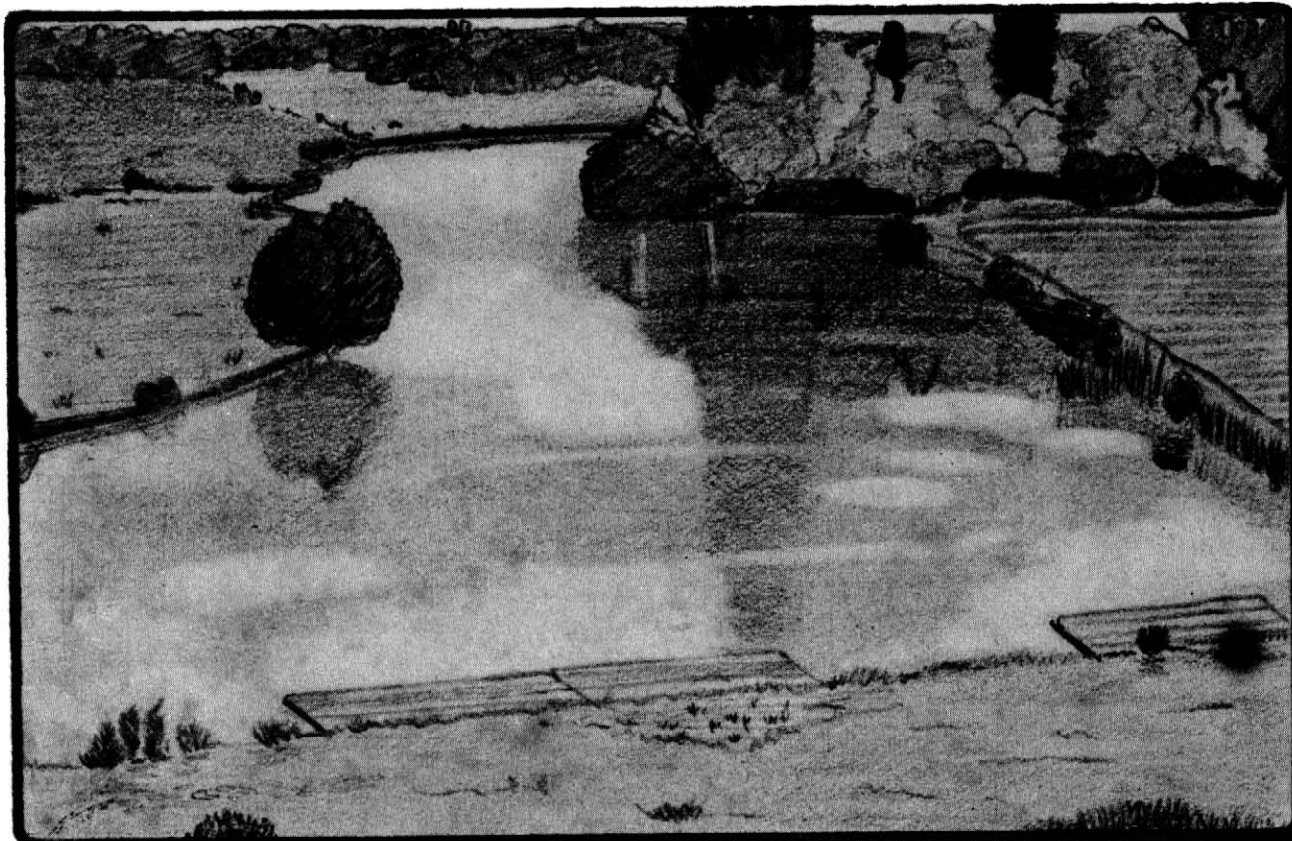


**THE COURT**

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Andrew Bainbridge

#### Editorial

Editorials, like the preambles to many books, are better left unread by sensible people, who wish to pass on unimpeded to the real substance of the publication. Therefore let us not detain you with special pleading but say at once "Thank you" to all those who have contributed in any sort of way to make this 1977 edition of "The Court" possible.

Criticisms and suggestions from readers will be very welcome and actively pursued in an endeavour "to do better" in the future. And if anyone feels slighted at being overlooked we are sorry—but can only suggest, with respect of course, that maybe the fault lies in other hands than ours. We sought diligently but did not always "find".

J.C.

#### The Year in Retrospect

Two hundred and ninety-five enrolled  
 Eight at Henley (see cover)  
 Additional studies for Everett  
 Squash Courts opened by world stars  
 "Oliver" main stage attraction  
 Great Hall opened to terrace  
 Library decorated and expanded  
 The great elms come down  
 New drives laid down  
 An Elizabethan Evening  
 A Scottish Evening  
 Presentation of a new boat  
 First XV changes hands  
 Shiplake Village Jubilee Exhibition  
 Speech day with the Headmaster of Winchester as guest  
 Jubilee week and Jubilee Fair  
 1976 summer of heat and drought, turns to winter floods  
 Staff present Christmas panto  
 Orchard expands, Welsh plans, Burr wins, Shiplake plays host  
 D. of E. scheme runs most successful Lakes expedition  
 Film Society flourishes  
 Farewell to sixty-one  
 Prospect of topping 300  
 Farewell to Carol Smith (recent Editor) to new horizons  
 Continuing success of Summer Ball  
 Welcome to Michael Wicker as Bursar, Peter Caston, Brian  
 Jobin, Pat Johnston, Steven Kean, re-welcome Peter Webb,  
 hail! and farewell Ingrid Miller

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Photograph of Hales Church, Staffordshire, by the Chaplain.

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It is encouraging to note that our Communion Services are going from strength to strength with a steady attendance each Sunday. We have also experimented with short special services; Christian readings and Hymns, often ably supported by the school Brass ensemble. Each year there is a steady flow of boys offering themselves for Confirmation and we have been fortunate enough to have had the

Bishop of Dorchester, The Rt. Reverend Peter Walker to come to take the Confirmation Services. As he has now been appointed Bishop of Ely, we shall miss his ministry very much. Amongst those who have come to preach to us, we have welcomed The Rev. N. Print, The Rev. H. Thorold, The Headmasters of Brighton and Lancing, The Rev. J. E. Crisp, The Rev. M. Payne, Air Vice Marshal C. B. Maisner and The Rev. J. Deuchar. The choir are now resplendent in scarlet cassocks and white ruffs and have improved so much under the direction of Mr. Malcolm Woodcock that they have added greatly to our services and have been invited out to sing in local churches. It is now clear that many who join the choir do realise that they are of real service to the community and have lost the desire to leave early.

The Chapel Committee always takes great care in the choice of which charities to support and amongst those to whom we have given considerable sums are Smith's Hospital, The Fellowship of St. Nicholas Children's Home, and Earl Haig's Fund for the war disabled. The boys are most generous whenever they see a real need.

There are many people who deserve our thanks for all the help and support they give. Flower arrangements, Services, lesson readers; the only one I shall mention by name is Miss Monica Tomalin who for so long has seen that the Chapel is always ready and has looked after the linen, the Cassocks and the Surplices. She now feels it is time to hand it over to someone else. We are very grateful for all she has done.

B.W.W.

## HOUSE NOTES

### Burr House

As reported in the last issue of 'The Court', we started the academic year of 1976/77 with J. R. Hardy as Head of College, J. D. Nonoo as Head of House, and P. J. Samengo-Turner, S. C. Dean, A. J. Langguth and R. P. Middleton as prefects. It was slightly inconvenient that no separate accommodation could be found for the Head of College until the beginning of the Summer term, but as it was he occupied the room normally lived in by the Head of House, who in turn occupied a single room in the new block. Owing to the tact exercised by both of them, this system worked.

During the Summer holidays, the top floor of the house was redecorated and various rooms were furnished with new carpeting ready for the September onslaught, when we were 58 strong with a few boys living out in Shiplake House. In the Spring term we were 62 strong with two new prefects in the shape of S. D. Shaw and B. H. C. Morris. As a result of the extra numbers, three boys were asked to volunteer to live in exile at a house now rented by the College, called 'Riviera', down in Lower Shiplake.

When the Summer term arrived, we had no new boys but an expansion of the prefectorial body to the tune of five—M. A. Eaton, H. A. R. Havergal, C. Mordaunt, A. D. Nonoo and R. C. Ward. The purpose of appointing so many at an early stage was to give them plenty of experience before taking over the house in September, 1977, with Morris as Head of House.

So much for the administrative side of affairs. Now mention must be made of what happened in the house during the course of the year. The leavers of Summer 1976 did not achieve any great glory academically, but we certainly hope for better results this year. Indeed, for the third year running we must look to the sports' arenas for our major successes. We won the Senior Rugger Final (14 - 7) against a strong Welsh side and also both the Senior and Junior Basketball. In the Spring term we won the Senior Hockey (4 - 1) against Skipwith but lost the Junior Hockey to Everett in the final. On the other hand, we won the Hockey League Shield. We also won the Debating Shield for the first time but lost the Music Trophy, which we had won in Summer term, 1976. We also had the individual winner in the Senior Cross-Country event in the form of Middleton. This seemed all too good to be true, but even better results were to come in the Summer term, when we won both Senior and Junior Cricket, Senior and Junior Tennis, Senior and Junior Swimming, Junior Soccer and Senior Rowing. At the moment we have fourteen shields, which in itself can only be a very real comment on the healthy attitude of all members of the house, both participants and supporters, especially as there are so many shields which have been won at both senior and junior level. It also says a lot for the individual captains and coaches. I must also mention at this point that during the last four weeks of this term we welcomed a Dutch boy, M. Brenninkmeyer, who joined the Upper Fourth and, although he found our academic system most strange at first, quickly settled in to such an extent that he was instrumental in our winning the Junior Soccer, where he played in goal, and the Junior Swimming, where he broke the record in the back stroke and helped to break the Junior Medley Relay record.





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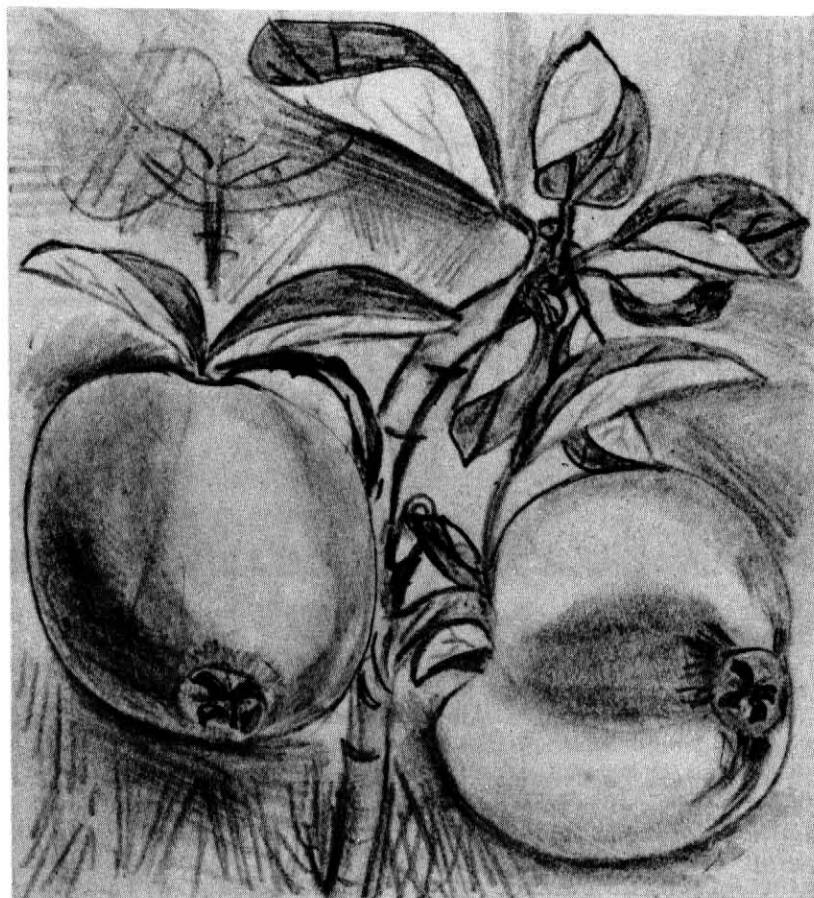
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Having the whole House together again will be very welcome. Living and working together are the essentials of the life in any House and they stand the test in a crisis. In 1976 it was the 'flu epidemic! In 1977 it was the floods! Contrary to building plans and expectations, heavy rain forced the Sixth Formers to give up their night time use of the ground floor studies and to camp out in other parts of the House. We did not allow for over an inch of rain in the middle of one June night which flowed into the empty rooms and out into all other ground floor rooms. The way in which things were put to rights was most heartening. No one is ever likely to forget the mess or the sight of the third formers tackling the clearing up at 7 a.m.—rather before their seniors had decided upon the best plan of operations!

In good times and bad this year Everett has been led by the following:  
(normal places of residence in brackets)

A. Newman—Head of House (Malta and Wales), N. J. St. Clair (Italy; Devon & Spain), N. Halit (Cyprus), A. L. Barnes (Dubai and Virgin Islands), U. Nabi (Cyprus), P. J. Cranstone, C. Allum, G. Blythe, J. McC. Reynolds (two of these claim to be Scots!), S. P. Storey (Sussex and the Yemen).

Mrs. Kate Fotherby has been House Matron since September 1976 and she has been unfailingly cheerful whatever problems we set her. Mrs. Langham passed her 70th birthday during the year and a presentation on behalf of the House was organised by the study holders. Mr. Brian Jobin replaced Mr. Bishop as our third house tutor. As a scientist he strengthens the range of help with work obtainable during the evenings!



Robert Thomas

#### Orchard House Report

Continued growth in numbers, which promises to be sustained next year, has once again been the main feature of Orchard's development. In inter-house affairs our policy has been to participate in every competition where numerically possible, and if only rarely winning the garland, we have nevertheless endorsed the fact of our presence.

Junior League performances have been encouraging throughout this year, and we succeeded in retaining the Chess Shield, with the individual award going to G. W. G. Penman. Penman also scored the highest individual mark in the debating competition.

Our lead on the penultimate day of the Athletics Standards was not enough to thwart the late surge of Skipwith, and this major trophy was surrendered with disappointment. The first Orchard House colours have been awarded to M. R. Broad, J. P. Hearnden, M. L. Harvey and G. W. G. Penman.

We wish our farewells and good fortune to our leavers; A. I. Browning, G. N. Gegg, M. L. Harvey, G. W. G. Penman, P. J. Robinson, T. M. Sangster, and to N. C. Bryant who is transferring to Welsh House, and H. Mirzakhanian to Everett House.



Alan Brigden

### **Skipwith House Report**

Head of House: Andrew Horne, School Prefect: Tim Wilkinson, House Prefects: Ian Jackson-Moore, Alan Brigden, Andrew Lear, James Schwerdt, Rupert Clarke, Ashley Wallis, Richard Ginder, Richard Atkinson, Ian Bruce-Merrie, Richard Davies-Cooke, Sub. Prefect: Tim Frewer.

This year we had twenty new boys, and the total in the House rose to sixty-eight. House spirit was strong throughout the year, particularly in the inter-House competitions, and we hope that this enthusiasm will produce even greater success in the future. Our performance on the Rugby field was highly commendable, and might have been rewarded with more than the Junior House League Shield. The House Party was postponed to the Easter Term, owing to the number of other functions near Christmas, but the House had already provided its usual large quota of actors and singers in 'Oliver'. The Music Competition was one of the many in which we came second—for some, a controversial decision by the judges.

The Easter Term will be remembered for its bad weather—an odd contrast to the ban on baths in the first part of the Christmas term—and for a convincing victory in the Senior House Cross Country, thanks to good running by Nick Roper-Caldbeck, James Schwerdt and Rupert Clarke; the Juniors, rather weaker, should be congratulated on their effort. Surprisingly, the House Squash team reached the final, and lost narrowly 3 - 2. The

postponed House Party was unanimously voted the best yet: highlights were Alec Ingham-Clark and John Woodward in their parrot sketch, and the Prefects in their own version of Robin Hood. It was sad to relinquish the House Debating Shield after three years. In the Senior House Hockey, we held Burr well in the first half, scored the first goal, and were then outplayed by a team who combined better than we did.

The Summer Term was dominated by the remarkable Athletics treble of winning all three shields. We must thank Andrew Lear for his interest in and encouragement of all in the House. The Senior Cricket team was unable to score enough to put Everett under real pressure, but fought hard to make a close game of it; the Juniors were surprised to find themselves in the final, where they had little chance against a very strong Burr team. In tennis, the Junior team came very close to bringing off an unexpected win; the Senior Swimming team were equally near to retaining the shield won last year, and the Juniors were also second in their competition. We must congratulate the 'boaters' on their crushing victory in the Junior Rowing; the Seniors had to surrender the Senior Shield to Burr, but not without a good battle. It was nice to see that the successful Shooting Eight contained representatives from all levels of the House; in the Senior football, our team gave Burr a fight by holding them in the first half.

This year we welcomed two new House tutors—Mr. Steven Kean and Mr. Peter Caston—to join Mr. Malcolm Woodcock and Mr. Peter Hose (whose hard work and round-the-clock presence is so important for the House). Together they make up an excellent team. Nor must we forget the services rendered by Miss Tomalin with her untiring efficiency. Finally, Mr. Charles has completed his fifth year as Housemaster, and with the departure of Andrew Horne we say goodbye to the last boy whose career spanned that period of Skipwith renaissance.

It has been a thoroughly enjoyable and successful year, and we look forward with confidence to another under the leadership of Alan Brigden and Andrew Lear.

Andrew Horne

#### **Welsh House Notes**

Head of House: M. J. Nops. School Prefects: D. S. Beevers, A. J. Morton. House Prefects: R. G. Simpson, R. L. Blackmore, R. M. Kingston. From Summer Term: I. C. Munday, C. S. Rayburn, W. M. G. Nettelfield, P. E. Cotton, A. H. S. Baxter, G. Lotto. House Colours: Turner, Jones G., Davies, Gray, Woodward.

Though yet again we had the possibility of winning many more shields, we ended the year with exactly the same number as we had started it with, namely four. This figure certainly does not reflect the effort put into all our competitive sports and the number of times we came second was disheartening. Most of our senior teams had to employ rather too many juniors (as we have been a young house this year) with the notable exception of Hockey which we should have won on paper. The Rugger was very closely contested, with fine play by Munday, Trevor, Kingston and Simpson, among others, and we won the Junior X-Country. Our House Song was (again) judged to be outstanding but we lacked instrumentalists. Our Squash team, captained by Morton, was uniformly strong which enabled us to retain this shield, but we had a difficult subject in the Debating and our flippant approach was not appreciated by the Judges.

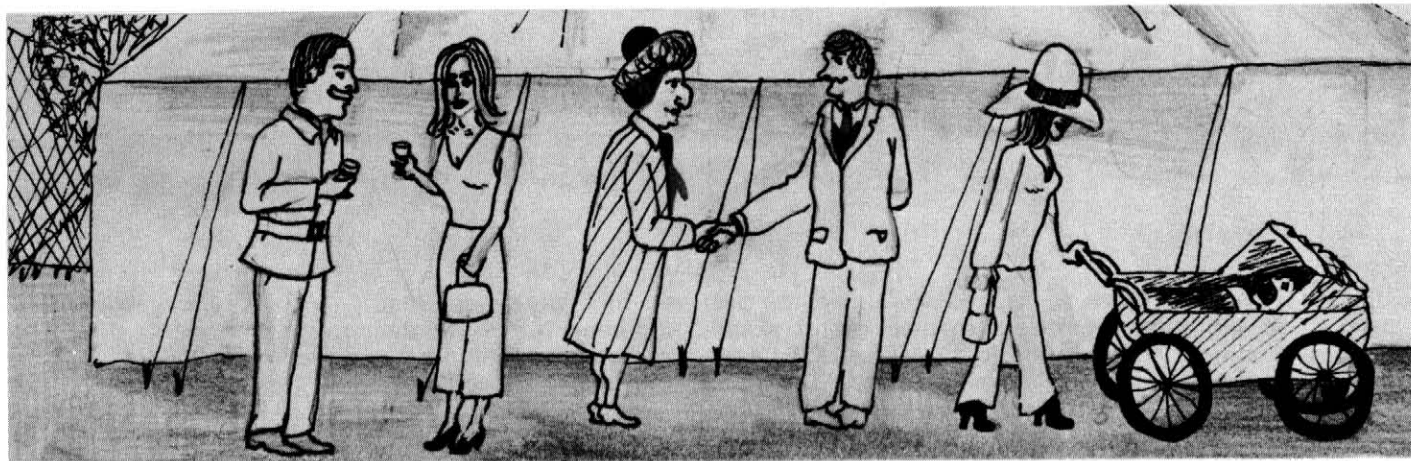
In the Summer term, we were again 2nd in Athletics, with plenty of talent shown: perhaps I might pick out Pizzorni as best all rounder. We had high hopes of the Tennis and Swimming Shields but did not produce our best on the day in these events. In Cricket we were a bit thin on the ground, in spite of the talent of Munday and Kingston and it was left to our Junior League Team to capture one of our two shields in the term, the other being the Sailing Shield which we were allowed to retain by default. Our appreciation must go to Barron for his efforts in this.

On the work side we seem to be getting a steadily improved record: the number of House Commendations increase while the number of Satis Cards (particularly for all subjects) has dropped dramatically. At the time of writing we do not have the 'A' or 'O' level results, but Nops got 'A' level Maths. in January, and Morton and Blackmore got 'A' level Economics, all these taking a subject two terms early.

The House has expanded yet again and looks like rising to about 65 boys next term. 4 Seniors have been living at Tegoni, in Binfield Heath, where Liz Cooke looks after them far too well; and we have also had the use of a flat in the Main Building for Juniors and next term will be using the room in Shiplake House once again. I can only pray that the long-planned extension will soon materialise. We have planning permission but money is the problem as always.

John Scottorn is still resident in the Lodge, but as a married man. Alan Butterworth and Geoff Rowlands have also succumbed, and will also be married by the next issue!





James Wilson

#### Speech Day

Quite the largest gathering of parents and friends in the school's eighteen years, took place on the 4th June. The guest of honour was the Headmaster of Winchester, Mr. J. Thorn, with his wife. We learnt that there was a strong personal link with Mr. Eggar—the Repton connection, where Mr. Thorn was previously Head—and the Wykehamist where son and father (our Head) had been students.

We were spared the deluges of earlier years, instead enjoyed brilliant sunshine and the opportunity to stroll from the startling and ingenious displays of the scientists under Brian Jobin, to the Tithe Barn exhibitions where the centre piece was

the coxed-pair being made by Richard Davies-Cooke. In other rooms the Barron Prize work, the D. of E. expeditions, and the third and fourth form projects were set out. The major exhibition in the Barn was the illustrated history of Shiplake gathered together by the Village Jubilee Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Wells-Furby. Also on show was Steven Dean's water propelled lawn-sprinkler, and out of doors model aircraft and boats were put through their paces. The speeches were generally optimistic, and it seemed that the school would have over 300 pupils in September, compared to the 140 when Mr. Eggar became Headmaster in 1962.

#### C.C.F. NOTES—Army Section

This year we welcome Mr. P. J. F. Webb, who kindly volunteered to join the Section, making our officer strength five.

In March we were inspected by Brigadier G. B. Curtis, O.B.E., M.C., the Director of Army Management Services. He was pleased with our efforts, but felt that we were not entirely achieving the object of the Combined Cadet Force as our cadet NCOs had not enough knowledge to instruct junior cadets efficiently, and so were not able to practise leadership.

One Gold and three Silver groups took part in successful Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions at our annual adventurous training camp in the Lake District at the end of the Spring term. The Summer Annual Camp was spent on the coast at Penhale Sands, near Newquay in Cornwall. Thirty-two cadets attended and activities included the firing of pistol and SMG, rock climbing and some fairly arduous competitions, in which the Contingent competed very well.

Field Days were spent on the open range and at the Jubilee Aldershot Army Display.

Cadet Cpl. J. M. Reynolds and L/Cpls. N. J. R. and T. C. D. Frewer attended the Cadet Leadership Course at the Frimley Cadet Training Centre in July, and our senior cadet was CSM T. L. Wilkinson.

#### C.C.F. NOTES—Royal Navy Section

Our headline news this year is that at long last our Seamanship Hut has been completed and is in use. We have long needed a place of our own; this is ideal and will be put to good use.

More good news is that we now have an S.S.I. in Mr. Pat Murphy. Welcome Pat. C.P.O. Murphy has been for many years a Bosun in the Merchant Navy and latterly Rigger in the New Zealand Dockyard. His expertise in rope work and seamanship will be a real asset to the Section.

We have this last year been more closely than usual integrated with the Army Section. Both Field Days were spent in company on the open full bore range at Hurley Park and then at Aldershot for the Jubilee Army Display. On the other side of the coin the Army has joined us on the water in their flotilla of canoes, for which we provide a Safety boat.

Cadet Leading Seaman Cowburn had the privilege of joining the crew of one of H.M.S. VERNON's minesweepers for the Silver Jubilee Review of the Fleet by Her Majesty the Queen.

Cadet Petty Officer Ritchie attended a leadership course at H.M.S. ROYAL ARTHUR; Cadet Leading Seaman Kennedy and Smith-Irvine a Quartermaster's course at H.M.S. RALEIGH and Cadet Able Seaman Walker a Submarine Acquaintance course at H.M.S. DOLPHIN.

Once again we competed in the C.C.F. National Regatta. Once again without success. I have every confidence that 1977 is **our** year!

Our senior Royal Naval Section cadet for the Autumn and Spring terms was Leading Seaman Nops; for the Summer Term, Petty Officer Ritchie. Leading Seaman Chavasse is Cadet N.C.O. i/c R.N. Section designate.



Jeremy Newland

# **Oliver**

October 1976 saw the production of "Oliver"; the nearest Siplake has seen to a cast of thousands. It seemed that half the school were involved. The fact that the presentation was so successful owed greatly to the Woodcock/Hose/Cooke/Smith team working with the new lighting group under Brian Jobin. Suffice it to say that all were stars in their own way.

## **Cast**

Oliver Twist  
Understudy  
Fagin  
The Artful Dodger  
Bill Sykes  
Nancy  
Bet  
Mr. Bumble  
Mrs. Corney  
Mr. Brownlow  
Mr. Sowerberry  
Mrs. Sowerberry  
Charlotte  
Noah Claypole  
Dr. Grimwig  
Mrs. Bedwin  
Charles Bates  
and Friend  
Pauper Assistants  
Street Sellers

Neil McRitchie  
Paul Newmark  
Charles Eve  
Andrew Swaine  
Paul Willies  
Liz Cooke  
Sarah Caffrey  
John Woodward  
Pat Noble  
Nicholas Jones  
Stephen Arnott  
Clare Charles  
Jonathan Edgoose  
Blake Bowden  
Henry Summers  
Carol Smith  
Mark Freeland  
Peter Clayton  
Guy Hutchings and Jeremy Roth  
Michael Rosedale, Gomer Wyn-Roberts,  
Jonathan Edgoose, Ewan Ritchie and  
Rupert Mackey  
Nicholas Walker, Peter Leane, Peter  
Clayton, Rupert Mackay, Jeremy Hunt,

Fagin's Gang

## **Workhouse Boys**

## **Band**

## **Choreography Wardrobe and Props.**

## **Make-up**

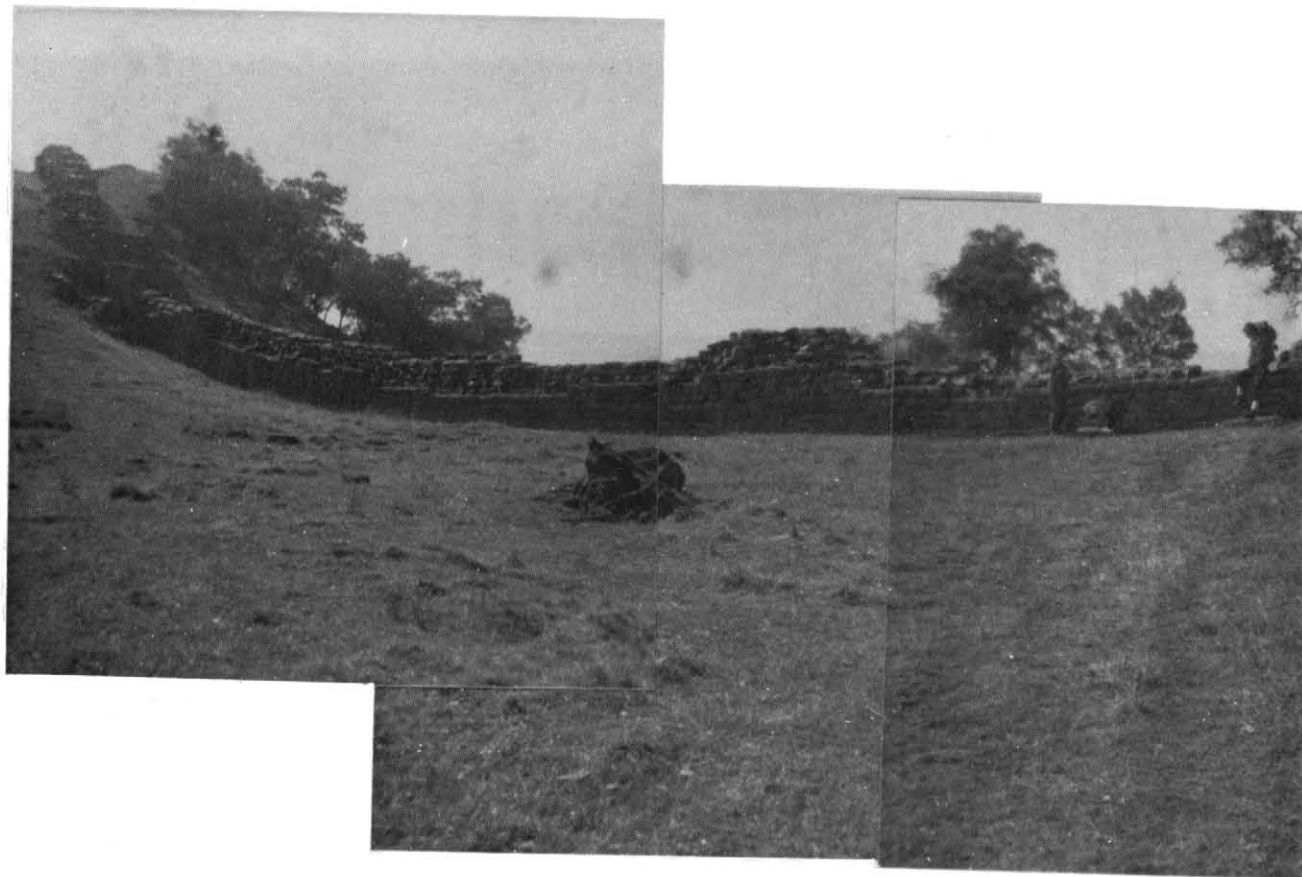
## **Lighting**

## **Stage Set**

## **Front of House Stage Hands**

## **Programme Cover Assistant Producer Producer**

Henry Summers, Nicholas Jones, Ewan  
Ritchie, Stephen Ramsden, Guy  
Gillibrand, David Maudsley,  
Charles Adams, James Maxfield,  
Daniel Badcock, James Bernstein,  
Peter Cox, Oliver Philcox, Warren  
Haynes, Paul Newmark, Neale Rook,  
Stanley Browne, Thomas Hunt, Mark  
Johns, Robin Pim, John Goldsmith,  
James Skinner, Peter Clayton, Adrian  
Letty, Adam Simmonds, Alistair Mackie,  
Jeremy Newland and Peter Rogers  
Stephen Flook (Oboe)  
Alison McNab (Clarinet)  
Antony Cook (Clarinet)  
Linda Ayton (Bassoon)  
Alan Greeley (Horn)  
Wendy Dyson (Violin)  
James Schwerdt (Trombone)  
Paul Haydon (Percussion)  
Heather Gilliat  
Carol Smith, Liz Cooke, Michael  
Barker and Nigel Baddeley  
Reverend Basil Wilkes, Andrew Horne,  
and Timothy Wilkinson  
Brian Jobin, Marc Biggins and  
Thurlow O'Neill  
P. Rogers, Daniel Badcock, Nicholas  
Fenwick Richard Longmuir, Guy  
Hutchings and Stuart McAlister  
Michael Charles  
Jason Shipp, Andrew Gunn, Tom  
Fromant and Crispin Harding Rolls  
James Bernstein and David Lethbridge  
Peter Hose  
Malcolm Woodcock



### The Pennine Way

We arrived at Edale by car on Sunday the seventh of August. We decided that we would start our walk the next day, and head for Crowder, where we would camp in the Youth Hostel grounds. The weather had been overcast and rainy on the way up, but the sky cleared and warmed the air for the first days of our walk. We had been advised that the route as far as Hebden Bridge was hard going and would take about three days.

However we accomplished this satisfactorily, except for a chaotic first day. On this day we managed to get lost twice, and walked an extra six miles. This was mainly due to poor organisation, and on the next day we re-organized so that my brother looked after the guide book, Jock had the compass and I had the map and this we found effective.

However we found the scenery very grand indeed like the moonscape plateau top of Kinderscout, where the rock had been worn in lunar-like shapes. On the second day we paddled our feet in a reservoir set deep in the fells, glinting like chain mail. At Hebden Bridge we had our first camping problem. We were forced to wander up and down the main street of Hebden Bridge for hours looking for a camp site, and it was not only us with difficulties, there were about forty other Pennine walkers wandering around looking lost. In the end we were told we could camp on the village recreation ground.

After Hebden Bridge we found the countryside became more civilized, though the hills did not. We had lunch at Ponton Hall, the first day out of Hebden Bridge, where we were able to buy some tea. We did find, however, that we were continually plagued by flies, and insect repellent seemed to be unheard of up there. This ingrained a deep hatred of flies on us.

We found that from Thornton in Craven to Malham the countryside became very civilized, lowlands with meadows, and arable farming covering most of the land. Malham was like an oasis in a bleak wilderness of bare fells when the heather only just clung to the dark li-nestone hills. After Malham the countryside again became rugged. After camping at Malham we

had decided to do thirty miles which would take us to Haver. Everything went well and we tackled and managed to climb that famous Celtic named hill of Pen-y-gent (about 2273ft.) in good time and reached Horton in Ribbles Dale at about three o'clock. From here we made good progress until we climbed up Cam Fell. By the time we came down off Dod Fell into Haives it was ten-thirty. It was dark and misty and we were extremely exhausted—so much for the book telling us what an easy route it was. In the end the owner of a caravan site kindly consented to let us camp in their grounds.

It rained that night, but the weather was not too bad the next day, though on our way to Keld we were caught in a blanket of mist on the high ground. I told Jock to take a bearing and by following this bearing and cairns we succeeded in getting down. At Keld we treated ourselves to a stay in a Youth Hostel. The next day we visited the highest and loneliest pub in England, but forgot to sign their book which was a pity as my father visited it a day or two later. We then resumed a relatively uneventful trip to Middle on Teasdale. By now a stiff cold north-east wind had picked up, and dark armies of black clouds were building and advancing in the east. We paid a £1 for an unpleasant camp site and some of Jock's tent pegs blew out in the night.

The next day we were to march to Dufton but did not quite make it so we camped by Caldron snout though we had no supplies at all except a few camp rations. The next morning was cold and wet with a very stiff north wind, so with numb fingers we broke camp and made a short walk into Dufton—passing the splendid view of High Cup Nick which is a vast hollow in the side of the mountains. At Dufton we had a talk with an Irish territorial who did 47 miles a day and was doing 20 miles the next day for a rest! We managed to get a lot of extremely useful information as he had done the Pennine Way twice before. That night it really blew and Nick and Jock had to get out of their tents to save Jock's tent from flyng out over the hills.





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James Reynolds

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Across the wast in bygone days  
O'er lonely hills and marsh ways  
There ran a road not-west  
Between rough stones on either hand  
They carried through that dreary land  
The deam men to their rest.

Our first camp site along Hadrian's Wall was reached two days later at Greenhead, where we managed to get a few supplies from the Youth Hostel.

The other two found the wall disappointing as they expected a ten foot battlemented castle wall. I however, thought it quite remarkable. In some parts it was nine tiers (about six feet) and six feet wide.

Just after Beltingham the weather again cracked, the wind was north west very cold with a lot of rain being whipped up by the wind. We reached the shelter of the forests before the wind really however. At Byrness, we had a futile go at drying our clothes out under a hand dryer in the toilets of a cafe. We bought a meal of egg and beans at the cafe before setting to the camp site in a wet windy almost pitch black night.

The next day we decided not to try to complete the Cheviots in one go, as we were all about tired, and Jock was feeling sick due to the mistake of going to bed in his wet clothes (having been warned that he would regret it by my brother). We started off back across the Cheviots and camped on a mountain, but just below a hill called Lamb Hill.

The next day it was raining and the condition of our path deteriorated as we progressed. In the end just below the Cheviot mountain it was so bad we were sinking as far as our lower thighs every other step. As a result we were taking one and a half hours over one mile and had long since given up the futile sport of trying to keep our feet dry, and if this was not bad enough there was a cold north east wind and rain through the mire that was the path.

T. Frewer

### The Castaway

The theatrical scene abounds with actors interpreting literary figures of the past in one man performances. Williams/Dickens, Guinness/Swift, Dotrice/Aubrey spring readily to mind. Each such performance naturally relies for most of its material on the subject's own writings, and the actor must have the power of projecting his personality into, and so fully understanding, the object of his study.

So it was interesting to see what David Gooderson would make of William Cowper when he brought his one man interpretation for a one night stand to the college on the 3rd May under the above title. For a start to be cast away before a critical maze of 3rd and 4th formers was a daunting prospect. Secondly Cowper's life does not lend itself to a great deal of histrionics. He was a retiring man, who suffered recurring bouts of madness or severe depression.

David Gooderson's performance began slowly and took some time to warm up. Most of the poems and writings used were of a meditative nature devoid of the "dynamism" that younger boys respond to. Some of the listeners found the one man presentation a burden on their imaginations. They were at one with Aeschylus in wanting to introduce a second actor. Inevitably "John Gilpin" was recited, as reputedly performed contemporaneously by Mr. John Henderson. In the course of this there was perhaps a little too much "nudging" the audience when they were supposed to laugh or to take a point.

Generally speaking Cowper's life was a sad one and David Gooderson emphasized the melancholy side of it, but in doing so he seemed to carry his youthful audience with him—to the extent that one boy said afterwards: "If that's what writing poetry does to you I don't want to be a poet". Neither did Cowper. He drifted into it.

Third and Fourth Form Plays 1977.

#### On Monday Next.

A Comedy by Philip King produced and adapted by David Welsh. A rehearsal provides comedy and is a good choice for a school play. This entertainment was simply staged and was fraught with Shiplake situations. Welsh, the younger, was the confident and convincing play producer. Did he, perhaps, think he was rehearsing the staff pantomime?

Jonathan Ringrose made a suitably tiresome author of an impossible play. Robin Pim came over as the sorely tried stage manager, and Stephen Arnott as the Irish carpenter. But the real laughs were raised by the "girls", especially Cameron Fraser as the slinky but scatty Daphne, and the more serious, but equally funny, Maudie portrayed by Mark Wellby.

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| George            | Stephen Arnott    |
| Producer          | Alexander Welsh   |
| Jacko             | Robin Pim         |
| Author            | Jonathan Ringrose |
| Daphne            | Cameron Fraser    |
| Maudie            | Mark Wellby       |
| Avis              | Gregory Dixon     |
| Sandra            | Nicholas Page     |
| Joey              | John Allen        |
| Norwood           | Jeremy Hunt       |
| Mary              | Gus Barrios       |
| Stretcher bearers | Nick Crowder      |
|                   | Duncan Cross      |
|                   | Michael Barker    |

E.K.C.

#### Hip-Hip Horatio

(A light-hearted look at the life of Horatio Nelson)

Words by Michael Blom

Music by Michael Hurd

Produced by Malcolm Woodcock

A delightful musical using band and singers and all the zest that goes into a Woodcock production.

Andrew Swaine made a fine looking and sounding narrator and Lord Nelson and Diana Cooke a dignified Lady Hamilton.

The chorus work was exuberant, obviously the boys enjoyed turning themselves into Londoners, Sailors or Slaves. The

Caribbean scene showed a feeling for the West Indian rhythm and the use of the upper stage gave the Trafalgar scene visual impact.

The projected wood cuts on the backcloth cleverly transformed the scene and gave authenticity to Caribbean and Mediterranean.

#### Cast:

Lord Nelson and Narrator  
Nelson's father  
Norfolk farmer  
Lady Hamilton  
Chorus of Londoners, Slaves  
and Sailors

Andrew Swaine  
Rupert Mackay  
Adam Simmonds  
Diana Cooke

Peter Clayton, Charles de Roemer, Ian Moorhead, Jeremy Roth, Michael Rosedale, Jonathan Edgoose, Daniel Badcock, Mark Sabin, Mehrdad Mirkhan, Peter Orme, Charles Adams, Thomas Skinner, Mark Freeland and Richard Mealing

#### Band:

Duncan Erb  
Robin Pim  
Charles Eve  
Nick Jones  
Ewan Ritchie  
Paul Haydon  
Malcolm Woodcock

Trumpet  
Trumpet  
Horn  
Clarinet  
Oboe  
Percussion  
Piano

E.K.C.

#### Library Notes

During the course of the last two years the Assistant-Librarians have continued to give their time voluntarily and usefully to the benefit of the community under the leadership of, firstly, S. C. Dean (1975/6) and, secondly, J. C. M. Hunt and R. Mackay, who are acting in the capacity of joint Head-Librarians for the foreseeable future.

In the last report that I wrote I said, "What is needed more than anything now are new shelves and additional library furniture", and I am more than pleased to report that we now have both. The Old Viking Society generously presented two Library Tables, and the school had the foresight to have two mobile book bays made to our specifications before the price of timber went sky-high. Then came the question, "How do we raise the money to fill the new shelves?"

The answer was an appeal launched by R. Hardy, Esq., father of the head boy, in the winter term of 1976. The response was most pleasing, the total amount being £640 plus many presentation copies. As a result, since September, 1976, we have added 225 books to the shelves. We are all indebted to the generosity of those parents and old boys who contributed. Finally, I must end where I began on a note of thanks to the Librarians themselves, who do such a good job without public praise.

Librarians and Assistant-Librarians 1976/77: Hunt, Mackay, R. J. F. Milligan-Manby, N. P. Whishaw, R. C. Ward, H. J. Summers, N. Kennedy, J. M. Bernstein, M. C. Biggins and M. J. Rosedale.

M.M.G.

#### Sixth Form Society

President: D. F. K. Welsh. Vice-President: J. R. Hardy.

Secretary: D. S. Beevers.

Our three expeditions of the year were to the play "Confusions" starring John Alderton and Pauline Collins, "Same time next year" with Michelle Dotrice and Michael Crawford, and the African Dance production "Ipi Tombi". The evenings were all enjoyed by the members who came, though none of the outings were as well attended as in previous years, undoubtedly because of the rising cost of the 'cheaper' theatre seats. Of the three, "Same time next year" was most appreciated in spite of its rather slow start, and "Ipi Tombi" the most disappointing because of the amount of canned music that was employed.

The papers read by members during the year as usual covered a wide variety of subjects. "Water Resources and Supplies" by Rupert Clarke was unusual and quite interesting but perhaps of limited appeal. Andrew Lear presented an amusing talk called "Poland" with slides of naïve Polish secret agents following the Lear family around the country. Another talk on a country was given by David Beevers on Nigeria, and featured some rather amusing films of his younger days in Nigeria. When Tony Fryer who is Director of the Reading Branch of the Samaritans came along, we expected a lecture on the Samaritans, but the speaker preferred to initiate a discussion on society and how to live in it. The problems of different groups were compared, from those of a democracy to those of a school, a House, and even the participants of the discussion. Mirabelle St. George spoke on Thailand. This talk was very interesting and we were shown some particularly beautiful slides of the country and its people. It is not very often we are visited by old members, and so it was a particular pleasure to hear Simon Wellby on "Picture Restoring". He brought some pictures along in various states of restoration to illustrate his points, and even took a picture from the President's loo to point out its deficiencies. Robin Blackmore based his talk on the war in Vietnam, and gave us a good idea of the weapons used. He showed some good slides and was obviously in complete command of his complicated subject. The last talk of the year was about David Bowie, by Eddie Barnes, in a suitably darkened and decorated Room 3. He concentrated entirely on the music about which he was plainly enthusiastic, but failed to give an impression of the man. We had hoped to have the Annual Dinner this term but so few members felt that they could afford it that it looks sadly as though this branch of our activities will have to be relegated to one of the luxuries of the past.

#### The Chess Club—1977

At the start of the year Mr. Kean took charge of the club. He has given everyone the greatest encouragement, and under his guidance there was throughout the year a great improvement in the standard of play.

As the enthusiasm has grown so has the membership of the club. Weekly turnout has been very pleasing and, with a lot of juniors in the club, its future looks very bright. It is hoped that school matches can soon be arranged.

The individual tournament this year was won by Guy Penman. He also led Orchard to the House title, having won all his matches. It is the second year running that Orchard have won the shield.

Alistair Newman

#### Electronics Club

The Electronics Club has been meeting fairly regularly over the past year. Our activities seem to have fallen into three main groups.

Firstly we have been building amplifiers. There are already two stereo systems in the school working with our home-made amplifiers and a third is nearly complete. We are also in the process of building amplifiers for two of the school's boats. Anyone is capable of building such amplifiers with the minimum of help. It takes just time and a little money—but far less money than for buying one in a shop. Those who came to the science laboratories for the exhibition on Speech Day will have no doubts about the quality and quantity of sound that can be produced from our home-made stereos.

Our second major activity is concerned with mending a never-ending stream of radios, motors, record-players, calculators, battery-chargers, and so on which are daily presented to us from staff and students alike.

Our third activity consists of providing light and sound for the plays and concerts put on by the school. Anyone who came to the riverside concert would have realised that providing stage lighting, orchestra lighting and sound in the marquee was quite a major undertaking.

The Electronics Club will be meeting every Tuesday afternoon next term and sometimes Thursdays. New members are always welcome but no time-wasters please—serious scientists are at work!

B.P.J.



Simon Robinson

The Riverside Concert, held on the evening of the 2nd of July, was a delightful occasion. The weather was ideal; the twinkling coloured lights in the dusk, and the lighted windows of the house, gave a festive atmosphere to the proceedings.

The first half of the concert was charming and lighthearted, starting in Jubilee fashion with Walton's "Crown Imperial" and ending with the glorious celebratory "Zadok the Priest" by Handel. Much less well known, but quite as exciting, was the "Adagio for Organ and Strings" by Albinoni. The combination of strings, beautifully played, with the tone of the modern organ, was unusual and particularly suited to the open air, as was the delicate playing of the woodwind in the previous piece, "Une Affaire Mystérieuse dans le Forêt". This proved to be our old friend "The Teddy Bears' Picnic", but so magically arranged by Guillaume Lesage that it had turned into something "rich and strange".

Thus heartened and entertained we were ready to enjoy the buffet supper served with wine in the dining hall.

The second half of the concert, devoted to "Joseph and his amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat", with words by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, was a truly rumbustious and happy affair, full of the ebullience and high spirits of youth. At this point all credit must be given to Malcolm Woodcock, who from conducting with the greatest sensitivity in the first half of the programme, changed to a sophisticated pop style of direction in the second half. His flair for bringing the best out of his young cast made this performance most enjoyable. There was none of the inhibition and stiffness usually in evidence on such occasions. All the players were relaxed and gave of their enthusiastic best. At the same time there was evidence of excellent training and rehearsing. All knew their parts; their words, though sung, were clearly enunciated; their actions and movements were well timed and rhythmical. The boys are all to be highly praised, especially perhaps Charles Eve as the Narrator and Nick Jones as Joseph. These two sustained their most demanding parts with unflagging zeal to the end. The general effect was much enhanced by the skilful support of the orchestra and by the most striking lighting and sound effects by Brian Jobin and his team.

After an exhilarating performance of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, complete with gunfire, this most enjoyable evening drew to a close by the light of a glorious full moon. But our pleasures were not yet over, for as we slowly and regretfully climbed the steps to the terrace on our way out, we heard the skirl of the bagpipes, and there, "on the ramparts", as it were, spot-lit at the top of the house, stood a Highlander in full ceremonial dress, playing the Skye Boat Song. One could not have wished for a more beautiful finale.

M.J.C.



Nicholas Webb

#### The Football League Championship 1974-75

For every team in the Football League that experiences the elation of success, another must suffer the despair of failure. That is what happens in the promotion and relegation system. So it would appear that if the chances of both are increased, the competition will be more exciting, and it will be more interesting for the spectator and player.

The introduction of three promoted and three relegated through the First to the Third Division of the Football League in nineteen seventy three—seventy four, provided just that kind of excitement. Now that it has been in operation for another season you will be able to see the efficiency of the method. It seems now that they will introduce a four up and four down very shortly.

Fear of relegation, especially from the first to the second, often made clubs reject this idea. They obviously believed it would be far easier to be relegated than promoted. Manchester United and Norwich City, two of the three teams relegated in the previous season, won their way back at the first attempt. Norwich would not have done so under the previous method because they finished third in the Second Division. The fact that they exchanged places with two of the teams promoted a year earlier, Luton Town and Carlisle United, emphasizes the validity of the argument.

Under this new system the intensity of the competition in the First Division, resulted in Derby County winning the Championship for the second time in four years. There were more leaders at one time or another than there had ever been before, including one of the teams relegated, Carlisle United. Also while Carlisle were top, Derby County were at the bottom, which just goes to show how exciting the Championship can be. With a month to go until the end of the season, at least ten teams were mathematically in contention. With as many as eight clubs at the same stage involved in the relegation issue, every match was a vital one at a time when, under the old system, interest would have been lost for most of them.

Derby, sixth at the time emerged as eventual Champions, but with fifty-three points—the lowest total since Chelsea won the title with fifty-two points twenty years earlier—indicates how interest was kept until almost the last kick. The relegation fate of Luton Town, whose programme had already been completed, rested on an important match at White Hart Lane between Tottenham Hotspur and Leeds United, through which Tottenham brilliantly and, perhaps surprisingly, beat Leeds by four goals to two to escape relegation by a point, proves the issue even more so.

In an ever changing situation at the top of the First Division the two teams which held the leadership for the longest periods, Ipswich Town and Everton, had to be content with third and fourth places. At the bottom Tottenham Hotspur and Leicester City, whose hopes vanished at the half-way stage of the season, worked out their own salvation. It was left for Chelsea to join Luton Town and Carlisle United on the downward trip to the Second Division. For Chelsea it ended a run of twelve years in the First Division.

A. C. Priest



# SPORTS NEWS

## Athletics 1977

This year has seen one of the closest competitions ever, Skipwith House taking both shields.

### Results

#### Inter House Standards

|     |          |       |
|-----|----------|-------|
| 1st | Skipwith | 9.83% |
| 2nd | Orchard  | 9.47% |
| 3rd | Burr     | 7.93% |
| 4th | Everett  | 7.66% |
| 5th | Welsh    | 7.35% |

#### Inter House Shield

##### Senior

|     |          |            |
|-----|----------|------------|
| 1st | Skipwith | 145 pts.   |
| 2nd | Welsh    | 130 pts.   |
| 3rd | Everett  | 119.5 pts. |
| 4th | Burr     | 107.5 pts. |
| 5th | Orchard  | 68.5 pts.  |

##### Junior

|     |          |            |
|-----|----------|------------|
| 1st | Skipwith | 140.5 pts. |
| 2nd | Everett  | 110.5 pts. |
|     | Welsh    | 110.5 pts. |
| 4th | Burr     | 107 pts.   |
| 5th | Orchard  | 94.5 pts.  |

### Individual Records

#### A. Group

|                |                    |          |
|----------------|--------------------|----------|
| 100m           | A. Lear (S)        | 11.0     |
| 200m           | H. Alireza (E)     | 23.0     |
| 400m           | R. Halbert (S)     | 54.5     |
| 800m           | J. Schwerdt (S)    | 2.11.7   |
| 1500m          | R. Halbert (S)     | 4.29.7   |
| 1500m          | R. Middleton (B)   | 4.43     |
| High Jump      | J. McGuigan (W)    | 5' 6"    |
| Long Jump      | H. Alireza (E)     | 20' 2"   |
| Shot           | D. G. Banks (S)    | 34' 5½"  |
| Discus         | Parkinson (E)      | 103' 5½" |
| Javelin        | P. A. Anderson (B) | 122' 3"  |
| 4 x 200m Relay | Everett            | 1.39.5   |

#### B. Group

|                |                    |         |
|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| 100m           | A. Lear (S)        | 12.4    |
| 200m           | C. Eve (E)         | 25.7    |
| 400m           | P. Robinson (O)    | 59.0    |
| 800m           | C. J. Allen (E)    | 2.17.8  |
| High Jump      | P. Willies (E)     | 5' 0"   |
|                | L. M. Pizzorni (W) | 5' 0"   |
| Long Jump      | P. J. Soward (E)   | 17' 9"  |
| Shot           | A. Porter (E)      | 37' 11" |
| Discus         | B. A. Bowden (B)   | 118' 4" |
| Javelin        | P. G. Evans (S)    | 113' 3" |
| 4 x 200m Relay | Skipwith           | 1.48.8  |

## Boat Club

There are now two main sections of the Club:—

1. Fully competitive oarsmen taking part at open events.
2. House rowers who boat in clinker sculls, pairs and fours and who compete for the Junior House Rowing Shield.

The Senior Oarsmen have now a fairly well-balanced fleet of boats:—

- 1 Donoratico VIII (shell)
- 3 Phelps Vills (restricted)
- 3 Restricted IVs
- 1 Harris VIII (shell)
- 1 Donoratico IV + (shell)
- 3 Shell pairs (with cox)
- 2 Fibreglass sculls

The Boaters have sturdy clinker boats:—

- 4 Fixed seat pairs 12 sculls 4 Clinker fours
- Coaches are now able to follow their crews in coaching launches; the third launch was built last winter. With over a hundred boys taking to the water in the Summer term the waterfront often resembles the Serpentine, with boys of all ages and abilities taking part.

Shown on the cover are the First Eight 1976/77 coming in to win the first round of the Princess Elizabeth Cup at Henley, 1977, defeating King's School, Chester, by 1½ lengths.

|     |                      |
|-----|----------------------|
| Bow | James Schwerdt       |
| 2   | Nicholas Whishaw     |
| 3   | Christopher Mordaunt |
| 4   | Timothy Chavasse     |
| 5   | Richard Davies-Cooke |
| 6   | Jonathan Hearnden    |
| 7   | Stephen Dean         |

Str. John Hardy

Cox Simon Storey

### Events Entered

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Wycliffe Invitation Head of River                   | 1 win  |
| Henley Head of River                                | 3rd  |
| Reading Schools Head of River                       | 2 wins   |
| Avon County Head of River                           | 1 win and 3rd                                      |
| Abingdon Head of River                              | 4th and 7th  |
| Mortlake Regatta                                    | Lost 1st round and 2nd round                       |
| Gloucester Junior Regatta                           | 1 win  |
| Birmingham Junior Regatta                           | Lost 1st round                                     |
| Birmingham Sprint Regatta                           | 1 win  |
| Reading Amateur Regatta                             | Lost semi-finals                                   |
| National Schools Championships, Nottingham          |  |
| Greenwich Regatta                                   | 1 win  |
| Reading Town Regatta                                | 1 win  |
| Henley Royal Regatta                                | Won 1st round; lost to Kent School, USA, 2nd round |
| Huntingdon Regatta                                  | Lost 1st & 2nd rounds                              |
| National Championships of Great Britain, Nottingham | Junior 2+ Silver medal                             |
|   | Junior U16 2+ Bronze medal                         |

## Basket Ball

Owing to the fact that we cannot get a full size court in the gymnasium, games must be played out-doors on the tennis court in the winter and spring terms.

In the past a number of games were played at week-ends but now that day boys and weekly boarders are absent then, the captains' job is a little harder. Commencing this winter term, games afternoons will be Thursdays and Fridays. It is hoped that this will help the captains in the selection of teams and lead to a rise in standards. I am hoping as in the past to get matches with other schools.

|        |         |        |
|--------|---------|--------|
|        | 1975/6  | 1976/7 |
| Senior | Everett | Burr   |
| Junior | Orchard | Burr   |

T. S. Morris

## Cross Country—1977

The competition was run in two groups, total number of runners being 160 in all, a team consisting of 16 runners and 12 to count.

### Team Results

|          |                   |        |                   |
|----------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|
| Senior   |                   | Junior |                   |
| 1st      | Skipwith 232 pts. | 1st    | Welsh 244 pts.    |
| 2nd      | Burr 259 pts.     | 2nd    | Everett 278 pts.  |
| 3rd      | Welsh 376 pts.    | 3rd    | Skipwith 364 pts. |
| 4th      | Everett 414 pts.  | 4th    | Burr 392 pts.     |
| 5th      | Orchard 774 pts.  | 5th    | Orchard 722 pts.  |
| Record   |                   | Record |                   |
| Skipwith | 232 pts.          | Welsh  | 244 pts.          |

### Best Individuals

|     |               |           |
|-----|---------------|-----------|
| 1st | Middleton (B) | 23m. 47s. |
|     | France (E)    | 23m. 37s. |

### Record

|  |               |           |
|--|---------------|-----------|
|  | Middleton (B) | 22m. 39s. |
|  | Hicks (S)     | 22m. 06s. |

## Cricket

Despite a very indifferent climate the season started well. The 1st XI produced a capable and well balanced team which included several of last years U/15 players; they settled extremely well with the more established, and created the enthusiasm and will to play good cricket under the able direction of Munday and his henchman, Vice-Captain Horne. The side quickly threw aside the shackles of previous years with an encouraging victory over Oratory due to a fine bowling performance by Havergal, 6 wickets for 7 runs. This good result produced further positive cricket notably from the bowlers, Willies' 9 wickets for 41 runs against Lord Wandsworth's and Guy's 7 wickets for 27 runs versus the Headmaster's XI, which resulted in an excellent contest with the College XI generously allowing the Head's side to win in the last over with 1 wicket to spare! Meanwhile, the batting was taking shape with the Captain growing in confidence and well supported by Kingston, Harrison and Woodward; even the firm footed efforts of Newman and Horne added weight and runs in the side's cause. The continuous catching and diving efforts of Allum in the gully encouraged those not so fleet of foot. A little more determination and concentration would have achieved more winning results. My forecast is bright for the future seasons with the influx of further U/15 players and the gathering experience of the remaining 1st XI. I look forward to inspecting the boots and pads at the start of next season.

W. E. Russell

## Cricket—1st XI Results

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Saturday, April 30th v. Stoneham School                | Match drawn |
| Shiplake 141 (A. Horne 78)                             |             |
| Stoneham 85 for 6                                      |             |
| Wednesday, May 4th v. Oratory 'A' XI                   | Match won   |
| Shiplake 67  |             |
| Oratory 31 (A. Havergal 7 for 6)                       |             |
| Wednesday, May 11th v. Reading School                  | Match drawn |
| Shiplake 135 for 5 (R. Kingston 67, I. Munday 57 n.o.) |             |
| Reading 59 for 7                                       |             |
| Saturday, May 14th v. Wellington College 3rd XI        | Match won   |
| Shiplake 110 for 6                                     |             |
| Wellington 81  |             |
| Thursday, May 19th v. Cokethorpe School                | Match won   |
| Shiplake 91 for 3 (A. Horne 48 n.o.)                   |             |
| Cokethorpe 90  |             |
| Saturday, May 21st v. J. D. Eggar's XI                 | Match lost  |
| Shiplake 136 (R. Kingston 35)                          |             |
| J.D.E. 137 for 9                                       |             |
| Tuesday, May 24th v. Lord Wandsworth's College         | Match drawn |
| Shiplake 52 for 5                                      |             |
| Wandsworth's 135                                       |             |
| Saturday, May 28th v. Bearwood College                 | Match drawn |
| Shiplake 160 for 6 (R. Kingston 46)                    |             |
| Bearwood 73 for 8                                      |             |
| Saturday, June 11th v. Pangbourne College              | Match lost  |
| Shiplake 74 (I. Munday 41)                             |             |
| Pangbourne 75 for 1                                    |             |
| Sunday, June 19th v. South Oxfordshire Amateurs        | Match won   |
| Shiplake 135 (I. Munday 36)                            |             |
| S.O.A. 95  |             |
| Saturday, June 26th v. Abingdon School 2nd XI          | Match lost  |
| Shiplake 144 for 6 (I. Munday 48)                      |             |
| Abingdon 148 for 5                                     |             |
| Sunday, June 27th v. Old Viking's Society              | Match lost  |
| Shiplake 158 (I. Munday 50, Harrison 67 n.o.)          |             |
| O.V.S. 160 for 6                                       |             |
| Thursday, June 30th v. Radley College 2nd/3rd XI       | Match drawn |
| Shiplake 138 for 8 (I. Munday 47)                      |             |
| Radley 101 for 5                                       |             |
| Tuesday, July 5th v. Berkshire Gentlemen               | Match won   |
| Shiplake 164 for 9 (Kingston 52, Woodward 48)          |             |
| Gents 163  |             |

## Cricket—2nd XI 1977

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| v. Pangbourne College        | Abandoned |
| v. Reading School            | Won       |
| v. Lord Wandsworth's College | Drew      |
| v. Crookham Court            | Lost      |
| v. Bearwood College          | Drew      |
| v. Abingdon School           | Drew      |
| v. Radley College            | Lost      |

Not a vintage season for the 2nd XI, where poor weather early on in the season did not give the team ample preparation. However, a memorable victory against Reading School filled the team with confidence for the season ahead—this confidence proved to be totally unfounded and as the season wore on the results became worse and morale finally left the team for ever as we were soundly outplayed by a very strong Radley team. One hopes that next season with a strong set of juniors coming through, that Cricket at this level will continue to grow.

P.E.

## U/15 Cricket

We started the season with high hopes after the success of the U/14's the year before. In the first half of the term the side showed great potential and some excellent results were obtained under Tolputt's firm and sensible captaincy. Good wins were obtained over Stoneham, Oratory, Bearwood and Pangbourne and a satisfactory draw with Lord Wandsworth's. A weakened team (with Tolputt, Kenyon and Schwerdt in a County trial) lost to Cokethorpe, but we viewed the tough fixtures towards the end of the term with some confidence. In the event, we lost to Wellington, Abingdon and Radley to finish the season with a rather disappointing record. Tolputt batted well at times, but found it difficult to attack the loose ball. Schwerdt played a good innings at Lord Wandsworth's, but was otherwise rather disappointing. Downes, Allen and Hodge played some good innings but lacked consistency; Saker failed too often, but Barnes improved considerably as the term went on. Kenyon and Hickey were an excellent opening attack but too often lacked accuracy when it mattered. Hodge lost the ability to spin the ball and tended to bowl too fast; Downes was not afraid to give the ball air but also needed more accuracy. Allen and Barnes both provided steady support when called on. The fielding sparkled on occasion and the catching was generally safe. Tolputt was reasonably consistent, but untidy at times. The outstanding feature of the side was its enthusiasm and refusal to admit defeat.

M.J.H.C.

## U/14 Cricket (Won 2, Lost 5)

The under 14's have struggled to achieve their full potential this season. We have seen some impressive batting from Welsh and Smith. The bowling has been ably led by Al Saheal with competent support from Welsh and Lethbridge. Fielding has been a serious weakness and matches have been lost as a result of dropped catches. By the end of term the fielding was tighter and a more competitive approach brought the team close to victory in the last two matches. Runs have not come easily and on four occasions victory might have been possible with our total at 90 runs rather than 60. However, it was encouraging to see a mood of determination developing and a nucleus which shows promise for the future.

P.C.

### College Football Club—Report for 1976/77 Season

In my opinion this has been a very successful season. In the Spring term we were lucky to have Mr. Singleton with us, a student from Borough College, and a very good footballer. His spirit and enthusiasm were invaluable, and many good things were learnt from him, and we thank him for his work. On the fixtures side we have had our usual entertaining and exciting matches against Crookham Court and Pangbourne College, the best of these being a staff and boys team against Pangbourne staff and boys. In addition to these matches we have played against Checkendon Youth Club twice, this being a new fixture. The second match against them was the highlight of the season. On a pitch almost unplayable because of heavy rain the boys played with great skill and determination and were worthy winners 1-0, an even finer performance due to the fact that Checkendon had a former league goalkeeper in their team. The House matches were played in the Summer term this year, and all congratulations to the boys for the way they were played. The play was of a very high standard and all matches were played in a sporting manner, and very little "aggro" towards the referee I'm pleased to say. I look forward to another successful season next year.

A.P.H.

### Hockey—1st XI 1977

In complete contrast to last season, this year's team was able to score goals and to create opportunities that resulted in a far higher standard of hockey being played. The omens for the season were good with four boys going to the County U/19 trials and six players remaining from last year's team. The three halves had had 1st XI experience and they were able to dominate the mid-field and supply the forwards with the ball. Necati Halit in goal was a tower of strength and was undoubtedly the best goalkeeper that the College has perhaps ever had and he was highly complimented by a distinguished member of the Hockey Association. Only the vagaries of the County selection system kept him out of the side Ian Munday and Eddie Barnes were always sound in defence, and this obviously gave the rest of the team sufficient confidence to play enterprising hockey.

The halves all played well and R. Kingston and R. Middleton always produced 100% effort. D. Beevers, in his third season in the side, had developed very good stick-work and he scored several crucial goals with surges from the mid-field.

The wingers, A. Lear on the right and R. Simpson on the left, were fast and caused problems to most of the defences they came up against. The three players in the centre worked together well and many goals followed the combined efforts of these players, A. Horne, R. Davies and P. Harrison.

It must be stressed that the successful results are largely attributable to good team-work, rather than merely to individual skills, which nevertheless improved greatly as the season progressed. The most enjoyable matches were against the Hockey Association—who admitted that they were lucky to scrape a draw—Wellington College and R.G.S. High Wycombe. It is interesting that the best hockey played was against those sides who believe in playing attractive, open and non-physical hockey, whereas bad sportsmanship and an over-physical approach led to some forgettable moments.

Regular members of the XI were N. Halit, I. Munday, A. Barnes, D. Beevers (V/Capt.), R. Kingston, R. Middleton, A. Lear, A. Horne (Capt.), P. Harrison, R. Davies and R. Simpson. Also played:—C. Allum and A. Baxter.

### 1st XI Results

|                              |      |       |       |
|------------------------------|------|-------|-------|
| v. Reading School            | Home | Lost  | 0 - 2 |
| v. Masters' Common Room      | Home | Won   | 1 - 0 |
| v. Radley College 2nd XI     | Home | Won   | 5 - 1 |
| v. Lord Wandsworth College   | Home | Won   | 1 - 0 |
| v. Windsor G.S.              | Home | Lost  | 0 - 4 |
| v. Reed's School 2nd XI      | Away | Lost  | 0 - 1 |
| v. R.G.S. High Wycombe       | Away | Won   | 2 - 1 |
| v. Old Vikings Society       | Home | Won   | 5 - 1 |
| v. Hockey Association        | Home | Drawn | 1 - 1 |
| v. Wellington College "A" XI | Away | Won   | 4 - 3 |
| v. Abingdon School 2nd XI    | Away | Won   | 3 - 0 |

A.D.H.

Modesty has prevented Andrew Horne from mentioning that his own contributions to the side's success were indeed considerable, and it made my task as coach so much easier when I had a captain like Andrew who was able to be constructive at all times both on and off the field. He was well supported by David Beevers as Vice-Captain, and indeed by the remainder of the team.

D.S.P.

### College Rugby Club 1976

The 1976 season has seen a period of growth for the 1st XV with seven young players staying on for next year, a period of fulfilment for the 2nd XV achieving an unbeaten record in thirteen matches, and a period of satisfactory development for the 3rd, U/15 and U/14 XV's. Furthermore, with Shiplake Vikings winning seven of their eight matches, exhilarating Sunday Rugby lies ahead for the able and enthusiastic leaver. With the increasing demands of Orchard House, and after eight years of 1st XV coaching, Mr. Esau felt that the time had come to hand this work over to another member of staff, and Mr. Emerson will take his place as 1st XV coach next year.

### 1st XV Report 1976

The 1st XV started the season with an immensely strong and experienced front five and a captain in A. Newman who had been awarded his County badge, had attended the Potential England International Schoolboys Course at Marlow, and who had played regularly for London Welsh U/19 XV. But we also started the season with a largely inexperienced back row and back division. This meant that with all the wealth of possession gained up front it was never easy to attack from midfield or from the flanks, or to call moves from the back row. Furthermore, the halves N. Roper-Caldbeck and R. Middleton had to spend so much of the term building their own game and confidence that it was impossible to implement a policy of ten or even nine man Rugby. Consequently, from the very beginning, the team was encouraged to play a game of total involvement which would develop the play of every single member.

There were resounding victories and defeats in this season; none more famous than a marvellous win over Le Havre A.C. Cadets by 16 points to 14, but the most salient memory will be of a team which through spirit, endeavour and courage won the lion's share of play against much older sides, but which through inexperience rarely delivered the coup de grâce.

By its very nature there are few sports apart from Rugby which demand a transformation from boyhood to manhood at senior school level. It makes one immensely proud of Shiplake and the character and quality of these boys when one sees this transformation take place as clearly as Mr. Partridge and I did this season.

## Results

|                             |     |      |         |
|-----------------------------|-----|------|---------|
| Redrice School              | (A) | Won  | 28 - 6  |
| Abingdon School 2nd XV      | (H) | Won  | 22 - 3  |
| O.V.S. XV                   | (H) | Won  | 24 - 6  |
| Lord Wandsworth College     | (H) | Lost | 9 - 30  |
| Ottershaw School            | (A) | Won  | 7 - 0   |
| Sir Wm. Borlase's School    | (H) | Lost | 3 - 55  |
| Bearwood College            | (A) | Lost | 3 - 30  |
| Reed's School               | (H) | Lost | 8 - 11  |
| Ranelagh School             | (H) | Won  | 10 - 6  |
| Pangbourne College 2nd XV   | (A) | Drew | 0 - 0   |
| King James' College, Henley | (H) | Lost | 16 - 20 |
| Theale School               | (H) | Lost | 10 - 40 |
| Le Havre A.C. Cadets        | (H) | Won  | 16 - 14 |
| Newbury R.F.C.              | (A) | Lost | 10 - 15 |

Team—A. Newman\*, A. Horne\*, R. Kingston\*, E. Ritchie\*,  
N. St. Clair\*, N. Halit\*, I. Jackson-Moore\*,  
A. Langguth\*, M. Broad\*, J. Hearnden\*, I. Munday\*,  
R. Middleton, A. Lear, N. Roper-Caldbeck, P. Willies,  
M. Trevor.

\* denotes 1st XV colours

R. A. Esau

## Shooting

The term concluded with the inter-house shooting competition and a success for Skipwith who scored 582: there was also a particularly close contest for second place where Welsh, scoring 575, pipped Burr to the post by one point. One of the more convivial occasions at the miniature range was the Old Boys' match. This pleasant occasion resulted in a victory for the Old Vikings who beat the school with 154 to 145. After the first detail the two teams were level, which added to the interest, as did the presence of two attractive O.V. wives who volunteered for an informal shoot after the match. The School VIII was entered, somewhat tongue in cheek, after less than a month of intensive practice, for the "Country Life" shooting contest. The final placing was 57th, a reasonably satisfactory result under the circumstances.

R.E.S.

## Squash Report

### Winter Term 1976

It was a good term on the whole, six matches out of nine being won. The christening of the new squash courts was a big success when Reading School were beaten 5-0. Under 16 matches were mainly played and the team consisted of the following: Standring, Sheed, Cotton, Nabi and Hicks. Particular success in play from Standring, Sheed and Cotton helped the wins at regular 1st, 2nd and 3rd strings. Two U/15 matches were played with particular success from Hickey, Lethbridge and Hicks. The top three senior players—Standring, Sheed and Dean—helped win our only two senior matches, with Morton and Cotton playing as fourth and fifth strings.

### Spring Term 1977

This was a fair term, with our winning six matches out of eleven, again playing mostly U/15 and U/16 matches, with three senior ones resulting in two wins. New and much improved players like Sabin (joining this term) and Lethbridge, stringing 4th and 5th in U/16 squash, have boosted the club's success; they have the enthusiasm to do well. The inter-House squash competition was won by Welsh, who beat Skipwith 5-0 in the final. Shiplake against the "Old Vikings Society" was won by the college. Nine games were played of which the "O.V.S." won three.

Since the building of the new courts the enthusiasm to play squash has vastly increased, which means that the club has many more up and coming junior players. At the end of the year two regular senior players, Morton and Dean, will have left. With the increasing enthusiasm there is every reason to hope that standards will continually improve.

C. Standring

## Swimming

The poor Summer meant that the swimming pool had very little use this year, but on the morning of the inter-house competition the weather was good, though the water was quite cold. This may be the reason that more or less all records were broken because the competitors were not prepared to stay in the water too long!

Burr House taking both Shields.

### Individual and Team Records

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| S 1 x 3 lengths Free Style    | Williamson (W) 34sec.       |
| J 1 x 2 lengths Free Style    | Newington (B) 22sec.*       |
| S 1 x 3 lengths Back Stroke   | Kingston (W) 41sec.         |
| J 1 x 2 lengths Back Stroke   | Brenninkmeyer (B) 27.5sec.* |
| S 1 x 3 lengths Breast Stroke | Coller (S) 45.2sec.         |
| J 1 x 2 lengths Breast Stroke | Hickey (B) 29.8sec.*        |
| S 1 x 6 lengths Free Style    | Horne (S) 1m. 16.5sec.*     |
| J 1 x 4 lengths Free Style    | Newington (B) 51sec.*       |
| S Medley Relay                | Everett 1m. 25sec.*         |
| J Medley Relay                | Burr 1m. 25.3sec.*          |
| S Free Style Relay            | Skipwith 1m. 32sec.*        |
| J Free Style Relay            | Welsh 1m. 30.2sec.          |
| S Plunge                      | Nonoo J. D. (B) 47' 8"      |
| J Plunge                      | Harrison (B) 40' 5"         |

\* Records broken 1977

### Team Results

| Senior       |         | Junior       |         |
|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| 1st Burr     | 34 pts. | 1st Burr     | 39 pts. |
| 2nd Skipwith | 33 pts. | 2nd Skipwith | 34 pts. |
| 3rd Everett  | 29 pts. | 3rd Everett  | 23 pts. |
| 4th Welsh    | 24 pts. | 4th Welsh    | 22 pts. |
| 5th No Entry |         | 5th Orchard  | 17 pts. |

T. S. Morris

## Tennis Club

Once again the Tennis Club enjoyed a somewhat disjointed season. The weather, on occasion, allowed us on to the courts but more practice was needed. For the first time we also used some courts and a practice wall in Reading, with the latter helping club members to develop their strokes more quickly. The Seniors had an enjoyable season if not a successful one, whereas the Juniors enjoyed both. The results for the club were as follows:

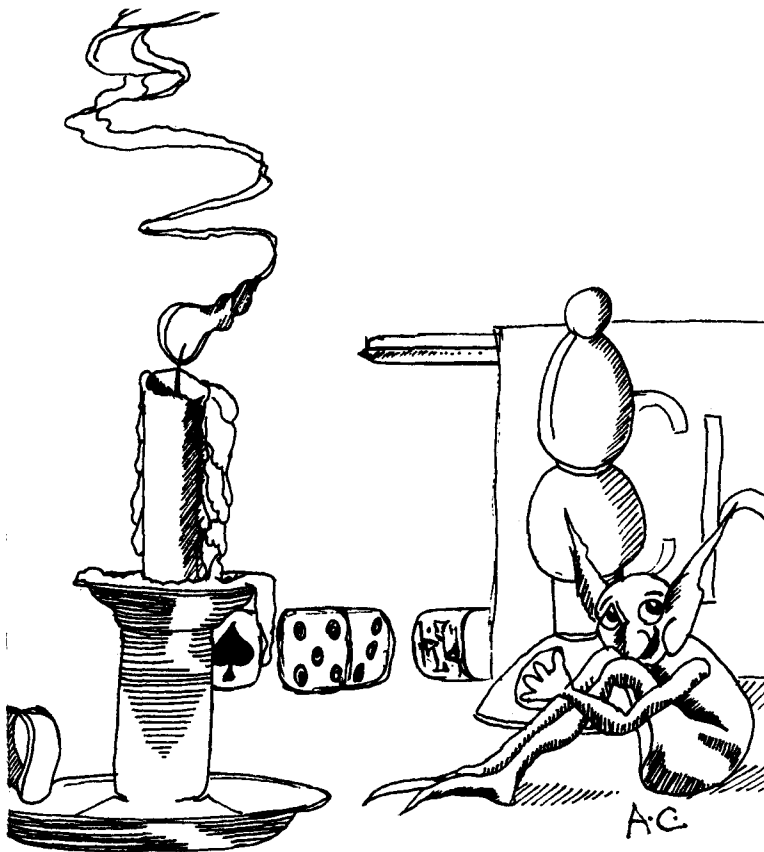
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|---------|----------|-------|---------|--------|
| Seniors | Played 8 | Won 2 | Drawn 1 | Lost 5 |
| Juniors | Played 6 | Won 4 | Drawn 1 | Lost 1 |

From the inter-House point of view, a clean sweep was made by Burr House with their taking both the Junior and Senior Shields.

The open tournament presented some fine matches with G. Blyth taking the Senior Shield and J. Hicks the Junior one. The Club will be sorry to see G. Blyth depart. Not only has he been a strong member of the Senior Team for the last two years but he has captained them well throughout the season and we wish him well for the future.

A. Butterworth





## Burr House

J. R. Hardy; U6; G.C.E. 'O' 8; 'A' 2; Head of College, 1st VIII; to University.  
 J. D. Nonoo; U6; G.C.E. 'O' 6; 'A' 2; Head of House; to Kingston-on-Thames Polytechnic.  
 P. J. W. Samengo-Turner; U6; G.C.E. 'O' 6; 'A' 1; House Prefect; L/Cpl in C.C.F.  
 S. C. Dean; U6; G.C.E. 'O' 7; 'A' 2; House Prefect; 1st VIII; to Central School of Art and Design, Design Engineering.  
 A. J. Langguth; U6; G.C.E. 'O' 5; House Prefect; 1st XV; to Further Education.  
 R. P. Middleton; 6G; G.C.E. 'O' 1; House Prefect; 1st XV; 1st XI Cricket and Hockey; Sgt. in C.C.F.; to Further Education in Canada.  
 S. D. Shaw; U6; G.C.E. 'O' 6; 'A' 1; House Prefect; to Agricultural College, Cirencester.  
 R. F. B. Milligan-Manby; 6G; G.C.E. 'O' 7; D. of E. Bronze; Cpl. in C.C.F.; to Agricultural College, Cirencester.  
 E. J. Ritchie; 6G; G.C.E. 'O' 3; 1st XV; D. of E. Silver; P.O. in C.C.F.; to Harrow Technical College.  
 J. R. F. Samengo-Turner; 6G; D. of E. Bronze; Cpl. in C.C.F.  
 M. J. Peaty; G.C.E. 'O' 4; Tennis VI; Cpl. in C.C.F.; to Bournemouth College of Technology.  
 S. J. Bowmer; 6G.  
 R. J. M. Jones; G.C.E. 'O' 1; A.B. in C.C.F.  
 P. R. Harrison; UV; G.C.E. 'O' 4; 1st XI Hockey and Cricket.  
 M. C. Biggins; G.C.E. 'O' 1; to Winchester College of Technology.  
 A. J. Cook; Vth Form.  
 P. D. Haydon; Vth Form; to Kingston-on-Thames, College of Further Education.  
 D. J. C. Holloway; Vth Form.  
 J. P. A. Kenyon; Vth Form; 'O' 2.  
 T. J. Le Coq; Vth Form; D. of E. Bronze; L/Cpl. in C.C.F.; to Further Education.  
 S. M. R. Mitchell; G.C.E. 'O' 1; to Further Education.

## Everett House

A. Newman; U6; G.C.E. 'O' 6; Head of House; Rugger XV; Cricket XI; to Borough Road College.  
 N. Hallit; U6; G.C.E. 'O' 7; School Prefect; Rugger XV; Hockey XI; Polytechnic.  
 N. St. Clair; 6G; G.C.E. 'O' 3; 'A' 1; School Prefect; Rugger XV; Bournemouth Technical College.  
 C. J. Allum; 6G; House Prefect; Cricket XI; Rugger 2nd XV; Technical College.  
 J. G. Blyth; 6G; House Prefect; Tennis VI; Golf Professional.  
 P. J. Cranstone; L6; G.C.E. 'O' 10; House Prefect; Rugger 2nd XV; Technical College.  
 S. P. Storey; L6; G.C.E. 'O' 5; House Prefect; Rowing Cox; Further Education.  
 J. R. J. M. Barnes; 6G; G.C.E. 'O' 2; Rugger 2nd XV; Cricket 2nd XI; Jewellery Trade.  
 P. R. Budd; L6; G.C.E. 'O' 6; Rugger 2nd XV; Cricket 2nd XI; Technical College.  
 A. J. Cameron; L5; Hockey 2nd XI; Coaching Establishment.  
 R. P. Goldingham; U5; G.C.E. 'O' 5; Engineering Apprentice.  
 T. S. Sylvester; U5; G.C.E. 'O' 9; South Devon Technical College.

## Skipwith House

A. D. S. Horne; U6th; G.C.E. 'O' 6; Vice Head of School; Head of House; 1st XV; Capt. 1st XI Hockey 1st XI Cricket; Captain of Athletics, Fencing and Swimming; winner of Gilliat Cup; Cpl. in C.C.F.; Army.  
 D. S. Sharpe; U6th; G.C.E. 'O' 5; School Prefect; Head of House; Hockey XI; D. of E. Silver; Hotel Management.  
 T. Wilkinson; U6th; G.C.E. 'O' 6; School Prefect; Deputy Head of House; D. of E. Gold; Sgt. in C.C.F.; going into Army.  
 I. Bruce-Merrie; 6G; House Prefect; D. of E. Bronze; going into Nursing.  
 R. Ginder; 6G; G.C.E. 'O' 1; House Prefect; Cpl. in C.C.F.; going into Jewellery Trade.  
 I. Jackson-Moore; 6G; G.C.E. 'O' 1; 1st XV.  
 J. Schwerdt; L6th; G.C.E. 'O' 4; House Prefect; 1st VIII; going to 6th Form College.  
 A. Wallis; 6G; G.C.E. 'O' 1; House Prefect; D. of E. Silver; going to Further Education.  
 C. Ponting; 6G; G.C.E. 'O' 3; going to Drama School.  
 J. Bond; going to Further Education, Malta.  
 G. Carrington; going to Further Education in U.S.A.  
 G. Corfield; 6G; G.C.E. 'O' 5.  
 M. Johns; Further Education in Gibraltar.  
 R. Smith-Irvine; L6th; G.C.E. 'O' 4; Work in Aspreys.

## Welsh House

M. J. Nops; G.C.E. 'O' 8; 'A' 2; Head of House; School Prefect; 1st Shooting; 1st Tennis; 2nd Rugger XV; 2nd Hockey XI; Art Prizes (twice); going to University to read Engineering.  
 D. S. Beevers; G.C.E. 'O' 7; 'A' 1; School Prefect; Secretary to Sixth Form Society; 1st Hockey XI; 1st Tennis; 1st Sailing; going into Catering.  
 A. J. Morton; G.C.E. 'O' 5; 'A' 1; School Prefect; Sergeant in C.C.F.; 1st Squash.  
 A. H. S. Baxter; House Prefect; 1st Rugger XV; 2nd Cricket XI; 2nd Hockey XI; going into Antiques.  
 R. L. Blackmore; G.C.E. 'O' 6; 'A' 2; House Prefect; Sergeant in C.C.F.  
 R. M. Kingston; G.C.E. 'O' 5; House Prefect; Sergeant in C.C.F.; D. of E. Silver; 1st Cricket XI; 1st Hockey XI; 1st Rugger XV.  
 R. G. Simpson; G.C.E. 'O' 6; 'A' 2; House Prefect; Sergeant in C.C.F.; D. of E. Gold; 1st Hockey XI; 1st Rugger XV; 1st Shooting; 2nd Cricket XI.  
 G. A. Jones; G.C.E. 'O' 2; going to Crammer.

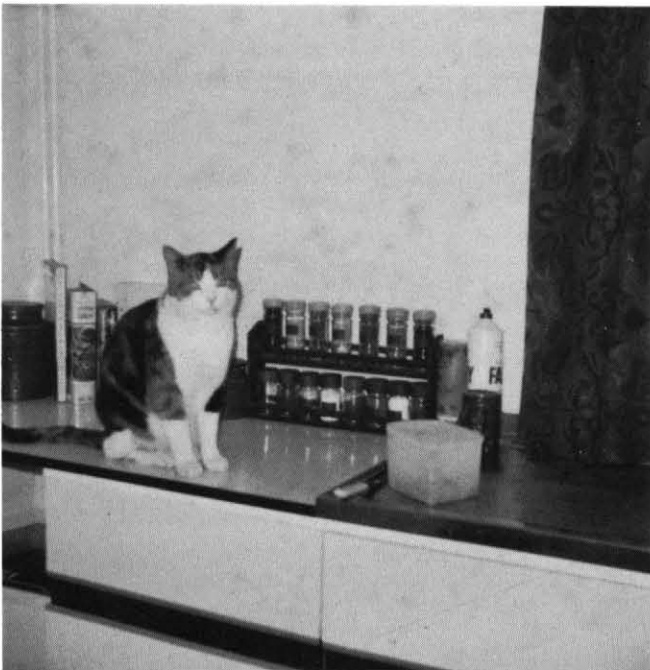
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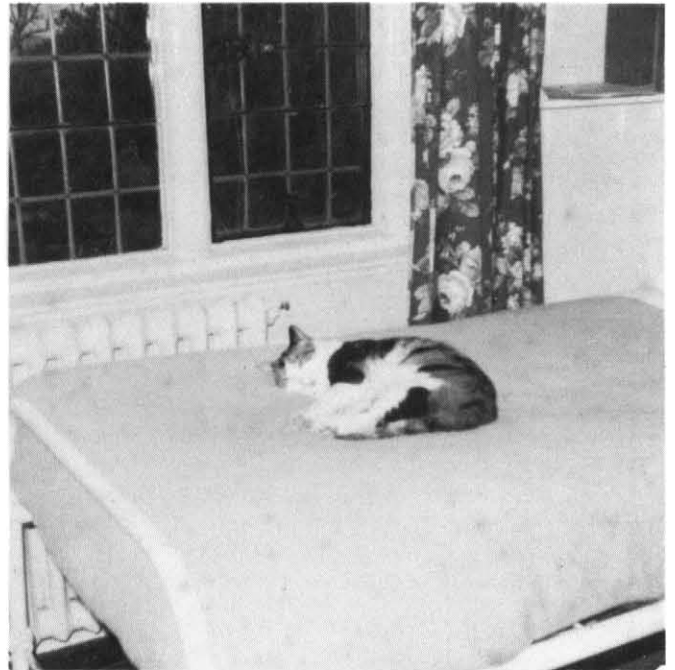
This is my territory, there was a time when it was overrun with mice, but of course since I came.....



I'm hungry, and "she's" got someone in the surgery, I'll just wait around and trip her up when she comes out!



We're getting nearer, the food's in the plastic box, Oh never mind about his cold and headache.....



At last, and now for the next few hours.....

P.N.



Shiplake at Henley, photo by M. P. Bell, Over, Cambridge