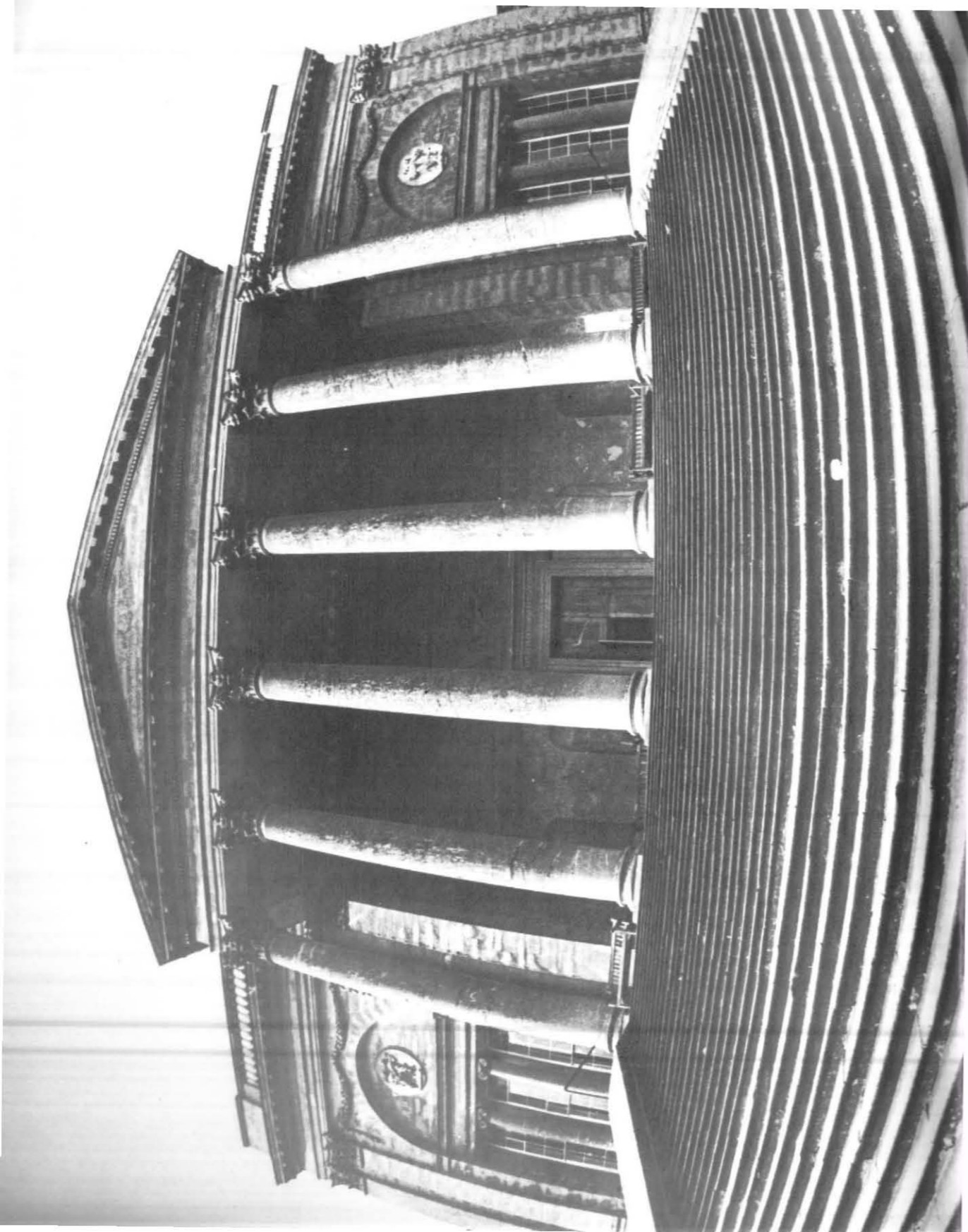


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EDITORIAL

In 1930 Stowe's first Headmaster wrote a small book entitled **Eleutheros or the Future of the Public Schools**. Roxburgh's lively discussion of what constitutes a 'liberal education' draws a comparison between Aristotle's version of education for a free man—an eleutheros—as opposed to a slave and the function which the public school of the future might be seen to perform. "The slave's job in life", he writes, "was just to work; the free man's job was to be the best possible kind of man. Nowadays everybody has got to work, but some people can afford to have a shot at becoming the "the best possible kind of man" in Roxburgh's liberal terms continues to make itself felt in the image which Stowe tends to project—not least of all, in the enthusiastic rhetoric of **Stoic** Editorials. The realisation that Roxburgh's terms are no longer sufficient for our needs need not involve a wholesale rejection of this ideal; we are forced rather to consider how our own concerns encroach upon and modify his ideal.

Two fundamental developments in education since Roxburgh wrote have challenged the assumptions which he could comfortably make and their importance bears a relevance for private and State schooling alike. Public schools now cater for a far broader spectrum of those "who can afford to have a shot", whilst an increasing awareness is shown of the relationship between education and the work for which it is a preparation. Public schools have undoubtedly profited from the uncertainties of the experiment with Comprehensive education; many parents today send their children to private boarding schools simply because they distrust the system which has supplanted the traditional Grammar school. On the other hand, assuming that the problems posed by the revision of State education are resolved, Public schools will be compelled to take note of the innovations suggested by polytechnics and colleges of further education. Education as direct preparation for the work of, for example, industry and public relations, with their emphasis on technology and the social sciences, has raised issues which did not figure in Roxburgh's predictions for the future of public schools. Whether one approves of these developments or not, Stowe, as a young school which must fight to preserve its credibility, cannot afford to ignore them.

Guy Lancaster

The South Front: A photographer's impression.

AUTUMN 1978

The Autumn Term has seen a number of innovations about the School. Old Stoic Rugger day, September 23rd, when the 1st XV opened their season with a victory over the Old Stoics by 17 points to 10, was distinguished by the official opening of the new Drayson Hall by Lord Chelwood, who paid particular tribute to those who had given so generously towards its completion. As the Hall has been built for examination purposes as well as sport, it is hoped that in the Summer Term it will prove a more suitable venue for public examinations than the recently used Chapel. Already it has shown itself invaluable for improving standards of a variety of sports, including badminton, basketball, fencing, karate, judo, golf, tennis and indoor cricket. An all-weather playing surface enables sport to take place throughout the year. This perhaps helped us to another rare victory over Oundle at Rugger, the third in forty years.

Walpole has seen a number of alterations. The first floor dormitories have been sectioned off into double rooms with basins. A great improvement! Other welcome amenities have been added. The Under-Housemaster now has a self-contained flat.

The Congreve Club has again lived up to its fine reputation with three splendid performances of **London Assurance** under the lively direction of Mr Haslam. The choice of play was somewhat ambitious, requiring a sophistication and expertise rather beyond the range of a School cast, but it was well produced and well acted, the presence of girls adding a more natural touch. The scenery deserves particular commendation. We hope to include a full review of the play by Mr Toby Robertson in the next issue. However, we include a few photographs to whet our reader's appetites. Stanhope House has also welcomed the opportunity to make up for its inability to participate in the more robust sports by the institution of cookery lessons at a new Sanatorium kitchen; not surprisingly, sessions are well attended.

During the Summer holidays Matthew Street made very good use of the Myles Hnery prize by ranging further than any previous winner. His adventurous expedition to China was recalled for us by an interesting and amusing talk aided by some excellent slides.

Meanwhile, back on more familiar ground, the annual Summer Schools of sport and other activities kept Stowe very busy, the numerous facilities being continually used by various foreign students under the general direction of Mr Fennell. Increasing interest has been shown in Stowe by the media, too. Early in the term Mr Clarke appeared on television expounding the glories of Stowe. On a less aesthetic level, our noble buildings have provided the background for more commercial ventures.

We should like to extend a warm welcome to all the masters who have joined the Staff this term—Messrs Barker, Bevington, Collins, Jones, Leeds and Townley, and also to Mr Secret as a full member of the Staff. However, it is with great regret that we say farewell to Messrs Adams and Theobald, and also to Mr Penton, who is returning to Canada earlier than previously planned so that Mr Potter may return to take over Grenville. We have also been very sorry to learn of the deaths of Mr W. L. McElwee, Mr J. C. T. Uttley and Dr C. O. M. Priday.

Perceptive readers of **The Stoic** will notice the absence of the literary section and changes in the format of the magazine in general. The latter is simply a matter of economy: it seemed better to reduce costs than to increase the price of the magazine. The former is due also to the continuing apathy among Stoics towards creative writing: we have reverted to a former custom of scattering contributions through the magazine. The editors regret these measures but have found them impossible to avoid.

The Governors have announced the appointment of Mr Christopher Turner, currently Headmaster of Dean Close School, Cheltenham as Headmaster of Stowe from the Autumn Term 1979.

Belinda Hill
Camilla Leigh

R.V.P.A.

Ronnie Adams came to Stowe from Northampton Grammar School in 1948, the first Old Stoic to be appointed to the Staff by J. F. Roxburgh. As a Cambridge graduate in Modern Languages, he taught French and German throughout the School, and his combination of firmness and sympathy soon established him as a highly respected teacher of these subjects, particularly with those who found them difficult. D. Crichton Miller invited him to undertake the newly-created post of Adjutant, and in 1960 he was appointed John Uttley's successor as Housemaster of Walpole. He ran the House for twelve years with a friendly tolerance and understanding which endeared him to generations of Walpudlians, and would have earned him the approval of his own Headmaster. His double image as a member both of the Stowe community and the Old Stoic Society put him in a strong position to see the needs of the School and to organise support for fulfilling them. How positively he used such opportunities may be illustrated by his campaign for the swimming pool. In 1974 he took over the position of Second Master. It is in this capacity that he will strike the liveliest chords of memory for most present Stoics and recent Old Stoics. In the words of the Headmaster on Speech Day, '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'. Others who have reason to be grateful to him are countless members of the Pineapple Club, an organization which he has supported tirelessly over the years. If memory serves, a character in Ian Hay's play **Housemaster** remarks somewhat enviously that one of his colleagues 'roars at the boys like a friendly lion'. The parallel of leonine affability will not be lost on those who have known Ronnie Adams. One picture he will leave behind him is of laggards at the end of Break scuttling like rabbits to the safety of classrooms before his stentorian admonitions. We wish him, and his wife Joan, every happiness in the remote fastnesses of Wales to which they retire.

R.C.T.

Richard Theobald came from Bloxham in 1967 to teach English throughout the School, with particular responsibility for the Middle and Lower School forms, where his talent for administration and his ability to inspire enthusiasm soon became apparent. Yet at the first mention of R.C.T. it is another set of initials that immediately springs to mind, that of S.C.S. For Richard Theobald's enterprise and energy have developed Stowe Community Service into one of the most flourishing and worthwhile activities in the School and one from which those less fortunate than ourselves may derive real benefit. R.C.T.'s total involvement is fittingly demonstrated in his sponsored bicycle ride of last year, when his journey from Land's End to John O' Groats successfully ensured financial stability for S.C.S. in the immediate future.

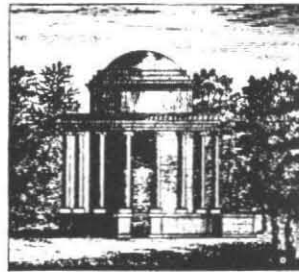
But he is a man of many parts. At one moment he may be gracefully poised over the handlebars, leading an exhausted pursuit pack from the school's latest sporting success, the Cycling Club; at another he may be seen, dapper with black tie, hosting yet another memorable Common Room Dinner. At one moment he may be despatched leading intrepid Stoics to Iceland, the Swiss Alps or some forbidding peak in the Lake District; at another he may be seen, elegant once more, hosting that soirée to end all soirées, the 'Grenville At Home'. And it seems hard to believe that he has been Housemaster of Grenville for but four years, such has been the vigour of his involvement.

In all his activities over the last eleven years successive groups of boys have benefited from his outstanding qualities: his ability to organise other people, his enthusiasm for other people's enthusiasms, his deep concern for the welfare of those under his care.

"Si monumentum requiris, circumspice" In Richard Theobald's case, the place to look around would be the Marble Hall, any S.C.S. Christmas Party afternoon, when it is thronged with smiling faces both young and old. Ranby House is most fortunate in its new Headmaster, to whom we wish every success and happiness.

M.H.P.

Hugh Penton came to Stowe in September 1977 on a teacher's exchange from Ashbury College, Ottawa, where Mr Potter has been for the same period. He has taught English throughout the School, and has taken part in a variety of activities outside the classroom: coaching tennis and basket-ball, helping with expeditions for the Duke of Edinburgh Award, organizing the Chess Club. We are grateful to him for his enthusiasm and energy, and we shall miss his resonant Canadian voice in Masters' Meetings. We wish him and his wife, Dee, every happiness in the future, and hope their sojourn here has been as agreeable to them as it has to us. We look forward to seeing them here again.

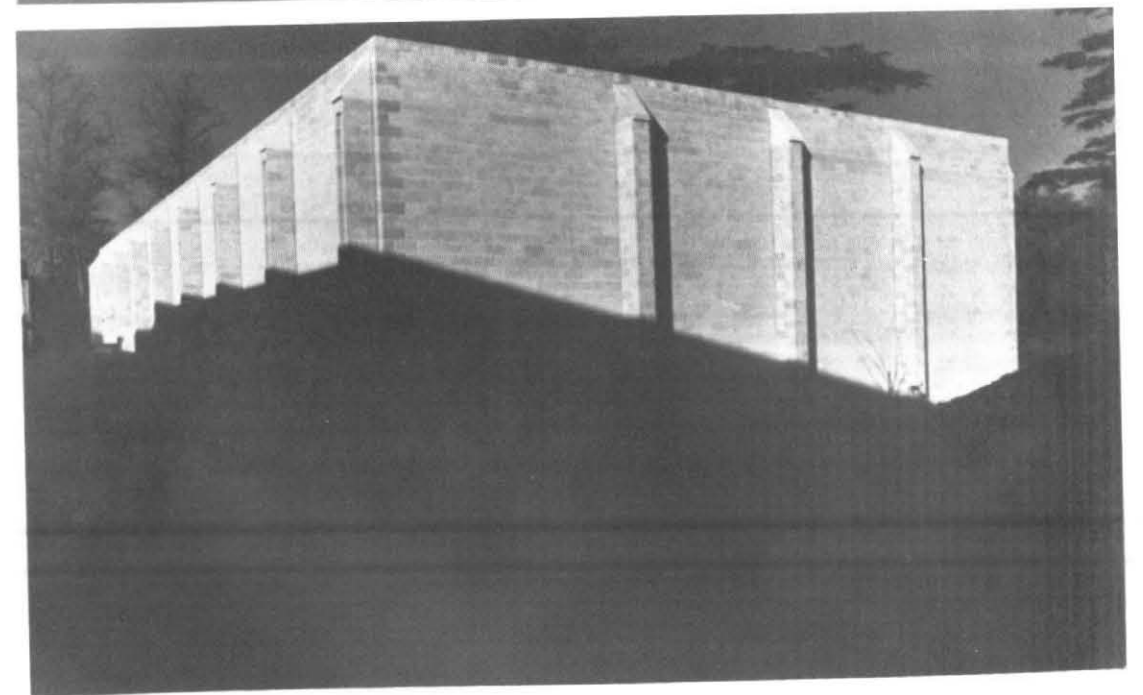
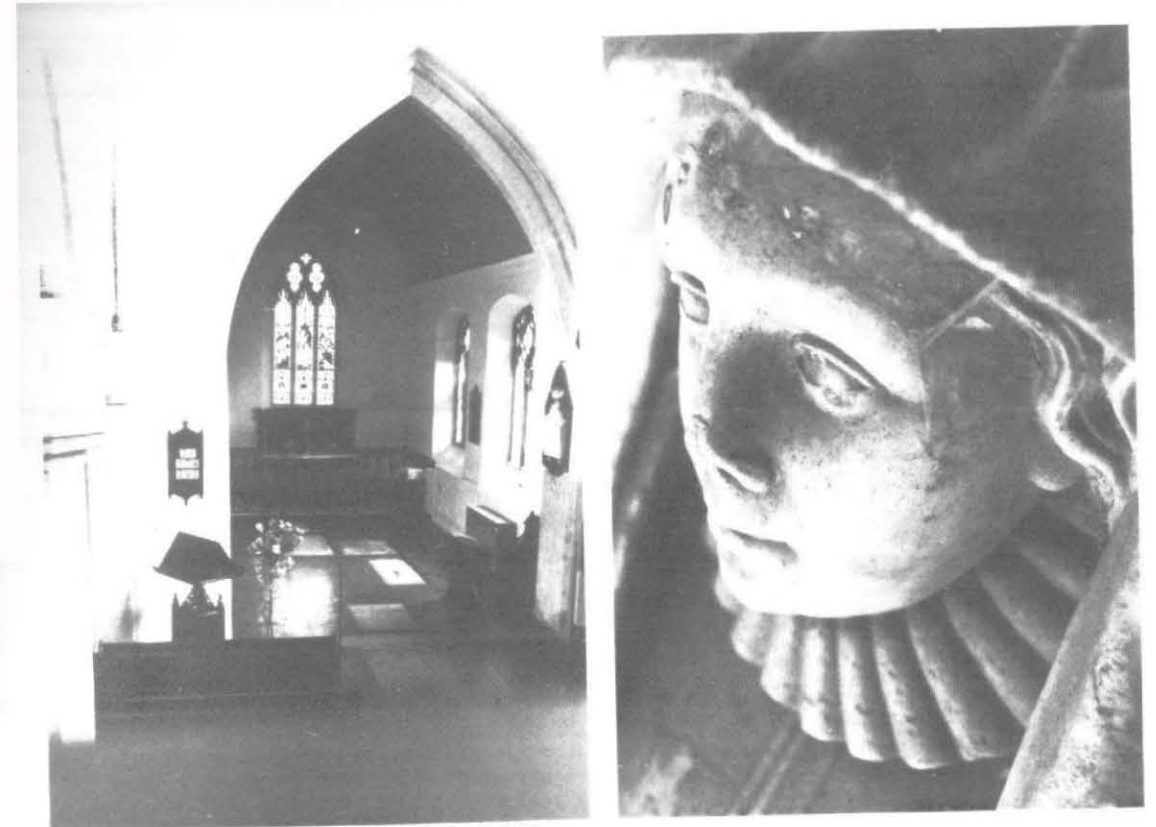


The Temple of Ancient Virtue.

The earth is blue like an orange;
Not a mistake, for the words cannot lie.
They give you no more gifts to sing
Than a tower of kisses for agreement;
The madnesses and the loves,
She herself and her marriage-mouth,
All her secrets, all her smiles,
And what presumptuous clothes of pretence
To believe her ever quite bare.

The wasps are blossoming green,
Around her neck the dawn arrays
A necklace of windows,
Of aisles covered in leaves
You have all the joys of the sun,
All the sun's rays upon the earth
Along the pathways of your beauty.

A. Bunting
(from the French of Paul Eluard)



OBITUARIES

We recall with deep regret the deaths of three former members of the Staff who served Stowe for many years: Mr W. L. McElwee, Mr J. C. T. Uttley and Dr C. O. M. Priday.

W. L. McELWEE, M.C., T.D.

We record with regret the death on November 22nd, 1978 of W. L. McElwee, M.C., T.D., a former master.

Bill McElwee came to Stowe as History Tutor in January 1934 from lecturing at Liverpool University. He was both Scholar and Senior Scholar of Christ Church and had spent two years engaged in research in Vienna. He was away on War Service from 1940 to 1945, winning the M.C. in the Normandy Campaign with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and was demobilised in the rank of Major. He left Stowe in April 1962 to take up the post of Director of Modern Studies at R.M.A. Sandhurst. He published three novels and several books on English History, all written with characteristic elegance and scholarship, and highly acclaimed by the academic world.

This recital of facts, however, gives no indication of his impact on Stowe. Boys and masters were captivated or infuriated, and sometimes both, and he left behind a host of vivid memories: the annual "Historians" Shakespeare play on the steps of the Queen's Temple, a succession of scholarships for his tutees to Oxford and Cambridge, C.C.F. Inspections with Bill in his kilt outshining the reviewing officer, large Lancias and Delages thundering up the track past Home Farm, "culture tours" across Europe with Humphrey Playford, lively yet formal debates in the Library, helicopters whisking him off to lecture on the Staff College tour of Normandy battlefields, and late-night conversations in the Common Room. Above all his influence must have been felt at the endless tea-parties at Vancouver Lodge where he and his wife Patience worked together to make boys think and, having thought, express themselves cogently. He was a schoolmaster of rare quality.

M.J.F.

J. C. T. UTTLEY, T.D.

John Uttley joined the Staff at the end of the War in 1948 after active service in Europe; he also spent some time in a P.O.W. camp. He had been a keen Territorial and held the Territorial Decoration. Mr Uttley died on the 14th July, 1978.

His contribution to the School's life was the balanced one of the ideal schoolmaster. As a teacher primarily of Classics, he showed infinite patience and understanding of boys at all levels of the School. His other interests were many and varied. He helped David Brown with the 1st XV, took over the 3rd XI Cricket with some apprehension but with a success that surprised no-one but himself (he was also an enthusiastic local village cricketer), ran the Colts Hockey, and commanded the Corps for a time. Walpudlians in particular will remember his easy kindness as their Housemaster, and the general disappointment when as a result of declining health he felt obliged to give up that responsibility after barely four years in office. He decided at that point to leave Stowe and go into business in Guernsey. It is indicative of his energy that he also found time to write a book about the island. He also held the position of Constable, a Guernsey local government office.

We offer our deepest sympathy to his wife Helen.

B.S.S.

DR. CLIVE PRIDAY

Dr Clive Priday came into medicine late because of the 1939-1945 War. He went from Winchester into the family business, studied 1st M.B. at evening classes, and also joined the T.A. He was called up in 1939 and served with distinction in the Parachute Regiment. After the war he completed his medical studies at St George's Hospital, London, and soon after qualifying in 1949 he joined Dr John Bostock in practice in Buckingham. When Dr Bostock retired from Stowe in 1962, Dr Priday became School Medical Officer, and served continuously until his early retirement in 1975. Dr Priday's work and play were both characterised by continuous effort. In the Sanatorium he strove consistently to help the boys to the best of his considerable ability, and many Old Stoics will remember his care and attention with affection and gratitude. His partners, and many patients and friends in Buckingham, will have similar memories.

In October 1975 he suffered a crippling illness from which he never recovered. The last two years of his life were spent at home in Radclive, where he still tried his utmost to show his interest in everything around him. He was nursed devotedly through this time by his family, and his old colleague Sister Emery. He died peacefully on 11th July, 1978. We offer our deepest sympathy to Grace and his family.

C. R. Brown



MUSIC

Sunday, 8th October, 1978 at 8.00 p.m. in the Roxburgh Hall

THE ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENTS OF PERCUSSION

A Lecture-Recital by James Blades

The season began with a lecture rather than a concert, and it is pleasant to be able to record the great measure of success with which James Blades communicated with his audience. Several of us who have heard his lecture before felt that he surpassed himself in establishing a jovial rapport not only with the young people present (all the new boys were there) but with the adults as well. It is a memorable experience for all to be shown the actual drum which tapped out 'V' in morse before broadcast bulletins in the Second World War, and the excellence of the other instruments—notably the tam-tam with its shattering crescendo—never ceases to amaze. But the audience seemed to enjoy most of all the recruitment of a percussion band from members of the Lower School, and their performance of a piece with Mr Blades and Paul Drayton, whose piano playing contributed so much to the success of the evening.

D.F.G.

Wednesday, 25th October, 1978 at 8.00 p.m. in the State Music Room

THE MAURIZI STRING QUARTET

Edward Davies, Gillian Secret (violins)

Robert Secret (viola); Clare Lumsden ('cello)

With Nicola Grunberg (piano)

The evening before the Exeat is a good one for a concert, for the audience is certain to be in a relaxed mood and ready to enjoy itself; and as this concert took place in the Music Room, with two of Stowe's resident musicians, Robert and Gillian Secret, playing in their own quartet, all the makings of a happy occasion were there.

The first item was Mozart's Trio in B flat major (K.502), a pleasant, small-scale work to open the programme, but (as it seemed to me) the least successful performance of the evening. Perhaps the players had not yet sensed how best to exploit the acoustics of the room, for the violin sounded a trifle strident and the playing as a whole rather unsympathetic. But the aggressive quality of the strings was exactly right for the second work, Dvorak's Quartet in F major (Op. 96), in which the rhythms and counter-rhythms came through with all the vitality of a Slavonic dance, and Dvorak's melodic invention was a joy to listen to. This was a sensitive and exciting performance.

After the interval we heard Schumann's Quintet in E flat major (Op 44), and here Nicola Grunberg came into her own, playing the piano with mastery and controlled eloquence. As always with this work, the third movement ended with a climax of such tremendous finality that it seemed incredible that the composer could ever have dared write anything to follow it. But anti-climax was avoided and the risk Schumann took was once again justified by the expansive richness of the fourth movement.

The members of the Maurizi Quartet are coming to give another concert at Stowe in the Summer term. I shall make sure not to miss it.

G.B.C.

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

This was one of the more serious concerts and as a result of this the audience was only average in number, but very appreciative. The entertainment began with the Queen's Temple Singers and the Stowe Chamber Ensemble giving an excellent performance under D. F. Gatehouse's guidance of two short works by Mozart. The first was the **Santa Maria K.V. 273** and the second, the **Laudate Dominum K.V. 339**. Both works were beautifully played and the tone and balance were a great credit to all the performers.

Mr Drayton was given the difficult job of following this on the harpsichord, and we heard him play the prelude and fugue in C minor by Bach to his normal high standard. He then gave an astonishing performance of **Les Tourbillons** by Rameau. He managed to play the enormous number of notes without audible error and subsequently a lot of depth was created to give the piece its true "Whirlwind" effect.

We then heard Madge Stephens sing four short songs originally accompanied by the lute, but this time by the harpsichord. Here her high notes were especially striking. The first half of the concert ended with a performance of the **Cantata for Soprano, Trumpet and Strings** by Alessandro Scarlotti. An otherwise excellent performance of this was slightly marred by some faulty intonation.

The second half of the concert was taken up by the **Septet for Trumpet, Piano and Strings** by Saint-Saëns. Although this is not one of his most famous works, the performance was confident and the balance between strings and trumpet was creditable. All four movements were very well executed and the septet received justly enthusiastic applause from the audience.

P. W. Talbot

Sunday, 19th November, 1978 at 8.00 p.m. in the Roxburgh Hall

PIANO RECITAL by TERENCE JUDD

Opportunities to attend recitals of this quality at Stowe are sadly all too rare.

Bartok's **Allegro Barbaro** and **Three Burlesques** opened the recital, and revealed immediately Mr Judd's preference for pieces with a heavy rhythmic content; his controlled power here was particularly impressive. There followed a lengthy pause, while Mr Judd composed himself for the **Appassionata**. He was not helped here (or at other times) by the irritating rustles among the captive section of the audience—but once a lack of clarity in some of the early trills had been overcome, he produced a commanding interpretation. The majestic variations of the Andante were beautifully handled, and the Finale, with its fiendish concluding Presto, was quite magnificent.

After the interval, Simon Wallace-Jones appeared on the platform to introduce Gerard Schurmann's **Contrasts**. Schurmann is a contemporary composer who reveals his nationality—British—by even writing music which is obsessed with the weather. The first three movements were most descriptive and, in case you missed the point, they were given helpful titles like **Summer Rain** and **Becalmed**. However, the concluding section was intended to represent a scientific phenomenon called **Undervin**, the explanation of which was beyond me, and, regretfully, the music failed to clear the fog from my mind. Following that, the simple lyricism of Tchaikowsky's **Theme and Variations** (Op. 19) was most appealing, and helped to reveal why Mr Judd's recent Russian tour was such an enormous success. Balakireff's **Islamey—Fantaisie Orientale** was a surprising choice with which to close, but had the merit of further highlighting Mr Judd's remarkable technique at high speed. Three delightful encores (probably one too many if truth were told) completed a marvellous evening, to rapturous applause.

C.S.J.

THE BAND

Weekly practices have continued as usual this term with some weeks being set aside for sectional practice. This term being the beginning of the School year we have a number of new players, mainly clarinettists, which has greatly strengthened that section. The practices have been profitable and enabled us to progress on such tunes as an arrangement of "Oliver" which we hope to play at a joint concert next term with Cheltenham College on March 14th.

James Brocklebank

SOCIETY

CHAPEL

We have welcomed the following as preachers in Chapel this term: The Revd. R. J. B. Eddison of Scripture Union, a Governor of the School; A. Rutland Webster, Esq., from the National Council of Y.M.C.A.s; The Revd. A. Ross of Emmanuel Church, Northwood; C. I. M. Jones, Esq., Headmaster of Bedford School; The Revd G. A. R. Swannell, Vicar of Hildenborough, Kent; Canon D. R. Vicary, Precentor of Wells Cathedral; and Dr Cicely Saunders, O.B.E., Medical Director of St Christopher's Hospice.

In response to the challenge of one of this term's sermons, we have embarked upon a Child Sponsorship Scheme. Through this scheme we have committed ourselves to support at least two desperately needy children from the 'Third World'. These children are cared for individually by TEAR Fund and the YMCA Educational Foundation; through sponsorship (costing approximately £100 per year for each child) we help to provide them with food, clothing, medical care and education. Response from the School has been most encouraging and is organised through House Representatives. Any Old Stoics, parents or friends of the School who would like to help with sponsorship are invited to write to Mr Sparshott or myself—we shall be very grateful for your interest and support.

N. W. Wynne-Jones

THE CHAPEL CHOIR

In my opinion this term has been successful. We have about 25 new members, all of whom are conscientious. We have, however, lost Charles Hugill after five years of service and the basses miss his strong lead on occasions.

Again we entered for the Buckingham Music and Drama Festival. We beat the Royal Latin's choir and scored a merit with 87. The adjudicator was very complimentary about the Beethoven—"The Heavens Sing Praises"—but picked us up on slight intonation difficulties in "Missa Lumba"—an African folk mass.

For the Carol Service we are performing a number of well known carols arranged for us by Mr Drayton.

We have again tried to get any new masters to come and join us on Sundays but our efforts were in vain. This is a great shame, because I know some masters would enjoy greatly singing and improvising the harmonies and descants which are added in the back row of the basses.

STOWE COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service this year has had its ups and downs. Numbers have been erratic. In the Summer term, as is generally wont to happen, numbers were extremely low, although this term they have picked up considerably.

A Special Project Group has been formed, to deal with problems outside the scope of the day-to-day Visiting Service.

The 1977 Christmas Party was attended by about 180 of our Members. The Catering Arrangements were skilfully handled by Mrs Dobinson, and a team of Masters' wives, who very kindly produced the food. To them we owe a great debt of gratitude.

The 1977 Hamper Campaign, too, was successful, and we would like to thank the local firms, charities, and inhabitants for their support—not forgetting, of course, the Stowe parents, who have countless times overwhelmed us with their generosity. David Marsden is again organising this year's Campaign, with the assistance of J.B.D.

We were sorry to lose, at the end of the Summer term, our Director, Mr Julian Lovelock. In the three years Mr Lovelock was here, he gained a reputation in and around Buckingham, for a willingness to help in any situation. We wish him well at his new post at Akeley Wood School.

For the Autumn term, Mr Theobald has taken over his post as Director again, until the arrival of Mr Ian Small in January. Mr Theobald leaves us to be Headmaster of Ranby House School. We wish him every success in the future, and would like to thank him for his 11 years—and more—of devoted service.

Mr Small has been running a Community Service at Abbottsholme School, and will take over as Director in January.

A new copy of **Insight**—the booklet which records the activities of Stowe Community Service—is planned and should be ready for issue by Speech Day.

David Kerr

CENTREPOINT

Centrepoint is the Christian forum at Stowe. It aims to provide teaching about Christianity for anyone interested and also to encourage practising Christians. Weekly meetings are held in which a Biblical passage is discussed, usually with the help of an outside speaker. Film-strip or discussion meetings are also held occasionally.

This term we have changed the name from Study Group, and almost all of the talks have been well attended. We have taken as this term's theme **Characters of the Old Testament** and these have included Joseph, Abraham and Noah, as well as the lesser-known Enoch.

It only remains to thank Mr Marcuse for his organisation of the meetings, and Mr Vinen for letting us use his flat each week and for the refreshments which he most generously provides.

Tony Kelly

THE LIBRARY

The Library has acquired 87 books so far this term, of which five were gifts and four were bought out of fines. (Fining is only resorted to in extreme cases!) The Gifts: from the late Headmaster of Ashdown House, through our Headmaster, **A Collection of Poems** from his School's Bulletins; **Folia Fagina**, from M. R. Winsloe (1 1978); **Armies of the World 1854—1914**; **Masterpieces from the Robert von Hirsch Sale at Sotheby's**, came to us anonymously; **A Pocket Companion for Oxford, or A Guide Through the University** published in 1764, and including a description of Stowe Gardens, and some other nearby Estates, was sent to G.B.C. by Sarah Aves of Beckenham, Kent, and is now in The Stowe Collection with other Guide Books; The Physics Department, through O.L.R., has given us another useful book to add to our Natural Sciences Reference Shelf. This new section of Physics and Chemistry Books is being heavily used and greatly appreciated by many students. We look forward to more help from the Science Department in building up this important aspect of reference material.

Of the remaining acquisitions, attention could be drawn to some Scientific American Publications, ranging from **The Physics of Music** to **The Biology of People**, all stoutly bound and attractively presented. **Human Rights** and **The British Tax System** are two other titles for the top end of the School, whilst additions are continuously made to the general reading and critical essay sections of English and Modern Languages. **Adventure Cycling in Britain** was autographed for us by the author, Tim Hughes, through the good offices of Dr Wells.

G.B.C. kindly gave us the run of his late father's bookshelves. A.A.V.R. helped to make the choice of 78 books for the Library, which will appear after due processing and be added to the total of 87 books mentioned above. This inexpensive windfall has particularly strengthened the History shelves, and thanks go to Mrs Clarke, Senior, for providing Coffee, and for allowing the selectors to range through her house, with one eye on the clock, paying little attention to her.

The unfortunate outbreak of defacing desks is troubling some members of the School as well as the Staff. New boys are appealed to not to succumb to the habit of doodling on the desks but to grab a piece of paper if it is essential to write or draw something! One scribble seems to lead to another. Can we start 1979 with this habit defeated?

Charlotte Clarke, as the first female Prefect of Library, has got off to a good start. Her real test comes when trying to whip in all the borrowed books at the end of the term! Thanks from Mrs McDouall and myself go to her and the House Monitors for their work during the term.

Monitors: D. R. Lindgren (1), R. P. Cubitt (2), C. M. Gerrard (3), A. F. Savage (4), J. M. Taylor (5), J. A. Doughty (6), P. M. Ham (7), J. W. Ogden (8), G. J. J. Tucker (9), A. T. Thornton-Berry (Nugent). Charlotte herself takes care of Stanhope.

C. R. Haslam

ART SOCIETY

This term saw the start of the Society. The first lecture was given by Dr Kenneth Garlick, Keeper of Western Art at the Ashmolean Museum. His lecture was on "What is the Function of Art?" In his talk he attempted to discover the purpose and function of art throughout the ages. His examples ranged from Piero Della Francesca's "Legend of the True Cross" to Andy Warhol's "Tin of Condensed Soup". He also showed works by Seurat, Monet, Munch and Michelangelo.

The second lecture was given by Mrs James, an artist who gave us a fascinating talk on Francis Bacon and Graham Sutherland. She compared the bizarre and the horrific of Bacon's paintings with the more harmonious works of Sutherland. She went into great depths about Bacon's "Popes" and Sutherland's "Crucifixion".

The first term of the Art Society has been highly successful and next term we have been promised a visit by Mr David Wynne the sculptor.

**W. Latham
T. Gammidge**

THE XII CLUB

The Club has met only once this term owing to the pressures of exams on most of its members; however, this meeting was a great success. Just before half-term Tina Gould spoke to the Club on German literature in the eighteenth century and its search for a new identity. Introducing her study with a description of French and English literature at that time, she traced the gradual growth and development of the arts in Germany from Lessing's interest in antiquity to the 'Sturm und Drang' movement of Goethe and Herder and the close friendship between Goethe and Schiller which, by the end of the century, had firmly established German literature in Europe.

It was a most enjoyable evening inspired by a very thoughtful study and some intelligent questions and we were most grateful to Mr and Mrs Clarke who once again allowed us to use their home for the meeting.

David Eaton

THE ENGLISH SOCIETY

The Society has met three times during the term. On the 9th October Mr Pat Sarathy gave a provocative talk on the subject of "After knowledge, what?" and appeared to reach the conclusion that wisdom was probably of greater importance than knowledge and should always be sought after, despite the impossibility of ever gaining it fully. His talk was of great value in giving everyone present the chance to put forward their views, though with such a subject under discussion it was hardly likely to find everybody in accord.

On the 14th November Mr David Holbrook, writer and educationalist, came to give a talk on how some modern poets were in his opinion fighting against the scientific objectivity of our times, and he cited two poems, by Thomas Hardy and Isaac Rosenberg. He also read some of his own poetry, which took its particular haven in the confines of domestic life.

The last meeting of the term took place on the 20th November, when the poet Mr Peter Porter gave a highly useful survey of English poetry since 1945, with some enlightening readings from Ted Hughes, Peter Redgrove, Gavin Hewitt, Philip Larkin and, finally, from his work. He ranged from the mildly satirical to the more seriously purposeful poetry, perhaps suggesting that the best writers of recent years have tried to be original through abandoning the more-insular features of modernism (such as psychoanalysis and surrealism) in favour of something less "Urban and smart" and more in the field of myth and legend, seen through present-day eyes; though some, like Larkin, probably see little hope in such a search. Mr Porter's talk was well worth-while for his insistence that poetry is still very much alive, and his desire to keep it so gave a note of optimism to round off the Society's record for this term.

Anthony Bunting

MUSIC CLUB

Laura Morrish astonished the Club on the 10th of November by giving a baffling lecture on the mathematics of a scale and different tuning methods, mean, equal tone and Pythagorean. Laura was well read in her subject and answered even the prying questions of Mr Gatehouse with confidence and wit.

Next term we have three certain dates. Jonathan Bayntun is giving one of John Cage's lectures, Miss Jane Talbot is performing a song recital and there will be another surprise début from our mystery guest.

S.W.J.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society has met three times this term. In the first meeting Matthew Street talked on 4,000 years of Chinese history. This was of interest since he had gone to China during the Summer holidays. Five weeks later Dr Mitchell spoke to the Society on the Whigs and Holland House. A fortnight after that, Dr Clarke from Buckingham University read a paper on the development of the Foreign Office during the years between the American War of Independence and the Napoleonic Wars.

In the position of being both the Chairman and Secretary of this Society, I realise—whilst many do not—how much effort Mr A. V. Rudolf puts into its smooth running. I would like to thank him for this.

Jonathan Bayley

THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

After busy Spring and Summer sessions, it was decided that the Society should take a winter recess. There was not, however, a total lack of activity in the House, since 30 Middle Sixth geographers attended a debate arranged by the Royal Geographical Society on "The location of Industry in Britain". Dr Keeble, from Cambridge University, provided a theoretical, scientific approach to the problem, and Sir Monty Finnieston, ex-Chairman of The British Steel Corporation, gave a lucid, descriptive account of how he managed to dislocate the steel industry in Britain.

The Spring session will be, once again, a busy one, with two meetings on "New Towns" and "Conservation in the New Forest" already timetabled for discussion. Lower Sixth geographers can also look forward to their field-course.

D. R. Lindgren

THE CYCLING CLUB

This term, the Cycling Club became available as a Monday Extra, as well as a Wednesday Activity, allowing more people to become interested. Our Field Day ride to Daventry, covering 55 miles, proved to be a total success. We continue, however, on weekdays, to search out more interesting, varied routes which can be covered in the time available to us. Consequently, serious commitment has had a chance to show itself, and the general standard of machines has undoubtedly risen.

A. T. Davis

THE SPANISH SOCIETY

At the time of writing, the Spanish Society has met twice during the term. The first session involved a talk on Jerez and Andalucía given by Mrs Scott and her pupils from nearby Thornton Covent. We were treated to a wide-ranging view of the history and geography of Andalucía and of the life of the people, and the evening was completed by a performance of 'Sevillanas' by four of the girls.

The second meeting had a literary theme, as our three Oxbridge entrance candidates in Spanish, Jolly Patten, Colin Wood and Nigel Wright, delivered a paper on the theatre of the Golden Age, focussing especially on the works of Lope de Vega and Calderón de la Barca. The lecture not only provided useful revision practice for the three speakers but also gave valuable background information for some of the 'A' level set texts.

Before the end of term, we hope to have a less academic final meeting watching a B.B.C. film on the life and work of the flamenco guitarist Paco Pena, and we also look forward to the annual battle against the Thornton girls in the preliminary round of the Verse and Prose Reading Competition.

D. J. Mee

THE CHESS CLUB

Unfortunately, as expected the Senior team had to leave the Oxford League owing to the problem of raising a team during a time when a lot of the boys play rugger. The Junior team remained in the League but a number of last year's players are now over age and hence cannot play. Consequently the two matches we have played have been disappointing, losing to both schools. The house match competition is as usual keenly contested and very close, but probably last year's winners, Temple, have a slight edge over Chandos, Walpole and Chatham. I would like to thank Mr Penton, who is returning to Canada, for all the help he has contributed to the Chess Club. His place will be taken by Mr P. D. Jones.

P. J. Satow
A. Heller

THE PINEAPPLE GROUP

There have been few trips to the Club this term because of rugger commitments and the difficulty of booking a mini-bus for transport to the station. The trips that we have organised have been very successful, with much fun had by all. There has again been a very enthusiastic response from the School, and we are trying to fit in as many trips as possible before the end of term.

The Pineapple Ball was a great success, in terms of fund-raising for the Club. The Club holds its own fund-raising activities, which include raffles, jumble sales, and a very popular boxing show.

Many thanks must now go to Mr Adams, who is resigning from the committee at the end of term. His great vigour and undying support have kept the Club and the School very much in touch over the years.

Edward Donne
C. R. Haslam

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

With over half the School as members, we can boast of being the largest Society in the School. It was encouraging to see that most of the lectures, outings, and film strips were well supported this term, and it certainly motivates us to arrange more in the future if fifty people want to go instead of only ten as has happened in the past.

Monday extras have provided introductory studies in particular aspects such as birdlife, duckery, pondlife and badgers.

Several recorded television films were shown during Thursday Societies and lectures were given. G. Monbiot gave an impressive and detailed lecture on butterflies and moths, D. Morgan on snakes, I. Keith on Borneo, and P. Wolstenholme on winemaking.

During the first half of the term, fifty boys went to see films in Oxford on gorillas and seabirds. They were much enjoyed by everyone who went and I would like to thank Dr Hornby for organizing it.

After half term we had hoped to go to the Rare Breeds farm, but they are closed for the Winter.

Routine grass cutting has been carried out in the reserve. The area cleared of dead elms last Spring is beginning to establish itself again, and young saplings are growing up through the long grass and nettles.

We look forward to the end of term film, "Due to lack of interest tomorrow has been cancelled", which takes a pessimistic view of the future.

J. R. de Wesselow

THE STOWE BEAGLES

The showing season this summer was one of the best the beagles have ever had. At Ardingly we had several firsts, including the dog-hound couples with Rexborough and Winston, and the reserve bitch champion, Starlight. We were placed in every bitch class of the day, and won the overall points cup with 45 points compared with the nearest rival with 21.

At Honiton, where hounds were shown for the first time, we won the bitch couples and both doghound and bitch reserve champions, while we were second in almost every other class.

At Peterborough we had another successful day, winning the bitch couples and veteran doghound with Ramrod for the third year running, the first time in history. We won several other minor rosettes, but our greatest achievement was winning the bitch championship with Starlight, the most coveted award of the showing year.

At the beginning of September we had another very enjoyable week hunting in Northumberland, where despite more difficult conditions than the previous year, some good days were had, especially over the Roman Wall.

The dry weather conditions at the beginning of the season resulted in particularly poor scenting conditions. Nevertheless memorable days include Braidley (Northumberland), Hinton-in-the-Hedges, the opening meet at Weston, and Mantles Heath. At the time of writing (21st November) the tally stands at 5½ brace.

Many thanks are due to our kennel-huntsman John Thornton and his wife, who always contribute so much, and to Mr Pedder our Secretary. The growing support within the School is very encouraging.

Joint-Masters: P. F. Burditt, J. R. Fanshawe, ma.

Whippers-in: N. Hedley, G. Hemsley, F. Wheeler and D. Irvine.

THE FISHING CLUB

This term the Fishing Club was founded. There are fifty-one members and each House has a representative. There is also a Fishing Club committee.

The aim of the Fishing Club is to provide an association in which members can participate in discussions and lectures on new techniques, exchange advice and fish in matches. There is also a chance for members to form Club records, as all large fish caught by members of the Club are recorded. There have been two Club matches this term. The first took place on the Eleven Acre lake, on October 8th. It was a pike-fishing match, lasting for 3½ hours. Twelve people participated in it, 10 pike were caught, altogether weighing 14 lbs. 4 ozs., and the winner was C. W. Dennis, with three pike totalling 5 lbs. 1 oz.

The second match, on October 22nd took place on the Oxford Water. There were 11 competitors. T. C. W. Yerburch won with 2 lbs. 14½ ozs. Altogether 14 lbs. 9 ozs. of fish were caught. At the first committee meeting, several future matches were planned and volunteers were called to give lectures and discussions. This term I will be giving a lecture for the Fishing Club on Fly-fishing for coarse fish.

George Monbiot

THE FORESTERS

The long dry Autumn has enabled the Foresters, assisted by the Estate Party (thirty strong) on Wednesdays, to push ahead with several useful projects. A mass of dead and fallen branches was cleared from the edge of the Grecian Valley and used on bonfire night, held this year for the first time in front of Concord. On the East side of the North Front the screen of trees planted last April was tidied up and the grass mowed in time for the match against the Old Stoics, when the effect was so much liked that the O.S. Society offered to pay for the planting as a memorial to Norman Barling. And on Warden Hill Walk we have been able to extend the cleared area at both ends, uphill towards the Boycott Pavilion and downhill along the Eleven Acre dam towards Venus.

G. B. Clarke

THE CORKSCREW SOCIETY

The School wine tasting Society continues to flourish, while attempting through a series of meetings throughout the year to promote a general interest in the history and tasting of wines. Three tastings were arranged for this term: on October 17th Nicholas Stanley (O.S.) opened proceedings with a talk on 'Claret'; he was accompanied by Zair Berry (O.S.) who, as Head of School, was the founding member of the Society in 1972. On November 7th Simon Cox, M.B.E. who runs his own wine and food company at Farthinghoe, near Brackley, showed us a film on wine and gave a most enjoyable and instructive general tasting of white wines. For the final meeting of term Graham Hines of Gonzalez-Byass is coming up to Stowe in December, to talk on 'Sherry'.

We are especially indebted to Mr Lloyd, as President of the Society, for the encouragement he has given and to our visiting speakers who have spared us so much of their time and effort. Forty-eight tastings will have been held by the end of this term and plans are already under way for a special fiftieth meeting sometime in the Spring.

David Eaton

THE DUCKERY

The work on the Duckery has gone well this term, with many important jobs being completed. However, first are some results from the end of last term, concerning the breeding successes. As usual the Mallard have produced a large number of young. Eighteen of those bred were released the other nine were pinioned for next year's breeding season. Surprisingly the tufted duck bred successfully and have survived, so that from one pair last year, we now have five pairs. The ornamental species, the Carolina and Mandarins, have produced two, and one and a half pairs, respectively, so that next year, most of those bred can be released. Unfortunately, the single pintail reared this year was killed by rats, as were two of our bantams.

The helpers on Monday and Wednesday afternoons have put a lot of energy into the removal of large quantities of surplus earth dug from ponds. Through their work, we have now levelled large areas around the ponds for grass to grow on. This involved the removal of an unsightly mound, in which the rats made their burrows, completing two jobs in one. Another job was the laying of hard core around two ponds, after sloping their banks. To increase flow into the lower pond we laid a pipe to it from the new one. We shall soon be installing a pump from the lakes to flush water through both ponds and ensure the lower pond is always full. A walk around the lakes will reveal just how many ducks there are. Twelve pairs of mallard and six of tufted duck are regularly present. This compares with only three pairs even three years ago. This is just one indication of what the Duckery has achieved.

I would like to thank Mr Lloyd for his continued support and help throughout the term, and also the Monday and Wednesday helpers, including William Hanks and Ian Bowley for their contribution. The Stowe Estates and Sports Club has continued to give us aid, for many essential materials. Much thanks must go to Mr Lloyd, Mr Dobinson, Dr. Hornby and the Laboratory Technician for devoting part of their holiday to feeding the ducks.

The Duckery is now ready for the breeding season, starting next term.

Tim Cooke

ZYMASE

This term has been a busy one for the winemaking Society, as the Autumn term often is. We have had an influx of new members, and we hope that they will be able to keep the Society going under the new Headmaster. Most of the wines made this term have been some of the old faithfuls, elderberry, orange and bullace which Doctor Hornby picked from his garden, and we have had an adventurous attempt at celery.

The Society has had a new look this term with some new labels, which Doctor Hornby had printed. So now our wines should look very presentable even if they do not taste quite so good.

One of the major events of the term was when ten members of the Society went to the Alpers' 'Chilford Hundred' vineyard, which seems to be an annual event. This year we saw some of the great risks that commercial vinegrowers in Britain are taking in our climate. After seeing the vineyard, and how the wine is made, we had a delicious lunch followed by an inspection of Mr Alpers' collection of vintage cars and caravans and more food. We are very grateful to the Alper's for continuing to invite us.

Another incident was when a two gallon jar of elderberry wine exploded at a quarter to nine one Wednesday morning. It is for her patience in having to clean up messes such as this one that we have to thank Mrs Cullen, and we have to thank Mr Dobinson for letting us use the biology laboratories when things like this happen. We also have to thank Doctor Hornby for sparing us so much of his valuable time.

Peter Wolstenholme

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

The Summer camp was situated in the grounds of a large country house under Dartmoor just outside the pleasant village of Bovey Tracey. The field has a somewhat steep gradient to it, but served its purpose despite the slope running on up to the house where the much needed supplies of food and water were kept.

Our Expedition (Gold Girls) set off on Monday, having spent a day around base camp. We soon learnt not to take short cuts across fields after meeting a few large bulls, being chased by some not-so-playful-bullocks, and ending up in a very soggy marsh with no apparent route out. Once we got out onto the moors the going became a lot less exhausting and the views were much improved, with occasional glimpses of semi-wild ponies.

Being females we spent the nights in Youth Hostels which were not as luxurious as they might sound. The wardens brought back memories of my Housemistress with a 'I won't give you your card back in the morning unless you turn your light out'. There was sweeping and cleaning to be done in the mornings, and at one Hostel we were woken up by some form of classical music.

On the days we remained in base camp it was possible to take part in a number of activities. There was fishing for the keen who had brought their rods and rockclimbing at the nearby Chudleigh rocks. The face, being limestone, provided some excellent handholds but the footwork was rather slippery and therefore unsure. Some people went off ponytrekking and I've had reports of C.R.H. astride a large carthorse which would not move as required. We joined up with a local Adventure Centre for some canoeing on the river Dart. Unfortunately the water did not cover the weir enough for us to be able to descend it by canoe, but the fast water and stopper at the bottom were interesting to experiment in. The Centre also provided a guide for an amazing cave. We all dressed up like miners with boilersuits and helmets with primitive acetylene lamps attached. The entrance of the cave was in a hollow filled with knee-deep liquid cow manure. We almost had to put our faces in this as we crawled through the narrow entrance. Inside the cave was a fascinating network of tunnels. In one place we had to drop blind into a so-called Coal Bunker and then there was the famous Maggot's Crawl which was a fair-sized wriggle. I do not think anyone who went down the cave will forget it easily. We emerged via the cow manure to a much needed wash in a nearby stream.

On the last night we had a Bonfire Party which our hosts, the Barclays, had very kindly provided with food and large quantities of extra potent cider. I would like to thank everyone who took part in the camp, especially the organisers and our hosts.

Susan Harvey

THE C.C.F.

Annual Camps, for the Army Section (together with the surplus from the R.N. and R.A.F. Sections) at Stirling and for the R.A.F. Section at Wyton, proved both instructional and enjoyable, and a report on the Stirling camp appears elsewhere.

At the beginning of this term 78 recruits joined the contingent, a number that corresponds closely to those of previous years. This rate of recruitment ensures the future of the Corps, but it is a continuing source of surprise to those closely connected with it that so many people, by failing to join, are prepared to miss the opportunities for such things as ski-ing, parachuting and mountaineering that the C.C.F. offers at a subsidized rate.

On Field Day the majority of the R.N. Section visited H.M.S. "Newcastle", a newly commissioned frigate, at Portsmouth, whilst the remainder spent the day at Oxford, learning the basics of watermanship and canoeing under the aegis of Magdalen College School. The Special Training Company went to the Royal Marines at Poole, the R.E.M.E. Section visited March Engineering Ltd. at Bicester, the Royal Signals Section combined signalling and orienteering, Army Proficiency went on a map-reading exercise, and the R.A.F. Section revisited Derbyshire for a one-night camp and some hill-walking.

Mr Marcuse's resignation after 10 years' service has left a considerable gap in the organisation and we are very sorry to lose him, but we are equally delighted to welcome Messrs Bevington, Collins, Sparshott and Townley. Their fresh approach is already having its effect on weekly parades and the next issue of **The Stole** should provide further evidence in the shape of reports on a winter expedition to the Cairngorms and **really** Adventurous Training in Snowdonia. In the meantime the Advanced Training Company, under Mr Collins who is aided and abetted by C.S.M. E. Hartington and C/Sgt M.J.P. Horlock, are learning Royal Marine Commando skills and tactics which are new to them and the Contingent. It is a pity that the enthusiasm and hard work which they display are not exhibited in more activities at Stowe. The other section particularly worthy of note is the Pioneers who, under Captain Nicholl's guiding and guileful supervision, have worked hard to add three or four very good obstacles to the Assault Course.

A special Contingent Parade was held late in October when the entire C.C.F. formed a hollow square in Chapel Court. Our ever-faithful and hard-working R.S.M., Mr McKeown, lured by the message that some extra drill was required, arrived to be surprised by the presentation of an engraved tankard and some bottles of wine, the gift of present cadets in celebration of his 65th birthday.

M.J.F.

S. Wallace Jones

ANNUAL CAMP AT STIRLING, JULY 1978

At the end of the Summer Term 64 cadets, 8 officers and the irreplaceable and irrepensible Mr McKeown set out on the annual pilgrimage to one of Britain's more deserted areas. The camp site was about two miles from the town of Stirling on the banks of the River Forth. We were divided into two groups: the Proficiency Section under the command of Major Rawcliffe spent the first two days revising their basic training and taking Proficiency tests on Orienteering and Night Patrolling, whilst the Advanced Group, commanded by Major Lloyd, with Mr Collins as Chief Whip, celebrated their arrival by charging up Ben Lomond and fording or being towed across, a muddy river—both unforgettable experiences.

After a mid-week break when we returned to civilisation and savoured the delights of Edinburgh, the Proficiency Section continued its programme which included a visit to the Royal Navy at Rosyth, firing on the open range and their 24 hour plus Self-Reliance Exercise. The Advanced Group's second training session was overshadowed by a 36 hour exercise, which included two hours sleep, and caused the rest of the holiday to be a period of recuperation.

Once again camp was an occasion for fine if not warm weather but the week ended in a solid day's rain. Although this dampened us it had the great advantage of discouraging the Scottish insects which had made High Feast on English blood earlier on. We too fed well, thanks to our two cooks from Bicester, and I would also like to thank all the masters and Mr Mark Pountain, borrowed for the occasion from the Royal Artillery, who helped to make the camp such a successful and tiring but rewarding experience.

J. Thompson-Schwab

SPORT

RUGBY FOOTBALL

THE FIRST XV

This has been a difficult term with too many members of the side having to make the big jump from Colts level to senior rugby. Perhaps in terms of maturity too much has been expected of these boys too early, but one thing has become apparent, and that is they have abundant talent and the will to use it, an attitude which has been lacking to a certain extent in the past couple of seasons. Their manner around the School may not have always been to everyone's liking, least of all to mine, but one hopes that it is only a stage in the process of becoming a young adult and that by next year they will have learnt to be humble in victory, gracious in defeat.

A strong captain was what was required to harness the youngsters' abilities, but it was the great misfortune of A. E. H. Worsley, just the man for the job, to be injured early in the term and never be fit enough to take his rightful place in the side. M. C. J. Gull took over in difficult circumstances and whatever he achieves next year he will always stand as one of the very few Stowe captains who have led the Fifteen to victory over Oundle.

This famous win came at a most opportune moment after three defeats against Radley, Rugby and Bedford and a draw with the Royal Latin. All four games had provided invaluable lessons for the future for this inexperienced outfit, but how well they were learnt! For against Oundle pressure was brought to bear early on and maintained right the way through a thrilling game and only at the last did the opposition look like snatching victory away from the School. One win, even against Oundle, does not make a season.

The front five have struggled through lack of muscle and this weakness has tended to hamper the team's progress, but even here A. M. Gale and J. R. L. Thomas have a future. C. T. Highwood and W. J. N. Edgerley have been back-row forwards of class, and the latter will be a real force next year. But it is in the backs that the strength of the side has lain and where the prospects for the future look so good. J. D. Rees, H. J. N. English and G. F. de Chambure should all be back next year and should form the nucleus of an outstanding back division. The hardest men to replace will be J. J. Lineham, an exciting and much-improved full-back who never gave in and M. J. P. Horlock who became the unexpected success story of the side as a dangerous and always penetrative wing.

Stowe rugby is still on the move as this season has shown, but the further we get the harder the effort required to maintain the progress. There are signs of ability lower in the School but a more determined attitude towards winning is what is required from the younger aspirants to First XV honours. Enjoyment of the game and the will to win are not aims that are diametrically opposite to each other. Next year's team will only include players who want to win at all costs within the confines of the laws of the game.

J.J.L.B.

The following have represented the 1st XV this term: J. J. Lineham (1), J. G. J. Scott (5), H. J. N. English (7), R. C. Appleby (9), M. J. P. Horlock (8), G. F. de Chambure (5), J. D. Rees (7), M. L. W. Bell (5), R. B. de A. Moore (5), J. A. L. Thomas (9), D. A. Eaton (5), A. M. Gale, (5), M. J. C. Gull (1), C. T. Highwood (1), N. J. N. Edgerley (4), A. E. H. Worsley (7) (Captain), S. V. Wylie (4).

Results: v. Old Stoics	Won	17—10
v. Eton	Won	20— 6
v. Mill Hill	Won	17— 4
v. Oakham	Won	17— 0
v. Radley	Lost	13—15
v. Bedford	Lost	9—19
v. Rugby	Lost	0—10
v. R.L.S.	Drawn	14—14
v. Oundle	Won	10— 9
v. Cheltenham	Won	10— 6
v. St Edward's Oxford	Lost	0—38

THE SECOND XV

The last two results have largely redressed the balance of the earlier record. Until then, after three early victories, success eluded the side against tougher opposition. Apart from the half-backs, there have not been many changes in the team and the pack has remained almost intact. Although small in stature, the side has usually played with good spirit and determination.

After the promotion of Appleby to the 1st XV the backs lost some of their penetrating power, although Hartley played with fine spirit in the centre, and Fullman and Barker took some scoring chances on the wings. The forwards made up for their lack of size by their speed and determination, with Dawick and Robinson gaining valuable possession in the set scrums and line-outs respectively. The back row of Boyce, McConnell and Cressman have been particularly effective, and Boyce has always given of his best both as captain and player. Bedford saw the team at its worst, with deplorable high tackling and a marked reluctance to fall on the loose ball. But a very different side took the field against the unbeaten Oundle later in the season: shrewd kicking by fly-half Markham and some superb forward play prevented the opposition from seizing control of a match in which the score slightly flattered Oundle.

H. D. Marcuse

Team from: R. M. R. Bannister, ma. (9), M. Barker (9), N. Hartley (8), A. R. J. MacKinnon (4), J. H. Bennett (7), R. J. Fullman (1), J. Markham (7), E. R. P. Baring (9), R. R. Montgomery (4), C. A. I. Clarke (5), M. J. L. Shirley (9), The Viscount Dawick (9), A. G. R. St. Clair-Burke (3), D. L. Robinson (8), D. A. Eaton (5), A. T. Thornton-Berry (4), E. F. McConnell (2), T. A. Cressman (4), A. R. Boyce, ma. (4).

Also played: J. J. Scott (9), J. P. Villiers (1), N. A. H. Clarke (2).

Results: v. Old Stoics	Home	Won	16—12
v. Eton	Home	Won	23— 0
v. Mill Hill	Home	Won	12—10
v. Kettering	Away	Lost	3—12
v. Radley	Home	Lost	0—10
v. Bedford	Away	Lost	0— 8
v. Rugby	Away	Lost	4—29
v. Sponne	Home	Lost	7—10
v. Oundle	Away	Lost	6—23
v. Cheltenham	Home	Won	13— 0
v. St Edward's	Away	Won	4— 3

THE HUNDRED

THE THIRD XV

This has been rather a disappointing season for the team in terms of matches won, but the spirit of the side has remained undimmed, with morale at a satisfyingly high level.

Ever since our defeat at the hands of an exceedingly strong O.S. side in the first match of the season, we have realised that an uphill struggle faced us, but the matches against Bedford and Cheltenham typify the grand response of the side.

Against Bedford, Stowe fought superbly to come from behind and led 17—16, only to have a brilliant victory snatched away by a runaway try in the last minute of the game. In the Cheltenham game the whole team played excellent rugby in every department, and a draw would have been a fair result, but once again we couldn't quite administer the coup-de-grace, and went down by two points.

It is futile to try to excuse our defeats, but in defence of the team it must be said that there has been a general lack of height and weight in the pack and a greater than average removal of players to the 2nd XV. The quality of our half-backs has been excellent, but we have rarely been informed of who they were going to be until the day before the match!

It is not intended to pick out a number of players for individual attention, but one deserving of special mention is M. A. Henri, the hooker. Probably the fastest foot in the tunnel in many years of 3rd XV rucker, anywhere and everywhere in the field, and a positive tiger on the loose ball, he has been the man of the season. We fear that some referees to whom he has tried to explain the rules may feel differently! The team has been captained most ably by Villiers, now with the 2nd XV.

THE FOURTH XV

This part of the Hundred has developed a somewhat unfair reputation for being a cannon-fodder team, made up of those who couldn't quite make it into the 3rds. In fact the truth is very different, and 3rd and 4th XV's have a considerable amount of interchange. This naturally weakens the 4ths as a unit, for they are the side to be most affected by an injury to a player in a higher team. In turn this leads to a lack of team spirit, which is hardly surprising in the circumstances. The matter is further complicated by the fact that the team is often playing against schools which field perhaps six XV's (or more!) on a regular basis and who, therefore, have strength in depth.

The 4ths have performed most respectably this season, particularly against Radley and Sponne, playing some good rugby but on a rather erratic basis for the reasons mentioned. The team has been captained for much of the season by S. J. E. Smith.

We would like to express our special thanks to David Collins for his time and trouble in giving The Hundred the benefit of his excellent coaching and inimitable repartee.

M.W.

Teams from: J. T. Arnold (7), E. R. P. Baring (9), G. N. Bennett, ma. (6), J. H. Bennett (7), M. M. Berger, ma. (7), A. C. Bird, mi. (9), J. N. Birt-Llewellyn (4), R. J. Boyd (9), A. G. Bradstock (7), J. D. Brocklebank (8), C. A. I. Clarke (5), N. A. H. Clarke (2), G. R. Coates (4), A. W. P. Cooper (6), T. A. Cressman (4), E. J. L. Donne (9), A. E. C. Edmonstone, ma. (3), M. P. W. Emanuel (4), J. A. Fane (9), M. E. Farmer (4), N. H. J. Ferris (2), A. F. Fulford (7), H. N. Gregory, ma. (8), P. M. Ham (7), N. Hartley (8), A. Heller (8), J. Henderson (2), M. A. Henri (7), T. K. W. Hodgson (8), P. R. G. Hornor, ma. (6), J. E. Hughes Clarke (4), J. E. James, ma. (6), P. H. Jones (6), I. P. W. Knight (3), A. R. J. MacKinnon (4), J. Markham (7), T. S. Maynard (6), R. R. Montgomery (4), D. H. Morgan, ma. (5), R. S. Nelson (2), P. M. Neufeld (4), J. W. Ogden, ma. (8), R. T. E. Orr (4), A. J. Pool, (2), S. J. Richardson (2), A. M. Roxburgh (8), J. J. Scott (9), J. N. Shephard (5), S. J. E. Smith (7), J. M. Taylor, ma. (5), R. D. H. Taylor (5), M. C. Tresise (9), J. P. Villiers (1), G. A. Wild (7), J. M. Winsor (1).

3rd XV Colours were awarded to: J. H. Bennett (7), C. A. I. Clarke (5), N. A. H. Clarke (2), M. A. Henri (7), J. E. James, ma. (6), A. R. J. MacKinnon (4), T. S. Maynard (6), A. M. Roxburgh (8), J. P. Villiers (1), G. A. Wild (7).

Results:

3rd XV: v. Old Stoics	Lost	6—16
v. Eton	Lost	14—22
v. Mill Hill	Won	20—0
v. Kettering	Won	46—10
v. Radley	Lost	0—30
v. Bedford	Lost	17—20
v. Rugby	Lost	6—29
v. Oundle	Lost	4—20
v. Cheltenham	Lost	12—14
v. St Edward's	To Play	

4th XV v. Radley	Drawn	10—10
v. Bedford	Lost	18—39
v. Sponne	drawn	12—12
v. Oundle	Lost	0—34
v. Cheltenham	Lost	10—31
v. St Edward's	To Play	

THE COLTS

The results make disappointing reading, and if the success of the season is to be judged solely on the wins achieved, then to date it has all been most forgettable.

However, it is possible that there is more to it than that. The boys in this group have enjoyed their Rugby football in spite of the series of losses. The standard of play has undoubtedly improved, and for the most part the training and the mid-week practices have been cheerfully undertaken.

Inter-school Rugby at this stage—as at every level—is intensely competitive, and while perhaps we have not had the talent or basic ability of other sides we have lost most of the matches because we seemed rather less committed to the business of winning than our opponents. Is there anything wrong with the attitude that leads one to approach each match with the feeling that to him it is all important? Several close matches could and should have been won by the XV—we suffered basically from a lack of “heart” and determination. The will to win is a vital part of every successful side, but it is hard for a coach to implant this essential commodity if the seed is not there at the start.

As to matches themselves, we made a poor start in losing two games that certainly should have been won. Against Oakham and Rugby we more than met our match, but had there been a stronger attitude in the team, that didn't allow us to miss tackles and make silly handling mistakes, the list of wins and losses against the other schools would have been different indeed.

All individuals in the team had their moments. Cattle as captain did his best to drive them on and he found time to cover an impressive amount of ground as well. The forwards combined well at times, but rarely dominated proceedings as much as their size suggested they could. Furlonger at full back made many telling thrusts. He is a powerful and elusive winner who could contribute to the game at a higher level if he gets his attitude to learn the concept of a team performance right. Turner is a fast improving footballer who is quick enough to become a very useful player. The other backs all have the ability to do well, but as mentioned above they need to develop a more positive attitude both to the hard grind of daily practices and to the level of commitment required if matches are to be won.

It is to be hoped that all those concerned with Colts Rugby learn the often uncomfortable lessons of 1978 and benefit from the experiences in the years that lie ahead.

J.S.M.M.

Teams:

'A' XV from: S. A. Furlonger (3), J. R. Dew, ma. (4), M. C. Fenwick (1), N. S. Winstone-Partridge (1), A. M. G. Pellissier (8), M. C. Turner (1), D.C. Burgess (9), P. N. Taylor, mi. (5), S. M. Carroll, mi. (2), C. N. A. Anton (4), W. T. Allen (2), R. M. Coombs (4), G. W. Robinson (2), A. J. Cattle (Captain) (9), M. A. Wallace-Jones, mi. (4), H. W. A. Gentle (1).

Also played: N. D. Rossiter, ma. (5), J. W. Jackson (7), M. R. C. Opperman (6), R. R. N. Yeoward (6), I. A. Keith, ma. (4).

'B' XV from: R. R. N. Yeoward (6), K. R. Kelleher (9), W. J. Hanks (4), A. G. Arbib (2), I. A. Keith, ma. (4), N. J. Walley, ma. (7), M. R. C. Opperman (6), M. A. Partington (2), E. P. Good (1), G. N. S. S. Walley, (3), N. C. C. Clay (7), T. W. G. Lowe (2), D. A. Venables (2), J. P. Garnett (8), C. M. Folland (8), S. J. Herbert (9), H. P. Ogden, mi. (8).

'A' XV:

Results: v. Eton	Away	Lost	16—30
v. Mill Hill	Away	Lost	4—7
v. Oakham	Away	Lost	10—42
v. Radley	Home	Lost	6—14
v. Bedford	Home	Lost	15—24
v. Rugby	Home	Lost	4—24
v. Royal Latin School	Home	Won	35—8
v. Oundle	Away	Lost	8—17
v. Cheltenham	Home		
v. St. Edward's, Oxford	Away		

'B' XV:

Results: v. Radley	Home	Lost	4—32
v. Oundle	Home	Won	10—0

THE JUNIOR COLTS

One glance at the term's results gives a fair indication of this team's difficulties. To a certain extent the difficulties have resulted from a comparative lack of height and weight against every opposing side; but a lack of consistent determination into the tackle and in reacting to the loose ball—perennial failings at Stowe it would seem—increased those difficulties to an unnecessary degree and allowed our opponents to score ‘soft’ tries. As with any struggling side they have been lacking in confidence and have been far too prone to make elementary errors under pressure.

Poor performances earlier in the term have been to some extent redeemed by better recent ones, but even so our play at Eton, admittedly on a bone-hard, rutted pitch, at Mill Hill where we let slip a half-time lead and against Bedford and Rugby when we all too often waved through the opposing threequarters for tries, was reprehensible. At Radley for much of the game we contested well enough but still gave away avoidable scores. At last at Oundle we eliminated most errors and played well enough to deserve to draw, although we were lucky to scrape home by a last minute penalty, and at Cheltenham we produced the first proper 15-man effort.

Despite depressing results the team, and indeed the ‘Club’, have always practised willingly and responded well to Mr Collins's hard driving. Nelson has stuck commendably to at times a thankless task as captain as well as running strongly and kicking usefully; Edwards has shown promise at full-back and Duff has ranged tirelessly, but the standard of play in general has been pedestrian, even though a small pack has always toiled manfully to hold its own. Many members of the ‘Club’ could well become useful players in the future if they put on some size and learn to commit themselves purposefully.

B. H. Mead

Team: S. R. Edwards (3), C. J. H. Pierre (7), P. J. T. Graves (7), J. A. Nelson (7) (Capt.), D. F. Andrews (3), J. N. Anderson (4) or M. M. Ivison (3), C. F. Beckford (3), J. R. Todd (7), F. S. M. Taylor (1), M. J. Hooper (4), D. J. Whitmore (2), K. P. J. Deyt-Aysage (1), R. A. B. Duff (7), J. D. N. Wetton (1), L. B. Mellor (5).

Also played: P. B. Calkin (9), S. A. Chorlton (1), P. M. Mallinson (2), J. D. Pooley (8), S. J. L. Robertson (1), T. J. G. Sparrow (2), J. P. Stephenson (4), N. M. Wood (3).

Results:

v. Eton	Lost	16—40
v. Mill Hill	Lost	10—32
v. Radley	Lost	3—20
v. Bedford	Lost	10—36
v. Rugby	Lost	8—58
v. Oundle	Won	7—4
v. Cheltenham	Won	14—3
v. St Edward's		

'B' XV:

v. Radley	Won	32—6
v. Oundle	Lost	3—12
v. Cheltenham	Drawn	10—10
v. St Edward's		

THE UNDER-FOURTEEN XV

Size, weight and skill have been more in evidence this season than for some years. Under the powerful leadership of Davies the forwards have gained their fair share of possession and as the term has progressed players of real quality have emerged. Apart from the tireless and foraging Davies himself, Critchley, de la Mare and Thornber have proved to be strong and determined members of the 'power house'. They have been well supported by the several others who have played in the top team and together have given us the refreshing sight of the ball coming back regularly on the Stowe side.

Outside the scrum there is also plenty of talent although it has taken somewhat longer to prove itself. When the line does get going, it is as effective as any we have seen for a long time. Centres Bevan and Raben make a particularly strong combination, and, wingers Raccanello, Leto (and formerly Reynolds) are fast and forceful when the ball reaches them. The half-back pair of Thomas and Watkins or Whittaker looks very promising, although a little unimaginative at present. Finally, Steward at full-back is a fine all-rounder and a considerable asset in the last line of defence.

A high standard of performance has been attained this season and the Club record suggests that the School's rugby future is brighter than for some years.

C.J.G.A.

Team from: J. N. A. Davies (Capt.) (4), R. C. M. Bevan (9), R. J. A. Bridgwood (5), A. J. N. Coates (7), G. R. Critchley (2), A. J. De la Mare (2), F. Houghton-Brown (2), A. V. Leto (5), G. E. Peppiatt (8), A. P. V. Raben (6), J. G. Raccanello (1), J. E. Reynolds (5), C. D. Rose (9), W. J. Rossiter (5), D. A. Steward (4), D. M. W. Thomas (6), M. T. Thornber (5), N. J. Walley (7), N. P. Watkins (1), H. J. Whittaker (2).

Results:

v. Eton	Won	18—10
v. Mill Hill	Won	16—6
v. Radley	Won	12—0
v. Bedford	Lost	0—4
v. Rugby	Won	18—10
v. R.L.S.	Won	28—0
v. Cheltenham	Won	11—4

SWIMMING

This year the sports were held rather later than usual and with a longer gap between the heats and the finals.

The Junior section contained quite a number of reasonably good swimmers with A. V. Leto (5) as perhaps the most outstanding with two wins and a 2nd place from his three events. This was closely matched by A. N. Keith (4) who although smaller and younger than his rival pursued him into second place in the Freestyle and eventually beat him in the Individual Medley to carry off the Junior I.M. Cup for this event in the good time of 83.6 seconds.

Cobham Juniors had held pride of place in the heats but I had several times seen Mr Atkinson, the new Walpole Housemaster, fitting in an extra session of practice with his team of youngsters and so it came as no real surprise when Walpole took the Junior Cup, just beating Cobham by a mere three points.

The Intermediate finally resolved itself into a clear win for Chandos with the steady scoring of both J. R. Dew and I. A. Keith virtually unchallenged except by R. M. Miller of Grafton who consistently beat them but had insufficient support from the rest of Grafton to provide the extra points.

Bob Miller deserves a special mention not only for his three comfortable wins and his breaking of the School and House records in so many events, but also for the fact that he was chosen to represent Oxfordshire and North Buckinghamshire in the 100m backstroke in a Six Counties Match where he was eventually placed 4th in a time which was a new Stowe Junior record of 71.7 seconds.

In the Intermediates also, Temple were at long last forced to abdicate their position of supremacy in swimming, but at least managed to win the relay by a comfortable margin, and R. L. E. Douglas-Bate just beat D. J. T. Reckitt (9) by 0.1 seconds to take the 100m Breaststroke in a time of 89.3 seconds which augurs well for the future as this was his first year in this age group.

The Senior trophy was held by Temple, thanks largely to the efforts of the retiring School Captain of Swimming, Adrian Bird, who retained the Individual Medley in a new House Record time, and to Michael McCaldin who was quite impressive considering his lack of training. In the relay, however, Temple had to bow to a fast Chandos quintet who broke the House Record and indeed were expected to do so since their Intermediate record of last year was faster than the Senior Record at that time.

The highlight of the Senior competition really came in the heats when Bruce Ryrie (7) broke the long-standing 100m School Freestyle record with a time of 61.9 seconds although this event followed closely on the heels of the 50m Butterfly in which he had already produced a new House Record.

Matthew Street, the new Captain of Swimming for 1978/1979 won the 100m Backstroke without any close opposition and was second to Ryrie in the Freestyle event.

The Diving competition produced some very promising Juniors with J. H. M. Claydon (8) in winning form, and although the Senior competition was of relatively poor standard the Intermediates had all the sparkle, with M. M. Ivison (3) diving very well only to be beaten by last year's winner of the Open Cup, N. D. Rossiter (5) who was clear favourite to win again in spite of a knee injury.

*In the Stanhope Cup a new House Record time of 35.5 seconds for the 50m Freestyle was recorded by Rowena Marshall with Suzanne Ludlow not far behind swimming backstroke rather than crawl.

THE UNDER-FOURTEEN XI

A cricket team chosen from just 14 players is always likely to struggle against sides which can raise two under-fourteen teams. However, this under-fourteen never gave up and their performances in matches improved during the term.

Mallinson was a determined captain and this determination showed in his batting where he was a consistent opener. Davies has great potential as a batsman, although his defence early in an innings is a little suspect. Charles and Wilson were among several others who played useful innings.

The bowling often lacked penetration. Nelson was quick for his age, but seldom on target. With greater application and practice he will take many wickets. Riley and Eden both bowled steadily, but had to work hard for their wickets. It was a pity that there was no consistent spin-bowler to add variety to the attack.

Team: P. M. Mallinson (2), J. N. A. Davies (4), J. A. Nelson (7), S. J. L. Robertson (1), R. F. C. Eden (4), H. J. Whittaker (2), J. J. Riley (7), D. J. M. Charles (9), R. M. T. Wilson (5), T. J. Bartlett (2), A. M. Edgerley (4), S. Polad (9).

Results: v. St Edward's—Drawn

St Edward's 139 for 6 declared (Riley 4 for 8)
Stowe 112 for 8 (Lord 46, Davies 33)

v. Bedford—Lost
Stowe 87 (Mallinson 36)
Bedford 90 for 6

v. Oakham—Lost
Stowe 84
Oakham 80 for 2

v. Oundle—Drawn
Stowe 133 for 8 declared (Wilson 39 not out, Mallinson 37)
Oundle 53 for 3

v. Radley—Drawn
Radley 134 for 6 declared (Nelson 3 for 20)
Stowe 121 for 6 (Davies 44 not out, Mallinson 29)

v. Buckinghamshire U.14 XI—Drawn
Buckinghamshire 179 for 4 declared
Stowe 70 for 7

'A' XI: v. Wicken Park—Won

Stowe 141 for 6 declared (Robertson 53 not out, Ancell 35)
Wicken Park 37 (Riley 5 for 3, Anderson 4 for 12)

v. Ashfold—Drawn
Stowe 155 for 6 declared (Eden 36, Anderson 32, Wilson 36 not out)
Ashfold 61 for 3

SQUASH RACKETS

Although we are only half way through the term's matches when this report has to be written, a few points of interest may be made. In spite of the condition of the courts, which once more are in need of urgent attention (and are due to get it at the end of the season) there has been much greater activity this term amongst players of all abilities. In fact there are so many people who would like to play regularly that it has been impossible for everyone to get a game. The time has come for more courts to be built, and it is to be hoped that the provision of two or three extra courts will soon be considered worth a priority rating in future plans.

The 1st V has no players of outstanding class, but they are all capable of giving a good account of themselves at lower positions in the order. St Edward's, Oxford was beaten fairly easily, as were Radley and Pangbourne, but we lost heavily to Mill Hill (albeit without two players) and although the score against Aylesbury was 2-3, they had in fact left out their best player. C. H. Peacock has improved his play considerably this term, but still suffers from his absence from the game last season when he was away in France and unable to play any squash rackets. He will no doubt try to put this right as the season goes by. N. D. Wright, who has been Captain, has shown great determination on his matches and two have gone the full five games. It seems that at present he is a rather slow starter, and takes at least ten minutes to find a reasonable length. S. C. Andrews has been the most successful member of the team in terms of matches won, but he has alternated in the order from number three to five. He plays with intelligence, and if he would spend more time in practice he would probably become more satisfied with his game, and would certainly improve considerably. F. E. Law, now that he is gaining strength and endurance is beginning to make headway again, and we shall be looking to him to make rapid strides in his performances next term, as at present his play varies in quality. C. A. Wadsworth has played in several positions in the team, and has started to think a great deal more about his game, and to change his tactics in order to try to defeat his opponents. This is what we have been waiting for! And there is now every chance that he will make good progress in the future, if he will dedicate himself to the game. C. R. Lloyd showed promise, but unfortunately had to stop playing because of injury to his hand. It is hoped that he will soon get better.

A final word at this stage in the season, All Stoics must remember that to succeed in squash rackets they must spend as much time as they can afford on the court—progress does not come to anyone without effort.

It is probably better to leave detailed comment on the other teams until the next issue of **The Stoic**, but there are a number of short observations which can be said.

We have tried to give a larger number of boys experience of inter-school matches this term, and so have frequently had Colts, Junior Colts, and Under 14 teams out at the same time. The Colts are getting better all the time; particularly P. J. Satow and the members of the other Junior teams show considerable promise. Lester and Clifton-Brown play sensibly, and are becoming excellent match players, while Bewes is developing into a player of flowing strokes, and has displayed very pleasing potential. More will be written about these boys and the others who have played at these levels next time.

P.G.L.

Results:

v. St Edward's, Oxford	1st V	Won 4—1
	Colts	Lost 1—2
	Junior Colts	Won 3—0
	Under 14	Won 2—1
v. Aylesbury G.S.	1st V	Lost 2—3
	Colts	Lost 1—2
	Junior Colts	Won 3—0
	Under 14	Lost 1—2
v. Mill Hill	1st V	Lost 1—4
	Colts	Won 2—1
	Junior Colts	Won 3—0
v. Pangbourne	1st V	Won 5—0
	Junior Colts	Won 5—0
v. Radley	1st V	Won 4—1
	Colts	Won 2—1
	Junior Colts	Lost 1—2
v. Bloxham	1st V	Won 5—0
	Colts	Won 3—0
	Junior Colts	Won 3—0
	Under 14	Won 3—0

FIVES

I make no apology once again for publicly criticising the games players of Stowe. Here is a games player's game; the facilities are there convenient for all, and yet most boys who even bother to try do not persevere for long enough to find out what the game is really about. It's not an easy game to begin with and for many anything that seems difficult is too much trouble. I except from my criticism four senior players who are playing really well and have reached a standard where the game is really enjoyable, and a number of juniors who, at present, are keen and interested. I hope that, unlike most of their predecessors, they will have the guts to continue and not take the easy way out.

Unlike the so-called "major" games there is no pressure from Headmaster or Housemaster to play Fives, indeed it is in many ways actively discouraged in the belief that no boy can play two games (a relatively new theory) or that no boy should ever be forced to persevere with anything as insignificant or esoteric as Fives. There is, of course, no recent tradition of Fives at Stowe and that does not help, but I still feel that it should be possible to build up a feeling of wanting to make Stowe a significant member of what is, admittedly, a small group.

Lloyd, Salariya, Bird and Marshall have played excellently this term reaching a standard unknown in Stowe's recent history. We unfortunately lost our unbeaten record at Aldenham thanks to Lloyd's broken finger and the refusal of all the other boys who had played in previous seasons to represent the School.

The Colts this year are weak but with perseverance will eventually reach a good standard. The Junior Colts are a very strong group both in ability and numbers and provided that they do not all decide to stop playing, they should do well in the future. A number of new boys have started promisingly and enjoyed some very close-fought matches. There is still opportunity for others to come forward next term and I am always delighted to help them. Do remember, though, it is not an easy game, but like all things worthwhile it becomes easier (and more enjoyable) the more you practise.

P. R. Bowden

Junior Colts: M. M. Ivison (3), J. D. N. Wetton (1), P. K. E. Steward (4), M. A. Hooper (4), C. A. Boxall (9), A. R. Howe (5).

Under 14s: D. M. W. Thomas (6), N. P. Watkins (1), J. N. A. Davies (4), D. A. Steward (4), H. T. Kinahan (2), S. R. Glennie (2), A. W. Todd (3), J. I. Sinclair (4).

Results:		Seniors	Colts	J. Colts	U.14s
v. Wolverhampton G.S.	Home	1—1			
v. Old Edwardians Colts	Home	1—0		2—1	
v. Harrow	Home	1—1	0—1	1—0	0—1
v. Old Edwardians	Home	2—1			
v. Old Lancings	Home	2—0			
v. Mill Hill	Away		0—1	1—0	
v. Wolverhampton G.S.	Home		0—1	0—2	
v. Old Cholmeleians	Home	2—0			
v. Westminster	Away	2—0	1—0		
v. Old Stoics	Home	2—1			
v. Aldenham	Home & Away	0—3	0—2	3—0	1—0
v. Jesters	Home	0—2			
v. Uppingham	Away				2—2
v. Oakham	Home	1—0	1—0		
v. O.U. Peppers	Away	2—0			
v. Old Berkhamstedians	Home	2—0			
v. Sunningdale	Away				3—0

SHOOTING

The Shooting Club would like to welcome the Revd N. W. Wynne-Jones as the new master i/c of shooting.

We would also like to thank Mr J J L Bone for taking the shooting team to Bisley at the end of the last Summer term. The team took part in various competitions leading up to the Ashburton Shield on the final day. The timing of this year's competition was inconvenient, coinciding with exams, and this affected the selection of the team which gave a rather disappointing performance.

We had more success this term with the 'S.E. District Skill at Arms' competition on the Ash Ranges. Here our 'A' Team came third overall in the main competition and both teams reached the semi-finals in the 'Falling Plate' competition. A. F. Savage is to be congratulated on winning the individual 'Open Rifle Match' competition.

The Casualty Cup was won this year by Walpole. On Field Day, the internal .303 and .22 competition on our own ranges was won by R. S. Nelson.

Our four teams competing in the B.S.S.R.A. schools' league have performed well so far this term. However, we are still awaiting clearance for the match rifles for use in Section A of the League, and their arrival will undoubtedly help those who are, at present, competing with a considerable handicap.

R. S. Nelson

The VIII: A. F. Savage (Captain), R. S. Nelson (Secretary), J. N. Birt-Llewellyn, R. F. P. Bryant, ma., J. C. Cunningham-Jardine, J. C. W. Hall, I. P. W. Knight, J. A. Thompson-Schwab.

Shooting Colours have been Awarded to: J. N. Birt-Llewellyn, R. F. P. Bryant.

SKYE CYCLING TOUR

The journey up to Inverness was fated from the start with major train strikes at Warrington. However, we did eventually arrive (well almost everybody!) After a long first day's cycle everybody was ready for the rest situated by a large river. The famous Scottish midges made their presence felt, but despite all the previous drawbacks everyone was looking forward to the future journey.

We set out fairly early the next morning, making our way to Kinlochme which overlooks the very beautiful Loch Maree and finally camping at Kishorn. We had heard rumours that there was a ferry strike at Kyle of Lochalsh but we still pressed on hoping that it would be over on our arrival. It turned out that the strike had not finished, so we decided to press on up to the North coast towards Ullapool. The coastal scenery was magnificent and fortunately had not been spoiled by hotels and tourists. During our journey Mr Wild led several intrepid climbs up the Scottish mountains which sometimes were very hair-raising indeed! The cooking was of a very high quality which the two matrons, Miss Griffiths and Miss Cree, were responsible for, and one night we had a glutton of fish thanks to the keen sea anglers of the party.

At Ullapool we met Mr Vinen who gave us a warm reception which was very welcome and at Loch Inver, Mr Drayson, who was very surprised to see us. Our journey went as far North as Ledmore where we cut across to the East and back down to Inverness. The total mileage was roughly 400 miles, and by the end everybody was much fitter for it.

Overall it was a very pleasant 12 days which I will always remember. A very big thank you to Mr Theobald, Mr Wild, Miss Cree and Miss Griffiths for organising it, and I hope there will be further trips to come.

W. T. Allen

FENCING

With the opening of the new Drayson Sports Hall we have at last had a place in which to fence, other than the classroom which had to suffice for so long last year, and acted as a damper of enthusiasm. Regrettably, there are so many activities jostling for time in the hall, that the time available for fencing is less than in the old gym, and we can only get in twice a week, which has been too little. Some of the novice classes have had to be held in Assembly.

There has been a good number of novices starting this term, and they should be reaching the stage of actually fencing shortly, although this needs care; the fury of actual combat can lead to an almost total loss of any style, and bad habits gained take much eradication. The Senior reaches of the Club are somewhat thin, and much of the responsibility falls on them for the quality of the fencing. They are helpful and encouraging to the more junior members. The middle ranks of the Club, who have fenced for some two years, are looking promising, and some had an opportunity of match fencing this term. Classes have begun in sabre and épée to build up these weapons for the future.

There has been one match this term, against Tudor Hall. For this we did not fence several of our seniors. They might have proved too strong (and large?) for the young ladies. We decided rather to give some younger fencers the opportunity of competitive fencing, in which they were successful, and enjoyed themselves. Notable was the success of Keith in winning all four of his bouts, managing to beat the formidable Miss Thornton-Berry, which even Cressman could not quite manage.

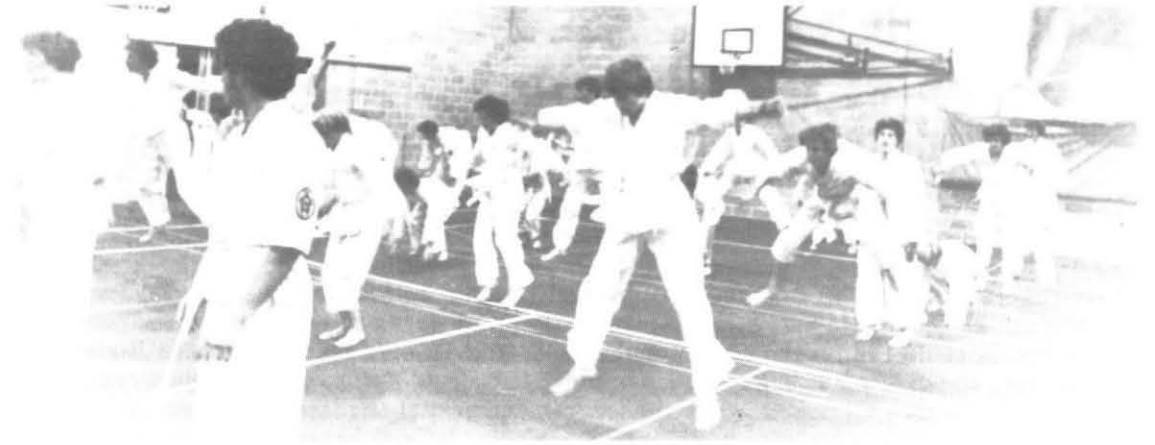
C.D.M.

Teams:

First Foil: T. A. Cressman (4), O. B. Gill (1), C. J. Dean (4), I. A. Keith (4).

Second Foil: A. St. C. Millner (3), R. M. Coombs (4), A. H. Austin (3), J. B. D. Henderson (6).

Result: v. Tudor Hall Won (First Foil 12—4; Second Foil 9—7).



SOCCER

This term saw Bruce win the first Inter-House seven-a-side competition, after a very close and keenly fought final against Chandos. The game ended in a 0—0 draw after extra-time and was therefore decided on penalties.

It was especially encouraging to see the genuine interest and will to play shown by all concerned, and it is hoped that this competition will generate further enthusiasm in this unofficial sport and persuade more people to participate.

The 1st XI have had a mixed season so far, losing to Radley and Oundle, but beating Buckingham University 6-3.

The team has always shown a lot of spirit, producing much fluid football, but has perhaps been too adventurous at times, when there was probably an easier alternative. This has tended to leave gaps at the back for the opposition to exploit on the counter-attack.

However, with more match practice and an increasing understanding between the players, the School squad should become a skilful and effective unit.

Simon Furlonger

The Squad: S. A. Furlonger (3), A. R. Boyce (4), M. C. Turner (1), J. M. Hanson (6), T. M. Holland (1), N. H. J. Ferris (2), A. T. Thornton-Berry (4), J. D. Rees (7), S. V. Wylie (4), J. Markham (7), A. R. J. Mackinnon (Capt.) (4), F. E. J. Law (6), F. N. F. Timewell (4), W. J. N. Edgerley (4), P. W. Richardson (5), R. R. Montgomery (4), J. M. Needham (8).

GIRLS' HOCKEY

Stanhope's hockey team this term has shown considerable promise, but results have been disappointing. It is of course not easy to produce a hockey team from only 16 volunteers, of whom several have never played before, but I am sure it would be true to say that, although most of the games have been lost, they have nevertheless been played with enthusiasm and good spirit; if this can be combined with a little more determination and will to win then next term's results should show a definite improvement. The mainstays of the team have been Charlotte Clarke (Captain) at Left Back, a strong and forceful player who, if she can overcome a tendency to undercut, could well develop into a very useful player; Paula Goldsmith at Centre Half who has the best stick work in the team and with rather more forcefulness could control the centre of the field; and Belinda Hill, a stubborn Right Half who, when she overcomes her tendency to move left, could become a useful member of any hockey side. Karen Campbell, when she can remember that she is no longer on an ice rink, has proved an effective and steady Right Back. Nicola McGuirk bravely accepted the position of goalkeeper and has surprised herself and others with some quite splendid saves, though she did have one or two off days. Caroline and Sonia Bennetts have both played in several matches and shown improvement during the term. Of the newcomers Ann Rushton, Suzanne Ludlow and Helen Shephard have all shown promise in the forward line but must show more determination and control if they are to score goals; they are at present inclined to hit the ball wildly up the field instead of taking it with them. Anthea Chorlton, Rachel Curwen, Tessa Hemsworth and Olivia Fennell have also played in the team and made a real contribution to an enjoyable term's hockey. With the experience gained this term we can expect better results in the Spring.

R.Q.D.

Results:	v. Royal Latin School 'A' XI	Lost 0-6
	v. Royal Latin School 2nd XI	Lost 0-3
	v. Tudor Hall	Won 3-0 (Ann Rushton 2; Helen Shephard 1)
	v. Royal Latin School 'A' XI	Lost 0-5
	v. Tudor Hall	Won 1-0 (Helen Shephard)
	v. Thornton	Lost 1-2 (Ann Rushton)

THE BUSINESS GAME

Although we have again failed to qualify for the second round, we have had a very interesting and enjoyable term. The game was very closely contested, and we finally found ourselves in second place with £5.2m profit against the £5.5m of the winners.

Our failure was again due to insufficient investment in plant, as in previous years. Knowing this, I hope that next year's board will be more successful.

B. A. Nicholson

MOUNTAINEERING

On Dartmoor we were able to climb on six days during the week. The rock varied from the limestone of Chudleigh to the warm rough granite of the Dewerstone, with the tors somewhere in between. Climbing on Haytor was ideal for the exhibitionists amongst us, as coachloads of tourists gasped at every move, but the routes were short, so two visits were enough. The caving in Pridhamsleigh cavern has been well described elsewhere.

The Summer holidays saw a Stowe party on An Teallach, Suilven and The Saddle. The rock ridge on The Saddle is second only to Glencoe's Aonach Eagach on the Scottish mainland for steepness and pleasure. The Aonach Eagach itself was traversed by another party in late August.

We had a daytrip to Froggatt Edge early in October. A largeish group set off without Rob Wild, who has sadly moved to Kent. All the same we managed a number of severe routes, including Diamond Crack and Green Gut, while several V. Diff's. were led by Paddy Haskard, Sue Harvey and Fred Taylor.

For the first time in an Autumn Term we took an extended Field Day, setting out for South Wales with a few enthusiasts on the Saturday. Wintour's Leap, near Chepstow, gave most enjoyable four pitch routes on limestone which was really solid for a change. We finished off the day by abseiling into the Easy Way Down and gathering gloom. Next day we climbed on Taff Fechan, a small old limestone quarry on the south side of the Brecon Beacons. After a disconcertingly damp and slippery start, routes of Severe and even V.S. standard were enjoyed without too much incident.

Several members are looking forward to a cold week on the Cairngorms before Christmas. I'm waiting for the Spring.

G.M.H.

TWO MODES OF EXISTENCE

Never living, always dying,
Never giving, always lying.
Self continues
No fresh venues,
Life is hard.
Why not stop?

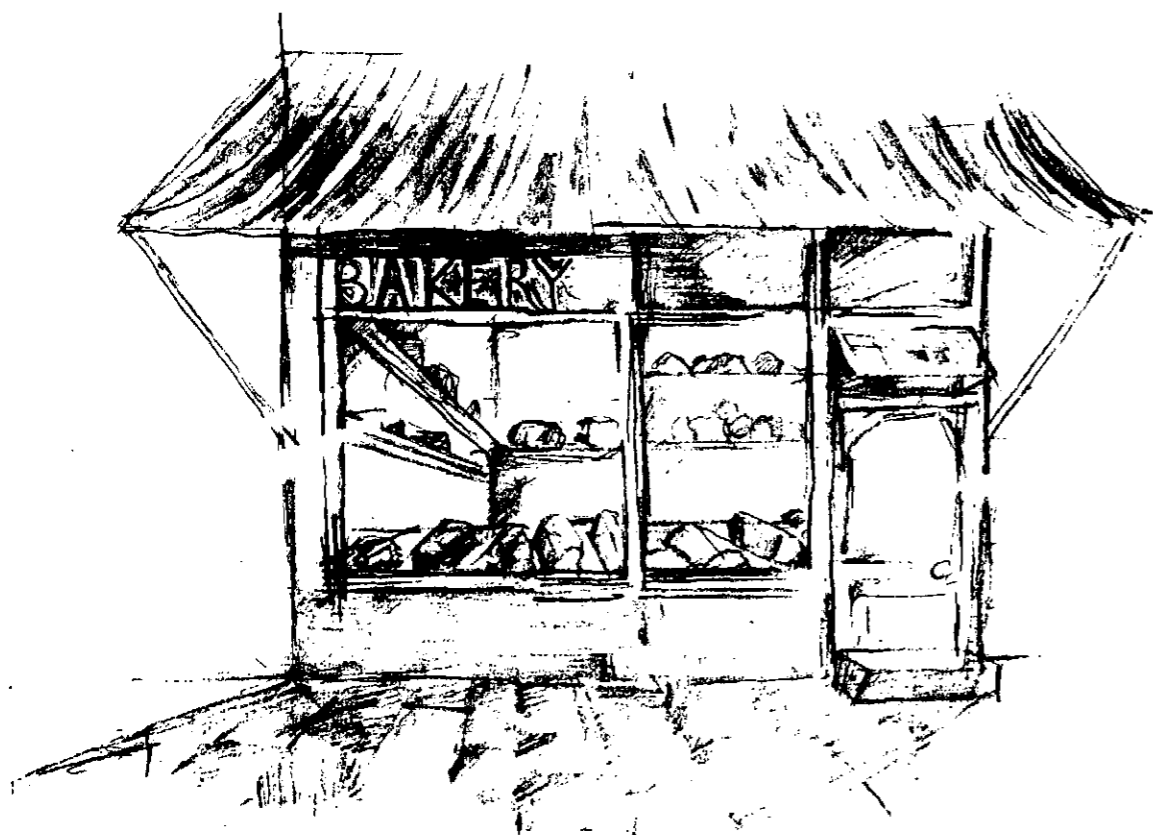
Always living, never dying,
Always giving, never lying.
Life is hard.
Love continues,
Love renews.
Why not start?

Inspired by Stowe apathy.
E. L. Meyer.

Latham's commercial quotations:

Tell me where is fancy bred,
Or in the heart or in the head?

"The Merchant of Venice"



Neither—at the Buckingham Bakery.

Capt. Edmund is dead, my lord.

Alb. That's but a trifle here.

"King Lear".



And not so delicious as those from the Marie Louise Patisserie.

PENSÉES SURREALISTES

HOMMAGE À MALLARMÉ

Quand j'aperçois l'obscurité des haies touffues,
Je sens le cauchemar des illusions perdues:
Les soupirs de l'ennuie mêlent dans l'abîme,
Flairant le cœur brisé d'une chimère intime.

A ras des flots le spectre hagard du Désespoir
Seduit les esprits morts vers l'enfer abattoir:
Le prélude charnel d'un voyage sans bornes
Sonne sa basse thrénodie d'un rythme morne.

Le vautour Jalousie, surgissant du Néant,
Accable d'injures sa victime saignante,
S'enfonçant dans le sein d'un nouveau Prométhée
Des vents du Caucase âpre à jamais fouetté.

Les astres infinis écoutent le tonnerre:
Le roi d'Èrèbe garde son silence amer.

Fiona Greenwood
John Wiggins

NEW BOYS AND GIRLS 1978

- Bruce:** (Spring) *S. J. L. Robertson, D. V. Whitcombe. (Autumn) T. C. Barker, M. H. A. Bayliss, D. W. Brown, C. R. Blum, T. C. W. Dolby, J. E. Hopley, T. F. McPhillips, mi., J. G. Raccanello, *R. W. Rainbow, A. S. G. Smith, J. D. Taylor, *R. G. Verdon-Roe, N. P. Watkins, J. M. Winsor, R. T. Michaltseck.
- Temple:** (Spring) *T. J. Bartlett, mi. (N). *A. G. Fanshawe, mi. (N), G. P. Horn (N), *R. R. M. Hudson, P. H. Mallinson, H. J. Whittaker, mi. (N). (Autumn) *R. S. Aumonier, A. C. S. Bird, C. F. Birtles, *R. P. T. Cox, G. R. Critchley, A. J. de la Mare (N), S. R. Glennie, A. S. Horn, *F. Houghton Brown, mi., *H. T. Kinahan, J. A. R. Voelcker (N).
- Grenville:** (Spring) R. M. E. Adam, *H. R. D. Fulford, D. J. O. von Malaisé. (Autumn) C. P. Austin, P. E. Booth-Clibborn, mi., C. I. Cox, W. J. R. Craig, C. E. Gaines, mi., P. C. Grindey, R. J. H. Jory, A. Latham, M. J. Petley, J. M. J. Royden, A. W. Todd, *R. J. Wostenholme, mi.
- Chandos:** (Spring) J. C. Boyce, mi. (N), J. N. A. Davies (N), R. F. C. Eden (N), A. M. Edgerley, mi. (N), R. D. J. Herrera (N), *P. S. Satow (N), J. P. Stephenson. (Autumn) *D. de S. Barrow (N), J. M. A. Bewes (N), S. B. Comery (N), *M. D. Dew, mi., *A. R. D. Hood (N), A. N. Keith, mi., *J. I. Sinclair (N), D. A. Steward, mi., N. R. Timms (N).
- Cobham:** (Spring) L. B. Mellor, A. M. Morrison, G. E. Stacey, N. R. A. Sutton. (Autumn) *M. S. W. Andersen, G. H. J. Bentley, R. J. A. Bridgwood, mi., S. P. Chellaram, N. F. de P. Chance, S. L. A. Hewitt, A. V. Leto, *W. R. McLellan, mi., R. A. Morgan, mi., C. S. Morley, J. E. Reynolds, *W. J. Rossiter, mi., C. M. Ruddock, M. T. Thornber, C. E. Wolfe.
- Chatham:** (Spring) C. J. P. Clegg, mi., T. C. M. Farah, P. N. Rosin, J. Tavallali. (Autumn) A. D. Bennett, mi., J. M. Hanson, *C. J. B. Hornor, mi., P. J. Jones, N. D. Leapman, *A. W. Luddington, mi., *R. N. Lund, S. Melwani, J. G. B. Portman, A. P. V. Raben, *D. M. Sanders, D. M. W. Thomas, D. J. Walsh.
- Grafton:** (Spring) S. P. G. Constantinides, *P. W. Harris, *J. A. Nelson, J. J. Riley (N), R. W. B. Western-Kaye (N). (Autumn) A. J. N. Coats, M. R. Downing, M. St. J. Griffin, J. B. Hoar, J. F. Mills, R. R. New, *A. J. S. Renwick, J. D. Ridruejo, M. G. Tinsley, M. B. Walley, mi., C. H. Wigley, E. G. Stammers.
- Walpole:** (Spring) *D. I. Cookson, *P. G. Kelton, P. G. Marshall, J. H. Pearman, G. E. Peppiatt, mi. (Autumn) J. H. M. Claydon, J. F. Derry, B. M. Gregory, mi., J. M. Hildt, J. S. Kirkup (N), J. M. Needham, J. B. Price, *M. J. Sanderson, mi., W. R. I. Smith, D. B. Stearn (N), A. J. G. Stirling, R. C. Thorpe.
- Lyttelton:** (Spring) A. A. Appleby, mi., *P. D. J. Briggs, S. Polad, D. J. H. Charles, K. A. Rendell. (Autumn) *T. H. J. Bannister, mi., R. C. M. Bevan, R. J. Boyd, J. J. Brown, R. Bucks, mi., V. St. G. de la Rue (N), G. N. J. Dewey (N), M. J. C. Dudley, *D. Hockley, W. J. Elliott, mi., R. A. Jones, A. R. McCausland (N), A. J. McFarlane (N), C. D. Rose, R. J. C. Wicks.
- Stanhope:** (Autumn) Anthea Chorlton, Rachel Curwen, Olivia Fennell, Sarah Haughey, *Tessa Hemsworth, *Sophie Hudson, Marie-Jo Labbe, Suzanne Ludlow, *Rowena Marshall, Penelope Newman, Ann Rushton, Helen Shephard, Emma Weiner.

* = O.S. Son or Daughter. (N) = Nugent.

LEAVERS 1978

- Bruce:** (Summer) C. J. Allen, R. J. S. Ball, J. H. Davis, N. C. Fenwick, ma., C. A. Best, D. C. Guest, J. C. W. Hall, C. V. C. Harris, C. J. Lindner, M. A. R. Lumsden-Cook, W. P. Moseley, T. D. Murray-Holgate, M. H. C. Strakosch, R. J. Wheatley, N. R. Winsloe. (Autumn) C. R. Bingham, H. W. Messenger, A. I. S. Routledge.
- Temple:** (Summer) N. N. Bartlett, B. Bowley, ma., N. D. F. Jackson, A. Law, J. R. H. Lawrence, H. M. Lloyd, ma., J. A. Macdonald, K. B. D. M. Mackenzie, B. R. A. Marlowe, P. S. Marsh, G. G. R. Paine, P. E. Richards, N. G. B. Sheldon. (Autumn) A. R. Bird, R. P. Cubitt, G. W. Denning, C. M. A. Shaw.
- Grenville:** (Summer) S. L. Agüero, R. D. C. Ando, J. P. A. Bagshawe, L. A. Bowles, A. S. B. Hayward, ma., J. C. Haas, J. McComas, R. G. McCreery, A. M. Mitchell, P. N. Orr, A. I. S. Swan, J. F. Yeats Brown, ma. (Autumn) S. G. Appleton, J. W. Bayley, T. H. M. Fenton.
- Chandos:** (Summer) J. R. J. Fladée, J. J. Hogan, C. D. Montgomery, ma., R. T. Phinney, R. M. Rummell, M. A. J. Salmon, A. W. Serre, ma., C. R. Serre, mi., F. N. F. Timewell, M. S. Turner, B. A. S. Mee.
- Cobham:** (Summer) S. W. Adam, A. N. Alder, T. S. Bradley-Williams, P. T. James, N. J. Moss, G. C. C. Quinney, P. Rodrigue, R. R. D. Taylor, N. P. Wigmore. (Autumn) D. A. Eaton, A. P. V. Harris, J. M. Taylor, ma.
- Chatham:** (Spring) F. N. Loughray. (Summer) R. G. Barratt, D. M. Bevan, R. C. Carless, S. P. Clegg, ma., P. A. H. Ewbank, ma., N. D. J. Gray, ma., H. D. Gregson-Williams, J. Hartley, ma., J. W. J. Hay, N. E. Luddington, ma., I. C. M. Macleod, ma., A. W. Morris, R. P. Royds, D. M. Stewart, D. F. C. Thomas, M. J. Shew, J. F. H. Vey. (Autumn) E. L. Meyer, N. D. Wright.
- Grafton:** (Spring) J. A. F. Currey, P. D. Hammond. (Summer) M. Al Turki, J. N. Barnard, ma., S. L. Barnard, mi., N. J. Benthall, M. D. Cave, C. R. Close-Smith, ma., P. D. A. Darling, J. D. Gulab, R. M. Horrocks, F. D. G. Mezulanik, M. J. F. Moffatt, ma., T. W. P. O'Brien, G. F. Phillips, ma., S. W. Powles, Ma., M. A. B. Watts, ma., R. G. Watts, mi., J. M. Zoghbi. (Autumn) S. Curling, P. J. Patten, C. Wood, A. E. H. Worsley, G. A. Wild, R. M. Harris.
- Walpole:** (Summer) R. C. Divall, R. T. H. Edridge, M. N. Garnett, ma., E. St. J. Hall, J. P. Knowler, R. A. Marsden-Smedley, ma., P. G. Marshall, R. W. Palmer, J. L. E. Sandford, L. S. Trimmingham. (Autumn) A. D. S. Bunting, C. E. A. Hugill, B. A. Nicholson.
- Lyttelton:** (Summer) M. H. H. Bading, J. R. Cattle, ma., T. D. Forbes Adam, ma., N. J. Loup, S. D. Milligan, ma., A. J. Milligan, mi., A. J. Rossdale, N. R. C. Standeven, M. J. Swanborough, G. F. Winnington-Ingram. (Autumn) A. C. H. M. Bedall, C. D. Bird, ma., J. D. L. Wiggins.
- Stanhope:** (Summer) Amanda Aykroyd, Elizabeth Ball, Catherine Bartlett, Caroline Bridgwood, Caroline Cowper, Tracey Davis, Elisabeth Dunnett, Caroline Hill, Katherine Roberts. (Autumn) Christina Gould, Fiona Greenwood.

POEMS BY ERNEST MEYER

Oh sweet flower, how I love you!
Your curves so smooth, your shades so bright;
Your lingering scent wafts sweet and cool
To fill my soul with such delight.

Ah sweet flower, smells are pleasing
But scent's not good for longing heart.
For however well my pleasing
Hunger is not fed by word-art.

Oh, poor sweet flower, dying now
Thy petals wilt and fade away
Thy flame of passion-red will slough
Thy scent will go with passing day.

But as in flowers, when their sap
Moves from leaves to deeper stores,
So petal-passion will perhaps
Progress to open your heart's doors.

Leaving school is
Knowing the number of steps on the South Front
Having read all the **Punches** in the San. waiting room
Being able to go about your house at night and not bump into anything.
Knowing all the girls' names—and actually to have talked to some of them.

Leaving school is
Being fed up and wanting to escape
But not wanting to leave your friends—
Discovering after all these years you always **have** liked it
It's just more fun to complain.

Leaving school is
Finally telling those people you have always hated
Where to get off.
Going to the pub and buying your tutor
A drink if you happen to bump into him.
Being absurdly sentimental over things
That you never had any sentiment for.

Leaving school is
No different than anything else is different
But for some reason it seems a shame
To walk from five years of your life:

OLD STOIC NEWS

F. P. G. Aldrich-Blake (6 1956) was presented by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales with the Mick Burke award for Expedition Film Making in March 1978.

R. A. Andrews (6 1926) was appointed Commodore of the Royal Cruising Club in 1977).

The Lord Annan (2 1935) is a Trustee of the National Gallery (1978). He was appointed Vice-Chancellor of London University (1978).

C. K. Bond (9 1974) has three times been a Hockey Blue for Cambridge and played for England in Under-22 Hockey. He graduated in 1977.

K. T. Boyd (6 1941) has been elected Chairman of the Institute of Statisticians (1978).

R. C. D. Brow (6 1940) has been appointed Rector of St. James's Church, Kingston, Ontario.

G. R. Cheatle (8 1972) played for Sussex C.C.C. when they won the Gillette Cup, 1978.

The Lord Chelwood (2 1935) has been appointed a member of the National Conservancy Council (October 1978).

J. M. Connell (3 1942) is a member of the Management Council of the Distillers Company.

J. V. Doubleday (5 1964) has been commissioned to make a life-size bronze of Charlie Chaplin to be erected at the new recreation centre at the Elephant and Castle in April 1980.

D. A. Fanshawe (4 1959) received an unprecedented ovation for the performance of his African Sanctus at the Three Choirs Festival at Worcester on 2nd September, 1978.

S. D. A. Firth (6 1957) is now Lieutenant Colonel commanding the 1st Battalion of the Gloucester Regiment.

B. N. L. Fletcher (5 1941) was appointed Deputy Colonel of the Light Infantry on 10th July, 1978.

T. J. L. Gauvain (1 1960) assumed command of No. 19 Squadron R.A.F. on 16th June, 1978.

J. Hartley (6 1978) won a University Cadetship to Exeter University.

J. R. C. Holbeach (4 1939) has been appointed to the Board of the Distillers Company.

C. F. N. Hope (5 1951) has been appointed to the Board of Dunlop in Europe (1978).

T. C. Kinahan (2 1971) was ordained Deacon in St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast on 25th June, 1978.

D. J. Lamping (4 1963) is European Sales Manager for the Walt Disney Organisation.

F. A. Ruhemann (6 1948) has been appointed Vice-Chairman of the Open University Council (1978).

A. P. Sainer (2 1966) published *Studi Micenei Ed Egeo-Anatolici* (1976).

C. J. G. Shillington (6 1957) was awarded the M.B.E. in 1978 for services with the Ulster Defence Regiment.

R. Storry-Deans (7 1935) was President of Middlesex County Rugby Football Union (1974/1977) and is now Chairman of the Medical Appeal Tribunal for London North (1978).

The following were commissioned from Sandhurst in August 1978:—

A. J. Watson (4 1975) in the Life Guards.

J. C. Royds (6 1977) in the 5th Royal Iniskilling Dragoon Guards.

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

A. Ando—Mod Langs. Oxford.

T. J. Issaias—Part 1 Natural Sciences, Cambridge.

D. M. W. Reid—German, University of London.

M. Ridley—Zoology, Oxford.

MARRIAGES

- R. J. Atherton** (4 1963) to Jaqueline Walton on 1st May 1971.
The Lord Brassey (2 1949) to Caroline Evill on 18th October 1978.
D. F. Gomme (3 1964) to Lindsay Thomson on 5th October 1978.
D. W. R. Harland (8 1968) to Julia Cicely Brown on 9th September 1978.
M. E. Harrison (9 1972) to Vanessa Absell-Roberts on 10th September 1977.
D. R. Lees-Jones (3 1965) to Katherine Eleanor Schenk on 29th July 1978.
D. F. McDonough (5 1971) to Caroline Axford on 29th July 1978.
P. D. W. Nicholl (9 1967) to Vivien Isted on 22nd July 1978.
M. J. S. Peploe (4 1974) to Stella Hanson on 24th June 1978.
The Hon. E. R. B. Stopford (5 1930) to Millicent Davies on 23rd September 1978.
C. S. M. St. G. Vane-Tempest (6 1968) to Jane Bulow on 5th March 1977.
P. M. Wright (8 1943) to Joanna Seymour on 19th September 1975.
S. P. M. Wright (6 1969) on 5th August 1978.

BIRTHS

To the wife of:

- P. D. Abrahams** (3 1962) a son on 7th November 1977.
R. J. Atherton (4 1963) a son on 7th May 1974 and a daughter on 3rd March 1976.
E. P. S. Curtis (8 1955) a son on 5th May 1978.
C. R. Dixey (6 1962) a son on 30th August 1978.
C. J. Harding (4 1963) a son on 22nd November 1974 and a daughter on 23rd March 1977.
C. N. Hershman (1 1965) two sons born 8th November 1973 and 14th June 1978.
C. Honeyman Brown (3 1966) a son on 2nd November 1978.
L. T. J. Long (5 1956) a son on 8th March 1968.
B. L. Perryman (1 1964) a son on 17th July 1978.
D. H. Temple (7 1962) a son on 25th January 1972.
C. S. M. St. G. Vane-Tempest (6 1968) a son on 1st August 1978.
P. M. Wright (8 1943) a son on 19th September 1976.

DEATHS

- N. C. S. Barling** (7 1944) on 15th August 1978.
R. W. Beard (1 1926) during September 1978.
Edith M. Crewdson (née Churton) (Music Staff (Cello)) on 16th August 1978.
The Lord Ronald Graham (3 1929) on 11th June 1978.
T. J. Greenley (8 1948) on 5th August 1978.
J. T. Holman (8 1939) on 1st July 1978.
W. L. McElwee (Master 1934-1962) on 22nd November 1978.
C. O. M. Priday (Medical Officer 1962-1976) on 11th July 1978.
M. A. C. Rutherfordstone (6 1977) on 15th July, 1978.
J. C. T. Uttley (Master 1947-1960) on 14th July 1978.

“London Assurance”



Jonathan Villiers as Charles Courtly,
Marc Hope as Dazzle,
Elli Davis as Grace Harkaway.



Matthew Street as Max Harkaway
and Henry Hall as Sir Harcourt Courtly.



Henry Hall as Sir Harcourt Courtly.



Elli Davis as Grace Harkaway.

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