67) and Shelley (44), (98 in 64 minutes for the second wicket), to set up a winning total against Dean Close. Tomes chipped in with a further 35 not out before our quick bowlers finished the visitors off inside seventeen overs. Bloxham were reeling at 69—9 in reply to a steady 166—4 declared, but in spite of the urgings of our growing band of travelling supporters the tenth wicket just would not fall. A weak Kingham Hill team was dismissed in fourteen overs at Cokethorpe and the Captain thoughtfully altered the batting order to allow our young wicket keeper Abbott to score a cheeky 19 as opening batsman — Andrews and Wankling later scored half-centuries in the ten over "beer" match just to keep their hands in. At Stowe, Healey, Shelley, Tomes, Wankling and Akande all made useful runs while Burns and Jowett remained undefeated in their first innings for the XI. After the declaration the weather closed in but the game went on. Thunder rolled, lightning forked the sky, however the last Stowe wicket fell to the fifth ball of the final over — Shelley and Akande had taken four wickets each in a famous 34 run victory.

The XI continued to hold their own in mid season. Andrews led an excellent run-chase against Shiplake but inexperience contributed to three wickets falling cheaply when victory was in sight, so it was left to Shelley to

bat out the draw. The Oratory match had to be abandoned after three quarters of an hour due to a hailstorm, but good batting from Shelley, Healey and Wankling, excellent bowling from Healey and "Whippet" Markham supported by Akande's quite outstanding catching resulted in an 84 run victory over Magdalen achieved off the very last ball of the game. The Rendcomb fixture also produced a desperately close finish for although only Shelley with 14 and Tomes with a defiant 20 had the skill and concentration to cope with the hostility of the bowling and the sluggishness of the wicket, the XI's total of 62 began to look more encouraging when Rendcomb had been reduced to 12—4 by Shelley and Akande. Eventually even these two big-hearted bowlers began to tire, the support bowling was inaccurate and some indifferent fielding allowed Rendcomb to creep home off the penultimate ball of the final over. This spoilt the XI's undefeated record, but after so many dramatic finishes in their favour this season perhaps they should not be too disappointed.

The season was rounded off with draws against Malvern, P.J.G.'s XI and Radley. Malvern asked the XI to score at the rate of 100 runs per hour to win, but after Andrews had scored a rapid 24 the rest settled for a more conservative approach. Shelley bowled well against P.J.G.'s XI, but when their turn came to bat the XI found themselves up against the guileful C.J.N. who dismissed Andrews and Wankling when they were looking dangerous and induced Akande to give first slip his annual catch. Against Radley Shelley and Tomes established a new record third wicket stand of 106 but the declaration was slightly mistimed and Andrews found himself having to use his strike bowlers in a defensive role to conserve runs rather than going all out to take wickets.

In conclusion sincere thanks go to Martin Walker for his work on the grounds, to Mrs. Garnade for keeping the team in such fine fettle and to Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Knipe for keeping them smart. As always Cliff Atkinson and his many helpers have looked after us royally — what would we do without them?

SUMMARY OF MATCHES PLAYED

XI: Won 5 Drawn 6 Lost 1

- Wed. 5th May *v.* Abingdon 3rd XI (Away). XI 224—4 dec. (Tomes 61*, Wankling 56, Markham 32*, Healey 29), Abingdon 72 (Akande 5—12).
Thurs. 5th May *v.* Dean Close 3rd XI (Home). XI 191—5 dec. (Andrews 67, Shelley, 44, Tomes 35*), Dean Close 49 (Shelley 4—15, Akande 3—18).
Sat. 8th May *v.* Bloxham 2nd XI (Away). XI 166—4 dec. (Wankling 43*, Shelley 39, Tomes 33, Andrews 31), Bloxham 69—9 (Akande 3—17, Shelley 3—33).

Wed. 12 May *v.* Kingham Hill 2nd XI (Home). Kingham Hill 58 (Healey 3—11, Akande 3—15), XI 59—3.
 Sat. 15th May *v.* Stowe 3rd XI (Away). Xi 130—8 dec. (Shelley 31, Wankling 26, Healey 24), Stowe 96 (Shelley 4—18, Akande 4—33).
 Wed. 19th May *v.* Shiplake 1st XI (Away). Shiplake 136—5 dec. XI 101—5 (Andrews 48, Shelley 24*).
 Sat. 22nd May *v.* Oratory 2nd XI (Away). XI 29—2 Rain.
 Sat. 12th June *v.* Magdalen C.S. 2nd XI (Home). XI 151—3 dec. (Shelley 55*, Healey 44, Wankling 28*), Magdalen 67 (Healey 4—7, Markham 4—14).
 Sat. 19th June *v.* Rendcomb 1st XI (Away). Xi 62 (Tomes 20), Rendcomb 63—6 (Shelley 4—28).
 Thurs. 1st July *v.* Malvern 'A' XI (Away). Malvern 158—8 dec. (Tomes 3—36), XI 44—4 (Andrews 24).
 Sat. 3rd July *v.* P.J.G.'s XI (Home). P.J.G.'s XI 123—8 dec. (Shelley 4—34), XI 93—5 (Andrews 30, Wankling 27).
 Wed. 7th July *v.* Radley U16² (Away). XI 132—4 dec. (Shelley 68, Tomes 38), Radley 116—8.

UNDER 16 MATCH

Thurs. 13th May *v.* Radley U16³ (Home). Radley 49 (Shelley 7—18) U16. 50—0 (Healey 25*).

NOMADS "TERM" MATCHES

Sun. 13th June *v.* Blenheim Park C.C. (Home). Blenheim 85 (H. Scott 6—23), Nomads 89—0 (R. Andrews 52*, G. Balmer 37*).
 Sun. 4th July *v.* Steeple Aston and Rousham C.C. (Away), Nomads 146—8 dec. (Ashby 68, Luxmoore 20), Steeple Aston and Rousham 57—9 (Akande 3—11, Luxmoore 3—24).

XI AVERAGES

BATTING (Qualification 6 innings)

	<i>Inns</i>	<i>N.O.</i>	<i>H.S.</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Av.</i>
Shelley	11	5	68*	321	53.50
Tomes	10	2	61*	230	28.75
Wankling	10	3	56*	192	27.43
Andrews	11	*	67*	227	20.64
Healey	12	0	44*	145	12.08

BOWLING (Qualification 5 wickets)

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Mdns.</i>	<i>Wkts.</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Av.</i>
Markham	41 4	10	13	90	6.92
Wankling	23 4	7	7	50	7.14
Healey	46 *	8	14	120	8.57
Shelley	92 4	21	24	235	9.79
Akande	103.4	30	26	261	10.04

COLOURS

XI: R. Andrews, J. Shelley, B. Akande, R. Tomes
 XXII: M. Markham, J. Wankling, K. Healey, J. Abbott

CRICKET CUPS

All-Rounders Cup: J. Shelley
 Batting Cup: J. Shelley & R. Tomes
 Bowling Cup: B. Akande
 Fielding Cup: M. Markham
 Inter House Cup: Harcourt

HOUSE MATCHES

1st Match: Queen Anne 88 (Wankling 3—11, Andrews 3—16, Healey 3—29) Harcourt 92—2 (Healey 34*, Andrews 34).
 2nd Match: Swift 96 (Jowett 28, Akande 26, Wankling 4—20, Healey 3—35) Harcourt 99—4 (Wankling 41*, Abbott 29*, Jowett 3—15).
 3rd Match not required.

NOMADS TOUR 1982

ON THE MONDAY following the end of term, the Eleventh Nomads were waved away from school by “the retiring” R.V.L. and “the shy”(?) D.L.T., prayers for “good fellowship” on the tour kindly having been offered up by D.P.L. the week previously. The party consisted of “ancients” — Messrs. Green, H. Scott (Vice-Captain), Macleod, Randall and Lewis, and “Moderns”, — Andrews, Shelley, Akande, Tomes, Wankling, Healey and Abbott. Discounting Andrews, the average age of the six schoolboy cricketers at the start of the tour was a little over fifteen and three quarters, so the gulf between 1st XI and Club Cricket, which these tours was originally designed to bridge, was much wider than usual. When seen in this light the performance of the youngsters does them great credit but the enterprise seemed hazardous to say the least when our little convoy set off — and the captain felt like a latter-day Medina Sidonia.

Most of the party lunched at the White Swan, Henley-in-Arden as usual, although some “goodly creatures” set off to find “the brave new world” spoken of by former tourists, so we signed in at the Norfolk Hotel in dribs and drabs. In the evening we gathered at The Duck Inn for our usual team talk after which various electronic games were brought into play, “Monkey Kong” appealing to aspiring Romeos, (Macleod and Wankling to the fore), who relished the prospect of saving the glamorous heroine from the clutches of the giant ape. From there we processed to the Lychee Gardens for our traditional chinese meal, (“very average, thank you” H.C.S.), where some inexperienced Nomads discovered that chewing ginger brings tears to the eyes. The old boys visited Liberty’s but Macleod’s heart was not in it, (“Oh! Mandy!”), so they returned early to tuck up the little ones — one of whom was clearly regretting earlier over-indulgence in oriental cuisine.

Everyone was down to breakfast well before the fine line on Tuesday, after which the party split up until midday to allow small groups time to explore the City Centre. This licence almost produced a disaster for Tomes and Abbot were still missing a few minutes before we were due to leave for the match, returning only as search parties were being organised, consequently they forfeited their lunches. We then drove across Birmingham to the Co-Operative Society Sports Ground in Yardley where we were due to play the police, arriving early thanks to a good navigator and despite an attractive, long-legged, mini-skirted, blonde who became the focus of everyone’s attention.

The match itself proved to be very one-sided. Scott and Akande were far too quick for the constabulary. (Akande broke a bail), and had to be taken off. Shelley swung the ball beautifully without reward but Healey, Macleod and Tomes spun the police out for 92 although Healey was in some pain from his injured knee. Abbott kept wicket tidily catching one and stumping another on his debut. After tea Wankling and Akande opened the batting, but Jo went cheaply. Macleod helped Akande take the score to 82 before they were both dismissed, so it was left to Scott and Randall to see the Nomads home to a comfortable seven wicket victory. However our smiles quickly disappeared when we returned to the dressing room, for during the afternoon half the team had been robbed and although we had no difficulty in finding a policeman that was little consolation. The Captain, (like a bear with a sore head), spent the evening giving statements and it was left to Randall to conduct his own brand of circuit training and a policeman named Brian to complete the education of our young wicket-keeper with what he colourfully referred to as the Brummagem treatment. Meanwhile Scott and Macleod defeated the police at Space Invaders, Table Tennis and Pool, but were later turned away from a nightclub even though, (or possibly because?), their new friends produced warrant cards. The lads returned to the hotel and sat up late watching a horror film on T.V.

On Wednesday after some tourists had drawn cash from reception, or visited their local banks, lunch was taken at the Duck where Randall and Macleod cornered Tansy, a delightful blonde demonstrator. Welsh charm extracted her life story, but young Macleod was floored when she suggested he might become a male model — even giving him the name of her agent. After this pleasing interlude we set out for Harborne C.C., who in spite of having a score of members away on Tour themselves, fielded a very useful team against us. We won the toss and batted but only Macleod (19), Tomes (15) and Akande (16) reached double figures against some hostile pace bowling, five of the first seven batsmen being bowled by balls of full length swinging late from off to leg. After tea the Harborne batsmen coped with our openers rather more easily, but Tomes took 2—29 with his spinners and Lewis stumped another batsman off Healey, who added to the crowd's entertainment by almost transfixing himself on a spiked fence. However these antics did not prevent Harborne cruising home by seven wickets. After the match we spent a cheerful evening in the clubhouse before visiting a different Chinese restaurant where Scott speculated on the mysteries of the Orient, before returning to the hotel at midnight.

On Thursday we were due to play Blossomfield C.C., but they were unable to raise a team and although the Police tried to scratch a side together they also admitted defeat by mid morning. Frantic phone calls prevented some unnecessary journeys (Michael de Weymarn was due to play for us) but inevitably there was a sense of anti-climax at lunch. However various electronic games were well used, Tomes and Shelley enjoyed close encounters on a table machine, but "Smoking Jo", looking deep into space, found the missiles hard to dodge. After a team photograph (taken by the pinched Carmel) and the departure of Abbott, surplus energy was run off playing soccer in one of the local parks. Scott, Macleod, Randall and Shelley defeated Andrews, Akande, Wankling and Tomes 15—4, (rather surprising after this year's World Cup there were only four fouls in an hour's play). In the early evening the main body set out for the cinema but the acting was not outstanding, although one or two lines raised a titter. More memorable was the punk, spiked-mohican hair style of one of the audience — we wondered how D.F.G. would like him in a new boy intake. Meanwhile the splinter group, led by the gallant Andrews, had visited the Taboo cinema Club in the City Centre — details of what they saw are not available, but judging from his grin, Akande enjoyed it hugely. Some of the "ancients" went on to Liberty's and Mr. Vice was greatly taken with one young lady in leather top and shorts, but the fact that girls were being let into the club at half-price was all too much for one Nomad — female equality yes, but not at the expense of celtic wallets!

By the last day the pace was clearly beginning to tell — Four tourists late down to breakfast. One young country boy grumbled he was not getting enough food, (just after finishing his second breakfast!), and that his room-

mate "wiggy" Lewis had worked up a snore "like a Hercules taking off from Brize Norton," but the general mood was still relaxed and happy enough and it was a great pleasure to see Mr. Townsend, cool and neat, sporting "egg and tomato" at the end of the table. We paid our bills, lunched at The Duck, then said our goodbyes, set out down the M.5 to Droitwich. However after winning the toss we failed to get that all-important solid start on a hard, fast pitch and lost our first five wickets for 24. Akande (16) and Macleod (36) batted well, adding 48 in even time for the sixth wicket, Green (24) and Wankling (13) put on 20 for the eighth wicket, and with Randall not out for the third time, the last wicket stand realised a further 18 runs. However 119 was never going to be enough to defend successfully and although our bowling and fielding was better than at Harborne we went down in the 13th of the final 20 overs to two very useful opening batsmen. As always Droitwich proved to be excellent hosts but sadly, little by little, the Tour party broke up, and we scattered to our various homes — no doubt to sleep for twenty-four hours to recharge the batteries before considering the wisdom(?) of doing it again next year.

SUMMARY OF TOUR MATCHES

- v. "E" Divison, West Midlands Police: Police 92, Nomads 96—3 (Akande 38, Macleod 33).
- v. Harborne C.C.: Nomads 102, Harborne 105—3.
- v. Blossomfield C.C. — Cancelled — (Blossomfield unable to raise a side).
- v. Droitwich Spa C.C.: Nomads 119 (Macleod 36, Green 24), Droitwich 120—0.

COLTS CRICKET 1982

THE SENIOR COLTS enjoyed a very mixed season. At full strength they were a match for any opposition (more than a match for most, as the games against Oxford School, Oratory, Radley and Shiplake testify), but as Akande, Healey, Wankling and Abbott were only available when the XI was not in action, the Under 15's spent more time fighting rearguard actions than inflicting crushing defeats.

In all twenty players were selected at various times, (twelve of them bowled!), but only Smith, Marshall and Youdan appeared in all nine fixtures (R. Roberts and Cameron played in eight), so the coach never had a settled side to work with. Nevertheless this "rump", aided by various replacements, battled valiantly, gaining a great deal of valuable experience that would have been denied them of the "stars" had always been available.

Outstanding in the batting was Wankling's 92 against Oratory, although Healey (69 not out), Akande (54), Marshall (40), and Smith (37), also

showed that they were promising batsmen. Another highlight was the dogged, undefeated tenth wicket partnership (over 17 overs) between Roberts and Youdan, which earned a draw against Bloxham.

The bowling was largely carried by the perspiring Roberts, (although Akande and Wankling took more wickets on their "holidays" from the XI), supported by a wide variety of yeomen-toilers, Norman, Milward and the greatly improved Youdan being the most successful.

One of the great characters of the Squad was Patrick Wood, whose skill as a scorer and idiosyncratic sense of humour was a constant delight.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES PLAYED

Won 1 Tied 1 Drawn 4 Lost 3

Wed. 5th May *v.* Abingdon U14 (Away). Abingdon 110 (R. Roberts 5—33), U15. 72.

Sat. 8th May *v.* Bloxham U15 (Away). Bloxham 157—6 dec. U15 71—9 (R. Roberts 26*).

Sat. 15th May *v.* Stowe U15 (Away). U15 64, Stowe 68—1.

Wed. 9th June *v.* Oxford School U15 (Away) U15 118—9 dec. (Healey 69*), Oxford School 75—9 (Wankling 7—32).

Sat. 12th June *v.* Magdalen C.S. U15 (Home). U15 120—8 dec. (Marshall 40, Smith 37), Magdalen 123—5.

Wed. 16th June *v.* Oratory U15 (Away). U15 195—6 dec. (Wankling 92, Akande 54, Abbott 27*), Oratory 50 (Akande 4—6).

Sat. 19th June *v.* Rendcomb U15 (Away). U15 109—8 dec. (Smith 26), Rendcomb 52—6 (R. Roberts 3—15).

Thurs. 24th June *v.* Radley U15² (Away). U15 111 (Healey 33), Radley 76—9 (Healey 4—25, Akande 3—20).

Wed. 30th June *v.* Shiplake U15 (Away). U15 73 (Wankling 28), Shiplake 73 (Akande 6—31, Wankling 4—24).

JUNIOR COLTS CRICKET 1982

THIS YEAR there were far fewer ready-made Cricketers in the New Boy intake, so the 1982 Junior Colts team was bound to be weaker than its exceptional precursor. Nevertheless the season began and ended on a victorious note and during the summer several boys showed promise for the future. Norman and Fisher were clearly the most accomplished of the batsmen, scoring the majority of the runs, although Woodcock, Marchant and Roberts always sold their wickets dearly, while Freeman, Gregory and Purdue struck the ball hard on occasion. Norman and Woodcock proved to be useful opening bowlers, Roberts captured 20 wickets with his teasing leg-breaks while Freeman had one golden afternoon at Radley when

wickets tumbled to him in rapid succession. Unfortunately the support bowling was lacking in length, line and penetration, whilst there were too many indifferent fielders for the captain to hide successfully.

Finally many thanks to N. Boggon for all his valuable work as scorer during the season — he fulfilled a vital rôle which players tend to take too much for granted.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES PLAYED

Won 2 Drawn 2 Lost 5

- Wed. 12th May *v.* Kingham Hill U14 (Home). Kingham Hill 68 (P. Roberts 4—14, Woodcock 3—19), U14 71—3 (Norman 37*).
- Wed. 19th May *v.* Millbrook House 1st XI (Home). U14. 100—4 dec. (Norman 37) Millbrook 34—9 (P. Roberts 4—5, Norman 4—9).
- Sat. 22nd May *v.* Oratory U14 (Away). U14 51—2 (Rain).
- Wed. 26th May *v.* Bloxham U14 (Home). U14 102 (Fisher 30, Abbott 26), Bloxham 103—4.
- Wed. 9th June *v.* Cothill House 1st XI (Away). U14 122—9 dec. (Freeman 41, Norman 37), Cothill 125—3.
- Wed. 16th June *v.* Magdalen C.S. U14 (Away). Magdalen 205—8 dec. (Freeman 3—39, P. Roberts 3—74), U14 48.
- Wed. 30th June *v.* Rendcomb U14 (Home). Rendcomb 71 (Milward 3—16, P. Roberts 3—29) U 14 37.
- Wed. 7th July *v.* Radley U14³ (Away). Radley 80 (Freeman 7—24) U 14 81—4 (Fisher 58*).

LORD'S TAVERNERS U14 CUP MATCH

Tues. 22nd June *v.* Henry Box (Home). Henry Box 68 (P. Roberts 3—18) U14 63.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

THIS YEAR'S Clay Pigeon Shooting has been a flourishing event. Many people have contributed to make it an enjoyable pastime. Of these I would like to thank Mr. D. L. Thomson, Edward Porter, Michael Markham and Christopher Walker.

We received help throughout the year from Tony Cox and we held numerous Clay Shoots at school.

The house competition was held late in the Summer term and was shot over one afternoon. There were five stands comprising four or five rounds at each. It was a fight to the finish and at the last stand Harcourt pipped

Queen Anne and Swift. I would like to thank and congratulate my team who were: Richard Milward, Graham Humphrey and Andrew Miles. Although Queen Anne lost by one clay they did not come away empty handed because Edward Porter deservedly won the Wyvern Shield for which he shot the most clays.

Finally my thanks go to the other members of the club and especially the trappers (headed by A. C. Dennis-Jones) whom I have not mentioned.

N. J. D. SIMMONS

COKETHORPE JUDO REPORT

JUDO THIS YEAR is going very well. We have a reasonably keen class, most of whom have a genuine desire to learn and improve. Donald Newling is the oldest in the class and his adult attitude sets a good example for the younger boys. We now have another older lad. Andrew Storrie he should prove to be a good acquisition. Joseph Wankling and Howard Josephs are the best and most technically advanced in the class and their behaviour and attitude is also exemplary.

It has been very pleasant to be able to hold outdoor sessions. On May 2nd the Junior National Judo Championships were held at Cambridge. Cokethorpe was represented by Wankling and Josephs. Both fought extremely well, Wankling won his pool and then got knocked out in the second stage of the competition. Both gained experience from competing at this level of contest. Tim Smith and Simon Webb are making good progress and I hope all the present class persevere as it's always disappointing when a pupil gets so far and then drops out. We have a judo course at the school soon and I hope the boys will take part.

S. GODDARD 2ND DAN

PHOTOGRAPHY

A PHOTOGRAPHY competition was held during the summer term, and was open to all members of the school, in addition to those who were doing photography as a CSE subject or as a Friday afternoon activity. Boys were required to submit entries in not less than two, and not more than four, of the listed classes — these being, among others, 'A moment of happiness', reflections or shadows, a still-life or a study in motion, summer landscapes, a 'candid-camera shot' or shots of people in characteristic poses or postures. There was an extremely good response to this competition, and the results were displayed in an exhibition mounted for Speech Day, when the winning entries were selected by Mr. Roger Moon, a founder-member

of the Camera Club in Witney. Jason Jowett claimed 1st Prize with his black-and-white study of an avenue of autumnal trees, and Jonathan Breeze 1st Prize in the colour section with his character study of an old man speaking at Hyde Park Corner. 2nd Prize in black-and-white went to Stephen Boggon for his 'Gulls above the Water', and 2nd Prize in colour to Nicholas Messenger for his shot of a rainbow over the church at Cokethorpe. Mr. Moon, with a distinct preference for work in black-and-white, selected Jonathan Spring-Rice's 'Lovely Lady' for a single 3rd Prize. Simon Elliott was awarded a Very Highly Commended for his 'Summer Landscape'.

P. J. C.

COKETHORPE PARK RIFLE CLUB

ABOUT TWENTY boys have shot regularly during the year. Rouse shot extremely well in the autumn term and obtained a 96 and a 93 in the U18 Junior Winter competition. Our total score in this competition was 692 out of 800. The other three boys in the team of four were Jowett, Sutton and Simmons. The U15 team consisted of Miles, Milward, Roberts II and Youdan and they scored 657 out of 800. Youdan was awarded half-colours for his performance.

This year the house competition was a closely fought contest between Swift and Queen Anne with Swift just winning the upper hand.

<i>Harcourt</i>	Sutton (Capt.)	87	
	Healey	91	
	Miles	79	
	Simmons	82	Total 339 3rd
<i>Swift</i>	Jowett (Capt.)	91	
	Baring	91	
	Brady	91	
	Wincott	93	Total 366 1st
<i>Queen Anne</i>	Porter E. (Capt.)	95	
	Haley	91	
	Markham	82	
	Wigglesworth	92	Total 360 2nd

The Davis Cup Handicap competition was won by Sutton.

THE POND

THE POND area has seen much activity in the past year.

Attenborough's enthusiasm for the keeping, training and breeding of pigeons has known no bounds. Birmingham Rollers are his favourite variety and I must say that to see them falling through the air, turning over in the process is a wonder to behold.

Chickens and bantams are kept by about a dozen boys. Their runs and houses have sprung up everywhere, even overflowing the pond area into the adjacent wood. Much free time is spent in building and improving their accommodation. Some of the fowl are expensive and exotic with fancy frills whilst others are more ordinary. Egg production goes up and down and helps to pay for grain. Bantam eggs are much sought after by certain members of staff.

Ferrets continue to fascinate boys and are treated as if they were royalty. Much enjoyment is obtained in the serious business of ferreting.

Alas the pond itself is in a muddy murky state partly or mainly due to a family of ducks. However thankfully only two remain and they will be going soon. Though delightful in themselves they have consumed the water plants which oxygenate the water and they stir up the mud and also enrich the pond with rich nitrogenous waste.

Amazingly the goldfish continue to survive and multiply even though at exeat boys are sometimes seen disappearing clutching large jam jars. In the spring some Koi Carp were brought and hopefully they will grow to a large size in the coming years. One way to improve the water would be to have a fountain to oxygenate the water.

THE ARMY CADET FORCE

WE STARTED the year with 51 cadets, dropping to 32 in the Hilary Term and rising to 37 in the Trinity term.

It has been difficult training such large numbers with just one officer and a sergeant from the 16 Cadet Training Team. Ideally we need several more good instructors, but where are they to be found? Senior boys have helped with the teaching but as the detachment is a new one they have not gone through all the training themselves. I was glad that four boys completed their One Star training at the end of the year, the first boys to do so. This involved drill, military knowledge, skill at arms, shooting, use of map and compass, fieldcraft and adventure training.

Besides the weekly parade on Monday afternoons we do have some camping weekends and also one or two visits a term to army camps. One

exciting afternoon was spent at the Central Vehicle Depot at Ludgershall near Andoversford. Never had we seen so many tanks and APC's. After a walk round we each had a turn in the driving seat. One or two private cars passed us on the army training ground. Had they know that the APC was being drive by C..... of 4A or even by B..... of 5A their complexion might have been a little paler.

Another noisy afternoon was spent at the School of Infantry, Warminster, attending a demonstration of infantry fire power. Here we saw every type of weapon being demonstrated from rifles to tanks.

The camp that first term took place on a farm at Bletchingdon, near Oxford. This involved a fourteen mile walk to reach the area. One platoon occupied a disused quarry whilst the other platoon camped in a field near a river. After cooking their supper reconnaissance patrols were sent out to gather information about the enemy. After a very cold night fighting patrols were sent out at first light. After breakfast the school minibus did heroic service in ferrying the boys back to school. It was good to see older boys helping younger ones to put up tents and in the art of cooking. Edward Porter was an excellent quartermaster. I was impressed with quite a number of boys for their keenness and helpfulness, boys such as Brady, Storrie, Jowett, Spring-Rice, Sutton, Irvani, Jones, Fisher, Rouse just to mention a few.

We managed to produce a respectable drill squad for Remembrance Sunday with Cpl. Brady in charge.

We are badged with the Royal Green Jackets and in November we spent a weekend at the regimental headquarters, the Peninsula Barracks, Winchester. Here we did some weapon training with the SLR rifle and some .22 shooting. The assault course was tough going, the wall seemed impossibly high and the water crossing impossibly wide and the rope crossing agonizingly long. However, all more-or-less, some wetter than others, reached the end of the course. A session in the gym. was good fun and a final session of drill was not too bad. Thus it was altogether an enjoyable weekend.

In February we spent a day with the Royal Anglian Regiment at their Bassingbourn Barracks. This was most interesting. We did some weapon training with the SLR, 84mm, GPMG, and 66mm. Then we had an hour in the gym using their tranazium. This involved climbing rope nets and descending great heights in rope halters. This visit was kindly arranged for us by Major Guy Hipkin, the son of our previous bursar.

However the highlight of the year was a two day visit to the Royal Marines at Poole at the invitation of their C.O., Lt. Col. Storrie. Much was packed into these two days. We were taught how to read a map, how to pack a rucksack, how to shoot, how to canoe. There was an exhausting

session in the swimming pool. We all fired an SMG and a GMPG as well as the SLR. Then we visited the harbour and went out in landing craft and drove fast patrol boats. I shall never forget being driven by Fenton. His cornering was such that I wasn't sure whether the boat was still in the water at all. However we all survived. A fascinating hour was spent with the now famous S.B.S. discovering some of the many facets of their dangerous work.

The spring weekend camp was at Stonesfield Common. The four sections were dropped at different points about five miles from the site and had to walk in and set up their camps. The section commanders had a lot of work to do in choosing a camping site and organising the emergency shelters and meals and then in sending out patrols. Striking camp was carried out speedily and efficiently.

Edward Porter was again a superb quartermaster.

In May we had some success in the Battalion athletics meeting held at the Cherwell School, Oxford. Messenger was first in the Senior 400m, and Irvani was first in the Senior 1500m. Others who did well were Fenton, Martineau, Storrie, Ramsbottom, Jones, Lyman, Freeman II, and Piosché.

In the Summer Term we visited the Blues and Royals at their Knightsbridge Barracks in London. It was interesting learning about the horses and their equipment and the costly uniforms of the Household Cavalry. How nice they all were to us and then a little while later they suffered so tragically.

The camp this term involved walking northwards along the Ridgeway from Avebury for about eleven miles and camping in a concealed hedgerow. It was a hot day but the night was cold and most of us had difficulty sleeping. It would be a boon if we could acquire some sleeping bags, but they are so expensive.

Our final outing of term was to the Royal Tournament. This was most enjoyable but it had an unexpected end because Norman was struck on the face by an empty case from a soldier who was too close to the barrier and had to be taken to casualty. It turned out he was all right but he and Mr. Thomson were left stranded in London. However the Royal Tournament secretary kindly arranged for us to be brought back to school in the dead of night in an army ambulance. He also sent us a little memento of the night and a complimentary ticket for the Royal Enclosure.

We remember with gratitude all the work done by Cpl. Brady and other senior boys in helping to run the detachment and wish them well in the future.

D. L. T.

SUNRISE IN TIKAL

TIKAL IS an ancient Maya city in the jungle in the north west of Guatemala.

Toucans and arecaris sing their early morning song, as they sit in wait for insects in the faded golden light of the morning. The zenith of the sky is still indigo, waiting for the first life-giving rays of the sun to dispel the night. The sun climbs and spreads iridescent rays on top of Temple IV, while the jungle below is still damp from the early morning dew. The enchanting variety of the greenery is punctuated by the distant roar of a howler monkey. We walk slowly up the lit path towards the Seven Temples area. Spider monkeys draped across some half rotten lintel hurry in fear of the first of many of the day's tourist tide. There are still a few hours of solitude before this small section of cloud forest is over-run by all types of tourists, Americans, Japanese, Germans, Italians and many more.

The Great Plaza appears with the Temple of the Jaguar, the only eastern facing temple, all the rest face the west and the setting sun. But now it is the time for Temple I to be lit by the early morning sun. It is not yet hot, that comes later in the day. Spider monkeys and wild turkeys flock in the early morning sun over the walls of the North Acropolis, which was the residence of the upper caste Maya and the priests, but now only the spiders and bats make their homes in the old sandstone ruins. Behind the North Acropolis majestically rises Temple V, surrounded by a green blanket, while the temple still bears the scars of many hundreds of years spent under that same blanket: there is a small tree clinging by its roots to the top of the majestic stone. The laughing falcon is heard in the distance while flocks of chattering parakeets flit by.

Viewed from afar Temple IV, the largest structure in Pre-Colombian America (it is as large as St. Paul's Cathedral) floats on a sea of trees stretching away to the distance; and dimly in the distance there are the mountains of the Verapaz, the purple mountains dance in a veil of cloudy haze. Temple IV is now climbed only by irreverent tourists, not by priests offering incense to the Gods of Learning, in honour of whom the whole 'temple city' was built.

The day has established its foothold once more, repeating the cycle governing the Long and Short Count of the days, eternally continuous. The once cool and comforting rocks begin to heat under the glare of the sun. A far off noise is a distraction, it is not one of the noises of the jungle: it is the whine of the plane coming in from Guatemala City with its complement of faceless faces. Only till the evening will it be theirs to behold, after that the dark and the old Gods are free again.

P. A. DAVIE

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

SINCE I was in the third form the club has grown considerably. It now has about fourteen members.

The darkroom has been enlarged thanks to some generous donations from various people.

Mr. Barker has spent much of his own free time teaching both myself and David Bright for the C.S.E. Photography Course attempted for the first time at Cokethorpe.

Mr. Cranham has organized a photography competition with very worthwhile prizes which I think has encouraged people to produce something of better quality than they might otherwise have done.

The darkroom is now under re-construction to produce a more spacious and efficient layout than in previous terms. The room will be divided into two, allowing the two main functions of developing and enlarging a film to be done together by two different people — this will save time and be fore efficient. There will be a 'dry' side and a 'wet' side — the wet side for the chemicals and running water and the dry side for enlarging and making films.

I would just like to end by saying that the standard of photographs produced has improved tremendously during the last year.

JASON G. A. JOWETT

FRIENDSHIP

We say friendship is the
Only cement that can hold
The world together. But we
Also say friendship does
Not depend on the multitude
But the worth.

And for these, I don't think
You're just a friend of the
Good company you make,
But also a friend who keeps
One wishing life should
Go on for ever, and ever.

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COKETHORPE SOCIETY

THE RUGGER MATCH in October resulted in a win for the Old Boys. Owing to it being half-term for the School there was less support on the touch line which was a pity. Our thanks to Gerard Manley for all his hard work organising the team. The Disco Supper in the evening was very successful and we welcomed visitors from Wroxall Abbey Girls School; as usual the catering was excellent for which we thank Moira, Cliff and the kitchen staff.

A special Social Evening was organised on June 26th to mark the retirement of Paul Ellis and Ron Lyle. We take this opportunity of thanking all who contributed so generously to the farewell gifts (a carriage clock to Mr. Lyle and a walking stick and cut glass whisky glass and jug to Mr. Ellis) to these two popular, long-serving masters. There were numerous letters from both very old boys and very recent leavers and every one expressed great admiration, thanks and warmth of gratitude to both gentlemen. The supper laid on by the school was tremendous and all who came enjoyed the friendly evening and it was very nice to see several ex-staff. Visitors also enjoyed the opportunity of seeing the lovely new Common Room Block which was recently completed and in full use by the boys.

I am glad so many old boys are finding time to keep in touch. Do please continue to let us know what you are doing. I give below extracts of news received this year.

CHRISTOPHER J. WEBB
Hon. Sec.

NEWS LETTER

Russell Massey. Married Gabriela Flutsch (from Switzerland) in July 1981.

They are living in Hong Kong where Russell manages a Hotel. Moving in Autumn 1982 to Bangkok to manage new Hotel there.

Michael Gregory. Married during 1981.

James Tobin. Has spent a year at Oxford College of F.E. and passed two 'A' levels. Hopes to apply for a Polytechnic course in a year's time.

Trevor & John Key. We are grateful to Major Key for keeping us in touch with Trevor and John. The Rugger Match (Oct. 17) clashed with John's wedding day at Holdenhurst near Bournemouth. John hopes to proceed to Muscat for another Contract with Costins building a cement Works. Trevor home for the wedding but returns to Abu Dhabi until Spring 1982. John & wife in Ruwi, Sultanate of Oman.

C. Freddi. Recently published book called "Pork and Other Stories". Perhaps some old boys saw the review.

- Julian Keenlyside.* We were pleased to hear his College Course (Zoology) is going well.
- C. Hanbury-Tenison.* Has recently passed 8 'O' levels at Blundells and now studying 'A' level French, English, Geography. Hope to see him at future functions.
- Richard Peirce.* Have managed to trace him at 109 Tilley Road, Paekakanki, Nr. Wellington, New Zealand (via his mother who lives at Tilford, Surrey). He is married with three children. We were pleased to receive a second letter with some photos.
- Guy Wingfield.* We were able to put Guy in touch with Richard Peirce. Guy left this country 23 years ago and is now at 81 Clairview Court, San Francisco, CA 94131 U.S.A. We hope to have further news from him.
- J. Emms.* Working in Hotel in Christchurch, New Zealand having started off from Auckland. Will continue journeying and hopes to stay until August 1982 then move on to Australia.
- A. Lang. (Sandy)* 1958-61 called in at Cokethorpe. He is a Research Scientist in New Zealand. Married with 2 children. Present address: 53 Rona St. Eastbourne, New Zealand.
- Simon Maziak.* Visited the School in March. Has now started out as a Sales Rep with Kettering Compressed Air Services. Present address 2-4 Kettering Road, Burton Latimer, Northants.
- N. Raison.* Visited Cokethorpe in March. Living permanently in Vaud, Switzerland.
- S. Iran.* To Crawley College of Technology with a view to going into Shipping.
- Gregory Kent-Coward.* Course leading to Social Work.
- Fernandez-Salvador.* Returned to S. America. Hopes to go to American University.
- M. Yates.* Hotel Management.
- P. Bunnag.* Tutorial College in Oxford.
- J. Moore.* Part time Catering course in Cardiff and working with Father.
- R. North.* Harrods temporarily then Tennis Coach.
- Gerard Sturt.* Pleased to have news. 1958-61. Works with Express Creameries, N. Taunton. Married with son and daughter.
- Iain Brown.* Has been offered a place at Aylesbury College of F.E. in September 1982 to do Agricultural Course. Keeps eleven Jacob sheep as a hobby.
- Jason Evers.* Doing Polytechnic Course. Address 2 St. Bedes Park, Sunderland.
- Paul Tolley.* Address: Norton Grange Hotel, Nr. Evesham, Worcs. Tel. Evesham 870215.
- D. A. P. Hirsch.* We asked for the address in our last newsletter but regret to hear that he has died.
- Nigel Alford.* Married recently at Ducklington. Best wishes.

- Davies D. R.* We were delighted to see Dai at the Rugger match with his family. Present address 14 Orwell Grove, Paston, Peterborough. (Ex staff).
- C. T. Marsden.* After 12 years in S. America with Union International Co. Ltd. is transferring August 1981 to the U.K. working for the same company. Address: Cliffe House, Coldwell End, Youlgreave, Derbyshire.
- Robert Newton.* In the Army in Germany: 24522533 H.Q. Co. Signal Platoon, 1st Battn. Duke of Edinburgh Royal Regt. B.F.P.O. 36 W. Germany.
- Edward Barton.* Doing Sandwich Course, Business Studies.
- Paul Saunders.* We hear is now working in Journalism.
- Mike Lousada.* Pleased to see him in March. Address Crawley Park, Husbourne Crawley, Beds.
- Robin Richards.* Also came to the school in March. Address 39 Pendeford Avenue, Wolverhampton.
- J. C. Buchanan Brown (1971-75).* Visited the school in July. Address: 3 Foxham Road, Archway, N.19.
- WADA Dahiru.* Pleased to hear he had been in touch again while in England. He is running the family transport business in Nigeria. Nasiru still studying at Richmond College and hopes to move on to America in Summer 1982 to finish his degree.
- Chris Wyatt.* Has had a wonderful tour of Australia starting in Sydney where he bought a car and travelled and found work, first potato picking then cherry picking followed by labouring for a roof tiler. Carried on to Queensland, drove a Caterpillar for Cotton picking and injecting fertilizer into the ground. Holiday on Barrier Reef, on to the Bush shooting Kangaroo and wild pigs, visited Redhead and Snowy Mountains and finished up at the Cokethorpe Disco on return!
- Alan Halstead (ex-staff).* Mrs. Halstead senr. kindly let us know that Alan has returned to Canada with Pauline on Dec. 28 where he is teaching in a school attached to the Military Academy at Welland Port (about 30 miles from Niagara). Address: 33765 Flanaga Road, RR1, Lowbanks, Ontario N0A 1K0, Canada.
- Simon Ashby.* Working in London at present as self-employed painter and decorator. Hopes to keep in touch with school cricket tours.
- K. McMullen (ex-staff).* Unable to make the Annual Dinner. Now has 4 young daughters and is a Housemaster at a High School in Leeds. Sends regards to everyone.
- William Rouse.* Has been accepted in the Metropolitan Police Cadet Force and commenced training at Hendon April 1982.
- Fernandez-Salvador.* Working in a Bank in Ecuador.

- S. R. P. Thomson.* Now Marketing Manager (Military) for the British Hovercraft Corporation on the Isle of Wight. Travels all over the world selling armed assault hovercraft and passenger versions. Address: 75 Marlborough Road, Elmfield, Ryde, Isle of Wight.
- C. T. Willesden.* New address: Robinsmead, 75 Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, W. Sussex. Soon to start training on the DC10, still gets the world wide routes which he much enjoys.
- Nigel Willesden.* Working for American International. Address: 70 Pine St., New York 10270.
- J. Ross Palmer.* Stepfather sent apologies for A.G.M. as he is at present in Antigua. He has sailed the Atlantic for the 4th time doing "crewing" in charter boars.
- Paul Baker.* Still with Estate Agents — mainly the farming side.
- M. de Weymarn* (ex-staff). Pleased to hear the family are flourishing including the latest arrival (Craig Antony 12th Feb. 9.5½ ozs). Was impressed with the new buildings when he visited the school last March.
- Peter Mathias-Williams* (ex-staff). We are delighted to hear he has settled in well in N. Wales at Rydal School (address Highfield, 10 Gregory Av. Colwyn Bay, Clwyd) and that three of his four children are enjoying Rydal Prep School. Old Cokethorpians please note that after 12 years he has taken up rugby coaching again! Regards to all 1964-68 vintage.
- David A. H. Watson* (1963 leaver) New address Assisi, Bishops Court, Church Rd. Bishopstoke, Hants.
- Douglas Cook* (ex-staff). Sends good wishes to all. At a local performance of "Murder in the Cathedral" discovered one of cast was Andrew Kirk (1962), Now an accountant. Change of address Douglas Cook: 18 Portland Rd. Gravesend, Kent (where he has moved next door!).
- Alexander Dodd.* Visited the School. Is starting up a Gardening Business.
- A. Foster.* Working with Father as Computer Operator in his Computer Book-keeping Service. Hopes to train for a career as Carpenter & Joiner.
- Michael J. Davies D.O., M.R.O.* Pleased to receive new address: 101 Northcourt Rd., Abingdon Oxon. and to learn he has started his own practice whilst still working in Cheltenham. Congrats. on marrying last summer.
- D. A. P. Hirsch.* Sad to report he died rather tragically three years ago.
- G. A. Everett.* With the 1st Gloucesters in Cyprus until November.
- John Russell.* Pleased to hear from Mrs. Russell that John won the Harold Tongue Cup for making the most of his opportunities during apprenticeship at A.E.R.E. Harwell. John now a Draughtsman at Harwell.
- G. C. Houghton.* New address: Old Cottage, Twyning, Nr. Tewkesbury, Glos.

