

THE COURT 1979/80

NEW BOYS

NEW BOYS – SEPTEMBER, 1980

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LOWEIN RC
MACKLIN WH
MARSDEN AH
MAUNDRELL DP
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OPENSHAW WD
PHILLIPS AE
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Brockhurst, Newbury
Highfield, Liphook, Hants
Ludgrove, Wokingham
Northaw, West Tytherley, Wilts
New Beacon, Kent
Edington, Nr Bridgewater
Edgeborough, Surrey
Hordle House, Hants
Broomham, Nr Hastings
Keffolds Farm, Surrey
Great Ballard, Earham
Stubbington House, Ascot
Wellesley House, Kent
Stubbington House, Ascot
Ripley Court, Surrey
Northaw, West Tytherley
Yateley Manor, Camberley
Crosfields, Reading
Westerleigh, Sussex
Keffolds Farm, Surrey
Stubbington House, Ascot
Oakley Hall, Cirencester
Leighton Park, Reading
Normansal, Sussex
American School, London
Edington, Bridgewater
Lambrook, Bracknell
Dorset House, West Sussex
Thorpe House, Gerrards Cross
St Andrew's, Woking
Duke of Kent, Surrey
Danesfield, Medmenham
Windlesham House, Surrey
Long Close, Slough
Holme Grange, Wokingham
Highfield, Liphook, Hants
Dulwich College, London
Heath Mount, Hertford
Davenies, Beaconsfield
St. Peter's, Seaford, Sussex
St. Neot's, Eversley, Hants
Eton College, Berkshire
Pinewood, Bourton
Aberlour House, Banffshire
Aberlour House, Banffshire
Crosfields, Reading
Mowden Hall, Northumberland
Reading School, Reading
Spratton Hall, Northamptonshire
Hillside, Worcestershire
Ripley Court, Surrey
Hawkhurst Court, West Sussex
Thorpe House, Gerrards Cross
Sir William Ramsay, Haslemere
Highfield, Liphook
Yateley Manor, Surrey
St. George's, Windsor Castle
Wargrave Piggott, Berkshire
Marsh Court, Hampshire
Edgeborough, Surrey
Josca's Prep., Frilford Heath, Oxon
Abberley Hall, Worcester
Ashfold, Aylesbury
Papplewick, Ascot
Beaudesert Park, Minchinhampton

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Brambletye, East Grinstead
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Editorial

This year's bumper issue provides more for the eye to see and illustrates the strength of the College in what has been yet another successful year. The inclusion of photographs of the first teams is a new idea, likewise the inclusion of "News", both are obviously in their embryonic stated and we would be glad to hear your views. It is hoped that 'The Court' will appear annually at this time, that is, as soon as material can be gathered from the last academic year thereby keeping pace with events.

HOUSE NOTES

Burr House

We started the year with R. Mackay as Head of College, A.J. Thomas as Head of House, N.G.T. Newington and A.S.J. Duncan as School Prefects, and R.C. Adcock, R.A.S. Pim, and C.N.A. Marr as House Prefects. During the course of the year D.J. Badcock, C.C. Baverstock, and R.M. Orme were appointed House Prefects, the two former being appointed School Prefects in the Summer. As a result of Mackay and our other School Prefects leaving, Pim is Head of College and Baverstock is Head of House.

On the academic front, it is always impossible to forecast the results, but our 'A' level candidates have had encouraging reports, and the nine in the Upper Fifth have been working well. We all wish them well. On the Sports' field we have hardly had a very successful year. We reached the final in several competitions, our only successes coming in the swimming gala when we tied for both Senior and Junior Shields.

Before I lay down my wand of office as housemaster and hand over to Mr. P.J. Caston, I would like to say that if he receives the support that I have received over the past sixteen years he will enjoy every minute of it. Finally but certainly not least I should like to pay a most sincere tribute to Mrs. Dinnage for her tolerance over the years, to Messrs. P. Emerson, A.P. Hooper and J.D. Worwood not only for the help they have given to me but also to all the members of the house in many varied ways. It must also never be forgotten too that it is the members of the house who make it what it is. Good luck to you all.

Everett 1979-80

This has been a cheerful year and some sporting success came our way after a rather barren period. Mark Freeland led from in front and the other School Prefects Johnathan Ringrose and 'Jethro' Tolpuitt gave him good support. It was due to the masterly duty lists prepared by James Lowe that the House Prefects—Graham Paxton, Guy Gillibrand, Hovik Mirzakhanian, I Al Sahael and Duncan Erb knew what was ahead. They were joined during the year by Adrian Letty, Marc Rogoff and Neil Rook. Everyone in the first year sixth was given a chance to run the House during the summer term and much useful experience was gained.

The Autumn Term became the "Term of the Tree". Former members of Everett may miss the Chestnut trees. In a December gale one did not miss our new extension when it fell during the night. No natural disaster could overcome House Spirit. There was a splendid Junior Rugby Final which we did not win but was a great credit to all concerned. The Juniors did not fail a second time—they won the Junior Hockey and the League and the Senior Hockey XI also gave a good account of themselves.

Away from the games field the Prefects dined out in Reading and we said goodbye to Kate Fotherby after three and a half years as Matron. We were glad to see her and her baby at Speech Day. Mrs. Deppe is now Matron and has everyone under control. Everyone made a good contribution to the economy drive but not such a powerful one to interhouse music. Our instrumentalists were very good—our singers were not. In Debate we overpowered our opponents. To guard against inflation we spent our reserves on House library furniture and seats for the day room.

One new development tried in March was a success—A House Lecture. Mr John Osborne—a Housemaster at Marlborough—spoke about his experiences with the British Council in Iran; slides were shown; cider consumed and many questions asked. If we can get a speaker on an important topical problem we will try this again.

Suddenly it was the summer term—the new boys were well settled—the prefects saw their last few weeks here slipping away. A happy House Photo caught the mood—this had been a cheerful year—The Shooting and the Junior Rowing were won: In the Athletics the juniors showed little of the promise demonstrated in Cross Country. The Senior Cricketers did better under the Banner of the Wanderers than they did as Everett. The Junior Cricketers won their Competition convincingly and showed good team-work.

There was not much swimming during a chilly summer term and some individual efforts could not cover up our team weaknesses in the sports.

There was some enthusiastic Inter-House Soccer. The Juniors won their shield: the Seniors shared theirs with Orchard after extra time on the last afternoon of term!

In one respect we did defeat the weather—an ambitious barbecue was planned to take place in the Housemaster's garden. Everything was set up in good time—food was prepared—strawberries picked—the Entertainment was rehearsed and then it rained. Everything was promptly moved under cover in the class room area and the Tithe Barn provided shelter. The "Home Brew" was pronounced excellent; chicken; pork sausages and beefburgers—made by the third form—were all disposed of and at the end of the evening a few crumbs were left.

The Entertainment followed its usual course—the Twins appeared yet again—the satirical items were accurate yet gentle and thanks were voted to the many generous parents who gave food, drink and party hats. The preparations—the clearing up and the quality of the after supper sketches all served to underline the team work and the good nature which have been a feature of the year. Everett has begun the 1980s in fine style.

Orchard House

This has been a year of consolidation for the House. Now that it has reached roughly the same size as the other Houses, we have shown that we are able to compete on an equal footing in all sports and it has been good to see that success has been spread over a range of different activities. During the course of the year the House won the Chess competition, the Junior Rugby, the Senior Cricket, the Junior Athletics, the Inter-House Athletics Standards Competition and the Senior Football. It would probably be true to say that in the Athletics especially, victory came because of an all-round team effort, although we did not have the best athletes.

On the academic side many of the seniors achieved good results last August and this now means that we shall have our largest Lower and Upper 6th. Form ever. The increased numbers at the top can only be good for the House and we look forward to a good year next year under David Lethbridge as Head of House. In the past year House Colours have been awarded to S. Berrisford, R. Bendell, M. Bray, D.A.K. Welsh, M. Casapieri, N. Fox, R. Field, D. Kartal and A. Partridge.

Under Philip Broad, as Head of House, the House has maintained steady progress and although hampered by lack of space at the moment, there are hopes for changes in facilities in the near future. Broad was ably

assisted by his fellow School Prefect, Mike Smith, and the House Prefects, Welsh, Bendell, Lethbridge and Macleod. Bray, Chancellor and Casapieri have been appointed House Prefects for the coming academic year.

Individual thanks must go to Messrs. Barclay, Smail and Webb for their help as House Tutors during the year and to Mrs. Clarke, who has as usual continued to cheerfully deal with the domestic problems.

Leavers:

Baldwin T. (U5) To Further Educ.

Ballard C.O. (6G) To Estate Agents in Reading.

Boon S. (L5) To Further Educ.

Broad P.B. (U6) School Prefect. Head of House. House Colours. 1st. XV. Vice-capt. of Rugby. To Westminster Coll., London.

Fox N.J. (6G) 2nd. XI Cricket. House Colours. To College.

Goldsmith M. (U4) (Left Easter 1980). U/15 Rugby. U/15 Hockey. To school in USA.

Kartal D.B. (L5) 2nd. XI Hockey. 3rd. XV Rugby. House Colours. To Further Educ.

Lucey D. (6G) To Further Educ.

Maycock C. (L5) To Further Educ.

Mitchell R. (L5) To Further Educ.

Ralph I.E. (L5) 2nd. XV Rugby. U/15 Hockey. House Colours. To Further Educ.

Skipwith House

The Christmas Term was notable for the great success of the House Senior XV, who first beat the favoured Orchard side with a severely weakened team, and then scored a convincing win over Burr in the final. The Junior XV were weak, but the House League team did well and the Juniors should be good next year. The Chess Shield was narrowly lost to Orchard.

In the Easter Term, the senior XI promised quite a lot, but were defeated by Everett after a disputed finish to a very close game. Again, the Junior League side eventually 'came good', but could not score enough goals in their last game. The General Knowledge Shield was won easily by our strong team, and we were all delighted at recording what many believed to be a long over-due victory in the Music competition. Andrew Swaine, as soloist and organiser, and Richard Woodhouse, as instrumentalist and conductor had much to do with our success. The House Debating team did well, but could not quite achieve a clean sweep of the 'non-sporting' shields.

The Senior Cricket XI, well captained by Simon Schwerdt, came near to defeating the very strong Orchard team in the first round, but our Junior cricketers were very weak. In the House Athletic Standards, the organisation was much better than last year, and we achieved many more points than any other House, but were beaten into second place by Orchard's smaller numbers. The Senior Athletic team won their competition easily with several outstanding individual performances; the Juniors were very young and their time may come next year. We achieved equal first place in the Senior Swimming, and won both the Sailing trophies. The Junior Rowing shield had to be surrendered at last, but Briggs won the individual event in 'whiffs'.

Over the year, the House has prospered under the leadership of John Elliott, with a record number of School Prefects to help him. The House party, with only a few guests, was financially well supported by parents, and, with experimentally impromptu sketches and good food and drink, was enjoyed by all. We gave up our Day Room for the whole year to displaced Scientists, but hope to have it back in September, to start once again making it into a Games Room. We have lost two House Tutors over the year: Peter Caston to be Housemaster of Burr, and Peter Hose to take up residence at Plowden Cottage, and to be attached to Burr. A presentation was made to Peter Hose (and to Sophie, lately our House Dog) at the House party, to express our thanks for his long and valuable service as resident House Tutor. In his place, we welcome Mark Lees, who soon showed that he could adapt to Skipwith ways. Finally, we have welcomed a bewildering succession of Headmaster's Secretaries (but fortunately only one Headmaster) as our near neighbours.

Head of House: J. Elliott; School Prefects: M. Ellis and J. Mayor;

House Prefects: J. Hunt, A. Swaine, N. Baddeley, S. Schwerdt,

G. Willison, P. Davies-Cooke, A. Whidboure, M. Mirkhan,

J. Maxfield, C. Fraser.

Welsh House Report – 9th July, 1980

Welsh House has had a successful year, winning nine shields competed for over the year. Some of the more exciting successes immediately spring to mind, such as the Senior and Junior Cross-country events where teamwork is the vital asset. Another coveted shield won by the House was the Squash shield and reading from the house record book, "The finals gave no problem and winning five games to zero proves this".

Sports are not everything. In fact, the inter-house competitions are only a small part of the house life. The prefectorial body and organisation of the day to day duties has run smoothly under Peter Leane as Head of House. He has done very well running the house, being Captain of Boats and in the 1st VIII, and taking 'A' levels at the same time. Our good luck and best wishes go to Guy Maddox as Head of House for next year and the other prefects who have been a great help this year. As always credit should go to Mrs. Cooke for her part in the domestic work and also to Mrs. Cobb for doing those jobs which are so necessary such as mending trousers and sewing on buttons. Our thanks and good wishes go to Stephen Mount, House Tutor, who leaves to go to Munich to teach English, and our thanks to our other Tutors, Dewi Howell and Alan Butterworth.

What really gives Welsh House its friendly atmosphere is the boys. Parents looking round the house have always been impressed with the good manners. It is true that the House had been through some hard times, but I always admire the ability of the House to look to the future and to keep spirits high. No where is it more true that the character of the House reflects that of the Housemaster. Mr Esau has developed a high degree of communication with the House, and his attention to each boy as an individual is undoubtedly the key to the successful running of the House.

The Headmaster — Peter Lapping BA(Hons) Natal., MA. Lincoln College, Oxford



Peter Lapping was born in 1941 in Assam, India, where his father was a doctor with the British Army. After the Second World War his family moved to Burma and on to South Africa in 1948. In 1964 he came to Britain and was married in 1967 to Diana Howard. They have two children Mark aged 11 and Joanna aged 10.

From 1949 to 1959 he attended St. John's College, Johannesburg, a Church of England school. He participated in most activities culminating in being appointed a School Prefect, Captain of Cricket and Captain of the 2nd XV. Off the games field he took part in dramatic performances and was a member of the choir.

At the University of Natal he read History, graduating with a First Class Honours Degree, "Cum Laude". While at University his interests were varied, he involved himself in Student Politics, helped revive a student newspaper and was Vice President of the Students Representative Council. On the games field he played Cricket for the University 1st XI and rugby for the 3rd XV. The next nine months were spent in Norway on a Rotary Club exchange visit. His degree earned him a place at Lincoln College, Oxford, where he read Politics, Philosophy and Economics, played cricket for the "Authentics" and was elected to Vincent's Club.

His first appointment was at Reed's School, Cobham, where he taught History and Economics. In April, 1967 he moved to Loretto School, Edinburgh, where he remained Head of the History department until he joined Shiplake. He coached Rugby and Cricket and was master in charge of Cricket for five years until he became a housemaster in 1972.

We wish the Headmaster and his family a very warm welcome from all who read "The Court".

EVENTS OF THE YEAR

SPEECH DAY 1980

Mr Lapping spoke of a year of success. The Sports Hall and the new landing stage were now completed, and a new science block was being built. A cottage opposite the main entrance has been bought, Mr. Hose is now in residence with a number of the Burr House boys.

The exam results were not as good as the previous year's which had been the best ever. However, the Headmaster emphasised that idleness was not tolerated. The Maths, Economics and Physics results were above the national average.

Exams should be put in their proper perspective. They were often needed to gain a young man his first footing on the ladder, but later their influence dwindles; the Headmaster stressed that everything else taught at the school; moral values, manners, tact, consideration, strength of character then played their role.

The Chairman of the Governors, Mr. Aubrey Goodwin, said that fees were a great worry, but Shiplake Enterprises ran at a profit and the boys were encouraged to practice economies. The Headmaster had even introduced an inter-house 'Scrooge' trophy to be awarded to the House which used the least energy for heating and lighting.

The guest of honour, Major General Bob Lyon, spoke of the important role the boys could play in British Industry after leaving school.

P.J.F.W.



OPENING OF THE JOHN EGGAR HALL

The Sports' Hall was opened by Hector Munro JP.,DL.,MP., Minister of Sport. Mr Munro congratulated the former Headmaster and his team on raising funds to finance the venture and on their link with Industry, through Foster Wheeler, who by helping the school had also gained a valuable sports complex. Mr Eggar thanked all concerned for their generosity and hoped that the hall would be an asset to the school for years to come.

CAROL SERVICE — 1979

This year's Carol Service was held, as last year, in the morning at St. Mary's Parish Church, Henley. The church, filled to capacity, created a lively atmosphere before the service began and the singing of both the congregation and choir, augmented this year by some old boys, was in the main, tuneful and enthusiastic. Trumpets and timpani, added to the organ in the accompaniment of the well known congregational carols and the treble line coped bravely with the descants, although outnumbered by the congregation and hindered by the church's difficult acoustics. Altogether a fitting and dignified ending to a busy school term.

M.L.W.

SOCIETIES AND PURSUITS

SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

We started the year on what we at first thought was a very sombre note, mainly because it was the 13th year since our foundation and our first talk was planned to be about Reading Prison. But PJ. Caston surprised us by giving a powerfully compelling and amusing talk on the task of educating the inmates of Reading Prison, which he did while at University, perhaps good training for teaching at Shiplake College! "Drug Addiction", by three members of the Ley Community, a drug rehabilitation centre near Oxford, was a talk given at the President's house in Henley. This particular talk was different from many in that the speakers were talking about themselves and their own horrendous experiences. The theme of the therapy was to give the least responsible members of society some real responsibility, to build their characters and help them with their drug problem. The three who talked to us seemed to have benefited and it was difficult to believe they had gone through what they had.

The Winter term Expedition was to go to London to the now short-lived musical "Beatlemania". The players looked and sounded authentic in this nostalgic little number, and a good time was had by the members who went.

The next two talks were on "Sharks" by NJT. Newington, and "Flying" by R. Mackay. Both talks were full of personal adventures and experiences, and they projected our previous opinions of the speakers onto a slightly higher level than before.

"Huntercombe Borstal" was perhaps the best talk of the term. It was given with great charm and wit by the Scottish "Wing manager" of the Borstal. He illustrated what life was like in a Borstal with such lucidity that by the end we all felt that the only way out was to revert to the cloth. We also listened to a hilarious tape made by an ex-convict reminiscing about his 25 years in various HM long-term institutions; he had also advised the BBC in the making of "Porridge".

The talk on the Shiplake College Himalayan Expedition by DS. Partridge and M. Woodcock was the same as was given to the School later in the year, which had not lost any amusement or interest, it first had, when given to us.

The last talk of the winter term was a light-hearted yet meaningful gesture by GS. Paxton; as he was Chairman of the JCR, he decided it should be a home fixture. His talk was entitled "The Lurid Rise and Fall of Punk Rock", and can only be described as an accurate summary of all the copies of Sounds, NME., Melody Maker, and assorted fanzines from 1975-79.

The Easter term started very well for the Society with the purchase of a new Minute Book, and a very topical talk from Group Captain Arscott on "Air-Defence and the Role of the RAF." He also showed us a better than usual recruiting film. The only regret I have is that the Group Captain kept sighing and saying "It wasn't like that in my war."

Charles de Roemer introduced the Society in a very interesting and amicable way to the world of projection and the projectionist's box, the experience of which was gained during a holiday job of his, at the Odeon, Leicester Square.

Dr. DP. Burkitt, physician and lecturer extraordinaire, delivered a very revealing talk on "Environmental diseases". Each conclusion was backed by statistical evidence and we all mentally noted his warnings: we decided the school food left much to be desired, in particular by the absence of whole-meal bread and bran. We soon had an away-fixture in the form of a wine-tasting at M. Dale, Esq's magnificent house. We drank three red wines of different ages and prices and came away feeling that we were somehow much less ignorant and steady than when we came. We then had another Expedition to London to see a play called "Appearances", which starred Suzanna York, much to everybody's delight, and Daniel Massey.

"Appearances" was a slow-moving play, which was too much for some of the members, but the more appreciative could revel in the fine language reminiscent of Henry James from whose story the play had been adapted.

The next talk was for many the highspot of the year, the Ferreting Society's talk "Rabbits and the Gourmet" so ably delivered by S. Schwerdt and M. Baddeley both wearing chef's hats which made the latter look decidedly muppetlike. While intelligent comments by Simon, who spoke the most, kept us enthralled, Nigel was being bitten by a handsome ferret while he explained to us its tendency to bite people. The nature and equipment used for ferreting was explained for us by Schwerdt while the duo prepared some joints of rabbit, the cooking of which Mrs. Lapping showed much interest in, and the eating of which the Society did.

The term ended with a talk from DFK. Welsh the President, in an attempt to refine the Society's cultural interests. He talked very knowledgeably on Canton Enamel, its History, the methods used to make it, the significance of designs and colours, all illustrated with pictures of real objets d'art, the epitome of which was his priceless Canton Enamel tea-chest, which had previously belonged to the Swedish Royal family. We came away with many afterthoughts which amounted to only a fraction of the many hours of careful preparation which Mr. Welsh had put into his talk and into the Society itself over the year.

N. Bryant

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

After a period of inactivity, the Photographic Society has taken on a new face this year. The Dark Room was re-painted, and the ceiling renovated, as well as the Society acquiring new equipment. Some promising work has been achieved, and this was shown on Speech Day at the Exhibition. Many thanks to all those who have contributed equipment, particularly to James Lowe, who lent us another enlarger, which was greatly appreciated. This year's Members have included Guy Gillibrand, Alex. Welsh, Mark Perring, Richard Williams, Richard Daniel, Anthony Furniss and Charles Lupton.

G.G.
July, 1980.



The New Landing Stage Project (Photo by Guy Gillibrand)

YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

In the Summer Term the Young Farmers Club emerged yet again. Six meetings were held and it was decided at the final meeting of the term that we should continue with this venture and a committee was duly elected. The list of officers is as follows:

Chairman	—	G.P. Sylvester
Secretary	—	J.W. Keith
Treasurer	—	R.J. Castle
Committee	—	J.A.G. Cotterell
		R.W. More
		A. Large

At our first meeting, Mike? the County organiser and the Secretary of the Oxford Y.F.C. gave an introductory talk and film showing us exactly what we could involve ourselves in. On the 5th June, we visited Mr. Douglas Griggs' farm for a 'walk about', this was a most enjoyable evenings stroll. On 12th June, we listened to Jack Haff who is a demolition expert and a very entertaining speaker. A sports evening was held on 19th June, and we met many of the Henley Y.F.C. this was followed the following week with a talk by Paul Christiansen on conservation areas and was extremely informative because his own farm is being used as a conservation experiment. At our last meeting we were entertained by Paul Webb who gave an entertaining lecture on climbing in the Alps.

Our thanks to the Oxfordshire Y.F.A. for all their help and guidance and we hope you will support the Y.F.C.

P.J.F.W.

VIKING FILM SOCIETY

The Society has continued to operate efficiently, and this is solely due to the hard work of the committee. A very varied programme was shown, ranging from 'James Bond' to 'Frankenstein'. However, by far the most popular films were 'Where Eagles Dare' and 'Rollerball', the latter having been shown twice to allow everyone to see it!

Next Term's programme is already booked, and we look forward to the continued support of the boys. Special thanks must go to Charles de Roemer whose enthusiasm and technical skills have been such a help to us in the past, and we wish good luck to his successor as projectionist, Michael Casapieri.

A.F.B.

YOUTH SPEAKS

'Youth Speaks' is a National Competition in Public Speaking, organised by the Rotary Club. The school entered two teams this year, for the first time, Senior (under 19) and Junior (under 16). The first round, for schools in the Henley area, was held in Henley Town Hall. Our Senior Team sounded confident but relied too much on their notes, and were unplaced; but the Junior team won by apparently only 1 mark. Great credit should be given to the performance of J.W. Keith whose knowledge of his subject and competent delivery as main Junior speaker were the key-stone of our success. In the District Finals, for winners in the local areas, we were unplaced in a very strong field.

Teams and Subjects:

Seniors: "No new is good news"

Introduction by A.W.B. Chancellor.

Main Speaker R.A.S. Pimm.

Vote of thanks P.N. Cox.

Juniors: "Sir Francis Drake"

Introduction by J. Trigg.

Main Speaker J.W. Keith.

Vote of thanks J.A.G. Cotterell.

LIBRARY NOTES

The Head Librarian this year has been J.M.Bernstein, who had done a good job, and at his own request in retiring. His successor will be J.W.Keith, who is enthusiastic, as indeed are the other assistant Librarians. There is, however, one area where we could all improve. Books are still being put in the wrong areas, therefore making it well nigh impossible, some shelves are grossly untidy, and too many books are not being returned on time.

During the course of the year some two hundred and fifty books have been added to the shelves, including fifty novels presented by Dr.M.Wells-Furby in memory of her mother.

Again, I should like to thank all the Librarians for the voluntary work that they do, but remember - there is always room for improvement.

M.M.G.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

There are once again several boys who are in the early stages of the scheme, and although some inevitably drop out and leave school before completing all the stages, it is good to see how many continue and complete their Gold Awards. There is every indication that the new policy of Direct Silver entry will lead to far more boys completing the Gold whilst still at school. During the last year B.H.C. Morris has collected his award from Buckingham Palace, and R. Davies, M. Gray, T. Chavasse and R. Woodward met H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh last November. R. Mackay, C. De Roemer and N. Van Horne have just completed their Golds and there are over sixty boys at different stages.

After some appalling weather during the first two days in the Lake District this year, everything improved and the party, which totalled over forty, enjoyed the ten days. Four boys were doing their Gold expedition and nineteen their Silver and it was good to see four Old Vikings, Tim Chavasse, Geoffrey Smith, Robin Lear and Stephen Beak, coming back to assist. The Gold Award was assessed by the Lake District Expedition Panel and the Silver by Stephen Beak.

There has been recent criticism of school D. of E. parties in the Lake District, but we have a very good relationship with the Lake District Panel and the Mountain Rescue Group in Ambleside. Our concern over safety and the planning and organisation behind the expeditions is the result of considerable help from the Safety Officers, Lt. Col. R.M. Lee, J.M.S. Woodcock, M. Lees, C.J. Collins, G.P. Smith, T. Chavasse, R. Lear and R. Mackay, but a great vote of thanks from all of us must go to Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Woodcock who dealt with all the catering.

The expedition members were: R. Mealing, S. Moy, N. Van Horne, R. Pim, J. Talbot, N. Lee-Clarke, S. Knowles, M. Battle, S. Thomas, M. Charlwood, P. Lane, G. Legg, G. Beggin, R. Gilbert-Johns, A. Godwin, M. Stephens, R. Martin, M. Perring, M. Simkin, D. Fraser, N. Russell, T. Grantham, C. Wilkinson, T. Derbyshire, R. Field and C. Macleod.

D.S.P.

C.C.F. ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

Bi-annual Inspection this year was Royal Navy, and for the first time by a Royal Navy parent - Captain Farley-Sutton, R.N., Commanding Officer of H.M.S. Vulcan. The Section acquitted itself well, and was complimented by the Inspecting Officer and by his R.N. Aide.

Our Officer strength has been brought up to complement by the commissioning of Mark Lees as Sub-Lieutenant; at time of writing (August), he is doing his first R.N. Course at Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

We were visited last term by the Naval Member of the Joint Cadet Executive, Commander Fulford-Dobson, R.N. He considered the Cadets' drill and activities were good. He was less pleased with the standard of dress - something which will be rectified during the Winter Term.

Field Days were spent at Portsmouth, giving new entrants a chance to at least see the ships, and at H.M.S. Royal Arthur, where the old hands attempted to lower the record for the "Cliff and Chasm" run - and came very near to doing so!

Our Senior Cadet is Petty Officer Gillibrand.

Courses have been taken as follows: P.O. Gillibrand to H.M.S. Royal Arthur (leadership); Sgt. Hampton of the Army Section also attended this Course. Leading Seaman Walker to Royal Naval College, Dartmouth (Introduction to Midshipman R.N. course). A.B. Lane to H.M.S. Raleigh (Power boat course).

R.J.G.

CCF ARMY SECTION

There were no administrative changes in the year.

The bi-annual inspection was held in March and the inspecting officer, a parent, was Captain C.D. Farley-Sutton, R.N. Captain of H.M.S. Vulcan, Dounreau. The inspection went well, except for some loose control of air rifle shooting.

On training days we enjoyed frequent visits from the Royal Green Jacket cadet training team and field days included a visit to their depot at Winchester. Other Field Day visits were made to the Guards Brigade depot at Pirbright, the R.E.M.E. depot at Arborfield and the Cadet Training Centre at Frimley. At other times parties of cadets went to the Joint Services Day at Radley College and the Royal Tournament. A group also took part in the Skill at Arms meeting at Aldershot Ash Ranges in September.

Adventurous Training took place, as usual, in the Lake District at the beginning of the Easter holiday and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Silver and Gold expeditions were a success. The party was a large one, as we were again joined by Wycliffe College. We occupied all the Cottages on the Langdale Estate and the feeding arrangements in the Wayfarers Lodge were over-stretched, although we managed very well under Liz Cooke's generalship.

Annual Camp at the beginning of the Summer holiday was held at the Warcop Training Centre in Cumbria. Training included a battlecraft exercise, which was rather long and arduous for young cadets, and visits to the Lake District for canoeing, rock climbing and fell walking.

Our senior cadet was CSM Rupert Mackay and we are glad to record that Richard Woodward is our first cadet to become a Royal Air Force pilot.

R.M.L.



Photograph by The School Chaplain, Rev. Basil Wilkes

CHAPEL NOTES

It was not all that long ago when the Headmasters of Public Schools were Clergymen; there still are a few, but largely it is a tradition which has changed. I only mention it, because it emphasised, perhaps in not too happy a way, both the Christian Community and the discipline which went with it. Unfortunately, those were the days of over compulsion which tended to achieve the opposite result to the one intended.

I like to think that today, in Schools such as ours, the emphasis is more on personal responsibility and greater and deeper freedom of thought. Compulsion is at a minimum, but at the same time the strength of our community rests on the teaching of Christ. I never fail to discover each term the deep interest which prevails at all ages; no less than 150 people elected this term to see the film about the Turin shroud.

Our Communion Services, which for the last 16 years have never been compulsory, continue to thrive, and occasionally even overcome the natural laziness of human beings when asked to get up early. There have been some worthwhile events this year. The Choir singing both at the Harvest Festival and the Summer Festival at Fawley. I believe they enjoyed this, as our Village certainly did. Long may this sort of activity continue. We also had an excellent Carol Service in St. Mary's, Henley.

Preachers are hard to get these days. Nevertheless, we have been lucky in getting the right ones. We have welcomed the Vicar of Shiplake, the Chaplain of Parmoor, Canon A.J. Watts, The Rev. Henry Thorold, the Rev. W. Prior from Summerfield, and, of course, the new Bishop of Dorchester, who took our Confirmation Service. A distinguished Doctor, Dr. Burkitt, who is also a Lay Reader, came to talk to the VIth Form, and also to preach.

To thank people by name would be impossible, so these are general thanks. First the boys, without whom the Chapel would not survive. All involved in the music, the many helpers in our lovely but makeshift Chapel, and all those who produce such tasteful flower arrangements, look after the linen, surplices, and cassocks, and who never complain when asked for something extra.

I append a photograph of the Parish Church at Malpas in Cheshire, which hopefully will convey the beauty and the strength of our Christian heritage. The most important aspect of our lives.

B.W.W.

PLAYS AND CONCERTS

SUMMER CONCERT

This was the initial concert in the Sports Hall. The well balanced programme was designed by Malcolm Woodcock to test the acoustics of the auditorium.

The warming up to Walton's Crown Imperial was followed by the clear notes of Handel's Harpsichord Concerto in D minor, with Andrew Barclay in the solo role.

Handel's Coronation Anthem "The King Shall Rejoice" successfully took advantage of the width of the hall for choir arrangements. And the soaring soaring notes of the trebles excitingly filled the lofty roof space.

The 1812 Overture brought the evening to a climax in the true Shiplake tradition. The audience was then able to test the resonance by joining in the singing of Jerusalem and Britten's sensitive arrangement of the National Anthem.

E.K.C.

"Waiting for Godot" : Act 1

The intimacy of the Tithe Barn, the proximity of cast and audience, provided an ideal setting and atmosphere for Peter Hose's production of "Waiting for Godot" - Act 1. The play itself has so little artifice and is so cleverly, yet insistently, casual in its dialogue that it reduces aesthetic distance to a minimum and involves the audience in an experience of life at a stillpoint in time, revolving without conclusion. However dated the Theatre of the Absurd appears in 1980, "Waiting for Godot" transcends mundane allegorical interpretation, and an attempt to evaluate the true nature of Godot is far less important than the fact that we continue to wait for his crucial, yet largely imponderable, presence. In a play devoid of action, the most difficult task that the director and actors face, is to maintain the sense of anticipation of Godot's arrival, Godot the protagonist in the wings, never to grace the floodlights. Peter Hose's production achieved this purpose and also skilfully maintained the difficult balance between tragedy and comedy : a balance that was evident in the exchanges between Estragon and Vladimir, encompassing constant fluctuations between pathos, futility, desperation, sympathy, optimism, and humour, and in Pozzo's baffling relationship with Lucky, which for me was the highlight of this production. Schwerdt, in particular, was a magnificent foil for Barrios' Pozzo, and I found his performance as compelling and certainly as shocking as anything I have seen on the Shiplake stage.

Swaine and Ringrose as Estragon and Vladimir played their parts with vigour and confidence, but at times Swaine was a little too declamatory. Brown played the part of the Boy adequately.

Finally, Peter Westcott's design, Dewi Howell's lighting, Liz Cooke's costumes and Basil Wilks' make-up all added to the success of this ambitious production.

R.A.E.

Readings Aloud - Prose and Poetry

The play was followed by readings by three Fifth formers : Dodd, Keith and Sylvester from Fitzgerald, Conrad and a selection of World 1 poetry. It is a difficult task to follow drama with readings, but the boys in question who had been prepared by Peter Webb, read with clarity and feeling, only failing to co-ordinate their efforts to give a real sense of continuity.

R.A.E.

JUNIOR PLAYS

WHERE NEXT?

This was bound to be the Question the winter after Time and the Thames - what was the best direction for Shiplake Drama to take? The answer was quite clear in the Junior plays-to remain inventive and original; to pull in as many as possible from the middle school and to use adult help without dominating the inexperienced schoolboy performer.

So much for policy-now for execution. First the programme notes were helpful: we quickly knew how "Trouble at Hive Nine" came to be a world stage premiere-after a BBC sound production. The set and the costumes for a large and mainly non speaking cast were the best seen in the Great Hall for a long time. As all the performers were masked it was hard to be certain who was who, so the comments must be general. First and foremost is the old Shiplake Drama problem-lines are not known confidently early enough in production for producers to put a real polish on any performance. Actors must back up producers by better and more speedy learning.

This production partly failed because performers did not grasp that a play for radio has to be listened to. There were some super lines which were wasted through mumbling or that other error-shouting equals anger. Good examples were "You bumbling bee" and one for all Sixth Form essayists "Socialism is protecting each other". The key character Sydney was the one who could really act by facial expression and gesture but he was too often three quarters hidden by bad positioning-and that is how it looked from the front row! These points apart it was a spanking performance, with a good pace and certainly proved that "Time is honey".

"All the King's Men" combined actors, musicians and singers. Some third of the performers were adults and one can hardly call this a junior play.

The set was again inventive but suffered from the Gloucester garrison being separated from the Royalist Besiegers by an imaginary River Severn and a very real Orchestra. In terms of being heard by the audience Colonel Massey and his comrades lost badly to the Royalists but this lop-sided effect was countered by King Charles having one leg of his breeches terminating above the knee and the other well below. Dressers please note.

The strength of the performance was in the singing and another praiseworthy feature was the silence in which crowds slipped on and off the stages without distracting the audience from the main action.

There were many ways in which future productions can be helped by learning the lessons of this one. In spite of the helpful programme notes the opening statement by a messenger to the citizens of Gloucester was so gabbled that the audience needed the next five minutes to work things out for themselves. As the action became exciting almost every actor got faster and faster with each line.

There were also some unhappy visual effects ; too many performers switching off as soon as they had spoken; experienced lady actors whose look of pleasure or alarm contrasted with the wooden look of boy actors alongside - the latter obviously not having been helped enough by the producer. Then there was a Herald who looked like Puss in Boots.

Nonetheless this was a valiant effort. With nearly sixty performers on the stages or in the orchestra pit, there was bound to be a risk that details would go wrong. Of its kind this was the most zestful middle school effort since "Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat" but on the night this reviewer attended the "Hive Niners" won by two goals to one.

VISITS

C2 TRIP TO BELGIUM

On the 19th May, a group of boys from the lower 4th form, accompanied by A.F.B. and D.S.P. set off for Dover at 2.00 a.m. After a good run, we arrived to catch the 06.30 ferry to Ostend. It was a glorious day, and the crossing was thoroughly enjoyed by all. At 11.00 we arrived in Belgium and split into small groups, each with various tasks to perform, and information to gather.

After a fascinating, but exhausting few hours we boarded the 17.30 ferry, and slept most of the way back to Dover! Once again it was a long drive home, but we eventually arrived back at Shiplake at 22.30 after a round trip of some 20 hours! The trip was very worthwhile, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A.F.B.

FRENCH TRIP

This took place from Tuesday 13th to Monday 19th May. We left for France a day earlier than planned because of the threat of the T.U.C. Day of Action. Very fortunately none of the host families or the link school in Paris raised any objections on this score, rather they were delighted about our having an extra day in France. Twenty-five boys went on the trip accompanied by myself and J.D.W., together with a most enthusiastic student teacher from Bulmershe, Adrian Bull.

The journey passed pleasantly and according to schedule. Wednesday morning was spent having shared lessons in the three separate classrooms in the French school. The general reaction both from the Shiplake and from the French pupils was keen and encouraging. After lunch we assembled outside the school at 2 o'clock and went by metro to the Ile de la Cite. Here the party visited Notre Dame and La Sainte-Chapelle, both architectural masterpieces in the Gothic style. Thursday was a public holiday and so there was no school. Each member of the party was looked after by his host family and they all became involved in various trips, visits and excursions. J.D.W. and I were most fortunate in being taken out to a superb restaurant some kilometres outside Paris. We visited friends in the afternoon for tea and then returned to Paris in the evening to have supper in the small flat of another teacher in the link school, Mlle. Francoise Barbet. On the Friday morning we again had lessons shared with the French pupils in their school and in the afternoon we visited the new arts centre, Le Centre Beauborg. There were no lessons during the weekend and each boy was entertained by his host family.

We again had shared lessons on the Monday morning before leaving on the 1.30 train to return to England. Due to the French fishermen blocking the port at Calais, we were delayed for 2 hours at Boulogne which caused us to miss our connecting train to London; this in turn caused us to miss our coach in London. Eventually we arrived at Shiplake station at midnight where we were met by the Headmaster.

It was an extremely successful expedition in that virtually every member of the party said that he would dearly like to go again, and clearly a great deal of eagerness and interest was roused for the French language and, of course, for French food! To me, the most admirable feature of this link is the continuing enthusiasm, kindness and hospitality which the French families show to our party. The importance of thorough preparation for the trip in all its aspects has been most positively demonstrated, the new blue plastic folders containing the project notes were highly successful and there is no doubt that for the majority of the party this is the most enjoyable and worthwhile way of studying France, the French people and their language. I long for an occasion in which to make a longer exchange of several weeks so that the problems of teaching the language can be properly tackled in the right environment.

J.W.W.

Geography Field Course – 1979

Once again we took the road to Snowdonia on the last weekend in September for the Lower Fifth Field Study Course.

We halted briefly at Ironbridge to gather a little of its history before stopping at lakes Vyrnwy and Celyn. These are large reservoirs which supply water to far off industrial areas.

Pen-y-Pass Youth Hostel, our base, is ideally suited to our purpose. It is unusually comfortable and very convenient for the work we have to do.

The most important part of this work is a study of the physical geography of Snowdonia and the surrounding area. This includes detailed study of the Glaslyn valley and its lakes together with the many attendant glacial features. The costal features to the west and the limestone of the Great Orme Head are also part of the itinerary.

Forestry, local agriculture and traditional industries are investigated. A visit to a slate quarry to see men at work and to the former workshops to see how they made and serviced their equipment all add point to the work.

Visits to a hydro-electric and a nuclear power station rounded off the course which all found interesting and from which most benefited, particularly if the background research was completed.

J.B.W.

NORWEGIAN EXPEDITION

On the 26th March, Angus Stovold, Simon Berrisford, Andrew Hunter, Spencer Monk and myself left Shiplake College at 9.05 bound via Heathrow for Oslo, Norway. As we neared the Norwegian coastline, we could see snow and trees and frozen water. This was to be our natural scenery for the next twelve days. It was rather bewildering at first having left the green fields of England only two hours ago.

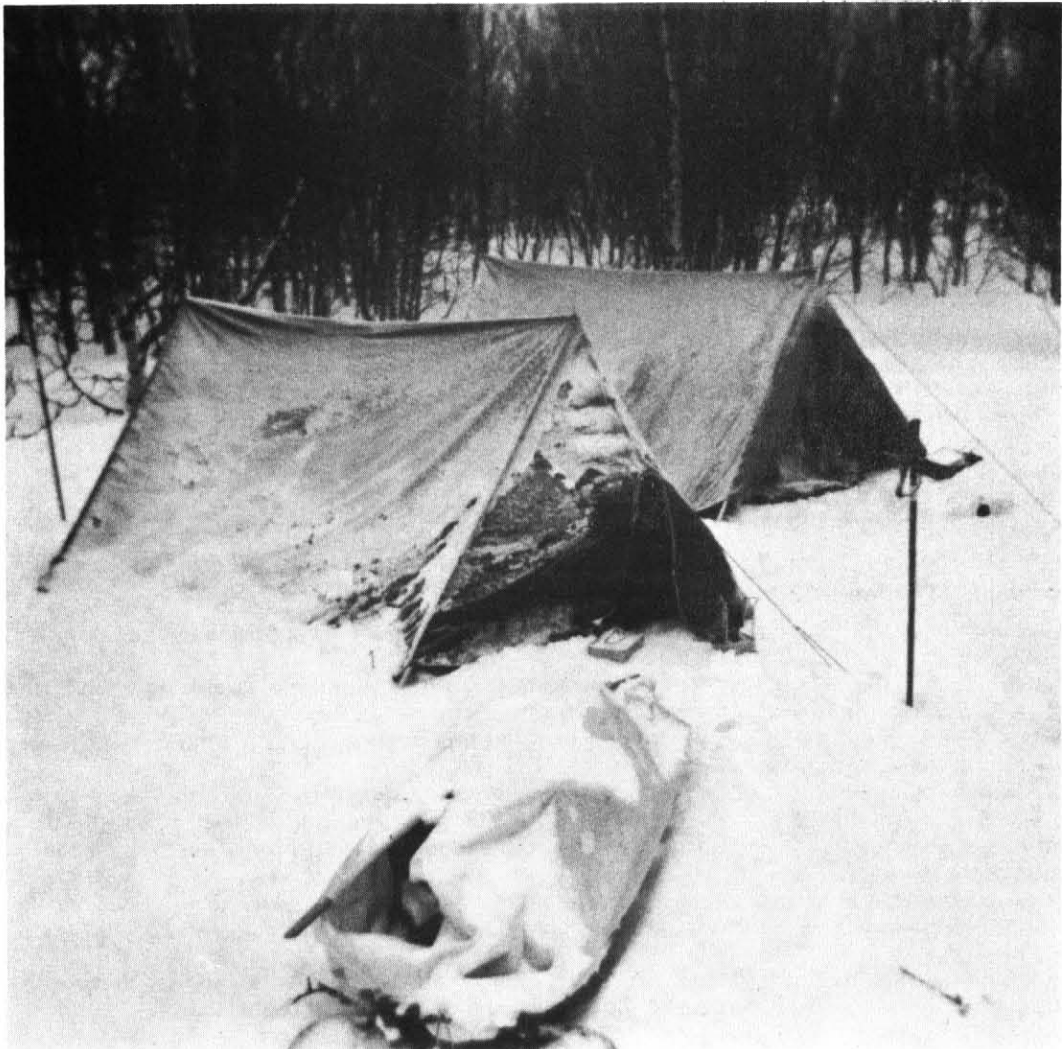
We were met at the airport and then caught a train to Lillehammer. Molmen, our host, met us at the station where his Company headquarters are. Having been ushered into a room, he started to educate us. We learned about ski wax and camping in the snow, which he estimated would be at least three feet thick, generally deeper away from the trees. We learned that every night we would have to dig down to the forest floor and make a fire. We stayed in a number of empty offices at the Transport depot, which were very comfortable.

The next day we collected our skis and tried them out, after a few tumbles and numerous crashes we felt quite confident. What it would be like pulling a sledge was a different matter. On the Friday we shopped for various food items for the expedition. When we arrived back at the depot we packed the toboggans and we were ready.

Saturday arrived and we set off. Rune and Endre arrived, all the gear was packed in or on the toboggans. The journey was incredible as we travelled up European Highway number 6.

We arrived at Russli at about mid day. The journey took us through a valley where there is a British War Memorial to the British soldiers, 76 in all, who lost their lives fighting the Germans (our host did not like Germans). Our first taste of the mountains was harsh.

(Toboggan exploration) We set off like a wagon train, with the two big toboggans at the back. The going was fair to begin with, but once again we had to stay on our feet. Slowly we began to climb. The going was made difficult by the fluffy snow. The snow was to be our major problem because the weather had been so cold, the thaw freeze effect had not taken place. During the day, if the sun shines the snow starts to melt, at night due to the lack of cloud cover the snow freezes, thus forming a crust, which aids movement considerably.



After the first day of Journey



A Typical Midday Meal

We rested at a small bridge called New Bridge because the old one had been washed away. It was one of the smaller rivers within the Conservation area, therefore it will not be tapped for H.E.P. a growing problem in Norway. We followed the Grinningsdalen stopping once more for lunch. The sun had gone in by now and snow was falling.

We trudged on during the late afternoon, feeling extremely tired due to the new experience and the snow conditions. The latter meant that we only covered 12km before 6.30 and it was time to stop. This proved to be more laborious than we had anticipated or bargined for.

Everything has to be done on skis! everything! The toboggans had to be put in the right place so that they were handy for everyone. Then an area of snow had to be patted down. This takes about 15 minutes of treading to create a flat surface which hardens due to the fall in temperature. The tent is then erected. Twigs and branches are of more use than pegs, so we used the birch branches, putting a tent up in the rain is hazardous, but when it is snowing and one has skis on it is incredulous. However, we succeeded and were soon in the warmth of our tents — unfortunately Birch firs are not very reliable, because the wood burns very poorly and with it snowing, it did not help, therefore the fire was abandoned.

Morale was not very high, but recovered by morning, however, we had become accustomed to the phrase 'come and get it' rather than 'I'll bring it over' because once off our skis we were sinking up to our waists in snow.

We set off the next day with soaked feet feeling rather the worse for wear. During the night 3" of snow had fallen and this made matters worse. It was decided that we should circumvent the next part of our trek and drop 2,000 feet for conifer forests that night. Having already experienced 5°C below this was a sound venture.

It was still snowing at lunchtime, when we arrived at a barn, therefore, it was delightful to sit in the shade and brew up. After lunch the weather broke and the sky cleared for a while. The effect of the hut was a morale boost and we were soon in the forest, again here we saw moose tracks. Andy was looking for bears as this would be, if sighted, the highlight of the expedition.

We made camp in a forest and made the fire, already we were thinking like old hands, stamping out the snow for our tents and using all available commodities nature provides. That night we ate well, apart from the fact that the chicken was consumed in the fire.

The next day spirits were up it was Monday, the fire had boosted our morale, it was still snowing, but we were on our way at 10.30. We had a marvellous start and were pressing on. We had a drink at a bridge. Ice pole time! You dip the ski stick in the snow and push into a stream or pool and your stick fills up with iced water. Lunch was tremendous, the sun shone and we could see how far we had travelled from a Trig point. We met a few day trippers who marvelled at us.

By 5.00 it was a different story, we were tired and had 1,000 feet to climb, the snow was treacherous and we were fighting all the way. We arrived eventually at a beautiful mountain hut which had everything from logs to tinned pineapple at nearly 4,000 feet. We were now near the peak of Oskamper and proud of it! We again ate a hearty meal and spent a good night's rest in the hut.

The next day was not the joy we thought it would be, we had hoped we were going to enjoy the downhill, but the toboggans were very difficult to control. Simon broke his ski stick and I had to go on with one, while he manoeuvred the toboggan. Once we reached the 'Birch tree line', Molmen spliced the broken stick and we were once again under control and on our way.

The terrain ahead was undulating but not as harsh as we had experienced before. Snow conditions were satisfactory but still not as perfect as we had imagined they would be. A cold wind was at our backs, but the going was tough because we had to make our way down to the conifer tree line for a satisfactory night's sleep.

At about three o'clock and three hours non stop walking, we could see the tree line. Immediately we quickened pace and were soon eating a belated lunch on the side of a track on the outskirts of the forest. The next stage was a difficult one. The track ahead was very steep and we had to stay on it to connect with the next track across the snowy wastes. We decided to ski down singularly so that the two man toboggans would be manouverable. We set off, picking up speed very quickly, it was more like a downhill race rather than cross country skiing.

Half way down the road we met our first civilian, a driver of a large forestry vehicle, who was blocking the track completely. We circumvented the vehicle and continued on our way. Once at the bottom we saw the rest of our party and we headed off into the woods to make camp.

We enjoyed our rest and spent an excellent night talking around the fire and enjoying the glow of the flames spreading through the trees as the fire grew in strength.

It was soon morning and we were on our way again. We had to climb to the top of a glaciated lip which was situated at the end of the lakes we were to cross. The climb was quite steep to begin with and became almost impossible, making us herring bone and side step with all our might.

Once at the top we could see the lakes which we were to cross and the wind seemed to die down, was this a portent? We had lunch at the top of the first lake, the view was magnificent and, yes, there was a hint of blue sky.

After lunch we trekked on to the ice lakes and followed the snow scooter track. These are only given permits if they are an essential service to the community or for rescue. The weather had been better here than we had experienced because at intervals the snow on top of the ice had melted and water had formed a thin film on top of the ice. It was on such a film I began to sink, which made us think the ice was also very thin.

A Typical Camp Site





Members of Expedition

At 4 o'clock we arrived in Espedalen to a very warm welcome by the guests of the hotel. It was an unreal feeling seeing cars and running water. Endre left us to go home with his parents who were waiting for him. The expedition was nearly over.

The effect of civilisation was adverse, some wanted to leave. Molmen related this to Montgomery in the Second World War when he would not allow his men into a city in Italy after taking the surrounding area because it would affect the morale of his men. Once you are living rough, one must stay that way for the duration.

We left the hotel to cross another lake and we made camp in the woods. Our spirits lifted once we had the fire going. The dead wood was plentiful and Andy sawed down an enormous tree which made a beautiful fire. We ate and talked of our experiences. The trip had been worthwhile.

The next day we walked around the area and enjoyed the beautiful blue sky and relaxed. Our bodies were tired but we were recovering quickly, we were going to Lillehammer the next day.

We spent a beautiful night around the fire until one o'clock and then turned in for the night. It was chilly during the night and the temperature dropped to -18, but we awoke full of life in the morning and the sun was shining again. We skied for two hours in the afternoon after which the bus arrived to take us to Lillehammer.

Again the people at the hotel showed interest, perhaps it was because we were so filthy. The journey back was a beautiful trip and we arrived safely at the depot.

Our food was waiting for us and we immediately began to organise the spread. We ate a fruit cake which I had taken with me, but kept a secret. After afternoon tea, we washed and it was then we realised how much weight we had lost. On average we had lost $\frac{3}{4}$ of a stone to a stone. I had lost $1\frac{1}{2}$ stones and looked quite thin. We then ate a hearty meal of 5 kilos of fish, 3 kilos of beefburgers and three kinds of vegetables, followed by coffee. It was unbelievable, water from a tap and heat at the touch of a switch. We left Lillehammer after a debrief with Molmen, on the morrow, and we caught the 14.06 train for Oslo. The journey was uneventful. We arrived in Oslo and decided to make tracks for the log cabin we had hired for the night on the outskirts of Oslo.

Catching the underground in Oslo was simplicity itself. Once on the train we travelled to Roc and walked to the camp site. We were greeted with deference and shown to where our cabin was. The site was enormous and the accommodation was superb, central heating and all mod cons.

In the morning we set off for the airport. We caught the underground and it was then we found out for definite that the clocks had been put forward an hour for the first time in at least twenty four years. We saw the Palace of the King of Norway, the theatre, the museum and the opera house. Fortunately, we had allowed sufficient time for hold ups, or any other eventuality and we caught the coach for the airport on time.

On arrival at the airport, it was time to reflect on all that had taken place during the last twelve days. At 3.00 we were called and were soon on our way back to England. The snow was still in evidence as we flew over the south of Norway, however, the lakes were beginning to thaw. Once we hit the English coastline the fields and meadows were a beautiful contrast to the Norwegian topography and we marvelled at the abundance of colour. We arrived at Heathrow at 16.10. It was all over.

P.J.F.W.

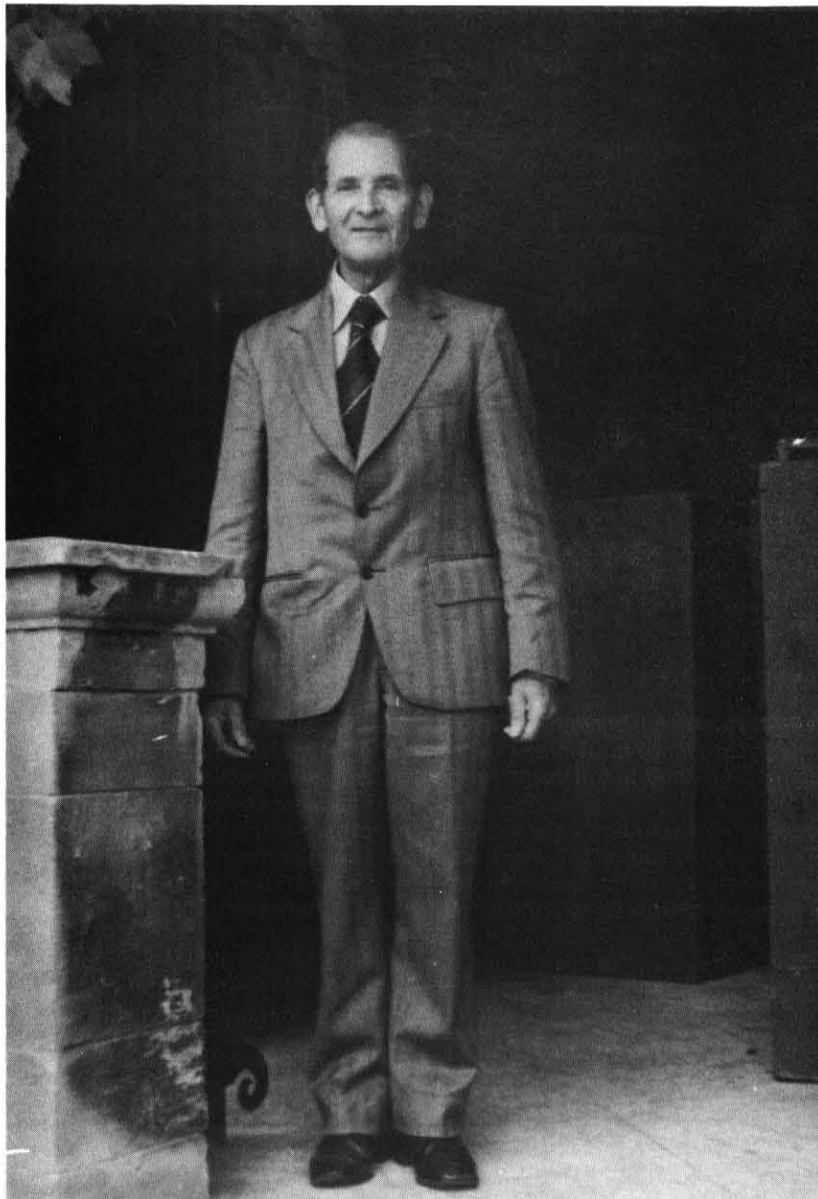
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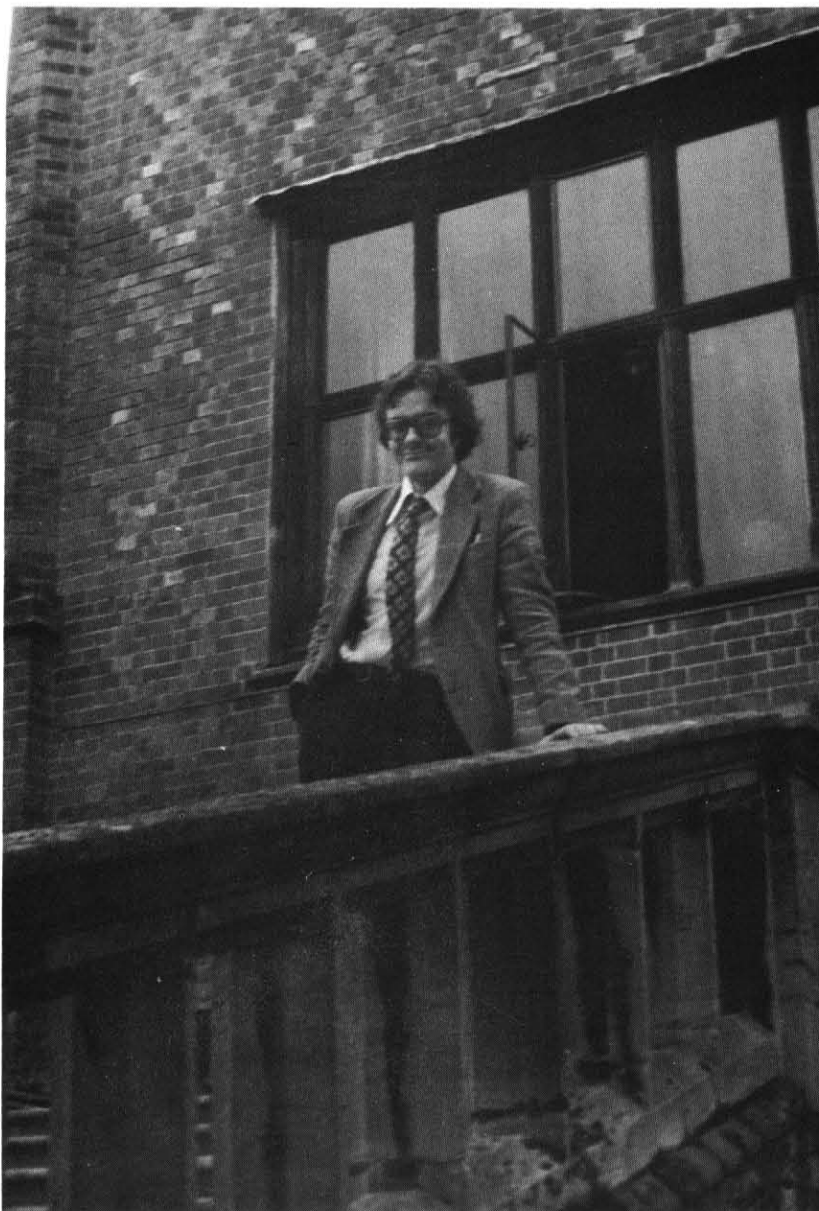
George Wright

Although G.W.W. has been at Shiplake since January 1966 he has remained a man of mystery. There he is in the Henley Royal Regatta records before Hitler's war; then a soldier; at some time a farmer; experienced A Level Examiner, enthusiastic Bridge player, he finally came to anchor at Sonning Common just far enough from the school to keep his own affairs separate from ours.

Old boys will remember him coordinating the Rowing for some years and running the debates. It was a wise move when J.D.E. asked George to take over the Time Table. His Bridge experience meant he was always several moves ahead and produced time tables and exam arrangements of great complexity that managed to make life remarkably easy for boys and staff. This was done during years when the school grew by one third in numbers.

From the boys point of view Mr.Wright was a master who could teach all the Sciences and was a great teller of droll stories. His tremendous interest in young people can best be summed up by asking this question: "Whoever had an unkind end of term report signed G.W.W.?"





Stephen Mount 1978 - 1980

He attended Cardiff University where he gained an Honours degree in Modern Languages and Bulmershe College where he gained his P.G.C.E. During his time at the College, he coached Rugby, Hockey and revived the Riding school, which was a most enjoyable pursuit for those who participated. He taught French and Spanish, the latter being his preferred language. We wish him all the very best for his new post in Germany at a Berlitz School.

WANDERERS CRICKET 1980

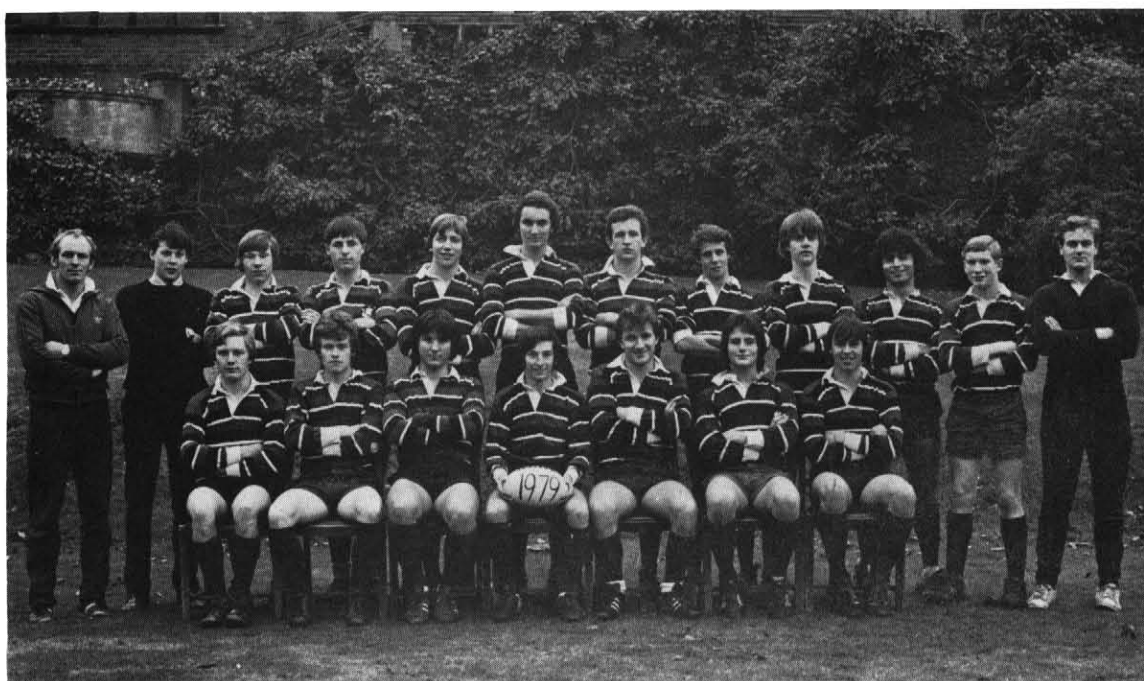
The article in the last Edition of the Court produced an encouraging response and this summer there was none of the difficulty in getting enough players, which had been a problem for the last two seasons. Staff, Old Boys and players from all levels in the College combined to produce some good batting sides. The Wanderers were not bowled out in any match but two high scoring games were lost after declarations. The bowling and fielding were not as strong as the batting. The catching was quite good except in the game with the Reading Academic Staff. In only one of the five matches played did we bowl out the opposition to win. In two other matches we won after the opposition had declared. Fast scoring was the main feature of the season and a tremendous amount was due to David Partridge's return to form-he scored over 300 runs in five visits to the wicket.

H.E.W.F.

SPORTS NEWS

Rugby Club 1st XV Report — 1979

Although the results do not make impressive reading the quality of play produced by the 1st XV was of the highest standing. Early in the term the team was thwarted by injuries to key players and this meant playing inexperienced players in vital positions and the weaknesses this created, in the side, were easily exploited by some of the vastly more experienced teams we played. However, the team never "gave up" and the experiences will only be of benefit to everybody concerned.



Left to right — back row; P.Emerson (coach), N.Bryant, N.Van Horne, A.Duncan, J.Reed, L.Pizzorni, R.Mealing, R.Pim, M.Young, M.Mirkhan, M.Robinson, I.Wood.
Front row; M.Smith, N.Baddeley, C.Fraser, J.Tolputt, P.Broad, J.Hunt, N.Smith.

The three notable achievements of the season were the 9 all draw away at Reeds, a 3 all draw at home against King James's College, (who later went on to play in the county final,) and once again reaching the semi-final of the county cup, only to be well beaten by a very strong Lord Williams's side, who eventually won the competition. Three very commendable achievements for a side so young. Twelve boys with first team experience return next season and with some very strong contenders for places coming from the highly successful U/15 side, the prospects look good. Let's hope so! Congratulations to M.Mirkhan and N.Smith who both played in the Oxfordshire U/19 side, and also to J. Tolputt who has been awarded a rugby scholarship to U.C.L.A., U.S.A.

P.E.

Shiplake College Rugby Club – Winter, 1979

Captain: J.StG.Tolputt

Vice Captain: P.B.Broad

1st XV results

P.Emerson's XV	draw	10 - 10
Woodgreen (1st rd. cup)	won	38 - 0
City of London Freemans'	lost	3 - 19
Old Vikings	lost	6 - 22
Lord Wandsworths College	lost	6 - 25
Pierrepont School	won	31 - 3
Sir William Borlase's	lost	6 - 48
Gosford (2nd rd.cup)	won	38 - 0
Bearwood College	won	7 - 3
Reeds School	draw	9 - 9
Leighton Park School	lost	4 - 8
King James's College	draw	3 - 3
Magdalen College	won	6 - 4
Theale Green	won	6 - 3
Lord William's (semi final cup)	lost	0 - 29
Rutlish School	lost	3 - 15
Shiplake Vikings	lost	9 - 22

P	W	D	L
17	6	3	8

Pts.F	Pts.A
185	223

1st XV regular players:

*N.Smith	+R.Pim	*R.Mealing	+S.Berrisford
*L.Pizzorni	*J.Tolputt (capt)	*A.Duncan	A.Stovold
+M.Young	*M.Smith	*N.Baddeley	S.Moy
+I.Wood	*M.Robinson	*P.Broad (v.capt)	N.Bryant
*M.Mirkhan	+C.Fraser	+J.Hunt	J.Reed

* 1st team colours

+ ½ colours

2nd XV results

Cokethorpe 1st XV	lost	6 - 9
Redrice 1st XV	won	25- 4
City of London Freemans'	won	15- 4
Lord Wandsworths College	lost	6-16
Sir William Borlase	draw	13-13
Bearwood College	won	10- 3
Reeds School	lost	6-38
Leighton Park School	cancelled	
Reading Blue Coat 1st XV	lost	0- 7
Magdalen College School	won	22-0
Ashmead 1st XV	lost	11-21
Rutlish School	won	22- 0
King James College	lost	14-16

P	W	D	L	Pts.F	Pts.A
12	5	1	6	150	131

3rd XV

Redrice 2nd XV	won	41 - 0
Gillott's U/16	lost	4 - 24
Lord Wandsworth's College	lost	0 - 8
Bearwood College	won	18 - 14
Reed's School	won	13 - 8
Magdalen College School U/16	won	16 - 4
Rutlish School	lost	6 - 15
Oratory School	lost	0 - 32

P	W	D	L	Pts.F	Pts.A
8	4	0	4	98	105

U/15 XV

Gillott's School	won	28 - 12
City of London Freeman	won	32 - 3
(1st round cup) Henry Box	won	24 - 12
Lord Wandsworth College	lost	0 - 24
Pierrepont School	won	16 - 6
(2nd round cup) John Mason	won	74 - 10
Bearwood College	won	36 - 0
(3rd round cup) Fitzpatrick's	won	22 - 12
Reeds School	won	13 - 3
Reading Blue Coat School	won	22 - 0
Leighton Park School	won	62 - 6
Magdalen College School	won	23 - 4
Lord Williams Thame (semi-final cup)	won	9 - 7
Rutlish School	lost	3 - 22
Radley College (final cup)	lost	4 - 9

P	W	D	L	Pts.F	Pts.A
15	12	0	3	387	101

J.P.R. William's Trophy - winners

U/14 XV

Redrice School	lost	6 - 40
Gillott's School	lost	6 - 30
City of London Freemans School	lost	4 - 11
Lord Wandsworth's College	lost	0 - 36
Pierrepont School	won	16 - 0
Oratory School	lost	0 - 68
Bearwood College	lost	4 - 16
Reeds School	lost	0 - 28
Reading Blue Coat School	lost	0 - 28
Leighton Park School	lost	0 - 8
Magdalen College School	lost	0 - 4
Rutlish School	lost	4 - 38

P	W	D	L	Pts.F	Pts.A
12	1	0	11	40	307

Senior House match winners	-	Burr
Junior House match winners	-	Orchard
Junior league winners	-	Orchard

2nd XV Rugby

Although not up to the standard of previous years it was successful season nevertheless. Without the assistance of many really talented players the team had to work hard for their successes. Everyone in the squad worked very hard throughout the term and the record of equal wins and losses in 14 matches is very creditable. After a slow start to the season the team gradually got together and finished the season in fine style with a win against Rutlish School, and a superb performance against King James College, Henley, though finally losing 16 - 12.

A.P.H.

3rd XV Rugby

Once again the 3rd XV was frequently disrupted by the calls of other teams, but nevertheless it was one of the most successful seasons of recent years. The quality of rugby played was, for a 3rd XV, at times remarkable and it was inevitable that many of the players gained promotion to the 2nd XV through ability and not simply because of injury. The main strength lay in the pack where Mayor, Newington and Ellis were outstanding. They were all supported by the others and Wall, Rook, Gee and Pallett all had good games.

The side was well captained by Paxton, whose individual flair and outstanding sense of humour added to the general enjoyment of the season. Notable events of the season were Erb's suicidal tackles, Swaine's powerful runs, the mobility of Mayor and Newington and fine victories against Bearwood College, Reed's School and Magdalen College School.

D.S.P.



left to right — back row; P. Webb (Coach), G. Beggin, B. Bedrout, D. Harris, A. Baird, M. Lambert, A. Sawbridge, S. Thomas, N. Lee Clarke, A. Jasseb, P. Sansom.
front row; G. Mitchell, S. Knowles, I. Ralph, M. Goldsmith, A. Hunter (capt), J. Nice, M. Battle, J. Trigg, J. Bassett.

U/15 Rugby

The results speak for themselves, it was an excellent season with only three defeats. We won the J.P.R. Williams Trophy at Reading Rugby Club defeating all local schools and the invited ones. In the Oxfordshire County 'Knock Out' Cup, we lost in the final to Radley College by 9 - 4, which was disappointing, but it was an enjoyable day none the less.

Our two school fixture defeats are the two results which stand out. The Lord Wandsworth team were matched in the pack, but we did not make our tackles tell and this cost us the game. The Rutlish School game came four days before the Oxford final, the long journey did not help and changes had to be made due to 'niggling' injuries which had to be rested for the ensuing Oxfordshire final. Again it was a case of missed tackles but concentration was also lacking, therefore we did not apply the pressure we were capable of applying.

There were many memorable tries with practically the whole side handling the ball, there were scrummages which looked awesome and a many other instances which one can remember; but without hard work and application none of these would happen and I congratulate all the squad on gaining their colours especially the reserves and those who played and were replaced.

I hope next season that they will go on to gain positions in the Senior side as this is the major objective. My congratulations to 'Andy' Hunter for leading his team to victory on so many occasions and to the team for making it a season to be remembered. Thank you to all the parents who supported us throughout the season especially at the Oxfordshire final.

Those who played: Hunter (Capt), Jasseb, Samson, Baird, Thomas, Trigg, Lambert, Mitchell, Goldsmith, Ralph, Knowles, Nice, Bassett, Bedroud, Lee Clarke, Sawbridge, Beggin, Battle, Harris.

P.J.F.W.

U/14 Rugby

A great deal of effort and determination was shown by those boys who played for the U/14 XV, and they must be congratulated for this.

Unfortunately the results were a little disappointing, though there were several close fought matches and a notable victory over Pierrepont. I am sure their performances will improve next year, when their physical size should be more equal to their spirit.

S.R.M.

HOCKEY



left to right — back row; D.Partridge(coach), J.Whishaw, A.Marsh, N.Newington, M.Ellis, C.Fraser, I.Al Saheal.
front row; S.Checketts, N.Smith, J.Tolputt, L.Pizzorni, V.Carter, M.Smith, M.Robinson

HOCKEY CLUB

1st XI Hockey and results

It seems almost impossible to write a hockey report without mentioning the poor weather during the term and this year was no different. However, we at least had the use of the Sports Hall and this has meant that everyone has been able to play hockey and the improvement was very noticeable in the junior teams of the school.

The 1st X1 had the usual blend of youth and experience and occasionally the hockey that was played was of a very high standard. N.Smith was a usual very steady at full-back and the main problem was finding someone for left back. It was finally a choice between M.Smith and C.Fraser. S.Checketts, L.Pizzorni and M.Ellis were usually the halves and were steady, but not always creative enough or quick enough in the distribution of the ball. J.Tolputt was moved into the forward line in order to try to solve the goal starvation and his darting, incisive runs did create many opportunities. N.Newington was a disappointment at inside left, because he did not fulfil the potential shown in previous years, but he did have one or two good matches. V.Carter was a good right winger and, although he showed a tendency to hang on to the ball for too long, he was instrumental in setting off some good attacking moves. Perhaps the most improved player was A.Marsh on the left wing, but M.Robinson in goal had some fine games. J.Whishaw started off as inside right, but found the heavy ground a little difficult. He has much of the necessary skill, but lacks the physique at this level of hockey. However, Whishaw, Marsh, Carter, Al Saheal and Checketts will form the nucleus of a useful side next season.

During the season, three matches were won and two lost, with draws against The Hockey Association, Lord Wandsworth College, St.Edward's School and the Old Vikings.

Full Colours were re-awarded to L.Pizzorni and were awarded to J.Tolputt, N.Smith and V.Carter.
Half Colours were awarded to : S.Checketts, A.Marsh, M.Robinson, N.Newington, M.Ellis, M.Smith
I.Al Saheal and M.Freeland.

Regular members of the 1st XI were M.Robinson, N.Smith, M.Smith, C.Fraser, M.Ellis, S.Checketts, L.Pizzorni (Capt), V.Carter (Hon Sec), J.Whishaw, I.Al Saheal, N.Newington, J.Tolputt and A.Marsh.

Also played: C.Adcock.

D.S.P.

2nd XI Hockey

This was the most successful team this year. At last we found that we were able to raise two elevens of good players at the top of the school, and it was encouraging to see the enthusiasm with which the game was played. The side was captained for the second year running by Mark Freeland who did an excellent job both on and off the field. The forwards were fast and competent at all times, and the midfield play was tight and controlled. Angus Duncan and Mike Smith did a splendid job as backs, if a little 'over enthusiastic' at times! Barrie showed himself to be an improving goal keeper, and Whishaw improved considerably as a forward.

Results	Played	8
	Drawn	3
	Won	4
	Lost	1

A.F.B.

3rd XI Hockey

The season was an enjoyable one, what our hockey lacked we made up for in other directions. The memorable defeat of Crookham Court 1st XI 7-1 was encouraging and we all enjoyed the dinner the following week. The match against The Grove School (for girls!) was an enjoyable experience and our thanks to all concerned for arranging the fixture and entertaining us after the match. The emphasis needless to say was on fair play and gentlemanly conduct, therefore no score was recorded. The usual school fixtures were played and everyone of these was closely contested. Our major problem was bunching around the ball, however, this did improve. The defeat by Windsor Grammar School was due to a lack of concentration which we could have avoided. The Radley game was a much improved performance and I feel as the team was basically an U/16 side, they will be a credit to the game next year.

Those who played: Malvasi, Wall, Stovold, Rook, Leaning, Donne, Monk, Mayor, Dale, Horscroft, Gordon-Taylor, Briggs.

Results:	Lord Wandsworth	drew	2 - 2
	Windsor Grammar School	lost	2 - 3
	Radley College U/16	won	4 - 2
	Crookham Court 1st XI	won	7 - 1

P.J.F.W.

U/15 Hockey Report — Spring Term 1980

Results:	Pangbourne	Lost	5 - 2
	Reading	Drew	1 - 1
	St. Bartholomew's	Cancelled	
	Leighton Park	Won	6 - 0
	Lord Wandsworth	Lost	3 - 0
	Oxford School	Drew	1 - 1
	St. Edwards	Drew	0 - 0
	Radley	Drew	1 - 1
	R.G.S. High Wycombe	Won	1 - 0
	Abingdon	Cancelled	
	Windsor	Won	1 - 0
	Wellington	Cancelled	

PLAYED 9 WON 3 DRAWN 4 LOST 2

As can be seen from the results, an erratic start was made by the team and it was only after a few games that they settled down. Their best performances were on hard surfaces as this allowed them to control and distribute the ball that much faster. However, towards the end of the season the pitches were very wet and more often than not the ball stuck in the mud. This led to frustration and panic and resulted in a match played in the centre of the pitch with the goalkeepers being mere spectators.

Full credit must go to Goldsmith who, not only captained this very enthusiastic side well, but also volunteered to keep goal. By the end of the season he was undoubtedly the best goalkeeper I have seen and he will be missed next year as he has now emigrated.

Rymer was far too often our sole defender but what he lacked in skill he made up for in sheer determination. The mid-field was controlled by Ralph, Battle and Corkett with Ralph and Battle showing some excellent stick-work - especially in our own circle! The attack was spear-headed by Trigg and far too often he seemed to be the only one attempting to score - hence the lack of goals.

The squad consisted of: Goldsmith, Battle, Rymer, Lee-Clarke, Knowles, Martin, Brown, Nice, Trigg
Ralph, Corkett, Sumner and Bassett.

Colours were awarded to Goldsmith, Battle, Rymer, Trigg and Ralph.

A.B./P.J.C.

U/14 Hockey

The boys who represented the school in the under 14 hockey squad were the best we have had the good fortune to coach. Not only was their conduct on and off the pitch impeccable, but the standard of their hockey was very high.

The under 14's results were as follows:

Pangbourne College (A)	Lost	5 - 0
Reading School (H)	Won	6 - 3
St.Bartholomew's Grammar School	Cancelled	
Leighton Park School (A)	Won	0 - 1
Lord Wandsworth's College (A)	Drawn	0 - 0
Oxford School (A)	Won	0 - 1
Radley College (A)	Won	1 - 2
Crookham Court (A)	Drawn	1 - 1
Abingdon School	Cancelled	
Windsor G.S.	Cancelled	

Under 14 colours were awarded to J.N.Thompson, J.B.Mann and J.R.F. Burgess. All looks well for next year's under fifteens.

S.K./C.J.C.

CRICKET

CRICKET CLUB

1st XI

The signs were most encouraging after excellent practice before the season commenced in the Sports' Hall. Everyone was full of enthusiasm and eager for the cricket to start. Unfortunately the weather was disappointing and this affected the conditions. The pitches were slow and it took some time before the batsman adjusted to the ball coming slowly onto the bat and the bowlers tended to bowl too short which is fatal at this level of cricket.

Several of the players who gained experience from the previous season did not realise their full potential and on occasions tended to lose concentration, the newcomers from the U/15's showed great promise and the indications are that the 1981 season will be most successful. It is not easy to single out any particular performances, the team represented the College extremely well and it was most pleasing to see them putting a 100% effort, even when circumstances prevented them from winning, their fielding was a credit and an example for those to follow.

Played 14 Won 4 Lost 5 Drew 5

E.R.



left to right — back row; M. Robinson, J. Wishaw, S. Checketts, M. Pallet, I. Al Saheal, A. Chancellor, G. Chandler.
front row; A. Marsh, D. Lethbridge, S. Schwerdt, J. Tolputt, C. Macleod.

2nd XI Cricket

Played 11 Won 6 Lost 4 Drawn 1

The 2nd XI can look back with some pride over a season which saw very few runs scored but many remarkable bowling and fielding performances. Sheer determination and team effort produced some good results. Batting was our main weakness with few notable performances. The opening pair, Donne and Woodhouse, were always dependable and held the side together. However, they lacked support and far too many wickets were lost through indecisive play.

Ballard captained the side confidently though at times lacking a tactical approach. He was well supported by Al Saheal and Stovold who took over the captaincy, in turns, following Ballard's departure. There is considerable talent in the side and players such as Gordon-Taylor, Pallett, Stovold, Woodhouse, Donne and Al Saheal should prove, in the coming seasons, to be valuable members of the 1st XI.

A mention must be made of Fox's splendid bowling throughout the term. He and either Al Saheal or Pallett bowled accurately and on occasions for particularly long sessions. Gatensbury proved to be an 'interesting' wicket keeper and managed to get himself behind most of what went past the bat.

Dale became a useful first change bowler as the term wore on. A mention must be made of the tennis players and squash players who joined the side towards the end of the season. They pulled off a quite remarkable win against Bearwood when we had been out for only 77 runs and Bearwood reached 73 for 3 wickets. Freeland decided that he wanted to win and Robinson thought it might be a good idea too! In two overs they took the next seven wickets. Bearwood were all out for 74 runs!

The final mention must go to the players who rotated and were so much a part of the team. Grantham, Lethbridge, Partridge, Whidborne and Hunt all contributed useful performances at one time or another and were always reliable when put to the test. An enjoyable season.

Players: Ballard, Fox, Gordon-Taylor, Woodhouse, Donne, Stovold, Dale, Pallett, Al Saheal, Gatensbury, Whidborne, Partridge, Lethbridge, Grantham.

Others: Robinson M, Carter, Bryant, Bendell, Freeland, Leaning.

Colours: Ballard, Fox, Woodhouse, Donne, Gordon-Taylor, Stovold, Al Saheal, Pallett.

Highest Scorer: Donne 48 n.o. v Oratory.

Best Bowling figures:	Gordon-Taylor	5 wkts for 16 runs v Oratory
	Al Saheal	6 wkts for 22 runs v Reading School
	Fox	6 wkts for 21 runs v City of London Freemans School.
	Al Saheal	7 wkts for 16 runs v Lord Wandsworth
	Fox	8 wkts for 25 runs v Pangbourne College
	Freeland	5 wkts for 16 runs v Bearwood College
	Robinson M	4 wkts for 2 runs v Bearwood College

P.J.C.

U/15 Cricket

Considering the lack of success that this year's U/15 have enjoyed, they played with great keenness and enthusiasm. What they lacked in ability they made up for in spirit and a victory (their first ever) over Radley in their last match together was a just reward for their efforts.

The bowling improved considerably and the main attack centred around G.E.Legg (who also captained the side well) and A.C.Wilson. Their main fault was not to aim at the stumps as they both moved the ball around considerably and when they began to bowl straighter towards the end of the season they picked up more wickets. The tantalising left arm spin of P.Rymer picked up several wickets and when he gains fuller control of line and length he will be a good bowler.

The batting was disappointing. J.Nice was the main hope in this department but lacked too often the patience and concentration required for a long innings. J.Martin looked good in the nets but failed to get runs in matches and J.Cotterell must learn to bring his strokes into operation so that he can punish the bad ball. J.Sumner looked a much better batsman when attacking and his match-winning innings against Radley will be long remembered. G.Beggin and B.Bedroud played well on occasions and mixed caution and aggression well. G.Legg played several good captain's innings and survived for a long time in several matches when the bowling was distinctly hostile. He thus earned his colours;

Played 11 Won 1 Drawn 1 Lost 9

Results:

Lost to Oratory by 10 wickets
 Shiplake 39
 Oratory 43 for 0 wkt
 Lost to Lord Wandsworth's College by 100 runs (details lost)
 Lost to Douai by 4 wkts
 Shiplake 77 all out
 Douai 81 for 6
 Lost to Cokethorpe by 86 runs
 Cokethorpe 119 for 5 dec
 Shiplake 33
 Lost to Reading School by 10 wkts
 Shiplake 58
 Reading 59 for 0 wkt
 Lost to Stoneham (limited overs game)
 Stoneham 138 for 9 (30 Overs)
 Shiplake 67 for 6 (Nice 14)
 Lost to Pangbourne College by 133 runs
 Pangbourne 192 for 5 dec
 Shiplake 59 (Legg 14)
 Lost to City of London Freeman's School by 77 runs
 CLFS 139 for 4 dec
 Shiplake 62 (Nice 15, Beggin 15)
 Drew with Bearwood College
 Bearwood 110 for 6 dec (Rymer 4 - 29)
 Shiplake 55 for 9 (Bedroud 17)
 Lost to Leighton Park by 69 runs
 Leighton Park 122 for 7 dec (Legg 4-36, Wilson AC 3 - 42)
 Shiplake 53 (Sumner 17)
 Beat Radley College by 7 runs
 Shiplake 130 for 8 dec (Sumner 36, Beggin 31, Bedroud 26)
 Radley 123 all out (Rymer 4-39, Legg 4-35)

J.D.W.

U/14 Cricket

Played 11 Won 4 Drawn 3 Lost 3 Abandoned 1

The team: J.B.Mann, A.D.Forsdyke, J.N.Thompson, A.T.Lord, J.C.Pontifex, T. Pemberton, M.E.D.Fry, A.Morgan, R.Menzies, J.D.Gow, M.A.Hyman, J.Russell-Parsons, J.S.Cox (scorer).

Colours awarded to Mann, Thompson, Forsdyke, Lord.

The highlight of this season for the under 14's was to reach the semi-final of the Berkshire area Lord's Taverner's Cricketer Colts Trophy Competition, losing that round to Desborough, the winners for the last four years.

Although the match was lost by five wickets, another 30 or 40 runs on our score would almost certainly have given our bowlers a chance to dismiss the rest of the opposition, and here I think lay the main weakness of the team, especially in the limited over games, and this was the inability to score runs quickly. The fielding was always good, and the majority of catches were held and of our six bowlers, some were always reliable enough, in nearly all matches, to take wickets.

My general criticism of the batting must be qualified by saying that Forsdyke always batted aggressively, and I am sure will make a good many runs in the future. Lord worked his way up the order from 11 to 5, and although he has a good eye, and can hit the ball hard, tends to play too casually. However, if he works hard, he will become a good batsman. In Thompson, we have a very sound, if sometimes unorthodox opener, who topped the averages with an impressive 22.8 over 11 innings. Mann and Pontifex both had some good innings at the beginning of the season, but unfortunately lost their form later on. The middle order batsmen all had some good innings, and the batting of Morgan and Fry, primarily bowlers, improved during the season so that they became useful run scorers.

As I have said, all the bowlers had success on occasions. Lord, with an average of 8.3 being the most consistent. We had a good balance of bowling, three medium pace and three slow, three of whom were left handers. Of the faster bowlers, Morgan unfortunately lost his form towards the end of the season, whereas Lord improved and Forsdyke remained an opening bowler throughout, although he never found real consistency. In the slow bowling department, Pemberton, whose left arm averaged one wicket per match, will, as he grows become a very useful bowler as with Mann, if he keeps off the leg side. Fry, again with the left arm bowled very well at times, but was all too often taken off as he began to settle down. Special thanks are due to the captain, J.B.Mann, who did his job very competently (even when we lost the toss, the other side always put us in to bat!) and had to put up with much scowling and unintelligible signals from the umpire! to Cox our faithful scorer, to Gow and Hyman who took it in turns to play and be third man, and to M.J.H.C. for his invaluable help with coaching.

Returning from specific, to general observations, it must be said that the team always played cheerfully and with enthusiasm and determination. They never once gave up, and only twice, at the last moment had to decide to "shut up shop" and concentrate on achieving a draw.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being involved with this team: I am sure that as a team, and as individuals, they have a great potential, and I hope that they continue to be successful, but above all, that they continue to enjoy playing cricket.

M.A.S.

The Oratory School
Shiplake 95 (Mann 29)
Lord Wandsworth's College
Lord Wandsworth's 168 - 2
Douai School
Shiplake 100 - 7 (Lord 28 n.o.)
Reading School
Reading 144 - 8 (Morgan 3 - 24—
Langley Grammar School (Colts Trophy
35 overs)
Shiplake 94 - 9
Pangbourne College
Shiplake 94 (Forsdyke 29)
City of London Freeman's School -
won by 5 wkts
Freeman's 90 (Lord 5-12, Mann 3 - 0)
Reading Blue Coat School
(Colts Trophy - 35 overs)
Shiplake 117-9 (Thompson 52 n.o.)
Desborough School (Colts Trophy-40 overs)
Shiplake 82
Leighton Park
Shiplake 107 - 6 (Thompson 30
Forsdyke 34)
Radley College
Shiplake 81 (Thompson 28)

won by 3 runs
The Oratory 93 (Forsdyke 6 - 38)
drawn
Shiplake 106 - 8 (Pontifex 37)
abandoned
drawn
Shiplake 121 - 9 (Forsdyke 63)
won by 57 runs
Langley 37
lost by 5 wkts
Pangbourne 95 - 5
Shiplake 91 - 5 (Lord 42)
won by 12 runs
Blue Coat 105 (Lord 3 - 8)
lost by 5 wkts
Desborough 83 - 5
drawn
Leighton Park 78-4
lost by 5 wkts
Radley 82 - 4 (Mann 3 - 26)

BOAT CLUB

Shiplake College — Boat Club, 1979/80

Competitive Club Organisation: The Boat Club has again been organised into age groups with a coach for each group.

GROUP

Senior Squad
Junior U/16 2nd 8
Junior U/15
Junior U/14

COACH

Mark Lees
Mark Woodcock/Dewi Howell
John Scottorn
David Lister/Dewi Howell

Boaters/House Rowers: These oarsmen have been organised into three main groups supervised by Steve Keen, Peter Hose and Paul Davies-Cooke.

Equipment and facilities:

BOATS

1 Carbocraft 8
1 Donoratico 8
1 Simms 8
1 Harris 8
1 Phelps 8

1 Stamflii 4 x /4-
1 Stamflii 4 +
1 Donoratico 4 +
1 Harris 4 + (RST)
1 Colley 4 + (RST)

2 Donoratico 2 +
2 Eton 1 x
3 Simms 4 + (Clinker)
12 Whiffs 1 x (Clinker)

LAUNCHES

4 Launches

3 outboard engines
(+ 1 borrowed engine)

TRAILERS

2 Trailers

new trailer capable of carrying 6 8's

Landing area: 180 feet of landing stage area, with slipway, has been built along frontage replacing ageing landing stages.

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance: George K Firk and David Lister were busy most of the Winter and Spring bringing all the equipment to first class condition for the Summer season.

Competition

Head of River Races: The usual Head of River races were attended: Avon Counties, Abingdon, Reading University, Reading Schools with Hampton being added due to Henley falling on half term again, also the London Head of the River Race to give the first 8 added experience.

Very acceptable results were experienced by all squads but without anything outstanding. We accept the Head of River Races as being a means to an end and that they give the ideal form of competition at the right time of the year and to win at this stage does not necessarily mean success in the Summer.

Regattas: Nineteen Regattas —

- (a) One Home Countries Gold Medal
- (b) Three National Championships Medals
- (c) 22 Regatta Wins

The name of Shiplake has been carried to places as far away geographically as Ireland, Nottingham and Bath, and as far apart in pomp and stature as Henley Royal Regatta and Greenwich Regatta. Different crews are now able to go for two Regattas on the same day owing to our second trailer enabling crews to compete in events of a class, and over a distance, more suited to them.

Regatta Results:

Senior Squad

Regattas

Wallingford	— Senior 'C' 8's	won
Monmouth	— Senior 'C' 8's	won
Walton	— Senior 'C' 8's	won

Crew: A.Shipp, G.Willison, M.Mirkhan, D.J.Badcock, R.Mackay, P.J.Leane, T.J.Hunt, A.H.G. Letty (cox), J.B.Bernstein, (sub) A.P.S.Moy.

National Championships of Great Britain Junior 4 + silver medal
Home Countries Championships Junior 4 + gold medal

Crew: A.H.G.Letty, M.Mirkhan, D.J.Badcock, T.J.Hunt (cox) J.M.Bernstein.



England 4

The Senior Squad: The first 8 suffered from lack of size and weight this year, yet have been as determined and disciplined in their approach as any first 8 at Shiplake. With a full winters training programme and the advantage of doing the majority of their summer training in the evenings they shrugged off any disadvantage of size. Gold Medal award coach, Mark Lees, gave the crew the grounding and confidence to open their successful season at Wallingford where they stamped their authority on Senior 'C' 8's over many Oxbridge Colleges. From here the crew went from strength to strength and took Senior 'C' 8's at Monmouth and Walton. During the summer season they had some memorable rows of which two were outstanding. At Monmouth they defeated a big Pangbourne College crew by 2½ lengths. At Reading Amateur Regatta, a truly memorable Senior 'B' 8's final saw Shiplake and London Rowing Club 1st 8 in the closest race of the day. From start to finish there was no significant advantage gained and with a clash of blades in neutral water, crews and coxs were locked in battle. A canvas to London saw Shiplake denied successful Senior 'B' status, gained only once by Steve Oxlade's 1st 8 in the early 1970's at Marlow.

Henley Royal Regatta saw a cruel draw, with St. Paul's, Concorde (U.S.A.) (having already defeated the 1st 8 at Marlow) being our rivals on the first day. A headwind, and the odds against them saw the Shiplake 8 row courageously but St. Paul's began to draw away at the Barrier and from there, put 2½ lengths between the crews. St. Paul's of course, went on to win the Princess Elizabeth Cup and times indicate that many good crews in the competition would have fallen to Shiplake, had the draw allowed. With the first 8 discontinuing after Henley, a four was formed to gain experience for the 1981 season. With little experience in a 4+, the crew made remarkable progress in a few days. At the National Championships in only its eighth outing in a 4+, the crew gained a silver medal closely behind the A.R.A. National Squad 4+ and defeating half of Shrewsbury's first eight and a strong field containing Wallingford Schools. With selection for the Home Countries Championships in Ireland, the crew won the Gold Medal in only its ninth outing in a 4+.

Well done the squad, and congratulations to Mark Lees on his first and very successful year at Shiplake.

Junior Under 16/2nd 8 Squad

Regattas

Wallingford — Novice 8's	won
Tewkesbury — J 16 8's	won
Greenwich — J 16 4's	won
Junior Sculls (G.Dixon)	won

National Championships of Great Britain bronze medal J16 8's

J 16 Squad: T.S.Walker, N.D.Farley-Sutton, J.L.Reed, S.N. Berrisford, R.A.Biart, J.H.L.Loudon, A.C. Kayll, R.W.Dean, M.J.D. Lambert, P.G.Wilson (cox)



The Junior 16/2nd 8 Squad:

With exams taking precedence in the summer term, the squad made a quick start when they won Novice 8's at Wallingford. After a close first round victory over Reading University the crew were never again threatened and gained in confidence with each race.

With Mark Woodcock coaching the crew to improved technique and control over the long exam period they afterwards revealed their racing talents at Tewkesbury where they dominated J 16 8's.

J 16 4's and Junior sculls were also won at Greenwich Regatta where stiff opposition from Westminster School and Balliol College denied them a win in Senior 'C' 4+.

With the squad steadily gaining in confidence and experience the crew were entered for the National Championships. With conditions changing almost as quickly as Mark Woodcock could change the gearing, the crew made its way to the J 16 8's final. In the final the crew stuck to their race plan and made it through a tough entry to gain the bronze. Well done crew, well done Mark.

Junior Under 15 Squad

Regattas

Avon Schools — J 15 4 +	won
Birmingham — J 15 8's	won
— J 15 4 †	won
Curlew — J 15 4 +	won
Reading Amateur- J 15 8's	won
— J 15 4 +	won
— J 15 4 + (RST)	won
Walton — J 15 8's	won
Bedford — J 15 8's	won

National Championships of Great Britain J 16 4- silver medal

J 15 Squad: L.O.L. Hardwick, N.R.O.Russell, A.G.Baird, M.C.H.Williams, A.Jasseb, P.W.Sansom, A.Hunter, C.J.Wilkinson, J.S.Trotman, M.J.D.Lambert, C.G.R.Bridge, D.J.Fraser, D.P.Nelson, K.E.Dalton—Harrison, S.A.Thomas.



N.Russell,L.Hardwick,A.Baird,M.Williams

The Junior 15 Squad:

At Avon Regatta the 1st 4 + made up for their two feet defeat in the final at Wallingford by winning J 15 4's easily.

With the squad being trained for the first few weeks of the summer in 4's they then put an 8 together for Birmingham where it won convincingly.

The squad also raced in Elite 4 — (fourth in final) and in Senior 'C' 4's to come 3rd in the final. With good experience and hard work being done in 4's and the odd outing in an 8, it was now time to push the 8 hard and coaching was aimed to 'peak' the 8 for Walton and Bedford. At Walton the unbeaten St. George's crew fell to Shiplake in the final with other crews such as St.Edward's, Eton, Radley, Emmanuel and Hampton not getting a look in. Bedford saw a weak draw with only Abingdon in contention and with Shiplake breaking the J 15 8's record by 11 seconds, we won the final with ease.

Reading Town saw another experiment in 4's with SB 4—, SC 4+ and Junior 'B' crews being entered with two crews missing out in two finals.

The National Championships was another experiment for the first J 15 4 entering the J 16 4- event. With a strong entry it was a pleasing silver medal that the crew came home with and a pleasing season for squad and coach.

Junior Under 14 Squad

Regattas

Mortlake	— J 14 8's	won
Birmingham	— J 14 4 + (RST)	won
Reading Amateur	J 14 4 + (RST)	won
Reading Town	— J 14 8's	won
	— J 14 4 + (RST)	won
Bedford	— J 14 8's	won

J 14 Squad: T.Wearne, S.C.McL.Scott, M.C.Simpson, A.C.D.Mills, A.Large, M.W.Norton, J.E.Pratt, A.P.Gotzheim, J.K.Payne, A.G.Maycock.

The Junior under 14 Squad:

A very successful season for our new oarsmen. With a very small crew David Lister had to teach the crew to row technically well to overcome some of the larger crews they were bound to meet. Success was immediate when they won J 14 8's at Mortlake against many of the well known schools.

Avon was to be the crews first encounter with St.Edward's and Shiplake were beaten by power and size as they were at Birmingham. The 8 doubled at Birmingham however, and came 1st and 2nd in a four crew final in J 14 4+. At Walton only St.Edward's were again the 8's problem and it was this that encouraged David Lister to double up in 8's and 4's at Reading Town and not to go to the National Schools Championships. Both crews won and after disappointment at Walton, the crew were again back on top to have a go at Bedford. With the 8 going faster each day, crews like Latymer, Monkton, Bedford and Bedford Modern stood little chance and Shiplake won the final breaking the J 14 8 course record by 4 seconds. The J 14 crews finished the season here, yet Mills sculled with his regional J 14 relay team at the National Championships to come 2nd overall. A good season for David and his new oarsmen.

A Novice Squad was also formed after Easter but proved a little weak for an 8, and so a four with two masters, Peter Webb and David Reid, with two fifth formers R.Brazier and C.Elphick competed as a four. With two close finals and some very competitive training, they were denied victory yet had a most enjoyable season.

James Schwerdt Memorial Trophies for Oarsmen's Oarsman of the Year were:

Senior Squad	—	R.Mackay
J 16/2nd 8 Squad	—	A.Kayll
J 15 Squad	—	N.R.O. Russell
J 14 Squad	—	M.W.Norton

Simon Storey Trophy for most promising Junior Oarsmen of the year — N.R.O. Russell.

The 2nd annual boatclub dinner again took place at the 'Catherine Wheel' Henley and a good time was had by all.

Reports by A. Kayll and J.R.Scottorn.

The Boatclub wish to thank all who make our year possible and to name a few:

- Mrs.Hinton and Mr.Whicker in the Bursar's Office
- The Catering Manager and his Staff
- Mr.Gapper and his men
- The School Secretaries
- The Nursing Sisters
- The College Teaching Staff for bearing with us
- Our new Headmaster, Mr.Lapping for giving us his support on so many occasions, and in so many ways this year.

Thank you all
Peter Leane
Captain of Boats

Ireland — 1980

The trip to Ireland was perhaps one of the biggest surprises of the season but one that will be cherished by all involved.

After a very brave row in the coxed fours at the National Championships the crewe were selected as club champions of 1980 to row for England in Ireland at Athlone.

After several early set backs concerning visa's the crew set off bright and early on the Friday morning, to eventually arrive at their destination at 1.00 a.m. on the following morning. The crew raced at 12.20 and luckily conquered their opposition without undue effort. That evening the Irish team were hosts to the visiting nations and a marvellous party took place with everyone joining in the celebrations. The return trip was rather more subdued, quite naturally after such an engaging evening. Everyone returned from the experience extremely grateful at the opportunity to take part in such a sporting and friendly competition and I am sure we will remember the occasion for some time to come.

M.L.



SHOOTING 1980

left to right: R.Southwood (coach), R.Brown, T.Jones, M.Whidborne, R.Castle,
M.Crichton, K.Gee, R.Mealing, G.Leaming, N.Newington, P.Davies-Cooke, M.Williams

Shooting

We had another successful year and our results against other schools in Country Life less landscape which is out of a total of 760 points were as follows:

Shiplake	659	Downside	618	won
Shiplake	663	St.Edwards	655	won
Shiplake	642	Bradfield	690	lost
Shiplake	647	Sherborne	590	won
Shiplake	619	Pangbourne	562	won

The latter two match results did in fact take place early enough to rate a mention in the last edition of the Court. Some six other fixtures against a variety of local and geographically more far flung competitors were not shot out, although we managed to produce a score in each case a number of reasons caused our opponents to call off the fixture. Bradfield at the time of our encounter with them were holders of the Country Life trophy.

The match against Downside provided some of the best scores of the season including Mealing 89 + +, and 89 apiece from Leaning and Crichton out of a possible 95. The rules of the above competition were amended by mutual consent for the following fixtures with a possible 520.

Shiplake 1st VIII	455	Staff 1st VIII	429	won
Shiplake 2nd VIII	353	Staff 2nd VIII	304	won
Shiplake (IV)	206	O'V'S' (IV)	159	won

Our one adventure into the 10 bull league against Hurstpierpoint, the 1978 Country Life winners resulted in our defeat 718 to 780 out of a possible 800.

The inter-house shooting was run on similar lines to the staff and Old Viking's matches, with a possible 520. the results were as follows:

Juniors

1.	Welsh	221
2.	Everett	208
3.	Skipworth	198
4.	Orchard	181
5.	Burr	158

Seniors

1.	Everett	214 + +
2.	Burr	181 +
3.	Skipwith	178
4.	Welsh	177
5.	Orchard	130

The overall winners were Everett with an aggregate of 422 + +. In this event Crichton and Leaning did well to achieve personal scores of 60 each out of a possible 75.

One of the outstanding qualities of this years squad was its success as a team. The results above reflect a very sound team effort based upon well disciplined team spirit, as opposed to outstanding individuals repeatedly balancing out the deficiencies of the "tail enders". This was best demonstrated by the achievement of a fourth successive year's advance in the Country Life competition from 35th to 32nd place, in spite of the necessity of including two substitutes on the day.

Finally, although we shall be facing a further winters rigours of climate and at the key part of the year, early loss of daylight, on our open range, it was good to see that the request for the enclosing of the range is now on the army's list of priorities for Shiplake College.

R.E.SOUTHWOOD

Cross-Country Club Report

The Cross—country Club was run by JMSW and DLH as a Senior Minor Sport during the Winter and Spring terms.

Competition was mainly internal although a team of oarsmen members competed successfully in the Annual Oarsmen’s Cross-country Race. We were also invited to race against St.Edward’s School Harriers. Both the teams we took were ‘Junior’ by Harrier status so we raced our best juniors against their seniors and our second junior team against their top juniors. Not surprisingly we were well beaten in both races. Unfortunately our senior minor sports afternoon does not coincide with that of other schools we have contacted so if we race them on their terms (as we did against SES) it is likely that we can only raise a weakened team. The return race against SES will be at Shiplake this coming season so we are confident of revenge.

EVENT	RESULT
Oarsmen’s Cross—country race v. St.Edward’s School	‘A’ team 2nd, awarded silver medals. SES seniors 21 pts Shiplake junior ‘A’ 65 pts. SES junior 25 pts bt Shiplake junior ‘B’ 63 pts
Internal Club Championships	Fastest individual: H.Loudon.

J.M.S.W.

SQUASH REPORT

Winter Term Senior Team:

During the Winter term Shiplake won five and lost four matches, while an 'A' team lost also against Leighton Park. Having only one member of the team left from the previous year, the 1st V found itself with 3 or 4 players all capable of winning at third string, but none really good enough to win at Nos. 1 or 2. Thus it was that Schwerdt, Welsh and Sabin who alternated between numbers 1 and 2 positions throughout the season, only managed to win five times between them at these positions all term. However, Welsh, Whishaw, Lethbridge, Marks and Rennie who filled the other places, played well and frequently managed to secure a team victory through some better than average play. Elliott, Thomas, Harding-Rolls and Bendell also appeared for an 'A' fixture against Leighton Park, but we had not correctly assessed the strength of the opposition when choosing the team.

Results:

1st v. Reading Bluecoats	Lost 2-3
1st v. Pangbourne.	Won 3-2
1st v. St. Edwards	Won 4-1
1st v. Leighton Park	Lost 1-4
1st v. Lord Wandsworth	Lost 2-3
1st v. Wellington 'A'.	Lost 2-3
1st v. Oratory	Won 4-1
1st v. King James's College	Won 4-1
1st v. Reading School.	Won 4-1
'A' v. Leighton Park.	Lost 1-4

Junior Teams:

The Juniors played four matches, two at under 16 level, one under 15 and one under 14. Two others had to be cancelled. By chance we had very few players close to the age of 16, so that at that level we were beaten by age and experience. Marks and Rennie played with some success, and Clayton C, Williams R, and Hepburn struggled manfully. Clayton and Williams were joined by Masters, Hepburn and Chalcraft at the Under 14 level and their matches were promising.

Results:

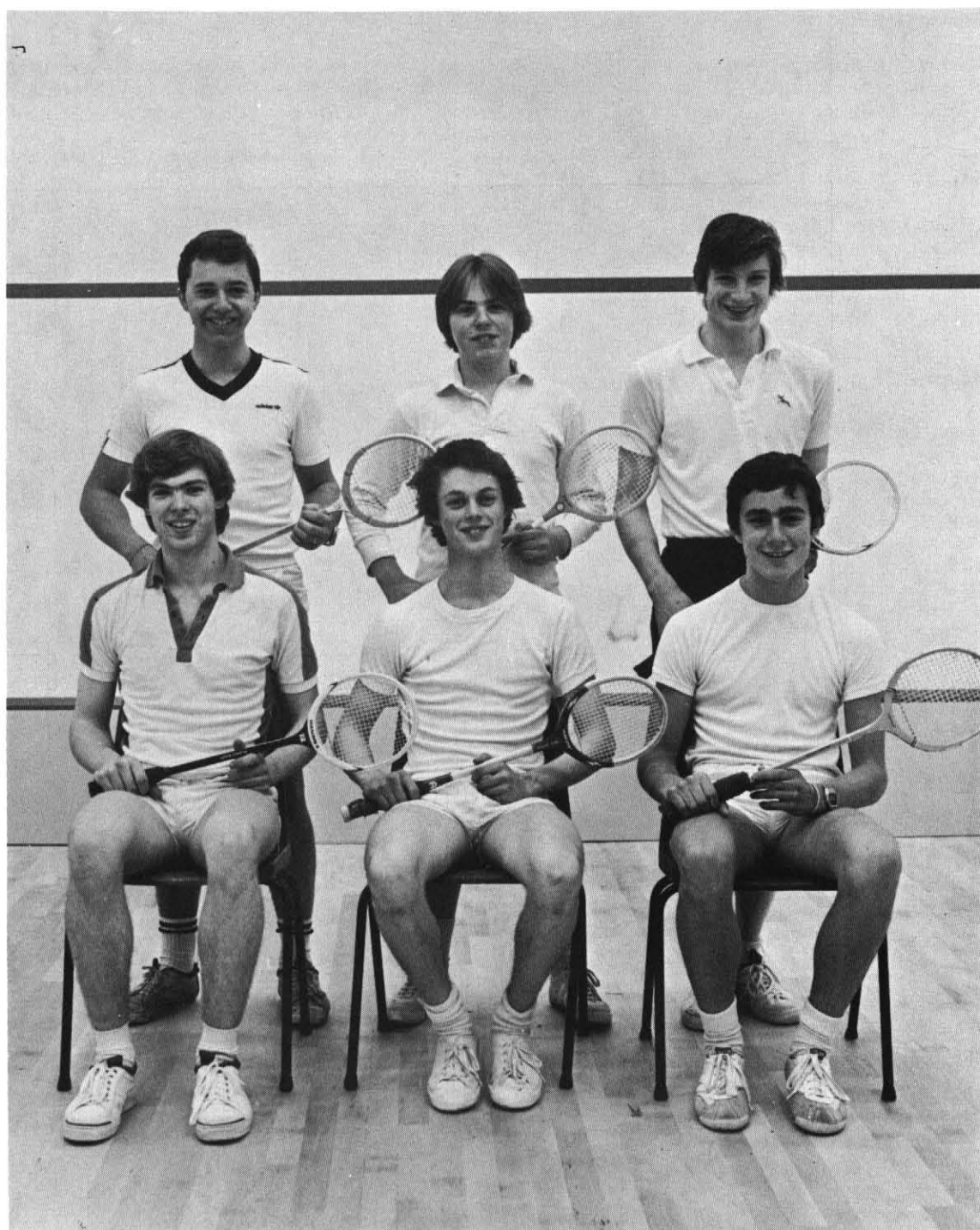
U14 v. Reading Bluecoats	Lost 1-4
U16 v. Leighton Park	Won 2-1
U16 v. Oratory	Lost 0-5
U15 v. Pangbourne	Lost 0-5

Spring Term 1980 Senior Team:

Like the Winter term, our top strings were slightly outclassed, and though they lacked nothing in spirit, wins were rather hard to come by. Sabin had left us but Yorke-Davies was now on games again. Two other Seniors had greatly improved since the previous term, Van Daalhoff and Elliott, and these two won nearly all their games at the lower end of the team. Results therefore were inclined to depend entirely on the performance of the third string, and it was frustrating that what appeared to be a very much better team could only muster one win. For the 'A' team against Leighton Park, we strengthened the previous team, bringing in Lethbridge and Wishaw, and were successful this time. With the introduction of the third court, many boys are playing the game, and we are confident that future results will improve accordingly.

Results:

1st v. Lord Williams	Lost 1-3
1st v. Oratory	Lost 2-3
1st v. Reading School.	Won 3-2
1st v. Reading Bluecoats	Lost 2-3
1st v. St. Edwards	Lost 2-3
1st v. King James's College	Lost 2-3
1st v. Leighton Park.	Lost 2-3
1st v. Pangbourne	Lost 2-6
1st v. Lord Wandsworth	Lost 2-3
'A' v. Leighton Park.	Won 3-2



back row; P. Van Daalhoff, M. Rennie, J. Elliott
front row; A. Welsh, S. Schwerdt, A. Yorke-Davies

Junior Team:

The Juniors played six matches, won 2 and lost 4. Yorke-Davies and Rennie showed considerable talent and seldom failed to win. Marks played consistently. The others though promising at Under 15 level were outclassed when playing Under 16s. They were Clayton C, Lord, Rowton-Lees, Sumner and Hepburn. There was a lot of talent and enthusiasm among the most junior boys in the School.

Results:

U15 v. Pangbourne	Lost 2-3
U16 v. Oratory	Lost 2-3
U15 v. Leighton Park	Won 2-1
U15 v. Lord Wandsworth	Won 3-2
U16 v. Lord Williams	Lost 1-4
U15 v. Reading Bluecoats	Lost 2-3

The Staff and Boys match against the OVS resulted in a win for the OVS by 5 - 3.

Teams:		Result
School	OVS	
A. Butterworth	RJ. Culshaw	L 1-3
PH. Lapping	C. Standring	L 1-3
DFK. Welsh	DT. Dalzell	W 3-1
SJM. Schwerdt	GD. Hacking	L 1-3
DAK. Welsh	AE. Hopkin	L 0-3
AMH. Yorke-Davies	DM. Landsdowne	L 1-3
PP. Van Daalhoff	MJ. Nops	W 3-0
JMF. Elliott	RLJ. Harrold	W 3-0

S. Schwerdt.

Tennis 1st VI

Unfortunately during the year we lost our two best tennis players for various reasons and so our team was weakened. However, the team tried hard and lost some closely contested matches by 5 rubbers to 4. Full colours were awarded to M.A.M.Freeland (Capt), A.D.Swaine, P.J.Mullin, A.J.Thomas, who all stuck to their task tremendously well throughout the season.

played	won	lost
10	2	8

Thanks to the Old Boys for such a good turn out for the annual tennis fixture, and for the very enjoyable match. It's a pity they won 9 rubbers to 7 though!

A.P.H.

Junior VI Tennis

Team:	1st pair	Marks, Lee Clarke
	2nd pair	Brown D, Bassett
	3rd pair	Battle, St.Clair

Owen, Burgess, Maddox all played quite regularly. Russell—Parsons played once.

Won 4 out of 8

A very promising season where the main problem was not the ability of the players, but the difficulty in getting them all together at once. There were some excellent results notably 6—3 wins over Lord Wandsworth's College, Reading, and Abingdon School. Of the defeats three were 4 — 5, the narrowest of margins, so the season could very easily have been more successful. Congratulations to Brown and Marks who received junior Colours, and were also good enough to play for the senior first six in the last match of the season.

S.R.M.

Sailing

This year has seen the revival of the school sailing club. During the first two terms five boys and I rebuilt the four school mirror dinghies, which involved major repair work. We then secured membership of a local sailing club on a large gravel pit at Sonning. This has completely renewed interest in the sailing club, since we now have good water for competition.

We have had six matches against other schools this term, winning only one, and drawing one, but I am not unhappy about these results for our first term of competition. By the end of the term we were really getting some competitive sailing, particularly from Maxfield, Major and Baddeley.

Our major problem has been to keep six boats available at all times. Our two ageing cadet dingies have been a constant source of problems. For the future we must think of renewing this fleet, preferably with larger boats so that more boys can be catered for in the club. One parent is kindly donating a boat for us to use next year.

I must thank all members of the club for the cheerful way in which they have pulled together rain or shine. If their sailing is not yet brilliant, at least their carpentry may have benefited!

C.J.C.

HOUSE COMPETITION RESULTS

Athletics results — Summer, 1980.
Inter—house athletic results — Sports Day, Friday 23rd May.

Individual results:
Seniors

100m	Pizzorni (W) *	
200m	Pizzorni (W) (School record)	23.2s
400m	Skinner (S)	56.1s
800m	Pim (B) (School record)	2m.9 .6s
1500m	Schwerdt (S)	4m.36
High Jump	Pizzorni (W)	5' 3"
Long Jump	Mirkhan (S)	17' 6"
Shot	Mirkhan (S) (School record)	36' 6½"
Relay	Burr	1m.42.0s

Juniors

100m	Bedroud (O) *	
200m	Thomas (B) (School record)	25.1s
400m	Bowden (O)	59.5s
800m	Stephens (E)	2m.22.5s
1500m	Williams (B)	4m.43.3s
High Jump	Maundrell (B)	4' 9"
Long Jump	Bedroud (O)	16' 2"
Shot	Sansom (W) (School record)	38' 4"
Relay	Burr	1m.50.0s

* no recorded time available.

Team placings		Senior		Junior	
1.	Skipwith	116½ pts	Orchard	115 pts	
2.	Welsh	103½ pts	Burr	114 pts	
3.	Burr	92½ pts	Welsh	107½ pts	
4.	Orchard	78 pts	Everett	80½ pts	
5.	Everett	77½ pts	Skipwith	55 pts	

Athletics Standards

1.	Orchard	10.72 ave
2.	Skipwith	10.55 ave
3.	Burr	9.65 ave
4.	Welsh	9.46 ave
5.	Everett	7.69 ave

P.E.

Inter-House Swimming — 1980

Individual winners:

Juniors

Plunge	Smith (O)	36' 10"
21 F/style	Baird (E)	21.5s (new record)
21 Bk/stroke	Knowles (B)	29.0s
21 Br/stroke	Knowles (B)	32.1s
41 F/style	Lambert (O)	60.2s
Medley Relay	Burr	52.0s (new record)
F/style Relay	Welsh	45.0s (new record)

Seniors

Plunge	Mayor (S)	44' 7"
31 F/style	Newington (B)	33.9s
31 Bk/stroke	Checketts (S)	43.7s
31 Br/stroke	Duncan (B)	48.2s
61 F/style	Newington (B)	1m.20s
Medley Relay	Skipwith	1m.46.3s
F/style	Welsh	1m.38.8s

Team results:

Juniors

1st	Welsh } Burr	32 points
3rd	Everett	24 points
4th	Orchard	22 points
5th	Skipwith	21 points

Seniors

1st	Burr } Skipwith	34 points
3rd	Welsh	26 points
4th	Everett	24 points
5th	Orchard	12 points

P.E.

House Football

As usual the house football was held after the exams at the end of the Summer term. Unfortunately the weather wasn't very "summery" but the games were enjoyable and keenly contested nevertheless, Everett beat Orchard by 2-1 in a very exciting Junior final – all out attack against all out defence. The Senior final ended in a 1 – 1 draw between Everett and Orchard after extra time. Not a tremendous amount of skill was apparent in the game, but everyone provided 100% endeavour.

A.P.H.

House Tennis

The house tennis was very keenly contested this year with all matches being fairly close. Congratulations to Welsh House who won both shields for the second year running. They beat Burr in the Senior final and Everett in the Junior final.

A.P.H.

House Sailing and results:

Having decided that the fairest way to conduct the house sailing was to have five races using five boats, so that each house would sail one race in each boat. Three Thursday afternoons were laid aside for the process. It soon became apparent that the battle was between Skipwith and Everett. Each house was to count its best four results from the five races, and Skipwith had two firsts after two races, However, Everett fought back so that the final race became a crucial contest.

The irony became complete when both of these houses were disqualified in this race for rule infringement! Skipwith won the contest by one point overall, after a very hard fought series. Credit must go to all who took part, particularly Mayor, Baddeley, Maxfield, Howell and Perring, but might I suggest a little learning of the rules next time!

C.J.C.

Senior House Cricket

Preliminary round	1st round	final	winners
Welsh } Orchard }	Orchard } Skipwith }	Orchard } Burr }	Orchard
	Everett } Burr }		

Junior House Cricket

Preliminary round	1st round	final	winners
Welsh } Everett }	Everett } Skipwith }	Everett } Burr }	Everett
	Orchard } Burr }		

A.F.B.

HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

The Easter Term had scarcely begun, when the Great Hall began to re-echo nightly to the sound of rather raucous rehearsal for the inner-house music competition. An innovation this year was the introduction of a compulsory song to be sung by every house in addition to the one of their own choice, and the instrumental ensemble. With one or two exceptions, whose contribution to the evening was rather more entertaining than musical, every house shone in at least one of the sections. Welsh House's arrangement of the Skye Boat Song, the compulsory song, was clearly the winner in this section, Julian Cox and Peter Clayton, Welsh House's conductor, deserve special mention. Burr House under Robin Pim sang well, but their instrumental piece, under performance conditions failed to reach the standard expected from rehearsal. Everett House's singing this year was disappointing due, in the main to leaving the choice of song too late and then attempting to change horses in mid stream. Their instrumental contribution however, was probably the best of the evening. Rather more attention to detail was needed in the singing of Orchard House, and perhaps the same comment could be made with regard to their rendering of the theme from Haydn's "Surprise" Symphony. It was Skipwith House under Andrew Swaine and Richard Woodhouse who were to come first over all with a very creditable performance of "If I were a rich Man", possibly not however, an ideal choice for mass singing. All the Houses are to be congratulated on what was a very enjoyable evening, the musical standard of which continues to rise year by year.

M.L.W.

HOUSE SQUASH

Preliminary Round:	Orchard beat Everett	4 - 1
Semi-Finals :	Skipwith Beat Orchard	3 - 2
	Welsh beat Burr	5 - 0
Final:	Welsh beat Skipwith	5 - 0

D.K.F.W.

COLLEGE PRIZE WINNERS

THIRD FORM

English	M.R.Wolfe
History	J.S.Cox
Geography	J.B.Mann
	A.C.Wilson
French	M.C.Simpson
Mathematics	P.Swasdiburi
Physics	T.J.Halls
Chemistry	S.J.Dill—Russell
Art	A.A.R.Staniford

FOURTH FORM

Lower Fourth

English	D.Maundrell
History	C.E.Cantlie
Science	C.E.Cantlie
Geography	A.G.Baird
	D.K.L.Brown
French	S.Gregory
Mathematics	S.A.Thomas
Woodwork	A.Hunter
Art (Pottery)	W.R.Hales

UPPER FOURTH

English	H.C.Druce
Geography	R.W.E.Darlington
Economics	R.W.E.Darlington
French	T.A.R.Brown
Mathematics	C.D.Irvin
	J.S.Trotman
Physics	C.A.Clayton
Chemistry	D.W.Walker
Biology	S.P.A.Corkett
Woodwork	P.W.Sansom
Technical Drawing	L.C.R.West
	S.G.Bishop

SCHOOL PRIZES

Junior Reading	C.M.Blandy
Junior General Knowledge	M.J.B.Underwood

'O' Level Prizes

D.J.Badcock
P.J.Clayton
A.H.G.Letty

M.Casapieri
D.R.Lethbridge
P.N.Cox

'A' Level Prizes

J.R.Neale
J.A.Turnbull

P.G.Clark

Gold Medal-Duke of Edinburgh Award

B.H.C.Morris

Viking Ship

R.V.Mealing

N.L.C.Smith

Senior Reading Prize

J.W.Keith

Headmaster's Prize

M.A.M.Freeland
J.M.F.Elliott
P.J.Leane
P.B.Broad
N.G.T.Newington
A.S.J.Duncan

Senior General Knowledge

Headmaster's Prize

J.M.Ringrose
J.M.Ringrose
J.StG.Tolputt
M.StJ.Ellis
J.E.Mayor

**Gold Medal — Duke of Edinburgh Award
Headmaster's Prize**

C.A.deRoemer
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**Bleackley Modern Language Prize
Headmaster's Prize**

L.M.Pizzorni
L.M.Pizzorni
M.J.J.Smith
A.J.Thomas

Head Prefect's Prize

R.Mackay

Al Saheal	Fraser DJ	Rook
Baird (2)	Gilbert-Johns	Russell
Brown DKL	Goldsmith	Skinner
Brown TAR	Goodwin	Sibley
Bishop	Hales W	Sylvester
Clayton CA	Hunt J	Sumner
Corkett	Hepburn	Trotman
Chalcraft	Hollyer	Thompson
Charlwood	Masters	Trumper
Cox JS	Ng Gilbert	Whidborne
Darlington (2)	Olorenshaw	West (2)
Davies-Cooke	Pattinson	Walker D
Derbyshire	Perring	Wolfe
Druce HC	Pemberton	

Burr House Leavers

C.N.A.Marr GV1; 'O'2; House Prefect; Cdt in the C.C.F; to Further Education

N.L.C.Smith GV1; 1st XV; 1st Hockey XI; Cadet in C.C.F. to Further Education

R. Mackay UV1; 'A'1. 'O'7; Head of College; 1st VIII; C.S.M. in the C.C.F; to banking

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A.S.J.Duncan UV1: 'A'3, 'O'6; School Prefect; 1st XV; Sgt in C.C.F; to the Army

R.C.Adcock UV1; 'O'4; House Prefect; L/Cpl in C.C.F; to Further Education

P.M.Orme LV1: 'O'4: House Prefect; L/Sea in C.C.F; to the Merchant Navy

M.G.Rowberry GV1; Cdt in C.C.F; to Further Education

J.J.Roberts UV; 'O'3; Cdt in C.C.F. to Channel Islands

R.S.Burroughes LV; Cdt in C.C.F. to Further Education

N.E.M.Fox LV. 'O'2; L/Cpl in C.C.F; to Spain

G.R.Pettitt LV: 'O'1: Cdt in C.C.F.: to Further Education

M.A. Young LV: 'O'2: Cdt in C.C.F. to Hotel Catering

C.D.Snow LIV: Cdt in C.C.F. to Dean Close, Cheltenham

M.S.Crichton	1977—80	UVth	6'O's To Technical College
M.A.M.Freeland	1975—80	UVIth	Head of House;C.C.F.Sgt.; 4'O's to Ship Broking
S.A.G.Howell	1979—80	6G	4'O's to Office Work
H.Mirzakhanian	1977—80	6G	House Prefect;6'O's to Further Education
G.L.Paxton	1975—80	U6	House Prefect;5'O's 1'A'; C.C.F.Cpl.

J.R.Peachey	1978–80	UVth	5'O's to Tutorial Establishment
J.M.Ringrose	1976–80	UVlth	School Prefect;C.C.F.Cpl.; 9'O's 3'A's to London School of Economics
M.R.Rogoff	1977–80	6G	House Prefect;L/Cpl. C.C.F.; 6'O's to Commerce
N.A.Rook	1976–80	6G	House Prefect; C.C.F.Cpl; 6'O's to Technical College
A.Shipp	1976–80	6G	House Prefect;1st VIII; 1'O' 1'A' to Art College
T.G.P.Sweeting	1977–80	UVth	5'O's to VIth Form College
J.St.G.Tolputt	1975–80	UVlth	1st XV Capt.; 1st XI; Hockey XI;5'O' to Rugby Scholarship in U.S.A.
R.G.Wall	1977–80	UVth	2'O's to Technical College
M.S.Whidborne	1977–80	LVth	U/15 Hockey to Coaching Establishment

December '79

D.E.Erb	1975–79	6G	House Prefect to U.S.A.
C.E.Mosse	1976–79	6G	to Tutors then Farming
C.M.Trigg	1977–79	6G	6'O's to Agricultural Engineering

March '80

W.A.Keown-Boyd	1977–80	6G	Practical experience before Estate Management
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Leavers:-

Baldwin T. (U5) To Further Educ.
Ballard C.O. (6G) To Estate Agents in Reading.
Boon S. (L5) To Further Educ.
Broad P.B. (U6) School Prefect. Head of House. House Colours. 1st.XV. Vice-capt. of Rugby. To Westminster Coll., London.
Fox N.J. (6G) 2nd.XI Cricket. House Colours. To College.
Goldsmith M. (U4) (Left Easter 1980). U/15 Rugby. U/15 Hockey. To school in U.S.A.
Kartal D.B. (L5) 2nd. XI Hockey. 3rd. XV Rugby. House Colours. To Further Educ.
Lucey D. (6G) To Further Educ.
Maycock C. (L5) To Further Educ.
Mitchell R. (L5) To Further Educ.
Ralph I.E. (L5) 2nd. XV Rugby. U/15 Hockey. House Colours. To Further Educ.
Smith M. (U6) School Prefect. House Colours. 1st.XV Rugby. 1st.XI Hockey. To Art College.

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N.C.R.Baddeley	House Prefect;1st XV;1st XI Hockey; Sailing;Bronze DofE;6'O'	Merchant Navy
R.G.Chandler	2'O'	Further Education
P.B.Davies-Cooke	House Prefect;Rowing Coach; Shooting VIII;7'O'	
J.M.F.Elliott	School Prefect;Head of House; 1st V Squash;8'O' 3'A'	Banking/Insurance

M.St.J.Ellis	School Prefect;1st Hockey XI 9'O' 4'A'	Bangor University
D.M.Hales	3'O'	Hotel & Catering
J.Hunt	House Prefect;1st VIII,1st XV; 5'O' 1'A'	Army
J.E.Mayor	School Prefect;Sailing;5'O' 1'A'	Further Education
S.J.M.Schwerdt	House Prefect;Squash V(Capt);1st XI Cricket (Capt);Cross-Country; 8'O' 2'A'	Mink Farming
A.D.Swaine	House Prefect;Tennis VI;4'O'	Further Education
N.W.J.Van Horne	Gold DofE;1st XV;Capt of Athletics	Estate Agent
S.J.Whidborne	House Prefect	Agricultural Institute
G.A.Willison	House Prefect;1st VIII;8'O'	Further Education
N.J.Gatensbury	2nd XI Cricket	Further Education
December '79		
C.M.C.Harding Rolls	5'O';House Prefect	Army
S.A.Gwynfryn Evans	1'O'	Further Education
P.R.Newmark	7'O'	Further Education
L.R.Thompson		Further Education

Welsh House Leavers — July '80

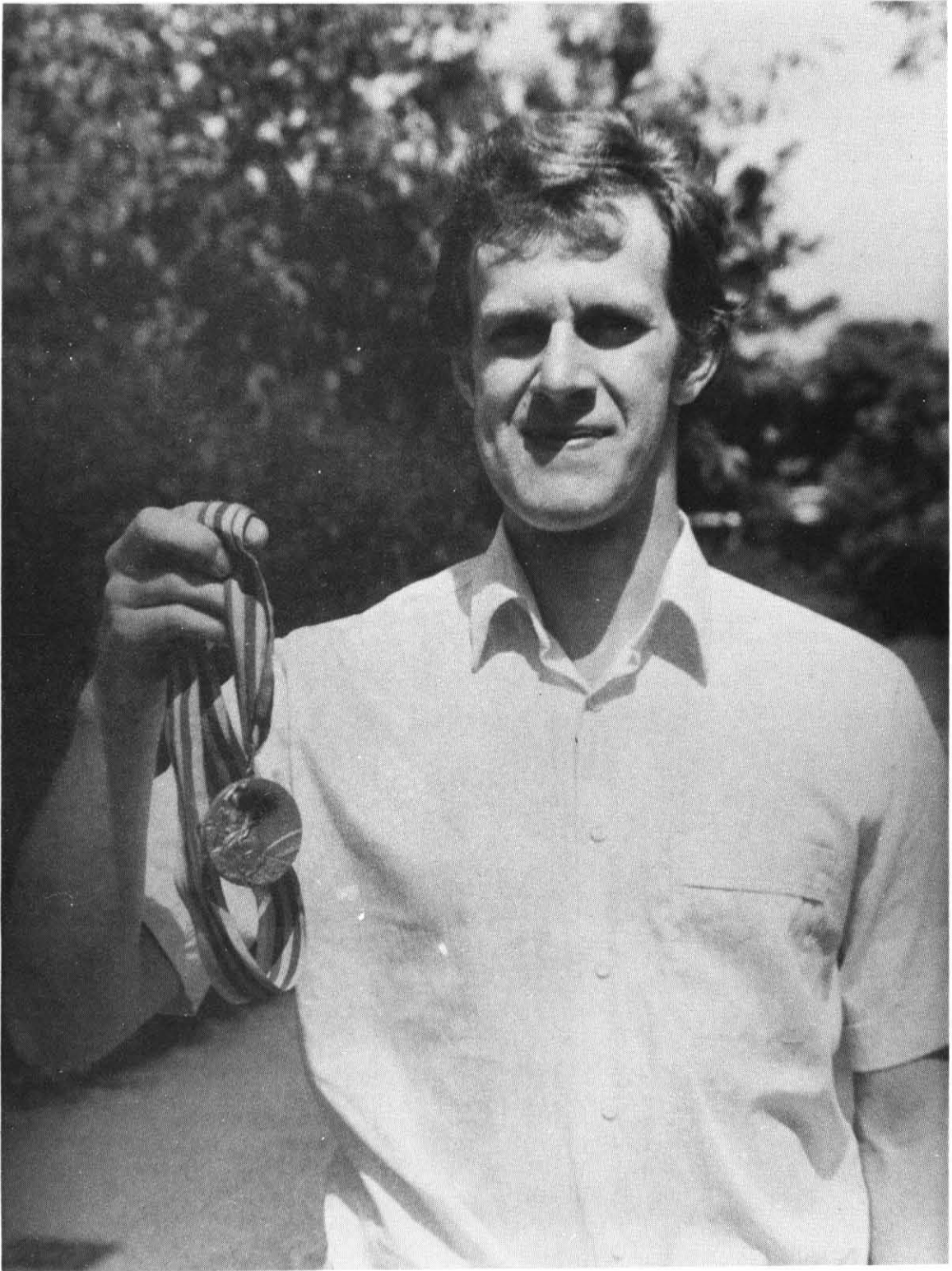
Bryant	House Prefect;1st XV Rugby;'O'8	to Further Education
Brazier	'O'1	to Family Business
Dixon G	'O'2	to Further Education
Jones TJ	'O'1	to Further Education
Leane	Head of House;CCF Sgt;Captain of Boats;'O'8 'A'3	to Oxford Polytechnic
Mannai	'O'4	to Further Education
Maudsley	House Prefect;'O'7 'A'2	to Buckingham University
Moorhead	'O'2	
Mullin	House Prefect;'O'6 'A'1	to Family Business
Pizzorni	School Prefect;1st XV Rugby Captain of Hockey.Tennis VI;'O'8	to Boston University
deRoemer	School Prefect/DofE Gold;Navy Section Coxwain;'O'10 'A'3	to Loughborough University

April '80

Wellby

December '79

Gardom	'O'9
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Malcolm Carmichael pictured above is an 'Old Boy' of the school. He won a bronze medal at the 1980 Olympics in a coxless pair with Charlie Wiggin. He attended the College from September, 1969 to July, 1974. While at Shiplake he was in Skipwith House and became a House Prefect. He was a member of the 1st VIII, and a sculler and took part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

If you have any news of 'Old Boys' concerning achievements of any nature, please write to The Editor of "The Court".