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THE COURT 1979



NEW BOYS: September, 1979

B.	CLARKE, D.S.	10.5.66	St. Andrew's, Eastbourne
	D'ALTON-HARRISON K.E.	8.3.66	Great Ballard, Chichester
	EVERIST, C.A.	20.4.66	Allen House, Woking
	HYMAN, M.A.	31.8.65	Stubbington House, Ascot
	LORD, A.T.	20.4.66	Arnold Lodge, Leamington Spa
	MANN, J.B.	10.12.65	Sussex House, S.W.1.
	PICKFORD, S.D.	13.4.66	Ashfold, Dorton
	SIMPSON, M.C.	6.2.66	Haileybury J.S., Windsor
	SWASDIBURI, P.	16.2.65	Hawkhurst, Wisborough Green
	THOMAS, P.C.	15.5.66	Thorpe House, Gerrards Cross
	WILSON, A.C.	16.4.65	Beechwood Park, Markyate
E.	BLACKBURN, D.J.	27.1.66	Stubbington House, Ascot
	CRANE, G.R.	24.9.65	Ashfold Dorton
	DE JERSEY, G.A.	22.10.65	Lambrook, Winkfield Row
	DOUGLAS, I.S.	13.8.65	West Hill Park, Titchfield
	FORSDYKE, A.D.	23.6.66	Cottesmore, Crawley
	GEORGIOU, N.	23.11.65	Westbrook Hey, Hemel Hempstead
	HAMPERL, L.J.	10.8.65	Edington, Bridgwater
	HOLUBOWICZ, D.J.	20.8.65	St. Andrew's, Pangbourne
	HOLYER, S.G.	30.7.65	Chelmsford Hall, Eastbourne
	HOWELL, S.G.A.	17.5.62	St. Edward's, Malta
	LINDLEY, A.S.	23.9.65	Lockers Park, Hemel Hempstead
	MILLS, A.C.D.	18.10.65	Cottesmore, Crawley
	OWEN, J.J.T.	11.3.66	Wellesley House, Broadstairs
	PRATT, J.E.	23.4.66	Ashfold, Dorton
	ST. CLAIR, B.J.	9.12.65	Mount House, Tavistock
	WILSON, P.G.	4.7.65	Cheam, Newbury
S.	BARROW, J.M.	10.9.65	Edington, Bridgwater
	CONNELLY, A.J.	4.1.66	St. Piran's, Maidenhead
	DILL-RUSSELL, S.J.	16.1.66	Edgeborough, Farnham
	FUTCHER, S.J.	17.8.64	Boundary Oak, Fareham
	IRVANI, B.	31.10.65	Wicken Park, Milton Keynes
	LARGE, A.D.T.	20.2.66	Edgeborough, Farnham
	LEAR, C.	1.1.66	Cargilfield, Edinburgh
	PAYNE, J.K.	1.9.65	Keffolds Farm, Haslemere
	RUSSELL-PARSONS, J.C.	11.2.66	Tockington Manor, Bristol
	TRUMPER, M.R.	28.8.65	Cottesmore, Crawley
	UNDERWOOD, M.J.B.	30.8.66	Eagle House, Camberley
	WHATLEY, I.J.	25.9.65	St. Piran's, Maidenhead
	WEARNE, T.	21.8.65	Edinburgh House, New Milton
W.	BURGESS, J.R.F.	7.10.65	Brambletye, East Grinstead
	CARPENTER, O.S.C.	14.3.66	Orley Farm, Harrow
	COX, J.S.	20.1.66	Papplewick, Ascot
	FRY, M.E.D.	27.8.65	Aldro, Godalming
	GODMAN-DORINGTON, J.	11.5.65	Keffolds Farm, Haslemere
	GOW, J.D.M.	22.2.65	Edington, Bridgwater
	HEPBURN, A.J.R.	20.3.65	Stubbington House, Ascot
	NORTON, M.W.	26.8.66	Keffolds Farm, Haslemere
	OLORENSHAW, M.J.	15.1.65	Wells House, Malvern Wells
	PONTIFEX, J.C.	24.1.66	Amesbury, Hindhead
	RIMELL, T.W.	29.3.65	Moffat's, Nr. Bewdley
	THORNHILL, H.J.B.	28.8.65	Wicken Park, Milton Keynes

ORCHARD

BEDROUD, B.	4.4.65	Wycliffe Jnr., Stonehouse
BESANT, S.B.	2.1.67	Frieth C. of E., Bucks
BOON, S.A.	15.5.64	St. Joan of Arc, Rickmansworth
CHALCRAFT, G.J.	16.11.65	St. Piran's, Maidenhead
CHANCELLOR, A.C.	5.3.63	Oakfield House, Wargrave
ENSTONE, D.J.	24.11.66	Chiltern Edge, Sonning Common
GOTZHEIM, A.P.	5.5.66	Ashfold, Dorton
LANE, P.G.	15.8.65	Chiltern Edge, Sonning Common
LAW, M.E.	10.3.66	Gillotts, Henley
LETHBRIDGE, A.F.	15.2.63	Cotton College, Oakamoor
MARWICK, A.D.	4.6.66	Chiltern Edge, Sonning Common
MARSHALL, R.J.B.	24.12.65	Moulsford, Wallingford
MASON, A.L.	19.9.65	Royal Wolverhampton School
MAYCOCK, A.S.	20.6.66	Crosfields, Reading
MORGAN, A.S.	18.3.66	Furze Platt, Maidenhead
ROWTON-LEE, C.J.H.	22.10.65	Crosfields, Reading
SCOTT, S.C.McL.	27.9.65	Eagle House, Camberley

SMITH, S.C.	15.11.66	Queen's College J.S. Taunton
STANIFORD, A.A.R.	4.10.65	St. Edward's, Reading
THURGOOD, R.J.	6.2.65	Gillotts, Henley
VAN WIJNGAARDEN, J.	3.4.65	Moulsford, Wallingford
WALSH-WARING, G.T.	19.4.66	Crosfields, Reading
WOLFE, M.R.	3.3.66	Town School (Boys), S. Francisco

NEW BOYS

Spring Term: 1979

B.	WILSON A. V.	16.9.65	St. Aubyn's
E.	BISHOP S. G.	26.3.65	Stubbington House, Ascot
	DUNNE R. N. B.	3.2.65	Hawkhurst Court, Wisborough Gr.
	FRY R. E. C.	16.4.65	Becket's, Little Hampden Manor
	PERRING M. R. P.	5.1.65	St. Edmund's, Hindhead
S.	CANTLIE C. E.	27.2.65	St. Edmund's, Hindhead
	LOWE M. T. D.	27.3.65	Normansal, Seaford
	SHAIKH F. R.	21.2.65	St. Piran's, Maidenhead
	WILLIAMS R. J. D.	23.6.65	Felton Fleet, Cobham
W.	DERBYSHIRE T. C.	28.6.65	Woodleigh, Malton
	DRUCE H. C.	8.6.65	Stubbington House, Ascot

Summer Term: 1979

B.	SNOW C. D. W. H.	25.5.65	Great Walstead, Surrey
E.	RYMER P. R.	24.5.65	Audley House, Chesterton
S.	MASTERS A. J.	7.7.65	St. Wilfred's, Seaford
	HALES W. R.	9.10.65	Aysgarth, Bedale, Yorks.
W.	HICKOX J. D. R.	20.6.65	N. Cox (Tutor)
O.	LAMBERT M. J. D.	3.3.65	Chiltern Edge, Kidmore End, Oxon.
	(from half-term)		
	TODD A.	30.5.64	Keil, Dumbarton, Scotland

EDITORIAL

The "Court" has never been so full of articles directly relating to the events of the school year. This has meant smaller print. I would be interested to hear any views which the readers may hold on this.

Unfortunately due to minor problems the "Court" is behind schedule. It has been decided that the next edition will be printed not later than September, 1980. Please note that all contributions will have to be in by the end of July.

"The Editor"

Burr House 1978/9

We began the year, and ended it, with J.R. Neale as Head of House and N.P. Whishaw as his Number one. The perfortorial body was made complete with the following members: P.G. Clark, R. Mackay, M.A.N. Hickey and A.J. Thomas. Then during the course of the year the following were elected: N.G.T. Newington, T.D. Robertson, A.S.J. Duncan, R.C. Adcock and N.D. Crowder.

On the sports front we won the Junior League Rugger and the Junior House Rugger Shield quite convincingly in the Autumn Term. In the Spring term we reached the Senior Hockey final but lost to Skipwith 0 - 1. In the Summer term we came second in the Athletics Standards, but did not do so well on Finals Day. On the other hand, we won both Swimming Shields for the second year running.

At the end of the Summer term we said goodbye to fourteen leavers, namely Neale, Wishaw, Clark, Hickey, Robertson, Crowder, C.K. Hodge, J.C. Slight, J.A. Goldsmith, S.P. Ashdown, A.J. Bradley, I.A. Gray, and S. Maslavy. We also bade farewell to A.W. Bingham-Newland, who left at the end of the Autumn term. This year our academic record was not as good as had been expected, but we hope for better results this coming year.

Finally, I should like to pay my sincere tribute to our three house tutors, Messrs. P. Emerson, A.P. Hooper, and J.D. Worwood, for all they did for us both in the house and on the sports field, to Mrs. Dinnage, who is so tolerant and understanding, and to the writers of the house log, without whose help these notes would never be written.

Orchard House 1978/9

In many respects this has been our most successful year so far. We are now equal in size to the other Houses and this has been reflected in success in Inter-House Competitions. At the end of the academic year we are the holders of the Senior House Rugby, Cricket and Football, the Junior House Hockey, Football and Cricket, and in addition we now hold the Debating Competition Shield. In all these events success was brought about by good team efforts and this was especially true in the Inter-House Athletics Competition where we regained our Shield.

Many of this year's leavers acquitted themselves well in their final exams and have been able to pursue their chosen careers or courses in further education. Although we shall not have many boys at the top next year, it promises to be an equally good year in many respects. However, everyone is looking forward to the building of a new annex which will replace part of our temporary building. Only in this way will the senior boys be able to have the studies that are so necessary. It is to be hoped that this new building will be commenced during the next academic year and will signal the complete integration of Orchard House into the school. This year's Prefects are to be congratulated on the way that they organised the House in various activities and dealt with the day-to-day routine matters. J. Hearnden was a respected and competent Head of House and several boys contributed well in many spheres. House Colours were awarded during the year to P.B. Broad, M.J.J. Smith, I.C. Wood, M.D.B. Robinson, I.E. Ralph, D. Lethbridge and C.D. Macleod.

Everett in 1978/9

A large number of former members of Everett were at the Old Boys 20th Birthday Gathering. It was perhaps a good thing that not many asked in detail how Everett was doing in Inter-House competitions. Our answer in all honesty must be that in some sports we were not classed; in one or two lacking in team work and sometimes unlucky. Head of House was C.P. Eve with M.J.D. Yates as additional School Prefect. The House Prefects were I.A.I. Sahael; M.A.M. Freeland; D.C. Hibbert; J.M. Ringrose; J.F. Shortt and J.M. Tolputt. They all gave us a good lead but the only signs of success were in the indoor events. We shared first place in House Music and were second in both Debating and General Knowledge. The most memorable events of the year were T. France again winning his Cross Country event and M. Crichton coming first in the Junior Cross Country. These two also won events on Sports Day as also did C. Eve; J. Shortt and R. Wall.

There is rather more to report about our life as a community, Mr. C.J. Collins became a House Tutor in September and his aid is much sought by the mathematicians. Mr. Wells-Furby was ill for three weeks in May — this was something that no one connected with Shiplake could remember happening before!!

The Snooker Table was much in demand during the bad weather of the Spring Term and we are grateful to D. Hampton for a gift of extra balls. Outdoor Table Tennis was tried with much success after the June Exams and proved very popular. There is no room inside the House for it.

Our aging T.V. Set was replaced last September by Colour and this has certainly led to more interest in the travel and scientific programmes. We have tried our hands at entertaining ourselves - particularly at a House Party. A buffet supper was held in the Great Hall to celebrate three years of success in the Music Competition. Between the supper and a mountain of washing up was a stage Entertainment. It was all friendly and inventive but the item produced by Marc Rogoff deserves special mention. Two people appeared as a TV panel introduced by Charles Trigg but which of the twins was Rogoff and Barrios and/or Newland and Philcox remains a mystery.

Due to the enlargement of Everett in the mid 1970s we have a very large leave in July and it will be up to our new Juniors to make Everett more competitive at Colts Level. They will find many willing to help them.

Skipwith House 1978/9

Although the number of Shields in the Day Room has grown rather less over the course of the year, we also saw some excellent victories and some close defeats. In Rugby, the Juniors were rather disappointing, but the Senior House XV contested a magnificent final with a heavier Orchard team, and were only just beaten 10-8. Many of those watching considered this the best House final they had seen. In the School play, we provided our usual large contingent and John Woodward, Andrew Swaine and Jeremy Hunt all distinguished themselves – to say nothing of our 1st XV members!

The Easter Term was over-shadowed by an epidemic, which caused the usual problems of evacuation for Skipwith and meant that many boys found themselves sleeping in strange places. The House accepted this disruption in its usual cheerful spirit. The Senior XI won the hockey in a final which was badly affected by snow but produced an exciting contest. The Juniors got to the final, but were eventually beaten by a strong Orchard side after an even first half. In the Cross Country we failed to live up to our reputation and performed disappointingly in both the standards and the Inter-House run. In the Squash, our fancied team, with three members of the School team, were beaten 2-3 by Welsh in the preliminary round – another close match just lost. We easily won the trial General Knowledge Competition, but no Shield was awarded this year. As usual, most members of the House felt that we should have done better in the Music Competition where Jonathan Edgoose and Richard Woodhouse performed nobly on the trombone and the House enjoyed its visit to Ilkley Moor. We had high hopes of the Debating Competition, and were very disappointed to be placed last in spite of our experience of the Oxford Union style. After these competitive failures, it was good to be entertained by some new sketches and to wonder at the ingenuity of the fancy dress which was assumed by all who attended. A good evening, shared this year by visitors from other Houses.

In the Summer Term, we had hopes of the Senior Cricket XI, only to face defeat in the first game. The Juniors did much better, and were once again beaten by a whisker in a thrilling final which they should have won. The Athletic Standards Competition was a disaster, and much must be done next year if we are to gain a proper reward for the exertions of many in the House; in the Inter-House match we pulled ourselves together and came first in the Seniors and a good second in the Juniors. We could achieve no comparable success in the Tennis or the Shooting. The Juniors again won their way into the final of the Football, only to be defeated, inevitably by Orchard, on the Sunday after the exhausting Pageant week. Finally, in the swimming, both teams put up a good performance without a win, while the Junior Boaters gave us our last success by retaining the Shield.

Academically, the year saw, with some exceptions a poor set of 'O' Level results and some rather better ones at 'A' Level. There is an obvious need for greater effort by the 5th Form in the Summer Term - this year's 5th Form please note! True to our innovative tradition, Skipwith again broke new ground in holding the first House Dance in the Summer Term, when a visiting team from Luckley-Oakfield was successfully entertained in the Day Room. The result might be described as a highly entertaining draw.

And so another year has come and gone, with colour T.V. in the Basement, the beginnings of a Games Room in the Day Room, seventy boys and one official House Dog above, and the prospect of a new Headmaster to train (together with his Secretary, now established in 105) as our nearest neighbours.

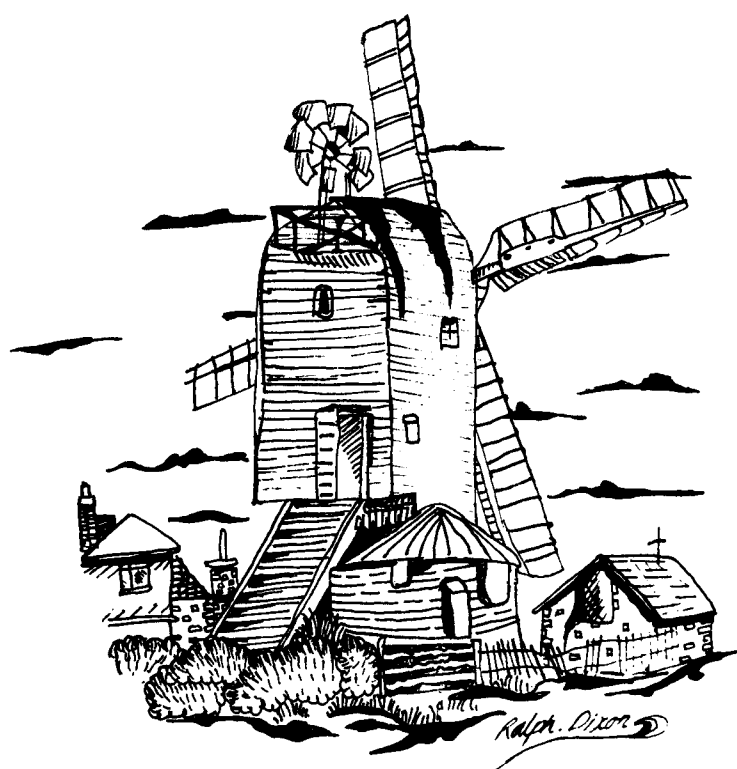
Welsh House Report

This year there were 67 boys in Welsh making the use of "Tigoni" essential. 13 new boys joined us in the Autumn Term, 2 in the Spring, and 1 in the summer.

In the Autumn Term we did not have much success in either Junior or Senior Rugby, but in the Spring Term we won both Cross Country shields, which was a fitting reward for the enthusiasm and organisation of Stephen Ramsden. During the same term we retained the Squash shield and, thanks to the endeavours of Stephen Arnott and Peter Clayton, we managed to tie with Everett in the Music Competition. Success did not come our way, however, in the Senior Hockey Competition, when, with a solid nucleus of school 1st XI players, we took the field as warm favourites.

In the Summer Term we retained the Senior and Junior Tennis, Rowing, Sailing, and Golf shields. We also won the Junior Athletics shield and lost the Senior Competition by one point. During the course of the year the Welsh extension has come into use and we have seen major improvements in the renovation of the 4th Form prep. cubicles, the carpet-tiling of the top landing, and a gradual process of carpeting all studies. Furthermore, major redecoration of rooms has been undertaken by the boys of the House.

Finally, this year has seen the sad loss to the House of the tutoring experience of Mr. John Scottorn, who has moved out of the College campus with his wife, Cookie, to live in Reading. We thank them for all of their help in the past, and wish them success and happiness in the future. In their place we welcome Mr. Dewi Howell as resident House Tutor.



John Eggar was appointed to Shiplake College in 1963, at a critical point in its history. The school was in its infancy and had experienced difficult times during the short period of its existence. While its constitution and finances were basically sound, it badly needed a personality to lead it from its early stages to the next phase of development. The Governors were fortunate enough to find John Eggar.

He came to Shiplake from Repton with a notable reputation as an experienced and able teacher and house-master, also as a first-class cricketer — a former Oxford blue and regular member of the Derbyshire side. His sense of dedication and devotion to the task of building up a successful school are well known to all who have been associated with the College over the sixteen years of his headmastership. He saw in this task not only the necessity of improving standards all round but of developing a community in which all could have the opportunity to play their part to the best of their abilities, which were by no means to be confined to the purely scholastic.

In practical terms it was a big job to tackle. Numbers had to be increased to an economically viable level; the right kind of staff found and engaged; new activities initiated and encouraged to grow; living and other accommodation had to be provided or, where it existed, brought up to standard; contacts with feeder schools had to be fostered and the aims and opportunities of the College widely publicised.

The success John Eggar achieved in coping with all these and countless other problems was mainly due to the character of the man himself. He possessed two qualities particularly which served him well: his generous personality, which showed itself in a friendly but firm attitude in all his dealings, and his capacity as a manager, which extended to a sure grasp of the intricacies of finance — most essential, but no cause for surprise in one who was, after all, a trained economist. Thus, under his guidance, the school progressed from a second-chance establishment for those who had failed to make the grade elsewhere to a place with an ethos of its own, where it was more important for an aspiring entrant to make the right sort of impression on the headmaster than to pass an examination. In this way a growing demand for a proportion of places to be filled by boys of good potential who had experienced learning difficulties, particularly with reading, in the early stages could be adequately met, because the necessary allowance was made in staffing and curriculum. There was certainly no lack of issues to test his financial acumen, in an establishment without endowments and at a time, especially during the last eight years, of severe inflation and financial stringency on a national scale. However, due mainly to his energetic management of a series of appeals, which have already raised more than £170,000, the accommodation which the school required increased in quantity and quality, culminating in the fine sports hall which will rightly bear his name, and money was somehow found for the thousand and one other activities which needed promoting, although a careful eye was kept on a proper allotment of priorities.

All this required a great deal of energy and determination, but even so it did not prevent John from playing an active role in the local community — he was, among other things, a member of the parish council. The contacts thus made did much to foster friendly and useful relationships. In these, and indeed all, activities he was greatly assisted by his devoted and charming wife, Pam.

He leaves his monument behind him in his well-earned retirement: a flourishing school community of high repute where, despite the financial climate, places are eagerly sought. We all owe him a great debt of gratitude, and he will be remembered with affection, respect and admiration for many years to come.



SHIPLAKE COLLEGE 1979

FRENCH TRIP BOULOGNE

The day trip to Boulogne was thoroughly enjoyed by the two masters and 23 IV form boys who went on it. The visit was an opportunity for the boys doing European Studies and French to see the country they are studying and practice the language; though in some cases this may not have gone past "parlez-vous Anglais?" or "une biere s'il vous plait". The trip went off without a hitch, and the calm sea helped to make it a pleasant day for all concerned.

S.R.M. and J.D.W.

MID SUMMER NIGHTS DREAM

The fifth form visited the Open Air Theatre in Regents Park because their 'O' level text was being presented there. Fortunately the weather held, or at least until the final Act, when it began to drizzle and one wondered if we were to be caught in a "Tempest".

It was felt by the majority of boys that it was a highly successful performance unfolding all the secrets of the play. The portrayal of Oberon and Titania were impressive and left a lasting picture in one's mind. Being in the open on a warm Summers evening, watching faries and lovers alike in the wood and Puck that "knaveish spirit" appearing and disappearing warmed the soul and brought things "academic" to life. My thanks to Mr. Esau and Mrs. Suchet for attending this memorable trip and making it possible for all to go.

P.J.F.W.

ESTATE WORK

Estate work can play a significant part in the life of a school, even where sport is of great importance. Those who are unable for some reason to play any of the main sports in a particular term, or who are not particularly good at them, can have the opportunity to do an activity which is not only active, in the open air, and demanding of certain skills and aptitudes, but which is of great benefit to the whole school community.

During this year the group has made a significant start on clearing the bank down from the main buildings to the river, with a view to gradually improving this potentially attractive site, and has helped to improve and bring under control various other areas of the estate.

There is not room here to list all the boys who have been involved in the group during the year, except to say that Hugh Morris has been a consistent and valuable member, and that I am very grateful to Mark Wellby for his support during the summer term when he managed the group while I was mainly involved with taking a cricket team.

I would also like to add that although it is sometimes thought that the Estate Work group is simply a means of keeping certain boys occupied, and possibly also of saving the school money, I myself firmly believe that it is of great value to boys, not only to learn the skills involved, but also to assist in the maintenance and improvement of their own environment.

M.A.S.

C.C.F. Army Section

We are inspected only every other year now and our first inspection under this arrangement was held in October. The inspecting officer was the Commandant of REME Training Centre, Brigadier P. H. Lee, M.B.E. He praised the steadiness of the cadets on parade and the playing of the Band, and was pleased with our efforts in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. He was not, however, impressed by poor drill on parade.

Our annual Easter pilgrimage to the Langdale Estate in the Lake District for Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions was once again a success, and for the second year running an old boy joined us to assess the Silver Award groups. Last year it was N. J. Wolf and this year it was the turn of S. R. Beak.

The Summer Camp was an attachment to 50 Squadron of 36 Engineer Regt. Military training was rather sparse and there were no visits to other units, but the cadets did enjoy the use of the gym and swimming pool. They also enjoyed two days firing modern weapons (SMG, SLR and LMG), and a day at Upnor hard building rafts and speeding around in landing craft. There was also a night exercise, about which, probably, the less said the better.

Small-bore shooting has continued to progress under the direction of Mr. Southwood. We were placed 35 in the Country Life competition, which is no mean achievement.

For the first time in our history the senior cadet, CSM R. M. M. Davies, was also the head boy. It is also nice to report that two old boys M. B. Eccles-Williams and A. D. A. Horne passed out from the R.M.A. Sandhurst in April with Short Service Commissions.

R.L.M.

C. C. F. Royal Navy Section

The main event this year has been the River Pageant "Time and the Thames". Although the whole School played its part, the R.N. Section felt particularly involved in that it provided crews for the Viking Long Ship and Medieval Pilgrim boats, whilst maintaining a continuous ferry service to the Island moorings. Our Seamanship oath also played its part, though perhaps it would be better to draw a discreet veil over that; we have never really recovered.

Admin. Inspection was in October - a year ago, in fact. The R.N. Cadets acquitted themselves well, and earned the praise of the Inspecting Officer. For a change we made a Jackstay transfer our afternoon show-piece, and our thanks are due to the Estate Workers, under Mr. Smalls direction, for their efforts in clearing the Jackstay site.

Summer Term Field Day was spent at College, 'mucking about' on the river. Maybe not much formal seamanship was learned, but the weather was fine and all enjoyed themselves - not least Lieutenant Commander Barlow, R.N., parent ship Liason Officer.

Midshipman Williamson paid us a visit last term - our first C.C.F. R.N. Cadet to gain a Commission in the Royal Navy. By now he will be Sub Lieutenant. Cadet Coxwain Tim Chavasse left the College at the end of last term, being relieved Cadet i/c R.N. Section by Cadet Petty Officer Charles de Roemer. Royal Navy Courses were attended by P.O. de Roemer (Communications), A/Bs Leland and Dredge (Sea training in A.M.F.T. Bembridge), L/Sea Wyn Roberts (Sea training in Bembridge, and General Seamanship H.M.S. Raleigh), A/Bs Jones, T., and Elphick (Gaveloch Head Initial Adventurous Training).

R.J.G.
October, 1979

LIBRARY NOTES

During the course of the year the Assistant-Librarians have continued to give their time voluntarily to the upkeep of the Library, albeit some of them with more enthusiasm than others, under the guidance of J.C.M. Hunt and R. Mackay.

Over the last year over one hundred and fifty books have been added to the Library plus the following presentation copies, for which we are very grateful:

S. Cowley, o.v. (Author)	—Spacecraft 2000-2100 AD, Great Space Battles
R.J. Dand, o.v. (Author)	—The Twilight of Briareus
Mrs. R. Bleackley	—A series of Career Books
P. Bleackley, Esq.	—The Development of Modern France
J. Crowther, Esq.	—Samuel Johnson
A. Cameron, o.v.	—Life in a Longhouse
Mr. & Mrs. H.E. Wells - Furby	—A Collection of Novels

I should like to take this opportunity of reminding any Junior who may read this report that there are always vacancies for any aspiring librarian.

Librarians and Assistant-Librarians 1978/79: Hunt, Mackay, N.D. Farley-Sutton, A.D.H. Hodge, S.C.H. Walker, P.T. Horsecroft, S.J. Monk, J.M. Bernstein, H.J. Summers, N.J. Gatensbury and R.A. Biart.

M.M.G.

WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB

The Wanderers have just finished their fifteenth Season and this is perhaps the time to write generally about them as the crowded nature of the summer term is putting their traditional fixtures in danger.

It all began in 1961 when the Henley Police asked for a Cricket Fixture and so was played our first ever Staff and Boys match against a local club.

Very quickly, with growing school numbers we were able to make a clear distinction between 1st XI matches and fixtures with the local clubs. The name Wanderers was chosen and quickly we were playing Wanderers Games on the same day as the 1st XI was in action. Of course on Sundays a combined Staff and 1st XI side could be very formidable - this was especially true in 1970 and for a year or two after. Many stern contests with Coppid Hall and Shiplake Memorial Hall linger in the mind of the present writer. Of course there was also the Annual game with the Reading University Academic Staff CC, which led to close finishes year after year.

Past and present members of the school and past and present staff may ask for a Wanderers game at any time. Our aims are keen but friendly cricket; to introduce boys to playing against men; to make sure that every player has a chance with bat or ball during a game and finally to help the developing player by providing experienced advice during a game.

During the last two or three years the crowded and shorter summer term has made it hard to raise strong enough Wanderers Sides from busy staff and senior cricketers taking A Levels. At this point I should pay tribute to many 1st XI players who have helped with umpiring although not able to take off the whole of Sunday afternoon from revision. However unless we publicise the merits of Wanderers Cricket now and urge next years players to plan ahead in the summer term and find time to assist the Wanderers, we may close down for lack of support.

Recently we have cut back the number of games from seven to four. Our visitors love playing on our beautiful ground. No one who is a "Wanderer" goes away feeling "I did not enjoy the game and got nothing out of it." The Continuation of this tradition depends on you, the readers.

HEWF

C2 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIPS 1978/9

November 10th - Sussex Coast

The aim of this trip was to study coastal and river features as part of a physical Geography course. The area chosen was between Seaford and Eastbourne on the Sussex coast. Here we could see the flood plain and mouth of the river Cuckmere, and the chalk cliffs and erosional coastline around Beachy Head.

We set off by minibus at 7.30 a.m., and arrived at Cuckmere Haven by 11.30. We climbed to a good view point and sketched the meandering river. Very good photographs were taken by David Kartal, which have been mounted onto display boards for future sets. After a picnic lunch we followed the course of the river to its mouth and viewed the 'Seven Sisters' cliffs. Then it was back into the bus and up to Beachy Head and Eastbourne to study coastal features.

On the return trip we stopped to look at the 'Long Man' at Wilmington, and eventually arrived back at 8.00 after a thoroughly worth while day.

May 4th - Dieppe, Normandy

This trip involved a very long trip each way, but we still decided to do it all in one day. We left at 3.00 a.m. on Friday 4th May and travelled by minibus to Brighton, where we had breakfast on the sea front at 5.00 a.m. Then we travelled along the coast to Newhaven to board the 6.45 Sealink ferry.

After a calm crossing we arrived in sunshine at Dieppe. The boys were split into groups of three or four and travelled on foot around the town, filling in answers on a questionnaire. They had to find out facts relating to the Geography and History of the area, as well as prices, distances etc. They all had purchases to make, including their lunch, and soon learnt to manage the French currency.

We left Dieppe on the 5.00 ferry and had a good crossing in the luxurious surroundings of the newest Sealink boat. Once in the minibus at Newhaven, it was not long before all my passengers were fast asleep. We eventually arrived back at the College at 11.00 after a round trip of twenty hours! A very enjoyable, if tiring day which I hope to make into an annual event.

A.F.B.

MASTERS' REVUE

Schoolmasters may be used to making idiots of themselves, but it seemed that a change of setting was to prove very successful if audience reaction was anything to go by. Festive spirit was noticeably present as boys and staff enjoyed a pre-Christmas romp on the stage of the Great Hall under the benevolent direction of P.G.H.

It would seem on such occasions that the mistakes are often funnier than the intended witticisms, and there were indeed plenty of both as the staff hurried through their party pieces in an attempt to get off the stage before it was realised who they were. Was that really S.K. D.W. and C.J.C. in a somewhat bawdy rendition of the mole-catchers' anthem? Surely that could not have been the staid Housemaster of Skipwith preaching the sermon in cockney rhyming slang? And a brown Richard III? Is this a rewrite of History one could well ask, as the Lower Fourth could be seen solemnly discussing the possibility of an early illegal immigrant assuming the British throne? And what about a spoonerful of medicinal laughter from the Mouse haster of Helsh wouse and the bemused Mrs. Cosgrave? "Not funny." claimed the Lower Sixth - "he always talks like that."

But there were some elements of style in evidence too. The effect of an old firm was cleverly created by the characters of one sketch, though if the film wasn't blue, a certain lady's posterior certainly was by the end of the performances. The "Mace Case" gave an opportunity for JMSW and SM to practise their lingual dexterity, and the latter is to be congratulated on coping with the innumerable changes of script introduced by the former.

The main attraction of the evening was a sultry story of passion and lust called the "Tram track Tragedy." in which the audience could contrast various acting styles ranging from the professionally good to the almost incompetent. Particularly eminent were DFKW and APM, whose gypsy portrayal was almost lifelike, and the lovely Mesdames Welsh and Esau who added the right touch of poignant charm.

The whole evening was sewn together in true music hall style by our august chairman, MMG and there was a practised air about the basing of the ivory keys by PGM's brother. Most of the music was drowned by AFB, though there was thought to be an orchestra under the direction of MLW somewhere lurking about.

All in all, a well-received evening's entertainment, and a particular vote of thanks is due to PGM for rallying the troops and putting so much hard work into the end of what had been a long, tiring term.

J. Warwood

CAROL SERVICE 1978

This year the Service was held in the morning for the first time. This seemed to work very well, and could now be a permanent arrangement.

As in previous years, the service was well attended both by parents and local residents. In all, the congregation numbered over 550, the best attendance ever. The only problem attached to having such large numbers is the traffic chaos caused in Henley, but fortunately adequate parking facilities were available. The service itself followed the traditional form of lessons and carols. The choir took a major part in the proceedings, and reached a very high standard whilst attempting music which was by no means easy. There are many conflicting views on how much of the service should be left to the choir, but I am sure that listening to less familiar carols is as much a part of Christmas as singing the well-known favourites. Particular carols that I remember were the "Sans Day Carol" sung by the choir, and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" was magnificent in every respect, complete with trumpets in the last verse. As organist, my biggest worry in the service is always verse three of "Unto us is born a Son", where the organ accompaniment seems to completely confuse everyone. In anticipation of this year's service may I put the record straight by assuring you that I *am* playing the right notes, and I *didn't* write it! Please keep going! The recessional Hymn "O Come all ye faithful" rounded off what to me was a splendid and moving service. Our thanks must go to all the readers, the choir, Malcolm Woodcock, the Chaplain, and indeed to all of you for your vocal support.

A.F.B.

SIXTH FORM SOCIETY NOTES

No meetings were held for the first half of the Winter Term, because the President of the Society was directing the school play and the Secretary and others were acting in it.

Immediately after half term though, the Society went to see what was then the resident Ackyebourne play in the West End, "Bedroom Farce". In fact at the time of writing it is still on, and is well worth a visit if its raining in Shaftesbury Avenue, and you need a place to sit in and doze. The audience, like the play won't disturb you, though occasionally you might hear vague sounds coming from the front of the auditorium.

There was only one open discussion this year. It was held in the Junior Common Room, and was on Military National Service. As in previous meetings of this type, the President kept a tight control over who spoke when. The result was a civilized evenings drinking and talking, during which it became plain that a majority of members were in favour of National Service for social if not economic reasons. Though a minority viewed it as an infringement of civil liberties and conducive to violence, vandalism and unemployment.

Some aspects of the latter viewpoint were echoed by the Society's guest speaker the following week, Mr. B. Evans, a representative of "The Industrial Society", a business unit that specializes in conciliation and promotion of Management - Union Relations. His lecture was split neatly into two halves; first of all he told us of the back ground of the British Trade Union Movement, and the events that have shaped Management/ Union relations over the last 100 years. He went on to tell us exactly what his function is within "The Industrial Society", and apparently Mr. Evans is a kind of Caped Crusader who flies from picket line to board room, righting wrongs, fighting for truth, justice and mutually acceptable wage settlements. Mr. Evan's talk was witty, engaging, and interesting. It also became evident that he believed in his job and what he was doing.

The Society's next speaker was from "The Cyrenians" a sort of Commune/Hostel who take in a good proportion of society's rejects and clothe, house, and feed them. The main bone of contention was the rules the group imposes on inmates, all alcoholics must be "dry" to gain acceptance. Mr. Prewitt's reasoning proved a little hard to follow at times but his motives are sincere and there is no doubt his group does a lot of good.

Two members of the Society gave lectures of some note in the Spring Term: Julius Zimmermann on Germany, and Hugh Morris on Archaeology. Both were rather short and relied on questions from members rather than content matter. Julius provided a 40 minute film to illustrate his lecture and he seemed proud of his fatherland and its economy, people, and natural beauty. Some of us were impressed some of us were not. Hugh Morris, enthused over Archaeology, soon overcame his fear of public speaking and entertained the Society admirably for an evening.

Finally the Society wrapped up its activities for 1978/9 with an expedition to Ira Levin's "Deathtrap". All the reviews I have seen raved about it, and for good reason. The plot is intricate and winding but basically concerns a homicidal playwright who kills most of the cast. Dennis Quilley as the anti-herd, acted well through a brilliant script and supporting cast that amused, frightened and entertained. "Deathtrap" is not for the faint hearted but on a plot level it is at least as good as "Sleuth" to which it owes quite a debt. The play certainly grips and deserves its reputation as one of the best West End shows.

Finally I would like to record my thanks to the President and his wife David and Jenny Welsh who have extended their hospitality to the Society throughout the year and without whom little or nothing of what we have done would be possible.

JCW

PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

After a period of comparative inactivity, the Club has taken on a new lease of life. Through the keenness of the existing members, the dark room has undergone a complete overhaul, the equipment renovated, and more apparatus acquired.

Some promising photography has already been done, and so far there have been two short expeditions for the senior members.

It is hoped to bring the Club more and more into the activities of the School; this will not only create general interest, but will help to offset the rising costs of professional photography.

Many thanks to Guy Gillibrand, who has done so much to build up the new atmosphere.

B.W.W.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

The Scheme is now flourishing once again and five boys are going to Buckingham Palace to receive their Gold Awards in November. Six boys are in the final stages of the Gold Award and sixteen more have completed their Silver expeditions and are well on their way to completing their Silver as a whole. Twenty-eight wish to go to the Lake District in Easter 1980 to do the Silver Expedition and several others are at different stages.

Because of the difficulties of completing all stages in our kind of school where there are so many calls on boys' time, we have started to allow more boys to start at the Silver stage. Before this interested boys will have to complete a First Aid Course and a Bronze expedition. This will mean that boys will usually enter officially in the 4th. Form and will complete their expeditions in the holidays of non-exam years.

The total number of boys now participating in the Scheme is over eighty, and the continued success of the Scheme is due in no small way to the efforts of many boys and members of staff. In particular, Messrs. Lee, Morris, Woodcock and Webb are always active in the Lake District and this year one of the Old Vikings, Stephen Beak, came back to assess the Silver groups, and another, Geoffrey Smith. Mrs. Cooke was largely responsible for the catering and was assisted this year by Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Smith.

D.S.P.

Junior Plays

Due to the choice of entertainment the plays were varied and the evening, proved to be quite successful. The first play was *The Bispoke Overcoat*, a rather ambitious choice for Juniors, but it had the desired effect of stretching both actors and audience. Perhaps the former was achieved but the latter is questionable as one felt the audience were rather bemused by it. The theme was, love being a luxury which very poor people can afford, and the unreasonable conscience felt by the poor, who love people who are worse off, with a love which conquers nothing.

The staging was interesting as it was in three sections and the actors walked from one to the other according to the scene. The lighting effect and the smooth change, maintained the continuity throughout. Creditable performances were made by Keith and Dodd.

'*A Fourth for Bridge*' was the second play, this was a light comedy and again the actors gave all; To see Gatensbury sitting still as the Italian Pilot and talking with an Italian accent was amusing. The play required pace and at times this was lost, but the end result was a success and a great achievement for the boys involved. Sylvesters portrayal of an American Soldier was convincing and he looked quite at home on stage.

The second part of the evening was a musical, '*Sansom*'. This was light and entertaining and contained a number of "catchy" tunes. Maundrell and Harris played the major roles, which were the exact opposite in visual stature. The chorus sang well and their performance was creditable.

The evening was a success and showed that we have a number of boys in the school who can be called on to Act in our next school production.

P.J.F.W. & M.L.W.

HIMALAYAN EXPEDITION 1979

As we rose slowly into the air and stared down at the flat, water-covered countryside of Bangladesh, occasionally obscured by puffs of white cloud, it was difficult to believe that we were on the final leg of our long flight to the Kingdom of Nepal. Months of planning and uncertainty had at last culminated in an expedition that was to prove unforgettable for all of us.

At the end of our expedition to the Italian Alps the previous summer we had briefly considered a more advanced expedition to the Himalayas, but we had dismissed the idea because our summer holidays coincided with the monsoon in that part of the world. Books on Nepal stated that "trekking is not possible between June and September when the monsoon rains make the trails extremely slippery and leeches come out to make walking miserable." We decided to do some further research and check on how severe the rains were and whether it would be possible to undertake anything reasonably ambitious. Over a period of several months we read books and consulted various experts. We were fortunate enough to be invited to see Lord Hunt and to discuss with him the best area to visit and to benefit from his knowledge of the Nepalese people. Even if the expedition had not taken place, we all agreed that the discussion with the modest and unassuming leader of the first expedition to climb Everest was an event in itself. We applied for expedition grants, but for many of these we were too late. Articles were printed in "The Evening Post" and through the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme we were put in touch with Brian Hawkins of BBC Bristol and he kindly lent us a camera. Many firms were approached and several were able to help in small but important ways. Finally, by cutting costs and raising funds through the sale of sweatshirts and through a sponsored walk over the "Welsh 3000's" - all the mountains in Wales over 3000 feet in one day - we were in a position to embark on our project to commemorate the College's Twentieth Anniversary and the retirement of the Headmaster.

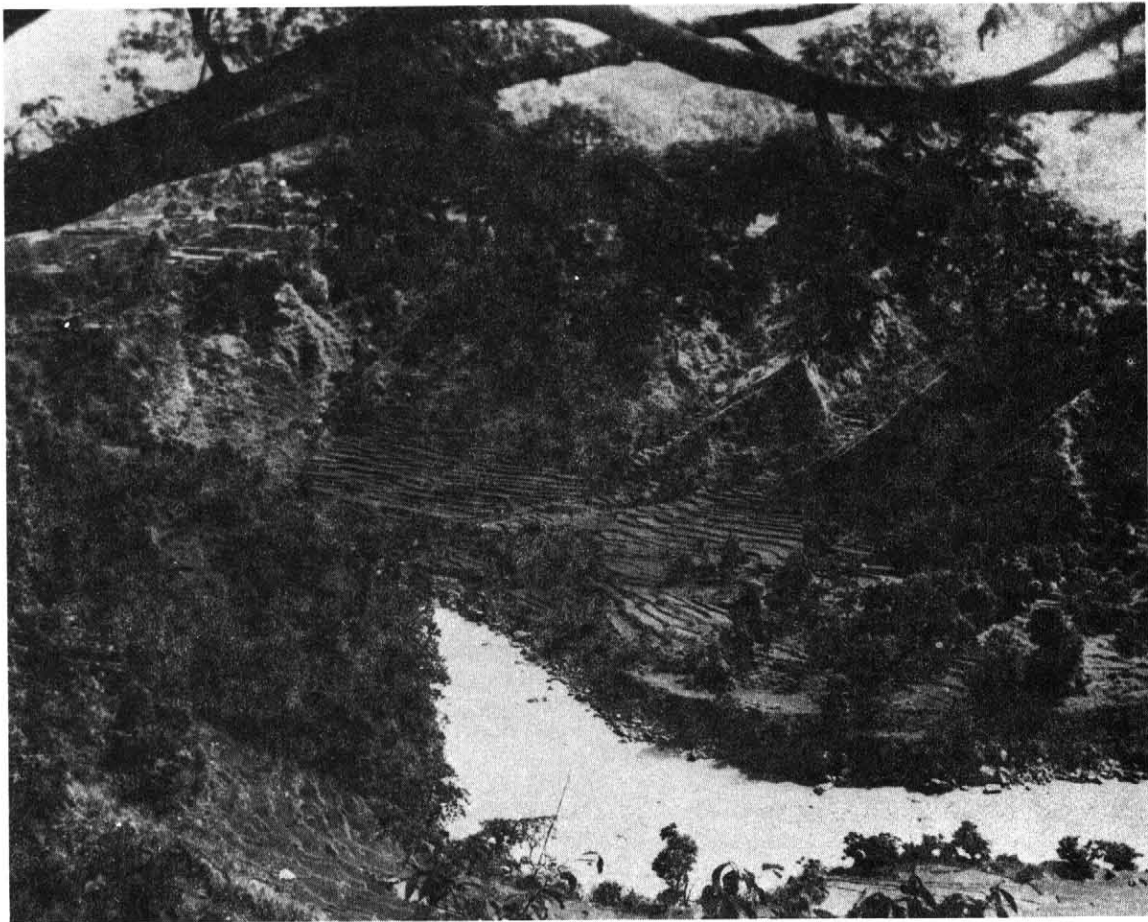


When we landed in Kathmandu we made our way through the jostling crowds of eager taxi and rickshaw drivers vying with each other for our custom. We were to stay in a small but clean hotel in the Thamel district for three days whilst we organised porters and sherpas through Mike Cheney, who handles all the land arrangements for all the big expeditions. While we were there we met the American team who were preparing for an assault on Annapurna. Tragically three of them were later killed in an avalanche above Camp 4. Our Sirdar was Pertempa and he and our sherpa cook, Lahure, bought provisions and arranged for the trekking permit and the porters. On the morning of the fourth day we set out in a dilapidated bus for Dumre, about eighty miles to the west of Kathmandu. From here we set out on foot on our trek which was to take us for two hundred miles, at times over eighteen thousand feet, and through monsoon forest and arid plateaux towards Tibet, and then down the Kali Gandake gorge - the deepest in the world with Annapurna (8091m) on one side and Dhaulagiri (8167m) on the other.

So much happened that it is almost impossible to recount everything and a full report is being published. However, several things stick in one's mind. For the first few days the heat was almost unbearable, but gradually the terrain began to change as we passed through the paddy fields that made walking difficult and uncomfortable and on to the drier but cooler area to the north. The villages in the lower part of the Marsyandi River were often sheltered by huge banyan trees and whenever we stopped we were surrounded by curious villagers. As we made our way up the valley, at times climbing over 2000 feet and then falling almost as far, we felt frustrated by the mist that hid magnificent views from us. If we had been fortunate we would have had stunning views of Manaslu (26,638 ft.), Peak 29 (25,706 ft.), Annapurna II and IV and Machhapuchare (22,942 ft.). As it was, we were only to catch occasional glimpses of some of these fascinating giants. During the first week we experienced monsoon rain, swaying bamboo bridges, traditional "dhal bhat" and Tibetan "chang" - a beer made from rice and millet. On the eighth day we reached Manang, only recently opened up to foreigners. Here we climbed up two notched tree trunks to pitch our tents on the flat mud roof of one of the houses with prayer flags fluttering above us. Here in the upper Marsyandi Valley the inhabitants are devoutly Lamaist-Buddhists and each village had its own "gompa" (monastery), many of which contained priceless art treasures such as "thangkas" (hand-painted scrolls with religious motifs).



Durbar Square, Patan, South of Kathmandu



View of Paddy Fields on West Side of Marsyandi River

As we left Manang we were beginning to feel the effects of altitude and we climbed slowly upwards to a camp at over 14,000 feet, beyond yak huts and at the point where the trail over the Thorong-La Pass left the river. We left early the following morning and after a while each step became painful, although we were by then very fit. At a height of over 18,000 feet the oxygen content in the air is half that at sea-level, and we all felt the effects. One member of the group suffered more than most and it was a relief when we began to descend to the holy town of Muktinath. By now the terrain had changed completely and there was little or no vegetation - a complete contrast to our first few days. It was here that we were at our furthest point from civilisation to the north of Annapurna. Luckily, we had no serious illness or injury, but we had been asked to treat people at every village because we had a wide range of medicines with us. We had made up our minds only to use our limited medical skills on ourselves and our porters and sherpas. No-one else was to be put at risk!

Muktinath is the object of many pilgrimages with its "miraculous" eternal flame, and a small pagoda temple of Jiwala Mayi, the Flame Goddess - a reincarnation of Vishnu. Around the temple was a stone wall surmounted by one hundred and eight bulls' heads, cast in bronze and from their mouths poured sacred water. After the lush green forests and paddy fields we now felt that we could have been in a different world and one could sense the mysticism of the Buddhist culture and we were constantly reminded of it by the numerous prayer-wheels and Mani-stones - tumuli covered with hundreds of stones and hand carved with "mantras", the most popular of which was "Om Mani Padme Hum" - meaning "Hail to the Jewel of the Lotus".

From Jomosom, at the head of the Kali Gandaki gorge, we began to follow the river that at times flowed along a wide, flat, gravel bed. Occasionally we skirted it high up on the edge of sheer drops but we sometimes were forced to wade through it. The rock trail, at times broken away, took us through Larjung and Dana and down through the narrowing gorge which in the 8th Century AD carried Nepali, Indian and Tibetan gurus bearing the Buddhist religion northward to Tibet. In the final few days of our trek down to Pokhara we came across leeches for the first time and none of us escaped them. Somehow they found a way through socks and boots and at rest-stops we peeled off our socks to find them enjoying a main course of our blood. We did become used to them and the distress of aching limbs and blood-covered feet was more than offset by the enjoyment of hot mineral springs at Tatopani, by occasional glimpses of Annapurna

and Macchapuchare, by our feast on goats and chickens and by the prospect of civilisation ahead. (After three weeks any place with a wheeled vehicle of any description was civilised!)

On the Eighteenth day we reached Pokhara and the following day we set out for Kathmandu. Rains had washed away one bridge and the first ten miles had to be covered in a Land Rover carrying twenty-five people and all our kit. After crossing the river on a temporary bamboo bridge we joined a public bus and the nightmare journey began. It was to take ten hours and we emerged at the end exhausted by cramped conditions, the memory of pushing crowds of gaily-clothed women and children forcing their way on to an already overcrowded bus, with others trying to have a free ride by clinging precariously to the roof and our luggage.

The last few days were spent relaxing and then spending extra money flying to Calcutta because of booking problems. There was an unforgettable twenty-four hours in Dacca, which three of us spent arguing with Bangladesh Biman Airways' Directors over flight arrangements. Finally, we managed to escape via Bombay, Dubai, Athens and Amsterdam.

By all accounts the expedition was a complete success, but it would not have been possible without the help and advice of the following to whom we give our thanks:- Lord Hunt of Llanfair Waterdine, KG, CBE, DSO, Leader of the first expedition to climb Everest and President of the Royal Geographical Society. Mr. K.P. Koirala, now Nepalese Ambassador to Iran. Mr. Pandey, 1st Secretary, Nepalese Embassy, London. Mr. D.P. Thapaliya, Under Secretary, Nepalese Embassy, Kathmandu. Major-General Wallis-King. Lt. Col. J.H. Edwards, Defence Attache, British Embassy, Kathmandu. Lt. Col. H.N. Oakden, AAG, Brigade of Gurkhas, London. Mr. I.H. Shouesmith, Directorate of Military Survey. The World Expeditionary Association. The Young Explorers' Trust and Miss E. Manson-Bahr. Mr. D.Buckle, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The Hon. F.F. Fisher MC, MA, Master of Wellington College. Mr. J.D. Eggar TD, MA, Headmaster of Shiplake College. Mr. Alex MacIntyre, National Officer, British Mountaineering Council. Sigmund Pulsometer Pumps Limited. The Prestige Group Limited. Carrington Viyella Limited. The Denny Group Limited. The British Bank of the Middle East. Unigate Limited. Bryant and May Limited. Wilkinson Match Limited. Mr. P. Godfrey. Miss J. Dauncey and the Evening Post. Mrs. E. Sheed. Mrs. S. Wagner. Mrs. J.A. Leigh. Givaudan and Company Limited. Mr. Brian Hawkins of BBC Bristol. Mr. N. Broackes. Carless, Capel and Leonard Limited. Mr. Mike Cheney. Robertsons Food. Mr. Ian Munday and C.H. Munday Ltd. Brills Limited. The Governors of Shiplake College.

Expedition members:- D.S. Partridge Esq., J.M.S. Woodcock Esq., Tim Chavasse, Rodney Davies, Andres Linsey, James Sheed, Mark Trevor, John Woodward and Richard Woodward.



Philesangu. Rotten Wooden Bridge crossing the Marsandi River

CHAPEL NOTES

It is sometimes difficult when writing these notes to avoid repetition. The Chapel is running smoothly and there is more and more participation as time goes on.

Some little time ago, a number of senior boys offered to take the prayers during Services. This has been a great help and there is now a steady flow of volunteers and one has the feeling that our Communion Services are becoming more and more a family affair. Much more trouble is being taken by the lesson readers, and even those who find it difficult have acquitted themselves remarkably well. I am hoping that eventually the Sung Eucharist will be our standard Sunday Service.

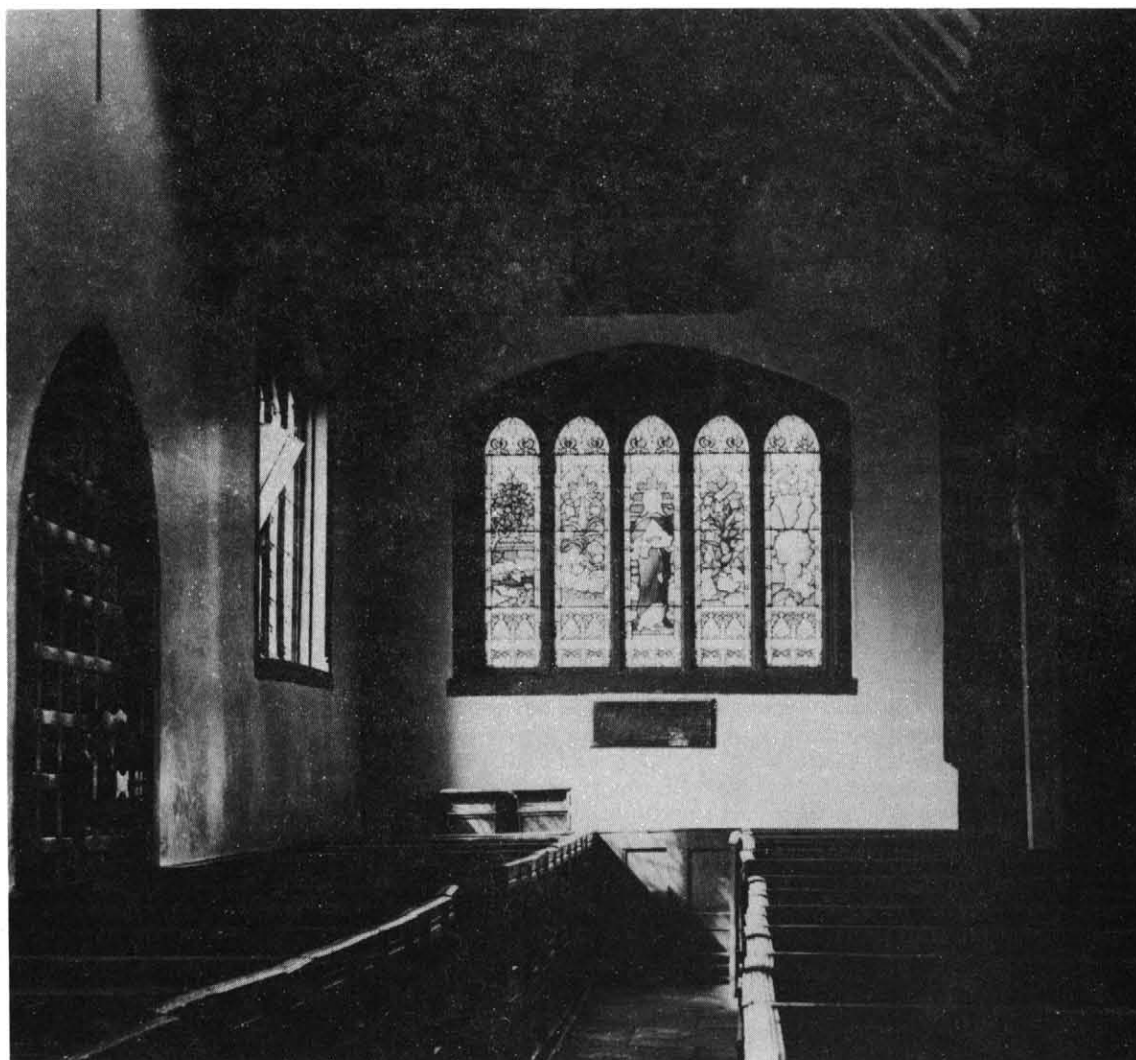
On Sunday, October 14th, 1979, Fawley Parish Church welcomed the Choir to sing at their Harvest Festival. The Church was packed, and for the Parish it will have been a memorable occasion. It certainly was one of the most successful Services in which I have participated.

No Chapel runs well without much effort put into it by many different people. We owe much to our hard working choir and its directors; also to Mrs. Eggar and Miss Tomalin who have looked after all the Chapel Linen and other effects. The flowers are always particularly nicely arranged, thanks to Sister and the Masters' wives.

Confirmation last year was unusually large, and was conducted by the Bishop of Reading. This year there are 27 candidates, and the Service will be taken by the Bishop of Dorchester. It is perhaps interesting to note that over the years, more than 400 boys have spent a Quiet Day at St. Katharine's Convent.

The last Service of the Summer Term took place in the Parish Church where we said farewell to John and Pam Eggar. This was a moving Service, and there were over 90 Communicants. In my address, I said that the School could not have a more kindly and tolerant Headmaster to get it through its early days, and the boys had had a Christian and a friend to help them in their formative years. I really meant this, and we give John and Pam our blessings for what we hope will be a long and happy retirement.

B.W.W.
October 1979



Church at Lower Plover, Cheshire

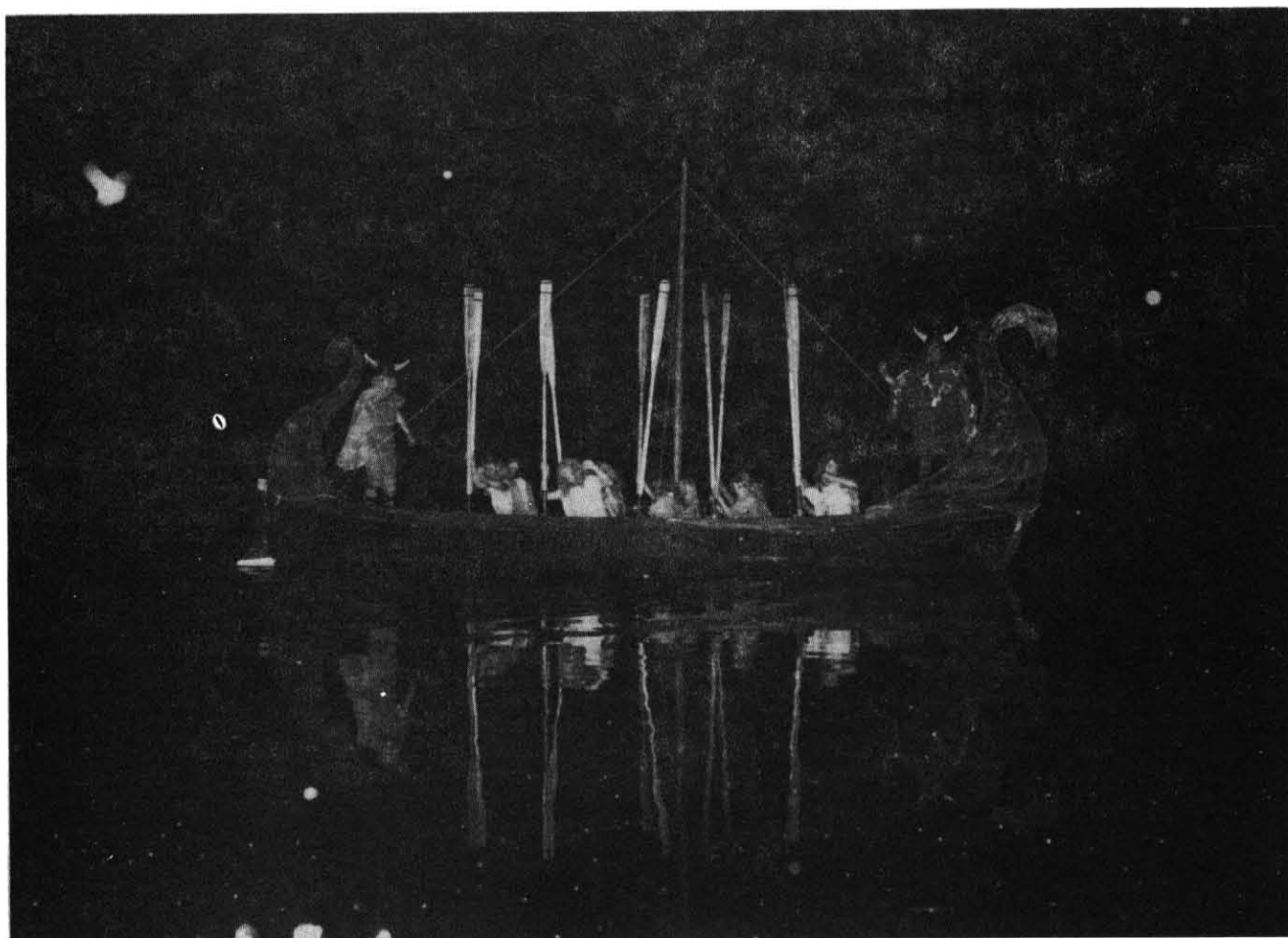
TIME & THE THAMES

A Criticism by John Suchet

What is a river pageant, I thought? A performance on a boat on a river? Sounds a bit dull. Somebody said it's boats going by and telling a story, in this case the story of the Thames. Impossible, I thought. Peter Hall and the RSC, with a bit of help from the LSO, the Royal Ballet and Covent Garden, maybe. But Avril Lethbridge and Shiplake College, with a bit of help from the Henley Youth Drama Shop, some amateur players and a boatman or two. Well, I've heard of ambition, but this

In the event it was nothing less than a pictorial account, on water, in motion, of the history of the River Thames from, roughly, 500 AD to 1979. And that, believe me, is ambition. What's more, it's living proof that if you venture noting, you gain nothing. I've never met Avril Lethbridge, but I imagine she's small and dynamic, with the grip of a vice, the force of a tiger, and the persistence of a psychopathic Jehovah's Witness. If Britain is ever involved in a Third World War, I'll be happy for our Supreme Commander to be Field Marshal Avril Lethbridge. It could only be marginally more difficult than organising a few hundred people with an age span of 15 to 50 (and more), dozens of boats from Viking warships to canoes, steamships and racing skiffs, making them do as they're told, and producing a spectacle as original and thrilling as any I can remember.

I understand from reliable sources there were some hitches on the first night - the performance I attended. Some boats arrived when they shouldn't have, some didn't arrive when they should have. Unconfirmed reports say some of the walkie-talkie radios used to direct proceedings broke down. Not a hint came through to the audience that gremlins were about. Maybe the transition from one scene to another was a bit slow. But this was not actors coming on stage being directed, but boats coming up river. Sometimes even admirals get it wrong.



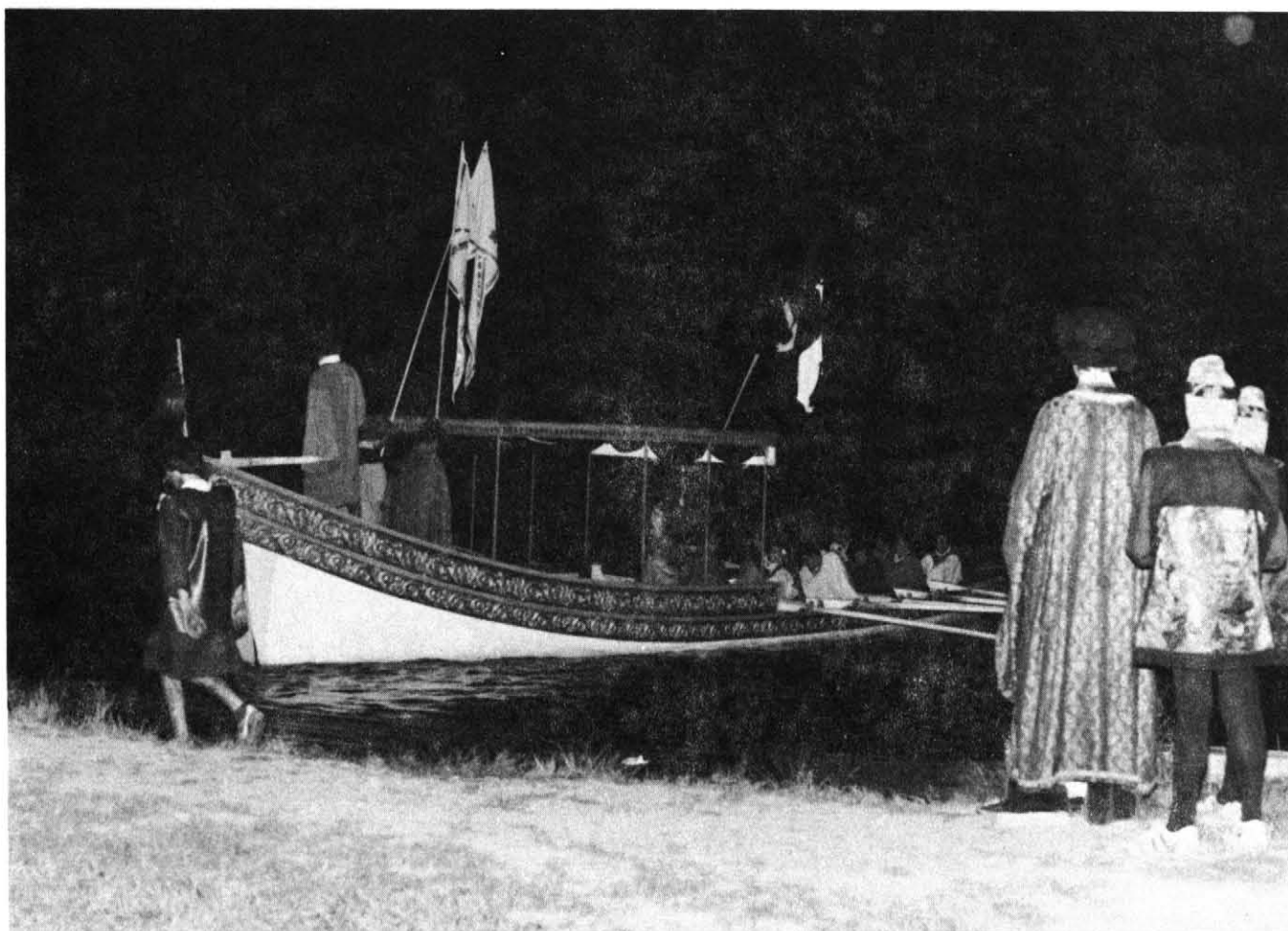


Not everything was on the water. King John arrived at the river bank on horseback to sign Magna Carta, Anne Boleyn was beheaded in a cloister, a Civil War cavalier shimmied down the roof of a boathouse but always the river was the theme. How subtly we were instructed. Did you know that William the Conqueror crosses the Thames at Wallingford on his way to London after Hastings because that was the first point upstream where the river could be forded all year round? That Ann Boleyn was made to wait at Greenwich Palace for the tide to change before she could be transported up the Thames to the Tower for her execution? That boats which took part in the Dunkirk rescue fly a special flag at the masthead bearing the arms of Dunkirk and a St. George's Cross at the bow? This was more than a pageant; it was a history lesson.

Some scenes, it must be said, were too long. The Henley Regatta sequence was too long by at least two stanzas. There was what seemed a sudden decision to have dialogue and song from the players themselves. It was nearly inaudible, the more so since the recorded and heavily amplified narration of Celia Johnson and Robert Hardy was so clear.

Which leads me to the technicians. The whole affair could have been lit uniformly, the entire scene bathed in light from beginning to end. Instead, it was decided to use spotlights and coloured lighting, and in the Dunkirk scene, searchlights. It was a bold idea, brilliantly realised. In the Ann Boleyn execution scene, the Queen and executioner were starkly lit while all else was black. The executioner drew his sword back, and precisely at the back of his swing, the light was cut. The audience mumbled "shame", but the man on the switch deserves a pat on the back. The lighting men, "sparks" as they're known in the trade, worked as hard, and as successfully, as any of the players.

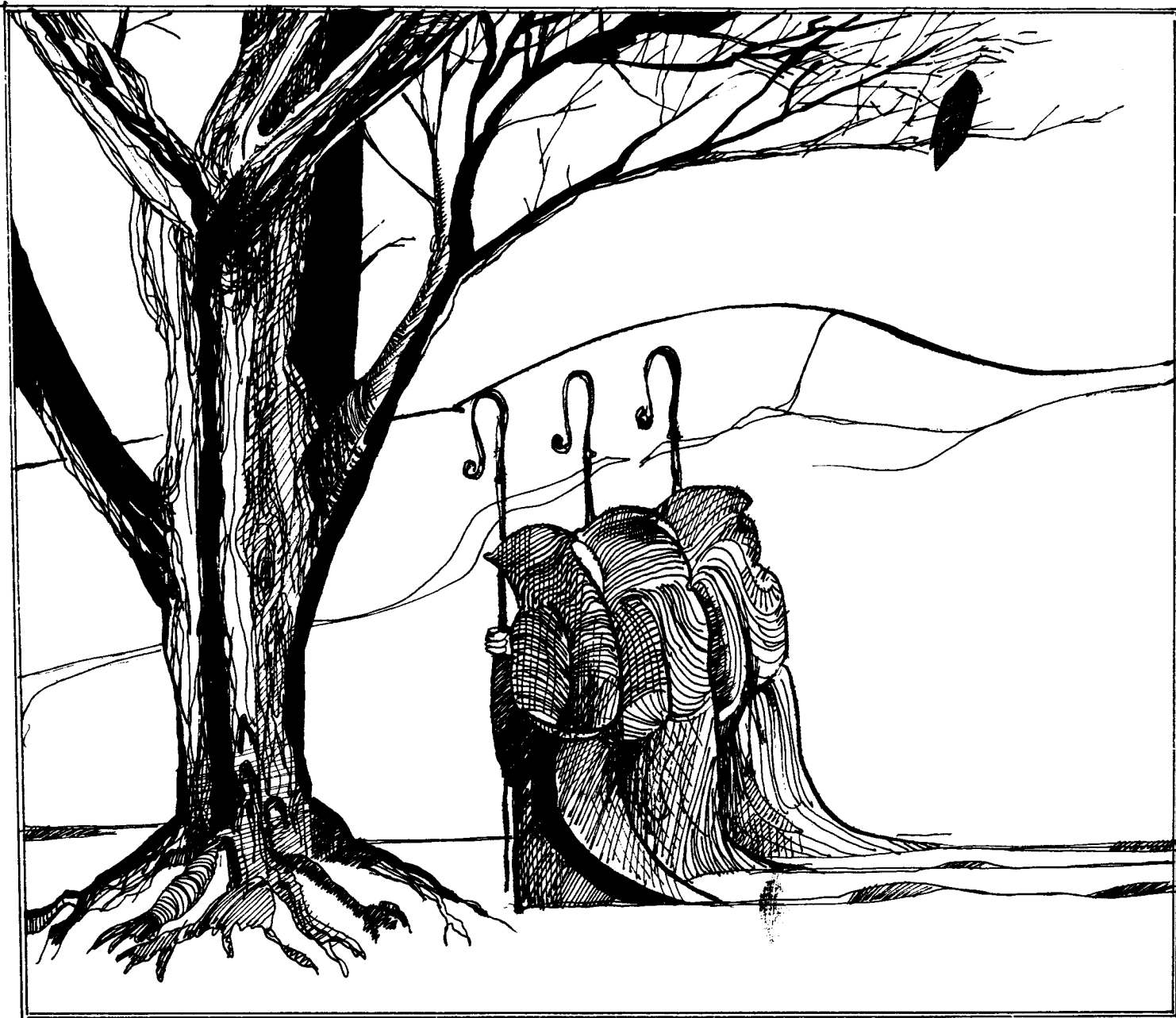
Talking of players, there were so many I lost count. And what struck me was that, in the many crowd scenes, each player knew exactly what he/she should do. Each player knew whom he was fighting, or raping, or chatting to. I'd swear the acrobat knew just how many handstands and cartwheels she should do, not too many, not too few.



For me, the highlight was the Dunkirk scene. To the taped sound of the voice of Sir Winston Churchill, a flotilla of small craft set off to perform beyond the call of duty, to sail themselves into the history books. We saw the actual boats that did it, proudly flying their unique flags. Flares streaked into the night sky, we heard gunfire, saw the shells explode, watched the battered soldiers return. For the first time it was brought home to me just how small and precocious those boats were, what an impossible mission they set out on. And they came back! Hitler must have shaken his head in Teutonic disbelief. Had he been a gentleman, he'd have given up there and then. And here were the actual boats, on the Thames at Shiplake. We saw them set out and we watched them return with their cargo of battered soldiers. What a moment in history, a moment we who were not even born must never be allowed to forget. Had the rest of the pageant been a disaster, this sequence of Dunkirk would have saved it. As it was, it crowned it.

The pageant ended with what was, quite simply, the most moving performance of the National Anthem I have witnessed. Can you imagine deep male voices, to the accompaniment of a full orchestra, *largissimo*, while silently, gracefully, proudly, the boats of Dunkirk glide by, shell smoke still hanging in the air, the foreground pitch black, the boats bathed in light.

It was a homage, not solely to the Queen, nor to the boats, nor to the men in them, but to something infinitely more permanent, that constantly moving arterial vein of England, our lifeblood, the River Thames. "For men may come and men may go, but I go on for ever."



NICHOLAS WEBB

SPORTS NEWS

Rugby 1st XV

Captain J.P. Hearnden (c)

V. Capt. A.J. Linsey (s)

Results:

King James's, Henley	Lost 6 - 13
Redrice School	Won 40 - 0
Oxford School (1st.Rd.Cup)	Won 15 - 6
City of London, Freeman's	Lost 9 - 10
Old Vikings	Won 13 - 7
Lord Wandsworth College	Won 24 - 19
Sir William Borlase, School	Lost 9 - 10
Chipping Norton (2nd.Rd.Cup)	Won 38 - 0
Bearwood College	Won 16 - 6
Reed's, School	Won 23 - 6
Ranelagh School	Won 38 - 3
Leighton Park, School	Lost 6 - 12
Lord William's (Semi-Final)	Lost 16 - 24
Magdalen College School	Drew 6 - 6
Rutlish School	Won 17 - 0
Theale Green School	Won 8 - 0
Shiplake Vikings	Lost 21 - 6

Playing Record: *Le Hare*
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 17 16 10 11 1 6 6 290 143

1st XV Apperances:

N. Smith*, C. Eve†, I. Wood, R. Davies†, A. Bainbridge, R. Woodward*, J. Tolputt*, M. Gray*, J. Neale*, M. Trevor*, M. Moore, A. Duncan*, A. Linsey*, P. Broad†, J. Hearnden*, M. Mirkharn†, R. Mealing†, N. Baddeley, N. Bryant, M. Smith, J. Roth, P. Merson, C. Hodge†.
 * Full Colours † Half Colours

The Eggar Trophy was awarded to J.P. Hearnden. This is a new award presented by J.D. Eggar Esq., and is the players player award.

M. Gray, M. Trevor and J. Hearnden represented Oxfordshire U.19's in the county championships with Mark Gray being presented with his county colours.

M. Gray, J. Neale and J. Tolputt represented an area side against the touring Argentinian school-boy side - "The John Jackson XV".

The 1978-79 season was a most memorable one for the 1st XV and Shiplake College Rugby Club, and will long be remembered by the school. The team had a great deal of playing experience, especially in the pack, and were never dominated in any inter-school match. The ¾ however, were slightly inexperienced and lacked any great penetration although the defence was very sound.

Some memorable victories were recorded and for the first time ever the school defeated Lord Wandsworth College and Reed's School at first team level. With a little more luck, at least, three more victories could have been ours and what a season that would have been!

Victory is not, however, the over-riding priority although it is very important in any team game. The most important things are that boys learnt something which will help them in the future and above all they enjoyed themselves.

Individual players should not be given special mention in a team game and especially in this team where everything was undertaken in tremendous team spirit, but I should personally like to thank the captain, Jonty Hearnden, for his outstanding leadership, encouragement and total understanding throughout the season. He deserves a great deal of the credit for making this an incredible season for the club. Next season's captain, and the team under him, have a great deal to live up to, for Shiplake College are no longer an 'easy' fixture. Good luck to all the leavers and to the team in the '79-'80 season.

Oxfordshire Under 19 Cup Competition

The Club entered the knock-out cup competition, for the first time, this season and did extremely well in reaching the semi-finals before losing a very close encounter with Lord William's, Thame (away), a much larger school than ourselves. (Lord William's went on to draw the final with Radley College 3 - 3).

(See playing record for results in previous rounds).

The Club have already been accepted in next years competition and have been seeded in an entry of over forty Oxfordshire Schools. If the home draw runs their way it could be another successful season of Cup rugby, really putting the school on the rugby map in Oxfordshire.

P.E.

2nd XV Rugby

The 2nd XV captained by Mark Freeland, had to live up to an impressive reputation of two unbeaten seasons. The squad trained by both Mr. Hooper and Mr. Hose were enthusiastic to have a successful season. The first fixture against Cokethorpe 1st XV was a tough game which Shiplake was unfortunate to lose 7 - 0.

Through injury the 1st XV had to be supplemented by player's from the 2nd XV. This weakened the side considerably. After winning three successive fixtures. The bad weather seemed not to perturb the squad and an impressive draw against Ottershaw's 1st XV was a pleasing result.

By the close of this long term, the team effort sagged, bringing defeat to a very promising side.

Mark Freeland

Fixtures:

Cokethorpe 1st XV
 City of London Freemans School
 O.V.S. XV — cancelled
 Lord Wandsworth's College
 Sir William Borlase's School
 Ottershaw School 1st XV
 Bearwood College
 Reed's School
 Ranelagh School
 Leighton Park School
 Reading Blue Coat School 1st XV
 Magdalen College School
 Ashmead School 1st XV
 Rutlish School

Rugby Tour

Shiplake College Hit le Havre!

With a squad of 22 boys and 3 willing staff Shiplake College rugby club's squad set out for the very first time on a rugby tour of Le Havre over the half term period of the winter term.

Two crammed minibus loads of boys and a sleepless night on the over-night ferry later we were to find that we were only to play one game of rugby! As we JUST managed to scrape a 79-0 victory it was therefore, as far as the rugby was concerned, somewhat of a disappointment. But as anyone who went on the trip can tell you it was a well worth while enjoyable experience we will all never forget!!

Jonty Hearnden Captain of Rugby

Rugby U 15

The rugby improved throughout the season. Playing what could be termed as ten man rugby we commenced the season with two good wins. Our first defeat came after a hectic week due to Cup fixtures and we were not at our best. After this minor set back we continued to dominate our opposition but were not able to convert the domination into points, therefore even though we were winning, it was by small margins.

At the end of October we attended the J.P.R. Williams Trophy Competition which was held at the Reading Rugby Club in Sonning. Having played three games in our League we were selected to go through to the final on merit due to our wins and scores as one point was awarded for every try and two for a win. We lost in the final to Chiltern Edge, however we played well and our backs came to life which changed our mode of play for the rest of the season. The remaining school matches went well and the standard of rugby improved.

The highlights of the season was the Oxfordshire County K.O. cup. We lost in the semi-final to Lord Williams Thame 10 - 9. This was a good performance and it was a hard and highly contested game.

The results speak for the commitment of the boys and I hope they will play as well next year.

Results:

City of London Freemans School	Won
Wellington College	Won
Lord Wandsworth College	Lost
Ottershaw School	Won
Bearwood College	Won
Reed's School	Won
Reading Blue Coat	Lost
Leighton Park	Won
Magdalen College	Won
Rutlish School	Lost

J.P.R. Williams Trophy Finalist:

Oxfordshire County K.O. Cup Semi Finalist.

P.J.F.W.

Rugby U.14

Results:

Redrice	Won	34 - 12
City of London Freeman's School	Won	28 - 12
Lord Wandsworth	Lost	0 - 44
Oratory	Lost	6 - 7
Ottershaw	Lost	8 - 14
Bearwood	Won	23 - 0
Reed's	Won	22 - 9
Reading Blue Coat	Lost	3 - 12
Magdalen College School	Draw	12 - 12
Rutlish	Lost	3 - 33

Captain A. Hunter

Vice Captain M. Goldsmith

The U/14s made a very promising start and should do well in the future. The team especially the forwards played with great spirit throughout the season, often against much larger teams, and achieved some good results. An U/14 'B' and 'C' team also played 2 matches apiece against other schools, and Played creditably well.

S.R. Mount

Shiplake College Boat Club Report 1978/9

During the passed year the Boatclub has maintained its numbers in the summer term of between eighty and ninety boys taking to the river each day.

The competitive crews have attended events as far apart as Bath and Nottingham.

The standard of crews during the year is thought to have been of a slightly higher quality although there has been one less outright win at open events compared to last year.

The equipment has been added to this year in the form of a new carbon fibre eight and a second hand Simms Shell coxed four, suitable for the younger crews to use at Regattas.

The sale of two restricted eights and some older equipment leaves us with enough purchasing power to find another second hand shell eight or perhaps a coxless four. During the summer vacation and the winter term Mr. George Firk and Mr. David Lister have been maintaining the equipment to the highest of standards and we also thank them for their efforts in coaching some of the younger boys during minor sports.

Regattas Attended '78-'79

Marlow Invitation	One win Two other finalists
Wallingford	One finalist
Mortlake Spring	One win
Avon Counties Schools	Four wins One other finalist
Carmel Invitation	One finalist
Chipswick	One finalist
Birmingham	Two finalists
National Schools	One win One third place
Greenwich	Two finalists
Marlow	One semi finalist
Reading Amateur	One finalist
Reading Amateur	One finalist One semi finalist
Reading Town	Two wins One semi finalist
Henley Royal	Winners of first and second rounds, Eliminated third round
National Championships	One third place-Bronze Medal. One sixth place.

The two outstanding crews this year have been the first eight and the Under Fourteen Eight. The first eight having gained their new craft in March always looked to have the potential of being Shiplakes fastest crew to date and with an overwhelming victory at Avon Regatta over the Radley College second eight and a close race against Kent School U.S.A. at Marlow they then went on to thrill us all at Henley Royal Regatta being eliminated by Eton in the semi-final. The Under Fourteen Eight were blessed with having a squad of thirteen boys where their physical size outstripped any other crew they met during the year. They were a crew of great energy and spirit. Their enthusiasm in training was second to none of the Shiplake crews.

Their five regatta wins plus a Gold Medal at the National Schools gave them an unblemished season and great things are hoped of them in the future.

The Under Sixteen Eight having vital exams this year, concentrated on hiding their true talents until academic efforts were over. With a new lease of life they trained hard at Henley, during the end of term, and the summer vacation and by sharing the carbocraft boat with the first eight they won a Bronze Medal at the National Championships.

The Under Fifteen squad have suffered through lack of numbers but a useful coxed four emerged at the end of the season to reach the final at Reading Amateur. The remainder of the squad formed an eight for this regatta and with their efforts and determination reached the semi-final.

Other efforts worthy of note are those of the first eight reserves who found victory at Avon Schools Regatta in school fours. And the Junior Under Fourteen Reserves who reached the final at Reading Town Regatta.

Also Tim Cavasse (Captain of Boats) who sculled to two wins and rowed in the first eight in two senior 'B' events.

First VIII Squad

Coach M. Woodcock

- B. J. Hunt
2. A. Ingham-Clark
3. T. France
4. S. Arnott
5. N. Whishaw
6. J. Hearnden
7. R. Mackay
- Str. P. Leane
- Cox T. Walker

Reserves B. R. Mealing
2. J. Edgoose
3. C. Everett
Str T. Robinson

Coach
R. Marks
Cox A. Teale

Under Sixteen Eight Squad

Coaches J. Scottorn, D. Lister

- B. T. Hunt
2. G. Willison
3. A. Letty
4. D. Badcock
5. M. Mirkhan
6. G. Dixon
7. A. Shipp
- Str. S. Moy

Under Fifteen VIII Squad

Coach P. Hose

- B. S. Monk
2. T.A. Bladwin
3. C. Dence
4. N. Farley Sutton
5. M. Crichton
6. J. Peachey
7. N. Fox
- Str. J. Lounden
- Cox D. Nelson
- Sub. N. Jones

IV

- B. R. Biart
2. A. Kayll
3. S. Berrisford
- Str. J. Reed

Under Fourteen Squad

Coach J. Scottorn

A. Hunter, P. Sansom, N. Russel, S. Thomas, A. Sawbridge, M. Stephens, A. Baird, L. Hardwick, G. Mitchell, A. Jasseb, M. Williams, M. Lambert, J. Trotman. Coxes C. Bridge, D. Fraser.

The first annual Boat Club Dinner was held at the end of the year. Mr. Eggar attended as our Guest of Honour along with Mr. J. Allen as Guest Speaker.

The evening was a slightly boosey do with everyone eating a hearty meal. The evening was limited to senior boys and coaches and it was felt that perhaps that after this initial experiment the invitations could in future be extended to others who have been close to Shiplakes rowing in the past.

We welcome a new master to the school who is to coach rowing ... Mr. Mark Lees. Mr. Leese was at St. Edwards School Oxford where he first took to rowing as a competitive sport. He has since rowed for his university at Exeter where he has gained elite status as an oarsman. He graduates in physical education and is also at present a student on the Gold Medal coaches course.

Our thanks go to the hardworking team of coaches and boatman who enable us to take part in our sport at such a high level.

A.C. Kayll Boat Club Secretary '79-'80

Squash

The Winter Term started badly for the 1st V with defeats by Reading Blue Coat and Reading School. Wins against Pangbourne, Leighton Park, and The Oratory gave the 1st V an eventual result of won 5, lost 4. The U/16 V won all their four matches, including a 5 - 0 victory over Pangbourne. Notable performances came from Captain James Sheed as senior 1st String and Giles Hacking who was captain of the U/16 V, and also played in every match for the 1st V. The following represented the School during the Winter Term

1st V	U/16 V
J. Sheed (Capt)	G. Hacking (Capt)
M. Hickey	D. Lethbridge
G. Hacking	M. Sabin
J. Hicks	A. Yorke-Davies
S. Schwerdt	A. Welsh
A. Swaine	W. Atkins
	J. Whishaw
	C. Marks
	M. Rennie

The Spring Term like the Winter Term also started badly for the 1st V, they lost four out of their first five matches, and the end of term resulted in their having won only three matches losing six. The Juniors had wins against Reading School (U/14 V) and Sir William Borlase School (U/16 V) they too lost their remaining matches, and the final result was won three, lost five. The 1st V had spent most of the term missing vital players who were playing Hockey for the school. The following represented school Squash teams during the course of the Spring Term

1st V	U/16 V	U/14 V
J. Sheed	G. Hacking	C. Marks
G. Hacking	D. Lethbridge	M. Rennie
M. Hickey	M. Sabin	M. Goldsmith
J. Hicks	A. Welsh	S. Checketts
S. Schwerdt	A. Yorke-Davies	M. Pallett
	R. Pim	C. Clayton
	M. Robinson	M. Williams
	J. Whishaw	

Results - Winter Term

Reading Blue Coat	Senior Match	(H)	Lost 2 - 3
Reading School	U/16	(H)	3½ - 1½
Reading School	Senior March	(A)	Lost 5 - 0
O.V.S		(H)	Won 4 - 2
Pangbourne	Senior Match	(H)	Won 5 - 0
Leighton Park	Senior Match	(H)	Won 3 - 2
Leighton Park	Junior Match	(H)	Lost 1 - 2
The Oratory	U/16	(H)	Won 5 - 0
St. Edwards 'A'	Senior Match	(H)	Lost 0 - 5
Leighton Part	'A' V	(H)	Won 5 - 0
The Oratory	Senior Match	(H)	Won 5 - 0
Lord Williams Thame	U/16 Match	(A)	Drew 2-2
King James College	Senior Match	(H)	Lost 2 - 3
Pangbourne College	U/15½ Match	(H)	Won 5 - 0

Results - Spring Term

The Oratory	U/16 Match	(H)	Lost 1 - 4
Reading School	Senior Match	(H)	Won 3 - 1
Reading School (A)	U/16 Match	(A)	Lost 2 - 3
Wellington College 'A'	Senior Match	(H)	Lost 0 - 5
Leighton Park	Senior Match	(H)	Lost 2 - 3
Reading School	U/14 Match	(H)	Won 2 - 3
Sir William Borlase	U/16 Match	(H)	Win 5 - 0
Reading Blue Coat	U/14 Match	(A)	3 - 2
Reading Blue Coat	Senior Match	(H)	1 - 4
Bradfield College	U/15 Match	(A)	Lost 2 - 3
Pangbourne College	U/15 Match	(A)	Lost 1 - 4
St. Edwards	Senior Match	(H)	Lost 0 - 5
Carmel College	Senior Match	(A)	Won 3½ - 1½
Lord Williams	U/16 Match	(H)	Lost 3 - 2
The Oratory	Senior Match	(H)	Won 4 - 1
O.V.S.	Senior Match	(H)	Draw 4 - 4
Pangbourne College	Senior Match	(A)	Lost 2 - 3

1st XI Hockey

Although once again plagued by bad weather we managed to play most of our matches and the coming of the Sports Hall will mean that in the event of unplayable conditions in the future at least indoor coaching and a 5-a-side matches will be possible. This year's side with a combination of experienced 1st XI players and skilful newcomers played some good hockey and achieved notable victories against a strong Hockey Association side and a Wellington College "A" XI — always very enjoyable matches. The captain, Richard Woodward, was particularly successful and scored several fine goals. It was his speed on the left wing, combined with the striking power of Linsey, Hicks and Davies, that contributed towards our victories. Scoring goals has always been a problem, but this year the forwards seemed to have more confidence and took their chances well. The defence was usually sound with Marr and Smith complementing each other well at full back. Pizzorni, Gray and Neale controlled the midfield well and distributed the ball intelligently to the wings and to the strikers. Tolputt was an adaptable player who, although preferring a midfield role, often found himself forced into the forward line. Carter gained in confidence during the season and made several incisive runs down the right wing. His ability to beat the back and give a controlled cross led to several goals. I. Wood, in goal, was unpredictable and, although he made some fine saves, occasionally let in shots that perhaps should have been saved. However, it is always easy to blame a goalkeeper and his was a good contribution to an all-round team effort.

The following were regular members of the 1st XI: R. Woodward (Capt.), C. Marr, N. Smith, J. Tollputt, L. Pizzorni, M. Gray, J. Neale, J. Hicks (Hon. Sec.), R. Davies, A. Linsey, V. Carter and I. Wood.

Full Colours were re-awarded to R. G. G. Woodward and R. M. M. Davies.

Full Colours were awarded to: J. Hicks and L. Pizzorni.

Half Colours were awarded to: V. Carter, M. Gray, A. Linsey, C. Marr, J. Neale, J. Tolputt, N. Smith and I. Wood.

2nd XI Hockey

Due to poor weather only three fixtures were played by a promising side, captained by M. Freeland. The first was against Reading Blue Coat School which was won by two goals to one. The other two games were drawn. It was a shame that what could have been our best side to date was unable to play a full fixture.

A.F.B.

Hockey 3rd XI

Result Crookham Court Won 6-1

The sun shone, thankfully, and a rather cool bunch of Shiplate Hockey players led by the distinguished and resiliant Paul Emmerson, flew into the changing rooms to prepare for the last Hockey match of the season.

Graham Paxton the exceptional centreforward and Captain, marched the players onto the soggy and sloping arena. By far the most disappointing play came from Crookham Court. By far the most brilliant play came from right-wing Shiplate - the stupendous vice captain Andrew Howard, who scored a mere Hatrick in the first half followed by another creamer from Paxton. (Being modest I will stand down from recalling the simply unbelievably remarkable hatrick). We changed ends at the beginning of the second half, much to the suprise of the Shiplate team and another goal was oozed into the Crookham goalmouth. Eventually someone slipped over and a goal trickled in to the Shiplate goal, but it was a deflection off a lump of mud. The Crookham boys went mad with pleasure and exctasy until we reminded them of their inferiority by drilling the sixth goal home.

Biscuits were devoured,
piano recitals were played
and we homed in, celebrating.

P.E.

U.15 XI Hockey

The winners of this season must undoubtedly be the weather and the flu epidemic. Most matches at the start of the season were cancelled, as the pitches were unplayable, and when the weather finally improved the school started on a 'flu epidemic which resulted in weaker sides being fielded. However the school survived remarkably well, with matches being won or lost by the odd goal.

The squad of players could not have been better, with each one training hard and always giving their best on match days. What they lacked in skill they made up for in enthusiasm and determination. It would be wrong to single out any member of the squad and so my thanks go to them all for making my job as coach an easy and enjoyable one.

The squad consisted of: Field (captain), Barrie, Robinson, Briggs, Marvasi, Castle, Checketts, Hodge, Whishaw, Whidborne, Dare, Pallett, Kartar, Marsh, Leavett-Shenley.

A.B.

Tennis 1st VI

The 1st VI had their best season ever this year, showing great fighting spirit and a healthy never-say-die attitude which carried them through to victory on several occasions.

Results:	Won 6	Lost 5
v Leighton Park		L 4 - 5
v Abingdon School		W 5 - 4
v Oxford School		W 9 - 0
v Pangbourne		cancelled
v Bearwood College		W 7½ - 1½
v St. Bart's Newbury		L 2½ - 6½
v Reading School		W 5 - 4
v Oratory School		L 4 - 5
v Lord Wandsworth		L 4 - 5
v O.V.S.		W 11 - 1
v Forest School		W 9 - 0
v King James' College		L 3 - 6

R. Davies and J. Neale were awarded their full colours for their efforts both this year and last. Sadly we must say goodbye to them this year, and also to J. Sheed, the captain, and to G. Hacking. Although this leaves two from this year's VI, there are some good players coming through, and the prospects for next year look good.

A.P.H.

Tennis Juniors

Team	1st Pair	Dickens (Captain) Godman-Dorrington
	2nd	Marks Lee-Clarke
	3rd	Kartal Battle

Bassett and Sylvester also played in 2 matches. This was quite a good season for the Juniors, winning 4 matches, and with 4 3rd formers having played we have the basis of a very good team next year. There were some good individual and team performances, the best results being 7-2 wins against Reading School and Bearwood.

S.R.M.

1st XI Cricket Report

All congratulations must be extended to Richard Woodward not only for his captaincy but in the School's twentieth year he scored more runs than any other, he will no doubt always remember his hundred against Reading. The side had a most successful season when considering the lack of experience and by the end of the last match every player had enjoyed his cricket.

Unlike many school sides today we gave the opposition an opportunity to win which gave us also a chance and the fact that five matches finished in the last over speaks for itself. Instead of possibly five draws, we won three and lost two. It is always difficult to mention all the efforts of the players but Simon Schwerdt played some splendid innings in not always easy circumstances and he will prove to be invaluable in the summer of 1980. Charlie Hodge did not achieve what he is capable of but some of his bowling performances were notable etc played an important part to the sides success. James Tolputt improved his wicket keeping and played some useful innings. Andrew Linsey was an inspiration to the side both with bat and bowl and especially his fielding, a fine example for anyone to follow. The remainder of the side gained valuable experience which will be beneficial for the summer of 1980, however more application is needed.

Result: 15 matches played 7 won 5 drawn 3 lost

E.R.

Cricket 2nd XI

Played 10 won 5 drawn 2 lost 3

I am sure that all those who played for the 2nd XI would agree that by treating the 2nd XI as a side challenging the 1st XI for places, the standard of cricket and attitude towards the game improved enormously as a result. The side did not remain unchanged throughout the term and the 1st XI made use of 2nd XI players. This produced a healthy atmosphere and the results improved.

The side was on the whole composed of under 16 players, other than the two 'old lays' Ramsden (captain) and Stuart-Prince (wicket-keeper). Ramsden captained the side sensibly and with considerable skill. The fielding was tight and catches were taken. He had a team that responded well to a challenge and did not accept defeat until the last ball was bowled.

Notable batting performances were produced by Thompson (a dependable opener), Ballard and Welsh. The main strength of the side lay in its bowling. Al Saheal and Welsh were consistent and untiring. Fox, Ballard and Thompson developed well through the season and produced some impressive bowling figures.

The last four matches of term saw the 2nd XI at its best, winning three and drawing one. These were 'team' efforts which left each boy with a sense of having taken part in a worthwhile game.

P.J.C.

Cricket U15 XI

Played 12 W 4 drew 4 L 4

The side possessed several very useful cricketers, but it wasn't until the monsoons of April and May came to a conclusion that the team began to play well. It had a wide and varied range of bowling, and the opening attack of M. Pallett and J. Whishaw was often sufficient to mow down the weaker batting line-ups. S. Checkett's orthodox left arm spinners were normally effective, though his control was not 100% and he tended to bowl down the leg side too often. The slower and tempting left arm spinners of A. Gordon-Taylor beguiled the less disciplined batsmen, but he will have to learn tighter control of length, and greater variation in flight and turn if he is to get wickets at the higher level. G. Leaning bowled with some pace but lacked control.

The batting was brittle lower down, but S. Checketts batted with great self-discipline and amassed the highest aggregate. S. Donne opened steadily but got out too often when he had blunted the opening attack and should have been looking for a big score. A. Gordon-Taylor scored useful runs but must conquer his tendency to put the pull and hook shot in the air. The captain, M. Robinson, had a sticky start to the season but was gaining in confidence and batting well by the end. His keeping was steady but there is room for improvement. Of the other batsmen, G. Leaning adopted the long handle to good effect occasionally, M. Pallett looked good when he had overcome early nervousness and J. Whishaw played one very good innings.

The fielding was generally good, though too many catches were put down to make it exemplary. Robinson handled his bowlers and field placings with considerable skill, and team spirit was high.

All in all, a satisfactory term which, with a bit of luck, could have been even more successful.

J. Warwood

Cricket U.14 XI

It has been a very disappointing season for the U.14 XI: all their seven matches were lost, although in two we just missed a draw in the last over.

The bad weather early in the season naturally worked to the detriment of all teams, but probably more to the U.14's, as the least experienced and practised side, and repeated lost matches did nothing to promote the morale of the team. Nevertheless, most players began to show good form on isolated occasions later on, and I hope that next year the promise that was shown spasmodically will come together, and that a talented and enthusiastic side will emerge.

A. Smail

Shooting

Facing the disadvantages of an outdoor range in the January and February of 1979 — of all years, it was very encouraging to improve our position over the previous year by 18 places in the Country Life Competitions for schools.

Even more encouraging was the acceptance of challenges issued to Sherborne and Pangbourne in this November and December respectively. The terms of both these matches were as for Country Life, less landscape. We beat Sherborne scoring 647 to their 590 and Pangbourne with 619 in answer to their 562. Two questions occur to me:

1. Is 57 Shiplakes lucky number?
2. How much better might our performance be if the army were to finance or even contribute to the finance of an indoor range for our C.C.F. Contingent?

R.E.S.

Athletics: May/June 1979

Athletic Standards Shield

There were some slight changes in the rules governing the athletic standard this year. The javelin and discuss events were dropped through safety and poor quality reasons in all three groups and the 1500 m. was not run in 'C' group. The other major change was that the 'A' standard would collect 3 points and the 'O' standard 1 point. The weather did not help in the running of the standards and through two 'lost days' time had to be taken away from the other sports which did not prove popular. However, all the houses competed very rigorously against each other and no body could say who would win right up until the final day. Orchard House did in fact just pull off a marginal victory.

Results:	1st Orchard	8.07%
	2nd Burr	7.78%
	3rd Welsh	7.43%
	4th Everett	6.00%
	5th Skipwith	5.59%

Athletics

Inter-house shield

Sports Day was held on Friday, 25th May, in what can only be described as "monsoon conditions". The rain, quite torrential at times, never let up and one can only congratulate the competitors, judges and spectators for their co-operation and determination in seeing it through.

Results:

Senior:		Junior:	
1st Skipwith	108 pts.	1st Welsh	105 pts.
2nd Welsh	107 pts.	2nd Skipwith	84.5 pts.
3rd Everett	75 pts.	3rd Orchard	82.5 pts.
4th Burr	70.5 pts.	4th Burr	80 pts.
5th Orchard	62.5 pts.	5th Everett	68 pts.

Individual results:

Senior

100m.	L. Pizzorni	(W)	11.5s.
200m.	C. Eve	(E)	24.5s.
400m.	J. Skinner	(S)	58.2s.
800m.	R. Adcock	(B)	2m.17.0s.
1500m.	T. France	(E)	4m.45.0s.
High Jump	J. Shortt	(E)	5'2"
Long Jump	M. Mirkhan	(S)	18'
Shot	M. Mirkhan	(S)	36'
			(New School Record)
Relay	Welsh		1m.49.2s

Junior

C. Dickens	(W)	12.8s.
I. Ralph	(O)	26.8s.
M. Crichton	(E)	60.7s.
S. Monk	(S)	2m.29.0s.
J. Bassett	(W)	5m.14.0s.
R. Elphick	(W)	4'6"
R. Field	(O)	15'7"
R. Wall	(E)	31'6"
Skipwith		1m.54.6s.

P.E.

Tennis Finals

The tenn's house matches this year were dominated by two houses Welsh and Burr. In the Seniors event Welsh won a very close contest by 2 rubbers to 1, and in the Juniors event they won very much easily beating Burr by 3 rubbers to nil. Once again they were very keenly contested, and full marks to those who participated for the effort they put in.

A.P.H.

Football

Unfortunately due to the dreadful weather, the awful state of the pitches, and the shortage of spare time due to the backlog of hockey fixtures no school fixtures were held this year. However the house matches held at the end of the summer term were very keenly and cleanly contested. Although the standard of football was not particularly high at times, there was 100% effort by everyone.

The senior competition was won by Orchard, and the Junior competition was one by Orchard house as well.

A.P.H.

Rugby House Finals and Results and League

Senior House Match Final

Orchard beat Skipwith

Junior House Match Final

Burr beat Orchard

Junior League Winners

Burr

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Inter-house Swimming Competition 1979

Junior			Senior		
Freestyle	Hodge	(S) 22.7	Nevington	(B) 32.5	
Breaststroke	Knowles	(B) 30.4	Yates	(E) 45.4	
Backstroke	Sylvester	(B) 29.9	Pim	(B) 45.0	
4 lgths F/S	Checketts	(S) 51.5			
6 lgths F/S			Nevington	(B) 1.18.9	
Plunge	Marvasi	(B) 37'10"	Mayor	(S) 46'4"	
Medley Relay	Welsh	51.1	Everett	1.47.5	
F/S Relay	Skipwith	43.0	Welsh	1.32.5	

Junior

1 Burr	37 pts.
2 Skipwith	35 pts.
3 Welsh	28 pts.
4 Orchard	18 pts.
5 Everett	15 pts.

Senior

1 Burr	34 pts.
2 Everett	33 pts.
3 Skipwith	31 pts.
4 Welsh	23 pts.
5 Orchard	13 pts.

Cross-Country Running Jan/Feb. 1979

Standard Shield

The cross-country standards event proved a very enjoyable and competitive event in its first year. The competition standard was high and a good turn out was recorded by most of the houses. Burr House never let go of a strong lead from start to finish and became the first winners of the cross-country standards shield.

Results:	1st Burr	64.91%
	2nd Welsh	53.38%
	3rd Skipwith	44.44%
	4th Everett	38.46%
	5th Orchard	36.79%

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Cross-Country Running January 1979

Inter-House Event

Individual Results:

Seniors	1st T. France	(E) 24m. 55s. School Record
	2nd S. Ramsden	(W) 26m. 12s.
	3rd S. Schwerdt	(S) 27m. 07s.
Juniors	1st M. Crichton	(E) 19m. 15s. School Record
	2nd S. Castle	(B) 19m. 46s.
	3rd R. Brazier	(W) 19m. 51s.

Team Results:	1st Welsh	509 pts.
	2nd Burr	640 pts.
	3rd Skipwith	795 pts.
	4th Everett	817 pts.
	5th Orchard	980 pts.

The poor weather this term did not help the runners at all and on many occasions frost prevented any running practice at all! However, the overall standard of the inter-house event was very strong and judging from the high standard of many of the juniors, a promising future is in store.

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Orchard

Brooker	Further Education
Curran	Further Education—Bath
Gamble	Further Education—U.S.A.
Hearnden	Antique business
Howard	U.S.A. Trip—Further Education
Hutchings	Further Education
Ingham Clark	
Merson	Agricultural College
Milne	Further Education
Millington	Further Education
Ravenhall	Agricultural Training
Scott	Further Education
Spiers	Further Education
Trevor	Sotheby's
Zimmermann	Further Education

Everett

Adamson	Further Education
S. Browne	Further Education
Erb	U.S.A.
Eve	Degree Course in Music
France	Technical College
Good	College of Agriculture
Grant	Further Education
Hayllarr	Further Education
Hibbert	U.S.A.
Latham	Sixth Form College
Mosse	Further Education—then Farming
McRitchie	Further Education
Newland	College of Art
Philcox	Technical Education
Shortt	Career in Computers
Standing	College of Art
Trigg	College of Agriculture
Webb	Further Education
Yates	Career in Computers

Skipwith

Atkins	Technical College
Bainbridge	Art School
Burgess	Crammer
Daniel	Technical College
Edgoose	Technical College
Everett	Agricultural Institute
Hacking	Charterhouse 6th Form
Hicks	Crammer
Linsey	College in South Africa
Morris	Technical College
Harrold	Banking
Summers	Crammer
Woodward	H.N.D. Course

Burr

A. W. Bingham-Newland	Further Education
J. R. Neale	University
N. P. Whishaw	Computers
P. G. Clark	Polytechnic
M. A. N. Hickey	Hotel and Catering, Southampton
T. D. Robertson	Agricultural College, Ireland
N. D. Crowder	Further Education
C. K. Hodge	Agricultural College
J. C. Slight	Further Education
J. A. Goldsmith	Further Education
A. P. Ashdown	Further Education
A. J. Bradley	Agricultural College
I. A. Gray	Hairdressing
S. Muslavy	Further Education

Welsh House Old Boys

R. M. M. Davies	—	Wine Merchants. Has applied to join Hong Kong Police.
T. J. G. Chavasse	—	Agricultural College.
M. R. Gray	—	Further Education.
S. R. Jones	—	Oxford Polytechnic.
N. Page	—	Further Education.
S. Ramsden	—	To America in February, 1980. On return one years practical farming prior to Agricultural College.
J. Sheed	—	Yacht Chandler.
T. Stuart Prince	—	Banking.
J. Turnbull	—	Further Education.

