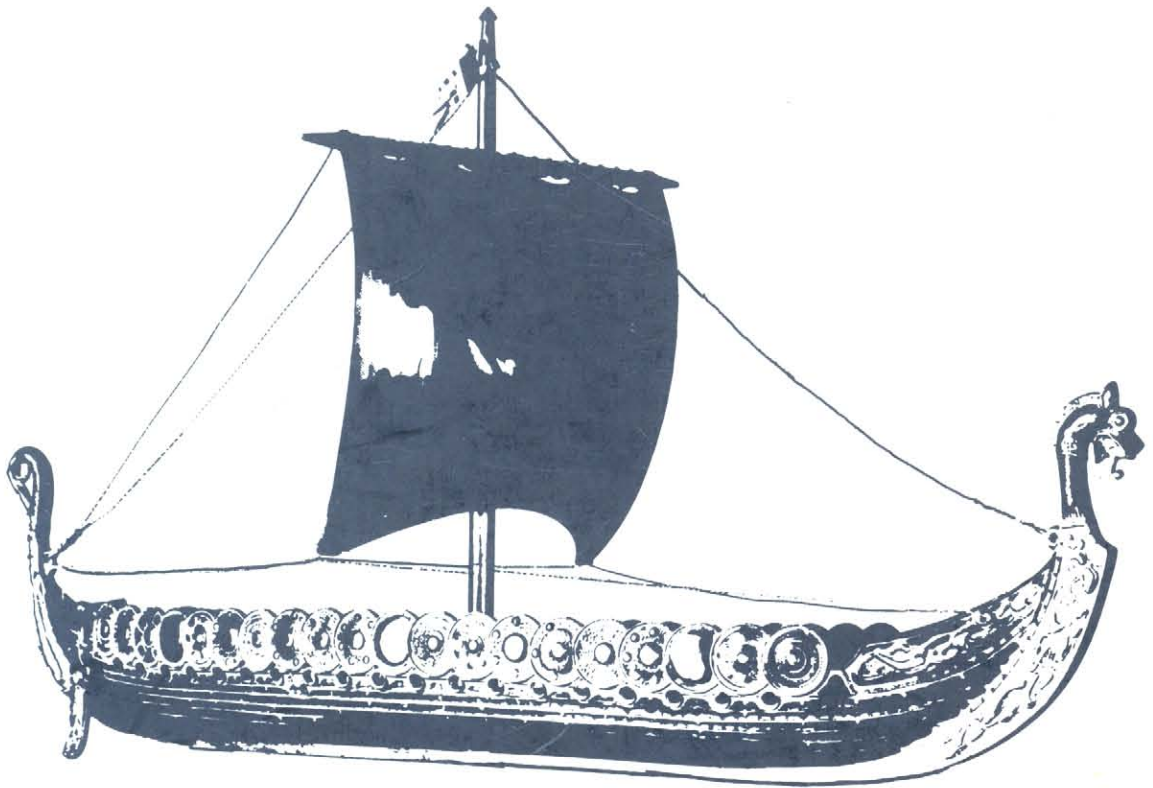




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 Long Close School, Slough
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 Farnsworth, J. W. Orchard
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 Fox, D. M. E. Burr
 Orley Farm, Harrow
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 St. Piran's, Maidenhead
 Gooch, J. E. Burr
 Allen House, Woking
 Goodwin, G. R. A. Orchard
 Farnham Common Middle School, Farnham
 Griffiths, H. C. Everett
 Bahrain International School
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 Burnet-Rae Tutorial, London
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 Harris, N. J. Burr
 The Mall, Twickenham
 Holman, T. C. W. Everett
 Oakwood School, Chichester

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 Steel's View School, Ontario
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 Eagle House, Camberley
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 Robeson, C. A. A. Skipwith
 John Wycliffe School, West Dulwich
 Robinson, D. J. Welsh
 Pownall Hall School, Wilmslow
 Rudge, J. E. B. Orchard
 Holme Grange School, Wokingham
 Rygaard, S. C. Welsh
 Millfield School, Glastonbury
 Rygaard, S. N. Welsh
 Millfield Junior School, Glastonbury
 Sadler, N. M. Burr
 Temple Grove School, Uckfield
 Stanford, J. D. Skipwith
 Sir William Borlase's, Marlow
 Stewart, J. M. J. Burr
 Chaffyn Grove, Salisbury
 Taylor-Sabine, J. L. D. Orchard
 Crosfields School, Shinfield
 Thomas, D. P. Orchard
 Stubbington House, Ascot
 Toogood, O. J. Welsh
 Rose Hill School, Wotton-under-Edge
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 Temple Grove School, Uckfield
 Warren, A. J. Skipwith
 Pinewood School, Swindon
 Webb, N. J. Burr
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 Tower House School, London SW14
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 P.E.G. School of English

...From the Bridge

Headmaster's Notes

The academic school year which ran from September 1983 to August 1984 was a momentous one in many respects. For not only was it our Silver Jubilee, but decisions were taken which reflected our growing maturity as a school and a vibrant confidence in our future.

Early on it was decided that the Jubilee celebrations would be selfishly Ship-lake's. Consequently, the events concentrated on attracting all those who have made our history possible. The only group of supporters who were not invited to something were former parents but, sadly, College finances and simple logistics would not stretch to entertaining such large numbers. However, this important group in our development were included in our prayers on 1st May and were also singled out in HEW-F's history of the College, reviewed elsewhere in this magazine.

The highlight of the Jubilee celebra-

tions was 1st May, our birthday. Was it our founders' sense of humour to start our history on 'Labour Day', a day celebrated widely by all 'socialist governments'? It matters not, but what does matter is that the founder members who were able to be present were thrilled by the Thanksgiving Service, the singing of the choir and boys, the obvious sense of occasion which pervaded everything in a service which was attended by over seven hundred. After the service all enjoyed an excellent lunch, a feat of catering that even outdid the parish supper of 1980, and Mrs. Eggar graciously laid the Foundation Stone for the 'Jubilee Building' while Mrs. Goodwin 'launched' our new Empacher VIII, the 'Jubilee'.

1st May belonged to the boys, staff, governors, current parents and friends of the College. Later in the term we entertained the Old Vikings and the Headmasters of the Preparatory Schools who have sent us boys over the years. In addition the history and the tie

were launched but these are mentioned elsewhere.

Jubilee Year or not, a school is judged by its results. Academically the year would come third in our league table and yet the Common Room was disappointed by the results — such is the increase in confidence and expectation. On the games field and elsewhere the year passed all expectations — who in 1959 would have predicted Shiplake's Henley Royal Regatta victory in 1984?

However, above everything else, it was a happy year; here the staff and school prefects should claim great credit.

Finally, all this progress is reflected in the confidence of the Governors who, on 28th August, three days before the Jubilee Year ended, decided to go ahead with the new Burr, the biggest building project in the College's history. Surely an exciting year could not have had a more fitting epitaph.

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College Prefects 1983-84 — Back row: A. D. T. Large, G. T. Walsh-Waring, R. J. Gem, D. J. Clarke, C. J. H. Rowton-Lee, B. Bedroud, J. M. Whiteman. Front row: J. B. Mann, A. H. Marsden, The Headmaster, C. J. F. Lear, A. S. Lindley.



Editorial

As the year draws to a close, we look back with pleasure and satisfaction at this, our Silver Jubilee Year. Shiplake has passed through its infancy and its youth and is now looking ahead to early middle age. Nineteen eighty-four, a year which readers of George Orwell's work had looked forward to with some trepidation, was a good year for us and an important milestone in our history. We can say, with confidence, we have come of age.

"Doubtless, the future will see many changes. Well, perhaps that is what the future is for. We cannot stand still, even at the best of times". Thus pronounced the retiring headmaster in Alan Bennett's play "Forty Years On". During the year, the Board of Governors, confident of the College's future, approved two major building

schemes which, when complete, will further add to the many fine facilities we already enjoy. A major appeal was launched to help fund these projects and the initial response has been pleasing. We are not standing still.

Hopefully, the pages of this magazine reflect the life of the College during the past year. Even as I write these words before going to press, I am conscious of omissions; it is difficult to capture all the activities of a vibrant organisation in print.

I am again greatly indebted to the many boys and staff who contributed material. I am particularly indebted to Mrs. Jackie Leigh who typed the copy and to PCJG, DWD and GSV for their diligent proof reading. I must also record my thanks to David Clarke and Richard Gem who boosted the photographic content.

Prize Winners Speech Day, 1984

Academic Prizes

THIRD FORM

1. *Mathematics, French* J. A. K. Welsh
2. *Physics, English* M. H. Nunn
3. *Geography* A. Akinloye
4. *Chemistry* N. P. D. Evans
5. { *History* F. D. Browne
History R. S. Horrocks

FOURTH FORM

1. *Physics, Economics, English, Geography* ... C. J. Buck
2. *Mathematics, Geography* R. K. W. Howie
3. *Biology* A. J. Morrell
4. *Chemistry* J. T. Adams
5. *European Studies* D. M. Browne
6. *History* J. R. Bartlett
7. *French* R. E. M. Harvey

School Prizes

- Junior Public Speaking* W. T. Furniss
Junior General Knowledge W. T. Furniss
Junior Barron P. K. Wertheimer
Junior Ceramics M. V. Hamilton
Art J. W. Welch
Physical Education — Third Form A. B. Faulkner
Technical Drawing — Fourth Form M. G. Parker
Woodwork — Fourth Form S. A. Blem
McAlpine Prize J. P. Bell
J. P. Bunch
Open General Knowledge J. B. Mann
Middle General Knowledge R. E. M. Harvey
Esau Essay Prize J. A. K. Welsh
Senior Public Speaking W. J. P. White
Senior Reading S. G. C. Faulkner
Junior Reading F. D. Browne
Salmon Cup B. S. J. Kaye
Asclepian Prize R. J. Gem
Music Prize J. S. Cox

Peter Caston Memorial D. J. Enstone

Bleackley Modern Language M. D. Radziwill

'O' Level Prizes B. S. J. Kaye
S. D. C. James
R. T. Maundrell
A. J. Menzies
S. S. Menzies
A. P. Boyle
T. M. N. Livsey
J. B. L. Blunt
R. N. Jones
H. S. Thistlethwayte

'A' Level Prizes R. W. E. Darlington
R. P. Martin

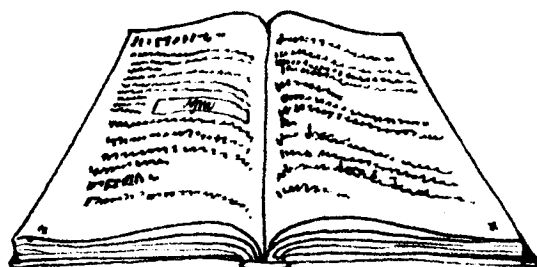
Gold Medal — Duke of Edinburgh Award S. D. H. Briggs
A. D. T. Large
C. G. F. Lear
A. H. Marsden
T. O. W. Pemberton
C. J. H. Rowton-Lee
T. Wearne

Viking Ship H. E. D. Trotter
M. Emmanuel
A. J. Woof
D. C. Swanson-Smith

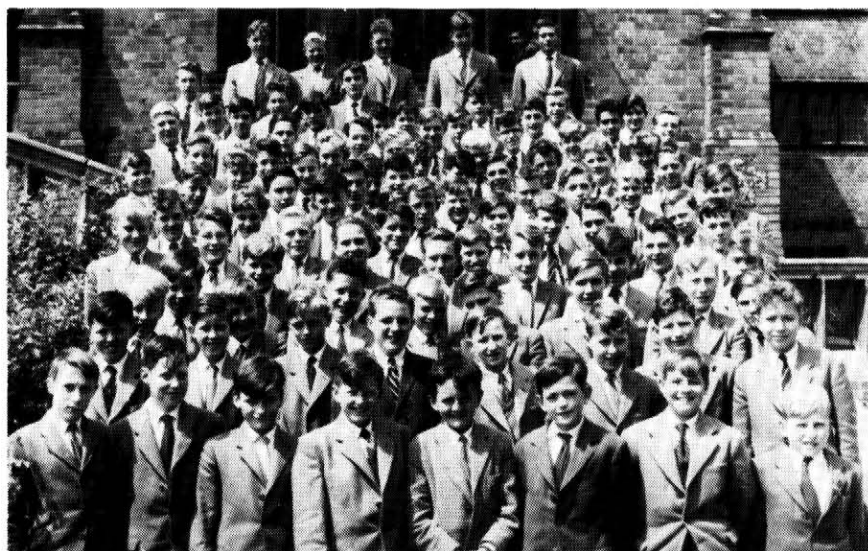
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M. C. H. Williams

Headmaster's Prize — 1984 B. Bedroud
D. S. Clarke
A. S. Lindley
G. T. Walsh Waring
J. M. Whiteman
A. J. Woof
R. J. Gem
A. D. T. Large
G. C. F. Lear
J. B. Mann
C. J. H. Rowton-Lee

Head Prefect's Prize A. H. Marsden



Twenty Six Years and Onward...



"Where are they now?" — *The earliest known group photograph of Shiplake College students, taken about 1960.*

When the term came to an end in March 1984, no one actually noticed that the twenty-five years had been completed. Even before it is published, the College history 'Wish and Fulfilment' is out-of-date. The book was complete before plans for buildings in the Green Huts area were announced. A large scale expansion of Burr House is also close to a start and this next development will make the College history even more out-of-date. Steady and successful expansion has been the keynote of the whole story of Shiplake College.

Our Silver Jubilee is a milestone. We pause for a moment, take breath, and look back along the road we have travelled. Looking back is the aim of this particular contribution to the 1984 edition of *The Court*. First of all the academic story, the first successful 'O' level candidates came along in 1961 and 1962 and as a result there were some encouraging 'A' level results in 1963 and 1964, the first of many. By 1965 most teaching was organised in departments, Latin was going out and Economics, for instance, was coming in. The three weekly Order Cards dates from 1963. As more subjects came into the timetable our present system of options began in ways which we should now consider rather strange. Before 1970 there were debating and music competitions and these were partly because John Eggar felt, looking back to his own school days, that music, art and drama played too small a part in his own upbringing. Work tutors and conferences came along in the early 1970s. Our end of term reports have changed very little since the early days, the only

major alteration has been the disappearance of form orders as such: setting and options made it impossible to work out a fair and accurate form order.

It is not easy to talk about higher standards. But the summer concerts since 1976, 'A' level results since 1980 and recent successes in inter-school debating would suggest that there are at least three areas where we have improved tremendously in the last decade.

The hundredth meeting of the Governors took place in 1984, during our seventy-fifth term. The difficulties of the early years are perhaps best brought out by mentioning that the fiftieth Governors meeting took place in June 1966, only six-and-a-half years after the school began. What are school governors, any boy might ask? They are, in the best sense of the word, 'Plato's guardians'. From time to time they have to choose a new headmaster. They are the head's main advisers and governors take primary responsibility for finance and development. How well their work has been done is underlined by the summary of our building expansion. The school began in the original mansion and expanded fairly quickly into the stable block for teaching purposes. The temporary laboratories on the kitchen garden were the next stage completed by 1966. On the boarding side, Everett was the main development in 1961 and 1962, accommodation for staff was partly met by renting nearby properties. When Mrs. Everett, as resident governor, and David Skipwith, as a bachelor headmaster, both left, the sick bay area was taken over by the school and soon

after they arrived Mr. John Eggar and his family were living in Court Mead.

In the early days our administration was very simple. Miss Tomalin did practically everything in the school office single handed. By 1965 she had been reinforced when Mrs. Hinton became the chief assistant to the bursar on the accountancy side. During the 1970s our office work grew rapidly and now keeps some five ladies busy.

Lack of space has always been one of our problems. The present arrangement by which the Tithe Barn is our chapel, our theatre, our video centre and our lecture room is a good example of one place having to do four or five jobs.

College sport is a prime example of the way in which things built up, the lack of finance held back the boat club until 1963 when it acquired new fours and a new boathouse to keep them in. There were substantial successes in fours events and then a lull before the big boathouse and brand new eights were acquired in the 1970s. The next great achievement was to see the first eight making regular appearances at Henley Royal Regatta. In other sporting areas the build-up was slow, the tennis club had only one hard court from 1959 to 1969. Until 1967 there was only one cricket square. It was only in 1967 that the first and second fifteen pitches became available on their present site. Hockey was one of the inter-school sports in which we made considerable strides before and immediately after 1970. This was partly because we only had to find eleven competent players to produce a useful side. There was one outstanding rugby period in the 1960s in the seasons '68 and '69. Real consistency on the rugby field has only been achieved since 1975. It is extraordinary how quickly our indoor facilities in the sports hall for tennis, cricket, badminton and full scale basketball have been taken for granted. Squash was run by Mr. David Welsh for over twenty years: this was a monumental performance bearing in mind that, until the end of 1976, all squash activity took place in Henley and being in charge involved running a daily transport system.

Chapel services on Sunday and during the week are older than any other part of our school life. There were chapel services before we had school and house ties, there were chapel services before there were any inter-house competitions, there were chapel services years before the CCF got going, there were chapel services, and many prayers answered, long before services became part of a termly printed school calendar.

The adventure and hopefulness of the early days is not now easy to recapture. There was the greatest thrill in putting on house ties for the first time ever and receiving the first ever colours ties and playing in the first school cricket, rugby and hockey matches. The first full prefects, soon after they left in 1961 and 1962, became the first committee of the Old Boys' club. No sooner had they contributed to building up the house system, they were asked to contribute to the building up of regular fixtures between the College and its former members. The support given to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award over the years by some of our old boys is a clear indication of the affection for Shiplake that built up amongst many members of our pioneering generation.

For a young school, house loyalty is particularly strong. It was fortunate for Shiplake that David Skipwith, John Eggar and Peter Lapping had all been very successful housemasters before they took over the direction of affairs at Shiplake. Their sympathy and understanding had much to do with the growth of a first-rate house tradition. Unfortunately, our houses were well established before boarding schools began in the mid-1960s to move away from the traditional dormitory towards the more progressive concept of the 'study bedroom'. However, in spite of physical difficulties, Shiplake adapted very quickly to the new concept and all our housemasters, their prefects and their generations of boys have done much to build Shiplake into the school it has become. Each house has had its own way of boosting confidence and patching up failure, just as every house has its own way of dealing with its duty week once every month. Peter Lapping has himself described housemastering as "on most evenings having a busy pen, a warm telephone, an active door bell and often a strong line to enforce".

Central to the history of Shiplake College are the years from 1963 to 1979, when John Eggar was in charge. Naturally he made some mistakes and he himself felt he was more successful as a prodder and encourager of boys than he was as leader of teaching staff. To overcriticise himself was typical of the man. The facts speak for themselves; before John Eggar came, Shiplake had been involved in five building projects. During John Eggar's years here there were twenty-two building projects, more than one a year! When John Eggar left, the sports hall — his most ambitious project — was within months of completion. It is not as the man behind so many buildings that old boys remember JDE. "Full of good deeds to parents and boys alike" is how his former pupils remember him.

A building project per year has been the tradition since John Eggar retired and Peter Lapping is marking the end of his fifth year here by setting in motion two major projects. These are the redevelopment of the Green Huts and



An aerial photograph of Shiplake Court and the Parish Church taken before the foundation of the College.

the entire reconstruction of Burr House.

Shiplake has been well provided with staff characters and personalities. Amongst those old boys remember with varying emotions are 'chef' Dean, Peter the carpenter, Mr. Mac in the basement, generations of matrons, the three resident sick bay sisters and I am not joking when I stress that on the maintenance side over the years Shiplake College has had the services of Tom, Dick and Harry. Food is always close to a schoolboy's heart and Steve Morris presiding over the tuck shop for more than twenty years will never be forgotten. Nor should generations of catering staff be left out. If

our average term lasts twelve weeks, that means some six thousand, three hundred days of boarding school life in twenty-five years which, of course, means that meals have now been served in the Great Hall on some nineteen thousand occasions!

This resumé should conclude on a light note because Shiplake has always been a cheerful and willing place. We are still not as good as we should like to be, but we are confident that we do some things better than older schools more famous than ourselves.

HEW-F

'Wish and Fulfilment' by H. E. Wells-Furby

It can never be easy to write a 'living' history of a place in which you play a vital part, as indeed the author does, because amongst other things it requires tact and diplomacy, both of which qualities are evident in this volume. But 'to begin at the beginning'. The reader is introduced gently to the early history of Shiplake Court, associated with the Englefield family, the Plowden family, and the Harrisons, following which it became a preparatory school and then an hostel for BBC Engineers during the Second World War, all of which makes for interesting reading.

Then Eric de Morley Everett and his family arrived and everything started moving at a much greater pace than one normally associates with rural surroundings. Two headmasters came and went and after an interregnum John Eggar dropped anchor and progress became the order of the day.

The major part of the book reads like an action-packed drama with everything seemingly happening at once.

This is where the author's style, which is somewhat staccato and not entirely fluent as a result, suits the subject matter. Paragraph follows paragraph with very often little connection between them, but it is all very effective.

Under John Eggar's control, College made very steady progress during a period when other schools of longer standing were beginning to fall by the wayside, and the main reason for this is expressed as follows by the author: 'John Eggar was very happy to keep faith with families who needed Shiplake. The need tended to be defined simply as a good varied school without a restrictively high standard of entry'.

Having read the book from cover to cover, your critic was left with the impression that the story of Shiplake's first twenty-five years has been one of human endeavour, which could never have been achieved without the enthusiasm and dedication of the governing body, the headmasters, all members of the teaching staff, the ancillary staff, the parents — 'our greatest allies' — and by no means least, the boys themselves. The author's efforts have not been in vain.

House Notes

Burr House

The year began with the knowledge that there would be two Heads of House during the following three terms: Alastair Wilson until Christmas, who then left to go to Jacksonville University, USA, and James Mann until the end of the year. Both did an admirable job, and deserve the thanks of the whole House. Their names appear on the magnificent Heads of House board presented by Matthew Battle, the previous holder of the title, at a ceremony attended by MMG and several recent Old Boys. September also saw the arrival of a new resident House Tutor, T. J. Coulson, Esq., who, apart from having special responsibility for the Third Form, became involved in a wide range of House activities and provided exactly the kind of support and cover needed by both boys and Housemaster alike. The other House Tutors, APH, BB and PE, have continued to give their valuable support. The domestic department remained in the loyal and capable hands of Mrs. Dinage and Tina.

The introduction of the Ian Baldry Trophy, to be won by the House gaining the most points in sporting competitions, gave added incentive in this area, and while success was found in the Senior football, and the cross-country and athletics standards competitions, the last two so highly prized because they reflect the effort and involvement of the whole House, we were unable to win or even reach the final, of anything like enough competitions, so the lead we had established by half term in the summer was eroded by Welsh, to whom we came second. The two standards competitions, as well as providing an opportunity for every member of the House to contribute, require considerable effort in organising, and Martin Radziwill, Captain of Cross-country, and Johnny Marsh, Captain of Athletics, deserve great credit for their parts, the latter also for his tremendous contribution towards our victory in the Senior Athletics finals. Senior cricket was a great disappointment since, despite having the first four College 1st XI batsmen, and our XI comprising solely of College team players, we did not win a match.

We retained the General Knowledge Shield, thanks mainly to Simon James: did well in the Senior Debates and badly in the Music Competition — more thought must go into the choice of song! The Anstruther Cup came to rest in Burr, thanks largely to Andreas Carleton-Smith's drilling of the contingent, and to the fact that we had so many members of the band.

Boys from the House were involved and had success in a wide range of activities during the year — 'A' level candidates were successful, and we had five 'O' level prize winners — a strong contingent had parts in 'Chips with Everything', and we were well represented in the Junior Plays. 'Jesus Christ Superstar' was admirably supported by singers, dancers, a handsome centurion, lighting experts, musicians, Benjamin 'Herod' Kaye and, of course, JC himself, played by TJC. James Mann and Richard Harvey were both prize winners in the open General Knowledge Competition; David Bailey was a prominent member of a very successful College Public Speaking team; we had entrants well placed in the annual British Legion wheelbarrow race; and James Hutton completed a 100 miles + sponsored cycle ride to help raise money to help keep African children in their school.

The number in the House has remained static at 59 for several terms now, but the size of the Sixth Form is increasing, which is a healthy sign for the College, and the House, since it means that not only do we have plenty of age and experience at the top, but also the bulk of the House Prefects can be drawn from the Upper Sixth. The general consensus among those leaving the Upper Sixth recently has been that they were very glad they had stayed on, and had derived great benefit from their time at the top.

In many ways the year has been dominated by thoughts of the proposed extension: there have been many meetings with the architect, and the ideas of a wide range of people have been sought. At the time of writing, plans are complete and the urgency of the need for this development is universally recognised: better accommodation for the boys, new classrooms for the College, ladies toilets for those functions in the Tithe Barn, and living accommodation for the House Tutor, and Housemaster and family (already forced to move once within the College), are all essential. The success of the Appeal will be crucial!

A very busy year, with a minor number of low points, and notable much more for its corporate and individual effort, enthusiasm, and good humour, came to a close with a very enjoyable barbecue on the lawn, organised by the Lower Sixth under the direction of Richard Maundrell, who will be Head of House (and I hope will write the House Notes!) for the coming year.

MAS

Everett House

This year the House has worked hard to create the right atmosphere. I feel that we reached the target that we set out for at the beginning of the year: a House in which there is no bullying, stealing or vandalism, but a large amount of co-operation. I can truly say that the prefects and I have received full co-operation from everybody from the Third Form to the Sixth Form and for this I am very grateful to every boy in the House, especially the prefects who have been a tower of strength in every way possible.

Not only has the House proved itself off the games fields but on them also. For this my thanks must go to the Junior part of the House as they have won the Junior Athletics, Junior Rugby, Junior League Rugby, Junior Basketball, Junior Cross-country and Junior Cricket; they also put up a good fight in many of the other sports. It is a pity that the Senior part of the House was not stronger, although we did win the Sailing Trophy.

The last group of people I would like to thank are the House Tutors and our Housemaster, for all the hard work they have put in to get us through the year.

On the whole many thanks to everybody for making my year as Head of House, one which I shall treasure for ever.

A. Lindley

Orchard House

The new year started with a full House, making Orchard competitive with the Boarding Houses at both Junior and Senior levels. The tutorial team was joined by Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Pollard. A. H. Marsden had been appointed Head of College, further evidence of the complete integration of Orchard House into the life of the College. C. J. H. Rowton-Lee as Head of House and B. Bedroud as School Prefect led an effective team of House Prefects.

The large number of Third Formers quickly settled in to College and House routines, and Orchard was well represented in College sides at both Senior and Junior levels. The Senior House rugby side emerged triumphant and the Juniors lost the final to a strong Everett team. Basketball and Chess trophies came to Orchard.

The Spring Term brought victory to the Senior Squash team, and the Indoor Hockey side produced some surprisingly good performances. The Cross-country team relied too heavily on individual performances and the overall result was disappointing. Our Debating team contributed to an entertaining

evening but, as with the offering of House Music, it failed to impress the adjudicator.

The Summer Term produced many good performances but, too often, Orchard had to accept second place. The Athletics was lost by one point, and the Cricket sides were surprisingly successful. Both the individual and team elements within the popular Heptathlon competition were won by Orchard with an especially fine performance by C. J. Howie.

Competitive standards were maintained throughout the year and much credit must be given for the enthusiasm of the various team captains.

Whilst success on the sports field is undoubtedly important, the strength of Orchard became evident in the many fine results obtained in the classroom. A record number of commendations were awarded, and a tradition of good work is developing. If this is maintained, the future of Orchard will be secure.

Many thanks are due to the Tutors and Matron, Mrs. Clarke, and to an excellent team of Prefects who together enabled the Orchard year to run so smoothly.

Skipwith House

We started the year with a large number of senior members of the Upper Sixth and with three School Prefects. We also welcomed Mr. Doveston as House Tutor in the Christmas Term but, sadly, he was to leave us after a year.

In the Christmas Term, our rugby sides were weak, but the House League team nearly repeated their victory of last year. In the General Knowledge Competition we were third, but special mention should be made of Michael Underwood's contribution — he has been in the House General Knowledge team for five years, in three of them as a member of the winning team!

The Easter Term saw us score a notable double in winning both Junior and Senior Hockey — the Seniors only after extra time in the final. Under the enthusiastic and skilful leadership of Nick Dawes, the House came a close second in the Music Competition, having attempted a difficult song in two parts. Malcolm Liddle-Grainger contributed notably to our rather unexpected win in the Senior Debating, and the Juniors did well in their Competition. The Senior Football XI reached the final, and were much indebted to the skills of the Shitta-Bey brothers. Cross-country did not produce any great successes, but the Junior Squash team won for the second year running, with Ben Fitzwilliam playing a key role.

We should have done the double again at Cricket: the Seniors won their final fairly easy, after they had scraped through a tie in the previous round. The Juniors were very strong in batting but were bowled out cheaply by Everett in the final. Tony Russell, Sudhisak Chanchamngong, John Bartlett, Christopher Keevil, Christopher Haynes and Ben

THE IAN BALDRY TROPHY



Fitzwilliams all played their part in the best cricket teams for some time. The athletic standard was very disappointing; there were too many who did not contribute. We were not at full strength for the House Athletics, and failed to win either the Senior or Junior competitions, although there were some good individual performances. The Seniors won the Tennis by combining low cunning with good play; the House shooting team convincingly added two unusual Shields to our collection, and the Senior swimmers pushed Welsh very hard right up to the last race.

There was a good collection of Skipwith prize-winners at Speech Day, and we hope for some encouraging GCE results. Christopher Keevil won the James Schwerdt Trophy in the Summer, and Jonathan Bartlett in the Easter Term. The new Duncan Walker Trophy for good work in the Third or Fourth Forms was awarded to David Tait.

In the House, the Fourth Form Studies have now all been converted, and a start is being made on the Fifth Form Studies. The cubicles are now given over entirely to Third Formers.

The House Party was held at the end of the Summer Term, on the School Island; MLW's barbecue was voted a great success, and nobody fell into the river.

Our thanks are due, as always, to our House Tutors, House Matron and Housemaster. Altogether a successful year, a good prelude to Skipwith's Silver Jubilee Year which starts in September.

C. Lear

Welsh House

During the summer holidays, and during the course of the winter term, improvements to the accommodation in the Lodge were carried out at a cost of nearly £10,000. This was the beginning

of the overall and exciting plan to renovate and extend Welsh House where necessary.

In inter-house competition, Welsh House achieved a remarkable record: runners-up at Senior and Junior levels in seven events, we ultimately won shields for Music, Senior Cross-country, Rowing and Swimming, and Junior Debating, Indoor Hockey, Rowing, Soccer, Swimming and Tennis. We were also the proud first winners of the much coveted Ian Baldry Trophy. Furthermore, in their splendid victory at Henley Royal Regatta and their representation of Great Britain, James Blunt and Henry Trotter gave Welsh House its third consecutive year of Junior International Oarsmen. Needless to say, the fourteen shields won and held on to this year represent a Welsh House record.

In the Summer Term, the Welsh House Upper Sixth achieved a 70% pass rate at 'A' level and six of the Fifth Form did sufficiently well in their 'O' levels to begin 'A' level courses in September 1984. Four others have prospects of joining the Lower Sixth at a slightly later stage.

At the end of the year, our resident tutor, Paul Statler, left us to take up a post in the Maths department at Felsted. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking him for his loyal and dependable services and we wish him every success in his new career.

Overall, this has been a highly enjoyable and successful year for Welsh House. Positive results have been achieved in the classroom and in every sphere of College life. A good balance has been set and maintained between academic, industry, and cultural, sporting and recreational activities. Moreover, a standard of which we are proud has been set, and this is our challenge to the succeeding generation.

GWW

Societies & Pursuits

Exchange visit to Paris

In May this year, for the eleventh time in twelve years, a party of Shiplake Third and Fourth Formers went to Paris and enjoyed considerable kindness and hospitality from the parents of our link school in the XVIth Arr.

The weather was not very kind, but we had one day when the sun shone warmly and clearly and our party visited the Palace of Versailles and its gardens. This was a splendid occasion and of great interest to see how the various rooms are being gradually restored to their original state of magnificence.

Every member of the party felt that the trip was an enormous success and already many boys are asking again if they can be included on the trip in 1985.

The return visit of the French to Shiplake took place during the second exeat weekend. The weather was good, our guests gave every indication of enjoying themselves enormously and the Shiplake Sixth Form once again rose to the occasion and organised an extremely entertaining disco in the barn on the Saturday evening.

Many fond farewells, kisses and addresses were exchanged on the Monday morning and we are looking forward to the next occasion in the summer.

VIVE L'ENTENTE PEDAGOGIQUE!

JWW



Old Vikings Society

There are no boys left in the school now who remember the impressive gatherings of old boys who made their farewells to John Eggar at the end of the summer term in 1979. Those here in 1984 will have seen about a quarter of the club membership here on 30th June 1984, for their day of Silver Jubilee celebrations. On this occasion the emphasis was on old boys, their families and friends. For once, fixtures against the College were not the main feature.

The OVS committee is made up of people who have been at the school fairly recently but the chairman has so far been from the 1960-70 generation. Richard Devas has been the Chairman during the Jubilee period and Chris Pelloe takes over from him next December. Life membership is paid for by a pound a term subscription during your years here and a twice yearly newsletter is sent to all members. The main social event of the year is normally held at Shiplake during the Summer term.

Computing

This has been the second year of the short course introducing computers to all the third form. The decision to purchase six Sinclair ZX Spectrums in September has proved to be a wise one — with a maximum of three to a computer, all boys have the opportunity to get some 'hands-on' experience. The computers have also been used in normal class time, particularly with lower-ability sets. Although outside class time the computers have mainly been used for games playing, some boys have spent their free time writing their own programs.

Mr. Welsh has extended the suite of programs enabling various administrative tasks to be done on the Research Machines 380Z. This computer has now been moved down to the main school and is being replaced by a BBC Computer, together with a colour monitor and printer, on which we can run educational programs.

PGS

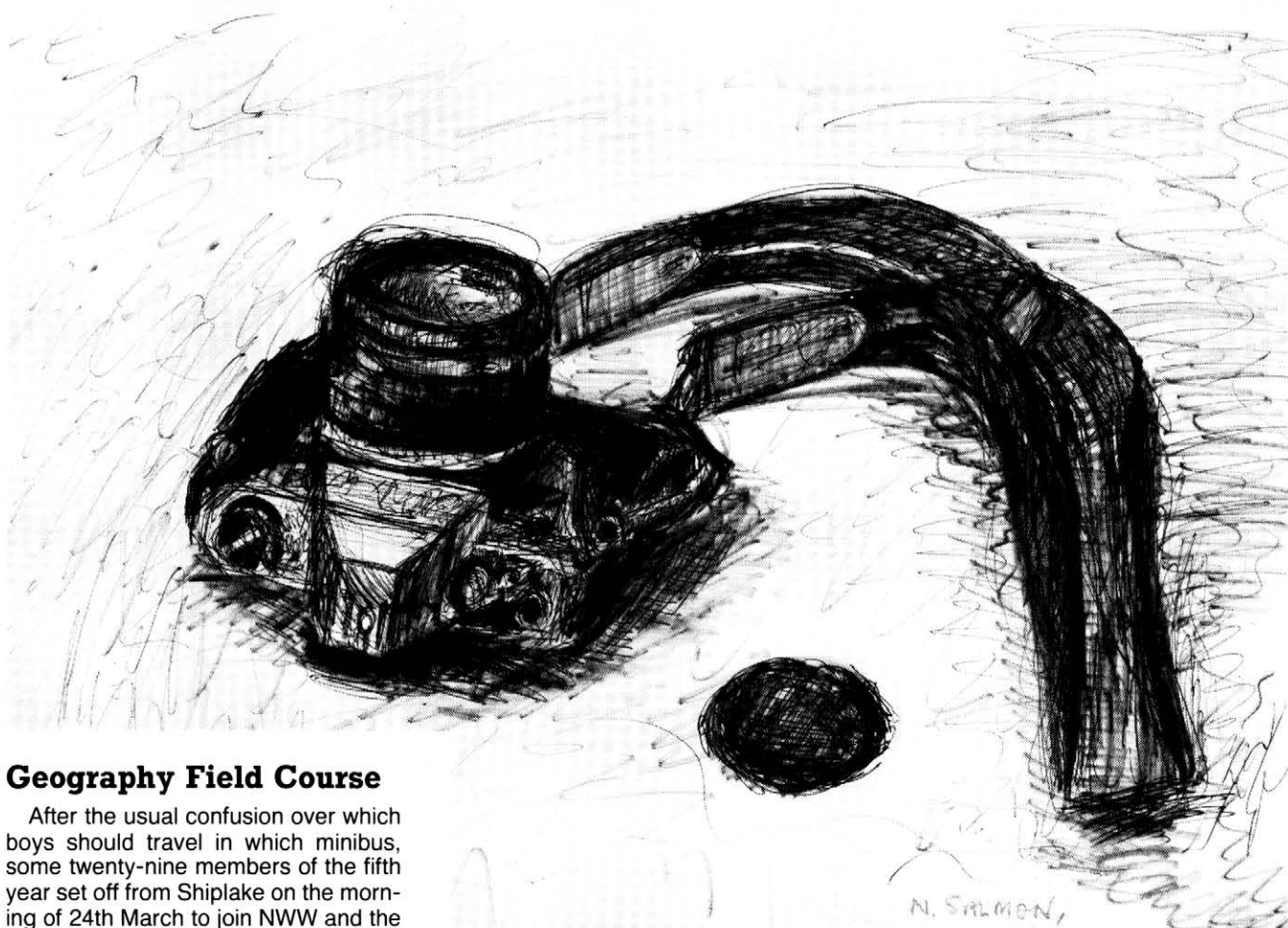
Photographic Society

It has been a busy year for the Photographic Society and, at times on Friday afternoons, it has been difficult to move in the darkroom! We now have boys throughout the school who are proficient in handling the various materials.

As mentioned in *The Court* last year, a small number of boys have been experimenting with colour work. Some of the results were fairly encouraging, but since the materials cost approximately three times the black and white equivalents, I do not feel that we can afford to continue the 'experiment'.

Special mention must be made of David Clarke and Richard Gem, both of whom are unfortunately leaving Shiplake this term, who between them have acted as photographic journalists throughout the year, leaving me free to instruct the younger boys. Without their help the Society could not have run so smoothly.

PGS



Geography Field Course

After the usual confusion over which boys should travel in which minibus, some twenty-nine members of the fifth year set off from Shiplake on the morning of 24th March to join NWW and the Sixth Form in Snowdonia for four days, NWW having travelled with his group on the Sunday.

The journey, undertaken in the pouring rain — a sign sent from Snowdon to direct us north — was interesting, stopping at Ironbridge, the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution, and at Lake Vyrnwy. Having lost JBW at Shrewsbury my group were pleased to catch up despite a guided tour around the Shropshire countryside prior to driving back into Wales!

The field course itself was much more successful, all of us benefiting from the experience of my colleagues. The accommodation, although a little noisy at times, was modern, warm and very comfortable.

Being located at the top of Llan Beris Pass we were ideally situated for a wide range of studies in Snowdonia. The weather improved steadily and members of the party enjoyed visits to Dinorwic and Ffestiniog power stations, urban studies in Caernarvon and a multitude of physical geography studies including glacial landforms, coastal features and river morphology.

The validity of such courses is often questioned but the study of geography requires, and is greatly benefited by, such courses and the reaction of this year's course has left those concerned in no doubt as to its success.

My thanks to JBW and NWW for a memorable trip.

S.L.R.

The Library

During the past year the major task in the Library has been to bring up-to-date the classification of books according to the principles of the Dewey system. The work is not yet complete, but by far the greater number of books can now be said to be classified, albeit in a simplified form.

The work of classification would not have advanced so far had it not been for the committed efforts of David Baile de Laperriere and Horst Ritter. They were assigned to the Library as 'Tuesday afternoon helpers' and they have, indeed, been true helpers throughout the year.

At the same time the Library requires the sustained efforts of a regular team of volunteer librarians for its routine running. Very special thanks, therefore, are due to William Waggott-Ito and his team of librarians, without whose help the Library could not possibly have run so smoothly this year.

It is encouraging to see so many boys using the Library, both for study and recreational reading. With the help of suggestions, both from members of staff and the boys themselves, some interesting additions have been made to many sections of the Library.

Ski Trip – Hintertux

In January 1984 we visited Austria for the first time. The resort was between 5,000'-11,000' providing guaranteed snow as it is possible to ski there in the summer! It was our first time by coach and although the journey was a long one, we made numerous stops and the tedium was allayed by the videos we watched en route.

The hotel was all we had been informed it would be: comfortable, well sited and offering a variety of culinary delights. Once on the slopes, we enjoyed the skiing. The pistes were extensive and everyone made the most of the excellent conditions. Lunch was taken in one of the restaurants allowing more time for skiing. During the week everyone enjoyed their lessons, which were for two hours each day; the remaining time was spent in practice and free skiing in groups.

After a hard day's skiing there was just time for a drink and a swim or a sauna in the hotel before dinner, after which we enjoyed the facilities in the area, ranging from bowling to tobogganing. Everyone spent a glorious six days in Hintertux and, on behalf of all those who went, I would like to thank P. G. Hose, D. Lister and Mrs. L. J. Webb for their assistance in making the trip a truly memorable occasion.

TJC

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PJFW



CCF

Royal Naval Section

The end of the Christmas Term signalled the end of an era. Lt. R. J. Gapper retired after 19 years of sterling service to the section. He has retired to Lowestoft and the section gave him a book *The Fisherman of Lowestoft* to introduce him to his new career. We are pleased to welcome Sub.-Lieut. Vick to the section.

In October the section spent their Field Day in Portsmouth, living aboard HMS Rame Head and spending the day practising helming and navigating a Fleet Tender in the Solent.

The Inspection in March went very well, in spite of a last minute panic when the Computer Navigation exercise was overcome by gremlins. We also rigged the traditional Jackstay and showed off our Boat Handling. The Inspecting Officer was particularly impressed by a competent exhibition of towing alongside.

The motorboats have been excellent value throughout the year. They have been in use nearly every week and the Motor Cutter made a whole day trip up river one Sunday. We may well start next year with three or four more competent coxswains.

The Summer Term saw eight cadets at the Air Days laid on for the CCF at HMS Osprey, where HRH Prince Andrew acted as a guide to the Wessex Helicopter. All got airborne and had a very busy and interesting day — to make up for the 0500 start. A fortnight later two cadets were flown by helicopter from HMS Vernon to an RFA at sea to take part in the Staff College Sea Days where they saw a genuine Jackstay transfer as the ships performed replenishment at sea. The cadets were particularly impressed by the power of a modern depth charge — dropped from a helicopter.

Right in the midst of a period of light airs our 'Summer Term Field Day of Sailing, Pulling and Power Boat Handling' brought strong winds, several capsizes and the occasional torrential downpour, but my impression was that they all enjoyed the day.

To finish the term the Junior cadets gained practical experience of ropework by helping to rig the water orientated activities for 'It's a Knock Out'.

EPJP

Army Section

The establishment of the RAF Section under Pilot Officer J. J. Whittington was inaugurated by our first RAF Inspection. The Inspecting Officer was Group Captain R. J. Davenport, CBE, SE London



Group Captain Davenport, CBE, presenting Commander E. P. J. Pollard with his second clasp to the Cadet Forces Medal.

Air Cadets Commandant. He gave us an excellent report and remarked on the cadets display of energy and keenness to do well, and said that he had had a most instructive and enjoyable day. Novelties included the use of Lynch Island for fieldcraft and computer navigation programmes. On the parade, Group Captain Davenport presented Commander E. P. J. Pollard with his second CCF Clasp. Commander Pollard joined the Naval Section in September and took command of the section before Richard Gapper retired at the end of the Winter Term.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Gold and Silver group expeditions were carried out successfully from the base at Threlkeld Blencathra Centre in the Lake District. The Rev. E. Chapman and J. M. S. Woodcock again kindly assessed the groups.

The summer camp was at Penhale in Cornwall and was well organised by the local Cadet Training Teams. Activities included modern weapons, the donning of NBC suits and respirators and a visit to a gas chamber, abseiling on the cliffs, canoeing on a cold wet Stithian's reservoir, a twenty-four hour exercise on the sand dunes and a walk to Brown Willy, the peak on Bodmin Moor. Cadet P. C. Goodsir acted as senior cadet and did a very good job. Cadet N. M. O. Carlton, with much encouragement from the others in the group, also did well to overcome his fears on the obstacle course and on the cliff. Cadets P. G. Browning, B. H. Fitzwilliams, P. C. Goodsir, G. Morphy-Morris, M. G. Parker, N. P. Sharman, A. C. J. Stevens and R. S. Trow competed well against the other contingents in the march and shoot. Carrying a rifle up hill over a long dis-

tance proved to be a very arduous task for our young cadets. Also in July, Lt. Webb and Mr. Barclay and another party of cadets flew to Germany to visit the Light Infantry at Munster.

In October, field days included visits by different groups to REME (our unit of assistance), the Paratroops and an open range. In June, the recruits spent a pleasant day map reading in the hills around Stonor.

RML

Royal Air Force Section

Over the past year we have seen the formation of this additional section of the CCF. At the moment we have fifteen Fifth Formers, seven Fourth Formers and one Sixth Former, Sgt. J. Fisher, in the section.

Clearly it will take some time to become properly and efficiently established, but we have already had an excellent visit to our parent station at Benson, where we were given a most enthusiastic reception by a Shiplake old boy, Richard Woodward, who is now an officer in the RAF Regiment.

We have also recently visited the RAF Museum at Hendon which was stimulating and is a first-class example of museum design and layout.

Our senior NCO, Julian Fisher, enjoyed a week's free gliding course at RAF Benson in the middle of the last summer holidays.

The immediate plans for next term are to go to RAF Abingdon in February for air experience flying and to follow this with a week's camping at the beginning of the Easter holidays.

JWW



Buri Gandaki Expedition

Patrons Lord Hunt of Llanfair Waterdine
K.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.
Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall
G.C.B., O.B.E., M.C.

Adviser Col. J. N. Blashford-Snell M.B.E.

"The weather in Kathmandu is cloudy, with recent rain and a temperature of 26°C" — thus we were informed by the captain of the Indian Airlines flight from Delhi, and our expedition, after nearly two years of planning, was suddenly becoming a reality.

Such was the success of the College Expedition around Annapurna in 1979 that David Partridge had always wanted to go back to the 'Kingdom in the Clouds', and the College's Silver Jubilee provided an ideal background to a trip of this type. We were still restricted to going in the summer holidays, but were reassured by the lack of any weather problems in 1979 when, although the expedition travelled in the monsoon period, they were largely unaffected by rain. Little did we realise...

It was decided early on that, since this was to be a special expedition, we would have to allow a long time for the necessary preparations. The time scale of organisation of the 1979 expedition was doubled, and much research carried out on the lessons to be learned from '79. We contacted Lord Hunt, who had advised us about the previous expedition, and he agreed to be patron of this new venture. His main advice was that an expedition of this size should be accompanied by a doctor, so we set about trying to find someone who was suitably qualified and able to give up some four weeks of their time. In Dr. David Somervell we found the ideal person — an experienced climber and walker who knew much about the problems likely to be encountered in the tropics and who had been a missionary doctor in South India for some years.

Then began the somewhat awesome task of raising the money required to finance the expedition. We made use of the College computer to draft many letters to firms, several of which were able to help us with either funds or equipment. The sale of sweatshirts, a sponsored training walk along the length of Hadrian's Wall, a grant from the Young Explorers Trust, and several large single donations to our fund allowed us, finally, to embark on our project to commemorate the College's Silver Jubilee. We were also going to be able, with the loan of a ciné camera from the Services' Sound and Vision Corporation and of sound equipment from Videophonic in

Henley, to produce a film of the trip.

When we landed in Kathmandu, we were collected by bus and taken to our hotel. Much of the organisation of the expedition in Nepal itself was done for us by Mike Cheney, whose Sherpa Co-operative Trekking Company had looked after us so well in 1979. Our Sardar this time was to be Jagatman Lama, an extremely experienced Tamung who had been on many major expeditions, including Bonington's to Everest in 1975, where he was in charge of the 180 porters used by the BBC film crew. Jagatman and our cook, Damai Singh, used the day or so before our departure to buy provisions, assemble all the equipment and porters, and to arrange our trekking permits. Ours was to be a large party with twelve of us, and twenty-seven porters, cooks and sherpas.

We were disappointed on our arrival to hear that our proposed trek route had been ruled out by the authorities, and that we would have to fall back on our reserve route. The area of Nepal close to the Tibetan border has a reputation for being difficult to police, and several expeditions had had problems in the recent past. Thus the northern part of the Buri Gandaki valley remains closed to foreigners. Our new route, however, was one only rarely taken in the monsoon season, and was still an ambitious undertaking, due to the poor nature of the paths and the problems caused by landslides and fallen bridges.

We set out from Kathmandu in a bus which inspired very little confidence, our unease being heightened when we ground to a halt even before we had left the city! One new wheel-bearing hub later we rumbled off on the 100 km drive to Gorkha, where we arrived early in the afternoon. Unfortunately, our first day's walk began with over a thousand feet of ascent on a series of unending stone steps. It was not the best way to 'shake down', but we all made it to our first campsite, where our tents were quickly erected and a lifesaving cup of tea brewed.

All height gained was lost the following day as we descended into the Dora andi Khola, where we encountered the first of many suspension bridges — a somewhat unnerving experience to cross, with the roar of the river below and the swaying of the narrow platform! Safely across, our sense of achievement was quickly dashed by the sight of a herd of goats following us over — apparently unconcerned at their perilous position!

From the river and the village of Sangu, where we had a rest day enforced by illness, we climbed steadily through paddy fields and forest along the side of the ridge which would lead ultimately to the massif of Manaslu (8,125 m), Himalchuli (7,893 m) and Bauda (6,672 m). As we climbed, the weather deteriorated and began to adopt a regular daily pattern of clear mornings with mist rolling up from the valleys, then thickening and turning to rain by early afternoon. This made walking often extremely uncomfortable, and we were very glad of our umbrellas bought in Kathmandu. It also made difficult the scientific work which we were undertaking — collecting dragonflies and bumble bees.

Villages became fewer and smaller until there was nothing but the odd makeshift shelter for the shepherds who run their flocks of goats and sheep on the upland pastures. We passed through dark and clammy forests of weirdly contorted rhododendron trees,



Halfway to the top. Camp seven at 12,000 feet.



The way home. *A view down the Buri Gandaki Valley.*

which then gave way to tall, scattered pines and eventually to juniper bushes and upland meadows with carpets of wild flowers. One guide to Nepal states that 'only mad botanists and lovers of leeches trek during the monsoon season', and we could see what the author meant — there was a fantastic variety of colour and shape in the plants of these alpine slopes. However, we were not *real* botanists...

By the eighth day of the trek we had climbed to 4,300 m, and had to stop to acclimatise. Several of the party were beginning to feel the effects of altitude, and all of us were slowing down, and perhaps wishing that we had not brought such heavy packs with us. We were surprised to find that there are plenty of high altitude leeches in Nepal — and they were to be a problem for well over three-quarters of the trek. The weather continued to be poor, and we were treated to only a few tantalising glimpses of the peaks which lay ahead. At this stage we were only some 5 kilometres from the Rupina La Pass (4,850 m) as the crow flies, but it was to take us some six more days to reach it, crossing a series of ridges and valleys before we could approach safely. The day of the actual crossing of the pass the weather was worse than usual, and, as we stood huddled in the driving rain at the top, we were reminded of the delights of good old Lake District weather.

The approaches to the Pass on both

sides consist of enormous scree and boulder fields, and one was reminded in the mist of the images of Tolkien's 'Dark Places'. The glaciers, beside which we were walking, rumbled and groaned as they made their slow way down to the valley below, adding to the unreality of the experience. However, the transition back to alpine meadows as we descended was accompanied by a dramatic improvement in the weather, and hence our spirits, and we were further lifted by the sight of wild strawberries by the pound at the side of the path. Needless to say we were fairly late into camp that day!

The descent of the Chulung Valley to its junction with the Buri Gandaki is remembered only for its interminably climbing and falling, dark, muddy and treacherous path. We were glad to climb out and away from that valley, and we were rewarded in the evening by the sight of the Buri Gandaki gorge, with its sides rising almost vertically for some 3,000 m and clad by only a few clinging trees and bushes. To the east in the distance we could see the 7,000 m tooth-like peaks of the Ganesh Himal, bathed in the rays of the setting sun.

Thus began the descent of the Buri Gandaki itself. Here we found villages of slate roofed houses perched on the side of the valley, with carefully tended fields of maize, millet and rice terracing the steep slopes and the inhabitants hard at work ploughing and planting — for the

monsoon is their busiest time of the year. The river itself was full of meltwater from the glaciers to the north, and was a muddy grey colour from the rock flour and mica particles that it carried. A wash in the Buri Gandaki would not necessarily allow one to come out cleaner than one went in! As we moved south the weather began to improve, and we were able to collect large numbers of insect specimens at the various streams and ponds which we passed. The path improved steadily as we progressed, although there were anxious moments. At one particular point, south of the village of Jagat and the hot sulphur springs at Tatopani, we came across an enormous landslide, which had carried away all traces of the trail. There were a few worried faces amongst the party as we gingerly made our way over fallen tree trunks and the boulder-strewn slope, knowing that a slip would mean a 'dip' in the torrent some twenty metres below!

However, the excitement was not over yet. At camp on the twenty-second day we were visited during the night by a group of robbers, who managed to open a couple of tents without their occupants waking, remove their packs and rifle them. Perhaps it was a good thing that we were not disturbed, for they also slit the side of one of the tents with a knife and removed a camera and money-belt. Although all of the equipment lost was fully insured, the incident caused us to realise that we had become a little care-

less, and guards were subsequently posted throughout the night.

Next day we arrived at Arughat Bazaar, where we found the first real shops for three weeks. Needless to say, we rather depleted their stocks of biscuits and sweets. Arughat used to be a major staging post on the route from Kathmandu to Pokhara and west Nepal, but its importance has diminished in recent years with the building of a new road well to the south.

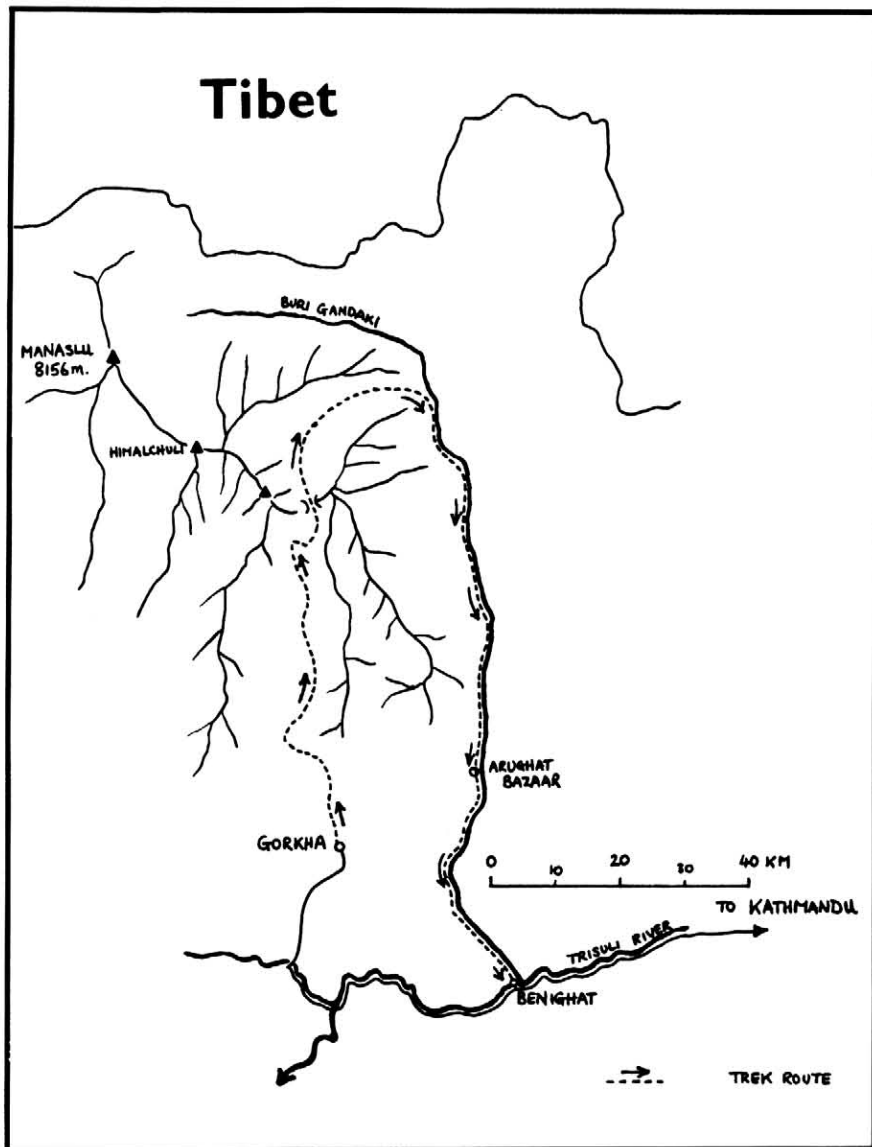
Our last two days' walk were long and in hot weather. We were able to stop and swim at several of the tributaries of the Buri Gandaki, and so cool off, but were soaked with sweat again within only a few hundred metres of setting off. However, on the evening of the twenty-fifth day, we struggled into Benighat, at the junction of the Buri Gandaki and the larger Trisuli river. Here our final suspension bridge led across the river to the road back to Kathmandu.

The last few days in Nepal were spent relaxing and doing some shopping, before setting off overland to the Indian border. The trip to Muzaffarpur is best forgotten, but the train ride across the north Indian plain and the time spent in Delhi and Agra were exciting, with a marvellous day trip to the Taj Mahal. We left Delhi late at night, and had a comfortable flight home via Paris.

The expedition, though considerably tougher than we had anticipated, was by all accounts, a complete success, but it would not have been possible without the help and advice of the following, to whom we give our thanks: Lord Hunt of Llanfair Waterdine, KG, CBE, DSO; Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, GCB, OBE, MC and Colonel J. N. Blashford-Snell, MBE.

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Expedition members — Left to right: R. S. Beccle, H. E. S. Miller, A. M. S. Ranger, J. B. Mann, I. M. G. Jackson, N. W. Wells, Esq., S. D. Briggs, D. S. Partridge, Esq., Dr. D. Somervell, M. Emmanuel, J. M. Bassett, N. H. Dawes.

College Chapel

Chapel Notes

The school year has been dominated by the Silver Jubilee celebrations and these began on 1st May, the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the school, and that day began with worship in the Sports Hall which had been turned into the school chapel for the occasion. We sang out our thanks at the tops of our voices and choir, congregation, organ and orchestra thundered out the Te Deum. The Bishop of Dorchester preached a reflective and thought-provoking sermon. Among our other visiting preachers during the year the prize must surely go to The Rev. Alan Pyburn, the Rector of Henley. He came to preach at Evensong at the beginning of the Summer Term and preached what must count as one of the funniest and most telling sermons many of us have heard for many years. It is a great gift to combine real humour with a profound insight into the Christian life.

Bishop Cyril Bulley visited us in December 1983 to confirm 19 candidates and the Bishop of Dorchester came to us on 8th December 1984 to confirm 27 candidates.

When I wrote to the headmaster of the school in Kenya at which we support pupils to ask him for the names of two pupils who he could recommend, he replied with four names. Difficult decisions had to be made and it seemed a good plan to ask one of the fifth form Divinity sets to make the decision. After much heart searching they did so, and then they realised that they would really have to do something about the two who were not chosen. They decided on a sponsored cycle ride. As it happened the only available time was right at the end of the Summer Term and with other commitments only three boys were available for the ride. Sadly, Neil Morphy-Morris's bicycle broke down just outside Reading and he had to return back to school. The other two, James Lindsay and James Hutton, cycled on and reached Blandford on the first day, some 95 miles. I thought that they needed a rest after such a long ride and



The College orchestra tuning up before the Jubilee Service.

so we left their bicycles at Blandford Rectory and went on to Bridport for a day's rest. They then cycled back, a grand total of 190 miles and nearly £200

in sponsorship was raised. It really was a noble effort and we will try to repeat it next year.

DWD

The Jubilee Service

Coming as it did so soon after the beginning of term, preparations for it were intensive during the few days before. Some memories stand out — a rather comical trio of a chaplain, housemaster and headmaster trying to hang a crucifix above the altar, balancing themselves delicately on a ladder, while the choir tried to concentrate on the finer parts of John Goss's 'The Wilderness', a final rehearsal in the John Eggar Hall with seemingly everyone waiting for someone else to do something; the metamorphosis of the Sports Hall to Chapel in record time.

Of the service itself, little can be said that could convey adequately the atmosphere of excitement and sincerity. From the Bishop of Dorchester downwards, all played their part with confidence and conviction. From the choir, whose contribution was enormous, the service drew some of their best singing while the brass fanfare and descant added a new dimension to the congregational hymns. Stanford's 'Te Deum in B flat' has probably seldom been as enthusiastically sung and the organ, installed for the occasion, provided just

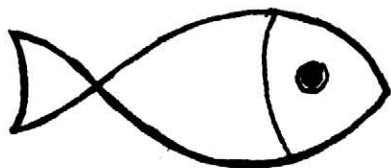
the right support throughout the service. It was a truly memorable occasion.

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The Carol Service

The Carol Service this year was considered by many to be one of the most moving and memorable. The carols sung by the choir were an ambitious mixture of the old and the new and this year included several sung in their original language. They included Tchaikovsky's poignant 'Crown of Roses', which was particularly well sung, Harold Darke's setting of 'In the Bleak Midwinter' and David Willcocks' arrangement of 'Il est né le divin enfant'. Alexander Koch de Gooreynd opened the service with the first verse of 'Once in Royal David's City' and the choir, slightly larger than usual this year, took over to lead confidently throughout the service. The congregational carols were particularly enthusiastically sung, none more so than 'Personent Hodie', although there were some irregularities in the pronunciation of the Latin! It was an exciting, lively and enjoyable service and the church was again filled to overflowing.

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The School's response to the Ethiopian Famine

The tragedy of the Ethiopian famine hit the school's conscience as it hit the conscience of so many. The pictures bring home the reality of what is happening more sharply than any number of words; and the boys responded to them. Almost immediately the matter was being discussed by school and house prefects and then more widely in the houses. The most obvious source of money that could be made available with the least trouble was the money spent on 'break-up' suppers. After some discussion and some voting it was decided that the suppers should be abandoned and the money sent to Ethiopia by way of Oxfam and the Save the Children Fund. £788 was raised in this way. Burr House went even further and raised £56.64 by giving up their mid-morning buns for a week. All this gave the school the dubious privilege of a notice in the Daily Telegraph. Journalists usually get things wrong but on this occasion they got it nearly right. We also featured on Radio 210 and the Headmaster was able to play a recording of the broadcast to his assembly within an hour.

The money raising did not stop there. Orchard House decided to raise some more money by the well tried method of a jumble sale. A great deal of hard work went into it and they raised £250. Further private donations raised £30. There are one or two more fund raising events planned including a sponsored run. We are not fools enough to suppose that what we have done is more than a drop in the ocean and the Chapel Committee will have the cause of Ethiopia high on its list in the future to make sure that it is not forgotten as easily as so many other urgent causes are forgotten. Having said that, however, it is greatly to the credit of the boys that they responded so quickly and with little prompting to the terrible needs of these tragic people. For once television has proved to be a really valuable medium. Perhaps we would not have been so quick to react if we had not seen those terrible pictures from Ethiopia. Don't forget to buy a copy of 'Do They Know It's Christmas' by the way, and think twice before you have a go at pop singers. After the launch in America it is the thought that the record may raise nearly \$100 million.

I forgot to mention that the 'break-up' suppers were replaced by hastily produced, and didn't the haste show, reviews. One by the sixth form had an uproariously sharp go at the staff; the other by the staff was a very quickly written 'Batman and Robin and the Seven Hoods' in which a transvestite second master (sorry Hans!) played the Wicked Queen and — can you believe it? — Tony Hooper played a beautiful princess. They were, in their way, more fun than the suppers.

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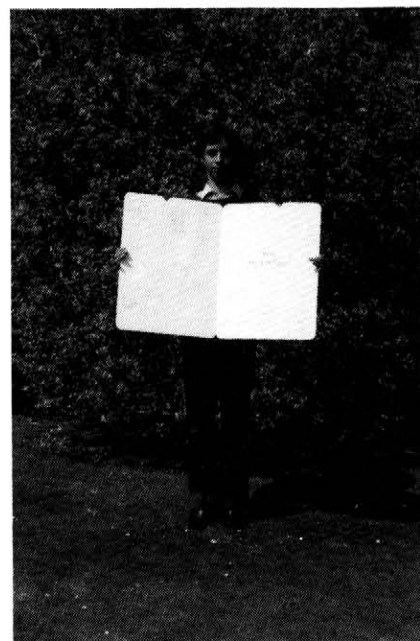
"Get Well Soon"

During the Easter holiday, Andy Woof suffered serious injuries as a result of a road traffic accident and spent some considerable time in hospital before returning to Shiplake and Everett House.

At the beginning of the Summer term, Alastair Lindley, Head of Everett, acquired an extremely large "Get Well" card which was signed by every student and member of staff before being sent to Andy. The card, combined with fine medical attention and Andy's determined effort to get better, did the trick and we were glad to see his face around the College again in September.

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A. S. Lindley displaying the 'Get Well' card set to Andy Woof.



Upward and Onward



The Headmaster with Mrs. Pam Eggar at the laying of the foundation stone for the Jubilee Building.



The Burr House site begins to take shape.

The New Buildings

The speed of our growth has frequently meant that our building plans have been hand to mouth affairs which answered a particular or urgent need. The new buildings conform to this pattern but with some major differences. These are in long term planning and co-ordination. The buildings are not planned as isolated islands but as part of the archipelago that is Shiplake. In April 1982 a discussion 'green paper' was circulated to all staff and highlighted three areas of concern:

1. The cramped facilities in Burr House.
2. The lack of facilities in some craft and technical areas and the lack of a central craft/art/technical block.
3. The temporary nature of the green huts.

Therefore, the planning envisaged a development in three phases which would correspond to the three problems listed above.

Mr. Andy Nichols, of Smith Hutton Nichols, was appointed architect and set about planning each building against the background of the three phases. He was influenced by the beauty of the site and the interesting and unusual character of the older buildings. Consequently, the more discerning observer will note on the Jubilee Building (Phase I) a roof pitch that is married to the main school buildings, a balcony that would not look out of place in the stable yard and gabling that can be found on the wet boathouse.

Burr, with its Queen Anne flint and 'pavilion' design provided a different challenge but here again the plans reveal an attractive design that will be functional and discreet.

Both buildings will be roofed with stone tiles, many of which will be old, which should give a familiar feel to the development.

At the moment the College's finances are stretched to the limit in funding Phase I and Phase II (the Burr extension). Phase III, which could be accommodated around the refurbished Tithe Barn, has to wait.

An Appeal for £400,000 was launched in October and at the time of writing £70,000 has already been covenanted from only 73 donors.

Briefly, the buildings will include:—

Jubilee Building (Phase I): accommodation for nine members of the Bursar's staff, a school shop, a JCR and offices for the Second Master and Domestic Bursar.

Burr House (Phase II): two classrooms, accommodation for the Housemaster and his family, the House Tutor, changing and recreation rooms, studies and dormitories for 68 boys. Some of these will be accommodated in the old Burr.

The Jubilee Building, which is being built by Hicks Builders (Woodley) will be available in April 1985. The Burr House extension is being built by Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons and will be ready in the new academic year in September.

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The McAlpine Prize

This is probably the best prize any schoolboy in the country could possibly hope to win. Through the munificence of Lord McAlpine, a member of the Board of Governors, each year the two juniors deemed to have made the most improvement in English language have an exciting day away from the College. The mode of transport is Lord McAlpine's personal helicopter, and luncheon is, inevitably, taken in some exclusive setting.

Two years ago, one of the winners was J. P. R. Wilcox of Skipwith House, who has now successfully passed his O Level Language and Literature and who is currently studying for his A Levels. Here, he briefly recounts the experience of a very memorable day.

'Up, Up and Away...'

The day of the prize began like every other day at Shiplake. Following the usual struggle out of bed, I eventually made my way to the Hall for breakfast but I found great difficulty in clearing my plate. I then had a briefing from the Headmaster, collected my books from my study and headed towards the labs for the longest biology lesson of my life.

Following the lesson, I checked the knot of my tie, gave my shoes a final polishing on the backs of my trousers and headed for the 'launch pad' on the main rugby field. I could see a helicopter circling overhead. Suddenly, it seemed to drop from the sky; the pilot had obviously found his mark.

As I was pushed forward from the crowd which had gathered to witness my ascent into heaven, the Chaplain approached me and told me that my life expectancy was just about to halve. His comforting words were followed by anonymous voices warning me about the dangers of a heavy lunch and where to find the sick bag in the 'chopper'. I ignored the envious advice and stood in front of the helicopter with Ray-Hills and with Lord McAlpine, who had generously donated this, the best prize of the year.

A photographer from the *Henley Standard* took a few brief photographs and, following a self-conscious and apprehensive wave to the masses, I jumped aboard.

The noise of the engine grew ominously loud, the helicopter rose from the ground, paused, and then quickly ascended into the sky. I looked out of the window but already the rugby pitch and the sea of upturned faces standing on it looked insignificantly tiny.

We flew along the Thames towards London; from the air I appreciated, for the first time, just how large a city it was. Following a brief landing at Fawley Island, we again took to the air and headed south-west towards Portsmouth. We landed on a Royal Navy helicopter pad close by HMS Dolphin, which lay in dry dock. Following a fascinating private view of the submarine we jumped back into the helicopter and flew over the New Forest. By now I considered myself a seasoned traveller and I was conscious of the fact that the appetite which I had lost earlier in the day had returned. I was hungry.

The pilot eased his machine on to the immaculate front lawn of a splendid restaurant. From the moment we entered the luxurious warmth of the restaurant we were treated as VIPs. I was told that a frequent visitor to the establishment, who also arrived by helicopter, was the Rt. Hon. Edward Heath. At that point I decided that I would study Politics for A Level.

Following an extensive and exquisite lunch which lingered into the late afternoon, we returned to our helicopter and, in a surprisingly short time were, once again, hovering over the playing fields of Shiplake. This time there were no inquisitive faces; the area was deserted. Ray-Hills and I alighted, thanked our host for a most enjoyable and memorable day and returned to our Houses to face a battery of questions and the inevitable prep.

J. P. R. Wilcox



J. F. Bell and J. P. Bunch, this year's winners of the McAlpine prize, in front of their transport before take-off.

The Ian Baldry Trophy



Ian Baldry was a student at the College between 1967 and 1972. He had a highly successful College career; he was head of Everett, an ambition he had nurtured since shortly after his arrival, he was captain of the First XV and he was one of our first schoolboy County rugby players. Later he represented Buckinghamshire at senior level and played for the Territorial Army. Despite his business commitments, Mr. Baldry remains a very loyal Old Viking. He is a member of the current Appeals Committee and has presented an impressive trophy to the college this year, shown in the above photograph. This is the second trophy he has presented to Shiplake. His first — the familiar Viking ship — is included in the photograph of this year's County rugby players and, in a 'doctored' form, is on the cover of this magazine.

He presented the trophy named after him with the proviso that it should be awarded to the House which excelled at *all* sporting competitions throughout the academic year. A points system was devised with the emphasis being placed on the non-school team boys and total house participation activities.

Burr House, by virtue of winning the cross-country and athletic standard, led for much of the competition, but Welsh House, to their credit, never submitted and always appeared to be adding points to their house total. Their persistence was rewarded when, in the final week of the summer term, they won the inter-house rowing and swimming to clinch the Ian Baldry Trophy for the first time.

Final Placings

1st	Welsh House	50 points
2nd	Burr House	37 points
3rd	Everett House	32½ points
4th	Skipwith House	30½ points
5th	Orchard House	28 points

To Begin at the Beginning...

Miss Monica Tomalin began her association with Shiplake in February 1959, some three months before the College opened its doors to the first intake of students. She is the longest serving member of staff and only our chairman, Mr. A. P. Goodwin, can claim a longer association; his began some five weeks before Monica's.

What follows is a transcript of a recorded conversation between Miss Tomalin and the Editor.

What attracted you to Shiplake in the first place?

I needed a job! Nine years as a lab. assistant, a year in admin. at Townlands' Hospital and a 'Civil Servant' year as a GPO trained telephonist preceded my secretarial training, and as that neared the end, around November 1958, an article in the local paper about a school, planned for the then Shiplake Court, prompted my letter asking if they would need secretarial assistance. Immediate reply of "No, thank-you — we are doing our own". But later Mr. Spencer-Brown, the then Senior Tutor, called to ask if I was still interested, and he requested I start immediately. Apparently the idea had somewhat 'snow-balled' with publicity from press and scholastic agencies, and the article in the 'Daily Mail' in early 1959 further increased momentum.

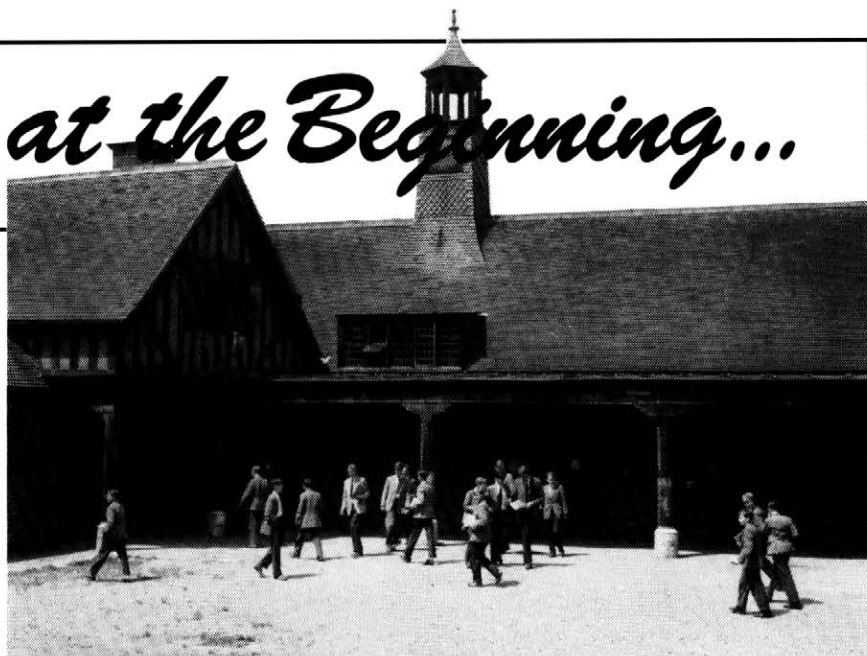
What were your initial duties?

Called 'School Secretary' — "... and you don't have any hobbies, do you, because there will not be time to keep them up". The job was 7 a.m. bus in, 6 p.m. bus out, and involved every aspect of secretarial work, accounts, paying bills, when this was possible, wages, and at that time the post did not rule out making beds, humping mattresses, and even washing up when there were 'problems' in the pantry! The office itself was built around me, rather like a cell for a delinquent nun. It was half its present size, with a cold stone floor. Pocket money was issued by me through a hatch in the office wall. Before the introduction of the present 'team' system, it was the advent of Mrs. Hinton which was the most vital, and welcome, improvement to those early 'duties'.

Looking back, what are your earliest memories of the place?

The thrill of seeing the first blades of real grass on the main field, as opposed to the rough ploughed ground it first was.

Mr. Foster's early rugby teams having first to be 'muck-shovellers', or words to that effect, before any game could take place on Green's field, this area being



The stable yard in the early sixties.

the natural habitat for Mrs. Green's cows!

The School Shop, run by the then Matron, from a horse-box arrangement in what is now the Senior Common Room 'beer room' — plain ices, Mars bars and Cadbury's chocolate being the only items then sold. Stock-taking was every Sunday after morning Chapel!

The 'mini' Medical Wing, which was then in Tower A, and Room 206 was the sole extent of Sister's accommodation.

As organisations mature they change. What do you now miss, which was present in the early days?

Perhaps the personal touch and feeling of 'family'; the evenings of "Domestic Music" which Mr. Healey, the first Director of Music, Mr. Hartley, Dr. and Mrs. Salmon and their two, then, very young daughters, who used to perform and involve everyone.

What are your recollections of the initial intake of students?

It was upsetting sometimes to see the look, almost of defeat, on the young faces of the early intake, but more than sufficient reward to see those same boys 'blossom' once they settled at Shiplake, found they were not 'failures' after all, and could cope — even offer something to the School — instead of having always to be on the receiving end of any help. It was such an obvious boost to their morale.

What fundamental changes have pleased you, if any?

Delighted to see the end of Founders' Day, forerunner of Speech Day, with its full-scale strawberry and cream teas for 500, hired crockery — always dirty and every piece of which had to be washed the night before by 'the ladies', who also prepared the fruit, after kitchen staff had finished boys' and staff supper. No washing-up machines!

Speeches had to be taken down in shorthand, and only with assistance from Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Welsh was it possible to produce anything acceptable from mounds of 'squiggles'. The Chairman would rather expect to take a copy home with him that night. Most popular Guest of Honour was Admiral Sir Robin Durnford-Slater, who spoke, most effectively, for only six minutes.

One hears stories of eccentric members of the Senior Common Room in the early days. What recollection would you be prepared to divulge?

Knowing so little about schools at that time, I suppose I thought what went on in those early days must be normal, so I tried hard not to be as surprised as I otherwise might have been. I know better now!

All organisations suffer crises. Can you recollect any which were not easily overcome?

The tragic death of dear Colonel Newell was a very hard knock. And it was very difficult to accept Mr. Skipwith's departure from the place after so short a time. He thought of it as 'his' school, and, when fit, embodied all that was best in gentlemanly example and behaviour to boys and staff.

What was your happiest experience at Shiplake?

I think when one saw any of the early intake, particularly of the first thirty, return, with wives and young families. They may be — they are — almost middle-aged now (sorry chaps!), but it is so good to feel that, even if only in retrospect, Shiplake meant enough for them to want to keep in touch. Perhaps it also gives encouragement and a feeling of continuity to present staff, if they can accept that something good must have happened in 1959.

What has frustrated you about the place?

Well, things do still tend to be done 'backwards'! A room badly in need of decoration for ages is eventually done, only to be gutted within three months and re-built with new fittings. Small things develop into major ones because they are left to deteriorate into crises rather than being put right at once. Lack of 'team-work' sometimes, with the right hand having little idea of what the left is up to, and likely to get short shrift if it tries to find out!

Have the attitudes and standards changed in the last twenty-five years?

Most noticeable is the decline in normal good manners, and a tendency for some to treat many adults as servants, which is sad. The early intake were often rogues of the first order, but never would they sit and watch lady members of staff carrying books etc. without offering to help. Doors would be opened, 'Good-mornings' would be said, and no male would omit to stand up when ladies entered any room.

As a member of staff who has been here since its foundation, how do you see the College's future?

Going from strength to strength, I hope, so long as it does not try to get too big. Surely not much can happen now which has not already happened in one form or another and been duly dealt with somehow over the years, and the

powers-that-be can learn from all those experiences. I hope it does not get too large. In its conception, Shiplake was a 'small school', and if the so-called 'economic number' rises much more, I feel the boys themselves will be the losers, missing out on the massive facilities offered at large schools and also on the personal and human level upon which Shiplake, justifiably, prides itself.

Were there ever times when you wanted to "pack it in"?

Yes — oh yes — and frequently still do! But it needs only some small thing to happen which helps make it worthwhile again.

Is today's generation of students any different from the previous one?

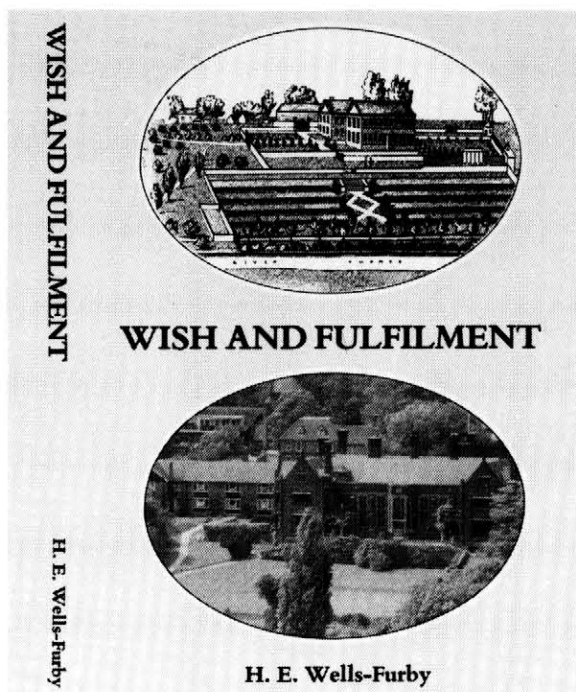
Not really, especially when 'boiled down' to individuals. But one got to know those first 30, 60, 90, 120 so well as 'people', knew their parents as friends, felt so much a part of their personal 'ups and downs', and each and every one was 'family'. Inevitably this does not happen with present numbers, which is a pity as much for us as for the boys.

At its inception, the College was quite small. What has it gained and what has it lost during its period of growth?

Increase in numbers has brought far better facilities, proper competition for the more able boy, a deserved recognition in all fields of sport, a greater cross-

section of the community coming to Shiplake and learning to live together. All this must be good. But I miss very much the small, personal and family feeling which was so much a part of the place in the early days, with all from highest to most lowly of boys and staff alike working more as a team and pulling in the same direction, perhaps more anxious to 'put in' rather than 'take out' of the life of the School. I also miss the way in which, after personal interview with the Headmaster, every candidate for entry in the early 60's really needed also to be a "b w w."* Mr. Skipwith always stood at the front door to bid farewell after showing parents around, and his final criterion was often influenced by a boy being keen and interested enough to turn around and wave from the back window of his parents' car. This was considered to show the sort of enthusiasm and pioneering spirit which the school then needed, and which would flourish in the friendly atmosphere of Shiplake. Such a boy, suspect though his academic ability and potential might perhaps have appeared at interview, ought thus to be offered a place. The friendly atmosphere is still around, and must never get lost in 'big business'. What we would all love to see is the first son of one of those first thirty boys come to Shiplake as a pupil in his father's old House, to complete the cycle and give Shiplake College its fulfilling push forward into its Golden Jubilee year in 2009.

* back window waver.



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Plays & Concerts

"Chips with Everything"

It is a pleasure to see schoolboys attempting modern dramatic works which challenge and question social values. "Chips with Everything" was a brave choice.

It was first performed in 1962 at The Royal Court Theatre, London, of "Look Back in Anger" fame, to an audience of devoted and dedicated followers of that theatrical snow plough. It was well received and transferred to the West End before going on to New York. Its author, Arnold Wesker, was the son of East European Jewish immigrants, dedicated communists, who settled in the over-crowded and materially impoverished East End of London. Like most young men of his generation, Wesker was called up for National Service and spent two years in the Royal Air Force — the setting for this play and a microcosm, in his eyes, of English society. Those members of the audience in the Tithe Barn Theatre who had experienced a similar fate must have suffered a cold sweat once introduced to the bleak barrack room and to Corporal Hill in the first act.

The play dwells on "class war". A reviewer in "The Times" some days before the first performance wrote that Wesker saw (military) service life "as an extreme expression of the class war, always a part of the atmosphere in his work but now sharpened to the contrast between the ranker, victimised by authority and the repressive machinery of authority in action".

David Welsh's production was a genuine joy to experience, from beginning to end. He had chosen his cast very carefully and the formula worked.

Paul Blount's portrayal of Corporal Hill, the "Northern Collarless man", will remain in my memory for a very long time. He was, simultaneously, frightening and pathetic, just like the real thing. On this showing he certainly appears to have the talent necessary to achieve his ambition to become a professional actor.

Andreas Carleton-Smith, who played Pip Thompson, had a very large part to master and he managed it with apparent ease, aided, no doubt, by his pedigree and by his natural accent which was perfect for the part.

Mr. Tim Coulson, at the time a new and unknown Thespian quantity in the Senior Common Room, displayed a perfect sense of comic timing as the corporal, when carrying out the cold and mundane task of guard duty around the coke store perimeter fence. It was a gem of a part and I would not have forgiven



William White (Airman), Andreas Carleton-Smith (Pip), Benjamin Kaye (Chas), Julian Butler (Ginger), Simon James (Dodger), Robert Lowein (Wilf) and Robin Langrishe (Archie), in a scene from 'Chips with Everything'.

him for a mediocre performance. He will, undoubtedly, be called upon again in the future.

Other members of the cast, worthy of special notice, include Mikkel Blomley, who played Smiler Washington, Julian Fisher, who played Andrew McClore, and who managed to reproduce a convincing working class Scottish accent and Mr. Andrew Barclay, a well seasoned treader of the boards, who divested himself of some years to give a convincing portrayal of the ex-public school pilot officer.

No theatrical performance is perfect, although this one came surprisingly close. Despite the highlights, at times the pace slackened and, on such occasions, one was inclined not to suspend one's disbelief. Had more rehearsal time been available this defect might well have been overcome.

Once again, David Welsh staged a College production with a genuine professional touch; Liz Cooke's costumes were authentic and Angela Drinkwater-Lunn's make-up was subtle. It was a most enjoyable performance to experience although the social comment, over twenty years on, was still somewhat disturbing.

The Conscripts

Pip Thompson 219	Andreas Carleton-Smith
Archie Cannibal 239	Robin Langrishe
Chas Wingate 252	Benjamin Kaye
Wilf Seaford 247	Robert Lowein
Andrew McClore 284	Julian Fisher
Ginger Richardson 272	Julian Butler
Dodger Cohen 277	Simon James
Dickey Smith 266	Malcolm Lidell-Grainger
Smiler Washington 279	Mikkel Blomley
Airman	William White

Officers and NCOs

Corporal Hill	Paul Blount
Wing Commander	Alan Phillips
Squadron Leader	Karl Kuhnke
Pilot Officer	Andrew Barclay
1st Corporal	David Nimmo-Smith
2nd Corporal	Tim Coulson

Stage Managers

Rupert Finch-Hatton
Timothy Parton
Richard Harvey
James Hutton

Sound by Giles Craggs

Lights by Guy Gilbert

Scenery painted by Alex Buckler

Neil Salmon

Prompter Adam Fullerton

Costumes Liz Cooke

Make-up Angela Drinkwater-Lunn

"PROS.ARCH"

Junior Plays

The senior boy who plays his part with conviction in a major production has, in Shiplake's experience, cut his teeth in this gentle art at Prep School or in the Junior plays enacted by members of the third and fourth forms. Whatever his innate talent, an actor needs the experience of presenting himself on stage before a critical audience before he can take on a large, challenging part. The Junior plays are, in a sense, trials for bigger things to come.

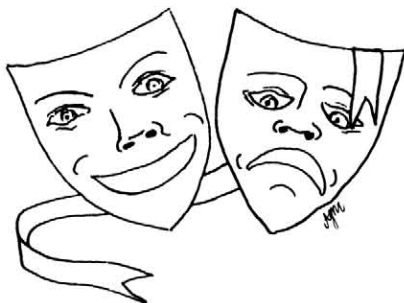
This year the juniors presented two 'one actors' directed by Miss Angela Drinkwater-Lunn and Mr. Tim Coulson. Miss Drinkwater-Lunn's choice was an adaptation of 'The Missing Page' by that well known duo, Ray Galton and Alan Simpson and Mr. Coulson's choice was 'The Signalman' based on a short story of Charles Dickens and written by the director himself.

Both plays were well received and played for three nights. In 'The Missing Page' Jonathan Ekin and William Furniss gave very favourable performances and in 'The Signalman', Graham Kuhn and Sebastian Carleton-Smith proved that they had natural talent.

These four actors were all supported by their respective casts and I expect we will see many of them appearing in major productions during their future school careers.

"PROS.ARCH"

Cast	
"The Missing Page"	
Tony	Jonathan Ekin
Sid	William Furniss
First Librarian	Philip Browning
Librarian's Assistant	Guy Weynk
Mr. Proctor	James Stovold
Readers	Dominic Freeland
	Andrew Frankland
	Christopher Taylor
	David Jones
	Toby Jackman
Scenery	Niall Salmon
"The Signalman"	
The Signalman	Graham Kuhn
The Visitor	Sebastian Carleton-Smith
The Manager	Paul Goodsir
The Sub-Manager	Simon Lear
Tom	Andrew Hyman
Scenery	Simon Menzies
Lighting and Sound	D. Dovaston, Esq.
	Frankie Browne
Stage Crew	Abdul Salleh
	Julian Buck
	Roger Trow
Costumes and Make-up	Mrs. Liz Cooke



Christmas Term Concert

Learning from the mistakes of last Christmas' split venue concert, it was decided to keep to the Great Hall this year. The programme was a varied one and began, fittingly for Advent Sunday, with a Bach Cantata 'Come Redeemer of the Earth'. All the soloists, Alexander Koch de Gooreynd, Alexander Nairne, Nicholas Dawes and Julian Cox, were drawn from the choir and all acquitted themselves well. There were some problems of balance in the choral sections, in that the choir was really too powerful for the small chamber ensemble accompanying it, but the overall effect was a lively and exciting one.

Bach featured again later in the programme with a 'swingles style' arrangement of another chorale, 'Sleepers Wake', sung to a pizzicato cello and snare drum accompaniment. Rather surprisingly, it went quite well, despite one of the easiest tenor leads being missed!

A Mozart trio for two clarinets and bassoon played by Patricia Noble, William Kanaan and Rupert Greatrix received a fairly polished performance, although nerves at times took their toll.

'The Farmer's Boy', a folksong arranged for male voices was humorously and nobly acted out by Angela Drinkwater-Lunn, Robert Lowein and Julian Fisher and received well deserved applause and the programme came to an end with works by Handel and Vivaldi for the orchestra, which also accompanied the singing by both choir and audience, of several popular carols.

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House Music Competition

Again this year, as last year, the high standard of the competition bore witness to the fact that each House had put in a great deal of time and effort in preparing for it. Despite some good performances by all Houses in some sections, it was soon apparent that this year's competition would be a 'two house race'. The compulsory song, Schumann's 'The Two Grenadiers', while at first sight more straightforward than last year's, proved an excellent test piece.

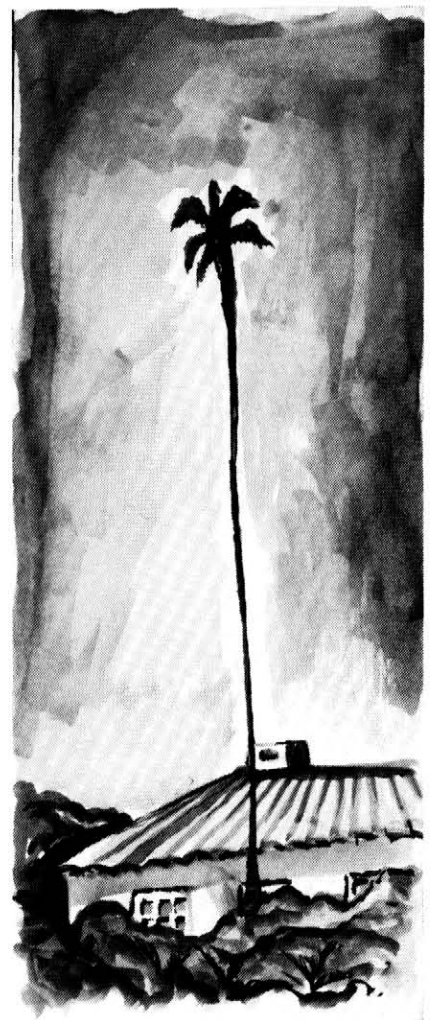
In this competition, forward planning and a strong lead from the top are worth any number of talented players. Burr, Everett and Orchard produced some good performances in some sections but could not equal the consistently high standard of Skipwith and Welsh. Welsh, under Julian Fisher, managed to fill the stage with players of all descriptions for their performance in the instrumental section of 'A Yellow Submarine'. They were, however, pushed into second place in this section by Skipwith who, with a rather smaller ensemble, performed a Handel march. Burr House

instrumental group seemed to surprise even themselves by their performance of the 'Largo' theme from Dvorak's 'New World Symphony', while Orchard really gave us too much of a good thing.

Nevertheless, the adjudicators, Miss Clare Denys, Freddie Coupe, Michael Fielder and chairman, The Rev. David Dale, were unanimous in their decision that Welsh House's song by David Bowie received the best performance of the evening — despite a very creditable performance of 'The Song of the Jolly Roger' by Skipwith, under Nicholas Dawes — and this gave them the edge over Skipwith. The adjudicators further commented on the confidence and discipline of Welsh House's performance — something which some other houses lacked, and which underlines the importance of presentation in any performance.

All, particularly Julian Fisher and the other conductors, deserve congratulations for what was a very enjoyable and exciting evening.

MLW



S. S. Menzies

'Jesus Christ Superstar'

Despite having sketched out the staging, ordered lighting and sound equipment in November and having begun rehearsals in February, there still seemed a great deal to do when the Summer Term began at the end of April. We had about three weeks to pull the show together. At the back of one's mind all the time was the fact that we were very much in the hands of the weather. However, for the first two and a half weeks of May all seemed set for fine conditions. Rehearsals were squeezed in at every possible opportunity with impromptu lighting arranged so that we could continue late into the evening. Many people put in many hours of effort and, due to the planning incompetence of the producer, many more people spent many more hours just hanging around. Without meaning to be patronising it said a great deal for the cast that never was there any evidence of impatience or boredom.

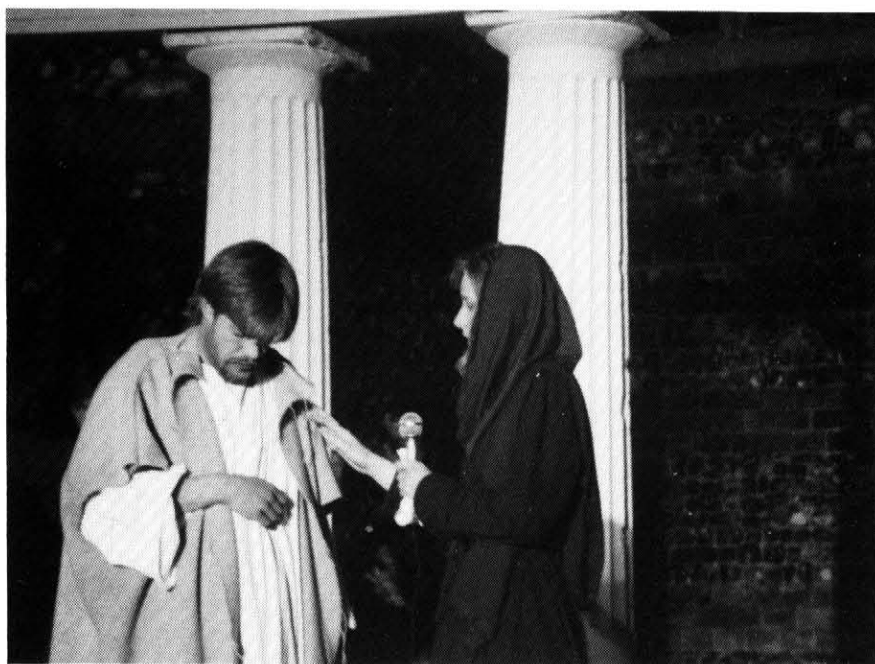
The lighting equipment arrived on the Saturday, a gloriously sunny day, and the afternoon was spent in erecting it. By 11.30 that evening all seemed set for the final week — we had but to wait for the amplification equipment to arrive on Sunday and hope for continued good weather.

However, Sunday dawned cloudy and wet — by the afternoon rain had set in for the day and the sound equipment arrived late. Immediately there were problems — the suppliers had not appreciated the distances involved and the band tent and the stage would seem to have been put in the wrong places.

Sunday had been a very depressing day — nevertheless by Tuesday the position had improved and a dress rehearsal was attempted — only to be abandoned after an hour. There was nothing for it but to press ahead and hope. The first performance was marred to some extent by faulty amplification; the Thursday was a perfect evening and the cast responded with a very good performance. By Friday rain was forecast again but by early evening it seemed that we might be lucky. This was not to be — the performance began at nine, as did the rain. Despite this we went ahead with both the performers and audience alike determined to ignore the wet conditions.

Obviously a performance such as this would not have got off the drawing board without a tremendous amount of help from very many people. A cast list is printed below and it would be invidious to single out individuals for particular mention since it was, above all, a corporate effort. May I just add my sincere thanks to all who took part for their enthusiasm and tolerance from beginning to end.

MLW



Mr. Tim Coulson (Jesus Christ) and Miss Jenni Flynn (Mary Magdalene).

CAST

Jesus	Tim Coulson
Judas/Simon (on alternate nights)	Nicholas Dawes Hugo Thistlethwayte
Mary	Jenni Flynn
Pilate	Andrew Barclay
Herod	Benjamin Kaye
Caiaphas	Andreas Carleton-Smith
Annas	Imran Shitta-Bey
High Priests	Michael Charles Mark Hayter Tony Hooper James Johnson Peter Webb
Apostles	Benjamin Fitzwilliams Nigel Warren Alexander Pearce Richard Coles Julian Cox Andrew Cartwright Benjamin Kaye Nicholas Edward-Jones James Chadwick Philip Wertheimer Alexander Nairne
Maid by the fire	Sally Wagner
Roman Soldiers	Richard Maundrell Mark Palmer James Millard Simon Faulkner Jonathan Marsh Timothy Smith Caspian Crewe-Read Christopher Caffyn
Roman Attendant	Julian Buck
Jesus' followers	Alexander Koch de Gooreynd James Welsh Guy Wiekynk Christopher Taylor Dennis Simmons Martin Andrews David Van Dyk Simon Abell Patrick Herdman Richard Laing Robin Langrishe Nicholas Carlton Williams Waggott-Ito Andrew Bizzell
Women	Elizabeth Charles Angela Drinkwater-Lunn Diana Lapping Elizabeth Cooke Rosalyn Barclay Sally Wagner Carmel Ryan Cathleen Poole Caroline Bromilow Lucy Hatch Cosima Wagner
Herod's attendants	Paul Goodsir Andrew Hyman Sebastian Carleton-Smith Roger Trow Abdul Salleh

Crowd

G.S.Batten T.V.P.Biggs P.G.Browning A.J.J.Bruce Lockhart
A.Duke J.E.Gooch T.C.M.Jackman A.C.J.Stevens R.W.Stockwell
J.G.Stovold N.J.Webb Y.A.Alsaheal P.J.Bunch J.C.E.Cromack
A.P.Frankland W.A.Hester C.H.Lawson J.K.V.Mann
G.Morphy-Morris A.H.Mundy G.S.E.Ranger N.P.Sharman
C.J.Tulloh J.Unsworth J.T.Adams R.T.Adams C.J.Buck
A.J.Catlin A.Churchill R.J.Crichton S.M.Flint C.Harris
R.K.W.Howie A.J.Morrell P.G.Paddick N.F.Scally G.D.Storch
J.W.Welch A.Akinloye D.S.J.Bingley S.E.Durham N.Fox
W.T.Furniss R.G.Godwin R.S.Horrocks M.C.Lamb J.S.MacLennan
B.J.Massey A.L.P.D.Stemp D.J.C.Tait S.N.T.Weller S.J.Archer
J.P.Bell M.E.Colton A.R.Craig A.M.Davies C.P.de Ruig
N.A.Durham J.N.Ekin N.S.Evans D.S.N.Freeland J.D.G.Murray
J.D.S.Whitfield S.T.Bakrania J.T.L.Bradshaw J.D.Eyre
A.W.Foster-Brown R.T.R.Greatrix R.E.M.Harvey M.J.Luard
H.W.D.Bible S.A.Blem R.S.Brewer D.M.Browne P.A.Garner
R.J.Golder J.W.Goodier J.W.Hick C.D.Holmes K.R.Jolowicz
P.S.Kingsley G.J.Lake S.McIntyre P.C.Myhre D.K.Rowe-Ham
P.G.Saint N.Sarcevic J.M.Smith J.R.Sutton L.A.Bisgrove
M.A.Bosley N.P.D.Evans A.B.Faulkner D.R.Longmuir
A.J.Marston M.H.Nunn N.D.H.Rowton-Lee J.A.Stewart
R.F.Welch T.E.Anslow-Wilson J.R.Bartlett L.K.S.Bingley
R.F.N.Curzon S.A.de Wet E.H.Gold J.C.Gotzheim C.D.Haynes
C.Keevil T.M.C.Kirk S.J.P. Lear A.Liddiard T.G.Newitt
T.Wearne M.A.Beasley R.M.de Ruig M.W.M.Evans J.S.Geoffrey
W.V.Hamilton A.G.Ouvaroff M.G.Parker R.M.Pease
T.Rochester N.A.Wise D.Jones F.Brown P.A.Higham
G.J.Khun D.A.Lewis J.H.R.McCalmont

Band

Lead Guitar	Christopher Rae
Bass Guitar	Roger Flavell
Drums	Derek Davison
Percussion	Martin Lazell
Synthesizer	Cy Payne
Piano	Stephen Hose/Peter William
Clarinets	Anthony England Patricia Noble
Trumpets	Bill Lilley Freddie Coupe
Costume	Elizabeth Cooke

Props and Make-up

James Johnson Elizabeth Cooke Caroline Bleackley
Angela Drinkwater-Lunn Revd B.W.Wilks Eric Pollard
David Partridge

Lighting

D. Dovaston Esq. R.Jones A. Bennett S. James
A.J. Russell T. Livsey G.McArthur S. Daniel

Choreography	Jackie Kiers
Choreography for Herod scene	Angela Drinkwater-Lunn
Produced and conducted	Malcolm Woodcock



M. L. Woodcock, Esq., the Producer, during rehearsal.

Postscript to 'Jesus Christ Superstar'

This well received production should not be allowed to pass into memory before it is given a proper place in our twenty-five year development. It was more than just a substantial contribution to the Jubilee celebrations; it was a milestone in its own right.

Outdoor summer productions have not figured as often in our activities as our attractive surroundings might suggest. As the recently published college history mentions, yearly summer productions ended as long ago as 1966. This was due to the pressure of GCE exams and many other school stories would include the same change. The 'Time and the Thames Pageant' of 1979 was rehearsed entirely after exams finished and the 'Jesus Christ Superstar' production had a cast of non-exam candidates.

Compared with 1979, we were able to depend on our own resources to a far greater extent. Including a group of staff and ladies connected with Shiplake, we put just over 200 performers into costume and only one key performer had to be imported. In ability to 'do it ourselves', we had indeed come-of-age. We should never, from now on, lack confidence in our own performing resources.

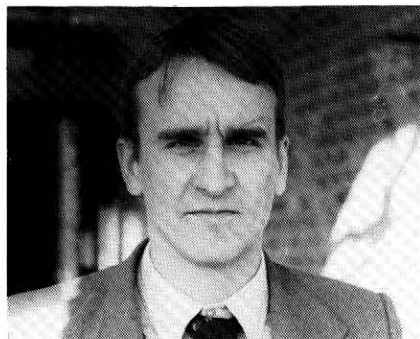
In many ways the production resembled our own story. Early opportunities were seized. In this case availability to amateurs. We persevered, in the face of difficulties — unpredictable weather — and we had the unstinting support of parents and friends, as usual. The final production has something special about it — arising from the enthusiasm generated within a new school. Rehearsals began about 45 minutes after guests left on 1st May — our actual Jubilee Day.

It would be fair to say that the front lawns and the rising terrace had tempted John Foster and other would-be producers from 1960 onwards. They were no doubt inspired by memories of college garden productions at Oxford. Any such production would have been premature when the school was small. One was left with the feeling that waiting had been right. We seem to have a knack for good timing. Two years ago the summer concert of British composers turned into a patriotic festival, just after the South Atlantic Campaign ended. This production of 'Jesus Christ Superstar' showed how the Thirds and Fourths could join the staff and some of the seniors in a major contribution to the feeling of 'togetherness' that the College manages to generate on important occasions.

This production caught the imagination of everyone involved and got the success it deserved. As has been true of so much at Shiplake College, much was ventured and a great deal was gained.

Senior Common Room News

We welcome...



G. Cassells, Esq.

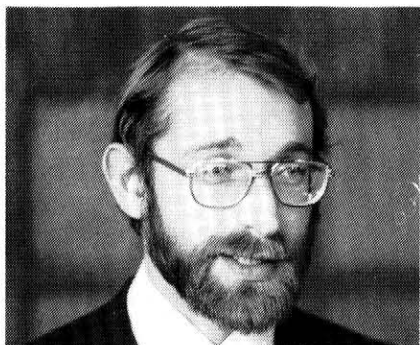
GC

George Cassells joined the Physics Department as number two to VED in September 1984.

After leaving Henley Grammar School, GC went to the University of Bradford where he graduated with a B.Eng. in Chemical Engineering. After two years in industry, which took him to Harlow in Essex, he decided to enter the teaching profession. From 1981 to 1984 he taught Physics at the Stewards Comprehensive School in Harlow. Following the successful completion of his probation and removal of his Sixth Form by county reorganisation, GC decided to move and has come back to teach in his native heath. A good sportsman, GC has added to the growing band of Shiplake masters attached to the Henley Rugby Club.

GC has bought a house in Caversham and we welcome, too, Mrs. Caroline Cassells, together with their two young children.

PHL



D. J. Scoins, Esq.

DJS

David Scoins is a Northumbrian and sufficiently proud of his native country not only to describe it with that fierce pride which only those north-east winds can produce but also to play, with some distinction, that rare beast known as the Northumbrian pipes. He also plays the tuba and the piano.

However, he has come to Shiplake to teach mathematics. After leaving Gosforth Grammar School, he read Mathematics at Brasenose College, Oxford. Coming down from Oxford he spent four years with a firm of quantity surveyors before entering the world of computers. This culminated in his teaching the mysteries of his 'software' to all and sundry. From this he decided to enter the 'purer' world of teaching mathematics.

When not teaching mathematics and computers, DJS will be singing in the choir, coaching on the river or running (he has already broken the school cross-country record). As soon as he can sell his house in Cambridgeshire, we look forward to the arrival of Mrs. Trilia Scoins and their two small children.

PHL

We bid farewell to...

R. J. Gapper

Mr. R. J. 'Dick' Gapper retired from the staff on 23rd December 1983. He joined the College in 1964, at a time when there were just one hundred and fifty boys on the roll.

Shortly before he arrived, the Vicarage, or Welsh House as we now know it, had been purchased by the Board of Governors and Mrs. Gapper became the first House Matron of the new House.

In addition to his duties as Clerk of Works, Dick was the Officer Commanding the Naval Section of the CCF and, for many years, ran College shooting.

Before retiring, Mr. and Mrs. Gapper purchased a property in Lowestoft and moved there in January of this year.

We extend our very best wishes to them for a long and peaceful retirement.

MCW

Paul Statter

Paul Statter came to us for his first full-time employment in September 1981. His arrival in the Maths Department coincided with their expansion in the Computing, and he took over the teaching of programming to anyone interested, and the introductory course to Third Formers. He set up Room M2 with six Sinclair Spectrums and the amount of use these got demonstrates the enthusiasm he has engendered, especially among the Juniors. He also revived the ailing Photographic Club and some of the work they have produced in the last two years is among the best I can remember. His interest in bridge was never echoed among the

boys, but there was distinct interest (academic of course) in his expertise in Real Ale. He has run the Chess Shield for three years and we have actually had results in on time in this competition recently!

As resident House Tutor in Welsh, he showed a conscientious interest in the progress of his pupils, and we know that the boys of Felsted will benefit from his presence next year.

DFKW

Derek Dovaston

Derek came to Shiplake from Ancaster House in Sussex and taught Physics for one year before deciding to return to his family home in Gloucestershire.

During his short stay at the College, Derek ran the Electronics Club, helped with Squash and Cricket, and was a keen member of the Common Room Bridge School.

Following his return to Gloucestershire, Derek took a post in the Maths department of Cheltenham Ladies College.

VED

Ode

In 1984 Shiplake College, in an act of unparalleled defiance, delayed the start of British Summer Time by ten hours, thus sending all the students and staff into total confusion, until order was restored when darkness came. A young member of the Common Room was inspired to pen the following ode as a result.

"Where have you been, boy,
'Til this late hour?"
The master knew not his name.
"I didn't see the notice, sir,"
The reply, as standard, came.

"Didn't Smith inform you of the time,
Or Jones, or even Twist?
Surely one of them must have
A watch upon his wrist!"

The master knew he had him now
And was sure that the boy was late,
For British Summer Time was here
According to the date.

The master thought of many things
The erring youth might do,
But then the boy began to speak —
With confidence anew.

"Allow me, Sir," the boy now begged
"To correct you if I may,
But isn't Shiplake Mean Time
At work again, today?"

Anon

'Mewling and Puking...'

Despite the rigours of the academic year, four members of staff and their wives managed a domestic celebration of the College's Silver Jubilee year. We offer our congratulations to:

Tony and Cathy Hooper on the birth of a son, Christopher Tremayne, on 23rd January 1984, a brother for Emily.

Mark and Sally Hayter on the birth of a daughter, Marion Louise Danvers, on 28th January 1984, a sister for Emma.

Paul and Jill Emerson on the birth of a son, Ben James, on 6th April 1984.

Ian and Libby Lowry on the birth of a son, Nicol Charles Pullen, on 1st August 1984, a brother for Hugo.

We can report, with confidence, that further births to staff and their wives will be announced in next year's magazine.

Computerising the College

Had I known what I was letting myself in for, I might not have undertaken the task of setting up a few programs to print School Lists and Addresses. The 380Z was sitting there, clearly wanting to be used for some such purpose and it seemed a simple task which might be completed after a few hours.

After two holidays and endless afternoons' work during the term we are now scratching the surface of the problem: but I am sure it will all be worth it in the end!

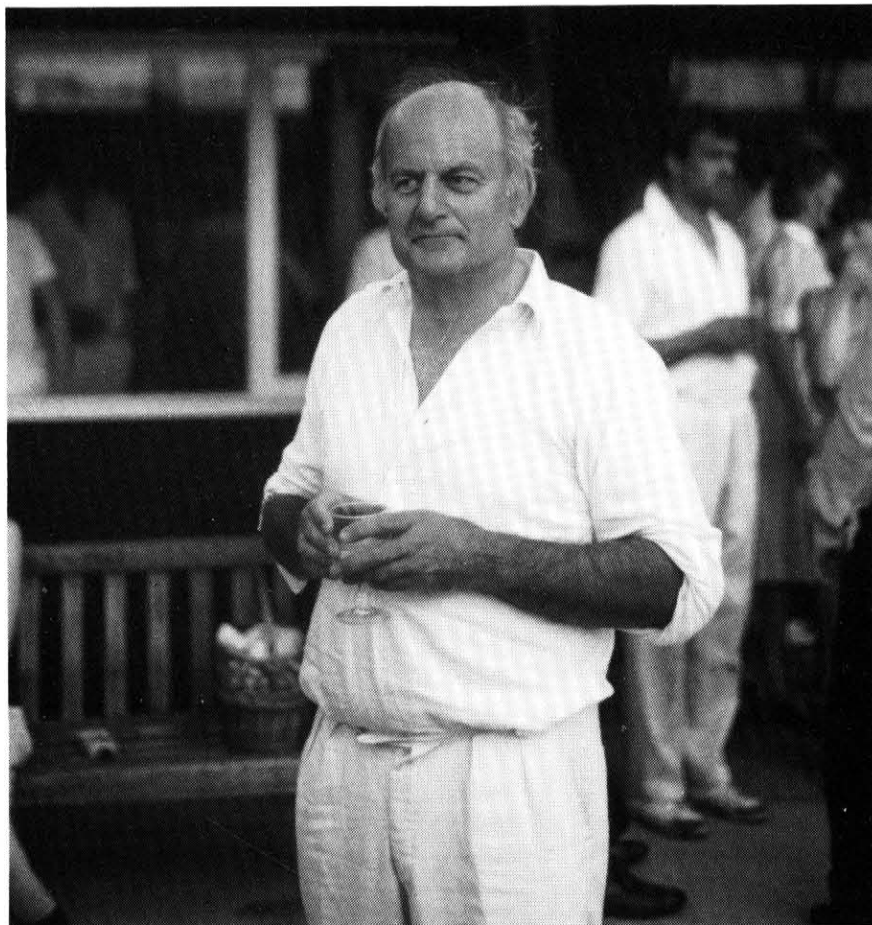
We can now print School or House Lists, in alphabetical or age order, complete or in part, showing boys' initials or Christian names, age, date of birth, House, Form, status in the School, even whether they live out or hold foreign passports. Lists can be underlined or not, narrowly or widely spaced, in one column or two.

The secretaries have given the advent of computerised addresses a mixed reception. However, all the School addresses have now been typed in, and lists or labels, can be printed at the touch of a button.

I then moved on to Set Lists, which now appear by Form or Subject, and this, inexorably, led on to Subject Option Forms and Parents' Conference Forms.

I am embarking on a suite of programs for examination and other academic results, after which it will be obvious that all boys' records should go on to an Old Boy file when they leave, and of course Graham Vick has some uses when it comes to printing the timetable, and maybe the Librarians might...

DFKW



'The Wanderer' in pensive mood — H. E. Wells-Furby, retiring Manager of the Wanderers XI.

Wanderers Cricket 1984

This was a good but rather short season. As expected, the staff produced some steady batting and members of college XIs provided the bowling. There was even some crowd support. A high scoring draw with Coppid Hall could have ended with a win but 50 minutes and 20 overs was not enough for us to reach 210 and we ended with 160-6. The following week we bowled out the visitors — Shiplake Memorial Hall — and reached our target for the loss of only two wickets. Mr. Partridge made a memorable half century. His customary stout blows were replaced by cuts and glances.

A victory over Reading University Academic Staff was welcome after we had suffered from their batsmen for two seasons. Their early batting collapsed and our spinners had a rare chance to operate. The friendly nature of Wanderers Cricket was underlined by the general delight shown when Mr. Webb completed his maiden fifty.

The matches maintained their customary approach — everyone should have a chance with ball or bat during the match. This may often mean if the all-rounder has a bowl he may not get a bat.

Having threatened to do so for several seasons, the current Manager is handing over the direction of affairs to Mr. Andrew Smail. The club has been very well supported in recent seasons and it is sad that so few matches can be played in a short summer term. However, this short season has enabled the retiring manager to maintain his form with the bat and that added to everyone's pleasure.

Christopher Pelloe brought a side from Cambridge in June and a high scoring draw resulted in brilliant sunshine. The staff discovered amidst their ranks a left-hand bat, Mr. Peter Gould. His steady play was the feature of our innings and he also challenged Mr. Coulson and Duckett from the 1st XI for the title 'fielder of the season'.

'Blade on the Feather...'

With a little help from two friends associated with the Boat Club, the Common Room managed to put a crew on the water to race the 1st VIII and an ambitious J-15 VIII, over a shortened course between Phillimore Island and the top of the landing stage. The race took place on the Monday following Henley Royal Regatta and was as keenly contested as the final of the 'Grand Challenge Cup' of the previous day.

Although the staff had managed three training sessions in the weeks before the race, it was considered appropriate that the 1st VIII should leave their new 'Empacher' in the boathouse and use the slightly slower J-14 'C' boat instead. In addition, the crew had to swap sides.

The Common Room tactic to get off the start before the umpire said 'Go!' went awry and, as a result, the 1st VIII led from the start. At the line the 1st VIII were half a length up on the staff, who beat the J-15 crew by one-and-a-quarter lengths.

Although next year the Common Room crew will all be a critical year older, with a combined age in excess of 300 years, it is hoped to repeat the event.

SL

'15-1'

No, not the latest odds on whether HEW-F's book on the school will be ready on time, nor a simplistic way of saying 12.45 pm, but the goals for and against the Senior Common Room Five-a-Side team this year.

Conceding only one goal in the two matches against the school (and this was a dubious penalty decision by PE!) is testament to the cat-like ability of RTM who must surely be up for selection for England's 'Young Married Biology Teachers' team.

To avoid argument, the 'goals for' can evenly be spread amongst the other five team members — not that we ever played with six, you understand, but PGS (our Ian Rush lookalike play-unlike striker) was absent for the second game as he had to walk the dog! Such is the commitment of the squad!

PJFW ably filled the gap and played in his position. This proved to be a little awkward as he also tried to play in all the other positions as well.

Attacks, 'down the right, Brian', were often finished with net splitting accuracy by APH, whose repertoire of shots was as expansive as those of the Spanish Armada. Many goals were ruined for both spectators, however, by too much "Wowing" and "Yaehing" — possibly a product of watching too many third rate American comedy shows.

At the back, PCJG was outstanding, making more clean cuts into the opposition's defence than the surgeons at Harefield Hospital.

My thanks to you all. "The lads done great".

TJC



The Senior Common Room VIII — M. H. G. Hayter, Esq., Ms. A. M. Thomas, D. G. Wilson, Esq., P. J. F. Webb, Esq., M. E. S. Shepherd, Esq., J. R. Scottorn, Esq., I. R. Lowry, Esq., N. W. Wells, Esq., A. F. Barclay, Esq. (on landing stage).

Prep Schools 'Open' Day 1983-84

Crosfields, Haileybury, Papplewick and St. Neot's participated in this year's 'open' day and took part in a number of activities, including badminton, computers, rowing, shooting, table-tennis and trampoline. The emphasis for the day was very much on 'having a go' and enjoyment, which would appear to have been accomplished.

Many thanks must go to all the members of staff who worked so hard and gave of their time to organise these activities; to the catering staff for providing tea for the boys; to the many prospective parents who attended; and finally, to the College juniors who did such a commendable job in supervising the prep school boys throughout the day.

PE



At Home — M. P. Trotman.

Rugby



1st XV Rugby — Back row: G. T. Walsh-Waring, S. R. Ekin, A. H. Marsden, C. J. Howie, A. P. Gotzheim, R. S. Beccle, R. T. Maundrell, B. Bedroud, S. C. Smith, A. P. Hooper, Esq. (Coach). Front row: A. P. Cadell (Touch Judge), J. N. Marsh, M. Emmanuel, A. C. Wilson, A. J. Woof (Captain), M. R. Trumper, D. C. Swanson-Smith, H. E. D. Trotter.

1st XV

Played 13; Won 5; Drawn 3; Lost 5.

This was a good rugby season, but it could have been so much better with a little more luck. We played very well against Sir William Borlase but lost 3—0 with a re-taken penalty. We played superbly against our old rivals King James College and lost 6—0 with two penalties. We drew with The Oratory School after leading the whole way through the game. We lost a forward with five minutes to go and almost immediately lost the lead. We were drawing with Reed's with five minutes to go and then ran a penalty we should have kicked, lost the ball which resulted in them scoring a try to win the game.

However, the side showed great character and spirit, coming from behind to gain draws with Lord Williams, Thame and Magdalen College School, and played exceptionally well against a very strong Old Boys side, only going down 14—10.

1st XV colours were awarded to A. Woof, D. Swanson-Smith, H. Trotter, M. Emmanuel, J. Marsh.

My special thanks go, firstly, to Alastair Wilson, the vice-captain, who played many games during the season whilst nursing a very painful knee injury. Secondly, my thanks go to Martin Trumper, serving his third year in the 1st XV, who was the Secretary for the year. He energetically performed his duties of posting team lists and keeping each

team's playing record, and kept me on my toes throughout.

Once again there were a number of young players in the team who, if they come back, will build the nucleus of a good pack, and I hope an exciting set of backs.

I look forward to the 1984 season.

APH

2nd XV

Played 16; Won 10; Drawn 1; Lost 5.

The side was not settled at the beginning of the season and the first match highlighted our problem areas. Our three-quarter play was lacking cohesion in defence and incisive running when on the attack. What ball the forwards did win was scrappy and passed through numerous pairs of hands prior to reaching the scrum half. After a number of sessions on the 'basics' the side showed spirit and an ability to score tries during the second match.

Unfortunately spirit and an intention to run with the ball wide was not a wise decision against Lord Wandsworth and we went down heavily. They ran the ball away from our pack who, it would be true to say, had an off day and scored wide on numerous occasions. Trying to play fifteen-man rugby with a pack of forwards which had potential and a set of backs who found it hard to dominate the

opposition was becoming an uphill struggle, but we continued to do so hoping that the situation would improve. We fared well against Lord William's, but in the next game were under constant pressure from William Borlase.

During the interim between games, it was decided that we should play the 'fifteen metre box', not the most entertaining or the most adventurous style to adopt, but it meant that the ball would be put in front of our players when we had gained possession of the ball. By playing it down the line the opposition backs were starved of good balls and our own backs were hungry for it when in the opposition's twenty-two metre area: it also meant that we were playing to our strength. The forwards' rucking also improved about this time and our set piece play, which culminated in a run of nine victories; the two most memorable games were Reeds and King James' College. Both of these fixtures are difficult to win but on both occasions our spirit was high.

It takes fifteen players to form a side, but many boys played at different times throughout the season, so congratulations must go to Andreas Carleton-Smith, Hugh Marsden and David Clarke who all played for the 1st XV and produced sterling performances when either standing in or permanently replacing a player.

As a unit, the pack at times played magnificently and it was pleasing to see

an old boys pack of ex 1st teamers and a stone and half heavier going backwards in the set piece. However, the day was not to be ours, but it was enjoyed by many. Mention must be made of the squad's positive attitude and willingness to learn and adopt new techniques, especially James Mann, who captained the side, of whom it could be said learnt the art of putting the ball up the fifteen metre box so high that the opposition experienced a fall of snow.

Those who played: J. Mann (captain), C. Lear, S. Briggs, A. Marsden, A. Carleton-Smith, D. Triggs, A. Russell, T. Livsey, R. Lambert, A. Ranger, J. McArthur, M. Wates, S. Chamchamnong, N. Dawes, D. Clarke, S. James, D. Hodgkinson, P. Lucas.

PJFW

3rd XV

Played 10; Won 2; Lost 8.

It would be easy to write that the 3rd XV had enjoyed a pleasing, successful season but that would be lowering the high standards we set for ourselves.

The team were better than they thought they were and when things were going well, and their confidence was growing, they looked very good. However, too often self-doubt would creep in, the easy things were not done well and heroics were carried out by too few.

Some important conclusions were reached during the season. First, that the 3rd XV are a very important team and that anyone who plays for them should be proud of their achievement. Second, that 3rd XV rugby at its best is a highly enjoyable way of taking exercise on a winter's afternoon.

Regular team: A. M. Ridley Barker, C. A. Williams, R. J. Gem, N. R. Morphy-Morris, N. R. Chamberlain, E. J. Fallon, S. G. Merson, J. C. M. Greatrix, J. E. Millard, S. D. M. Daniel, S. M. Armstrong, I. M. G. Jackson, A. D. T. Large (captain), W. J. P. White, D. W. W. Saunders Watson.

Thirteen other members also had the distinction of playing at least one match for the 3rd XV.

PHL

Under-15 'A' XV

Played 15; Won 11; Drawn 0; Lost 4; Points for 194; Points against 120.

As the record shows, this was a very successful season for the Under-15 'A' side. Throughout the term the boys have worked hard and this has been reflected in their play, which has been sound in the basic rudiments which has allowed them to play a fluent attractive game. There is undoubted talent throughout the side, but it has been pleasing to see everybody trying to play for each other, as a team, and not as individuals. The only real disappointment was that they lost in the cup competition to a side they had already beaten in a 'friendly'! How-

ever, this did not detract from a most enjoyable season in which the boys have steadily shown an improvement in their skill level, they have learnt a great deal, and above all, have enjoyed themselves.

My thanks to Paul Goodsir who has captained the side admirably both on and off the field, and who certainly led by example.

The side was chosen from the following: J. Bartlett*, A. Hyman*, S. Carleton-Smith*, A. Salleh*, A. Foster-Brown*, R. Golder*, P. Higham, M. Evans, G. Kuhn*, P. Paddick, P. Kingsley*, J. Hick*, R. Trow*, C. Haynes, A. Pearce, P. Goodsir*, J. Buck*, A. Catlin, A. Morrell*, G. Storch*, M. Parker*, H. Bible, R. Brewer, S. Lear, R. de Ruig.

* Colours awarded.

PE

Under-15 'B' XV

Played 4; Won 3; Drawn 1; Lost 0; Points for 92; Points against 14.

Congratulations must go to the Under-15 'B' XV for being the only unbeaten side in the college this term. There has been a tremendous spirit in the side, both in matches and training, and they can be proud of their performance. It was not just a matter of being unbeaten, but they did show a remarkable maturity in their play and their wins away at the Oratory showed some fine examples of fluent open, running and supporting play. Well done to all those who played in the side.

The following played for the side: R. Brewer, M. De Wet, R. Crichton, R. De Ruig, C. Harris, P. Higham, C. Haynes, G. Kuhn, P. Kingsley, T. Rochester, R. Pease, S. Lear, A. Liddiard, P. Paddick, A. Pearce, R. Trow, C. Buck, M. Evans, S. Carleton-Smith, J. Eyre.

PE

Under-14 XV

Inconsistent. If you were looking for a word to describe the sort of season the Under-14s had in 1983, inconsistent would spring to mind.

Some 27 boys played for the 'A' team, which only had two victories — surely firm evidence of such inconsistency. However, despite an obvious lack of talent some individual performances and two superb team efforts (unsurprisingly the victories!) are worthy of mention.

Graham Morphy-Morris was an outstanding captain; agile, sure-footed and an exemplary tackler of opponents. Andrew Bruce Lockhart was outstanding in the pack, and the front row of Stovold, Furniss and Laing remained unchanged throughout the term. The Orchard back row of Bosley (No. 8), Simmonds and Nunn also worked hard.

The best team performances came at Claire's Court and at home to Rutlish when the team played some excellent rugby, inspired by ever-present enthusiasm shown by the captain. One is only left to wonder how results might have gone with performances of this calibre throughout the season.

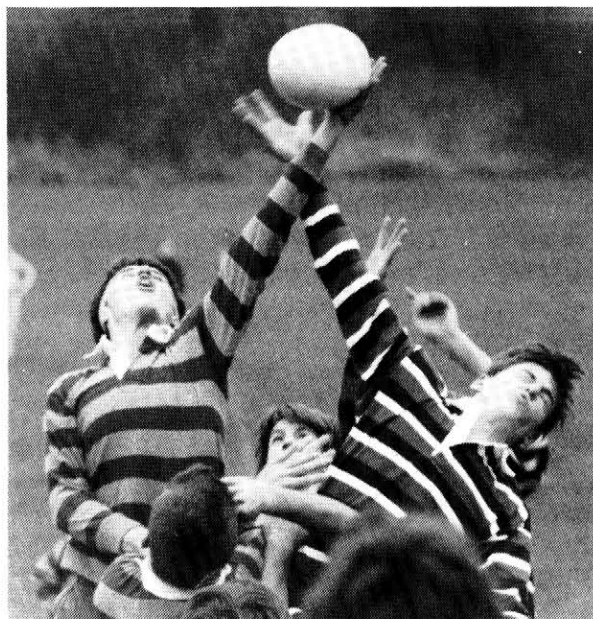
Some 60 boys from the Third form played rugby for the school last year; the 'B' team had six matches and the 'C' team had four. Like their contemporaries in the 'A' team, they also had difficult fixtures but produced two notable victories; the 'C's at The Oratory and the 'B's at Bearwood College.

I would like to thank those parents who supported their sons both at Ship-lake and away. Also, I must thank PCJG and IRL who, coaching the 'C' team, did much to promote enthusiasm for the game at this level.

Finally, my thanks too, to DSP for his help, experience and constructive criticism of my coaching and team selection!

Colours: G. Morphy-Morris and A. Bruce Lockhart.

TJC



"Mine!"



County Rugby — As usual the rugby club produced several county players during the 1983 season. A. Woof, D. Swanson-Smith, H. Trotter and M. Emmanuel all played for the Under 18 county side in their county championship games. D. Triggs played for the county Under 16 team.

After Christmas, M. Emmanuel, S. Ekin and J. Marsh all played for a county Under 17 side against a touring side from France. Congratulations to all these boys.

APH

County Players — A. J. Woof, D. C. Swanson-Smith, H. E. D. Trotter, M. Emmanuel.

1983 Results

Opponents	1st XV	2nd XV	3rd XV	U-15 'A'	U-15 'B'	U-14 'A'	U-14 'B'	U-14 'C'
Gillott's	—	—	Cancelled	W 19-4	—	L 0-16	—	—
City of London Freeman's	W 32-3	W 20-0	—	W 14-6	—	L 3-10	—	—
Lord Wandsworth's	L 9-21	L 4-50	L 0-14	W 7-4	D 8-8	L 0-16	L 3-43	Cancelled
Lord Williams	D 9-9	D 6-6	L 0-54	L 6-21	—	L 3-40	—	—
Sir William Borlase	L 0-3	L 4-38	L 0-12	—	—	—	—	—
Leighton Park	W 9-0	W 12-6	—	W 21-0	—	L 0-16	—	—
Reed's	L 6-14	W 26-0	L 0-4	W 12-10	W 26-6	L 0-8	—	—
Bearwood College	W 14-0	W 12-0	W 24-0	W 26-0	Cancelled	L 3-28	W 20-14	Cancelled
King James's	—	W 16-12	L 4-21	—	—	—	—	—
Rutlish	W 10-6	W 22-0	W 23-6	W 12-0	—	W 13-6	—	—
Magdalen College School	D 12-12	W 18-4	L 0-23	W 12-0	—	L 0-18	—	—
Oratory School	D 3-3	L 7-32	Cancelled	L 0-15	W 40-0	Cancelled	L 18-4	W 18-0
Old Vikings Society	L 14-10	L 9-10	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reading Blue Coat	—	W 16-8	—	W 16-10	—	—	—	—
Crookham Court	—	—	L 4-33	—	—	—	—	—
Claire's Court	—	—	—	L 8-10	—	W 8-0	L 0-24	L 0-22
Cokethorpe	—	W 14-6	—	W 26-4	—	—	—	—
Oratory School	—	—	—	—	W 18-0	—	L 12-0	L 0-4
Pierrpont School	—	L 9-21	—	W 10-9	—	L 8-12	—	—
Hurst	—	W 22-4	—	—	—	L 0-22	—	—
Radley College	—	—	L 0-32	—	—	—	—	—
1st XV Cup								
King James's	L 0-6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Woodgreen	W 15-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
U-15 'A'								
Gillott's	L 6-28	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Played 78; Won 35; Drawn 5; Lost 38; Cancelled 6; Points for 800; Points against 920.

Hockey



1st XI Hockey — Back row: R. T. Mannix, Esq. (Coach), S. Chanchamnong, A. M. S. Ranger, R. S. Beccle, A. M. F. Carleton-Smith, J. Van Wyngaarden, M. Emmanuel. Front row: S. R. Ekin, J. B. Mann, A. J. Woof (Captain), J. N. Marsh, A. J. Russell.

1st XI

The team, on their first outing and with several members missing, lost heavily to Pangbourne College in a manner which would have demoralised a lesser side. However, undaunted, they proceeded to recover from 1—0 down to win 3—1 in the next match. With the Pangbourne game put firmly behind them, they played all the rest of the matches with excellent team work and commitment with an unchanged team throughout the term.

The match against the Hockey Association was their best for many seasons, with a solid defence denying the Hockey Association any openings, though several agile saves were needed from A. Russell in goal. Hard work and imaginative play in the forward line was rewarded with a goal and the team was still 1—0 up with seven minutes to go. They eventually went down 2—1 in a match enjoyed by all.

The OVS produced a strong, fit side who put a lot of pressure on the 1st XI, and again a solid defence controlled by A. Woof denied them many chances. Towards the latter half of the game our midfield and wings began to take more control of the match and they were rewarded with the winning goal in the last few minutes of the match.

Other notable victories were against Reading and Windsor, both of whom brought strong teams, and the match against Wellington was a much closer game with a higher standard of play than in previous years.

Considering the standard of opposition the 1st XI encountered, this was a successful season with each member of the team playing his own part contributing to this success.

Team: A. Russell, A. Woof (captain), S. Ekin, M. Emmanuel, S. Chamchamnong, J. Marsh, J. Van Wijngaarden, A. Carlton-Smith, A. Ranger, J. Mann, R. Beccle.

Results

Pangbourne College	Lost	0—15
Ranelagh School	Won	3—1
Reading School	Won	1—0
Lord Wandsworth's Coll.	Drew	1—1
RGS High Wycombe	Lost	0—2
Leighton Park School	Drew	1—1
Hockey Association	Lost	1—2
St. Edward's, Oxford	Cancelled	
Oxford School	Won	2—0
Abingdon School	Lost	1—4
Wellington College	Lost	0—3
St. Bartholomew's, N'bury .	Won	3—0
OVS	Won	1—0
Windsor Boys' School	Won	1—0

Won 6; Lost 5; Drawn 2; For 15; Ag't 29
RTM

2nd XI

The season was variable in terms of success. We were only outclassed once, with inexperience possibly being the reason for the other defeats — goals being conceded very early in the game or just before half-time. If some short corners had been converted into goals rather more frequently, what a difference that would have made. The best match was the draw played at RGS High Wycombe, which was played in a fine spirit at a very high standard of hockey. It is encouraging that all who played for the 2nd XI will be playing next season.

Results

Pangbourne College	Lost	0—3
Ranelagh School	Cancelled	
Reading School	Won	3—1
Lord Wandsworth's Coll.	Lost	2—3
RGS High Wycombe	Drew	1—1
St. Edward's, Oxford	Cancelled	
Oxford School	Won	5—0
Abingdon School	Lost	0—3
St. Bartholomew's, N'bury .	Won	2—0
Reading Blue Coat School ..	Lost	1—2

Won 3; Lost 4; Drawn 1.

Badminton

3rd XI

It was unfortunate that the 3rd XI only had three matches this season as we had a squad of considerable ability. It was a frustrating term with fixtures cancelled because of the appalling weather, and the oppositions failing to raise sides meant that the 3rd XI did not have many opportunities to show their skills.

Of the matches played, we lost two and won only one. However, both matches lost were against strong opposition, particularly Abingdon who produced an Under-16 side who had played together for some years, and Shiplake did well to come back 4-2 having conceded three goals in the first five minutes.

The victory came in a fast and very exciting game at Crookham Court and it was in this match that the team excelled themselves, beating the opposition 1st XI by three goals to one.

Richard Gem, as captain, was a mature and steady leader and my thanks to him for his contributions both on and off the field. William Kanaan was outstanding in goal and if he can control his enthusiasm he should be able to achieve success in a stronger side in the future. Ian Jackson was probably the most improved player who worked hard to master the inside-forward position and was exemplary in both practices and matches.

James Millard and James Munn played well in midfield, distributing the ball wide to the wings, who themselves played aggressively and skilfully in a position which is often overlooked when attributing credit to a successful side. David Bailey, Michael Hyman and Chris Howie all played confidently and chased hard any passes they received.

The defence, led by Gem, despite being a little 'casual' on occasion, tackled hard and produced some good form.

Looking back on the season one is tempted to pass over 1984, because of the few fixtures, but look forward to 1985 when the squad will be further strengthened by the current Under-15 XI.

TJC

U-15 XI

With only one match called off, this was a busy season. The first match versus Pangbourne produced the only real disappointment, with the rather unfit side being 2-4 after holding a 2-0 lead early in the first half. After this, things settled down and the results speak for themselves, the high point being a 4-1

win over Lord Wandsworth College. All members of the side played well for most of the season, but special mention must be made of Christopher Kevil, the captain, whose hard hitting and solid technique provided the platform for many of the good results.

v. Pangbourne.....	Lost 2 — 4
v. Ranelagh.....	Won 7 — 1
v. Leighton Park.....	Won 5 — 0
v. Reading.....	Won 3 — 0
v. Lord Wandsworth.....	Won 4 — 1
v. High Wycombe	Won 5 — 0
v. St. Edward's	Cancelled
v. Windsor Boys.....	Lost 0 — 1
v. Oxford School.....	Drew 2 — 2
v. Abingdon.....	Lost 0 — 1
v. Wellington	Drew 0 — 0
v. St. Bartholomew's.....	Won 5 — 0

AFB

U-14 XI

During the season we played both A and B team fixtures which allowed all of the boys in the first game a chance to represent the school.

The A XI played a number of fixtures which were keenly contested. The opening fixture against Pangbourne was such a game and the team were defeated by three goals to two. Having taken an early lead we were pressurised and conceded a goal, to which we replied with another. Unfortunately the second half was not to be ours, but all who supported thought that it had been an enjoyable afternoon's sport. Against Leighton Park, we were the victors of a similar close contest.

The main problem during the season was that we found it difficult, at times, to push the ball through from the midfield to the attacking players. Eventually this was rectified because the forwards dropped further back when we were on the defensive. There is a tendency at junior level for players not to move the ball about the field but become bogged down in one area or to play the same side of the field. By the end of the season the play was much more open and individual players were beginning to show their skill.

Massey, who captained the side, played well throughout the season. Nunn kept goal admirably and showed a natural talent in this position.

Those who played: Massey (captain), Tait, Ekin, Whitfield, Sharman, Nunn, de Ruig, Simmons, Mundy, Morphy-Morris, Lawson, Craig, Colton, Cromack, Rowton-Lee, Jackman, Stovold, Bosley, Van Dyk, Faulkner, Welsh, Frankland.

PJFW

Badminton Club

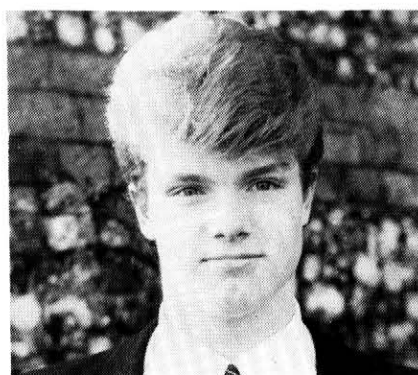
The College Badminton Club finally reached fruition this year when a team of six competed in our first inter-school badminton competition against King James's College. The result was a little disappointing but the boys did enjoy themselves and certainly learnt a great deal. It is hoped that from these small beginnings the club will flourish and run a full programme of inter-school competitions.

Team: 1st Pair — Charles de Lanoy Meyer and William White; 2nd Pair — James Whiteman and Tim Pemberton; 3rd Pair — James Hutton and Charles Williams.

Result

Versus King James's College: Lost 16 games to 2.

PE



Shiplake's most successful swimmer

Most Shiplake students will be surprised to learn that, in their midst, there is an international swimmer. Roger Howie of Orchard House swims for Wycombe District Swimming Club and has represented England at Junior level.

During term, pressure of work restricts Roger to four training sessions each week but, during the holidays, he increases these sessions to ten. Each training session lasts up to two excruciating hours when he aims to achieve distances of over six thousand metres.

Before coming to Shiplake Roger and his family lived in the United States where both he and his brother, Chris, represented their home state in the water.

Swimming has allowed Roger the opportunity to travel. During the past two years he has competed in Ireland, Holland, Switzerland and Germany.

IRL

Cricket



1st XI — Back row: R. F. Duckett (Scorer), E. L. S. Dawson-Damer, M. H. Liddell-Grainger, I. M. G. Jackson, S. R. Ekin, E. P. R. Herdman, S. Chanchamnong. Front row: J. N. Marsh, A. T. Lord, J. B. Mann (Captain), A. J. Russell, A. M. F. Carleton-Smith.

1st XI

The 1984 summer will be one of the most memorable cricket terms in the school's history, some of the 1st XI who left will look back on the season as one of the most enjoyable in their lives. The weather, playing conditions and balance of the side resulted in the team not losing against any other school, with several of the drawn matches moral victories.

Such was the strength of the side that seven of the team dominated the batting and bowling. J. Mann and A. Carleton-Smith gave the innings a solid start which is always required. A. Carleton-Smith keeping his best to the end with a marvellous century to win the match against Bearwood. Then came A. Lord and J. Marsh with their steadying influence, the latter playing many excellent innings. A. Russell and S. Ekin could not have made a greater all-round contribution, the match in particular against Magdalen College School, Ekin taking 7 wickets for 39 runs and Russell scoring a valuable 59. The result was a tie. Then came R. Duckett as the first change bowler. We will not forget his 'Man of the Match' performance to beat St. Bartholomew's with 6 wickets for 12 runs.

Final congratulations to Messrs. Liddell-Grainger, Chanchamnong, Daw-

son-Damer and I. Jackson. They fielded on many long hot afternoons knowing not many opportunities for batting would arise; the pleasure for them was to be part of most likely the best 1st XI the College has produced. Let us hope their turn will come.

WER

2nd XI

With some seventeen enthusiastic cricketers vying with each other for a place in the Second Eleven, this season promised to be the best at this level for several years. Of the seven matches played, we won four, one was drawn and we lost only two, both defeats coming early in the season and in away matches.

As the season progressed, it became evident that our batting depended mainly on the form of Kitching and Butler. The former made two fine fifties, the first coming in the opening match of the season against Reading School. Kanaan and Hyman also batted well. The latter kept wicket extremely well all season. Langrishe, promoted to opening bat late in the season, showed determined resistance to pace bowling.

Bassett was the main spearhead of our attack. His 7 for 15 against Magdalen College School was only one of his many match-winning performances. He was ably assisted throughout the season by de Lanoy Meyer, whose 5 for 41 against Bearwood ensured that the season ended on a winning note. Kanaan, White and Langrishe, although at times erratic, bowled with great heart and enthusiasm.

Our Captain, B. Bedroud, must be singled out for a special word of congratulation and thanks. Although on previous seasons' performances he was out of touch with ball and bat, nevertheless his presence on the field was an inspiration to the whole team. He made the utmost use of the team's talents. His shrewd field placing and bowling changes made our opponents work very hard for every run. He has been a stalwart member of the 2nd XI for the last three seasons. His pleasant yet determined and competitive figure will be sadly missed next season.

Second Eleven colours were awarded to Butler, de Lanoy Mayer, Hyman, Kitching and Langrishe. The Peter Caston Cricket Trophy was awarded to J. M. Bassett.

The following were regular members of the team: J. M. Bassett, B. Bedroud (Captain), J. C. Butler, C. H. de Lanoy Meyer, M. A. Hyman, W. N. J. Kanaan, J. H. Kitching, R. S. Langrishe, T. M. N. Livsey, T. O. W. Pemberton, W. J. P. White.

Also played: E. L. S. Dawson-Damer, R. N. Jones, S. G. Merson, T. M. Ray-Hills, A. M. Ridley-Barker, I. O. Shitta-Bey, J. E. Millard.

VED

U-15 XI

We took over this team with eager anticipation for, as the U-14's under DRB, they had been unbeaten. We knew we had a wealth of talent and potential from which to choose and we were anxious to achieve the best possible balance of batsmen, bowlers and fielders — a task made even more difficult as the squad was strengthened further by the inclusion of Chapman and Salleh, from last year's U-15's.

The season began with wickets and outfields seldom found harder and faster in August, so practice began in earnest without delay. Our immediate problem, which was to stay with us throughout the season, was who to leave out? We gradually narrowed down to a main squad of 13, but there were at least four other players who, in another season, would have been worthy of a place in a team.

Selection of batsmen caused the least problem, but placing them in the order was not easy: early wickets or middle order collapses never caused great alarm, because we knew we batted reasonably confidently, in every match, down to No. 11. Many of our opponents looked with dismay as batsman after batsman came to the crease, put their heads down, and firmly placed their front foot down the wicket, followed by a straight bat! Fitzwilliams was notable in this department and as a low order batsman he played some valuable innings with great determination and excellent running between the wickets. Parker scored a valuable 28 not out against Pangbourne, batting at No. 11, and Chapman, spurred into action by his team mates, hit a lusty 25 not out batting at No. 10 against St. Bartholomew's. Finding an opening bat to partner Bartlett was a problem never satisfactorily solved: Adams always looked the part and clearly had the temperament, but only found his form right at the end of the season, after a few games lower in the order. Carleton-Smith, although able to score fast, was a little too impetuous, and inclined to hit across a straight ball. In the middle order, Keevil combined strength and a very good eye to make some good scores, and Haynes, a player of superb shots (usually skilfully placed so as to avoid any quick singles!) showed promise, but did not find consistent form. Salleh, Golder and Goodsir all played useful innings during the season.

Having four quick bowlers to choose from, and only needing three in the team, meant disappointment for all of them at times, except Chapman, who proved that bowling a steady line and length invariably takes wickets at this level. Golder eventually proved to be the most hostile, and successful, and is developing into a bowler who really thinks about how to dismiss his adversaries. Hyman and Parker bowled with varying degrees of accuracy and success, the former with considerable pace as the season progressed. The slow bowlers were never completely reliable but it cannot be denied that Haynes topped the averages. Adams bowled some useful containing spells, but unfortunately Newitt, our only left arm bowler, did not prove consistent, nor is he yet able to turn the ball enough.

The overall performance of any team depends much on its fielding ability, and this team had much of that: many excellent catches were held, there were a number of strong and accurate arms (many batsmen rued the day they took a run to Keevil!) and above all the team nearly always managed to look alert and aggressive. Sadly we were not reliable close behind the bat, and too many chances went down in that area.

A very enjoyable season ended (only one match being cancelled, and that due to industrial action rather than bad weather!) with the team remaining unbeaten, and much of the credit for that should go to Jonathan Bartlett, who, as wicket-keeper, most successful and reliable batsman with best scores of 89 not out and 113 not out, and thoughtful and determined captain, set an excellent example to everyone in the team.

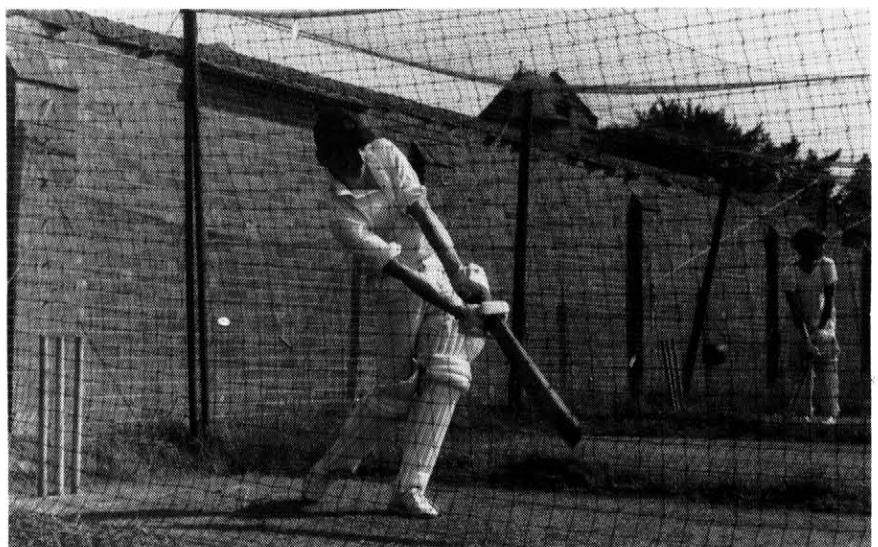
Players: J. Bartlett* (Captain), J. Adams, W. Chapman, R. Golder,* C. Keevil,* C. Haynes,* S. Carleton-Smith, R. Salleh, P. Goodsir, A. Hyman, T. Newitt, B. Fitzwilliams, M. Parker.

Scorer: P. Wertheimer.

*Colours awarded.

MJHC/MAS

TJC



Catch to deep square leg!

Under 14 XI

There are three disciplines in the game of cricket — batting, bowling and fielding. It is a team game, yet matches at this level are decided on the strengths or weaknesses of individual performance. It would be foolish to compare this year's Under 14 XI with that of last year's unbeaten side as a new crop of players will produce different individuals with varying degrees of ability.

This year's results: played nine, won three and lost six, reflects all the points outlined above. Many of the matches lost were on account of the good performance of opposition batsmen which were not matched by ourselves. Our two most able players, Jackman and Whitfield, had disappointing seasons and yet, Lawson proved his ability as a natural ball-player with some praiseworthy innings.

Jackman and Whitfield, who shared the captaincy and the opening bowling, produced some notable performances. (Whitfield 5 for 14 against Magdalen and 4 for 27 against St. Bart's. Jackman 3 for 12 against Pangbourne and St. Bart's). Simmons and Nunn (4 for 12) against Pangbourne, including a hat-trick) also bowled well throughout the season.

The fielding, too, often reached a high standard and this exemplified the incredible enthusiasm for the game. Morphy-Morris, another all-rounder, had a good season, as did Ekin, who batted well and fielded well in his first season as wicket-keeper.

There is unquestionably a lot of talent in this squad and it will be interesting to see the progress of these fine all-rounders as they move up the school.

My thanks to all those in the squad and to AFB for his help with the side.

Colours: Whitfield, Jackman and Simmons.

Cricket Results

1st XI

Played 14; Won 6; Drawn 6; Tied 1; Lost 1 (Free Foresters).

Reading School — Draw

Shiplake..... 171 for 8
Marsh 44, Lord 34

The Oratory School — Draw

Shiplake..... 166 for 6
Mann 48, Lord 51

Lord Williams School — Draw

Shiplake..... 163 for 5
Marsh 69 not out

Cokethorpe School — Won

Cokethorpe School..... 150 for 6
Russell 4 for 43

Leighton Park School — Won

Shiplake..... 149 for 10
Marsh 40

Headmaster's XI — Won

Headmaster's XI..... 131 for 6
Duckett 5 for 16

Magdalen College School — Tie

Magdalen College School... 122 for 10
Ekin 7 for 39

Pangbourne College — Draw

Pangbourne College..... 141 for 9

St. Bartholomew's School — Won

Shiplake..... 127 for 9
Russell 48

Berkshire Gentlemen — Draw

Berkshire Gentlemen 200 for 6

Wellington College — Draw

Wellington College..... 211 for 7

Bearwood College — Won

Bearwood College 190 for 4

Old Vikings Society — Won

Old Vikings Society 124 for 11
Mann 5 for 30

Free Foresters — Lost

Free Foresters..... 253 for 2

Reading School 142 for 6

The Oratory School 136 for 6
Russell 7 for 22

Lord Williams School 132 for 5

Shiplake..... 151 for 5
Marsh 54 not out

Leighton Park School 117 for 10
Russell 4 for 33

Shiplake..... 133 for 4
Mann 56, Lord 37

Shiplake..... 122 for 10
Russell 59

Shiplake 128 for 6
Marsh 59

St. Bartholomew's School 76 for 10
Duckett 6 for 12

Shiplake 158 for 8
Lord 53

Shiplake..... 147 for 4
Russell 54, Mann 46

Shiplake..... 195 for 3
Carleton-Smith 110, Mann 51

Shiplake..... 125 for 4
Carleton-Smith 53

Shiplake..... 140 for 10

2nd XI

Played 7; Won 4; Lost 2; Drawn 1.

Reading School — Won

Reading School 124
Bassett 5 for 35, Bedroud 3 for 13

The Oratory School — Lost

The Oratory School 126 for 3

Lord Wandsworth College — Lost

Lord Wandsworth College.... 116 for 5
Bassett 2 for 18

Leighton Park School — Draw

Shiplake..... 157 for 8
Kitching 52

Magdalen College School — Won

Shiplake..... 71

Pangbourne College — Won

Shiplake..... 84

Bearwood College — Won

Bearwood College 87
de Lanoy Meyer 5 for 41,
Bassett 3 for 20

U-15 XI

Played 10; Won 8; Drawn 2.

The Oratory School — Won

Shiplake..... 195 for 6
Bartlett 47, Keevil 55

Lord Wandsworth College — Drawn

Lord Wandsworth College..... 165

Cokethorpe School — Won

Cokethorpe School..... 115
Chapman 3 for 16

Leighton Park School — Won

Shiplake..... 139 for 7
Bartlett 38

Magdalen College School — Won

Shiplake..... 158

Pangbourne College — Won

Shiplake..... 105

Reading School — Won

Shiplake..... 185 for 3
Bartlett 85 not out,
Carleton-Smith 42, Keevil 40

St. Bartholomew's School — Won

Shiplake..... 147 for 8

Shiplake..... 177 for 9	
Kitching 62, Butler 43	
Shiplake..... 125 for 9	
Kanaan 26	
Shiplake..... 115	
Kitching 33	
Leighton Park School95 for 4	
Magdalen53	
Bassett 7 for 15	
Pangbourne College73	
Bassett 5 for 26	
Shiplake.....89 for 2	
Hyman 39, Butler 33	

Wellington College — Draw		
Shiplake..... 177 for 1	Wellington College 142 for 5	
Bartlett 113 not out		
Bearwood College — Won		
Bearwood College72	Shiplake.....77 for 3	
Hyman 5 for 16		

<i>Best Batting</i>	<i>Innings</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Not Out</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Top Score</i>
Bartlett	10	451	2	56.3	113*
Keevil	9	217	2	31	55
*Not out					
<i>Best Bowling</i>	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>	
Haynes	65	161	22	7.3	
Golder	72	158	17	9.2	
Hyman	61	160	16	10	
Chapman	70	181	15	12	

U-14 XI

Played 9; Won 3; Drawn 1; Lost 5.

The Oratory School 108	
Haynes 3 for 12	
Shiplake..... 156 for 9	
Bartlett 43	
Shiplake..... 116 for 3	
Keevil 43 not out	
Leighton Park School54	
Hyman 4 for 8, Haynes 4 for 13	
Magdalen College School80	
Golder 5 for 11	
Pangbourne College50	
Parker 4 for 11	
Reading School 117	
Golder 4 for 16	
St. Bartholomew's School58	
Haynes 4 for 14, Adams 3 for 3	

The Oratory School — Lost		
The Oratory School 104 for 5	Shiplake..... 103	
	Lawson 35	
Lord Wandsworth College — Drawn		
Lord Wandsworth College..... 120	Shiplake..... 120	
Simmons 3 for 28	Whitfield 37	
Jackman 3 for 28		
Leighton Park School — Lost		
Leighton Park School73 for 3	Shiplake.....71	
Magdalen College School — Won		
Magdalen College School53	Shiplake.....54 for 3	
Whitfield 5 for 14		
Pangbourne College — Won		
Pangbourne College71	Shiplake.....75 for 7	
Nunn 4 for 12		
Jackman 3 for 12		
Reading School — Lost		
Reading School 172	Shiplake.....63	
St. Bartholomew's School — Won		
St. Bartholomew's School44	Shiplake.....51 for 1	
Whitfield 4 for 27		
Wellington College — Lost		
Wellington College164 for 4 dec.	Shiplake.....57	
Bearwood College — Lost		
Bearwood College91 for 6	Shiplake.....87	

Rowing



Left to right: A. H. Marsden, R. P. Fickling, A. D. T. Large (Captain), H. E. D. Trotter, E. H. Balfour, J. B. L. Blunt, S. D. T. Briggs, H. E. S. Miller, A. P. Gotzheim, D. J. Lister, Esq. (Coach), M. E. S. Shepherd, Esq. (Boatman), Mrs. Goodwin, M. H. G. Hayter, Esq. (Master I/C Rowing).

New Boat

In March the 1st VIII took delivery of a new boat. Christened 'Jubilee' by Mrs. Goodwin, the wife of our Chairman of Governors, on 1st May. It immediately proved its worth by winning at its first regatta at Nottingham.

It is a wooden hull from Empacher GmbH which, it is hoped, will last the club many years. This is the first new boat the club has bought for five years — the last, a Carbocraft named after our late Headmaster, is now to be used primarily for the Under 16's.

Martin Shepherd, our boatman, and David Lister, this year's 1st VIII coach, travelled to Germany to collect it and one of the boats intended for Great Britain's Olympic team.

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International Selection

Four oarsmen and one sculler began the season looking for their Junior caps. Trotter and Blunt rapidly proved their worth and won all the pairs races. Marsden and Simpson were not quite up to the same standard and just missed selection, while Bessey was always an outsider in single sculls.

Trotter and Blunt went on to Ghent regatta where they won the Junior Coxless Pairs (two years running for Ship-lake now!) and narrowly missed winning Junior Coxless Fours after some errant steering led to disqualification. They also came a good second in Men's Under 23 pairs.

After being finally selected for coxless fours at the end of May, they entered for the 'Visitors Cup' at Henley which, hav-

ing led at the beginning of every race, they won.

As the term drew to a close, Marsden, finding himself a new pair partner in the Captain of Boats, competed at the National Championships where, after an intensely close final, they were to come fifth — only 2.8 seconds from winning! This was, however, good enough to achieve selection to race the Anglo-French match and representing the South of England they went on to race at Thorpe Park the following week.

Here the pair excelled themselves. Two of the other crews collided after 500 metres, and in the re-row they nearly had to repel boarders as the Northern French crew attempted to row them into the bank! Eventually, however, it was our compatriots who, in the closest fought finish, pushed Marsden and Large all the way to the line, but succumbed to a margin not significantly greater than that by which they beat us at Nottingham.

World Championships

The coxless four, who so gallantly overcame all odds to win at Henley, were unable to repeat their performance in Sweden. In their first round heat a fourth place meant qualifying for the final via the repackage. This they achieved, finishing second to the French, whom they had tussled with at Ghent.

In the final, glory escaped them as they finished fifth in very blustery conditions, with East Germany winning the Gold Medal once again.

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1st VIII

The selection for this year's VIII started back in September, with late night weight sessions and ergometer tests in the first week of term. With a squad of nearly twenty hopefuls it looked as if it would be hard work for the members of last year's VIII to retain their seats. The Winter term being the rugby term meant that most of the Boat Club's members did not actually row full-time so there was no competitive rowing, except for some sculling for the senior squad.

January saw the selection of the VIII begin in earnest with the squad narrowed down to 12. Three fours were selected. These fours rowed at Hampton and Henley Fours Heads before the final selection was made.

The 1st VIII made its first appearance at Reading Head; the crew consisted of six of last year's VIII, last year's reserve and James Blunt of last year's J 16 VIII, with Mr. D. Lister as the coach. Reading proved an eye opener. Rowing in our new boat for the first time, we moved up three places and won the Senior C pennant, despite catching two boat stopping 'crabs'.

At the Schools' Head, the VIII moved up from sixth to third behind St. Edward's and Shrewsbury — the best result yet achieved by a Ship-lake crew.

Next came the Tideway VIII's Head. After an appalling row, we dropped seven places to finish a disappointing fifty-seventh.

At the beginning of the summer one member of the crew dropped out because he was too old to continue to row in junior events. This meant quite a

bit of chopping and changing of positions in the boat. So we stayed in small boats for the beginning of the season to become accustomed to the changes.

The 1st VIII's first regatta was Nottingham City, which was a two-day event. On the Saturday the VIII won Senior C in a very close race with Kingston Rowing Club. On the Sunday we rowed in the Senior B division and came third in a straight final behind Eton and Radley.

Having won at Nottingham we were left needing one more Senior C win before we moved up to Senior B, so it was decided that we should not race again until we were fast enough to win at Senior B level.

The next regatta was Walton. The VIII won all the races easily with a time comparable to those of the Senior B and Senior A divisions.

At Reading Amateur Regatta we were entered in four events, two separate Senior B events, the Junior/Schools' event and the Open Jubilee Sprint event. The Junior/Schools' race was a straight final against two B crews and we won this comfortably. The Senior B events were more like hard work, winning by no more than 1½ lengths in any of the four races. The Jubilee Sprints was entered for a bit of fun, but we won the final from Quintin Boat Club by half a canvas.

Marlow Regatta is always used as a final warm-up for Henley. Our two events were well supported by both English and American crews. Again, we were in the Senior B Sprints. Due to the preliminary rounds of both events, winning through to the second round in the Senior B event in the morning meant that we had only forty minutes to recover after winning the Sprint by a quarter of a length from Kent School, USA. In the second round of the Senior B event we met a crew who had not yet rowed; they beat us by half a length having led from the start.

Henley Royal Regatta saw the 1st VIII in the Princess Elizabeth Cup, the 2nd VIII in the Special Race for Schools and two members of the 1st VIII also in the Visitors Cup.

The draw, which had often been so kind to us in previous years, disappointed us. We met The King's School, Chester in the first round. Only two weeks before they had come within two feet of becoming the National Schools' Champions behind St. Edward's. After a very close race, the 1st VIII were beaten by one length in a time just one second outside the record.

This was an unfortunate end to the most successful season the school 1st VIII has ever had.

Alasdair Large
Captain of Boats



Winners of the Visitors' Cup 1984 — Standing: A. M. Spracklen, J. B. L. Blunt, H. E. D. Trotter, L. Robinson. Kneeling: D. J. Lister, Esq. (Coach).

2nd VIII

As a number of strong oarsmen in the senior squad did not manage to get a seat in the 1st VIII and as there was promising talent in the J-16 squad, it was decided to enter a second VIII at Henley Royal Regatta. It was to be the first year we had managed this feat and it was fitting that it should happen in our Silver Jubilee year.

The squad formed after half term and won the Senior 'C' event at Coate Water Park Regatta. This win gave the crew a tremendous 'lift' for the rigorous training which lay ahead.

At Reading Amateur Regatta the crew lost the final, in a very exciting race, to Byranston 1st VIII, and two weeks later at Marlow they were defeated by a strong American crew who were also preparing for Henley.

In their final regatta before Henley, the 2nd VIII were again narrowly defeated in the final by another strong American crew. They had matured beyond recognition in a very short space of time.

They were drawn against Shrewsbury 1st VIII in the first round of the Special Race for Schools. Despite this strong opposition, they put up a tremendous fight and pushed the opposition right to the finishing post. They achieved a commendable time and were later pleased to see the crew which beat them by two lengths, reach the final of the event.

Coach: P. G. Hose.

J-16 Squad

We began the season with a small squad of good oarsmen. Two strong bowside members of the previous year's J-15 squad had left and a third bowside man was unable to row because of illness.

At the first Head of the season, the VIII was running well but was ignominiously mounted by a University of London Ladies' VIII coxed, incidentally, by a young man. As the bow of the ladies' boat caught on the rudder pin of the J-16 boat before sinking, it was impossible to continue.

At the Avon Schools' Head, the Stern IV won convincingly and this gave them a tremendous 'lift'. They repeated their performance at the Reading Schools' Head four weeks later.

This crew's first regatta of the season was at Wallingford where they lost the coxed IVs final to Eton by one-third of a length. Taylor was now proving himself to be a very competent and determined stroke and Fallon was emerging as the ideal man to sit in the seat behind him. At the next regatta, Carmel, the 'A' IV won the coxed event, beating strong opposition along the way but the 'B' IV went down in their first heat. At Avon Regatta we ran an VIII and the 'A' IV. The latter again emerged victorious but the VIII failed to get to the final.

After half term the 'A' IV won again at Coate Water Park Regatta and Gilbert was narrowly defeated in the final of the J-16 sculls.

Following this event, the 'A' IV left the squad to train with Mr. P. G. Hose and members of the senior squad in preparation for Henley. The remainder of the squad concentrated on small boats for the rest of the term.

Coaches: I. R. Lowry and D. G. Wilson.

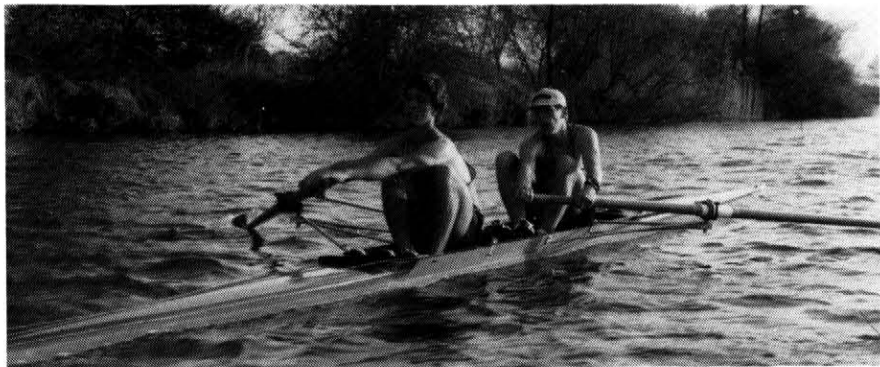
J-15 Squad

The year saw two eights in regular use with the first eight splitting into two fours for some regattas. During the Easter term the first IV and an VIII won trophies at Reading Schools Head and the first IV were second at Avon.

The Summer term saw spirited rowing by both eights but relatively little success. The IV competed and reached finals at Carmel and Avon Schools and the A eight won at Coate Water Park. At the National Schools Regatta, after a poor first round row, the A eight rowed extremely well in the small final of A eights to win, in a time which would have put them 3rd in the major final. The B eight suffered a broken rigger — while unloading — and so, borrowing the boat from the A eight, only managed a fourth place in the small final. At Reading Town Regatta, Wise stroked the B eight to its first final where they could not quite find enough 'horse power' in what is an extremely small crew.

Scally and Welch both competed with some distinction in single sculls, both, however, falling to an extremely fit 'Marlow sculler'.

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This year's Junior World Championship entrants, J. B. L. Blunt and H. E. D. Trotter, in training.

J-14 Squad

The J-14 squad was a large one, with some thirty boys actively involved through the Spring and Summer Terms. The aim with the Junior Group is to teach the skills of rowing, particularly in sculling, and to provide a high level of internal competition, while maintaining entries to external regattas for the better oarsmen.

The 'A' squad in the Spring Term went to several Head races without major success, but the Summer Term saw active participation in coxed fours, eights and sculling boats, and a win for the 'A' coxed four at Coate Water Park Regatta, to clinch the Victor Ludorum trophy for Shiplate.

The National Schools Regatta, which was raced by the crew minus their coach through illness, saw a creditable fourth place in the final of 'B' Vllls with only a couple of seconds dividing those first four.

Coaches: N. W. Wells and D. G. Wilson.

Inter-House

In an innovative year both Senior and Junior rowing and sculling competitions took place as well as a challenge sculling match for coxes — won fittingly by the 1st VIII cox, Balfour.

Results

Unfortunately some absences marred an otherwise well contested series of events, which were eventually won by:

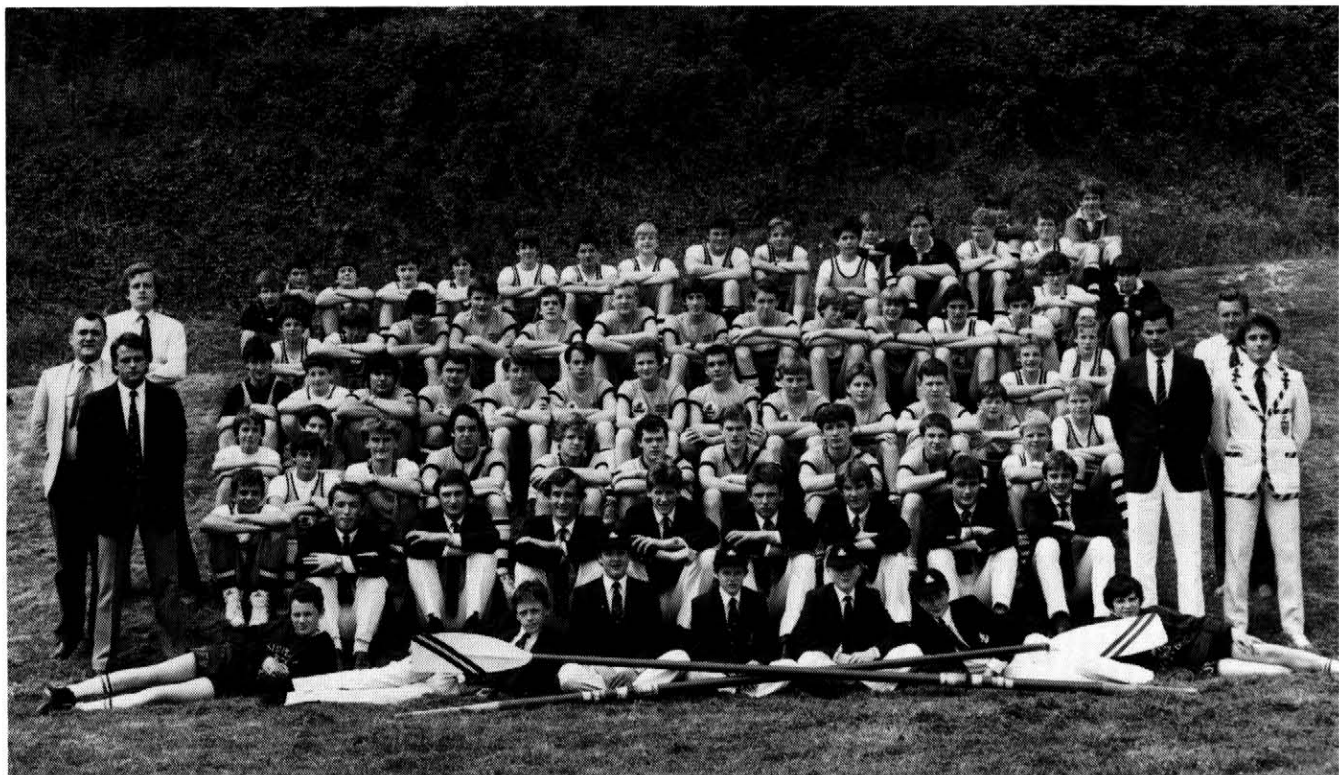
Senior Fours — Welsh I beat Welsh II

Junior Fours — Welsh I beat Orchard

Senior Sculls — Marsden (O) beat Gilbert (E)

Junior Sculls — Saint (E) beat Myhre (E)

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The Boat Club — 1983-1984.

Squash



Senior Squash Team — Back row: J. P. Newitt, C. S. Morgan*, A. M. F. Ford, M. G. Rennie*. Front row: B. Bedroud*, C. J. H. Rowton-Lee* (Captain), A. T. Lord*.

*Full colours awarded.

Senior Team

Winter Term

With the exception of one player, this year's Senior squad was unchanged from last season's. Hence early expectations were high. However, through lack of form and determination, our 1st V lost four of their opening five matches. It was towards the latter end of the term that our players found some real form, completing their last three games without defeat. The team consisted of (i) C. J. H. Rowton-Lee (captain), (ii) A. T. Lord, (iii) C. S. Morgan, (iv) M. G. Rennie, (v) A. M. F. Ford. B. H. Fitzwilliams was the reserve. Of the eight matches played, we won three, lost four and one was drawn.

Spring Term

B. Bedroud joined the Senior squad from rugby. His determination and competitive approach to the game proved to be the catalyst needed to bring the best out of the team. Of the eight matches played this term, we won five and were very narrowly defeated in the other three. The high point of the term came in our 4—1 away win over Wellington College. The team remained unchanged except that Bedroud replaced Ford.

Junior U-15 and U-14

Both the junior teams had a very successful year. A special mention must be made of B. Fitzwilliams and J. Adams who won nearly all their games. The Under-15 team played five, won four and lost one. The Under-14 team played four, won one and narrowly lost three. Members of the Under-15 team were: (i) B. H. Fitzwilliams (captain), (ii) J. T. Adams, (iii) T. G. Newitt, (iv) M. A. Beesley, (v) R. J. Golder.

Junior colours were awarded to all the team members.

The Under-14 team consisted of (i) C. H. Lawson, (ii) J. D. S. Whitfield, (iii) J. N. Ekin, (iv) J. G. Stovold, (v) M. H. Nunn.

On the 9th March, the Senior and Junior Inter-House Finals were played. Skipwith beat Everett 3—2 in a thrilling Junior Final, whilst Orchard beat Burr 5—0 in the Senior Competition.

Finally, on behalf of the Shiplake College Squash Club, I would like to thank Mr. Daly and Mr. Dovoston for their help and support. Many thanks, also, to our excellent coach, Mr. J. March.

C. J. H. Rowton-Lee

Results

1st Squad Winter Term

Oratory	Lost	4—1
Pangbourne	Lost	3—2
Reading Blue Coats	Won	5—0
St. Edward's	Lost	0—5
Oratory	Lost	3—2
Wellington College	Won	3—2
King James's College	Draw	5—5
Old Vikings	Won	5—3

1st Squad Spring Term

Pangbourne	Lost	4—1
Lord Wandsworth	Won	3—2
Oratory	Won	3—2
St. Edward's	Lost	5—1
Oratory	Lost	3—2
Wellington College	Won	4—1
Old Vikings	Won	3—2
King James's College	Won	4—1

Results

Under-15

Pangbourne	Won	5—0
Oratory	Lost	3—2
Pangbourne	Won	3—2
St. Edward's	Won	3—2
Oratory	Won	5—0

Under-14

Reading Blue Coats	Lost	3—2
Ashfold School	Lost	3—2
Reading Blue Coats	Lost	3—2
Ashfold School	Won	3—2

Tennis

1st Tennis Squad

This season's 1st Tennis Squad got off to a slow start, but gradually learnt to hold their own ground against older opposition as the season progressed.

For the second year running we reached the finals of the Oxfordshire Cup, but in a competitive match against Lord Williams, Thame, we failed to retain the trophy. Otherwise the results proved to be slightly erratic.

1st colours were awarded to the captain, R. S. Beccle, and half colours to his partner, H. K. L. Brown.

Results

1st VI

v. Oratory.....	(L) 2-7
v. Abingdon.....	(L) 0-9
v. Lord Wandsworth.....	(L) 0-9
v. King James's College.....	(W) 6-3
v. Reading School.....	(W) 5-4
v. Forest School.....	(W) 6-3
v. Lord Williams, Thame.....	(L) 2½-6½
v. Bearwood College.....	(L) 4-5
v. St. Bartholomew's School.....	(D) 4½-4½
v. Oxford School.....	(W) 8½-1½
v. Pangbourne College.....	(L) 4-5

Final of Oxfordshire Cup

v. Lord William, Thame.....	(L) 2-5
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PCJG



1st VI Tennis — Back row: P. C. J. Gould, Esq. (Coach), J. Van Wijngaarden, D. W. W. Saunders-Watson, L. Foreman. Front row: A. E. Kampouris, R. S. Beccle (Captain), M. D. Radziwill. Missing from photograph: H. K. L. Brown.

Swimming

Junior Tennis 1984

This has been a good season for the junior team with our successes coming from a true team effort. G. Kuhn has played a good captain's role in uniting the team and A. Faulkner has used his undoubted skill to help us overcome some good opposition. Both the second and third pairs have played some stirring matches producing many wins due to their spirited and competitive play. The reserves, too, have both played in the team and have helped give competitive practice sessions to the team.

Squad

1st pair	G. Kuhn (Captain) and A. Faulkner
2nd pair	D. Lewis and M. Beesley
3rd pair	G. Lake and M. Evans
Reserves	P. Higham and S. Lear

Played 8; Won 6; Drawn 1; Lost 1; Cancelled 2.

RTM

Inter-House Swimming Gala

Juniors

Plunge

Rochester (W) ..	45ft. 9in. (new record)
2 lgths freestyle	
Laing (E).....	22.6s
2 lgths backstroke	
Goodsir (B).....	27.6s
2 lgths breast stroke	
Kock de Gooreynd (B).....	30.3s
4 lgths freestyle	
Howie (O).....	47.2s (new record)
Medley Relay	
Burr.....	48.6s (new record)
Freestyle Relay	
Orchard.....	43.0s (new record)

Team Placings

Juniors

1st Welsh.....	31 pts.
2nd Orchard.....	29 pts.
3rd Burr.....	28 pts.
= Everett.....	28 pts.
5th Skipwith.....	17 pts.

Seniors

Plunge

Gilbert (E).....	46ft. 4in.
3 lgths freestyle	
Howie (O).....	31.6s (new record)
3 lgths backstroke	
Jones (W).....	41.8s
3 lgths breast stroke	
Briggs (S).....	46.1s
6 lgths freestyle	
Ekin (W).....	1m. 32.8s
Medley Relay	
Skipwith.....	1m. 46.3s
Freestyle Relay	
Orchard.....	1m. 33.4s

Seniors

1st Welsh.....	37 pts.
2nd Skipwith.....	35 pts.
3rd Orchard.....	31 pts.
4th Burr.....	18 pts.
5th Everett.....	9 pts.

PE

Shooting and Clay Pigeon Clubs



"Watch and shoot! Watch and shoot!"

Shooting Club

Since the club was very thin on good shots at the Upper end of the school, our efforts have been concentrated on bringing on the youngsters.

A team of four (Under-15) has shot fortnightly in a League since Christmas and, whilst we have not won our Division, we have not disgraced ourselves either. Of the eighty teams involved, our average put us exactly half way up the list.

R. G. Godwin shot his way into the second round of the British Schools Smallbore Rifle Association Junior Championship, but pressure of other activities prevented him from firing in the next round.

Four juniors also enjoyed a full Range Day as guests of Lord Williams's School CCF and surprised everyone by producing the highest scores of the day at their first attempt with a .303 rifle. This suggests that they should perform competently in the South-East District Skill-at-Arms meeting in October.

Since it proved difficult last year to produce House VIII's, the House Competition was reduced to teams of four, two juniors and two seniors, any two firing on Bisley targets and the other two firing on the more difficult 'Cadets and Schools' 5-bull targets. The results clearly showed that regular practice is important. The highest scores on the 'Cadets and Schools' targets were produced by juniors. Skipwith House, who only dropped twelve points altogether, won both the Senior and Junior Competitions.

The summer holidays should bring the contractors who are going to repair the butts and produce a working 'Snap' mechanism ready for the 'Country Life Competition' next Easter.

I have been very grateful for the help and advice of the Captain of Shooting, Alastair Lindley, throughout the year. It cannot have been a very rewarding job with so few other seniors involved.

Junior Team: R. G. Godwin, W. T. Furniss, D. S. Freeland, N. P. Sharman, reserve T. Jackman.

Clay Pigeon Club

In response to the enthusiasm expressed by several sixth-formers, we decided to form a Clay Pigeon Club in October 1983. The Thames Valley Shooting Club of Upper Basildon, near Pangbourne, was chosen for our instruction and every Thursday up to a dozen boys went with Mr. Vick for coaching at the club.

The emphasis at 'Thames Valley' is on sporting shooting, rather than clay pigeon shooting for its own sake, and a wide variety of simulated game shooting is available, including a very exciting mock grouse shoot. This was felt to be the type of shooting which was most appropriate for us as we have so many farmers' sons and others with a general interest in country sports in the school. Unfortunately, the sport is rather expensive and many boys were unable to attend every week, but a tremendous amount of progress was made under the very competent tuition of Vic Penn and Robert Croft. The older boys shot with 12 bores, but something suitable was found for everyone; one boy even shot with an old-fashioned .410.

By the spring we felt that we had progressed sufficiently well to be able to arrange a competition with another school. Reading Blue Coat School, who have been shooting for several years, invited us over for a friendly match on 22nd March. Three stands were available: a 'springing-teal' with two clays to be taken consecutively, a fairly easy 'two birds overhead' trap and a fiendishly difficult stand with an overhead 'going-away bird' followed 'on report' by a fast crossing shot. Our boys shot very well and won by 214 to 196 (fifteen boys per team). The best shot was Newitt with

18, but Hughes, Butler, Gotzheim, Dawes and Gullick all shot well.

On 10th May we again visited the Blue Coat School, only this time they fielded a stronger team and beat us by 136 to 118 (nine boys per team). Our best shot was Faulkner who got 19; Dawes, Hughes and Jackson also performed very well.

We decided to enter the National Public Schools' Clay Pigeon Championship at Kibworth, Leicestershire on 20th May and we selected two teams of six boys each, basing the selection on performances in our two previous matches. However, our 'B' team managed to beat our 'A' team! Nevertheless, we felt that we performed reasonably well as it was the first time that Shiplake has competed in such a competition at national level. The Leys School, Cambridge had a fairly comfortable victory and Shiplake came 15th and 20th in a field of 25. There were eight different stands to shoot and everyone in our party enjoyed himself immensely. We certainly have some way to go yet, but our boys performed respectably and I feel sure that we shall improve as we gain experience.

In the future, we shall continue to visit the Thames Valley Shooting Club for expert tuition but we hope that we may be able to set up a trap nearer to the school for practice. The enthusiasm is certainly there in the school and the Club should be able to grow and play a significant role in the Shiplake sporting scene in the future. Interest is increasing in several other public schools in this area and we should be able to provide our boys with more fixtures.

I should like to thank Thistlethwayte, Hughes and Butler for their keen support and help in running the club.

GSV



'Smooth bores' ready for action.

Sailing—Inter-House Cross Country

Sailing Club

Taking over the organisation of a sporting activity such as sailing from a successful and popular figure like Chris Collins was no small challenge in itself. To do so, without prior experience of the sport, seemed in the initial stages suicidal at times, or at least foolhardy. That year ended without any unmitigated disaster and the desire to sail by everyone undaunted is a tribute to the magnificent camaraderie of the members and to the patience, fortitude and good nature of Sailing Master Eric Pollard, who has been a tower of strength and wisdom.

The membership at the time of writing numbers eighteen, which is rather more than past years, and is restricted purely by the practicalities of transportation, not lack of volunteers.

G. P. Craggs was elected Captain of Sailing at the end of the Autumn term, following in the footsteps of L. C. Lowein, who will be remembered for his firm but fair discipline and total commitment to the club.

There is often a vagueness of past events, especially after a busy school year. However, certain things remain clear, as when a junior member named Churchill, famed for his quick thinking, decided, during a hectic few minutes in strong winds, that discretion was indeed the better part of valour. As the menacing solid-looking timbers of the jetty inexplicably loomed up over the bows, he, leaving the tiller to fend for itself, sprang with a despairing cry over the stern and into the chill waters. His crew member, Bingley, normally a placid fellow, crouching in the centre of the boat and trapped by the boom above his head, could only stare in horror as the object of his salvation disappeared in a shower of spray and the boat, careering out of control, attempted to take to the land.

Sailing matches with other Colleges were arranged but it became apparent that with inexperienced crews, and poor condition of several of the boats, we offered but poor competition. Therefore a shakedown period was acknowledged as essential with a programme of inter-school matches envisaged in the new Autumn term.

One 'Enterprise' has been bought to replace 'Get Happy' which was found during the winter maintenance period to be badly affected with wet rot. Also spare masts, rudders, boom and sails with a host of fittings have been acquired, sufficient to equip the seven 'Enterprise' owned by the club.

The 'Transom Trophy', competed for each year by members of the club, was a

drawn result between Lowein and Craggs. The trophy itself has been re-designed and takes the form of a varnished hardwood shield with lettering in gold on a blue background.

Much excitement was caused during the inter-house matches during the Summer term with Welsh hot favourites, having age and experience on their side. However, undaunted, the Everett crew fought their way up to striking distance and, taking advantage of the light wind conditions, forged ahead to win comfortably. Welsh came second, followed by Skipwith, Burr and Orchard.

The Naval Section of the CCF use the club's boats now as an extension of their activities each week, under the direction of Graham Vick, Esq. This brings the opportunity to sail nearer to a greater number of pupils and is to be applauded. However, it also brings repair problems with the hard use the boats receive and

the limited time practically possible for maintenance.

BB



Winners of the Transom Trophy — G. P. Craggs and G. J. B. Gilbert.

Inter-House Cross-Country

Final results — Standards

	Burr	Everett	Skipwith	Orchard	Welsh
Number in House	59	65	71	62	67
Number off Games	4	1	3	1	6
Senior Standards	76	39	42	28	59
Junior Standards	50	57	44	28	46
Total	126	96	86	56	105
Average	2.29	1.5	1.26	0.91	1.72
Position	first	third	fourth	fifth	second

Inter-House

Individual Placings:

Juniors

1. S. Carleton-Smith (B)..... 18m. 37s
2. Scally (O)..... 18m. 45s
3. Saint (E)..... 18m. 51s
4. Whiteley (W)
5. Evans (W)
6. Fitzwilliams (S)
7. Whitfield (W)
8. Godwin (S)
9. Lear (S)
10. Goodsir (B)

Team Placings:

1. Everett..... 279 pts.
2. Welsh..... 290 pts.
3. Burr..... 396 pts.
4. Skipwith..... 439 pts.
5. Orchard..... 477 pts.

Seniors

1. Ekin (W)..... 25m. 5s
2. Briggs (S)..... 26m. 15s
3. Dawson-Damer (B)..... 26m. 20s
4. Langrishe (B)
5. Wearne (S)
6. Foreman (W)
7. Walsh-Waring (W)
8. Dawes (S)
9. Fallon (W)
10. Trotter (W)

1. Welsh..... 236 pts.
2. Burr..... 304 pts.
3. Skipwith..... 316 pts.
4. Everett..... 480 pts.
5. Orchard..... 538 pts.

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Athletics Results



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Athletic Standards – Summer '84

Final Placings

		100	200	400	500	1500	HJ	LJ	Shot	No. in Hse	No. of Gms	Total Stan- dards	Ave.
Burr	J S	30 10	26 24	40 39	47 38	46 49	46 42	25 21	31 15	59	2	529	9.28
Everett	J S	39 12	40 12	59 26	57 34	57 29	53 18	35 17	49 10	64	2	547	8.82
Orchard	J S	36 12	33 22	37 32	47 37	32 35	39 39	29 28	32 24	60	1	514	8.71
Skipwith	J S	32 7	42 23	35 20	50 35	45 34	37 36	29 12	31 24	69	1	492	7.23
Welsh	J S	28 8	19 24	28 26	39 44	38 50	45 42	19 23	25 21	66	2	479	7.48

Final Positions: First — Burr 9.28
 Second — Everett..... 8.82
 Third — Orchard 8.71
 Fourth — Welsh 7.48
 Fifth — Skipwith..... 7.23

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Inter-House Athletics – Summer '84

Final Results

Individual Placings:

Juniors
 100m Trow (E) ... 11.75s (new record)
 200m Trow (E) 25.4s
 400m Bartlett 59.7s
 800m Carleton-Smith (B) 2m. 18.5s
 1500m Carleton-Smith (B) 4m. 56.5s
 High Jump Higham (W) 4ft. 10in.
 Long Jump Salleh (E) 16ft. 3in.
 Shot Rochester (W) 31ft. 11in.
 Relay Skipwith 1m. 50.3s

Seniors
 Marsh (B) 11.95s
 Walsh-Waring (W)..... 26.6s
 Howie (O) 55.8s
 Emmanuel (O)..... 2m. 13.6s
 Ekin (W) 4m. 40.5s
 Marsh (B) 5ft. 0in.
 Bedroud (O) 16ft. 10in.
 Marsh (B) 35ft. 7in.
 Orchard..... 1m. 44.2s

Team Placings:

First.....Everett 114½ pts.
 SecondBurr 110 pts.
 ThirdOrchard 87 pts.
 FourthSkipwith 77½ pts.
 Fifth.....Welsh..... 54 pts.

Burr..... 109½ pts.
 Orchard..... 108 pts.
 Skipwith 74 pts.
 Everett 63½ pts.
 Welsh..... 61 pts.



Retired Athlete.

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Burr House

DECEMBER 1983

GAMBLE, D. H. N. (6A)	September 1980; Apprentice Gunsmith.
LOWEIN, R. C. (6A)	September 1980; Choir; CCF Band; Silver D of E; 1st VI Sailing; J15 VIII; to Hogarth Tutorial.
WILSON, A.C. (U6)	September 1979; Cpl. CCF; 1st XV Rugby; 1st XI Cricket; to University of Georgia.

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BAILEY, D. G. (5th)	September 1981; Public Speaking Team; 3rd XV Rugby; to Art College.
BUTLER, J. C. (6A)	September 1980; Secretary, Young Farmers' Club; Orchestra; CCF Band; Silver D of E; 2nd XI Cricket; 3rd XI Hockey; 3rd XV Rugby; to Alton Sixth Form College.
CLARKE, D.S. (U6)	September 1979; School Prefect; L/S CCF; 2nd XV Rugby; to Hotel Management Course, Westminster College.
GREATRIX, J. C. M. (6A)	September 1980; Chairman, Young Farmers' Club; Orchestra; Cpl. CCF; 3rd XV Rugby; 1st VI Sailing; to Farming prior to Agricultural College.
HYMAN, M. A. (U6)	September 1979; House Prefect; 2nd XI Cricket; 3rd XV Rugby; 3rd XI Hockey; to Tutorial College.
LANGRISHE, R. S. (6A)	January 1981; Choir; Silver D of E; 2nd XI Cricket; to Technical College.
LORD, A. T. (U6)	September 1979; House Prefect; 1st XI Cricket; 2nd XV Rugby; 1st VI Squash; to Hotel Management Course, Westminster College.
MANN, J. B. (U6)	September 1979; Head of House; Captain, 1st XI Cricket; 1st XI Hockey; Captain, 2nd XV Rugby; Prizeman; to Business Studies Course at Central London Polytechnic.
MARSH, J. N. A. (6A)	January 1981; House Prefect; Bronze D of E; 1st XV Rugby; 1st XI Hockey; 1st XI Cricket; to Guildford Technical College.
PARTON, T. J. (5th)	September 1981; to School in Florida, USA.
RADZIWILL, M. D. (U6)	April 1980; House Prefect; L/Cpl. CCF; 1st V Squash; 1st VI Tennis; Prizeman; to Hotel Management Course, Westminster College.
SALMON, N. G. S. (U6)	January 1980; 'Owl' Tie; House Prefect; Cpl. CCF; 1st VIII Shooting; Prizeman; to Landscape Design, Thames Polytechnic.
SIMPSON, M. C. (U6)	September 1979; House Prefect; L/Cpl. CCF; 1st VIII; Prizeman; to Further Education.
TROTMAN, M. P. (6A)	January 1981; 2nd VIII; to Epsom Art College.
WAGGOTT-ITO, W. (6A)	September 1980; 'Owl' Tie; Orchestra; Head Librarian; J15 VIII Shooting; to Tutorial College.

Everett House

JULY 1984

CADELL, A. P. (6A)	September 1980; Cpl. CCF; 'Owl' Tie; Founder, Inter-House Five-a-Side Football Competition; to Insurance.
CREWE-READ, C. D. D. (6A)	January 1981; House Prefect; 2nd VIII; to St. Bartholomew's, Newbury.
EDWARD-JONES, N. S. (5th)	September 1981; Choir; Silver D of E; J16 VIII; to Misbourne School, Great Missenden.
HOBDEN, G. M. (5th)	September 1981; to Construction Industry.
LAMBERT, R. M. (6A)	September 1980; 2nd VIII; 2nd XV Rugby; to Wine Shipping in Spain.
LINDLEY, A. S. (6A)	September 1979; Head of House; Choir; Sgt. CCF; Captain, 1st VIII Shooting; 3rd XV Rugby; to Antique Business.
PALMER, M. A. S. (5th)	September 1981; Choir; Cox, J15 VIII; to Dover College.
GULLICK, L. (6A)	September 1980; 2nd VIII; U15 XV Rugby; to Spain.

Orchard House

DECEMBER 1983

SMITH, S. (U6)	September 1979; House Prefect; 1st XV Rugby; 1st XI Hockey; to Fish Farming.
HANSFORT, C. (4th)	April 1983; to Denmark to resume Danish Education.
WATSON, S. J. (4th)	January 1983; J15 VIII; to Chiltern Edge School.

APRIL 1984

ENSTONE, D. J. (6A)	September 1979; House Prefect; 3rd XV Rugby; Prizeman; to Berkshire Agricultural College.
KEAST, C. J. (6A)	April 1981; to Retail Trade.
BRICKHILL, S. J. C. (5th)	September 1983; to Further Education.
GAYANILO, N. C. (4th)	December 1982; to Henley-on-Thames Technical College.

JULY 1984

ARMSTRONG, S. M. (5th)	September 1981; 2nd XV Rugby; to King James's Sixth Form College, Henley-on-Thames.
BEDROUD, B. (U6)	September 1979; School Prefect; 1st XV Rugby; Oxon. U18 Rugby; 1st V Squash; 1st XI Cricket; 1st VI Tennis; to Computer Technology
BENNETT, C. D. (L6)	September 1982.
CARTWRIGHT, A. M. (6A)	September 1981; 'Owl' Tie; Choir; 2nd VIII; to Catering College in Cardiff.
CHAMBERLAIN, N. R. (5th)	September 1981; 3rd XV Rugby; Jnr Heptathlon Champion; to Berkshire College of Art.
ELY, R. (6A)	September 1980; Choir; to Tutorial College.
GRADON, O. G. M. (6A)	September 1980; to Motorcycle Industry.
GRADON, T. M. (5th)	September 1981; J15 VIII; to King James's College, Henley-on-Thames.
MARSDEN, A. H. (U6)	September 1980; Head of College; Cpl. CCF; Gold D of E; 2nd XV Rugby; 1st VIII; Junior International Oarsman; to travel abroad followed by Army RCB.
MASON, A. L. (U6)	September 1979; House Prefect; Secretary of Shooting; to Business Studies Course at Hammersmith College.
MORGAN, C. S. (5th)	September 1979; 1st V Squash; to Canada.
ROWTON-LEE, C. J. H. (U6)	September 1979; Head of House; L/Cpl. CCF; Gold D of E; Captain of Squash; Captain of Swimming; to Employment with Howard, Son and Gooch.
TRIGGS, D. W. (5th)	September 1981; 2nd XV Rugby; Oxon County Colts XV; to Guildford Technical College.
WATTS, P. A. (6A)	December 1982; to Family Business.
WILLIAMS, J. M. (6A)	September 1980; House Prefect; U14 XV Rugby; to Henley-on-Thames Technical College.
WOOLLARD, A. R. (6A)	September 1980; Choir; U14 XV Rugby; U14 XI Hockey; to Further Education.

Skipwith House

APRIL 1984

OGILVIE, M. R. D. (6A)	September 1980; to Retail Trade.
WOOLFREY, H. A. (3rd)	September 1983; to Campion School, Athens.

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ATASSI, S. (6A)	January 1981; 3rd XV Rugby; to Richmond College prior to University in USA.
BESSEY, P. E. (6A)	September 1980; 2nd VIII; Senior Sculler; to Further Education.
BRIGGS, S. D. H. (U6)	January 1980; House Prefect; L/Cpl. CCF; Gold D of E; 1st VIII; 2nd XV Rugby; to Tutorial College.
CHANCHAMNONG, S. (5th)	September 1981; 1st XI Cricket; 1st XI Hockey; 2nd XV Rugby; Prizeman; to Rugby School.
DUNCAN, S. J. (6A)	September 1980; Orchestra; L/Cpl. CCF; to Advertising.
FORD, A. M. F. (6A)	January 1981; L/Cpl. CCF; 1st VI Squash; 2nd VI Tennis; to Tutorial College.
GEM, R. J. (U6)	September 1982; School Prefect; 3rd XV Rugby; 3rd XI Hockey; Prizeman; to Foundation Course in Art and Design, Manchester Polytechnic.

GOTZHEIM, A. P. (U6)	September 1979; House Prefect; Cpl. CCF; 1st XV Rugby; 1st XI Hockey; 1st VIII; 2nd XI Cricket; to Farming before Agricultural College.
HOPE, M. T. J. (5th)	September 1981; Orchestra; to Catering Industry.
HUGHES, J. J. A. (6A)	January 1981; 3rd XI Hockey; to Further Education.
LARGE, A. D. T. (U6)	September 1979; School Prefect; A/B. CCF; Gold D of E; Captain of Boats; Junior International Oarsman; 1st VIII; 2nd XV Rugby; Prizeman; to Teaching Post in Zimbabwe with Project Trust prior to Army RCB.
LEAR, C. G. F. (U6)	September 1979; Head of House; Cpl. CCF; Gold D of E; 2nd XV Rugby; 3rd XI Hockey; Captain of Athletics; to Army RCB.
MILLER, T. W. (5th)	September 1981; L/S. CCF; to Apprenticeship in Engineering.
NEWITT, J. P. (6A)	January 1981; Cpl. CCF; 1st V Squash; 2nd XI Cricket; 2nd VI Tennis; to Meat Trade.
PLUMPTRE, P. P. (5th)	January 1982; 2nd VIII; to 6th Form College in Southampton.
RUSSELL, A. J. (6A)	January 1981; L/Cpl. CCF; Secretary of Cricket; 1st XI Cricket; 1st XI Hockey; 2nd XV Rugby; to Wine Trade.
SMITH, M. (6A)	January 1983; L/Cpl. CCF; 2nd XI Hockey; to Further Education.
TRUMPER, M. R. (U6)	September 1979; House Prefect; Cpl. CCF; Gold D of E; 1st XV Rugby; Secretary of Rugby; Senior Sailing Team; 3rd XI Hockey; to Further Education.
UNDERWOOD, M. J. B. (U6)	September 1979; House Prefect; A/B CCF; to Journalism.
WALLACE, S. E. E. (6A)	September 1980; Orchestra; Cpl. CCF; to Further Education.
WEARNE, T. (U6)	September 1979; House Prefect; Coxswain CCF; Gold D of E; 1st VIII; 3rd XV Rugby; To Business Studies Course at Kingston Polytechnic.

Welsh House

DECEMBER 1983

KHAIR, H. (4th)	September 1982; to Greenhill House.
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APRIL 1984

LIDDIARD, W. (4th)	September 1982; to Theale Green School.
PURVEY, R.G. (4th)	September 1982; to State Education.

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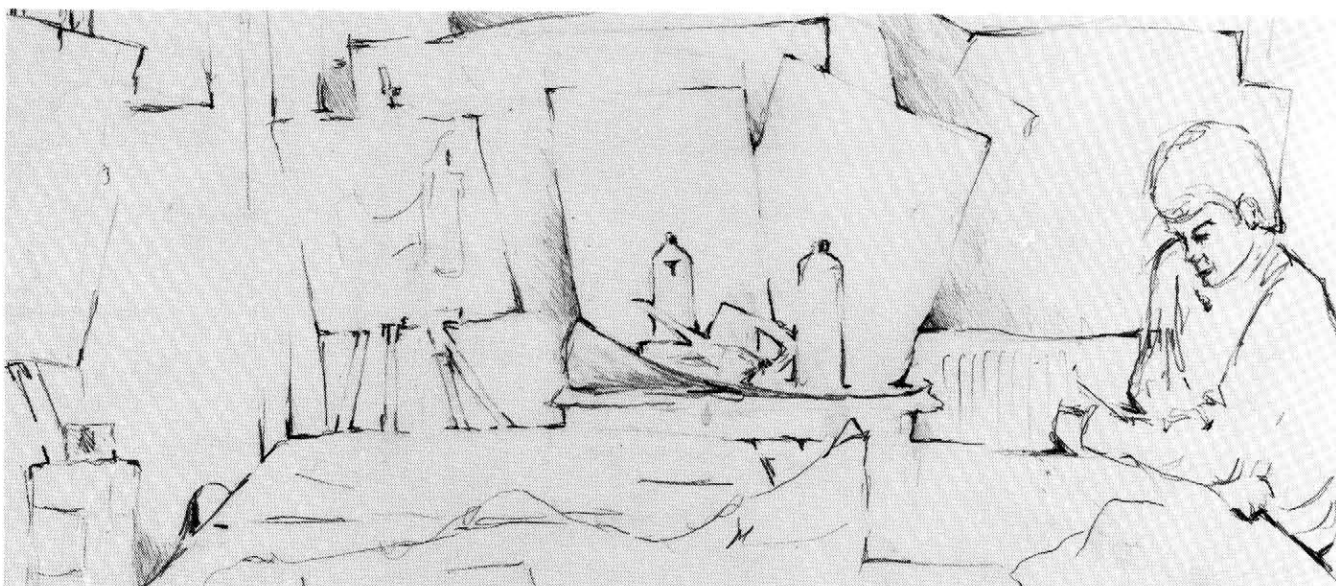
BESANT, S. B. (6A)	September 1979; House Prefect; to Berkshire Agricultural College.
COLES, R. J. (6A)	September 1980; Choir; Orchestra; to Cues Securities.
COX, J. S. (U6)	September 1979; Choir; Orchestra; Sgt. CCF; House Prefect; to Degree in Electronics at Brighton Polytechnic.
DUNFORD, J. E. (6A)	January 1981.
FRY, M. E. D. (U6)	September 1979; House Prefect; to Westminster Aviation Insurance Company.
MOREAU, L. J. F. (6A)	September 1981; House Prefect; to Family Business in France.
PEMBERTON, T. O. W. (U6)	January 1980; Cpl. CCF; 2nd XI Cricket; College Badminton; to Polytechnic.
TROTTER, H. E. D. (6A)	September 1980; House Prefect; Choir; 1st VIII Shooting; 1st XV Rugby; Oxon U19 Rugby; Junior International Oarsman; to Farming before Berkshire Agricultural College.
VIVIAN-NEAL, J. F. (5th)	September 1981; to Apprenticeship in Cabinet Making.
WALSH WARING, G. T. (U6)	September 1979; Head of House; 1st XV Rugby; to Estate Agency.
WATES, M. R. (5th)	September 1981; 2nd XV Rugby; to University of Georgia, USA.
WHITEMAN, J. M. (U6)	January 1980; School Prefect; Choir; Orchestra; to Exeter Sixth Form College.

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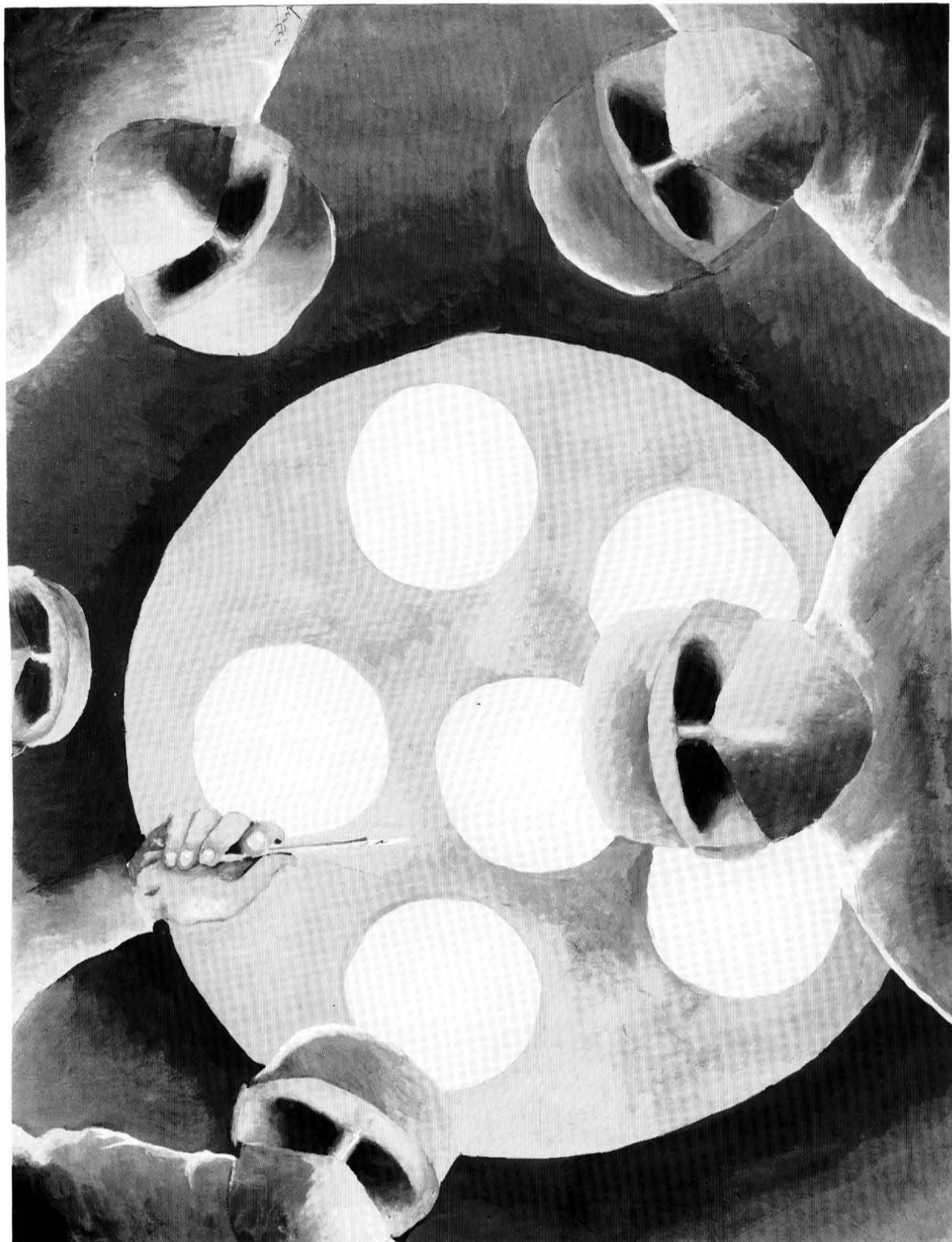


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