

THE STOIC



December 1980

Number one hundred and sixty six

Vol. XXVII
Number 9
December 1980

THE STOIC

Editors—

T. J. Bayntun
R. M. Coombs
Antonia B. Mitchell
Caroline A. M. Sparrow
E. N. Yeats Brown

Frontispiece:

EDITORIAL

THE IMAGINATION NEEDED TO ENVISAGE CHANGE

It might be profitable for the Stoic reader, faced with the prospect of another vitriolic Editorial to accept that the healthy aspects of a school often receive less attention than those that are reprehensible. Our bad facets have to be considered, with possibly unfair severity, in order that improvement may be set in motion, and changes made.

Change seems to be viewed by Stoics with intense distrust. Whether there is a real fear of new things inherent in the School, or whether it is proverbial Stowe apathy that dictates change to be not worth the effort, is debatable. Effort, certainly, is required, since some of the problems with which the School is faced are severe; I find it sad, for example, that visitors to the dining-rooms have received impressions of a school that seems slovenly, unsmiling and bored. Stowe should be more positive and extrovert than this, but lacks the necessary conviction. W. B. Yeats was aware of the tragedy of the fact that people who should care about certain issues often fail to produce the confidence needed to act positively. A truth applicable to ourselves is encapsulated in these lines:

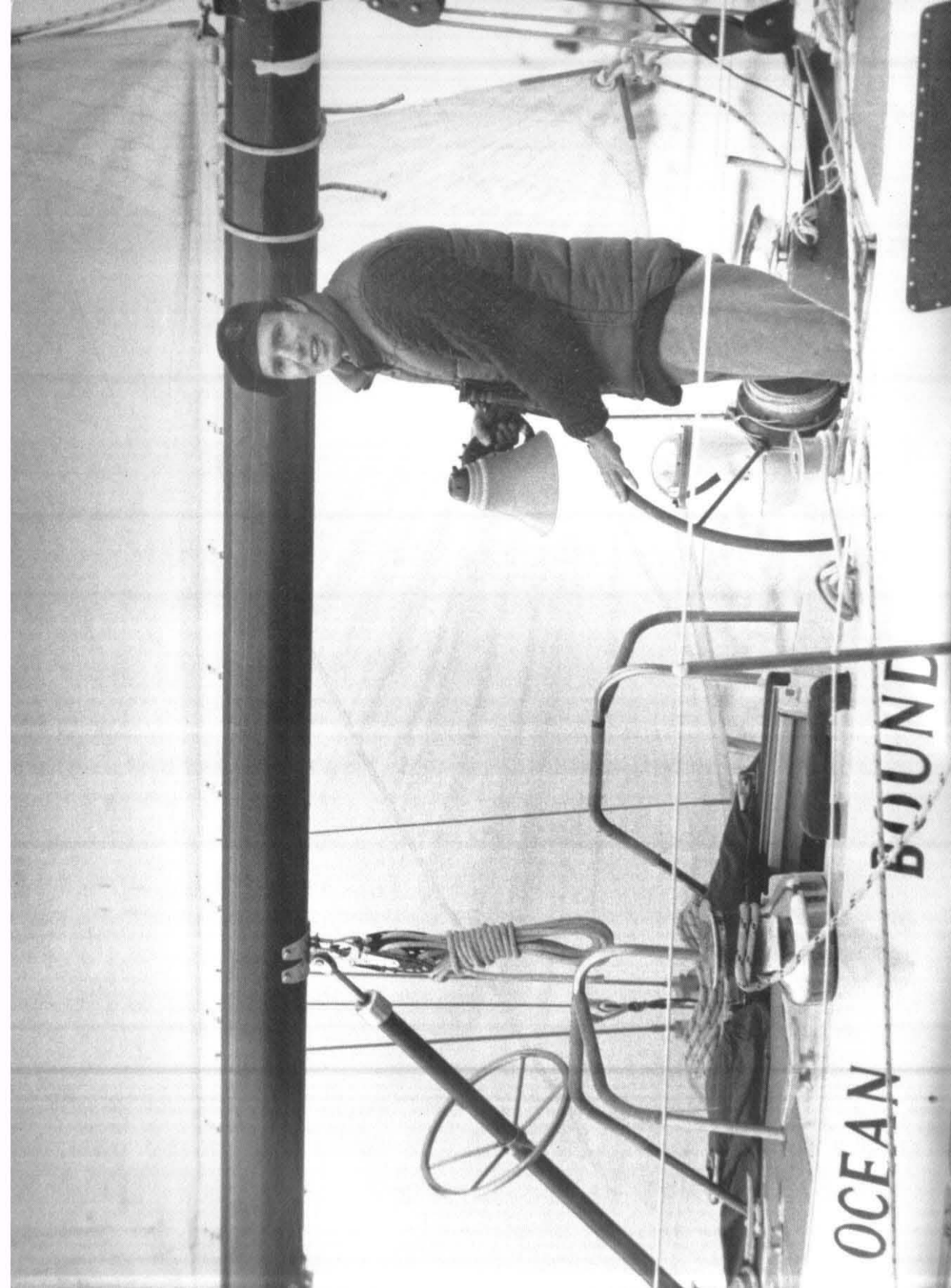
“The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity.”

Once we gain conviction, all that is most important in a school—its atmosphere, and the happiness of its members—will flourish. Senior people must be convinced of the responsibility they hold as regards influencing others, and those lower down the School must be convinced that those things they admire in the lead set by the Sixth Form will be upheld by them, for soon it will be their turn to influence others; junior boys must be convinced of the importance of choosing wisely in respect to the values they decide to uphold for the future.

I hope that their decisions will be guided by their imagination. Surely all of us, staff and boys, would profit from an increased respect for imagination. Let us develop the gumption to temper our thoughts with idealism; it is in this way that we might break free from the moribund sterility of some Chapel Services and some lessons; it is in this way—through a mixture of imagination and effort—that Stowe will become rid of that element who laugh, in their cynical introversion, at the far-sightedness of a conviction such as this: that Stowe can, indeed, become the best of its kind in Europe.

Jonathon Bayntun

David Scott Cowper (7 1960) aboard “Ocean Bound”



AUTUMN TERM, 1980

Mr Turner has since his arrival advocated the need to strive to develop a standard of excellence in all pursuits, whether academic or practical. This term it has been encouraging to see greater enthusiasm and participation in the wide sphere of activities and societies at Stowe. Especially prominent has been the revival of the Debating Society under the new presidency of Mr Grimston. There have been four debates this term, in which Stoics have expressed their views on controversial issues. The junior Debating Society has also been established and is thriving. Initiative has been shown in the organization of a poetry recital, and we hope that this will be the start of many similar meetings. For some time now Stoics have felt the need to establish a body through which they can express their views on matters concerning the School. The Stoics' Representative Council was set up this term and has held its first meeting. The Political Society has also been flourishing, and the film 'The War Game' was shown to a large, suitably shocked audience.

Various conferences have been held this term for the Middle Sixth, notably the Challenge of Industry conference on October 22nd and 23rd. Those present were divided into groups, each with a syndicate leader, and individuals were encouraged to participate. Everyone was impressed by the excellent organization and the method of approach.

Mr Haslam directed this year's Congreve Club play, 'The Physicists' by Friedrich Durrenmatt. The production was generally considered outstanding, and we shall print a review of it in the next issue. We look forward to the Drama Club entertainment at the end of term.

This year's Myles Henry prize was won by G. H. J. Bentley, J. E. Dewhurst and P. J. Dredge, who gave a most amusing and enlightening talk on the United Arab Emirates.

On October 2nd there was a Confirmation Renewal Service in Buckingham Church, taken by the Bishop of Buckingham. Many Stoics attended and the occasion was a great success.

Items of interest about Old Stoics include: the appointment of Lord Annan (Temple 1935) and Lord Hutchinson (Chatham 1932) as Chairmen of the National and Tate Galleries respectively, and, in a very different field, a visit by George Melly (Cobham 1944) on September 24th to entertain us with his characteristic blend of music and humour.

We welcome back Mr Drayton from his sabbatical leave, and wish him every success with his opera. We also congratulate Dr P. D. Jones on gaining his Ph.D., and we welcome a number of new members of the Staff: Mr M. Edwards, Mr P. J. Emms, Mr M. C. Grimston, Mr G. N. C. Hessenberg, Dr B. H. Orger, and Mr W. S. L. Woolley. We are sorry to hear of the departure from Grafton of its House Matron Mrs Beryl Sherrard, and we also say farewell to two people who have served the School for a long time: RSM R. G. KcKeown, a mainstay of the CCF for many years, is retiring this term, and so is Mrs Warden of the Housekeeper's staff, whose services go back a long way, as did her husband's.

We congratulate Mr and Mrs Mullineux, Mr and Mrs Stiff and Mr and Mrs Barker on the birth of their sons.

Finally, we would like to wish this year's Oxford and Cambridge candidates every success both immediately and in the future.

**Antonia B. Mitchell
Edward N. Yeats Brown**

SOCIETY

CHAPEL

We have welcomed the following preachers in Chapel this term: the Revd J. D. Young, Chaplain of Bishop Otter College, Chichester; The Revd R. L. Grew, Housemaster at Repton School; the Revd M. C. Brown, Rural Dean of Goldalming; the Revd J. Wordsworth, Vicar of St Andrews, Malvern; the Revd C. C. H. M. Morgan, C.B., Chaplain of Dean Close School and a Governor of Stowe, and the Revd D. R. MacInnes, Diocesan Missioner for Birmingham.

This term saw the publication of the Alternative Service Book after over fifteen years of extensive liturgical modernization and revision. The Book of Common Prayer, while retained as providing alternative forms and a doctrinal standard, cannot be regarded as an expression of 'common prayer'. As the A.S.B. Preface observes, "any liturgy, no matter how timeless its qualities, also belongs to a particular period and culture. . . . Rapid social and intellectual changes, together with a world-wide reawakening of interest in liturgy, have made it desirable that new understandings of worship should find expression in new forms and styles." Some of this new material is already in use in 'Psalms and Services' and we continue to consider ways in which we may best worship God within the context of our School community.

An innovation this term was the Act of Remembrance on Armistice Day: the Last Post and Reveille were sounded and wreaths were laid by the Head of School and Senior N.C.O. This service, attendance at which was voluntary, received encouraging support from pupils and staff, and will doubtless become established as an annual event.

Offerings are now received at the Chapel doors prior to Sunday services and we have discontinued the unsatisfactory practice of passing round a collection plate. There has been a positive response to this new arrangement. Since giving is part of our total Christian response, the offering is still presented in the setting of worship during the final hymn.

On October 2nd a party of forty-five from Stowe joined a congregation of over eight hundred in Buckingham Parish Church for a Confirmation Renewal Festival Eucharist. Those present commented on the sense of unity and joy in worship which made this a memorable service. Taking as his text St Paul's words, "I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands", the Bishop of Buckingham said that the renewal of our confirmation vows was not for selfish ends but an act of re-dedication which should lead to service in the Church and the world. The work to which God has called us is expressed in the words of St Theresa:

Christ has—

no other hands but your hands to do his work today;
no other feet but your feet to guide men on his way;
no other lips but your lips to tell men why he died;
no other love but your love to win men to his side.

N. W. Wynne-Jones

DEBATING SOCIETY

In an age where fewer and fewer people are prepared to voice their own opinions, it is refreshing to see so many Stoics interested in the rejuvenation of the Debating Society. Under the able Presidency of Mr M. C. Grimston, himself having been a prominent Cambridge Union man, we have set up a Standing Committee who meet on a regular basis to choose debates and propose speakers, and as a central body it has generated a good deal of enthusiasm throughout the School.

To date three debates have been held upon the following motions: "This House would break school rules", "This House believes that homosexuality is as natural as heterosexuality" and "This House calls for the total Nuclear disarmament of Britain". Interestingly all three motions have fallen by clear majorities. In the first debate we were fortunate to be graced with the formidable debating skills of the Headmaster (For) and Mr I. M. Small (Against), and speakers from the school Mr John Rees and Miss Annabel Heseltine (For) and Messrs Robert Miller and David Burgess (Against), who each contributed admirably to the memorable evening. Surprising as it may seem, the motion was defeated by 99 votes to 38. The controversiality of the second motion brought a bulging House and despite the light-hearted atmosphere there was some serious and exceptionally creditable debating. Good speeches were made by all the six speakers, but one especially remembered Mr Paul Calkin's speech (Against), Mr Jonathon Bayntun's (Against) and an incredibly vivacious speech (Against) by the President constructed in just twenty minutes as a result of one of the speakers being ill. Possibly as a consequence of that speech the motion was defeated 105 votes to 72.

The third debate of the term ended a sort of Nuclear Arms week, prior to this there having been the film the "War Game" and the Congreve play "The Physicists" to muse over. During the two and a half hour long debate the arguments became quite heated and passionate, and some of the speeches from the floor were radical in their views. Excellent speeches were made by both sides, but a definitely biased house before the debate was not swayed by the proposers Messrs N. G. Taylor, Julian Walker, Adrian Brady and George Monbiot (Proposer), but prepared to hold the views of Messrs A. J. E. Lloyd, Richard Carruthers, Nigel Rossiter and Richard Humphries. Thus the House voted, 88 votes in favour, 23 against with 25 abstentions on the third motion.

All in all the future seems very bright and it is with great pleasure that I can inform readers that the mythical Stoic apathy has not prevented the success of the Debating Society.

Huw Jennings, Chairman

CORKSCREW SOCIETY

This term's members were all new to the Society and at the time of writing we have only had one meeting.

This meeting was held in the Music Room and the speaker was Mr Hugo Dunn-Meynell, who was President of the International Wine and Food Society. We tasted five different wines and there were five different foods to eat with them.

Mathew Streeton has very kindly arranged three meetings already for next term and we look forward to some merry wine tasting.

P. P. G. Nash

POLITICAL CLUB

Writers in school magazines tarmacadam the pages with flattery. And that, of course, is good form—gentlemanly, courteous and two-faced. But problems arise when praise is deserved, and so Mr Merlyn Rees's address to the Club last term presents the reporter with problems. Undoubtedly it was in the memory of the listeners the finest address the Club has heard.

Mr Rees's subject was the Irish Question, it having been his "mission", like Gladstone's, "to pacify Ireland", and it having been his lot, like Gladstone's, to fail. Yet Mr Rees's conduct as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland did not impair his reputation: it enhanced it. And those Stoics privileged to hear him and meet him must easily have understood why. His wide experience and manifest personal integrity enabled him to talk interestingly, wittily, wisely and informatively. He could praise his political opponents (especially Mr William Whitelaw) without hint of carping; criticise the present Government's policies constructively without playing for cheap laughs, and analyse complex problems without glibly suggesting snap answers. His address was much appreciated and will long be remembered, and the Club are grateful to Mr and Mrs Wiggins (both schoolfriends of both Mr and Mrs Rees) for suggesting Mr Rees to us as a speaker and for encouraging him to come here.

The Club's main event this term so far has been the screening of the film *The War Game*. Rather as Lord Longford, it is said, keeps strip-clubs in business by walking out of them, so the B.B.C. by banning the showing of this film have to accept responsibility for a queue that stretched from the Audio Visual Room to the South Front and for the not inappropriate outbreak of hostilities at the doorways. In just one evening the film was shown three times, and the audiences' reactions ranged from indignation to sheer horror. Those who watched it were certainly not entertained; but they were informed and educated, albeit not always willingly:

"I think it was irresponsible to show the film at Stowe", wrote one senior boy to a master the next day, "because it makes people think in terms of the future".

Historians fail to record whether Nero enjoyed films about fires.

P.J.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

This year has been an impressive one for the Society's fund-raising activities. With a sponsored swim, sponsored quiz and charity film we have amassed just under £500 for "Animals in Danger" (AID). We are slowly beginning to patch up the elm-disease-stricken nature reserve. A replanting scheme has been initiated here, which has been somewhat hindered by lack of cash and dense undergrowth. The duckery has also had problems. It has been raided several times and the thieves are believed to have made off with around 30 birds—a considerable loss. This matter is being treated very seriously and surveillance is being mounted which will, we hope, put an end to the situation.

We are indebted to Dr Max Walters, Director of the Cambridge Botanical Gardens and an eminent botanist, who gave us an impressive talk on rare plants and the need for their conservation, at the beginning of this term. The Thursday Society has been well attended, as has the conservation group—a new venture headed by Dr King with the objective of increasing the awareness of Stoics to the need for the protection of the environment.

George Monbiot

THE LIBRARY

Towards the end of the Summer Term Lord Boyd-Carpenter (Bruce & Chatham 1927), gave the Library his book **"Way of Life: The Memoirs of John Boyd-Carpenter"**, which only went into circulation this term, and The Editor of **The Daily Telegraph** sent **"125 Years in Words and Pictures as described in Contemporary reports in The Daily Telegraph 1855-1980"**. These interesting gifts are greatly appreciated, along with 12 books given to The Library this term. Received through the post from Mr P. H. Pain were **"The Holy Spirit and You"** by Dennis and Rita Bennett, **"The Pentecostal Movement in the Catholic Church"** by Father Edward D. O'Connor, and **"Bishop's Move"**, edited by Michael Harper, who says of the 6 Anglican Bishops who contributed to the book: "The men who have written this book have discovered (in every case after being made bishops) a new dimension which they had somehow missed". The Oxford based Institute for Psychophysical Research gave us **"Out-of-the-Body Experiences"** and **"The Human Evasion"** by Celia Green, its Director, also **"Apparitions"** by Celia Green and Charles McCreery, and **"Science, Philosophy and ESP"** by Charles McCreery, Research Officer. The Institute claims to be "a centre of intellectual activity which opposes, so far as funds permit, the current decline in intellectual standards". The Trustees of the Foundation of Education in Economics gave a volume of essays entitled **"In Defence of Freedom"**, edited by Dr K. W. Watkins. David Duckworth presented **"Trouble-shooting: International Business Problems"**, which he compiled with I. S. Blackshaw, and J. G. Stirling, father of A. J. G. Stirling (Walpole), gave two useful books for the Economics Section—**"The Economic System in the UK"** and **"The Nationalized Transport Industries"**. On the lighter side, Laddie Lucas's (Grenville 1934) **"The Sport of Prince's"** will interest golfers particularly. A. R. Kennon (Grenville 1973) sent a copy of **Parliamentary Affairs** to which he had contributed an article entitled **"Recent Work of the General Sub-Committee of the Expenditure Committee"**. **"Hitler"** by Norman Stone and **"Great Harry: A Life of King Henry VIII"** by Carolly Erickson were bought from the Scott-Gall Bequest grant. We have received complimentary booklets from the CEBG on **"Nuclear Power"**, **"Nuclear Waste Disposal"** and **"Radioactive Waste"**, and we are receiving complimentary copies of **"Atom"**, the monthly information bulletin of The United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority.

71 books have been bought this term ranging from light reading to critical essays, history subjects, biographies, and human studies such as Jonathan Dimbleby's **"The Palestinians"**.

The moving of supervised Prep. periods to other regions leaves the room available for quiet and serious study, a change which is clearly appreciated by regular users. Another innovation is in having 2 Monitors this term instead of a Prefect, P. N. Taylor (5) and B. J. Brown (0) each taking care of 5 houses. Their methods so far have been effective, and on the whole they have been backed by House Monitors, who are, at the time of going to press:

T. C. W. Yerburgh (1), T. J. G. Sparrow (2), D. E. Callow (3), T. J. Bayntun (4), P. N. Taylor (5), J. B. D. Henderson (6), R. M. Miller (7), J. A. L. Spicer (8), P. B. Calkin (9), B. J. Brown (0), P. P. C. Nash (Nugent).

C. R. Haslam

THE FORESTERS

For the first few weeks the boy foresters and the Wednesday estate party completed the clearance of the undergrowth and stumps in the woodland between Walpole and the Churchyard. Later in the autumn daffodil bulbs were planted there by Mr Thompson, the new head gardener, and his staff. The rest of our time we have spent on Nelson's Walk, thinning the areas on either side of it where the trees are overcrowded.

G.B.C.

"CHALLENGE OF INDUSTRY CONFERENCE"

It was a breath of fresh air when the Industrial Society returned to Stowe after a break of five years to run a conference on the importance of industry. The whole middle sixth form participated in this on October 22nd and 23rd. The conference team was chaired by Mr. Antony Wood, Head of Schools Liaison, Metal Box Ltd. He set the tone for the first day with an enthusiastic and informative talk. He stated, in detail, how industry produces the country's wealth along with agriculture and commerce. He explained the relative and absolute decline of British Industry and aimed at four steps for the audience. The team was going to make us aware of the problems, to be concerned about them, to act sympathetically towards them and to be committed to learn more. They succeeded in achieving all four steps. Twelve industrial managers provoked the discussion groups of sixth formers into argument and decision making.

Mr Wood's approach was far removed from trying to convince right wing public schoolboys that it is rewarding to get their hands dirty on the assembly line. He appealed to the aesthete, quoting Noel Annan, "Art is manured by money and so in the end is a more just and humane society". He showed concern for the conditions and motives of work by quoting Frederick Herzberg, "The primary function of any organisation whether religious, political, social, is to implement the needs of man to enjoy a meaningful existence".

The programme included a leadership exercise, role play sessions, a film about shop floor disputes and responsibilities, and panel sessions. There were two impressive speakers representing Management and the Trade Unions. Mr Tony Lewis, Education & Training Manager, Ford Motor Co. Ltd. and Mr Tony Williamson, Branch Chairman, Transport & General Workers Union, British Leyland. Both spoke with clarity, realism and cogent illustrations from their own experience. How little do Stoics realise that the population has major problems with the ability to communicate, ability to reason and ability to face authority? It is not surprising that communication between management and the labour force is a difficult business in itself.

It was not a conference of one way traffic, the professionals giving out and the amateurs absorbing. Recommendations that came from the middle sixth during the conference included: affiliation by the school with local industry, holiday work experience, greater awareness amongst the masters, more use of the General Studies curriculum, read more and invite other speakers from industry.

As a school, we are unaware of how the wealth of the country is created. We give shallow credence to the problems of industry and yet we assume that somehow the English nation will maintain its present standard of living. If we are to continue as a caring society, we need to see that it is worthwhile to be involved in creating the wealth in industry and commerce to pay for our desired standard of welfare. The Industrial Society is committed to reformation and gives a welcome message which we need to hear every year. The middle sixth were certainly grateful for their visit this term.

J.M.L.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

Scenting a lack of enthusiasm within the circles of the Classical Society, I gave a talk on the 21st October on Cicero, the orator and statesman at the end of the Roman Republic, hoping to set a trend for all those studying classics at 'A' level to give such a talk at some time during their last two years at Stowe. D. R. L. Boyd has agreed to give a talk on Seneca, and I hope that the trend continues, and that the weight of the Society is taken off the shoulders of B.S.S. and is taken onto those of the members of the Society, for whose benefit the Society naturally exists.

C. R. James

BEAGLES

The showing season was already underway when the last *Stoic* came out and as a result the South of England Show has already been mentioned. However, success did not stop there. About three weeks later we went to the Wales & Border Counties Show at Builth Wells. We did very well in the afternoon with the Bitches winning all but one of the classes! Starlight took the championship and she was also one of the couple which won.

At Peterborough, the East of England Show, we won the doghound couples class with Piper and Pilgrim, which was extremely pleasing considering Peterborough is the hound show of the year. We were also second in the unentered doghound, and second in the two couple of doghounds. Unfortunately our two best bitches are barred from the show because they have won everything already! So there goes another good showing season with sixteen cups to our credit.

The Puppy Show went very well indeed, and our judges this year were Col. N. Foster and Albert Buckle from the Whaddon Chase. Scarlet won the doghound class and Sixpence won the bitches class. Woburn and Wellington won the couples class.

Once again the Beagles travelled north in September to Northumberland stopping at Mr Michael Bannister's estate in Yorkshire en route. Two enjoyable days hunting were had before continuing to Northumberland. The joint Masters of the Newcastle and District Beagles, Col. and Mrs Gibson were our hosts and without their help the trip would not have been possible. It was good to see Rupert Gibson, who once whipped in for the Stowe, whipping in for the Newcastle and District Beagles. Hares were very sparse this year in Northumberland. However, this did not stop sport. An exceptional day was had at Braidley Farm where we had a long draw before finding. Hounds hunted solidly for two hours below the Roman Wall before catching their reward. Good days were had from Forestburn Gate and Moss Kennels and hounds were unlucky not to catch two good hares. Our last meet was at Rushend, where hounds hunted a hare for seventy five minutes before she took to running roads. However, we only lost her for half an hour before finding her again to conclude a successful hunt after a further fifteen minutes hunting.

Back down south good days were had from Little Preston, Brackley Grange, Southfields Farm-Blakesley, Mantles Heath and Lenborough. Our tally now stands at 5½ brace.

We all know how much we are indebted to John and Anne Thornton for their invaluable work in the kennels and their advice and patience.

This years hunt staff are as follows; Master G. M. Hemsley, Huntsman A. W. R. Dangar, First Whip F. Houghton Brown, Second Whips T. H. J. Bannister, G. S. Jackson and A. C. Neve, Junior Whips J. C. B. Portman and C. R. Hamilton-Russell.

G. M. Hemsley

ZYMASE

Although sadly depleted in membership since the Summer, has not been entirely unproductive. Its three members have, this term, made four gallons of Apple Wine, and have reorganised the storage area so that the D. of E. have more space for kit.

Although the membership is, on the face of it, disheartening, the club has run smoothly, but it would be nice to see a few more members next term, or the club might gradually slip into obscurity.

Many thanks to Mr Wilde and Dr Hornby for the use of the store.

Julian Walker

CENTREPOINT

The holding of the Centrepoint meeting this term in both Mr Marcuse's flat in Nugent and the school's audio-visual room has proved to be very successful despite initial, unrealized fears that the nature of the latter would detract from the informal nature of these meetings.

On the contrary, it has lent itself to produce some extremely good talks from a number of speakers. We have discussed the important sections from several of the better known *Psalms*, raising a number of points that are particularly relevant for the approaching Confirmation. Perhaps the most noticeable aspect of the *Book of Psalms* that this term's discussion has brought to light for many is the wide variety of such important subjects covered in its pages, and the striking and often personal way in which they are written.

This term has also included one or two valuable meetings which have been separate from the central theme. Earlier in the term Mr Manisty very kindly invited Centrepoint to his house, where he spoke on the activities of *Traidcraft*, an organisation that is encouraging the development of Third World village industries by selling their products in Britain and other countries. More recently a speaker from 'Open Doors', a group set up by Brother Andrew to help Christians in Communist countries, visited Stowe at the invitation of one of the boys and showed a most revealing film on the state of the Church behind the Iron Curtain.

Overall the term's programme has gone very well thanks to a number of fine speakers and a rewarding main topic. Centrepoint is a meeting open to everyone and people from any year are very welcome to come along on Sundays to hear a speaker whenever possible.

C. B. Jackson

STOWE AVIATION SOCIETY

Since our last report our membership has increased and the number of activities we have undertaken has also increased.

We have shown films on subjects varying from Autogyros to a war exercise at an RAF station in RAF Germany. We have also had two speakers. The first, Flying Officer Fox from the Queen's Flight, gave an illustrated talk on the Queen's Flight. Our other lecturer was a support helicopter specialist from the Ministry of Defence, Squadron Leader Jenner. He brought with him a life size lecture aid in the shape of a Wessex helicopter which he flew here from RAF Odiham. This afternoon was a great success and will be remembered by all.

We have also visited Britannia Airways, USAF Upper Heyford, the RAF Museum and Battle of Britain Museum and the Newbury Air Festival.

The Society has mounted a Speech Day exhibition which will be repeated next year.

Finally we wish to thank Air-Vice-Marshal D. C. A. Lloyd for his encouragement and assistance and Messrs. S. Townley & M. J. Fox for their support.

A. J. G. Stirling, *Chairman*
I. Bowley, *Secretary*

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

The Science Society has had a very full Autumn Term with six afternoon films, three lectures and a trip to Plessey Research. The films have ranged over the usual selection of Engineering and Science with a greater emphasis than usual on Biological topics. Especially memorable was "On the Edge of Creation", a fascinating film upon strange life-forms at the bottom of the sea.

The lectures so far have been "Crystal Gazing with the Electron Microscope" delivered by Professor Sir Peter Murich and "Astronomy, Navigation, Longitude and the Harrison Chronometers" by John Dicks (N.M.M.). Still to come at the time of press is "Aerodynamics of Bird Flight and Man Flight" by Mr F A Maccabee. While the attendance at lectures has been slightly lower than usual some extremely pertinent questions have been asked and the audience has professed itself extremely interested.

A repeat of last year's successful trip to Plessey Research was also undertaken. The MVI Members who went on it learnt a great deal about modern electronic research.

Finally, I should like to thank Mr Selby for all the hard work he has put into the Science Society over the years.

P. J. Macdonald, Secretary

ASCENSION DAY MORNING

Woken up by the Sun
On Ascension Day dawn,
The Sun of our Lord,
Of a clear summer's morn

Shafts of pure light
Purge the gloom of my room,
Christ's light is shining
Through evil and doom.

My face, Sun towards,
Is dazzled by light.
Oh Heavenly King,
Shine my life that bright!

Reign on forever
Oh conqueror of sin!
Blaze changing life force
Renew all from within.

Woken up by the Sun
On Ascension Day dawn,
The Sun of our Lord
Who lives evermore.

R. M. Coombs

THE GUN

Bang . . .

No noise but the clatter of silence.
Red, Red blood moved
With the sliming, squirmish ease of a snake,
Down the grey, rough edges of the road.
No scream to utter,
Just the mention of gunfire in the distance.
The killer walked up to the limp helpless carcase,
And browsed, with a certain precautions satisfaction.
This fourteen year old boy had a new toy.
A GUN.

Time stares blindly at the mirror.
The reflection smiles at eternity.
In the distance two lovers walk;
Tomorrow holding hands with yesterday.

POVERTY

The children were all around.
Their minds lay everywhere and nowhere.
For them the future was today.
Death was a common illness;
You don't get over it.
No rocking chairs moved with grandmothers;
They just sway with the wind of emptiness.
There is no such thing as age,
when yesterday is the mirror of today.
Time is a lump in your throat;
Patience is the same as hope,
They hope for tomorrow . . .
Patience is a twinkle in someone's eye.
Death is the common illness,
You don't get over it.
Patience . . .

Kate Cunningham

THE DIRECTOR THAT NEVER WAS

He sits and views
The many monuments move,
And the blue tears follow the cries
As the performing fantasies die.
All around him the players play
Steeped in triumph that was never his on the day.
The majestic manacles of the maniacs were free;
Today it is back to be hung like Judas on the tree.
More so as the mirrored master's play
Is about to commence on this day.
We sit and watch and inside we groan
While silently to each other we sniffle and moan.
For today is the day the players take part
In the small but apparently tragic farce.
What of the point that we had hoped to prove,
Is it there in the minds of those whom we moved?
For some the departing piece is the end,
For others in life just another bend.
For me it was something which brought us together,
Flying unnaturally high like birds of a feather.
For me it has gone and is no seeming use—
The player himself a part recluse.
Together we stood, divided we fell.
But the memory is there for my children to tell.
The times that were good, the times that were sad,
The times that were happy, the times that were bad,
For people like us who are just a clique—
We gather pleasure from that type of peak.
The peak of success which had been created
By the person who in rehearsals had been hated.
To whom I cannot express my emotions
For creating an action from one little notion.
The notion that started from one little seed
That managed to fulfil those who had hunger and need.
And now it is silent; the people have gone;
The torches gone out that could have shone.
Without restlessness we can go to sleep.
For sadly the lines are not there to keep.
And now it is Rosencrantz who sits on the stairs
And looks at the monuments who at him stare.
And slowly at first blue tears bubble down
For it is the players that in their dreams are drowned.

M. C. Fenwick

THE RESISTIBLE RISE OF ARTURO UI

It was a bold choice for Chandos to attempt this epic cartoon play by Brecht, but it was chosen because of the large cast, and they all rose to the occasion with style. Within a daring black-and-white set of newspaper headlines, the numerous scenes made quite an impact, although there were some very wordy passages near the beginning that did perhaps more than Brecht had intended to alienate the audience. By the end of the first half, however, the cast had established a convincing rhythm to play, and several good performances were able to emerge.

Ian Keith, as Ui (Brecht's Chicago-isation of Hitler), acted with great verve and a nervous edge that came across as truly dangerous. He took his performance to risky lengths, and it was no small credit to him and to his supporting cast (Paul Marshall, James Martindale and Tim Lester) that the risks paid off. Rick Coombs contributed a notable portrait of an ageing politician caught in the toils of the gangster Ui, and there were cleanly-etched cameos from John Buchanan, Mark Wallace-Jones, Peter Meacher and Bob Fraser. Rachel Curwen and Annabel Heseltine were pleasingly decorative, too.

Some of the blocking was clumsy, and there were moments of indiscipline which marred the performance, but overall the huge cast had been well-drilled, and the climax, as the metamorphosis from cheap gangster to powerful dictator is achieved, was fittingly chilling. The epilogue, delivered by a disturbingly calm Ian Keith, reminded two good houses that the message of the author, that the 'bitch that bore Hitler is in heat again', should not be forgotten.

Microbius

INTIMATIONS OF MORTALITY

The woman sees her young child's reddened eyes.
A stained school tie is knotted round her neck,
And dishes left to lure the kitchen flies.
A sombre screen of silence keeps this wreck
Of childhood from her mother's anxious arms.
For not a word has passed between these ghosts
For days. And then the pallor that alarms
Maternal heart moves off with school-bound hosts.

The white face floats away. Mother turns back.
Before her brimming eyes the mist drifts by.
Her baby cries at night, but for no lack
Of mother's care; her genius makes her cry;
For Lucy's only crime is thought. Once free
Of mortal Fear, she now has seen eternity.

Jonathon Bayntun

THE MUSIC CLUB

Anticipating a fascinating talk on the supernatural visitations of Chopin and Mozart experienced by the mystic Rosemary Brown, we were very disappointed to hear of the illness of our speaker Dr Parrot, a few days before the first meeting of the term. At very short notice, Mr Fletcher-Campbell kindly came and gave a well illustrated talk on percussion instruments. The variety of instruments we were shown included walnut shells (yes, they really have been scored for by a composer!), and duck whistles. With a few understandable pleas for restraint, Mr Fletcher-Campbell let the audience loose on his instruments and an enjoyable, if noisy, time was had by all!

Future meetings will include an appearance by the Headmaster, and a possible visit from Mr Dudley Simpson, whose fascinating work involves writing the music for television series such as "Dr Who" and "Blake's Seven".

Jonathon Bayntun

SHINE

I can't love the light till enveloped in dark,
Nor long for the dark until blasted by light.
I can't crave the calm of the tempests at ease,
Till I've drunk the excitement of gale and wild seas.

I can't enjoy food or sip a cool draught,
Till hunger and thirst have anguished my heart.
I can't see the Loveliness given by Him,
Till I know what is ugly, unpleasant and grim.

I can't change the evil that we all perform,
Till I'm steeped in humanity, rejection and scorn.
I can't ascend high or rise to God's light,
Till part of me knows of material delight.
I can't turn my face from all worldly lusts
Till I've sniffed at its wares and turned in disgust.
I can't love my brother and give up my whole
Till I hate my transgression and humble my soul.

Thus as truths are clear, from comparison seen
So only through evil can God's good gifts gleam.

R. M. Coombs

WHO THE MADMAN?

Why the madman?
Is it the fools?

Are madmen mad?
Or merely not fools?

The fool is the madman.
The madman—HE IS SANE.

Christopher John Powles

PAVANE AND THE PRINCESS

For each of my friends who think I am mad:—

I am the madman,
But who is the fool?

While I write, I listen and think.
What do I hear?
I hear a pavane.
Whose pavane?
Ravel's pavane,
Pavane for whom?
Pavane—for a dead princess.

What is pavane and who the princess?

Pavane was a dance.
A dance of joy
A dance of beauty;
A dance that is dead.

The princess, she too is dead.
She too was joy,
She too was beauty,
But, O, she was more, much more,
She now is dead.

She died—and pavane died.

And what now is pavane?
And what now the princess?

A pavane still exists.
But the princess is dead.

Christopher John Powles

TOUS LES DEUX

Une fille abandonnée par ses amis,
Une fille dans une école d'hostilité
Seule dans la vie
Avec, maintenant, aucune destinée

Et dans un autre coin écouté
Reminant dans le silence de la solitude
On peut voir un garçon isolé
Méprisé par ses amis comme d'habitude

Et tous les deux pensaient
Qu'il était unique dans son isolement
Il était perdu, à tête reposée
Mais vraiment un peu réduit au fond

Tout à coup pendant, peut-être, une leçon
Ils se sont rencontrés, ces mépuisés,
Et dans un moment ils ont trouvé, dans un seus
Un lieu, l'un avec l'autre, et un bonté

LA QUESTION

Le bourdonnement
Du restaurant
Le couple
Muet
Les yeux bleu clair
Pour un moment
Par la flamme
S'engagent
Dans l'air énervant
Il chuchotait
Étouffé
Silence
"Oui"

Caroline Sparrow

JE L'AI VUE

Je marchais
Lentement
Elle aussi
Effrayée
Je la suivais
En la regardant
Bouleversée quelquefois
Sur trottoirs passants
À son destin
Elle est arrêtée
Moi aussi
Sur le pont gris
J'ai vu le réflexion
Du soleil rouge
Orange
Nuages rosés
Dans la rivière calme
Derrière lui
Illuminant son visage pâle
J'ai vu ses yeux
Brillants
Avec un feu faibli
Comme le soleil couchant
J'ai vu ses yeux
Encadrés de ses cheveux blancs
Rougeâtres dans le crépuscule doux
Ils brillaient avec une force
Indescriptible
J'ai vu un sourire
Qui a touché
Ses lèvres pâles
Et l'affiche en lettres rouges
Aveugle.

LA PLUIE

Petites gouttelettes
Forment une goutte
Une sphère
Élancée
Accompagnée
Elle tombe
Avec une vitesse
Silencieuse
Libre
Écrasée.

Toby Sparrow

CHAPEL CHOIR

Unfortunately, a great many people seemed to leave the choir at the beginning of this year, particularly several good sopranos, and I feel that as a result of this we are somewhat depleted both in number and quality. There are, however, some good newcomers one or two of whom have been enterprising enough to sing on their own outside the school.

Before this, of course, there was **African Sanctus**, which was great fun and very rewarding for the choir to take part in it, and I hope there are future opportunities of such a trend. What a pity it is that more people in the choir do not take part in the Choral Society, which is sadly lacking in Stoic support.

The main activity, this term, hitherto, has been our participation in the Buckingham Music Festival, this time, in the Church Choir class, in the Parish Church. It was run, however, in a slightly different form with the result, some think, that we did not win! In conclusion, then, I am sure that there are still many people in the School who can sing and whose talent lies dormant. We could do with their support.

John Spicer



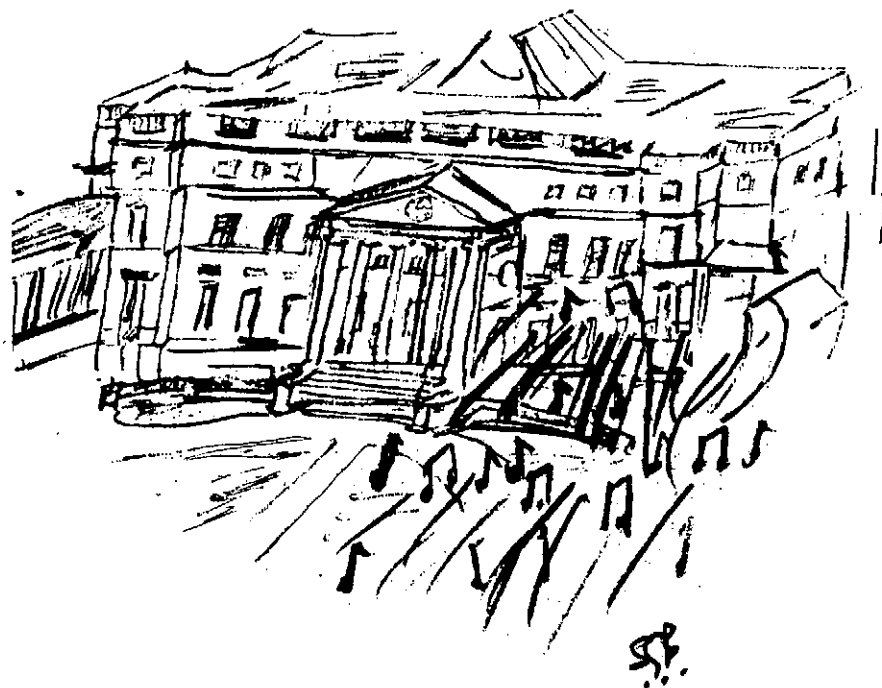
SCHOOL BAND

The Band have not performed in public since last term's Speech Day concert. Consequently, Friday evenings have been used for some good hard practice, and work on a fairly demanding range of pieces is going well. We are hoping to join forces with the Marlborough Band next term, an operation which has proved most enjoyable in the past. We hope our visitors will impart some of the experience they have gained from a well publicised performance of Shostakovitch's "Battle of Stalingrad" that they gave recently at London's Queen Elizabeth Hall!

Jonathon Bayntun



BURRELL'S OBITER PICTA



BURRELL'S OBITER PICTA

Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard are sweeter
(With acknowledgments to Keats)

THE STOICS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

The idea of forming a representative committee of Stoics was first suggested by Nick Chance last term. He saw the council as remedying the lack of communication between Stoics and staff, and, where it exists, a lack of communication between students and student officials. This is not suggesting that there are any tremendous problems at the moment, only that in any difficulties that do arise a body like the Council can be of a great service.

Nick Chance's original aim has been expanded by a working committee consisting of myself D. Burgess, the headmaster, the second master, Trevor Aronds and Gabriella Zoghbi. Thus a common aim was formed: "to reduce Stowe apathy by providing a central body through which complaints, questions, suggestions and constructive ideas can be discussed and definite results achieved".

The elections were conducted earlier on in the term and two representatives were duly chosen from each house. Mr Caine and Mr Mullineux were elected to represent the masters on the council. As yet we have only had one meeting which proved fairly successful and in which many questions and suggestions were brought forward. These were recorded and the headmaster consulted. We wait for the outcome of his housemasters' meeting to discover the results of our suggestions.

The Stowe Council is not a revolutionary body; it has been designed purely as an aid to communications and as a forum for ideas and questions both from masters as well as students. I certainly believe it will prove to be of the greatest value to Stoics and masters alike. All it needs is a lot of support from all at Stowe to make the plans become realities.

D. C. Burgess (Chairman)
M. Partington (Secretary)

STOWE COMMUNITY SERVICE

Stowe Community Service has undoubtedly suffered this past year. The major problems have come from a lack of support in all sections of the hierarchy. A lack of organisation has also greatly hindered the initiation of any new or different aspects of our work in the community. If we are to be truly successful we must be of use in **all** sections of the community, not just specialising in any one area. This lack of support and organisation is the cause of a vicious circle, for without these two essentials Community Service has a dull and unrewarding image. Because of this our fast dwindling numbers of volunteers have been further reduced.

Community Service suffered a severe blow at the beginning of last year with the retirement of David Kerr, the past chairman, whose skill and general ability was unsurpassed. A very great debt is owed to him.

However, on becoming chairman, I wish to look forward and I hope to learn from the past mistakes that have been made. With perseverance we can win back the support and enthusiasm from the School that we have known in the past.

With the government financial cut-backs in the public sector many state subsidised welfare organisations are being restricted. Community Service must be able to assist where they cannot. We shall not be able to do so without much support, in time and money, from the parents, the staff, and the boys at Stowe.

M. A. C. Cotton



The caption to the above drawing has been unaccountably censored.

A LOST TRANQUILLITY

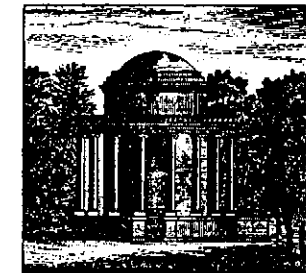
When the lonely autumn days
 Darken in a drizzled haze,
 And when I've nothing else to do
 But watch the weak sun cutting through
 The lowered cloudy banks of grey,
 That snuff the last light of the day,
 Then the woodlands beckon me from home.

There is a corner of a wood,
 Where squirrels rest and find their food,
 And pigeons rest in those great trees,
 That, moving gently in the breeze,
 Drop their leaves, which soon become
 Rich humus for the spreading dome
 Of study, wrinkled English oaks.

There, time is still and ancient life
 Plods on—there's never strife
 In this quiet corner of a troubled world;
 for Nature's laws will always hold.
 There, leaves twirl blindly down
 And give the earth a golden crown
 That glistens in the rare, cold sun.

Now, as the year begins to die,
 And storm-scared seagulls fill the sky,
 I want to wander to my wood,
 Where, often, in my childhood,
 I'd many a wondrous hour spend—
 I thought those days would never end,
 But now I've lost it all.

G. J. R. Monbiot



The Temple of Ancient Values.

FRAGILE POP

A new scene turns the corner, doctor Spok.
No longer the red-haired, skin tight jeans punk.
This space-aged dream smashes out-dated rock;
Symmetrically, perfectly, squashes funk.
Sharp ears, tantalising, large and pointed,
Clash with impassive, scarlet, down-cast eyes,
And bodies lost, spasmodic, disjointed.
Drowning from a thought they cannot surmise.
The kids all bubble with cosmic rubbish.
But outside the clothes and zany make up:
Outside in the cold, without the hashish,
The world is the same, with life to tie up.
The sky is still blue; the grass is still green,
And punk, rock and funk, forever have been.

A TANGLED BIRD

Captivity enflames your wings, tiny bird,
And makes them panic in tight confusion.
But your pleading voice will not go unheard;
For you there is pity in profusion.
A kindly heart will free your tangled frame,
Releasing you to your fragile freedom.
For confused me, would they do the same?
Could they free my mind to steadfast wisdom?
The key I wish to find they could not give,
For they cannot tell me the time to die,
They must only show me the way to live
Must they not answer that closed question, why?
O, tangled bird, they let you fly, but me,
I fly, though I have no rest as you, no tree.

A LESSON

Are you sitting comfortably, children?
Then I'll begin to teach you how to live,
To eat, breath, love, laugh, all in a cauldron,
Stirred, pinch of salt, your thoughts put through a sieve;
Your mind guided on a path of safety.
Are your eyes and ears tuned in, understand
All I have to say; poetry, Rossetti;
Maths, multiplication, fractions; and
Geography, all to enhance your knowledge of life?
But do you know the girl next door?
So your sanity is on a knife's edge.
You'd better not see that shrink any more.
No more lessons today, children, just play.
Go outside, adults, put your hats on, play . . .

Kate Cunningham

MUSIC

THE LONDON COLLEGIATE BRASS,

Conductor, EDWARD GREGSON

This excellent group of young brass players, many of them students from the London College of Music, performed an ambitious, enlightening and entertaining concert in the Roxburgh Hall on Sunday, October 5th. As had happened on the previous Sunday, this occasion was marred by an abysmally small, although enthusiastic, audience, which accentuated the apathetic lack of support from members of the School.

Although basically a brass band in construction, this group deviates from the traditional instrumentation by introducing french horns to replace the usual saxhorns, and, at times, interchanging the cornets with the brighter sounding trumpet. Therefore their spectrum of sound is wider and more sophisticated than is usually heard from the conventional band. Their programmes also tend to be more adventurous.

This programme provided a variety of works to suit all musical tastes, including music from the 16th century through to the avant garde. The first half was made up completely of 20th century works, and commenced with a short 'Flourish' by the B.B.C. producer, Gareth Waters, to introduce Anthony Hedges 'Prelude, Nocturne and March'. The two 'outside' movements of this suite are in a light and 'easy-to-listen-to' style, with some sparkling brass orchestration, but the 'Nocturne' is perhaps too somnolent and lethargic to maintain interest throughout its duration. A first performance was given of John Howard's 'Five Studies', and this was the most advanced work in the programme. At a first hearing, it was not at all convincing, and seemed to lack any shape or direction. It certainly owes much to the tonal experiments of Birtwistle's 'Grimethorpe Aria', but has none of the arresting impact or colour of this work. The conductor, Edward Gregson, himself an imaginative and prolific composer, was represented by a fine performance of his Horn Concerto, which was written on commission for the virtuoso, Ifor James. It was skilfully and sensitively played by a student from the Royal Academy of Music, Richard Bissill.

The second part of the programme was in a lighter vein, commencing with a tasteful performance of a sonata for three trumpets, three trombones and tuba by the 16th century Venetian composer, Buonamente, and this was followed by Philip Sparkes' 'Euphonium Fantasy' featuring the agility and fine tone quality of John Clarke. This half of the programme also included a cornet trio, a somewhat unimaginative transcription of de Falla's 'Ritual Fire Dance' and the very beautiful 'Elegy' from John Ireland's 'Downland Suite', an original brass band test piece of the Thirties. The evening's entertainment was concluded by an inspiring performance of Eric Ball's brilliant and profound tone poem 'Journey into Freedom'. Edward Gregson's lucid and informed introductions to each item was an added bonus, and was of assistance in the understanding and appreciation of the more intricate works.

W.B.W.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9th — STATE MUSIC ROOM

The Queen's Temple Singers
The Maurizi Ensemble

Cantata No. 140 "Sleepers Wake"—Bach
Conducted by David Gatehouse
Juliet Rudolf—*Soprano*; Anthony Selby—*Tenor*
Ian Small—*Baritone*
Edward Davies—*Violin*; Steven Hollas—*Harpsichord*
Mendelssohn—*Octet Op 20*

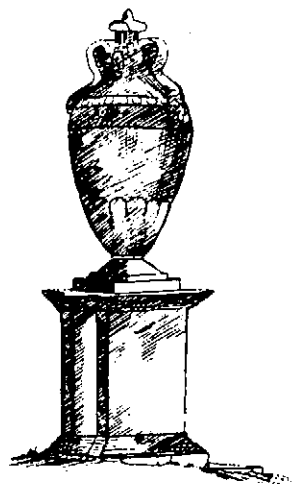
This concert marked a particularly happy and enjoyable evening, with a capacity audience, and the return to Stowe of Steven Hollas, who helped while Paul Drayton was on an Arts Council sponsored sabbatical leave to write an opera.

The Bach is surely everyone's favourite cantata, and it was played with a nice sense of style and lightness of touch that is the result of modern Bach scholarship—restoring the original and removing the grime of two centuries of "solid Baroque playing". If the duet "I seek thee my life" was a little fast for some tastes, nevertheless this was a memorable performance—especially Anthony Selby's clarion tenor in "Zion hears her watchmen's voices".

The second half of the programme was the remarkable Octet by Mendelssohn—a product of a 16 year old boy who seemed to show even more early promise than Mozart. We were treated to a scintillating performance by the Maurizi Quartet and friends, with a marvellously swift finale—even if one of the cellists was still recovering from a wasp sting on her left hand!

The Bram Wiggins Brass Ensemble (Music Room, November 23rd) afforded an opportunity of hearing a wide range of pieces written—not arranged—for the flexible and exciting combination of two trumpets, horn, trombone and tuba. From the solemn sound of a Venetian Camzona of the sixteenth century, to the final "soft shoe" number from Horovitz's Music Hall Suite, we heard ensemble brass playing at its most vivid and symphonic—far removed from the world of the brass band—in the hands of some of its most capable exponents.

P.C.D.



SUNDAY JUNE 29th — MARBLE HALL

Mozart *Sinfonia Concertante E^b major*
Britten *Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings*
Schönberg *Verklärte Nacht*

Orchestra Conducted by David Gatehouse

The Marble Hall was the magnificent setting for an orchestral concert given at Stowe on June 29th.

The programme began with Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante with Edward Davies (violin) and Robert Secret (viola). Their playing was vigorous in the fast movements and rapturous in the Adagio, where they restored Mozart's first (and better) thoughts about the cadenza.

Paul Willett was the young (16 year old) horn soloist in the Britten work. He astounded the audience with his remarkable technique, fine tone, and wonderful sensitivity. The second half of the concert was taken up by an impressive performance of the orchestral version of Verklärte Nacht, one of Schönberg's earliest works, written in the wake of Wagnerian tradition. The resonant acoustics, alongside David Gatehouse's impressive reading, made this an overwhelming experience.

Steven Hollas

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28th — ROXBURGH HALL

The Vale Chamber Orchestra
Conductor Robert Secret
Bram Wiggins—*trumpet*; Graham Tear—*flute*
Lorna Windass and Edward Davies—*violins*

Telemann *Concerto in D for Trumpet and Strings*
Vivaldi "Spring" from the Seasons
Bach *Suite in B minor for Flute and Strings*
Persichetti *The Hollow Men for Trumpet and Strings*
Mendelssohn *Violin Concerto in D minor*
Mozart *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*

Vincent Persichetti is not a name that is familiar to everyone, but Bram Wiggins' marvellous trumpet playing brought this seldom heard work to life, with sensitive accompaniment from the Vale Chamber Orchestra.

The standard of performance in a concert that largely consisted of concertante works was never less than excellent, rising to a height in Lorna Windass' musical reading of Mendelssohn's early Violin Concerto in D minor. This work was written when Mendelssohn was only fourteen, and although inspiration lags occasionally, this performance justified its recent resurrection.

In all a highly enjoyable evening—even if verging on the lengthy side.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18th — ROXBURGH HALL

Repertoire Orchestra from the Royal Academy of Music
Conductor Maurice Miles
Melanie Turner Cello

Overture "Don Giovanni"—Mozart
Cello Concerto in C major—Haydn
Symphony No. 2 in D major—Beethoven

The concert opened with a sparkling performance of the Overture, and continued with the C major Cello Concerto by Haydn (not the D major, as the programme would have us believe). The young soloist played with a fine sense of style and glowing tone, but not always secure intonation. This was not helped by the orchestra, which was obviously under-rehearsed, and one or two disasters were narrowly avoided!

The concert ended with a fine interpretation of the Beethoven Symphony from Maurice Miles, whose vision was not always matched by the orchestra's ability, especially in some very ragged playing in the slow movement.

What these young players lacked in technique they more than made up for in their obvious enjoyment of making music—would that this were true of all the professional orchestras one hears!

R.J.S.S.

POTHOLING

Our activities have been restricted by the absence of an experienced leader. Finally, on Skye in July, courage was plucked up and we did a couple of caves by ourselves in the limestone south of Torrin. Upper Camas Mallag Cave gave us a couple of hundred feet of crawling along the streamway with a flatout section through a pool to exit. The middle and lower cave were spoilt by dead sheep and broken whisky bottles respectively. Higher up the valley, Beinn an Dubaich cave provided variety of a more pleasing kind. The west passage was an old streamway with some good formations. We went in along the floor until it ended in an evil sump of liquid mud. Here we climbed up into the roof and made our way out, straddled over the void. The east passage was more intricate and after some wriggling we found the stream. We crawled into three chambers without apparent exit and eventually located the route to the stream's sink (where the stream went underground) at knee level. Getting out into the open air involved some awkward wriggling, half lying in the stream, to get round a boulder. We emerged through a hole we had earlier dismissed as impossibly small. An abortive trip was made to Scaladal to explore a half-remembered cave. It turned out to be a miserable little cleft that petered out after 30 feet.

Since then some members have been busy in the Mendips, undergoing total immersion in the ducks of Stoke Lane. We had a quick look at two caves at Morlais Quarry in South Wales in October whilst rockclimbing, but lacked the gear to explore far. Next year.

John Gillett gave us a fascinating talk on the sport earlier this term, which was well received by the enthusiasts. He and a couple of friends from the Crewe Caving Club are taking us down Giants Cavern on St. Andrews Day. He promises it will be wet, cold and constricted.

Reptator



The young Stowe Master who said he didn't really care much for drama.
(With acknowledgements to the great cartoonist H. M. Bateman)

SPORT

BADMINTON

Returning to Stowe in September, we were presented with two surprises: Paul Marshall, our colourful and provocative reigning singles champion, had left to impart his sporting skills to the boys of Rockwood School, County Antrim, but this dismemberment was compensated for by the welcome immigration of Kevin Doyle from Shaughnessy, V.C. He immediately assumed the vacant place in our number one pair. Hanks and Naudi have forged a rapacious combination, building on previous success, whilst Sanderson, last year's Colts captain, is adjusting well to first team play in partnership with Lockhart-Smith.

Our first match against Rugby provided a trial canter for the seniors, who did not lose a set, whilst the Boardman twins, in their first appearance for the School, dismissed their opposing Junior Colts pair without conceding a point. Clearly they have a russet future ahead of them. Uppingham, whom we expected to pose a stronger threat, failed to reveal their reputed expertise, and were checked by a 9-0 margin. Our Colts, hungry for victory, and now ably captained by Sinclair, administered a business-like dismissal of their opponents by 8-1. Our match with Abingdon was the hard fought encounter we had craved; they played with grim determination but the chink in their armour was exploited with devious cunning. Hanks and Naudi played tenaciously to defeat two of their opposing pairs, a feat equalled by the first pair, whilst the third couple secured the one victory needed to swing the result in Stowe's favour, by 5-4. With the Colts the score was reversed despite spirited play by Sinclair and Gerbet. Although beaten, all three pairs profited considerably from the match experience.

At the moment our training is focussed on the Oriental challenge posed by a needle match at Oakham, where we are set on revenge for last year's one defeat.

Christopher Haslam
Jonathon Bayntun

ARCHERY REPORT

At the end of the last term after the last report the annual house match was played. As in former years Temple won the team event yet again, with Bruce coming a near second. The individual cup was won by T. Yerburch (Bruce) with a very narrow lead over E. Penrose (Temple): 294—292.

As usual in the winter term archery has been carried out on Mondays only. The number of new boys who have attended this term is very encouraging and should lead to a successful team in the future.

E. Penrose
Capt.

GOLF

Stowe golfers had a successful summer holiday even if it was followed by an inauspicious start to the term.

Colin Ancsell and Chris Ruddock played well in the national finals of the British Airways/Golf Foundation Competitions. Andrew Hill, Jeremy Robinson and Jason Gray all won county competitions and represented their clubs and counties with distinction. These three will be the mainstays of a potentially very strong golf team this year.

This term 18 Stowe golfers played the Stowe Estate and Sports Club team for the Bicester Trophy, but were easily beaten. This was due to the fact that many Stowe golfers had not yet unpacked their golf clubs(!) and the presence of RJSS in the Estate Club team.

A new fixture was played against Leighton Buzzard Juniors in October. A rather wet day made the new part of the Leighton Buzzard course very muddy and this, combined with some very suspicious handicapping of our rivals, made for a 3-1 defeat! We were entertained very well after the match and it was good to meet Peter Cane again at his 'new home'.

Our thanks go to RJSS for taking over the golf, this term, from M.E.M.

A. Hill

Results: v. Stowe Estate Club at Stowe G.C. Lost 6½-2½
v. Leighton Buzzard Juniors at Leighton Buzzard G.C. Lost 3-1

FIVES

Although we are having a very disappointing season as far as results are concerned, the interest and enthusiasm generated by this game are very encouraging, and the courts are fully occupied during the afternoons, which shows that a lot of boys, as well as five girls, enjoy Eton Fives.

The Senior Team is led by a young pair, P. K. E. Steward and D. M. W. Thomas, who have given some talented performances against boys and men with greater experience and strength than themselves. They are supported by the captain H. A. H. Merewether, who has had the most successful season of the team, playing with a variety of partners.

R. H. B-P

Teams:

Seniors: H. A. H. Merewether (capt.), P. K. E. Steward*, D. M. W. Thomas*, M. I. Hooper, * M. C. Turner, C. L. C. Stone, C. W. F. Farquhar, D. J. H. Charles, S. J. S. C. Pledger.

Colts: A. W. Todd, D. A. Steward, D. Hockley, H. T. Kinahan.

Junior Colts: H. M. King, M. P. ap P. Stradling, J. G. S. Robinson, E. W. Jarrett, H. F. Birtles, R. E. Mackenzie Hill, I. M. C. Stone.

Under 14s: E. P. H. Farquhar, T. E. Bates, G. J. A. Inscoc, W. M. King, D. R. S. Burgess, J. W. Cameron, A. T. R. Gibbs, R. G. Gucst, P. S. Keith, T. I. Macmillan, M. S. Riley, J. M. Gumpel, C. C. Shand Kydd, S. S. Osman.

SCULLING

This term has been a relatively inactive one for the club, as other winter sports are more popular. However, the boats have been maintained, and the possibility of further purchases has been investigated. It is hoped that in the near future the sport will become more popular throughout the School, especially in the lower part.

There was a close finish in the House Matches last term, and the result was in doubt for most of the afternoon. In the end Chatham narrowly defeated Cobham to win the team cup. The 'Yarwood Individual Plate' was won by C. M. Rickett from J. Shepherd. Liz Bird, as the fastest Stanhope competitor, won the 'Vancouver Jug', a most generous gift on the part of Dr Hornby. As my Secretary, Liz is now the first Stowe lady to hold office in the Sculling Club, and I would like to thank her for her help. I also extend my thanks to Mr Haslam, our retiring master i/c and we welcome Mr Woolley as his successor.

C. M. Rickett

SQUASH RACKETS

At the time of writing these notes most of this term's matches have still to be played.

Much court time has been lost because the firm hired to service the courts failed to complete the work by the agreed date, but eventually we shall have all five courts refurbished. The demands of the so called 'major game' of the term have again been considerable, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to find dates for matches convenient for those who would like to be able to play for teams in both sports, and as a result it is possible that squash teams in the future may have to be drawn exclusively from people who are not interested in rugby football, and this would be very regrettable for all concerned.

Results to date are:

v. Mill Hill	Away	1st V	Won	3—2
		Under 15	Won	2—1
		Under 14	Won	4—1
v. Leighton Park	Home	1st V	Won	4—1
v. Aldenham	Home	1st V	Won	3—2
		Under 15	Won	3—2
v. Marlborough	Away	1st V	Lost	2—3
		Under 15	Won	3—1
		Under 14	Won	3—0
v. Ashfold	Home	Under 14	Won	5—2

Team members are improving steadily, and a full report will be printed in the next Stoic.

1st Team: T. A. Lester, J. M. Bewes, R. C. Clifton-Brown, J. H. Claydon, C. W. Hayward, M. M. Ivison also played.

P.G.L.

THE FISHING CLUB

The Fishing Club now has nearly 100 members, a large increase on last year's figure. Unfortunately, participation is low and club matches have not been well attended.

At the end of the Summer Term our team had its first away match—against the Royal Latin School, on Hyde Lane gravel pits. The fishing was interesting and, although we lost, everyone enjoyed the match. We held another match on the 11-acre and Octagon lakes, against the Royal Latin School and Cedars Upper School—yet again we were impressively beaten, the Cedars winning overall.

Restocking has continued in the 11-acre, and large quantities of well-conditioned roach and tench have been placed in the lake, to supplement the low stocks of native fish. The fishing in the Summer Term finished well, with several specimen rudd (between 1 lb and 2 lbs) and some good tench, up to 4 lbs, being taken by club members. The house match, though, was disastrous, with a total of four small fish caught throughout the course of the match. This term pike to 13¾ lbs have been taken.

One film has been shown and more are planned for the winter. Possible visiting speakers have been approached.

George Monbiot

BRIDGE CLUB

We welcome this term Mr Edwards and Mr Grimston whose experience has proved invaluable in the improvement of the School's Bridge. We have only played one School match, against St Edwards, in which Stowe won easily by 120 imps. Against tough opposition, the boys beat the masters for the first time ever—by 55 imps.

Our main notable achievement this term was in the Buckinghamshire and Berkshire Schools' Championship J. C. Gray and C. S. Morley came first and won the Championship, C. D. Mersey and I. Dutton were close runners up. S. T. Lunt and Q. B. D. Peppiatt came 9th, and J. B. D. Henderson and R. Vohora 10th.

This past year has probably been the most successful year Stowe has ever had and we look forward to an equally successful season in the coming year with quite a few up and coming pairs, notably A. F. Hinds and M. B. Yallop.

C. D. Mersey

The Bridge Squad: C. D. Mersey (captain), J. S. Knowles (secretary), M. F. Berner, I. Dutton, T. F. Elleman, C. W. F. Farquhar, J. C. Gray, N. H. Grice, J. B. D. Henderson, A. F. Hinds, J. T. Hobday, N. D. Leapman, A. A. Lockwood, S. T. Lunt, C. S. Morley, N. R. Nicholson, Q. B. D. Peppiatt, N. M. Roads, C. J. Stopford, R. Vohora, M. B. Yallop, E. N. Yeats-Brown.

REAL TENNIS

A group of Stoics have been able to play this ancient game thanks to the help of the O.U.T.C. and the first inter school match was played this term when Cokethorpe provided the opposition. The fact that Stowe won the encounter 5—0 was very encouraging, and it is hoped that two more fixtures will be played next term.

The team was: R. C. Clifton-Brown, J. M. Bewes, J. C. Claydon. (M. H. Verrall would have played, but was ill on the day of the match).

SHOOTING

In preparation for the Ashburton we took a much larger squad than in previous years to Bisley and final team selection was made there. Our Cadet Four was lying 2nd after the 200 yard shoot but then, perhaps partly because of some team members' lack of experience in competition shooting, we had a disastrous shoot at 500 yards which dashed our hopes of winning a prize. Nonetheless, a number of individuals performed very creditably: J. N. A. Davies and J. G. Wheaton were well placed in the Schools Hundred, J. G. Wheaton won prizes in the Wellington and in the Cadets Pistol, and J. H. Ross and V. St. G. de la Rue also won prizes in the Cadets Pistol. The overall picture is encouraging and we hope that the steady improvement in individual performances will lead eventually to the formation of a strong team for the Ashburton itself.

The S.E. District Cadet Skill at Arms Meeting at Ash Ranges was cancelled this year as a result of cuts in the defence budget. This was unfortunate since the competition is one which has been much enjoyed by all cadets: we have tended to do well in the past and potentially had one of our strongest teams this year.

The Casualty Cup was won this year by Lyttelton and the Empire Test Challenge Cup was won by V. St. G. de la Rue who beat T. J. Priestly by one point in the tie-shoot. J. G. Wheaton won the Cottesloe Cup for .303 shooting in the Summer Term and also won the Field Day Competition.

At the time of writing, several teams are well-placed in their divisions of the B.S.S.R.A. inter-schools' league. We congratulate the 'D' team on winning their division last term. We hope some more young members of the School will join the Shooting Club and gain experience in junior teams, so that our encouraging progress over the last two years may be maintained.

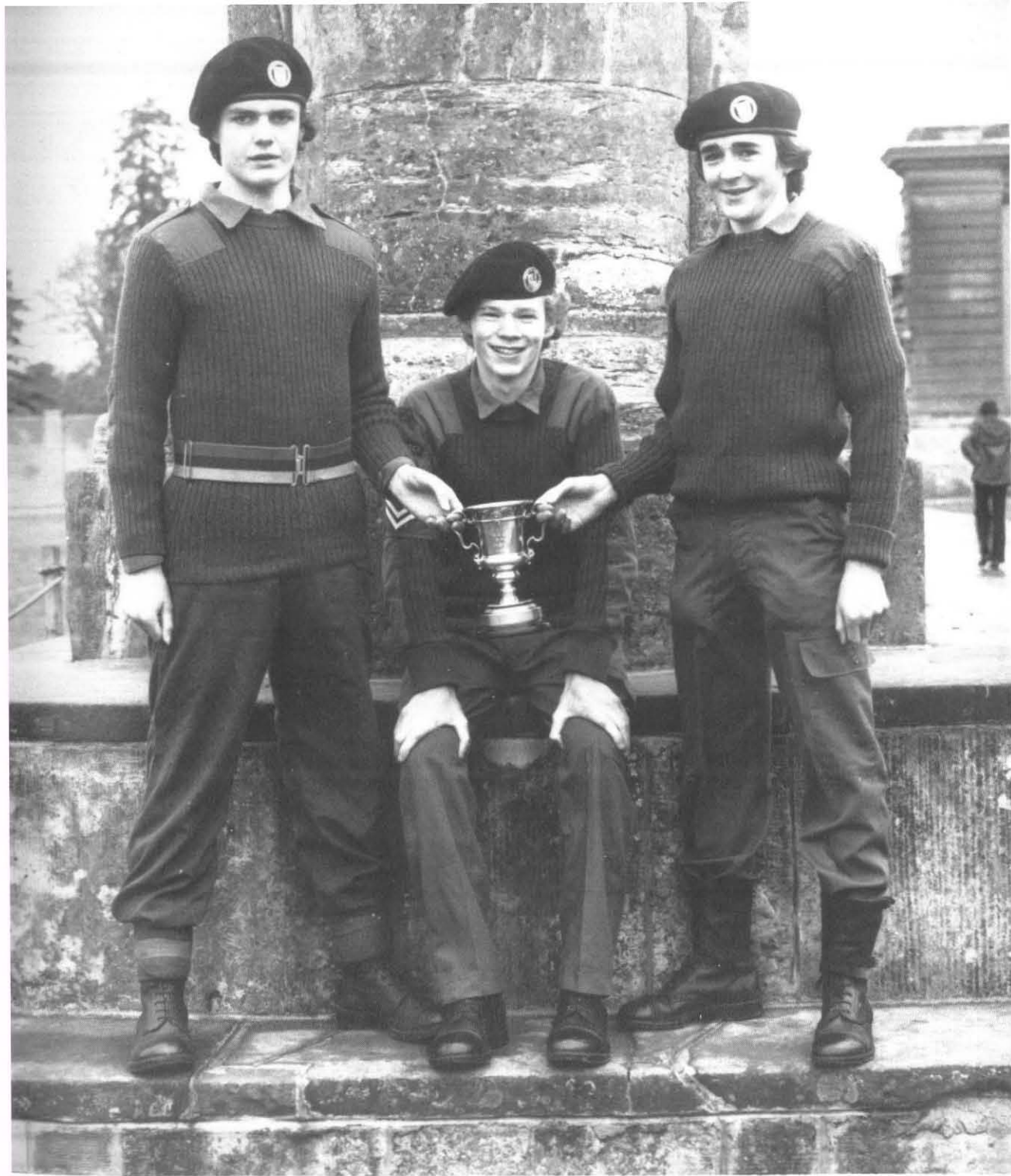
As R.S.M. McKeown leaves the C.C.F. this term, we would like to take this opportunity of thanking him for his support over the years. We have benefited not only from his care of our rifles and equipment but, most importantly, from his infectious enthusiasm and tireless energy. He has taken shooting in all kinds of weather; given invaluable assistance with competitions such as the Skill at Arms Meetings, the Empire Test and the Casualty Cup, and provided generally the help and encouragement for which we are most grateful. We shall miss him when he retires and wish him all the very best in the future.

N. W. Wynne-Jones

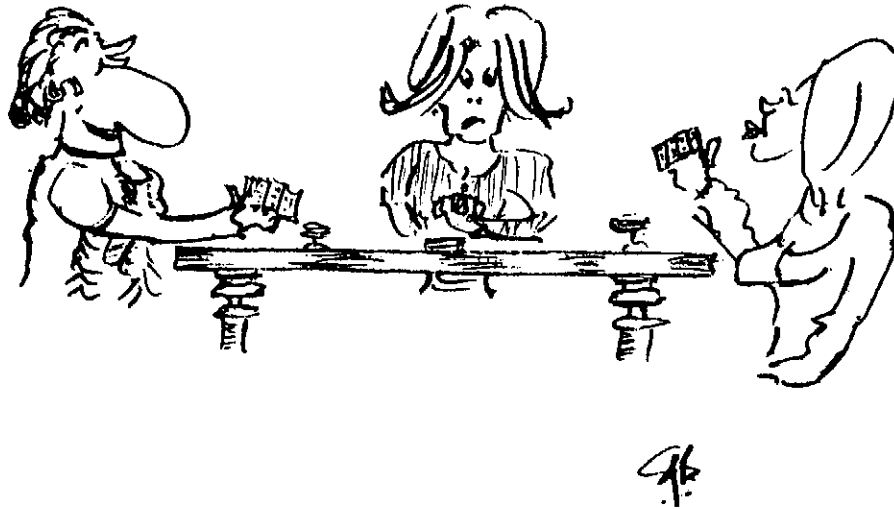
The Bisley VIII and Ninth Man: J. C. Cunningham-Jardine (Capt.), J. G. Wheaton, J. A. Thompson-Schwab, J. N. A. Davies, C. L. C. Stone, H. G. J. Harkness, R. Bucks, W. G. Taylor and A. H. Berger.

The Cadet Four: J. H. Ross, A. J. de la Mare, R. E. Skepper, R. A. Jones.

Shooting Colours have been awarded to: J. G. Wheaton, V. St. G. de la Rue, A. J. de la Mare and J. H. Ross.



Cpl J. G. Wheaton (Capt) with the Cadet Pair, A. J. de la Mare and J. H. Ross, and the Cusack-Smith Memorial Challenge Cup which they won at the S.C.R.A. Public Schools Meeting at Bisley this year.



Juliet (dreamily): Two hearts
 Romeo: Six no trumps
 Juliet: I have no joy of this contract to-night:
 It is too rash, too unadvised, too sudden.

ATHLETICS

ATHLETIC STANDARDS COMPETITION

The Athletic Standards Competition was dominated by Cobham and Grafton, the same two Houses which dominated the School Sports and House Relay competitions, and to a lesser extent the School Athletic team. This time Cobham proved to be the eventual winners.

Whilst these two athletic heavyweights competed for the major placings, Chatham finished a creditable third, confirming the notion that any House which really tries to galvanise its members into the occasional onslaught on the athletics track can find the experience both enjoyable and rewarding.

My thanks go to all those members of staff who worked hard on the administration side of the standards. My apologies to all those steeplechasers and sprinters alike who had the misfortune to see the heavy hand of fate fall just before they reached the finishing line. In that brief moment life has never seemed quite so unfair. Try again in 1981!

N. G. Taylor

FINAL RESULTS

Rank	House	Time	Standards/Boy
1	COBHAM	5.47	Standards/Boy
2	GRAFTON	4.86	" "
3	CHATHAM	2.35	" "
4	LYTTELTON		
5	TEMPLE		
6	BRUCE		
7	WALPOLE		
8	GRENVILLE		
9	CHANDOS		

STOWE ATHLETICS RECORDS

OPEN

Event	Record Type	Time	Holder
100 metres:	School Record:	10.8 secs.	N. K. Rice 1964
	Ground Record:	10.9 secs.	N. K. Rice 1964
200 metres:	School/Ground Record:	22.0 secs.	N. K. Rice 1964 J. Miller 1967
	School Record:	48.4 secs.	J. G. J. Scott 1979
400 metres:	Ground Record:	49.1 secs.	J. G. J. Scott 1979
	School Record:	1 m. 55.9 secs.	D. J. Dawes 1965
800 metres:	Ground Record:	1 m. 56.7 secs.	D. J. Dawes 1965
	School Record:	4 m. 4.0 secs.	C. J. G. Skillington 1957
1500 metres:	Ground Record:	4 m. 4.2 secs.	M. J. P. Fielding 1965
	School Record:	6 m. 3.8 secs.	M. J. P. Fielding 1965
2000 S/Chase:	Ground Record:	6 m. 11.6 secs.	M. J. P. Fielding 1965
	School/Ground Record:	14.3 secs.	S. Aguero 1978
110 metres Hurdles:	School Record:	56.3 secs.	S. A. Furlonger 1980
	Ground Record:	57.2 secs.	D. Bowman 1978
Long Jump:	School Record:	6.81 m.	C. A. McIntyre 1962
	Ground Record:	6.60 m.	P. H. T. Mellor 1980
High Jump:	School Record:	1.85 m.	S. Aguero 1978

Triple Jump:	School/Ground Record:	13.62 m.	P. H. T. Mellor 1980
Pole Vault:	School Record:	Above 4.30 m.	M. Koska 1977
	Ground Record:	3.38 m.	A. H. Thwaites 1967
Shot:	School/Ground Record	13.87 m.	S. J. Herbert 1980
Discus:	School Record:	38.77 m.	S. J. Herbert 1980
	Ground Record:	36.91 m.	M. J. Goest 1972
Javelin:	School/Ground Record:	51.67 m.	M. J. Summerlin 1962

UNDER 17

100 metres:	School/Ground Record:	11.3 secs.	P. G. Arbuthnot 1967
200 metres:	School/Ground Record	22.8 secs.	P. G. Arbuthnot 1967
400 metres:	School/Ground Record:	52.4 secs.	T. Basset 1964
800 metres:	School/Ground Record:	2m. 2.2 secs.	A. M. A. Simpson 1967
1500 metres:	School/Ground Record:	4 m. 10.5 secs.	M. J. P. Fielding 1964
S/Chase:	School/Ground Record:	3 m. 0.4 secs.	R. W. Heyman 1967
100 metres Hurdles:	School/Ground Record:	14.1 secs.	J. H. G. Kinahan 1963
400 metres Hurdles:	School Record:	57.4 secs.	S. A. Furlonger 1979
	Ground Record:	Above 57.4 secs.	M. C. Fenwick 1979
Long Jump:	School Record:	6.43 m.	C. J. Pierce 1980
	Ground Record:	6.20 m.	M. J. Summerlin 1960
High Jump:	School/Ground Record:	1.70 m.	P. A. Rose 1973
Triple Jump:	School/Ground Record:	13.00 m.	A. V. Hope 1967
*Pole Vault:	School/Ground Record:	3.62 m.	M. Koska 1976
*Shot:	School/Ground Record:	—	S. J. Herbert 1979
Discus:	School/Ground Record:	36.75 m.	N. R. Graves 1972
Javelin:	School/Ground Record:	47.42 m.	V. Lownes 1966

UNDER 16

100 metres:	School/Ground Record:	11.6 secs.	M. J. Jackson 1970
200 metres:	School/Ground Record:	23.3 secs:	P. G. Arbuthnot 1966
400 metres:	School/Ground Record:	52.4 secs.	T. Basset 1964
800 metres:	School/Ground Record:	2 m. 4.3 secs.	M. Reed 1964
Long Jump:	School/Ground Record:	6.22 m.	M. J. Summerlin 1960

UNDER 15

100 metres:	School/Ground Record:	11.8 secs.	J. C. de la T. Mallet 1964
			J. Miller 1964
200 metres:	School/Ground Record:	24.4 secs.	T. Basset 1963
400 metres:	School/Ground Record:	55.4 secs.	J. H. G. Kinahan 1963
800 metres:	School/Ground Record:	2 m. 11.4 secs.	R. U. Dawson 1961
80 metres Hurdles:	School/Ground Record:	11.7 secs.	S. A. Furlonger 1976
Shot:	School/Ground Record:	Unknown	S. J. Herbert 1976
Long Jump:	School/Ground Record:	5.6 m.	J. Miller 1964
High Jump:	School/Ground Record:	1.60 m.	J. Miller 1963
			P. A. Rose 1972
			J. A. H. Woolley 1980

My apologies for any mistakes. I have endeavoured to restore records which had gradually died away.

N. G. Taylor 1980

RUGBY

THE FIRST XV

This season has been one of mixed fortunes: so very little reward in terms of matches won from such an amount of effort, determination and bravery.

Despite the bad record the team has demonstrated a remarkable resilience in the face of adversity. The Captain Burgess has played a very large part in maintaining the morale of the side on and off the field and he has been admirably supported by the "senior members".

From the very first matches of the season it was obvious that our lack of bulk and size would necessitate our having to play much of the game without the ball in a purely defensive capacity. Our scrummage was constantly being pushed backwards and it has taken some determination and change of technique to overcome this basic handicap. Fortunately now we can depend on winning our own ball in the scrummage which allows us a little more opportunity to show our attacking skills.

Against Old Stoics, Eton, Mill Hill and Oakham we were beaten by fairly narrow margins and indeed had the luck gone in our favour we may have edged in front in all three. Certainly Eton with their mountainous pack must surely have beaten us by far more had it not been for some resolute tackling and containing measures coupled with some fairly ineffective threequarter play on their part. The final difference was the two dropped goals (one from the ten yard line) smartly taken by the fly-half after Taylor our scrum half had shown him how, up at the other end. Radley however proved a different proposition. Well organised behind the scrum, their quick slick last minute positional changes took us by surprise and tries were scored as a result of our inexperience in dealing with these set piece situations. Fenwick scored a very well worked try right on the whistle after a fine run up the right flank by Nelson and one felt that had we had more of the ball earlier it would have been a different story. The same thing happened at Rugby when our defence was stretched and cracked on a few occasions, but the final efforts from the forwards, winning a maul on the left, resulted in a fine try being scored by Furlonger out wide by the right corner flag.

Against Haileybury we produced one of the finest defensive displays seen for a long while. Under constant pressure from a fairly hefty well organised pack our defence only gave away one try, but in the meantime Turner slotted three fine penalties to win an exceptionally exciting match: a tremendous boost to morale—our first win coming just before half-term. This continued after the break with a close victory over Royal Latin which was the very first game when we won our fair share of the ball. Our attacking ideas looked sound until the final scoring pass or break was needed, and then our relative inexperience in this situation was more pronounced.

Bedford, enjoying their best season for some time, played outstandingly well against us and it was only as a result of some fine tackling and brave rearguard action especially from our back row of Fenwick, Gentle and Duff that they were limited to seven tries only.

It is difficult to assess our side's true potential when we have been under so much pressure merely to hold our own against bigger and heavier opposition let alone take advantage of them. The main feature of the side has been the resilience and resolute defence—the whole team has demonstrated throughout a fearless dedication to tackling and physical confrontation, and outstanding team spirit. There is a limit, however, to how much success this can bring!

It is good to record that on the 15th November we beat Oundle for the second time running in a home match. Results are shown overleaf.

L. E. Weston

Results: 1st Fifteen	v. Old Stoics	Home	Lost	15-18
	v. Mill Hill	Home	Lost	4-16
	v. Eton	Home	Lost	10-16
	v. Oakham	Away	Lost	7-16
	v. Radley	Home	Lost	4-30
	v. Rugby	Away	Lost	6-20
	v. Haileybury	Away	Won	9-4
	v. Royal Latin School	Home	Won	4-3
	v. Bedford	Away	Lost	3-41
	v. Oundle	Home	Won	3-0
	v. Cheltenham	Away	Lost	0-16
	v. St. Edward's	Away	Lost	0-20

THE SECOND XV

As the list of results indicates, the team has enjoyed mixed fortunes. After a disappointing start to the season, two encouraging wins against Oakham and Radley raised morale. There followed two quite heavy defeats against Rugby and Sponne, before the side rallied with a fine performance against Bedford. Oundle's formidable pack brought them the victory they deserved in unpleasant conditions of wind, rain and mud.

McLellan has been a loyal and enthusiastic captain, and Hooper has set a fine example as pack leader. On their day, the forwards have worked together and the front row was strengthened when Partington joined the pack in mid-term. The backs have suffered from a few changes but at their best they have produced some good tries, especially on the wing.

In conclusion, the team has usually played with a good spirit and has refused to give up when confronted with heavier opposition. (It scored two tries in the second half against Sponne). Tackling and other skills have improved in the course of the term.

H.D.M.

Team from: R. R. N. Yeoward (6), P. K. E. Steward (4), L. S. Myers (3), N. D. Rossiter (5), I. A. Keith (4), A. B. McLellan (5), A. G. Arbib (2), C. J. H. Pierre (7), M. M. Ivison (3), A. N. Whitty (2), S. M. R. Clark (5), M. J. Hooper (4), F. S. M. Taylor (1), M. A. Partington (2), C. M. Rickett (6), D. J. Whitmore (2), J. D. Pooley (8), R. A. B. Duff (7), J. W. Jackson (7), A. M. G. Pélissier (8), N. J. Walley (7), L. B. Mellor (5).

Also played: J. Steinmann (6), P. J. T. Graves (7), J. P. Stephenson (4), T. E. Marriott (4), S. J. L. Robertson (1), D. F. Andrews (3), J. J. Riley (7), P. B. Calkin (9), A. W. L. Wiggins (7).

Results:	v. Old Stoics	Home	Lost	6-24
	v. Mill Hill	Home	Drawn	6-6
	v. Eton	Home	Lost	10-29
	v. Oakham	Away	Won	12-6
	v. Radley	Home	Won	10-0
	v. Rugby	Away	Lost	0-25
	v. Sponne	Home	Lost	8-27
	v. Bedford	Away	Won	7-0
	v. Oundle	Away	Lost	0-9
	v. Cheltenham	Home	Lost	0-12
	v. St. Edward's	Away	Lost	3-19

COLTS

An immense amount of endeavour has gone into making this a truly memorable and highly successful term. Results alone never tell the stories behind the matches. As often as not the team this term has shown great character in winning or drawing games from a losing position. Several times they have come from behind, close to the end of a game, to finish strongly. This has been without doubt a team performance. The spirit of the side and level of commitment has been superlative.

There has been one outstanding player in J. N. A. Davies, the captain, who has led the side by the personal example of his considerable rugby skills. He has been an exceptionally good player in every department of the game and an inspiration to those around him. The pack has been light and mobile. They have been at their best in the loose and making sure of the possession of the fifty-fifty ball. Although they have been pushed off the ball in the set pieces they have been resolute in tackling and good support work has more than made up for their lack of weight.

The club lost the services of C. D. Rose very early on through illness and A. A. Appleby proved a valiant replacement. A. J. de la Mare played with consistent toughness at tight-head prop and R. J. A. Bridgwood earned his place at loose-head prop. A. W. Todd was a tireless worker in the 'boiler house' and combined well at lock with T. C. W. Dolby whose forte was the line-out. The back row of the scrum was probably the deciding factor up front. The wing-forwards were supremely fit and covered a tremendous area of ground, always being in the best places at the right time. G. R. Critchley was particularly strong, making the ball available time after time. M. B. Walley was full of hard graft and determination. Others who represented the 'A' XV in the front eight included: J. E. Reynolds as a competent flanker, D. O. J. Von Malaise and M. T. Thornber.

The quality of the half-back play was well above the average for a Colts side. D. M. W. Thomas gained confidence to take on the opposition and to use the possession from the scrum, often under heavy pressure, with speed and accuracy. A. C. Hine, new to the school this term, was a talented asset. He is a strong runner, a sound ball handler and a tactical kicker. His place kicking has great potential and he has a bright future at the senior level. The centres were quick in defence and fierce in their tackling. R. C. M. Bevan was an elusive runner with genuine acceleration and A. P. V. Raben timed his passes to perfection. There was match winning class and pace on the wings. A. V. Leto in full stride was hard to stop and J. G. Raccanello powered his way through with explosive and exciting running. At full back, D. A. Steward never failed to give of his best with courageous covering in defence and effective aggression in attack. Those who also played in the 'A' XV in the backs were J. A. Dakin and W. J. Rossiter.

What has characterised this group of players has been their willingness to make the best of the time available. They have listened to constructive criticism, learned from their mistakes and thrown themselves into getting physically fit and mentally alert for the demands of the game. The memory is full of breath-taking tries near the corner flag and last minute conversion kicks to clinch a win, of dashing solo runs and crunching saving tackles. Players left the field with knocks and bruises but more important with satisfaction and pride. There is every reason to expect this side to remain unbeaten this season with one more match to play, and they certainly deserve it.

The Colts 'A' suffered their only defeat v. St Edward's. Results are shown overleaf.

'A' Team: D. A. Steward (4), A. V. Leto (5), A. P. V. Raben (6), R. C. M. Bevan (9), J. G. Raccanello (1), A. C. Hine (8), D. M. W. Thomas (6), A. J. de la Mare (2), A. A. Appleby (9), R. J. A. Bridgwood (5), A. W. Todd (3), T. C. W. Dolby (1), M. B. Walley (7), J. N. A. Davies (4) (capt.), C. R. Critchley (2).

'B' Team: W. R. McLellan (5), P. H. M. Swire (6), J. A. Dakin (7), M. T. Savage (8), W. J. Rossiter (5), N. P. Watkins (1), J. J. Brown (9) (Capt.), N. D. Leapman (6), A. J. N. Coats (7), M. J. C. Dudley (9), D. M. Sanders (6), G. E. Peppiatt (8), D. O. J. Von Malaise (3), J. E. Reynolds (5), J. L. H. Goodhart (2).

Results: Colts v. Mill Hill	Away	Drawn	6-6
v. Eton	Away	Won	18-0
v. Oakham	Home	Won	26-14
v. Radley	Home	Won	8-3
v. Rugby	Home	Won	10-8
v. R.L.S. 2nd XV	Home	Won	24-0
v. Bedford	Home	Drawn	20-20
v. Oundle	Away	Won	18-10
v. Cheltenham	Home	Won	14-7
A v. St. Edward's	Away	Lost	3-6
B v. St. Edward's	Away	Won	6-4

J.M.L.

JUNIOR COLTS

From time to time a team comes along which plays with great keenness and enthusiasm, yet finds it very difficult to put victories together in their matches. At the time of going to press, the Junior Colts is having a most disappointing season as far as results go, but we are pleased to record some considerable individual improvements, and we are confident that that elusive victory will come our way before the season is over.

An unfortunate hand injury to Graham Strong deprived us of his services for several matches, but, paradoxically, his absence showed the team the need for each of them to play a full part in the action, and when Strong returned, it was to a more balanced and sturdy team. There were still uncertainties in the personnel, and it was not until after half term that Charles Stopford made sure of his place at full back, playing splendidly against Radley and Bedford. The three-quarter line also varied, although Robin Wilson and Andrew Lockwood worked hard and increasingly well, and John Wallen showed a splendid turn of speed at times.

The forwards and half-backs were more settled, and began to put together some assured play, winning every single scrum in the first half against Bedford. Henry Gardner, John Howarth and Anthony Venables made a good front row and Jamie Brown and James Woolley were always in the thick of play, as was Martin Downer with some speedy breaks. Edward Lewis was appointed captain after the third match, and led the team with courage and tenacity, setting an untiring example in his support for all kinds of play.

We hope that the side will have learned from the somewhat bitter experiences of this season, and as each individually works at his skills the team may well find that next season will prove a turning point in their Rugby.

I.M.S.

Results:			
A v. Cheltenham	Away	Lost	0-35
A v. St. Edward's	Away	Lost	22-26
B v. St. Edward's	Away	Drawn	8-8

THE UNDER-FOURTEEN XV

The character and talent of this year's Third Form intake is enabling them to play an "open" attractive brand of rugby very successfully. The team has won all of the seven matches it has played so far this season, and on occasions it has won them with some considerable style.

Results: v. Eton	Away	Won	4-8
v. Oakham	Home	Won	26-6
v. Radley	Home	Won	7-4
v. Rugby	Home	Won	8-4
v. Papplewick	Home	Won	42-0
v. Royal Latin	Home	Won	32-0
v. Bedford	Home	Won	8-4
v. Cheltenham	Home	Won	16-0
A v. St. Edward's	Away	Won	4-0
B v. St. Edward's	Away	Lost	0-6

The forwards are progressing well. Invariably they seem to meet larger opponents, and invariably they seem to outplay them. Only Meads and Whitmore can be termed "hefty citizens". The rest (Anderson, Critchley, Frost, Mallinson, Marton, Pollock, Rossiter and Saville) are an altogether stockier, aggressive group, who at times appear to be a quite outstanding group of forwards, and at others a little lethargic.

Their lineout play and scrummaging is good (with a notable performance against Bedford) and their uncompromising attitude in the loose provides a stream of possession (if a little slowly at times) for our threequarters. However, their real talent is in their ability to defend, more often than not, in the opponents' half of the field, and it is in this part of the game that Marton in particular and Frost to a lesser extent are quite outstanding.

The half-backs and inside centre, namely, Hazzard, Elmitt and Bartlett thrive on the possession provided by the forwards. However, it is not a selfish relationship, for their ability to tend their forwards and their inventiveness in attack are quite breathtaking at times.

At outside centre, Keith is performing well, although the difficulties he is experiencing are being magnified by the changing personnel on the wings, where in seven games five players have played with varying degrees of success i.e. Gobby, Salamon, Ellul, Oliver and Keith himself. Subsequently the quality and consistency of our wide play has not been all that it should have been. However, it is gratifying to know that the difficulties are due to a lack of experience rather than a lack of ability. The one outside player whose position in the team has remained unchallenged, and who has looked immensely confident from the first game, is Hogan.

They are a fine group of boys who should do well in future years provided they maintain the level of commitment and discipline that they have shown this year. Talent alone will not see them through against the likes of Bedford and St. Edwards. A player whose commitment and discipline has never been in doubt is the Captain Frost. A fine player, his capacity to lead the team by personal example, particularly when it needed leading at the beginning of the season, was and is enormous.

The under 14 'A' won every match—a very impressive record. Team appearances are shown overleaf.

N. G. Taylor
C. J. G. Atkinson

Team appearances:

J. P. E. Anderson	4	D. J. M Hazzard	7
R. M. A. Pollock	6	R. M. C. Elmitt	7
M. A. Rossiter	4	A. C. H. Bath	1
H. D. Critchley	7	M. J. Bartlett	7
R. J. Saville	5	P. S. Keith	6
C. Whitmore	7	J. Hogan	7
J. K. Meads	6	J. W. Salamon	2
J. P. C. Frost	7	M. Gobby	5
G. E. C. Marton	6	R. S. G. Oliver	2
R. H. Mallinson	3	E. C. K. Laing	1
W. A. Taurins	1	D. Ellul	4
G. R. Curtis	1		

No. denotes performances.

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

In spite of the delayed opening of the swimming pool for the Autumn term and a lack of time-table space, a considerable amount of training was put in by the younger boys with the House Swimming Captains or their deputies doing an excellent job of organisation in an over-crowded pool.

Sunday November 9th was a crisp, cold day as I introduced the 8th Indoor Sports with a reminder to the boys that this event was formerly held in the 11 acre lake. Thanks to a great deal of efficient help from colleagues and boys alike, the whole programme went through in one and a half hours starting with two new House Records; a time of 15.4 secs for 25m Junior Butterfly by P. S. Keith (Chan) (who is certainly the best all-round U.14 swimmer to enter the school since Phil Richards in 1975), and fittingly also a new House Record of 29.9 secs for the 50m Butterfly Senior by R. M. Miller (Graf), the School Swimming Captain.

Generally speaking, boys were unfit and untrained but swam with great determination, and prospects for yet another highly successful swimming team look good for whoever is appointed to coach the teams next year.

I thought the standard of diving was better this year and while it was obvious that N. D. Rossiter (Cob) was a trained diver and thoroughly deserved to win, D. J. M. Hazzard (Wal) in the U.14 and D. G. Howell-Williams (Lyt) in the Intermediate both showed the gymnastic ability and confidence to become first class divers if they have the necessary coaching.

The Sports reached an enthusiastically deafening climax in the relays where the winners in both the Junior and Intermediate categories won by a touch, less than 0.1 secs separating them in each case. The relay final placing left Temple and Grenville sharing the cup, but in the overall reckoning there was no doubt this year that Grenville had taken the honours by a clear 20 points.

The trophies were presented by Simon Grant-Rennick, an Old Stoic who remembers only too well the aquatic tortures of the 11 acre lake when one had to train whatever the weather.

RESULTS OF THE 1980 SPORTS

Individual Trophies

1) Diving Cup (Open)	N. D. Rossiter (Cobham)
2) 100m Freestyle (Open)	I. A. Keith (Chandos)
3) Individual Medley (Junior)	P. S. Keith (Chandos)
4) Individual Medley (Intermediate)	A. N. Keith (Chandos)
5) Individual Medley (Senior)	R. M. Miller (Grafton)
6) 50m Butterfly (The Bobs Cup)	R. M. Miller (Grafton)

House Trophies

1) JUNIOR HOUSE CUP	WALPOLE
2) INTERMEDIATE HOUSE CUP	GRENVILLE
3) SENIOR HOUSE CUP	GRENVILLE
4) INTER-HOUSE RELAY CUP	TEMPLE/GRENVILLE
5) OVERALL WINNER'S CUP	GRENVILLE

Event Winners

1) Junior Butterfly 25m	P. S. Keith (Chan)	15.4 secs (Record)
2) Intermediate Butterfly 50m	A. N. Keith (Chan)	34.3 secs
3) Senior Butterfly 50m	R. M. Miller (Graf)	29.9 secs (Record)
4) Junior Breast-Stroke 50m	M. A. Rossiter (Cob)	45.5 secs
5) Inter Breast-Stroke 100m	J. G. S. Robinson (Tem)	1-29.9 secs
6) Senior Breast-Stroke 100m	D. A. Venables (Tem)	1-24.9 secs
7) Junior Backstroke 50m	T. E. Bates (Lyt)	41.3 secs
8) Inter Backstroke 100m	D. W. Brown (Bru)	1-27.7 secs
9) Senior Backstroke 100m	S. P. G. Constantinides (Gf)	1-25.6 secs
10) Junior Freestyle 50m	P. S. Keith (Chan)	32.2 secs
11) Inter Freestyle 100m	A. N. Keith (Chan)	1-07.7 secs
12) Senior Freestyle 100m	I. A. Keith (Chan)	1-05.1 secs
13) Junior Dive	D. J. M. Hazzard (Wal)	
14) Inter Dive	J. S. Kirkup (Wal)	
15) Senior Dive	N. D. Rossiter (Cob)	
16) Junior I.M. 100m	P. S. Keith (Chan)	1-22.4 secs
17) Inter I.M. 100m	A. N. Keith (Chan)	1-18.7 secs
18) Senior I.M. 100m	R. M. Miller (Graf)	1-13.8 secs
19) Junior Relay 5 x 50m	WALPOLE	
20) Inter Relay 5 x 50m	GRENVILLE	
21) Senior Relay 5 x 50m	COBHAM	

Congratulations to Grenville on winning the Overall Cup without winning a single individual event except the Inter Relay, truly a great team effort.

F. A. Hudson



OLD STOIC NEWS

R. C. Allerton (3 1953) is A.D.C. to H.M. The Queen and commanding No. 16 M.U., R.A.F. Stafford (1980).

The Lord Annan (2 1935) is Chairman of the Trustees of the National Gallery and has been awarded an Hon. LLD. of the University of Pennsylvania (1980).

S. G. Appleton (3 1978) has been awarded a Commoner's Open Scholarship at Trinity College, Oxford (1980).

M. D. Beaumont (2 1967) is a Director of Thomson McIntock Associates (1980).

B. C. Briant (1 1935) has been appointed Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Chartered Surveyors (1980).

P. C. Bullock (1 1968) is Captain of Blackheath R.U.F.C. (1980).

R. O. Cobham (3 1954) has his own Consultancy in Oxford on Planning, Land Management and Environmental Services.

The Hon Sir David Croom-Johnson (2 1932) is to be Treasurer of Gray's Inn in 1981.

L.G. Darling (7 1939) was awarded the C.M.G. in the Birthday Honours List 1980 for services to industry and commerce in Australia.

P. J. De Roos (1 1950) is Vice President of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York and Managing Director of the Bank Almashrek Sal of Beirut (1980).

J. V. Doubleday (5 1964) His bronze of "Mary with the Child Christ" commissioned for the 850th Anniversary of Rochester Cathedral was dedicated on 20th September 1980.

D. S. Duckworth (7 1950) is co-author of "Troubleshooting International Business Problems" (1980).

G. L. Duckworth (6 1949) was promoted Brigadier on 1st July 1980 and appointed Deputy Fortress Commander Gibraltar in August 1980.

D. J. Easton (8 1959) was appointed First Secretary at the British Embassy in Amman in September 1980.

D. M. Fingleton (6 1959) was appointed Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate on 16th September 1980.

M. Fraser-Allen (5 1953) is Director and General Manager of Blackwood Hodge (Zimbabwe) Ltd. (1980).

R. B. J. Gadney (7 1959) had his first original play for television "Forgive our Foolish Ways" serialised on B.B.C.1 (1980).

M. D. Goodwin (5 1958) was awarded the O.B.E. in the Birthday Honours List 1980.

J. C. V. Hunt (8 1960) is the second T.A. Officer to command the Royal Yeomanry (1980) (The only other T.A. Officer to command this Regiment was D. C. Part (Bruce 1950)).

T. J. Issaias (9 1976) gained a Class 1 in Natural Sciences Part 1B at Pembroke College, Cambridge (1980).

L. C. L. Jolivet (1 1937) is President of Aero Forge Ltd. in Vancouver. He has been Director of Air Canada, Canadian National Railway, Provincial Bank of Canada and Chairman of I.C.A.M. Aerospace Ltd. He has also been Chairman of the Orpheus Theatre Fund and a director of the Vancouver Opera Association.

The Lord Kennet (8 1941) is a member of the Lay Court of Advisers to St. Paul's Cathedral (1980).

G. Klonarides (2 1970) is official representative of the Hong Kong Trade Council in Greece (1978).

P. E. Leslie (6 1949) is Senior General Manager of Barclays Bank International (1980) and a Director of Barclays Bank Ltd.

H. E. Lockhart-Mummery (4 1935) is Serjeant-Surgeon to H.M. The Queen (1975).

D. K. Lloyd (1 1976) gained a Class 1 in Computer Science at King's College, Cambridge (1980).

I. W. Macpherson (3 1931) is County Commissioner of St. John Ambulance for Hereford and Worcester and is a Commander of the Order.

A. G. H. Melly (5 1944) has published "The Media Mob" (1980).

C. M. V. Nicholl (7 1967) is the author of 'The Chemical Theatre', published by RKP.

B. A. Nicholson (8 1978) gained a Class 1 in Engineering Pt. 1A at Clare College, Cambridge (1980).

J. D. G. Niven (4 1928) co-starred in the film "The Sea Wolves" (1980).

J. R. Perring (3 1948) has been elected Under Renter Warden of the Merchant Taylors Company for 1980.

O. P. Plowright (2 1956) produced the Battle of Britain fortieth anniversary programmes on Radio 4, and one on Richard Hillary (1980).

J. W. Rant (5 1954) was appointed Recorder of the Crown Court in 1979 and Queen's Counsel in April 1980.

H.P. Raymond-Barker (2 1974) is a professional photographer in Brazil and has published "Dance" (Heinemann 1974) with text by Beryl Dunn.

Sir Brooks Richards (2 1936) is co-ordinator of security in Northern Ireland (1980).

D. S. Rowe-Beddoe (4 1955) is President of Revlon for Europe and Africa (1980).

The Hon. Sir John Sainsbury (3 1945) and **N. Broackes** (6 1951) are members of the Association of Business Sponsorship for the Arts (1980).

D. A. Sharp (8 1964) is Chairman of Roger Shackleton Associates (International Sports Promotion and Marketing consultants).

B. A. Stewart (4 1938) is a member of the Highland T.A.V.R. Committee and the Regimental Council of the Royal Highland Fusiliers (1980).

G. P. Tobin (3 1947) is Chief Resident Engineer with Scott, Wilson, Kirkpatrick & Partners, Civil Engineers, in Nigeria (1980).

C. A. Vandervell (1 1944) is Chairman of A.C.F. (Great Britain) Ltd., controlling the W.K.M. Valve Division's products for the North Sea off-shore oil industry and is co-author of "Game and the English Landscape" (1980).

The Hon. Sir Peter Vanneck (1 1939) is Second Warden of the Fishmongers Company Court of Assistants (1980).

D. N. Weston (9 1969) is Priest-in-Charge of Dean, Shelton, Melchbourne, Yelden, Pertenhall and Swineshead in Huntingdonshire (1980).

A. C. Wolfe (7 1966) has captained the Stock Exchange Rifle Club since 1976.

P.G. Worsthorne (7 1941) has published "Peregrinations: Selected Pieces", which was reviewed for the "Sunday Telegraph" by J. P. R. Welch (3 1941) (1980).

R. F. Wraith (7 1969) has exhibited at the Royal Academy, the Royal Society of Portrait Painters and the Paris Salon; he has executed frescoes in churches in Burriano and Ponte Buggianese in Italy and has been commissioned to do a fresco in Souldern church in Oxfordshire.

COMMISSIONS

The following have been commissioned into the Regiments stated:

M. L. W. Bell (5 1979)—The Life Guards—August 1980.

M. R. Winsloe (1 1978)—The Royal Green Jackets—August 1980.

E Hartington (8 1979)—The Prince of Wales's—November 1980. (Cheshire). He was also awarded "The Strategic Studies Special Prize" on completion of the recent Regular Career Course at Sandhurst.

MARRIAGES

S. W. Balmer (4 1968) to Claire Moloney on 17th June 1978.

M. D. Beaumont (2 1974) to Andrea Wilberforce on 12th June 1976.

R. G. Burwood-Taylor (1 1966) to Julia Mary Cannon on 12th July 1980.

W. G. Cheyne (4 1968) to Clare Vanderstegen-Drake on 29th July 1978.

D. J. Dawes (3 1965) to Ingrid Van Hoop on 24th May 1975.

J. J. G. Dawes (9 1972) to Anne Broughton on 4th October 1980.

M. R. Edwards (5 1967) to Margaret Ann Corcoran on 28th June 1980.

T. P. I. Goddard (8 1964) to Elizabeth Gates Alexander on 23rd August 1980.

The Hon. C. J. G. Henniker-Major (5 1968) to Sally Kemp on 26th July 1980.

T. St. F. Jackson (2 1964) to Victoria Scatcliff on 27th September 1980.

L. C. L. Jolivet (1 1937) to Patricia Lynch on 11th April 1955.

G. Klonarides (2 1970) to Helen Sarri on 29th September 1978.

C. J. Lockhart-Mummery (7 1964) to Rosamund Elles.

C. R. M. Longstaff (8 1969) to Philippa Denise Somerville Ward on 8th September 1978.

N. J. L. Martin (8 1966) to Anna Reekie on 6th September 1980.

R. A. St. M. Mills (2 1972) to Isabel Anna Bradley on 12th July 1980.

J. F. M. Monkhouse (5 1964) to Bigig Boule on 2nd May 1975.

R. E. T. Nicholl (9 1969) to Vicky Taylor on 26th July 1980.

P. J. Partington (3 1974) to Elizabeth Brettell on 19th July 1980.

J. P. Raw (7 1966) to Susan de Winnington Clervaux Clarke on 29th June 1974.

S. J. H. Reid (5 1970) to Jill Elizabeth Smith on 20th September 1980.

J. L. T. Smith (5 1947) to Mrs Patricia Ann Lee on 30th September 1980.

C. O. N. Stanley (4 1973) to Elodie Blyth on 19th July 1980.

R. G. G. Thynne (5 1968) to Elizabeth Lydie Jill Barton on 7th July 1973.

J. K. H. Wales (2 1972) to Clare Draper on 26th July 1980.

A. C. Wolfe (7 1966) to Rosalind Shaw on 8th February 1975.

BIRTHS

To the wife of:

S. W. Balmer (4 1968) a son on 25th July 1980.

M. D. Beaumont (2 1967) a daughter on 11th July 1980.

W. G. Cheyne (4 1968) a daughter on 3rd July 1980.

R. A. Clegg (8 1963) a son on 22nd August 1980.

D. J. Dawes (3 1965) two sons on 3rd September 1976 and 31st March 1978.

C. R. Dixey (6 1962) a daughter on 26th June 1980.

J. R. Ellis (6 1958) a son on 22nd March 1978.

R. B. English (6 1965) a son on 24th June 1980.

The Hon. P. V. Fisher (3 1968) a son on 8th December 1979.

D. F. Gomme (3 1964) a son on 24th July 1980.

A. C. Grattan-Cooper (8 1961) a son on 15th October 1979.

L. C. L. Jolivet (1 1937) a daughter in 1960 and a son in 1963.

G. Klonarides (2 1970) a daughter on 2nd April 1979.

D. R. Lees-Jones (3 1965) a son on 8th July 1980.

C. J. Lockhart-Mummery (7 1964) a daughter on 18th August 1980.

C. R. M. Longstaff (8 1969) a son on 21st August 1980.

J. F. M. Monkhouse (5 1964) a daughter on 16th July 1977 and a son on 21st January 1980.

J. P. Raw (7 1966) a daughter on 25th June 1980.

D. A. Sharp (8 1964) a son on 5th December 1978 and a daughter on 20th May 1980.

R. G. G. Thynne (5 1968) a son on 18th April 1976 and a daughter on 20th May 1980.

DEATHS

C. A. Ashcroft (5 1938) on 24th February 1980.

B. C. Fairweather (5 1928) on 3rd February 1979.

D. B. R. Reid (1 1938) on 25th July 1980.

R. J. Sanders (7 1942) on 13th September 1980.

**Produced by
Hillier Designs
Printers Mews
Market Hill
Buckingham**