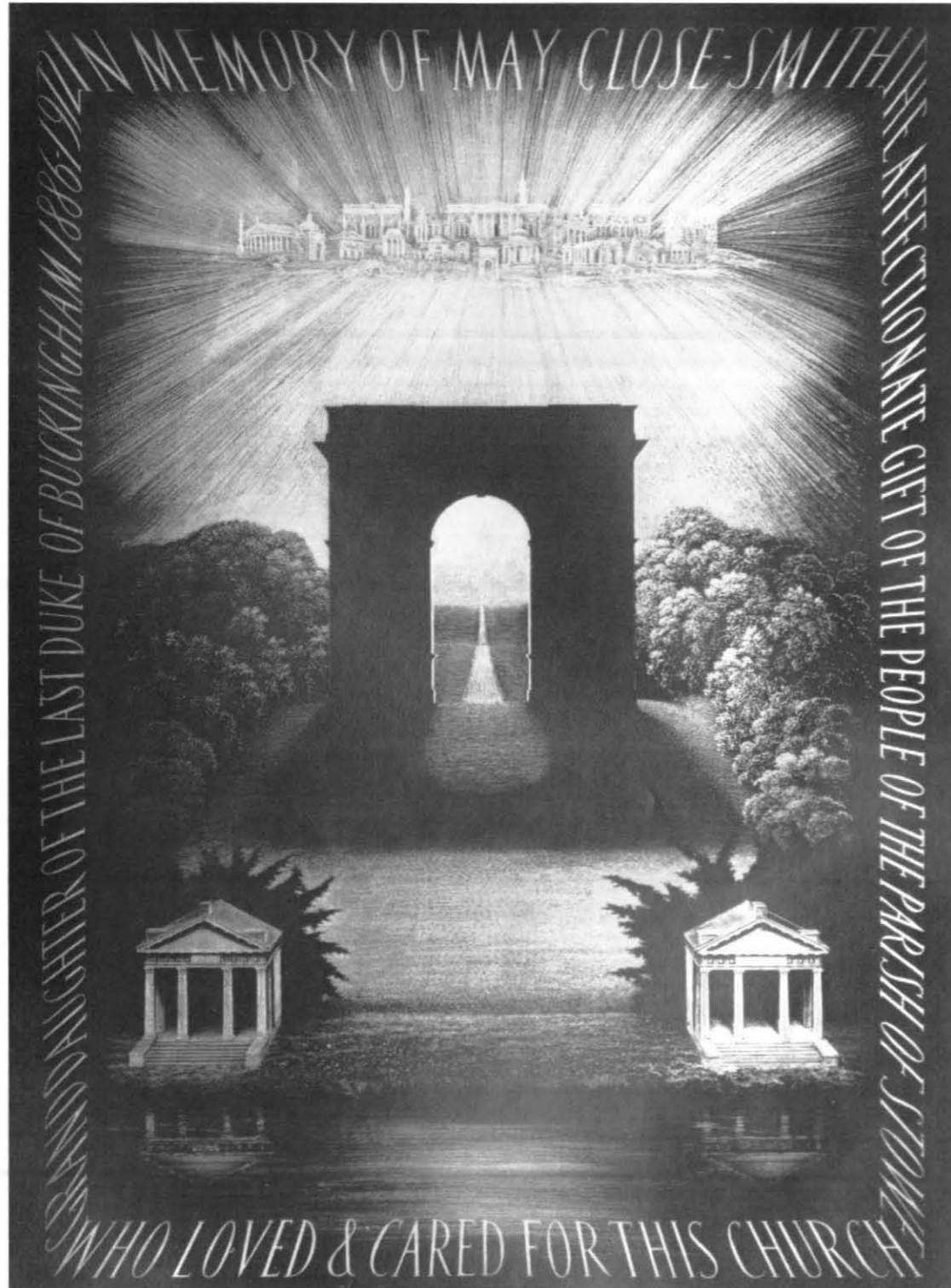


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## EDITORIAL

Many thoughts in this editorial have been expressed before; and some of them will, no doubt, be carpingly referred to as the words of an "idealistic preacher"; but, however much they may be sneered at, these opinions are merely intended to act as warnings against complacency.

For though "the most vital thing about any school is the standard set by the boys and girls themselves . . .", in an independent community there will always be the insuperable problem of a dissatisfied minority, crying out for change. Such restless fervour is not hard to understand but it is certainly worrying to sense the intrusion of destructive trends into a place where, because of its restrictions, they have a devastating effect. Unfortunately, too many people have been conditioned to expect immediate results and have also become so accustomed to modern comforts and facilities that, while often moaning about what is wrong with the world, they rarely feel any obligation to put it right. Thus their apathy is reflected in an apparent lack of concern for the beauty and quality of their environment.

The nature of the School is such that while many people do a great deal as in sport, music and drama, many also get by without doing very much. Thus the decline of the Debating Society and a lack of response to the challenge of creative work surely illustrate that either the pressures on people have become too great or a growing state of apathy prevails (a view that is expressed in a number of articles within this magazine). This is by no means an attack on the School nor does it lay the blame at the feet of any one individual, but unhappily it is inherent in the present character of this country.

It is, therefore, most important that the individual should develop a positive sense of awareness and involvement. Stowe tries to provide a well-balanced education, in an atmosphere where sports, hobbies and academic interests can be freely pursued: but, in the end, the extent of this success depends heavily upon the determination and initiative of each individual.

**David Eaton**

The Memorial Window for Mrs Close-Smith in Stowe Church, engraved by Laurence Whistler.

## SPRING AND SUMMER 1978

After the cold depressing tedium of what the Headmaster himself described as an "exasperating" Easter term, its successor brought with it some thankfully more seasonable weather. The staff has also seen changes, with Mr Sparshott returning at the beginning of the year after a seven-year absence and Mr Secret adding his skills as violinist to the 'permanent' Stowe musicians. Regrettably, however, this summer is one of departures . . . We say goodbye to Mr Chapman, who can look back with nostalgia over a span of some 35 years at Stowe. Mr Suttle leaves to pursue a career in the Law, whilst Mr Lovelock sets his sights on Akeley Wood, as Second Master; Mr Kirk alike moves on to become Headmaster of the Gordon Boys' School, Woking, and we all, especially Walpudlians, wish him and his family every future success, and look forward to the arrival of Mr Atkinson who takes over as Walpole housemaster this autumn. On Speech Day Mr Drayson also announced the departure this winter of Mr "Ronnie" Adams, Second Master, who has championed the Stoic cause with relentless, some would say near-maniac, dedication!

Needless to say, the Easter term was something of a non-event as regarded hockey, and we welcome the completion of the all-weather playing surface inside the athletics track as a boon both to match-results and morale. Athletics meanwhile has prospered; by Speech Day eleven County titles had been won and many school records superseded, whilst in the swimming over a dozen records had been broken, and as the magazine goes to press there is continuing evidence of improvement in sailing, girls' hockey (ably directed by the Headmaster) and Fives, still advancing under Mr Bowden's leadership.

The Oxford Water has failed to prevent the most dedicated parties from leaving Stoic boundaries; there have been geographical expeditions to Snowdonia and the Peak District, whilst the geologists journeyed to Devon. And after David Eaton's excursion to Greece last year to find information for his Myles Henry Prize lecture, this year sees Matthew Street treading as far as China. Members of the D. of E. were honoured by the Duke of Edinburgh, having traversed many miles of rugged North Wales countryside unaided.

As summer finally began to fill the grounds with greenery, so the new Sports Hall emerged from its covering of scaffold. At first comments were mixed as to the compatibility of the newly emerged monster, but now it can be seen as a twin of the swimming-baths, and no doubt will enhance the School's sporting record. Exam results too may profit, though some may feel that being removed from the Chapel rids them of any saving providence; and once more the Roxburgh Hall is in use as a house of worship rather than the hand-to-hand fighting of Saturday evenings.

Whatever the conditions, inside entertainments and 'serious' pursuits have continued to grow in stature and success. The Easter Term saw the production in chapel of the celebrated St Matthew Passion, a work whose immensity doubtless scared off a number of potential listeners but whose performance, thanks to Mr Gatehouse's gift for coordinating each section chorally and musically, was highly rewarding.

The same term saw the start of the "House Play" season, and the styles of production varied enormously, from the 'Amphitheatre' effect of Grenville's **The Real Inspector Hound**, produced quite recently, to the more traditional but still readily accessible houseroom productions such as Walpole's **Butley**, a rare combination of at times profound seriousness and also hilarious wit. We await the Junior Congreve Club's production **A Man for All Seasons**, and hope that the renovations proposed for the Roxburgh Hall can indeed be effected, as a sign of growing interest not necessarily confined to drama alone but in all the arts. The Lower Sixth Play **Tiny Alice** is at any moment to be staged, and one can only hope that with this "and the other endeavours" in mind those old fogies "the arts and humanities" may have some life in them yet.

A. D. S. Bunting



## A.J.C.

At the end of this term Stowe bids goodbye to a master whose service spans 35 of the 55 years of the history of the School. John Chapman came to Stowe in the summer of 1943, and he has served under four headmasters, as well as being a colleague of some of the men who helped to found the school in 1923.

He was appointed by Roxburgh as Assistant Tutor in Modern Studies, teaching Economics, British Constitution, and European History in the Upper School, and as Form Master of Upper IVb. He later became President of the Junior Debating Society, and Master in charge of League Cricket (in which capacity he became known as 'King of the Bourbon') and thus came into contact with more than half of the school. But it was to Rugby Football that he devoted his enthusiasm and energies, and he tried to impart to Stoics in The Colts, The Hundred, and 2nd XV the will to win which he himself had learned at Taunton. Meanwhile, in the words of *The Epicurean*, Side 8 expanded 'until it was equal to the remainder of the other Sides', and it became necessary to divide it into three parts. The new Side 8 went under the name of Economics, and it was of this Side that John Chapman became Tutor in 1955. The 1950s saw a great expansion in the teaching of Economics in the Public Schools, and in the years while John was working single handed, the numbers in the various sets became uncomfortably large. Nevertheless, out of this medley of budding 'social scientists', there emerged a valuable 'A' level course which was able to take its place alongside the older disciplines, and it is to this that Stowe owes John a particular debt, as is shown by the many Old Stoics to be found in industry, commerce, Parliament and the City. The opportunity is given to few men to practise what they preach, but in the Bookshop, which he founded, 'Cashman' has been able to demonstrate that his Economics really works. The main problem he was faced with was to convince the Publishers and Booksellers Associations that a school of 550 boys could support a bookshop operated on commercial principles, but after lengthy negotiations, the right to trade in books and stationery was conceded, and the Bookshop replaced the trunks in Plug Street. Notwithstanding its monopoly, the business is only marginally able to pay its way, but its educational value is inestimable. It is a stimulus to wider reading, and gives the Stoic the same access to publications as any customer of a High Street bookseller, and to the academically inclined it is a vital addition to his educational facilities.

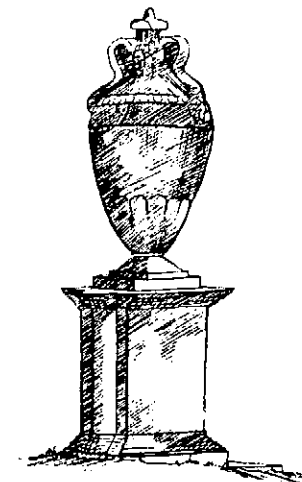
Although in a remote country district like Stowe there are limited opportunities to become involved in public life, John has at various times been Clerk of the Stowe Parish Council, Chairman of the Parochial Church Council, Youth Club Organiser, Captain of the Buckingham Rugby Football Club, and President of the Rotary Club of Buckingham. He has also lectured to adult classes under the auspices of the Oxford Delegacy of Extra Mural Studies in Wolverton and Newport Pagnell. No record of his work at Stowe would be complete without mention of his wife, Joan, and the family for whom he built the house which figured in many editions of *The Epicurean* as 'Trewartha, or Chapman's Seat'—a red-brick pavilion built by that worthy with his own fair hands. Joan's tragic death in 1972 was a blow from which he could not have recovered but for his good fortune in meeting Kay Seneque, Cobham's much loved matron, whom he married in 1974.

Fortunately we shall not really be saying 'goodbye' to John Chapman in a permanent sense, as he will continue to be amongst us as Manager of the Bookshop—long may he remain with us, as few have had the opportunity or privilege of making such a great contribution to the life of any community as he has, and we thank him for all he has done for Stowe.

[The Editors hope that Mr Chapman will accept the following more frivolous tribute to him].

### KEATS PAYS AN IMAGINARY VISIT TO STOWE

Much have I travelled in the realms of tomes,  
Which scholars faithful to Minerva haunt—  
Shelf upon shelf, the hardiest soul to daunt,  
In Cambridge, London, and by Oxford's domes.  
Oft of one stately home had I been told,  
Where studious youth the liberal arts pursue;  
But its full glories never did I view,  
Till I saw Chapman selling, shrewd and bold.  
Then felt I like some lover of the stage,  
When a new playwright dawns upon his sight,  
Or like stout Carter, when with jealous rage  
He gazed at Russia's latest satellite,—  
The CIA, the White House, all outdone—  
Silent upon a pique, in Washington.



## M.A.B.K.

Michael Kirk has played a full part in many activities during his 15 years at Stowe. He joined the CCF on his arrival and for five years commanded one of the three Army Proficiency Companies. He gave up the duties to take over the task of Careers Master and increased the scope and influence of this post considerably. He has also been responsible for introducing Surveying to the time-table and for re-introducing competitive .22 and .303 shooting, and has been a member of the School Shop Committee for most of his time here. However, he will surely be remembered mostly for his musical activities, as bassoonist in the Orchestra, as guitarist in Chapel and the Parish Church as well on less serious occasions, and as tenor or bass, wherever the need was greater, in the Choral Society and the Queen's Temple Singers. Somewhere, too, he has found the time in the last six years to be Housemaster of Walpole and to supplement his Cambridge degree in engineering by one from the Open University in, need it be said, Mathematics and Music. Walpole, the Common Room and Stowe in general will miss Mr Kirk and his family. They take our best wishes for happiness and success in their new sphere.

## S.J.S.

Stephen Suttle joined the Classics department at Stowe in the Autumn Term 1953. A Classical scholar of distinction, and an enthusiast for his subject, he has taught at all levels of the School, and many are indebted to him for his patient guidance towards 'O' or 'A' level examinations. Outside the class-room his talents and interests enabled him to make a vigorous contribution to the life of the School. He is a fine musician (he gave an organ recital in Chapel this term), and as a dedicated cross-country runner and cricketer has given valuable help in these fields. He has served as Under Housemaster in Bruce and been in charge of the Classical Society; many Classicists will remember their introduction to moussaka and retsina at his Greek dinners. Stephen Suttle has decided to exchange the schoolmaster's for the barrister's gown, and we wish him every success in his new career.

## J.C.L.

In the three short years Julian Lovelock was with us he firmly established himself as a first class schoolmaster. The care he showed as a form master and his stimulating contribution to the English Department, particularly in the series of lectures he delivered to the Lower VIth, will make his loss felt. Outside the classroom he successfully took on the task of restructuring Community Service and running the stage workshops. He goes as Second Master to Akeley Wood School and we wish him well in his future career.

## OBITUARIES

### MR JAMES REEVES

We very much regret to record the death on Monday, May 1st, 1978 of a distinguished early Old Stoic, James Reeves. A fellow poet, Harry Kemp, has written the following appreciation of him.

In one of his fine addresses to the school, in 1926 while James Reeves was at Stowe, J. F. Roxburgh extolled the four virtues of courage, kindness, persistence and control. Courage is the prime virtue of public life—'It guarantees all others', as Winston Churchill once observed. Kindness, a virtue which, in all his splendour, J.F. portrayed in eminent measure, is private and personal. It is one which I associate closely with my life-long poet-friend James Reeves, who died on May 1st this year.

James was a poet who has by no means yet been fully valued. A leading *Times* reviewer of poetry recently referred to him as 'the most under-valued poet in the land'. I heartily concur with this judgement; future generations, I believe, will endorse it. Stowe *cognoscenti*, it should be remarked, have not contributed to this neglect. Rhymed verses of his entitled *For a Stoic of the Future*, written while he was in Temple, were included in Alasdair Macdonald's commemorative volume of 1951; *Stowe Arts* printed a selection from his canon to celebrate the 1973 Jubilee; both versions of his *Collected Poems* are on the shelves in Stowe library.

James Reeves won Stowe's first Open Scholarship: to Jesus College, Cambridge, in 1928. Throughout his life, despite severe eyesight disability, he was hard-working, and a scholar. A *Times* obituary records: 'Though his output was considerable, he never produced a shoddy piece of work. He set himself high standards and kept to these whether he was writing adult poems, children's books or anthologies of other poets' work'.

One can do no better as a final tribute to his memory and great poetic talent than quote the first stanza of a poem of his which recalls, as an echo of his days at Stowe, the third of the virtues extolled by J.F., and exemplifies also, surely, the last of the quartet, in a poetic context.

Mist is your mother, Englishman,  
You were born out of the mist.  
Her wisdom is an old woman's,  
How to yield and how to persist.

17th May, 1978.

Harry Kemp

### MISS M. QUENNELL

It is with sadness that we report the death in May of Miss Marjorie Quennell.

She came to Stowe to be Sister in charge of the Sanatorium in January 1936 from a senior post at St Bartholomew's Hospital, and together with Dr J. K. Bostock she was responsible for the medical care of the school for 26 years until her retirement in July 1962.

Her very high standard of nursing combined with a kind and tactful handling of boys and staff very soon made itself felt. Many Old Stoics and others who came under her care look back with affection and gratitude for all the service she so willingly and happily gave.

She enjoyed her retirement and was only recently unwell, dying comparatively suddenly.

R.V.P.A.

## AUSTIN MATTHEWS

Old Stoics will be very sad to learn of the death of Austin Matthews on July 29th, 1977 at the age of 72.

Austin came to Stowe in 1937, and, except for War Service in the R.A.F. remained until 1953.

His remarkable sporting achievements included: playing (a) County Cricket for Northamptonshire (1927-36), heading the bowling averages for the whole country in 1934 and scoring two centuries; and for Glamorgan from 1937-47. (b) Rugby Football for Northampton, East Midlands and gaining a Trial Cap for Wales. (No less an authority than Vivian Jenkins, the **Sunday Times** correspondent, is sure that he would have been capped if Watcyn Thomas had not then been in his prime); and (c) Table Tennis in the Welsh International team.

It was no coincidence that within three years of his arrival at Stowe the School produced its first Rucker Blue (Pat Sherrard), and two International fly-halves (Peter Hastings and Ricky Bartlett). Fine cricketers like Norman Barling, Mike Loup, the brothers Cobham, and the brothers Conington owed much to his wisdom and encouragement.

Few knew that Austin had been a theological student at Lampeter, but didn't think himself "really fitted for the Church". But if he sorely misjudged himself and the Church of Wales lost a potential Bishop, Stowe gained a personality who loved people, whose enthusiasm was infectious, and whose laugh was worth going a long way to hear. So it was natural that in *Wisden* 1966 he wrote an article, "Cricket a Game—Not a Subject", stating "... In the first place we must present cricket as a game, something to enjoy . . ." This was his philosophy and this was the personality Stoics were proud to call their mentor and their friend.

J.E.C.N.



## SPEECH DAY

This year's Speech Day was blessed by glorious weather, happily avoiding the preceding and following thunderstorms which would have caused sartorial and administrative havoc. The Chairman of the Governors, Mr John Taylor, M.A., F.R.I.B.A., (2 1946) welcomed the Chief Guest and his wife, Sir Adrian and Lady Cadbury. Commiserating with Sir Adrian on the misfortune of an education at Eton, the Chairman paid tribute to his subsequent distinguished career, and expressed his and the other Governors' satisfaction at Stowe's achievement in all fields during the past year, despite the many difficulties facing Schools of this kind. Before the presentation of the prizes the Chairman asked the Headmaster to report on the year's events.

### The Headmaster's Speech

The Headmaster welcomed Sir Adrian and Lady Cadbury to Speech Day and Old Stoic Day, an occasion which saw the gathering of the family of Stowe—Governors, parents, Old Stoics and friends, all of whom had the best interests of the School at heart. After thanking the Bursar's staff for their splendid work in bringing the grounds to such a pitch of excellence, the Headmaster expressed his pleasure at seeing so many Old Stoics. "It will interest all of you, I think", he said, "to know that we have 179 sons and daughters of Old Stoics, and two grandsons, in the School, and it is most encouraging for me to be able to tell you that there are 485 sons, 28 daughters and 74 grandsons of Old Stoics entered for the future. A school is built upon its Old Boys: they are its strength, its safeguard, its endowment, its advertisement".

The Headmaster went on to pay personal tribute to Anthony Quinton, for five years Chairman of Governors, on his appointment as President of Trinity College, Oxford from next Autumn.

The Headmaster then returned to his personal welcome to Sir Adrian Cadbury. "We really are extremely grateful to you for coming to Stowe today. With all the calls you have upon your time, we are, each one of us, grateful to you for consenting to distribute the prizes. My Chairman has of course already introduced you to the assembled company. Our guests will be interested to know that you served in the Coldstream Guards; that you took part in the Olympic Games in 1952; that your Directorships bring you into close contact with many facets of the industrial scene, including the Newspaper world and Covent Garden; that you are a member of the Council of the University of Aston in Birmingham and also of the Industrial Society, and that you are a Governor of another Public School. With this breadth of experience you will, I know, have much good advice to give to us today".

The Headmaster now turned to his review of the year's events, apologising in advance for any offending omissions. "On the academic front", he said, "we have had a satisfactory, if not outstanding, year. After our splendid 10 Open Awards at Oxford and Cambridge in 1976, this last year we still did well to achieve 6 Awards, and 84% passes at 'A' level, with 50 distinctions, and an average of 7 passes per boy at 'O' level. There was a slight decline in the quality of the grades achieved by 'A' level candidates. This slight falling away can, I think, be attributed to the increasing pressure on 'A' level sets in certain subjects, mostly on the Arts side, and we have for this reason introduced five part-time teachers, in History, French, English, Geography and Biology, to cope with the extra pressure".

Before continuing with further details of the School's performance in various fields, the Headmaster paused to refer to the teaching staff and to the Bursar's staff, "all of whom give good service, but some have given this service for very many years".

He first paid tribute to Mr Chapman, who had served the School for 35 years as an Economist, for 11 years as Senior Economics master. Though retiring this Summer, Mr Chapman would continue to run the School bookshop next year. The Headmaster said farewell also to Mr

and Mrs Kirk on their departure for Woking, where Mr Kirk has been appointed Headmaster of the Gordon Boys' School, noting gratefully the varied activities in which Mr Kirk had served the School. A full appreciation of both these masters appears elsewhere in this magazine. The Headmaster announced that Mr Adams would be leaving the School at Christmas, and spoke of the great debt of gratitude owed to him by the School and the Headmaster in particular. The first Old Stoic to be appointed to the staff by J. F. Roxburgh, after 12 years as Housemaster of Walpole he took over as Second Master four years ago. It was in this sphere, said the Headmaster, that everyone would remember him best. "He knows, and the boys and girls know that he knows, what they are up to, and he has sorted them out in no uncertain manner with strength and good humour. I have valued enormously his ever present helping hand and his friendship, and especially the Housemasters and Prefects will miss him more than they can say when he retires at the end of the Autumn term".

I would also like to pay special tribute to other men who have given even longer service to the School. This year Louis Whitehead, the head painter, will have worked for 50 years at Stowe; Ted Hawkins, also a painter, for 47 years; Dougie Richardson, the Chef, and Bert Lillistone, engineer, for 41 years; Lionel Robinson, maintenance, Bill Burgan, bar steward, and Denis Goodwin, recently retired head carpenter, 40 years; Connie Hunt, Registrar, 39 years; Wilf Stokes, Head Groundsman, 39 years. And so we could go on.

What a record of service, and this is something which I suppose has happened so much in the public schools over the years—loyalty and service. You will not find this, I believe, in very many institutions, and it is something to be proud of".

The Headmaster then referred briefly to a cross-section of the School's activities, athletic, artistic, social, which he felt would give some idea of the School's multifarious life. Most of these can either be found reported elsewhere in this issue of *The Stoic* or will have been noted in the last issue.

In his concluding remarks the Headmaster spoke of the purpose of the Stowe community, its aims, its difficulties, its progress. He referred in particular to the various new buildings made possible in the past 15 years through the support and generosity of many people, and thanked all who had helped so magnificently with the current Appeal. Continuing his general comments on the true function of a school such as Stowe, the Headmaster went on to say, "I recently read an article in which an educationalist asked a simple and straightforward question. "What do we mean by an educated person?" Do you consider yourself to be an educated person? Does it perhaps mean someone who can satisfy the examiners that he or she is fit to move on to a university education? Does it mean that a man with a degree is an educated man? All the time at Stowe we ask ourselves these questions. What should we teach? And why? And how? And at what stage should we specialise? And all the time in one way or another we are asking ourselves the fundamental question, where does it all lead? What is the purpose not only of education but of life itself? It seems nowadays to many people that life is for getting and spending. I am reminded of one Old Stoic who wrote on his Leaver's Report that his intended career was to be a millionaire. He is now in prison. I think he may still one day become a millionaire—but I am not sure he will be a happy one!

I would say that education should be to help young people to develop lively, enquiring minds, so as to be able to question and to argue sensibly and to apply themselves with self-discipline to the task in hand. Education should give a young person respect for standards, for other people, and for oneself, and a tolerance for other races, religions and ways of life. Education should persuade young people to read outside their chosen subjects, so as to discover how things work, how people live, and the languages and customs they use in their daily lives. Education should enable a person to write good sense, make a good choice of reading, and to speak plainly so as to be well understood. Education should enable a child to know how his country works, what keeps it together, what makes its wealth, and what is the best way to spend it; to teach children to learn from what has happened in the past, what may and should be our aims for the future; to teach children, above all, to be fair and tolerant in

their dealings with others in order to make a better society; to understand and care for those human beings less fortunate than ourselves and, above all else, to understand through prayer and through study of the Bible something of the workings of the Holy Spirit, who gives to us all, if we are prepared in humility to listen and to look for it, something of the real meaning of life, and also the courage to tackle it with all our might. We are educated by all that happens around us, by all that we read and think and do; by the people who teach us, but more probably by the men and women, the boys and girls we live amongst. We are educated through our books, through the television, through the press, and we are also educated by watching the behaviour of those around us. Unemployment educates; troubles and disputes educate; advertising educates; pain and suffering educate.

May I say this too? Parents of boys and girls of this school are privileged, and privilege carries with it responsibility. Those who are privileged can only survive by proving their worth. We do not have to worry as much as many people about money or social status, and it must therefore be incumbent upon us to choose our profession and our work with an eye not on our own selfish ambitions but on the good of society. I hope it is our greatest privilege to be brought up in this school and in our own families. There are few genuine communities left in the modern world—the public school is one. A public school gives a community life, dependence on common trust and common understanding of the care for each and the co-operation for each with each. We do not in the public schools today try to wrap our boys up in cotton wool; we try sincerely to educate them for life as it is. While we must obviously adjust to the world outside, we must nevertheless seek to retain the best of our traditions, our standards, our conduct, particularly in the face of the avalanche of change which so many of us feel has threatened to overwhelm society and, even at times, to overwhelm schools such as this in the last decade. But our changes must remain sensible and not take place too quickly. Discipline should be self-discipline; authority must no longer say, do this because I say so; relationships must be based on commonsense and on mutual respect. It is this relationship which will enable a boy and a girl to be free to pursue their own individual aims, thoughts and ambitions. We are not trying to teach boys something that will be useful to them, we are trying to teach them to be useful to somebody; not to help them to get on in the world, so much as to help to get the world on. An Old Boy once wrote to a schoolmaster and said the only thing he had got out of his school was a dirty mind and a bad digestion. 'I wrote back to him', said the old man, 'and said that you only got out of a thing what you put into it'.

But I must conclude and make room for Sir Adrian. At the beginning of my speech I referred to this gathering as the family of Stowe. Last summer holidays my wife and I were privileged to spend five weeks in South America as the guests of various members of the South American Missionary Society, for which organisation our son works as a linguist in the remote Chaco area of Northern Argentina. And we shall never forget the warmth and kindness of our reception into many homes and many families, and the care and dedication of these men and women as they live among the Indians and the native population of Argentina. It is in a real sense a "family" of dedicated people living together and serving others. At the beginning of this term when I spoke to the Prefects and Monitors and asked them to help us in the running of the school, I said something rather similar: "Stowe is a family. Your job is to help us to produce a place in which it is good to live; an environment in which a boy can be happy; can learn to work hard; can play his games with enjoyment; in which he can make music, read his books, enjoy his societies, make his friends; learn to take orders and also learn to lead, and where he can, above all, learn to be himself—be with his own thoughts; develop his own personality, and at no times be under those pressures and influences which harm. You as Prefects, working sensibly with your Housemasters, should not need to shout and "use the stick"; you should notice and be aware and encourage and deal sympathetically, but firmly, with those things which do not belong in a school like Stowe. A good Prefect will know which unhappy boy is inclined to be a bully, to take other people's property, to show off with callous and insensitive behaviour, and to cut across the good sense of the school

rules. And you will, I am sure, in your own way, and with the help of public opinion, be able to deal sensibly and fairly with such problems which come your way". I am more than grateful to the Prefects and Monitors, as I am to the Housemasters, Tutors and teaching staff, for the wonderful way in which they all pull together to make Stowe the school it is today. Every family has its bumps and bruises, its arguments and disagreements, its successes and its failures, its happinesses, its tensions. Every family has its black sheep: we are, I think, fortunate to have so few. I would thank my Governors for their care; I would thank the teaching staff for their hard work and their dedication to the task in hand; I would say to all employed at Stowe as teachers, bursars, domestic and maintenance staff, to the ladies of the school, to parents, and especially to the boys and girls of the school, to the whole family of Stowe—continue to be proud of what you have achieved in this beautiful place".

#### Sir Adrian Cadbury's Speech

After presenting the prizes, Sir Adrian Cadbury spoke as follows: "I would like to thank the Headmaster for the warmth of his welcome. I was honoured to be asked to come and present the prizes here today, and I was delighted to accept because of my friendship with a number of Stoics and my admiration for all that the school has achieved. I would particularly like to thank your Chairman, John Taylor, for his kind words. He is an architect of great distinction, a profession of which it is said that "Cooks cover their mistakes with sauces, architects with creepers and doctors with earth". That's perhaps a convenient way of introducing what I want to talk about, which was the whole question of the choices open to you on leaving Stowe. We are going through a period at present of marked disillusion with many Western institutions (education not excluded) but particularly I think institutions about business and government. Now it's idle to pretend that our problems in these fields are other than deep-seated or that they can be solved other than partially and slowly; but they will not be solved at all unless able, energetic and committed people are prepared to take up careers in business and politics.

"I feel there is a real danger that misleading generalisations about types of jobs and satisfaction to be gained from them do affect your choice of careers. The Law Society recently made a survey of a number of professions to see how they were ranked by the public regard, and my own grouping of Managing Directors came fourth from the bottom, and it's little encouragement to me to find that Barristers, Members of Parliaments and luckless Estate Agents came lower still. Spare a passing thought for those Members of Parliament who are either Barristers or Estate Agents.

"Now I think there are two fundamental flaws in an approach which lumps together a diversity of individuals under a single heading and comes to a common conclusion about their ability, morality or anything else. The first is that it is an example of what is technically known (and I apologise for the use of arcane sociological terms) as the dumb blonde fallacy. This asserts that blondes who are beautiful must be dim, and bespectacled brunettes must be bright; anything else would be unfair on the girls and muddling for us. Now categorisation works well for plants and fossils, but it works remarkably poorly for individuals.

"So, not all businessmen are bald, overweight, live off pink gin and are only interested in expense accounts, anymore than all politicians are corrupt or all professors are absent-minded and above worldly things. Neither, I should add, do people get shaped after a time in industry to fit the industrial image, in the way that people are said to become to look like their own dogs—I always thought it odd that it is never the other way round. So in any field of human endeavour you will find a wide range of individuals sparked by a wide range of motive and interests, so look further than the stereotype when making up your mind what it is that you want to do.

"The second flaw in lumping people together in this way is that not only does it mean that we are all slotted into categories, but we each have to go into a single category at that: because once you allow people into more than one box, then the whole certainty and determinism

of the system is lost. I am convinced that we should try to fill as many boxes as possible and try our hand at any activities that are going on, as the Headmaster has already said, you have a wide range of interests to follow here, so make the most of your opportunities and don't allow yourself to be ticketed like an entomological specimen. I think it is also worth recognising how easily and how early in life we become set in our views. Prejudice is a great time saver because it allows you to form your opinions without having to get the facts, and I've heard a good example of a challenge to accepted views when a lady in our locality, recently widowed, decided to go into farming and to build up a dairy herd. She brought her herd up to a total of 40 animals by judicious buying at auctions, and she then called in a Ministry of Agriculture Inspector and asked him to assess the quality of her herd. He made an official inspection; he said they were first class beasts, but he had expected in a dairy herd of 40 to find 39 cows and one bull and not 20 cows and 20 bulls. That, she replied, is a typical man's point of view.

"So I hope you will try your hand at as wide a range of activities as possible to find out what you enjoy doing and what sort of person you are. But you do need an aim, you need a point of focus. Of course your aims will, and should, change, but they give you a mark to steer by rather than just drift. And I've got two essays here, written by schoolchildren on the subject of "What I expect from work", which are relevant to what I have just been saying. The first one is a boy, William, aged 18. He says: "I do not expect much from society after leaving school, in fact, all I ask for is a form of employment that is not too boring and enough spare time to be able to enjoy it. Being an atheist I have only myself to rely on, and I do not think that society has any obligation to the individual. In short, I can see no goal for mankind to aim for except personal happiness and this, as one lives in a society, must be obtained without annoying too many people. 'Eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow may never come', but do not eat too much or drink too much in case tomorrow does come. I must confess that I am relying on the Borough Council, i.e. society, to pay for a University course which I am hoping to attend and I am also relying on society for some form of employment: for this is the essence of civilisation". Now that seems to me a splendid example of trying to have the bun and the penny—backing it both ways whether it's only eating, drinking and being merry, or over society's obligations. I do think he has a touching faith in the Borough Council, but leaving that aside, looking for something which is not boring is a non-aim if ever there was one. By contrast, here is another boy, Roger, aged 14¾. "I don't expect to get a very big wage at first but I shall try to get a job with a high starting wage. The reason for this is because my girl-friend's father and me are going to buy a lorry at the end of July. At first we are going to take people hop-picking each weekend, and later when hop-picking has finished we are going to do removals. When we have a fairly big capital we both intend to give up our jobs and do full-time work with our lorry. With this job I hope to get some money saved for the future but, if I am foolish enough to get married, I should most likely have to sell my share of the lorry because with a wife I'd go bankrupt anyway". Well, he has a suitably cautious view of mixing marriage with a career, but he's got his future mapped out: his aims may change but he has an end in view and is working towards it.

"And in thinking about careers, you can start at either end of the chain: you can begin with, these are the subjects and types of activity which interest me most; in what kinds of job could I continue to make use of them? Or, you can start at the other end with the kind of job you want, and work back to the studies and qualifications you need in order to get it. I remember a picture in "Punch" recently which showed a school's careers master saying to a boy: "Unless you buck your ideas up, Smith, you'll end up as a careers master". And whatever you decide it is worth aiming to become as well qualified as possible because as Mark Twain said: "Training is everything; the peach was once an almond and a cauliflower is but a cabbage with a college education". And a final point. I believe that the work I do in industry is thoroughly worthwhile, and I hope that industry and commerce will be among the options that you will consider. One hesitation that some people have over business is that in addition to doing a job they want to feel that they are helping society. This is admirable



but it does not mean that you must automatically join a Government Social Services department, that is, allocating houses to those in need. In itself that is a necessary task, but no more so in that you are not doing any more for society by doing that than by building the houses in the first place, by providing jobs for the people who live in them, or by providing them with the goods and services they need.

"Last year the Headmaster quoted the Duke of Edinburgh as saying: "Management is not about statistics, it is about actual people". The Manager's job is to bring out the best in the group of people for whom he or she is responsible, and to enable them to achieve more as a team than they could have done separately. That is a challenge which never diminishes and which can bring great personal satisfaction. The link back to education and to what the Headmaster was saying is that it is our job in companies and in schools to encourage you to make the most of your abilities as people. Carlyle is hardly my favourite author, but he summed it all up when he wrote: "Let each become all that he was created capable of being; expand if possible to his full growth".

So my very warm congratulations today to the prizewinners and to the rest of you who gave them the competition they needed to make winning those prizes worthwhile, and the very best of luck to you all in whatever you decide to turn your hand to on leaving Stowe.

The speeches concluded with a short expression of thanks to Sir Adrian Cadbury from the Head of the School, N. J. Benthall, who also presented him with a copy of **London: Biography of a City** by Christopher Hibbert.



## SOCIETY

### CHAPEL

We have welcomed the following preachers in Chapel:

Spring Term: A. R. D. Wright, Esq., Appointments Officer to the Archbishop of Canterbury; Dame Diana Reader Harris, General Secretary of the Church Missionary Society; The Revd G. L. Claydon, Warden of All Souls' Clubhouse, London; The Revd R. Bewes, Vicar of Emmanuel Church, Northwood; and The Revd Dr A. C. J. Phillips, Chaplain of St John's College, Oxford.

Summer Term: P. J. Partington, Esq., O.S., President of the Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union; Canon P. R. L. Morgan, Sub Dean of St Alban's Abbey; The Revd D. Humphries, Anglican Chaplain of Warwick University; The Rt Revd and Rt Hon G. A. Ellison, Lord Bishop of London; Canon C. P. Smith, Warden of Pilsdon House; The Revd K. Anderson, Chaplain of Sherborne School; and The Revd R. Trevivian, Chaplain of the Mayflower Family Centre in Canning Town.

We were delighted that families and friends of confirmands were able to be with us in Chapel on the 5th March when the Bishop of Buckingham conducted the Confirmation Service of fifty-nine boys and one girl—the first girl Stoic to be confirmed at the School. The Confirmation Retreats were held at Grendon Hall, a closer venue than in previous years, which proved an excellent conference centre for us. Both retreats were led once again by Canon Mark Ruston of the Round Church, Cambridge, and we are most grateful for his ministry and continuing interest.

The Lenten Addresses this year were given by the Revd Graham Claydon, a popular author and Leader of a Youth and Community Centre in London. His visit was much appreciated, as was that of 'Sea Stone', a Christian Rock Band which gave a charity concert in aid of TEAR Fund as part of the Lenten Address programme.

With the Sports and examination Hall still under construction, the Chapel was once more used for examinations and, since last year's arrangements worked so well, services for the last three weeks of term repeated the pattern: on Sundays the services were in the Roxburgh Hall and were enlivened by the band which led our singing; the voluntary week-day services in Stowe Church were well-attended and encouraging times of worship.

N. W. Wynne-Jones

### THE STUDY GROUP

Perhaps not as many have heard of Study Group as might have done, the informal Christian gathering in Mr Vinen's penthouse flat (many thanks to A.M.V. for his kind sufferance). A few minutes of informalities precede a brief talk, given by speakers from universities and parishes outside the narrow walks of Stowe. It is hoped that in these meetings normal school barriers can be broken down by Christian fellowship.

In the Spring Term a series of talks on the Psalms applied Christian doctrine to many moods. In the Summer Term a series of "hard questions" were dealt with, and the answers were penetrating in their frankness, diversity and content. I would especially like to thank Mr Marcuse for the enormous amount that he contributes to Study Group which passes unnoticed by the majority.

Ernest Meyer

## SEA STONE – IN CONCERT

On their first visit to Stowe, the "Sea Stone" Christian rock Group entertained and eventually excited those who were not perturbed by the "Christian" label, and provided an evening of excellent entertainment and a high standard of music. The group was small, consisting of lead and bass guitars, drums and keyboards, and the leader of the group on lead guitar provided the vocals and generally tried to amuse and 'win over' his audience as well as expressing his views on Christianity. Graham Claydon, who was to lead the Lenten addresses of the next few days, read a very thought-provoking poem, and many of the things that were said during the evening were, some said, better presented than a sermon in Chapel could ever do. My particular favourite was the comment that we are easily prejudiced against black people, but still lie on beaches to try and become black ourselves!! But the evening was primarily of musical entertainment and the group was mainly concerned with providing a high standard of popular music to appeal to its young audience. This, I thought, it did successfully and it was well appreciated. Everybody's favourite was its reproduction of the popular **Johnny B. Goode**, but the whole programme of both slow and fast songs, mostly written by themselves, was well received and much enjoyed. They followed up their 'conquest' of Stoic hearts in admirable fashion the next morning in Chapel, with two well-written songs which, although they naturally raised a few eyebrows, were generally enjoyed by all. I am sure that "Sea Stone" will visit Stowe again before long and their recently released album **Mirrored Dreams** may be of interest to the Stoics who enjoyed this memorable evening.

David Thomas

## THE CHAPEL CHOIR

Throughout the span of the past two terms work has continued according to plan and noticeable improvements have been made, particularly in the alto section, which is now well able to hold its own with the other more boisterous departments of the choir's ranks. Our efforts last term were highlighted by the School Concert in the Music Room in which Bach's **Cantata No. 140** and **Air from the Suite in D** were sung, complete with instrumentalists augmenting the sound of the piano accompaniment.

This term the choir has continued to perform its duty in Chapel, contributing anthems regularly to Sunday services. On Speech Day the choir sang **Ave verum Corpus** (Mozart) and **Turn Back O Man** (arr. Holst) in the evening concert. All in all, it has been a highly profitable year and we look forward to a good intake of trebles next term.

Charles Hugill

## THE ENGLISH SOCIETY

Our one meeting this term took place in the A.V.R. on Wednesday, 14th June, and was attended mainly by the top two 'A' level sets. Dr Valentine Cunningham, from Corpus Christi, Oxford, gave a most enlightening and amusing talk on **God and Modernism** with particular reference to two of our 'A' level set texts, **The Rainbow** and **Waiting for Godot**. His emphasis was mainly upon the latter, although he made several interesting comparisons between the two, not least concerning the negative and almost anti-religious attitudes of the two authors.

C. Wood

## THE LIBRARY

Over the year 196 books have been added to The Library, of which 46 were gifts, and 12 bought out of the Scott-Gall Bequest. The number of gifts is unusually high. We have been particularly concerned to add to the Ancient History, History and English Literature sections, the latter being considerably supplemented with modern drama. Unfortunately total losses for the last two terms have been high, with 54 books still missing, though it is hoped to recover several of these when checking at the end of term. We appreciate the care with which most people treat the books they borrow, and it is most encouraging to note that the number of books borrowed continues to rise, and that the room is used a great deal.

Gifts since the last Stoic comprise:

**The Man for a New Country: Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie.** Gift of the Author, David L. Williams and his son J. L. Williams (1 1977).

**Sugar and All That . . . .** Gift of The Author, Antony Hugill.

**The Harpur Trust 1552-1973** by Joyce Godber. Gift of the Headmaster of Bedford School.

**Ten Messengers: Textual Illuminations of Carvings** by Witold Gracjan Kawalec. Gift of the Author, Harry Kemp (6 1931).

**Collected Poems 1929-1974** by James Reeves (4 1927). Gift of Harry Kemp (6 1931), on Old Stoic Day 1978, in memory of James Reeves.

**Twelve Physics Books**, which are much used and appreciated. Gift of the Physics Department through O.L.R.

And we have just received a further addition, a Prize won by A. G. P. Kelly in The 1978 Barclay's Bank European Tour Essay Competition:

**Chaucer and His World** by Derek Brewer, Reader in Mediaeval English at the University of Cambridge.

I should like to thank all the Library Monitors, and in particular the Library Prefect, Bruce Mee, who has shown himself courteous and most willing throughout his time in office.

Monitors: C. J. Lindner (1), A. R. Bird (2), S. L. Aguero (3), C. R. Coates (4), J. M. Taylor (5) N. E. Luddington (6), J. M. Zoghbi (7), R. C. Divall (8), N. J. Loup (9), K. T. Roberts (0), A. F. Savage (4).

C. R. Haslam

## THE XII CLUB

The XII Club has only met twice in the last two terms, but both meetings have provoked much intelligent and varied discussion. The first talk, in February, was given by the Secretary, David Eaton, on "The Secret of Crete". The lecture was based on a book by Dr Hans Georg Wunderlich, in which he discusses the controversy surrounding the Minoan Palace of Knossos, excavated in 1900 by Sir Arthur Evans. Supporting a number of new theories, the Secretary suggested that the palaces of Knossos and Phaestos were, in fact, temples of a 'powerful cult of the hereafter'. However, this idea seemed unacceptable to most members of the Club!

The guest speaker, in May, was Mr P. E. Tissier who discussed, in great detail, "Some Philosophical Doubts". During the course of the evening he expounded the ideas of logic and the problems we have with defining and proving things. He answered all questions and ideas that were put to him so well that most members were left in a state of bewilderment!

Finally our thanks must go to our guest speaker for sparing us his time and to Mr and Mrs Clarke for their kindness and hospitality.

David Eaton

## THE DUCKERY

Despite a late Spring this year, the birds have bred well, producing a large variety of species. A total of five breeds have laid eggs this year, and four of them have already hatched young. This is our best year to date, and as a large number of young birds can be released, it is also very successful in numbers.

This year, as usual, the mallard have been most successful, with 27 young, 18 of which will be released onto the lakes. The others will be pinioned to increase our breeding stock. Very surprisingly the tufted ducks have bred, a total of 27 eggs have been laid, and we are now awaiting the result. This is surprising because tufted, being shy birds, have a reluctance to lay large clutches of eggs.

Six Carolina and three Mandarin ducklings have increased our population of our ornamental species. This is the first success we have had with these ducks, who have a reluctance to feed. These ducks will be kept to increase our resident population, but with luck next year we will be able to release these colourful birds onto the lakes. Only one pintail egg was laid, through external disturbances, but it later hatched. The bird is a male, and will make a pair with an old duck we have. The other pair, we hope, will be more successful next year.

The Widgeon have not laid this year, but they habitually breed late in the season.

The main project this year has been the landscaping of the spoil from a new pond. This pond is deeper and larger than the others, being ideal for the diving ducks like the Pochard and Tufted. One of the older ponds has been dredged and enlarged, and later had its rim cemented to reduce bank erosion.

The Old Trout Hatchery has been converted into a rearing centre for the ducklings up to three weeks old. This room has meant a closer watch can be kept on them during the critical first few weeks. Already 22 ducklings have used it and no fatalities have resulted. This is a contrast to last year when all our Carolinas died.

All our Plymouth Rock bantams became broody this year, and proved their value by incubating small clutches of valuable duck eggs. Through infertility only one bantam chick hatched, which we hope is a hen.

It has therefore been a rewarding term through the efforts of many people. Paul Marsh, John Lawrence and myself have been helped and advised in many matters by Mr Lloyd. William Hanks, Ian Bowley and Tom Moffatt, have helped on Mondays and the Conservation Group aid us on Wednesdays. Stowe Estates and Sports Club have given monetary support for such things as wheat and other foods. To all of these, and others I have missed, I thank them for making this term so successful.

Paul Marsh and John Lawrence are sadly leaving at the end of this term, but I hope I will be able to carry on making the Duckery as successful as it is, next year.

Tim Cooke

## ECONOMICS

This Society had one important meeting during the term. Dr King, the Head of Economics at Winchester College, and shortly to become a Senior Lecturer in Economics at Strathclyde University, came to give us a most interesting and informative lecture on 'Devolution'. He outlined the work he had done when working for the Parliamentary Commission, and answered several questions in connection with the effects such changes would have on the British Economy and Constitution. R. P. Cubitt was the Chairman of the Meeting, and he kept things moving with considerable competence.

P.G.L.

## THE CORKSCREW SOCIETY

With only five meetings left to the Society's Golden Jubilee, an occasion which, no doubt many never dreamed would be achieved, the Society seems to have disproved the critics, and not suffered the unfortunate fate of the other more Epicurean foundation at Stowe, La Société Gastronomique. Nevertheless, what with the rising cost of travelling and wine itself, more and more firms which were only too happy to give tastings and had been up to Stowe before, are now regrettably forced to decline their generous services. This is by no means the case with all the Wine Merchants who have spoken to us in the past, but it is, however, essential that if the Corkscrew Society is to survive, it should establish new contacts and create a favourable impression of itself through its members' interest and appreciation.

This, I hope, and feel, has been done over the last year, and will continue to be done when most of the present members have left and the Society starts almost afresh again next term. For since the last report we have had four meetings, and by the time that this is in print we will have had a fifth, which is a trip on Sunday, 9th July to Capt. Stewart's beef farm at Olney. On Tuesday, 24th January, Mr W. J. Small, from The South African Wine Farmers' Association, gave the Society a talk on South African Sherries. There seemed to be some disappointment at first that he had only brought three sherries with him to taste, but by the end of the meeting I think that it was generally felt that three were quite enough.

The next meeting was held on Monday, 13th March, when the Society was addressed by Mr Russell Hone on **The Wines of Burgundy**. Then on Tuesday, 2nd May, Mrs. Janet Connell, from K. F. Butler & Co. Ltd. gave us a very interesting talk—and enjoyable tasting—on **The Wines of the Loire and Rhone Valleys**; which to some, for various reasons might well be the most memorable meeting of the year. The last meeting to be held at Stowe was on Tuesday, 16th May, the speaker being Mr Richard Parsons, from Green's Wine and Cigar Merchants, who had made the splendid choice of **The Wines of Bordeaux** to be his subject.

Finally, I would like to metaphorically raise a glass and toast the President, Mr Lloyd, and also extend our thanks to the chef for laying on such excellent dinners for our speakers.

G. F. Winnington-Ingram  
(Chairman)

## FLY-FISHING – OXFORD WATER

As in previous years the water has been stocked with trout from the Berkshire Trout Farm, and this year, as last, we put in only rainbow trout. Three-hundred-and-fifty fish were introduced in two separate batches about one month apart and provided some excellent sport (150 10"–11" fish, 150 12"–13" fish and 50 14"–15" fish). Contrary to popular belief, Oxford Water trout are not always easy to catch, and this has helped many a boy-angler to improve his technique, and presentation of the fly.

We have had no trouble with weed this year, but we have every reason to suppose that a very few boys have been poaching heavily and/or taking much more than their fair limit (two per week) of trout. We have even had one instance of a boy taking trout into Buckingham in order to sell them, and accordingly, we will be proposing a new rule whereby the sale of trout caught at Stowe will be forbidden.

At the time of writing most of the trout will have been caught, one way or another, but the 55 members of the Club, a record number, have had some excellent fishing during the term.

M. Waldman  
D. J. Mee

## THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

The Society has been fortunate enough to be fairly active throughout the past two terms, and it must be hoped that this promising growth will continue to cater for Upper School Geographers, whose numbers are greater now than at any other time.

The highpoint of last term's fixtures was a visit to the Milton Keynes College of Education on February 1st, where a Sixth Form Conference was taking place. Fourteen members of the MVI, escorted by Mr J. S. M. Morris, and some two hundred other students, were entertained by four speakers including Dr Andrew Goudie from Oxford, and Dr R. McConnell from the United States. The speakers varied in their effectiveness, but only Dr Goudie dealt adequately with the subject that he was supposed to. Undoubtedly the most interesting lecture was on **Caves** by Dr A. C. Waltham, who gave a graphic description of exploring ice caves in British Columbia. Later in the term Mr D. R. Foster arranged for the Society to see a couple of films in the A.V.R. and these proved to be of some use in the trial 'A' levels.

Immediately following the end of term two groups of LVI Geographers went on field trips; two sets, accompanied by Mr Foster and Mr Atkinson returned to the Conway Valley, where they spent four days on a similar course as the first field trip (in Easter 1977) measuring Criccieth beach, testing Snowdon soils, and analysing stream discharge. The other group went to Castleton, in the Peak District, where they spent four days inspecting the varied landscapes of the area. No Stowe masters were present, but despite this obstacle the group had a very enjoyable time.

This term has already seen two speakers, and Dr Goudie is expected to give an extremely topical talk (to 'A' level candidates at least) on the climate at the time of the Ice Ages. Dr. Gardiner, from Leicester, spoke on the modern aspect of geomorphology, and if the text of his lecture was rather dry, he provided the Society with some interesting case studies undertaken by his pupils in Scotland, and in Devon. Dr Norman Pounds, who some of the MVI Oxford and Cambridge students had met that morning in the role of examiner, was verbose on the topic of British landscapes. Within this rather broad topic he gave precise accounts of how geological characteristics influenced church architecture. We are now left in anticipation of Dr Goudie's lecture on Tuesday, 20th June, and the large audience which have started to attend the lectures should not be disappointed.

J. Mikael Zoghbi

## THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The Society has had only one meeting in the last two terms. On Wednesday, March 8th, Eric Gray, Esq, Fellow of Christchurch, Oxford, came to Stowe and gave a talk on "**Palmyra and the Caravan Trade**". He spoke for just over an hour on this fascinating subject, with the help of slides from his own visit to Arabia.

Palmyra, situated in an extensive oasis in the desert of northern Arabia, was the principal station on the caravan route from Damascus to Seleucia, which offered the shortest cut from Antioch to Asia. It was therefore involved in the trading of all sorts of goods from foodstuffs to silk. In the middle of the third century B.C. it achieved sudden fame, firstly helping Rome against the Persian King, Shabar, and then under its rebel queen Zenobia.

Mr. Gray's talk was very well attended and received and it was a pleasure to see so many people taking an interest in Classical History. Our thanks must go to Mr Suttle, who is leaving the school at the end of this term, for all the trouble he has taken to arrange meetings during the past five years. We wish him well in the future.

David Eaton

## THE SPANISH SOCIETY

Having been involved during the Autumn Term with two activities centred on the life and work of Federico Garcia Lorca, members renewed their acquaintance with this great poet and playwright by means of a trip to the Oxford Playhouse in February to see a performance of his tragedy **The House of Bernarda Alba**, translated by Tom Stoppard. Translation from a foreign language is bound by definition to lose some of the flavour and emotions peculiar to that language, and this is especially true of the work of an artist like Lorca, but the central theme of the frustration of Spanish womanhood in the midst of the social pressures of the twenties was certainly not lost in this enjoyable and moving production.

Equally memorable in terms of expertise, excitement and brilliance was the flamenco guitar recital given by Paco Pena at the Town Hall in Oxford. His recitals are always billed as 'flamenco puro', unaffected as they are by the commercialism that has ruined much of this type of music, and his helpful commentary on the history and nature of flamenco serves to bring out the tremendous variety of an art form which is often mistakenly seen as being rather monotonous and lacking in technique.

The two other Spring term activities enjoyed by members were both organized by the Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese; the School did not have its usual success in the annual Verse and Prose Reading competition in London, but our drama entry in that competition, a short scene from Casona's play **Los Arboles Mueren de Pie** was eventually placed second in the final, being narrowly beaten by our local rivals from Thornton Convent. Congratulations to the Lower Sixth for their hard work and enthusiastic attitude towards this event. In March, a large party of Stoics travelled to London to see the **Fiesta Hispánica**, an evening's entertainment for students at Queen Mary College, and our Sixth-Formers were again very much involved in front-of-house organization.

In January, the Modern Languages' department welcomed back Mr Sparshott who was a master at Stowe until nine years ago and has since then spent six years in Peru. The success of the Society's first two activities during the Summer term was largely due to the work of 'Our Man in Lima'. His long-awaited lecture on Peru was delivered in May to a large audience in the A.V.R. His informative and at times very amusing talk was supported by a series of excellent slides which helped to bring the country to life so vividly. Mr Sparshott was also very much the influence behind our impressive Speech Day exhibition, taking as its theme South America, and consisting of a series of displays and studies and a wide selection of examples of Latin American artisan products.

Our latest activity to date has been the now annual excursion to Eton College's Spanish literature conference, an event which produces frantic note-taking from 'A' level students as they listen to experts lecturing on set texts, and thoughts from Lower Sixth students on the trials and tribulations of the year ahead.

Finally, congratulations are due to Robin Bryant, who has just been awarded a 'Highly Commended' certificate for his entry in the Hispanic Council's examination for schools.

D. J. Mee

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank you to all those who contributed so generously towards the Christmas Hamper Campaign; J. B. D. and David Marsden managed to raise £2,000 and organised the delivery of four hundred Christmas hampers to old people in and around Buckingham. Other activities, such as gardening, log delivery, vegetable delivery, outings, and visiting, have continued as usual. The last couple of terms have been generally quiet for C.S.

J W. Aldridge  
(Chairman)

## THE BRIDGE CLUB

It has been another enjoyable and successful year for the Stowe bridge players. In the premier event, the "Daily Mail" Cup, Gray, Wright, Maynard and Nicholson became the fourth Stowe team in succession to qualify for the semi-final, after being placed second in a heat of 11 teams. They achieved the distinction of producing our best-ever semi-final performance, in finishing fourth out of 13 teams, but this was still not enough to win a coveted place in the National Final; only two teams went through, and it has to be admitted that we were a fair way behind the top three.

Once again, a 100% record has been achieved in inter-school matches, with victories over Harrow (home and away), Bedford, Radley and St Edward's; the last of these was particularly impressive, as the St Edward's team was a strong one. The two pairs mentioned earlier were the height of consistency, and Wood and Zoghbi made great strides during the year, playing outstandingly well in the Bedford match. Durdin and Paine were, unfortunately, only available up to Christmas, so Kelly and Taylor were promoted from Junior 1st Pair to Senior 4th Pair, and they grew in confidence and consistency as the season progressed; the large penalty is not the regular feature of their scorecard that it used to be!

The Junior team performances were not always totally convincing. Ferris and Lloyd reached some very good slams but have found themselves on different wavelengths at other times, while Dutton and Mersey seemed to lose confidence a little too quickly when the breaks started to go against them. However, the breakthrough into duplicate bridge is a testing one, and I feel sure they all have the ability to enjoy more consistent success in the future.

After five years of producing Oxfordshire Schools' Pairs Champions, Stowe had to fail some time, and it was the turn of the top St. Edward's pair to win this year. Even so, good results were achieved by Wood and Zoghbi (2nd), Maynard and Nicholson (3rd), and Kelly and Taylor (6th). Gray's and Wright's results in the county events were disappointing, although they were top Stowe pair, in eighth place, in the Bucks/Berks Junior Pairs. However, they made up for these performances at home, producing convincing wins for Chatham in the House Pairs and also, assisted by Maynard and Lloyd, in the Team-of-Four, after Grafton had given them an early fright in the Final.

The OUCBA Simultaneous Pairs gave us the chance to welcome three pairs from Wheatley Park School, Oxford, but, on the day, no pair played well enough to achieve anything outstanding. This was in sharp contrast to the 73% score amassed by Gull and Taylor to deprive Lloyd and Thompson-Schwab of the Under-16 Pairs title they won last year; it is always a pleasure to see a talented player like Gull doing so well, but it is a pity that he has so many other talents that he is unable to indulge this one a little more often! Beckford and Knowles in third place produced the first concrete indication of the real talent emerging in Grenville.

With five of the six "colours" leaving, we may struggle next year to achieve good results at senior level, but there are a number of talented junior players and, if they can work at their game, there is no reason why the results in the long term should not be as good as ever.

**C. S. Juneman**

**The following have played Bridge for the School:** N. D. J. Gray\* (Captain) (6), N. D. Wright\* (6), T. S. Maynard\* (Secretary) (6), B. A. Nicholson\* (8), C. Wood\* (7), J. M. Zoghbi\* (7), A. G. P. Kelly (1), R. D. H. Taylor (5), N. H. J. Ferris (2), P. A. D. Lloyd (6), I. Dutton (6), C. D. Mersey (6), H. W. Jennings (4), A. A. Salmon (3).

**Autumn Term only:** T. N. F. Durdin (1), G. G. R. Paine (2).

\* Denotes award of Representative Tie.

## THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

A coach load of members had a most enjoyable outing to the Cotswold Wildlife Park at Burford earlier this term, while the week before a small group had raised £225 for Nature Conservation by joining the sponsored walk organised over the countryside south of Banbury. Last term our visiting speaker was Mr Howman from the Pheasant Preservation Trust, who brought some beautiful pictures of these exotic birds. What a pity so many of them are endangered species. We are most grateful to him for coming to talk to us. Last term also we ran the second major film show in the Roxburgh Hall at the end of a term to try to give more of our 250 members some value for their subscriptions. Two R.S.P.B. films were shown and widely appreciated. Unfortunately the show was marred by the silly and rude behaviour of a few who talked during the films and even walked out while they were showing. Why do such people come in the first place? Or having come do they not have enough consideration for others to discipline their impatience?

The Speech Day Exhibition although rather small this year was of a high standard. Of particular note was the display of freshwater life by George Monbiot. Many people came and we were able to sell two hundred copies of this year's **Grebe**, the Society's journal.

The Nature Reserve has seen some changes this year with the removal of many of the dead elms adjacent to the road. This should leave us with two large clearings that will fill the scrub shortly, thus providing habitat that we have not possessed before. Perhaps nightingales will return to Stowe to live in it. Forty-one of the nest boxes have been used this year by tits and tree sparrows in the main.

A group of members mainly from Cobham are beginning to restore the Trout Hatchery by the Oxford Water dam. It is some years since this project last flourished. Their first fish should arrive early next year. Several members have been trapping small mammals and others squirrels as part of the attempt to curb their population and so reduce damage to our young trees. Tim White has skinned a variety of animals and mounted one or two of these. Craig Nash is recording various meadow-land plants as part of a country-wide survey organised by the Museum in Aylesbury. The Society is very much alive.

**J. R. de Wesselow**

## THE PINEAPPLE CLUB

Since the last report there have been many very successful trips down to the Club, though perhaps not as many as we would like to have arranged. This is caused by many other activities undertaken by boys, such as matches, which prevent them going on the trips. The other main problem we have on the trips is the transport from Stowe to Bletchley station, though we do get lots of help from masters in this respect and our profuse thanks must go to them, especially Mr Haslam who is the main driving force behind many trips.

The response we get from the boys is magnificent—indeed, we can never hope to arrange enough trips to cope with all of them. When we leave the Club, everybody has had an interesting and enjoyable time.

At this point we feel that Mr Joe Lowney and his staff who run the Club in London must be mentioned for their dedicated work and all the effort they put in to make the Club run smoothly.

We look forward to taking many more trips.

**Edward Donne  
Peter Neufeld**

## THE CYCLING CLUB

The Cycling Club has continued to operate as a Wednesday activity over the past two terms, and, despite the limited time available to it, considerably more enthusiasm has been shown by those members who treat the sport seriously. A very great deal has been learnt by all concerning the workings of a bicycle, with the expert help of Dr M. Wells, and I am sure we are all very grateful to her for her patience and intelligent suggestions, as well as for her thoroughness. The Club also owes particular thanks to Mr Theobald, the Master-in-charge, for the enthusiasm which he generates.

The more serious members of the Club have begun to make use of several specific courses in the nearby countryside. A special time-trial course on the Silverstone Road is used by the Club for short-distance sprints, and several people have shown determination by racing on this, and other longer courses, in their spare time. Worthy of special mention, at this point, are C. A. Nickel, M. H. C. Strakosch (Secretary) and A. T. Davis. Ideas and suggestions

have been encouraged in order to vary the activities and increase the scope of the Club. We have tried our hand at long distance riding, on Field Days, and at a modified version of cyclo-cross, but emphasis has, on the whole, been placed on short distance touring and sprint time-trials.

Our Field Day this term consisted of a six hour, sixty-seven mile ride to Ivinghoe Beacon for lunch, and then back to Stowe via Whipsnade Zoo. The weather was very favourable, but at times the road conditions were, to say least, uncomfortable.

Our first match as a Club was planned against Oundle. We entered a team of four riders, who were eagerly looking forward to their first stiff competition, and rode well, despite the undeniable superiority of the Oundle team. C. A. Nickel recorded the fastest time for Stowe, with 28.34 minutes on a flat 10 mile course. A. T. Davis, with 28.38 followed closely, but the total times of the first three riders, from each school, revealed a five minute difference in Oundle's favour. We have higher hopes for the return match, to be raced at Stowe, on a much hillier course, later on in the Summer term.

A. T. Davis



## THE GEOLOGISTS

The Geology Field Course for 1978 was held at the University of Exeter, with the party of eleven students and one tutor being accommodated in the Duryard Halls of Residence from the 16th—19th March. Although the duration of the course was fractionally shorter than in previous years a very large amount of work was packed into the four days. This included examination of igneous and metamorphic geology on and around Dartmoor; pillow lavas at Chipley; study of folding, faulting and unconformities as far apart as Frome in Somerset (on the journey down), Okehampton and Torbay; sedimentology in the Dawlish and Budleigh Salterton areas; and both invertebrate and vertebrate palaeontology, the latter at the most interesting Cave Research Centre at Buckfastleigh. We were even able to examine certain glacial phenomena in miniature on Dartmoor, with Haytor Quarry still well-filled with snow and closely resembling a full corrie, even down to the possession of a bergschrund (well, almost!)

M. Waldman

## THE ART SOCIETY

Next term sees the start of the new Art Society. The Society will have an interest in all forms of art but particularly in Painting, Sculpture, Drawing, Design, Art History and Architecture. We hope to have three meetings a term as well as visits to galleries, studios and historic buildings. The first lecture will be given by Dr Kenneth Garlick (Keeper of Western Art for the Ashmolean Museum).

### Report on Exhibitions

Other artistic events this term have been the Chandos House Art Exhibition, imaginatively designed complementing the high standard of work. The Cobham House Art Exhibition had more variation in the form of sculptures and unusual exhibits, although slightly thinner on the ground, works were of high standard.

The Speech Day Exhibition was of the usual good quality and the drawing was particularly strong along with the painting. Sculpture was lacking, though this was made up for by a large pottery display.

Mr W. R. St. Dady, exhibited a number of his sculptures in the Marble Saloon on Speech Day. One of Mr P. G. Longhurst was especially good because it captured his character extremely well. On the whole it has been a good term for Art.

W. H. Latham  
T. Gammidge

## THE CHESS CLUB

There have only been two matches this term and I am glad to say that the Junior team remains virtually undefeated, coming third in the eight schools participating in the league. It seems a pity that there is not more interest shown higher up in the School as boys seem to find that the present high academic demands exhaust their intellectual capacities. For these reasons, it might be necessary to withdraw the Senior team from the Oxfordshire leagues next year, unless there is a larger response from the upper end of the school. I would like to thank Mr Penton for his services in driving minibuses and arranging matches.

E. D. Meyer

## THE FILM SOCIETY

The 1977-78 season opened with Stanley Kubrick's *Dr Strangelove*, subtitled *Or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb*, which, besides having the longest title ever used for a British film at that date (1963), was in Kubrick's words "a nightmare comedy". The film dealt with the apparent lunacy of war and is best remembered among other things for Peter Sellers' array of virtuoso turns. François Truffaut's *Day for Night* followed, "an exquisitely perceptive and amusing view of film making", we were informed, rendered even more exquisite by the presence of Jacqueline Bisset. Joseph Losey's anti-war film *King and Country* was issued the year after *Dr Strangelove*, but was certainly not as light-hearted, showing the grim and often grisly aspects of the First World War. The Christmas term closed with Jiri Menzel's *Closely Observed Trains*, which seemed to disappoint some members of the Society. Perhaps this was because it was in a foreign language (Czech) with subtitles, or because it was in black-and-white. Or merely that it was too 'off-beat'.

The Easter term began with Alan Bridges' *The Hireling*, a variation on the lady-and-the-gamekeeper theme. Next came Karel Reisz' comedy *Morgan, a Suitable Case for Treatment*, set in a mad 'Swinging London', just as mad as the film's Marxist hero. The film included a superb cameo rôle from Irene Handl as Morgan's dumpy Mum. Werner Herzog's *The Enigma of Kaspar Hauser* followed, another foreign language film (German), but this time well received. Based on a true incident concerning the sudden mysterious appearance of the half-idiot Kaspar Hauser, the film had some stunning photography. The season came to a flourishing end with Bob Fosse's *Cabaret* based on Christopher Isherwood's experiences in pre-war Berlin, Liza Minelli unforgettably starred, nobly aided by Joel Grey and Michael York.

R. J. Wheatley

## GEOGRAPHY FIELD COURSE

At the start of the Easter holidays almost the entire Geography Lower Sixth continued 'A' level preparation in the form of field studies. One party of twelve attended a residential course based on Castleton in the Peak District, and a further twenty-three travelled to North Wales for a Stowe directed course centred on Llanrwst in the Conway Valley.

Although most of the participants had some fieldwork experience behind them, methods involving first hand observation, collection and analysis of data in Geomorphology, were completely new. The opportunity to test text book theory was enjoyed and found to be worthwhile in terms of improved understanding.

In North Wales several studies were made of the effects of glacial erosion and deposition, but also there were visits to Anglesey where the innards of a drumlin were analysed, and to Criccieth for studies of coastal geomorphology. Torrential rain in the corner of the Lleyn peninsula only momentarily dampened the enthusiasm of the party and some rather soggy data sheets produced quite remarkable results in the evening write-up session!

In Derbyshire, particular emphasis was placed on the evolution of Carboniferous Limestone and Millstone Grit landform, but one day was spent studying the urban morphology of Sheffield.

The winner of the Peter Bates prize for Geography, awarded on the basis of fieldwork, was P. M. Neufeld. C. M. Gerrard was a close runner-up.

D.R.F.

## THE MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

This year the Society had its first meeting in conjunction with the Historical Society—a highly interesting lecture given by Dr A. Shtromas, of Leeds University, entitled *East-West Relationships, Past, Present and Prospect*. Himself an ex-Soviet citizen, Dr Shtromas talked with considerable insight on the East-West situation, and gave detailed answers to questions put to him. In November, with Oxbridge examinations on the horizon, the Germanists went to see a production of Bertolt Brecht's *The Good Women of Sezuau* at the Royal Court Theatre, London, Brecht being on the 'A' level set text list this year. Also 'on the list' is Racine's *Phèdre*, and in February we were shown an up-dated version of the play, Dessin's *Phedra*, with Melina Mercouri starring admirably in the title rôle. Our background knowledge to the play was furthered earlier this term by a talk from J. W. Gardiner, Esq., F.S.A. Mr Gardiner dealt mainly with the classical antecedents of *Phèdre* and would have also quite happily discussed the portrayal of the Ancient World on celluloid. Also this term there was a trip to Marlborough to see Jean Anouilh's *L'Alouette*, performed in French. Last year the Modern Language's Side had its first Side photograph. This year it hopes to have its second.

R. J. Wheatley

## THE C.C.F.

Two Field Days, Adventurous Training and a lecture have been the only exceptions to regular training since the last report. On Field Day in the Spring Term the RN Section visited HMS "Daedalus", Lee-on-Solent, the RAF went to Abingdon for flying, the MT Section to Cosworth Engineering Ltd (Makers of Formula 1 engines) in Northampton and the Specialist Shooting Section to Bisley.

Adventurous Training was based on the slopes of Plynllymmon, thanks to Christopher Evans, late of Walpole, who lent us a cottage and a shearing shed as headquarters. Although there was no rain the wind stayed firmly in the North East and we saw little of the sun. The resulting low temperatures encouraged brisk walking and it was noticeable that groups were well up to schedule at check-points and in arriving at bivouac sites.

This term started with a lecture from Major C. H. Van der Noot, MBE, The Gordon Highlanders, on Northern Ireland, as seen by the Army. We were left, at the end, far better informed about a soldier's life in Ulster and worried by the ease with which the rule of law can crumble in an apparently stable society. Field Day saw many activities away from Stowe: the Specialist Shooting Section and Army Proficiency spent the day at Otmoor Range, MT visited the School of Electronic Engineering at Arborfield, the RAF enjoyed an overnight camp at Aston Clinton, and Special Training Company and the Royal Signals Section had a long and most enjoyable day at Warminster under the aegis of Junior Division, Staff College. The morning was spent in clearing Imber Village (several times) of terrorists with the help of tireless instructors and a considerable quantity of blank ammunition, smoke candles and thunderflashes.

In the afternoon the signallers learnt about and used radios more sophisticated and up-to-date than their successors in the Corps are likely to see for many years, whilst Special Training went over the Assault Course, threw dummy grenades and fired live ammunition on the range and in the Training Theatre. As was said afterwards, Colonel Inge and Major Turrall (late of Chandos) "pulled out all the stops for us".

M.J.F.

## THE FORESTERS

Warden Hill has again absorbed most of our effort, but the central part of the walk is now grassed over and mown, and we have cleared the last stumps from the lower part. Though there is still some levelling and draining to do, we are almost ready to plant out the oak trees waiting in the nursery.

Along the East side of the North Front too we have been busy. Several dead elms have been cleared away behind Concord, and in April a dozen beech trees were planted along the slope beyond the swimming pool, interspersed with laurel and guelder rose as low cover. We have also, as an experiment, mowed a stretch of the ha-ha bank alongside Nelson's Walk, to try to find a more effective way of keeping the grass there under control.

G. B. Clarke



## THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

Spring 1978 marked the tenth birthday of the D. of E. and to celebrate the occasion we decided to return to the Ridgeway, where our first Field Day was held. The weather was not clement. Three feet of mud and a very cold wind made the going heavy, but nevertheless we succeeded in our intention of covering the 43 mile stretch from Avebury to Streetly.

The Summer term brought better weather, and more variety of enterprise. The main event was the Peak District Field Day. A wet Sunday morning gave way to a beautiful afternoon, and our annual encounter with the Kinder peat hags passed off comparatively painlessly. Meanwhile the Golds under the able direction of Nick Clarke and M.H.P. spent a lot of time helping with the Cheshire Homes Fete—an exercise shortly to be repeated for the Dadford Fête. A group of Silvers is preparing for a thirty mile canoeing expedition. Six of our successful Golds attended the latest reception at Buckingham Palace, to shake hands with the Duke. Two of our Golds spent a night in a Mental Hospital. Nick Clarke writes:

“At Littlemore Hospital we were met by Frank Worrall, Assistant Voluntary Services Organiser. He introduced us to Dave and Rose, two voluntary nurses, there for five months. Their cheerful faces encouraged us, as the first doubts assailed us about spending the weekend in this den of Napoleon Bonapartes.

“That afternoon, we accompanied seven of the more permanent patients into the centre of Oxford. We each looked after one person, and took them around the covered market and shops. Apart from James' elderly lady, Alice, throwing a tantrum in the middle of a very crowded market, and another lady losing the unequal struggle to find a loo, the trip was very enjoyable.

“After we got back, we helped serve tea in the patients' canteen. This is the highspot of the patients' social life, and their tea and cigarette consumption is immense. After supper, we played games on the wards, and eventually retired exhausted to bed. Only a vague hammering on the roof disturbed our night. A loony? No, a water pipe . . .

“Up at 7.00 the next morning to help on B7, the 'dependents' ward, cleaning up and making the beds behind the nurses, all of whom wear jeans, not uniforms. Then Chapel, with three old ladies including Alice, then back to B7 to spoon feed the patients having their lunch—a very unappetising mashed up mess. After our lunch, we helped in the Canteen until 4.00 p.m., and that was that. A very eye-opening visit”.

A.J.W.

## ZYMASE

As always, the Summer Term has provided an ever increasing amount of wines to be brewed, the most popular of which will most probably be the Elderflower. On Speech Day we prepared a wine exhibition at which there was a selection of wines to be tasted, and it did not surprise me to find a splendid turn-out of Stoics! There seemed to be more interest shown than last year with parents asking many more questions about the art of home-brewing. Perhaps those who are home-brewers themselves will have the success which we have been lucky enough to savour, over these past few years. I also hope that the Speech Day produce was consumed with a certain degree of satisfaction. To conclude, we must as always give thanks to Dr Hornby who spends a great deal of his time supervising us and giving us invaluable information about the wines. Also, to Mr Stokes who clears up after us when a wine has become too active to remain in its jar any longer!

Tim Maynard



## THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

So far, these last two terms, the Historical Society has met five times. Two of the meetings were films from **The Christians** series. The first traced the course of the Reformation from Luther to the present day. The second film traced the Papacy from the Hussite Rebellion to the Sack of Rome.

Two other meetings were talks given by Stoics. On the 10th February, the Music Club joined the Historical Society to hear a talk given by Jonathan Bayley called **Fascist Equals Socialist?** This was an attack on the theory that the composer Richard Wagner was a Fascist. His political history and the Shavian interpretation of his **Der Ring des Nibelungen** cycle of music-dramas show Wagner to have been a socialist. The second was called **Character Sketches of Charles I and Oliver Cromwell**. Jeremy Lineham showed the former's stubborn belief in the Divine Right of Kings. Matthew Street showed that Cromwell had some fairly sound ideas.

At the end of last term, Dr J. Maddicott gave a talk called **Englishmen's Religion on the Eve of the Reformation**. He demonstrated how the Reformation made little difference to the anti-clericalism and beliefs of many Englishmen.

Jonathan Bayley

## MOUNTAINEERING

Our only expedition in the Spring term was a weekend trip to Snowdonia. This was made memorable by the Wild cottage, Tyddyn Robin, and by the wintry weather. We walked up to Bwlch Tryfan by way of Llyn Bochlwyd on hard snow with a howling gale at our backs. The cold and the windblown snow forced us to abandon thoughts of reaching a summit and we staggered down Cwm Tryfan instead, being quite grateful to reach the road intact. Three hours of such arctic conditions were enough.

R.C.T.'s Lakes Meet during the Easter holidays was more successful. Scawfell Pike and Scawfell were ascended in pleasant winter conditions, although the ice on Broad Stand once again defeated a Stowe party. On another day Jack's Rake on Pavey Ark was found to be similarly rebarbative. The mountain was eventually climbed by Easy Gully and the party continued over Harrison Stickle and Bowfell round to Crinkle Crags. They were too shattered to do anything at all next day. The final 'Walk' was over Helvellyn by way of Striding and Swirrell Edges. Some rockclimbing was achieved on Seathwaite Buttress during the week, and M.S.D. is said to have been impressed.

We managed two trips to the Peak District in May, the first of these coinciding with Field Day weekend. Birchen's Edge provided a pleasant evening's entertainment, with many climbs of about V Diff standard being ascended in a variety of styles, and the first female lead. The next morning we climbed on Stanage and suffered the frustration of having to stop, to do D. of E., just as the weather improved. A fortnight later we again went to Stanage and A.J.W.'s brother Rob was able to maintain standards with ascents of the severe Verandah Buttress, Great Flake and Right Hand Trinity. Philip Stanley found that things go better with cheating boots (R.D.'s).

Now we are making plans for the limestone of Chudleigh and the granite of Dartmoor. We are not all looking forward to the caving, but it is probably an inescapable part of the whole mountain experience.

G.M.H.

## TRIP ON STS "MALCOLM MILLER"

On Monday, April 3rd we set sail from the West India Dock, London, and I had the nervous experience of steering the **Malcolm Miller** out of the dock and down the Thames.

On Tuesday we were running down the South Coast with a stiff breeze behind. On reaching Lyme Bay, we jibbed and headed across Channel and into St Malo, in the teeth of a Force 8, with most of the trainees hanging over the lee-rail.

We spent two days in St Malo, stormbound, and on Friday we left the harbour, and had a quick night run across to Plymouth. Once again I was at the helm, at 1 o'clock in the morning, winding into Plymouth in pitch dark with only one of the two engines working. The next day, Saturday, we motored down the coast to Fowey, and there we moored stern-to-stern with the sister ship the **Sir Winston Churchill**.

On Sunday afternoon we both sailed out of Fowey in almost flat calm, and there our ways parted again. We went on to Cherbourg on Tuesday afternoon, after some marvellous sailing, and moored there as the snow came down.

The following day we drifted (literally) across to Alderney, in bright sunshine, and anchored there alongside **Royalist** (the RN Sail Training Ship) and the RAF Sail Training Yacht.

After a day and a night at Alderney, we weighed anchor and made for Southampton, passing through the French Navy on exercise. Half-way across the Channel a trainee caught his hand in a tackle and broke several fingers. Thus we had to motor-sail the rest of the way, and he was taken off by pilot boat at Cowes.

That night, as we lay anchored at Cowes with the **Winston Churchill**, a gale blew up, and both ships dragged anchor. The **Winston Churchill** was blown aground off course in the dark, and had to be pulled off by salvage tugs. The **Malcolm Miller** managed to motor out into mid-Channel and re-anchor—not much fun at 3.00 a.m.!

The last Friday we sailed up and down the Solent, then moored at Southampton. On Saturday we left ship after a very exciting and educational cruise of 850 miles in 13 days. Many thanks to my sponsor Mr McDougall for making the trip possible.

N. A. H. Clarke

## FOUR YEARS IN THE CORPS— A RECORD AND A CHALLENGE

I shall never regret that, when I ended my two terms in Basic Wing, I ignored the advice of several older boys and joined the C.C.F. The first time I put on RAF uniform I felt slightly strange walking around in that uncomfortable kit, but there was a sense of personal pride in having highly-polished boots and gleaming brasses, and the camps and courses I have been on since then have more than made up for any discomforts and disappointments.

After a year in the Corps I was one of nine who went to Annual Camp at Little Rissington, where we had a good week with quite a bit of flying in Chipmunks. There was something about that camp which appealed to me and, at the earliest opportunity, I volunteered for two more. The first was in Malta; we enjoyed 14 days of good sunshine and a programme which included flying in a Nimrod, during which one cadet spent a happy hour tracking a Russian submarine: the second was another Annual Camp, this time at West Raynham, where the programme, as the previous year's, included flying, shooting, map and compass work and a night exercise. This camp is particularly memorable because there was a practice "Tactical Alert" during it and while that lasted our officer, who had mislaid his identity card, was shut out of the station.

I had now spent two years in the Corps and, unlike most of my friends, I made a wise choice and decided to stay on. I was seconded to the Army Section as a Corporal and, that same term, completed an NCO's course at Bicester.

During the following Easter Holidays I went to the annual Adventurous Training Camp and spent what I consider the best week of my life in Snowdonia. We were based at Capel Curig and worked—and played—hard; we learnt the elements of scree-running, rock-climbing and abseiling; we walked miles across the hills and climbed three 3,000 ft. peaks. The only thing missing was a couple of hours on a practice ski-slope which unfortunately was cancelled at the last moment. In these same holidays I spent three days with the Royal Green Jackets on a parachuting course. We were due to jump on the second day but flying was cancelled for the day when the man before me had a failure on his main canopy, although he opened his reserve with seconds to spare. It was a disappointing anti-climax that low cloud and rain prevented any jumps the next and last day.

The next holidays I again did two camps. The first was with the Army Section at Holcombe Moor and the second was a seven-day gliding course at Kenley. I ended this with three solo flights and gained my A and B certificates.

This year has been quieter. I have again been on Adventurous Training, this time in mid-Wales and I am looking forward to attending my final CCF camp in Scotland at the end of term.

Ten camps and courses which took me all over Great Britain and to the Mediterranean constitute, I believe, a record for Stowe, and I have not mentioned trips to Germany and Cyprus under the auspices of the Royal Regiment of Artillery. I have really enjoyed every one of them and hereby encourage all present and future Stoics to join the CCF and challenge them to equal or even better my score.

Simon Clegg

## MUSIC

**Thursday, 23rd February, 1978 at 8.00 p.m. in the Roxburgh Hall**

ROYAL ARTILLERY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA conducted by Captain Patch  
with WO2 Gordon Starke (violin)

**Programme:** Pomp and Circumstance March No. 4  
Romance in G  
Symphony No. 8 B minor (Unfinished)  
La Boutique Fantasque

Elgar  
Beethoven  
Schubert  
Rossini/Respighi

The Orchestra of the Royal Artillery gives concerts such as the one at Stowe as a public relations and recruiting exercise. Although I doubt whether many boys thought of signing up at the end, the general atmosphere of the concert was genial and relaxed.

There was on display some of the excellent presentation associated with the famous Royal Artillery Band—the uniformed players all very smart with well-polished spurs (surely a useful item for any orchestral player!) Even the stage of the Roxburgh Hall looked its best for the occasion.

However, the concert was not nearly so impressive from a musical standpoint. The orchestra consists of bandmen, all of whom play two or more instruments—in many cases one suspected that the players were not performing on their principal one. For any orchestra to tackle a programme like this with only three desks of first violins would spell disaster—but the standard was disappointingly low even allowing for lack of numbers.

The Elgar Pomp and Circumstance March that opened the programme was well played if a little on the slow side. There were some pleasing sounds, and I thought at this stage that the evening promised much.

Beethoven's Romance in G is always a difficult piece for the solo violin to play in tune, and although WO2 Starke generally produced a pleasant tone, the tuning was sometimes faulty, and there were several mistakes in the orchestral accompaniment.

This was followed by an extra item—the first movement of Rossini's 1st String Sonata in C. The six string sonatas were written when Rossini was 12, and in the space of three days! They were composed to be performed by two violins, one 'cello and one bass. Some of the world's finest chamber orchestras successfully perform them with several players to a part, but a lesser orchestra would be well advised not to attempt to do so. A Rossini overture at this point in the programme might have been rather more successful.

The other items were good in parts, but I thought it a pity that the Rossini/Respighi Boutique Fantasque—a delightful ballet lasting half an hour—should have been cut so that it only lasted for just over ten minutes.

I think better programme planning could have saved this concert, and perhaps the introductions to the pieces, given by Captain Patch, could have been rather more lively. But it was interesting to reflect that, apart from having to meet all parade and drill requirements, these soldiers have music as a full-time occupation. As a career, this may well be worth consideration by musical members of the Corps!

R.J.S.S.

**Sunday, 29th January, 1978 at 8.00 p.m. in the Queen's Temple**

RECITAL by Jonathan Snowden (flute) and Mark Tromans (clarinet)  
with Paul Drayton (piano)

This was a concert full of delightful and virtuoso performances by a somewhat unusual combination of instruments. We were glad to welcome Jonathan Snowden back to Stowe, and he began the evening with a Bach sonata for flute, Number 7 in G minor. With the sole exception of Satie's *Gnossienne*, to be played by Paul Drayton a little later, the remainder of the programme was made up entirely of twentieth century music, and a rather sceptical audience, I suspect, was a much surprised and enlightened one by the end of the evening. Mark Tromans began his offering with the Poulenc sonata of 1962, and showed very clearly the exciting range of colour and texture, as well as versatility, of which the clarinet is capable. Paul Drayton's solo piano programme, the Satie, the *Petites Litanies de Jésus*, and the beautiful *Hommage à Rameau* by Debussy held the audience spellbound—what a pity that the Queen's Temple piano was able to contribute little to the magic!

Sherry in the interval put the audience in a suitably relaxed mood for a little known clarinet sonata by Martinu—again stretching the clarinet to the limits of its capabilities—and another Poulenc sonata, this time for flute, was a fascinating contrast with the earlier one. An entertaining set of waltzes by Shostakovich arranged for the three instruments by Atoumyan completed the programme.

It was good to hear a concert of this sort taking place in the Queen's Temple again; the redecorated Music Room clearly has geographical advantages, but the acoustics and informal audience arrangement of the Temple add much to the chamber concert atmosphere. I thank the performers for a splendid evening.

M.A.B.K.

Sunday, 12th February, 1978 at 8.00 p.m. in the Music Room

#### SCHOOL CONCERT

The concert by the Young Musicians of Stowe is an event to be looked forward to by the audience, who are seldom disappointed. This evening was no exception. A lively movement for two trumpets from a Vivaldi concerto played by David Thomas and Christopher Gayford ensured a good start, and Marius Bading followed with an accomplished rendering of Handel's Chaconne in G major. Laura Morrish, supported by the other members of the Quintet (Nigel Wright, Peter Talbot, Mr Secret and Michael Swanborough) gave us the Minuet and Trio from Mozart's Clarinet Quintet and then Christopher Gayford returned, at the piano this time, with a delicate Chopin Waltz in A flat.

The next item was one of the high spots of the evening when Hugh Messenger played the Adagio from Mozart's Flute Concerto in G with great assurance. His breath control, tone and phrasing were excellent and I hope we shall be hearing more of his playing in the future.

Harry Gregson-Williams and Peter Taylor entertained us with an Introduction and Fugue for two violins by Boyce and then the Chapel Choir let their hair down in the manner of the Swingle Singers with two Bach pieces, egged on by Mr Drayton at the piano and with rhythm accompaniment by Matthew Moffatt, who is so often heard but not seen in the vicinity of the Vanbrugh Block.

After the interval Mr Wiggins conducted a wind group in some unusual but attractive short pieces by Kabalevsky. We have some accomplished wind players at the moment and their playing always gives pleasure. This particular item was performed by the younger members and augurs well for the future. The more senior players provided a rousing finale to the evening in the shape of Gounod's "Little Symphony".

But I have yet to mention the fine performance by David Charlesworth of the Andante from Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto. This is another young player who will be worth hearing in a few years if he maintains his early promise. Jonathan Macdonald gave a sensitive account of Brahms's Ballade in G minor and we had a polished performance from Patrick Lloyd on the oboe of what was clearly a piece of some technical difficulty—a Sonatina by Gordon Jacobs.

David Charlesworth was then joined by Roland Herrera and Jonathan Ross in a Canon for three violins by Pachelbel with backing from Charles Farquhar on his 'cello. More young players, a trifle solemn, but tuneful.

For solo voices we had Simon Wallace-Jones and Laura Morrish. The former has a pleasant baritone, a little lacking in body, for his aria from the Magic Flute, but which blended well with Laura's soprano in a duet by Noel Coward.

In conclusion we must be grateful for the expert and unobtrusive accompaniment provided when necessary by Mr Gatehouse. Altogether it was a most enjoyable evening. It was

nice to hear that promising young composer Noel Coward getting a foot in the door; perhaps we may hear more of him and others of similar weight in the future?

C.W.O.R.

Sunday, 19th March, 1978 at 8.00 p.m. in Stowe Chapel

J. S. BACH: THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST MATTHEW

STOWE CHORAL SOCIETY AND ORCHESTRA conducted by David Gatehouse

Paul Elliott (Evangelist); Timothy Rowe (Christ); Madge Stevens (soprano);  
Elsa Kendall (contralto); John Dobinson (bass); Paul Drayton (continuo);  
Michael Edmonds ('cello)

Bach's 'St Matthew Passion', described by Elgar as, 'The noblest sacred work in existence', affords a unique spiritual and musical experience, heightened by the religious significance of Passiontide, but makes severe demands on its performers. Bach requires two principal choirs, with sufficient versatility to range from such large-scale choruses as those that open and close the work to the shorter numbers, with their ever-changing dramatic requirements, in which the Disciples, Chief Priests and People are all represented at different times. Correspondingly he writes for two orchestras, which means that the conductor must find, for example, four fine oboists, as well as solve the problem of disposing such large resources effectively in the concert room; and finally the part of the Evangelist can in itself make or mar a performance. These difficulties are worth recalling, because they emphasise the achievement of Stowe Choral Society, together with their soloists, orchestra and conductor, who rose magnificently to every challenge, and provided a memorable musical offering.

Paul Elliott, the Evangelist, gave a performance that was well-nigh perfect. In addition to displaying the technical qualities of a pure ringing tone, flawless intonation and wonderful clarity of diction, he injected a wide-ranging dramatic intensity into every entry, whether conveying the disgust of 'Then did they spit in his face', or the inconsolable remorse of Peter after betraying Christ three times. The other soloists measured up nobly to these exacting standards. Timothy Rowe, as Christ, gave a performance of dignity and pathos, and received splendid support from John Dobinson, whose heroic tone and vigorous dramatic awareness would be envied by many professionals. Madge Stevens displayed in 'Jesus, Saviour, I am thine', the consummate artistry with which Stowe concert-goers are so familiar, while Elsa Kendall gave a poignant rendering of 'Have mercy, Lord', enhanced by Robert Secret's sensitive violin Obbligato. Indeed, the orchestral playing was of the highest standard throughout, whether in the almost operatic power of the accompaniment to the recitatives, or in the individual Obbligato playing in the arias, as instanced by the oboes in 'Jesus Saviour'. Ultimately, however, the 'St Matthew Passion' depends for success upon its choruses, and in this performance they were superb. From a passionate yet poignant opening chorus, they ran the full gamut of dramatic emotion in shorter choruses, whether it be the anxiety of the Disciples in 'Lord, is it I?', the fury of the Multitude in 'Let him be crucified', or the dignified sorrow of the chorales. The finest singing of all was reserved for a truly moving final chorus.

It was a privilege to attend this concert, and all who were there would surely like to join in recording their gratitude to David Gatehouse for a first-rate performance.

S. J. Suttle

Saturday, 13th May, 1978 at 8.00 p.m. in the Roxburgh Hall

#### THE REPERTOIRE ORCHESTRA OF THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC

The programme chosen by the Royal Academy Orchestra was a miscellany of two concertos, an overture and a set of variations—all attractive items in themselves but without any programmatic link save their nineteenth century origin.

It was a brave decision of the conductor, Maurice Miles, to place Mendelssohn's overture "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the opening of the concert. Even experienced professional players have trouble with the tuning and ensemble of those first woodwind chords, and the effect (especially from cold) is seldom as magical as programme notes tell us. The woodland scamperings of the violins were also a little troublesome in places, but once we arrived at the first "tutti" we could warm to the richness of the orchestral sound, and after Mendelssohn's inspired "false" ending the luminosity of the string tone in the final benediction was indeed magical. Such moments easily persuade the listener that Mendelssohn did in fact reach his peak at the age of seventeen.

It is ironical that in 1978 a twenty-one year old student from Hong Kong can boldly tackle a violin concerto which was described by its critics a hundred years ago as "unplayable". Julia Hsaio's command of the virtuoso passagework in the notoriously difficult Tchaikowsky concerto was impressive and she surmounted most of the work's hurdles with a cheerful confidence that would be envied by many experienced older soloists. The predominantly female orchestra coped manfully despite a few discrepancies of tempo and some missed woodwind entries, and Miss Hsaio herself will surely develop into a formidable musician as age and experience deepen her conception of the melancholy central movement and tighten her articulation in the fast outer movements.

In the trumpet concerto by Hummel, Bram Wiggins proved an eloquent advocate for a seldom played but charming work. Both this trumpet concerto and the more familiar one by Haydn which predates it by seven years are cast in the essentially "identikit" form and style of the eighteenth century. There are no surprises (though Hummel's slow movement shows more dramatic breadth and expansive sentiment than Haydn's gentle Siciliano) but what is needed above all is a bright clarity of rhythm and a commanding nobility of tone. Happily this is exactly what we were given.

At the opening of the Brahms's St Antoni Variations the orchestra seemed to relax and "breathe" together for the first time. The theme was sensitively played by the oboe and there was a good control of the tonal balance so problematical in Brahms. Some long breaks between variations rather spoiled the cumulative impact of the music, and a few technical difficulties emerged as we went along—noticeably the ensemble in the fast 6/8 variation and the 'celli intonation in the key of B flat minor—but in the final passacaglia all departments converged with a fine Brahmsian sonority.

P.C.D.

Saturday, 3rd June, 1978 at 6.00 p.m. in the Roxburgh Hall

#### SPEECH DAY CONCERT

##### Programme:

Orchestra:	Karelia Suite (intermezzo)	Sibelius
	Four Dances from Gloriana	Britten
	* Piano Concerto in A minor (1st movement)	Schumann
	Solo Pianist: Marius Bading	
Chapel Choir:	Ave Verum Corpus	Mozart
	Turn Back, O Man	Holst
Piano Solo:	Prelude in E flat	Rachmaninov
	Piano: Jonathan Macdonald	
Wind Group:	Chorale from Louisiana Story	Virgil Thompson
String Group:	Canon in D	Pachelbel
Orchestra:	Trumpet Concerto (Adagio-Allegro)	Haydn
	Solo Trumpet: David Thomas	
	Grand March from Aida	Verdi

The Speech Day concert consisted of a medley of musical items which were generally short and did not tax the concentration too much. Perhaps this was just as well, as concentration was difficult on such a hot evening. The orchestra sounded a little lacking in vitality in the Sibelius, but they soon settled down. The strings certainly seemed to enjoy themselves in the rustic rhythms and tunes of the Britten.

To me, one of the highlights of the concert was the playing of Marius Bading. In the slower more contemplative sections of the Schumann Piano Concerto, his playing was a little perfunctory and lacking in feeling, but in the louder and faster passages it was a sheer joy to listen to. The orchestra gave him good support, although the woodwind section were not quite at their best.

This was followed by some excellent singing from the choir to the lyrical accompaniment of a string ensemble. My only criticism was that the tenors and basses on occasions drowned the upper voices, but this will always be a problem at a predominantly boys' school. It was a pity that Jonathan Macdonald's playing of the Rachmaninov Prelude was little more than an interlude, because he played with feeling and showed great delicacy of touch. Next came small items from a wind group and then a string group. The latter was notable for the quality of tone produced which was remarkable for such young players.

The orchestra returned to the platform for the last two pieces. David Thomas playing the trumpet whilst in cricket gear was certainly a novelty, and he performed well. Verdi's Grand March from Aida provided a fitting climax, and it was good to see so many musicians on the stage. I hope they enjoyed playing as much as the audience enjoyed listening to this concert. Our thanks to all concerned.

M.S.D.

Thursday, 15th June, 1978 at 8.00 p.m. in the Music Room

#### THE QUEEN'S TEMPLE SINGERS AND THE MAURIZI QUARTET

Edward Davies and Gillian Secret (violins):

Robert Secret (viola) Claire Lumsden ('cello)

Lesley Lowe (Soprano) Conductor: Paul Drayton

Benedicite—Vaughan Williams

In Windsor Forest—Vaughan Williams

Quartet in D minor op. posth. ('Death and the Maiden)—Schubert

Vaughan Williams' *Benedicite* and *In Windsor Forest* show the composer in two contrasting moods, though both works date from the same period and are linked by a mood of joy or merriment. The former is an excursion into religious writing, the latter a more light-hearted, even bawdy, set of scenes from *Sir John in Love*, based on the Shakespearean tales. The Queen's Temple Singers had thus fair scope for their talents, and under Paul Drayton's direction gave both works appropriately vigorous expression. Lesley Lowe's voice had a sweet, English quality that suited the *Benedicite* admirably.

After the interval the Schubert 'Death and the Maiden' quartet was performed with precision and sensitivity by the Maurizi Quartet. This was Robert Secret's first performance in a chamber work since his appointment as a full member of the Music Staff; we hope it was a happy augury for further success.

B.S.S.

## STAFF CONCERT

Sunday, 24th June, 1978

This year's concert by members of the music staff included 15 items by 14 composers, dating from the 17th century to the present day. The music included works for clarinet, guitar, flute, oboe, viola, trumpet, baritone and soprano. Such variety is of itself a tribute to the talent available to us at Stowe.

The highlight of the evening for many was the selection of English songs sung by Timothy Rowe; I was sorry there was no time for an encore of **Yarmouth Fair**. Those of us who are familiar with the sounds of the electric guitar found John Compton's playing of the classical guitar a refreshing change. He obviously loves the music but this kind of guitar playing is a little uncommon, and the composers a little off the beaten track, so that a few words of introduction might have been helpful. Solo viola playing is also a little unusual and the Suite Hebraique by the Jewish Swiss composer, Ernest Bloch, was strong meat for this concert though Robert Secret's excellent playing was well suited to the dark but sonorous music. He is obviously going to have an important contribution to make to Stowe music. Gerald Finzi is regarded by some as a far too neglected composer though he is becoming fashionable, perhaps as a result of the use of his clarinet concerto in the Young Musician of the Year competition. I was glad to hear the same composer's bagatelles for clarinet played beautifully by Alfred Wallbank. Donald Bridger gave us two movements of a Handel oboe concerto and his own Farandole which he warned us was an extravaganza, not to be taken too seriously. Mark Frith played most competently a Handel sonata for flute, and the concert ended with the splendid singing by Madge Stevens, who had previously sung two Mozart pieces, of **Let the Bright Seraphim** with trumpet obligato played impeccably as usual by Bram Wiggins. The unsung hero of the evening was Paul Drayton, whose piano accompaniment was faultless (of course) and beautifully balanced. Perhaps next year he will play to us on his own.

A glance back to **The Stoic** of 30 years ago shows that in those difficult times the staff concert explored a narrower area of the musical spectrum. Most of the music was for keyboard and strings and only eight composers were heard. Nevertheless there was a full house, albeit in the Library rather than the larger Music Room. What a pity more people did not come to the 1978 concert. But of course the performers in 1948 did not have to compete with the televised World Cup final.

C.P.M.

## THE BAND

Rehearsals last term culminated in a successful joint concert with the Uppingham School Band, who delighted many with their enterprising and original approach. This term, Speech Day provided the first function of the term for the Band to play at and the weather and general atmosphere furnished the players with a setting conducive to an effective performance under the South Front Portico. The remainder of this term has several events in store which include playing at a Charity Cricket Match and at the Dadford Fête. Also, in the last week of term we look forward to a visit from the popular West Hill Band from Toronto. We hope to perform in a concert at Malvern in the Autumn Term.

Charles Hugill

## DRAMA

### WEDNESDAY DRAMA GROUP

The idea this year was to make the activity as practical as possible and to put two hours a week towards actual productions, albeit of limited scope. The first project chosen was Tom Stoppard's short comedy, **Albert's Bridge**. As there were only parts for twelve, it seemed a good idea to split the play up into short scenes, to be directed by the non-actors. Whilst the play was still fairly new to everyone, things went quite well, although it soon became apparent that those "directing" were giving little thought to what they were doing. They soon became bored, passive onlookers. But we soldiered on and even had a firm date for production in the Rehearsal Room, when it became apparent that Albert, who was most promising, was unable to learn his lines. This was a pity, as Kate (Lucy Morley) had gone to the bother of learning all hers and there were good performances from many directions, including Peter Talbot as Fitch, Keith Springer as the Chairman and Alan Dweck as Fraser. As the term progressed, those with small parts became bored during Albert's long scenes, and, by the end of term, with Albert still only half way through his lines, the project was abandoned by mutual consent.

The Spring Term started with two groups working independently: one group was preparing a dramatised reading of Anouilh's **Antigone**, whilst the other started on **Journey's End** on the Roxburgh stage. The latter proved too much, even for the keener members of the group, and was abandoned, whilst the former promised much (after all, no words had to be learnt!) but somehow belief in the project, or interest, was lacking and postponement soon turned into dissolution. Alan Dweck's Creon was the most striking part of the production and would have been as good as anything seen at Stowe this year.

By the Summer Term it was obvious that many members of the group had only joined because they saw drama as an easy option, as a non-activity, in fact. Their lethargic presence had acted as a great deterrent to others to show enthusiasm. Some had left the group in frustration, and others had left to look for more of a giggle elsewhere. However, on the credit side, the enthusiastic members of the group are, at the time of writing, working well on a project involving readings, songs and scenes depicting the life of William Congreve, to be performed before a small audience one evening, on Monkey Island, behind the Congreve Memorial. Several of Congreve's songs have been put to music by Alan Dweck and Jim Gaines, and also featuring prominently will be Jonathan Carroll, Philip Joseph, Amanda Mitchell and Peter Talbot. Their enthusiasm for this last project, in the face of the contempt or indifference of the majority, is to be applauded.

During the year the Group went on three theatre visits. At the Oxford Playhouse we saw David Hare's **Teeth n' Smiles**, a superb play about the disintegration of a rock group, whilst in London we saw **The Country Wife** at the National and Alec Guinness in **The Old Country**.

I still believe that Wednesday Drama Group can succeed as an enjoyable, practical activity (and I am sure that the intimate atmosphere of the Rehearsal Room is its natural habitat, rather than the bare open spaces of the Roxburgh Hall). There is a great opportunity for experimental theatre and for practical experience in all aspects of play production. But the group will never succeed whilst it is choked with bored, passive onlookers. So, if you are considering joining Drama Group next term, but have no real interest in it, then please stay away! Sign up for the Tiddlywinks Club, where your lethargy may even be an asset!

A. G. Meredith

## HOUSE PLAY REPORT

An exciting variety of plays has been performed over the last two terms, with five House productions already staged and both the Junior Congreve and Lower Sixth plays to come at the end of June. The number of people participating, on and off stage, has been most encouraging and the quality of the acting, in many cases, has been outstanding.

In the Spring Term Walpole House produced "**Butley**" by Simon Gray in the rather hot and cramped conditions of the Houseroom. The play, a deeply perceptive piece of modern drama, was directed by Mr Haslam and provided a big challenge for the cast; the final result, however, was excellent and the acting of Guy Lancaster, in particular, very fine. Temple House turned to the larger stage in the Roxburgh Hall and put on Terrence Rattigan's "**The Browning Version**". The big stage caused the relatively inexperienced cast a number of problems but Nick Clarke, especially, gave a very polished performance and the stage management seemed to be of the usual high standard. Around the same time Cobham House produced "**Big Bad Mouse!**" in the Houseroom. This farce, directed by Marc Hope, caused the usual stir with an all-boy cast slightly overdoing a few risqué jokes; but Vincent Hope and Matthew Street, in the parts originally held by Eric Sykes and Jimmy Edwards, gave the play a fine sparkle of fun.

This term, on Speech Day weekend, Grenville House presented Tom Stoppard's play "**The Real Inspector Hound**" in the Rehearsal Room. It was the first time that a House play had been performed in this room and the decision to act 'in the round' made it all the more exciting. A strong all round performance from the cast, and most notably from the female characters, helped Stoppard's short but clever piece of humour to succeed. A week later, Lyttelton House performed "**The Licentious Fly**" in the same room but on a more conventional stage. The play, set in a cottage on the Suffolk-Essex border, was directed by Bob Marston and held together by a very energetic Bob Appleby. Its rather bawdy humour seemed to appeal to most members of the audience.

Finally, special thanks must go to everyone involved with these highly successful productions for the time and trouble they took in entertaining others. We now look forward to two other dramatic presentations later in the term. The Junior Congreve are being very ambitious in putting on Robert Bolt's play "**A Man for All Seasons**" under the direction of Mr Haslam, whilst Simon Wallace-Jones is staging "**Tiny Alice**" by Edward Albee for the Lower Sixth. Drama at Stowe is certainly thriving!

David Eaton



*The Temple of Ancient Wives.*

## SPORT CRICKET

### THE FIRST XI

The batting record, published at the end of this report, is a fair summary of the 1st XI's performance to date. Thomas, having scored 523 runs at an average of 47.5, and Worsley, 371 runs at an average of 46.4 runs, have dominated a season in which sound batting technique and determination "at the crease" have been rewarded, and loose bowling has been punished. As a result the team is undefeated but only one win has been achieved in 11 matches. Rossdale has the best bowling average (18.05), but, to win matches, a team requires two bowlers with an average of nearer 10 runs per wicket.

The one win so far was in the first match, against Buckingham. Worsley, Thomas and Gull each reached 30 out of Stowe's declared total of 173 for 5. In reply, Buckingham climbed confidently to 109 for 3 but then Worsley held on to a good catch off Staheyeff's bowling to break a threatening partnership and wickets started to fall. The climax came right at the end of the twenty overs when Rossdale, with everyone round the bat, clean bowled Buckingham's last batsman with the final ball of the day.

By contrast, the first school match, against Dean Close, was a rather dour affair and only Thomas with 48 runs gave the spectators anything to applaud.

Thomas was in the runs again against Mill Hill—his 61, together with 50s from Worsley and Staheyeff allowed Stowe to declare at 200 for 6. At 35 for 5, Mill Hill looked a beaten side but, helped by a couple of missed catches, they managed to hold on and finished 100 runs behind.

But for Worsley's 47, Stowe would have been in deep trouble against Cirencester. As things turned out, all Stowe's bowlers were in good form and the opposition, having set their sights on victory, ran out of time and wickets and had to settle for a draw.

210 for 5 declared against Bradfield was the season's highest total with Worsley (89) and Thomas (66) sharing a fine partnership of 95. An attacking field was maintained throughout the Bradfield innings and no less than nine bowlers were tried. Again, a dropped catch helped the opposition to hang on for the draw with only two wickets remaining at the end.

For the first time in many years the Authentics were bowled out by Stowe—Rossdale's 5 for 64 being the major contribution. Another "first" was recorded in Stowe's innings when Thomas, having threatened in several innings previously, scored a memorable century.

The St Edward's match was another case of "what might have been". The opposition set a target of 212 at half-time. After an opening partnership of 107 (Thomas 52, Law 48), Stowe were unable to maintain sufficient momentum and finished 34 runs behind with six wickets still standing.

Entirely different tactics were required at Radley. Facing a Radley total of 230 and losing three early wickets, Stowe were very much on the defensive. Rossdale and Gull, in turn, joined Worsley and seemed to have steered the side through the storm. But, five wickets then fell in 20 minutes and it was only a superb fighting innings by Worsley (two hours in all) that saved the day.

Another large total faced Stowe at Bedford but this time there were more contributors to the rearguard action. Thomas dealt with the hostile opening attack with calm and efficient style, and MacKinnon made a confident début. But it was Law and especially Staheyeff who held on well at the end.

Apart from Rossdale and Worsley, the batting against Oakham was of an indifferent standard and Stowe were unable to give themselves sufficient time to bowl out the opposition.

Constant reference has been made above of Stowe's batting, and rightly so, but the bowlers, most of whom are new to 1st XI cricket, have shown their ability, albeit not always consistently. One remembers Berger's unchanged 25 overs for 64 runs against Radley, Staheyeff's 4 for 17 against Buckingham, Andrews' commendable spell at Bedford and when C. Lloyd was on a hat trick at Oakham. However, the most successful and dependable bowler has been Rossdale and his all-round talents should stand him in good stead when he takes up his appointment on the Lord's Ground Staff—we wish him well. The standard of fielding has been generally keen and efficient with Gull and Rossdale, particularly, working non-stop in the outfield. But the outstanding contribution has come from Worsley's keeping behind the wicket—he has taken some fine catches, conceded very few byes and made some wayward throwing from the outfield look quite accurate. Finally, the over-all talents of the side have been directed efficiently by Thomas's captaincy, often under difficult circumstances. He has led by example with batting of a genuinely high standard and we all hope that his nomination for a place in the M.C.C. Public Schools' XI will be successful.

Only three members of the XI are leaving at the end of the season and the remainder, who have gained valuable experience, should be a strong combination in 1979.

One last tribute. Tony Kelly must be the most expert scorer the School has ever had. From the maze of figures in his score book he produces instant up-to-date averages and result sheets. His statistical intelligence is not just interesting, it is positively informative and all members of the 1st XI have benefited from his personal performance charts.

- Results:** v. Buckingham—Won by 33 runs  
Stowe 173 for 5 declared  
Buckingham 140 (Rossdale 5 for 46, Staheyeff 4 for 17)
- v. **Dean Close**—Drawn  
Dean Close 175 for 6 declared  
Stowe 113 for 3 (Thomas 48)
- v. **Mill Hill**—Drawn  
Stowe 200 for 6 declared (Thomas 61, Staheyeff 52, Worsley 50)  
Mill Hill 100 for 7 (Staheyeff 3 for 19)
- v. Cirencester A.C.—Drawn  
Stowe 143 (Worsley 47)  
Cirencester 128 for 7 (Berger 3 for 42)
- v. **Bradfield**—Drawn  
Stowe 210 for 5 declared (Worsley 89, Thomas 66)  
Bradfield 159 for 8
- v. O.U. Authentics—Drawn  
Authentics 204 (Rossdale 5 for 64)  
Stowe 168 for 5 (Thomas 101)
- v. **St Edward's**—Drawn  
St. Edward's 211 for 6 declared  
Stowe 178 for 4 (Thomas 56, Law 48)
- v. **Radley**—Drawn  
Radley 230 for 4 declared  
Stowe 104 for 9 (Worsley 34 not out)
- v. Stowe Templars—Drawn  
Stowe Templars 194 (Berger 3 for 38, Rossdale 3 for 51)  
Stowe 121 for 6 declared (Thomas 69)
- v. **Bedford**—Drawn  
Bedford 233 for 2 declared  
Stowe 146 for 7 (Thomas 40)
- v. **Oakham**—Drawn  
Stowe 167 (Worsley 57)  
Oakham 121 for 8 (C. Lloyd 3 for 33)

**C.J.G.A.**

#### AVERAGES:

Batsman:	Inns.	Not Out	Runs	H.S.	Av.
D. F. C. Thomas	11	0	523	101	47.54
A. E. H. Worsley	11	3	371	89	46.38
M. P. Staheyeff	10	5	130	52*	26.00
M. C. J. Gull	11	3	166	32*	20.75
G. F. de Chambure	4	2	35	13	17.50
A. J. Rossdale	11	0	164	28	14.91
F. E. J. Law	11	0	146	48	13.27
M. M. Berger	3	2	13	7*	13.00
A. R. J. MacKinnon	2	0	17	17	8.50
C. R. Lloyd	6	1	38	11	7.60
J. A. G. Bird	4	2	9	6	4.50
S. C. Andrews	3	0	11	10	3.67
H. M. Lloyd	2	1	0	0*	0.00

\*=Not Out

Bowler:	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
A. J. Rossdale	125	36	361	20	18.05
C. R. Lloyd	33	7	105	5	21.00
H. M. Lloyd	59	16	139	16	23.17
M. P. Staheyeff	113	31	308	13	23.69
F. E. J. Law	18	0	75	3	25.00
M. M. Berger	116	22	334	13	25.69
S. C. Andrews	54	8	187	7	26.71
D. F. C. Thomas	78	19	274	7	39.14
J. A. G. Bird	5	1	25	0	—

## THE SECOND XI

This year's team has been a young one, showing a great deal of promise and containing a number of players who should progress to 1st XI cricket. The attitude has been lively and positive and the cricket has been enjoyable to watch.

The first match, however, was played in Arctic conditions, on a Bourbon bleak with gloom, against Mill Hill. In 51 overs the opposition made 134 for 5 declared, to which we replied with 120 for 5 in 33 overs. Cheering up a miserable day was a bright 40 from Horlock. The next week, in contrast, on a balmy summer's day on the South Front, St Edward's scored 121 for 9 off 44 overs (having recovered from 54 for 5) and our reply in the remaining 31 overs was 100 for 6. Bennett's entertaining 41 was the main contribution, but it was Bannister and Lindgren who saved the day, after we had lost 5 wickets for 4 runs in an excruciating spell. This was a match we should have won, but we batted badly.

On Speech Day the Stowe Templars (or, rather, five Old Stoics and six members of the School) very sportingly declared at 157 for 8 (Jonathan Nicholl being undefeated with 42) and we should have won the match, had we batted as well as we can. But an exciting finish saw us two runs short with two wickets left. Mackinnon made a good 41 (a mixed blessing, as this took our very reliable wicket-keeper up to the 1st XI!) whilst Bannister made a useful 24.

After three draws in three matches it was with some relish that we played the traditional limited overs match against Bedford. In our allotted 40 overs we made 133 for 5, but Bedford beat us with one over to spare, with 134 for 7. It was an absorbing match, evenly balanced until the very end. Horlock (38) and Bird (29) had rallied us after a poor start, but we never quite capitalised on this by scoring fast towards the end of the innings, when we had wickets in hand.

Away at Oakham we made amends by bowling out the opposition for 119, thanks to some splendid bowling from Ritchie and Horlock, backed up by some aggressive fielding. After an early upset—it is rumoured that our opening batsman was keen to get back to the World Cup—an unbroken stand by Bannister (54) and Bird (52) saw us through in fine style.

Matches with Oundle and Radley remain, at the time of writing.

Horlock has captained his team with enthusiasm and has not been short of people on whom to call. Nearly all the team (with varying degrees of justification) reckon to bowl, and the depth of the batting can be seen from the fact that the immaculate Ritchie forward defensive stroke has been very close to the roller. The team's all-round ability was shown in a recent limited overs match with the 1st XI, when the Captain of Cricket only just saved his side, although the 2nd XI did have a particularly promising right-handed batsman on this occasion. Truly, a bone of contention?

Behind the wicket Wild has performed with great credit, although we have thereby missed his left arm spin.

Mackenzie has been a keen scorer and we thank him for the interest he has taken in this vital, but time-consuming, occupation. I would also like to thank D.G.L. for all his help during the season, both in umpiring and in the nets. For both of us, working with this year's 2nd XI has been a real pleasure.

**A. G. Meredith**

**The Teams have been selected from:** M. J. B. Horlock (Capt.), R. M. R. Bannister, G. N. Bennett, J. A. G. Bird, T. S. Bradley-Williams, J. J. O'G. Cameron, J. H. Davis, G. F. de Chambure, Viscount Dawick, M. E. Farmer, P. M. Joseph, R. D. Kleinwort, J. Henderson, D. R. Lindgren, H. M. Lloyd, A. R. J. MacKinnon, A. H. Ritchie, G. A. Wild.

## THE THIRD XI

Although the number of players available for selection has been slightly larger this year, we have not been a strong side, and with two matches to go our record of two draws and two losses is somewhat less than impressive. However, the members of the team are enjoying their cricket, and nowhere has this been demonstrated more clearly than in the high standard of ground-fielding.

Despite the general weakness of our batting there are a few players who show promise in this department, although there has been an overall paucity of runs. Salariya has the ability to play a number of good strokes, and played with authority in the Dean Close match, only to be run out while still full of runs. Smith has shown a fluency of style and can hit the ball strongly, but requires another year or so to improve his concentration and maturity of approach, while Bell needs to come out of his shell much more and play the shots of which he is capable. The best batsman in the side, however, has been Farmer, who has played with elegance and success against both Bedford and St Edward's, on each occasion as the Stowe side crumbled to dust around him.

The bowling has been rather better than the batting this term, but we have been unlucky to lose two bowlers recently through shoulder injury, Marriott and Coates, the latter also having shown some ability with the willow, including an enviable trait at 3rd XI level, the straight bat! Henderson, Joseph and Smith have been our spinners on various occasions, and I look forward to seeing some of our other bowlers in action, such as Richardson, Carroll and Salmon;—all able performers. The most consistent of our bowlers has been Bajpai, who has performed with verve and accuracy, and has been rewarded with 10 wickets in 3 matches, a very fair effort.

The side has been captained by Bell, of whom it may be said that, as with certain wines, he will mature with keeping! He has been most conscientious in this rôle, has much potential ability, and I look forward to seeing him with us next season as a good all-rounder. He has been well-supported by the vice-captain, Farmer.

No 3rd XI report could be complete without a mention of our stalwart and ever-cheerful wicket-keeper, Clegg. He first played for the team in 1977, but had been a member of the squad for some time before that date and has attended nearly every net-practice for as long as he has been with us. Clegg at number nine, grinning amiably and evilly at a packed, vulturine infield, is an experience not easily forgotten by any umpire!

**M. Waldman**

**Teams from:** M. L. W. Bell (Capt.) (5), D. S. Bajpai (1), G. N. Bennett (6), J. A. Carroll, ma. (2), S. P. Clegg, ma. (6), G. R. Coates (4), Viscount Dawick (9), M. E. Farmer (4), E. Hartington (8), J. Henderson (2), P. M. Joseph (1), H. J. Marriott, ma. (4), P. N. Orr (3), S. J. Richardson (2), C. M. Rigg (8), P. Salariya (2), M. A. J. Salmon (4), S. J. E. Smith (7).

**3rd XI Colours:** S. P. Clegg, D. S. Bajpai, M. E. Farmer.

**Results:** v. Mill Hill—Drawn  
Mill Hill 130 for 9 declared (Marriott 5 for 20)  
Stowe 99 for 7 (Bennett 30, Smith 27)  
v. St Edward's—Drawn  
St Edward's 140 for 8 declared (Bajpai 3 for 23)  
Stowe 62 for 7 (Farmer 22)  
v. Dean Close—Lost  
Stowe 91 (Salariya 25)  
Dean Close 92 for 3  
v. Bedford—Lost  
Bedford 111 (Bajpai 5 for 34)  
Stowe 66 (Farmer 30)

**To Play:** Oundle, Radley.

## THE COLTS

One or two members of last year's team have drifted away to do other things, but a good number of enthusiastic cricketers remain in this age group. Several amongst those who have played for the A or B XI's may not be the most talented games players around, but it is encouraging to report that all have played a part in creating a happy, yet determined atmosphere within the Club. Practice sessions both in the nets and on the square have been cheerfully attended and all the matches have been keenly contested. The results to date show a series of draws with one win and one loss. The games against Mill Hill and Oakham could very well have been won had the bowling been a little more penetrative on the day. However, against Bedford and St Edward's we were very much backs to the wall, and only saved by some dour resistance from the lower order batsmen. One lesson that does seem to have been grasped is that fielding can be fun, and that any side that fields well, and holds its catches is likely to be very hard to beat.

Satow has captained the A XI very effectively, handling bowling changes and field placings well enough. He will score many more runs when he perfects a more reliable defensive technique. Too often he has wasted his wicket. Wadsworth both with bat and ball has indicated that he possesses rare talent. One hopes that next year he displays the sort of attitude and approach that will enable him to make the most of his gifts. Clarke and Marshall



have had their moments. The latter must curb his impatience and as an off-spin bowler be prepared to work for his wickets rather more. When Turner bats the scoreboard will be sure to tick over at a healthy rate—if not always for very long. His fielding in the covers has been most athletic and he has saved countless runs with his speed in the field. Folland will one day be a useful all-rounder; he has always forced his way into the game in some way. In fact all the members of the XI have made some sort of contribution to the matches, and it is perhaps this fact alone that has helped make the side what it is.

**J.S.M.M.**

**Teams:—The following played:**

**A XI:** P. J. Satow (Capt.) (4), C. A. I. Clarke (5), C. A. Wadsworth (9), P. A. Marshall (4), M. C. Turner (1), C. M. Folland (8), G. W. Robinson (2), R. D. H. Taylor (5), C. W. F. Hayward (3), R. N. N. Yeoward (6), C. L. C. Stone (4), C. M. Gerrard (3), H. P. Ogden (8).

**B XI:** M. C. Streeton (7), M. S. Emery (7), G. E. Peppiatt, Mi. (8), D. M. Hadden-Wight (5), P. S. S. James Griffith (6), A. W. R. Dangar (2), H. W. Messenger (1), H. J. Whittaker, mi. (2), G. A. Lakha (5), J. C. Downer (4), A. N. Whitty, mi. (2).

**Results to date:**

v. Royal Latin School—Cancelled.

v. Mill Hill—Drawn.  
Stowe 135 for 8 declared  
Mill Hill 74 for 6

v. Bradfield—Won  
Bradfield 88 (Taylor 5 for 13)  
Stowe 91 for 2

v. St Edward's, Oxford—Drawn  
St Edward's 149 for 3 declared  
Stowe 83 for 7

v. Dean Close—Lost  
Stowe 151 for 8 declared  
Dean Close 152 for 7

v. Bedford—Drawn  
Bedford 160 for 5 declared  
Stowe 114 for 6

v. Oakham—Drawn  
Stowe 161 for 6 declared (Satow 57 not out)  
Oakham 64 for 7

Matches to be played include those against: Oundle, Radley, Rugby.

**'B' XI Matches:**

v. St. Edward's, Oxford—Lost  
Stowe 71

St Edward's 74 for 3

v. Bedford—Drawn  
Bedford 141 for 4  
Stowe 118 for 6

## THE JUNIOR COLTS

It has been a season of considerable keenness and better than average talent. To date wins have been recorded against Mill Hill, Buckinghamshire Under 15s, and Dean Close. Games against Bedford, Oakham and St Edward's have been drawn. The 'B' XI lost to Bedford by two runs!

The Under 14s have not been successful yet, having an exciting draw with St Edward's, losing narrowly to Bedford and being well beaten by a strong and older Oakham side. The fielding has come on well and it just needs some batsmen to gain a bit of confidence now.

A full report will follow in the next edition of **The Stoic**.

**P. R. Bowden**

## HOCKEY

### THE FIRST XI

Nothing much will be gained from a close examination of this year's results. Suffice it to say that for the first time in living memory the 1st XI, lost all their matches and for this reason alone it is possible to suggest that the season was a total disaster. I have certainly never known a time when so little went right for the side, and there are several reasons why the results were so poor.

The loss through a severe knee injury of the Captain elect and centre half, C. Montgomery, was a desperate blow. After the appointment of M. Moffatt Captain it was then particularly unfortunate that he should suffer a serious injury to his thigh during the course of the first game. He did not play again and we badly missed his experience as a full back. A. E. H. Worsley who eventually captained the side stuck to the task very gamely, and in spite of his own inexperience as a player never gave anything less than his best. He could yet become an effective and refreshingly direct left wing.

The dreadfully wet weather in January and the frosts of February meant that in the first hockey playing days we were only able to practise, train or play on the grass on occasions—a figure that includes match days. Thus the essential time when skills develop and fitness can be built up, both of which can encourage and foster a healthy team spirit, was completely wiped out.

The silly back-biting and damaging arguing by several senior players about the make-up of the team did nothing to help, and only when it was obvious to all that the most likely players had all been given their chance did those individuals realise the folly of their ways and settle down to contribute something positive to the team effort. Team spirit spreads from within. There is no magic formula which can be applied, no magic wand can be waved. It all has to do with training and practising hard together, winning together and being prepared to put the good of the team before personal interests and ambitions.

As for the games themselves, although the team lurched sadly from one defeat to another, it is true to claim that things could well have been very different. A good side creates its own good fortune and in this respect the poor breaks and important decisions that went against us were a reflection of the low standard of basic skills displayed by the team. Many hours were spent trying to improve this essential aspect of the sport but the problems faced were largely due to our inability to stop the ball properly and hit it quickly and crisply. Both in attack and defence it is necessary to be able to control the ball accurately. Failure to do this inevitably produces ragged, disjointed play. Until boys show an increased willingness to work hard and raise the level of basic skills, the standard of hockey at Stowe will continue to slump.

It would be wrong to conclude from all this that the disappointments of the 1978 season signal the end of the road. There are boys with ability, and there are those who have indicated in their performances with Junior XI's that they prefer to win matches. The future lies with them. The new, hard all-weather surface will not produce any miracles. It will however give us the chance to work at the much needed improvement in basic skills. It will enable us to play, to practise and to fulfil training programmes. Any real or lasting advance will only come about if a new attitude is displayed by those in contention for team places. We need a new determination, a desire to win and a stubborn refusal to give best to anyone, if Stowe's reputation as a school that plays good hockey is to be restored in any way.

**J. S. M. Morris**

**Team:** R. T. Phinney (4), C. R. Lloyd (2), D. F. C. Thomas (6), M. C. J. Gull (1), T. W. P. O'Brien (7), P. S. Marsh (2), P. W. C. Hornor (6), P. T. James (5), H. J. Marriott (4), A. I. S. Swan (3), A. J. Holland (1), A. E. H. Worsley (Capt.) (7).

**Also Played:** C. T. Highwood (1), A. W. Serre (4), J. Hartley, ma. (6), M. Barker (9), G. F. de Chambure (5), R. C. Appleby (9).

## THE SECOND XI

The competition for places in the 2nd XI was greater this season although the overall standard was not particularly high. There were four matches cancelled through bad weather and we lost the first two matches before winning against Aldenham. Throughout the term the goals that we scored outnumbered those against us, which was satisfying, although we lost more matches than we won. Most of our results were a matter of a goal difference and nearly always conceded by a lapse in concentration in the defence rather than any superior play by the opposition. The best hockey was played against Pangbourne, when the players worked for one another rather than trying to impress as individuals. It was a pity that the circumstances of illness and the constant changing of personnel throughout the term meant that the team was never as settled as when we won against Pangbourne.

The side was captained by a number of different players in the early matches, and as the selection became more consistent A. N. Alder led the team most regularly. His own performance grew in stature with every game and he set a good example in his steady ability on the field. The other most reliable player was the goal-keeper, R. B. de A. Moore. He was unlucky in some ways never to have had the opportunity of playing at 1st XI standard since there was little to choose between the two best goal-keepers; however he showed good concentration when it mattered during play and he deserves to do well in the future. The defence were satisfactory but did not anticipate where the danger lay and at the vital moments they allowed goals to be scored through careless marking. The standard of play amongst the rest of the team was much of a muchness with the exception of J. J. Lineham who made a real difference to the attitude of those around him in a positive way by his sheer determination to go for the ball. Certain scenes linger in the memory: Henri making a desperate, courageous lunge for the ball, Serre's never ending stick work, Appleby's surging runs down the wing, Hayward's stolid defence—time and space prevent me from mentioning every member. The particular advantage that the 2nd XI enjoy is that there is less pressure than the 1st XI have in the playing of matches, but the danger of this is the attitude to matches simply is not disciplined enough to win them. As in most sport, hard work is rewarded by success and there has been enough skill in the senior hockey in the school to expect better results; so it will be a pleasure to see boys putting more into their game in order to be satisfied with well-earned success.

**J. M. Larcombe**

**Team from:** R. B. de A. Moore (5), T. S. Maynard (6), C. T. Highwood (1), M. A. Henri (7), A. N. Alder (5) (Captain), A. S. B. Hayward (1), R. C. Appleby (9), J. Hartley (6), J. J. Lineham (1), A. W. Serre (4), M. J. P. Horlock (8), S. C. Andrews (1).

<b>Results:</b> v. Bradfield	Lost	3—1
v. Wellington	Lost	1—0
v. Aldenham	Won	4—1
v. Radley	Lost	2—1
v. RSC High Wycombe	Won	2—1
v. MCS Oxford	Drawn	1—1
v. Pangbourne	Won	0—5
v. St Edward's, Oxford	Lost	1—3
v. Old Stoics	Lost	1—2

**Cancelled:** Oundle, Dean Close, Bedford and Mill Hill.

## THE THIRD AND FOURTH XIS

The season started in the usual way with two cancellations due to the weather. Let us hope that the all-weather surface will be complete by next year! We continued, however, to have a comparatively successful season with four matches played, three won, one lost and the massive total of seventeen goals for—with only three against.

These results must be attributed to backs and forwards alike and the spirit of commitment in the team was as great as in any previous season. The defence was altered during the season through injury and elevation to the 2nd XI, but Staheyeff and Guest proved to be steady players, backed up by guest appearances from Wylie and Clarke.

In attack we benefited early on from the skills of Wright and later our Captain, Koska. The most consistent goal scorer however was the diminutive figure of Gregson-Williams who always seemed to pop up when needed. Our main strength, however, came from the middle of the park, where skilful play from McConnell and Kleinwort backed up by the energy of Thornton-Berry—gave us a solid base from which to launch our attack.

Our four matches included a farcical game against Magdalen College School, Oxford—where we won by 10 goals to nil—on a pitch with a thirty-five degree slope and singularly lacking in grass.

**Team selected from:** D. C. Guest (1), N. A. H. Clarke (2), E. F. McConnell (2), S. J. Richardson (2), A. D. Thornton-Berry (4), S. J. Wylie (4), N. P. Staheyeff (5), J. A. G. Bird (2), C. D. Bird (9), A. G. Bradstock (7), M. Koska (1), F. E. J. Law (6), R. D. Kleinwort (3), H. D. Gregson-Williams (6), R. C. Appleby (9), R. M. R. Bannister (9).

<b>Results:</b> v. Radley	Lost	2—0
v. M.C.S. Oxford	Won	10—0
v. Royal Latin School	Won	5—0
v. St Edward's, Oxford	Won	2—1

**J.B.D.**

## THE JUNIOR COLTS

As usual the weather was not particularly kind but in the early season the boys showed keenness and were looking quite promising. After an easy win over a weak Dean Close side there followed an excellent tussle with Bradfield resulting in a very hard-fought draw. There was plenty of spirit, pace and pleasing co-operation and teamwork. The rest of the season was rather a disappointment after such good beginnings. The workrate diminished, the determination seemed to subside and lethargy and apathy gradually became more dominant. Why this should happen is difficult to pinpoint but I hope that with greater maturity a more stable and determined attitude may prevail.

In goal, Walker, though somewhat slow and stiff, was always brave and made some good saves. He did not always receive much protection from the fullbacks Marriott and Taylor. They could hit the ball magnificently but their positional play was not disciplined and they were both slow to recover. Burgess at right-half was the hardest-working member of the team although his technique needs improvement. Allen at centre half has considerable skill but his poor passing and positional play often left the defence badly exposed. Holmes was the soundest of the defence but handicapped as yet by lack of speed and strength.

Of the forwards, Herbert was by far the most dangerous, scoring many fine goals: he has speed, good control and a powerful shot. He lacked support. None of the other forwards ever posed a consistent threat although all had their moments and Folland had a fine game against Pangbourne.

All in all then it was a moderate season which at one time promised better things. I hope therefore that all the players realise that if they want better results they will have to show a little more determination and a little more character than they did consistently in 1978.

**P. R. Bowden**

**Team:** J. C. H. Walker (9), J.K. K. Taylor (5), T. E. Marriott (4), D. C. Burgess (9), W. T. Allen (2), J. R. Holmes (9), J. P. Garnett (8), C. M. Folland (8) (Capt.), S. J. Herbert (9), I. A. Keith (4), A. G. Arbib (2), A. P. Cherry (2).

**The following played for the 'B' XI:** P. B. Calkin (9), S. M. Carroll (2), I. Bowley (2), W. T. P. Bryant (2), M. A. E. E. Wood (2), R. N. Lockhart-Smith (4), M. R. C. Opperman (6), A. N. Whitty (2), M. M. Ivison (3), C. F. Beckford (3), T. J. Bayntun (4), A. M. G. Pélissier (8).

Results:		'A' XI		'B' XI
v. Dean Close	(Away)	Won 5—1		
v. Bradfield	(Home)	Drawn 2—2		
v. Bedford	(Home)	Cancelled		
v. Mill Hill	(Away)	Cancelled		
v. Aldenham	(Away)	Drawn 3—3	Won 1—0	
v. Radley	(Away)	Lost 0—1	Lost 1—3	
v. Oundle	(Home)	Won	Won	
v. M.C.S. Oxford	(Home)	Won 4—2		
v. Pangbourne College	(Home)	Lost 3—4		
v. St Edward's, Oxford	(Home)	Lost C—4		

## THE UNDER-FOURTEEN XI

This was a very good team, and but for the unfortunate illness of some players, it would probably have recorded the best results for many years. Although there were few players of above average stature, what they lacked in size, they made up for with keenness, 'guts' and heart, and they were always ready to spend time trying to improve their technique. P. K. E. Steward (the Captain) was an outstanding goalkeeper, but could have played with distinction in most other positions on the field. As a goalkeeper he gave the team confidence, as he was extremely difficult to beat, and he should have a most successful career ahead of him in Senior hockey. R. C. C. Eden and J. C. Boyce, mi. were a dependable pair of full backs. They developed a useful understanding both with each other and the goalkeeper, and were adept at correcting each other's mistakes by excellent covering. When they improve their clearing of loose balls, they will make things much easier for themselves, and a very difficult combination to get past. D. P. Harvey at left half was an ever present member of the team, and he always played with the utmost energy and no little skill. T. J. Sparrow was centre half for the first few games, until he was ill, and although his style of play was rather unorthodox, he gave some fine performances, and was particularly useful as a supporter of the attacks, and when he returned to the team he played as a forward quite adequately. J. N. Davies completed the half back line at right half, and proved himself a most useful member of the team because he used his intelligence to full advantage. He distributed the ball well, and positioned himself sensibly in defence. It is always more difficult to score goals than prevent them, and it may be because of this that it is usually more difficult to find boys at this level who prefer to play in the forwards. However, there were several who showed ability in this direction this year. J. C. Gray, mi. on the wing developed considerable dribbling skill, and when he gets stronger he has the potential to do well. E. R. F. Anderson, who was a good team vice-captain, proved himself to be a dextrous and determined player, and made a successful contribution to the scoring of several goals. M. J. Hooper improved steadily throughout the season, and when he can match ball control with his enthusiasm, he will become a dangerous centre forward. C. A. Boxall played in several positions, and always gave his best—he was a tireless tackler, and should soon learn the technique of timing one's tackle at the right moment. A. J. D. Lidderdale, although slight of frame, played a prominent part in the team's success, as also did S. M. L. Clark, who was versatile enough to play in several positions on different occasions. J. N. Anderson added experience and ability to the forwards, and played a significant part in the scoring of several well taken goals—he also should make a mark for himself in the Senior school teams if he can add some additional finesse to his play. Others who played for the team were R. H. F. Stickbridge, P. G. Marshall, and R. M. T. Wilson

In summary it can be said that assuming that these boys will continue to work and practise as hard and willingly as they have done this season, there is every likelihood that they will develop into a very successful and happy eleven. But there is one most important proviso to what has just been said, and that is to remember that success in any game comes only from competence and confidence in that order, and it is to be hoped that these boys understand that competence will only come as a result of dedication coupled with much hard work.

P.G.L.

Results:			
v. Dean Close	(Away)	Won 1—0	
v. Bradfield	(Home)	Won 3—1	
v. Bedford		Cancelled—rain	
v. Bloxham	(Away)	Drawn 0—0	
v. Radley	(Home)	Lost 0—3	
v. R.G.S. High Wycombe	(Home)	Won 2—0	
v. Aldenham	(Away)	Lost 0—1	
v. M.C.S. Oxford	(Home)	Won 3—0	
v. Pangbourne	(Home)	Won 2—1	
v. St Edward's, Oxford		Cancelled—rain	

## ATHLETICS

Once again this year there have been senior boys who having been an integral part of the athletics team throughout their school career have decided that they cannot cope with both 'A' levels and training. This devalues the status of the Senior team and this year in particular has prevented that side from being the force it should have been. However, the captain S. L. Agüero has hurdled and high jumped consistently, being well supported by N. J. Benthall and A. I. S. Swan in the sprints together with P. M. Ham in the middle distance events; C. T. Highwood has thrown the discus with great success.

The Intermediate team is where the highest percentage of talent lies and it was particularly satisfying to return, after a year's absence, to the Achilles Relays to win the 4 × 200 and 4 × 400 metre relays, the latter race in a championship best time. J. G. J. Scott, a runner of outstanding ability, led these teams to victory and at the time of writing he has already lowered T. Barret's 400 metre record by a second to 51.4 secs.; with two seasons still to go N. K. Rice's and J. Miller's senior record of 50.3 secs. looks in danger. H. J. N. English, S.A. Furlonger, R. J. Fullman and N. S. Winstone-Partridge were the other members of the two teams and all these boys have performed well this term. In the field events R. A. J. Weatherbe has thrown the discus and javelin huge distances.

The Junior team has been unbeaten with several promising athletes to the fore. M. C. Fenwick and A. M. G. Pélissier have done most of the work in the short races, I. B. Mellor has won consistently in the middle distance and S. J. Herbert, who set a new Intermediate Shot Putt record on Sports Day, has won most of the field events.

This has not been an outstanding season but it has been punctuated by some good results. There is promise for the future if boys at the top of the School can be persuaded not to go into self-imposed retirement.

My thanks are due to Mr A. R. Sparshott for devoting so much time to the field events and to the Captain, S.L. Agüero, who has set a good example for all in the Club to follow.

J.J.L.B.

**Results:**

	Stowe	v. The Leys	v. Oundle
Senior	89	83	114
Intermediate	100	72	114
Junior	111	60	108
Overall	300	215	336

	Stowe	v. Royal Latin
Senior	76	60
Intermediate	76	60
Juniors	68	68
Overall	220	188

	Stowe	v. Bromsgrove	v. Rugby
Senior	114½	42½	132
Intermediate	120	43	133
Juniors	135½	49½	104
Overall	370	135	369

Stowe v. St Edward's—Abandoned (Rain)

Stowe v. Oakham—Cancelled

**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS—OPEN**

<b>100m.</b> Time: 11.3 secs.	1. N. J. Benthall (7)	2. A. I. S. Swan (3)	3. S. L. Aguero (3)
<b>200m.</b> Time: 23.7 secs.	1. N. J. Benthall (7)	2. A. I. S. Swan (3)	3. C. J. Dean (4)
<b>400m.</b> Time: 54.3 secs.	1. C. J. Allen (1)	2. R. C. Appleby (9)	3. J. J. Lineham (1)
<b>800m.</b> Time: 2 mins. 04.4 secs.	1. P. M. Ham (7)	2. T. A. Cressman (4)	3. J. D. H. Kemp (8)
<b>1500m.</b> Time: 4 mins. 32.2 secs.	1. P. M. Ham (7)	2. S. G. Appleton (3)	3. J. H. Davis (1)
<b>Steeplechase.</b> Time: 7 mins. 05 secs.	1. A. Thornton-Berry (4)	2. P. T. James (5)	3. T. W. P. O'Brien (7)
<b>High Hurdles.</b> Time: 15.9 secs.	1. S. I. Aguero (3)	2. N. C. Fenwick (1)	7. J. J. Lineham (1)
<b>400m. Hurdles.</b> Time 60.0 secs.	1. S. L. Aguero (3)	2. J. J. Lineham (1)	3. A. E. H. Worsley (7)
<b>High Jump.</b> Height: 1.80 metres	1. S. L. Aguero (3)	2. C. J. Allen (1)	3. A. W. Serre (4)
<b>Long Jump.</b> Distance: 6.04 metres	1. N. J. Benthall (7)	2. A. I. S. Swan (3)	3. R. C. Appleby (9)
<b>Triple Jump.</b> Distance: 11.93 metres	1. N. Gray (6)	2. A. W. Serre (4)	3. C. H. Peacock (9)
<b>Shot.</b> Distance: 10.50 metres	1. R. T. Phinney (4)	2. F. D. G. Mezulanik (7)	3. M. A. Koska (1)
<b>Pole Vault.</b> Height: 3.30 metres	1. M. A. Koska (1)	2. R. T. Weatherbe (7)	3. R. M. Rummell (4)
<b>Discus.</b> Distance: 32.12 metres	1. C. T. Highwood (1)	2. D. C. Guest (1)	3. E. St. J. Hall (8)
<b>Javelin.</b> Distance: 42.43 metres	1. C. V. C. Harris (1)	2. R. T. Weatherbe (7)	3. W. H. Latham (4)

**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS—UNDER 17**

<b>100m.</b> Time: 11.5 secs.	1. J. G. J. Scott (5)	2. R. J. Fullman (1)	3. E. D. Baring (9)
<b>200m.</b> Time: 23.0 secs.	1. J. G. J. Scott (5)	2. R. J. Fullman (1)	3. W. J. N. Edgerley (4)
<b>400m.</b> Time: 51.4 secs.	1. J. G. J. Scott (5)	2. H. J. N. English (1)	3. M. C. J. Gull (1)
<b>800m.</b> Time: 2 mins. 12.9 secs.	1. J. K. Taylor (5)	2. M. C. Tresise (9)	3. D. L. Robinson (8)
<b>1500m.</b> Time: 4 mins. 44.2 secs.	1. M. C. Tresise (9)	2. J. J. Hogan (4)	3. J. K. Taylor (5)
<b>Steeplechase.</b> Time: 3 mins. 17.3 secs.	1. S. M. Carroll (2)	2. M. C. Tresise (9)	3. V. Hope (5)
<b>Hurdles.</b> Time: 14.5 secs.	1. S. A. Furlonger (3)	2. N. A. H. Clarke (2)	3. R. J. Fullman (1)
<b>High Jump.</b> Height: 1.70 metres	1. R. G. Watts (7)	2. E. D. Baring (9)	3. A. M. Gale (5)
<b>Long Jump.</b> Distance: 5.65 metres	1. H. J. M. English (7)	2. W. J. N. Edgerley (4)	3. R. J. Fullman (1)
<b>Triple Jump.</b> Distance: 12.18 metres	1. H. J. N. English (7)	2. E. D. Baring (9)	3. A. M. Gale (5)
<b>Pole Vault.</b> Height: 2.50 metres	1. R. T. Orr (4)	2. R. G. Watts (7)	3. J. R. L. Thomas (9)
<b>Shot.</b> Distance: 12.32 metres	1. S. J. Herbert (9)	2. G. F. de Chambure (5)	3. H. W. A. Gentle (1)
<b>Discus.</b> Distance: 28.10 metres	1. G. F. de Chambure (5)	2. R. B. de A. Moore (5)	3. S. J. Herbert (9)
<b>Javelin.</b> Distance: 43.57 metres	1. C. A. Wadsworth (9)	2. R. B. de A. Moore (5)	3. J. J. Scott (9)

**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS—UNDER 16**

<b>100m.</b> Time: 12.0 secs.	1. J. R. Dew (4)	2. M. C. Fenwick (1)	3. R. M. Miller (7)
<b>200m.</b> Time: 23.7 secs.	1. S. A. Furlonger (3)	2. N. S. Winstone-Partridge (1)	3. J. R. Dew (4)
<b>400m.</b> Time: 57.0 secs.	1. S. A. Furlonger (3)	2. N. S. Winter-Partridge (1)	3. M. C. Fenwick (1)
<b>800m.</b> Time: 2 mins. 13.4 secs.	1. S. M. Carroll (2)	2. C. M. Folland (8)	3. M. C. Turner (1)
<b>1500m.</b> Time: 4 mins. 41.2 secs.	1. C. M. Folland (8)	2. J. E. Burgess (9)	3. L. B. Mellor (5)
<b>High Jump.</b> Height: 1.50 metres	1. S. J. Herbert (9)	2. N. S. Winstone-Partridge (1)	3. P. P. C. Nash (6)
<b>Long Jump.</b> Distance: 5.45 metres	1. S. A. Furlonger (3)	2. J. R. Dew (4)	3. N. S. Winstone-Partridge (1)

**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS—UNDER 15**

<b>100m.</b> Time: 12.4 secs.	1. C. J. H. Pierre (7)	2. M. S. Myers (3)	3. J. A. Nelson (7)
<b>200m.</b> Time: 26.1 secs.	1. C. J. H. Pierre (7)	2. A. V. Aswani (3)	3. M. S. Myers (3)
<b>400m.</b> Time: 57.1 secs.	1. J. A. Nelson (7)	2. M. S. Myers (3)	3. P. J. T. Graves (7)

800m. Time: 2 mins. 19.2 secs.

1. L. B. Mellor (5)                      2. R. A. B. Duff (7)                      3. J. E. Arnold (1)

Hurdles. Time: 14.2 secs.

1. R. A. B. Duff (7)                      2. D. O. J. von Malaise (3)                      3. A. H. Berger (7)

High Jump. Height: 1.50 metres

1. L. A. Leblond (6)                      2. J. D. N. Wetton (1)                      3. C. J. N. Pierre (7)

Long Jump. Distance: 4.84 metres

1. M. S. Myers (3)                      2. S. J. S. C. Pledger (2)                      3. C. J. H. Pierre (7)

#### OVERALL RESULTS:

1. GRAFTON 188½ pts	4. CHANDOS 113½ pts	7. TEMPLE 61 pts
2. BRUCE 170½ pts	5. GRENVILLE 110 pts	8. WALPOLE 37 pts
3. COBHAM 115 pts	6. LYTTTELTON 104 pts	9. CHATHAM 34 pts

## CROSS-COUNTRY

We began this season with a youthful but talented squad of senior runners, but a combination of inexperience and bad luck produced a disappointing set of results. Nearly everyone in the 1st VIII was affected by the influenza epidemic at the start of term, and on only one occasion did we manage to field a full team—when we beat St Edward's and Cheltenham comfortably. Our most talented runner, Marc Hope, was so weakened by the 'flu that he only competed in two matches, while the original captain Ancsell was sadly asked to leave at the end of the winter term, and thus was unable to compete in the Senior team for his fifth successive season. However, there were plenty of good individual performances from Thornton-Berry, Kemp, Ham and Hope himself, who proved an excellent Captain, and it is encouraging to reflect that these runners will all be at Stowe next year. Excellent support came from Appleton—our most reliable runner until hamstring trouble spoiled the end of his season—Davis, James, Milligan and Marston, while the Second VIII made up for a lack of speed with an excess of zeal.

Although we have not managed so far to follow it with success at Senior level, we have had Colts success for three successive seasons, and this year we were very strong, maintaining a comfortable unbeaten record until we succumbed to the strong St Alban's side in the last match of the season. The Colts runners luckily escaped the 'flu, and we were fortunate in being able to field a full team in most matches. The outstanding runner was Close-Smith, mi. who was seldom out of first or second position, and he received magnificent support from Lecchini, Tresise, Fenwick, mi., McCaldin, Robinson, Dew, Orr, Kelleher, James-Griffiths, Yeoward, and others. The high point of the season was the match at St Edward's, where we had the first five runners home. For the St Alban's match we were joined by Folland, who won the race and set a new course record—no mean achievement against that opposition.

The Junior level is always unpredictable and experimental, but we did reasonably well, with two wins and two defeats. Arnold ran consistently well, and was backed up by good running from the Fanshawes, Hough, Harvey, Houghton-Brown, James and Astley.

The House races again produced some good performances. Ham returned from injury to win the Senior race convincingly in 26.08 minutes (although he would be the first to agree that Thornton-Berry, his main rival, was weakened by three sterling performances for the school in the previous ten days, while Hope, the favourite, was unable to compete at all). Folland ran superbly to take the Intermediate race, in a time of 16.01 minutes, while Duff won the Junior race in 17.38. In the team competitions, Grafton took the Senior, Bruce the Intermediate, and Temple the Junior.

Next season the Cross-Country will return to the capable hands of Tony Sparshott. He should find no lack of talent or enthusiasm in the school, and, if there is better luck with fitness, then Stowe should enjoy the consistent success at Senior level that has eluded it for so long.

S. J. Suttle

#### Results—(Winners placed first):

Senior Results: v. Bradfield and Bloxham: Bradfield 36; Stowe 59; Bloxham 98

v. Berkhamsted: Berkhamsted 35; Stowe 43

v. Felsted: Stowe 52; Felsted 52 (match tied)

v. Uppingham: Uppingham 29; Stowe 53

v. Oakham: Stowe 27; Oakham 29

v. St Edward's and Cheltenham: Stowe 30; St Edward's 40; Cheltenham 49

v. St Albans and Haileybury: St Albans 32; Haileybury 64; Stowe 107.

v. Old Stoics and Thames: Thames 21; Stowe 78; Old Stoics 91

Colts Results: v. Bradfield and Bloxham: Stowe 39; Bradfield 59; Bloxham 82

v. Berkhamsted: Stowe 25; Berkhamsted 54

v. Felsted: Stowe 36; Felsted 80

v. Uppingham: Stowe 29; Uppingham 51

v. St Edward's and Cheltenham: Stowe 22; Cheltenham 68; St Edward's 102

v. Oakham: Stowe 34; Oakham 57

v. St Albans and Haileybury: St Albans 35; Stowe 49; Haileybury 121

Junior Results: v. Berkhamsted: Berkhamsted 27; Stowe 28

v. Felsted: Stowe 36; Felsted 44

v. Oakham: Stowe 37; Oakham 45

v. St Albans and Haileybury: St Albans 38; Haileybury 69; Stowe 73

Senior Colours Awarded to: M. Hope, ma. (5), S. G. Appleton (3), A. T. Thornton-Berry (4), J. H. D. Kemp (8).

## FENCING

This has been a difficult season. After our home in the old gymnasium was knocked down we have wandered about the school seeking for a suitable arena for practice and competition. The final place has been Room 7, and we thank Mr Acton for his permission to use it. Nevertheless, having to move desks before and after fencing has been a discouragement, and the Thursday practice sessions have been sparsely attended, and matches tended to reveal lack of practice and accuracy. When we are able to take our proper place again in the new sports hall it is to be hoped that fencing practices will again prove popular and well-attended since without continuous practice one can not hope to do well.

In matches we have lacked the depth of skill of some earlier years, and though there have been some good individual performances from time to time they have been isolated, and few wins have been achieved. Many of this year's team will still be here next season, and the experience of match play this year will prove valuable. Only the Captain, J. C. Haas, is leaving, and we thank him for all he has done for the team and club both in matches, where he has been determined and often extremely effective, and in club practice.

The Individual Epée was won by T. A. Cressman last term, in a rather sparse competition, and the Sabre Cup was won by P. M. Ham, after an encouragingly vigorous, though untidy, competition. Emanuel put up a stiff challenge, losing on the deciding barrage. The house cups and individual Foil are still to be fenced. The middle range of the club is fencing well, and should form a basis for a good team in a year or so.

C.D.M.

Team: J. C. Haas\* (Capt.) (3), P. M. Ham\* (7), T. A. Cressman (4), M. P. W. Emanuel (4), W. H. Latham (4), C. J. Dean (4), I. A. Keith (4).

\* = Colours

# SWIMMING

At the beginning of the season it seemed likely that we should have a Senior Team rather stronger than last year, but a Junior Team that would undoubtedly be weaker. Once again, however, the Juniors exceeded expectations and are enjoying a fine season.

The Seniors under the captaincy of Adrian Bird have swum consistently well, beating the combined teams of Henry VIII and Bablake Schools from Coventry in a new fixture designed to find stronger competition, and remaining undefeated until they met Bishops Stortford who are currently the best in the country. We were pleased that Bishops Stortford could visit us and hope that we will be able to continue the fixture in spite of the difficult journey. Although the Seniors lost every event, most of the races were close and it was by no means a procession except in the Freestyle event where we were completely outclassed by two swimmers who have both swum in international competition.

The Juniors who have now been undefeated for more than two years also at last found their Waterloo at the hands of Bishops Stortford, but it was a very close battle ending with victory to Bishops Stortford by a 1/10th of a second in one of the relays, with a final score for the match of 81-84 against us.

In the Seniors Matthew Street who has been an exceptionally efficient secretary has also chipped away at his own backstroke record knocking fractions of a second off his time in nearly every race until now his record stands at a very creditable 69.8 seconds for the 100 metres. Philip Richards has now added a number of Senior records to his collection, and although not as fit as last year, he has been, as expected, the most versatile mainstay of the team. Both he and Bruce Ryrie have been awarded their full colours and Bruce, of course, still has another two years ahead of him during which he seems likely to become an outstanding front crawl swimmer.

The Junior Team has progressed remarkably well with an outstanding swimmer in Robert Miller who has worked harder in training than any other swimmer in the Stowe Teams and has taken School records in every event except the breaststroke. His new time of 29.4 seconds for 50 metres butterfly is an outstanding achievement for a Fourth Form boy and one wonders where he will stop since he has broken a record on nearly every outing. He has won every personal event swum against other schools and his freestyle time of 62.9 seconds for 100 metres has beaten the long-standing record set by Chris Low, formerly of Cobham. In fact the Junior Freestyle squad has been the highlight of the Junior Team, with John Hughes-Clarke, Roderick Dew, and Ian Keith all swimming times around the mid-60's for 100 metres and combining with Bob Miller in the Bishops Stortford match to take the Junior 4 x 50 metres Freestyle Relay record down to 1 min. 56.5 secs. which time beat the existing Senior record. The Juniors did not enjoy their distinction for long on that occasion, as it was only some two minutes later that the Seniors in turn broke their own record with a time of 1 min. 54.7 secs.

We entered the Bath Cup for the first time in many years and did less well than expected, failing to reach the finals by a long way, in both Freestyle and Medley events. It is no use entering this type of competition unless as a school we are allowed to compete on equal terms with the other schools. Leaving Stowe after morning school with a packed lunch and a frantic mini-bus drive to London, the Stowe Team arrived a few minutes before their event without the opportunity of a stretch or a warm-up swim. Next year we should have two teams capable of reaching the finals, but if the same difficulties arise then it would be better not to send a team at all.

F. A. Hudson  
B. Brinkley

## Results to date of the 1978 season:

Opponents	Senior Team	Junior Team	U.15 Team
v. Coventry Schools	Won 92—73	Won 91—74	
v. Borough Road P.E. College	Won 80—45		
v. Berkhamsted	Won 45—25	Won 49—33	Won 43—30
v. Uppingham	Won 49—24	Won 42—30	
v. Cheltenham	Won 46—27	Won 49—22	
v. St Edward's	Won 54—41	Won 53—33	
v. Old Stoics	Won 58—26		
v. The Leys School	Won 57—34	Won 47—26	
v. Bishops Stortford	Lost 54—111	Lost 81—84	
v. Oundle	Won 49—41	Won 48—41	
V. Rugby			
v. Dean Close			

# WATER POLO

Still a relatively new sport at Stowe, the Water Polo had a fair season. Despite the fact that the Seniors did not win many games, the team was extremely well captained under Surgo Agüero. The Senior Team has certainly improved since last season; they unfortunately came up against tougher opposition than themselves in the form of Bedford Modern who are in fact the English School Champions. Special mention must be made of Adrian Bird who played and scored consistently throughout the season, and Ivor McLeod whose powerful shooting helped us out of some rather difficult situations. Andrew Gale the goalkeeper has shown promise in his chosen position and with a further two years left in the Senior Team he could possibly achieve greater things. Note must be made that many of the young Seniors forced their way into the team and perhaps this year's experience will not go to waste. The Junior Team looked on paper a very promising side, yet in practice they lacked the co-ordination of a team and seemed very individualistic in their outlook to the game; this probably hampered them a little. The team was captained well by Ian Keith who must surely be a promising player for the future. Justin Bentley was consistently good in defence and Bob Miller's strong swimming undoubtedly helped the team in attack. As for the Under 14's who have been playing Water Polo for less than a year, they played very well and show great promise as a side of the future. It is difficult to single out anyone outstanding player as the majority of the team played equally well, but congratulations must go to the Captain, Stuart Chorlton, for his performance throughout the season.

The House Matches, now with a new format for winning are due to be finished on the 30th June. So far Temple, the holders, have beaten both Grafton and Chatham who challenged them. Temple only need to win against Bruce, their last challengers, to hold the cup for the second year running.

The girls also played a match against Charmandean which ended in a 3—3 draw, goals scored by Susan Harvey and two goals by Carolyn Smith; although neither side was of outstanding quality the match proved to be most enjoyable with both sides very evenly balanced. We look forward to hotter stuff in the future.

Next year, things look promising as Water Polo becomes a more established sport in the school. Many thanks must go to Mr Bone and Mr Brinkley for their dedication and energy throughout the season.

M. G. Street (Secretary)

Senior	Junior	Under 14
Stowe 1 Bedford 12 (H)	Stowe 3 Bedford 9 (H)	Stowe 14 Barnwell 1 (A)
Stowe 3 Q.E. Barnet 8 (H)	Stowe 7 Barnwell 5 (H)	Stowe 11 Barnwell 1 (H)
Stowe 6 Q.E. Barnet 3 (A)	Stowe 7 Barnwell 3 (A)	Stowe 5 Haberdashers 8 (H)
Stowe 3 Haberdashers 7 (H)	Stowe 3 Haberdashers 8 (H)	Stowe 2 Haberdashers 2 (A)
Stowe 3 Haberdashers 6 (A)	Stowe 6 Haberdashers 4 (A)	

**House Matches:**  
 Temple 13 Chatham 5  
 Temple 8 Grafton 0

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

The selection of H. J. N. English (7) to play for the England Schoolboys (16 Group) against Portugal and France was the most gratifying aspect of the latter part of the rugby season. Apart from gaining invaluable experience from playing in internationals he brought great credit to Stowe and the people who coached him both here and at his preparatory school. It has also helped to show other Stoics that with plenty of hard work they too could achieve an international cap.

English assisted the Colts Seven in recording the best win of their season when they beat Belmont Abbey in the final of the Berkshire Sevens at Douai. A week later, without him, they were unlucky to lose in the quarter finals to the John Fisher School at Oxford. G. F. de Chambure (5), J. G. J. Scott (5) and W. J. N. Edgerley (4) all showed promise for the future in this side.

The Junior Colts trained hard throughout the term and in their only outing won the Buckinghamshire title beating R.G.S. High Wycombe in the final. Thirteen-year-old R. S. Nelson (7) who arrived with a great reputation from Melsis did nothing to disprove that and if he remains level-headed, works hard and listens to his mentors he could follow H. S. N. English to international honours.

The Senior Seven unfortunately did not reach any great heights. The players tried hard but we were always one player short of becoming a good side and after failures in the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire tournaments younger men were drafted in for the National tournaments.

In the Festival, wins were recorded against Churchers and Mill Hill, but in the latter game A. I. S. Swan (3), who had looked one of the quickest men in the tournament, was injured and the team were then beaten by Sherborne before coming back to draw with Brighton.

Our first round opponents in the Open were the redoubtable Llandovery side and after early apprehension had been cast aside the team settled down to win a thrilling encounter in extra time. However Hipperholme from Yorkshire proved too physically mature for us in the next round and the euphoria evaporated.

Our congratulations, finally, go to Andrew Swan, whose game has improved immeasurably in the last season, on his selection for the Scottish Under Twenty-one squad which meets in August.

J.J.L.B.

## LAWN TENNIS

### 1st VI

At the beginning of the season we felt that we would have the makings of a good team if we could get the pairings right—so much depends on style of play and personality etc. As it turned out we experimented for a few matches very early in the term, and it took a little time before we arrived at the most suitable combinations. The most successful pair proved to be that of G. J. J. Tucker, ma. and D. H. Peacock who had some excellent wins, and improved tremendously during the season so that they became our sheet anchor on more than one occasion—particularly against Oundle and Radley. A. J. Holland, ma. and N. D. Wright also had some excellent wins, and proved themselves the equal to most schools' second pairs, and with more time will develop into a very reliable team. The third pair included several players, but finally became occupied by two colts, T. M. Holland, mi. and C. J. Bayntun, with Holland the senior partner. These two are to be congratulated on their match play, and it is hoped that they will have benefited by the experience of playing in the 1st VI. Others who played for the 1st Team were A. R. Boyce, ma., J. P. Villiers, and N. D. Loup—they all did their best and showed flashes of brilliance, and the former two will be here again next season. In summary the season can be said to have been one of promise and above average success—if one discounts the loss at Rugby on grass courts which were really not suitable for play when the match took place. When the team had sorted itself out, we only lost one match after the first two had been played, and as all but one of the six are available again next year, we can look forward with confidence to the future.

<b>Results:</b> v. Bradfield	Home	Lost	4 —5
v. Marlborough	Home	Lost	3 —6
v. Rugby	Away	Lost	3 —6
v. R.G.S. High Wycombe	Home	Won	5 —4
v. Oakham	Home	Won	5½—3½
v. Eton	Home	Rain stopped play	
v. Old Stoics	Home	Won	3½—2½
v. Uppingham	Home	Lost	4 —5
v. Oundle	Away	Drawn	4½—4½
v. Radley	Away	Won	5½—3½
v. M.T.S. Northwood	Home	Cancelled—rain.	

### Colts VI

This team was probably the strongest for many years, and it was difficult to select the best pairings from among the many boys at this age available. The results speak for themselves—apart from the game against Rugby which was played at Rugby on grass courts scarcely fit for play on the 1st May, all matches were won easily. The 1st Pair of P. B. Calkin and S.A. Phillips were unbeaten throughout the season, and played with great determination and skill. They improved considerably as time went by, and there is no doubt that they will be a force to be reckoned with in the future. T. E. Marriott, mi. and O. R. S. Tucker, mi. also played very well indeed and their results are scarcely less impressive than those of the 1st Pair. They played with intelligence and safety and scored some notable wins during the season. The third pair for most of the season was T. J. Bayntun and J. C. Boyce, mi. (a first year boy) and they proved that they were the equal of most other higher pairs in other school teams. When Bayntun was promoted to the 1st VI, R. M. Harris came in to partner Boyce, and carried on the good work. Others who played in the team were E. P. Good and C. W. N. Wetton, ma. All in all this Colts Team will be hard to equal, and are to be congratulated on some excellent wins.

Results: v. Bradfield	Home	Won	6½—2½
v. Marlborough	Home	Drawn	4½—4½
v. Rugby	Away	Lost	3 —6
v. R.G.S. High Wycombe	Home	Won	7½—1½
v. Oakham	Home	Won	9 —0
v. Eton	Home	Won	4½—1½
v. Uppingham	Home	Won	6½—2½
v. Oundle	Away	Won	7½—1½
v. Radley	Away	Won	7½—1½

### The Junior VI

This team plays against Preparatory Schools and so far has played the Dragon School and Bilton Grange School. Both matches were played in a very fine spirit, and were largely designed to give representative matches to boys who would otherwise not yet be in a school team, plus some more experienced players to provide stiff opposition to the opponents. Those who played have included the following: P. B. Calkin, A. R. Boyce, mi., T. J. Bayntun, D. V. Whitcombe, M. H. Verall, D. G. Hargreaves, C. J. Bilborough and R. N. Lockhart-Smith, and all have shown considerable potential which augurs well for the future.

### Girls VI

The Girls VI has played Marlborough College, Rugby School, Oakham and Uppingham, and although not registering a win, they have played well and improved considerably during the season. Caroline Hill (Captain) and Amanda Aykroyd had one or two impressive wins, Charlotte Clarke and Avril Comery played competently, while Serena Marshall and Paula Goldsmith also showed signs of promise. With such a small number of girls of course it is difficult to get the right opponents, but obviously results will vary from year to year—next season should bring more success in matches. But the main purpose of these matches is that the girls enjoy the competition, and this certainly was the case this year.

In summary, taking all teams into consideration, Stowe tennis, at the moment, is in a very healthy condition.

### Youll Cup and Clark Cup Competitions

A reminder to anyone who will be in or near London during the holidays. Please come to support Stowe in the weeks beginning the 17th July and 24th July at Wimbledon (results in **The Times** and **The Daily Telegraph**) as we shall be playing, as usual, in the Boys' Schools and Public Schools L.T.A. Championships in those weeks at the All England L.T.C. Wimbledon.

P.G.L.

## ARCHERY

Once again this term has been a total success for the archery team with convincing victories over Wellington, Eton, Finchley Albanian, Bedford and Radley, confirming the fact that Stowe archery is a force to be reckoned with. A good deal of new equipment has been bought this term with the result that archery has become an increasingly popular summer activity. In particular this term we have seen the rapid rise and improvement of R. Squires and M. Turner, which next summer will help off-set the departure of the captain, A. Law, who has been the back-bone of the team for the last four years.

The team would particularly like to thank Mr Rudolf who has sacrificed many peaceful afternoons to help us, especially in ferrying us to and from matches.

The following have shot for the team: A. Law (Capt.), M. Emanuel (Secretary), A. Squires, A. Mitchell.

M. P. W. Emanuel

## GOLF

### Spring Term

We had the best of the weather for our warm-up matches, with the exception of the Buckingham fixture which had to be cancelled when four inches of snow fell overnight.

Results: v. Sandy Lodge Juniors, at Sandy Lodge	Won	6 —0
v. Old Stoic Golfing Society, at Woburn	Lost	½—5½
v. Harrow at Moor Park	Won	4½—1½
v. Ellesborough Golf Club, at Ellesborough	Lost	0 —3

### The Micklem Golf Trophy

Played at Woking G.C., 12th-13th April.

This year's tournament took place in typical English Spring weather—continuous rain, temperature just above freezing point and with the threat of snow never very far away. The golf was not of vintage quality, but was certainly better than it might have been in the conditions. The absence of Gray, who is to be congratulated on his selection for the Swift's Golf Tour of America, was certainly a blow; Paine, Garnett, Lindner and James selected themselves and Marlowe narrowly pipped Cameron in the play-off for fifth place in the team.

### Round 1 v. Bradfield

The opposition here did not look strong, and Stowe quickly established a firm advantage, although Garnett was struggling to hold his own in the second match. Paine and James were the first to clinch victories, each by 6 and 4; Marlowe was a little erratic on the outward half but pulled away to win by 4 and 3. Lindner held on to his early lead to win by 2 and 1, and a good finish by Garnett produced victory by the same margin.

Result: Stowe 5; Bradfield 0.

### Semi-Final v. Eton

This looked a tough match on paper, against a promising young team, and so it proved. Lindner gave himself an impossible task by losing the first five holes, and eventually went down by 6 and 5. James, who was certainly the most consistent member of the Stowe team, was soon 4 up, and, despite a recovery by his opponent, was always playing well enough to win, eventually doing so by 4 and 3. The other three matches were all very tight for most of the way, and with Marlowe apparently only needing to achieve consistency to beat an opponent who was a very short hitter, it seemed that Stowe needed to win one of the top two matches. However, it was not to be. Paine was 1 up after 13 holes, but 3-putted the 14th and 16th (where his opponent chipped in after being in all kinds of trouble), and an immaculate par 4 at the 17th sent him down by 2 and 1. Garnett was all square after 13 holes, but was unfortunate enough to concede a penalty on the 14th when his ball moved after address; he never recovered from this, losing by 3 and 2. Marlowe's 3 and 1 victory subsequently narrowed the margin of the defeat.

Result: Stowe 2; Eton 3.

It would not be right to end this report without thanking all the supporters and caddies who turned up on both days; in that respect at least, Stowe seemed to have the edge on the other competitors. Now we must aim to produce a Micklem team that can avenge three successive years of defeats by Eton!

Team: G. G. R. Paine (2), M. N. Garnett, ma. (8), C. J. Lindner (1), P. T. James (5), B. R. A. Marlowe (2).  
Reserves: J. J. O'G. Cameron (9), T. S. Maynard (6).



## Summer Term

The Trials suggested that the Golf Thirty would be stronger this year and so it has turned out. With senior players like Luddington, Montgomery, C. D. Bird, Macdonald and Horrocks improving considerably during the term and new talent appearing in the persons of Sutcliffe, Edgerley, Shaw, Hill and J. K. Taylor there has been strong backing for the Woking team and we have consistently been able to field teams of eight or more which have been as strong as or stronger than those in recent years. Perhaps the top players have not always been able to cope with the calibre of golfer to be found at Numbers 1 and 2 strings, but there has been little to choose between Gray, Garnett, Paine, Lindner, James and Marlowe, all of whom have played very well on occasions, though not consistently so. The results show a successful season, and a highlight was the convincing win over a strong Old Stoic side on Speech Day. Curiously enough, the less good results have happened on our own course this year; Ellesborough showed all-round strength to record their first victory in fourteen years on the Stowe course, King George V School from Southport took revenge for their defeats last year and the golfing doctors produced their best result to date with a halved match. The Radley juniors swung the match at Huntercombe, and with thirteen of the Thirty leaving this year there will be plenty of opportunity next season for younger talent to show through. School Colours for Golf have been awarded to: P. T. James, C. J. Lindner, B. R. A. Marlowe,

### A. M. Vinen

Results: v. Monmouth, at Tadmerton Heath	Won	6 —0
v. Northampton County G.C., at Stowe	Won	8½—1½
v. Buckingham G.C., at Buckingham	Won	3½—2½
v. Ellesborough G.C., at Stowe	Lost	4½—6½
v. The Fathers, at Stowe	Won	10 —2
v. Eton, at Huntercombe	Won	4 —2
v. King George v. Southport, at Stowe	Lost	5 —7
v. Haileybury, at Harpenden	Won	5½—2½
v. Uppingham, at Staverton	Won	4½—1½
v. Old Stoics, at Stowe	Won	10 —1
v. Oundle, at Church Brampton	Won	8 —0
v. Chiltern Medical G.S.	Halved	3½—3½
v. Oakham, at Stowe	Won	6 —1
v. Radley, at Huntercombe	Lost	2½—5½
v. Buckingham G.C., at Stowe		

## SCULLING

Although we started off on a very ambitious note at the beginning of term, the Sculling Club has been faced with the same old problem of ageing boats and a lack of finance, severely restricting inter-school competition. We entered the Wallingford Regatta in May but this was cancelled because of flooding. At the time of going to press it is planned to enter the Egham Regatta in July, when we will surely not be faced with the same extreme conditions! There has nevertheless been some impressive sculling this term with the rapidly improving J. E. James threatening S. D. Milligan's present best timings. Indeed, such is the quality of some of the scullers that this year's House Matches at the end of term could produce a new school record.

An enjoyable season.

C. R. Haslam  
S. D. Milligan  
L. S. Trimmingham

## SAILING

It soon became clear this season that although the Club was unusually young there was a surprising depth of talent which coupled with the enthusiasm of the less experienced produced a competition for team places which raised the standard of sailing during the term to a very high level.

The season started with two very comfortable wins at home over Aldenham and Rugby which inspired everyone's confidence for what we knew would be a hard battle again at home against St Edward's, who retained as far as we could see the same team that defeated us last year. After some very hard racing, however, we won on the last race to keep our unbeaten record.

We then faced two difficult away matches: against Oundle on what we were to discover was an extremely narrow and windless River Nene, and Radley, about whose battered Nationals and shallow gravel pit we had been told. We took two teams to Oundle, and after some very frustrating sailing the 1st Team lost very narrowly in Graduates and the 2nds lost rather more heavily in their older Alphas. At Radley, we discovered they had replaced four of their old Nationals, but eventually had to accept a defeat which should never really have happened and the reasons for which are difficult to pinpoint.

Otherwise, the season so far has been very enjoyable and successful, with a new boat having been bought, William Hanks rather surprisingly winning the Helmsman's Tankard, Chandos and Chatham being favourites for the House trophy and the Old Stoics match to look forward to. As always we owe a tremendous debt to C.W.O.R. whose maintenance of the boats and enthusiastic support is so often taken for granted. Meanwhile all holds well for the future with the team for next year probably to be almost unchanged from the present one.

John Ogden

1st Team: J. W. Ogden, ma. (8), P. R. G. Horner (6), A. G. Walker (4), J. D. Brocklebank (8), W. J. Hanks (4), M. S. Close-Smith (3).

Those who also sailed in the Oundle match: J. M. Pike (5), J. S. R. Fulford (7), J. P. Garnett, mi. (8), J. S. Peal (9), M. R. D. Fulford (3), P. M. I. Curwen (6).

## SQUASH RACKETS

As far as squash rackets is concerned, last term is best forgotten as soon as possible! We had to contend not only with a great deal of illness, but also court difficulties (they are still not always fit for play) and a not inconsiderable lack of keenness amongst the Senior players to play in away matches, or to play after they had taken part in their 'major' game of the term. Five matches had to be cancelled for one reason or another, and only three were played—Aylesbury G.S. and Marlborough College beating us convincingly. There are a number of very good and keen young players in Stowe at the moment, and it is to be hoped (and expected) that when they are at the top of the School next term, they will adopt the attitude of those who were playing a year or two ago, when up to twelve matches were played each term (and several teams came from as far afield as Yorkshire and Devon just to have the opportunity of playing against Stowe). It must still be possible for boys to play their 'major game', and squash rackets without feeling they are 'too tired'—the human frame has not changed, it is merely the mental approach of some boys which has sometimes been weak. No more need be said except that I shall hope to write a squash rackets report in a manner which reflects a really sound approach to sport in general by Stoics in next term's *Stoic*—I am confident that we shall have the right people in the teams to make this a certainty, but it will depend on them.

P.G.L.

## FIVES

After so much promise before Christmas the Spring Term was a bitter disappointment. This may seem a strange comment when one studies the results, for the Seniors were very successful even against Schools where Fives is treated as more than a joke game, and the new boys have continued their successful start of the previous term. But if one looks behind the results one sees the truth. The Seniors owe their well-deserved success to a handful of boys who have shown keenness and have practised, but there is no depth, and indeed two boys who were very happy to represent the School when it suited them before Christmas decided that afterwards they could not really be bothered. The Colts, who have plenty of talent, rarely play and have inevitably been overtaken by less talented boys at other schools. The Junior Colts have hardly played either and doubtless, ere long, this year's new boys will fall into the same pattern.

When it came to the Public Schools' Championship in the Easter holidays only four boys, all juniors, could be persuaded to take part, and this at a time when Stowe could really begin to make some impact in the Fives world.

It is indeed depressing to have to write in this vein, but I can only hope that there are some people in the School who will read this and take up the challenge either by playing the game for enjoyment—for it is an enjoyable and sociable game and we are indeed lucky to have three of the best courts in the country—or in some cases by really getting down to it and seeing just what standard they can reach.

P. R. Bowden

The following have played:

**Seniors:** C. R. Lloyd\* (2), P. A. Salariya\* (2), A. J. Rossdale\* (9), J. A. G. Bird (2), P. A. Marshall (4), G. J. J. Tucker (9).

**Colts:** M. J. C. Gull (1), G. F. de Chambure (5), S. C. Andrews (1), A. R. J. MacKinnon (4), P. J. Martin (1), R. J. Fullman (1).

**Junior Colts:** M. C. Turner (1), S. C. Chorlton (1), W. J. Hanks (4), N. D. Collins (9), P. B. Calkin (9).

**New Boys:** M. M. Ivison (3), J. D. N. Wetton (1), P. K. E. Steward (4), M. J. Hooper (4), C. A. Boxall (9), A. V. Aswani (3), N. J. A. Fellowes (4).

\* Denotes Colours.

Results:	Seniors	Colts	J. Colts	New Boys
v. Sunningdale				2—0
v. Wolverhampton G.S.	0—1	0—1		
v. King Edward's, Birmingham	2—0			
v. Uppingham	1—1	2—0	2—0	
v. Repton	3—0	0—2	0—2	1—0
v. Old Citizens	2—1			
v. Berkhamsted		1—1	0—2	1—1
v. R.G.S. High Wycombe	1—0	0—2		
v. Aldenham				2—1
v. Charterhouse	2—0			
v. Old Edwardian Colts	1—0		0—1	1—1

**Competitions:**

**Open Pairs:** Lloyd and Salariya beat Bird and Marshall 3—1.

**Junior Pairs:** Marshall and Mackinnon beat Turner and Chorlton 3—0.

## SHOOTING

This term we have shot in two .303 matches. On the 6th May we went to Bisley to compete in the London and Middlesex Meeting but unfortunately the scores were far from good. The Team came 21st out of 24, the Cadet Pair 22nd out of 24 and the Ninth Man 37th out of 39. On the 27th May we shot against Bradfield College in the Oxford Schools Meeting and we also lost to them. At the end of term a team will be competing in the Ashburton Meeting at Bisley, so we hope the scores will be better there.

Once again we have entered five teams in the .22 leagues but no results have come through yet.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those masters who have given up their time to take us to Otmoor every Tuesday.

D. M. Stewart (Captain)

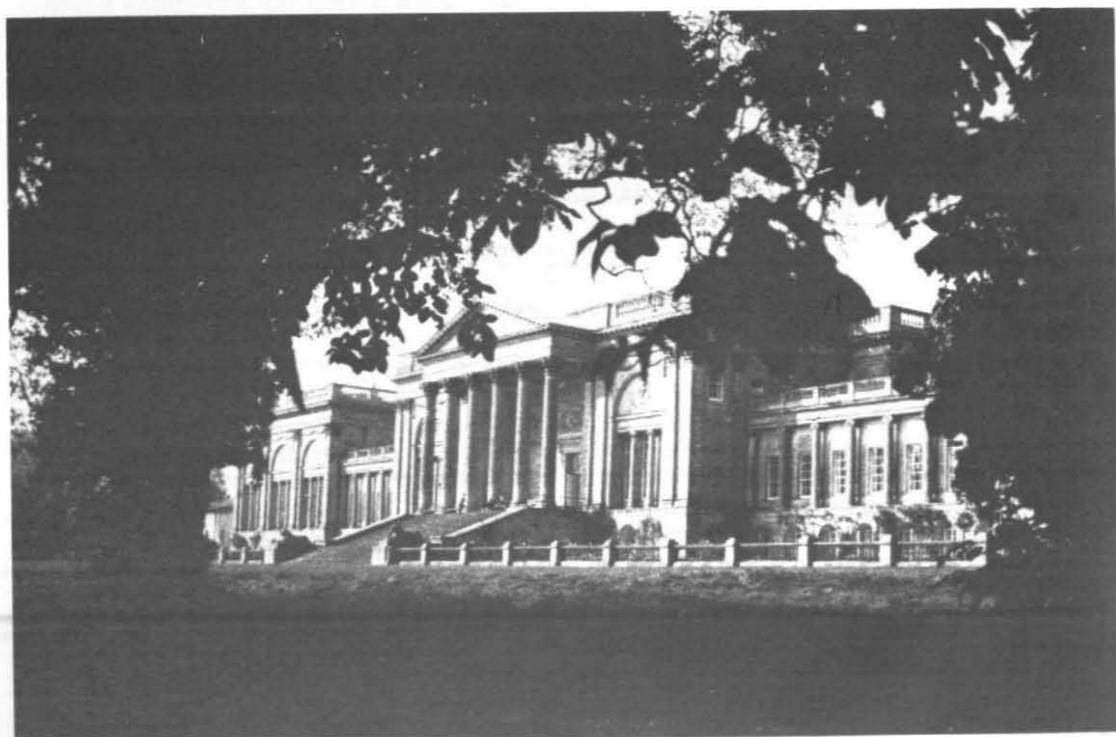
The following have been awarded their Shooting Colours: A. F. Savage (Secretary) (4), J. C. Cunningham-Jardine (6), R. S. Nelson (2), J. C. W. Hall (1), M. R. Thomas (8).

## THE STOWE BEAGLES

The overall picture of the hunting season was a very good one. Hounds hunted with great drive, even during the slow scenting days of early December, and the whole month of February. Over the Christmas holidays hounds were hunted by the Kennel-Huntsman John Thornton and some very good days were had. Also during the Christmas holidays, Whipper-in Miles Salmon took hounds up to the Peak district for an enjoyable day. At the beginning of term scenting conditions looked hopeful; however, after a busy joint-meet with our neighbours, the North Bucks Beagles a succession of hard frosts ruined any chance of fast hunting, though hounds went to every fixture, hunting was always slow. On the 28th of February hounds were taken to Moreton-in-Marsh, the meet being at Batsford Park, and we hunted non-stop from 1.30 till after 5, darkness prevented a satisfactory conclusion but the scent had been breast-high all day and at last we could start to hunt at speed. The Saturday that followed was one of the best days for some time; the meet at Fawsley over some of the Pytchley's best country resulted in another non-stop day with a leash brought to book in a really convincing manner. Now that hounds were in blood again, they continued to hunt well, and we had an enjoyable joint-meet with the Radley College Beagles, with ½ brace accounted for. March the 18th was the last fixture of the season, another good, busy day with a satisfactory ½ brace added to the tally, which finished at 17 brace.

Hounds were taken to Ardingly Hound Show on June the 9th and we picked up a good number of rosettes, 4 first, 3 seconds, 5 thirds. Starlight 77 won the Reserve bitch championship, and Willow 78 the unentered bitch all of which augurs well for the future. Hounds will also be going to the Hound Show at Peterborough, and probably to that of Honiton as well, later on in August, we hope that we will have as much success there as at Ardingly. R. Ando is retiring as Master and P. F. Burditt and J. R. Fanshawe will be Joint-Masters next season. Whippers-in S. Curling, M. Salmon and A. Milligan are leaving the school. The Whips for next season will be: N. Hedley (8), G. Hemsley (5) and F. Wheeler (2). The following also have assisted much at the Kennels: D. Irvine (2), A. Dangar (2) and C. Bilborough (4). We must all bear in mind the long hours of work that Kennel-Huntsman John Thornton does, and all his good advice that he gives in the hunting field. Together with his wife Ann Thornton he does so much for the hunt.

Roderic Ando



## OLD STOIC NEWS

**P. P. G. Aldrich-Blake** (6 1961) was awarded the Mick Burke Award for Expedition film making, presented by H.R.H. Prince of Wales in March 1978.

**J. O. Arnold** (7 1946) was appointed President of the British Printing Industries Federation in May 1977.

**P. S. Ashton** (6 1953) has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and in October 1978 becomes Arnold Professor of Botany, Professor of Dendrology and Director of the Arnold Arboretum at Harvard University.

**C. M. Bevan** (8 1940) was awarded the C.B. in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 1978.

**R. A. P. Blandy** (2 1954) is now Chairman of Blandy Brothers in Funchal, Madeira where he was Honorary Swedish Consul from 1968-1971.

**I. F. Bracey** (6 1961) took part in the 1978 Le Mans race.

**Viscount Buckmaster** (6 1938) is Head of Chancery and Consul in Sana'a in the Yemen Arab Republic.

**Sir James Cable** (5 1938) is H.M. Ambassador in Helsinki.

**Lord Chorley** (7 1948) was appointed a member of the Ordnance Survey Review Committee in February 1978.

**Sir David Croom-Johnson** (2 1932) was appointed a member of the Tribunal of Inquiry into losses incurred by the Crown Agents (1978).

**P. S. De Barrow** (4 1955) is commanding 2nd Battalion The Queen's Regiment from September 1978.

**Sir Derek Dodson** (4 1937) is H.M. Ambassador in Ankara.

**G. L. D. Duckworth** (6 1949) was awarded the C.B.E. in the New Year Honours List 1978.

**A. J. Fane** (6 1974) carried the Colour of the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards on the Queen's Birthday Parade 1978.

**C. E. Guinness** (5 1942) is Master of the Brewer's Company 1978.

**J. D. N. Hartland-Swan** (1 1949) is H.M. Ambassador in Ulan Bator.

**Sir Anthony Hayward** (3 1945) was created a Knight Bachelor in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 1978 for services to British commercial interests and the British Community in India.

**Lord Hutchinson (J. N. St. J. Hutchinson)** (6 1932) was created Baron Hutchinson of Lullington in March 1978.

**P. P. Keens** (6 1950) is Master of the Feltmakers Company of London for 1978.

**Lord Kennet** (8 1941) was appointed a member of the Redundant Churches Fund in March 1978.

**J. E. C. Kennon** (3 1943) was appointed Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Policy) in June 1978 and promoted Rear Admiral in July 1978.

**D. C. A. Lloyd** (6 1946) was appointed Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Operations) at M.O.D. (R.A.F.) in May 1978.

**A. J. Murdoch** (2 1962) is Director of Public Information for the League of Red Cross Societies in Geneva.

**D. S. Paravicini** (5 1948) was awarded the O.B.E. in the New Year Honours List 1978 for services as General Manager, Mining Division, of the Thomas De La Rue Company.

**C. H. Pemberton** (1 1965) is High Sherriff of Dyfed.

**J. R. Perring** (3 1948) is Master Elect of the Furniture Makers Company.  
**Sir Robert Pigot, Bt.** (3 1932) is High Sheriff for the Isle of Wight.  
**D. B. Reid** (1 1938) is an Executive Director with William & Glyn's Bank.  
**Sir Brooks Richards** (2 1936) was H.M. Ambassador in Athens until May 1978.  
**S. D. M. Robertson** (1 1947) was awarded the O.B.E. in the New Year Honours List 1978 for services at the Prospect Theatre.  
**T. R. Ryder** (9 1971) was awarded an Astbury Law Scholarship at the Middle Temple.  
**A. Sethi** (9 1976) is an Oxford Golf Blue.  
**R. P. Synge** (3 1974) is now racing a Lotus 61 Formula Ford.  
**The Hon. Sir Peter Vanneck** (1 1939) is Master of Gunmaker's Company.  
**D. Wynne** (3 1972) had a series "Taking Shape" on B.B.C.2 relating to his recent commission for the City of Sheffield.

The following were placed in First Class in the recent examinations at their respective universities:

**P. K. Filmer Sankey** (4 1974) (subject not known), Newcastle.  
**D. M. W. Reid** (5 1975) German, U.C.L.  
**M. Ridley** (2 1974) Nat. Sc. (Zoology), Oxford.

## MARRIAGES

**W. G. Ashcroft** (5 1971) to Elizabeth Regina Mary Klaber on 28th August 1976.  
**M. C. Bailey** (6 1972) to Jane Elizabeth Clifton-Brown on 29th April 1978.  
**R. A. P. Blandy** (2 1954) to Christina Sigrid Bengtsson in August 1970.  
**P. E. Dawson** (8 1963) to Celia Stilwell.  
**M. D. Goodwin** (5 1958) to Anne Dundas Laurence on 23rd January 1978.  
**J. R. Hartland-Swan** (2 1966) to Melvina Benyon.  
**S. S. How** (5 1968) to Barbara Joan Statters on 20th July 1974.  
**M. A. A. Kwiatowski** (4 1973) to Scylla Nina Antoinette Parkyn.  
**A. J. Laird Craig** (1 1972) to Roxane Balfour on 8th April 1978.  
**S. D. Moss** (1 1970) to Joy Rochelle Berger on 2nd December 1976.  
**R. L. Rome** (4 1966) to Nasrin Vasseghi on 4th February 1978.  
**I. R. Scott-Gall** (2 1967) to Catherine Bowen on 18th September 1971.  
**P. R. Sebag-Montefiore** (8 1950) to Carol Pomeroy on 30th March 1978.  
**N. J. Shelley** (3 1968) to Andrea Williams on 10th February 1978.  
**T. A. A. St. Johnstone** (5 1960) to Marie-Madeleine Ansermet in January 1978.  
**N. M. Stern** (1 1957) to Linda Rose on 9th May 1978.  
**M. A. G. Stewart** (4 1961) to Caroline Jane Howard on 1st June 1968.  
**C. J. Tate** (8 1971) to Jane Bicket on 6th January 1978.  
**T. N. A. Telford** (5 1968) to Sarah Drummond Angus on 19th July 1975.  
**B. R. Waddilove** (7 1953) to Winifred Margaret Heal on 19th January 1963.  
**M. H. Waring** (4 1961) to Dona Lucia de Faro in 1974.

## BIRTHS

To the wife of:

**R. A. P. Blandy** (2 1954) three daughters born 1971, 1973 and 1977.  
**J. M. Burnell-Nugent** (7 1967) a daughter on 10th March 1978.  
**P. E. Dawson** (8 1963) a son on 22nd May 1978.  
**J. R. Hartland-Swan** (1 1966) a son born 19th January 1978.  
**D. R. Henniker-Major** (5 1966) a daughter on 2nd June 1978.  
**S. S. How** (5 1968) a son on 11th March 1978.  
**G. M. T. Jeffrey** (3 1964) two sons born 29th April 1975 and 3rd March 1977.  
**J. F. R. Saunders** (6 1962) a son born January 1978.  
**I. H. Scott-Gall** (2 1967) a son on 8th May 1978.  
**M. A. G. Stewart** (4 1961) a son on 21st January 1975.  
**A. F. Stone** (2 1959) a son on 3rd February 1978.  
**B. R. Waddilove** (7 1953) a son on 20th April 1964 and a daughter on 1st July 1966.

## DEATHS

**R. J. M. Amphlett** (5 1932) on 6th January 1978.  
**A. J. Barber-Lomax** (3 1960) on 25th April 1978.  
**J. H. C. Corlette** (1 1926) in December 1977.  
**J. M. Dillon** (6 1950) on 1st May 1977.  
**A. Dunsford** (1 1929) on 5th May 1978.  
**D. A. Dunsford** (1 1926) between 1965-1971.  
**L. J. Eastwood** (3 1939) on 19th March 1978.  
**J. M. F. Eglestone** (1 1932) died during 1960's.  
**B. N. B. Hardinge** (4 1951) in 1967.  
**C. T. Llewellyn Palmer** (4 1935) on 1st February 1978.  
**K. D. Miall** (1 1929) in June 1977.  
**C. S. D. Moore** (Staff 1944-1945) on 28th March 1978.  
**D. P. M. Ramsey** (2 1936) on 21st January 1978.  
**J. M. Reeves** (4 1927) on 1st May 1978.  
**H. C. I. Rome** (4 1937) on 24th February 1978.

Non-Academic Staff:

**Miss Kathleen Butler** (Matron of Bruce for 23 years) on 17th March 1978.  
**Miss Molly Trengrouse** (Librarian) on 29th March 1978.



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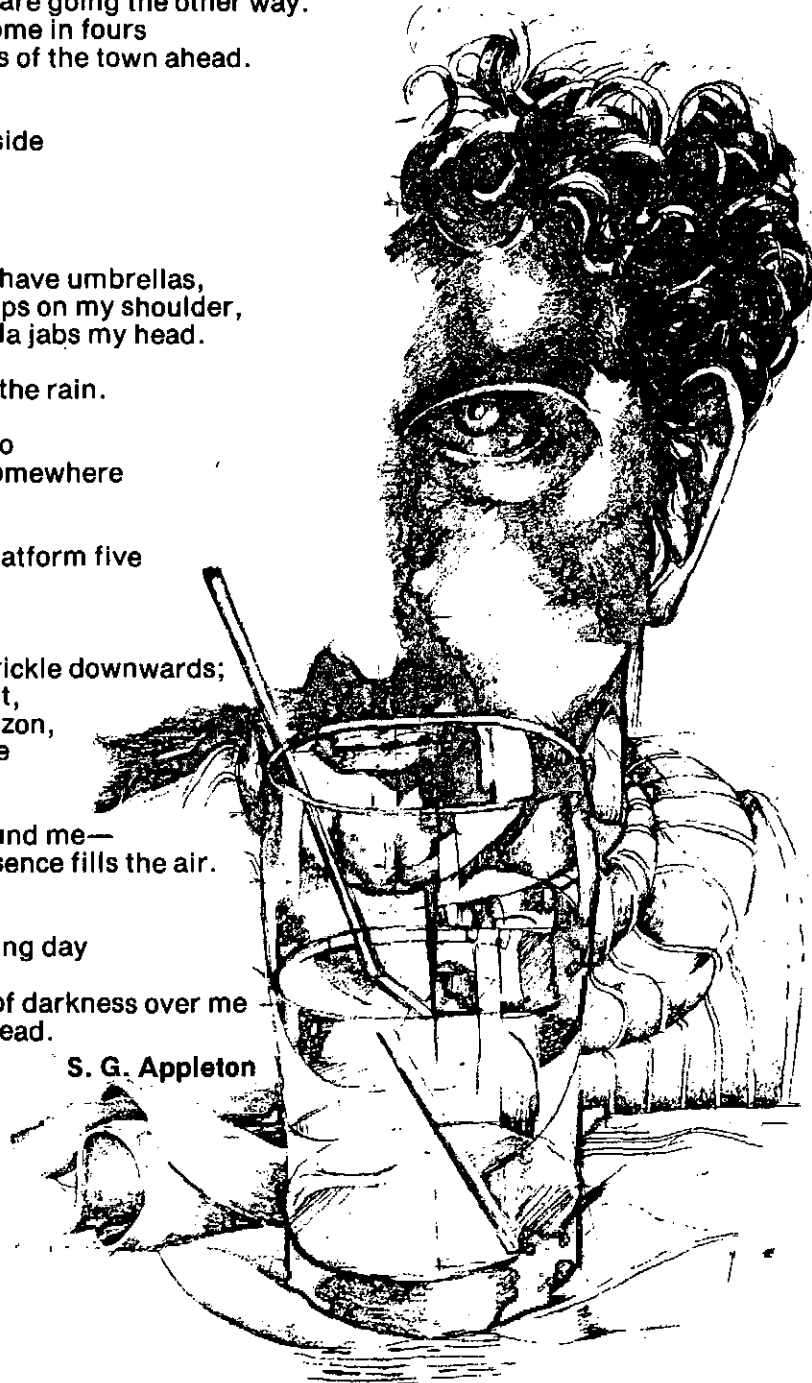
I am walking homewards into the misty dark  
And all the other people are going the other way.  
They walk in twos and some in fours  
Towards the bright lights of the town ahead.  
I am alone  
I walk in the darkness  
With my shadow by my side  
But I am alone;  
Inside an alien crowd.

It is raining  
And all the other people have umbrellas,  
Somebody else's rain drips on my shoulder,  
Somebody else's umbrella jabs my head.  
I am alone:  
With no protection from the rain.

It's rush hour at Waterloo  
And everyone is going somewhere  
Except me;  
I am alone;  
The train leaving from platform five  
Is going  
Without me.

All around me the hills trickle downwards;  
There's not a tree in sight,  
No figure breaks the horizon,  
And the sounds of silence  
Are shouting in my ears.  
I'm not alone:  
I can feel my friends around me—  
Their overwhelming presence fills the air.  
I am the earth  
The earth is me  
Now quietly, with the dying day  
I slip into the soil,  
And pulling the strands of darkness over me  
I let the night cover my head.

S. G. Appleton



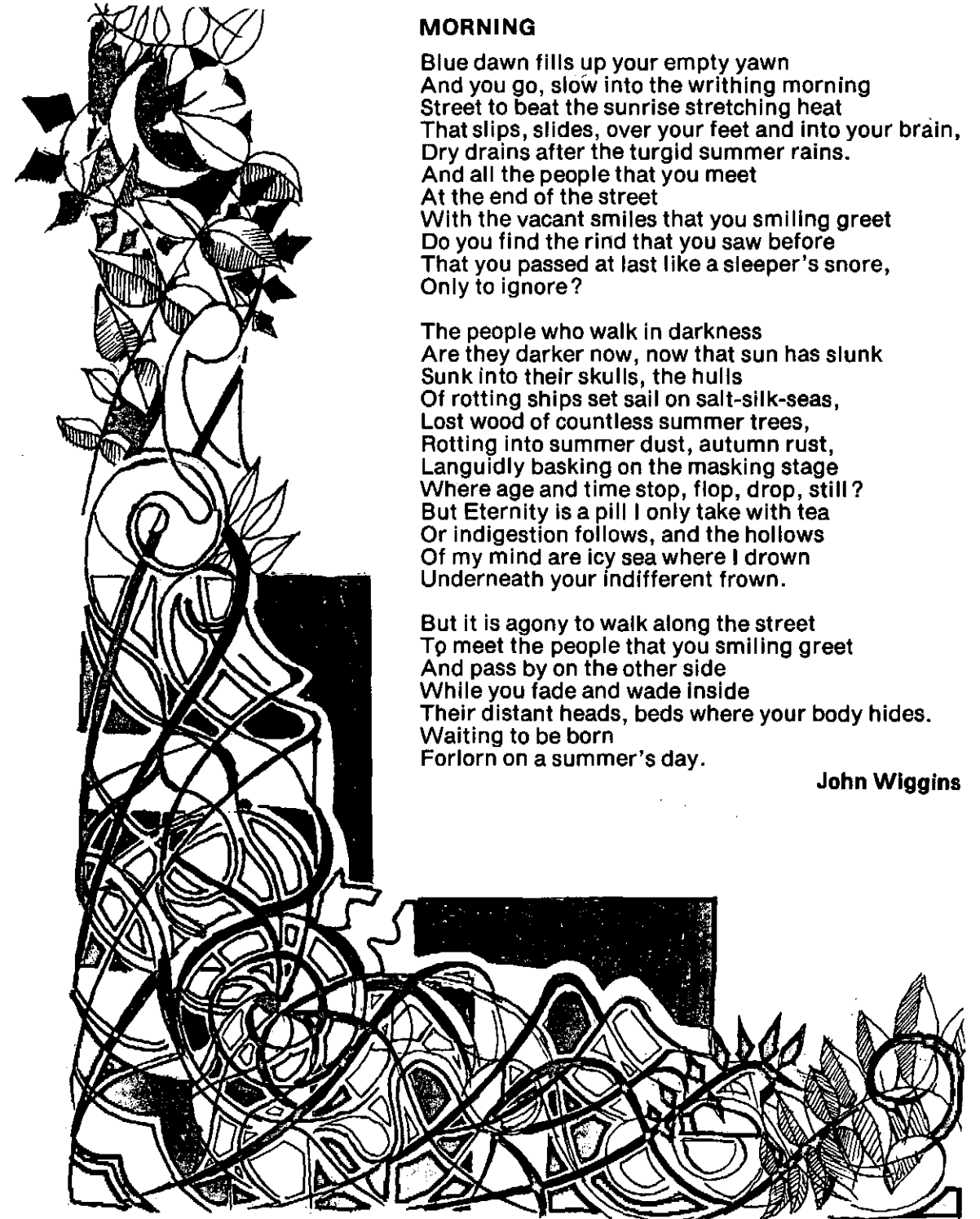
## MORNING

Blue dawn fills up your empty yawn  
And you go, slow into the writhing morning  
Street to beat the sunrise stretching heat  
That slips, slides, over your feet and into your brain,  
Dry drains after the turgid summer rains.  
And all the people that you meet  
At the end of the street  
With the vacant smiles that you smiling greet  
Do you find the rind that you saw before  
That you passed at last like a sleeper's snore,  
Only to ignore?

The people who walk in darkness  
Are they darker now, now that sun has slunk  
Sunk into their skulls, the hulls  
Of rotting ships set sail on salt-silk-seas,  
Lost wood of countless summer trees,  
Rotting into summer dust, autumn rust,  
Languidly basking on the masking stage  
Where age and time stop, flop, drop, still?  
But Eternity is a pill I only take with tea  
Or indigestion follows, and the hollows  
Of my mind are icy sea where I drown  
Underneath your indifferent frown.

But it is agony to walk along the street  
To meet the people that you smiling greet  
And pass by on the other side  
While you fade and wade inside  
Their distant heads, beds where your body hides.  
Waiting to be born  
Forlorn on a summer's day.

John Wiggins



**HERE COMES EVERYBODY!**

**Rimbaud (1854-91)**

Evening and Europe,  
The bull led by the bear;  
Here he slept while the dreams of  
An Empire faded.  
Dreams that tied suffering to success,  
Trying to purify a pond too deep  
To be inured by ideals. Sleeping and sinking  
He strays into the darkest recess, not of  
Fashionable stars in the comic light  
Of a loving candle, nor firescapes  
Turneresque.

To the silent room  
He came in the untenanted evening,  
Listening from his mind to the trees'  
Listless twisting.

**Windless**

At the heart of Europe's factory  
He hears the carriages cart their load  
Along distant roadways leaving a darkness;  
Him.

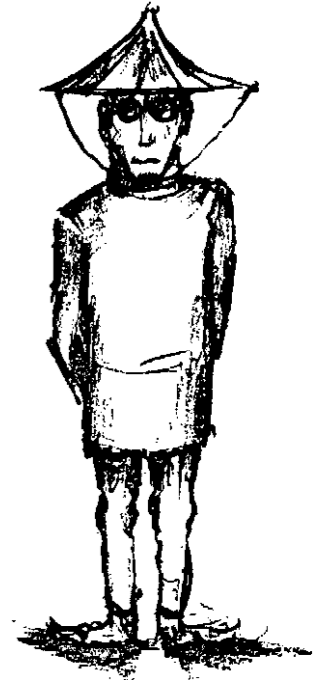
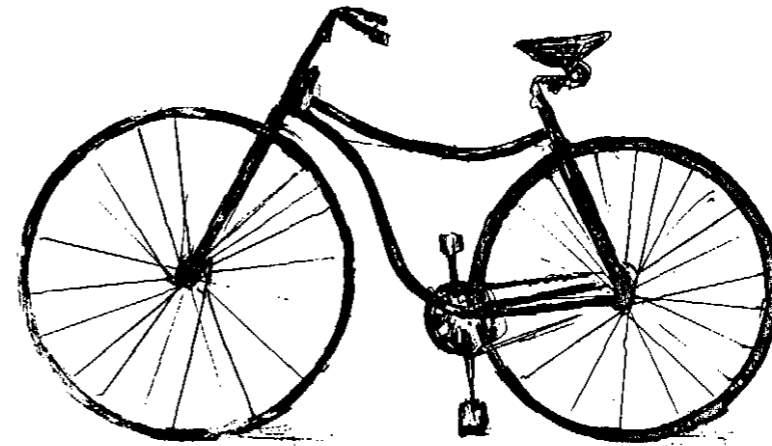
Beneath the restlessness of profit and loss  
There is nothing happening,  
Nothing to barter,  
Only a wish to turn to a halt  
The unmasked-for travelling day,  
The wires and enclosing snares  
Of a public hour. Only a wilful desire  
To make the shouts of the now-gone  
Multitudes the scatterings of a windblown  
Anthill. From the figureless track he came to rest  
Running for an instant into the truth of nature,  
The implacable capability of a peasant's smile.

From the city he came,  
Place of long-drawn faces in a mirror of bronze,  
And the cordial dreams of Paul Verlaine,  
Lyricist turned insatiate lover. Even  
When the gun fired from the other's hand  
The shot whispered, he listened in silence  
To his anger. No solace seemed his own,  
Every house a skeleton of past friends,  
The entrances and departures of faces  
Who took his memory, leaving him alone.  
The two men became a living silence;  
Not even a gun could take away with death  
The eternal quiet of absence.  
All-surrounding them the shining sea  
Etches out a hollow in the one-time refuge  
Become cave for the dying minstrel.  
Unresolved, their minds could only console  
That a lover's heart becomes  
Home for a wandering man who loses all.

**Anthony Bunting**

'Better fifty years of Europe than a cycle of Cathay'.

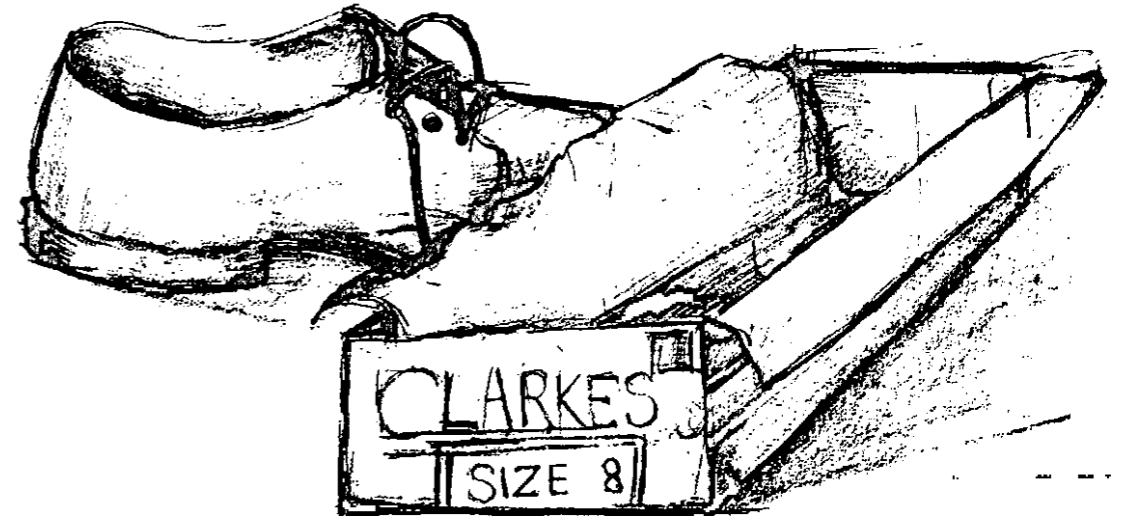
**Tennyson**



But you can't beat a Chinese bicycle!

'There's a divinity that shapes our ends,  
Rough-hew them how we will.'

**Shakespeare**



They're better hewn by \_\_\_\_\_

## SUNSET AT THE TEMPLE OF ANCIENT VIRTUE

Silent the muse, silent yet singing,  
Singing the song of the earth and the air,  
While gods of the breezes gently suspiring  
Tousle the oak tree's leafy hair.

Waves in the wind of emerald grasses  
Now sheaves of green, now strands of gold,  
Whispering lightly the secret of Midas  
Long ago listened to, long ago told.

Far off, the faint echoes of Aegean Pan-pipes  
Resound through the temple's acoustic space,  
Pervading the air with alluring melody  
Making me look for a satyr's face;

Showering down through Olympian fingers  
Shimmering rivers of velvet light  
Gilding the monument's pallid stonework  
Leaving the twilight scene to night.

Slowly the Hadean cloak of darkness  
Lengthens, insidious shadows spread,  
While bathing the clouds in shining silver  
Selene lifts up her brilliant head.

Sleeping, expiring Lethean incense  
The earth breathes out in scented sighs  
As a solitary owl on a twisted tree branch  
Stares at the stars with hypnotic eyes.

D. R. L. Boyd

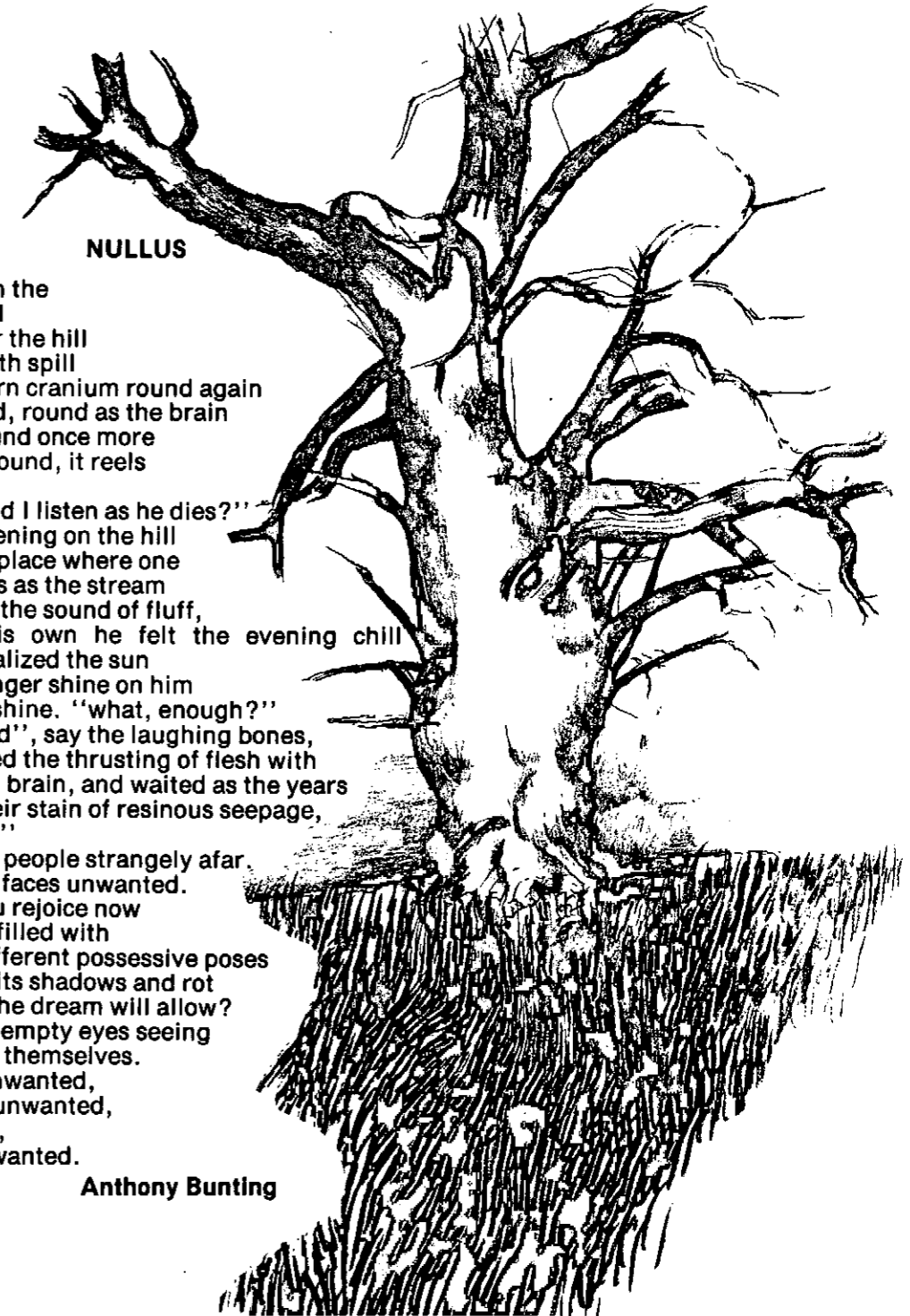
## TOMORROW ?

Yesterday I heard the guns of distant war  
And felt the sad agony of those men  
Who shuddered at the blood shot eyes they saw  
Suffocating in the poisonous fen.

Today I watched the barrage blow our lights  
And felt a quaking earth beneath my feet,  
I knew the nightmares of harsh blood-stained fights,  
Those screaming shells which only bare lands greet.

I wonder now what future life will bring  
If all who live are born to fight and die,  
Mourned only by sad choruses which sing  
Laments. Will God utter a despairing cry  
When he surveys his world about to pass away?  
For if we call this peace, what will our children say?

David Eaton



## NULLUS

round again the  
same sound  
the cry over the hill  
the afterbirth spill  
the new-born cranium round again  
as the world, round as the brain  
that has found once more  
its enemy sound, it reels  
at the cry  
"why should I listen as he dies?"  
lamp steepening on the hill  
toward the place where one  
figure walks as the stream  
listens, ah, the sound of fluff,  
once on his own he felt the evening chill  
when he realized the sun  
could no longer shine on him  
or seem to shine. "what, enough?"  
"I contained", say the laughing bones,  
"entertained the thrusting of flesh with  
a barracked brain, and waited as the years  
emptied their stain of resinous seepage,  
ah, the love"  
the all-time people strangely afar,  
dismiss the faces unwanted.  
how can you rejoice now  
when body filled with  
a million different possessive poses  
will wait in its shadows and rot  
only when the dream will allow?  
dismiss the empty eyes seeing  
nothing but themselves.  
the place unwanted,  
the person unwanted,  
nothing left,  
nothing unwanted.

Anthony Bunting



## "BLUE OCTOPUS"

### Thoughts of "an old man in a dry month"

So I sat, and as I sat I mused,  
Amused that I had so used  
Up the years that I had lost  
A dim conception of life's cost.  
And I felt dry  
Before the silver tremblings of the sky.  
Screaming, broken, blank and terse,  
I sought my mind in insubstantial verse.

The pen moves slow,  
Waiting for words that flow  
Out of the spout of the mind,  
Searching in the dust for the weary lust, so kind  
So feverishly blind: like a frozen spitting stream,  
Stopped like the tearing of a dream,  
Ripping the brain in a silent scream, cold,  
Like the mould of flesh growing old.

I start in a cold grey upper room,  
In the bulbous bulge which I call my brain,  
Where the birds are stored and the flowers pressed  
And all the tattered trees are dressed  
Or split to keep the home fires lit,  
And crackle cursing, sparkling spit.  
The memories of a million faces  
Are tied inside my knotted laces.

Start with a start, with a screaming child  
Borne by birth into blazing lights,  
The distant glints, the fading fights,  
A thousand shadows round me dance,  
Tumbled twisted thoughts thump past,  
And all the echoes of my days  
Are turned into a thousand plays  
And read to children while they sleep.

Yet how can an image ever keep  
The sombre stillness of the deep,  
Or whirling words ever hold  
The broken skies of beaten gold,  
The tearing trees on the splintered sand,  
The salt sea tang, the dry dust land.  
Slivers of silver, slivers of slime,  
Wound around a bowl called Time?

It's strange looking up from the cup of this sea  
With all youth, all truth stretching above,  
With the books and the looks and the purple tree  
With the lust and the rust of distant love.  
If I could but raise my bleary eyes  
To where the flopping canvas dries,  
By the slapping, snake-snap, sunken lake  
While silk spun waters whispering wake: Awake!

But I am emotionally dead  
Like that book which once you had read  
You threw away on the fire,  
Fire, fire, purifier,  
And its crumpled pages crackle  
Like some witch's wild cackle  
And then burning slowly roll,  
Peeling back, peeling out the soul.

Because I am asking why,  
My brain has turned to a fly,  
Buzzing, beating the broken pane  
In pain, in pain, no rain, no rain.  
Never ask the reason why you're here  
For then you hear the slow, tap, tapping fear,  
Fear that you'll drown before the flood  
Of life has cleansed you with its blood.

John Wiggins

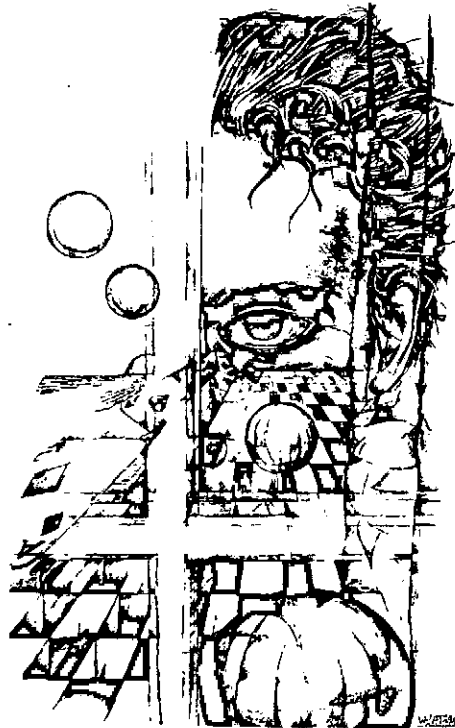


**ON PASSING THROUGH THE  
CORINTHIAN GATE**

Who will remember, passing through this Gate,  
Those sad boys condemned as Stoics' sons?  
Who will remember the foulness of their fate—  
Those bored, unwanted, helpless ones?  
Hard and cold, the South Front holds its own  
A monument of fading Stoic stone;  
Here was the scene of annual Speech Day pomp,  
And of Fiona Richmond's sexy romp.

Here was the world's worst wound. And here in pride  
Was written 'common sense' the Red Book claims.  
Was ever a suffering so unjustified  
As these forgotten rows of Stoic names?  
Well might those who met old Drayson's stare  
Warn from their sepulchre, Beware!

**David Eaton**  
(after Siegfried Sasson)



**BECKET**

Je t' offre les plaisirs délicieux du corps,  
Tout ce qui fait bondir le pouls des années d' or:  
Nature pour ta joie unira tous ses soins.  
'Laisse moi seul, Satan! Je n' en ai pas besoin'.

Je t' offre le retour du pouvoir temporel:  
Le roi lui-même rendra l' état solennel:  
Tout ce qui est mondain tu auras sous ta main.  
'Laisse moi seul, Satan! Je n' en ai pas besoin'.

Je t' offre le concours des gens intelligents,  
Qui pour le bien commun te feront leur serment;  
Les clercs et les barons accepteront ton frein.  
'Laisse moi seul, Satan! Je n' en ai pas besoin'.

Je t' offre l' immortalité, la douce gloire  
D' un temple aux coeurs humains, voué a ta mémoire:  
Le chœur divin te chantera, martyr, aux cieus.  
'O Seigneur, sauve moi de ce piège affreux'.

**B.S.S.**



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