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SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE HEADMASTER'S SPEECH DAY ADDRESS

When I contemplate the problems with which our youth today is faced, there is such tremendous complexity that it is a wonder so many turn out to be a credit to themselves, their parents and their schools. In former days when typhoid and typhus and other dreadful illnesses scythed through the population of this country, there were still a few people who escaped and lived to a ripe old age. I feel that it is the same today, for with all the pressures on young people, it is nothing short of a miracle how many of them do grow up to live very happy and fulfilling lives.

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We must take care before we criticise too forthrightly our own youth of today. When we adults look back we invariably and naturally make comparisons with our own youth. The human mind, has, however, the happy facility of forgetting the bad bits and remembering only the good times and the worthy endeavours. We must always try to be objective and, if we do not like what we see in some young people today, we must be fairly certain that our parents looked upon us with some disfavour also.

How can we, as parents and as schools, help our young people best? Surely by providing, whilst the adolescent mind samples an uncoordinated variety of situations and experiences, a sheet-anchor — a *stable* framework to their lives at home and in school. A united family can meet and survive the worst of adolescent crises and the school, the housemaster and his wife, the matron and, even, occasionally, the Headmaster himself, can have parts to play in helping, not only the boy, but the family as well. The school is sometimes not simply 'in loco parentis' but 'in loco parentis parentibus'. It is certain that the stability of the family is the most important contribution to the up-bringing of a boy.

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This need for stability and reassurance which boys need in this restless world, in which standards of all sorts are continuously questioned brings me to the matter of moral and spiritual traditions in school. The Christian tradition affects our interpretation of pastoral care intimately. This country differs profoundly from, say, the USA. There religion may *not* be taught in schools, here it remains, in fact the only *compulsory* subject. Some people condemn religious teaching and school acts of Worship as "indoctrination". They forget that the same criticism must apply to any teaching of Marxism, humanism and any secular philosophy. I consider the absence of all teaching about values, standards and the meaning of human life as nothing but training for a moral vacuum — the dangers of this are very real as we can see today.

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Three members of Staff retire this term after varying periods of service.* Mr. D. L. Brown, Head of Careers and a member of the Mathematics Department joined the School in April 1948 and leaves after 29 years' continuous service.

Mr. E. Buckingham, our Bandmaster, joined in May 1957, and has thus completed 20 years on the Staff.

The Reverend P. Moffett, C.S.F.C. Chaplain, is leaving us for the third time. He first cared for us from 1953 to 1954 and then from 1964 until 1967. This last occasion has lasted from November 1971 until today.

We wish all three retiring members of Staff good fortune and happiness in the future.

The Headmaster also paid tribute to the work of Mr. G. Hawkins, who retired as Bursar in the course of the year. Without prejudice to our new Bursar, he felt sure that Mr. Hawkins would be sorely missed. Mr. Simon also is leaving Technical Studies to take up a post where he will be developing the Wood and Metalwork side of the Technical Studies Department of Caterham School.—Ed.

*See page 33

SPEECH DAY GUEST OF HONOUR 1977

The Guest of Honour this year was Admiral Sir David Williams, G.C.B., A.D.C., Commander in Chief, Naval Home Command, who was introduced to the guests by A. E. P. Duffy, Esq., Ph.D., M.P., the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Defence for the Royal Navy, and Chairman of the Management Committee of the Royal Hospital School.

In his address Admiral Williams stressed the unique atmosphere of the school, which he described as "happy, dedicated, and professional." His advice to the boys was traditional but sound: he counselled being prepared to take pains, working hard, and thinking, in the late President Kennedy's words, more of what you can do for your country than what your country can do for you.

RETIREMENT OF Mr. R. N. P. LEWIN, C.B.E., DIRECTOR OF GREENWICH HOSPITAL

Mr. Lewin was trained as a banker but after war service during which he attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Army, and during which he helped Eritrea to rebuild its shattered economy and administration after years of war and foreign occupation, Mr. Lewin entered the Civil Service in 1949. He served four years with the Foreign Office and Treasury and in 1953 he joined the Admiralty and after appointments of wide range and scope, including further periods of secondment to the Treasury and the Northern Ireland Office, he became Director of Greenwich Hospital in May 1974. He had immediately to come to grips with the effects of inflation which led to a huge deficit of £95,000 on the Hospital's account for the year 1974/75 and all the dangers that involved to the life and well-being of the School. That despite continuing inflation, running at times at well over 20% he was able to restore stability to the Hospital's finances by his last year in office without the smallest reduction in the high standards of education and care offered by the School is the true measure of his success. His achievement is one for which the school and all those who care for its life and future owe him a lasting debt of gratitude. He has a very deep love for the School and in retirement will, like so many of his predecessors, continue to watch its progress with interest and affection.

The new Director is to be Mr. J. P. Kelly. He, like Mr. Lewin, has served many years in the Admiralty, having joined in 1956 after war time service in the RAF during which he became a Squadron Leader and appointments in the Inland Revenue and Exchequer and Audit Department. Mr. Kelly is a Chartered Accountant and his last appointment was as head of the Navy Department's central finance division. He will thus bring with him wide experience and considerable expertise in financial matters to combat the multifarious problems encountered in keeping the School on course in today's difficult times. Mr. Kelly is 57.

NEW STAFF

In the middle of the Summer Term Mr. L. Thomson arrived to join the English Department. Mr. Thomson is recently married, and this is his first teaching appointment. He went to Hulme Grammar School and holds the degree of B.Ed. from Worcester College of Higher Education. He is keenly interested in sport and all outdoor pursuits. We all wish him and his wife a long and happy stay.

AN APPRECIATION OF THE WORK OF Mr. E. W. BUCKINGHAM

The Aldeburgh Festival of Music was the background to my first meeting with Ernest Buckingham at a rehearsal in Orford Church of Benjamin Britten's new work "Noye's Fludde" in 1958. I had just been appointed as Director of Music to the School but was not due to commence until September. I used to take my 11-year-old son, a violinist in the Suffolk Children's Orchestra, to the rehearsals, and I saw Mr. Buckingham at the back of the church, conducting the buglers from the Royal Hospital School, who played a vital role in the performance. He had to synchronise their playing with the beat of the conductor to the performance. Charles Mackerras, when the animals moved into the ark. This was my first glimpse of that firm decisive beat that was always a feature of his work with the band.

He had commenced his work at the school in the previous year, 1957, and so has now completed twenty years' valued and loyal service to the school. Since I have for the majority of those years

worked literally within yards of the Bandroom, I was asked to write about his contribution to the life of the School.

He is a gentleman in the true sense of the word, a quality recognised also by the many generations of boys who had the good fortune to receive this musical training for him. We took part in many joint operations and he was always most helpful and co-operative when trumpeters from the band played in the Chapel for special occasions, services, concerts and two B.B.C. "Songs of Praise" T.V. broadcasts.

His sterling qualities as a bandmaster, so obvious to all when the band played their contributions to the success of parades and sunset ceremonies, had their roots in his early training in the Royal Marines where he eventually attained the rank of Bandmaster.

In addition, over the year, an impressive array of commitments could be put before you, including over 150 fêtes, carnivals and flower shows. May I single out the highlights of the many other engagements he has fulfilled with the band:— "Beating the Retreat" as part of the Aldeburgh Festival — I can still see Imogen Holst walking busily alongside the band — a recording of "Noye's Fludde" and a further performance at Southwark Cathedral, playing during the interval at The Royal Tournament, the launching of the new lifeboat at Great Yarmouth, and several visits to H.M.S. Ganges for their Colours Ceremony and Divisions.

We shall all miss him as a friend and a musician and hope that he and Mrs. Buckingham enjoy a long and happy retirement.

F.E.D.

THE SPEECH DAY JUBILEE EXHIBITION 1977

The Speech Day Exhibition this year was held in the Library. It was based upon the history of the school, and contained exhibits which belonged to the school itself, and some which had been borrowed from museums.

The first part of the exhibition dealt with the foundation of the Hospital and School at Greenwich. One of the highlights and certainly most prized items to be included in this section was the original charter of William and Mary, setting up the institution. There was also a print of the picture "Destruction of the Soleil Royal", 22nd May 1692, which was an event in the Battle of La Hogue. This was the battle which convinced Mary that she must do something for sailors, their wives, and their children.

The funds for the Hospital were obtained partly from private benefactors, and there was a picture of part of the walls of the vestibule of the Painted Hall, where stones were laid bearing the names of some of these original contributors. There was another original document showing funds paid by different ships to the Hospital. Each sailor was bade, by law, to pay sixpence a month toward this cause. This method of obtaining money was dubbed "the Sixpenny Office". A painting of the early pensioners to be admitted was situated near this log.

The next section was involved in the period up to the Silver Anniversary of George III which was in 1785. Here was a graph showing the growth of the School itself. In 1715 ten boys were taken in, under one master. By 1775, the School had grown to one-hundred-and-forty in number.

An interesting item from this period was a chart showing the diet of the boys in 1776. The boys were allowed beer, but I am sure they would have readily swapped it for the variety of meals we get here today. Their food consisted almost entirely of gruel, cheese and bread.

We now came on to the section dealing with the time leading up to 1862, which was the Silver Anniversary of Queen Victoria. Another graph showed that the school was eight-hundred-and-thirty-four strong in 1815, which is, of course, more than the present day.

A photograph showed the "Chatham Chest". This was a fund set up in 1590 for men who were wounded while in service with the Navy. In 1803 it was transferred to Greenwich.

In this section also were letters giving the reasons for the shutting down of the Lower School, which contained the girls.

The next section, the School by the Silver Anniversary of George V, was the most interesting for me, for with the aid of the then new invention, the camera, we were actually able to see what life was like in the Greenwich Hospital School in the latter half of the nineteenth century. We could see the boys at work. Their work was not as academic as ours, they were mainly involved with navigation and such things as repairing and making sails and tailoring. There were many photographs of them on their own training ship, the "Fame", specially erected in the grounds for the purpose. We saw them at play, in their rather cramped swimming bath, and on the parade ground having a game of cricket. The dormitories were absolutely huge compared with ours, the beds, rather rigid looking, standing head to toe. The dining hall was similarly awe striking in its size. Everything seemed large, cold and very, very clean, inspections being a common occurrence.

This section also contained the routine for a normal day in 1882. It was certainly a very long day, beginning at 6.30 and containing rather a lot more working time than leisure.

The final section on the history of the school was a study of the period up to the present day. In this, for the first time of course, we see the move to Holbrook. The place looked very new and in some respects different to how it is now; for example, the benches in the Dining Hall were placed down the Hall rather than along it. Another photograph showed "the Ship" which is on the place where the Parade Ground meets the field. It was taken just after the arrival of the boys in 1933. They were still dressed in their old fashioned white uniforms, and there was still a mast on the ship, which has long since disappeared.

In addition to the exhibits showing the history of the School there was an examination of the eleven Admirals after whom the houses are named. There was a portrait of each Admiral mounted in an elaborate and certainly very pleasant frame, around which was situated a print depicting a scene from his most famous action, and the situation of the battle. For example, Howe's portrait was accompanied by a scene from the Glorious First of June, and Nelson's with a piece of action from the Battle of Trafalgar.

The final part of the exhibition was concerned with the School as it is today. There was a photograph of each of the eleven houses, which is of course, the whole school, and one of every department of staff that exists in the School. The academic staff and the Headmaster, the Bursar and his staff, the laboratory technicians, the laundry and sewing room staff, the infirmary staff, the librarian, the works department in full, and lastly the house and school cleaning staff.

Adjacent to these photographs there was a list, in diagrammatic form, showing the numbers of people in all the departments. There were photographs of the more modern aspects of the School, for example the Sixth Form Block and the cafeteria system in the Dining Hall. A list of the many men who had led the Institution, either as Headmaster or Director of Greenwich Hospital, was mounted opposite the photographs of the people involved with the School.

The part of the exhibition dealing with the Admirals after whom the Houses are named certainly put them in a new perspective for me. My knowledge of Naval history has always been somewhat hazy — if asked, I could not have told you whether Blake came before Anson, or vice versa, and who did what. From this point of view this part of the exhibition was very informative, and it is a good thing to know something of the traditions attached to the school.

The part of the exhibition dealing with the history of the School was very interesting. I was fascinated to find out what the school used to be like (even if it just goes to show that today we aren't so badly off after all!). The photographs of the buildings of the School were impressive, and later photographs just show how much the school has changed since the early days, and it is a sobering thought that hundreds of boys have slept in the same dormitories before you, have marched on the same parade ground and have walked the same paths in the last forty years. It certainly prompts one to look at the School with new eyes.

Of course thanks must go to all the people who have worked hard in the setting up of the exhibition — those gallant members of the History Department (and several helpers) who, I gather, have pushed in over a thousand drawing pins in their efforts and certainly have, judging by the spectacular result, done a huge amount of work.

Our thanks must also go to the Director and Staff of the Royal Naval Maritime Museum, Greenwich; The Keeper of the Public Record Office (Admiralty Section); the Curator of Ipswich Museum; the Ipswich and East Suffolk Architect's Department; R.W./R.A.F. Careers Advisory Officers, Ipswich; the Headmistress, Holbrook Modern School; Gale and Polden Ltd; "Illustrated London News" and the Manager of Picture Library, Elm Street, London, W.C.1.

N. P. Purdy,
M. J. O'Grady.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The White Ensign hauled down at H.M.S. Ganges at the closing down ceremony on 28th October, 1976, was presented to the School for laying-up in the Chapel during the normal service on Sunday 28th November. The ceremony marked 110 years of close association between H.M.S. Ganges and the School during which time hundreds of boys from R.H.S. joined the Royal Navy through H.M.S. Ganges. The Ensign has been placed to the east of the North door in the Chapel.

A new sound reinforcement system has recently been installed in the Chapel and I am told that now everyone can hear satisfactorily wherever they sit.

We were very sorry that Mrs. Garrett was forced through ill health to give up her work in the Chapel after so many years of loyal service. Her sense of pride and dedication in maintaining

a high standard of cleanliness and tidiness in the Chapel will be long remembered. We are glad to know that after a rather lengthy spell in hospital, she is now enjoying better health and we wish her well for the future.

During the summer term the Chapel has been visited by over a dozen local organisations, whose members are always pleased to have the opportunity of seeing our beautiful Chapel. It is hoped very shortly to produce a leaflet on the Chapel for the benefit of visitors.

The annual Choir concert took place at the end of May and this was well supported. The proceeds were divided between the King George's Fund for Sailors and the Chapel organ fund.

The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by the Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich in March, when 37 boys were confirmed. The service was well supported by parents and friends and there were over 200 communicants.

I would like to thank Anthony Cutler and his team of sacristans for all the hard work and support they have given during the year, and I wish Anthony Cutler and William Burgoyne every success in their future careers. Nicholas Robertson has been appointed Head Sacristan for the ensuing year and we welcome Mark De Felice and Nicholas Todd as new sacristans. I would also like to thank all the servers for their help and support during the last year.

Finally my thanks to The Reverend Pat Moffett and Fr. Sylvester McGoldrick for their continued support to the spiritual life of the School, and we wish God speed to Mr. and Mrs. Moffett as they leave us for their home in Scotland. I should like to thank them both for the contribution they have made to the life of the School over the years whilst Mr. Moffett was serving with the Royal Navy.

K. W. A. Roberts (Chaplain).

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPEL NOTES

This is the first time that I, as Roman Catholic Chaplain, have written these notes for the magazine — but I don't suppose I need any introduction. I will try to keep the notes short — unlike my sermons!

The Franciscan Friars first took on the spiritual care of the Roman Catholic boys of the school in 1949, the first priest being Fr. Hugh McKay, who is still remembered at the school. I was then a young student priest at East Bergholt and can remember him telling us about the School. Since his time there has been a succession of Friars in various shapes and sizes acting as Chaplains. When the Friars left East Bergholt in 1973, the parish staff accepted care of St. Mark's parish, Ipswich; so I act as parish priest of a very large parish covering part of Ipswich, the whole of the Shotley peninsula, the area around Manningtree, and a number of villages west of the A12, and these pastoral responsibilities prevent me from spending as much time with the boys as I would wish. For example, when the Friars were at East Bergholt, it was possible to arrange outings for some of the boys to the Friary of elsewhere, but this has not been possible for some time.

The biggest Roman Catholic event of the past year was the visit of Bishop Alan Clark of East Anglia to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 16 R.C. boys. This was a very happy and successful occasion. In the course of the year six boys received their first Holy Communion, following the normal Roman Catholic practice of making confession first. And of course, we have had the normal Sunday Mass and Mass on special feast days.

I must express my thanks to Mr. G. O. Hardy and Mr. A. J. Cairns, to the ladies who do the flowers so faithfully in the chapel, to the boys who manage the sacristy; and indeed to all the staff who have helped to make things easy for me — which is the way I like it. F.S.M.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND AND FREE CHURCHES

With the final closure of H.M.S. Ganges last October, we have come to the end of an era! Throughout the years since 1946, when Junior Seamen Trainees returned to Shotley from the Isle of Man, The Church of Scotland & Free Churches Naval Chaplain appointed to H.M.S. Ganges has also looked after the spiritual welfare of the C.S.F.C. boys here at Royal Hospital School — and for most of these years, Residence Number 40 has been his headquarters!

For many of us, and particularly for Mrs. Moffett and myself, this has been a most inspiring and rewarding part of our service and we would take this opportunity to thank all those, staff and boys, past and present, who have helped to make it so. P. J. Moffett.

From the beginning of next term the task will be undertaken by one of the local Free Church Ministers; we know that he will receive the same help and support which you have always given and we pray God for every blessing on his work in the years to come.

One of the features of our worship in the Free Church Chapel in recent years has been the inspiration afforded by the contributions of different age groups; this year has been no exception and the contribution of the Vth. form in November, the VIth. form in February and the Juniors in June were all both helpful and thought-provoking.

In 1965, the Junior Fellowship (of that generation!) began work on two woollen rugs. These were, at last, completed this year! One was given to Seven Rivers Home and the other to Tattingstone Hospital.

To all those who are leaving we say: "We wish you good luck in the Name of the Lord".
May God Bless and Keep you all.

CHAPEL CHOIR

Although the departure from school of many of the senior boys in the choir left many gaps in the altos, tenors and basses, they were soon filled, and in spite of the early date of the Harvest Festival a really spirited performance of Haydn's "The Heavens are Telling" from the "Creation" showed that the high standard was being maintained.

In October we sang at the Annual Seafarers' Service in St. Paul's Cathedral. The Introit was 'Laudate Nomen Domini' by Christopher Tye, and the main anthem was "Brother James's Air" arranged by Gorden Jacob. Christopher Dearnley, Organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, had given an organ recital in our Chapel a fortnight before during which we sang Chorales which occurred in the Chorale Preludes played in the programme.

Remembrance Sunday featured the appropriate anthem by John Ireland, "Greater love hath no man". We also sang for the Patronal Festival in Tenebring Parish Church a week later.

The Carol Service was very enjoyable. Particularly well sung by the congregation were "Eastern Monarchs, Sages Three" by C. S. Lany and the old favourite "Good King Wenceslas". The choir now always seem to incorporate a recently composed carol in a modern idiom. This year it was "The Star Carol" by John Rutter which was very rhythmic and had an attractive melody.

During the Spring term we turned out hand to some secular music and gave three excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan as part of a concert in the Assembly Hall.

The Summer term immediately presented us with a challenge to learn eight major anthems, which had occurred in the Queen's Coronation Service, for a Choral Festival attended by many choirs in the Diocese in celebration of the Queen's Silver Jubilee. This was concluded by Frank Davies and the organist was Harrison Oxley, the Cathedral Organist.

The real climax of our year's activities came with our Annual Summer Concert in the School Chapel. This was in aid of the Organ Fund and the King George V fund for sailors, so we performed Stanford's Songs of the Fleet, with Peter Crompton as baritone soloist with Frank Davies accompanying on the piano. The second half consisted of music in keeping with the Silver Jubilee Year. As the choir came to the most exciting part of the final anthem there was a power failure. Nothing daunted, we descended from the organ gallery and re-grouped round the piano. The result was an absolutely exhilarating performance which received tremendous applause from the large audience. The headline in the Evening Star was "Power cut fails to black-out school concert". The East Anglian headline was "Choir in class of its own". Several boys took part in solo sections, but we must single out — as the local press did — the noticeable treble solo of David Brown in the "Gloria" by Stanford. Among the organ solos was a piece played by Martin Hair, an alto in the choir.

Continuing the Royal Jubilee theme the Old Boys were thrilled to hear Handel's "Zadok the Priest" at their service. As our final tribute to the Queen the commemoration service included "O Taste and See" by Vaughan Williams and the "Old 100th" by the same composer, in which trumpeters of the band contributed an exciting sound. The main anthem was Parry's "I was glad" the singing of which captured everyone's imagination, and the service ended with William Walton's "Orb and Sceptre".

As leaving members of the choir, we would like to end on a personal note and express our appreciation of the real enjoyment we have obtained from our singing in the choir, first as Trebles and latterly as Basses.

A. J. Cole and S. P. Cole.

BAND

I am afraid that this year, as well as being my final year, is also Mr. Buckingham's last year and it is hard for me to express in words the gratitude and thanks, the band and the school owe him. His service to the band has been unending and we hope he finds as much pleasure in retirement as we have enjoyed with him as bandmaster.

Regardless of his future "Bandy" has, as always, produced an excellent band this year. We played at several fêtes this summer, and the trumpeters performed twice at the Corn Exchange in Ipswich. Much to our disappointment, the Sunset Ceremony was rained-off, so the Band and Mr. Buckingham were unable to show their true colours to the Old Boys.

The new bandmaster will find no lack of talented musicians. We wish the new bandmaster and next year's band all the best, and hope the transition period is harmoniously done!

Finally, I must again, on behalf of the band, wish Mr. and Mrs. Buckingham all the best in their retirement, at least there will be no reveille down in Dorset! Let's hope the good music continues wherever it is played, Suffolk or Dorset.

Chris Hook.

THE SCHOOL PLAY

"A PENNY FOR A SONG" by John Whiting

It is undoubtedly a very difficult thing to produce a play which demands a great deal of its actors in that they have to project both humour and a great deal of serious thought. "A Penny for a Song" is a difficult play; Whiting wanted to write one which was an attack on war, and in order to do it, he had to include long explanatory passages.

Mr. Anderson and his band of actors and helpers do well to achieve what they did against the twin enemies of poor acoustics and hard seats. Someone once said that the degree of interest in proportion with the upholstery of the bottom, and in this case it was doubly true.

On the first night, nerves may have quietened some voices — one was hard pressed to hear the argument put forward by Edward Sterne — but Humpage, sitting in his specially-constructed observation post began to respond to his audience, and the pace livened up. This reaction was not carried through to the second night of the play when the diction was much clearer but Humpage, under the eyes of the distinguished guests, may have found himself tempted into caution.

Although not the tallest member of the school, or of the cast, Philip Coward handled the requirements of the part of Timothy Bellboys competently, disappearing down the well with aplomb, and reappearing, to the delight of the junior boys, suspended below the balloon.

The two girls, Catherine Anderson and Susan Edwards, deserve a special mention, for their generosity of time, for their clear diction and for their overall acting ability, surviving the prospect of being kissed in front of three hundred boys of varying maturity.

The handling of the characters on stage maintained interest even where the plot failed so to do, but the dangers of a sharply raked stage became apparent when two "cannon-balls" were rolled down!

It is a measure of the success of the production that although attendance was compulsory, the acting on the stage dominated the interest of even the most (normally) fidgety boy. All those who took part, in no matter what capacity, deserve congratulations and, above all, thanks for all the time and effort which they put in.

D.W.A.

JELICOE LIBRARY

The academic air of the library was once again disturbed by the activities of the Old Boys this year. However, more in keeping, was the mounting of an exhibition by Messrs. Long and Bennett and the History Department, showing the history of Greenwich Hospital and of the school. A small army of boys invaded the library armed with pins, Sellotape, stencils and artistic abilities and began putting up photos and taking down pictures under the deft direction of the shoeless Mr. Bennett, who seemed to like walking on the exhibits before they were lifted into position. All their efforts will have been appreciated by the school and by our visitors on Speech Day; let us hope that much of the material on show will stay on permanent exhibitions in the school, though not all over the library.

At one point it seemed that certain members of the History Department would be required to sleep in the library by the insurers and Keepers of the Greenwich treasures, in order to guard them from bibliophile burglars, but regrettably that attractive idea came to nought; instead large padlocks appeared on the doors, which were certainly efficacious at keeping the Librarian at bay.

On a less serious theme, the reading habits of the boys seem interesting in that they appear to reflect the purposeful, almost dour, attitude of the school to learning. For instance, out of 35 books returned at the time of writing, only three were fiction. This seems to accord with the large science and small arts sixth form. It is likely that the present generation of boys will produce a distinguished scientist, or officer in the Civil Service or Armed Services but highly unlikely that a writer of note will arise from their ranks, especially if they persist in reading the works of such a notable writer as Sven Hassel.

D.W.A.

NYE POETRY PRIZE, 1977

Ode To The Vegetable

It suddenly occurred to me,
Just what it is I'd like to be,
Instead of living wordly life,
Amid this wordly sin and strife.
A cauliflower need have no fears,
I've never seen a bean in tears,
They never work, just hand around,
Thinking notions most profound:
Of stews and soup, one might suppose
Or compost and the garden hose.
It need not look neat and prim
Or go to see the dentist grim
Who'd fill its teeth or pull them out.
Oh, to be a brussel sprout
Who grows amid the trees and plants,
And never has to visit aunts,
Or hear its granny chatter on
About the times (now been and gone),
When men were men and it was fitting
For girls to sit in parlours, knitting
Balaclavas for men at war
All, of course a frightful bore.

So now I hold a secret ballot.
Tick here if you would be a carrot.

J. R. Mann.

CHESS CLUB REPORT 1976-1977

The season for the Chess Club really started in August with the British Chess Championships in Portsmouth. Mr. Mayers, six members of the School (Simon Foale, Ashley Bowden, Malcolm Varnham, Tim Brown, Mark Bryant and Robin Edmonds) plus two old boys (Simon Macaulay and Philip Eastlake) played in the various tournaments with differing success, although due to the high standard of competition no-one can be said to have done badly.

In the Schools' Competitions we enjoyed much success. After last year's disappointing first round dismissal in the Sunday Times National Schools Tournament we were pleased at reaching the semi-finals of the East Anglian Zone. We overcame Colchester, Northgate and Ipswich — undoubtedly three of the strongest five teams in the Zone — before losing narrowly to Stanway. We won both of the Suffolk Schools' trophies, our senior team winning the Sir Henry Warner Shield for the fourth consecutive season and the junior team winning the Reverend Weir Shield.

The Chess Club also enters teams comprising members of staff as well as boys for various adult chess competitions. Our two teams in the Suffolk League neatly avoided relegation from divisions one and two. We performed respectably in the Norfolk-Suffolk Cup and the National Club Championship and in the Norfolk-Suffolk Bury St. Edmunds Jamboree we finished fifth out of twenty teams. Messrs. Mayers, O'Brien and Gornall, Simon Foale, Malcolm Varnham, Ashley Bowden and Philip Baker all represented Suffolk in the County Championship this season.

The School Chess Championship was won by Ashley Bowden and the Junior Championship by Paul Withers (Hawke, 2X), the junior event being dominated by Hawke boys. It was no surprise that Hawke won the House Championship with one of the youngest, but strongest

house teams seen for some years. The "New Jacks" Tournament, for the new boys only, was won jointly by Richard Todd (Drake, 1X) and Ian Murphy (Nelson, 1U).

Other events on the domestic scene included a tandem simultaneous display given by Mr. and Mrs. D. Wright. The couple, a Candidate Master and his wife a three times former British Ladies Champion, made alternate moves against thirty opponents in the otherwise normal simultaneous manner. This novel arrangement proved a little too successful; they took 28½ points! The other main event was the annual defeat of the Staff by the School. This year the score was 6-0.

I would now like to thank all those whose assistance and interest has been most valuable this year; Philip Baker, the Club's hard working Secretary and Mark Worthington, the Junior Captain; Mr. Gornall for representing the Club whenever he has been available and Mr. O'Brien, who has just completed his first season as Suffolk Match Captain, for his help in the administration of junior chess club and for his willingness to provide transport and play in many club matches. Finally I would like to thank Mr. Mayers for his continued dedication to the Club; its achievements are all due to his hard work.

My good wishes to next year's Captain Nick Samson (St. Vincent, 6B), Vice-Captain Mark Bryant (Nelson, 5Bi), Secretary Tim Brown (Hawke, 5Bi), and Junior Captain Paul Withers.

Ashley Bowden,
Captain (St. Vincent, 6B).

Late news:

This year's participants in the July tournament at Ipswich School for the Suffolk under-18 Championship, Ashley Bowden, Malcolm Varnham, Philip Baker and Tim Brown, did not manage to repeat Simon Foale's success last year when he shared the title. All played quite well against the ever-improving competition, but 3/5 was the highest R.H.S. score achieved.

A personal note of thanks to Ashley Bowden whose meticulous and mature handling of the Chess Club has built further upon the solid foundations laid by his predecessors.

D.M.

GARDEN CLUB REPORT

Our first duty in this report is to thank the Portsmouth O.B.A. Subscribers' Fund for their very generous donation. It has enabled us to buy materials to build our first greenhouse and four cold frames. The greenhouse has now been erected on site in the garden area and three of the cold frames are in use. These will be great assets to the club and should help the productivity considerably. Our thanks also go to McPhee of Hood for his help in their construction. The remaining money was used to purchase pigeon nets to protect the crops from the birds.

The club had dormant autumn and spring terms but burst forth into life during the summer term. Much work has been done in preparing and planting areas with onions, carrots, lettuce beetroot, swede, turnip, parsnip, broad beans, runner beans, potatoes, tomatoes, marrows, cucumbers and mellons. It appears that whenever we wish to transplant our brassicas we have to do it in a very hot spell of weather, which causes considerable difficulties in keeping them alive.

The outlook for next year is much brighter; gardening will be a senior games option and we hope that those boys who attend will find it interesting, rewarding and satisfying with plenty of healthy exercise. There will be a wide variety of tasks to be attempted and completed in addition to the normal autumn to spring work in the garden — such tasks as the repair and painting of the two garden sheds; path laying; cutting steps, and preparing new areas for cultivations.

Our thanks to all members for their support, particularly the "green grass" of Drake. We hope all have enjoyed it and we look forward eagerly to the next year which we hope will be more instructive and less hurry and hard slog.

The Jolly Gardeners.

ART DEPARTMENT REPORT

This year we produced a very wide range of work in both C.S.E. and 'O' level forms, from the very able attempts of Phil Coward and Dave McGary to the successful work of Jeff Doyle and Graham Probert.

In the autumn term a party from years four to six visited the National Children's art and National Gallery exhibitions in London, which were enjoyed very much by all those who went.

I am quite sure that the knowledge obtained from that day was used to obtain good exam results in which everybody is so confident. Unfortunately, we lost Mark Chapman at the end of the Spring term, before he could show his true brilliance in the 'O' level exam.

This year's Christmas card competition was won by Steve Hughes of 4x and Howe, followed closely by several interesting designs.

Hard luck Des! I was very pleased to be awarded the Heriot-Smith prize; Graham Probert won the VI form prize, Jeremy Foale, who has become quite expert with a camera, won the V form, and Greg Lane the IV form.

My thanks to Mr. Brooke and Mr. Gentry, who have worked as hard as ever this year and have been a great inspiration to all of us who have taken exams and also for the work put in to benefit members of the art clubs.

To those who are leaving us this year we wish you luck, and welcome the younger members to our little funshop upstairs. Keep up the good work. For Steve B, Graham, Andy, Mark, John, Ivor, Simon, Gary, "Killer", Tim, Dave, Des, and Fox, there's always retakes. It's been a good year in most respects and I hope that next year will be just as enjoyable.

Rolf.

GEOLOGY CLUB

The Club was started in September 1976 in order to help the boys to follow an interesting hobby and outdoor pursuit.

We have been to several field locations to look at geological features, rocks, minerals and fossils.

Some of the places visited include the Institute of Geological Sciences, London, the cliffs at Folkestone, Kent and the Red Crag exposures at Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex.

At these field meetings the club members enjoyed viewing and collecting rock, mineral and fossil specimens, particularly at Walton where rare fossil shark-teeth and fossil turtle-bones were found in the London clay.

The collection thus built up by field trips will be on display at Speech Day.

Other events of the Club included a series of talks and demonstrations on geological topics, and a lecture by a guest speaker on "Wandering Continents".

Next term it is hoped to continue the tradition of outside field meetings and events.

Interest in the Club throughout the School has been keen, to the extent that there are 20 junior members, several senior members and many others waiting to join. During the year 1977-1978 geology will be taught to fourth, fifth and sixth year boys at C.S.E. and 'O' level G.C.E. standard as an extra-curricular subject.

B. Davis.



ASTRONOMY CLUB

Probing the vastness of space is a subject which is bound to enlarge the imagination. The school telescope has a limited range but it nevertheless can resolve the detail of Saturn's ring structure and of Jupiter's dense atmosphere. Greatest use of the telescope has been made by the candidates of 'O' level Astrology which entails three practical projects. Studies have ranged from our nearest neighbour, the Moon, to the galaxies and nebulae which are within range. One boy built his own telescope which involved grinding his own concave mirror. The resulting instrument was a very creditable telescope, destined to provide many observations of the night sky. One patient candidate observed the night sky over a three month period counting the meteors which he witnessed. Such endeavour represents the dedication of those who are more than casual observers of the scene around them.

A.J.M.

ARDUOUS

Arduous! I never thought I would make it, looking at the map in front of me. Twelve miles uphill and down dale in the pouring rain. The night before had been wet and windy, and several tents had been blown away leaving their former occupants to scurry towards the store tent to try and find somewhere to kip down. Now after three hours sleep and a hearty breakfast, cooked by that famous Cordon Bleu chef, Mr. Horne, we were expected to be fit enough to hike 12 miles in the pouring rain. We started off cheerfully enough considering our handicaps, lack of sleep and a 100 lb. pack, but after 200 yards our legs, more used to walking up mess than across country, had given out. It was only the thought of not getting any food if we did not get to the campsite by 4.30 that enabled us to drag our weary feet all those miles that day. Fun! It's not much fun while you are actually doing it — that comes when you look back on it all from the comfort of a chair by the fireside at home. It's only then that you realise you enjoyed it.

Stan Ellis stressing the importance of personal hygiene when camping, and consequently washing, shampooing, and scraping himself away. Dave Scott showing us how to dry our boots — and burn the soles off at the same time! Mike Forlan showing us a little shortcut he know — over a 10 ft. river, an electrified fence, and a vicar's garden wall! Yet, it was great fun and it taught me more about myself and my mates, and there is no doubt in my mind that I shall go next year.

On behalf of everyone who went I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following; Cdr. Lamb for arranging the camp, Mr. Horne for cooking for us while we were at base camp, Mr. Coombes for supplying us with our rations and camping equipment so efficiently, and Messrs. Platt, Vingo and Crick for coming along to give a hand when needed.

My advice to anyone thinking about going is go. You won't regret it, except perhaps when you have got a 12-mile hike in the pouring rain after managing to get three hours' sleep the night before.

Steve Harriss.

SHOOTING

In the 1975/76 season we were very successful. We won the "Ozane" competition, open to the Eastern District C.C.F. as well as coming third in the "Country Life", a national C.C.F. competition. These results coupled with good results at .303 meetings at Bromswell and Colchester made it an excellent season.

This year we have not been able to keep up this very high standard; even so we didn't do badly. Once again we have shot in the "Ozane" and "Country Life" competitions but as usual we won't know the results until the Autumn. In the Autumn term we shot at the .303 meeting at Colchester. The result was a little disappointing but we have gained some valuable experience.

For the second time in three years the events against the Duke of York's School were cancelled which was a great pity. Within this last year we have started playing H.M.S. Pembroke at various sports, shooting being one of them. We have shot against them twice, once in the Autumn term and once in the Spring. The first time at H.M.S. Pembroke we won by a considerable margin because their team was inexperienced. In the Spring at the School it was very different, the School winning by only one point. We were nearly the first School team to lose a match against H.M.S. Pembroke!

As usual we shot against the Old Boys which is always enjoyable and we won by a respectable margin.

The inter-house target shooting competition was won by Howe and the tide shooting competition by Nelson. The individual competition, the Caledonia Cup was won by G. Hughes of Howe.

This year's School term comprised of myself, G. Hughes, Butterworth, McPhee, Moakes, M. Williams and G. Chapman. I'm sure these boys and all the others who shoot regularly would like to thank Mr. Coombes for his time and guidance which he has given us.

This year we have gained valuable experience which should reap benefits next year.

Peter Green.

ORIENTEERING

1976-77 Captain: D. Greenfield Vice-Captain: C. Gilbert-Wood

1976-77 proved to be another successful year with the continued domination of Suffolk Orienteering by the School. This is reflected in the results of the Suffolk Championships held in May. The School won the intermediate and senior team events and dominated the senior individual placings, taking the first, second and fourth places.

The large number of events we have been able to attend is partly due to the willingness of "Wally" and "Jim", our drivers, to take us there, and the growth of the sport in the school. Those of us who are leaving hope that the growth will continue and that for Wally's sake, untearable newspapers will be published one day!

Perhaps the expansion of the sport and of the confidence of those who take part is reflected in our visit to a National Event. This was the Midlands Championships held in March. The results were good and we now hope that it will not be long before we can beat our rivals from St. Alban's School.

It is only right that this success should be attributed to our mentor, Mr. Platt, who has continued to keep faith in our ability and has individually given this time to the sport. Perhaps he will give practical demonstration of his theories one day!

This report would not be finished without a look at the more amusing moments this year. Igor Paton must be the first man to have arrived at the finish in a car, especially as it was driven by the headmaster of one of Norfolk's most exclusive private schools! John Moffett, who always has difficulty at the first control, will always be remembered by me when on one event I was at the tenth control. John was at the same place looking for the first! 'Cheers' and Mr. Albert, the famous man and dog team, must be congratulated for their outstanding domination of the Wayfinders, and for "flying" to our aid when additional transport was required.

Finally, it just remains for me to say a personal thank-you to Kev, Chris, John, Mike and Rog for their help and to everybody involved with orienteering in the school this year. Good luck to my hard working successor Kev Robertson. I hope growth and success continue.

David Greenfield.

My congratulations to Guy Lockwood, Paul Preston and Stephen Wade who were the winners of the Suffolk Intermediate Team Trophy and to Dave Greenfield, Chris Gilbert-Wood and Kev Robertson who were winners of the Senior Team Trophy. This was just one of many fine performances by all of them. I wish also to thank Dave Greenfield and all those members of the club who have assisted in its running in such a competent way.

G. L. Platt.

ORNITHOLOGY CLUB

For most boys at this school the impact of the countryside is minimal. For a few there is the enjoyment of a virtually free pastime which may range from a spotting log with notes to casual observation. During a lesson in a seminar room a boy watched a black redstart for ten minutes in the courtyard nearby. For him it would mean soaring above the normal routine of school life while the rest of the class continued unaware of such opportunities.

The fact that the Stour estuary supports 12,000 birds is a fact unknown and uninteresting to many but to a few observers of nature it offers tremendous opportunities. A more recent area for observation is Alton Reservoir, now nearing completion. Bird watchers from all parts of East Anglia descended on the reservoir to see a pratincole, which resembles both terns and plovers. This bird has only been sighted in Britain on fifty occasions and has now been seen in the vicinity of R.H.S.



Two pilgrimages were made to Minsmere, one in September, the other in June, and both visits were most enjoyable. New to our list of birds seen, there were little stint, kingfisher, arctic tern and little gull. It is hoped that we shall be able to visit Cley in Norfolk in October to witness the vast bird migrations which take place there in the autumn.

A.J.M.

BRASS ENSEMBLE REPORT

Although the Brass Ensemble has not been so active this year, the general enthusiasm, particularly from younger members, has been a worthy feature of our work.

The Autumn term was perhaps the busiest with a debut in the School Chapel which proved to be a success.

By the time this report is published, we will have made our contribution to the end of term concert which I hope will have been worthwhile.

I would like to thank Mr. Buckingham for all the help and encouragement he has afforded to me personally during the last couple of years. I'm sure we'll all miss him and we wish him well.

Finally, a big thank you to boys and staff for all their effort and help this year especially the boys leaving. I trust that they will continue to make music wherever they go. May I also pass on a word of sympathy to Mr. Albert's dog, "Cheers", who is often forced to listen and surprisingly remains quite motionless throughout many of our unbearable rehearsals!

Peter Crompton.

SOCCER RESULTS

Senior League: 1st Collingwood, 2nd Howe, 3rd Hawke.

Senior Knock-out: 1st Hawke, 2nd Hood, 3rd Collingwood.

Intermediate Knock-out: 1st Blake, 2nd Raleigh, 3rd Drake.

Centre page photographs: 1 The School Play, 2 K. Tesh in action.

ANSON HOUSE

Anson has been a happy, friendly place in which to live during the past year. Together with the sixteen "newjacks" who arrived last September, the House welcomed a new Housemaster, Mr. A. Birbeck. The duties of a Housemaster are by no means "cushy", and he has often shown considerable signs of exhaustion during his first year. However, on the whole we're quite pleased with him!

On the sporting side, Anson boys have had their fair share of enjoyment and some success. We won the sailing and intermediate rugby knock-out, and finished fifth or sixth in many of the other competitions. The juniors did not fare quite so well, perhaps because we have so many first formers. We finished tenth in rugby and soccer, and ninth in the cricket.

No account of our sporting achievements would be complete without mentioning swimming. Anson's tenacious grip on the swimming shield sadly slackened when Mr. Rodway, our previous Housemaster, left. The senior hall looks quite bare without it! This year Anson ended up fifth.

Academically, a reasonable standard has been maintained throughout the year. Six boys received prizes on Speech Day, and the House has regularly obtained more than 150 pluses in the tri-weeklies.

At the end of this year the House says goodbye to a few of us ageing inmates: Graeme Sears, John Frost, Malcolm Varnham, Colin Stewart, Chris Pearce, Nick Petrie, Graham Probert, Alan Hood, Tony Cutler and myself are all leaving, although Malcolm may return for some of next term to take Cambridge exams. The best of luck to all of them, whatever they intend doing!

Finally, thanks to all the House staff. Miss Davidson, our matron, always enthusiastic and concerned, has spoiled me especially! Messrs. Platt, Everard, Vajzovic and Albert have all worked as assistant masters, and made the House a more interesting place in which to live. Mrs. Sadler, working quietly and conscientiously, has tolerated all our dirty habits (especially the badge-boys!). Mr. Birbeck has made my last year relaxed, interesting and enjoyable. I wish him the best of luck with his new Head of House, Neal Evans, next year. Richard Squires.

BLAKE HOUSE

Being Banner House, Blake had a lot to live up to during the past year, and after a shaky start, with Tim Adams breaking his leg and not being in the House for a term, somehow Paul Henderson got everything sorted out and the House began to run like clockwork.

The football and rugby teams were full of spirit and, being modest, didn't show too much skill, so only the intermediate soccer team (Jim Keeble, Mick Allen, Tegs Keyzor, Jonny Hendrick, Jinx Jones, Mark Woolvine and the rest) won their competition, winning the final 2-0 with Michael Keeble scoring both the goals.

We let all of our silverware go, as it's only fair to let another House win now and again. We did, however, do well in athletics once again and I can see the shield returning to our hall next year. We came third as a team, under the superb coaching of Paul Henderson. In the cross-country, the junior team came second, with Andrew Scribbans coming second and Christopher Saunders fourth. The intermediate team came fourth, with Glen McFaddean coming fourth. The senior team tried hard, with Marcus Gaden coming sixth. In swimming Dave Gould left everyone in his vapour trail to come first in the butterfly, and Simon Dance came first in the breaststroke.

Academically, we've kept our head above water, with a fair amount of plusses and the odd minus here and there. Neil Woolvine and Iain Ryrie both came first in Class and Simon Dulson got the junior music prize.

The House has had a great atmosphere in it all year, and this is due to our "Mr. Sheens", Pat and Christine (what would we do without them?), Mr. and Mrs. Firth, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Long and Mr. Simon. However, Mr. Simon has chosen a move to fresh pastures in another school. We wish him luck and happiness. We gained a new House matron, Mrs. Steadman, who seems to have settled nicely, and we hope she stays with us for a while yet. Also, we got a new assistant master, Mr. Thompson, who has chosen to settle with us. We hope he enjoys his stay. I'd like to pay tribute to the badge boys and actos who have survived a hard year.

Half way through the Summer term, we lost Marcus Gaden and Steve O'Boyle, and joining them are Tim Adams, Pete Lane, Perce Chapman, Steve Read and Mike Gould. We wish them luck in the outside world and I'd like to thank them for all their work in the House. Maybe we'll see them at old boys sometime.

Finally, all us leavers would like to wish Paul Henderson and Killer Wells luck for the coming year. Tim Adams.

COLLINGWOOD HOUSE

Collingwood, like any other House, has, over the years, had its ups and downs. However, this year, like the last, we have continued to maintain a steady balance towards anything we tackle, without becoming over-confident. The approach to both work and games has been consistent, and with a skilful senior-half we have competed with vigour on the playing fields. In the senior 7-a-side rugby, we were defeated by Raleigh in the final, but our stark hooker, Bill Laverick, was absent after being injured in an Eastern Counties game. In leagues the senior team managed the double, winning football and rugby. Our notable fish in the water, Kev Beaton, won the Stewart Cup, his lifelong ambition, and he seems certain of winning it for the next two years. Under Kev's leadership, the swimming team achieved a creditable third in the swimming sports. Mike Tizard, always aiming for higher things, relinquished his position in the colts cricket team, to firmly establish himself in the firsts, not bad for a fourth former. Our two disasters in sport, John Allen and Andrew Bolam, both broke a leg playing football, thus ruining their illustrious careers. On the junior side, with a vast first form, superbly controlled by the junior PO's, success wasn't always forthcoming. However, they did come third in cricket knock-outs, and maintained a fighting spirit in whatever they did.

In the classroom, the "brains" of the House supplied a steady stream of plusses, notably Nigel Purdy, Christ Henderson, and Michael Stokes. Overall, the House seems to be functioning well, although we haven't done anything spectacular everyone knows he has done his best.

Special thanks and credit must go to Mr. and Mrs. March who have devoted most of their time to ensure the smooth running of Collingwood, and provide a family atmosphere, which is much appreciated by everyone. In fact Mr. March devotes so much time to the House, that he has had to reduce his home brew production, although Muffin tells me the quality hasn't suffered. The assistant masters, Mr. Chapman, Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Gornall have always been willing and ready to help any boy in the House, and we are thankful for their assistance. Mrs. Stickland has done a creditable job; she quickly settled into the House mid-way through the year, after our previous House matron left. With Mrs. Larkin's assistance, the domestic side of Collingwood has been kept in creditable order.

This year Collingwood loses a lot of its members, and special thanks and best wishes go to the following leavers: Chris Hook, John Danford, Chris Stokes, Davie Elliott, Geoff Doyle, Andrew Gordon, Bill Laverick, Hilton Mayston, Simon Taylor, Andrew Rayworth, Dave Tyler and Andy Stokes.

Finally, I cannot stress too much the need for co-operation in a House; without this the situation will become hopeless. I am sure my brother, Mike Hook, as my successor, will value any assistance that can be provided.

Chris N. Hook.

CORNWALLIS HOUSE

Courage, Integrity, Enthusiasm.

To emulate the success of the past three years or so would have been very difficult, especially now that the number of sixth formers in the House has dropped quite substantially, but in the past year there has not been any drop in the work-rate or lack of enthusiasm both in the classroom or on the games field.

The year started with the arrival of a record 17 new boys giving a total of 33 juniors, none of whom were third formers! As a result we were expecting the juniors to be the ones who would do well at sports. We weren't disappointed. A first place by the junior rugby team, ably handled by Barry Coombes, and a second place in the junior football proved that the future must look very bright. The seniors didn't cover themselves with glory but considering their limited resources they maintained a reasonable level of attainment. Our two "sailors", Dave Wells and Phil Holden, managed what they said was a "disappointing" second place. A third place in senior cricket knock-outs was perhaps the most surprising result of the year. Andrew Beazley's hard-hitting deserves a mention. Other useful contributions came from Dave Parsons, Phil Holden and Trev Cronin. An eighth spot in athletics was our lowest for some years but useful points were scored by Philip Howard, a first former, who managed a first place and two second places in his individual events.

Mention must be made of Dave Greenfield, whose all-round school representation in many fields, that included sport, must make him a unique person indeed.

Academically, the standard has once again been very high with large numbers of plusses being recorded regularly by Vincent Wise and Peter Dalby, whilst Russell Hall, Mark Wardle and Michael Peer will enter higher streams in September.

There are a fair number of leavers this year. Trevor Cronin, Paul Preston, Steven Wade and

Cris Brown left during the Summer term. Those leaving at the end of term are: Mark Goodwin, who will be working in no less a place than Harrods, Dave Wells, who is joining the Merchant Navy, Dave Steele, Peter Dalby and Colin Knight who will all be going on to further education. Dave Greenfield and myself both hope to go to university in October.

To finish with I must thank the members of staff who are attached to the House: Mrs. Long, our cleaner, who keeps the place bright and clean; our assistant masters, Mr. Mayers, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Brookes; to our House matron, Mrs. Humphries, without whose hard work and industry the House would surely fall flat on its face, and finally, of course, Mr. Edge, who despite all the hard work he gets through manages to retain his sanity.

I would like to wish Andy Beazley luck for the coming year.

Dom Nute.

DRAKE HOUSE

Another year has gone by and now at last it is my turn to put pen to paper to let the world know what has been happening over here on the far West of the school.

Starting in the Autumn, when the drought was finally over and the rains came, they also brought the rugby season. The senior seven astounded ourselves if nobody else by winning a couple of games in the sevens tournament and came sixth. Our intermediate team tried hard but it seemed all in vain, the ball wouldn't go where they wanted it to, and I think they were unlucky not to do better than the tenth place they achieved. This left our junior team to try and salvage something and with truly a House effort they came third. I say a House effort as although most credit must go to the players themselves, also the first and second formers who didn't make the team still turned out every Sunday afternoon to play touch and mini rugby. Also thanks must go to the seniors who helped with this.

With the funny shaped round ball we fared a little better, if not much. The intermediates, still licking their wounds from the rugby and obviously preferring the round ball, did really well to come third in that competition.

While all of us were chasing a piece of leather around the fields, Drake's "Superstar" was pounding his way through numerous pairs of training shoes around the lanes of Suffolk. Kevin yet again won the senior cross-country and it was only the bad weather which robbed him of the record. Kevin, after his warm-up race, went on to the English School Cross Country and came second; once again I'm sure everybody will say well done, and I and everybody in Drake hope he retains his English Schools 5,000 metres title and that the England vest is not too far off.

Coming down to earth, the summer term was upon us and the cricket season started. The seniors this year have been shown up by our juniors, who came first in the knock-outs and third in leagues. A special mention must be made of John Tesh and Paddy O'Leary, our star batsman. There is not much I can say about the athletics except we tried, and I would like to congratulate our winning finalists, Kevin Tesh and Simon Kinnaird. Our winners fared a little better with a seventh place. Well, that is a brief look at this year's report. Not a tremendously successful year but at least we enjoyed ourselves.

Continuing in that vein, I would like to thank everybody in Drake for making this year a happy if not successful year, and there are certain characters who deserve special mention.

At the beginning of the year a new third former arrived, a not so small Welshman called Derek Sangan. The House would not have been the same without this very verbal Welshman. All is now forgiven though, if he had only told us he was trying to consolidate his win in the prose and verse. Also an unforgettable pair must be Steve Mason and Dave Twist, whose use and misuse of the English language kept us all amused during the year. This list of characters wouldn't be complete without a mention for our third year, jokers all. I feel sorry for them, though, as their act is a little unbalanced: 10 jokers and only one straight man.

Thanks must also go to our new House matron, Miss Shirley, and also Messrs. Edwards, Paterson and Durrant. Thank you for all you did this year. Also, I would like to thank Mr. Brennan for putting up with us this year and I hope that next year things will be a little smoother.

Now the sad part — at the end of this term we say goodbye to: Kev. Tesh, Mike Shaw, Simon Kinnaird, Steve Mason, Dave Kirk, Dave Twist, Mike Brearey, Mark Hales and myself. We would all like to wish Kev Robertson, who next year is in the hot seat, good luck, and say thank you to everybody, who has helped us through the years.

Christ Gilbert-Wood.

HAWKE HOUSE

After nearly 15 years with the House, Mr. Horne is to leave in April, 1978. The smooth running of the House and the friendly atmosphere that exists amongst the boys is a tribute to the dedication and care which has been so much a part of Mr. Horne's Housemastership.

The past year has been a successful one both in the House and on the playing fields. The badgeboys have worked hard to ensure that discipline has been maintained and that friendliness is still a part of the House's character. The House has won the senior knockout football and cricket and come third in the rugby; the juniors, however, came a consistent fifth in all the major sports. The seniors also came second in House leagues. The intermediates also managed a second in rugby knockouts. Our athletes managed an unexpected fourth. Geoff Hayes has also run for Suffolk. Fortunately the House will still remain strong next year so our trophy shelf should still be fairly full.

On the more sedate side of life the House chess team won the chess championship and Paul Withers won the junior chess championship. The House emerged in April from the chaos of the painters re-decorating, the electricians putting in a new fire alarm system and the contractors putting lowered ceilings in both dormitories and partitions in one end of the senior dormitory; curtains have been put in the senior dormitory. All of this has made the House look a lot more homely and more comfortable. All these changes have meant an almost continuous stream of visitors to the House, which explains why the House looks so clean.

This term there are several leavers who have throughout their time at the school given a lot to the House and our thanks must go to them. Mark Fraser, Andy McNabb, Mark Orr, Geoff Hoyes, Andy Rudge, Andy and Simon Cole, Dave McGarry, Bo Crocker and Christ Bracher. To those that remain they could do no worse than follow their example.

Throughout the year the House has benefited quite considerably from the help and kindness shown by Miss Bush, the senior House matron who helps to keep us on our toes but is friendly with it. Mr. Chick, always helpful and an adviser extraordinaire, especially with physics, has continued his provocative wit and general humour about the House. Mrs. Clark, who maintains the cleanest House in the school and keeps to the highest standards, still persists in her cheekiness which greets the senior boys. Mr. Davis and Mr. Cresswell, our two assistant masters, perform their task with proficiency and tenacity. Once again we must convey our gratitude to the "guvnor" who has worked so hard and well for the House, and the School, and to wish him and his family well in the time he has left in the House and may he enjoy his new found freedom in April.

M. Orr.

HOOD HOUSE

Loyalty, Sincerity, Industry.

As head of Howe this year it has been gratifying to see the improvement of the high standard set by previous years. Especially in school work, but also on the sports field and parade ground. The tremendous effort that has been put into class work this year has been reflected in the tri-weekly reports and class positions of many boys. Indeed during the Spring term we probably created a new School record by obtaining 193 plusses in one tri-weekly.

On the sports field the most surprising result was almost certainly the senior football knock-out competition where we finished second. Sheer determination and team work pulled us through. There was also a creditable second in the shooting. Although the other senior results have not been as good the effort was always there. I feel a special mention should go to Vince Newson for his continued effort. For the first time this year we had good intermediate results — they finished fourth in the football, second in the rugby and first in the cross-country. The juniors also did well. Their results have been sixth in football, second in rugby and fourth in cricket. During the summer term we all had a pleasant surprise when Hood finished seventh in the athletics, the highest for a number of years.

We also had another trip to Butlins at Clacton. Again this was a tremendous success and on behalf of the House I would like to thank Mr. Cairns for organising the well appreciated trip.

Next, I would like to thank the staff of the House, Mr. Gentry, Mr. Curtis and Mr. Anderson for all the work and interest they have put into the House over the last year. Miss Gate for her diligent and efficient work throughout the year. Special thanks, however, must go to Mr. Cairns, whose assiduous efforts have ensured a happy and smooth-running House. My thanks also must go to the badgeboys, who have added to its well being with their co-operation and efficiency.

Sadly we say goodbye to six boys this year, David Stevens, Andrew Cassell, Vince Newson, Ian Leonard, Martin Amos and Andrew Crump. We wish them well in their future careers and hope they will return to see us as old boys.

Dave Pike.

HOWE HOUSE

The House has had another successful year with our sporting and academic activities leading the way. We had nine prizewinners on Speech Day, collecting between them fourteen awards.





Special congratulations must be given to Ian Wilson who won the Houston prize for the best 'O' level results of last year along with this year's maths and chemistry prizes.

We have eleven boys leaving Howe over the Summer and we wish them the best of luck in whatever career they enter. We hope to see them next year if they return as old boys and we will be following their careers with interest.

On the games fields, Howe have done really well this year. The junior side gave us a strong lead by winning the soccer knock-outs in the Autumn term, and they continued in a consistent vein by coming third in the rugby, tennis and cross-country competitions. The seniors, however, came fourth in the rugby competition and inter-house cross-country. The Summer term proved to be our most successful period when the seniors were runners up in the tennis tournament and the whole House competed magnificently to achieve the "double" by winning both the swimming and athletics. The seniors also managed to retain the shooting shield and Gareth Hughes did well to win the Caledonia Cup.

Many thanks must be given to the House staff. Messrs. Reeve, Nunn and Albert and Miss Belsham must be thanked for their industry and interest shown in the House. A special mention must be given to Mr. Evans who after many years with Howe is leaving to become Housemaster of Hawke next Easter. I know I speak for all the boys in wishing him the best of luck in the future and a thank you for all that he has done for Howe. Mr. Saunders, our Housemaster, also deserves a hearty thanks for his continued diligence and support in all House activities and for this continued hard work.

N. M. Smith.

NELSON HOUSE

In retrospect, this year for Nelson has been an enjoyable and successful year in many aspects. Nelson has maintained its high standard, whilst sustaining a happy, relaxed atmosphere.

The academic standards have improved, with Philip Callan, John Moffet, Jon Perry, Guy Lockwood and Geoffrey Revill receiving prizes on Speech Day. Overall class positions were very pleasing, whilst tri-weekly reports have been excellent, Martin Littlewood achieving outstanding results throughout the year. The seniors voluntary dedication to their work has not gone unnoticed during this last term, and I hope the G.C.E. and C.S.E. exam results justify their efforts.

Under the inspired leadership of David Scott, Nic Robertson and Steve Gilbert, our senior rugby, football and cricket teams came fifth, fourth and second respectively. Our junior teams, although achieving disappointing results, must be praised for their untiring efforts. Cross-country was quite successful with senior and intermediate teams coming third and second respectively. Great improvements in swimming were attained, thanks due to John Perry and James Marr, and we look forward to a pleasing result. The athletics team, however, suffered a disappointing defeat, although Nick Robertson excelled himself.

I congratulate the senior boys of the House, who in the past year have attained promotion to School prefect. I must also congratulate and thank sincerely Mr. Sylvester, Mr. Davies and Mr. Bennett for their devotion to and repeated efforts to maintain the happy atmosphere of the House. Mr. Crick's continued efforts have ensured the smooth and efficient running of the House, for which we are very grateful. My personal thanks go to Mrs. Crimes, whose loyalty and presence has inspired and benefited the House, in all respects.

Sadly we must say "Au Revoir" to some very admirable characters of Nelson, namely Steve Gilbert, Gary Mitchell, Pat Eady and Bob Holmes, and wish them every success in years to come.

Paul Fray.

RALEIGH HOUSE

With a large sixth form returning at the start of the year, it seemed from the beginning that there would be little internal strife that was not transitory. These hopes have been borne out over the year, which has been both successful and happy.

We felt well equipped for sport, having the school captains in football, rugby and swimming. This was indeed realised during the Autumn, when a young senior team gave a fine performance to win the inter-house seven-a-side rugby knock-out by beating Collingwood in the final. At the other sports the senior teams fared less well. The football team were unlucky to be knocked out in an early match decided on penalties. At cricket no senior school teamers materialised, and so our league team was called up for batting practice in knock-outs. Nevertheless the rare hot Saturday afternoons were enjoyed in fine spirit. Our tennis and sailing teams were rated in humble positions, and sailing captain Martin Akers had good cause to wear a wetsuit. The juniors had a fine year, coming first in cricket and football leagues, and second in football, cricket and

tennis knock-outs. This was largely due to the great efforts made by the third form in every aspect of House sport. The swimming results were excellent, third, and Iain Wood has done well with the few swimmers we have got. Out other forte in the summer is athletics. Will Burgoyne and Steve Harriss deserve credit for their efforts which raised us off bottom for a change. A mention must go to the House's volleyball teams, from both the fifth and sixth formers. The regular sixth form team, "The Raleigh Royals", were undefeated.

The academic side of things was pursued with the usual verve, and we had a number of prize-winners on Speech Day including Nich Skerratt with three prizes, Ian Cash, Jon Mann (the poet), Dave Prince (who is socially serviced), and Will Burgoyne, with the silver flute. We also had four prose and verse winners in Roger and Philip Lever, Dan Carpenter and Jon Mann. Having heard their usual "eloquence" I am truly amazed.

A highlight of the Autumn term was the House party. Mrs. Goodwin, Florrie, Stan Last and the wives of the House staff put a lot of work into preparing the meal which was excellent. The punch made for a convivial atmosphere, and the magician, Dave Wood, gave a great display, not least when Mr. Hall's tie got the chop!

Again this year we contributed members to the band, choir and brass ensemble. Another aspect of the musical talent in the House is the pop group Shark. With the stars, Dave Prince, Will Burgoyne and Steve Harriss from this House, they have formed an important part of many concerts and are now a sound musical unit.

We have only four leavers this year. Mick Bamfield starts at Price's sixth form college in the Autumn, and Mark Townsend is going to study engineering at Kirkcaldy. We wish them good luck in the future. Will Burgoyne goes to study biology at Imperial College, London, and Richard James law, probably at Aberystwyth. Both have given more than their best to House and School and deserve every success.

Thanks to Mrs. Goodwin for her exuberance and hard work, to Florrie, to our assistant masters Mr. Steer and Mr. Vingo, and also we wish Mr. Brown a very happy retirement. Finally, thanks to Mr. Hall for all his effort and much sought advice this year. P. S. Ellis.

ST. VINCENT HOUSE

As so often is the case, St. Vincent has had a reasonable year, not without its ups and downs, but generally a happy year.

As any visitor to the House can tell by the array of cups that Mrs. Gregory has kept so clean we have had a successful year in House competition. The juniors predictably won their cross-country competition but against all odds the seniors finished first in theirs, a result even more astonishing in view of the House captain not being in the first seven of the team to finish. The seniors won tennis knock-outs and the sixth formers won their six-a-side trophy. Our performances in House competitions as a whole were good, and we often finished in the top half. The most notable of these was the Athletics in which we finished second with many individual winners.

Our academic standards have not been neglected and the tri-weekly reports have almost always been above average.

The success of the House and the generally happy atmosphere is largely due to the house staff. Our House matron, Mrs. Gregory, who has just completed her first full year with us, has worked hard for the House and always had her say. Mr. Crompton has battled through another year with us and is still as cheerful as ever. Mr. Marshall has managed to astound us with his never ending wit, being even sharper than last year!

This year we welcome two new members of staff to the House. Mr. Rodway has been with us since last September and Mr. Good, a new master to the School, joined us in January. We hoped both have enjoyed their stays to date, and will enjoy many more years with the House.

As always, Mr. Hawkins, whose contribution may too easily be taken for granted, has worked unceasingly for the benefit of the House.

Finally, I would like to wish all those leaving the House the very best in the future.

Ashley Bowden.

CRICKET REPORT, 1977

Inter-House Leagues Competitions

Senior: 1 Nelson, 2 Hawke, 3 Collingwood, 4 Howe, 5 Blake, 6 Raleigh, 7 St. Vincent, 8 Hood, 9 Anson, 10 Cornwallis, 11 Drake.

Junior: 1 Raleigh, 2 Howe, 3 Drake, 4 Hood, 5 St. Vincent, 6 Blake, 7 Cornwallis, 8 Hawke, 9 Nelson, 10 Anson, 11 Collingwood.

Inter-House Knock-Out Competitions

Senior: 1 Hawke, 2 Nelson, 3 Cornwallis, 4 St. Vincent, 5 Blake, 6 Anson, 7 Collingwood, 8 Raleigh, 9= Hood, Drake and Howe.

Junior: 1 Drake, 2 Raleigh, 3 Collingwood, 4 Hood, 5 Hawke, 6 Cornwallis, 7 Nelson, 8 Howe, 9 Anson, 10 St. Vincent, 11 Blake.

<i>Team</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>School Teams Analyses</i>		<i>Drawn</i>
		<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	
1st XI	12	1	3	8
2nd XI	6	3	1	2
U-15 XI	8	2	1	5
U-14 XI	8	1	2	5
U-13 XI	8	3	2	3
U-12 XI	7	2	3	2
<i>Totals</i>	49	12	12	25

The Groves bat, awarded to the 1st XI player with the highest batting average, was won by C. Pearce, who scored a total of 270 runs, at an average of 24.5 runs per innings.

The 1st IX single-wicket competition was won by M. Orr, who beat M. Tizard in the final.

The Holland Trophy, awarded to the winner of the under-14's single-wicket competition, was won by D. Harrison, who beat A. Woolley, in the final.

1st XI CRICKET

Our weakness this season, as is often the case, was our shortage of good bowlers. Steve Gilbert had the speed and ability and turned into a useful bowler but did not always gain the wickets he deserved. Mike Stannard opened the bowling with him. Mark Orr and Tony Ellis both came on as support bowlers, often with some success, but on some occasions they proved to be expensive. However, with a little more confidence Tony Ellis will become a very good bowler. Our bowling lacked the depth of strength that our opposition had. Mike Jezard was sometimes able to pick up a wicket or two, when he stopped bowling at people's legs!

Our strength lay in our batting which was good for all but our last game. The winter coaching given by Mr. Evans was a real benefit in this department. Chris Pearce scored 270 runs at an average of 24.5 thus winning the Groves bat. Dom Nute, who must be the most improved batsman of the season, opened with Chris and supported him well. The rest of the batting was a case of success when people put their mind to it. Mark Orr scored 51 against the Old Boys and Ian Walkerdine, a colt import, scored 66 against Bungay. The rest of the batsmen were all capable of some good batting — Steve Gilbert, Dave Elliot, Mike Tizard and Tony Ellis were all capable of scoring runs quickly and it was often our rather lengthy tail which enabled us to gain a respectable score after a middle order collapse.

The fielding began well but declined as the season went on. Too many catches were put down at the end of the season and the fielding was not as sharp as it could have been. However, overall there was some good close fielding by Mike Tizard, Ian Walkerdine and Chris Pearce and Steve Gilbert's very strong throw saved innumerable runs. Dom Nute proved a very competent covers fielder. Dave Scott, our hastily converted 1st XV scrum half, became a very able wicket keeper and despite his size he let few byes through.

The season was a most enjoyable one. We played, and saw the opposition play, some very fine cricket. The team was robbed of two "certain" victories by the weather and we had two ties. There were a number of very close draws, with the balance falling in our favour. The team had a good spirit, aided by Dave Elliot, this was partly due to the approach to the game, enjoyment first and success second. Mr. Cairns' sarcasm is mellowing to wit and he has provided some very good laughs. Mr. Evans has been an invaluable adviser in all aspects of the game and his approach helps us to give of our best. With a young team the groundwork has been done for a very successful season next year. If it is as enjoyable as this one the team should have a lot of fun and with seven 1st XI players here next year they should have a good season.

Mark J. Orr,
1st XI Cricket Captain.

RUGBY

Inter-House Knock-Out

Senior: 1 Raleigh, 2 Collingwood, 3 Hawke, 4 Howe, 5 Nelson, 6 Drake, 7 St. Vincent, 8 Blake, 9 Anson, 10 Cornwallis, 11 Hood.

Intermediate: 1 Anson, 2 Hawke, 3 Hood, 4 Collingwood, 5 Hawke, 6 Blake, 7 Raleigh, 8 Cornwallis, 9 St. Vincent, 10 Drake, 11 Nelson.

Senior: 1 Cornwallis, 2 Hood, 3 Howe, 4 Hood, 5 Howe, 6 Hawke, 7 Cornwallis, 8 Anson, 9 Nelson, 10 Anson, 11 Collingwood.

Senior House League

1 Collingwood, 2 Blake, 3 St. Vincent, 4 Hood, 5 Howe, 6 Hawke, 7 Cornwallis, 8 Anson, 9 Raleigh, 10 Nelson, 11 Drake.

Junior Inter-Form League

3rd Year: 1 A, 2 X, 3 U, 4 Bi, 5 Bii.

2nd Year: 1 Bii, 2 Bi, 3 X, 4 U, 5 A.

1st Year: 1 Bi, 2 A, 3 = Bii/X, 5 U.

1st XV RUGBY

P12, W7, D1, L4.

The season started well when a number of us returned early to shape up our grotesquely out of condition bodies. With some of us training at rugby clubs during the summer this did not prove too strenuous, and we were all grateful for the generous way in which Mr. and Mrs. Gentry looked after us.

As in other recent seasons our strength in the scrum provided a good platform for possession and attack. Loosehead prop Chris Gilbert-Wood won a county place and rarely met an opponent that could bend him. The other front row players were Andy Beazley, an equally amorphous tighthead, who along with Andy Fraser at hooker made a daunting sight. Mike Forland and Dom Nute were hardworking locks, winning much line-out ball, and even scoring the odd try. My colleagues in the back row were Mark Fraser and vice-captain Chris Hook. We prided ourselves in winning much loose ball, and enjoyed knocking down opposing backs. Chris has always been stumpy for a No. 8, but has made up with a work rate only exceeded by his aggression. Two changes took place in the pack at the end of September. After set-piece problems Bill Laverick took over as hooker, and Nick Skerratt joined the back row when I withdrew injured for the remainder of the season. Both regularly gave quality performances and quickly established themselves as popular and vital members of the pack.

The backs were sound in attack and defence. Dave Scott at scrum half made scything attacks and fed the other backs good ball. He thoroughly deserved his county place. Chris Stokes, Vince Newson and Shane Duncan were robust tacklers and linked well with our speedy wingers Will Burgoyne and Chris Lee, who scored a number of good tries. Chris also contributed many points with his consistently good kicking. Dave Greenfield was a great asset at fullback. His catching and kicking under pressure could rarely be faulted, and he often linked skilfully with the other backs. In the latter part of the season Chris Stokes withdrew with injury and failed to regain his place, with Chris Wallis taking over creditably at fly half.

The season was the usual mixture of good and bad. We were all disappointed that the Duke of York's match was cancelled for the second time in three years. Highlights included the festive entertainment coming back from SEEVIC, and our last match together as the Blue Meanies when we defeated Mr. Birbeck's XV.

Finally thanks to our coaches, Mr. Gentry and Mr. Birbeck. Mr. Birbeck's coaching of the forwards was hard and effective. Mr. Gentry finishes this year as the 1st XV coach. His blend of patience, dedication and dry humour has won our respect to the last man and it has been a privilege to play under his leadership. To all those leaving, enjoy your rugby wherever you go, and remember all the firm friends made in pursuit of the School's premier sport. I hope many of you come back for the Old Boys' match, if you dare!

Stan Ellis.

1st XI SOCCER REPORT

P 16, W 8, L 6, D 2, F 42, A 27.

After two pre-season friendlies, we began the season proper with a fine 3-0 win over Northgate, always a hard side to beat, and were instilled with even more confidence by a good 3-1 win over Champion, when we sported our new colours for the first time. The season progressed with a convincing win over Deben by 9-1, which did not prove a very testing match. Royal Liberty played us next, and the 2-2 result was indicative of the closely contested game. A defeat knocked

us right back when we were visited by Wymondham, although they were by far the best team we played all season, and thoroughly deserved their 4-1 win. Games against Northgate and Ramsey were lost, mainly through lack of concentration in defence, although a sound win was recorded over H.M.S. Pembroke, as were wins against the Old Boys' XI and previously unbeaten. Eaton. The season was rounded off with a draw against the Staff XI, who were very lucky, a second defeat by Ramsey, and a defeat by Ashlyns, another strong side.

New colours were awarded to S. Duncan, W. Burgoyne, N. Samson, J. Dunford, D. Greenfield, and re-awards to D. Prince.

Shane Duncan and Chris Pearce (the big men) held the defence together, making Will Burgoyne's job quite straight forward (although he did pull off two "Match of the Day" saves) and they were ably supported by Rob Woon, Dave Elliott and Dave Greenfield. Chris Wallis and Gary Thompson worked hard in midfield although lagging at times. Veteran campaigner Johnny Dunford (in this third season) spurred on the attack with some aggressive playing, and Nick Samson, Nick Robertson and Nick Petrie performed equally well on the wings, while substitute Graham Sears was always ready for the "call". Prolific goalscorers were Chris Wallis (9), Nick Samson (8), Johnny Dunford (8) and Dave Prince (9).

My thanks go to Mr. Evans for the time and hard work he has given to the side which has resulted in a successful season. Also I would like to give my thanks to everybody who represented the side. They were: Dave Prince, Shane Duncan, Johnny Dunford, Will Burgoyne, Dave Greenfield, Chris Pearce, Nick Samson, Chris Wallis, Dave Elliott, Nick Robertson, Nick Petrie, Rob Woon, Gary Thompson, Graham Sears and Ian Walkerdine.
Dave Prince.

HOCKEY XI REPORT, 1976-77

We started off this season with a bunch of no-hopers who couldn't tell the difference between a hockey stick and a tennis racket, but after some hectic and often perilous tuition by Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Platt a group of people vaguely resembling a hockey team stepped out on to the hockey pitch at H.M.S. Pembroke, and what do you know, we won! A superb goal by Phil Holden, our Kung Fu artist, which completely demoralised our opposition and had our team walking around like they had just scored the winning goal in the F.A. cup final. But after this glorious start to the season we suffered a minor setback to our plans for conquering the world. An under-strength team, several people were lost to the games with a bigger ball, was beaten by a mere six goals to nil by Northgate School.

When the team laid off for a tactical break during the winter holidays, Mr. Platt, driven to despair and fearing for his life, decided that football was a safer game and managed to con Mr. Bennett into risking his sanity by taking his place.

The team now under Mr. Bennett's eagle eye and iron hockey stick marched on to another crushing defeat at the hands of Woodbridge; during this game our brilliance showed through twice and we only lost 2-5. We next marched out on to the hockey pitch to the cheers of our supporters. We came off at full time winners by 5-2; we thought our time for recognition was near, and were ready to offer our services to the next olympic games to show all the teams how it was done. But as somebody once said our heads got too big for our socks and we consequently tripped up — we lost 0-4 against Ipswich School.

Although we lost four out of six games the whole team enjoyed the whole season, as instructed by the captain and vice-captain(s), and they are looking forward to next season and some more games.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Messrs. O'Brien, Platt and Bennett for their hard work and patience this season. Thanks also go to Mr. Wilson and his groundstaff for having the pitch in A1 condition before each match.

The biggest thanks must go to those who made the season very enjoyable, by this I mean the players; the teams were chosen from: Paul Fray, Neal Evans, Doug Lawrence, Mac Mackecknie, Elf Elswood, Rob Gibson, Kev Weston, Graham Probert, Mark Goodwin, Phil Holden, Steve Guilbert, Dave Scott, Tony Ellis, Jeff Doyle, Tom Strang, Chris Pearce, Mick Lowerie, and Andy "the cat" Beazley.
Murphy.

ATHLETICS

For most of the term the weather has not been very conducive towards good athletics performances, but the School athletics teams have done very well in inter-school matches and individuals have achieved success at county level.

The U-12 team took part in two matches against St. Joseph's College, winning at home but losing away. The U-13 team was undefeated all season, defeating St. Joseph's and Copleston at

home and away. The U-14 won both their fixtures against Copleston while the U-15 won two of their four fixtures, defeating Culford and Copleston at home but losing to Copleston away and St. Joseph's at home. The old men, the senior team, defeated Ipswich and Culford at home. All the teams did very well in their matches and even those that lost never did so by more than a few points.

At a slightly higher level the School had three Suffolk champions, Kevin Jesk in the senior 5000 metres, Geoff Hayes in the senior triple jump, and Graham Probert in the senior 100 metres. There were also two runners-up: Nick Robertson in the senior 800 metres and Roger Paton in the senior discus. These five boys plus William Burgoyne represented Suffolk in the Six Counties athletics match which was held at Peterborough. A special mention must be made to Kevin Jesk who won the 5000 metres at last year's National Schools Championships. Kevin is representing Suffolk in the 5000 metres again this year and we are hoping that he will both win the event and break the national schools record.

The afternoon of sports day was windy and cold, and was threatened by ominous rain clouds, but fortunately no rain fell during the afternoon. Four new records were established:

U-12: I. Long did the 200 metres in 28.0 seconds, equalling the old record.

U-13: A. Scribbans did the 100 metres in 12.9 seconds, breaking the old record of 13.0 second.

O-15: K. Kesk did the 1500 metres in 4.00.2 minutes, beating the old record of 4.23.2.

In the 4 × 400 metres relay, Nelson established a new record of 3.46.2.

The overall results were: 1st Howe, 2nd St. Vincent, 3 Blake.

On behalf of all the boys who have been involved in athletics may I thank Messrs. Wilkinson, Gentry, Birbeck, Reeve, Gornall and Vajzovic for all the help they have given during the term. Finally I would like to thank Mr. Wilson and his ground staff for maintaining the athletics facilities in such excellent condition.

SWIMMING REPORT, 1976-1977

Once again this year the swimming team lost more matches than they won. Of the eleven matches against other single schools and clubs we lost seven (four to Ipswich S.C., one to Norwich Swan S.C., two to Bishop's Stortford College) and won four (two against H.M.S. Pembroke, one against Colchester R.G.S. and one against Flested).

This year we had some new opposition. In the Autumn and Spring terms we swam against H.M.S. Pembroke. They did their best but due to the fact that sailors and wrens are only there for a few weeks the instructors get very little chance to produce a strong team and because of this we won both matches. This apart both matches were greatly enjoyed by all, especially with three wrens in the team which they brought to us.

During the Summer term a team went to Norwich to swim in a Jubilee Relay Trophy Competition. As it was to consist of mixed races we were partnered with Runton Hill Girls' School and our combined efforts got us fourth place out of six in the final placings. It is hoped that this relay competition will become an annual event.

Also during Summer term the Southern Area Suffolk Schools galas were held. In the third and fourth year gala we came first out of nine teams but unlike previous years the result was close. In the first and second year gala we came first out of nine teams by a similar margin.

At the Suffolk County School's Swimming Gala, held at Beccles, we had six swimmers. However, the results were very good. Kev Beaton gained first place in the O-16 4 × 2L individual medley and the O-16 100 yards butterfly, which means that he will go on to represent Suffolk at the Divisional Championships in the Autumn; Mike Shaw, in his last race while at School, gained second place in the O-16 breaststroke and did a sufficiently fast time to gain his Gold Amateur Swimming Association award; Iain Wood gained second place in the O-16 100 yards backstroke; Ian Walkerdine gained fourth place in the U-16 100 yards backstroke; and Kevin Garnham gained third place in the U-14 100 yards backstroke.

During the year Kev Beaton gained his Gold Amateur Swimming Award for 100 yards butterfly and Iain Wood and Trev Cronin gained Silver A.S.A. awards for 100 yards backstroke.

This year the Stewart and Moncrieff Cup races were held during the Spring term. The result of the Stewart Cup race was first Kev Beaton, second Dave Sheriff and third Nick Smith. In the Moncrieff Cup, Nigel Hutton was first, Fraser Greenshields was second, H. Gallo was third. Also held with these races was the final of a new inter-House events, a 10 × 1L freestyle relay which was won by Howe in 3m 57.8.

The School Swimming Sports this year saw four new School records established. The most note-worthy was Kev Beaton's time in the O-15 two lengths butterfly of 51 seconds which was 2.8 seconds faster than the old record of 53.8 secs set up in 1966. Howe set up a new record of

2m 14 secs for the 6 × 1L freestyle relay taking 0.6 secs off Collingwood's 1967 record. Mike Shaw at last broke the O-15 3L breaststroke record of 1m 37.9 secs from 1967 with a time of 1m 37.8 secs. Finally Jim Shackleford broke the U-14 2L breaststroke record of 62.1 secs from 1967 with a time of 61.7 secs.

The winners of the Swimming Shield this year were Howe with 138 points. The full results of the Swimming Sports were as follows:

U-12: Backstroke, P. Gibbons; Breaststroke, S. Dance; Freestyle, P. Hughes; 3 × 1L Relay, Blake.
U-13: Backstroke, L. Thompson; Breaststroke, A. Moss; Butterfly, F. Greenshields; Freestyle, S. Wickens; 3 × 1L Relay, Raleigh.

U-14: Backstroke, D. Osborne; Breaststroke, J. Shackleford; Butterfly, T. Doughty; Freestyle, D. Osborne; 4 × 1L Relay, Nelson.

U-15: Backstroke, I. Walkerdine; Breaststroke, P. Razy; Butterfly, D. Gould; Freestyle, S. Hughes; 4 × 1L Relay, Blake.

O-15: Backstroke, I. Wood; Breaststroke, M. Shaw; Butterfly, K. Beaton; Freestyle, D. Sheriff; 4 × 1L Relay, Howe.

Open: 4 × 1L Individual Medley, K. Beaton; 6 × 1L Freestyle Relay, Howe.

There was no East versus West water polo this year but the standard of water polo in the School is gradually rising with a half hour practice every week.

I would like to thank Nick Smith for his help during the year as vice-captain, and when it came to identifying some of the younger swimmers for some of the matches. I would also like to wish Nick, Mike Shaw, Roger Paton and Dave Sheriff the very best of luck with their future swimming outside the School and in their different careers.

I would like to thank Mr. Rodway and Mr. Wilkinson for the tremendous amount of time they have put in over the past year in trying to improve our times and standards. I think that this year slightly more people have come to extra sessions each week and these people have improved accordingly. I am sure that if more swimmers who have a certain amount of natural ability came training frequently rather than occasionally then there would be a noticeable improvement in the overall standard of the team. Finally I want to wish the swimmers as a whole good fortune next year and Kev Beaton all the very best in his own individual swimming and also as captain for next year.

Colours were awarded to Nick Smith, Mike Shaw, Kev Beaton, Dave Sheriff and Iain Wood and Colts colours to Ian Walkerdine. Iain Wood.

CROSS-COUNTRY

1977 for cross-country was rather a mixed year for results. The junior runners winning four of their six fixtures, intermediates one win from eight, and the seniors five wins from eight. I am sure the junior athletes would like to join with me and thank Mr. Burbeck for giving up his time to train the young and upcoming runners on Wednesday afternoons. The sand beaches of Markstead proved to be the endurance and strength factor from which the success above was accomplished.

In the inter-house cross-country the results were as follows: Junior, Martin (St. Vincent), Intermediate, Skelding (Hawke), Senior, K. Tesh (Drake).

Two boys reached the All-England Schools Cross-Country Championships at Redditch, K. Tesh and R. Paton. Roger Paton came 173rd (a very creditable performance as he was out of running all last year) and K. Tesh second in the senior race of 7,580 metres.

As this is my final year of captaincy I would like to thank all the runners who have willingly participated in many matches over the past four years especially to those veterans who always seem to turn out; Richard Squires, Chris Lee, Ashley Bowden, Nick Smith and Mark Orr.

Lastly, of course, I would like to thank the people who have helped so much in a lot of ways to make the seasons so successful — Mr. P. Wilkinson, Mr. B. Gornall, Mr. E. Gentry, Mr. Vasjovic and Mr. Birbeck. If it wasn't for their help and encouragement then cross-country successes wouldn't be possible. Thank you. Kev Tesh.

SAILING REPORT

The sailing programme this year was again much the same as the previous ones. In September the School took part in the Chatham Regatta. We had two crews, one sailing Bosuns and the other A.S.C.'s: The regatta was plagued with light winds and the most dominant influence was the very strong tides. However after six races, of which two were cancelled, the Bosun team, including J. Fletcher and myself, came sixth out of a total of forty-four boats. The A.S.C. crew came half

way down a fleet of about twenty-five boats. Sailing in the School has now been split up into three sections corresponding to the three basic R.Y.A. sailing certificates, elementary, intermediate and advanced. This has proved to be a very successful system evident by the large number of boys who have passed awards this summer. Next year there will be a fourth section for those which have passed the advanced and wish to become instructors. In the House sailing competition, after only two races out of three counting for points, Anson came first, closely followed by Cornwallis and Hawke. The year as a whole has been quite successful, largely due to the hard work done by all the instructors, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them on behalf of all the boys who take part in sailing.

S. G. Greenfield.

SQUASH

Squash was introduced as an optional Vith Form sport in September 1976 and organised and run by Mr. Paterson. He found Ipswich Sports Club most generous in allowing R.H.S. the run of their facilities, including three courts on Monday and Thursday afternoons for a very nominal sum. The school provided transport on the Thursday, but it was by special arrangement on the Monday which meant a cut of numbers. Three friendly matches were arranged with Ipswich School, one in the Autumn term (which Ipswich won by four games to two) and two matches in the Summer term (both won by Royal Hospital School, 5-1 and 2-1). The boys taking part in squash were: Mark Elswood, Ian Wilson, Steven Harris, Douglas Lawrence, Nick Smith, Steve Gilbert, Michael Shaw, Kevin Robertson, Richard James, Cooper Hawken, Andrew Coles, Simon Coles, Jonathan Perry, Mark Fraser, John Dunford, David Prince, Peter Ellis and Ian Murrison. The most gratifying part was the keen sense of enjoyment and involvement with the game shown by these pupils and the steady improvement of skills and shots which are gradually being mastered. It is clearly a game to which the R.H.S. boy takes readily as he is generally very fit from other games playing. Those who had experience in badminton and tennis round a transference of these skills to squash more easy than others. They certainly found squash more exacting and strenuous than the other games (by unanimous verdict) and most boys found it more exciting.

Squash Master.

CYCLING REPORT

Cycling club started in the Summer of 1976 and has expanded considerably during the last year. Cycling club usually takes place during Sunday afternoons, and members of the club cycle to nearby villages usually a round trip of about twenty miles in all. The villages usually visited are Dedham, Shotley, Bentley, Manningtree and Tattingstone, but there are many others. During the term a few members have attempted doing further than on a usual Sunday afternoon. A day trip to Clacton proved successful as it was a nice day and the time spent on the beach was appreciated by the tired participants. Also another member ventured into riding to Lowestoft and back, a total of 110 miles in all. He took a total of seven hours riding and was averaging about 17 miles an hour. Also, I am sure all the members would like to express their thanks to Mr. Paterson who gives up a lot of free time, including most Sunday afternoons, to take the club out. Also we would like to welcome Mr. Thompson, who will be helping to run the cycling club next year.

There are a lot of people wishing to join the club, but there are only facilities for 12 bicycles, so not all members can bring their bikes back, but there is a keen interest and I hope it will continue to be an enjoyable pastime for all those willing to exert their muscles on a Sunday.

David Twist.

Footnote: The author of the above, too modest to state that he was that anonymous marathon cyclist to Lowestoft, was in that fishing port at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday morning and achieved on the return journey an average speed of 17.8 m.p.h. We shall all miss P.O. David Twist's unfailingly cheerful, helpful and capable manner, and we wish him the very best in his chosen career with the Royal Navy. *Another footnote:* Mr. Stephen Durrant has very kindly given an old but by no means dilapidated bicycle to the cycling club. This is most generous of him and we thank his heartily. It will be gratefully used by some boy who cannot afford to bring his bicycle to school (the fare is prodigious). *Has any other kind soul got an unused bike tucked away somewhere???*

Cyclemaster.

Cycling Club members: David Twist, Martin Ellis, Jonathan Welch, Clive Wombell, Ian Parrot, Stephen Underhill, Kevin Thompson, Robert Kimber, Mark Bramah, Keith McDermid, Jeffrey Adams, Nicholas Pope, Alan Hood. Some of these are leaving but there are at least three boys eager to join for every one leaver.

CCF NOTES

The various camps over the last school year have once again been successful. At Northumbria, the canoeing was not quite as enjoyable as usual as the River Tweed was very low owing to the exceptional weather of 1976; nevertheless, the cadets had a good time as the water was slightly warmer than usual. The Exmoor and 5AB Thetford camps were excellent value. Mr. P. Wilkinson has kindly offered to assist in Northumbria this year (1977) in Mr. F. Coombe's place, so that Mr. Coombes can help run the Raleigh sailing courses for a longer period than in the past; this he was invited to do last year.

The Annual Inspection by Rear Admiral Bevan was generally, though not entirely, very satisfactory. In his comments at the end of the afternoon, the Admiral held the attention of Cadets and Officers when he warned of trouble looming not far over the horizon, just as it had when he had been a cadet in his school's Army OTC, in the late 1930s.

Unfortunately, the need for economy imposed on the Navy is having its effects on the cadet forces in all sorts of ways; in our case, the MFV Exped had to be cancelled this year. However, some very good news is that CPO I. Wood has won a flying scholarship for which he is to be congratulated.

Sadly, we must say farewell to Lt. Cdr. G. Hardy who retires from the CCF after many years during which his good sense and hard work have been much appreciated. Doubtless, he will continue to assist in an unofficial capacity from time to time. We welcome a new officer who will be the second khaki-clad member of the CCF, 2nd Lt. R. Good who will be looking after the Social Services section.

D.W.A.

LAWN TENNIS

We had no players with regular 1st VI experience this season, but the six who turned out, in various pairings, often played with considerable skill and with moderate success. They were under the captaincy of David Greenfield.

The most successful team was the Under 15, who beat all comers, winning the Suffolk League of eight schools. The Under 13s, in their league, enjoyed their games but were not successful.

In the Boys' Schools LTA Tournaments we had successes in each event. In the Open Tournament, held at R.H.S. in May, rain once again drove the Final into the gym and although this was completed, the "Plate" was abandoned and we shared the Trophy with Bedford School. Our team was Andrew Cassell and Mark Goodwin.

In the Junior Tournaments in Cambridge, in July, our Under 16 team, Andrew Lee and Nicholas Holloway, lost in the quarter finals, but our second team, Andrew Moorcroft and Steven Read, won the "Plate" event. The Under 14 team, Howard Gilbert and Robin Edmonds, lost in the final of the "Plate" event.

After the end of term in the Schools Tournament at Wimbledon, our senior team, D. Greenfield and A. Lee, lost their two matches against strong opposition, but the juniors, N. Holloway and A. Moorcroft, won one round but were defeated in the second after a stout struggle.

Once again we provided ball boys for the Glanvill Cup Finals at Queen's Club, London, in July, and our efforts were much appreciated by the players and the Lawn Tennis Association.

The House Competition results were as follows: Lloyd Cup—St. Vincent beat Howe, Nelson were third. Junior Cup—Hood beat Raleigh, Howe were third.

This year 160 boys took part in the Age Group Championships. Results: Under 15, A. Moorcroft (Howe) beat N. Holloway (Nelson). Under 14, H. Gilbert (Hood) beat R. Edmonds (Collingwood). Under 13, Michael Hale (Hood) beat Robbie Dunn (Howe). Under 12, Ian Ryrrie (Blake) beat Martin Barnes (Hood).

Once again our sincere thanks are extended to the ground staff under Mr. B. Wilson; and to all those who help to make the tennis activities run so smoothly.

W.E.C.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

With over 70 School leavers joining the Association this year, the total number of Life members is now well over the 1,300 mark. However, as with many such Associations, quite a number of these are I feel mere "belongers", whilst the active portion of the O.B.A. is very much smaller.

However, we do suffer from the fact that our boys live in many different part of the country, and serve in many parts of the world. We wanted to make an attempt during this year to make fresh contact with as many old boys as possible. Of course when one considers the cost of postage involved, it really would become very expensive for the return we might get. Consequently, as it was Silver Jubilee year we decided to make use of the world-wide publicity afforded by the Navy News, hence the greetings notice to Her Majesty in the June issue.

Of course the other source of publicity is the old boys themselves and the response they give to their branches and to the O.B.A. events at the School. Sadly I have to report that the School once again beat the old boys at rugby and soccer, but I am every hopeful that next year will see a better performance. Nevertheless, we were all very pleased with the response by the younger members, and especially at the soccer where for the first time we had two teams out, thanks to a special effort from the Portsmouth Branch soccer team who came all the way up to the School to provide a second XI. Not only did they do that, but they also got together to provide a special trophy, which the School promptly took off them. It is good to see that this team is financially sponsored by some of the older members of the branch.

It is also good to see the continued interest that the O.B.A. are showing for activities in the School through the subscribers' fund. This fund open to all old boys and run by our vice-president, Lt. Charles Hall, provides money in small amounts each year to help activities in the School for which there is no regular financial support. For example, it provided for the Chess Club a set of chess clocks, some modelling tools for the Model Club, and they have in mind to provide some help for the School Guitar Club and Cycle Club, as well as helping to pay for a much needed trophy case for all the School trophies. If the Association is seen to be doing things not only in their own areas, but in the School, future interest is greatly helped.

For a second year running we had rain at the O.B.A. Reunion, but only for a few hours, but sufficient to stop the cricket just as the O.B.A. were due to bat and win (or so I am reliably informed — by the O.B.A. of course). The presence at the weekend of four School Chaplains and seven members of the Police Force was still not enough heavenly or earthly good in helping us to avoid some rain. But I am very pleased with the weekend this year. Never before have I had so many letters from staff and old boys commenting on how much they enjoyed the company and how grateful the old boys were to the School for their excellent hospitality. To all the staff, and the Bursar's staff in particular, we say thank you very much indeed. All your hard work was not only appreciated but helped to make it all such a social success.

May I remind all old boys at this point that the O.B.A. and the School have jointly agreed that unless asked to attend for some official reason, no old boy should return to the School until he is 18 years of age. If we have had any trouble at the Reunion in past years, it has generally been from those who left the School a year before in the 5th form, and in any case with the School now providing the bar, its licence is put in jeopardy by serving drinks to those under 18. Also, I have found that those who have left returning to the School for about a year to 18 months, have less tendency to want to show off to their contemporaries still at School, and they have had time also to take a more objective view of the School.

We were delighted to welcome Gordon and Margaret Hawkins to be Principal Guests at the Reunion, and many commented on the good speech given by Gordon in which he appealed to old boys to try to make a more active contribution to the School by offering their now trained expertise if they could for the benefit of the School, and I hope at least that those now well established in careers will be able to find time to visit the School to give talks to boys, as Robin Aston did recently on the subject of the Police Force. It went down very well, and I'm sure our new Head of Careers, David Mayers, will be pleased to hear from you.

We were also delighted to welcome Mrs. York to the Reunion Dinner, and like her I am very grateful for the response by old boys in attending Norman York's Memorial Service — this was indeed a very simple and moving occasion. Thank you also to all those old boys who have taken time to write to Mrs. York. To read these and see the quality of the old boys who attended the Service were in themselves a genuine tribute to his life and work.

At the Dinner we welcomed especially those staff retiring, namely Mr. Brown, Mr. Buckingham and Rev. Moffett, who between them have given a total of nearly 60 years' service to the School. We welcome them into membership of the O.B.A. in the company of our Guests, Gordon and Margaret Hawkins. We would also like to mention that Alan Simon and his wife are leaving

this year, and we hope too that they will remember that the third weekend in June is Old Boys' Weekend and to keep in touch.

To all of you leaving this year especially, please note that dates and times at which the Branches meet every month, and that the next event is the Old Boys *Rugby Weekend on November 12th*. If you wish to receive news of the Old Boys, don't sit back and expect to be wet-nursed any longer, but make a promise to either turn up to branch meetings or events, or to drop us a line once in a while, and then you will receive the Newsletters. Postage is far too expensive to waste money on those who cannot be bothered to honour their agreed membership.

Finally, my sincere thanks to the Committee for all their genuine hard work and high spirits and to Ted Wright in particular for his efficient and patient hard work on the Committee who retires from office this year. My thanks also to the President for his real support and encouragement, and to all old boys everywhere — let's be hearing from you!

Peter Crick,
Hon. Gen. Secretary.

Portsmouth Branch

The 51st year of the Branch must be counted as a very successful year. The committee, ably led by our Branch President, Charles Hall, with Arthur Pratt as Vice-President, Ted Wright as Secretary, Arthur Ampleford as Treasurer and with valuable assistance from Ken Wilson, Jim Wright and Dave Tume, has worked hard to great effect. Things were happening almost every month. Last September a coach trip to Greenwich, in October a disco raised £15 for the soccer team's funds, and then a marvellous visit to the Chatham dinner and dance by a large contingent. Then in December the Christmas draw, promoted by Charles Hall, took place at our Cheese and Wine Party and realised £109 and a typewriter for the Secretary to help him reply to all the correspondence that this draw and the newsletter have brought in from far and wide.

February saw the return visit by our friends from Chatham which we all enjoyed very much.

In April, the 51st annual dinner and dance took place. 111 members and guests attended and really enjoyed the evening. As our principal guests we invited our Branch President and his wife as a sign of our appreciation for their years of devotion and hard work for the Branch and the Association — a splendid example of loyalty and commitment. A small loss was incurred because of rising costs, but otherwise we have done very well financially.

We had a breathing space in May to get ready for the Reunion and A.G.M. in June, which was a great success thanks to active participation by all age-groups.

The Branch football team have battled through another season to no avail, but more importantly there is a good spirit and they hope to continue for another season, hopefully with help from some of those leaving the School this year. We wish them luck.

All this success would not have been possible without the loyal support of our members for which the Committee is ever grateful. All functions, as well as Branch meetings, have been well attended, and from last year's 51 leavers who joined the Branch, many have written to continue showing their interest in our activities, although many live away from the area. We have a steady stream of new members and still more enquiries, especially after our notices in the Navy News, the most recent of which came from as far away as Canada.

We therefore welcome all new School leavers to help us ensure a bright future for the Branch and the Association. Long may we prosper.

Our thanks to the Hon. Gen. Secretary, Peter Crick, for his continued hard work on our behalf, and also to the Headmaster and Staff who continue to make us welcome to ensure that our short stays at the School are happy and memorable.

Lt. Hall,
161 Stubbington Avenue,
North End,
Portsmouth. (60470).

E. Wright,
258 Allaway Avenue,
Paulsgrove,
Portsmouth.

Chatham Branch

After my first year as Secretary, the Branch has continued to prosper, and there has been good support as of previous years. Our social functions are well supported, but there is always room for new faces. Since we last reported, the Branch made a visit to the Royal Tournament in July 1976, which again proved to be very popular, and then in October we welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins, the retired School Bursar and his wife, to be our principal guests at our Annual Dinner

and Dance, held at the Veglios Motel in Maidstone. This will again be the venue for the dinner and dance this October, when Mr. Buckingham, the now retired School bandmaster and his wife, are to be guests of honour. The music will be supplied by the Viceroy's. Tickets are available.

Last December's meeting took the usual form of a social evening, and then in February we held our stag weekend at Portsmouth, and we would like to thank Portsmouth for making us feel so welcome — we all enjoyed ourselves. Then we visited Portsmouth again for their dinner and dance in April, and as usual we had a great time.

In May we held our monthly meeting at the R.N.A. Club in Lewisham in order to give our London based members a chance to get to a meeting. It was not supported as well as expected.

By the time this report gets printed, we shall have had our visit for the first time to Syon Park, which if the weather is good to us should prove very interesting.

We wish to express our thanks to Peter Crick for his hard work throughout the year and especially at the Reunion, and also to the School staff for making our members feel so welcome.

As Secretary, I have noticed that the correspondence received is low, and it would be nice to hear from more members, especially those who have just left School. The Newsletter has continued to be an important part of the Branch link with its members, and for this reason the small subscription to it will remain the same. If any member has changed his address, please let me know.

This year we were able to purchase a President's Medallion for which all credit must go to our regular members and other sponsors who raised the money for this fine piece of work.

We now have for sale wall plaques with the original School Crest on them which are proving very popular, and we still have for sale a number of car badges.

The Annual General Meeting of the Branch was on July 6th this year and the committee will be the same as for last year with Neil Trainor as President; Andy Gibson as Vice-President; Trevor Lewing as Secretary and Tony Richards as Treasurer. The rest of the Committee are Messrs. D. Lewing, A. Houghton, P. Parkinson.

The members of the Branch wish to thank Mr. Ravenscroft for his remarkable service to the Branch as Secretary. Bill has put in a great deal of very hard and patient work over many years, good and bad, and in many ways it is thanks to members like him that the Branch now flourishes and has such a characteristic friendly atmosphere.

Finally, the members of the Branch send their good wishes to the Officers of the Association, to all members and prospective members throughout the world, reminding you that there is always a warm welcome awaiting you on the **first Wednesday of each month** at the **City Arms, Rochester at 8 p.m.**

N. Trainor
100 Homewood Court,
Rainham,
Kent.

T. Lewing
20 The Street,
Cobham, Gravesend,
Kent.

RETIREMENT OF MR. D. L. BROWN

A colleague writes:

It will amuse Mr. Brown to find himself among the "Old Boys", given the ambiguity of that expression! I think he had deliberately assumed an air of witty, non-attached seniority long before the hour of retirement came by. His contributions to common-room conversation will be greatly missed, because they always brought an astringent taste of common-sense and everyday sense of proportion — so necessary when a gaggle of schoolmasters get together. In his day Doug Brown had been an enthusiastic and efficient Rugby master, and a more than efficient, an *effective* Housemaster. He ran the Careers Dept. calmly and quietly, without any self-advertisement, and many boys have cause to be grateful for his efforts on their behalf. After the ill-health which affected him in mid-career he now appears robust and active. We all wish him and his family many years of happy retirement.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

- C. Paice (Ans. 1967-74) has obtained a 2(i) in Physics at Durham. To join IBM in Oct.
- S. Warren (Ans. 1967-74) took his finals in June and was due to fly out to Canada last July. He hopes to do research.
- D. Sage (Ans. 1970-76) has finished a year at Grimsby Tech. doing OND Catering.
- D. Crane (Blk. 1969-76) is due to go to St. Johns, York to do English and P.E. having left Barclays Bank.
- Newton, K. (Blk. 1970-75) has accepted an offer from Edinburgh University to do and MA in Maths having done well in the SCE in Maths.; French, Physics and Chemistry, and has also taken a one year course in Economics and Latin.
- Gamble, K. (Blk. 1963-67) has written to say that he is sales manager with Gulf (GB) Ltd. and is married with one child. His brother Martin is in the RAF, and brother Barry is with Lloyds Bank in Guildford.
- Wake, P. (Cws. 1961-66) was due to be married this Summer. His wife hopes to be a Music Teacher. Philip is due to take his Masters' Ticket in the Autumn and then hopes to get into Shipbroking/Ship Agency.
- M. Forth (Cws. 1969-76) is working in a Bank in Manningtree.
- C. Bell (Cws. 1967-74) is in his final year at Loughborough; P.E. & English.
- J. Hadley (Cws. 1966-74) is in his final year at Aberystwyth and hoping to research in Statistic Studies at Aberdeen.
- D. Cornwall (Cws. 1967-75) is still at Brunel University.
- A. Jones (Cws. 1968-75) is still at Aberystwyth. He plays Golf for the English Universities (Handicap 6).
- I. Bateson (Cws. 1968-76) is still at Nottingham; Electrical Engineering.
- D. Williams and A. Bew, both Cws. 1969-76) have both passed out from Dartmouth.
- Holbrook, M. (Cws. 1970-75) is working for a Shipping Agency.
- J. Studd (Cws. 1951-1957) please note address — 152 Harley St., London W.1.
- R. Pearman (Cws. 1953-58) has managed to survive N. Ireland and is now working at the Allied Communications Agency in the Empress State Building in London.
- L. Sharp (Cwd. 1966-73) has graduated from Loughborough in Mechanical Engineering.
- D. Smith (Drk. 1969-76) 1st year Civil Eng. at Loughborough.
- M. Smith (Drk. 1970-75). Just completed 'A' levels at Chelmsford. Prior to University he is working with English Electric.
- K. White (Drk. 1969-76). Working for Huntingdon Research Centre.
- S. Packer (Drk. 1969-75) has just completed OND (Eng.) with P & O.
- A. Bedwell (Drk. 1965-71) has now served 2½ years in the Police at Lancs.
- R. Bedwell (Drk. 1968-74) has achieved ONC with distinctions. Now studying HNC in Electronics at Bath.
- R. Davey, D. Mytton (Drk. 1971-76) are both doing Police Training at Hendon.
- R. Welch (Drk. 1963-70) is married. Teaching Law in Business Studies Dept. at Chelmsford Institute of Higher Education.
- T. Redmond (Drk. 1964-72) is in the Met. Police. Happily married to a nurse. He took his Sergeant Exams in Jan. Hopes to go to Bramshill Police College.
- G. Stoppani (Drk. 1970-76) is still doing ONC Business Studies in Northampton.
- G. Tesh (Drk. 1971-76) is with NatWest and hopes to start studies for Institute of Bankers Exams. He mentions that he met George Farrow in March who also works for NatWest in a London Branch.
- D. Moore (Drk. 1950-53) was commissioned in Feb. last year to a Lt. in RASC in Aldershot.
- A. Cooper (Drk. 1965-72) graduated at Bath with a Upper 2nd with Hons. Chemistry. Hopes to take up teaching.
- M. Rooney (Hke. 1960-64) has left the RN and is working as a Diver in the North Sea.
- M. Dodson (Hke. 1967-74) took his finals this year and the last we heard had applied for a job in Germany as a youth leader for British forces children.
- C. Deacon (Hke. 1967-73) is an SAC Aircraft Airframe Mechanic at RAF Valley in Anglesey.
- D. Tallin (Hd. 1966-72) is a Civil Engineer in London.
- J. Jordan (Hd. 1966-72) is a Sales Office Manager—Japanese Components.
- D. Marsh (Hd. 1968-75). Studying Politics at Aberystwyth.
- J. Janes (Hd. 1965-72) is due to take up a Teaching post at Eggars School, Alton in Hants. His wife is teaching in Aldershot.

- A. Deuchar (Hd. 1966-73) is getting married on Oct. 22nd. His fiancée is a nurse. He and his wife will be going abroad for the Foreign Office shortly after they are married.
- B. Gilman (Hwe. 1965-69). Teaching at a Comprehensive in Billericay.
- M. Nash (Hwe. 1968-75). Studying Engineering at Loughborough. Sponsored by MOD.
- K. Smith (Hwe. 1962-68). Second Officer Merchant Navy and also now married.
- B. Day (Hwe. 1960-68). Promoted to Police Sergeant and stationed at St. Albans.
- K. Dunn (Hwe. 1958-64). Working in Insurance in Canada.
- D. Green (Hwe. 1969-74). Working as a Post Office Engineer.
- B. Taylor (Hwe. 1970-76). Artificer Apprentice in the RN.
- B. Weaver (Hwe. 1971-76). Training as a cook in the RN and stationed at HMS Drake.
- C. Smith (Hwe. 1966-72). M.N. Officer and studying at Southampton University.
- S. Barker (Nels. 1967-73) has just finished the second section of his Accountancy exams., which he is doing through Correspondence Course.
- J. Arrow (Nel. 1965-71) has been serving abroad HMS Arrow (!) but when we last heard he had hoped to be doing courses in Mine Warfare and Clearance Diving in Portsmouth and moving to that area with his wife who was at the time when he wrote working as an anaesthetist in Glasgow.
- G. Laing (Nel. 1969-74) is taking a correspondence course for the Institute of Marketing Diploma to be come a Corporate Member of the Institute of Salesmen.
- A. Smart (Nels. 1965-69) is freelancing in Productivity Services.
- M. Raymond (Nels. 1967-74) is due to take his finals in 1978 and hopes to go into personnel management.
- D. Colwill (Nels. 1953-57) is working at an Oil Refinery in Milford Haven and is working with Michael Hemmings of Drake.
- J. Shepherd (Nels. 1948-51) is married to the daughter of the late Colonel William Martin King of Halifax, Nova Scotia and has one son. John was a LREM in the RN, then Assistant Superintendent of Police Tanzania and then Hon. Major United States Air Force.
- G. Rosevear (Nels. 1960-65) is general manager of a large VW/Audi dealership in Newton Abbot. He and Dave Crowley visited us in June.
- P. Sims (Nels. 1965-72) was unable to attend the Reunion as he was away competing in the German International Regatta at Kiel and is working for Lever Brothers. He has had an offer to train with the British Sailing team.
- P. Blackburn (Ral. 1966-71) is in his final year at Hull.
- D. Sartain (Ral. 1966-72) is a supervisor and draughtsman for an Electronics Company and doing ONC Elec. Engineering.
- T. Burgoyne (Ral. 1967-74) is at Sidney Sussex, Cambridge and has passed for Dartmouth.
- G. Buck BEM (Ral. 1941-43). Joined the RN in 1945 and was the RN Record Holder for the 100 yds. He won the New Zealand Veterans Champs. 1975.
- N. Thompson (Ral. 1967-72) is in the Police at Hendon and won the Best Cadet award during training.
- G. Blackwell (Ral. 1963-69) working with Rolls Royce and now married.
- M. Blackwell (Ral. 1965-70) is studying Law. We are grateful to Martin for stepping and organising the OBA Sailing this year.
- P. Quinell (Ral. 1967-72) is working in telecommunications.
- R. Spinner (Ral. 1970-74) is in the Army.
- W. Shorter (Ral. 1968-74) is in Engineering with Woods of Colchester and doing ONC.
- S. Davis (Ral. 1964-69) is a draughtsman with Rolls Royce.
- B. Root (Ral. 1968-72) is an AB on HMS Devonshire.
- P. Akers (Ral. 1968-73) has finished his OND Studies at Taunton.
- D. Ellis (Ral. 1964-70) is a Chef in Hotel Ramada in Bahrain.
- A. Blake (Ral. 1966-74) is doing Politics at Aberyswyth.
- Stuart Davis (Ral. 1967-75) is at Goldsmiths College.
- A. Swan (Ral. 1963-68) is in Inland Revenue.
- P. Merrick (Ral. 1970-75) is at a local Sixth Form College.
- R. Drewett (Ral. 1969-76) has now entered Dartmouth.
- C. Skerratt (Ral. 1969-75) is Relief Manager with W. H. Smith.
- G. Tompkinson (Ral. 1969-75) is a Bank Clerk with Barclays.
- A. Mitchell-Christie (Ral. 1968-75) is a Press and Information Assistant in Public Relations with Southern Gas in Southampton having done PRO work with W. Sussex Youth Orchestra.
- M. Hickson (Ral. 1969-74) is in advertising with Westminster.

- D. Blogg (Ral. 1968-74) is a J/T in the RAF at Brize Norton.
- R. Ingram (Ral. 1959-66) is working for Ruotenberg Platinum Mines in Potgietersrus Transvaal. His brother Chris is in New Zealand. Robert's Address is: P.O. Box 576 Potgietersrus 0600 S. Africa.
- P. Marshall (Ral. 1947-52) is now a Marine Engineer Officer on HMS Bulwark having returned last year after two years Loan Service with the Sultan of Oman's Navy.
- M. Pitt (St. Vin. 1971-76) has been working on a tanker in the M.N. and went off to the Caribbean last year and then joined a Bulk Carrier in Rotterdam last May.
- K. Woodcock (St. Vin. 1966-73) has a job as an analytical chemist with a Copper Mining Firm in Zambia for at least 2 years. He obtained a 2(ii) in Chemistry at Cambridge.
- P. Harding (St. Vin. 1951-54) it was good to see Paul at the Rugby last Nov. home from a long stretch away in Tripoli, and hopes to be home again for a few months this year.
- I. Jones (St. Vin. 1968-75) has just completed his first year at Manadon.
- R. Redwood (St. Vin. 1969-75) has just taken his OND in Business Studies at Bournemouth.
- C. Mustoo (St. Vin.) 1969-75) is training as a cabinet-maker's apprentice.
- R. Privett (St. Vin. 1968-74) is working for British Rail as a Steward on Sealink.
- C. Sherman (St. Vin. 1968-75) has completed five terms of his Fleet Board training with the RN. He is to be sponsored for a degree in Management at the City University in October.
- R. Parkin (St. Vin. 1968-76) has completed his year abroad in Botswana. This October he will be joining Salford University to read Electrical Engineering.
- B. Lilley (St. Vin. 1968-76) has just completed his first year at Lancaster Poly. where he is reading European Studies.
- M. Lucas (St. Vin. 1967-74) has just completed two years at Hull College of Education where he is studying for a degree in Social sciences and a Teachers Certificate.
- T. Martin (St. Vin. 1969-75) has just completed his engineering course at Shore-Saville and is moving to a shore base in London.
- R. Martin St. Vin. 1970-75) has completed his training as a Police Cadet and is now stationed with the Police in Gosport.

Points from various correspondence:

- A. T. Greenow (Cwd. 1968-74) is serving on HMS Antrim and has completed three years of training.
- S. Houghton (Howe 1950-54) is a Prison Officer at HMP Magilligan in Northern Ireland.
- V. Mann (Hke. 1944-47) is a Radio Officer in the Merchant Navy.
- R. Benham (Ral. 1954-56) has received the BEM for service in HMS Repulse and his LS & GC for 15 years service.
- A. Walder (Ans. 1968-72) has joined the Police Force and is stationed at Aldershot.
- G. Shergold (Hd. 1930-34) was due to get married again in August. We hope it all went off well, and we thank him for his contribution to the OBA funds.
- C. Wareham (3/23, 1927-1930) wrote from New South Wales in Australia and would like to hear from contemporaries.
- T. O'Sullivan (1937-41) wrote from Nova Scotia and would welcome correspondence.

Special Notice: An attempt is being made to start a Plymouth Branch. All interested members are asked to contact: A. J. Colville, "Tor View", 2 Deer Park, Saltash, Cornwall, PL12 6HE.

P. C. Crick, Hon. Sec.

PRIZE-WINNERS SPEECH DAY 1977

V1B: English, History, Christopher Lee; Economics and Politics, John Dunford; Mathematics, Philip Baker; Mathematics, Physics, Malcolm Varnham; Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Richard Squires; Geography, Andrew McNabb; The Robb Trophy for Public Speaking and Senior Prose and Verse Prize; Gary Kelly; General Knowledge Prize, Nicholas Smith.

V1C: English, John Moffett; French, Martin Hair; Mathematics, Chemistry, Housden Prize for the best 'O' Level Results in 1976, Ian Wilson; Physics, Ian Bramley; 1st in Class V1D, Peter Green; 1st in Class V1E, Steven Mason.

5th Form: 1st in Class 5U, Physics, Biology, Philip Callan; 1st in Class 5X, Chemistry, Nicholas Skerratt; English, Peter Dalby; History, Kevin Beaton; French, German, Owen Bowles; Mathematics, Stephen Lloyd; Geography, Simon Bowden; Prose and Verse Prize 5UX, Gareth Hughes; 1st in Class 5A, Philip Holden; 1st in Class 5B, Guy Lockwood.

4th Form: 1st in Class 4U, Ian Foster; 1st in Class 4X, James Keeble; 1st in Class 4A, Nigel

Freaney; 1st in Class 4Bi, Timothy Brown; 1st in Class 4Bii, Stephen Roberts; Prose and Verse Prizes, Daniel Carpenter and Jonathan Mann.

3rd Form: 1st in Class 3U, Peter Barton; 1st in Class 3X, Nicholas Lawrence; 1st in Class 3A, David Knight; 1st in Class 3Bi, Paul Rowland; 1st in Class 3Bii, Simon D. Porter; Prose and Verse Prizes, Roger Lever and Derek Sangan.

2nd Form: 1st in Class 2U, Jonathan White; 1st in Class 2X, Geoffrey Revill; 1st in Class 2A, Mark Rigby. 1st in Class 2Bi, Ian Cash; 1st in Class 2Bii, Philip Rayworth; Prose and Verse Prizes, Jonathan White and Philip Lever.

1st Form: 1st in Class 1U, Patrick Power; 1st in Class 1X, Iain Ryrrie; 1st in Class 1A, Michael Peer; 1st in Class 1Bi, Timothy Barker; 1st in Class 1Bii, Neil Woolvine; Prose and Verse Prizes, Alan Rose, Andrew Wilkins.

Special Prizes: Divinity, Paul Haley, Simon P. Porter; R.C. Divinity, Dominic Nute; The Hawkins Prize for Music, Martin Hair; Senior Piano, Malcolm Varnham; Junior Piano, Simon Dulson; The Heriz-Smith Art Prize, Andrew Redwood; Vth Form Art, Graham Probert; 5th Form Art, Jeremy Foale; 4th Form Art, Gregory Lane; Geometrical & Engineering Drawing—The Rand Prizes, Shane Duncan, Nicholas Skerratt; Metalwork, Peter Green, Martin Amos; Woodwork, Simon Kinnaird, Colin McPhee; H.M.S. Suffolk Prize, Stuart Greenfield; Senior Seamanship, Jon Perry; Junior Seamanship, Michael Bonning; Smartness and Bearing, Shane Duncan; Ship Memorial Prize, David Twist; Silver Flute and Prize, William Burgoyne; Whale Island Prize, Peter Ellis; Nye Poetry Prize, Jonathan Mann; Rotary Club Prize, David Prince; Old Boys' Association Prize, Christopher Lee.

The Inter House Competition. For combined schoolwork, inter-house games, smartness and bearing, and conduct:

Second — and so to hold the First Lord's Cup for 1977/78 — NELSON.

First — and so to carry the Queen's Banner for 1977/78 — HOOD.

VALETE

Autumn Term 1976

Foale, S. J., VIA, Collingwood, RN Dartmouth/University; Channer, R. M., VID, Hawke, ABO; Williams, T. J., 4A, Howe, ABO; Gilbert, C. S., 3X, Blake, ABO; Pearce, N. R., 2Bii, Cornwallis, ABO; Cooper, M. A., 1K, Cornwallis, ABO; Hutchinson, J. R., 1Bi, St. Vincent, ABO; Tesh, G. D., 5U, Drake, Banking; Allen, M., 5X, Collingwood, Local Technical College; Goff, M. C., 5X, Drake, Further Education; Ball, N. K., 5A, Blake, Local Council Office; Alty, P. M., 5Bi, Blake, Fleetwood Nautical College; McNee, R. A., 4Bii, Raleigh, ABO; Kitching, S., 1X, Collingwood, ABO; Savage, A. M., 1Bii, Collingwood, ABO; M. A. Chapman, VID, Nelson, Technician Apprentice, RAF.

Summer Term 1977

Cutler, A. M., VIB(A), Anson, Banking; Dunford, J. M., VIB(A), Collingwood, University; Hawken, C. J., VIB(A), St. Vincent, R.A.F.; Hook, C. N., VIB(A), Collingwood, Royal Marines; James, R. D., VIB(A), Raleigh, University; Orr, M. J., VIB(A), Hawke, Army; Smith, N. M., VIB(A), Howe, Royal Marines; Baker, P. K., VIB(Sc), Howe, Burgoyne, P., VIB(Sc), Raleigh, University; Cassell, A. F., VIB(Sc), Hood, Dentistry; Duncan, S., VIB(Sc), Howe, University; Forlan, M. A., VIB(Sc), St. Vincent, RAF; Fraser, M. J., VIB(Sc), Hawke, Gilbert, S. R., VIB(Sc), Nelson, Banking; Gilbert Wood, C. R., VIB(Sc), Drake, Univ.; Greenfield, D., VIB(Sc), Cornwallis; McNabb, A. T., VIB(Sc), Hawke, University; Nute, D. L. C., VIB(Sc), Cornwallis, University; Shaw, M. P., VIB(Sc), Drake, University; Squires, R. A., VIB(Sc), Anson, Veterinary Surgeon; Stevens, D. S., VIB(Sc), Hood, University; Stokes, C., VIB(Sc), Collingwood, University; Tesh, K. M., VIB(Sc), Drake, University; Adams, A. T., VID, Blake, Merchant Navy Navigating Cadet; Coward, P. J., VID, St. Vincent, OND Business Studies, Local Tech. College; Fox, S. R., VID, St. Vincent, OND Catering, Local Tech.; Gordon, A. G., VID, Collingwood, Dockyard Technical Apprentice; Green, P. C., VID, Howe, Tech. Apprentice Engineer; G. Hayes, VID, Hawke, RN/JEM; Kinnaird, S., VID, Drake, RN A/A; Leonard, I., VID, Hood, Retail Trainee Manager; Newson, V. J., VID, Hood, Computer Tech. Apprentice; Rudge, A. M., VID, Hawke, Merchant Navy Navigating Cadet; Shayer, M. C., VID, Howe, RN A/A; Steele, D. A., VID, Cornwallis, Further Education Local Tech. College; Twist, D. C., VID, Drake, RN; Wall, D. L., VID, Howe, RN A/A; Brearey, H. M., VIE, Drake, Banking; Chapman, M. J., VIE, Blake,

Engineer Apprentice; Cole, A. J., VIE, Hawke, Boatbuilding Apprentice; Cole, S. P., VIE, Hawke, RN A/A; Davies, G. O., VIE, Howe, RN A/A; Doyle, J. A., VIE, Collingwood, OND Construction, Local Tech. College; Eady, P. C. V., VIE, Nelson, RN Air Mechanic; Elliott, D. J., VIE, Collingwood, Merchant Navy Navigating Cadet; Frost, J. D., VIE, Anson, OND Engineering, Local Tech. College; Goodwin, M. H., VIE, Cornwallis, Retail Trainee Manager; Gould, M. J., VIE, Blake, OND Construction, Local Tech. College; Kirk, D. I. M. M., Drake, RN A/A; McGarry, D., VIE, Hawke, RN A/A; Mason, S. G., VIE, Drake, Merchant Navy Navigating Cadet; Mitchell, G. J., VIE, Nelson, RN Air Mechanic; Murrison, A. R., VIE, Howe, Merchant Navy Engineering Cadet; Paton, R. C., VIE, Howe, RAF Apprentice (adult entry); Probert, G. M. J., VIE, Anson, RAF Apprentice Technician; Wells, D., VIE, Cornwallis, Merchant Navy Navigating Cadet; Bowden, S. P., 5U, St. Vincent, OND Catering Course; Dalby, P., 5U, Cornwallis, Banking; Lane, P., 5U, Blake, Technical College; Rayworth, A. S., 5U, Collingwood, Army Tech. Apprentice; Read, S. J., 5U, Blake, Technical College; Sheriff, D. J., 5U, Howe, Further Education; Thompson, G. A., 5U, Howe, Further Education; Hales, M. S., 5X, Drake, Technical College; Holmes, R. A., 5X, Nelson, Industry; Knight, C. D., 5X, Cornwallis, Merchant Navy Engineering Cadet; Laverick, W. M., 5X, Collingwood, Merchant Navy; Mayston, H. M., 5X, Collingwood, VI Form College; Stewart, C. A., 5X, Anson, RAF Tech. Apprentice; Townsend, M. W. L., 5X, Raleigh, RN A/A; Williams, M. O., 5X, Howe, Merchant Navy Cadet; Bracher, G., 5Bi, Hawke, Catering Course; Crocker, R. J., 5Bi, Hawke, Eng. Craft Apprentice; Petrie, N., 5Bii, Anson, Technical College; Sears, G. P., 5Bii, Anson, Tech. College; Stannard, M. C., 5Bii, St. Vincent, Technical College; Taylor, S. P., 5Bii, Collingwood, RN Cook; Hood, A. D., 4A, Anson, and Ashworth, A. C., 3U, St. Vincent, Parents' Request and ABO; Wade, J. F., 3U, Cornwallis, Parents' Request and ABO; Lincoln, K. N., 1A, Cornwallis, Parents' Request and ABO; Bamfield, M. F., 5A, Raleigh, Further Education, Local School; Brown, C. J., 5A, Cornwallis, Laboratory Technician; Cronin, T. J., 5A, Cornwallis, Further Education — Technical College; Stokes, A., 5A, Collingwood, Further Education — Technical College; Batty, P. G., 5Bi, Drake, JEM/RN; Carlile, T. M., 5Bi, Drake, Dockyard Apprentice; Chapman, G. B. E., 5Bi, Howe, Further Education — Technical College; Crump, A. C., 5Bi, Hood, Apprentice Carpenter; Cussons, P. G., 5Bi, St. Vincent, Dockyard Apprentice; Gaden, M. D., 5Bi, Blake, Apprentice Cook; Hunt, S., 5Bi, Hawke, Apprentice Motor Mechanic; O'Boyle, S. B., 5Bii, Blake, Craft Apprentice, ASWE; Pearce, B. E. M., 5Bii, Howe, Further Education VIth Form College; Preston, P., 5Bii, Cornwallis, RN Cook; Rawlins, M., 5Bii, Drake, Apprentice Motor Mechanic; Tyler, D. J. F., 5Bii, Collingwood, Army Apprentice — Signals; Wade, S. G., 5Bii, Cornwallis, Army — Junior Leader; Lazenby, B. D. B., 3A, Hawke, Parents' Request and ABO; Varnham, M. P., VIB(Sc), Anson, University; Pearce, C. J., VIC(A), Anson, Further Education.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

C.S.E.

The following obtained Grade I passes in three or more subjects:

T. J. Akers; M. F. Bamfield; C. J. Brown; T. C. F. Brown; K. J. Bugg; T. J. Cronin; A. D. Ellis; J. P. Foale; C. M. Grantham; P. J. Holden; C. J. McPhee; W. A. Miller; I. Parrott; N. G. Pattinson; J. C. Shirley; A. Stokes; P. M. Stretton; N. Boyce; J. H. D. Butterworth; R. J. Crocker; A. J. Fisher; M. D. Gaden; J. A. Irving; B. A. Jeffrey; M. C. King; G. Lockwood; E. M. Pearce; N. Petrie; K. Thompson; K. J. V. Thompson; D. J. F. Tyler.

G.C.E.

'O' LEVEL — JULY EXAMINATION

A. I. Adams (3 passes); P. J. Coward (6); G. I. Davies (7); D. P. Dixon (7); S. R. Fox (7); A. G. Gordon (7); P. C. Green (7); G. Hayes (6); S. Kinnaird (5); I. Leonard (6); V. J. Newson (6); A. G. Redwood (8); A. M. Rudge (8); G. D. Scott (6); M. C. Shayer (8); D. A. Steele (6); D. Twist (6); D. L. Wall (7); P. A. Wells (7); H. M. Brearey (5); M. J. Chapman (5); A. J. Cole (6); S. P. Cole (7); G. O. Davies (6); J. A. Doyle (6); P. C. V. Eady (3); D. J. Elliott (5); J. D. Frost (6); M. H. Goodwin (5); M. J. Gould (6); D. I. M. M. Kirk (6); D. McGarry (7); S. G. Mason (6); G. J. Mitchell (5); A. R. Murrison (4); R. O. Paton (6); G. M. J. Probert (5); D. Wells (7); J. D. Barker (5); S. P. Bowden (7); O. G. Bowles (7); P. I. Callan (7); P. Dalby (7); H. A. Hancock (7); T. W. Hockenhull (6); G. L. Hughes (7); P. Lane (7); S. J. Lloyd (7); A. S. Rayworth (7); S. J. Read (8); D. J. Sheriff (7); A. A. Smith (7); R. G. Talbot (5); N. A. Thomas (7); G. A. Thompson (7); S. J. Underhill (8); P. White (6); R. S. Woon (6); D. J. Allison (8); M. P. Amos (8); K. C. Beaton (8); S. Brankin (8); T. J. E. Foggin (9); M. S. Hales (8); R. A. Holmes (6); C. D. Knight (8); K. M. Laverick (7); A. S. Lee (8); R. W. Macey (8); J. S. Marr (8); H. M. Mayston (6); D. McKechnie (8); G. R. Miller (8); R. Moakes (7); J. R. G. Prance (7); A. M. Robinson (8); N. A. Skerratt (7); I. A. Smith (6); C. A. Stewart (7); K. Tate (8); M. W. L. Townsend (8); M. O. Williams (8); C. Woodside (7).

'A' LEVEL

Abbreviations: F—French; E—English; H—History; G—Geography; Q—Economics and Political Science; PM—Pure Mathematics; AM—Applied Mathematics; M—Mathematics; P—Physics; C—Chemistry; B—Biology; GD—Geometrical and Mechanical Drawing.

J. M. Dunford (Q,M,C); C. J. Hawken (F,E,H); R. D. James (H,Q); C. D. Lee (E,H,Q); M. J. Orr (H,Q); N. M. Smith (E,H,Q); P. K. Baker (PM,AM,P,C); A. J. K. Bowden (PM,AM,P,C); P. W. Burgoyne (P,C,B); A. F. Cassell (P,C,B); S. Duncan (M,P,GD); M. A. Forlan (P); M. J. Fraser (P,C); S. R. Gilbert (M,P,C); C. R. Gilbert-Wood (M,P,C); D. Greenfield (G,M,P); C. N. Hook (E,Q); A. T. McNabb (G,M,P); M. P. Shaw (M,P,C); R. A. Squires (P,C,B); D. S. Stevens (M,P,C); C. Stokes (E,M,P); K. Tesh (M,P,C); M. P. Varnham (M,P,C).

