

The Court



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Editorial

With the change of printer has come a complete new layout and it is hoped that you will find the magazine pleasing to the eye. "The Court" is a record of our College year and as such, it should report all the events of the academic year. However, there are always a number of events which are not recorded. If you are involved in an unusual event, please put pen to paper as it will always be printed.

New Boys

Armstrong, Simon Malcolm	Burr	Jones, Nicholas Stephen Edward	Everett
Crosfields School, Shinfield		Monkton Combe Junior School, Bath	
Bailey, David Giles	Burr	Baile de <i>La Perriere</i> , David Edward	Burr
Great Ballard School, Eartham		Northaw School, West Tytherley	
Balcombe, James Christopher Richard	Burr	Liddell-Grainger, Malcolm Henry	Skipwith
Belmont School, Mill Hill		Millfield Junior School	
Balfour, Edward Hugh	Everett	Lilley, Robert Thomas James	Everett
Westbourne House School, Chichester		Westbourne House School, Chichester	
Blomley, Michael David Kjølsten	Welsh	McArthur, James Graeme	Orchard
Crosfields School, Shinfield		Wetherby High School, Wetherby, Yorks.	
Brooke-Wavell, Peter Ivan Robert	Orchard	Millard, James Edward	Welsh
Highdown School, Reading		Cottesmore School, Crawley	
Caffyn, Christopher Edward Philip	Everett	Miller, Timothy William	Skipwith
Chelmsford Hall, Eastbourne, Sussex		Amesbury School, Hindhead	
Cartright, Andrew Mark	Orchard	Mills, Peter Jonathon	Burr
Wargrave Piggott School, Wargrave, Berkshire		Marsh Court, Stockbridge, Hampshire	
Chamberlain, Neil Robert	Orchard	More, Duncan	Skipwith
St. Andrew's School, Buckhold, Pangbourne		St. Neots School	
Chance, Edward Masterton	Skipwith	Moreau, Louis Jacques Finn	Welsh
The Elms with Seaford Court, Colwall		Institu Le Rosey, Rolle, Switzerland	
Chanchamnong, Sudhisak	Skipwith	Morgan, Christopher Stewart	Orchard
Dunchurch-Winton Hall, Nr. Rugby		Chelmsford Hall, Eastbourne, Sussex	
Coe, Peter Edward	Everett	Munn, James Dugald	Everett
The King's School, Ely		Eagle House School, Sandhurst	
Craggs, Giles Philip	Everett	Nafis, Ebrahim	Welsh
Orwell Park School, Nacton		Hill House International Junior School, London	
Dawson-Damer, Edward Lionel	Burr	Palmer, Mark Ashley Roland	Everett
Sunningdale School, Ascot, Berkshire		Port Regis School, Motcombe Park, Shaftesbury	
Dill-Russell, Patrick Colm	Skipwith	Parton, Timothy John	Burr
Edgeborough School, Frensham		Windlesham House School, Pulborough, W. Sussex	
Duckett, Richard Francis	Everett	Race, James Edward	Welsh
Dorset House School, Bury		West Hill Park, Titchfield, Fareham	
De Lanoy Majer, Charles Henri	Welsh	Ray-Hills, Timothy Michael	Everett
Northbourne Park School, Deal		Parkside School, The Manor, Cobham, Surrey	
Eason, Adam James	Burr	Richards, Andrew Edward	Orchard
Papplewick School, Ascot, Berkshire		Elstree School, Woolhampton, Berkshire	
Eden, Andrew Hamilton Henley	Welsh	Ridley-Barker, Andrew Michael	Skipwith
Sunningdale School, Ascot, Berkshire		St. Andrew's School, Pangbourne, Reading	
Fallon, Edward James	Welsh	Saunders-Watson, David William Wentworth	Burr
Wellesley House, Broadstairs, Kent		Bilton Grange School, Dunchurch, Rugby	
Fitzgerald, Sean Neal	Burr	Schmidt, Gavin David	Welsh
Sheffield Independent Grammar School		St. Johns on the Hill	
Finch-Hatton, Rupert Stormont	Welsh	Shepherd, Barnaby James Langley	Welsh
Keffolds Farm, Haslemere, Surrey		Keffolds Farm, Haslemere	
Foreman, Charles <i>Luke</i> Crosby	Welsh	Smith, Matthew Craig	Skipwith
Long Close School, Slough, Berkshire		Streete Court School, Godstone, Surrey	
Fullerton, David <i>Adam</i> Grey	Welsh	Siller, Samuel	Orchard
Edinburgh House School, New Milton		Crosfields School, Shinfield, Reading	
Garling, Piers	Orchard	Taylor, Charles Arthur James	Welsh
Reading Blue Coats School, Sonning, Berkshire		Wellesley House, Broadstairs, Kent CT10 2DG	
Gates, Wyatt Bramwell	Burr	Thistlethwayte, Hugo Seymour	Welsh
Twyford School, Winchester		Harrow	
Comme, Jonathan <i>Miles</i>	Everett	Triggs, Dominic William	Orchard
Haileybury Junior School, Windsor, Berkshire		Yateley Manor, Camberley	
Gradon, Thomas Martin	Orchard	Vimpany, Piers David Maurice	Orchard
Edington School, Somerset		Moulsford Prep School, Wallingford	
Hanbury-Tracy, Timothy, Christopher Claud	Burr	Vivian-Neal, James Francis	Welsh
Keffolds Farm, Haslemere, Surrey		Beechhill School, Norwich	
Hobden, Gregory Mark	Everett	Wates, Mark Robert	Welsh
Temple Grove School, Uckfield		The Wells House, Malvern Wells, Worcs.	
Hodgson, Mark Dinsley	Orchard	White, William James Purcell	Welsh
Divine Mercy College, Fawley Court, Henley		Yateley Manor, Camberley, Surrey	
Hope, Matthew Tobias James	Skipwith	Wilcox, James Peregrine Rundle	Skipwith
Bramcote School, Gamston		Brockhurst School, Newbury	
Jackson, Jonathan	Orchard	Wilkins, Richard David	Burr
Brockhurst School, Nr. Newbury		The Beacon School	
James, Huw Richard Charles	Skipwith		
Woodcote House, Windlesham			

House Notes

Burr House

The year began with a re-decorated House. This made Burr a House "high" on spirit and in good order. It has been a battle to instil good habits but now that we have completed a full year I am sure that the House will admit that it has been worth the effort.

Burr provided the school with R. A. S. Pim as Head of College. C. C. Baverstock was Head of House, D. J. Badcock was a school prefect. G. P. Sylvester, R. J. Castle, A. M. Marsh and J. M. P. Whishaw were appointed House prefects and worked splendidly for such young prefects. To this team J. Dodd, R. W. Dean, C. S. Dence and A. St. J. N. Gorden-Taylor were added during the course of the year. They have all been a tremendous support to me during what has been an eventful year. We were without a resident tutor for one term, I was in plaster for a while, lived in Burr, moved house and above all I was very green! The prefects have had plenty of experience running the House.

The Tutors have, as usual, been devoted and loyal. J. D. Worwood left us to return to Zimbabwe after giving so much to Burr. He was replaced by B. Burgess who has been a splendid influence. P. Emerson and A. P. Hooper have given me invaluable support and the boys a sense of continuity following the changes. P. G. Hose has run Plowden Cottage efficiently and it is to his credit that it is such a popular residence. Mrs. Dinnage has continued her efforts to keep the boys well turned-out. Tina too must be thanked for her faithful service to the House—how little she grumbles in the face of chaos!

The Winter term was notable for the introduction of a fining system which led to Burr winning the Scrooge Trophy for 'economy'. The Rugby was not wildly successful though the seniors played with determination and gave Welsh a good game. The term ended with the House party which was 'fun' and very well organised by the prefects. I will be going again next year!

The Easter term saw a change in the fortunes of the House. C. S. Dence pulled the House up to 2nd place in the Music Competition. We won the Cross-Country Standards Shield and the Anstruther Cup for Drill. Burr came 2nd in the cross-country shield with a remarkable run by M. C. H. Williams coming 2nd.

The Summer term saw B. L. Thomas established as our new resident tutor for the term. His calm approach and down-to-earth philosophy was just right! He will be missed. We continued our sporting success by winning the Senior Athletics, the Standards, Senior Swimming and Junior Rowing. This gave a tremendous boost to House morale. R. J. Castle deserves much of the credit for this. On the cricket field our Juniors looked promising and did well reaching the final where they were beaten by a skilful Everett team. Our Senior team will be a force to be reckoned with next year, with ten of this year's players in the side—watch out the other Houses! J. M. P. Whishaw was a keen organiser and a good example as captain.

A House Report would be incomplete without a mention of 'work'. A great deal of encouragement and support is given as boys go through the school and much of the school's success is due to thorough grounding prior to Public examinations. The 5th and 6th formers this year were fully stretched and every opportunity was given for exam success—I wish them well.

Farewell to our leavers. We hope you return to us regularly and remember your days in Burr as being happy and constructive.

Everett House

After the excitements and successes of last summer, Everett made a slow start to the year. The team of prefects were strong and there were plenty of good players in the middle of the House. The new boys looked as if they could give a good account of themselves. Things did not 'click' until the Hockey term. Then three shields were won and a celebration party was promptly decided upon.

The party took place in May, when it seemed we had more good cooks than entertainers or mimics. (Who of?) In fact the star of the party was Mark Woodcock, who took the opportunity to make his farewell speech and a very kindly speech it was too! We are sorry to lose him to Eton. Everett is very grateful to all the Tutors. J.M.S.W. (What do the J.M.S. stand for?) has been unstinting in giving us so much of his time and energy.

Throughout the year Everett has been very active. We were well represented in the 1st VIII and in all other crews. Our Junior Cricketers demolished the opposition as last year and the seniors played above themselves under I. Al Sahael. The Tennis teams did not have much luck. However, others made above average contributions to the C.C.F.; to Drama and Music.

It has long been an Everett Custom not to turn House Notes into a long list of names and individual performances. Our efforts should be team performances. There are areas where our performance could improve—G.C.E. results and smart team turn out are two that come to mind.

Nearly everything worthwhile in Everett in the last twelve months has developed from the drive and initiative of the Prefects. For the Record they were "Abe" Al Sahael; Adrian Letty; James Lowe; Peter Cox; "Dave" Hampton; Tom Hunt; Tony Kayll; "Gus" Barrios; Kevin Gee; Guy Leaning; Mark Rennie and Gilbert Ng. They organised themselves a luxurious tea party the day of the Social Visit. At other times they were most unselfish in keeping the daily routine going and in looking for sports success.

Orchard House

During the year our eyes have been mainly fixed on the plans for the new extension to the House and at last the foundations are being laid and the much-needed extra space and facilities will be available by January 1982.

After winning several shields last year it has proved impossible to maintain the pressure on the other Houses, and indeed we had to surrender one or two. However, we did win the Junior Rugby and the Junior League Rugby, the Senior Cricket and the Junior Football.

On the academic front the seniors set a fine example with early 'A' level successes in the January exams. Indeed, Michael Bray was so successful that he was able to leave a term early and go straight into Insurance. The Head of House, David Lethbridge, gained two B's and one A and is going to the U.S.A. for almost a year prior to University in this country.

Our attempts to win the non-sporting shields were unsuccessful, but once again everyone seemed to enjoy our entertainment in the House Music Competition. We did retain the Chess Shield by default.

A generally successful year was due in no small part to work of the Prefects, led by David Lethbridge and the House's thanks should go to him and to Chris Macleod, Ian Wood, Simon Berrisford, Richard Bendell, Michael Casapieri, Andrew Chancellor and Michael Bray. We wish them well for the future.

As usual Mrs. Clarke has been invaluable as our Matron and Messrs. Smail, Barclay and Webb have helped in many different ways.

Skipwith House

In the Christmas term our notable achievement was gaining the Senior House Rugby Shield for the fourth time within five years and, by so doing, proving the superiority of Skipwith House over the rest of the school at this game. The Juniors did very well to get to the Finals (by courtesy of Everett House) and lost to a more experienced and stronger Orchard House team. Our chess team this year was not so successful and was knocked out in the first round. Not only did we manage to retain our reputation on the games field, but also on the stage where Mark Moody played Mark Anthony in Julius Caesar and gave an excellent performance.

In the Easter Term our senior Hockey XI seemed promising but were rather easily defeated by Everett. The Juniors showed considerable promise in the House league and challenged for first place. The senior Cross Country did not do so well but the Juniors made up for it by winning the Junior Shield in a very exciting competition. The Senior Squash team was not very successful but the Juniors again did well and only lost by the odd match in the final. Our extremely strong General Knowledge team retained the Shield for another year, thanks to James Bernstein. Unfortunately we could not manage to hold on to the House Music Shield in spite of the effort put into preparing for it. Our debating team lost once again, but hardly deserved to come last. Our House Party was enjoyed by all and was certainly one of the best we have

ever had. This was again made possible by the generosity of parents. There was an improvement in every aspect: food, drinks and even on the stage!

Our cricket XI, in the summer, came close to defeating the strong Everett team. In the semi-finals, the Junior Cricketers tried hard but were beaten by a stronger team. The sailing results came as a bit of a shock, with our previously unbeaten team losing narrowly to Welsh House. Our Junior Tennis team did extremely well, winning the Junior Tennis Shield with some excellent performances. The seniors lost to Welsh House in the Final but, yet again, they did much better than expected. In the Swimming competition, the seniors did very well but were defeated by a strong Burr team. The juniors once again did exceptionally well and won the Junior Shield with ease.

The Summer Term finished with the most popular fixture of the year—the Skipwith House Dance. St. George's, Ascot, were the visitors. Score: a draw in our favour!

Over the year the House has prospered and many new ideas have been introduced. We have, at last, regained possession of our Day Room as the new laboratories have been built. It now looks well as we have gratefully received some chairs donated by Sir Keith Skinner and we have also managed to persuade Mr. Charles, with some difficulty, to put the television set back into the Day Room. We hope soon to establish a games area in the Basement.

At our Easter Term House Party, a presentation was made to Mark Lees, our resident House Tutor, to express our thanks for his valuable services. We would like to welcome Mark Hayter as our new House Tutor and we all wish him luck. Malcolm Woodcock has taken up residence in the House.

Welsh House

This year the House consisted of 71 boys, and was with Skipwith the joint largest House in the College.

We maintained the 10 shields inherited from the previous year. A great effort was put into all competitive sports and we were unlucky not to win more shields. In the Winter

Term we reached the final of the Senior Rugby Competition, which we only just lost to Skipwith.

In the Spring Term we won the highly coveted inter-House Music Competition. Appropriately our chosen song was, "I'd like to teach the World to Sing". We would like to thank Ralph Dixon for his admirable leadership in this event. We also won the Senior Cross Country Shield and came second in the Standards Competition. The inter-House Debating Competition was dominated by Welsh, and T. Pemberton won much praise as the best Chairman. The two Squash shields were also won, providing a harmonious balance between sports and culture!

In the Summer Term, success in the Athletics competitions eluded us by the narrowest of margins, but compensation was gained in Tennis and Rowing events.

With an increase in the number of commendations and a decrease in the number of sats cards issued, there has been a steady continuation of improved academic effort in Welsh. Moreover, this has been a year of smooth administration and the maintenance of the friendly atmosphere which characterises the House.

Finally, we say goodbye to Dewi Howell, and to Alan Butterworth, who is leaving after six years as a tutor to take up a post at Windsor School.

Events of the Year

Speech Day '81

The prizes were presented by Mr. Ian Beer, headmaster of Lancing College and headmaster elect of Harrow School. He takes the post, his third as headmaster, in September.

More than 700 parents attended the 22nd speech day held in a marquee in the grounds.

Chairman of the governors, Mr. Aubrey Goodwin, praised everyone who had helped with the big building scheme launched in 1978 and which has provided an art block, sports' hall, squash court and new science laboratories.

He said: "The only blot on our local horizon is the plan by Hall Aggregates to dig a gravel pit at Charvil, across the river in Berkshire."

He continued: "Please enjoy the view and hope it is not the last time you will see it unblemished."

Mr. Lapping congratulated the boys on their winter 'O' level results and their summer 'A' level results which he said "were most satisfactory and were possibly the best we have ever had."

He outlined a new reading scheme because, he said, "it is my firm opinion that most good exam results come, not only from good teaching but also from an ability to read and absorb the written word."

Mr. Lapping also outlined mock interviews the boys have done with Marks and Spencer and Foster Wheeler, of Reading, to prepare them for the day they begin searching for jobs.

P.J.F.W.



I. B. A. MacDonald's exhibit for Speech Day, 1981.

'Wheelabout'

Neil Slatter a 22-year-old quadriplegic from Petersfield visited the College in June and spoke to us about his life and his 1,000 mile marathon around Britain. The aim of the marathon was to raise £100,000 to buy wheelchairs for 100 people like himself as well as showing able bodied people just how difficult it can

be for disabled people to travel around. He told us that during his visit to Bournemouth, he had to make his way up 26 steps to be received by the Mayor, of course he would have come down to meet him, but it provided a perfect example of what he was trying to publicise.

For their appeal effort to raise money, the boys hired themselves

out to work for people in Shiplake and Binfield Heath for a variety of jobs—washing up, wine waiting, gardening, distributing pamphlets, window cleaning to name but a few.

A cheque for £100 was presented by the College Chaplain, Reverend Basil Wilks to Neil as the first part of our £500 target.

P.J.F.W.



Societies & Pursuits

Sixth Form Society

The VIth Form Society had another varied year and were pleased to welcome back one or two old faces among our guests. First among these was Group-Captain Arscott, who showed us another P.R. film on "Air Defence" and talked about the chances of Britain defending herself against a possible attack by Russia on Europe, and the unique role of the R.A.F. in this defence.

J. F. Foster, Esq., also a well-known face to the older among us as a sometime housemaster of Everett, talked about "Computer Applications". In the future we would become more and more dependent on Computers, he persuaded us, and brought along a couple to demonstrate his point, and a whole range of other computer-controlled gadgets and toys which we were allowed to use.

In contrast, Ian Wood spoke to us in a homely way about "Hamsters". We learnt many of the hamsters habits from direct observation of the speaker's pet, which he brought with him.

There was a talk given by the Old Leightonian Society guest Dr. Jocelyn Burnell at Leighton Park on "Black Holes". She defined Black Holes in layman's terms and made some fascinating speculations, a good exercise in science made comprehensible. We have twice previously invited members of the Ley Community to speak and this year three more members visited us. The Community is a strict rehabilitation centre for drug addicts, and the three told us about their past lives and their experiences drying out in a regime which is not far from that of a Public School.

"Rowing for England" was a talk by A. Letty and M. Mirkhan on how they, together with B. Badcock, I. Hunt and J. Bernstein rowed for England in the National Championships in Ireland, and how they won against the Welsh, Scottish and Irish fours. They told us of the importance of technique in competitive rowing. Their talk was illustrated by some filmings of the crew in action; photographs were passed round and much equipment was on display.

W. M. H. Spencer, M.P. gave a talk on "The House of Commons". He told us of the timetable of the average M.P. and proved that whatever else we may think of them, they certainly work long hours!

"Smoking and Health from a Statistical Viewpoint" was a talk given by Professor Curnow of Reading University. This was a new approach to most of us, and all the more convincing given as it was a fairly dry and mathematical manner, in contrast to the usual shock approach.

John Suchet, of News at Ten fame, took us behind the scenes at the B.B.C. in one of our most fascinating meetings at the end of the Spring Term.

We had two discussions; the first "Should Smoking be Discouraged", took place before Professor Curnow's talk. All of us took part and spoke our minds and the majority view was that it should be discouraged as fiercely as possible. Various positive suggestions were made, but I don't think the diehards were convinced. M. Mirkhan and I. Al Sahael opposed each other in a debate on 'Islam', chaired occasionally by R. Pim. It was not easy to join in the debate as our knowledge of the subject was slight, however both speakers obviously felt very strongly about it in diametrically opposed ways, and we learnt a lot.

There were two expeditions during the year. First we went to see "Educating Rita" at the Piccadilly Theatre: the play dealt with a deprived girl who wanted to be educated in culture, and so enrolled in the Open University. As the play, which was a two-hander, proceeded, Rita was converted to English Literature and her teacher was converted to Rita's original outlook. The play was appreciated by some members, but others failed to understand the plot, or had they too been converted away from English Literature? The second play we went to was much more readily accessible. "Accidental Death of an Anarchist" at Wyndham's Theatre was a satire on an enquiry into the 'accidental' death of an anarchist who fell out of a police office in Milan. The obvious humour and slickness was much appreciated by The Society, and by the youthful audience as a whole.

The final meeting of the Society was an informal talk (accompanied by cheese and wine) by R. Pim with family films of Malaya and himself, aged four. He also brought along a most impressive butterfly collection, "worth thousands"(!).

G. Barrios and
D. F. K. Welsh

CCF Army Section

In September we welcomed Lieutenant D. R. Bates, who transferred from the Ellesmere Light Infantry Contingent. After Camp in July we said farewell to Lieutenant J. M. S. Woodcock, who is joining Eton's Contingent.

The Camp was at St. Martin's Plain, Shorncliffe. Control of training was mostly done by the Regular Army Cadet Training Teams at the camp. This allowed three Contingent officers to make the day trip to France from Folkestone and collect some 'duty frees'. Training started with an introduction to section attacks culminating in a dash through a peat bog. A rather fatuous climax, which left most cadets very wet and covered in grime from head to foot, and faced with an unnecessarily gruesome task of preparing for a thirty-six hour exercise starting early in the morning. The exercise consisted of bivouacking, patrolling at night and platoon attacks involving two other contingents. Other notable parts of the programme were rock climbing and the assault course in the Infantry Junior Leaders grounds in Shorncliffe and the firing of various weapons (including pistol and SMG) and canoeing at Hythe.

The Lake District adventurous training camp was again held at Langdale. This time Geoffrey Smith, who has accompanied us so many times without a break, kindly assessed the Silver Groups. We thank him and Susan for their generous help. Geoffrey has been the ideal handyman in emergencies and Mrs. Smith has helped Liz Cooke with the mammoth task of catering both at the Wayfarers and for the expeditions.

The College was visited by the R.N. and R.M. Schools Presentation team in September and by the R.A.F. team in January. The Navy team came by helicopter and put on an impressive display of rescue techniques, which the village school was invited to watch.

Field Days included visits to local Regular Army establishments in October, a day on the Aldershot firing ranges in February and a night exercise and range day at Longmoor in the Summer Term.

On training afternoons, we abandoned separate platoon organisation in favour of a return to a block training programme for the whole Section. The Section paraded in House platoons and in March the

Anstruther Cup was awarded to the Burr platoon for their turn-out and drill.

Lieutenant P. J. F. Webb was selected to play for the T.A. rugby team in their match with the Public Schools Wanderers and against the Army at Twickenham in the 50th anniversary game. Cadet Sergeant D. Hampton attended the Leadership course at the Cadet Training Centre and Cadet Corporal J. W. Keith attended a sub-aqua course.

Motorcycle Scrambling

Early in the Summer term the quarry first heard the muted roar of Suzuki and Yamaha. Under the paternalistic eye of MHGH a number of boys set about the tangle of elder bushes which had until then grown practically undisturbed.

Several Fourth Formers and above now use the track three evenings per week, and the course has several different tracks of varying gradients, courtesy of Hamperl and Holubowicz, with a little extra help from JRS.

Eventually it is hoped to run a series of trials to assess members ability, but at this stage we are still at an experimental point.

M.H.

There was something for everyone to understand. The best fun was poked at the recent developments—The Social Saturday; The Owl Ties and Task Forces. Future Editors should remember that topicality is the key to arousing interest. Perhaps that is why the two Third Form contributions seemed the most constructive. There were some unoriginal inquiries into Smoking habits and Leave Weekends. A survey of "Clothes borrowing" or the "Permanent disappearance of too much private property" might have been helpful subjects for research.

As many felt it was worth 25 pence, Contempt of Court may reach a second or third edition. The clever use of photographs may save many copies of this edition but there ought to have been some survey to find out how many copies reached rubbish bins by 2nd July.

What of the future? There has been an unofficial publication in every decade of Shiplake's History. None have lasted long. Members of the Upper Sixth may draw comfort from the fact that writers as eminent as Auden; Betjeman and Evelyn Waugh first reached print in magazines that lasted less than a year!

Contempt of Court

Published 1st July 1981. (An Upper Sixth Venture). "Something old and something new; Something borrowed; something blue."

Going back to the 1960s, Shiplake has a good tradition of end of term entertainments on stage. Satirising staff and customs has been a vital part of this. To put this into print was advertised as a new idea but before the present Upper Sixth were born there was a one edition Court Jester back in 1959. In the early sixties there was the Phoenix—quite serious literary stuff—and the early seventies saw the very professional Sixth Form English publications "Contrasts". So Advertisers—ask the old hands next time!

The cover was blue but bluish jokes were few. Most of the 40 pages fell halfway between well worn Christmas entertainment and T.V. Satire. There was also a good deal that looked like the local papers on a bad day.

To be effective satire depends on the basic facts being right. School institutions are fair game but hard-working individuals should not have been attacked by name. More goodwill and good taste next time please.

Library Notes

There has been a good deal of reorganisation in the Library and it is hoped to encourage the use of the room as an oasis of quiet and calm in which serious study might take place.

A large number of new books have been ordered and we have tried to build up the literary classics section. Even though many of these books will be little read we have at least provided the boys with a real opportunity to "experiment with" and "taste" the works of some of the great authors.

I would like to offer a vote of thanks to Mike Gilliat for all the painstaking work he has done in the Library over the years and also to the Head Student Librarian, John Keith.

We look forward to a busy but quiet year in the Library . . .

Royal Navy Section

A quiet year, with no Admin. Inspection. We have acquired a 27ft. Montague Whaler, ex. H.M.S. Vernon, since last writing, which now fills the Seamanship Room, but which we hope to refurbish and launch during the Autumn Term.

Sub Lieutenant Mark Lees has left us; Mr. Chris Collins will be commissioned Sub Lieutenant by the time this is in print, and primarily will be in charge of sailing.

Recently all C.C.F. Naval Sections were affiliated to active service Ships. Ours is H.M.S. Cuxton, a mine counter-measure ship, at present doing service in Fishery Protection. Her Captain, Lieutenant Commander Bywater, M.N.I. Royal Navy, has been in touch with us, and it is hoped in the future that some of the Section will visit and go to sea in Cuxton.

Senior Cadet now, and for the year to come, is Coxwain T. Walker; Joint 2 I/C Petty Officers Dredge and Elphick.

R.J.G.

D.R.B.

Plays & Concerts

Inter-House Debating Competition

We were glad to welcome Peter Bleackley to judge the Competition this year. Welsh House were easy winners, with a strong team who spoke forcibly and to the motion. The standard of debating is rising slowly, but too many speeches are still obviously read and tend to stray from the point.

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Youth Speaks

"Youth Speaks" is a National Public Speaking Competition run by the Rotary Club for schools. There is an Open and an Under-16 Competition, and this year Shiplake entered only for the latter.

The first round was held in The Kenton Theatre, Henley, and there were five other local schools represented.

Our team consisted of Matthew Lambert, Daniel Parvaz, and a last minute recruit James Trigg (due to the absence of Mark Blandy). The title of the speech was the "Hole in the Middle" and was an argument for a centre party in British politics—well before the announcement of the introduction of the SDP!

When the big night came we nervously went and seated ourselves in the Kenton Theatre. We were to be the third team to go on, so we had two speeches before us to sum up the competition. The standard was very high, although we did feel that the other teams were reading their speeches not speaking. We got off to a fine start with a highly amusing speech from the Chairman, James Trigg, highly commendable considering that his speech was compiled in a mere two days. Matthew Lambert's speech went without a hitch and Daniel Parvaz proposer of a vote of thanks had the presence of mind to cut out part of his speech so that we were not penalised by time faults.

But when the results were announced we came a disappointing third of five although in the summing up by the guest judge, he mentioned that "The Shiplake entry was a very bold effort, but too controversial".

What is a debate if not to be controversial!

Matthew Lambert

School Play

Roman, Elizabethan, 1920's modern—there have been innumerable adaptations of Julius Caesar in recent years. Thank goodness Mr. Andrew Barclay, who directed Julius Caesar in the Great Hall allowed us to see the play written by Shakespeare, our greatest playwright, in its original form.

To involve successfully as many boys as possible both front and back-stage is, one of the most important functions of a school production, particularly when the chosen play is their 'O' level set book.

This production obviously captured the interest and enthusiasm of the participants and audience alike, involving a cast of over 40 boys, a back-stage team almost as large and a packed audience each night.

A good pace was sustained throughout, occasionally causing the majestic poetry to be spoilt by gabbled delivery, and mis-placed emphasis sometimes lost the sense of the words. The crowd scenes were used to good effect and the

musicians playing live from the minstrels' gallery, heightened the dramatic moments with music specially composed by Mr. Malcolm Woodcock.

It is always hard to name only a few actors when obviously so much hard work and thought had been given by the entire cast, but Mark Moody as Marcus Antonius gave a particularly moving and thoughtful performance. John Keith as Brutus, handled his well-known speeches with warmth and conviction, ably supported by Gus Barrios as an imposing Cassius, James Whishaw as Julius Caesar and Jerome Dodd as Casca gave good, sustained performances.

Mr. Browne and his team of stage designers are to be congratulated on their inspired set—making the most of a far from ideal setting. Directed by Dewi Howell, the sound and light gave an effective lift to the whole production.

It was a mammoth task ably and imaginatively executed by the whole team under the direction of Mr. Andrew Barclay.



A scene from Julius Caesar with James Whishaw (centre) in the leading role.

Junior Plays

We were entertained with three productions on what was a pleasurable evening of theatre at all levels.

The first play was 'Hewers of Coal' by Joe Corrie, produced by P.G.H. J. Fisher as Dick, S. Duncan as Billie (aboy), J. Butler as Peter, P. Rowberry as Joe and B. Irvanipour as Bob provided an interesting opening to the evening's programme. We experienced a pit disaster and the problems imposed by a stay underground awaiting rescue and the effect that this has on the individuals concerned. The characters were, in the main, convincing and on the last night it was most enjoyable with S. Duncan becoming totally involved in his part as the boy.

The next play was 'The Sandbox' produced by D.F.K.W. This was a short play, of ten minutes, involving N. Golfar, B. Kaye, M. deBruin, S. Menzies and R. Lowein. It was a play which dealt with the American views of death in a humorous way and B. Kaye's performance was very sound.

By the performances in both of the Junior Plays, it would seem that we will again have strength in depth on the stage for the next school production.

The final production of 'The Interview' produced by D.F.K.W. was the College's entry for the 'Kenton Drama Festival'. This involved both Senior and Junior players namely; G. Barrios, J. Keith, M. deBruin and M. Moody. The play was entertaining and M. Moody was outstanding as the

character being interviewed for a job by both G. Barrios and J. Keith. The play moved at a good pace therefore the audience attention was kept throughout.

P.J.F.W.

Kenton Drama Festival

For the first time, Shiplake College entered the Schools section of the Kenton Drama Festival with the play "The Interview" by J. P. Donleavy. This play had already been seen by the school as part of the Junior Plays of the Spring term, and a review of this appears elsewhere in this magazine. A few comments on the adjudication might be of interest here.

The adjudicator for all the plays of the festival (which lasts five nights) was P. Cornish, Esq., a Shakespearian director and actor of considerable experience, who seems to have become something of a professional adjudicator of drama festivals! His summing up of every play was very full and he obviously did his homework. He was most complimentary about our production, criticising us mainly for a lack of detailed observation of character, though we had managed to convey the general drift. Barrios could have been even larger than life, Keith more unsure of himself and oily, de Bruin more precise in his silent actions as secretary. Moody, he felt, had most nearly captured his role as the interviewee—(possibly because he was more nearly acting himself!). In summary he said that with some plays an audience sat forward nervously in their seats, but with "The Interview" they sat back comfortably knowing that all would be well.

As no placings were given, I cannot report more than that we did not win; but having heard his comments on all the other entries except the eventual winner, King James's College, I can bet that we came second!

D.F.K.W.

Music critics

This year's Autumn Term concert broke with tradition in that it took place at the College rather than in a venue outside. The two main works were Mozart's Sussmayer Mass and Sweelinck's Motet—Hodie Christus Natus Est. As it turned out the Great Hall is not an ideal place for such concerts and this was reflected in the performance. The Choir were crowded on the stage and the occasional regroupings that were

required between Choral and Orchestral items caused not a little confusion. The Mozart Mass had some pleasant moments, but the chorus singing was rather tentative throughout while the conductor for one was thankful when the Sweelinck Motet came to an end! The Brass ensemble performance again suffered badly from the fact that they were hemmed in on all sides and though their playing was disciplined and in the main accurate, the music itself sounded dull and rather lifeless. From my point of view one was disappointed by the evening's performance as the final rehearsal had promised better things. It was good, however, to see such a large audience present.

The Easter Term Concert, which was held on the last Sunday of term, was in two parts. The first given in the Parish Church, by kind permission of the Vicar, was a performance of Stainer's Crucifixion. The second given in the Great Hall after an interval, was of popular orchestral works. Colin Dence was the bass soloist in the Crucifixion, and his assured performance throughout the evening brought him deserved credit. Particularly well sung was the duet with the tenor John Wright whom we were delighted to welcome again this year.

The Choir's singing throughout was competent and when it was required, powerful. One cannot stress too much the need for clear diction. The only obviously weak spots were those when the tenors and basses were singing the Words of Christ, in these semi-choruses confidence seemed to desert them. The second half was of a very different character, popular works of the present and last centuries were played with some zest and enthusiastically received by the audience. The Orchestra played with confidence and obvious enjoyment and a lively buoyant sound was the result. The absence of a choir in the Hall allowed the orchestra to spread out and an all round better performance was made possible.

Carmina Burana

The Summer Term was brought to an exhilarating end by the performance of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana, as part of the Summer Concert, which also included Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture and other popular orchestral works.

There is no doubt that the undertaking of Carmina Burana took a great deal of courage. This work is Orff's setting of some 13th Century songs discovered in the library of the ancient Bavarian Benediktbeuren Monastery; full of beautiful, long melodic lines with unending rhythmic variation, vitality, immense range of humour, frenzy, folklike simplicity, passion, satire, mystery, spontaneous eloquence, tranquillity, nostalgia and an unflagging interest. Mr. Woodcock achieved tremendous variety of colour in this production—at one moment the entire school was standing singing, the next a small group of trebles, some from our choir and some from St. Peter's church choir offered a sweetness of tone in beautiful contrast of volume. The two soloists from the Royal Academy of Music, Charles Naylor and Elizabeth Woollett were ably joined by Julian Cox, an alto from the ranks of the school choir with a very pleasing vocal quality.

Participation by the whole school required infinite patience and optimism and it is to Mr. Woodcock's great credit that he managed to bring together many groups of people, all of whom had practised separately, and hold them with his infectious enthusiasm, and mesmeric conducting resulting in a response from the singers and orchestra that made for a truly memorable evening's entertainment.

The Music Competition

This year's music competition was by all accounts one of the best so far. We had hoped to have John Walker from Eastbourne College to adjudicate but he was prevented from coming at the last minute by illness. In the event Dr. Salmon stepped into the breach at very short notice and did a splendid job.

The compulsory house song was 'Glorious Devon', and was given a good performance by all, except Everett House who were obviously in need of more rehearsal.

The instrumental groups provided variety both in the choice of instruments and the quality of the performance. One of the more memorable performances was of "The Entertainer" played by Skipwith House with an ensemble consisting of trombone, violin, cello and drum kit!

At the end of the evening it was Welsh House who were triumphant in what turned out to be a very close competition.

Staff News

Christmas Entertainment

There were two entertainments after the Christmas Supper this year, one by members of the VIth Form Society imitating virtually every member of staff and the other the return of an old favourite "Trial by Jury", performed by most of those members of staff.

The main credit for the boys' contribution must go to the producer Nick Jones who had the initial idea, assembled his players, saw to the scripting, and most important of all, rehearsed! As a result, some of the scenes were very funny indeed and all were interesting. Notable were a dance by the "Noble Sisters", one of whom could dance, and Andrew Chancellor's impression of MJHC in a rather protracted Generation Game. Good use was made of photographs specially taken for the show and back-projected at frequent intervals, and once the technical problems had been surmounted the taped sound was well handled. My only criticism would be that scenes were a bit long and did not follow each other quickly enough; but apart from that I can safely say that it was the best boys' entertainment ever.

"Trial by Jury" based on an operetta by Gilbert and Sullivan and produced by MLW showed distinct marks of lack of rehearsal, but the costumes and atmosphere were just

right. Some performances were repetitions of those of five years ago, memorably the Judge by HEW-F who must be the most taxing performer for any accompanist in existence. Some were new; a commanding Clerk by PJFW and a woebegone Defendant by DLH were among the most noticeable. Traditionally the Chairman of the Jury is played by the Headmaster, and it was very evident that PHL's oily tenor was a decided improvement over his predecessor's!

A great deal of effort was put in by a very large number of people (boy and adult), at an extremely busy time of year and we thank them all for such a high quality entertainment to round off the term so well.

D.F.K.W.

Brian Thomas

Brian Thomas came to the College for the summer term. His presence was always felt and we wish him every success with his weight-lifting. He coached lifting, taught geography and was the Burr House resident tutor. Dowey Howell, 1978-1981, was head of physics and coached the 3rd rugby XV and rowing.

J. M. S. (Mark) Woodcock

If Mr. Woodcock took an umbrella to the Himalayas in 1979, there is no record of it. Yet the many things he has done here have all been achieved under a metaphorical umbrella made up of good humour and energy. He taught Physics and Maths with equal vigour and skill; Everett was tutored and supervised with drive and sympathy; Riviera controlled with a friendly tolerance and tremendous amounts of his holiday time given to the outdoor things he did so much for in term time. CCF Training and Camps; the Duke of Edinburgh Award and the Lakes annual Expeditions; the Trekking Society in the Alps and with the Nepalese Army north of "Lordknows-where"—were all activities when boys had a real chance to know him well. If he was at home, days would be spent in the boat house doing maintenance work.

Having said all that we now come to Mr. Woodcock's most impressive record in rowing coaching. Normally to teach a subject; help with a Boarding House and have an out of class interest is the reasonable objective of a schoolmaster in the early years of his career, but we must congratulate Mr. Woodcock upon making himself something of a national reputation as a rowing coach. Of course, he would say that much of it comes from getting the best out of your crews. Even then his approach has been unusual. Instead of the instruction being "Go for a training run", it has always been "Come for a run and get back before me if you can". The result has been considerable, Shiplake success in lesser known events such as "Oarsmens' Cross Country" as well as in the Princess Elizabeth Cup.

Mr. Woodcock will leave several gaps for us to fill. We wish him well but are sure his practical ability and his wide interests will see him through any difficulty. Wherever Mr. Woodcock is ten or fifteen years from now, there will be many tired boys close at hand. If he ever becomes a Headmaster the parents had better look out too! A final word of thanks must go to Mrs. Christine Woodcock—not only has she helped with Riviera at the end of her own working day, but she has let us have so much of her husband's time. Thank you both so much.

Mark Woodcock.



Alan Butterworth

Alan arrived at the College seven years ago and immediately impressed everyone with his dynamism and whole-hearted commitment to a wide range of activities here. He taught Mathematics with equal rigour to everyone from the most innumerate 3rd Former to the most gifted 'A' level candidate and few of his pupils can have failed to appreciate that he got the best out of them, whatever their level of ability.

In sport, he ran the Tennis and Football for a while, helped with Squash (a game he only started when he came here, but in which he was soon beating his former coaches!) and also helped to introduce Badminton to us when we acquired the Sports Hall.

For two years he did the Public Examinations timetable. As tutor of Welsh House, he will always be remembered by his pupils, and especially those in the Lodge, where he lived before his marriage. It is always sad to say goodbye to a young and gifted colleague, but we are sure that Windsor will gain from Alan's experience at Shiplake.

D.F.K.W.

Mark Lees

Mark Lees joined the College in September 1979 to teach Geography. Although this was his first appointment he made an immense impact in his short time with us. In the classroom he was, on the one hand, a strict disciplinarian but on the other made sure that his pupils were both interested and enthusiastic about his subject. However, to those who were not taught by him, his real impact was evident in what he did outside the timetable. He was an enthusiastic member of the CCF naval contingent, a friendly, approachable but firm House Tutor (who will forget his choreography for the Skipwith House Party?). All these commendable attributes are dwarfed by his achievements on the river.

He was and is a rowing coach of real distinction. He was lucky to be given the First Eight in his first year but his success vindicated JRS's wisdom in entrusting him with such a responsible task. The First Eight he inherited was largely unsung and, the 'Head of River' results seemed to justify this opinion. However, the Regatta results of 1980 reflect his



Alan Butterworth.

ability at bringing the very best out of his crews. The Eight won the Senior 'C' event at Wallingford, Monmouth and Walton. Although they were knocked out in the first race at Henley, having drawn the eventual winners, four of them stayed together to go on to the National Championships where they not only gained a silver medal finishing behind the Amateur Rowing Association's national squad IV, but they then went on to win the Home Countries Championship in Ireland. It was an immense achievement and reflected the tenacity and skill of the coach. What was particularly impressive, however, was the fact that all the crew that were doing 'A' levels achieved good exam results and this again reflected the attitude and thoroughness of the coach.

We wish him every success in his new post as the A.R.A. Coaching Organiser for the East Midlands and while we regret his departure it is comforting to know that we have a true friend in Nottingham.

Mrs. Suchet

Mrs. Suchet was at the College from 1977-1981 and left to accompany her husband to the U.S.A. and we thank her for stepping into the breach on more than one occasion in both English and Modern Languages departments. We were very lucky to have Deirdre Saunder to teach art for two terms. This she did with tremendous vitality and enthusiasm. The common room wish her every success in America and with her forthcoming marriage. Deirdre took over from Chris Brown who was with

us for a year and we hope he has settled into his new post.

John Worwood who was with us from 1978 to December 1980 has returned to teach in Zimbabwe. He was the Burr House resident tutor and taught modern languages, coached cricket and rugby.

Wanderers Cricket

In our crowded summer term there seem few Sundays when Staff and boys can play village cricket without worrying about exams or other commitments. Two years ago there was a problem about raising teams: this year we have only once been able to field a strong team. In spite of this two games were won and the other lost by three wickets. The needle match with Reading University Academic Staff was prevented by appalling weather. Much fun was had and some good cricket played. The old hands suspect that the fun was greater and the play more skilful ten years ago. Be that as it may there have been staff and boys' teams for 20 years—ever since the Henley Police challenged us to a game in 1961! Many 1st and 2nd XI players have had their first cricket against adults in a Wanderers XI and much can be learned by playing alongside experienced cricketers. Those who have played for the Wanderers recently do please urge others to join in. If you are about to leave do not forget to ask for a game next summer. The Wanderers' Founder is still playing and feels that if the club had a motto it would be "Happy Memories".

H.E.W.F.

The Reverend Basil Worsley Wilks – Chaplain 1964-1981

In mid-Dorset lies the small village of Godmanstone. Some years ago, due to a splendid mis-print, the local paper paid tribute to the Vicar of Godsmanalone. This tale gets us directly to the point: above all else Basil Wilks has been "God's man in Shiplake College". Happily he was not 'alone' in his concern to maintain regular worship and to make regular pastoral care available to one and all. Our chaplain's flexible approach produced a ready response from youngest choir boy to prefects and from staff of all ages. We were left in no doubt about what he stood for—duty to God and the service of the community.

Basil Wilks brought to Shiplake very considerable experience as a schoolmaster and an intention to move on to parish work within a few years. The great help he provided to Shiplake Parish in the 1960s and to the Hambleden Valley Group in the 1970s revealed his talent for work in a non-academic world. Shiplake

College was very lucky that Basil decided to remain here and not to move elsewhere. He has provided a new school with continuity; with forms of service that met the needs and wishes of the great majority and steered us through some difficult times. The years around 1970 come to mind. Drugs were the "In thing" and the whole place of Chapel Services and Religious Education were being challenged by the then prevailing fads. Occasionally our chaplain could be made very angry by the utter selfishness of others but he has far more often shown remarkable patience and persuasiveness.

Most of those reading this edition of the Court will have seen Basil Wilks at action in recent years. It is one of the functions of a tribute to go back in time. Till very recently Basil Wilks coached junior cricketers but even after he began to need a walking stick he coached U14 rugby. Sometimes the players were encouraged with the afore-mentioned stick! Being a school chaplain involves sacrifices, especially if you help with a parish as well. Long before his hip began to give trouble, Basil had to

find extra time for his duties. There was no more time for Fives—at which he excelled—or for Tennis—at which he was almost as good. Keeping spaniels and caravan holidays gave way to photographic expeditions of limited duration. There was not time for painting or acting but we did once get him to play the part of "Lush the Butler" in the 1972 staff production of "Ambrose Applejohn". The ever ready "make up artist" was the only survival of these activities.

The fact that our chaplain had done so many things well made it easy for us all, two Headmasters; parents; colleagues and boys to follow his advice, especially in times of strain. Basil could be everyone's wise and friendly uncle, especially in times of illness. He had just that part to play in his own family after the unexpected death of his brother—a doctor in Surrey.

If Basil Wilks has now more time to follow his many interests, it is well deserved. We have every reason to be grateful for the thing he has given so willingly and so often—his time.

M. M. Gilliat

Shiplake was exceptionally fortunate in its early days that it had among its staff a number of men who were dedicated and experienced schoolmasters. During the early stages they provided the vital stability.

Mike Gilliat was one of those. After a successful career at Rossall he did war service in the Royal Navy. Just before he was going up to Oxford he developed poliomyelitis so badly that his athletic career was over and at times even walking was a real effort. With great courage he came to terms with it. After Oxford he taught at Rossall, then had a spell at St. Andrews, Grahamstown, South Africa where he met David Skipwith. Another spell followed at Rossall. In 1962 David Skipwith persuaded him to come and help at Shiplake.

In January 1964 he became housemaster of Burr, a difficult assignment for several years as it was half in the wooden huts and half in the main building. His marriage to Heather took place in 1965 and no marriage could have been happier particularly when they moved into Meltemi and Burr was united in the Red House.

As a housemaster he was firm but fair, believing in discipline. Boys, as they got to know him, realised quickly his understanding and kindness. He cared deeply for all of them and was always upset when things went wrong. Heather was a tremendous

help and between them they made Burr a happy and united house.

In the classroom he was the organiser of the English Department where his knowledge was considerable and his teaching acute and well organised. He ran the Library for 16



Shiplake Church by A. E. Kampouris.

years. Shooting was a particular love and this he took over on arrival. Plays, play reading and debating were all part of his scene and his reading in chapel stirred everyone. He was and still is Secretary of the Old Vikings, a vital and important post.

From 1966 until 1980 he was second master and had the difficult task of keeping the balance between the enthusiastic but often wild ideas of the headmaster and the even wider views of the common room. For 13 years we met regularly once a week and I would like to pay my personal tribute and thank him for his absolute loyalty, his willingness to listen and for his advice so often right but always given with a certain diffidence. He never complained of his considerable disabilities and all Shiplake will remember the incredible courage he showed after Heather's death.

When ill-health forced him to retire prematurely Shiplake lost a devoted member and one who had given unstinted service over eighteen years. Our thanks and best wishes go with him in his retirement.

J.D.E.



The Altar of Shiplake Church by Bruce Mayor.

Rugby

Rugby Fixtures and Results 1980

1st XV Results

O.V.S.	Lost	16-18
City of London Freemans	Won	14-9
Lords Wandsworth	Lost	0-20
King Aldred's (1st round cup)	Won	30-8
Sir William Borlase's	Drawn	3-3
Oratory	Lost	0-19
Reed's	Lost	4-9
Bearwood College	Won	11-4
Leighton Park	Lost	4-15
John Mason (2nd round cup)	Lost	0-6
Magdalen College	Drawn	0-0
Rutlish	Lost	4-12
King James's	Lost	0-6
P. Emerson's XV	Lost	4-12

Played 14; Won 3; Lost 9; Drawn 2.
Points for 90; Points against 131.

2nd XV Results

Cokethorpe 1st XV	Won	36-4
Redrice 1st XV	Lost	0-30
City of London Freemans	Won	32-0
Lords Wandsworth	Won	12-10
Sir William Borlase's	Lost	0-4
Pierrepont	Lost	7-17
Oratory	Lost	0-26
Reed's	Lost	0-10
Bearwood College	Won	14-0
Leighton Park	Won	12-0
Reading Blue Coat 1st XV	Won	13-10
Magdalen College	Won	23-0
Rutlish	Won	6-4
King James's	Drawn	6-6

Played 14; Won 8; Lost 5; Drawn 1.
Points for 161; Points against 121.

3rd XV Results

Redrice 2nd XV	Lost	3-48
Gillott's U/16	Lost	9-26
Lords Wandsworth	Lost	3-52
Lord Williams	Lost	0-60
Oratory	Lost	0-32
Reed's	Lost	4-13
Bearwood College	Lost	0-8
Crookham Court 1st XV	Won	29-0
Magdalen College	Lost	0-9
Rutlish	Lost	0-52

Played 10; Won 1; Lost 9.
Points for 100; Points against 249.

U/15 XV Results

Claire's Court	Lost	4-26
Gillott's	Lost	0-90
City of London Freemans	Lost	10-17
Lords Wandsworth	Lost	0-62
Chiltern Edge (1st round cup)	Lost	6-38
Pierrepont	Lost	16-24
Oratory	Lost	3-24
Reed's	Lost	0-14
Bearwood College	Lost	4-26
Reading Blue Coat	Lost	0-17
Leighton Park	Lost	0-30
Magdalen College	Lost	0-20
Rutlish	Lost	3-53

Played 13; Won 0; Lost 13; Drawn 0.
Points for 46; Points against 441.

U/14 XV Results

Redrice	Drawn	36-36
Gillotts	Lost	18-20
City of London Freemans	Won	36-4
Lords Wandsworth	Lost	6-36
Oratory	Lost	10-26
Pierrepont	Won	20-4
Reading Blue Coat	Won	14-12
Reed's	Lost	0-7
Bearwood College	Lost	3-4
Leighton Park	Won	19-4
Magdalen College	Won	8-0
Rutlish	Won	13-6

Played 12; Won 6; Lost 5; Drawn 1.
Points for 183; Points against 159.

U/14 'B' XV Results

Oratory	Lost	8-14
Claire's Court	Lost	0-16

Played 2; Won 0; Lost 2.
Points for 8; Points against 30.

U/14 'C' XV Results

Oratory	Won	10-8
Claire's Court	Won	18-6
Oratory	Won	16-10

Played 3; Won 3; Lost 0.
Points for 44; Points against 24.



1st XV Rugby—Left to right, back row: P. Emerson (Coach), P. Van Daalhoff, J. Reed, S. Checketts, S. Berrisford, A. Stovold, N. Jones, S. Moy, S. De Banks, A. Marsh. Front row: P. Sansom, C. Fraser, R. Mealing, R. Pimm, I. Wood, M. Mirkhan, A. Hunter.

1st XV Report

Captain: Robin Rim; Vice-Captain: Richard Mealing.

Only nineteen players represented the 1st XV this season, the side being unchanged for the first six matches.

S. Checketts†, M. Mirkhan†, S. Moy*, I. Wood†, S. DeBanks*, R. Pim†, A. Marsh†, C. Fraser†, A. Hunter*, P. Sansom*, R. Mealing†, J. Reed*, P. Van Daalhoff†, N. Jones*, S. Berrisford†. Also Played: M. Battle, A. Stovold, S. Cummins, G. Leaning.

†Full colours; *Half colours.

This season must surely go on record as being the year in which we did not make the most of the possession and chances we created, an extremely frustrating experience. Time and time again we played attractive rugby, gaining good, sound possession from set and open play only to see the final pass going to ground or knocked-on. So many games were so nearly won, but were seized from our grasp in the dying minutes, as was the case in the Reed's game—an experience not to be forgotten in a hurry. The 2nd round defeat by John Mason School in the Oxfordshire Cup must surely be the

low point of the season. JM played exceptionally well, as the underdogs always will, but didn't we play badly? If only(!) we could have produced the form shown in the Sir William Borlase's match we would have gone unbeaten in school matches—if only!

Hopefully, the squad will have gained some experience from the season and will turn this to their advantage next year, and give APH, who is taking over as 1st XV coach, a memorable start to what can be a most frustrating, but always rewarding, task. Good luck to all who will be involved.

P.E.



2nd XV Rugby—Left to right, back row: A. P. Hooper (Coach), S. Knowles, S. Cummings, M. Lambert, M. Pallett, G. Leaning, A. Jasseb, B. Bedroud, J. Nice, R. Castle, S. Monk. Front row: M. Battle, A. Hodge, A. Al Sahael, V. Carter, A. Stovold, S. Thomas, J. Trigg.



3rd XV Rugby—Left to right, back row: D. Howel (Coach), S. Knowles, R. Dale, P. Harris, K. Oce, M. Pallett, D. Hampton, M. Corah, J. Dodd, P. Lane, S. Monk. Front row: T. Grantham, M. Moody, C. Legg, C. McLeod, P. Horscroft, N. Lee Clarke, P. Rymer.

2nd XV Report

Record: Played 14; Won 8; Lost 5; Drawn 1.

An excellent season based on tremendous efforts in training and a very good team spirit on the field. A great deal of credit for this must go to Angus Stovold and Vince Carter who always set great examples to the rest of the side on the field. Our game was based on a very strong pack of forwards, many of whom had come up from the good Under-15

side of the previous season. Our scrummaging was good and the support work was superb. Notable victories were against Lord Wandsworth's, Leighton Park, Reading Blue Coat 1st XV and Rutlish. The season was finished off with a superb performance against King James's College, Henley where the opposition were lucky to escape with a 6-6 draw.

Thanks to one and all for the effort put in, making it a very successful and enjoyable season for everyone, not least the coach.

A.P.H.

3rd XV Report

Results can be very misleading and this season's 3rd XV results show that the team didn't do very well. In fact, they only won one game against a very weak Crookham Court 1st XV, and on numerous occasions they were really taken to the cleaners. However, what the results don't show is the tremendous determination, dedication and spirit in which the team played and trained. A great deal was learnt and I'm sure the players all ended the season having gained a great deal.

D.L.H.



Under 15 Rugby—Left to right, back row: P. J. F. Webb (Coach), C. Lear, B. St. Clair, A. Gotzheim, J. Russel-Parsons, A. Morgan, F. Georgiou, A. Lindley, G. de Jersey, M. H. G. Hayter (Coach). Second row: D. Holubowicz, S. Smith, A. Forsdyke, M. Trumper (Capt.), C. Everist, M. Hyman, J. van Wijngaarden. Front row: J. Thompson, C. Wright, S. Holyer, J. Mann, B. Irvanipour, A. Wilson.



Under 14 Rugby—Left to right, back row: D. S. Partridge (Coach), G. Hudson, A. Ranger, N. Dawes, A. Kampouris, S. Daniel, J. Fisher, L. Gullick, A. Woollard, R. Lambert, J. M. Bassett, S. Merson. Front row: M. De Bruin, S. Ekin, R. Beccle, M. Emmanuel (Capt.), P. Rowberry, R. Maundrell, H. Trotter.

U/15 XV Report

Our results did not reflect the work which was put in to better our performance during the term. There were however two notable defeats which were due to superior skills and teamwork displayed to the full by our opponents. Apart from those two occasions it would be true to say that the team did not give in but always tried its best. Our best performance was against City of London Freeman's School, we led on two occasions during the game and with a little more application a win would have been a possibility. Reed's School are usually quite a strong force to reckon with but we managed to contain their lead to 14-0 at the final whistle. The results do not say much for the efforts of the talented boys in the side of which there were a few. Trumper the hooker and captain, although small, will I am sure go on to better things, likewise Thompson. My only hope as coach is that the squad do not look upon the season as something to be forgotten because they have learned a lot and ultimately games are to be played for the enjoyment derived from playing them.

P.J.F.W.

U/14 XV Report

This year's junior team played in a way that was encouraging for the future and it was good to see that there were many more reserves to

draw from than usual. It was inevitably a season of high and low points. One of the best games was against Gillott's School when tremendous forward pressure led to the side gaining the lead for the first time only to see it slip from them in the dying minutes. Unnecessary defeats by Reed's School and Bearwood College were followed by a final run of three victories when the side once again found its rhythm and played with more commitment and skill.

By junior standards this was a good side and its main strength lay in determined and solid forward play. However, the backs showed that they will develop into useful players once they learn to work together.

The tendency to maul the ball at the beginning of the season was soon changed and the standard of rucking improved very quickly although there was some loose and untidy ball in the middle part of the season and this placed too much pressure on the half-backs. The captain, M. Emmanuel, led by example and is technically a very good prop for his age and he was the most mobile of what was generally a very mobile pack. The other prop, H. Trotter, was good in the tight and played with enthusiasm in the loose. J. M. Bassett, at hooker, played some good games and his loose play improved as the season progressed. It is rumoured that he even tackled someone towards the end of term! The backs, Daniel and Dawes, were not tall, but they made up for lack of height by their determination and technique. R. Beccle, at number 8,

was the leading try-scorer, with twenty-one tries to his credit. He ran hard and straight and will develop into a very good player once he learns to be a little more aggressive. S. Ekin was flanker throughout the season and his eagerness to learn and his physical commitment were always good to see. The other flanker was either R. Lambert or L. Gullick, both of whom had good games and there was little to choose between them.

S. Merson, at scrum-half, in spite of his lack of inches, played a physical game and gave good service to his fly-half, G. Hudson, who although under a good deal of pressure at times played intelligently. The other backs, M. Fisher, M. de Bruin, R. Maundrell and P. Rowberry all played hard and de Bruin and Rowberry especially were always involved in the action, occasionally at the expense of positional play. A. Kampouris had some good games at full-back and his boot gained the team many valuable points.

The team was as follows: A. Kampouris, P. Rowberry, M. de Bruin, J. Fisher, Maundrell, Hudson, S. Merson, M. Emmanuel (Capt.), J. M. Bassett, H. Trotter, Daniel, Dawes, S. Ekin, R. Beccle, R. Lambert.

Also played: Gullick (three times), Blunt (two), Middleton, Livsey, Woollard and Ranger (one).

U/14 colours were awarded to: M. Emmanuel, S. Ekin, P. Rowberry and R. Beccle.

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Hockey

1st XI Hockey Report

It is difficult to write a report about a side that failed to win one match and to say that they were a good side. In fact, strangely enough, this side was by no means a bad side and it had great potential which bad luck and other factors prevented from being transformed into winning results. The two drawn matches were against Leighton Park, always a good side and R.G.S. High Wycombe, who had previously beaten some of the best sides in the area. In the other matches careless mistakes gave away crucial goals and occasionally we lost even when we controlled most of the game. St. Bartholomew's, Newbury, were a very strong side and we were well beaten although we played attractive and constructive hockey. The other matches followed an increasingly familiar pattern and we paid dearly for the few mistakes we made and failed to make the most of our chances.

V. Carter led the side well and although previously a winger, his tendency to wander infield was countered by moving him to inside forward. A. Hodge and P. Horscroft were two fast and useful wingers who were not really given enough of the ball. The other forwards, J.

Whishaw, I. Al Sahael and A. Marsh also had good games and with more luck would have been a successful forward line.

The halves, normally our strong point, were all competent players, but they failed to work together as a unit, but S. Checketts, M. Battle and R. Field are all here next year and will undoubtedly be a force to be reckoned with. I. Wood, in goal, and the backs, G. Leaning and R. Castle, were under a good deal of pressure and inevitably they had to give in to that pressure at times. Wood was a vastly improved goalkeeper and made some outstanding saves.

All in all this was not a season to be

ashamed of, but there is a nucleus of players for next year who will have benefited from the experience and if they play together more as a team, they should be successful.

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Results

Wed., Jan. 28th	v. Leighton Park	Drawn	2-2
Wed., Feb. 4th	v. Reading School	Lost	1-2
Sat., Feb. 7th	v. St. Bartholomew's, Newbury	Lost	1-5
Thurs., Feb. 12th	v. Lord Wandsworth College	Lost	1-2
Sat., Feb. 14th	v. R.G.S., High Wycombe	Drawn	1-1
Wed., Feb. 25th	v. Windsor G.S.	Lost	2-4
Thurs., Feb. 26th	v. St. Edward's School	Lost	0-2
Wed., March 11th	v. Abingdon School	Cancelled	
Sun., March 15th	v. Old Vikings Society	Lost	1-2
Tues., March 17th	v. Wellington College "A" XI	Cancelled	
Thurs., March 19th	v. Hockey Association	Lost	1-4



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2nd XI Hockey Report

After a slow and disorganised start to the term, which resulted in our losing to Pangbourne, the team settled quickly into playing a good standard of hockey. The team worked well together and a good team spirit was shown all season.

Our defence, in Rymer and Stovold, though sometimes lacking in pace more than made up for this with good tackling and good support play. Jasseb in goal produced many vital saves just when they were most needed.

Our half-back line always kept good control of the mid-field, which kept the pressure off our defence and provided depth to our attack, Battle, in the centre, played a good captains role and it was a loss to the team when he moved up to the 1st XI towards the latter half of the term.

Our front line showed width, with two hard working wingers in Horscroft and Gordon-Taylor, and penetration with the powerful play of Nice and Trigg and the skills of Dale and Brown.

Overall the season was a successful one and this reflected the effort

and enthusiasm shown by the players.

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R.T.M.

Results

Pangbourne College.....	(A)	Lost	0—5
Leighton Park School.....	(A)	Won	6—0
Reading School.....	(A)	Lost	1—4
St. Bartholomew's, Newbury.....	(H)	Won	2—1
Reading Blue Coat School.....	(A)	Won	3—0
Lord Wandsworth College.....	(H)	Won	3—2
High Wycombe G.S.....	(H)	Lost	1—3
Windsor G.S.....	(H)	Won	8—1
St. Edwards School.....	(H)	Drawn	1—1
Oxford School.....		Cancelled	
Abingdon School.....		Cancelled	

3rd XI Hockey

The season opened with a rather shabby performance against Reading School, subsequently we found ourselves under extreme pressure because we were not positive enough in mid-field; this was to be our main problem throughout the season. However, we contained them to only two goals to nil. Against St. Bartholomew's School we drew three all and both sides enjoyed their afternoon's sport. Our next fixture was against Lord Wandsworth's College who were a rather strong side and we allowed them to dominate the game which led to some rather easy situations in our 'D'. After a week back at the drawing board deciding how we should change our tactics we took on Windsor Grammar School with rather more luck, but we were still looking for victory. This continued to elude us against Abingdon School. However, I would like to congratulate the members of the 3rd XI for their sporting attitude and their keen interest and I am sure some will go on to play for other senior sides next year.

P.J.F.W.

U/15 Hockey Report

This was a very disappointing season for the U/15's. We had no star players, but did have many competent players. The matches were lost by poor first-half performances. Only in one match did we manage to give 100% from the start to gain our only win. We must hope that in the future the team manages to play together from the first whistle to gain the results of which they are capable.

C.J.C.

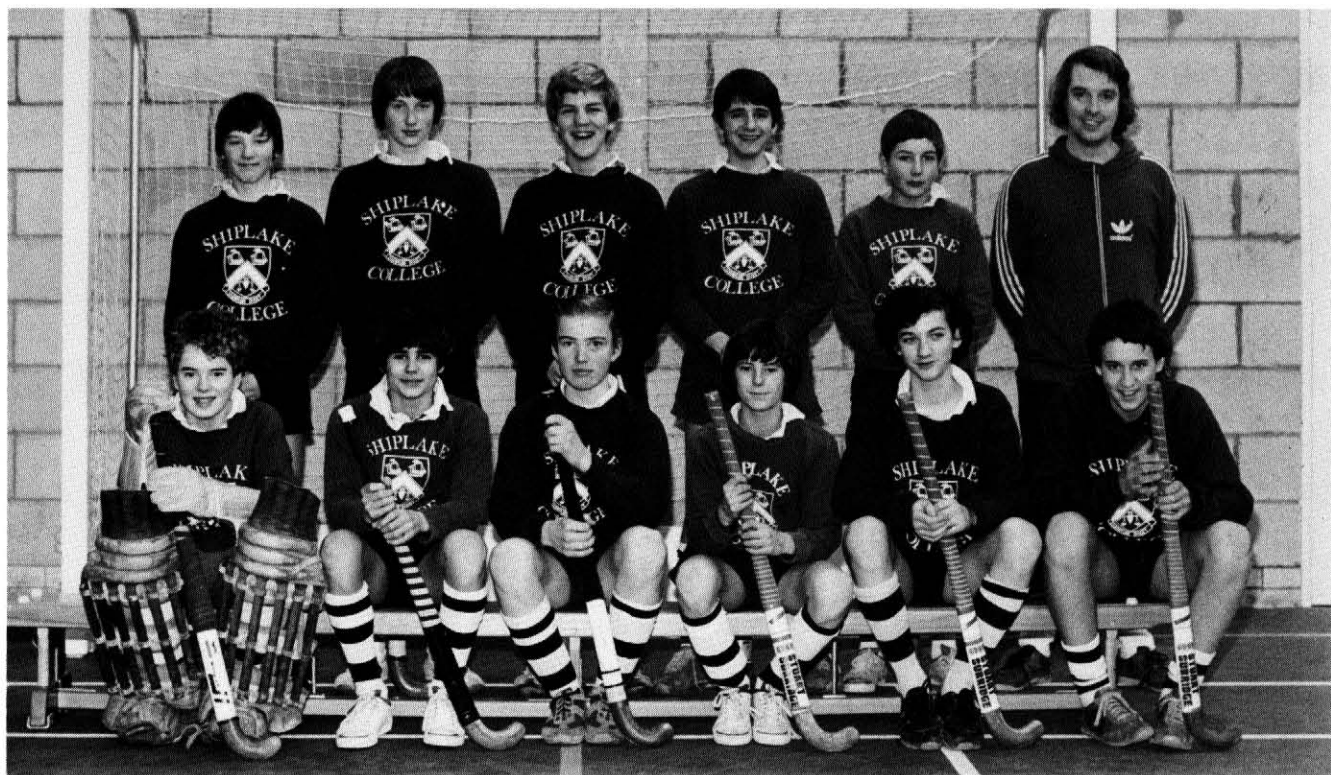
U/14 XI Hockey Report

This was a remarkable side. The results speak for themselves, but the most encouraging aspect of the season was the tremendous spirit with which the matches were played. Macklin, the captain of the side, deserves special mention for the way that he led the team, both on and off the field, and the inspiration he gave to other players through his skill and technique. This was an exceptionally good young side, and a very encouraging prospect for the future.

Results

v. Oxford School.....	Won	3—2
(Macklin 3)		
v. Reading School.....	Won	3—0
(March, Bassett, Macklin)		
v. St. Bart's.....	Won	6—0
(Macklin 3, Beccle, Ranger, De Bruin)		
v. Leighton Park.....	Won	7—1
(Macklin 4, Ranger, De Bruin, Beccle)		
v. Lord Wandsworth.....	Drawn	0—0
v. R.G.S. High Wycombe.....	Won	5—1
(Macklin 3, De Bruin 2)		
v. Pangbourne.....	Won	4—1
(Macklin 3, Bassett)		

A.F.B.



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Cricket

1st XI Cricket 1981

The start of the season was once again affected by the weather, but great advantage was taken of the Sports' Hall when the conditions were unsuitable outside. The opposition suffered much the same with the slow, wet pitches, and considerable application is required as well as luck to bat in those conditions. Several matches were cancelled and the first match was against the Oratory which we lost. The next against Lord Wandsworth's College finished in a draw when we were in a winning position. Then came the Headmaster's match played again in wet conditions, Checketts, Gordon-Taylor and Marsh bowling the Head's side out for 101 runs, but we lost with only 67 runs on the board which showed a lack of application. Against Pangbourne College, we did not score sufficient runs, 100 all out and they won by six wickets.

Then the sun came out, the pitches improved and the change of attitude

in the side was much to be admired. A mention must be made of the College's cricket when all teams (1st XI, 2nd XI, U/15's and U/14's) beat St. Bartholomews, Newbury, and Bearwood College in consecutive matches, I doubt if any other College achieved this last summer. However, back to the 1st XI, a tremendous effort against the O.V.S. We were given a total of 208 and finished with a draw, 208 for 8, a fine game. Then the Berkshire Gentlemen who set us 182 to win and we did it by 2 wickets. The Free Foresters gave us a challenge of 218 to win and how the side tried, finishing with 216 for 7 wickets. I hope all future 1st team players understand that with determination, concentration and a straight bat just how well they can do.

It would be unfair to mention any player in particular as each and everyone did their utmost, some a little better than others, if a 100% effort is made no matter how good or indifferent, then the game of cricket is there to be enjoyed.

2nd XI Cricket 1981

This was a disappointing season that was not helped by the appalling weather. The basic problem was that the side did not have enough quality batsmen to score a respectable total to bowl at or to chase even the lowest of scores. So of the eight matches we played we only won two and drew two. The season was disappointing because there were some good cricketers who did not reach their full potential; not one 2nd XI player scored a fifty, and yet batsmen such as Grantham, Legg, Wilson, Stovold and Sumner all have the ability.

There were some useful bowling performances, notably from A. C. Wilson. However all the bowlers tended to be a trifle erratic, content to bowl three good balls an over and allowing themselves the luxury of too many loose deliveries. Hence we were all too often chasing a score that was beyond our capabilities. It was very pleasing to have two good spin bowlers, Bendall and Rymer, in the side but all too often they did not get on.

The side was well captained by Al Sahael and Stovold, both who have been loyal servants to Ship-lake's 2nd XI. They provided the basis and the experience of the side and they also kept the spirits of the side high. There were some good performances from Legg, Wilson and Grantham, the latter who has developed into a very determined opening batsman.

Despite the bad weather and the mad dashing to and from the pavilion, and despite the mediocre results, it has been fun; and that, no matter what the purists and the cynics might say, is what it is all about.

Results

Won 4; Lost 4; Drawn 4.

Shiplake.....71 for 10
 Lord Wandsworth's
 College.....114 for 10
 Whishaw 4 wkts. for 18 runs
 Headmaster's XI.....101 for 10
 Shiplake.....100 for 10
 Shiplake.....120 for 4
 O.V.S.....208 for 3
 Devas 72
 Bearwood College.....77 for 10
 Marsh 6 for 33; Myatt 4 for 11
 Berkshire Gentlemen.....181 for 4
 Gordon-Taylor 4 for 44
 Shiplake.....145 for 3
 Macleod 49
 Shiplake.....121 for 9
 Macleod 72
 Shiplake.....155 for 9
 Macleod 42
 Free Foresters.....217 for 5

Oratory.....72 for 2
 Shiplake.....88 for 8
 Lethbridge 44
 Shiplake.....67 for 10
 Pangbourne College.....101 for 4
 St. Bartholomew's, Newbury.....77
 Checketts 4 wkts. for 5 runs
 Shiplake.....208 for 8
 Gordon-Taylor 55
 Shiplake.....79 for 2
 Shiplake.....183 for 8
 Abingdon.....93 for 8
 Marsh 5 wkts. for 31 runs
 Radley.....122 for 4
 Marsh 4 wkts. for 50 runs
 Leighton Park School.....136 for 10
 Marsh 5 wkts. for 73 runs
 Shiplake.....216 for 7
 Chancellor 104

Results

Played 8; Won 2; Drawn 2; Lost 4.

Best performances:

Grantham 35 n.o. v. Bearwood
 Stovold 32 v. Leighton Park
 Wilson 6 for 29 v. St. Bartholomew's
 Wilson 6 for 28 v. Bearwood
 Wilson 5 for 22 v. Leighton Park
 Stovold 4 for 27 v. Leighton Park
 Al Sahael 4 for 21 v.
 St. Bartholomew's



1st XI Cricket—Left to right, back row: D. Lethbridge, J. Nice, M. Pallett, P. Myatt, A. Gordon-Taylor, D. Woodhouse, E. Russell (Coach). Front row: A. Marsh, S., Checketts, C. McLeod (Capt.), J. Whishaw, A. Chancellor.

U/15 Cricket 1981

The side improved very markedly during the course of the season after a disappointingly poor start. Confidence and skills increased decisively as time passed and the weather improved, perhaps most markedly in the batting with totals of well under a hundred earlier in the season being replaced later by scores of nearer 150 in the last three matches. Mann and Thompson's unbroken opening partnership of 137 against Bearwood will be long remembered, and the latter became our most reliable batsman with an average of 84 in the last three matches, and an overall average of 28.2.

The remainder of the batsmen had varying fortunes: Mann, the captain, improved greatly over the season, and has emerged as a promising opener. Lord progressed up the order to number three, and while not managing to make any large scores showed promise and is almost certain to succeed in the future. Unfortunately, Forsdyke only found his form of last season right at the end of this term. In the middle order, Morgan, Russell-Parsons, and Hyman all played valuable innings from time to time, and Menzies, while never really finding his form, shows useful potential and will be an asset to a side when his confidence returns. Douglas, a "late discovery", showed determination and firmness in his batting which was very refreshing.

Results

Played 10; Won 3; Lost 5; Drawn 2.

Colours awarded to: J. N. Thompson, J. B. Mann, A. D. Forsdyke, A. T. Lord.
 Players: I. S. Douglas, A. D. Forsdyke, J. D. M. Gow, M. A. Hyman, J. B. Mann (Capt.), R. R. Menzies, A. S. Morgan, T. O. W. Pemberton, J. C. Pontifex, J. L. A. Russell-Parsons, J. N. Thompson.

The Oratory—lost by 9 wkts.	
Shiplake.....31	Oratory.....32 for 1
Lord Wandsworth's College—lost by 7 wkts.	
Shiplake.....69	Lord Wandsworth's.....72 for 3
Abingdon School—lost by 62 runs	
Abingdon.....93 for 3	Shiplake.....32
Pangbourne College—drawn	
Shiplake.....109 for 9	Pangbourne.....57 for 8
Morgan 34 n.o.	Forsdyke 3 for 15
St. Bartholomew's, Newbury—won by 28 runs	
Shiplake.....74	St. Bartholomew's.....47
	Lord 5 for 14
Douai Abbey—won by 7 wkts.	
Douai.....115 for 7	Shiplake.....118 for 3
	Mann 37
Wellington College—lost by 7 wkts.	
Shiplake.....63	Wellington.....65 for 3
Bearwood College—won by 30 runs	
Shiplake.....137 for 0	Bearwood.....108
Thompson 67 n.o.; Mann 50 n.o.	Mann 3 for 12
Radley College—lost by 2 wkts.	
Shiplake.....147	Radley.....148 for 8
Thompson 60	Lord 4 for 33; Morgan 4 for 39
Leighton Park School—drawn	
Shiplake.....140 for 6	Leighton Park.....62 for 9
Thompson 42; Forsdyke 48 n.o.	Lord 6 for 13

U/14 Cricket XI 1981

There were a number of bowlers from which to choose: Lord, taking 19 wickets for an average of 9.4 runs per wicket was the most reliable, and Forsdyke, the other opener, was, at his best, extremely dangerous. Morgan, while lacking consistency, had some good spells, and Menzies will become a useful change bowler with more practice and confidence. Pemberton and Mann, the slow bowlers, were not used often enough, and were both capable of taking more wickets than they did.

Fielding, on the whole, was smart and efficient. Thompson's wicket-keeping was reliable, Morgan held some spectacular one handed catches in the mid-field, and Gow, Pontifex, and Menzies were consistently good in their respective positions. A lot was learned about field placing but the team as a whole need to be more thoughtful about where they should be, and why, and how subtle changes of position in certain situations are important.

Thanks are due to Roper, who regularly filled the 12th man position, and Lear, our main scorer, and of course to M.J.H.C. for his invaluable help with coaching and umpiring.

Once again I have had a great deal of pleasure working with this side, and I feel everyone has had an enjoyable term. There are, as I have said, individuals with considerable potential, and I shall watch everybody's progress with great interest in the coming seasons.

M.A.S.

This was probably the most successful junior team for many years and to be defeated only by Wellington College in the semi-final of the County round of the Lord's Taverners' Trophy is a measure of their achievements. Although one or two players were more consistently successful than the others, it was a team effort and all the players had matches when their individual contributions were vital.

Perhaps the most pleasing facet of the season was the team's general approach to the game with an eagerness to win being matched by smart turnout and fielding that was always sharp and competent. In a side that was at times outstanding in the field mention should be made of J. Marsh and W. Macklin. The disappointment of the defeat by a strong Wellington side was more than offset by fine victories against Bearwood College, Oratory School and others. In the two drawn matches against Douai School and Pangbourne College the team was in control, but in the latter match it was perhaps disappointing to be set a target of 138 in one and a quarter hours after the home side had batted for two and a quarter hours. Ten minutes rain made a draw a foregone conclusion.

Individual performances which do deserve mention were those of the Captain, Bill Macklin, with an important 63 against Wellington and 78 against Bearwood. His willingness to hit the ball and his ability to deal thoroughly with the short ball outside the off stump were good to see. Andreas Carleton-Smith was an opening batsman with great potential, but although he scored good 50's against Radley and St. Bartholomew's, Newbury, one felt that he should have scored more. He also kept wicket well and once he learns to concentrate harder he will be a good wicketkeeper/batsman. Johnny Marsh's 78 against Reading Blue Coat School at a crucial stage of a cup game was a fine innings.

It is always good to see a hat-trick and Johnny Bassett achieved this in his six wickets against Oratory School and he then followed this with another six wickets against Lord Wandsworth. He was perhaps the most reliable of the bowlers, although he seemed to lose his confidence at one stage when he developed trouble with his run-up. He has the ability to move the ball both ways and he maintained a good line and length throughout the season. Simon Ekin always threatened to do well, but he left what was perhaps his best performance until the last match. He will be a useful all-rounder next season if he learns to relax a little and not be put off by

circumstances beyond his control. Even schoolmaster umpires are not infallible!

A rarity in schoolboy cricket today is a slow spin bowler who is successful, but James Newitt filled this role for us and once he found the confidence to flight the ball, he did very well. J. Marsh was perhaps the most unfortunate of the bowlers and he was far better than his figures suggest. He has the ability to move the ball in the air and off the wicket and very often he was too good to find the edge of the bat! Anthony Russell, the other opening batsman, played some good innings but was too impetuous and got himself out just when he seemed set to make a big score. He also bowled a little and proved very useful in breaking stands. The other players, Robin Langrishe, Ian Jackson, Paul Rowberry and Julian Butler all played well on occasions and the team would not have been so successful without them.

Good individual performances obviously led to success, but as important was a commitment to hard practice. It was good to see members of the team in the nets in the evenings and many of them had benefited from Sunday nets in the Easter Term. They also played the game in the right spirit and with determination that ought to be emulated by other teams. This determination was fostered by the captain's own approach and it was good to have such a team to coach.

U/14 Colours were awarded during the season to: W. Macklin, J. M. Bassett, J. Marsh, A. Carleton-Smith, J. Newitt and S. Ekin.

U/14 Colours were awarded at the end of term to: A. Russell, P. Rowberry, I. Jackson, J. Butler and R. Langrishe.

Final mention should be made of Waddington and J. Fisher who shared the duties of scorer and twelfth man.

D.S.P.

Results

Played 11; Won 8; Lost 1; Drawn 2.

Saturday, 2nd May v. <i>Oratory School</i> . Home. Won by 6 wickets.	
Oratory.....53	Shiplake.....54 for 4
J. M. Bassett 6 for 19	W. Macklin 24 n.o.
Thursday, 14th May v. <i>Lord Wandsworth College</i> . Home. Won by 6 runs.	
Shiplake.....103	Lord Wandsworth.....97
W. Macklin 50	J. M. Bassett 6 for 24
Tuesday, 2nd June v. <i>Reading School</i> . Home. L. Taverners' Trophy. Won by 1 run.	
Shiplake.....82	Reading.....81
32.3 overs	35 overs
Saturday, 6th June v. <i>Pangbourne College</i> . Away. Match drawn.	
Pangbourne.....137 for 9 dec.	Shiplake.....63 for 4
J. M. Bassett 3 for 24	A. Carleton-Smith 30 n.o.
Tuesday, 9th June v. <i>Reading Blue Coat School</i> . Away.	
Lord Taverners' Trophy. Won by 113 runs.	
Shiplake.....136 for 8 Inns. closed	Reading Blue Coat.....23
J. Marsh 73 n.o.	S. Ekin 3 for 2; J. Newitt 4 for 2
Saturday, 13th June v. <i>St. Bartholomew's School, Newbury</i> . Away.	
Won by 88 runs.	
Shiplake.....128 for 7 dec.	St. Bartholomew's.....40
A. Carleton-Smith 66; S. Ekin 29	J. Newitt 5 for 7
Wednesday, 17th June v. <i>Douai School</i> . Away. Match drawn.	
Shiplake.....114	Douai.....99 for 7
W. Macklin 22; J. Marsh 22	
Wednesday, 26th June v. <i>Bearwood College</i> . Away. Won by 160 runs.	
Shiplake.....207 for 4 dec.	Bearwood.....47
A. Russell 27; W. Macklin 78;	J. Bassett 4 for 18; J. Newitt 4 for 5
S. Ekin 36 n.o.; J. Marsh 25	
Wednesday, 1st July v. <i>Wellington College</i> . Home.	
Semi-final Lord's Taverners' Trophy. Lost by 4 wickets.	
Shiplake.....128	Wellington.....131 for 6
W. Macklin 63	
Thursday, 2nd July v. <i>Radley College 2nd XI</i> . Home. Won by 87 runs.	
Shiplake.....176 for 3 dec.	Radley College.....89
A. Russell 36;	S. Ekin 4 for 20
A. Carleton-Smith 57;	
W. Macklin 65 n.o.	
Saturday, 4th July v. <i>Leighton Park School</i> . Away. Won by 67 runs.	
Shiplake.....103	Leighton Park.....36
J. Marsh 22	J. M. Bassett 3 for 25; S. Ekin 6 for 10

1981 U/14 Batting Averages

	Innings	Runs	Not Out	Highest Score	Average
W. Macklin	11	330	2	78	36.67
J. Marsh	11	201	4	73*	28.70
A. Carleton-Smith	11	218	1	66	21.80
S. Ekin	11	115	1	36*	17.50
A. Russell	11	137	0	36	12.45

*indicates not out

1981 U/14 Bowling Averages

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
S. Ekin	79	27	168	24	7.00
J. M. Bassett	113.1	38	219	29	7.55
J. Newitt	54	12	172	20	8.60
J. Marsh	60.5	12	141	10	14.10
Also bowled:					
A. Russell	11	4	24	6	4.00

Boat Club

Boat Club

Eighty boys used the facilities of the boat club during the Summer Term with activities ranging from pleasure boating and House rowing to top competitive rowing at Henley Royal Regatta and the National Championships.

Sadly, two of our senior coaches have departed. Mark Woodcock left at the end of the Summer Term after coaching two successful first eights, one J/16 and one J/15 eights. Mark Lees left us at Easter after his short stay and coaching his one successful first eight. We welcome Mr. Nigel Wells on the coaching staff and Mr. George Firk, our first full time boatman, who joined us this Winter Term. Mr. Firk has already tidied us up and has set up stocks to build fibreglass hulled pairs and double sculls for use by boaters and competitive oarsmen alike. We hope their time with us is enjoyable and satisfying.

No new boats have been added this year, but a second Carbocraft eight was purchased at the end of last year after selling older equipment.

The competitive season began well with wins at three Heads and our two entries at the Tideway Head for eights gained high places.

The Regatta season saw the U/15's bagging the most wins with their first four being second to none this season.

The first eight and the U/16's provided fewer wins but the quality was of the highest order.

The U/14's were narrowly beaten on several occasions by the finalists in their events and all looks good in the future for our new oarsmen.

Head of River—Results

Tideway Head of River for Eights
1st VIII 43rd out of 400 overall
(2nd Senior 'B' VIII)
U/16 VIII 108th overall
(2nd J/16 VIII)

Schools Head of River
1st VIII 12th overall
J U/16 IV 1st Restricted IV
(Pennant)

Avon Schools Head of River
J/14 VIII Won
J/15 IV Won

Reading University Head of River
1st VIII (2nd Senior 'B' VIII)
J/16 VIII (2nd J/16 VIII)

Regattas

1st VIII Squad: S. Moy; T. Hunt; D. Badcock; J. Reed; S. Berrisford; R. Biart; A. Kayll; A. Letty; C. Elphick; J. Loudon; Cox's S. Briggs and P. Wilson, were rewarded for all their hard work through the winter months when they reached the semi-finals of the Princess Elizabeth Cup at Henley Royal Regatta. Their early season was frustrated by the fact that they were competing at Senior 'B' level due to two of the crew gaining status last year. Although extremely competitive they lacked success and in one of their major aims of the year The National Schools Regatta, their boat was flooded to the seat runners in the extreme conditions, and were never in the hunt.

Henley, of course, was their proving ground and to defeat Winchester College comfortably, Groten School U.S.A. by half a length, and then to be beaten by only a length and a quarter, by Holy Spirit High School, U.S.A., (the eventual winners of the final) was no mean feat.

Junior U/16's

M. C. H. Williams; L. O. L. Hardwick; D. J. Fraser; N. R. O. Russell; P. W. Sansom; A. G. Baird; S. Thomas; C. G. R. Bridge; J. Trotman; Cox's D. P. Nelson; S. Briggs. This was the most successful J/16 squad ever and although the squad were unable to compete for four weekends during the exam period and training was at a minimum, they kept a background of training going, so as to "rise from the dead" after exams and peak for the National Championships during the summer vacation.

J/16 Regatta wins

Coxed IV's at: Wallingford
Nottingham City
Curlew
Reading Town

As an experiment the 1st J/16 IV entered the qualifying races of the Visitors coxless IV's at Henley and were able to make fifth place out of the 23 crews qualifying yet only the first three crews were to make the Regatta to join the seeded crews. The same day, the first J/16 IV teamed up with the Kingston Grammar Schools J/16 IV and tried out an VIII. With two and a half weeks

before the National Championships both crews decided to make the eight their main aim for the Championships and training and preparation was done both at Henley and at Kingston. Video equipment was often used to help analyse and blend the two fours into a competitive crew in such a short time. Opposition was urgently needed and was found in the Henley Composite Lightweight eight and the Kingston Rowing Club elite coxless four.

At the National Championships the main opposition came from Eton in the eight and as an insurance against illness or accident the fours were also entered with the opposition coming from Lea Club, Forest School, and of course, Kingston. The fours were raced on both days, one hour before the eight and so if good medals were not in reach both crews would save themselves for the eight.

At halfway in the fours final, Shiplake were a comfortable third, and were beginning to overhaul Forest and Lea. By one thousand metres Shiplake were past Forest and level with Lea. Two powerful builds of pressure between twelve hundred metres and the finish gave the Shiplake crew a win by a length and a half. A surprising win as the four had rowed just three outings in two weeks and were in a borrowed Carbocraft boat to give equal equipment to their opponents.

In the eights final the National Schools Champions Eton led by three quarters of a length during the semi-finals and were only overhauled late in the race but with no real urgency with five out of the six eights qualifying. The final was similar but with Eton getting a one and a half length lead by halfway. The fight back and the victory by the composite eight of two-thirds of a length were a real test, especially after they had raced earlier in the fours, and all other crews were fresh.

U/15 squad

H. Trotter; S. C. Scott; A. Gotzheim; J. E. Pratt; M. W. Norton; M. C. Simpson; A. C. D. Mills; J. K. Payne; Cox's S. Bessey; G. Hudson; A. Maycock. The string of wins for this squad really says it all, yet the fact that four of the squad teamed up with

four of the Kingston Grammar School boys for the National Championships also, and came fifth in the final of the U/16 VIII's (a year group above their own) was an outstanding achievement. Training continued after the summer term in a similar fashion to the U/16 squad with video training done in an eight at Shiplake but training was also done apart in fours for half this period.

The first U/15 IV also entered the U/16 IV's even and came a most creditable fifth.

J/15 Regatta wins

J U/15 VIII's	Mortlake Spring
J U/15 IV's	Avon Counties
J U/15 IV's	Monmouth
J U/15 IV's	Hereford
J U/15 IV's	Walton
J U/15 IV's	Curlew
J U/15 IV's	Bedford
J U/15 IV's	Reading Town

Novice Squad

R. Dean; J. Trotman; P. Webb; C. Elphick; T. Walker; C. Dence; Cox P. Thomas. A senior Novice Squad were formed during the summer season and found success at Curlew Regatta where they had four races to earn their trophies.

The squad were strengthened with four of the U/16's and were competitive enough to push Radley's 2nd VIII to half a length at Reading Town Regatta in Senior 'C' VIII's.

J/14 Squad

C. D. Crewe-Read; S. S. Waite; W. D. Openshaw; R. D. Middleton; M. P. Trotman; T. C. Smith; R. C. Lowein; N. H. Dawes; J. B. Blunt;

J. M. Moy; J. G. Tetley; R. M. Lambert; N. D. Golfar; H. E. Miller; R. P. Fickling; W. Waggott-Ito; Cox's P. D'alton Harrison; G. Hudson.

Although the season brought no Regatta victories, the 1st IV and VIII both succeeded on reaching well contested finals. The four at Wallingford and Reading Town and the eight at Walton Junior.

The best results gained were at Avon Counties Head of River where the 1st crew carried off the J/14 pennant and even the 2nd crew's result was commendable. At Reading Schools Head the 1st crew again won.

Considerable worthwhile sculling experience was gained by the squad with Openshaw proving to be the fastest single sculler, closely followed by Middleton—who had to survive two duckings and a collision before beating the other members of the group.

Reports by: A. C. Kayll, Captain of Boats and T. Walker.



Shiplake J/16 Fours. National Championships of G.B. Gold Medallists. M. C. W. Williams (bow), D. J. Fraser (2), L. O. L. Hardwick (3), N. R. O. Russell (stroke), D. Nelson (cox).

Tennis

Senior VI Tennis

In a hectic season when 18 matches were played it is remarkable that, in spite of the dreadful weather, only one match had to be cancelled, and this was against The Oratory because they play on grass. If we look at the record:

Played 18; Won 5; Drawn 1; Lost 12 this doesn't look very good. It isn't very good, but on the other hand not as bad as it looks. We had a dreadful start to the term losing the first six matches in a row. But full marks to everyone who played during that time for their courage, cheerfulness, and perseverance. During the latter half of the term things began to get better, we won some, and narrowly lost to some good sides and spirits were higher. The season ended with two new ventures.

First we entered the Oxfordshire knockout cup and reached the semi-finals narrowly losing to Wallingford School 4-3, if we had won one more set we would have reached the final!

Secondly we went on tour to Devon for three days and beat West Buckland School and Grenville College.

Thanks once again to the Old Boys for a splendid turnout, and a very enjoyable and exciting match. I'm pleased to say the school won this time 9-7.

With four of this year's six returning, I am hopeful of a good season next summer.

Senior Tennis—Players

1st Pair C. Marks
D. K. L. Brown
2nd Pair P. P. Van Daalhoff
G. H. S. Leaning
3rd Pair from
G. D. Maddox
M. Battle
J. Bassett
R. Pim

Colours were awarded to:
P. P. Van Daalhoff
G. H. S. Leaning

Many thanks to Peter Van Daalhoff, the captain, for his efforts through a busy, hard season.

A.P.H.

Junior VI Tennis

The Junior Tennis squad was quite strong this term and every member of the squad played for the school. Injuries were a problem and it did cause the pairs to be swopped around in the early part of the term. The team, however, never lost the grit and determination to win and this coupled with some very good tennis made the junior team a successful one. Colours were awarded to

Kampouris, Owen and St. Clair, but the efforts of the other players in the squad must not be forgotten, because to win a tennis match all the pairs must play their part and win their matches.

R.T.M.

Players: A. Kampouris (Capt.), R. Beccle, B. St. Clair, J. Owen, J. Van Wijngaarden, J. Maddox, J. Burgess, M. Radziwill.

Results

Leighton Park School.....	(A)	Won	7½—1½
The Oratory School.....	(H)	Lost	3½—5½
Oxford School.....	(A)	Won	5½—3½
Lord Wandsworth's College.....	(H)	Drawn	4½—4½
Reading School.....	(A)	Won	5 —4
Abingdon School.....	(A)	Lost	0 —9
Bearwood College.....	(H)	Won	8 —1
Forest School.....	(H)	Won	9 —0
St. Bartholomews, Newbury.....	(A)	Cancelled	
Pangbourne College.....	(H)	Lost	3½—5½

Sailing

Sailing

The Sailing Club has seen great changes this year. We have sold all of the school mirror dinghies, and bought six secondhand Enterprises. These are larger, and stronger, and offer far more scope for racing and learning. Our relationship with Reading Sailing Club continues to flourish, particularly since we have

been cutting the grass at the Club this season, which is a good publicity campaign.

We had very few matches, because of the buying and selling, but did manage to show an improvement in our racing in spite of losing all three matches. Credit must be given to James Maxfield for winning, individually, every race.

C.J.C.

Squash

Squash Report

Senior Team

Winter Term

During the winter term Shiplake played 9 matches out of which we won 5 and lost 4. The team consisted of (i) A. Yorke-Davies (Capt.); (ii) P. P. Van Daalhoff (Hon. Sec.); (iii) M. Rennie; (iv) J. M. P. Whishaw; (v) G. Maddox or D. Lethbridge. The victories depended mostly on a win from numbers 2, 3 and 4, as our team did not have any stars! We did well to win 5 out of 9. Full colours awarded to Yorke-Davies and Van Daalhoff.

Spring Term

In the spring term we played 12 matches out of which we won 6 and lost 6. The matches that we lost were mostly 2-3 so it could have gone either way. All players greatly improved especially Maddox who remained unbeaten. The team was unchanged, except that Marks played when Whishaw had to play hockey. Godman-Dorington and Dixon also played in an 'A' fixture v. Leighton Park. Full colours awarded to Rennie, Maddox and Whishaw.

Results

1st v. Wellington College	.....
.....	Lost	2-3
1st v. The Oratory	.....
.....	Lost	2-3
'A' v. Leighton Park	.....
.....	Lost	1-4
1st v. Lord Wandsworth	.....
.....	Lost	2-3
1st v. King James's College	.....
.....	Won	4-1
2nd v. King James's College	.....
.....	Won	3-2
1st v. Pangbourne College	.....
.....	Lost	2-3
1st v. St. Edwards	.....
.....	Won	3-2
1st v. Reading Blue Coat	.....
.....	Won	4-1
1st v. Leighton Park School	.....
.....	Won	4-1
2nd v. Leighton Park School	.....
.....	Won	5-0
1st v. O.V.S.	.....
.....	Won	4-1

Results

1st v. Pangbourne College	.....	Won	4-1
1st v. Lords Wandsworth	.....	Won	4-1
1st v. Reading Blue Coat School	.....	Won	4-1
1st v. Leighton Park School	.....	Lost	1-4
1st v. The Oratory	.....	Lost	1-4
1st v. St. Edwards	.....	Lost	1-4
1st v. King James's	.....	Won	3-2
1st v. Wellington College	.....	Lost	0-5
'A' v. Leighton Park 'A'	.....	Won	3-2

Individual scores of the Senior team

	Played	Won	Lost
Arvian Yorke-Davies	21	7	14
Peter Van Daalhoff	16	13	3
Marc Rennie	18	7	11
Guy Maddox	20	15	5
Peter Whishaw	13	7	6
David Lethbridge	9	4	5
Chris Marks	9	4	5



Senior Squash—Left to right, back row: J. Whishaw, G. Maddox, M. Rennie. Front row: A. Yorke-Davies, P. Van Daalhoff.



Junior Squash—Left to right, back row: G. Maddox, A. Lord, C. Marks, B. Bedroud, R. Hepburn. Front row: M. Rennie, A. Ford, J. Newitt, S. Merson.

Junior Squash U/14 and U/16

The season went reasonably well, with both teams playing five matches and winning two of them.

C. J. Marks and A. T. Lord took part in all the matches for the U/16 with moderate results, as well as C. D. Irvin, C. J. Rowton-Lee and J. S. Sumner who all played in three. Three new U/14 players were drafted into the team, J. Newitt, M. G. Rennie and A. Ford, and they transformed the team. B. Bedroud also played in two matches.

The U/14 squad was bigger than the U/16, with ten players competing for five places. Again J. Newitt, M. G. Rennie and A. Ford formed the nucleus with J. Maddox, S. G. Merson and J. Fisher completing the team and finishing with pleasing results. The other boys that played in an U/14 VII were J. G. Tetley, G. J. Chalcraft, J. Mann and R. More.

List of results

U/16

Leighton Park.....	Won	5—0
The Oratory.....	Lost	2—3
Lords Wandsworth.....	Lost	1—3
The Oratory.....	Lost	0—5
Sir William Borlase.....	Won	5—0

U/14

Sunningdale.....	Won	4—1
Reading Blue Coat School.....	Won	5—0
Ashfold School.....	Lost	3—4
Ashfold School.....	Lost	1—6
Reading Blue Coat School.....	Lost	2—3

I would like to thank Mr. Welsh and Mr. Butterworth and our professional coach Mr. Orchard for the work they put in for the Squash Club this year.

P. Van Daalhoff and C. J. Marks

House Competitions

House Rowing

With fewer boys in the house rowing this year, organisation was easier and each had more time on the water and less on the bank waiting for a boat. Whiffing proved more popular than using the available Fours, but stormy weather often prevented the use of the Whiffs.

Prior to the House Rowing Competition, the boys competed in races to gain positions in a lower or upper group. From then on it was a knockout system in both groups. J. M. Bishop and K. E. D'Alton Harrison, both came through very strongly in the upper group, D'Alton Harrison winning the final. However, pride of place must be reserved for A. D. C. Morrogh-Bernard who, although in the lower group came through to win his final, and then went on to beat K. E. D'Alton-Harrison in a very exciting race.

Burr's secret weapon, S. D. Pickford, was seen greasing his slide and making final adjustments prior to his Whiff race, but all was in vain since A. S. Lindley managed to pull off the shock of the season by beating him easily. S. D. C. James, J. J. A.

Hughes, T. J. Halls, P. R. Polnik and J. A. Cleaver were all defeated early in the competition and spent the remainder of the afternoon discussing what had gone wrong. J. Godman-Dorington managed to knock out the only Skipwith Sculler and F. Georgiou managed to get a bye due to H. J. B. Thornhill spraining his wrist.

Burr's B. S. J. Kaye joined the House Boaters quite late in the term and spent most of the time coaching the Everett Four. At the end of the Whiff competition the points were: Burr 24, Welsh 16, Everett 8, Skipwith and Orchard 0. The final result rested on the Fours races. The first of these, Everett v. Burr was neck and neck all the way to the finishing line. Unfortunately, Everett had crossed lanes and were disqualified. Welsh v. Burr resulted in Burr winning by 2½ lengths. Finally, the Everett v. Welsh race resulted in a win for Everett.

Consequently, the final points were: Burr 1st with 32 points, Welsh 2nd with 16 points, Everett 3rd with 12 points with Skipwith and Orchard ending up with 0 points. Congratulations Burr!

S.K.

1981 Cross Country Results

Standards Shield

1st Burr.....	1.741
2nd Welsh.....	1.716
3rd Skipwith.....	1.349
4th Everett.....	1.229
5th Orchard.....	0.821

Inter-House Event

Juniors

1st Skipwith.....	278 pts.
2nd Welsh.....	297 pts.
3rd Everett.....	350 pts.
4th Orchard.....	478 pts.
5th Burr.....	482 pts.

Seniors

1st Welsh.....	215 pts.
2nd Burr.....	240 pts.
3rd Skipwith.....	406 pts.
4th Everett.....	474 pts.
5th Orchard.....	624 pts.

Individual placings

Juniors

1st Norton (W).....	18m. 11.98s.
2nd Mills (E).....	18m. 23.24s.
3rd Walsh Waring (W).....	18m. 48.91s.

Seniors

1st Walker (W).....	25m. 29.67s.
2nd Williams (B).....	25m. 50.21s.
3rd Loudon (W).....	25m. 54.09s.

Two very closely fought competitions. Burr gave a very good all-round house performance in winning the Standard Shield on the last day. The inter-house competition proved what tremendous steps are being taken to improve cross-country performances.

P.E.

House Rugby

Senior

Preliminary Round:	Burr beat Everett
Semi Finals:	Skipwith beat Orchard Welsh beat Burr
Final:	Skipwith beat Welsh 10—6

Junior

Preliminary Round:	Skipwith v. Everett (Everett disqualified)
Semi-Finals:	Skipwith beat Burr Orchard beat Welsh
Final:	Orchard beat Skipwith

Rugby 1980—Junior League Results

	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against	Points	Points Difference	Position
Orchard	3	0	1	64	19	6	+45	First
Skipwith	3	0	1	52	14	6	+38	Second
Welsh	3	0	1	63	29	6	+34	Third
Everett	1	0	3	36	39	2	—3	Fourth
Burr	0	0	4	0	95	0	—95	Fifth

P.E.

Swimming Gala – Summer 1981

Individual results

<i>Juniors</i>		<i>Seniors</i>	
<i>Plunge</i>			
Smith (O)	36ft. 3½in.	Fraser (W)	39ft. 6in.
<i>Freestyle</i>			
Ekin (W)	24.1s.	Baird (E)	34.1s.
<i>Breast Stroke</i>			
Briggs (S)	30.2s.	Knowles (B)	46.2s.
<i>Back Stroke</i>			
Jones (W)	29.7s.	Checketts (S)	42.1s.
<i>Freestyle</i>			
Walsh-Waring (W)	55.2s.	Farley-Sutton (S)	1m. 26.0s.
<i>Medley Relay</i>			
Skipwith	(record) 50.8s.	Burr	1m. 46.0s.
<i>Freestyle Relay</i>			
Orchard	48.0s.	Everett	1m. 35.4s.
<i>Team Results</i>			
Skipwith	32 pts.	Burr	32 pts.
Orchard	30 pts.	Welsh	30 pts.
Welsh	27 pts.	Everett	} 28 pts.
Burr	24 pts.	Skipwith	
Everett	20 pts.	Orchard	17 pts.

Another very close competition swum in beautiful hot weather. The standard of swimming is still getting better even though the pool was hardly used due to a dreadful term weatherwise.

P.E.

Athletics Finals – Results 1981

<i>Seniors</i>		<i>Juniors</i>	
<i>100m</i>			
Todd (O)	11.9s.	Lear (S)	12.3s.
<i>200m</i>			
Todd (O)	24.5s.	Gotzheim (W)	27.2s.
<i>400m</i>			
Moy (W)	57.0s.	Lear (S)	59.3s.
<i>800m</i>			
Castle (B)	2m. 11.5s.	Dill-Russell (S)	2m. 20.6s.
<i>1500m</i>			
Walker (W)	4m. 38.7s.	Norton (W)	4m. 47.4s.
<i>High Jump</i>			
Bendell (O)	5ft. 0in.	Fisher (W)	4ft 8in.
<i>Long Jump</i>			
Mirkhan (S)	18ft. 7in.	Scott (O)	15ft. 11in.
<i>Shot</i>			
Mirkhan (S)	(record) 36ft. 8in.	Norton (W)	31ft. 2in.
<i>Relay</i>			
Skipwith	1m. 41.1s.	Skipwith	1m. 50.2s.

<i>Team Results</i>			
1st Burr	95.5 pts.	Skipwith	110.5 pts.
2nd Skipwith	91 pts.	Welsh	104 pts.
3rd Welsh	90 pts.	Orchard	84.5 pts.
4th Orchard	86 pts.	Burr	66.5 pts.
5th Everett	58.5 pts.	Everett	51.5 pts.

P.E.

House Tennis

Unfortunately in the senior competition the two strongest teams were drawn together in the preliminary round. Welsh beat Burr 2–1 and went on to beat Skipwith in the final.

In the juniors the teams were more evenly balanced and there were some very close matches. In the final, Skipwith won a very close encounter with Everett by two rubbers to one. In the deciding double Skipwith won seven games to five in the third set so it was anybody's match right up to the end.

Congratulations to all house captains for their efficient organisation which made the house competitions run very smoothly.

A.P.H.

House Football

In a rather cramped timetable the House Football took place once again after the exams at the end of the Summer Term.

While skill was often lacking, whole hearted endeavour was ever present and this was clearly shown as Everett provided a surprise in the semi-final, beating the more talented Orchard House team by three goals to two.

The Junior Competition was a rather one-sided affair with Orchard House dominating. Burr were the other house to reach the final, but although they tried hard they could not stop Orchard from winning 5–0.

Well done to all houses for their organisation under very difficult circumstances.

A.P.H.

Squash House Results

<i>Seniors</i>	
Won by Welsh v. Orchard 4–1.	
<i>Juniors</i>	
Won by Welsh v. Burr 4–1.	

Athletics Standards – Results 1981

	100			200			400			800			1500			H. Jump			L. Jump			Shot			Total	Off Games	No. in House	Average	Position
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C					
Burr	12	13	21	8	19	30	12	23	42	28	23	36	26	27		25	35	37	8	16	11	16	20	14	502	0	66	7.606	First
Orchard	4	18	17	10	21	22	10	31	19	13	25	15	6	10		21	35	26	15	31	9	7	30	19	403	3	62	6.830	Second
Skipwith	4	7	19	11	13	18	12	20	19	18	16	16	17	12		21	16	34	14	8	8	21	14	20	358	1	70	5.188	Fourth
Welsh	10	7	15	9	14	15	13	14	25	32	12	21	24	16		36	21	26	20	11	15	22	24	13	415	2	71	6.014	Third
Everett	5	13	20	4	8	8	8	21	16	13	10	14	15	8		20	25	24	11	8	7	9	16	16	299	1	65	4.671	Fifth

P.E.

Prize Winners

THIRD FORM

English	M. Emmanuel
History	R. N. Jones
Geography	M. G. Rennie
	A. M. Ranger
French	R. D. Middleton
Mathematics	S. D. C. James
Physics	T. M. N. Livesey
Chemistry	J. B. L. Blunt
Art	G. L. E. Hudson
Music	J. M. Chadwick
P.E.	J. A. E. Fisher

FOURTH FORM

Lower Fourth

English	M. C. Simpson
History	M. C. Simpson
Biology	A. P. Gotzheim
European Studies	D. R. Polnik
Art	A. A. R. Staniford

Upper Fourth

English	M. R. Wolfe
History	T. O. W. Pemberton
Geography	A. T. Lord
Economics	J. B. Mann
French	M. R. Wolfe
Mathematics	P. Swasdiburi
	D. A. Parvaz
Physics	D. A. Parvaz
Chemistry	A. Large
Biology	A. Large
Technical Drawing	A. C. Wilson
	P. G. Wilson

SCHOOL PRIZES

Junior Reading	S. G. Faulkner
Junior General Knowledge	C. D. D. Crewe-Read
Senior General Knowledge	R. A. Biart
English	P. M. L. McLaughlin
	I. J. Whatley
'O' Level Prizes	A. D. H. Hodge T. S. Walker
	J. H. L. Loudon R. A. J. Stovold
Viking Ship	R. A. J. Stovold
'A' Level Prizes	A. S. J. Duncan J. M. Ringrose
	M. St. J. Ellis C. A. de Roemer
	P. J. Leane D. R. Lethbridge
	N. G. T. Newington M. C. Bray
Bleackley Modern Language Prize	P. P. Van Daalhoff
Headmaster's Prize	C. C. Baverstock G. D. Maddox
	D. J. Badcock P. J. Clayton
	I. A. Al Sahael N. K. A. Jones
	A. H. G. Letty D. R. Lethbridge
	M. Mirkhan C. D. Macleod
	J. N. McB. Maxfield
Head Prefect's Prize	R. A. S. Pim

Old Boys

Burr House Leavers

Pim, R. A. S.	U6th; Head of College; 1st XV Capt.; Squash 1st; Tennis 1st; 6 'O' levels; 1 Grade 1 CSE; 1 'A' level. To Kenya.
Dence, C. S.	6G; House Prefect; Rowing J/15; 1 'O' level. To Farming.
Sutton, J. R.	6G; 2 'O' levels. To Civil Engineering—Kenya.
Marsh, A. M.	6G; House Prefect; 1st XV; 1st XI Hockey; 1st XI Cricket; Sec. of Hockey Club; 1 'O' level.
Dean, R. W.	6G; House Prefect; Rowing—Senior 'C'; 1 'O' level.
Baverstock, C. C.	U6th; School Prefect/Head of House; Sec. of Sailing Club, 1st Team; 7 'O' levels; 2 CSE's Grade 1. To Surveying and Estate Agency.
Badcock, D. J.	U6th; School Prefect; 1st VIII; Rowed for Home Counties Senior B Status; 3 'O' levels; 3 CSE Grade 1's. To Art College.
Leavett-Shenley, C. J.	6G; U/15 XI Cricket; U/15 XI Hockey; 3rd XI Hockey. To Farming.
Knowles, S. T. G.	U5th; U/15 XV Rugby; 2nd XV Rugby; 2nd XI Hockey. To King James College.
Wolfe, M. R.	U4th; Rowing J/14B, J/15C. To Kent School, U.S.A.

Everett House Leavers

	<i>Came</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>Exams</i>	<i>Record</i>	<i>Destination</i>
I. A. Al Sahaal	Sept. '76	U6	8 O's 1 A	Head of House; School Prefect; 1st Hockey; 2nd XV; 2nd XI	Edward Greene College
A. Barrios	Jan. '77	U6	4 O's 1 A	House Prefect	Drama School
S. G. Bishop	Jan. '79	U5	3 O's	—	Engineering Apprenticeship
P. N. Cox	Sept. '76	U6	10 O's 2 A's	House Prefect	Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester
E. D. Hampton	Sept. '76	U6	6 O's	House Prefect; Sgt. in C.C.F.	Army
T. J. Hunt	Sept. '76	U6	5 O's	House Prefect; Cpl. in C.C.F. 1st VIII; England IV	Army
G. H. S. Leaning	Sept. '77	6G	1 O	House Prefect; Tennis VI; 1st Hockey; 2nd XV	Godalming Technical College
A. H. G. Letty	Sept. '76	U6	9 O's	School Prefect; 1st VIII; England IV	Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth
A. J. Lowe	April '76	U6	7 O's 2 A's	House Prefect; Cpl. in C.C.F.	Amenity Horticulture
J. S. Sumner	Sept. '78	L5	2 O's	2nd XI Hockey; 2nd XI Cricket	Godalming VIth Form College

Orchard House Leavers

April 1981

M. C. Bray	(U6)	House Prefect; House Colours; Sgt. in C.C.F. To Insurance.
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July 1981

G. N. Beggin	(U5)	To King James's College, Henley
R. M. Bendell	(U6)	House Prefect; House Colours
S. N. Berrisford	(6G)	House Prefect; 1st XV; 1st VIII; House Colours; Sgt. in C.C.F. To South Oxfordshire Technical College
R. P. Bowden	(L5)	To VIth Form College
M. Casapieri	(U6)	House Prefect; House Colours; Cpl. in C.C.F. To University
A. Chancellor	(U6)	House Prefect; 1st XI Cricket; House Colours. To University
W. H. Cook	(L5)	To Catering

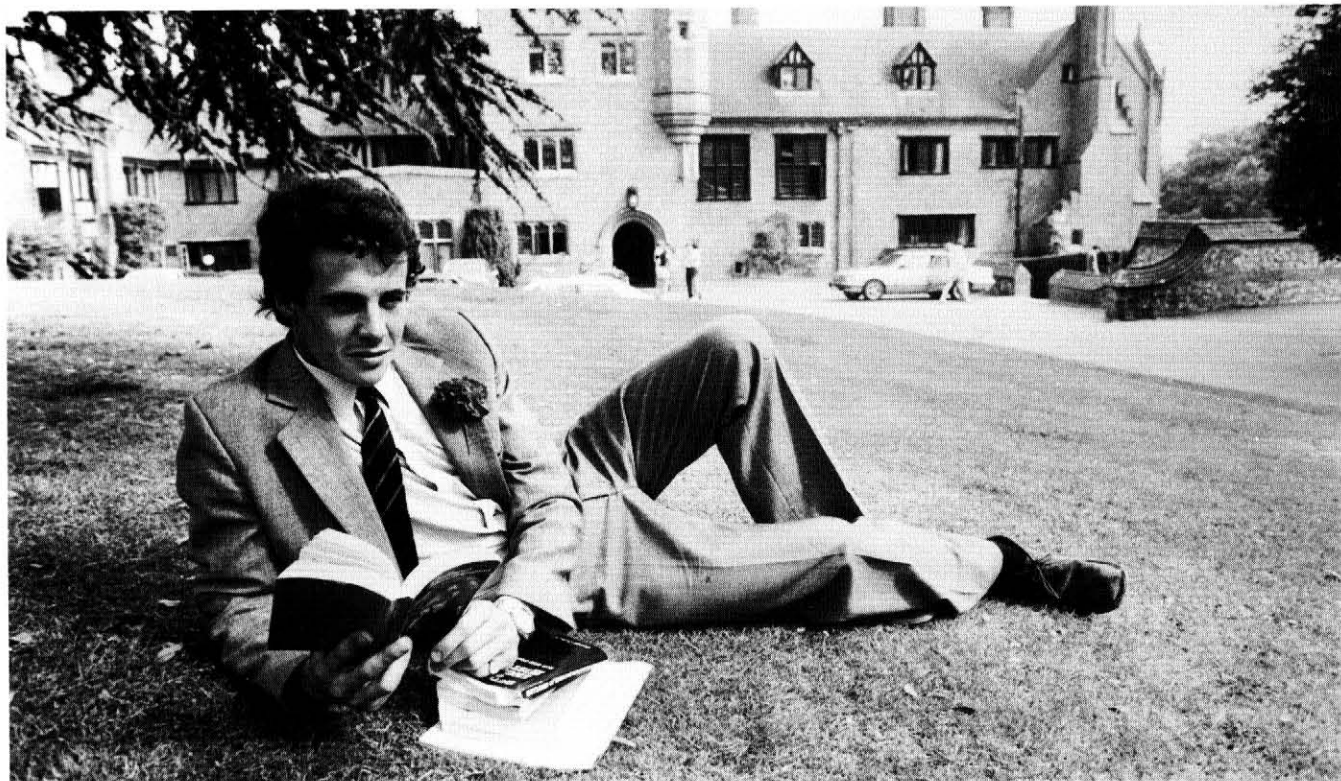
S. Garling	(6G)	—
S. Gregory	(L5)	To British School of Brussels
M. Lambert	(L5)	2nd XV; U/16 VIII. To VIth Form College in Winchester
P. Lane	(L5)	To Royal Marines
D. R. Lethbridge	(U6)	School Prefect; Head of House; 1st XI Cricket; 1st VI Squash; House Colours. To U.S.A. prior to University
C. D. Macleod	(U6)	School Prefect; 1st XI Cricket; House Colours
A. Partridge	(6G)	To Art College
M. Shepherd	(U5)	To School in London
I. Sibley	(L5)	To R.A.F. Apprenticeship
D. V. Smith	(L5)	To Further Education
I. C. Wood	(U6)	—

Skipwith House Leavers

Mirkhan, M.	Head of House; 3 O's; 1st XV; 1st VIII; 1st IV; Shot record. To further education
Maxfield, J. N. Mc. B.	School Prefect; 7 O's; A/B C.C.F.; Captain of Sailing. To Merchant Navy
Adams, M.	House Prefect; Cpl. in C.C.F.; 9 O's. To further education
Bernstein, J. M.	8 O's; 1 A. To University
Farley-Sutton, N. D.	House Prefect; 2 O's; House Captain of Swimming. To further education
Horscroft, P. T.	House Prefect; 5 O's. Captain of Football. To further education in America
Masters, A.	To further education in Switzerland
Moody, M. J. T.	House Prefect; 2 O's. To Drama School
Rigby, S. J.	2 O's. To further education
Shaikh, F. R.	To further education
Simkin, M.	Cpl. in C.C.F.; 5 O's. To further education
Skinner, T. J. H.	House Prefect; 5 O's; Captain of Athletics. To University in America
Woodhouse, R.	3 O's. L/Cpl. in C.C.F. To further education

Welsh House Leavers

Acland, P. E. D.	Novice VIII; P.N.P. in C.C.F.
Carter, V. G.	House Prefect; Captain of Hockey; 2nd XV Rugby; 2nd XI Cricket; 5 O's; 1 A
Clayton, C. A.	U/15 Squash. To further education
Clayton, P. J.	School Prefect; 8 O's. To further education
Dale, R.	2nd XI Cricket
Druce, M. C.	House Prefect; 8 O's; 1 A
Godman-Dorington, A.	To professional farming
Grantham, T. O.	U/15 Rugby; 2nd XI Cricket; 1st XI Soccer. Apprenticeship with Josh Gifford
Jones, N. K. A.	School Prefect; 1st XV Rugby; Producer of "Contempt of Court"; Producer of VIth Form Review; 6 O's; 1 A. Management Course Trust House Forte
Maddox, G. D.	Head of House; 1st VI Squash; 1st VI Tennis; 6 O's. Management Course, Auto Industry, Brazil
Mealing, R. L. V.	House Prefect; 1st XV Rugby; 1st VIII; Captain of Shooting; 5 O's; 1 A. Foundation Course in Art at Oxford Polytechnic
Moy, A. P. S.	House Prefect; 1st XV Rugby; 1st VIII; 5 O's; 1 A
Olorenshaw, M.	2 O's. To retailing
Pallett, M. A. R.	1st XI Hockey; 1st XI Cricket; 1 O. To apprenticeship in Agricultural Engineering
Robinson, J. H.	Leading Seaman; 1st VIII Shooting; 2 O's. To Shawnigan Lake School, Canada
Sinnott, J.	6 O's. To Estate Agency
Van Daalhoff, P. P.	1st XV Rugby; 1st VI Squash; Captain of Tennis; 6 O's; 1 A. To further education
Wilkinson, C.	To further education
Yorke-Davies, A. M. H.	House Prefect; Captain of Squash; 1 A. To professional career in Squash



Robin Pim, pictured above has gained a post as headmaster of the Dzitsoni Harambee Secondary School in Kenya. It has just over 100 pupils aged between 12 and 22 learning subjects to 'O' level standard, as well as a conventional teachers training course he will have to learn Swahili, the native tongue of the African students.

Robin heard of the post through the Project Trust Scheme, which sends school leavers on a variety of different jobs throughout the world. The only snag was that he had to raise two-thirds of the required sum to fly him to Kenya and back. He raised more than £200 by walking 92 miles in 22 hours which was 53 laps of the College grounds. Unfortunately he had to stop for medical reasons before he reached his goal of walking for 30 hours non stop. We wish him every success for the future.

P.J.F.W.



G. J. Heath (left), an old boy of Everett House is seen in the picture receiving the Furniture Industry's Marketing Award for 1980 from Mr. J. Benn.