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EDITORIAL

'Hush! Hush! Whisper who dares!
Christopher Robin is saying his prayers'

Regular readers of the **Stoic** are accustomed to editorials which either complain about certain aspects of the School or, more rarely, confidently assert our superiority. This article, however, seeks to avoid these hackneyed themes and remind readers of various **Stoics** who have attained considerable success and remained in the public eye.

'Forty years on, when afar and asunder . . .'

So begins the school song of one of our rivals. Stowe, fortunately, has no such chant, but it is interesting to note the achievements of various Old Stoics forty, or more or less, years on.

Few of his contemporaries would ever have imagined that Christopher Robin Milne would one day be immortalized in the lines above, or indeed ever look as he does in his photograph opposite. Similarly David Niven, dashing film star, recently turned writer, has surely surpassed all expectations. He has retained, so we gather, a somewhat roguish personality both on and off the screen—a result of his brief sojourn at Stowe? George Melly, he of the double-breasted suit and fedora, continues to provide us with his own particular brand of jazz. A colourful personality, he graced Stowe with a concert last year.

On a more serious note, Leonard Cheshire's homes continue to flourish, and his wife, Sue Ryder, mounted an extensive campaign to provide Poland with food for Christmas.

David Shepherd has achieved world-wide acclaim as an artist, and a photograph of his portrait of Mr. Drayson appears later in this magazine. So has David Fanshawe in the musical sphere, and other names, such as John Doubleday and Laurence Whistler, spring to mind.

When one considers that these are but a few of the more famous personalities educated at Stowe, and recalls the School's distinguished war record, one must conclude that present Stoics might be proud to emulate them.

Andrew Coats

APPOINTMENTS 1981 AUTUMN TERM

Prefects:

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|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Head of School | D. C. Burgess, ma. | Head of Stanhope | Caroline A. M. Sparrow |
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| Head of Chatham | C. R. James | Prefect of Dining Hall | J. A. G. Buchanan |
| Head of Bruce | A. P. G. Morten | Head of Chapel | H. L. S. Carter. |
| Head of Walpole | C. J. Shepherd-Barron | | |

AUTUMN TERM 1981

The Autumn Term is always the longest and perhaps the most exhausting in the School year. Last term was no exception, with a continual flow of academic and recreational activity.

On the academic side, twenty-five Stoics returned to take the **Oxford** or **Cambridge** examination, and we congratulate those who were successful: five gained awards, eight places.

The reviews that follow in these pages give some idea of the intellectual and athletic activities of the School. They range from the rigorous pursuit of knowledge in, for example, the **Historical Society** to the more hedonistic delights of the **Corkscrew Society**.

Although many Stoics still remain resolutely unaware of the fact, Music continues to play an important part in the life of the School. The musicians have produced their familiar wide range of entertainment, culminating in an unusual carol and brass concert as well as the usual end-of-term concert.

Talent on the dramatic side was well to the fore again in the **Congreve Club's** production of 'A **Midsummer Night's Dream**'. The almost feverish enthusiasm of all concerned and the resultant high standards of performance gave a great deal of enjoyment to many, both in and outside the Stowe community. We congratulate Mr. Small and his assistants on their hard work and well-deserved success.

The Rugby season has been one of mixed success, not through any lack of effort, but through a combination of Stowe's lack of sheer bulk and injuries. There were nonetheless some memorable and exciting matches on the North Front. It was sad to see the **House** final cancelled because of bad weather.

Last term we welcomed Mr. S. R. Hesketh, Mr. G. McLanachan and Mr. J. P. Watson as members of the teaching staff. We were sad to say good-bye to Mr. Nicholl and his family, and also to Mrs. Jeannie Wallace-Jones. We wish them every happiness. We welcome Mr. M. D. Drury this term as the new occupant of **Stowe Vicarage**.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Secret and Mr. and Mrs. Watson on the birth of their sons and Mr. Stiff on gaining his Doctorate from **Liverpool University** in the Christmas holidays.

Finally, it is encouraging to see that many of the **Upper School** took a serious and enthusiastic interest in the Industry and Careers conferences that were held last term. We thank Mr. Larcombe and Mr. Lloyd for their considerable hard work in the organization of both events.

Lisa Rowe-Beddoe, Lucy Shand Kydd

J.E.C.N.

And in the Autumn Term of 1959 Joseph Edward Chancellor Nicholl appeared unto the community of Stowe the second time. In the intervening decades he had been awarded the **Military Cross** and done a stint at Sutton Valence school, leaving that establishment the poorer for his departure. The full catalogue of his positions and activities here is readily accessible to those possessed of long memories and diligent readers of this magazine and old **Blue Books**. What matters is the impact he made on all who came across him. Many will remember him as an idiosyncratic teacher of Scripture and History. To several generations of Cobhamites he was a Housemaster of benign manner and sympathetic outlook, whose velvet gloves were nonetheless lined with a modicum of steel. Rugger players will recall him as one whose ardent and successful pursuit of the game in earlier years made him a stimulating coach and a tireless administrator. Many of all ages will remember his engagingly pastiche sermons (almost a hall-mark of his Chaplaincy), contemporary parables of Stowe life dressed in Biblical idiom. In recent years he has cast his net more widely as Secretary of the **Old Stoic Society**, eminently fitted for this function by his long association with the School. Reflection on Jos's performance of these various activities suggests a number of qualities—devotion, integrity, kindness, perhaps above all an almost imperturbable good humour imaged in the quizzically raised eyebrow and the amused tolerance of human frailty: a good humour almost imperturbable, for sweetness and light occasionally ceased to reign. At the parish party given in the Nicholls' honour earlier this year Bob Wheeler, succumbing untypically to the lures of fashionable journalism, spoke in his eulogy of Jos of the 'odd hiccup' which had disturbed the otherwise even tenor of **Dadford's** annals under his ministration. Indeed, one of the minor delights of Stowe's social life has been to observe, preferably without personal involvement, Jos's waspish or rather tigerish tirades directed at any proposal he deemed inimical to the School's well-being.

There are still some who will remember Jos as both boy and master, and it is fitting that he should have written the appreciation of Humphrey Playford, his own Housemaster, below. Such men have always been rare. They will no doubt become rarer. We wish Jos and Hope, and their family, every happiness at Angmering, and trust that his qualities will be appreciated there as they have been here.

B.S.S.

Bob Wheeler writes:

I have been asked to write a few lines to mark the end of Jos Nicholl's term of office as Priest in charge of **Stowe Parish**.

Jos came to us in 1974 as successor to the late Hugh Hodge, whose sudden departure left a great gap in Parish life.

Those of us who know J.E.C.N. realise that he was just the man to fill the breach.

He knew the Parish, the School and best of all he knew his parishioners on terms that few priests are able to match.

By any standards J.E.C.N. worked extremely hard. As a school master he should have been able to look forward to those wonderful long holidays, but for Jos and Hope there was always the Parish.

We recognised his hard work, we adored his hiccups, we appreciate that he played his last game of rugger when he knew he was leaving, and our respect for Jos and Hope is only equalled by our love and best wishes in his new post.

H. B. Playford

When J. F. Roxburgh was looking for a Chaplain in 1923, he wrote to an Eton Housemaster, who quoted the claims of the Chaplain of Jesus College, Cambridge, saying that a pupil of his, J. W. H. Fremantle, had rowed in the Boats of 1921 and 1922 and considered the then President of the Cambridge University Boat Club was 'the salt of the earth'. But Humphrey Playford had to decline the Chaplaincy then, because he was only a Deacon. However, J. F. was able to invite him to join the Staff in 1925.

Three years later Humphrey accepted the Housemastership of Bruce. One of the first decisions was to make Peter Sherwood (now a School Governor) a Monitor and then Head of the House. In 1930 the Headmaster of Gresham's School was asking J.F. if he could release Humphrey; only to receive the curt reply, "Playford is quite first class. If you take him away from me I shall go for you with a revolver."

Humphrey's activities covered many fields (Chapel, Pineapple and Estate Work are examples), but undoubtedly his most important work lay with his House. For 25 years he made Bruce a House of outstanding quality; 'a good, often very good, games House, but one which produced scholars too, a House whose particular stamp was one of gentleness and self-restraint, of tolerance and culture, a House that exemplified the civilised values at which Stowe has always aimed.' (*The Stoic* Dec. 1958).

It was typical of the man that with all his Rowing triumphs he chose a School which had no river—and no 'tradition'. He had been Captain of the Leander Club in 1925, and was made a Steward of the Henley Royal Regatta in 1946, just 100 years after his grandfather had won the Grand in 1846—an achievement which his father emulated in 1874, 1877, and 1881.

Yet Stoics of earlier generations remember him most for the Lancia that accompanied 'Chuggy' Robinson and Tim White to the air strip at Finmere, where Humphrey, who had been a Pilot in the First World War, gave advice (recorded by T. H. White in his first book, "**England have my bones**"); that took Historian 'Culture Parties' to the Continent with Bill McElwee and Ewald Zettl; and that even retrieved a run-a-way—so quickly that no one knew he had run! The Lancia was used at the outbreak of war to buy up the total stock of suitable Penguins at Heffers and Bowes & Bowes. Members of Bruce might be excused for regarding it as theirs, when it took 4 boys who had been left behind at Half term to a Tattoo in Glasgow; or to London during the Coronation holiday; or even the 4 new boys in the Summer of 1934 (in their first fortnight) to Cambridge to watch Bradman bat—only to find that he had been bowled by J. G. W. Davies for a duck!

That Lancia was also used (with the rather less splendid vehicle of John Tallent, his Under-Housemaster) to ferry the whole of his first four victorious Rugger House teams to be entertained to supper at the Green Man. His concern for his House was not limited to termtime and numbers of parents found him willing to spend a holiday in Hampshire or Sussex at his favourite occupation of logging.

At a later stage a young master, George Clarke, was given a lift from Buckingham on a Silverstone day. Humphrey said, "There are two ways of doing this; driving along with one wheel in the gutter, or driving on the crown of the road. We'll do the latter". And he switched on his headlights and drove on the crown of the road. The others were consigned to the gutter.

It is hard to realise now that he entertained the whole of his first four victorious Rugger House Teams to supper at the Green Man; that his proudest achievement was the winning of the House Senior, Junior and League Rugger and Cricket Cups in the same year.

The House Prayers that everyone remembered was the occasion when he said simply "I don't mind 'Humphrey' and I don't mind 'Humph'; but I won't stand 'Bumph'. Let us pray."

The trouble that his wife Betty found in later years was fitting the oars and the books into a tiny cottage, but she remembers her delight at finding one book "**Harpoon at a Venture**" inscribed "For Humphrey Playford, who gave me my first encouragement to write—Gavin Maxwell". No schoolmaster could have asked for a finer epitaph.

J.E.C.N.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE CANDIDATES 1981

OXFORD

Scholarships:

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|----------------------------------|---------------|----------|
| T. J. Bayntun (Choral Schol.) | Christ Church | English |
| D. R. L. Boyd | Christ Church | Classics |
| G. J. R. Monbiot | Brasenose | Zoology |

CAMBRIDGE

Exhibitions:

| | | |
|---------------|------------|-----------|
| C. Economides | Selwyn | Law |
| N. A. Downing | St. John's | Geography |

OVER THE TOP

Ridden with hidden hopelessness, rotten to the core, we stand.
And the officer shouts: 'Heads down lads—keep hid from the enemy!'
So too my sister and I hid playfully from each other,
On hazy autumn afternoons on a panoply of leaves.
But the mud still sticks to our skin like a scab,
And the drizzle unmercifully does not cease to degrade us.
And the officer shouts: 'Keep awake lads, keep those hands warm!'
Warm beside the fire, we sat, when winter's cloak descended;
Warm with the innocence of children.
And the officer shouts: 'Get ready lads—check your gear!'
So too did we ready ourselves for the race on sportsday;
And mothers with expectant faces encouraged
Excited sons in the perfumed summer air.
And now the officer shouts, oh how he shouts, with sickening reality:
'Over the top boys—let's go—over the top!'
Now, sweet memories subside and make way for a memory that might never be.

R. G. Rees

DRAMA

THE CONGREVE CLUB: A *Midsummer Night's Dream*

Out of the twilight Puck summoned the play. At the snap of his fingers the daylight dawned and in sauntered Theseus's Athenian court.

This was a masterly opening. The play questions and deliberately blurs conventional distinctions between illusion and reality. Puck darts deftly between the natural and the supernatural, between the world of wakefulness and the world of dream. In the midst of fact we are in fantasy: the reality of nothing is sure.

Puck, lithe and fleet of foot, was excellently played by Gavin Vaughan. No less impressive, but for quite different reasons, were the performances of Matthew Walley (Lysander), Roderick Craig (Demetrius), Charlotte Le Vay Lawrence (Hermia) and Lucy Shand Kydd (Helena). They projected themselves as strong characters, which indeed is what they should be. If their experiences are to be seen as shaking their self-confidence they must have some self-confidence to shake. All too often in other performances these characters have seemed to be feeble, precious, "plot" figures, not real "characters" at all; but in this performance they rightly held the centre of the stage.

An imposing presence is something which Oberon definitely has to have, and Mark Cazalet's Oberon was dignified and truly regal. Less essential, but because of its novelty no less exciting, was Lisa Rowe-Beddoe's strong characterisation of Hippolyta. She indeed was a Queen of the Amazons, and no mere constitutional figurehead. In contrast, Lisa Darnell was fittingly decorative as Titania.

No actor finds it easy to speak Shakespearean verse. He must convey the meaning of what he is saying whilst maintaining a sense of the verse's rhythmic vitality. But the main characters in this production overcame this difficulty with remarkable success—especially, perhaps, Robert Adam (Theseus).

The theme of the confusion of reality and illusion is especially present in the mechanicals' scenes. Paradoxically, the most life-like and solid types are those who engage in the most fanciful and inane playacting. The Thespians are yokels: the fairies are in the audience—an interesting reversal of theatrical convention. And very amusing these scenes were.

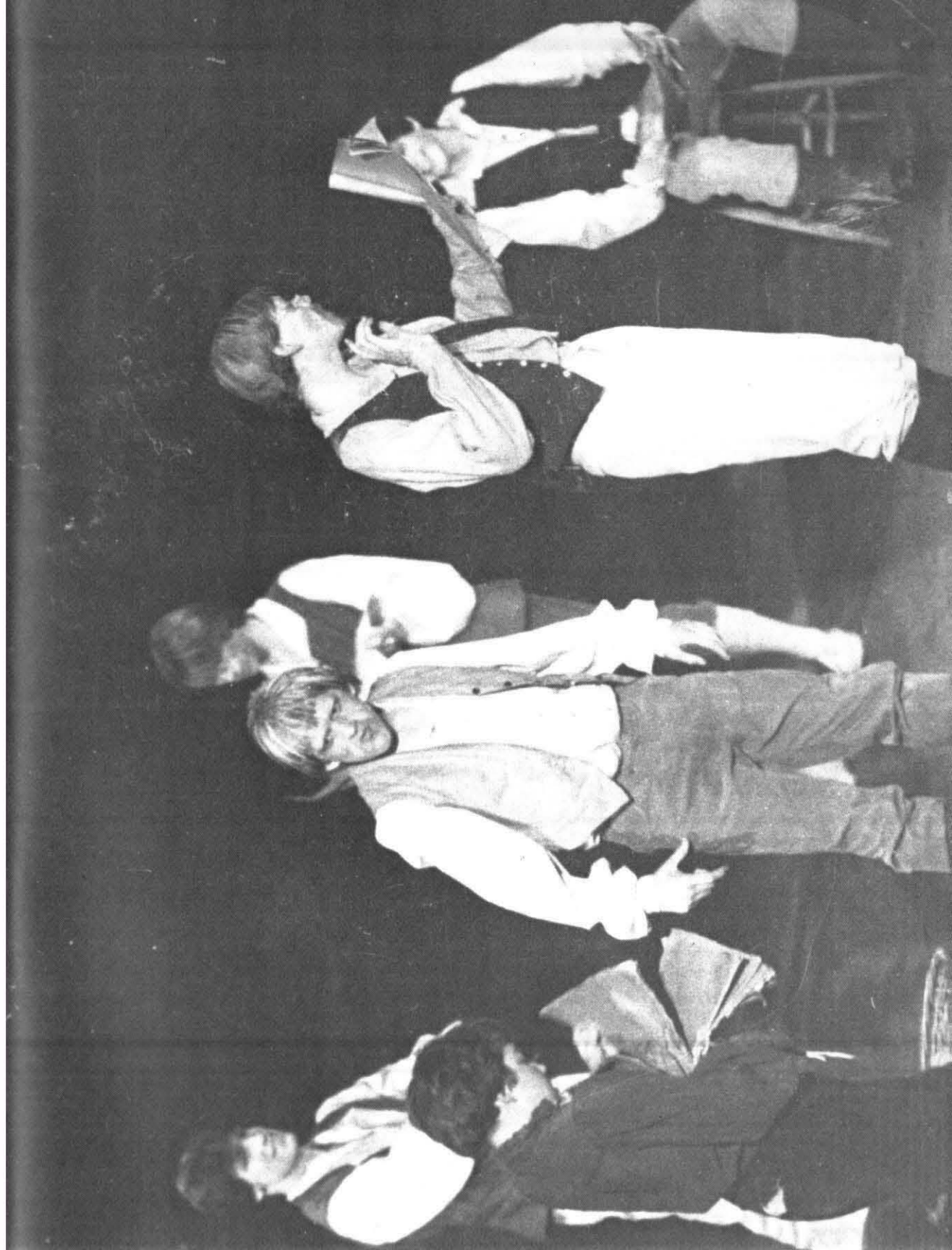
In this regard the new fore-stage was of value. It projected the play into the audience, blurred the distinction between the viewers and the viewed. Peter Quince's play (Tom Ellemann was Peter Quince) is watched and heard, albeit from different standpoints, by Theseus and his bride, by Oberon and his entourage, and, of course, by us. The effect of the "play within a play" device, of which Shakespeare was so fond, is to put the players into the audience . . . or, conversely, to bring the audience into the play. The fore-stage emphasised this, and, for the most part, the actors used it sensibly.

The set, designed and constructed by members of the Art Department, was extremely attractive, and was made more so by the lighting. The music, specially composed for this production, was performed well.

The best testimony to Mr. Small's very competent direction of the whole performance was perhaps the way in which each member of the cast concentrated fully upon what he was doing. The minor characters never really seemed minor. The mischievous antics and smothered giggles of Quince's Apprentice (Adam Atkinson) provided especially entertaining moments.

So once again the director and actors did credit to the **Congreve Club**, which this year celebrated its fortieth anniversary. The production was quite up to the high standard set by the Club in recent years and was indeed a play which, like Peter Quince's, "needs no excuse".

P.D.J.



BEAUTY SACRIFICED

Tall, silent in his majesty he sways,
Brooding darkly over what became of his lands.
Around him once, now so long ago, were others.
Then quietly he would court with the wind,
Humming deep resonant notes, or light trickling laughter
With his companions, the same as he, yet not the same.
Each had his own distinctive marks:
Gnarled or stubby, thick girthed or thin,
A few bent, as if by unforeseen hands,
Leaning almost drunkenly towards their nativity
From whence the deep dark smell of familiarity comes,
Wafted by slow, rising damp to individual limbs.
Yet after so many stable years, things have changed.
Where once they stood, green and seemingly immovable,
Runs an ugly grey trunk from some obscene beast,
Mourning a once beauteous landscape, killing nature.
Mankind has bred and matured this beast,
It is too late to tame, irrevocably blundering onwards.
The blessing has turned sour. Nothing stops Progress.

M. B. Walley

THE DORMANT EARTH

A time to reflect amongst early morning mist
With an unmuddled mind.
Such mornings, seen from behind a window,
Implore one to venture forth.

All is stillness; the earth hugs its blanket
To every wrinkle. The blanket—a thin layer of mist.
Above this blanket four white floating pillars,
George stately trotting with leaden feet
On a down-like blanket, plinth forgotten.

The sleeping occupant, caught unawares
Remains unflustered and quite beautiful,
Hiding fatigue in a world demanding new splendours
With selfish wantonness.

The once dormant sleeper sheds its blanket.
George trots back to his monument, not wishing to disappoint his subjects.

The mist steals away as I return and
Hug myself amid warm blankets
Casually awaiting more splendours.

W. R. McLellan

MUSIC

Sunday, October 18th at 8.00 p.m.

Queen's Temple

TWENTIETH CENTURY ENGLISH SONGS

TIMOTHY ROWE baritone, PAUL DRAYTON piano

Three Greek SongsLennox Berkeley
Songs of TravelVaughan Williams
A Roman MosaicPaul Drayton

Sunday, November 15th at 8.00 p.m.

Music Room

THE QUEEN'S TEMPLE SINGERS

Conducted by: DAVID GATEHOUSE

with ROBERT SECRET viola

Viola SonataBliss
Jesu, Priceless TreasureBach
Viola SonataKornauth

If we ever thought that the viola sonata is some kind of rare orchid that tends to wilt if exposed to public view, here we were introduced to two members of the species which would seem vigorous enough to survive for more airings than they are usually given. For an instrument whose standard image is that of the "philosopher" of the orchestra—rarely venturing into a prominent rôle—these works by **Bliss** and **Kornauth** showed the viola's capacity for rhetoric and virtuosity, as well as for passionate introspection. **Kornauth's** sonata seemed to reflect the Vienna of **Mahler**, but even the heavy post-romantic incrustation could not hide a certain freshness and charm. The sonata by **Bliss**, from whom we might have expected something more "English", seems to owe its allegiance mostly to a dense Germanic style of composition conspicuous for its relentless seriousness and rather severe dialectic. For sheer excitement the **Furiant** made a stunning impact and highlighted the technical prowess of both players.

It would take an exceptional listener to absorb the intricacies of **Bliss** at first hearing, and perhaps the placing of **Bach's** motet "Jesu, meine Freude" in the same programme was not appropriate. Even to a modern audience the exigencies of **Bach's** chorale variations are very demanding, but it is always possible to hear such a work on various levels. The abstractions of variation technique may elude us, but how satisfying is the continual interweaving of many voices, the subtly shifting colours and textures, the inevitability of the harmony, all felt rather than understood, and all belied by the penitential religiosity of the 18th century German climate that produced it. The work was sung with great sympathy and expression by the **Queen's Temple Singers**, whose concentration was not broken even by the "ciphering" of the chamber organ which accompanied them.

P.C.D.

Saturday, December 5th at 8.00 p.m.

Roxburgh Hall

STOWE CHORAL SOCIETY

STOWE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Conducted by: DAVID GATEHOUSE

RUTH HARRINGTON soprano, IAN SMALL bass

PAUL DRAYTON piano

Overture: The Flying DutchmanWagner
Piano Concerto in A minorGrieg
REQUIEMFauré

STOWE ALPINE EXPEDITION 1981

A party of 10 mountaineers of varying degrees of experience spent three weeks this Summer in the Swiss Alps. The object of the expedition was to offer a fairly informal introduction to Alpine climbing, which, it was hoped, would both satisfy the appetites of the adrenalin-hungry young and preserve the more mature amongst us from the advancing ravages of senescence.

We started our programme in Arolla—a traditional tooth-cutting area for British mountaineers—and, like many others before us, opted for the comparatively straightforward Pigne d'Arolla as our first major objective. A rather risky 'direct' amongst the Seracs above the hut added spice to what is really little more than an introduction to being very tired on a very long glacier: but we gained useful experience in rope handling and glacier travel.

Our next objectives offered rather more in the way of technical difficulty. Half the party traversed the Petite Dent de Veisivi, a classic training climb, from a luxurious bivouac: the rest of us tackled the Aiguille de la Tsa, a shapely rock pinnacle, by its entertaining East flank.

Moving to Zermatt, we established our base camp in the usual romantic corner between the railway, the heliport and the multi-storey car park. The Swiss have scant respect for the impecunious British climber. A day playing on the sound, beautiful rock of the Riffelhorn put us in the mood for our first 'vier tausender', the Rimpfischhorn. With the aid of several marvels of Swiss engineering, we soon established a very picturesque bivouac at 3500 m. Alas, our well-laid plans were driven a little agley by an approaching thunderstorm. Prudence dominated our thinking, and we retreated to a more sheltered but less convenient and comfortable site rather lower down. As a result, it required an exhausting seventeen hours to reach the summit and return to Zermatt: even the choral valedictions of 116 inebriated Czechs were unable to keep us from our slumbers that night.

The next day, it rained, effectively scotching any realistic hope of attacking the Matterhorn; so the following morning we set off for Grindelwald via Saas Fee. Sternly resisting the temptations of valley lassitude, we set off resolutely for the Weissmies. We were rewarded with a most spectacular day. The early morning cloud stayed in the valley, yielding a startling panorama of floating mountains, and the rather unseasonal build up of snow on our descent ridge lent a technical edge to an always beautiful peak.

By now the weather seemed to be in a very fractious mood, and our time was running out; so our hopes of success on our final peak, the Monch, were not high. However, the Jungfrauoch railway is an experience not to be missed (at any rate for those with fat wallets and a taste for Swiss canned music); so we set off hopefully for the Monch hut. Fortune again favoured the brave: it was the best peak of the holiday—mixed rock and fine snow crests, and spectacular views of the Eiger and the Bernese Oberland to entice one back another year.

A jumbled impression of soft countryside, and an excellent lunch in Paris (by the generosity of Mr. Prestwich) completed the trip. It had been hard work but worthwhile.

Expedition members: AJW, H B-P, Mr. B. R. Wild, Miss F. M. Cree, Miss N. Temple, J. Fenner, J. Wheaton, T. Foord Kelcey, R. Conant, R. Rainbow, M. Prestwich.

AJW

A Journal of Stowe Himalayan Expedition 1981

Foreword by HRH The Prince of Wales

All proceeds will go to the blind and disabled of Nepal

The 40 page journal records the impressions of 19 Stowe boys, old boys, parents and staff on an eighteen day trek to 16,000 feet in the Lamjung Himal in the shadow of Annapurna; rafting on the Trisuli and Marsyandi Rivers; and in the southern jungles of Nepal. It is extensively illustrated with black and white photographs.

The book is being sold for a minimum donation of £5.00 and through the generosity of a Stowe parent production costs have been kept to a minimum. For every copy sold at least £3.00 will go to the blind and disabled of Nepal.

In this Year of the Disabled it is a particular honour to have the support of The Prince of Wales and I am sure that his association with our efforts will help fund raising and spur Stowe on to further efforts in this field.

If you would like a copy of Stowe Himalayan Expedition 1981 please fill in the attached application form and send it to:

R. M. Potter, Grenville House, Stowe, Buckingham.

Please send _____ copy/copies of **Stowe Himalayan Expedition 1981** to:

Name _____

Address _____

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ (Minimum donation £5.00 per copy)
+ 20p per copy for postage.



THE LONGLINERS

Over the green and foaming crests
They steer their sky-grey, salt-stung eyes;
And through the rolling clouds they stare
To seek the wind that they obey.
They scan the dim and distant shore
To judge far landmarks in their gaze,
And watch the hungry whirling gulls
Wheel and yaw through the sea's cold steam.

Curling grey plumes of icy spume
Crack sightless on the wooden hull
And rolling tongues of yelping sea
Slide green upon the battered bows.
In great white chains the waves march on,
One upon one they roar ahead
To throw their tow'ring might against
The helpless shifting shingle beach.

These men are fettered to the sea
By the longlines curled in the bows.
Silently they address their prayers
To the fell master of the waves—
That whips salt spray against their skin,
Rattles the wires on the mast
And bellows its unchallenged chant.

The men expect and meet no friends—
Even the gulls spit harsh abuse,
And the gasping cod flap their curse
And feebly vomit on the deck.
And if the spray should strike so hard
That their thin ark be overturned,
The wind will whisper no lament
But urge the waves to pound on still.

G. J. R. Monbiot

SOCIETY CHAPEL

We have welcomed the following preachers in Chapel this term: The Revd J. R. Harwood, Vicar of Christ Church, Cheltenham; The Revd F. H. Palmer, Rector of Blymhill and Diocesan Missioner of Lichfield; The Rt Revd M. E. Marshall, Bishop of Woolwich; The Revd Canon C. W. Newton, Rural Dean of Claydon, and The Revd J. R. Bowen, Director of Pastoral Studies, St John's College, Nottingham.

The experimentation of the last two terms has enabled us to develop a pattern for our Chapel services which is intended to form a more settled framework for our worship and to meet the needs of the School community. In a recent survey of opinion within the School, a clear majority expressed a preference for contemporary forms of service and language although there was also a significant number who preferred the traditional. It is hoped that the variety of services planned will cater for the various tastes of those at Stowe.

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday morning, alternating between Stowe Church at 8.15, using the Book of Common Prayer, and Chapel at 11.45, following the Alternative Service Book Order. On one Sunday each term there will be a choice between Morning Prayer at 10.00 and Holy Communion with hymns at 11.00: both of these services in Chapel will have an informal seating arrangement to enable families to sit together. In the Autumn and Summer Terms there will be a fortnight of voluntary weekday services in Stowe Church: the regular Tuesday and Thursday compulsory services in Chapel will be linked by a common theme each week.

The term's services concluded with a memorable Service of Lessons and Carols by candle-light.

This term the Revd J. E. C. Nicholl leaves the School after a long association, having been, in his time, both boy and master, Assistant Chaplain, Chaplain and Parish Priest of Dadford-with-Stowe: We shall miss him greatly. A full appreciation is given elsewhere in this magazine. We are grateful for his ministry among us and pray for him and his wife, Hope, as they enter a new sphere of ministry in the Parish of Angmering.

During the term a party went to see the remarkable film 'Chariots of Fire'. This had earlier provided the title for a most helpful talk by Canon Keith de Berry when, on a return visit, he spoke of the different motivations we have for life: to prove ourselves to ourselves through some achievement or to live for Christ and find in him new purpose and power for living.

N.W.W.-J.

CENTREPOINT

A variety of talks and other activities have happened this term at Centrepoint, the focus of Christian meetings here at Stowe. We have assembled most Sundays after Chapel in Mr. Marcuse's flat to meet the visiting speaker; then after coffee and biscuits we have moved to the A.V.R. for the talk.

The Christian life is a fight, and our first speaker this term, Lt. Col. Ian Dobbie, illustrated this in his talk on the reliability of the Bible. His experience in places like Germany and especially N. Ireland have taught him how important this book is today.

This term we have also watched an exciting filmstrip called "**The Namos Chronicles**" (about a space adventurer going back for a lost friend) and have received a helpful and enjoyable selection of talks on New Testament characters, ranging from Zacchaeus to Barnabas. There was a group discussion on Peter which reinforced last term's study of his letter.

Again this term the numbers coming along have been very encouraging. All of us wish to thank the visiting speakers for coming this term and Mr. Marcuse who tirelessly organises the meetings as well as lending his flat on Sunday mornings.

R. L. E. Douglas-Bate

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Since the last report in the Stoice the society has had four meetings. The first meeting of the term on September 18th was an illustrated talk by Mr. Rudolf on "**18th century Jamaica**", which outlined the growth of the sugar industry and the style of the planters way of life.

This was followed by a talk on October 16th by Dr. J. S. Morrill on the "**Strengths of the Early Stuart Monarchy**". Dr. Morrill explained with great verve how surprising it was that a civil war occurred in 1642 when the strengths of the Early Stuart Monarchs are compared with those of their predecessor, Elizabeth I. The third talk was given by Mr. Stone on November 13th and was of particular relevance to those studying Nazi Germany as a special subject. Mr. Stone gave the society an insight into Hitler's rise to power. He suggested that the N.S.D.A.P. achieved power in Germany in 1933 solely because of Hitler and his dynamic form of leadership and his claim to break the grip of the Trade Unions on the Economy. The last meeting of the term on November 17th again linked to the special subject topics. Professor Fieldhouse gave a talk on "**The new imperialism of Africa in the 1880's**". He put forward several suggestions as to why Africa was partitioned by European imperialism and colonisation. He personally felt that it was caused because Africa became the political and military battlefield of Europe.

This term has provided extremely useful talks on all three of the special subject topics, and has supplemented the teaching of these topics. The society is able to bring some very distinguished speakers to Stowe and this provides a new interpretation and insight into subjects being studied, and secondly introduces extra-curricular topics which broaden the scope of history.

T. F. Ellemann

STOWE COMMUNITY SERVICE

After nearly three years as Director of the Community Service Mr. Ian Small retired from that post in July. Since then I have been especially grateful for his advice, encouragement and continuing assistance. In 1982 we are yet one more Stowe society that greatly misses the Rev. Jos Nicholl: he has been an invaluable source of help to every Director of the Community Service since the Service's inception in the 1960s.

For everyone involved in the Community Service this past autumn term was exceptionally busy. Even though the new Venture Wing scheme deprived us of some useful manpower the number of Stoics participating in the Community Service's activities increased significantly. More Stowe girls than ever before joined the daily teams of visitors, and regular visits to Dadford and Maids Moreton were resumed.

Stoics now visit two hundred people in the Buckingham area, but unfortunately we are still unable to meet most requests for help with gardening, decorating and small household repairs. Too few masters are available to supervise these activities or to assist in the administration of the Service, particularly of its financial affairs.

Transport is also a problem. We fully own only one very temperamental minibus. We shall have to buy a new minibus in 1982, but although the Committee of the School Shop have promised us a very substantial contribution to the cost of a new vehicle, we shall still have to raise some thousands of pounds from other sources.

Nevertheless, there have been several memorable events, nearly all of them organised successfully by the Chairman, Robert Jory and the Secretary, Robert Wolstenholme. On **Field Day** a party of boys and girls from the National Children's Home in Brackley spent the afternoon in the swimming pool and sports' hall at Stowe. On November 5th we were hosts at the **Firework Display** to a group of mentally handicapped people from Brackley. Just before Christmas we treated about sixty elderly people to a free shopping trip to Milton Keynes, and the annual **Christmas party** was attended by about one hundred and fifty people. At the end of term over two hundred Christmas hampers were delivered, albeit several days late because of the heavy snow.

Robert Jory and his team have shown a remarkable flair for efficient administration: the organisation of the Community Service is being thoroughly revised; new ideas are being tested and put into effect; old ideas and practices are being questioned and examined.

Reorganisation is not easy. Most school societies may expand or contract according to the different interests and abilities of each succeeding generation of masters and boys. But several years ago the Stowe Community Service undertook commitments which are unusually extensive; which are all commitments to help people who are in need outside the school, and which nearly all involve obligations to provide services and to organise regular events. So the Community Service can never be so flexible as a school society should be. Promises readily made when enthusiasm and resources were plentiful are not easy for us to break, however much circumstances may have changed. The admirable idealism and outstanding abilities of our founders are being visited upon their successors, even unto the third and fourth generation of Directors.

P.D.J.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

On Wednesday October 28th the Society welcomed David Champion (O.S.) of New College for another of his illuminating talks on **Imperial Rome**. He discussed the proper use of sources, particularly his beloved Tacitus, with particular reference to such problems as the succession to Augustus.

C. R. James

THE MUSIC CLUB

This was a fairly successful term, although we only had two meetings.

The first was an interesting talk by J. H. Ross on Bird Song in music. We heard the calls of Quail and Nightingale in the music that he brought.

The second evening was in the last week of term. This meant we had a full audience. It was a gala **Gilbert and Sullivan** evening with John Spicer, Jonathon Bayntun and D. H. Arkell at the piano. They sang songs from the operas and there was dialogue to fill in. It was a very enjoyable evening as lots of people will agree. It was nice to see so many of people at the last performance by these two singers.

N. R. Nicholson

DISTANT HORIZONS

Distant horizons, distant sunsets, shadowed silhouettes,
No noise except that of nature.
Words state the obvious, though conveyed
By clasped hands,
A pause,
Trying to express hitherto secret thoughts.

Love has no secrets, only things shared.
Oblivious of wind and rain but easily, deeply hurt
By a single misguided word.
Love is satisfied by fleeting, bearing glances,
The depths of the soul warmed by
Distant yet vivid, untouchable moments.
True love cannot die, cannot be contained
But merely yearns for some distant horizon.

W. R. McLellan

GEOLOGY FIELD COURSE IN WENSLEYDALE, N. YORKSHIRE

Friday 9th November—Monday 12th November

Wensleydale, sometimes called Yoredale, is the wide valley of the River Ure (or Yore) in the west of North Yorkshire. It is a land of drystone walls, handkerchief fields and curly-horned sheep; tweeds, real ale and open markets, popply water, windswept hills, springy turf and red grouse.

The Middle Sixth geology set had the pleasure of spending four days, a most elongated weekend, in the heart of this delightfully rugged country. We stayed in Dr. Waldman's house in the hamlet of Worton, just across the river from the village of Askrigg. The latter is famous in British geology, for it gives its name to the Askrigg Block, a very large ancient subterranean mass, on which rests the Yoredale Series, a major part of our study in this region.

The geology of the whole area is diverse and of great interest. We examined the distinctive landforms associated with the Carboniferous Limestone, many of which attract the attention of the layman, for they include impressive waterfalls (known as "forces"), sheer, towering cliffs and generally dramatic landscapes. We studied the various rock-types of the Dales, including Swaledale, paying particular attention to origin, palaeo-ecology, stratigraphy, palaeontology and mineralogy. We made a point of returning with about half of The Dales in the minibus, having collected Lithostrotion on Lovely Seat, productids near Pile of Stones, turbidites from the Twiss Valley and galena from Gunnerside Gill, among many other samples. A day was also devoted to a general study of the geology associated with the Craven Fault system at the southern margin of the Askrigg Block, including the geology of the Twiss Valley. The last-named is particularly interesting, especially as it contains one of the most well-known unconformities in Britain, at Thornton Force. An unconformity is present where strata of one geological age overlie those of a much earlier time.

Our field course was of great value and exceedingly enjoyable. We are all very grateful to Dr. Waldman, for risking the demolition of his house, acting as chauffeur, keeping us amused, fed, and under control, as well as imparting the odd word or two of geological instruction.

G. J. R Monbiot

George Monbiot is owed a vote of thanks by all members of the party for his haute cuisine (not a case of salmonella in the whole four days!), all conversation (especially of a geological nature) and for his prefectoral role in awakening the household at a suitably unearthly hour. Well done, George!

M. W.

POLITICAL CLUB

The Political Club held two main meetings in the autumn term. The first was addressed by Lord Kennet (O.S.) who took as his theme "**The Future of Social Democracy in Britain**". He spoke interestingly to a small, rather sceptical audience, and candidly agreed with his questioners that most of the S.D.P.'s policies have yet to be formulated. He was closely questioned about nuclear disarmament, a subject on which he is an acknowledged authority.

Mr. Sam Crooks, Prospective Liberal Party Candidate for Buckingham, made a return visit in November. He is a native of Northern Ireland and co-author of a recently published pamphlet on the Irish question. He was, therefore, especially well qualified to speak about the problems of Northern Ireland. The large audience of sixth formers listened attentively to his thought-provoking ideas and were impressed with his quiet, undogmatic manner which sadly seems so uncharacteristic of politicians from Northern Ireland.

P.D.J.

BRIDGE CLUB

We have had a fairly successful season so far. We beat Bedford in a very close match by 9 I.M.P.s. and the Masters by 48 I.M.P.s

In the **Oxford Bridge Association Pairs**, J. C. Gray and C. S. Morley came 7th and Dr. Hornby and Mr. Edwards 9th out of about 120 pairs. In the **County Pairs** and the **Under-25 Pairs**, J. C. Gray and C. S. Morley qualified for both semi-finals, coming 1st and 3rd in the respective heats.

In the **Bucks. and Berks. Schools Championships**, S. T. Lunt and N. D. Leapman came 9th and J. C. Gray and C. S. Morley came 10th, which was disappointing as we took the top two places last year.

My thanks to E. N. Yeats-Brown as captain, to Mr. Edwards and Dr. Hornby for their help in running the club, and my congratulations to S. T. Lunt who becomes Secretary next term.

C. S. Morley

BEAGLES

During the Summer Holidays we took some Hounds to Hound Shows, and had great success.

We went to the **Great Yorkshire Show** at Harrogate where we won eight of the cups and Stowe's **STARLIGHT '77'** took the champion bitch prize.

At Peterborough, **The East of England Show**, our two best bitches were barred but we also won a few second and third prizes. We also travelled to **Rydal Hound Show** where Stowe's **Willow '78'** won the overall champion Hound in the Beagle section.

Once again the Beagles travelled north at the end of August. En route to Northumberland, we stopped for two days hunting at Mr. Michael Bannister's estate in Yorkshire, hunting in the Pendle Forest and Craven country. After two active days hunting we travelled to Northumberland. The joint Masters of the Newcastle and District Beagles were our hosts and without their help the trip would have not been possible. Hares again were quite sparse in Northumberland but we had a very enjoyable stay, and many thanks to those who made it possible.

Back down south we have been having quite a lot of sport, and have been accounting for a good number of hares. A very good day was had at **Mantles-Heath** where we accounted for a hare after a good eighty-five minute hunt. Another good day was had at **Newnham Grange**, where hounds ran five miles in twelve minutes before accounting for the hare. We also have had good days at **Chackmore, Little Preston, Blakesley** and **Everdon Hall**. Our tally now stands at 9½ Brace.

Many thanks to all farmers and land owners for letting us hunt over their land.

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

This years Hunt Staff were as follows:

Joint Masters: T. H. J. Bannister and F. Houghton Brown, **First Whip:** A. C. Neve. **Second Whips:** J. C. B. Portman, C. R. Hamilton-Russell and N. J. Glendinning.

T. H. J. Bannister

THE LIBRARY

At the end of the Summer Term the Library received two very substantial and greatly appreciated gifts. R. M. Miller (Grafton 1981) gave "**Encyclopaedia Judaica**" in 16 volumes, and C. F. Beckford (Grenville) "**Tradition and Originality in Roman Poetry**" by Gordon Williams. Since then other equally appreciated gifts have been received: through Mrs. Turner, from the widow of John Robert Moore, his "**Daniel Defoe: Citizen of the Modern World**"; Rachel McGuirk (Stanhope 1981) sent Huw Wheldon and J. H. Plumb's "**Royal Heritage**"; A. J. G. Stirling, Esq. 3 Mathematics, 2 Economics and 2 American History books from his own bookshelves through his son J. G. Stirling (Walpole), who also gave "**Most Secret War 1939-1945**", R. V. Jones' account of his part in British Scientific Intelligence during the Second World War. "**The Hosiery Unions: 200 Years 1776-1976**" was given by their District Secretary at the MVI Challenge of Industry Conference on 23rd October, and with a Book Token given to The Library as part of a Barclay's Bank Physics prize, F.A.H. chose C. P. Snow's "**The Physicists**". G.B.C. gave "**The Letters of Thomas Hayton, Vicar of Long Crendon 1821-1887**" published by the Buckinghamshire Record Society. In similar vein to this, the Library bought "**Aylesbury Vale Yesterdays**", dedicated by Hayward Parrott to his Buckinghamshire forefathers. He goes back to the 16th Century with fascinating glimpses of personalities such as the little known Rev. John Mason of Water Stratford, a religious zealot, who had visions of the destruction of the world.

It is helpful when specific books are asked for by the teaching staff. The Ancient History section is enhanced by 5 books suggested by M.J.B.—a new translation of **Julius Caesar's Battle for Gaul**, one on his assassination, and a study of him as politician and statesman. The other two are: "**Cicero and the End of the Roman Republic**" by W. K. Lacey and "**Roman Civilization Sourcebook I: The Republic**" edited by Lewis and Reinhold. We already have "**Sourcebook II: The Empire**".

We have two new books by Old Stoics, Leonard Cheshire's (Chatham 1936) "**Hidden World**" and Antony Miall's (Bruce 1963) "**Musical Bumps**", the latter asked for by C.F.D. It is not always possible to buy books by Old Stoics but it is very pleasant to receive complimentary copies.

We are hoping L.E.W. is going to come up with some sports' titles: meantime at A.J.W.'s request we have bought a book on Great British Rock-Climbs, "**Classic Rock**", and "**The White Spider**", a re-issue of Heinrich Harrer's story of the north face of the Eiger, which communicates the irresistible joy of climbing, and will surely appeal to D. of E. candidates. An essay set by someone on Desmond Morris's study of the human race on and around the soccer field led to the acquisition of his "**The Soccer Tribe**", and for good measure we have the legendary **J. P. R. Williams'** Autobiography.

Light reading is augmented and popular worn out books in this category replaced if and when in print; so John Buchan has had a resurgence. Commentaries on and criticisms of set texts are always in great demand, and so this is an area where recommendations are valuable. For younger readers we now have a variety of books on some aspects of science selected from Pergamon Press catalogues, and for the more mature reader such titles as "**British Trade Unionism**", "**Inflation**", "**Environmental Planning**" and "**Industrial Design**".

We have had two Monitors instead of a Prefect this term: Duncan Boyd (Grenville) and Elizabeth Bird (Stanhope), who have also served as their House Monitors. Mrs. McDouall and I thank them for their efforts, and hope their end of term "rounding up" will leave fewer than usual missing books. Thanks also go to House Monitors—K. P. J. Deyt-Aysage (Bruce), P. H. Mallinson (Temple), D. G. Hargreaves (Chandos), N. A. Downing (Cobham), M. A. C. Cotton (Chatham), R. A. B. Duff (Grafton), J. M. Campbell (Walpole), P. D. J. Briggs (Lytelton), and R. L. E. Douglas-Bate (Nugent).

C. R. H.

CCF REPORT

After 30 years service with the Contingent, Wing Commander Fox has finally laid down arms. We owe a great debt to him for keeping the Contingent on an even keel (or as he would say; "straight and level") for his last ten years as Commanding Officer. Sadly with his departure and that of Mr. Townley the RAF Section has had to close.

We have been able to make a number of improvements on the equipment side, including the purchase of a Landrover and 5 dinghys' for sail training. We are also building a Hovercraft and establishing an orienteering course.

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The Contingent owes much to the hard work put in by our new SSI, RSM Brannan (ex RCT). Happily Mr. McKeown still comes on Wednesdays to help with the shooting. Also a number of boys have stepped in to fill the gaps left by our rather depleted complement of Officers. Colour Sergeant Horn, the Senior Cadet, has been keeping a tight control over a large proficiency company. Flight Sergeant Stirling has proved to be a Quartermaster in the old tradition. Not even the Commanding Officer can extract 'his' equipment unless the appropriate demand (in triplicate) has been submitted 24 hours in advance. Sergeant Briggs terrifies us all, appearing from 5 places at once brandishing pistols and swinging from ropes. He was even seen marching his platoon through a lake at 18.30 after a Field Day visit to London (not enough physical, sir). We hope he will be accepted by the Royal Marines. Petty Officer Cotton keeps the Naval Section ticking over; the mariners always seem to be a happy, if rather scruffy, bunch.

On the staff side we are most grateful for the help given by Mr. Evans and Mr. Hesketh on the lake and Mr. Taylor at the Assault Course. Mr. Watson has been sampling a variety of activities with a view to taking a commission.

M.E.M.



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

The major event since the publication of the last edition of *The Stoic* was the Summer Camp. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Fenwick had kindly invited us to stay on their land at Brinkburn in the valley of the Coquet, in Northumberland. The camp site was idyllic, on the bank of the river, just opposite the twelfth century Brinkburn Priory, and our hosts' strawberry farm and trout stream offered culinary luxury unprecedented in the annals of the D of E.

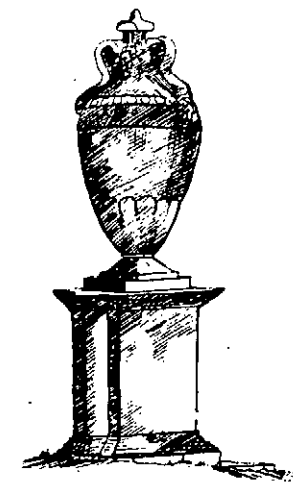
Despite a slightly inauspicious start, (the coach broke down, and a monumental cloudburst ceased only moments before our arrival), the camp was soon in full swing. Northumberland has a great deal to offer: Mr. Cain's informed interest brought to life the wealth of historical associations; Nigel Benthall (OS) and the very Gallic Philippe pushed rock climbing standards to dizzy heights; Mr. Bedford Payne's canoeists returned with not a man unmarked after their encounter with the North Sea surf; while rain fell on the Golds on Windy Gyle, Mr. Dobinson was sailing in almost Mediterranean sunshine off Beadnell; Mr. Potter managed to remain upright on a windsurfing board for a period which some said exceeded thirty seconds. There was plenty to do, and plenty was done: we are most grateful.

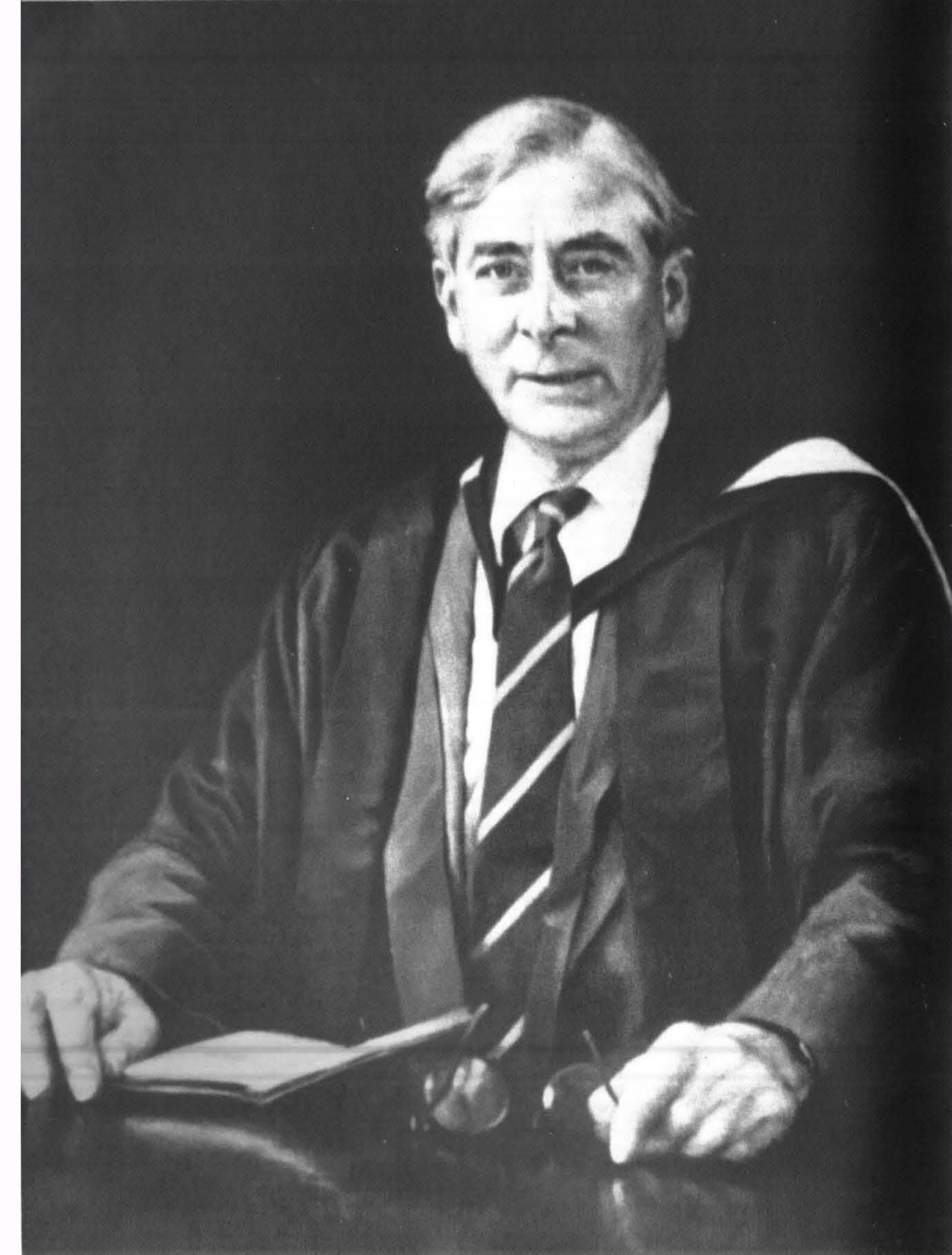
Elsewhere, the increasing number of independent Expeditions were taking place. The Wye was successfully navigated: the Isle of Wight was investigated in respects ranging from tourist traps to littoral geography. A cycling expedition round Dartmoor refused to allow itself to be handicapped by lack of a tent. Nicholas Fellows raised £3000 in cycling from John O'Groats to Land's End—altogether an active and successful summer.

This Autumn has seen the establishment of the Venture Wing, and with it the establishment of a second (in the numerical sense only) group of D of E Bronzes, under the auspices of Mr. Stiff. Our numbers are therefore higher now than ever before. Fortunately (perhaps) more and more of our Silvers and Golds are now opting to organise their own expeditions independently of our Summer Camp, so that, in addition to canoeists and cyclists, we now have groups of aspirant sailors and horsemen. While this undoubtedly makes things more difficult for the boys involved, there is no doubt that it increases the sense of achievement of those who succeed. It therefore seems to me a most healthy development.

Change is therefore in the air. It lies with the present participants in the Scheme to make sure that it is change for the better.

AJW





SPORT

CRICKET

COLTS XI

Last year's Colts Club had not enjoyed a particularly successful season as Junior Colts in 1980; so it was encouraging to find a group of players who were enthusiastic and ready to do themselves more justice. Although the 1981 record does not look very impressive, several games were very closely contested and might have been swung in Stowe's favour with a bit more determination and thoughtful application. Batsmen so often became "bogged down" and bowlers were unable to press home their advantage after an early success. Inevitably time was never on our side; a vital factor in a short day game.

Several individual performances were worthy of note. Todd was the most successful bowler and as a batsman made a number of useful contributions. His captaincy became more efficient with each match and it is to his credit that he maintained an enthusiastic approach to the end despite the lack of team victories. Carles scored two 50s and was the only batsman to reach half century. Stopford always looked the class batsman but was never able to take complete charge. Robinson, Mackinnon, and Foster also did well with the bat on occasions and Jackson, who bowled extremely well at times, was the second leading wicket taker. In the all-important fielding department, Lewis was an effective cover, Carles and Foster were keen close to the wicket and Mackinnon was tidy behind the stumps. All the above are potential 1st XI cricketers who will undoubtedly develop in more senior company where they can expect greater support from experienced colleagues.

C.J.G.A.

SECOND XI

The phrase 'what might have been' has been used in many **Stoic** reports before, yet the 2nd XI cricket season could have been very good. As it was, the team did not win a match. However, on the bright side, out of the games completed the six draws were all in our favour and the loss to Oundle was on the last ball. In fact, in terms of excitement the season was memorable. Notable incidents include Thomas' fine innings at Wellingborough where he scored over half the runs. From the same game, expert pace bowling from Emery and tantalising left arm spin from Boxall, a feature of the season, almost won us the game. A dull game at Mill Hill was, however, highlighted by another strong innings from Thomas which elevated him to greater things for the rest of the season; he is a batsman with promise. The St. Edwards' declaration at 138-9 made for an exciting game. Perhaps if the momentum of the early part of our innings had been maintained we might have won. As it was, in the last over any result was possible—a draw with Stowe ending up 137-9 was probably a fair result. Our 161-9 against Oundle was a good score and their conquering of the total in two hours was a fine achievement. They were the only superior side we came up against.

The finale against Radley was a fine Stowe performance. Whitmore's improved batting produced a hard hitting 49. Had catches been held we might have won; as it was, their defensive tactics never gave them a hope of surpassing our competent total of 166. By the end of the game the field of 4 slips, 2 gulleys, a short leg and a short extra was not able to dismiss their last two batsmen.

Perhaps though, the feature of this eleven has been its good-humoured keenness coupled with the right blend of concentration. Therefore the cliché of 'what might have been' is more palatable when an enjoyable season was had by all.

Results: v. **Wellingborough**—Drawn
Stowe 111 (Thomas 66)
Wellingborough 53 for 9 (Boxall 4 for 13; Emery 3 for 18)

v. **Dean Close**—Drawn
Stowe 140 for 6 declared (Jennings 33; Mallinson 28)
Dean Close 79 for 6 (Boxall 3 for 16)

v. **Mill Hill**—Drawn
Stowe 134 for 7 declared (Thomas 45; Boxall 33)
Mill Hill 64 for 8 (Riley 3 for 4; Emery 3 for 12)

v. **Templars**—Drawn
Templars 193
Stowe 106 for 9 (Davies 38)

v. **St. Edwards**—Drawn
St. Edwards 138 for 9 declared (Graves 4 for 32)
Stowe 137 for 9 (Jennings 33; Hayward 24 not out)

v. **Oundle**—Lost by 4 wickets
Stowe 161 for 9 declared (Graves 34; Hayward 32; Whitmore 31)
Oundle 162 for 6

v. **Radley**—Drawn
Stowe 166 for 8 declared (Whitmore 48; Davies 39)
Radley 91 for 8 (Graves 4 for 17).

Team from:

H. W. Jennings (Capt.) (4), C. A. Boxall (9), D. J. H. Charles (9), J. N. A. Davies (4), K. K. P. Doyle (6), M. S. Emery (7), C. W. F. Farquhar (6), P. J. T. Graves (7), C. W. F. Hayward (3), P. H. Mallinson (2), J. J. Riley (7), M. C. Streeton (7), D. M. W. Thomas (6), N. P. Watkins (1), D. J. Whitmore (2).

C.J.G.A.

THIRD XI

The Thirds started the season well, dominating the matches against Mill Hill and Dean Close, but for most of the season the batting proved fragile. In the one close match, against Oundle, fine bowling by Harper resulted in a modest target, but we collapsed against an excellent slow left arm bowler and it was left to the tenth wicket partnership of Clark and Buchanan to see us through to an exciting victory. Clark was again the hero of the stubborn resistance which gained a draw against a much more powerful Radley side in the last match of the season.

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| <p>Results: v. Mill Hill—Drawn Stowe 160 for 3 (Allen 72 not out) Mill Hill 87 for 9</p> <p>v. Dean Close—Won Stowe 157 for 4 (Fellows 55 not out) Dean Close 23</p> <p>v. St. Edwards—Lost (Scores not available)</p> | <p>v. Bedford—Lost (Scores not available)</p> <p>v. Oundle—Won Oundle 89 (Hooper 4 for 50) Stowe 91 for 9 (Clark 24 not out)</p> <p>v. Radley—Drawn Radley 170 Stowe 118 for 4</p> |
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FOURTH XI

The 4th XI were unbeaten this year—in two fixtures early in the term we entertained the Aylesbury Ambulance Brigade team. Stowe batted first and scored 147 for 6 (Jones 51, Glennie 38). All five Stowe bowlers took wickets in dismissing the opposition for 48 for an easy win.

Matters were very different, however, when we went to Radley. Only Lidderdale presented any challenge to a powerful batting side which amassed 196 for 4. When Stowe reached 17 for 6 the match appeared to be heading for an early and humiliating end but the captain, Clifton-Brown, had other ideas. Coming in first wicket down and batting for well over two hours, he played a defensive innings of great character, and, supported by Lidderdale and M. T. Savage, succeeded in playing out time for an unlikely draw. Stowe finished on 90 for 8, (Lidderdale 34, Clifton-Brown 25 not out).

M.E.

3rd and 4th XI squad (Played in at least 2 matches)

Buchanan (Capt.) (colours), J. A. R. Allen, Astley, Bannister, Clark (colours), Clegg, Clifton-Brown, Collis, Doyle (colours), Earl, Farquhar, ma. (colours), Glennie, Hooper (colours), James, Lidderdale, Lunt, Pollock (colours), Streeton, ma. (colours), R. M. T. Wilson (colours).

YEARLINGS UNDER 14 CRICKET

There were some good performances in every aspect of the game although at no one moment good enough to ensure an outright win. The five best players soon graduated to the Junior Colts and left the rest to settle into a more regular group. The individual performances of merit may be seen in the results and in addition there was some lively fielding from all the others in the team.

Team from:

C. Whitmore (2), C. J. Rotheroe (8), R. M. C. Elmitt (8), J. P. Rigg (8), H. J. Ripley (8), M. S. Riley (9), G. E. B. Mander (9), T. E. Perei (2), L. B. Turner (8), D. J. M. Hazzard (8), J. W. Salamon (7), A. C. Fairbairn (5), N. J. Hughes (7) (W—k), C. C. Shand Kydd (8), S. P. Sherwin (7), A. M. G. Corner (4).

Also Played:

R. M. Bensa (6), W. A. Taurins (9), M. A. Mackenzie Hill (6), K. C. Vaswani (7), D. R. S. Burgess (1), C. W. W. Marshall (3), A. T. R. Gibbs (1), A. E. G. Atkinson (3), A. C. H. Bath (7).

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| <p>v. Wellingborough—Away—Match Drawn Stowe 152 for 7 (Perei 50, Whitmore 50) Wellingborough 46 for 7 (Whitmore 5 for 11)</p> <p>v. Oakham—Home—Match Drawn—Rain stopped play Stowe 100 for 6 (Hughes 29 not out) Oakham 41 for 4 (Turner 3 for 24)</p> <p>v. Bradfield—Away—Match Drawn Stowe 125 (Ripley 40) Bradfield 97 for 8 (Whitmore 4 for 35, Turner 3 for 25)</p> <p>Match v. Bedford cancelled due to rain</p> <p>v. St Edward's, Oxford—Away—Match Drawn St. Edward's 131 for 2 Stowe 51 for 9 (Mander 28)</p> | <p>v. Oundle—Away—Match Lost Oundle 163 for 1 Stowe 64 (Hazzard 20)</p> <p>v. Radley—Home—Match Drawn Radley 117 (Fairbairn 6 for 27) Stowe 47 for 7</p> <p>v. Wicken Park—Home—Match Drawn Stowe 139 for 6 (Fairbairn 39, Corner 31) Wicken Park 58 for 8 (Taurins 4 for 6, Fairbairn 3 for 12)</p> <p>v. Bucks Juniors—Home—Match Lost Bucks Juniors 94 (Sherwin 3 for 21, Fairbairn 3 for 20) Stowe 93 (Perei 23, Hazzard 21)</p> |
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J. M. L.

RUGBY

THE FIRST XV

The strengths have been in the threequarter play, the loose play, and the tackling. Tight scrummaging and line out set pieces were not a strong point, mainly because of our lack of size and weight and physical presence. In fact all but one of our matches our scrum retreated so fast, the back division had to initiate attacks from a backward moving defensive alignment which is no recipe for easy penetration. Only against Haileybury did the pack show any determination and control to win their own ball and set up a stable platform from which the backs could attack with authority and variety. It was no coincidence that this was also the only time we have been against a pack of similar size! Technique and skill in scrummaging is very necessary, but sheer strength and weight still remains a very valuable asset.

The tackling had to be good throughout and indeed it was. The tenacity and determination to stop the opposition scoring was a feature in all the games, and the climax of this effort was evident in the match against Bedford. They were a very powerful side who were made to look very ordinary in the variety of their attack, by the sheer consistency and dominance of our defence. The spirit the team demonstrated on this occasion was a great credit to the captain, Duff, whose inspiration and drive was an excellent example. His tackling was fearless and his strength in the maul created many opportunities for the backs to launch second phase attacks. He was ably supported by Whitmore, Davies, Pooley and Hooper, who formed the nucleus of a pack, and though deficient in many phases of the game showed glimpses of controlled football in loose play and support situations. After each game, however, one realised just how much the forwards had contributed physically to the overall effort.

Behind them Anderson played with as much authority and composure as scrappy possession allowed, and with forward dominance would surely have been able to bring his tactical appreciation to full use. Hine, his partner at outside half, played with resolute courage and determination in attempting to set up a strong running back division. Nelson controlled the backs effectively, and played a large part in the attack and penetration. Both he and Raben need to straighten their line of running, as breaks and forward progress were more forthcoming when they actually committed the opposition to the tackle. Raben and Nelson in defence were towers of strength; the former with his destructive crash tackling frequently allowed us to gain the offensive from a hitherto defensive situation. Raccanello, Myers and Ivison all played hard and provided real excitement with their incisive and elusive runs. Disappointingly no one in the side is likely to return next year.

L.E.W.

1st XV COLOURS

Re-awarded: D. J. Whitmore.

Awarded: R. A. B. Duff; J. N. Anderson; J. N. A. Davies; A. C. Hine; L. S. Myers; J. A. Nelson; J. D. Pooley; A. P. V. Raben.

2nd XV COLOURS

Re-awarded: M. J. Hooper; M. M. Ivison.

Awarded: A. A. Appleby; H. L. S. Carter; S. M. R. Clark; J. G. Raccanello; A. G. Walker; R. W. B. Western-Kaye.

STOWE 1st XV RESULTS

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Results: v. Old Stoics | Drawn 10-10 |
| v. Mill Hill | Lost 3-6 |
| v. Eton | Lost 0-7 |
| v. Oakham | Won 16-6 |
| v. Radley | Lost 0-21 |
| v. Rugby | Won 14-8 |
| v. Haileybury | Won 7-6 |
| v. Bedford | Lost 3-15 |
| v. Royal Latin | Won 16-4 |
| v. Oundle | Lost 0-28 |
| v. Cheltenham | Won 8-0 |
| v. St. Edward's | Lost 9-27 |

THE SECOND XV

The list of results reveals a disappointing season, although it was very pleasing to end on a cheerful note with a spirited victory over St. Edward's in the final match. The light pack found it difficult to provide the backs with many scoring chances, but the return of Berger to the second row made an appreciable difference. Steward, ma. captained the side well, as well as launching many effective attacks deep into opposition territory from his full back position.

Graves and Riley proved a sound and effective pair of centres, whilst Thomas at scrum half made a vital contribution to the team with his powerful pass and shrewd boot. Amongst the forwards Critchley and Walley were outstanding flankers, their extreme fitness and determination enabling them to be in the right place at the right time. Finally, a word of thanks to J. E. F. Coleman (Chatham) for being such a willing and efficient touch-judge throughout the season.

H.D.M.

Team from: P. K. E. Steward, ma. * (4), D. A. Steward, mi. * (4), A. V. Leto, ma. † (5), R. M. T. Wilson (5), J. J. Riley* (7), P. J. T. Graves* (7), C. J. H. Pierre* (7), N. P. Watkins* (1), D. M. W. Thomas* (6), A. J. de la Mare* (2), A. A. Appleby* (9), S. M. R. Clark* (5), C. D. Rose† (9), R. J. A. Bridgwood* (5), K. P. J. Deyt-Aysage* (1), A. H. Berger* (7), M. S. H. Bull† (3), D. O. J. von Malaisé† (3), M. B. Walley* (7), A. G. Walker, ma. * (4), G. R. Critchley, ma. * (2), J. E. Reynolds† (5).

Also played: P. H. M. Swire (6), W. R. McLellan, ma. (5), D. V. Whitcombe (1), C. A. Boxall (9), R. H. Astley (6), J. B. D. Hough (2).

*2nd XV Colours

†3rd XV Colours

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|------------------------|------|------|-------|
| Results: v. Old Stoics | Home | Won | 15-8 |
| v. Mill Hill | Away | Lost | 3-6 |
| v. Eton | Away | Lost | 0-46 |
| v. Oakham | Home | Lost | 6-24 |
| v. Radley | Away | Lost | 3-22 |
| v. Rugby | Home | Lost | 3-20 |
| v. Sponne | Away | Won | 12-0 |
| v. Bedford | Home | Lost | 6-34 |
| v. Oundle | Home | Lost | 0-10 |
| v. Cheltenham | Away | Lost | 7-12 |
| v. St. Edward's | Home | Won | 15-10 |

COLTS

It has been a fascinating season in which this group of players has improved its own standard despite losing most of its matches. The character of this side has been its determination not to give up when the score was against it. They have enjoyed winning two matches but more often their spirit has been drained by facing defeat yet again. A lightweight pack did not relish being pushed around by heavier opposition and without possession the backs spent most of their time in defensive tackling. Key injuries added to our problems and losing G. M. Strong and H. Y. M. Gardner early on made a gap which was difficult to fill. The future can be viewed with some optimism as there is considerable potential within this age group.

The good skills included the touch kicking of J. G. S. Robinson, the quick pace of J. D. Wallen and the service given by R. J. Butson at scrum-half. In the pack there was tireless effort from J. A. H. Wooley, M. D. Downer and C. La F. Jackson who set a splendid example. E. R. Lewis led the side with enthusiasm and greater maturity as the season progressed.

Team from: J. G. S. Robinson (2), J. D. Wallen (2), J. T. Hobday (4), C. J. Stopford (8), R. E. Mackenzie Hill ma. (6), E. R. Lewis (1) (Captain), R. J. Butson (4), J. M. W. Howarth (2), W. D. J. Brown (8), T. E. Smith (5), M. D. Downer (4), N. W. S. Browner (4), A. W. Venables (2), J. A. H. Wooley (2), C. La F. Jackson (8), F. K. Wylie (4), N. M. Roads (4).

Also played: A. M. MacKinnon (4), R. D. J. Wilson (8), D. G. Howell-Williams (9), G. M. Strong (9), H. Y. M. Gardner (1).

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|-----------------|-----------------|-----|------|------|
| Results: | v. Mill Hill | (H) | Won | 16-4 |
| | v. Eton | (H) | Lost | 7-15 |
| | v. Oakham | (A) | Lost | 4-22 |
| | v. Radley | (A) | Lost | 4-7 |
| | v. Rugby | (A) | Lost | 0-48 |
| | v. Royal Latin | (H) | Won | 15-0 |
| | v. Bedford | (A) | Lost | 4-32 |
| | v. Oundle | (H) | Lost | 0-27 |
| | v. Cheltenham | (H) | Lost | 0-19 |
| | v. St. Edward's | (H) | Lost | 4-18 |

J. M. Larcombe

JUNIOR COLTS

After an unbeaten record last season, the 'A' XV went down to Radley by 4-8 but, to their credit, were regaining and holding territory with tenacity and only thirteen men. And this determination and drive also took us to well-deserved victories over Oundle and Oakham. When the commitment faltered, the team with its comparative lack of size found itself soundly defeated at Rugby and we also lost at Bedford, where we should have won convincingly. Early in the season we trounced an uncertain Mill Hill XV, beat Eton narrowly 14-12, and won handsomely at the Royal Latin School.

The backs have had a good season, with outstanding play from R. Elmitt and J. Hogan, who have respectively set up many moves and defended the line from dangerous attacks. P. Keith, M. Gobby and J. Anderson have each scored over five tries, and D. Hazzard—a plucky and cool scrum-half—has totted up a goodly number of kicked points. M. Bartlett completed an effective line.

Forward play has improved towards the end of the season. We gained possession regularly, but at Rugby were devastatingly shoved backwards, and it was a relief to see vigour returning against Oundle, when we held a heavier scrum and won possession most effectively. G. Marton has played very well at No 8, R. Pollock has hooked successfully, H. Critchley has been a fast flanker, and our captain J. Frost can always be relied upon to turn up in the right place at the right time. Others have made good contributions.

When injuries took players out, J. Salamon stepped in, and has been most valuable at full-back, flanker and wing three-quarter. A varied diet!

The 'B' XV has not achieved such a record of success as the A's, but several players have improved greatly and have been knocking hard on the first-team's door. J. Rigg has been a useful fly-half and captain, and others showing particular promise include G. Curtis, H. Ripley, N. Hughes, D. Green and A. Bath.

Lack of size may well hamper chances of success next year, and all members of this club would be well-advised to build themselves up as efficiently as possible. It has been clear, though, that a big-hearted commitment has made the difference at crucial moments, and that has nothing to do with size at all!

I.M.S.

UNDER 14 RUGBY FOOTBALL

After a disappointing start, the U.14 team displayed admirable tenacity and won five of the last six matches. This then has been a successful season especially when it is considered that five out of the eight matches were played away from home and two of the three losses were by the narrowest of margins.

Despite success, the frustrating feature of the season has been the lack of consistency of performance. For example, the forwards, blessed with two fine props in Weller and the Captain Boghos and ably supported by Bates, Topham, Simpson, Jarrett, Allerton and Scott (an outstanding prospect) can be totally dominant for whole periods of a game, only to lose all sense of direction and purpose at other times.

At half-back Oliver and Tembe, and at inside centre Herrington, are all developing as players considerably. Generally, they play with the discipline and confidence which generates good performances from those around them, but from time to time they have chosen the wrong options and the team as a whole has suffered. Such is the importance of half back play.

It is ironic that the real consistency of performance has come from those players in the wide positions, who are traditionally the more erratic performers. As a unit, Rushton, Bannister, Kingsbourg and Philips have defended extraordinarily well. However, their opportunities to attack have been largely conditioned by the performances of those players inside them.

We wish the whole club well, for they are a thoroughly likeable group of boys, who have worked tremendously well throughout the season. With a quite outstanding scrummage unit, half-backs who appear eager to learn 'their trade', and considerable pace and physical presence out wide, they move into the Junior Colts with few inherent weaknesses.

Finally a special thank you on behalf of the U.14 squad, Mr. Atkinson and myself to Mr. J. L. Bone for his considerable involvement and help throughout the season.

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|-----------------|----------------|------|------------|
| Results: | v. Eton | Away | Lost 4-15 |
| | v. Oakham | Away | Lost 12-14 |
| | v. Radley | Home | Won 12-6 |
| | v. Rugby | Away | Won 24-10 |
| | v. Royal Latin | Home | Won 48-0 |
| | v. Bedford | Away | Lost 4-8 |
| | v. Cheltenham | Away | Won 12-4 |
| | v. St. Edwards | Home | Won 12-3 |

Team from: T. D. D. Philips (7), N. A. C. Rushton (8), J. L. Bannister (8), P. M. S. Bond (2), M. P. R. Kinsbourg (5), H. W. Herrington (8), S. M. Tembe (8), J. R. C. Oliver (8), R. A. W. Weller (2), G. R. M. Bates (3), R. P. Boghos (6) Captain, D. M. Topham (9), S. M. W. Simpson (8), P. R. C. Jarrett (6), J. R. O. Allerton (8), L. R. Scott (1), A. David (7), H. F. G. Morriss (1), M. Skeate (6).

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



ETON FIVES

The season so far has been a vigorous and enjoyable one, and the disappointing results of matches against other schools must not make us forget the fine and occasionally outstanding performances of players in the team. The Colts pair, Castell and A. S. Horn have had a most successful term, and are to be congratulated on their fine wins against King Edward's School, Camp Hill, and against the redoubtable Wolverhampton Grammar School. Castell wins his school colours, and his departure at Christmas will be keenly felt by the rest of the team.

The senior players Farquhar ma. (captain), Pledger (secretary, whom we shall also, unfortunately, be losing at Christmas), Kinahan and S. R. Glennie have all played to a very high standard. Farquhar ma. and Pledger held their opponents from King Edward's, Camp Hill, to five games on 15th November, and only very narrowly lost. Kinahan has made great progress this term, and his performance against Aldenham on 22nd October deserves special mention.

Among the Junior Colts, Gilbey has played very well, and he and his partner Farquhar mi. held their opponents to four games at Harrow on 8th October. Osman has made great progress this term, and he and his partner Bliss are a most promising Under 15 pair.

By far the most exciting feature of fives at the moment is the enthusiastic response to the game from new boys. Fincham deserves mention as an especially promising beginner. New boys must continue to practise and learn from the more experienced players; the future of this enjoyable sport at Stowe depends upon their efforts and enthusiasm.

G. M.

Teams:

Seniors: C. W. F. Farquhar, Ma. (Captain), S. J. S. C. Pledger (Secretary), H. T. Kinahan, S. R. Glennie

Colts: C. D. Castell, A. S. Horn

Junior Colts: S. J. Gilbey, S. S. Osman, T. J. M. Bliss, E. W. Jarrett, E. P. H. Farquhar, mi.

Under 14s: N. M. Fincham, O. R. A. Scott, A. D. E. Reed, O. J. Mosbacher

Awards: School colours to C. D. Castell

Results 1981:

| | Seniors | Colts | J. Colts | U.14s |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|
| v. Wolverhampton G. S. (home) | 1-1 | | | |
| v. Wolverhampton G. S. (home) | 0-2 | 1-0 | 0-1 | |
| v. Harrow School (away) | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 0-1 |
| v. Aldenham (away) | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 0-2 |
| v. Wolverhampton G. S. (home) | | | 0-2 | |
| v. K. E. S. Camp Hill (home) | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-2 | |

BADMINTON

The term began gently with a 9-0 win over Rugby, but in the next match both the 1sts and the Colts encountered stiff opposition. The former found themselves pitted against a Royal Latin School pair of Bucks County standard, who won all but a set in their matches, and treated us to the sight of some consummate badminton. However, the 1sts were undaunted, and defeated both remaining pairs handsomely to win 6½-2½ overall. In the Colts, Robert and Philip Boardman won every match (as indeed they have done all term), and though new combinations in Grice and Adams, Hughes and Sinclair were lacking in match practice, their result was an honourable 4½-all draw.

On October 20th we travelled to Oakham, determined to avenge last season's only defeat, and from the outset Stowe showed themselves laser-sharp. Doyle and Bayntun paved the way for victory with 3 wins in straight sets, but at 4-4 everything hung on the final match, where Gerbet and Todd rose to the occasion, wresting the spoils from their all-Malaysian opposition in the manner of Genghis Khan. With the Colts winning 6-3 this was perhaps Stowe's finest hour. My own favourite picture of the memorable day was the expression on an Oakham gentleman's face when we had to lift a Mini out of the way of our coach in the Market Square. Priceless.

Uppingham were stronger than heretofore, though both teams won 6-3; St. Edmund's Ware, a new fixture, did not live up to our great expectations, but Abingdon put up a fight before going under. With Eton crying off at the eleventh hour, we had one match to play to preserve our unbeaten record; the return with Oakham. The darkening sky that heralded their arrival was an ominous portent. In the event they succeeded in tipping back the seesaw by 5 matches to 4. But defeat was no disgrace; and our next encounter is already eagerly awaited.

The spirit of the squad players this term has been excellent; Doyle has captained with quiet authority and personable charm, while the Boardmans' feat of not dropping a set all term stands out as a fine achievement and has set the highest standard for their peers. Gerbet, Todd, Sanderson, Davies and Sinclair were awarded their colours at a Celebration Dinner in the last week of term, where all team members were rewarded with an entertaining evening. The only sad feature of the occasion was the departure of T. J. Bayntun, the grandfather of Stowe badminton, who has put so much colour and conviction into the game since its inception here in 1978. We shall miss his tantalising exploitation of the cross-court drop shot, and his ready smile even when things were not going so well. But his foundations are already proving sturdy; and we look forward to renewed enthusiasm next term.

Teams:

Ists: K. P. P. Doyle (Capt.), T. J. Bayntun, A. W. Todd, M. J. Sanderson, J. W. R. Davies, J. I. Sinclair, J. P. Gerbet, J. B. Cunningham-Reid, M. P. ap P. Stradling.

Colts: R. J. Boardman (Capt.), P. J. Boardman, T. P. L. Adams, N. H. Grice, G. E. B. Mander, N. J. Hughes, J. R. Sinclair, N. C. J. Bewes.

C.R.H.

CROQUET

Croquet made a re-appearance at Stowe during the Summer(!) term as a Monday afternoon activity, and attracted an enthusiastic group of players from the ranks of the staff as well as the boys. Limited facilities and equipment meant that not everyone could be given a regular game, but having established itself as a viable activity, the hope is that more can be catered for this coming summer.

Nevertheless, an informal house tournament was played and won by Morrish and Lloyd (Grenville). A friendly match against a team from Kimbolton, who turned up looking extremely professional in whites, striped blazers, boaters, cravats and buttonholes, gave Stowe a victory at both a senior (Morrish and Smith) and junior (Hobday and Nicholson) level. Inspired by this success, Mason, Orger and Edwards took on their Kimbolton colleagues to similar good effect!

Messrs Larcombe and Atkinson triumphed in a staff knockout tournament, but unfortunately end of term demands did not allow the hoped for "Boys v. Masters" play-off to take place.

All in all a successful start, despite the weather, and the prospect of more matches against other schools next year.

B. H. O.

GOLF

Last season was crowned by winning the **Hill Samuel Schools' Foursomes** at the Worcester Golf Club. Over seventy schools took part in the qualifying rounds and in the Finals Stowe beat Malvern 2½-½, Hulme G.S. 3-0 and, in the Final, Oundle 3-0.

Team:

J. C. Gray, J. G. S. Robinson, C. M. Ruddock, C. M. Luddington, A. G. Hill, A. D. Bennett.

AER LINGUS SCHOOLS' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Stowe qualified for a place in the final round of the Championship when J. Gray, J. Robinson and C. Ruddock won the regional competition at Stratford-upon-Avon by 13 strokes. Their aggregate total of 226 has not been bettered by any of the thousand plus schools in the other qualifying rounds.

J. Robinson was round in a fairly cast iron 75 which could have been several strokes less if the birdie putts had dropped. J. Gray recovered superbly from a lapse in the middle of his round with an eagle and two birdies to come home with a fine 74. C. Ruddock was the most adventurous and his final score of 77 included some of the most remarkable recovery shots his followers have seen!

The final round is to be played at Ross Hills Golf Club, Surrey on 14th April. The team has shown the quality of golf and determination to do well and it is to be hoped they will receive the support they deserve.

This season we can look forward to some good golf at Stowe—a single figure handicap will not always mean a place in the golf team! In J. Gray we have a very good captain and he has the support of all of his colleagues.

STOWE GOLF TEAM. AUTUMN TOUR 1981

Several of Stowe's most talented golfers decided that a competition over half term would be a good idea. A cup was donated by Mr. Luddington and with the initiative that characterises Stowe Golfers a Tournament was born!

As can be seen from the scores we have, at the moment, probably the strongest golf team ever at Stowe. The tour had many fine moments including a run of three birdies at **Brancaster** for Ruddock, an eagle three at **Kings Lynn** for Robinson having hit a fairway wood within a foot of the flag and Gray coming up the 18th at **Hunstanton** hit a four iron to within two feet of the hole and enlarged his lead over Robinson from three to five strokes.

| Results | Woodhall | Saffron | Brancaster | Kings Lynn | 1st | 2nd |
|------------|----------|---------|------------|------------|-----|-----|
| | Spa | Walden | | Hunstanton | | |
| Gray | 81 | 73 | 71 | 74 | 77 | 78 |
| Robinson | 77 | 75 | 72 | 77 | 80 | 79 |
| Ruddock | 84 | 74 | 78 | 79 | 85 | 76 |
| Luddington | 93 | 79 | 81 | 77 | 84 | 84 |
| S.S.S. | 73 | 72 | 70 | 72 | 72 | 72 |

Overall Totals

| | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|------------------|-----|
| J. C. Gray | 454 (winner) | C. M. Ruddock | 476 |
| J. G. S. Robinson | 460 | C. M. Luddington | 498 |

R.J.S.S.

SQUASH RACKETS

This will only be a brief report as the season is only half way through, and full comments will be made in the next issue of **The Stoic**. So far everything has gone very well for the teams, and up to Christmas there were no defeats. Everyone enjoyed the **Felsted Festival** and they are grateful to this host school for the excellent organisation.

1st V. Results:

| | | | |
|---------------------------|------|-----|-----|
| v. Mill Hill | Home | Won | 5-0 |
| v. Pangbourne | Away | Won | 4-1 |
| v. Aldenham | Home | Won | 4-1 |
| v. S.E.S.C. | Home | Won | 3-2 |
| v. Rugby | Away | Won | 5-0 |
| v. Bloxham | Home | Won | 5-0 |
| v. Radley | Home | Won | 5-0 |
| v. Eton | Home | Won | 4-1 |
| v. Haileybury | Home | Won | 4-1 |
| v. St. John's Leatherhead | Away | Won | 5-0 |

Felsted Festival:

| | | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|
| v. Blundells | Won | 3-2 |
| v. Felsted | Won | 3-2 |
| v. Cranleigh | Won | 4-1 |
| v. Gresham's | Won | 4-1 |
| v. Festival 'Others' | Won | 3-2 |

The regular 1st V. players were: J. M. Bewes ma, R. C. Clifton-Brown (Captain), J. H. Claydon, M. M. Ivison and C. J. Rotheroe, with H. R. Jarvis going to Felsted as reserve and playing twice for the team. J. M. Bewes has improved considerably this term, and he is beginning to plan his matches intelligently, and to a large extent he has overcome his temperamental difficulties. At Felsted he showed just how much he had improved, and if he will now slow himself down when things are going wrong on court, and alter his game when he is losing, then I think that he can go a long way in this sport.

R. C. Clifton-Brown has also improved, but his main difficulties have been mental ones. At Felsted he finally seemed to have begun to believe in himself and he won two particularly good matches against Cranleigh and Gresham's. He has also been a very efficient and popular captain of the team. J. H. Claydon has played very well indeed and can always be relied upon to fight for every point. He is unbeaten at number three and is an excellent team member who has great will to win which helps others in the team. M. M. Ivison has had an excellent term's squash, made more difficult for him as he could not practise very much because of his rugby football matches and training. He plays his own brand of squash rackets and is very difficult to beat and has had some fine wins to his credit. C. J. Rotheroe in his first year in the team has shown considerable promise and as he is still only junior colt age he should go from strength to strength. He is prepared to listen to advice and if he also learns from the defeats he is bound to encounter in the 1st team, he has an excellent future in the game at Stowe. Contenders for the first team have been plentiful, and H. R. Jarvis finally won the play-off to go to Felsted as reserve, and whilst there he showed that he has a good temperament and is capable of becoming a very competent player.

2nd Team:

| | | | |
|---------------------|------|-----|-----|
| v. Radley | Home | Won | 4-1 |
| v. St. James Henley | Away | Won | 5-0 |

Colts Team:

| | | | |
|---------------|------|-----|-----|
| v. Mill Hill | Home | Won | 3-0 |
| v. Pangbourne | Away | Won | 2-1 |
| v. Aldenham | Home | Won | 2-1 |
| v. Eton | Home | Won | 3-0 |

Junior Colts Team

| | | | |
|---------------|------|-----|-----|
| v. Mill Hill | Home | Won | 3-0 |
| v. Pangbourne | Away | Won | 3-0 |
| v. Aldenham | Home | Won | 2-0 |
| v. Bloxham | Home | Won | 3-0 |
| v. Radley | Home | Won | 5-0 |
| v. Eton | Home | Won | 3-0 |

There are many promising players at all these levels, particularly those under 15, and a full report of the teams will be given in the next **Stoic**.

P.G.L.

SHOOTING

We have continued to see steady improvement in our full-bore shooting: both the Eight and the Cadet Pair achieved improved placings in the **Ashburton**. One performance deserves special mention: J. H. Ross distinguished himself by coming second in the **Wellington** (after an unprecedented second tie-shoot, prior to which he had scored two 'possibles') and by winning the **Financial Times Bronze Medal** in the Public Schools' Snap Shooting. Ross and C. R. Hamilton-Russell were both placed in the **Schools' Hundred**. A. E. C. Briant shot well, winning a place in the prize listings for both the **Wellington** and **Iveagh**.

Also during the holidays, Briant achieved a remarkable series of successes in small-bore and pistol events. Worthy of special mention were his performances in the Under 16 events in the **Sussex Open Summer Meeting** (Pistol) and in the **International Shooting Union's Rifle Competition**, in both of which he came first.

We were glad that the **S.E. District Skill at Arms Meeting** was held once more this year (after last year's cancellation). Our teams gave a most encouraging performance overall and did well to come second in the **Electric Target Range Competition**.

The **Casualty Cup** was won this year by Chatham and the **Empire Test Challenge Cup** was won by R. J. C. Wicks. J. H. Ross won the **Cottesloe Cup** for his consistently good .303 shooting throughout the Summer. The **Field Day Competition** was won by D. A. Newbery.

We congratulate the 'A' and 'B' Teams on winning their divisions of the **British Schools Small-bore Rifle Association's Inter-Schools' Summer League**.

We hope that more young members of the School will join the Shooting Club and gain experience in junior teams, so that our good progress over the last three years may be maintained.

N. W. W-J.

The Ashburton VIII: J. H. Ross (Capt.), D. A. Newbery, A. H. Berger, D. J. Baldwin, C. J. H. Pierre, R. J. C. Wicks, R. Bucks, T. J. Priestly.

The Cadet Pair: A. E. C. Briant and C. R. Hamilton-Russell.

SWIMMING

Results of the 1981 swimming season were as follows: 15 swimming matches; won 8; lost 6; drawn 1. Seventy-eight personal best times were achieved or re-achieved. Seven new school records were established, and an awful lot of lengths were swum. I began to suspect the boys were doing too much training when the caterer complained that the swimmers were doing tumble turns in their cornflakes.

In March a pre-season gala was held against Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet. Both the U.16 and U.19 teams won convincingly, and six personal bests were achieved at this gala alone.

After three successive victories, our first defeat was by the ever formidable Bishop Stortford College. This year they won the **Otter Medley** easily and would have probably won the **Bath Cup** too, had they not been eliminated in the heats through to a 'suspect' disqualification. They field the same team next season and their narrow fourteen points win over Stowe was achieved by the majority of their 'B' team.

Morale was raised after an easy win over Dean Close, but quickly dampened two days later after a heavy defeat by the eventual **Bath Cup** winners, St Paul's. Another defeat was suffered at Berkhamstead, but we felt beaten more by their swimming pool than their swimming team. Our swimmers found it very difficult to execute good turns through a poorly positioned rail at each end of the pool. We lost eight races through poor turns. A well-balanced A/B team drew with Eton. Even the friendly water polo match that followed was a draw 6-6. This was our first visit to their new indoor swimming pool, a beautiful design.

Highgate, also suspectly disqualified in the heats of the **Bath Cup**, while being second favourites, proved too much for both Stowe and Oundle. It is quite impossible to compete closely with swimmers who swim at regional level, and train regularly with one of the best club sides in the country. Our only successes were D. Reckitt, next year's captain, who won the senior 100m. breaststroke, achieving a personal best for his efforts, and P. Keith in the junior 100m. breaststroke, who was fourth, but achieved a new U.14 School Record.

A goose-pimpled afternoon was spent at Rugby for our final gala. The U.16s were under strength with the top swimmers remaining at Stowe to revise for examinations. The U.19s were without the swimming captain R. M. Miller. Otherwise complete, the U.19s won their age group easily.

Stowe were placed thirteenth from 53 in the **Bath Cup**, the team comprising L. A. Leblond, M. C. K. Lloyd, I. A. Keith and R. M. Miller. A creditable fourteenth place from 51 was achieved in the **Otter Medley**, the team comprising R. M. Miller, D. A. Venables, M. C. K. Lloyd and I. A. Keith. Shortly after this event Miller was diagnosed as having glandular fever, and had been competing for the first half of the season with this illness. Establishing two new senior school records for 4 x 25m. **Individual Medley** and the 25m. **Freestyle** with an illness was an extraordinary achievement. Having to cease all kinds of physical activity through illness was an unjust end to his tenacious service to Stowe School Swimming Club. Two more school records were within his reach, and would have brought his total to seven senior school records. Nevertheless, it still remains that R. M. Miller is one of the best swimmers the school has ever had.

At the swimming pool on **Speech Day** the water did not have its adverse effect upon swimmers and spectators. Stowe won the swimming match, but on two occasions the Old Stoics were ahead on points and only the team races finally sealed the victory. Two out of the five individual events were convincingly won by Old Stoics, the 100m. backstroke to M. Street, and the 100m. breaststroke to C. Bingham.

Despite desperate attempts, only two of the school relay records have been beaten since 1979. Until the final week of term the closest attempts upon any of the ten records were 2.85 seconds short of the senior 4 x 50m. Freestyle Relay time; and 5.15 seconds short of the 4 x 50m. Medley Relay time; both records established in 1979. The juniors were as far away as 4.76 seconds and 19.7 seconds for these respective events. Both the senior and junior 4 x 50m. Butterfly Relay times were broken with only one day of term to go. I Keith, L. Leblond, M. Lloyd and R. Miller smashed the previous four year senior record by eight seconds. T. Priestley, D. Brown, A. Keith and P. Keith beat the previous three year record by 0.37 seconds. There are no "flys" on these boys.

Congratulations are extended to D. J. T. Reckitt for his appointment as Captain of Swimming for 1981/82 and for receiving his full colours for the first time. Congratulations must also be extended to M. C. K. Lloyd for establishing a new school record for the 100m. Butterfly, and for his appointment as Vice-captain of Swimming for 1981/82. Special congratulations are extended to P. S. Keith for achieving four new U.14 school records: 50m. butterfly; 100m. butterfly; 50m. breaststroke and 100m. breaststroke. These latter two records had been previously held by P. E. Richards, since 1975. Having also achieved six personal bests, Keith has had a very successful season. So too has Lloyd, who also achieved six personal bests; R. O. Davies, who achieved five, and A. A. Appleby, who achieved eight. Although these boys surpassed the remainder of the team in sum total of personal best times, it must be said that the large number of seventy-eight personal bests were only achieved as a result of each and every member of the team bettering their previous records. A team effort.

It is hoped that with the acquisition of a considerable amount of up-to-date swimming equipment, the renewed inspiration and encouragement from D. J. T. Reckitt and plenty of sheer hard grind, next year's swimming team will achieve the single-minded desire to improve their performance level, and their will to beat the opposition.

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| Results: | | U.19 | U.16 | U.14 | Combined | |
|------------------------------------|---|-------|-------|-------|----------|--------|
| Stowe v. Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet | H | 77-53 | 77-61 | — | 154-114 | Won |
| Bromsgrove | } | 68-72 | 81-53 | 82-70 | 231-193 | Won |
| v. St. Edward's | | H | 68-44 | 81-53 | — | 149-97 |
| Bishop Stortford College | } | 22-32 | 25-29 | — | 47-61 | Lost |
| v. Haberdasher Askes | | A | 22-18 | 25-18 | — | 47-36 |
| v. Dean Close | H | 81-49 | 75-55 | — | 156-104 | Won |
| v. St. Paul's | A | 26-22 | 29-59 | — | 55-121 | Lost |
| v. Berkhamsted | A | 26-54 | 27-53 | 40-30 | 93-137 | Lost |
| v. Cheltenham College | A | 46-31 | 43-34 | — | 89-65 | Won |
| v. Eton | A | 37-42 | 33-45 | 46-29 | 116-116 | Drew |
| v. Uppingham | A | 46-31 | 43-34 | — | 89-65 | Won |
| Highgate | } | 68-85 | 47-76 | — | 115-161 | Lost |
| v. Oundle | | H | — | 47-64 | — | 47-64 |
| v. Rugby | A | 44-27 | 27-46 | — | 71-73 | Lost |
| v. Old Stoics | H | 72-56 | — | — | 72-56 | Won |

Played 15. Won 8. Lost 6. Drawn 1. 5 Home. 7 Away.

Colours:

Full I. A. Keith, D. J. T. Reckitt, M. C. K. Lloyd

Half R. L. E. Douglas-Bate, A. A. Appleby, A. N. Keith, D. W. Brown

Flashes:R. M. Miller 100m. Individual Medley
50m. Freestyle

M. C. K. Lloyd 100m. Butterfly

P. S. Keith 100m. Breaststroke
100m. Butterfly
50m. Butterfly
50m. Breaststroke

HOUSE SWIMMING

Only one of the thirty-four House and School records were broken this year. Grenville Junior relay team chipped 1.78 seconds off the previous three year old record held by Chandos. The absence of new individual records can only be attributed to individual fitness. Or rather, the lack of it. As usual, poor use was made of the numerous House training sessions, and some swimmers found it difficult to recover even from a dip in the showers.

A. G. L. Gonella and J. D. Thornber established themselves as two of the most promising newcomers to the school. Between them they managed first and second places in nearly every event. Other very promising juniors were G. R. Curtis and L. M. Robertson, each achieving consistently high places in the finals. Mention must also be made of R. P. Boghos who, although absent for the finals through injury, established and held the fastest times in the heats for the 25m. Butterfly and 50m. Freestyle.

A personal battle for victory between two outstanding intermediate swimmers P. S. Keith and R. C. Davies resulted in two first and one second place to each. The records for their events were established by R. M. Miller in 1978; and, although each swimmer won their events in style, none came close to Miller's records. Again this emphasises the supremacy Miller held.

M. C. K. Lloyd walked away with all the Open Trophies. In each of his three events he was never more than 1.8 seconds away from setting new House records. Had he had the desire to achieve this, instead of just the taste of victory, he could have done so. However, next year this accolade could either go to A. N. Keith who was always within close contention; or to D. W. Brown who was absent through illness but is well capable of achieving the hat-trick. Unless—Lloyd remains for Oxbridge examinations. The scene could be set for some really exciting senior swimming in 1982.

E. A. Leckie in his first term at Stowe took the Open diving cup. His fine performance was closely contested by senior J. H. M. Claydon; intermediate D. J. M. Hazzard and another junior G. R. M. Bates, all who scored highly. This year the divers had to perform a different dive from each of the three diving boards. This provided a more adventurous approach and was more entertaining for the spectators.

HOUSE SWIMMING RESULTS

Individual Trophies

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1) Diving Cup (Open) | E. A. Leckie (Chandos) |
| 2) Individual Medley (Junior) | A. G. L. Gonella (Lyttelton) |
| 3) Individual Medley (Intermediate) | R. O. Davies (Grenville) |
| 4) Individual Medley (Senior) | M. C. K. Lloyd (Grenville) |
| 5) 100m. Freestyle (Open) | M. C. K. Lloyd (Grenville) |
| 6) 50m. Butterfly (The Bob's Cup) | M. C. K. Lloyd (Grenville) |

House Trophies

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1) JUNIOR HOUSE CUP | GRENVILLE |
| 2) INTERMEDIATE HOUSE CUP | GRENVILLE/CHANDOS |
| 3) SENIOR HOUSE CUP | GRENVILLE |
| 4) COMBINED RELAY CUP | GRENVILLE/COBHAM |
| 5) OVERALL WINNERS CUP | GRENVILLE |

Event Winners

| | | |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1) Intermediate Freestyle 100m. | R. O. Davies (Grenville) | 1-08.97 secs |
| 2) Senior Freestyle 100m. | M. C. K. Lloyd (Grenville) | 1-03.23 secs |
| 3) Junior Backstroke 50m. | A. G. L. Gonella (Lyttelton) | 38.12 secs |
| 4) Intermediate Backstroke 100m. | G. V. Inglis-Jones (Walpole) | 1-25.19 secs |
| 5) Senior Backstroke 100m. | G. H. J. Bentley (Cobham) | 1-20.99 secs |
| 6) Junior Breaststroke 50m. | J. D. Thornber (Cobham) | 42.36 secs |
| 7) Intermediate Breaststroke 100m. | J. G. S. Robinson (Temple) | 1-28.28 secs |
| 8) Senior Breaststroke 100m. | D. J. T. Reckitt (Lyttelton) | 1-21.97 secs |
| 9) Junior Butterfly 25m. | L. M. Robertson (Chandos) | 16.90 secs |
| 10) Intermediate Butterfly 50m. | P. S. Keith (Chandos) | 32.81 secs |
| 11) Senior Butterfly 50m. | M. C. K. Lloyd (Grenville) | 31.25 secs |
| 12) Junior Freestyle 50m. | J. E. Davies (Grenville) | 33.00 secs |
| 13) Intermediate Freestyle 50m. | P. S. Keith (Chandos) | 31.83 secs |
| 14) Senior Freestyle 50m. | J. R. Calvert (Grenville) | 29.91 secs |
| 15) Junior Diving | E. A. Leckie (Chandos) | 38.35 points |
| 16) Intermediate Diving | D. J. M. Hazzard (Walpole) | 31.00 points |
| 17) Senior Diving | J. H. M. Claydon (Walpole) | 36.70 points |
| 18) Junior Individual Medley 4 x 25m. | A. G. L. Gonella (Lyttelton) | 1-27.29 secs |
| 19) Intermediate Individual Medley 4 x 25m. | R. O. Davies (Grenville) | 1-18.36 secs |
| 20) Senior Individual Medley 4 x 50m. | M. C. K. Lloyd (Grenville) | 2-47.64 secs |
| 21) Junior Relay 5 x 50m. | GRENVILLE | 3-04.01 secs House Record |
| 22) Intermediate Relay 5 x 50m. | COBHAM | 2-42.52 secs |
| 23) Senior Relay 5 x 50m. | GRENVILLE | 2-35.29 secs |

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WATER POLO

After only two weeks of water polo the U.14 played their only game against a stronger and more experienced Q.E.B. Their heavy defeat was lightened due to the fact that this was the first game the U.14 team had seen, let alone played. Four goals were conceded in the first quarter and Q.E.B. looked set to enter the **Guinness Book of Records** for the highest goals scored. However, for the remainder of the game the U.14 set about playing some remarkably good water polo and certainly dampened any over confidence Q.E.B. gained from the first quarter.

The U.15 team also played only one game but triumphed 7-4 against Aylesbury Grammar School. Again the vast majority had hardly ever seen a water polo ball before this game. The U.14 captain P. S. Keith, who was injured for the Q.E.B. game, scored a hat trick along with R. O. Davies.

The U.16's began their season the way they meant to carry on. In a pre-season warm up game, they beat Q.E.B. comfortably and then settled down to more intensive training in preparation for one of their hardest games. Bishop Stortford have always beaten Stowe at water polo. On this occasion, they drove out of the Oxford Gate with their tails between their legs losing 8-7, after a marvellous game. In goal, J. G. S. Robinson made a habit of making remarkable saves throughout the game. Bishop Stortford pushed Stowe to their limits from the first moments of the game. The pace of the first quarter was too much for the Stoics and we were swum out of the rest of the game by Bishop Stortford's ever supreme swimming fitness. However, games are not won on swimming ability alone and our training in tactics and skills proved superior to theirs. This was indeed a great victory for Stowe and provided the U.16 with a belief in themselves which remained with them throughout the season.

The U.19 team cruised to an easy victory in their warm up game against Oundle. A month of hard preparation, including morning swimming training, was done for the forthcoming Bishop Stortford match, and Oundle felt the full force of Stowe's prowess. R. M. Miller scored a double hat trick and M. C. K. Lloyd scored a hat trick.

As with the U.16's, Bishop Stortford have always beaten Stowe and expected to continue to do so. Despite all our previous hard training Bishop Stortford once again really made us look and feel incredibly slow and unfit during this most exciting match. However, a remarkable team effort provided the opportunities for S. A. Chorlton and M. C. K. Lloyd to score hat tricks. In the past Bishop Stortford have never been troubled by Stowe at any level, but now they must realise otherwise. Two days later we celebrated our win with an 11-2 victory over Aylesbury Grammar. Again the tables were turned because this is usually a very close game. R. M. Miller scored seven of the goals.

Losing by as many goals as nineteen was quite common playing Bedford Modern U.19 team. This season we lost by 7-13, which was creditable in more ways than one. Not only have we managed to reduce the number of goals they scored past us, but we have actually managed to score seven past them, a very rare event indeed. At last Stowe have begun to chip away at the Bedford armour and I believe it will completely crack in a few seasons.

In the summer term the U.19's played an early game against Oakham. Most of the team were very unfit and suffering from colds. We gave a mediocre performance, and were lucky to draw. Traditionally this was the swimming season but the water polo training was maintained because of the **Stowe and Rugby water polo festivals**.

At the **Rugby festival** we once again drew with Oakham in a preliminary round. The final result was decided on penalties and unfortunately we lost, and went through to the plate competition. We came third overall. As this festival was very early in July, some of our better players were not available because they had left school; otherwise I feel we could quite easily have won this tournament.

A high-spirited game was played against a tactically unorganised Old Stoic team. Stowe's practiced formations enabled them to forestall any pressure and provide an easy victory for us. With some of our key U.19 players having left Stowe this year, I predict a very exciting game will be seen at next year's reunion.

To play only one game at U.14 and U.15 level was a mistake in planning, as future sides are built at grass roots level. Whilst there is evidence that the top water polo schools in the country begin training at eleven years, Stowe cannot afford to forfeit an extra year by not playing games at these levels. Next season it is hoped to arrange more fixtures and training time to cater for this need.

The 1981 water polo season saw the introduction of more games, a school water polo festival, and a virtually unbeatable U.16 team. Next season we are to join the **London Schools Water Polo League**. Here we will meet much harder opposition and experience more games at all levels. Stowe is still a very young inexperienced water polo school, and only by expanding into more serious levels can we hope to develop our potentials to the full.

STOWE WATER POLO FESTIVAL

On Sunday 28th June Stowe held its first water polo festival. Three teams were invited to do battle over five hours to decide the overall winners. Bishop Stortford College, Bedford Modern School and Arle School, Cheltenham each brought an U.16 and an U.19 team. With the kind permission of the Headmaster, Chapel was put forward by one hour in order to make an early start and fit in the twelve games, a film, lunch, team and the presentations.

It was a very packed and exciting day at the swimming pool. Stowe U.16's opened up the tournament with an impressive victory over Bishop Stortford (again!). The U.19's followed their example and also beat Bishop Stortford 4-0. Arle School, whose teams both reached the semi-finals of the English Schools National Schoolboys Championships were firm favourites to win the tournament. Their U.16's had made short work of Bedford Modern in an earlier game and now faced our U.16 team. At half time we led by one goal, which gave us the confidence to believe that Arle's defence was penetrable and their attack not so frightening. In the second half Stowe simply turned on the pressure and, with what seemed like the whole school cheering them on, they played Arle out of the game triumphing 4-1. This was a good victory not only for the prestige but because it gave us the psychological advantage in our final against Bedford Modern.

Our inflated confidence exploded when Bedford very quickly scored three to our one in the first half. We never regained our rhythm and Bedford took the advantage and the game 5-1. It was a sad end for the U.16 players not because their unbeaten record had now been broken but because they would have won their age group had they not conceded so many goals in this final game.

The U.19 team did not have such a successful day. They lost to Arle, but only after a hard and furious game. Arle would have won by a larger margin had it not been for T. Arends in goal. He consistently proved to be a very solid last line of defence in all three of their games. Stowe lost again to Bedford Modern. Bedford are so quick to attack once in possession of the ball and never seem to stop pressurising once losing possession. In their three games they scored ten goals and conceded only one and their performance at Stowe convinced me that they will rate very, very high in next years **E.S.S.A. National Schoolboy** competition.

The presentations were made on the South Front by local Olympic swimming captain Clive Rushton. The hot, dry afternoon provided a fitting end to a marvellous day of close contest and exciting competition. All the visiting schools are well respected in the ranks of schoolboy water polo and Stowe's honourable second place showed that we are quickly earning our promotion to these ranks and are a future force to be reckoned with.

| RESULTS: | | U.19 | U.16 | U.15 | U.14 |
|-----------------------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|
| Stowe v Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet | H — | — | — | — | 0-11 |
| Bedford Modern | H 7-13 | — | — | — | — |
| Aylesbury Grammar | H 11-2 | 8-0 | 7-4 | — | — |
| Oundle | A 13-2 | 10-3 | — | — | — |
| Bishop Stortford | H 6-5 | 8-7 | — | — | — |
| Oakham | H 5-5 | 9-4 | — | — | — |
| Old Stoics | H 11-1 | — | — | — | — |

STOWE WATER POLO FESTIVAL

| | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------|-----|---|---|---|
| Stowe v Bedford Modern | H 0-4 | 1-5 | — | — | — |
| Bishop Stortford | H 4-0 | 4-0 | — | — | — |
| Arle School | H 1-3 | 4-1 | — | — | — |

Places:

| Overall | U.19 | U.16 |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1st Bedford Modern | 1st Bedford Modern | 1st Bedford Modern |
| 2nd Stowe | 2nd Arle | 2nd Stowe |
| 3rd Arle | 3rd Stowe | 3rd Arle |

RUGBY WATER POLO FESTIVAL

| | | |
|----------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Stowe v Rugby | A 4-1 | |
| Bablake | A 6-2 | |
| Oakham | A 3-3 | Lost on penalties |
| St. Edward's, Oxford | A 4-3 | |

Places:

| |
|-----------------|
| 1st Whitgift |
| 2nd St. Edwards |
| 3rd Stowe |

PLAYING RECORD

U.19

Played 13. Won 8. Lost 3. Drew 2. Home 8. Away 5.
T. Arends; R. Miller (Captain); I. Keith; D. Reckitt; L. Leblond; S. Chorlton; D. Venables; R. Western-Kaye; A. Appleby; S. Roberts; D. Brown; S. Constantinides; J. Calvert; W. Allen; A. Keith.

U.16

Played 7. Won 6. Lost 1. Drew 0. Home 7. Away 0.
J. Robinson; A. Appleby (Captain); A. Keith; T. Priestley; R. Davies; R. Butson; S. Hewitt; R. Mackenzie Hill; A. Venables; J. Whitty; D. Brown P. S. Lopes; P. Dutton; G. Bentley; P. Keith, R. Thorpe.

U.15

Played 1. Won 1. Lost 0. Drew 0. Home 1. Away 0.
M. Rossiter; P. Keith (Captain); R. Davies; P. Dutton; J. Davies; J. R. Sinclair; G. Inglis-Jones; D. Black; J. Simmonds; G. van Gemeren; N. Blakesley; S. Tyrell; J. Meads; G. R. Curtis.

U.14

Played 1. Won 0. Lost 1. Drew 0. Home 1. Away 0.
M. Rossiter; P. Keith (Captain); T. Bates; G. R. Curtis; N. Blakesley; J. Salamon; I. Castro; S. Hallam; A. Gibbs; N. Hughes; E. Farquhar; J. Sparrow; D. Black; R. Royden.

Overall

Played 22. Won 15. Lost 5. Drew 2. Home 17. Away 5.

Colours: Full—R. Miller, S. Chorlton, M. Lloyd, D. Reckitt, A. Appleby.

Half—A. Keith, T. Priestley, D. Brown.

Honours: London Schools U.15 Team—P. Keith.

Captain: A. A. Appleby.

Vice Captain: M. C. K. Lloyd.

Secretary: T. J. Priestley.

R.S.

DOUBLE VISION

An austere, cold schoolroom,
Inhabited only by the unwilling
And the paid,
In the dark winter night.
Harsh electric light, cascading down
From the strip lights on ceiling
To the floor
Where restless feet shuffle and silent curses drop.

Soulfully, I wander back
To those sunlit fields,
Where life and loves grow freely.
See the sounds and smell the colours
Of a summer's day,
Lived, each to the full by willing disciples
Of a simple cause.
Once more to the land which holds
My greatest joys
My heaviest tears,

Which is my reality
found among the cobwebs of illusion.

Mindlessly I return to the chill air of this crowded room,
To a scarred desk and creaking chair.
The room empties to leave me suddenly alone.
The crowds have gone elsewhere,
Continuing their half lives in another place.

Fiona Gibbs

OLD STOIC NEWS

R. Anderson (5 1937) was U.S. Ambassador to Monaco (1976-1978) and is currently Special Assistant for International Affairs to Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic and Political Adviser to U.S. Commander-in-Chief Atlantic.

E. R. Avory (2 1927/1st 99) has been elected Renter Warden of the Dyers Company for 1981/1982.

C. R. Bingham (1 1978) and **A. R. Bird** (2 1978) gained Half-Blues in the victorious Oxford Modern Pentathlon team (1981).

The Hon. T. J. Boyd-Carpenter (4 1956) was Mentioned in Despatches for services in Northern Ireland (June 1981).

B. C. Briant (1 1935) has been appointed a Church Commissioner (1981).

B. J. Calvert (3 1952) has published "Flying Concorde" (1981).

J. D. Carr (6 1975) is Headmaster of a school in Kakamega, Kenya (1981).

A. T. Clarke (1 1977) has been awarded the Middle Temple Lloyd Jacob Memorial Entrance Exhibition (1981).

The Lord Chorley (7 1948) is a member of the Board of the National Theatre (1980), the Top Salaries Review Body (1981) and the Board of the British Council (1981).

J. V. Doubleday (5 1964) has been commissioned for two sculptures of Isambard Kingdom Brunel for Templemeads Station, Bristol and the concourse of Paddington Station (1981).

A. C. Gratton-Cooper (8 1961) is commanding H.M.S. Wasperton (1981).

D. S. Howard (7 1946) is co-author of "China for the West" (1974) and elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries (1979).

His Honour Judge Irvine (2 1943) has been appointed a Lay Judge of the Court of Arches of Canterbury and of the Chancery Court of York (1981).

T. J. Issaias (9 1976) gained a Class 1 in Chemistry at Pembroke College, Cambridge (1981).

R. Kee (7 1937) was joint winner of the Christopher Ewart Biggs memorial Prize for his BBC TV Series "Ireland a History" (1981).

J. E. Kennon (3 1943) is Chief of Fleet Support (October 1981).

G. N. Lancaster (8 1979) gained a Class 1 in the Preliminary Examination—English Language and Literature at Corpus Christi College, Oxford (1981).

R. E. Lloyd-Morgan (2 1966) appeared in the Elizabeth Schwarzkopf series of Master Classes on BBC2 (1981).

P. B. Lucas (3 1934) has published "Flying Colours"—the epic story of Douglas Bader (1981).

G. L. Macleod-Smith (8 1972) plays for the California Cricket Club which made an extensive Far East tour in 1981.

A. G. H. Melly (5 1944) presented the series "Art Unlimited" on BBC2 featuring best-selling prints, one of which was "Wise Old Elephant" by **R. D. Shepherd** (6 1949).

K. D. L. Mitchell (7 1949) has been appointed a Serving Brother of the Order of St. John, Canada (1981).

N. J. R. J. Mitchell (8 1948) is responsible for P.A. Consultant Management operations in Hong Kong, Philipines and Thailand (January 1982).

B. A. Nicholson (8 1978) gained a Class 1 in Engineering pt.1b at Clare College, Cambridge (1981).

J. E. C. Nicholl (1 1939) has been appointed Rector of Angmering, Sussex (1982).

J. D. G. Niven (4 1928) has published his novel "Go Slowly—Come Back Quickly" and was the sole subject of "Parkinson" opening programme on BBC1 (October 1981).

P. J. Partington (3 1974) was ordained Deacon in Coventry Cathedral on 28th June 1981 and is now serving at Holy Trinity Church, Coventry (1981).

J. M. Reay-Smith (5 1933) published "Living in Spain" (1980).

M. K. Ridley (5 1956) is Clerk of the Council and Surveyor General of the Duchy of Lancaster (1981).

C. F. Roxburgh (2 1977) gained a Class 1 in Classics Pt.2 Tripos and was elected to a Senior Scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge (1981).

The Hon. Sir John Sainsbury (3 1945) received the Institute of Directors Business Enterprise Award given for improvement in profits and increase in jobs (November 1981).

R. D. Shepherd (6 1949) has painted the official portrait of Mr. R. Q. Drayson which has been presented by the Old Stoic Society and the Friends of Stowe and now hangs in the Aurelian Room. He was also featured in the BBC1 Series "Behind the Scenes with . . ." (1981).

S. P. E. C. W. Towneley (6 1940) and **D. N. C. Patmore** (7 1964) are Members of the Council of English National Opera North.

The Hon. Sir Peter Vanneck (1 1939) is Prime Warden of the Fishmongers Company (June 1981).

C. F. Villiers (1 1976) took roles in ITV productions "The Gentle Touch" and "Lady Killers" and BBC1 "Bergerac" (1981).

S. L. Whistler (6 1958) had an exhibition of engraved glass "On a Glass Lightly" at Northampton (September 1981).

D. Wynne (3 1943) had his work "Boy on a Horse" included in the "Scope of Sculpture" Exhibitions at the Barbican Centre (November 1981).

J. M. Young (1 1942) is a Governor of Felixstowe College.

A. E. Zambellas (8 1977) gained a Class 1 in Final Honours School—English Language and Literature at Corpus Christi College, Oxford (1981).

COMMISSIONS

The following have been commissioned:

M. S. Castle-Smith (3 1980)—Royal Signals—November 1981.

M. J. P. Horlock (8 1980)—17th/21st Lancers—December 1981.

J. E. Outhwaite (9 1979)—Royal Tank Regiment—August 1981.

G. M. Zambellas (8 1976)—Royal Navy—1981.

BIRTHS

To the wife of:

- C. R. H. Archer** (2 1967) a daughter on 11th March 1981.
I. F. Buchanan (8 1966) a son on 13th April 1979 and a daughter on 22nd June 1981.
R. G. Burwood-Taylor (1 1966) a daughter on 10th October 1981.
A. J. Clarke (6 1954) a son on 7th February 1980.
D. N. Deakin (7 1967) two daughters on 20th October 1978 and 11th February 1981.
M. J. A. Dolphin (3 1958) two daughters on 11th November 1971 and 10th October 1974.
H. J. H. Durie (4 1967) a daughter in 1976 and a son in 1978.
T. J. Forbes (1 1965) a son on 10th October 1974.
J. J. Gambarini (5 1972) a son on 3rd May 1981.
R. C. N. Gamble (8 1963) a daughter on 21st June 1978 and a son on 11th October 1979.
R. Horrell (3 1965) a son on 23rd March 1978.
Nicola James (née Hemsworth) (1976) a son in 1981.
G. E. Laird Craig (1 1966) a daughter on 24th August 1981.
M. R. Lawson (3 1961) a son on 1st September 1981.
R. H. C. Legh (8 1953) two sons in 1976 and 1978.
J. C. B. Lucas (3 1970) a son on 26th September 1981.
W. R. Luke (2 1961) three daughters on 3rd March 1973, 8th November 1974 and 18th August 1978.
C. A. McDonald (6 1968) two daughters on 23rd May 1979 and 5th October 1981.
A. Miall (1 1963) a daughter on 7th September 1981.
R. G. Minter (3 1962) a son on 2nd June 1981.
D. J. Nelson-Smith (6 1969) a daughter on 7th September 1981.
P. W. B. Pumphrey (4 1948) a daughter on 9th August 1967 and two sons on 5th February 1970 and 30th November 1971.
B. B. Schofield (3 1970) a son on 23rd February 1981.
C. M. Schofield (5 1962) a daughter on 26th November 1980.
J. Sherjan (2 1956) a son on 12th August 1981.
C. J. Tate (8 1971) a daughter on 17th October 1981.
R. J. W. Utley (4 1952) a son on 27th November 1974.
C. S. M. St. G. Vane Tempest (6 1952) a son on 10th July 1981.

MARRIAGES

- D. C. Ashworth** (8 1973) to Sheila D. Tite on 13th September 1980.
A. J. Atherton (4 1965) to Jennifer Claire Heard on 15th April 1981.
D. M. Baker (3 1933) to June Leader on 11th July 1981.
A. N. Buchanan (8 1973) to Christina Plews on 22nd September 1979.
I. F. Buchanan (8 1966) to Adrienne Price on 6th August 1977.
K. G. Buchanan (8 1967) to Gillian Hills on 19th September 1981.
H. J. Carnegy-Arbutnott (1 1974) to Victoria Carlstrand on 26th September 1981.
E. R. G. Clarke (5 1974) to Sarina Elias on 12th September 1981.
The Hon. D. J. N. Curzon (5 1976) to Ruth Linton on 7th March 1981.
D. N. Deakin (7 1967) to Janet Pearl Asher on 14th September 1974.
S. M. B. Dixey (3 1971) to Jane Grose on 3rd October 1981.
M. J. A. Dolphin (3 1958) to Carole A. McCulloch on 23rd September 1969.
N. J. Dunlop (1 1967) to Kirsty Robertson (daughter of **A. D. Robertson** (1 1938)) on 17th October 1981.
S. L. Earlam (8 1968) to Bridget Jean Gould on 21st July 1979.
T. J. Forbes (1 1965) to Rosemary Salmon in October 1973.
R. C. N. Gamble (8 1963) to Frances Pearson on 6th April 1974.
J. A. C. Heaslop (8 1968) to Margaret Copeland Brookfield on 20th March 1981.
Yioula Kyriacou (0 1979) to Antonis Christodoulou on 6th September 1981.
R. H. C. Legh (8 1953) to Joanna S. Cayley on 28th September 1974.
J. C. B. Lucas (3 1970) to Monica Bell on 4th September 1976.
W. R. Luke (2 1961) to Deborah Jaqueline Gordon on 16th May 1970.
C. A. McDonald (6 1968) to Vanessa Weare on 15th April 1978.
A. T. MacGregor (5 1959) to Caroline Patricia Marriott on 19th October 1980.
G. L. Macleod-Smith (8 1972) to Sandra Marie Wiltshire on 4th September 1981.
J. M. N. Newton (4 1950) to Helen Tyndall Shepherd on 25th January 1975.
P. W. B. Pumphrey (4 1948) to Susan M. Chaffer on 23rd April 1965.
H. F. Richards (9 1974) to Clare Mitchell on 12th September 1981.
J. A. J. Roderick (5 1970) to Lindsay Macintosh on 10th October 1981.
B. B. Schofield (3 1970) to Helen Michel on 3rd May 1980.
J. C. Staib (2 1972) to Fiona Vickers on 3rd October 1981.
R. J. W. Utley (4 1952) to Harriet Christine Edwards on 11th July 1973.
T. P. M. Walsh (2 1963) to Joanna Whitley on 24th July 1979.
H. J. Wild (5 1960) to Holly Goddard on 25th August 1979.

DEATHS

C. N. A. M. Antonaropoulos (4 1980) on 20th August 1981.
Sir George Dick-Lauder Bt. (5 1935) on 11th August 1981.
J. N. Eddy (3 1931) on 16th April 1981.
J. B. Frankenburg (5 1940) on 11th July 1981.
J. R. C. Harris (5 1976) on 9th September 1981.
T. S. Lucas (4 1932) on 5th August 1981.
A. D. Murray (6 1929) on 7th September 1981.
J. M. Norman (5 1939) between 1969 and 1972.
The Rev. H. B. Playford (Staff 1925—1958) on 28th August 1981.
H. A. Rickett (2 1937) on 4th September 1980.
P. M. Wright (8 1943) on 9th June 1981.

LAMENT FOR ULLAPOOL

Where is the place where the high bens are green,
Where the burns flow sparkling clear?
Where are the glens whose air is so clean,
Where the fat grouse and surefooted deer?

I wish I was roaming round Ullapool now
At this golden-leaved time of the year,
When the buzzards are mewing and little boats tow
Their catch to the shore and the pier.

Ulli's old steading, how fare you today
Now they've hung up the nets and they've brought in the hay?
Ullapool, why have your stars ceased to gleam?—
Where is your gold—have you worked out the seam?
The herring are gone and the grouse have been shot,
The deer have all fled from the hills.
The tourists are coming and trade's getting hot—
There's clattering change in the tills.

Where are the crofters and where are their sheep?
Where the heather and gold-flowered gorse?
The crofters have furrowed the moorlands to reap
Dark pines for the new men of Norse.

Ulli's old steading, how fare you today
Now they've hung up the nets and they've brought in the pay?
Ullapool's culture will soon reap the bill—
Progress is painful and money can kill.

G. J. R. Monbiot

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