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EDITORIAL

Still follow Sense, of ev'ry Art the Soul:
Parts answ'ring parts shall slide into a whole:
Spontaneous beauties all around advance,
Start ev'n from Difficulty, strike from Chance;
Nature shall join you, Time shall make it grow
A Work to wonder at — perhaps a STOW.

Pope.

Well, it had been done, and was to be done even more splendidly. Pope can gaze, with eternal tranquillity, from his seat among the British Worthies, at this ideal use of riches.

Nearly two hundred years later a group of men, and one man in particular of exceptional vision, was to transform Stowe the house into Stowe the school. In this Diamond Jubilee year it seems appropriate to look back over the years to what has been written earlier in this magazine. We offer, therefore, two quotations: one from the first issue, expressing the aspirations of the School, and one from the issue of December 1931, in which it appears that the problems of the editors of *The Stoic* were the same 51 years ago as they are now.

July 1923

Sto et Stabo

The first word has represented a fact since May 11th, 1923, at about 6.30 in the evening. The second represents an aspiration, and is therefore of much greater importance. The exertions of very many people were required to establish the fact; it will devolve principally upon ourselves to realize the aspiration.

Perhaps we ought first to make it clear why we have taken upon ourselves to exist. Then we can go on to consider why we propose to continue in existence. Stowe exists because it is needed, because there are more boys of Public School quality in the country than the Public Schools can hold. That is a simple but sufficient reason. Stowe proposes to continue in existence for the additional reason that it believes itself to have a character of its own, and hopes in the fulness of time to make a contribution of its own to English education.

December 1931

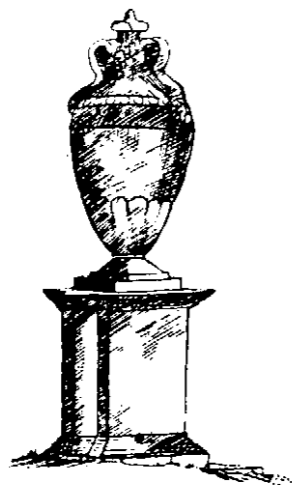
A somewhat bewildered Editor has been called upon again to write an Editorial which has no excuse for being about the School's age or its numbers, or about Chapel or a Speech Day. The only other subject which is forbidden to all Editors is to write on the subject that there is no subject to write on.

*In Number Twenty Four of **The Stoic** we answered a criticism of our American contemporary, "**The Grotonian**", which was that English Public School magazines were strangled in a welter of House Matches and other local news, by saying that the Public School Muse had ample scope for expression in "**The Gate**". It was an unfortunate remark and it has born to the full its evil consequences. For now among all the members of the school there are only two people who seem to realise that **The Stoic** must always have a large literary section besides everything else.*

*Write to "**The Gate**" by all means, but do not let **The Stoic** develop into a "**Bradshaw's Railway Guide**" or a "**Practical Handbook for Facts and Figures of Stowe**".*

*We make this appeal in all humility trusting that in next term's number of **The Stoic** there will be something more than a bald record of happenings to place before our public.*

Dec. 1931



AUTUMN TERM 1982

Head of School and of Walpole	R. C. Thorpe	Head of Bruce	K. A. Coni, ma.
Second Prefect	N. F. V. Ash	Prefect of Mess	W. J. R. Craig
Head of Lyttelton	A. A. Appleby	General Duties	J. F. German
General Duties	R. H. Astley	Head of Stanhope	Fiona R. Gibbs
Head of Grenville	R. V. Aswani	Head of Temple	S. R. Glennie
Head of Chandos	J. M. A. Bewes, ma.	Prefect of Chapel	C. D. Rose
Head of Cobham	R. J. A. Bridgwood	Prefect of Defaulters	W. J. Rossiter, ma.
Prefect of Dining Hall	D. W. Brown	Head of Chatham	D. M. W. Thomas
Head of Grafton	A. J. N. Coats	Prefect of Grounds	C. B. H. Woolley

Various events occurring at the end of the Summer Term could not be included in our last issue, and receive either full or minimal attention in this issue. The most notable achievement of the second half of that term must have been the Junior Congreve Club's performance of **Billy Budd**, based on Hermann Melville's story, a report on which is included later in this issue. Towards the end of the term another successful Lower Sixth Careers Conference took place, giving those involved further insight into the possibilities of studying various courses at universities or polytechnics. The term came to a close with a traditionally spirited view of School life in the Leavers' Revue. The summer activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme, the CCF holiday camps and the PHAB holiday took place with a fair amount of success once more and are also reported in this issue.

This term marks the beginning of the Diamond Jubilee year for Stowe, and there have been already several events to celebrate this. The first of these was the Old Stoic Jubilee Invitation match, for which many great names in the world of Rugby converged on Stowe to provide an exciting afternoon's play on 19th September: these included Stack Stevens, Huw Davies, Chris Ralston, Peter Preece, David Whibley, and the Old Stoic Peter Bullock of Blackheath, who captained the Old Stoic team on that occasion. We have had also two well supported jazz concerts in honour of the Jubilee year — one given by Georgie Fame, the other by Humphrey Lyttelton and his band. On a more intellectual level, we heard the inaugural lecture of a series sponsored by Lord McAlpine; this was a highly interesting talk given by Sir Keith Joseph on the economics of industry, a talk given after a very harassing day at the Conservative Party Conference. A Jubilee debate at which Mrs. Mary Whitehouse and Mr. Victor Lowndes were to speak had to be postponed until later in the year. It promises to be an exciting occasion.

Following up the industrial theme, another exhausting but profitable Middle Sixth Industrial Conference was held before Half Term in conjunction with the Royal Latin School. People from all areas of industry came to guide the Middle Sixth through various taxing tests of their ability to manage and be managed in a businesslike situation.

Other successful lectures have been: a highly entertaining one on 'Interview Technique' to the Middle Sixth by Martin Higham, Esq., a very striking and informative one by the Rev. Martin Haigh, O.S.B., on the Shroud of Turin and a very erudite lecture to the English Society by Dr. C. E. Baron, of St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, on the compilation of a new edition of the works of D. H. Lawrence.

This term has seen also the revival of the House Music competitions, which we report later. The Congreve Club's Jubilee performance of 'Peer Gynt' will, unfortunately, have to wait for our next issue for a report.

We have welcomed this term various new members of the teaching staff: Mr. C. W. Milne, Mr. S. O. Collins, Mr. C. G. Stewart, Miss K. M. Reeve, Mr. R. Marsden, Mr. N. C. Grill, Mr. K. R. S. Hoyle and Mr. P. Harris. We welcome also Mr. Richard Green as manager of the Book

Shop. Last term we said farewell to Miss Rycroft, Matron of Chatham, whose place has been taken by Mrs. Adcock.

This term we are also sorry to be losing Miss Rendle-Short, Sister of the Sanatorium, Mrs. Stokes, our Housekeeper, and Jack Kennedy, head carpenter.

Many members of the Stowe community, past and present, will be sorry to hear of the recent death of Mrs. Mabel Warden, who with her husband served the School for very many years.

Lois Sparling

CAVING AT WHERNSIDE

It is a curious fact that jokes are often far funnier for the joker rather than the recipient. So it was just as I was filling my rather comfortable 38 inch waist full of a second helping of chocolate pudding (this time with an ice cream) in the Stowe Dining Room that the twenty-seventh person came up to me with the original thought that Winnie-the-Pooh had a problem getting out of Rabbit's house. The fact that this particular person has a habit of putting his collar into reverse each Sunday was the sole reason that I did not decide it might be worth renouncing my pacifism (that, and the fact that he has a 42 inch waist)!

The next day, as G.M.H. and I took our party up the M6, I did start to get the uneasy feeling that perhaps the rest of the party seemed a little slimmer than I — in fact I started to wonder if one added the three girls' waists together would one reach 38 inches? However my unease was changed at a stroke by Roper's tale of a man slipping down a crack in a cave and ending up being concreted in, as no one could wriggle down to save him — that at least could not happen to me!

The next morning our guide looked at us with the eyes of a man who had seen some pretty ropy parties before and realised that the nadir of his career had arrived. He took one look at me and, with a shake of his head, told me he would not have a belt to go round that (pointing at the stomach that I had been at some pains to hold in for the previous five minutes) but that possibly if he joined two belts together they might fit.

I should point out that apart from always having wanted to go caving one reason I will never go rock climbing is the vertigo I suffer standing on the third rung of a step ladder. I only mention this as after undergoing the indignity of having belts put round my middle I heard the words — “right, we had better teach you all to climb a rope ladder”.

I am a pretty easy going sort of person but I started to feel a certain animosity towards G.M.H. as he reminded our guide that the person over there, (me), had not yet climbed the rope ladder up a very tall tree — just when I was certain I had escaped. I don't think he was very happy about Mike's help either as holding a rope to support the seven stone svelte Stoics was the one thing but I was obviously the sort of challenge he could do without. After I climbed the first three hundred feet I pleaded to be allowed down — out of years of habit this intrepid Yorkshireman with a rope round him to support me suggested that I jump to give me confidence. Even as I launched myself I noticed his complexion change and I gazed in some awe, for as I descended he seemed to be dragged across the ground towards the tree — but they make them tough in Yorkshire and he said he was O.K. Have you ever noticed when driving how bad women are at judging distances? I only mention this as Fiona Gibbs wondered why I had only climbed thirty feet instead of fifty like the rest of them.

We arrived at the cave later that morning and as it was possible to go all the way through, four set off from one end and five from the other, and we would cross in the middle. We by now had two guides and I thought it was pretty unkind of them to make an arrangement to exchange me half way through as 'he will never get through the tight bit'. My resolve was now firm — if I did not make it I would be the butt of some unpleasant ribaldry in the Stowe Common Room. Death or serious injury would be preferable to that extreme of torture — even the European Court of Human Rights might be pushed to believe what goes on there.

I enjoyed climbing down the forty feet into the cave — it was too dark to see the floor, so, no vertigo. Splashing along passages, stooping, sometimes crawling, I was in my element. At last a sport I could enjoy (apart from thrashing a certain school doctor on the golf course, which was in any case far more dangerous).

Then we arrived at the Pillar Box, a charming epithet coined in times when describing a passage as a U bend with a twist in it might have seemed a trifle vulgar. As I squeezed along a ten inch high passage, dropped through a hole in the floor and gradually wriggled round the U bend I knew I had found true happiness — what an adventure. The Stoics looked quite shaken as I emerged into their chamber — they had found it a hard squeeze — how on earth did I do it? I can reveal that fat, unlike bone, does give if you push it and as I write this I can also reveal that it goes if you don't have two helpings of pudding!

In the afternoon we tried another cave which was much easier although quite a bit wetter. Half way round we came to a pool we had to jump — “It's quite deep” said our guide “so I will help you over.” I suppose you can hardly blame him for taking his hand away as I jumped — after all he probably had quite a bruised chest after the morning (although I would not describe his action as that of a professional). As I climbed out of the pool he said he was now able to estimate its depth at just over five feet and thanked me for my help. In the dark he did not notice the look that had earlier that week turned N.W.W.J. into a heap of quivering jelly nor did he seem to hear me grinding my teeth.

Caving is a sport that I can now recommend to all my friends, and I am very grateful to G.M.H. for taking me along — now if only Gill would let me go again . . . she seems reluctant . . .

R.J.S.S.

Members of the expedition: Fiona Gibbs, Louise Wilson, Mick Anderson, Tom Ellemann, Peter Roper, Kate Page, Arlo Guthrie, G.M.H., R.J.S.S.



CRAC INSIGHT COURSE AT MILTON KEYNES, AUTUMN 1982

On October 14th, 10 Stoics piled into a minibus on the North Front, and prepared themselves for two days studying business management, at the Open University in the company of similar groups from secondary schools in Milton Keynes. As a few among us had been late leaving our beds and baths we found ourselves ten minutes late in arriving, despite Mr. Lloyds enthusiastic driving. Having found, much to Hugh Taylor's disgust, that everyone was wearing jeans and not suits (as we were), we proceeded with a 'business game' in our respective groups (all the Stoics were split up). As we knew no one in our groups the discussion initially hung around the 'young' manager, who was at the head of each group. However, as the day proceeded, we got to know everyone in our group pretty well, and discussions in the 6 person group livened up accordingly.

The business game that we tackled first dealt with advertising expenses, manufacturing estimates and the like, and it was a direct inter-group competition, the group with the biggest profit winning. Unfortunately we had no one in the winning group, and also unfortunately the group that came last contained a Stoic (their loss being about £23,000 in 20 minutes!), though I'm sure Tim Bliss wasn't responsible.

Throughout the next two days we were asked about a company's priorities, and its possible options when nearing bankruptcy, and other aspects of management.

One interesting point that came from the two days discussion was the Stoic dominance of the floor, and indeed every Stoic, showed himself or herself to be a competent speaker in front of 150 people.

Despite an indifferent feeling about the course before it started, we all came away pleasantly surprised by what we had learned, and we all thought that it would stand us in good stead for the future.

T. Smith

DRAMA

THE JUNIOR CONGREVE CLUB

Billy Budd

18th and 19th June 1982

Billy Budd, Sailor, — an inside narrative — as the original story describes itself, though a work of powerful fascination has various qualities alien to 20th century literary taste: it is rhetorical, didactic, self-indulgent, sentimental. It recounts, in brief, the torment of a young sailor in the late 18th century by a sadistic superior, resulting in the latter's death and the trial and execution of the young sailor. When Melville left this unfinished tale behind him at his death towards the end of the last century he would no doubt have been surprised — and his faded pride revived — to be told that from his tale would spring a drama of some intensity fifty years later. One may ask why such a translation was undertaken. The authors themselves give their answer: it is a highly moral tale. Though such plays have been fairly common in recent years, they were less common in the dramatically escapist years of the 1940s and in the era of the so-called 'sophisticated' social comedy of the pre-war years. **Billy Budd** was designed not merely to entertain. It deals with the perennial problems posed by the conflict between humanity and legality, innocence and corruption, justice and injustice, set in an apparently trivial incident vaguely based on fact. Such an incident could have been handled speciously, pharisaically, smugly. In the play it is handled realistically, without the sentimentality of the tale, though not without sentiment.

For a fair assessment of the play much of the tale has to be forgotten. An extreme example of this is that at the end of the tale Captain Vere is reported as dying with the name of Billy Budd on his lips, with more than a suggestion of affection. More pervasive is Melville's highly charged emotional commentary, on both physical and psychological events, throughout the tale. To compare small things with great, the play does for the tale what Shakespeare does for Plutarch.

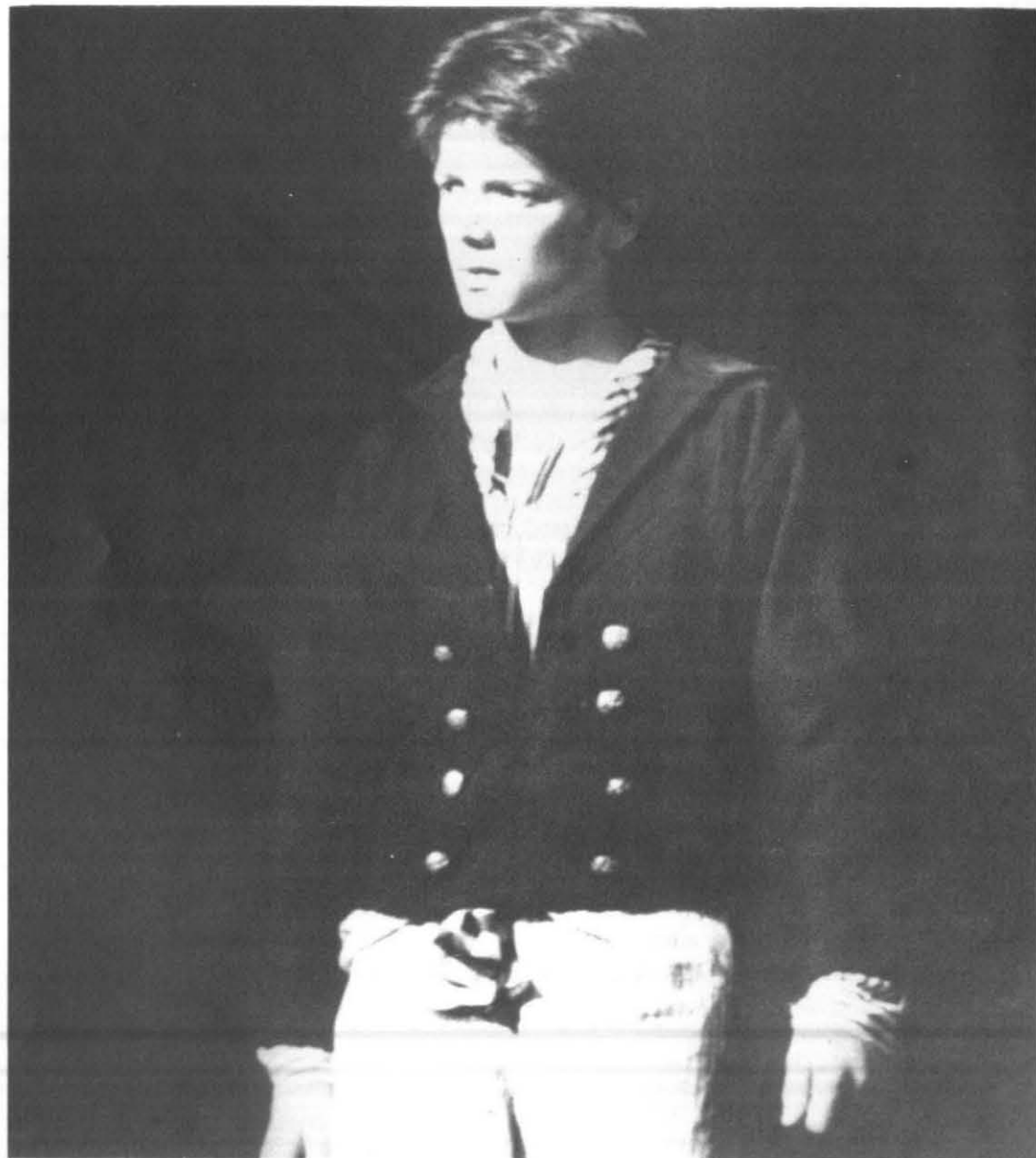
I have not seen all the Junior Congreve Club's productions, but I should be surprised if this did not rank highest in the eyes of its more dedicated patrons. From the first moments, with the now conventional use of the auditorium as an extension of the stage, to the inexorable finality of the closing scene, one's impression was of a finely orchestrated dramatic unity in which each member seriously but unself-consciously played his part. The innocence of the central character was clearly an immense advantage for a youthful cast, and Matthew Tembe's natural lack of sophistication could not, I feel, have been bettered by an adult actor simulating such lack of sophistication. The same indeed was true of the other "ratings"; by a curious psychological foreshortening they gained a reality which a professional cast (in this particular play) might have failed to achieve. Yet, perversely enough, Peter Williams as Claggart showed no lack of maturity in portraying the evil which destroyed himself and Budd, though perhaps mercifully the more twisted homosexual implications were not stressed, or if they were they escaped my observation. Similarly, in the Court Room scene Jonathan Gumpel (Vere), Robin Oliver (Seymour), Mark Flynn (Ratcliffe) and John Stopford (Wyatt) must be congratulated on the conviction and control with which the vital issues were here debated. I felt personally this scene dragged: dramatic inevitability clearly required that Budd should be convicted, and the argument therefore seemed too long. But that is a matter of opinion, and casts no reflection on the fine conduct of the debate by those involved.

It seems unkind to omit any member of this enthusiastic cast, but a few merit particular notice in addition to those mentioned above: Nick Blakesley, James Sparling and Adam Atkinson. Scarcely less credit must be given to those responsible for the construction of the magnificent set, the lighting, the wardrobe, the various technical effects and, above all, to the producer Roger Potter. Even such a detail as the motionless helmsman made its impact.

I must confess to an unwillingness to escape, at the interval, from the suspension of disbelief into the inanities of the foyer, an odd experience for one not markedly pervious to the magic of the theatre and moderately unused to the melting mood.

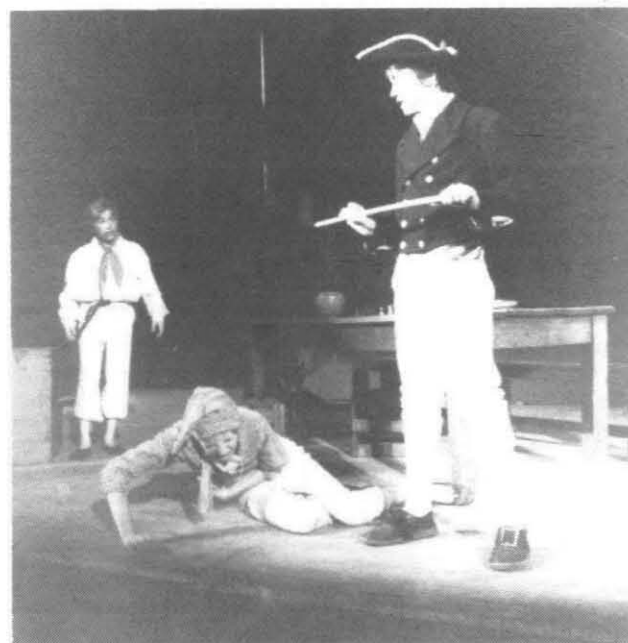
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BILLY BUDD



Matthew Tembe

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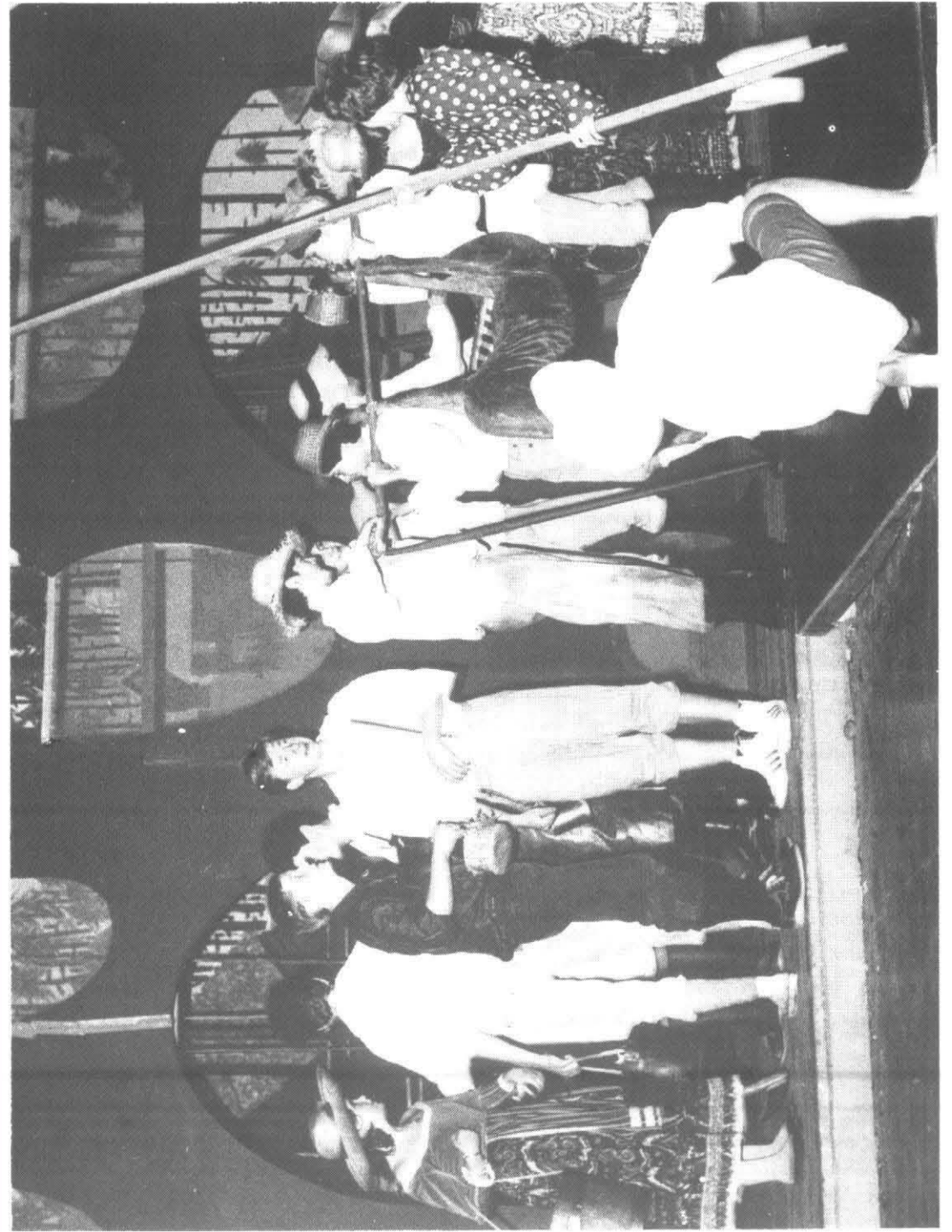


Jenkins	—	Adam Atkinson
Jackson	—	Rupert Hall
Claggart	—	Peter Williams





James Price



Heggstad

THE BRUCE HOUSE PLAY

“The Importance of being Earnest”

Continuing in what is now a long line of farce/comedy plays, Bruce chose “The Importance of being Earnest” by Oscar Wilde, concerning two rather eccentric but contrasting young men, Algernon Moncrieff and John Worthing, who manage to work themselves into the most extraordinary situation with their respective fiancées, Cecily and Gwendolen, by creating some considerable confusion over exactly who is who.

In many ways it is a very difficult play to both stage properly and make interesting visually, for two reasons. First was the problem of moving rapidly from John’s flat in London to the garden of his country house. This was taken care of very capably by Simon Everett, using both sides of most flats and a backdrop.

Secondly, to read, the play is absolutely motionless apart from entries and exits, which is visually very dull; so the director Justin Raccanello wrote in stage movements throughout the play, as well as cutting almost an hour and a half of the original, in nearly faultless fashion.

The play had a small but well chosen cast, with four female parts all played by girls as opposed to boys in ‘drag’. Louise Cox played the formidable Aunt Augusta extremely well, a very difficult part owing to the loud, overpowering nature of the character. Equally accurately portrayed were the two perfectly innocent and seemingly naive fiancées, Charlotte Colfox and Liza Darnell.

The two leading male rôles were almost type-cast with Ed Lewis as Algernon and Justin Raccanello as John. Algy is a rather eccentric, carefree young man with an almost disrespectful view of life, and John, a more cautious, slightly bumbling and humble person, still with his fair share of eccentricities. Both were performed in a clearly defined fashion.

There was also good support from Keith Coni as Dr. Chasuble, Henry Gardner and Simon Tyrrell as Butlers and Samantha Rowe as Miss Prism.

All credit to the cast and stage management for putting on what was a most enjoyable performance.

Mark Prestwich

WALPOLE HOUSE PLAY (Spring Term)

The Long And The Short And The Tall

by Willis Hall

This was an ambitious choice in that it combined humour — often riotous — with a cold portrayal of the cold-blooded cruelty of war. However, the many obstacles were surmounted with triumph by a partly inexperienced but wholly admirable cast.

Daniel Stearn seemed to fit his part as the indomitable Beauforte as if he were meant for it. He was encouraged, supported, and forcefully restrained by a convincing bunch of cronies: Richard Thorpe, Jamie Brown, Julian Whicker and Nick Tembe, two of whom, Brown and Whicker, managed to sustain difficult accents well throughout the play. Colin Jackson, as Sergeant Mitcham, and Charles Stopford, as Corporal Johnstone, both put up excellent performances. Peter Williams, whose only utterance was one of dying anguish, nevertheless took on a difficult portrayal with great zest.

Last, but by no means least, must be mentioned the Director, James Price, without whose undying patience none of this could have been possible.

Nick Tembe

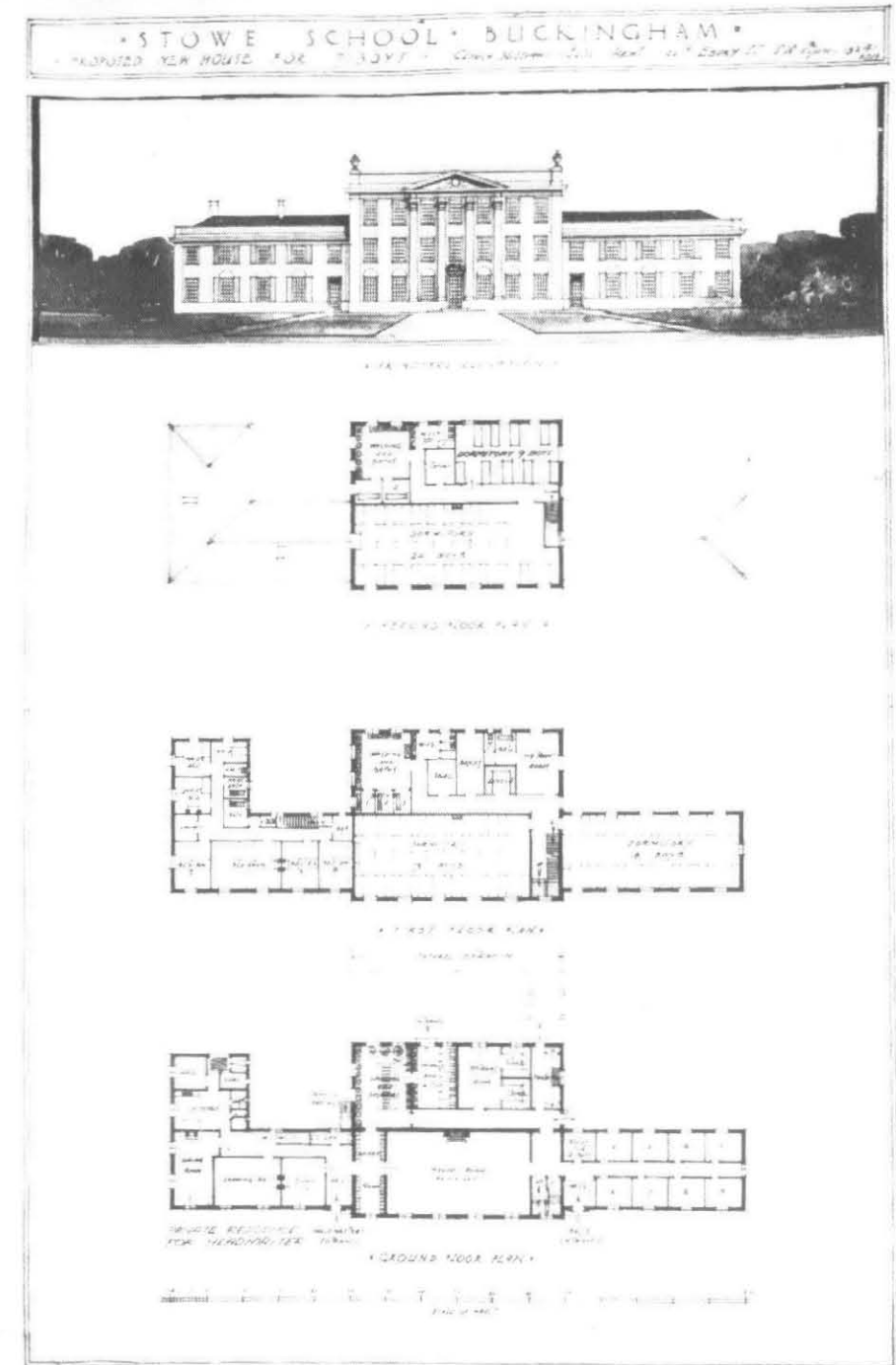


Plate 1. Design of June 1924.

An Architectural History of Chatham House

The construction of Chatham House has always held an honoured place in the mythology of Stowe, as it is said that the architect forgot the stairs and lavatories, and that it is falling down. Of these only the last has some truth, in so far as the house was built on a slope, and the packing under the ground floor has washed away, causing the floor to sink, together with the partition walls of the studies, to the extent of about three inches. In all other respects the house was built to a most practical design with modern methods of construction and of excellent materials. For example, it was intended to be fireproof, and to do this the architect suspended concrete floors of wide span from the outside walls. The jokes about the stairs and lavatories have been known to be unjustified, but the full truth has now been revealed with the discovery of many of the original designs, which came to light when a drawer in the vestibule of the Gothic Library was being cleared. It is as follows.

Two designs were submitted in June 1924 for a building of three storeys in the centre and two on the wings, almost identical inside but with alternative external treatment, one of which was similar to the final result (Plates 1 & 2). Sir Clough Williams-Ellis told me that on presentation of these designs the Governors expressed a desire for columns, and these were added in time for the second design, later in 1924. Indeed, columns can just be seen pencilled in on one of the first designs.

The revised design was almost the same as the first, except that it had columns and a flat instead of a pitched roof on the wings (Plate 3). This design was reproduced as a line drawing in the *Stoic* of December 1924 on page 174. The internal arrangements were slightly different, principally in the abandonment of the attempt to give the Housemaster a separate dining room and drawing room, although the room still has two doors and fireplaces; this too at a time when three maids' bedrooms, a maids' bathroom and a maids' sitting room were provided. Opposite page 188 of the same issue of the *Stoic* can be seen a photograph obviously taken in summer of grass, trees and the Temple of Bacchus with some markers staked out, entitled "The beginning of the new house". The proposed site is illustrated in a plan dated October 1924, showing the reason for the alignment (Plate 4).

Work proceeded swiftly. The contractor was J. Parnell and Son of Rugby; the quantity surveyor, Messrs. Baker and Mallett; Major Leeming, the school engineer, did the wiring; Rogers, Field and Bean were consultant sanitary engineers; Beaven and Sons did the central heating and plumbing; and Mr. W. F. Grant was the general foreman.

However, the Governors changed their minds in early 1925, for in March, when work had apparently not reached the first floor, there are drawings for the addition of a third floor on each wing (Plate 5). Over the east wing there were to be eight practice rooms and a teaching room (the present upper studies and house library), and over the Housemaster, dormitories for no fewer than fourteen maids. Two alternative treatments of the exterior of this floor were submitted, one with dormers in a mansard roof, the other with windows in a wall extended above the cornice. In the event the cornice was raised to include the new floor and this appears on the final versions of April 1925 (Plate 6). This now had masters' studies and bedrooms of minute size above the housemaster, so small that Mr. P. G. Hunter, who was one of the first occupants, could touch all four walls as he stood in his bedroom, and if he sat at his desk the chair legs were in the fire.

There were other modifications needed which demolish the popular myth. It was decided to remove to a new outside building the downstairs lavatories, which were planned to go where the showers recently were, and to extend the changing room. A design for this new building (but without the garage) exists, as does a modification of the main staircase to cater for the new floor on the east. On the drawing of the back of the west wing appears an exterior staircase, though different from the final result.

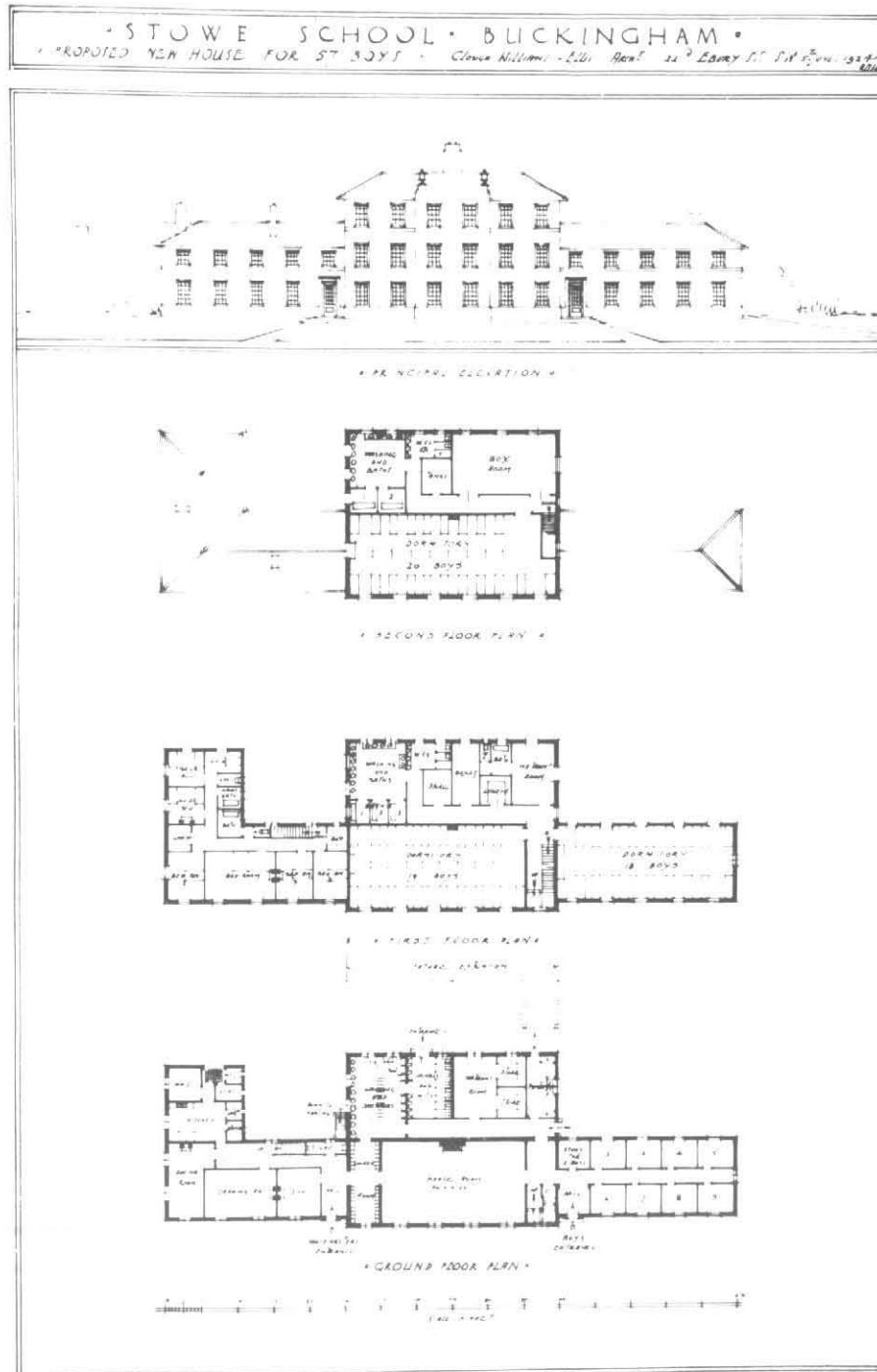


Plate 2. Alternative design of June 1924.

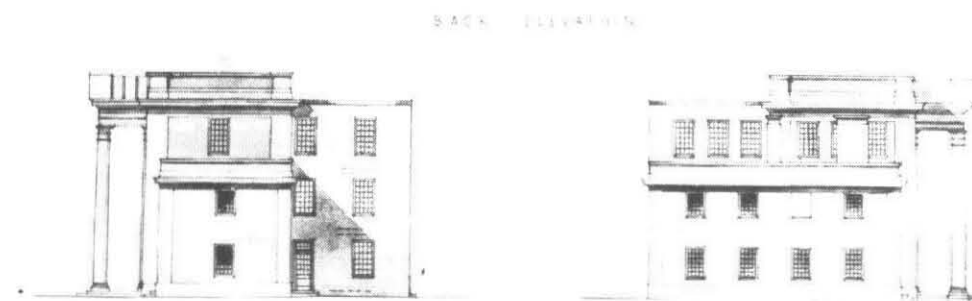
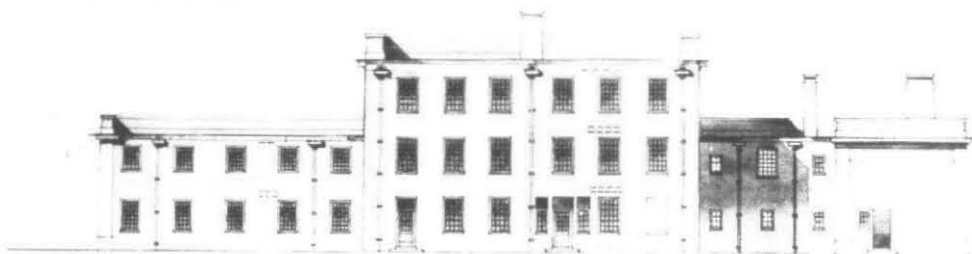


Plate 3. Revised design of about September 1924.

The house was almost completed in the summer of 1925 and was opened on 22nd September 1925 with seventy-one boys, whose signatures can be seen on the first page of the house book. The upper east floor housed the Music School. According to Lord Boyd-Carpenter, then a monitor, the front four studies were occupied by one boy each, the back five by two each, eight were in an oak room where the tuckboxes now are, and the balance of forty-nine boys must have been in the houseroom.

The iron staircase, however, has the last say. It was not there by the time that Mr. Hunter was due to move into his room at the start of the Autumn term, and he declined to use the access provided by a ladder. The cost was £24,800.

R. C. Rawcliffe

Photographs by A. M. G. Clarke

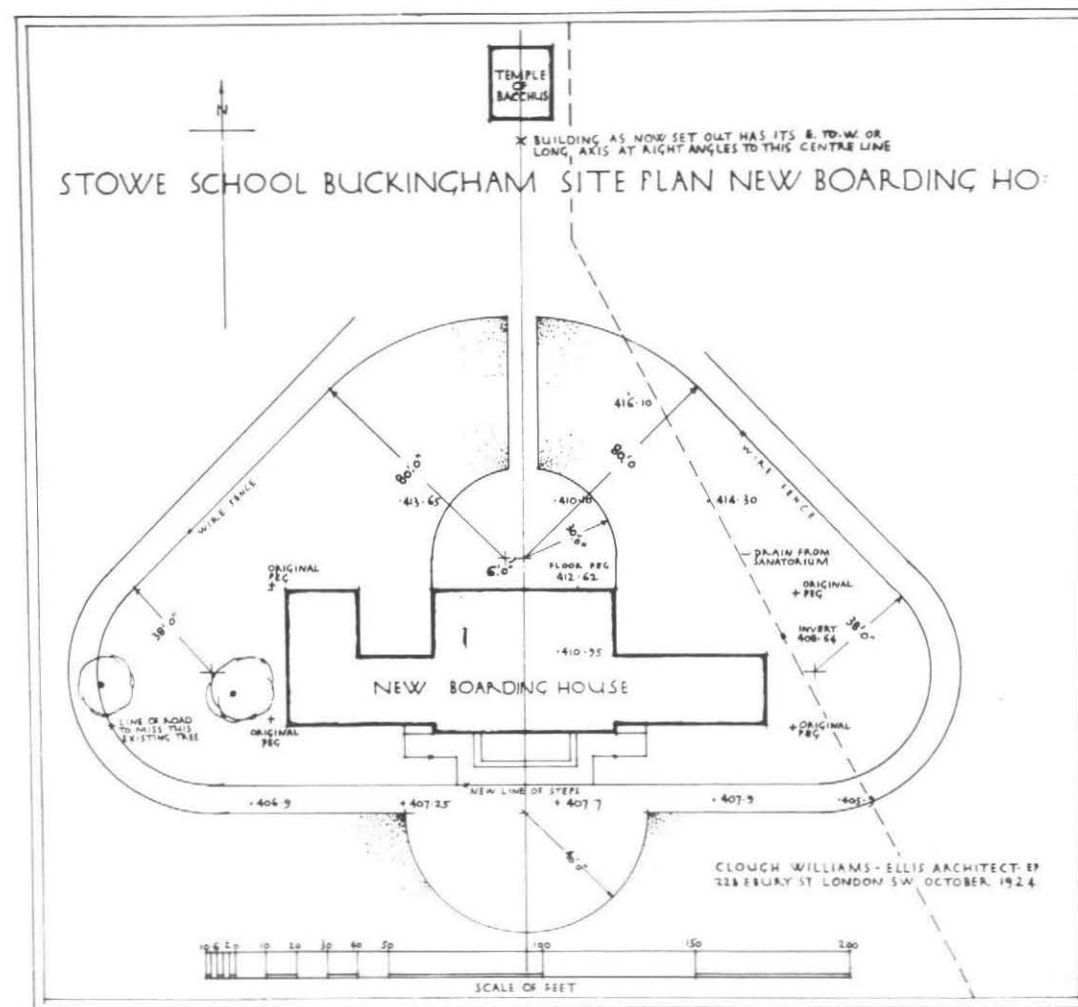


Plate 4. Site Plan of October 1924.

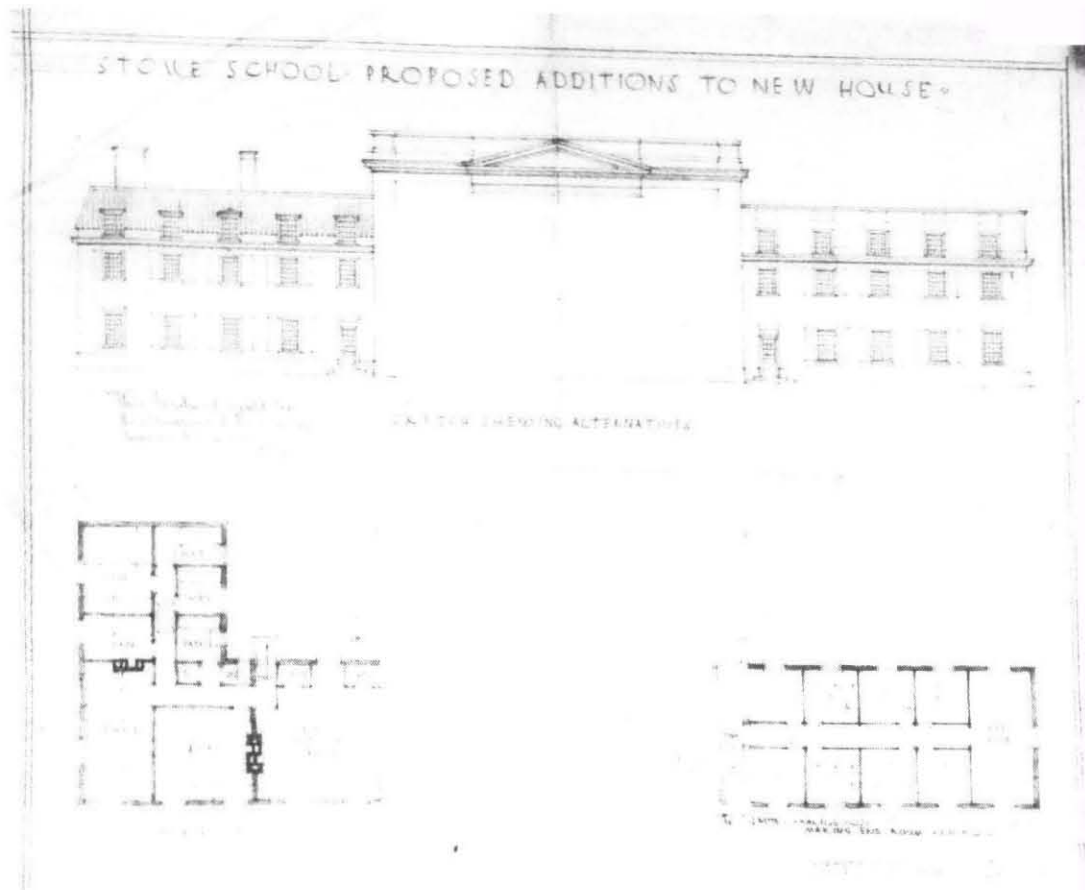


Plate 5. Proposed additions of March 1925.

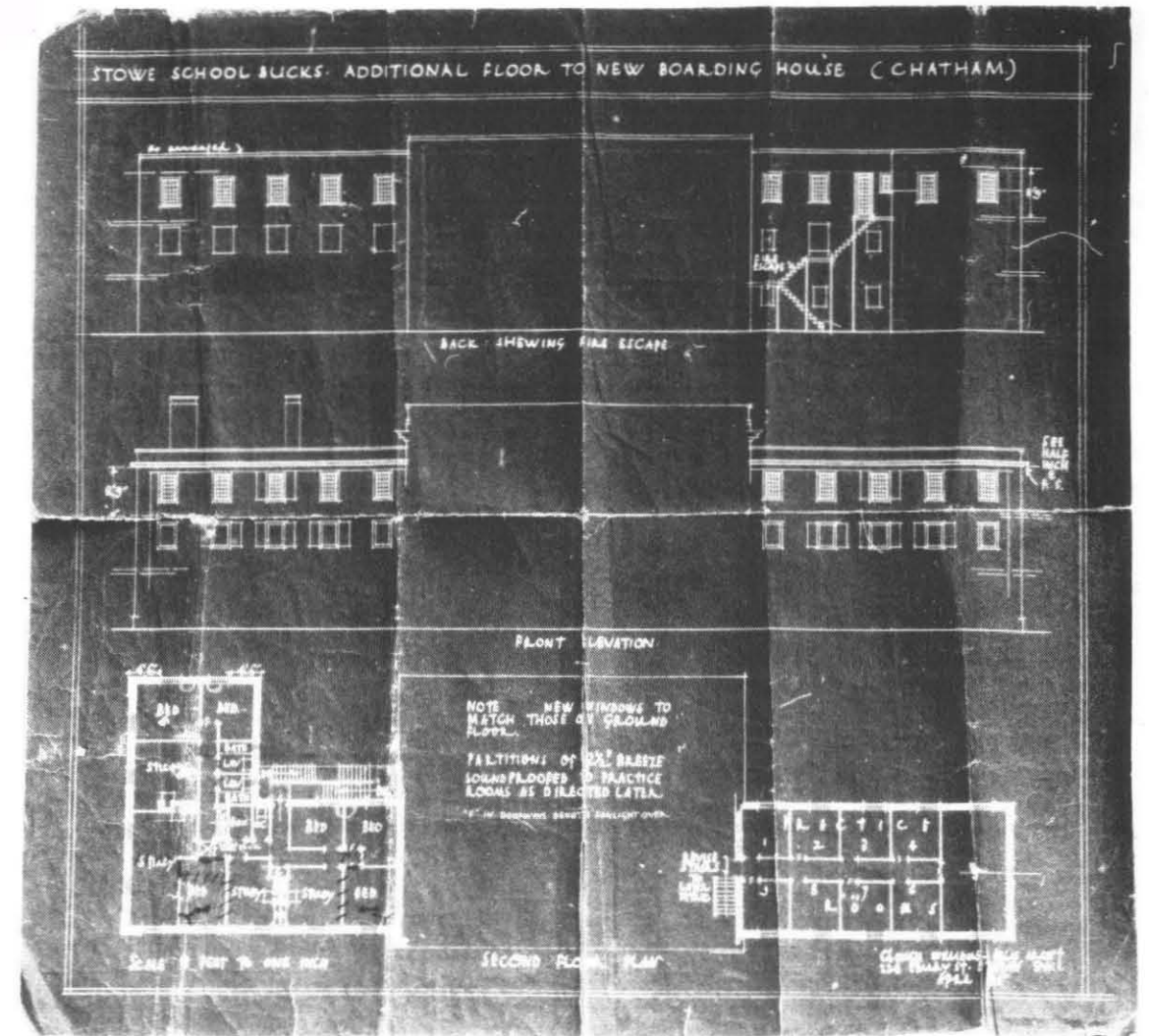


Plate 6. Plan of April 1925 for the additional floor.

SOCIETY

CHAPEL

We have welcomed the following preachers in Chapel this term: The Revd. T. J. Sterry of Scripture Union; The Revd. J. A. K. Millar, St. Paul's Church, Onslow Square; John Dodd, Esq., M.B.E., Founder and General Secretary of the Langley House Trust; R. J. Knight, Esq., former Headmaster of Oundle and Monkton Coombe, and Professor John Ferguson, President of Selly Oak Colleges.

In recent months there have been several developments of great importance to the music in Chapel. During the summer the organ was renovated by Rushworth and Dreaper, the original builders. Deterioration in the leather-work, wood-work and electrical wiring, some of which was fifty years old, had caused serious problems with the organ's action and sound. As an interim replacement, we were fortunate in hiring what is considered the finest electronic organ in the country — the three manual Allen Digital made for the American virtuoso organist, Carlo Curley. After an unexpected period of teething problems, the renovated organ is now in very fine condition and has been brought up to concert pitch for the first time. The original Spanish cedar case, discovered in the Temple of Concord by Mr. Clarke, has been replaced on the chancel organ. Our gratitude is due to Mr. Gatehouse for his work in ensuring that a high standard of renovation has been attained.

In the Autumn Term 'Cantata Stoica' was re-published in the revised edition with a supplement of additional hymns. We are grateful to all who have had a hand in its production, especially in the arduous task of proof-reading for which we are particularly indebted to Mr. Clarke and Mr. Gatehouse.

Also in the Autumn Term, the choir was re-formed. The new choir, which is half the size of its predecessor, is formed of those who have the commitment as well as the accomplishment necessary to achieve a good quality of choral singing. The choir's contribution to our worship, under Mr. Drayton's direction, is much appreciated.

'The Turin Shroud — a study in detection' was the subject on which Fr. Martin Haigh, O.S.B., addressed a large audience in the Roxburgh Hall on the fifth of November. The meeting was sponsored by both the Divinity Department and the Science Society. Those present were invited to be 'on the jury' as Fr. Martin presented the evidence in a most thorough and convincing lecture, amply illustrated with slides. The scientific tests were seen to be closing in around the central image on the shroud. Some of the recent evidence arising from the application of space-age technology was particularly striking. Science, however, cannot 'prove' the shroud to be genuine; it can only disprove it, and so far has been unable to do so. Fr. Martin also gave a fascinating survey of the history of the shroud and its influence upon the portrayal of Christ in art through the ages. The most compelling evidence of all was presented through an examination of the marks of suffering endured by the man whose image was imprinted on the cloth. This was "a man of sorrows". As we were reminded of the details of the Passion and saw the stains of wounds upon the fabric, the words of Isaiah came to mind: 'he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed'. It is remarkable that there is no sign of decay in the figure on the shroud. It provides a hint that we should look beyond the shroud, for our faith rests not in relics from the past, encouragement though they may be, but in Christ himself, who rose from the dead and is alive for evermore.

N.W.W.-J.

CHAPEL CHOIR

We started this term with a few new additions and therefore began the term with a choir of over fifty. This was not satisfactory as not everybody was prepared to turn up and sing their best. Our choirmaster, Mr. P. C. Drayton, sacked the lot and repicked the choir with much tougher auditions for entry. The number of members was decreased to twenty four, but it has increased slightly. The choir is now much better and is capable of singing more demanding pieces of music.

We first sang the well-known Harvest anthem, 'Thou Visitest the Earth', by Greene. This we have sung before, but with the new arrangements we had only one week for rehearsals. Our next anthem was very delicate, and was the first unaccompanied anthem that we have done in Chapel. It was 'Ave Verum Corpus', by Byrd. This came off very successfully, and we have lots more anthems in store for future Sundays. Altogether the choir has vastly improved and I hope will continue to do so.

N. R. Nicholson

CENTREPOINT

The School's Christian fellowship has thrived this term, focusing on Mr. Marcuse's flat and the A.V.R. where the Centrepoint meetings are held each Sunday. Combining the formal and informal, we are able to gain encouragement together in a relaxed atmosphere, amid the pressures of the week.

This term has seen several famous Old Testament characters brought to light, relating them to our own lives. Richard Coombs (O.S.), recently returned from the Far East, gave a talk illustrated with slides on his experiences in Indonesian missionary work. And our thanks to all speakers who have spent much time on our behalf, including Mr. Drury — and Mr. Marcuse for his energetic organisation. We are also most grateful for the gift of a set of New International Version Bibles for use at our meetings.

J. B. H. Harris

STOWE COMMUNITY SERVICE

During the past year members of C.S. have continued to visit over 200 elderly people in the Buckinghamshire area. About 50 Stoics have been involved each term. There have also been several very successful special ventures: for example, an outing to Woburn Abbey was arranged in the summer for several of the old people whom we visit, and there have been visits to Stowe from the National Children's Home in Brackley and, for the Firework Display, from Norril Hostel (for the mentally handicapped) in Bletchley. Members of C.S. now regularly visit the new Red Cross Day Centre in Buckingham while continuing to visit patients in Buckingham Hospital too.

A substantial donation from the Committee of the School Shop enabled C.S. to buy a new minibus during the summer holidays. This is a much needed asset, and it has greatly eased the transport problem which dogged us for most of last year.

The annual Hamper Campaign is now under way: the first donation has already been gratefully received from the Committee of the North Bucks Show. We hope to deliver as usual over 200 Christmas hampers.

R. J. H. Jory retired as Chairman of C.S. this term. Together with the Secretary, R. J. Wolstenholme, he did an outstanding job, translating into action many exciting new ideas and organising the year's activities with remarkable efficiency. He is to be succeeded as Chairman by T. A. D. Howard.

P.J.

THE ENGLISH SOCIETY

This term the Society has had only one meeting on the occasion of an informal lecture delivered by Dr. C. E. Baron of St. Catharine's College, Cambridge. Dr. Baron talked to us about the work in which he is presently engaged and the inherent problems therein. He is at present editing the complete works of D. H. Lawrence, which are to be published together in about 12 volumes. This is naturally a work of great scholarship and Dr. Baron was quick to explain in his talk that a certain text from which he read to us may have been a little too much for the 'A' level student to cope with as the text was in fact orientated towards readership of the highest intellect. Nevertheless Dr. Baron's talk was fascinating and informative and gave us a real insight not only into the problems of presenting the best possible version of a D. H. Lawrence text but also into the intriguing world of editing literature, a topic every 'A' level English student grapples with from time to time in dealing with the problems he may or may not encounter with the varied editions of set 'A' level texts.

Dr. Baron spoke to a substantial and appreciative audience, which contained pupils of all ages from throughout the school. We look forward to having many more lectures in the coming year which are as informative and well attended at this term's was.

R. J. A. Bridgwood

THE LIBRARY

Robert Squires left Stowe in July 1979 and unhappily died only a few months later. His mother asked if his subscription to The Old Stoic Society could be used to provide some small commemoration of his work for Community Service. Dr. Jones acquired Leonard Cheshire's "The Hidden World" and got it autographed by the author (Chatham 1936). The book tells how Group Captain Cheshire began his work for the disabled, in their "hidden world", 33 years ago, and of the lessons he has learned about the whole subject of disability, from working in some 40 countries, building up his chain of Leonard Cheshire Homes, which are small and personal. The book is kept, with other items intimately connected with the school, under the heading "Stoica". There is also a copy for borrowing in the Biography cases.

One other gift received at the end of the Summer Term is "Aspects of Wagner", given by the author, Bryan Magee, and, from the Scott-Gall Bequest, 2 books were bought in September — "Richard III" and "The Wars of the Roses", both by Charles Ross. Also in September, Christopher Milne (Temple 1939) gave us another delightful autobiographical instalment — "The Hollow on the Hill: The Search for a Personal Philosophy", which will take its place alongside "The Enchanted Places" and "The Path Through the Trees". We thank Mr. Milne for remembering the Library so faithfully. Would other Old Stoic authors follow his example, please?

The History and English sections are fairly well nurtured, and G.M.H. and O.L.R. recently asked for books on Chemistry and Physics subjects, which are now in use. "The Springs of Enchantment", by John Earle, was recommended by Dr. Hornby. It is an engaging book about exploration in 1963 with Eric Sipton, and again in 1979 with others, in Tierra del Fuego. Some sections remain very bare, and badly need updating. Could we, please, have suggestions from all departments, preferably for books known to be in print?

Sara Howell-Williams is Library Monitor, assisted by: J. D. Taylor (Bruce), A. C. S. Bird (Temple), R. J. H. Jory (Grenville), D. A. Steward (Chandos), W. R. McLellan (Cobham), P. A. Campbell (Chatham), M. J. Tinsley (Grafton), M. T. Savage (Walpole), M. J. C. Dudley (Lyttelton), A. J. G. Stirling (Nugent).

C.W.L.C.

THE MUSIC CLUB

So far this term we have only had one meeting. This was very successful indeed with a reasonable audience who had come to listen to Jonathon Kreeger (O.S.) who had come to talk to us about film music.

This was very interesting, with Jonathan telling us about all the different sorts of film music there are. He brought some tapes as well as some video tapes, to show us some very amusing clips. Altogether it was a very entertaining evening.

We hope to have more entertaining and interesting meetings in the future.

N. R. Nicholson

CORKSCREW SOCIETY

This year has been a great success with a variety of meetings that have broadened the members' knowledge on the various wines. These have included Port, Brandy, Champagne, Australian, South African, Spanish, French and German wines.

The highlight of the year and in fact the Corkscrew Society was the 10th anniversary of the Society held in style at the Queen's Temple. The guest speaker was Mr. F. Price, a loyal member of the Society who gave the inaugural meeting, and he spoke on a variety of wines from Spain and France. There were also several past chairmen present.

This was the end of the Society for the majority of the members as they left after having taken their 'A' levels, and I would like to thank them for their enthusiasm and support in arranging the meetings and naturally the guest speakers. I would as well like to thank, on behalf of the members, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Potter who have kept the Society going.

Matthew Hooper

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

The summer camp on Dartmoor indeed proved interesting. Despite electric storms, incessant rain and a dearth of mackerel in Torbay, the expeditions were successfully completed, and the majority of our participants had a tale to tell that would not dull the ear. The Golds executed their arduous task with great resilience, and several of the Bronzes underwent a true baptism of fire. Our thanks are due to George and Laura Barclay for their ever-generous hospitality — as witnessed by the end of camp party, when the rain finally abated.

On the Spey our Gold canoeists had more than the problems of the waters with which to contend, and it is a great relief to report that Jeremy Sinclair is now almost fully recovered from what could so nearly have been a tragic accident.

This term has seen the scheme rejuvenated by the addition to our task force of much-needed new blood. Charles Milne and Bob Marsden have already made their mark, as witnessed on Field Day when everyone was under canvas. Such a move will surely be repeated. This was the first Field Day on which, through increased numbers, the Gold and Silvers camped in a different area from the Bronzes. The latter, under John Dobinson's direction, enjoyed the Forest of Dean.

Recently a group of five Gold cyclists braved the gradients of Hard Knott, Wrynose and Honister in turbulent October conditions, which made their expedition rather more of a challenge than usual. It is good for the Scheme to be able to include such novelty.

This year's Silvers have again embarked on a programme of riding, canoeing (under the expert eye of Ken Hoyle) and cycling, whilst the Bronzes are fortunate enough to enjoy the services of Rowena Pratt and Frances Cree for instruction in the art of First Aid. Present prospects therefore please.

C.R.H.

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THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society has had four meetings since our last report in *The Stoic*. The first of these was given on January 22nd, 1982 by Mr. Cain with the title: "The Treshams: a Northamptonshire Roman Catholic family". It concerned a specific family and, in particular, Sir Thomas Tresham, who was a "study in disaster", which did seem to interest a number of fellow members. The second talk was given on March 12th, 1982 by Mr. D. Sylvester and concerned two of the major personalities of the Elizabethan era, namely Elizabeth I and the Earl of Essex. In this lecture Mr. Sylvester examined the nature of their relationship, putting forward an explanation why Essex led a rebellion against the Crown. He claimed that Essex's downfall was a direct result of his failure to realise that politics is the art of the possible. The third talk was on June 11th, 1982 by Dr. J. Loach of Somerville College, Oxford, entitled "The successful reign of Mary Tudor". She attempted to justify this by citing how easily Mary restored Catholicism against limited opposition, and improved the fiscal administration as well as the army and navy. Indeed her success is even more apparent if compared with the first five years of Elizabeth's reign. This refreshingly different view on a recently much debated period proved of great value to all, especially those on the verge of A Level examinations. Finally on October 15th, 1982, Mick Andersen spoke on "the Amritsar Massacre". His interest in and enthusiasm about the subject were, after a vigorous talk, shared by all present.

Later on this term the Society is to celebrate its one hundredth meeting when the guest speaker will be Lord Annan, O.S. The talks this year have been mostly about people, which should have helped to dispel the belief that history is simply the study of names and dates from a dead past. It is a study of mankind.

Tom Ellemann
Catherine Thomson

ART SOCIETY

A group of Sixth Formers interested in Art decided towards the end of the Summer Term to revive the Art Society. Mr. Stephan accepted the invitation to resume his position as President, and his previous experience with the Society has been of considerable benefit to us. The composition of the Society is being adjusted, and after initial teething troubles we hope to make a vigorous contribution to the intellectual life of the School.

On the 9th November, at our inaugural meeting, we had the privilege of being addressed by Mr. Oliver van Oss, formerly Headmaster of Charterhouse, who spoke on the theme of "The Gothic Twilight". His vast erudition and the affection he clearly felt for this period, expressed in an elegant style we do not often hear these days, were a delight to us all, as were the various illustrative pictures he brought with him. Subsequent questions on the nature of Gothic art led to an interesting discussion on the whole period.

We look forward to similar talks in the future, and the Society also hopes to give some help with the Stowe Jubilee Art Exhibition.

William Elliott

BRIDGE CLUB

Bucks. and Berks. Schools pairs: Hobday and Gumpel 4th
Morley and Lunt 6th

Results:

Stowe 1st IV v. Masters — Lost
Stowe 1st IV v. Radley — Won
Stowe 2nd IV v. Radley — Lost

M.E.

GEOLOGY FIELD TRIP TO WENSLEYDALE

8th–11th October

As we loaded the giant tins of baked beans aboard the already creaking minibus, the level of excitement among the assembled geologists reached fever pitch, for, at last, the date of their long-awaited field trip to the boreal mists of Yorkshire had arrived. After all the inevitable delays associated with geological activities, we set out, only to return minutes later for MW's infamous tweed hat.

The long four-hour trek northwards then began, despite objections from Messrs. Derry and Cunningham-Reid about being too far north of the boundaries of civilization. On arrival, however, "les deux Jacques" seemed pleasantly surprised!

The task of cooking the provisions fell to that well-known and youthful organizer, Andy Stirling. The culinary delights produced, while being a little cholesterol-heavy in quality, were awe-inspiring in quantity and kept the group metabolism humming gently.

Our multifarious activities included studies of local mineral suites (good specimens of calcite, fluorite, barytes, galena and Zinc Vende were collected), fossil assemblages of different kinds, and of course, the rhythmically bedded strata of the famous Yoredale Series. A further entertainment involved having one's photograph taken while standing behind a waterfall. Governments would no doubt term this "a serious health hazard" warning the populace that "most doctors don't stand under waterfalls": — ours did!

Many thanks to the Doc for letting nine ruffians invade his house and do absolutely no good at all to his standing, if any, with the local community!

Charles Wigley

The Party: Nick Ash, James Cunningham-Reid, James Derry, Scott Kennedy, Andy Neve, Rick Rainbow, Andy Stirling, Dom Walsh, Charles Wigley.

McELWEE AWARD LECTURES

On Tuesday, October 16th a packed gathering heard the winners and runners up deliver their interesting and contrasting lectures with great panache and skill in the A.V.R. The winners, Richard Thorpe and Jonathan Bewes, in a well illustrated and fluent talk outlined the architectural development of the Chateaux of the Loire from the times of Fulk Nerra to the sixteenth century. Their slides pinpointed the changes of taste amongst the patrons, as well as providing a hint of the travellers' exploits as they cycled up the Loire.

Andrew Renwick and Niel Nicholson gave an impressionistic survey of their stay in Vienna and Salzburg to study the wrought-ironwork and music. Their engagingly frank comments, starting with a view of the first bench they sat on after arrival in Vienna, were both amusing and brought home vividly their reaction to the two cities and their respective chosen subjects.

The Trustees present were delighted that the participants had so thoroughly enjoyed their visits and had greatly benefited from the experience which was exactly the intention of the Trust. I hope the success of these projects as outlined will encourage others both in the audience and beyond to enter this year's competition.

A.A.V.R.

CCF REPORT

With the invaluable assistance of our SSI and some keen NCOs the contingent has coped well with a very full year. On the material side the Armoury has been redecorated and the outdoor range rebuilt by Mr. Brannan. In the Summer Term the MT section successfully completed the building of a small hovercraft, which now competes with the golfers for use of the course and with the fishermen on the 11 acre. One cadet is at present building a radio-controlled autogyro, but parents will be pleased to hear that a request to build a microlight aircraft was refused! Those who have passed the electronics hut recently have been startled by strange clicking sounds. To his great credit Sgt. Bucklin has constructed a fully automatic telephone exchange. How he managed to wire up all the hundreds of almost identical components is a miracle. But he still hasn't explained why the exchange should continue clicking into the small hours!

Our Annual Inspection seemed to go well as did the Summer camp at Nesscliff. The comment on the contingent's performance in the final report is worth recording: "They approached the training with great enthusiasm and efficiency, allowing the cadet NCOs to play a major role in the organisation and execution of activities. For panache and style they led the field".

Much of the credit for the good performance of the NCOs must go to Under Officer Horn. His commitment and personal example has encouraged us all. WO Stirling's help on the administrative side has been invaluable, except that he nearly did himself out of a job by despatching his Commanding Officer to the Falklands with a spoof set of call-up papers. As a compensation he managed to rustle up a Chinook helicopter to drop in on the North Front and flatten the cricket nets in the process. Flt. Sgt. Smith is to be congratulated for being awarded a Flying Scholarship and for obtaining his 'wings' during the holidays. Three cadets completed a parachute course.

The RN Section had a successful sea voyage for their Summer Camp, returning in varying hues of green and brown. Mr. Swallow has been appointed to a commission in the RNR and so we now have more officers in dark blue than in khaki. We are particularly sad to have lost Major Lloyd who has done more than his fair share over the last fourteen years. We are most grateful to those non-uniformed staff who help on Wednesdays. Mr. Emms faithfully supervises the sailing for all and sundry in all weathers. Mr. Taylor has continued to fight the mud on the Assault Course and he and his team have done a lot to extend the range of confidence-building obstacles. Mr. McKeown continues to help on the range and recently Mr. Collins has been helping with the MT Section and Mr. Hoyle with the canoeing.

We are looking forward to two main events next year. As part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations we are holding an Open Day for serving Old Stoics on Wednesday 18th May. We hope that as many as possible will take the opportunity to look at the CCF in action and enjoy a dinner afterwards. Secondly, twenty cadets have been invited by the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers to visit them in Germany next Summer.

M.E.M.

THE DUCKERY

After the vandalism and release of all ducks at the end of the Spring Term, we were lucky to return in the summer to find so many had been recaptured. But this incident did, I think, affect the ducks' breeding season, which began in the summer term. A lot of eggs were laid and looked after, but it was unfortunate that so few hatched, possibly through the very dry weather at that time. Also during the term we had a very bad rat problem which did not help, as these ate a large proportion of our young ducklings. During the season we reared eight Bantams and five Mallards.

It was with great sadness that we lost Nick Fellows, who had been Head of the Duckery for such a long time, and had done much hard work. I would like to thank him very much.

The Duckery was cared for during the holiday by various kind Masters and Matrons and the Clerk of the Works, who did a very good job.

This term we have been trying to clear up all the old débris and have rebuilt the edge of one of our ponds. We also received a kind gift of 3 pairs of duck (wigeon, pochard and tufted) from the Game Conservancy. These have settled in very nicely. The storms brought the leaves down in one go, but these have now been cleared and the Duckery has been prepared for the Winter season, with the rat population very low.

N. R. Nicholson

MUSIC

MUSIC AT STOWE

It is very encouraging to report that we have enjoyed a very successful time in the Music Department at Stowe this term.

The arrival of Paul Harris, the improvements in the Queen's Temple, the restyled Chapel Choir, the new Summer School of Music and the House Music Competitions have all contributed to a promising upsurge of interest on the part of the School. Certainly attendance has been much better at all the concerts and it has been very pleasing to see so many members of the thirds and fourths evidently enjoying quite obscure chamber concerts!

The first concert of term gave everyone a chance to hear Paul Harris playing the clarinet in trios by Bach, 'The Shepherd on the Rock' by Schubert and the Military Septet by Hummel. In the Schubert, Paul Harris and Paul Drayton were joined by Ruth Harrington, Soprano, in a beautiful performance of this actually very difficult piece. The Hummel was an enjoyable work, although rather over long for its material, the occasional clarion calls for the trumpet — played by Bram Wiggins — giving the piece its nickname. It should really be described as a Piano Concerto and the demanding piano part was brilliantly played by Paul Drayton.

Let us hope that in our Jubilee Year that funds can be raised to improve the facilities in the Roxburgh Hall. Perhaps I should be more radical and say that now is the time for a new Music School. It is curious that in a place of such breathtaking beauty the main Concert Hall, if I dare call it that, should be so depressingly ugly.

R.J.S.S.

STOWE MUSIC SOCIETY

Sunday, 17th October at 8.00 p.m. in the Roxburgh Hall

QUEEN'S TEMPLE SINGERS AND ORCHESTRA
Conducted by: David Gatehouse

Piano: Paul Drayton

Trumpet: Bram Wiggins

OVERTURE TO *II SERAGLIO* — Mozart
PIANO CONCERTO IN C, K. 503 — Mozart

Interval

TRUMPET CONCERTO IN Eb — Haydn
TE DEUM — Haydn

What a delightful programme for lovers of Mozart and Haydn! Some may have felt the evening too restrictive — but I doubt it.

Mozart's overture to his opera *II Seraglio* always goes down well and this performance was no exception. Although the triangle and perhaps a few others were caught by surprise every now and then, the orchestra's playing was spontaneous and fun.

Paul Drayton's rendering of Mozart's great C major concerto (No. 25) was ideal. Gliding over any technical problems, he went straight to the heart of the music and, helped by a reliable orchestral accompaniment the whole concerto seemed wonderful. The slow movement needs to be listened to twice or even three times to be fully appreciated, but the other movements speak for themselves.

After the interval Bram Wiggins joined the orchestra for a clear performance of the Haydn trumpet concerto. The slow movement, for me, came across very well. The soloist's playing was warm and tender and the orchestra seemed to be just right. After the boisterous and familiar finale of this concerto, the Queen's Temple Singers performed Haydn's *Te Deum*. This was the piece which was probably least well-known to the audience, but it came across with much majesty and was sung with clarity and positiveness.

The evening was a feast of music and we were very lucky to have such a good orchestra. Thanks, of course, must go to David Gatehouse who virtually gave up the whole of his day to preparing the evening.

David Arkell

CLASSICAL JAZZ — Stravinsky and Milhaud

Sunday, 20th June 1982 at 8.00 p.m. in the Music Room

THE STOWE CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

The unifying theme of this interesting concert was the influence of jazz on the classical tradition in the twentieth century. Four works by two composers were performed: Milhaud's *Création du Monde*, Stravinsky's *Ragtime* and, after the interval, Milhaud's *Suite for violin, clarinet and piano* and Stravinsky's *Octet for wind instruments*. Paul Drayton, Robert Secret, Donald Clark, Jack Tye, Linda Nealgrove and Bram Wiggins were joined by other distinguished professional instrumentalists, and the standard of playing was very high. The ensemble was conducted by David Gatehouse.

Stravinsky wrote *Ragtime* in 1918, completing it on the morning of 11th November, Armistice Day. He wrote two versions of it: the one which we heard this evening, for eleven instruments, and another for piano solo. The *Octet* was begun in 1922 and completed the following year. Both of these works come from a period in Stravinsky's career when he was turning from large-orchestral, 'Russian' compositions, like *The Firebird* and *The Rite of Spring*, to smaller-scale, cosmopolitan chamber works. Milhaud wrote *La Création du Monde* in 1923. It is a ballet-score to a scenario by the poet Cendrars. The ballet tells the story of the creation of the world, according to a number of African myths. Jazz influence in this work and in the *Suite* is much more overt than in the Stravinsky works. Whereas for Stravinsky jazz was an interesting and probably fruitful avenue to explore, for Milhaud it was an apocalyptic revelation: in 1922 he left for America to listen to the blues and ragtime bands of New York, and the small orchestra for which *La Création* is scored, including a piano, is based on the kind of combination which he discovered in Harlem. In Stravinsky's music, jazz is always perfectly assimilated to a personal, classical idiom, but in Milhaud's it tends to drown that idiom completely. This is not to say that there is nothing of any interest in *La Création* and the *Suite*; both works contain some fine music, and it was well brought out by the players this evening.

La Création gives prominent solos to the saxophone and oboe, and these provided the highlight of this performance of the work. The lyrical emotional playing of David White (saxophone) and the stylishness of Patrick Purcell (oboe) were a delight to listen to. In **Ragtime** the playing of Paul Drayton (piano/cimbalom) and Edward Davies (violin) showed the most important quality which this kind of music requires: an unerring sense of rhythm. There are some extremely difficult rhythmic passages for the cimbalom and violin in this work, which Paul and Edward handled admirably. The soloists in the **Suite for violin, clarinet and piano** were Robert Secret, Donald Clark and David Gatehouse, and all three gave good performances. Robert Secret, performing on an instrument which is not his main instrument, played beautifully in the lyrical second movement, and Donald Clark gave his best performance in the final movement. David Gatehouse played with subtlety and discretion throughout this work; he had a thankless task in this trio in which the piano's main function is to provide a ground for the other two instruments. In the **Octet**, the fine trombone-playing of Harold Nash and David Petkin held the first movement together very effectively, and in the final movement there was some excellent solo bassoon work from Linda Nealgrove. Stravinsky's **Octet** brought to an end a very enjoyable and very welcome concert, which did something to avenge the twentieth century on a music society which persistently and shamefully neglects it.

G. McL.

HUMPHREY LYTTTELTON AND HIS BAND

Sunday, 7th November 1982

Well on the way to becoming a jealously guarded family heirloom is a scarred ten-inch LP in the dubious magenta patina induced by numerous student parties. It was made in the early fifties by a band which played with formidable precision and a panache that I feared had mellowed, or even totally vanished, with the passage of time. The opening notes of that hoary old classic "Muskrat Ramble" dispelled these misgivings and here once again was that fine careless rapture of the band that has done more than any other to make jazz so much a part of the British musical scene. The style had certainly changed considerably since those halcyon days of the early revivalists, but echoes of the familiar engaging blend of New Orleans and Chicago idioms were often recaptured, notably in the splendid light-hearted tribute to Sidney Bechet — "Ce Mossieu Qui parle", a veritable tour de force with its sparkling trio of soaring, driving clarinets. Much of the programme was predictably devoted to standards and included Lyttelton's own beautifully rhythmic "Late Night Final" — surely by now a standard in its own right. Yet there were contrasts as well; the Ellington and Basie big band numbers were offset by the more intimate collaborations of small ensembles, which was particularly successful in veteran Bruce Turner's definitive (?) version of "Tea for Two" and Johnny Barnes' marvellously haunting playing of "Adagio for David".

The concert showed admirably first how versatile the band has become within the mainstream idiom. Although it was some time before an atmosphere approaching that at Newport or 100 Oxford Street was generated, the audience warmed to the players and even rose to its feet in appreciation at one point towards the end, applauding with a vigour all too rarely seen in the Roxburgh Hall. Reluctantly it let "Humph" go, but not until he had played an encore to round off a truly memorable evening.

J.A.B.

STOWE HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

The sounds of music echoing around normally silent corners of Stowe School must have brought joy to many hearts. In a curious way the Stowe Music Competition seemed to exemplify the true purpose and meaning of music. Musicians are communicators, communicating thoughts and feelings at many levels. There was clearly an attempt, in much that took place on that rather wild Sunday evening in November, to communicate a sense of the fun and pleasure that many of the performers obviously derived from taking part.

There is a real danger, in an enterprise of this nature, for it to sink to a level where the competitive spirit swallows up any real aesthetic content. The Stowe Competition managed to remain above that thin dividing line. With many lessons learnt, a competition as enjoyable and of even greater artistic value may be looked forward to next year.

Among many outstanding items, the Stanhope singers, most ably conducted by Victoria Needham and inspired by the efforts of Lois Sparling, produced a most polished and delightful performance of 'Scarborough Fair'. The Walpole ensemble gave an extremely humorous and colourful account of a twentieth century mini masterpiece 'Jumbo's Jaunt'.

The opportunity to express, perform and give pleasure through music should not be confined to a privileged few; the considerable success of this year's competition will ensure for it a significant place in the School's future life and allow that opportunity to be grasped with every enthusiasm.

P.D.H.

MUSIC COMPETITION RESULTS

	Bruce	Temple	Grenville	Chandos	Cobham	Chatham	Grafton	Walpole	Lyttelton	Stanhope
Individual (Heats and Finals)	98	79	107	63	93	98	57	148	91	176
Positions	(4=)	(8)	(3)	(9)	(6)	(4=)	(10)	(2)	(7)	(1)
House Finals (3 items)	51	53	62	50	50	42	32	60	58	67
Positions:	(6)	(5)	(2)	(7=)	(7=)	(9)	(10)	(3)	(4)	(1)
Overall:	149	132	169	113	143	140	89	208	149	243
Position:	(4=)	(8)	(3)	(9)	(6)	(7)	(10)	(2)	(4=)	(1)

Huggins Cup, for Individual Heats and Finals, goes to STANHOPE

Strathspey Cup, for House Finals, goes to STANHOPE

Fanshawe Cup, for overall winners, goes to STANHOPE

Wintle Cup, for Piano, goes to D. H. ARKELL, Walpole

Boosey and Hawkes Cup, for outstanding progress on a wind instrument, goes to B. J. BOLGAR, Lyttelton.

RESULTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL FINALS

JUNIOR BRASS		SENIOR WIND		SINGING	
Benjamin Bolgar	92	Robert Wicks	96	Fiona Gibbs	76
Adam Atkinson	85	David Arkell	90	Victoria Needham	74
James Sparling	84	Joanna da Silva	88	Robert Wicks	74
		Rebecca Thompson	84	Nicholas Bewes	70
SENIOR BRASS		JUNIOR PIANO		JUNIOR STRINGS	
Niel Nicholson	89	Benjamin Bolgar	81	Carlton Royds (lute)	77
Peter Jarvis	86	James Rudd	75	Nicholas Bewes	75
Andrew Hinds	86	Paul Letheren	72	Oliver Scott	74
		Richard Searby	72	Jeremy Green	72
JUNIOR WIND		SENIOR PIANO		SENIOR STRINGS	
Mark Gobby	95	David Arkell	90	Georgina Sober	84
Alan Bush	87	Mary Nettleship	82	Samantha Keil	77
Mathew Skeate	86	Christopher Cox	80	Richard Thorpe	77
		Victoria Needham	70		

STOICS IN NEPAL

Following the success of the first Stowe Himalayan Expedition in Easter 1981, a second expedition was mounted this year and a report of this appears elsewhere in the magazine. A further trek is planned for Summer 1983. We have not, however, been content merely to visit Nepal and several interesting projects are emerging as a result of our trips.

There was a heartening response to the sale of the 1981 Expedition Journal, the printing costs of which were met by a Stowe parent. At the time of writing the profit from this stands at £1,556.57. After lengthy discussions with contacts in Kathmandu and with the Save The Children Fund in London it has been decided to use the whole of this sum and any further income to establish the Stowe Baglung Village Orthopaedic Unit. This will materially improve the quality of life of many children in that village and its surrounding area.

Another exciting development is the establishment through the generosity of Mr. Jim Edwards, the owner of Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge in Nepal, of a number of Stowe Conservation Scholarships. These will be available to Stoics displaying a genuine interest in conservation in the widest sense and who are willing to spend anything from one month to a year in Nepal. The scholarships will cover all expenses except the return flight from London to Delhi. Sponsorship for those unable to meet this cost from their own resources is being sought. An additional condition of the Scholarships is that winners should visit and report back to the School on the progress of the Baglung Village Project.

The Project Fund remains open and any further donations will be gratefully received. It is heartening that every penny donated goes directly to the village. All proceeds of the sale of this year's Journal (Foreword by Lord Hunt) will swell the fund and there are still copies available of the 1981 Journal. An application form will be found elsewhere in the magazine.

Anyone who is interested in any aspect of the School's involvement in Nepal, — Baglung Project, Conservation Scholarships, expeditions — is invited to contact R. M. Potter at Grenville House, Stowe.

R.M.P.

HIMALAYAN EXPEDITION 1982

This is radio Himalayas broadcasting to you on the second Stowe Himalayan Expedition in March 1982! Our party was made up of 18 Stoics, Old Stoics, parents and masters led by Roger Potter.

After 24 hours of travelling we spent a few days acclimatizing and sightseeing, staying in the friendly but spartan Kathmandu Guest House. First impressions of Kathmandu — a colourful, bustling, bewildering city, magnificent views, interspaced amongst dilapidated and cramped houses, the people poor, small and yet smiling, with children constantly following, begging, selling or watching. The cow is sacred in Nepal and it is therefore not surprising to see a lone cow sit down in the middle of a busy street to have a rest, whilst the cars and the people can do nothing but hoot futilely and try to drive around it.

After 3 days in Kathmandu we left in a minibus to start our 20 day trek. Half of us sat on the roof amongst the baggage, where the view was magnificent but somewhat scary as the bus was swung round the narrow mountain road by our over enthusiastic driver. After a lunch, we found the first walk of about 4½ hours a very long, hard and hot walk until we reached the camp.

Our entourage consisted of 7 sherpas to find the way, led by our Sardar, Tensing, Arun, the medical, the cook and 40 porters to carry all our tents, baggage and food. Each evening, camp was set up around the fires, with a blue loo tent (a hole in the ground) and a large mess tent with tables, stools and lamp where we ate, wrote diaries and played liar dice. Each day would begin at 6.00 a.m. with the merry voice of a sherpa unzipping the tent flaps and handing in a cup of hot sherpa tea 2 bowls of "washee water" and filling up our water bottles. After a breakfast of porridge, tea and biscuits, the camp would be dismantled, with the cook and his retinue leaving first and the rest following leisurely behind.

At every village we were met with greetings of 'Namaste' and a handbow from the little children, who would then descend upon us asking insistently for "1 pen! 1 pen!" or "chocolate". We climbed up steep terraces, through rain forests covered with hanging moss and flowers and in the snow. Camping in the snow for two days whilst it is raining is not pleasant, our tent kept on collapsing and leaking whilst wet socks and boots were dried in a sort of fishing rod arrangement, with them hanging off walking sticks over the fire and periodically getting burnt. The food was limited but good and mainly vegetarian with lots of stews and chapattis. However, accompanying us were 2 goats, one black, one white and also a sheep. 11 days into the trek we ate the black goat, and the white one became very lonely and so after 2 days when we had again descended from the snow, the goat promptly ran away into the rain forest, which some of us were secretly glad about.

Halfway through the trek our party split into 2 groups. Some went down and others up into the snow again to try and climb a mountain peak that was over 15700m high and so beat all the mountains of Europe. After 2 days of hard scramble we reached the base of our peak and on the morning of the third day, we set off just after dawn. The night had been so cold that our boots were frozen lumps of leather, and had to be worn full of ice and very cold. The day was perfect, the view brilliantly clear, and as we ascended the sherpa pointed out to us the sight of Mount Everest standing 120 miles away on the Nepal-Tibet border behind five mountain ranges. Triumphant and exhilarated, we eventually reached the top of our peak using climbing ropes and then on arrival back down at the camp we were greeted with fruit juice and a delicious chocolate cake. It remains a secret how the cake was cooked on an open fire in the snow but it was a fitting end to a perfect day.

After walking, the two rest days we had by the mountain river were very relaxing. It is amazing how the simple act of being able to wash thoroughly all over in freezing mountain water becomes a blissful and sought after experience. Our own personal radio Himalayan broadcasts thrived during these rest days. It initially started in an effort to drown out with pleasant songs and sketches the unmelodic sound of Tom Ellemann and Alex Lloyd singing "Flashback" in falsetto from the next door tent, and by unpopular request from everyone else continued to wake everyone for the rest of the trip.

After three weeks of unforgettable experiences we said farewell to our sherpa and porter companions, leaving them gifts of clothing, a frisbee and money before returning to Kathmandu for a few days. During this time ten of us decided to go on a one day/one night river trip. It was a complete change from trekking, with everything contained in two large dinghies and we rode down rapids, swam in the river or floated lazily down on the current, the peace of the river periodically broken by waterfights between the two boats.

We returned to the now familiar Kathmandu, and after the final presents had been bought and farewells said, we arrived back in England, brown, healthy and carrying with us all our mementoes, gifts and memories, including that peculiar musky smell of trekkers from Nepal.

Charlotte le Vay Lawrence

STOWE HIMALAYAN EXPEDITION JOURNALS



Copies of both the 1982 Journal, Foreword by Lord Hunt, and the 1981 Journal, Foreword by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, are available. All proceeds from the sale of both magazines will go directly to the recently established Stowe Baglung Village Orthopaedic Unit, donations to which will also be gratefully received.



Please send _____ copy/ies of the 1981 Journal (£2.00 minimum donation)
_____ copy/ies of the 1982 Journal (£5.00 minimum donation)
+ 25p per copy for postage

To:
Name _____

Address _____

Please return this form to R. M. Potter, Grenville House, Stowe, Buckingham.
Cheques should be made payable to Stowe Baglung Project.

PHAB

It was another successful summer for PHAB at Stowe this year. Thirty-three people from all over the country, both physically handicapped and able-bodied, came together for a week of frantic activity under the supervision of the no less frantic organisers.

The aims of the PHAB holiday are many. Firstly, it is to get the physically handicapped boys and girls to meet and strike up friendships with able-bodied young people of their own ages. The able-bodied 'helpers' learn to understand the problems of having a physical handicap (ranging from spina bifida to blindness) and also how to help sufferers of such a handicap to cope with it. I think that we were all amazed at how bravely and efficiently the disabled people managed in this way. There was a lot to be learnt about stamina and optimism from them all.

However the PHAB week is also, of course, a holiday. A large number of activities were laid on to use the facilities of Stowe to the maximum advantage. In the way of sport there was a choice of swimming or sailing in toppers and, on the last day, of entering a team for the most chaotic 'It's a Knockout' that I have ever experienced. On three mornings of the week there was a choice of group activity: Cookery, Art or Photography — all three of which were highly successful ventures and, as far as I could gather, very enjoyable. It is hoped that the range of sports and other activities may be increased on next year's PHAB holiday.

Apart from these Stowe-based activities we had several days and afternoons out of Stowe. We took a relaxing trip up the Thames. The next outing was a visit to Woburn Safari Park on a beautifully un-British afternoon of sun. On the following day we all went to Milton Keynes to watch the fascinating process of building an Aston Martin Lagonda and also to explore the wonders of the Milton Keynes shopping centre. We had a day in London in which we enjoyed a backstage tour of the Cottesloe, Lyttelton and Olivier Theatres and also visited whatever museums we wished to see.

In the evenings through the week a discotheque, a barbecue and a showing of the film 'Heaven can wait' were also organised and much enjoyed by all. It was with a feeling of sheer exhaustion and regret that we dispersed at the end of the week. Many thanks are also due to the organisers of every activity: Mrs. Stanton-Saringer, Mr. Scott, Mrs. Clarke, Mr. Emms, and the nurses: Miss Cree, Miss Pratt, Nurse Ashford and Mrs. Buckingham and, of course, to Mr. and Mrs. Stiff for their almost faultless organisation and boundless energy.

Lois Sparling

INDUSTRY '82

The Middle Sixth Industry Conference 21st/22nd October

It is difficult to write a retrospective report on an event which took place some three weeks ago and which (in itself) consisted of two days of highly intensive activity. Many of us still feel giddy when we think back to that whirlwind of snap decisions, lectures, deep discussions and business games.

On the first day none of us knew quite what to expect; we could only hazard (for the most part gloomy) predictions based on what we had heard of last year's Conference. An element we were all a little uncertain of was the presence of the Royal Latin School's Middle Sixth at the Conference. None of us need have worried; The Latin School's participation in the group discussions and lively approach raised the level of interest and contributed much that Stoics could not.

The format of the Conference was based around sixteen groups each containing twelve members. The groups would participate in competitive business games or initiative/leadership exercises and come together for more important lectures or meetings, for example coffee in the morning and tea in the afternoon.

All these activities were monitored by guest advisers at the Conference, on 'loan' from their companies. Many were encouraging, helpful and knowledgeable; others had less idea than the boys! One, in fact, was heard to comment that he had taken more decisions and done more work in one day at the Conference than a whole week at his job!

Perhaps the high point of the Conference was the closing lecture delivered by Mr. Robert Hutton, executive director of an executive recruiting consultancy, on the subject of 'the Job Hunt'. Mr. Hutton captured our attention with details of the large sums of money to be earned by executives, along with the warning that for many of us silver spoon treatment may have blunted our cutting edge. His own bonuses on a substantial salary, as he informed us later, consisted of a car, a house, and an executive sun tan.

In conclusion it must be said that the two day Conference, though exhausting, was constructive, informative and highly beneficial. The swift moving sequence of events captured (whether intentionally or not) the hectic pace of business and industry in the '80s, and the exciting business games gave the groups a feeling of corporate decision making and data evaluation. The only stimulus that detracted from this impression was the pressure of normal school work, which had been set with no apparent regard to the Conference. This was a shame, for the experience would have been much more enjoyable and productive if external worries had been laid aside for just that short period.

Our thanks must therefore be extended to those masters involved in the Conference, particularly Mr. Edwards and Dr. Orger, but above all Mr. Antony Lloyd, without whom the whole Conference would not have taken place. We are also very grateful to those companies who spared valuable personnel to monitor and guide the Conference, and who one would hope derived as much benefit and experience from it as we, the attendant pupils, did.

**R. J. A. Bridgwood
M. S. W. Andersen**



PHAB — "IT'S A KNOCKOUT" — ABLE BODIED OR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED?



A LONDON MORNING

The patchy dawn light illuminated an expanse of flats, hotels, office blocks and bridges, sending spasmodic rays streaking down the river.

Everywhere the sounds of this forest awaking could be heard, birds dominating the parks, with energetic men and women pacing along the crisp, frosty paths, their breath cutting a track into the fresh atmosphere. Here and there a park bench would be seen to move, with various hardy tramps folding the newspapers used to cover them the previous night.

As the sun broke through the pale blue clouds sending bright stripes down into the river, and through the frosty trees, windows could be heard opening, with the faces of unshaven young men striving to prepare themselves for another harrowing day after a previous night full of fun and excitement.

Here and there the sound of a tug's horn could be heard biting a jagged channel through the chill early morning air. Various solitary cars prowled around the tired streets with a driver hunched over the wheel.

Suddenly the warm sun manoeuvred into a stretch of clear blue sky, sending valleys of piercing light over the dormant city; buildings stretched, hotels yawned, and bridges looked about them with dark rimmed eyes. The frost was swept up by the hot sun and warm breeze fluctuated between the streets. Radios could be heard chanting energetic melodies once more, horses were seen pacing the parks, and doors slammed shut, as the occupants took to the streets for another day's labour.

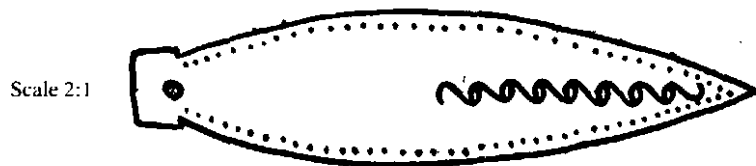
Department stores and minor shops were opened to the environment and cars buzzed along the tarmac. Tourists with various foreign accents, bent double with that typical unbelievable looking camera, drooping from their hands. It was the start of a new London day.

G. Harvey

A ROMAN BROOCH

I found the brooch accidentally while looking for cannon balls. It was the 7th February 1982, and the site was close to the line of the Roman Road, north of Stowe. At first I thought it was a squashed .303 bullet, but on closer examination I noticed that it was engraved. There was a wavy line down the centre, and dots around the edge.

The expert at the Victoria and Albert Museum said it was probably Roman, but the Museum could not take tests as it might crumble; he did not say what it might be. On 6th September 1982 I took it to the Roman Palace at Fishbourne for a second opinion. Their expert agreed that it was probably Roman, and suggested that it was a brooch, though he could find no pin nor any other means of attachment. He said it probably represented a fish, because of the wave pattern. He also referred to another brooch, not in bronze but silver, in the shape of the sole of a shoe, similar in size and design. In the end he had no doubt that it was a brooch, and if it really was a fish, it might even be a Christian symbol.



Andrew C. Harris

SPORT CRICKET

THE FIRST XI

The second half of the season produced some excitement and variation. The win against M.C.C. was the most convincing; the draws against Rossall and Radley were the most nailbiting (for different reasons); and the win against Wellington was the most pleasing. Lots of boys played well and future prospects look encouraging.

L.E.W.

Results:

v. M.C.C. — Home — Won by 8 wickets
MCC 102 All out (Morrison 7 for 40)
Stowe 103 for 2 (Thomas 52 not out)

v. Colchester G. S. — Match Drawn
Stowe 149
Colchester 109 for 7

v. Radley — Match Drawn
Radley 209 for 5 declared
Stowe 151 for 9 (Lord 66)

v. Rossall — Match Drawn
Stowe 205 for 6 declared (Lord 71, Davies 61 not out)
Rossall 116 for 9

Festival:

v. Wellington — Won by 25 runs
Stowe 203 All out (Steward D. 45)
Wellington 178 All out (Morrison 5 for 58, Steward D. 4 for 39)

v. Bedford — Lost by 70 runs
Bedford 230 for 7
Stowe 160 All out

SECOND XI

The brevity of this report is no reflection on the quality of play during the season but is the unfortunate result of the disappearance of the score book. If any reader can supply C.J.G.A. with information leading to its recovery, he will gladly offer a suitable reward!

Suffice it to say the 2nd XI enjoyed a successful season. The only defeat was by Oundle when the team played with uncharacteristic incompetence. With this one exception, the rest of the school matches finished in Stowe's favour. All four of the drawn games were within a few runs or one or two wickets of a Stowe victory. Perhaps the highlight of the season was a fine win over Bedford in the last over, followed by a decisive defeat of Dean Close by 7 wickets.

P. H. Mallinson was a most able captain and opening bat and he was well supported by A. M. MacKinnon, J. A. G. Buchanan, R. C. Clifton-Brown, S. R. Glennie, J. W. R. Davies and particularly D. J. H. Charles. The remainder came and went according to vagaries of 1st XI

selection, 'A' level commitments and conflicting interests. Perhaps most worthy of note were the contributions from J. J. Riley, C. M. Ruddock, C. W. F. Farquhar, P. A. Campbell, S. M. R. Clark, N. P. Watkins, R. M. T. Wilson and W. R. McLellan who looks a fine prospect for next year. Whichever blend of players took the field a team spirit was obvious and a generally successful season was enjoyed by all.

C.J.G.A.

Summary of results:

Won 2 against: Bedford and Dean Close.
 Drawn 4 against: Wellingborough, Mill Hill, St. Edwards, Oakham.
 Lost 1 against: Oundle.

Note: The Radley match was abandoned, and in club games there was a draw at Buckingham and a loss against Stowe Templars.

THIRD XI

The change in the age bands meant that we no longer had a big enough pool of players to provide a 3rd XI of the standard of previous years, and it was mostly due to young players on their way to higher things that this summer's performance was not a fiasco.

In the opening match, Cokethorpe batted first in perfect conditions whilst Stowe's innings was played during and between thunderstorms, and we lost despite Campbell's efforts with bat and ball. Bowling almost unchanged, Hooper restricted Bedford to a low score for seniors playing on Ground 6, but, McLellan apart, our batting failed badly. Five days later, on the North Front, Hooper again held strong opponents to a low score, but this time our batting was more than adequate.

Those who did not see Stowe reach 35 all out at Dean Close would not have expected it to be a winning score but, on a vicious sun-baked pitch, their batsmen had no answer to the lively pace of Roxborough and Dutton and we won by a comfortable 10 runs.

Next year, without stalwarts like Clifton-Brown, Collis, Fellowes and Hooper, and selection again restricted to sixth formers, prospects are extremely bleak.

M.E.

Colours: awarded to Collis, McLellan; reawarded to Clifton-Brown, Fellowes.

Results:

v. **Cokethorpe** — Lost — (Scores not available)
 v. **Bedford** — Lost
 Bedford 140 for 9 (Hooper 3 for 67)
 Stowe 67 (McLellan 40)
 v. **Diplomatic Service** — Won
 Diplomatic Service 74 (Hooper 4 for 26, Fellowes 3 for 10)
 Stowe 75 for 1 (McLellan 37 not out)
 v. **Dean Close** — Won
 Stowe 35
 Dean Close 25 (Roxborough 6 for 12, Dutton 4 for 3)

YEARLINGS CRICKET

A resounding victory against Wellingborough by ten wickets gave some inkling of the all round ability of the team. Morris's 4 for 11 in this match was just one of several unerringly consistent bowling spells. The stage was taken in the next match by Tembe who, with 154 n.o. against Oakham, struck the ball to all parts of the ground with some superb timing. However, his dominance of the bowling was only made possible by a very competent 54 by A. J. Phillips before he was out with the total on 151. Despite great effort this match was drawn. The comprehensive defeat of Mill Hill in the next match was largely due to another 67 by A. J. Phillips and a clinical spell of 6 for 8 by Morris.

Bedford Modern proved tougher opposition, and well disciplined team batting took the score to 135. Morris's talent as an all rounder was shown in his hard fought 36 n.o. that was typified by consistently correct selection of the bad ball. Unfortunately the final Bedford Modern wicket proved impossible to take. The one defeat of the season came against Bradfield where none of the batsmen applied themselves with enough determination.

Batting concentration returned to the side against St. Edward's and J. M. J. Phillips and Morris came together with the score on 26 for 2. They batted sensibly and overtook the opposition's total without further loss. Again A. J. Phillips led the 'run chase', in a determined innings of 44 against Bedford, to win the match comfortably. After struggling to 74 against Rugby, the side bowled and fielded very competitively but were unable to capture the final wicket of the season.

In addition to those players mentioned, a comment must be made about the pleasing development of Leckie's bowling and batting, the enthusiastic commitment of Carpenter's bowling and the perceptive captaincy of Tembe. As the report reveals, prospects for future seasons look very encouraging.

The team: S. M. Tembe, mi, R. S. M. Morris, A. J. Phillips, J. M. J. Phillips, E. A. Leckie, T. J. Carpenter, R. A. W. Weller, N. R. Hegarty, R. A. Hill, H. W. Herrington, N. E. Hencher, P. A. Maskell, ma.

Results:

v. Wellingborough — Home — Won by 9 wickets Wellingborough 50 (Morris 4 for 11, Hencher 3 for 7) Stowe 53 for 1	v. Bradfield — Away — Lost by 8 wickets Stowe 75 Bradfield 79 for 2
v. Oakham — Away — Match Drawn Stowe 263 for 1 (Tembe 154 not out, Phillips A. J. 54) Oakham 101 for 8 (Leckie 4-36)	v. St. Edward's — Home — Won by 8 wickets St. Edward's 105 (Morris 4 for 18) Stowe 109 for 2 (Morris 46 not out, Phillips J. M. J. 38 not out)
v. Mill Hill — Away — Won by 6 wickets Stowe 145 for 4 (Phillips A. J. 67) Mill Hill 50 (Morris 6 for 8)	v. Bedford — Away — Won by 8 wickets Bedford 92 (Morris 4 for 15) Stowe 96 for 4 (Phillips J. M. J. 44 not out)
v. Bedford Modern — Home — Match Drawn Stowe 135 for 4 (Phillips A. J. 38, Morris 36 not out) Bedford Modern 110 for 9 (Morris 5 for 24)	v. Rugby — Away — Match Drawn Stowe 74 Rugby 46 for 9 (Leckie 4 for 7)

The quality of the 'B' team was well above average and there was a lively enthusiasm for the game. Mosbacher led the side with good sense and provided the best of the bowling. Yeoward was the most successful with the bat and Fincham was the best all-rounder. Everyone made a positive contribution to a happy and worthwhile season.

The Team: O. J. Mosbacher, J. C. J. Yeoward, N. M. Fincham, D. S. E. Marshall, N. J. R. Mellor, T. W. E. Harrison, P. A. Maskell, A. D. E. Reed, P. J. T. Cooper, W. J. R. White, T. D. D. Phillips.

Also played: O. R. A. Scott, A. M. Hale, L. S. Nicholas.

Results: Played 5. Won 3. Drawn 2.

J. P. Watson
 J. M. Larcombe

RUGBY FOOTBALL

THE FIRST XV

The season began with a fine day against the Old Stoics. It was a pleasure to see so many willing to play again on the "Fronts" — long may the tradition continue. Unfortunately, as far as the school was concerned, the day was a foretaste of what the season was to hold for us. In all four teams the deficiencies in size and strength were apparent and the lack of genuine rugby talent was not an alternative weapon. The pattern was set and throughout the senior end of the school we have suffered a number of defeats. Winning is not everything; it has been particularly pleasing to witness the courage, determination and spirit displayed by teams and individuals.

Certainly in the 1st XV the spirit has been very noticeable especially in the face of some of the giants the opposition have sported. Possibly the pre-term camp in Devon, which seemed to prove popular with the participants, may have been a contributing factor here. Though the boys have trained hard, and contributed everything on the field they could, in terms of effort, the results have been unimpressive. Results on paper cannot explain the considerable difficulties the boys have experienced in winning any ball at all. With teams having almost 100% possession there have been times when play has hardly been outside our own 22. It is hardly surprising therefore that on numerous occasions the team has wilted under the constant pressure. The defence at times has looked paper thin and proved that the concentration on personal responsibilities has lapsed as weariness has crept in.

It is very interesting to note the half-time scores. In every game we have been in touch until then — it has only been in the later stages that the opposition have been able to make full use of their superior power and organisation.

It has been a difficult season in which to be captain, but Walley has stuck to his task with fortitude and determination. He has been ably supported by the senior members (though this is a misnomer as none had played 1st XV rugby before this season) Thomas and Bevan, though the latter has been sorely missed after his rib injury against Rugby (which now has happily mended). The younger players too have been a dominant force and one hopes their experiences will be standing them in good stead for next season. Downer, Woolley, Lewis and Strong have all played with increasing skill and determination and will be the nucleus of the side in the future.

Our three best performances have been against Mill Hill, Oakham and Oundle. In the first we came out winners in a hard fought contest against a side palpably more powerful than us, though struggling to find form. However, the confidence gained from this was not to reveal itself until we played Oakham, a side who had brushed everyone aside hitherto. On a wet, soggy afternoon where their continued possession proved an embarrassment, our scavenging pack played eagerly and were able to contain and worry their rather sluggish forwards. A few successful penalties would have changed the course of the game. After suffering next at the hands of the Royal Latin, and being given a mauling by Bedford, it was gratifying to see the team replying with such spirit and determination against Oundle. The display in defence was the best yet and it is with real confidence we look forward to the final game of the season.

L.E.W.

Results: 1st Fifteen v.	Old Stoics	Lost	13-28
	Mill Hill	Won	17-7
	Eton	Lost	0-11
	Radley	Lost	0-37
	Oakham	Lost	0-17
	Rugby	Lost	3-27
	Royal Latin	Lost	3-28
	Bedford	Lost	0-41
	Oundle	Lost	0-25
	Cheltenham	Lost	0-24
	St. Edwards	Lost	0-22

1st XV Colours: M. B. Walley, G. H. Bentley, A. J. de la Mare, D. A. Steward, D. M. W. Thomas.

THE SECOND XV

After two encouraging victories early in the season, against Mill Hill and Eton, the team has found it difficult to reproduce its best form. It has encountered strong opposition in several matches and rallied well in the closing stages of the Bedford game, but there has been a lack of consistency in its play. At the time of writing, one hopes that the side will respond energetically to the challenge of the two remaining matches.

At their best the forwards have played with a determined spirit, led by an enthusiastic Price and later by A. Keith, who never failed to give of his best. Kirkup, Browner, Burrough, S. Walker, Venables and Wylie all made a valuable contribution to the forward play. The back division has suffered from several changes, but at the end of the season Hockley and Horn proved to be an effective half-back combination, with the former making a worthy successor to Price as captain. Hobday played reliably in the centre until an injury stole him away, whilst MacKinnon both as full-back and centre showed courage and determination. Towards the end of term it was good to witness the return of the robust W. Rossiter to the wing, and the speedy Claydon fully justified his promotion to the 2nd XV full-back position.

H.D.M.

Results: v.	Old Stoics	Home	Lost	4-20
	Mill Hill	Home	Won	22-0
	Eton	Home	Won	8-3
	Radley	Home	Lost	3-30
	Oakham	Away	Lost	0-6
	Rugby	Away	Lost	4-19
	Sponne	Home	Lost	4-14
	Bedford	Away	Lost	10-20
	Oundle	Away	Lost	0-39
	Cheltenham	Home	Won	19-15
	St. Edward's	Away		

2nd XV Colours: R. C. M. Bevan, J. J. Brown, G. R. Critchley, M. D. Downer, M. J. C. Dudley, P. J. Freeland, J. M. W. Howarth, E. R. Lewis, W. R. McLellan, M. T. Savage, G. M. Strong, P. H. Swire, J. A. H. Woolley.

THE THIRD XV

Masters v. 3rd XV

This year's fixture between the boys and masters sadly lacked the verve and talent of Rev. Nicholl seen in so many previous years. The match began aggressively with a crunching tackle by K.R.S.H. on the scrum half and the match continued in similar vein.

On the wing J.B.D. made yet another appearance in his pyjamas, with the result that his play, and temper, suggested that he had got out of bed the wrong side. L.E.W. was obviously put out by the fact that the posts were wooden and not aluminium and played with less spark than in previous years, though he made his usual spectacular run and dodge from one end of the pitch to the other. R.S. played like a duck out of water and probably would have felt more at home with a rubber ring than the rugby ball, but gave the game a good going over and showed how nippy and versatile he was.

The 3rd XV played a courageous game, but the scrum was exceedingly lighter than the masters', who had some weight in the figures of I.M.S., R.M. and S.O.C. The tackling of Howell-Williams compared favourably with that of K.R.S.H., though it ended with his suffering from concussion, unfortunately. The first try of the match was scored by L.E.W., followed by an unconverted penalty attempt by J.M.L. which barely ascended four feet off the ground; we can only assume that the prevailing conditions were not conducive to his place kicking. The match, however, produced some better rugby than in previous years, reflected by the close score, and it was encouraging to see the close cooperation between masters and boys. One question always remains — why does the housemaster of Nugent always wear a turban after these matches?

N. W. S. Browner
F. K. Wylie



THE COLTS

In some ways rugby has become a more serious business than ever before. To beat heavier opposition it is not enough to train for general fitness; weight-training is needed now. No longer is it possible to hope that practice will lead to improvement; today there is a coaching programme to make sure that intelligent, disciplined play results. However, no amount of professionalism can guarantee the spirit in a team giving a will to win and that inventive flair that comes from natural talent.

In this season there has been a fair share of the hard graft and physical commitment so vital to the success of the game. More than this, however, has been a set of forwards who have worked together to produce exciting play and a group of backs with the quality of spectacular, attacking running.

First, credit must go to Frost, the captain, who has a quiet confidence and a fearless attitude. Rossiter was remarkably fit and strong as was Mackenzie Hill fast and resolute. Pollock was the most courageous hooker for many a year. The honours in the second row were shared between Whitmore, Meads and Anderson, but in this area there was a need for consistent, driving work. Critchley was gritty when goaded and Marton was a gentle giant with resolute determination.

At scrum-half Hazzard was agile and skilful, but it was Fawssett who took over with a more rugged defence. Elmitt at fly-half was the most impressive player. He showed a touch of class in every department of the game and his approach to improving his abilities was commendable. Bartlett and Ripley combined well in the centre with quick reactions in passing moves. Gobby and Keith showed pace and verve. Hogan was unflinching in defence and penetrating in attack.

There are three more matches to come and so far most matches have been won in style. The losses have been narrow defeats against superior forward muscle. There has been some thrilling rugby to date and yet more enjoyment will come during the last three weeks of term.

The team from: J. M. Hogan,* M. C. Gobby,* M. J. Bartlett,* H. J. Ripley, P. S. Keith,* R. M. C. Elmitt*, D. J. M. Hazzard, A. W. Fawssett, M. A. Rossiter,* R. M. A. Pollock,* M. A. Mackenzie Hill,* C. Whitmore, J. P. E. Anderson, J. K. Meads, G. R. Curtis, J. P. C. Frost* (Capt.), G. E. C. Marton, H. D. Critchley.

*denotes colours.

Results: v. Mill Hill	Away	Won	20-4
v. Eton	Away	Won	18-7
v. Radley	Home	Won	10-4
v. Oakham	Home	Won	38-0
v. Rugby	Home	Lost	8-12
v. Royal Latin	Home	Won	26-4
v. Bedford	Home	Lost	6-16
v. Oundle	Away	Lost	6-14

To be played: Cheltenham, St. Edward's, Millfield.

J. M. Larcombe

COLTS 'B' XV

So far this season the Colts 'B' XV have played with skill and determination and reversed a number of defeats from previous years. After a close game against Royal Latin when Fawssett scored a brilliant hat-trick of tries, the team settled down to play some fine team rugby. A comfortable win against Radley was followed by a narrow defeat against Rugby, when we were missing a few players through injury. Undoubtedly the highlight of the term has been the convincing defeat of Bedford away from home. In this game the forwards played superbly,

allowing Bedford no chance to dictate the game. Tries came from Whitmore, Gumpel and Ellul in an excellent 19-4 victory. This reversed a 44-0 thrashing the previous year. However, disappointment followed against Oundle, who were having an excellent unbeaten season. We had much more of the play but could not score the points to counter their excellent three-quarters. We did, however, have the distinction of scoring the first points against them this season.

Results:	v. Royal Latin	Won	22-21
	v. Radley	Won	16-3
	v. Rugby	Lost	12-13
	v. Bedford	Won	19-4
	v. Oundle	Lost	4-13

R.M.

THE JUNIOR COLTS

At the time of going to press the Junior Colts have had a season of mixed fortunes. We have a scrum that was settled as far as personnel goes at an early stage, and it is one of the biggest and most determined scrums we have had for years. The front row of H. Takkenberg, R. Boghos and S. Dorsey is formidable, and they and locks M. Simpson and H. Morriss have been a match for every opposing scrum except Rugby's, where honours were even. Wing forwards L. Scott and P. Jarrett were outstanding in their drive and determination, always being available to stop the opposition or support Stoics. J. Allerton was an inventive No 8 to complete a pack that looks very promising indeed, if they are able to stay together in the future.

J. Oliver, our first choice scrum half, has had a season dogged by injury. A slight one kept him out of the Mill Hill match, and a broken collar-bone sustained in the closing seconds of the Rugby match has sadly deprived us of his services for the rest of the season. He is a great loss. Nevertheless, his replacement, D. Philips, moved forward from full-back, has done some very good work, skilfully varying his moves from the back of the scrum. Once the ball has been given to the backs, our weaknesses have become more apparent. The backs are not as fast as we would wish, and they have tended to move the ball about somewhat sluggishly. In consequence, the forwards have played the ball close in, not giving the backs as much possession as they might have had. On occasions, the backs have moved with energy and power, and wingers, once in possession, have made good use of the ball. N. Rushton has improved steadily during the season, and is now a very dangerous, small but stocky winger. J. Bannister has played at wing and at outside centre, and has played with great courage and skill. He is the fastest 'second-tackler' we have had in the last three years, and his presence in the team has been invaluable.

R. Weller, who is normally a forward, has played most matches in different positions. Everywhere he has given of his very best, and the team is much indebted to him: he has been a very courageous substitute full back, and saved many tries. M. Tembe began the season with a 30-second try against Mill Hill, but found himself limited in space against the quicker oppositions. His kicking has been useful. Other backs have included W. Herrington, G. Curtis, D. Topham and N. Hegarty.

A handsome win 32-0 against Mill Hill began the season, followed by harder work but further success against Eton 12-4. We crushed a weak Royal Latin side 58-3, and then lost a close game to Radley 6-8 in the last three minutes. Oakham were sent home 12-4, but Rugby overwhelmed us by their sheer speed in the backs 8-32. An amazing match against Bedford saw us in their half literally all but three minutes of the second half, and we were over their goal line four times without managing to put the ball down. The final blow of fate was a hit cross-bar for our straight penalty, and a final score of 0-3. Spirit was lacking against Oundle, where we played too slowly and too casually and went down 4-26. We hope to restore our fortunes against Cheltenham and St. Edward's and to build on the successes of this year in future seasons.

I.M.S.

JUNIOR COLTS B

The team under J. Phillips' captaincy has played with considerable spirit and achieved some praiseworthy victories against Mill Hill and Bedford. We lost at Oundle and against Rugby. There are some promising players in the side, who have always been knocking on the door of the As: D. Topham and N. Hegarty have played for the A's, the latter developing into a promising fly-half. M. Bramley has been an outstanding, tough, slight hooker, gaining possession even when the light scrum has been pushed backwards. G. Bates, learning to play at full-back, has shown courage and speed, and brought off some remarkable tackles, showing the rest of his team (and the A's!) how it should be done. G. Murray has done some fine wing-work and should do well in the future. C. Yeoward has improved at scrum half.

UNDER 14 RUGBY FOOTBALL

The Under Fourteen team has all its six matches this term, scoring a record total of 252 points and conceding only 15. The team has been composed of a large group of tight forwards, a relatively small and inexperienced back row, and a gifted back division with H. R. Thomas as the cutting edge.

The forwards under the good humoured leadership of E. T. Colfox have worked well, although in practices, and sometimes during matches, the contrasts between the well grooved skills of D. St. J. Jepson and I. D. Mattingly, and those of J. J. W. Boddy, C. R. Royds, P. W. Heritage, V. A. Hichens, E. W. Leigh, and B. L. Bannister have led to moments of great frustration and humour! With their considerable size and strength they were always likely to be an effective force in the tight; however they have shown considerable prowess in ruck and maul situations of late.

The forwards would forgive us for singing the praises of the three quarters, but at times during the season the quality of their play has been quite stunning (notably in turning defence into attack). At half-back J. D. Rossiter and R. S. M. Morris (a fine captain) have exhibited great maturity, whilst the centre pairing of C. B. Boardman (a player of enormous potential) and H. R. Thomas, was very strong. The wider positions were occupied successfully by O. Q. Ripley and P. H. Westbrook on the wings and J. A. L. Adams at fullback. If they had a failing it was their failure to translate pressure into points, choosing to kick rather than to keep the ball in their hands, to run with real desire.

Results:	v. Eton	Won	30-0
	v. Radley	Won	28-0
	v. Oakham	Won	33-4
	v. Rugby	Won	25-4
	v. Royal Latin	Won	60-0
	v. Bedford	Won	20-0
	v. Cheltenham	Won	44-4
	v. St. Edward's	Won	10-3

It would be nice to claim that it has been a season of breathtaking matches and close finishes, but it has not, for with the exception of the 33-4 defeat of Oakham (a scoreline which flattered us) the team has controlled the tempo of each game. This was strikingly evident in the defeat of a talented Rugby School XV.

Our thanks to go Mr. J. J. L. Bone for his time and expertise, and our best wishes to the boys for the future.

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

Team appearances:

E. T. Colfox	3	M. E. Lawrence	8
D. St. J. Jepson	2	J. D. Rossiter	5
J. J. W. Boddy	6	R. S. M. Morris	8
C. W. Royds	1	C. B. Boardman	3
G. J. M. Yue	5	H. R. Thomas	4
V. A. Hichens	6	P. H. Westbrook	5
P. W. Heritage	1	O. Q. Ripley	8
E. W. Leigh	1	J. A. L. Adams	3
I. D. Mattingly	6	M. P. Moore	5
B. L. Bannister	8	A. P. C. Craig	7

No. denotes performances.

UNDER FOURTEEN B TEAM RUGBY

The 2nd XV have been relatively successful also this season, winning two of the three matches played. The 16-14 victory over Radley was a pleasing one, if only because it was against our closest rivals, although the defeat of Papplewick was at the very least fortuitous, owing rather more to brawn than brains or discipline. The 16-0 defeat at the hands of an 'astonishingly gifted Bedford B XV' gave us a truer indication of our real strength in depth or lack of it. It will be interesting to see how we play in our final matches against St. Edwards and Cheltenham.

The team was led by A. P. C. Craig, who belonged to the 'strong but silent' school of captaincy; nevertheless he did a good job.

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

Team appearances:

N. H. Groves	4	M. E. Lawrence	7
F. W. G. Rutter	7	J. P. Crosby	7
G. R. M. Yue	5	T. R. H. Jenkin	3
J. S. Da Silva	2	M. P. Moore	5
A. P. C. Craig	7	J. R. Collier-Wright	3
D. W. Mathews	5	J. H. A. Perris	8
E. R. J. Hutber	4	M. R. A. Gardner	8
E. Hamilton-Russell	4	J. R. Hazell	9
		O. C. Hathaway	5

No. denotes performances.

ETON FIVES

This club is sustained by a small but loyal nucleus of boys, who have continued to play to a high standard this term, and with enjoyment. Two fixtures have been particularly enjoyable: one against Westminster School, which we visited on November 4th, and the other against Harrow at home on October 7th. The only unsatisfactory aspect of the term has been the apathy of new boys; I hope that next term more of the present third form will come down to the courts, to discover what an enjoyable game Fives is.

G.M.L.

Teams:

Seniors: A. S. Horn, H. T. Kinahan (captains), S. R. Glennie, S. J. Gilbey, S. S. Osman, T. J. M. Bliss, E. W. Jarrett.

Colts: R. H. O. R. Dutton, R. G. Guest.

Junior Colts: A. D. E. Reed, O. R. A. Scott, P. A. Maskell, ma., N. M. Fincham.

Awards: School colours to S. R. Glennie.

Results 1982:

	Seniors	Colts	J. Colts
v. Wolverhampton G. S. (home)	0-2	0-1	0-1
v. K. E. S. Camp Hill (home)	0-2		0-1
v. Harrow (home)	0-1	0-1	0-1
v. The Jesters (home)	1-1		
v. Westminster (away)	0-1	0-1	0-1
v. Repton (home)	0-1	0-1	0-1

SQUASH RACKETS

A full report of the matches will be published in the next issue of **The Stoic**. So far this term results are as under, with several still to be played.

Results:**First V**

v. Aldenham	Home	Won	5-0
v. Mill Hill	Away	Won	5-0
v. Warwick	Away	Won	4-1
v. Hatfield	Home	Won	4-1

Under 16

v. Aldenham	Home	Won	5-0
v. Mill Hill	Away	Won	2-1

Under 15

v. Mill Hill	Away	Won	3-0
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Under 14

v. Mill Hill	Away	Won	3-0
v. Hatfield	Home	Won	3-2
v. Papplewick	Home	Won	3-2

In individual events J. M. Bewes, ma. has been playing with success in the Buckinghamshire Under 19 team, and C. J. Rotheroe has represented Berkshire Under 16 team.

P.G.L.

BADMINTON

This has been the first season in which the previous year's Colts have come through to dominate the scene, and it is an interesting feature that all but one of the regular first team are still in the Lower Sixth. This bodes well. James Davies has been acting Captain until Jeremy Sinclair is back to full fitness and he has given a good lead. His partnership with Hartford King has contributed several magic moments; with the contrasting Jean Paul Gerbet and Piers Stradling as first pair, and the misset Boardman twins in third spot, our team is more colourful than ever before.

The season began against Abingdon, and we went down 4-5, beaten by a better team. But that defeat sharpened spirits, and since then Royal Latin, Rugby, Uppingham and Oakham have been subdued. The latter victory, over a team hitherto undefeated at Stowe, by an 8-1 margin, gave particular pleasure — Malaysia is now a growing force. It is unfortunate for the likes of Jean-Marc Holland, Chris Wolfe and James Cunningham-Reid that matches comprise only three pairs per team; in any other event these men would have been given their due reward. The Colts have maintained an unbeaten record that stretches for two years, and here again we are fortunate to have such strength in depth. Guy Mander is already an able captain, and his partnership with Nicholas Bewes has given the lead to some fine wins. Tim Adams and Nigel Grice have welded well, and after some time the duo Richard Hill and James Allday came through to seize the third pairing, a position they have held with tenacity. But the turn of Reed, Marsh and co. will surely come. It is a pleasure to be able to report such healthy dealings.

C.R.H.

GIRLS' ACTIVITIES

Autumn Term 1982

The slight increase in the number of girls in the School this term has made it easier for most activities to function well. 20 girls have played Lacrosse and 29 have played Hockey fairly regularly. Other afternoon activities which have been popular with girls have been Squash, Badminton, Swimming, Riding, Needlework and Community Service.

Although it is still difficult to find suitable girls' teams against which to play, match results have been better this term. In Lacrosse, the team has won all the 3 matches played. Credit for this must in part be given to newcomers Sapphire Browne, Claire Beaumont and 'Oxbridge' girl Mary Nettleship. The girls have had a few sessions in Lacrosse with some 3rd form boys and both boys and girls seem to have enjoyed this experiment. In Hockey, 4 matches have been played, two of which were won. Sara Howell-Williams has again been the outstanding player and has received good support from Jane Miller and Lorraine Lamb. In Squash, one match has been won and one lost. Jane Miller and Mary Nettleship have shown most talent.

In the non-athletic activities, the needlework course is as full as it has ever been and girls are making a wide variety of articles: clothing, household goods, collage and embroidery. The girls are in demand again for visiting old people in Buckingham as part of the School's Community Service. At present, about 10 girls are involved in this, helping to create a link between Stowe and the Community outside.

J.A.N.

THE STOWE BEAGLES

The season started with the Hound Shows in which Stowe did outstandingly well. At Harrogate we took eight first prizes including the doghound championship with Scarlet. We then went on to Peterborough, the most prestigious show, where we won five firsts, doing exceptionally well in the bitch classes. We finished at the West of England Show, Honiton; here Stowe took seven out of the eight prizes on offer, winning every class which we entered as well as both dog and bitch championships.

Earlier in the year the Puppy Show was held. Judges were Peter Howe, Kennel Huntsman for the Newcastle and District Beagles and Brian Pheasey, Kennel Huntsman for the Bicester Foxhounds. The bitch class was of a very high quality with Satchel taking the prize and Warrior the prize for the doghounds.

The hounds were paraded at the County Sports Fair at Shotover Park, at Stowe on Speech Day, at the North Bucks Show and at the B.F.S.S. fair at Stoneleigh.

Hunting started with a visit North where Mr. Michael Bannister, M.H. whose son Tom was joint master last season, was host for our first day's hunting in Yorkshire. We then moved further North for four days' hunting in the Northumberland Beagling Festival, by invitation of Col. L. Y. Gibson M.H. Enjoyable days hunting were had at Rush End Tarsit and Forest Burn Gate where an exciting 55 minute hunt was brought to a successful conclusion.

Back South scenting conditions were poor for the first two weeks because of drought conditions. However, hunting soon improved with good days at Blakesley, Adstone Lodge Farm, Mantles Heath and Southfields Farm, Blakesley, where, after a slow start, hounds put up a hare which they hunted for 70 minutes before putting her to ground in a wood pile taking the tally at the time of writing (November 14th) to 10 brace.

My thanks go to John and Anne Thornton who do a wonderful job looking after the hounds and getting them fit in the holidays for hunting and showing.

This year's Master and Huntsman is C. R. Hamilton-Russell. Whippers in A. C. Neve, J. G. B. Portman, N. J. Glendinning, R. S. G. Oliver, J. E. P. Macmillan. Many thanks also to M. H. S. Watney, R. V. D. Hall, J. P. Summers, D. H. J. White and all the others who have helped down at the kennels.

C. R. Hamilton-Russell

THE CANOE CLUB

This term the canoe club has increased in size to around 30 members, of which two thirds are 3rd or 4th formers; this bodes very well for the continued success of the club in the future. The senior members of the club have been hard at work teaching the new members in the pool with small training canoes; they have also been teaching the C.C.F., Venture Wing and Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme participants in the lake on Wednesdays.

At the end of the Summer Term the club had a highly successful surfing trip to Rhosli Bay in South Wales, where the surf seemed enormous, and everyone got in plenty of rolling practice, as well as a few capsize drills!

In July five club members for their Duke of Edinburgh Gold expedition paddled the River Spey in Scotland, a distance of 76 miles, in four days, taking food and tents etc. with them in the boats. This was a great success, and everyone enjoyed the paddling and the scenery tremendously. Also while up in Scotland they canoed the 'Grand Tully' rapids on the Tay.

This term Mr. Hoyle, our new master i/c, took two club members in his mini down to South Wales to canoe the River Teifi. This was again great fun with the river full, and some large rapids.

Later on in the Term six club members, our instructor Mike Sharp, and driver R.S.M. Brannan, went to Bala in North Wales and canoed the World Championship course on the River Tryweryn which consists of 1½ miles of very big and exhilarating rapids, with no easily recognisable way of shooting them, and then 3 more miles of big and still difficult rapids down to Bala. Four of the most experienced club members attempted the top 1½ miles and succeeded in negotiating the rapids successfully. The other two joined us after that and we all did the rest of the river. Our instructor said it was the first time he had to concentrate hard on a club trip! We are all looking forward to a repeat trip next term.

Over the new year three members of the club are going up to Scotland to canoe the White Water of such rivers as the Dochart and Leny.

Finally we would all like to thank Mr. Hoyle for becoming the new master i/c canoeing, Mike Sharp our instructor, R.S.M. Brannan for driving us, Mr. Swallow for putting up with our boats in the pool, and many other masters for their help and advice.

Christopher Neve

Photo: Rick Rainbow on a rapid on the River Spey



SCULLING

At the end of the Summer Term we held a House Regatta which was won by Chandos with Grenville a close second and Grafton third. The race results were as follows.

Senior Sculls

J. C. H. Walker (Lyttelton)	}	Rose
C. D. Rose (Lyttelton)		
A. C. S. Bird (Temple)		

Junior Sculls

S. T. Lloyd (Chatham)	}	Lloyd	}	Anderton	}	Coni
J. R. H. Taylor (Cobham)						
S. H. Rosselli (Temple)	}	Rosselli				
A. W. Bradbery (Cobham)						
M. W. P. Seabrook (Chandos)	}	Firth				
E. H. A. Firth (Chatham)						
R. W. E. Nelson (Chandos)	}	Anderton				
N. G. M. Anderton (Grenville)						
B. N. Woolf (Walpole)	}	Dutton	}	Coni		
R. H. O. R. Dutton (Lyttelton)						
M. H. S. Watney (Chatham)	}	Coni	}	Coni		
H. J. Coni (Chandos)						
G. W. Harvey (Cobham)	}	Harkness	}	Harkness		
S. Harkness (Chandos)						

Novice Sculls

P. S. Keith (Chandos)	}	Keith	}	Ruthven	}	Domhof
J. R. White-Cooper (Grenville)						
T. J. Lowe (Grafton)	}	Ruthven				
T. St. C. Ruthven (Grenville)						
J. E. Burkinshaw (Temple)	}	Royden	}	Domhof		
R. T. B. Royden (Grenville)						
P. J. R. O. Domhof (Grafton)	}	Domhof	}	Domhof		
R. A. G. Marsh (Grenville)						

During the present Autumn Term three members of the club sculled in the Pangbourne Junior Sculls. This is a two mile processional race, held on the Pangbourne Reach, which this year attracted some 125 scullers. We sent two Junior 15 scullers, H. J. Coni and N. G. M. Anderton, and one Junior 14 sculler, S. T. Lloyd. For all three this was their first external competition and valuable experience was gained. H. J. Coni produced our best result, coming 8th out of the 16 Junior 15 scullers in the race.

The Sculling Club now has two new 'Playboats'. These are roomy and stable sculling boats specially designed for introducing young people to sculling.

W.S.L.W.

GOLF

Results in matches after Speech Day were mixed. Our full-strength team lost to Solihull in the third round of the Hill Samuel School Foursomes at the first extra hole in the deciding match, having missed a 3 foot putt for the match on the 18th. They also lost to a strong U.S. touring team (The Swifts) and with a weakened team to the Chiltern doctors and Northampton County Golf Club, but defeated Buckingham, Rivers School from USA, Stowe Golf Club (Bell Tower Trophy) and the Masters.

Jason Gray finished his highly successful golf career at Stowe by winning the Penfold Cup at Moor Park and leading Chatham House to victory over Temple in the Senior House match final. Walpole defeated Cobham decisively in the junior equivalent by 5-0.

In the early part of the Autumn Term fortunes were mixed. We lost the First Round of next year's Hill Samuel Foursomes against Radley rather feebly by 2-1 at Huntercombe. Our middle pair, Ruddock and Jones, frittered away too many chances on the greens, and our bottom pair, B. Jenkyn-Jones and Stocks, found the big match atmosphere too much for them on this occasion — their first really important representative match for the School. However, we won our area Qualifying Round for next year's AER Lingus Schools Tournament decisively at Stratford-on-Avon with an aggregate of 231 (Robinson 72, Ruddock 74, Ewbank 85). This represented fine golf in cold windy conditions and was 14 strokes better than the next school, putting us in the English Final for the fourth year running. The Bicester Trophy against Stowe Golf Club was won by 5½-2½ and the inaugural Warrington Trophy for those under 16½ on May 1st was played on September 26th and won by C. J. Rotheroe with 44 points, J. P. Rigg being a close second with 43.

Finally the new captain for the 1982-83 season, Jeremy Robinson, is to be congratulated on playing for the England Boys' team against Scotland, for winning the Peter McEvoy Trophy and being runner-up in the Carris Trophy — two of the most important Boys' tournaments in the country.

M.D.D.

SAILING

With the prospect of seven school matches, and the additional bonus of four members of last year's team, the sailing club looked forward to a competitive and successful season.

A. G. Walker as Commodore added his experience to the younger team, with S. J. Walker and D. Oliaji as the two other helms.

The season began with a promising match versus Radley. A. G. Walker and S. J. Walker, showing their skills, made impressive starts. Unfortunately through appalling conditions the match had to be abandoned.

The match against Aldenham was a great success. The team also won a very tough match against The Old Stoics who put forward strong competition.

The end of the season was rather disappointing as the matches had to be cancelled because of the 'A' and 'O' level exams.

Special congratulations are due to S. L. Walker on winning both the individual trophies. Chandos's and Cobham's house teams had a tough fight. The wind being in Cobham's favour, they took the lead and won.

This year's team, with four experienced sailors, and an influx of new blood, should make the coming season of 1983 a great success.

Commodore A. G. Walker
D. Barrow

SHOOTING

In the N.R.A. Annual Schools' Meeting at Bisley our Cadet Pair improved their position substantially and were placed among the leaders. Our Team produced a reasonable performance in the Devon and, in the Ashburton, Ross and Briant were placed in the Schools' Hundred. Briant was among the leaders in the Spencer-Mellish and narrowly missed a Bronze Medal. Prizes were won in the Wellington, the Iveagh, the Marlborough and the Cadets' Pistol competitions by Baldwin, Bird, de la Mare, Hamilton-Russell, Ross and Wicks. Baldwin's performance in the first two of these competitions won him a place in the prize listings for the Cadets' Rifle Aggregate. An increasing number of good individual performances has been steadily strengthening the team over the last few years and this year's encouraging results augur well for the future.

The good standard of shooting is particularly commendable in view of the problems encountered in training. Shortage of .303 ammunition and the deterioration of No. 4 rifles required for competition shooting have been matters of concern for the Council for Cadet Rifle Shooting, and necessitated the curtailment of our shooting practice during the summer. It is a great relief and encouragement that the Ministry of Defence has now authorised the issue of the long-awaited Parker-Hale 7.62mm target rifle. We look forward to the arrival of our allocation soon and to using them to good effect in competition next year.

A. E. C. Briant won the Cottesloe Cup for his consistently good .303 shooting throughout the summer. The Casualty Cup was won this year by Cobham House and the Empire Test Challenge Cup was won by R. M. A. Pollock.

Our .22 teams continue to perform well in the British Schools Small-bore Rifle Association's Inter-Schools leagues. For some time now our better teams have been placed in the first division of their respective sections and a high standard of competitive shooting has been maintained. In the Summer Term the 'B' Team won its division. This term several teams are well-placed. The School Team is now through to the Final of the B.S.S.R.A. Team of Eight Competition for the fourth year running.

N.W.W-J

The Ashburton VIII: J. H. Ross (Capt.), D. A. Newbery, R. Bucks, A. J. de la Mare, C. R. Hamilton-Russell, R. J. C. Wicks, M. W. P. Seabrook, N. J. E. Roe. Reserve: D. G. S. Kennedy.

The Cadet Pair: A. E. C. Briant and D. J. Baldwin.

Shooting Colours have been awarded to: A. E. C. Briant, D. J. Baldwin, R. J. C. Wicks.



SWIMMING

BOYS

Whilst individuals experienced a considerable amount of personal success, the team had a disappointing season. On an 'A' level basis we might have scraped an E. It was not a case of our swimmers not doing their prep as this was covered more deeply than ever before, but simply that they found the questions too difficult to cope with.

Only one school record was established. This was by R. L. E. Douglas-Bate in the 50m. breaststroke, in 35.90 (originally held by A. R. Bird, 36.1, 1977 and D. J. Reckitt, 35.95, 1982). Reckitt held the record for just two weeks. The competition between Reckitt and Douglas-Bate was very exciting to watch throughout the season as there was hardly ever more than a second between them over the 100m. breaststroke. Their friendly rivalry will be missed. Although no further school records were established D. Brown, A. Keith, R. Davies, P. Keith, R. Boghos, J. Thornber and A. Gonella all came extremely close, so close, that next season as many as six school records could be established by these boys alone.

A large squad of thirty two swimmers helped establish a massive 219 personal best times, well over a 200% improvement on last season. A points system was established and a competition held over the season to score the most points. These were obtained through a variety of personal swimming achievements. The seniors held the high places on a score chart for most of the season until 'A' levels drew them to their studies' and away from the pool. With their competitive season finished in early June the juniors then began to climb the ladder and eventually gained the majority of the top third places. A. N. Gonella triumphed to win a pair of school water polo trunks and a Stowe School of Sport sweat shirt kindly donated by Mr. J. L. Bone. Second place of a sports shop chit went to G. Inglis-Jones and R. Perry who suddenly shot from thirteenth place to third, gained an L.P. token.

Bath Cup

Recording a time three seconds down on our 1981 performance, we were placed in the top third at 18th. We were unplaced in the Otter Relay through a disqualification, and whilst we came away rubbing our sores we did have the satisfaction of introducing three new swimmers to this event. A. Keith, D. Brown and R. Davies will all compete next year. We will have to call upon two more new swimmers to take the places of L. Leblond and D. Reckitt next year. Both events were won in record times by Bishop's Stortford, who, incidentally, swam different teams in the heats and finals to save their better swimmers. Such is their depth.

U.14

The U.14 swimmers had a fair season, losing only to the usual strong schools. However, Rugby had a good year's intake and produced a win not normally expected. Most promising newcomers were A. Gonella, J. Thornber, R. Boghos and R. Perry. Gonella claimed 15 personal best times alone and Perry 12. These four won all but one of their team races which is very encouraging for the future public school relays. We also proved to have strength in depth by beating a Bishop's Stortford B team away.

U.16

The U.16s had the best record of the five teams and were unlucky not to beat Berkhamsted in their first match. We lost to St. Paul's by only five points, which is a considerable improvement as they beat us by thirty points last year. St. Edward's produced a surprising win but then so did we upon Bedford Modern. Fifteen seconds were lopped off G. Inglis-Jones's 4 x 25 I.M. time and he also collected thirteen personal best times. He could well challenge P. Keith for the 4 x 25m. I.M. title, in the house swimming sports. Keith came close to the school 100m. butterfly record,

and with another year in the intermediates he should manage this next season. R. Davies turned in some very fast 100m. frontcrawl times and could be one of the three swimmers poised to break the minute barrier. Who will be the first? Who will be the fastest? J. van Gemeren showed himself to be a useful breastroker and knocked spots off his previous times.

U.19

With a depleted army of only six regular swimmers the U.19s suffered some heavy defeats. D. Reckitt and A. Keith seemed to be getting nowhere until the end of the season when their tenacity produced some excellent personal best times. D. Brown emerged as the new school sprint king over 50 and 100m. at both frontcrawl and butterfly. J. Kirkup's versatility at all the strokes proved invaluable with such a small squad.

Speech Day

We did not field our strongest squad on this occasion and lost to a formidable Old Stoic side. With past masters such as R. Miller, M. Street, C. Bingham and B. Ryrie winning their events in times close to our school records we would still have lost even at full strength. After six events the score was 45 points each and all rested on the team races. The Old Stoics won these with considerable ease. Of course, there is always next year!

GIRLS SWIMMING

As with the boys only one new individual school record was established. This was by Louise Cox, again in the 50m. breaststroke. Serena Donne equalled her previous year's school record in the 50m. backstroke. Together both girls must have established some kind of record in the number of morning training sessions they did, which is more than could be said for the boys!

Tamara Louthan and Catherine Burke turned in some good performances and together these four girls knocked four seconds off the 4 x 25m. medley team record. However, they experienced a bad season winning only one fixture and this must be a result of training only once or twice per week. If improvements are wanted then they must attend every session.

Serena hands on her captaincy to Catherine who will have to work hard to match Serena's ability to rally the girls together when the numbers are low. Catherine will be hoping for a good intake for 1983 as we are desperately lacking in butterfly and backstroke swimmers.

SWIMMING COLOURS

FULL

D. J. T. Reckitt (re-awarded)
A. N. Keith
D. W. Brown
L. A. Leblond
J. S. Kirkup
R. L. E. Douglas-Bate

Catherine Burke
Serena Donne

HALF

A. G. L. Gonella
J. D. van Gemeren
G. V. Inglis-Jones
P. S. Keith
J. H. Snyder
R. O. Davies

FLASHES

R. L. E. Douglas-Bate
D. J. T. Reckitt

50m. Breaststroke
50m. Breaststroke

CAPTAIN 1983 — D. W. Brown
VICE CAPTAIN — J. S. Kirkup

GIRLS CAPTAIN — C. Burke

SWIMMING FIXTURE RESULTS 1982

SCHOOL	VENUE	U.19	U.16	U.15	U.14	GIRLS
Berkhamsted	H	Lost 58-84	Lost 75-77		Lost 61-73	
Dean Close		Lost 59-68	Won 86-75			Lost 48-88
Kingswood, Bath	A	Lost 59-69	Won 86-35			Won 48-37
St. Pauls		Lost 63-77	Lost 69-74		Lost 59-61	
Bromsgrove	H	Won 63-50	Won 69-43		Won 59-45	Lost 60-74
Oundle	A	Lost 44-54	Lost 30-65			
Berkhamsted		Lost 59-87	Won 59-58	Lost 68-78		
St. Edwards	H	Won 59-37	Lost 59-69	Won 68-35		
Old Stoics	H	Lost 61-69				
Haberdashers Aske			Won 66-65		Won 64-52	
Bedford Modern	H	Lost 71-81	Won 66-53		Won 64-47	
Eton		Lost 67-68	Won 86-66		Won 59-38	
Rugby	H	Won 67-51			Lost 59-68	Lost 62-69
Bishop's Stortford 'A'				Lost 38-54	Lost 43-57	
Bishop's Stortford 'B'	A			Won 50-42		
Q.E. Barnet	H		Lost 67-85	Won 75-70	Lost 58-76	
18 Matches Won		3	7	3	4	1
24 Matches Lost		9	5	2	5	3

Frontcrawl

INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING

Boys often assume that the number of entries a house has in the finals will determine the final placings. This is never true. A house needs a good captain as well as strength and depth in its swimmers. Walpole certainly displayed these qualities this year and swept all comers aside by over 20 clear points to take the overall house challenge cup.

Of the 23 events Walpole gained a place in the top three in well over half of them. A house record was established by G. V. Inglis-Jones of Walpole in the 50m. freestyle. He took 2 sec. off the old record and would have done the same in the 100m. freestyle had it not been for three poor turns. One of the most exciting races of the afternoon must have been the intermediate 4 x 25m. IM. P. S. Keith and Inglis-Jones swapped the lead more than once in pursuit of the trophy. Cheered along on every gasp and stroke by his captain and brother, Keith eventually triumphed by a goggles length; both boys producing new personal best times.

In the junior age group none of the winners produced faster times than the winners of the previous year. Once again with this age group we seem to have a great depth in talent as many of the races were very close. Enjoying the most individual success was C. B. Boardman of Grenville, who gained two thirds and a second place. D. St. J. Jepson won the 4 x 25m. IM. by over ten seconds and came a very close second in the 25m. butterfly. Amongst the other juniors who displayed all round swimming skill were C. L. Smith, B. L. Bannister and P. H. Westbrook. All these boys would make a strong swimming team in the summer term.

The intermediate age group provided the most spectacular dives of the afternoon. Their sense of adventure off the boards was a joy to watch. Last year's third form open champion E. A. Leckie spun and twisted his suspended body through all the cardinal points to keep his title. His final dive, a tucked two and a half somersault from the top board, gained the maximum points of the event. Only a few boys were ambitious enough to attempt the more difficult dives and next year the tariff marks will be doubled to encourage this performance level. This will also give more credit where it is due and provide better entertainment for the spectators.

For the second year in succession one senior boy won all the open individual trophies. Absent last year through illness, D. W. Brown returned to stamp his flipper firmly and claim three titles plus two new house records. He clipped 0.53 off the 4 x 50m. IM. record held since 1977 by A. R. Bird. He also lowered the 100m. freestyle record by 0.27 sec. previously held by C. B. Ryrie since 1978. A. N. Keith broke another senior house record in the 50m. freestyle. He reduced last year's record by over two seconds to return a promising 27.76. This makes him one of three boys threatening to break the 100m. one minute barrier in the summer. As yet this has not been done by any Stoic and for three to do it all at once would be marvellous.

It is quite noticeable that the houses who do well in this competition are not those with the better swimmers, but those who can organise themselves the best. One or two houses were slow to pick teams, or, failed to choose their best swimmers, or, just omitted entering an event completely. Some swimmers scratched from their event just minutes before it was due to begin. This displays poor house morale. Cobham, Grenville and Walpole were the only houses to train regularly to raise the standard of their teams. Consequently they surpassed the rest. Due credit must be given to the captains for their hard work, S. L. A. Hewitt of Cobham; J. S. Kirkup of Walpole and R. O. Davies of Grenville.

Many thanks to the parents who arrived to support their young. It would be nice to see more arrive. Special thanks go to Mr. A. S. Rhodes, a former physical education adviser for Buckinghamshire, for kindly presenting the trophies.

HOUSE SWIMMING RESULTS

House Trophies

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|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 1) JUNIOR HOUSE CUP | WALPOLE |
| 2) INTERMEDIATE HOUSE CUP | CHANDOS |
| 3) SENIOR HOUSE CUP | BRUCE |
| 4) COMBINED 5 x 50m. RELAY CUP | GRENVILLE |
| 5) OVERALL HOUSE WINNERS CUP | WALPOLE |

HR = House Record

Bilateral

WATER POLO

INTER HOUSE

On a Sunday afternoon in May the preliminary rounds opened with a very vigorous game between Grafton and Cobham. These games are of two halves of seven minutes duration, and the rapid pace set in this first match was soon reduced once the liquid lunch began to take its effect. Underdogs Grafton produced two fine goals to win but they met their match with Chandos later in the afternoon. The Keith brothers of Chandos seemed to find themselves constantly unmarked and scored all of the goals between them.

The following week, in the semi-finals, some exciting but rough play was seen. These games are longer — four quarters of five minutes duration. As with house rugby leagues no love is lost between friends and every game was very competitive resulting in close scores. Lyttelton did very well to come back from a goal down to push Bruce out of third place. D. J. Reckitt scored two cracking goals in the last quarter for Lyttelton, which sealed their victory.

In all D. J. Reckitt scored five goals, as did R. O. Davies of Grenville and D. W. Brown, of Bruce. The highest scores were by two more regular water polo players Lloyd and P. S. Keith, each scoring seven goals in total. The majority of their goals were scored in the final between Grenville and Chandos. It was an exhausting fourteen goal final and an ecstatic crowd cheered on their favourites as the ball bounced in and out of each team's net. At the half way point it looked as if there was going to be a repeat of last year's ding-dong thirty minute final between

Grenville and Bruce, which resulted in a total of twenty five goals and a win for Grenville. But this was not to be. Chandos could not match the sheer superiority of Grenville and the game slipped away from them in the third quarter.

RESULTS

The Final

Grenville	9	Chandos	5
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Eggbeater

SCHOOL GAMES

This season we ventured into the London Schools Water Polo League. The majority of the best schoolboy water polo is played in and around London and a league was formed to cater for them. Basically schools are divided into areas north or south of London and small knock-out tournaments are held resulting in a later final tournament for the winners. There are twenty six schools in the League, each providing teams at two or three age groups.

U.14

Such was our infancy in competition at this level that two seasons ago we played just one game. With our entrance into the London League we played seven games, which has given our players the insight they deserve into the game at grass roots level. Sheer inexperience was the cause of a poor season's playing record. The opposition were never any more skilled as individuals, just better drilled as a team. Stowe often demonstrated brilliant penetrative ability with the speed of R. Boghos and the cunning of R. Perry. G. Bates was always solid in defence and on occasions produced some useful counter attacks with his iron like determination. Boghos alone scored thirteen goals and J. Davies scored six. During the home game against Barnwell, L. Nicholas scored five goals.

The team never really played badly and were never beaten convincingly by any team. Between bouts of steady progressive play we were guilty of simple mistakes. We paid for these mistakes by losing games, but not without producing a reasonable number of goals in each of them.

U.14 Team

J. Thornber; J. Davies (Captain); R. Boghos; A. Gonella; R. Perry; G. Bates; O. Swyer; N. Hencher; L. Nicholas; L. Robertson; A. Lourenco; P. Maskell; R. Kirkup; D. Marshall; J. Tyrrell.

U.16

The U.16 season began with a new fixture against Eton. By the end of the first quarter we were 2-1 down and here the score remained until the final whistle. Playing very badly from the first minute we later managed to shift gear and get progressively better with each quarter. However, the Eton goal seemed impenetrable despite consistent attacks. This curious pattern of play, from poor to good, seemed to prevail in nearly every game throughout the season; win or lose.

In the preliminary round of the London League held at Q.E.B. we did sufficiently well to qualify for the finals tournament later in the season. We had three games to play and Haberdashers Aske, perhaps the strongest of the three, beat us convincingly in our first match. Tightening our caps and trunks we raised our standard of play in the next two games to beat Aylesbury and Bishop's Stortford. Grouped with Wilson School and Barstable in the final round at Highgate we were out of our depth. It was a long Sunday journey for just two short games, again of only two halves. Wilsons went on to second place in the tournament to City of London School; Bedford Modern were third.

R. O. Davies excelled with his shooting arm throughout the season and scored 27 goals. He proved to be a valuable captain with his fine playing ability and in his leadership and example in and out of the water. Good improvements in individual play were seen from J. Snyder; G. Inglis-Jones; P. Dutton and D. Black.

U.16 Team

J. Robinson; R. Davies (Captain); P. Dutton; G. Inglis-Jones; D. Black; J. Snyder; S. Tyrrell; J. Simmonds; N. Blakesley; J. van-Gemeren; J. Davies; R. Boghos; J. Thornber.

U.19

Quite a successful season was experienced by the U.19s. After a poor start to their London League debut their remaining games produced good results. It was unfortunate that a game against Bishop's Stortford was cancelled as this always provides a very exciting match. An average of nine goals were scored per match throughout the season, the majority of these coming from M. Lloyd and D. Reckitt. A. G. Walker and R. Western-Kaye emerged of late to prove themselves as very useful water polo players and D. Reckitt would not find himself amiss if he decided to join a senior club side. A. A. Appleby was a fine captain. A tenacious king pin of the defence, his confidence grew with each game and he proved himself resolute in attack too. Along with L. Leblond sadly these six players will not be with us next season.

U.19 Team

J. Robinson; A. Appleby; D. Reckitt; A. G. Walker; L. Leblond; R. Western-Kaye; S. Constantinedes; R. Thorpe; A. Keith; D. Brown; T. Priestly; G. Bentley; S. Hewitt; J. Kirkup; R. Davies; M. Lloyd.

An U.15 and U.17 team travelled to Winchester College, a team previously unplayed by us. Before entering their sports complex we were treated to a quick view of Winchester Football in progress. Cries of "Forward Pass", and "That ball is a funny shape", were heard from bemused Stoics. Not daunted by their magnificent pool we produced a victory at both age groups which made the long journey quite worthwhile.

Despite losing six strong and experienced players from the U.19 team last season only two found their return into the Old Stolic side. With the U.19s losing a further six players this season no doubt they will now be able to form a side conversant enough with the rules and skills of water polo to provide our present seniors with some worthwhile opposition and an enjoyable game.

STOWE WATER POLO FESTIVAL

Unfortunately Haberdashers Aske withdrew their entry from this tournament just days before the event. Consequently the number of games had to be reduced and played for a longer duration. This did not make the event as exciting to watch or as competitive as it should have been. Arle School, third overall last year returned to win all their games and displayed some skilful team play at both age groups.

Next season we hope to increase further our number of games by also entering the E.S.S.A. Schoolboy Championships. As predicted Bedford Modern won this competition last year and could do well again this year. We will be doing some pre-season training with them during November at their new swimming pool, and will also have triangular games against them. Haberdashers Aske and Bishop's Stortford. Such off season preparations are necessary if we are to make an appreciable impression against the London League sides next season.

RESULTS

Results in **Bold Type** are London League fixtures

SCHOOL	VENUE	U.19	U.16	U.14	U.17	U.15
Barnwell	A			Won 4-3		
Highgate		Lost 0-8				
Aylesbury	A	Lost 2-4	Won 7-4			
Haberdashers			Lost 0-4			
Bishop's Stortford	A		Won 5-3			
Eton	H	Won 9-5	Lost 1-2			
Aylesbury	A		Won 10-3	Lost 4-6		
Aylesbury	H	Won 8-3	Won 11-6	Lost 2-6		
Q.E.B.	H		Lost 2-8	Lost 3-6		
Winchester College	A				Won 9-3	Won 3-1
Barnwell	H			Won 13-2		
Bedford Modern				Drew 4-4		
Bedford Modern	H			Lost 5-2		
Wilson School			Lost 0-8			
Barstable	A		Lost 2-5			
Oundle		Won 10-6				

STOWE WATER POLO FESTIVAL 1982

Arle School		Lost 2-7	Lost 4-7
Barstable	H	Won 17-6	Lost 4-6

Places:

	Overall	U.19	U.16
1st	Arle School	Arle School	Arle School
2nd	Stowe School	Stowe School	Barstable
3rd	Barstable	Barstable	Stowe School

Playing Record

	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Home	Away
U.19	7	4	3	0	5	2
U.16	11	4	7	0	5	6
U.14	7	2	4	1	4	3

Colours: A. A. Appleby
D. J. T. Reckitt
R. W. B. Western-Kaye

L. A. Leblond
D. W. Brown
A. G. Walker

Half Colours: R. O. Davies
J. H. Snyder

Captain 1983: A. N. Keith

Vice Captain: R. O. Davies

Eggbeater

ATHLETICS

This year the Open Team relied heavily on the versatility of C. J. H. Pierre supported by a group of boys who resisted the temptation to go into 'voluntary academic imprisonment' namely Critchley, Duff (an excellent captain), Myers, Thornber and Von Malaisé, plus a second group of athletes, most of whom were eligible to compete for the Intermediate team, namely Bliss, Smith, Walley and Woolley. Subsequently results in the Open team were gained only at the expense of Intermediate results; however, the promotion did give a number of U. 16s experience in the Intermediate side which they would not otherwise have gained, and all of these boys will be available for the same team during the 1983 season.

The Intermediate team was then depleted, but remained in good heart. Anderson, Coni and Strong maintained our tradition in the sprint events, whilst Hall (in the jumps) and Smith-Maxwell (over 1500 metres) were often successful. The Junior team, captained by G. R. M. Bates, enjoyed rather more success than their most recent predecessors. The nucleus of talent (Allerton, Ashcroft, Ferrand, Kingsbourg, Norriss and Topham) proved too strong for most of the schools which they competed against. Nevertheless, attention in the first year focused on the group as a whole rather than the team, and 18 of the 29 boys who took part in the AAA Star Award Scheme gained either 4 or 5 Star Awards.

Highlights of the season were: Pierre's performance(s) notably in the High Jump at Highgate, and Woolley's performance in the same event at Iffley Road: a valiant attempt to retain our 4 x 400 metres Intermediate Achilles Trophy and record (by Anderson, Butson, Coni and Strong) which was eventually lost to a fine Epsom College team: a number of gutsy runs by the 'stylish' Smith-Maxwell, and finally the performance of Messrs Cain and Taylor in the 1,000 metres Steeplechase which left the entire club gasping in admiration!

Very many thanks go to those masters who helped with the running of the programme and in particular Mr. Cain and Mr. Sparshott, and on behalf of the competitors, to those masters and boys who helped in the running of the various meetings during the season.

Graham Strong has been made Captain of Athletics for the 1983 Season.

N. G. Taylor

Results:

OPEN

Stowe 123	Royal Latin 105	Dr. Challoner's 45
Stowe 83	St. Edward's 60	
Stowe 74	Oundle 118	The Leys 74
Stowe 61	Berkhamsted 75	
Stowe 72	Uppingham 101	Welbeck 110

INTERMEDIATE

Stowe 83	Radley 85	Marlborough 118
Stowe 72	Dr. Challoner's 112	Royal Latin 101
Stowe 58	St. Edwards 83	
Stowe 99	Oundle 117	The Leys 69
Stowe 107	Abingdon 97	Berkhamsted 96
Stowe 62	Uppingham 80	
Stowe 87	Aldenham 90	Bishop's Stortford 97

RESULTS OF SPORTS DAY 1982

JUNIOR

Stowe 73	Marlborough 66	Radley 13
Stowe 75	Dr. Challoner's 107	Royal Latin 103
Stowe 74	St. Edwards 67	
Stowe 118	Oundle 96	The Leys 76
Stowe 116	Abingdon 79	Berkhamsted 75
Stowe 103	Aldenham 97	Bishop's Stortford 79

INTER HOUSE ATHLETICS

This was certainly the most exciting year for Inter House athletics since I have been writing these reports. Although Cobham and Grafton continued to run faster and to jump or to throw a variety of projectiles further than competitors from the other houses — as is the tradition — no longer could they claim to be the only ones competing. The gulf between the two First Division teams and the Second Division remains considerable (as one can see from the results on Sports Day), but the upstarts from Bruce, Grenville and Walpole may well represent a real threat in the Jubilee year of 1983.

Cobham finally won the First Division Duel, taking two trophies, The Inter House Challenge Cup and also the Inter House Relay Trophy (the latter by the smallest of margins; thanks to the scorers on that day:- Mr. and Mrs. A. J. E. Lloyd and Miss F. Cree). However, Grafton deservedly won the House Standards Competition (surely the most worthwhile of all the Sporting Cups in the School, since it really does depend upon the effort of each member of the House, rather than the talents of a few individuals).

INTER HOUSE CHALLENGE CUP

1st	Cobham 319pts
2nd	Grafton 272pts
3rd	Bruce 176pts
4th	Lytelton 108pts
5th	Walpole 99pts
6th	Grenville 86pts
6th	Temple 86pts
8th	Chandos 79pts
9th	Chatham 72pts

INTER HOUSE RELAY COMPETITION

1st	Cobham 46½pts
2nd	Grafton 46pts
3rd	Walpole 37pts
4th	Grenville 22pts
5th	Chandos 18½pts
6th	Lytelton 15pts
7th	Chatham 14pts
8th	Temple 11pts
9th	Bruce 10pts

INTER HOUSE STANDARDS COMPETITION

1st	Grafton 5.45
2nd	Cobham 5.37
3rd	Bruce 2.37
4th	Grenville 2.04
5th	Chandos 1.86
6th	Walpole 1.81
7th	Temple 1.43
8th	Lytelton 1.39
9th	Chatham 1.26

I would like to congratulate those boys, too numerous to mention here, who supported the three competitions consistently, but whose names do not appear on the Sports Day Results list, or on the Athletics Team Reports and whose efforts in the Standards competition often appear to go unnoticed and/or unrewarded. It is invariably these fellows who are actually responsible for determining the resting place of the various trophies — as the boys in Cobham and Grafton know only too well!

My thanks go to all those people who supported the three events in whatever capacity. A special word of thanks goes to Mr. N. K. Rice (O.S.) for presenting the trophies at the end of the afternoon on Sports Day.

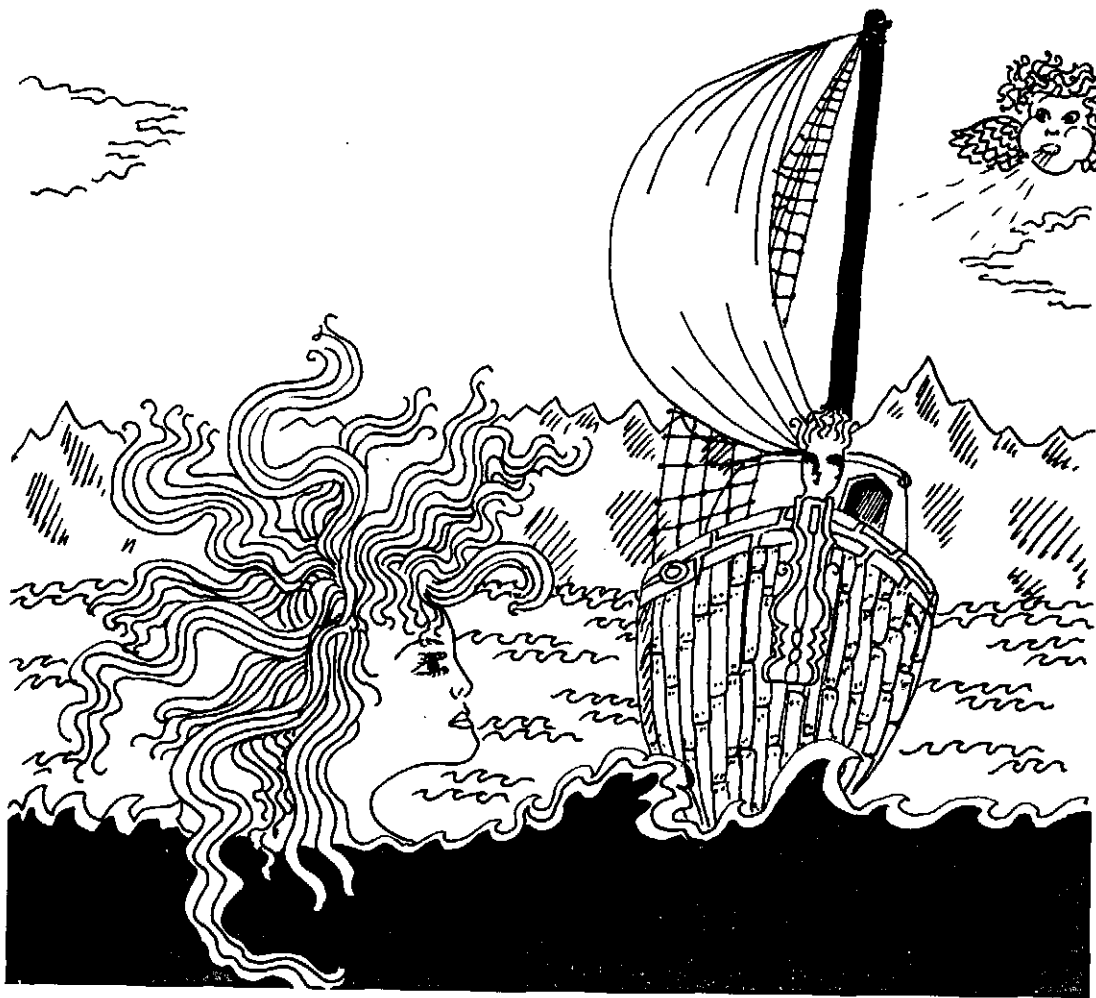
N. G. Taylor

Senior

100 metres 11.45 seconds	Myers (Grenville)	Swire (Chatham)	Nelson (Grafton)
200 metres 23.16 seconds	Pierre (Grafton)	Swire (Chatham)	Riley (Grafton)
400 metres 53.8 seconds	Nelson (Grafton)	Myers (Grenville)	Leto (Cobham)
800 metres 2 minutes 03.7 seconds	Walley (Grafton)	Thornber (Cobham)	Thorpe (Walpole)
1500 metres 4 minutes 24.0 seconds	Walley (Grafton)	Thorpe (Walpole)	Critchley (Temple)
110 metres Hurdles 16.41 seconds	Von Malaise (Grenville)	Peppiatt (Walpole)	Harris (Grafton)
400 metres Hurdles 59.9 seconds	Von Malaise (Grenville)	Thornber (Cobham)	Harris (Grafton)
2,000 metres Steeplechase 6 minutes 39.5 seconds	Walley (Grafton)	Lloyd (Grenville)	McPike-Smith (Cobham)
Long Jump 6 metres 58cms	Pierre (Grafton)	Morten (Temple)	Leto (Cobham)
Shot 10.68 metres	Walker (Chandos)	Watkins (Bruce)	Bourdon-Smith (Grafton)
Triple Jump 13.16 metres	Pierre (Grafton)	Reynolds (Cobham)	Leto (Cobham)
High Jump 1.78 metres	Pierre (Grafton)	Mackenzie-Hill (Chatham)	Wedgwood (Bruce)
Discus 33.47 metres	Critchley (Temple)	Andersen (Cobham)	Whitcombe (Bruce)
Javelin 40.00 metres	Whitcombe (Bruce)	Critchley (Temple)	Iverson (Grenville)
4 x 100 metres Relay 46.3 seconds New School Record	Grafton	Chatham	Cobham
UNDER 17			
100 metres 12.0 seconds	Coni (Bruce)	Andrews (Grenville)	White (Grafton)
200 metres 24.41 seconds	Coni (Bruce)	Farah (Chatham)	Browse (Cobham) = White (Grafton) =
400 metres 59.81 seconds	Coni (Bruce)	Wilson (Walpole)	Durlacher (Cobham)
800 metres 2 minutes 11.0 seconds	Bliss (Lytelton)	Streton (Grafton)	Woodward (Grafton)
1500 metres 4 minutes 43.5 seconds	Streton (Grafton)	Chelton (Chatham)	Woodward (Grafton)
100 metres Hurdles 15.66 seconds	Hall (Cobham)	Woolley (Temple)	Johnson (Grenville)
400 metres Hurdles 64.7 seconds	Hall (Cobham)	Woodward (Grafton)	Durlacher (Cobham)
2,000 metres Steeplechase 7 minutes 59.0 seconds	Bliss (Lytelton)	Smith-Maxwell (Cobham)	Streton (Grafton)
Long Jump 5.52 metres	Hall (Cobham)	Attwood (Cobham)	Wilson (Walpole)
High Jump 1.70 metres	Lockwood (Grafton)	Woolley (Temple)	Wong (Bruce)
Triple Jump 11.69 metres	Wilson (Walpole)	Venables (Temple)	Woodward (Grafton)
Shot Putt 12.69 metres New School Record	Smith (Cobham)	Carruthers (Grenville)	Browse (Cobham)
Discus 26.05 metres	Smith (Cobham)	Burke (Chatham)	Lockwood (Grafton)
Javelin 38.60 metres	Woolley (Temple)	Davies (Grenville)	Stradling (Grafton)
4 x 100 metres Relay 49.7 seconds	Cobham	Grenville	Grafton
UNDER 16			
100 metres 12.14 seconds	Anderson (Cobham)	Keith (Chandos)	Salamon (Grafton)
200 metres 24.82 seconds	Anderson (Cobham)	Ripley (Walpole)	Cameron (Bruce)
400 metres 57.4 seconds	Anderson (Cobham)	Fairbairn (Cobham)	Salamon (Grafton)

800 metres 2 minutes 13 seconds	Sweet (Chandos)	Smith-Maxwell (Cobham)	Hogan (Temple)
1500 metres 4 minutes 47.4 seconds	Smith-Maxwell (Cobham)	King (Chandos)	Farquhar (Chatham)
100 metres Hurdles 16.45 seconds	Keith (Chandos)	Adams (Grafton)	Fullman (Bruce)
Long Jump 5.53 metres	Sweet (Chandos)	Adams (Grafton)	Elmitt (Walpole)
High Jump 1.58 metres	Salamon (Grafton)	Keith (Chandos) = Critchley (Cobham) =	
Triple Jump 11.06 metres	Adams (Grafton)	Anderson (Cobham)	King (Chandos)
Shot Putt 9.78 metres	Allerton (Walpole)	Whitmore (Temple)	Critchley (Cobham)
Discus 25.30 metres	Baskett (Temple)	Critchley (Cobham)	Inglis-Jones (Walpole)
Javelin 32.60 metres	Rossiter (Cobham)	Sweet (Chandos)	Laing (Chatham)
4 x 100 metres Relay 51.2 seconds New School Record	Cobham	Bruce	Grafton
UNDER 15			
100 metres 12.6 seconds	Gobby (Bruce)	Kinsbourg (Cobham)	Bond (Temple)
200 metres 26.3 seconds	Gobby (Bruce)	Topham (Lyttelton)	Curtis (Chatham)
400 metres 61.9 seconds	Topham (Lyttelton)	Morriss (Bruce)	Oliver (Walpole)
800 metres 2 minutes 24.5 seconds	Ferrand (Cobham)	Morriss (Bruce)	Wilkinson (Lyttelton)
1500 metres 5 minutes 03.52 seconds	Ferrand (Cobham)	Torrance (Chandos)	David (Grafton)
80 metres Hurdles 13.48 seconds	Kinsbourg (Cobham)	Gobby (Bruce)	Thornber (Cobham)
Long Jump 4.78 metres	Bond (Temple)	Herrington (Walpole)	Bannister (Walpole)
High Jump 1.44 metres	Kinsbourg (Cobham)	Bond (Temple)	Morriss (Bruce)
Triple Jump 11.05 metres	Kinsbourg (Cobham)	Gobby (Bruce)	Lowe (Grafton)
Shot Putt 10.06 metres	Topham (Lyttelton)	Boghos (Grafton)	Curtis (Chatham)
Discus 26.94 metres	Topham (Lyttelton)	Brownlee (Lyttelton)	Swyer (Cobham)
Javelin 26.75 metres	David (Grafton)	Asheroft (Lyttelton)	Herrington (Walpole)
4 x 100 metres Relay 53.6 seconds	Cobham	Bruce	Grafton

THE
ART
SECTION



Emerserefreti Candenti e Gurgite Vultus Aequeoreae Monstrum Nereides Admirantes — Catullus

THE DOLE QUEUE: — A PUNK

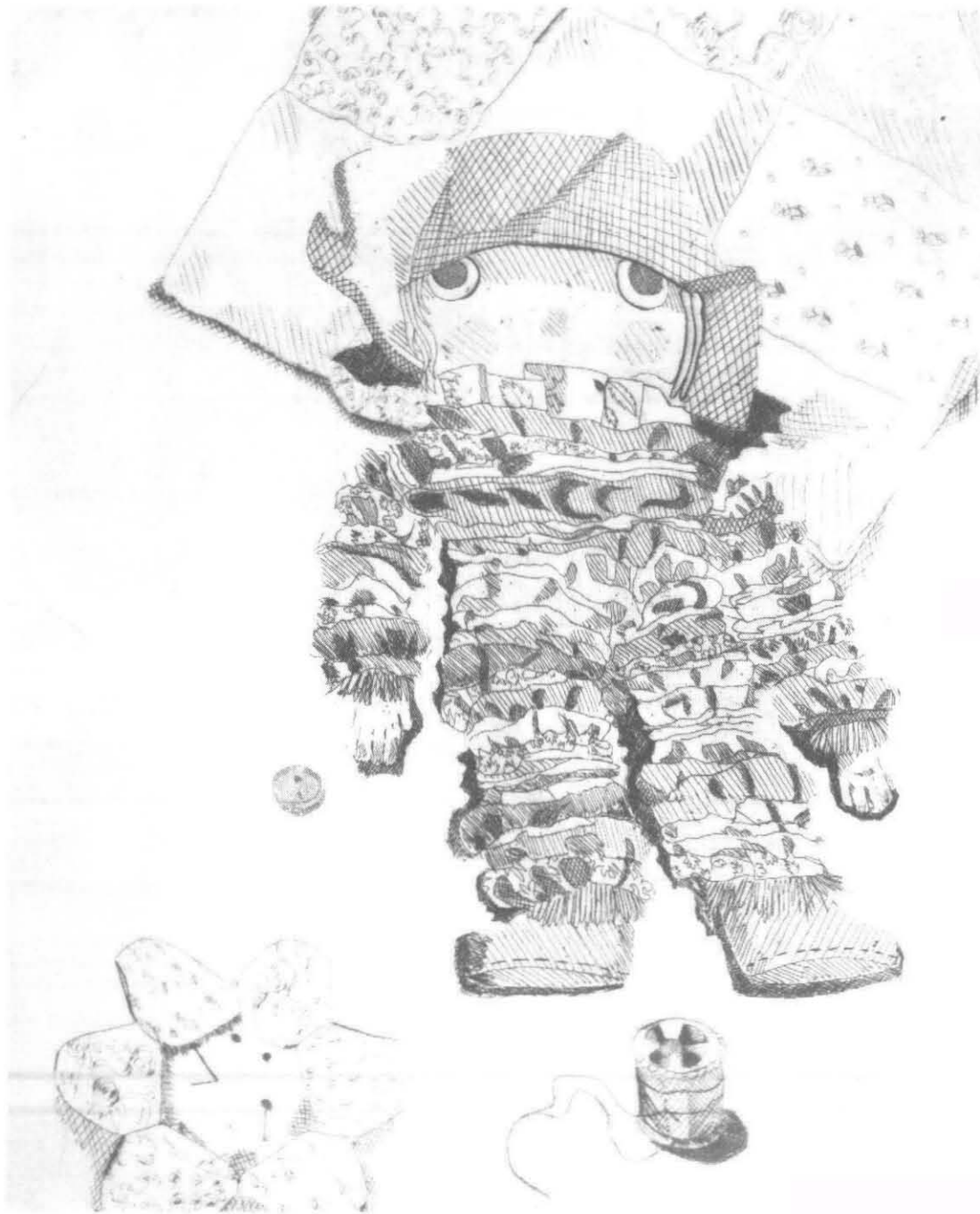
There was a punk there standing in the queue
 whose hair was dyed in red and green and blue;
 he wore a leather jacket that was black,
 with badges pinned on front, and studs the back.
 His trousers with their zips and pins were bright,
 and ear-rings glistened in the noon sunlight.
 Although his face was grimaced to look tough,
 as if his leather clothes were not enough,
 indeed his outward look was just for show,
 for underneath he was so kind. I know.
 A lady standing near him feared her life,
 because she thought his friend might draw a knife.
 But of us all, I only knew that Bob
 was just a poor lad looking for a job.

A. W. Venables

SUNDAY AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT OR "A PASSIVE SPORT"

I turned to watch the gangling gait of Paul,
 Encompass'd safely in his hand, the ball. . .
 He started plodding slowly from his place,
 Then bounded faster at each swinging pace,
 'Til all the earth with tremors shook around,
 And faster still he gallop'd o'er the ground.
 The batsman eyed this lad, with brow perplex'd
 And shuffled quick from one foot to the next.
 But still the thunderous footsteps onward sped,
 And at the crease h' unleshe'd a streak of red,
 Which hurtled through the air at stomach height,
 Towards the helpless batsman, struck with fright.
 'Twas only matched, the speed of ball through air,
 By swallows swift that dipped and swooped round the square.
 The clock struck four in yonder village church,
 The sun threw shadows through the oak and birch.
 And all was peace this Sunday afternoon:
 The ball had bounced, I swung my bat too soon.
 It struck my chest, in pain I smashed the wicket,
 O what a jolly sport is Sunday cricket!

A. W. Venables



IN PURSUIT OF A SONNET

O mighty master — wond'rous woe is mine,
As here I sit and rack my brain for you,
Without the wit to write a metric line
That could withstand a critical review.
In vain the lines across the page I scrawl,
For, as you say, a sonnet's hard to pen.
And word by word towards the goal I crawl;
I write a phrase, delete, and start again.
And as I sigh for skills of greater men
And lie composing half the weary night,
For Keats's style I nurse a private yen
And hopelessly I strive to get it right.
But then, at last, a sonnet lies displayed
And strife and ire to nothingness do fade.

ANON

THE FORGE

Amidst the swirling folds of grimy grey,
Thick'ning wall disgorging gloom, its burning breath,
The hammers peal their mournful arias clear —
A steady thump; the plodding dirge of doom.
Beyond the rolling-mills that rumble deep,
And shingling-hammers pounding forth their beat
Hurry Helving-hammers, ringing, singing,
Bell-like, iron on anvil crushing, grilling.
As first cold glistens, snow descends, a blanket
Wrapping all in chilling, deathly white,
Above the looming chimney-stacks that belch
Their smoke and orange flame beyond
The silent roofs and chimneys tall and proud,
Above the glowing furnace-fires, and warm
Red heat of oozing furnace-vapours,
Twisting fervid coils of hissing steam —
Ardent heat, a kindling with its tepid glow,
Harren from the biting ice and snow, without the
Homely, hearthly, throbbing warmth of burning fires
And sits the thoughtful smith by anvil grey,
His heart upon perfection of the work at hand,
Hammers pounding ever in his ear,
Pealing forth their mournful arias clear.

J. Burkinshaw

CHECKMATE

The hand moves off, leaving the pieces there,
And instantly a soldier dressed in red
Falls to the ground; around him trumpets blare
Harsh notes of love, unheeded by the dead.
A purple man, with children in his wake,
Bearing a crook of gold oak enters the field,
He puts his hands upon them, says "Forsake
Not these thy servants, or their fate is sealed".
A smiling girl stands by the castle wall;
Her gentle eyes attract you to her side.
She has great power, she knows how to enthrall.
Before you open prospects of a life so wide,
But as you move, a roar of lightning sends
Your pieces to the ground; the hand descends.

ANON

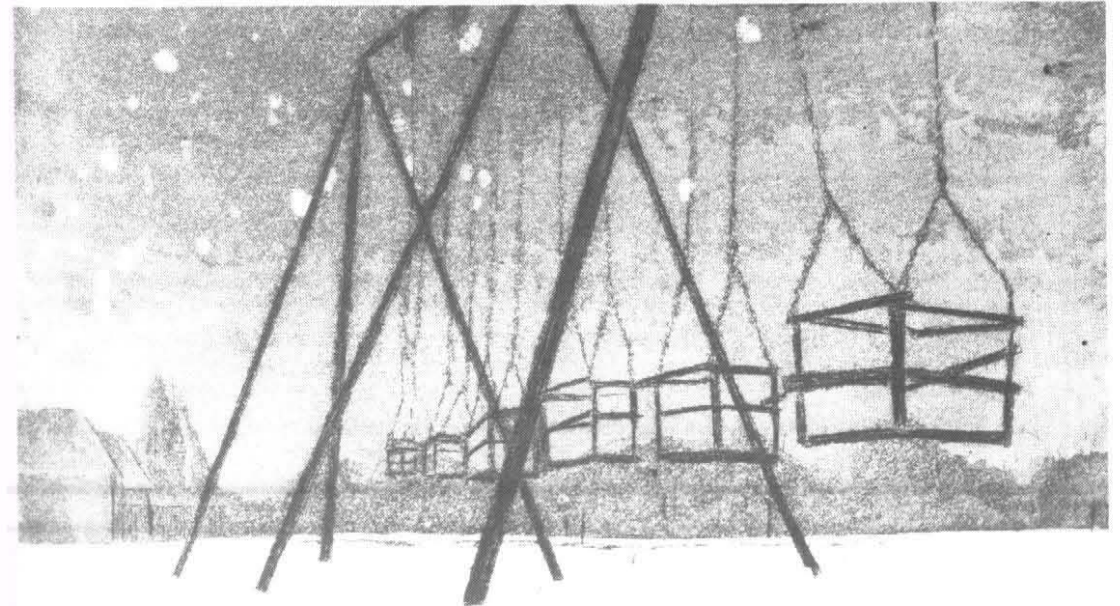
Pope observes a lacrosse match at Stowe

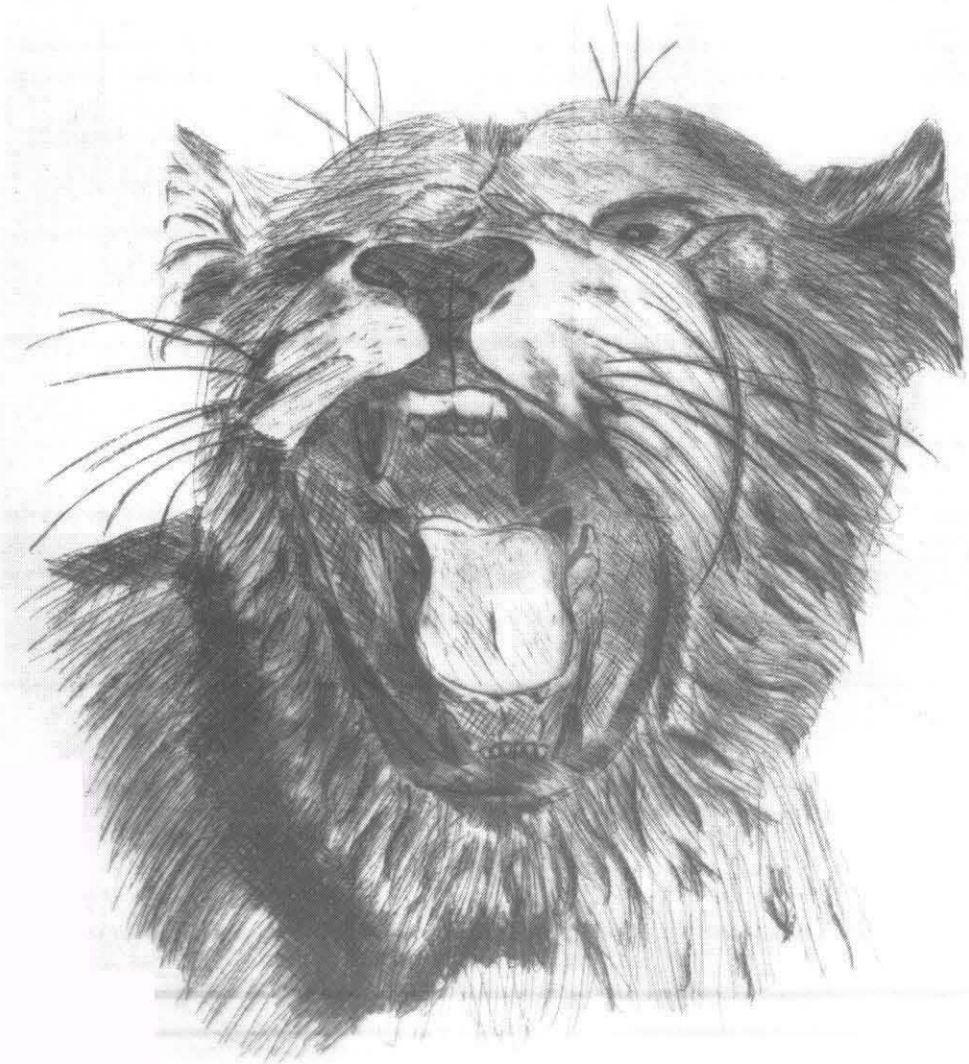
Anticipation lines each freezing face,
And now no more is seen of female grace.
The fatal blast is blown, which seems to say
'Now onward, girls, into the battle's fray!'
To fairest maids of Kensington, transformed,
And every guardian fay, is thus informed:
'O Sylph, that tendest on my fleeting feet,
Make sure, that though I fight, my steps are neat
And firmly set, and slip not in the mud.
Fill not the air with *my* resounding thud!
And let not those, whose unrelenting gaze
Is filled (in one and all) with deep amaze,
Be much afeard to see their precious pearls
One mass of seething bodies, flying curls
At war, with aid of sticks of strange design,
With net and ball — but with no boundary line!
O dreadful sight', for some poor watching lad
To see his beauty, like a beast, gone mad,
As on the goal she rushes, through the rain,
And leaves the stunned defences in her train.
But when, at last, the battle's lost and won,
The high resolves, the subtle schemes undone,
Foe talks to foe, and — strangest sight to see —
With those she wounded sits to share her tea!

Lois Sparling



Peliaco quondam prognatae vertice pinus — Catullus.





TO BE OR NOT TO BE (OUT)!

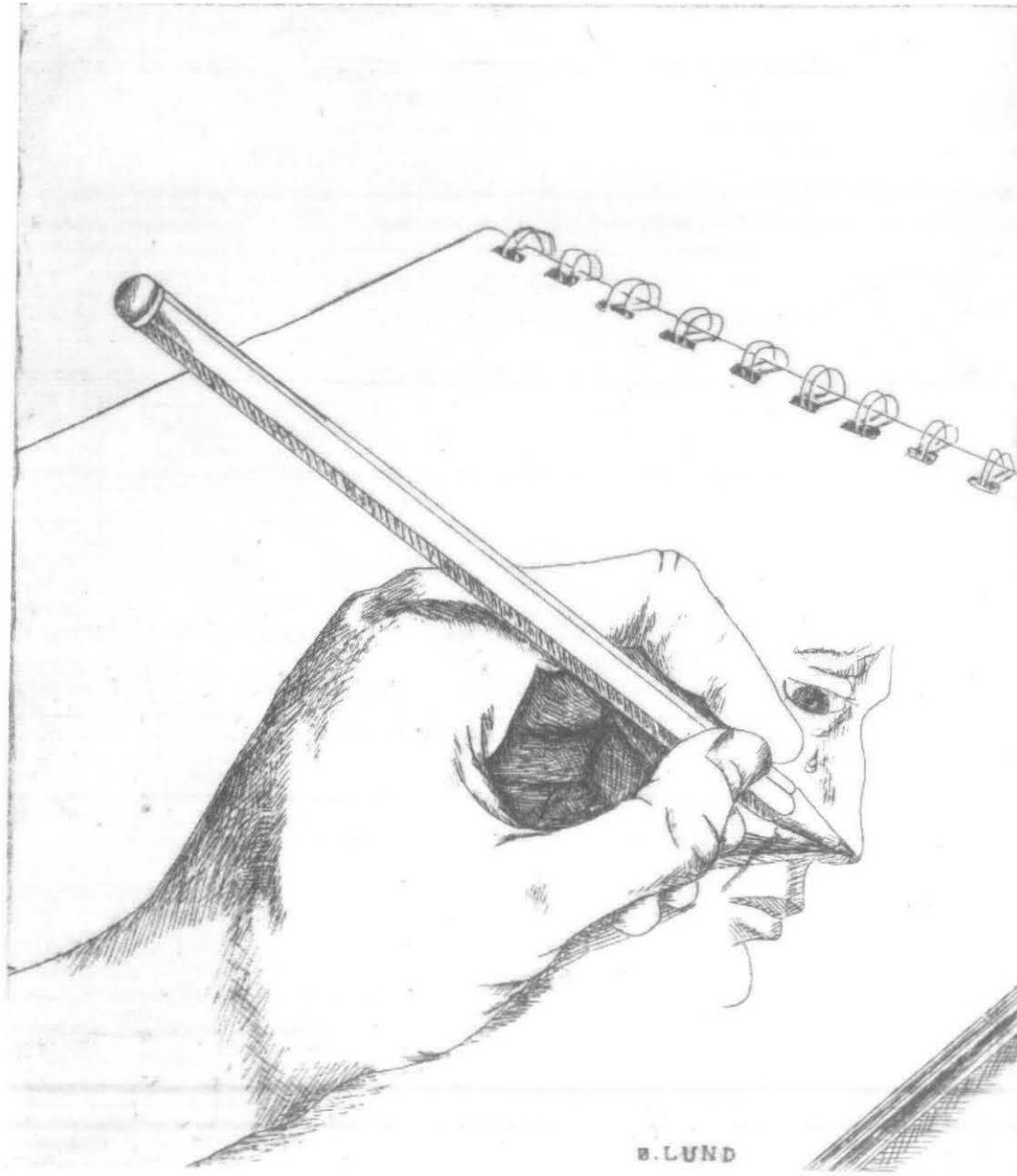
He roared in, arms fast pumping like a mill,
The batsman, unperturbed, stood quiet and still.
The ball homed in, a hawk towards its prey;
But not the stumps — a pad it found today.
'Howzat' He cried, calling with all his might;
'Not out' quoth God, knowing he must be right.
'Great Lord' said he 'you needs must change your mind'
'or else in what am I success to find?'
On bended knee he went and called again.
'Not out' was heard; the same unchanged refrain.
The batsman standing there released a sigh;
For he had heard oft-times before this cry.
'Not out' quoth God, as he had done before.
'You must prostrate yourself like this no more'.
The bowler upped and dusted off his knees,
His mind intent on bitterer decrees.
The umpire moved. The bowler twitched again.
'Over' he called. His shouts had been in vain.
The bowler left, his mind on fouler deeds.
And in his brain, of doubt were sown the seeds.

Justin Coleman

A REFLECTION ON CHILDHOOD (an experiment in a conventional form)

Maybe my life **was** then filled with unknown?
Dreadlocks, snakes a play already shown.
But now I am me, I think for myself.
I wish for times I could not reach the shelf
Where the cookie-jar lies, waiting for me.
Crash to the ground, and I cry in a tree.
I thought not then for a life not yet born,
It was safety then, night without dawn.
But now I am me, problems to tackle,
I once knew a witch, with tacky cackle,
Who lived under my bed, and most normal nights
She would haunt me, and help me, for those frights
Meant mother would run to cool my fevered brow.
But now I am me, and where is she now?

ANON



THE CONCEALED CAVE OF THE PAST

Glassy eyes reflect a loss.
The eyes that never deceive
Explain what silence fails to.

Eyes which previously mirrored joy
Now appear jaded and vexed.
The mirror seems to have cracked
And muddled fragments remain
Complete yet shattered.

A tiny droplet of hope
Lingers at the corner of the eye
Which begs for redemption.

The glassy pond —
Serene and welcome once
But surprisingly deep and secretive.
Those fragments of joy slowly sink
And come to rest in a hidden cave.

There they remain
Only to be occasionally
Ruffled by the tides of memory.

W. R. McLellan

THOSE CALLOUS BAILIFFS . . .

Darkness beckons those sun-shy thoughts
Now able to roam with limitless ease.
No sun, no reality to hinder them.
It all appears so crisp and vivid
Just stretch and touch the stars.
But by day these stars disappear
As clouds obscure our goal.

Gleaming faces replace those
Muffled shadows seen by day.
Their starkness exchanged for clarity by night.
But these nocturnal thoughts
Fear to be exposed to the rays of reality.
Are they frightened, timid or just cautious?
Unfortunately, as day breaks, the bailiffs arrive
And evict me from my reality.

W. R. McLellan

SOME PEOPLE

Do not give up, give in.
Never relinquish that tenuous hold on raging
temper.

Restrain, command, control the words
That issue of their own accord from your
Virulent, angry mouth.

Anger beats at the bounds of bonded
frustration,
Striving, struggling for strenuous release.
Cease!
Ire in its own irrational form, cannot
Move the immovable, malignant force.

Conquer it, bottle it up! In clear
glass vessels.
Against which it can fist-beat,
Contorted face pressed nose-cold, against the
walls.
Do not uncork the wine of wicked revenge;
Retaliation can do no good.

Nothing, from negative feelings, nurtured in
glass greenhouses
Ever, never, ever forms.
Never release.
Until silent Eternity screams with the
torment
Of endless control.

R. Bucks

OLD STOIC NEWS

M. L. A. Andrews (Chatham 1957) produced the BBC TV series "Flight of the Condor" and the book by the same name (1982).

J. H. Arkell (Grafton 1957) has been appointed Headmaster of Wrekin College from September 1983.

E. R. Avory (Temple 1927/1st 99) has been elected Prime Warden of the Dyers Company (1982).

R. C. N. Branson (Cobham/Lyttelton 1967) is the founder proprietor of "Event" magazine (1981).

A. T. Clarke (Bruce 1977) has been awarded an Astbury Senior Law Scholarship at Middle Temple (1982).

F. H. M. Craig-Cooper (Temple 1953) was awarded the C.B.E. in the Birthday Honours List for political services in London (1982).

M. E. T. Davies (Cobham 1966) is Chairman of Inter Commodities Ltd. which he founded in 1972 and which gained the Queen's Award for Export Achievement in 1981.

N. J. A. Davies (Lyttelton 1970) was the 1981 Crime Reporter of the Year.

G. L. D. Duckworth (Chatham 1949) has been appointed A.D.C. to H.M. The Queen (August 1982).

D. J. Easton (Walpole 1959) has been appointed Counsellor at the British Embassy in Amman (1982).

T. W. Evans (Grafton 1965) is Chairman of Cross-Country Discipline of the Canadian Ski Association and President of Eastern Canadian River Outfitters Association.

J. S. W. Gibson (Walpole 1952) did the picture research for "The Illustrated Journeys of Celia Fiennes" (1982).

D. W. R. Harland (Walpole 1968) is Managing Director of Commodity Analysis (Brokers) Ltd. and of Commodity Analysis (Trading) Ltd. and Chairman of London Wine Bars Ltd. (1982).

R. P. H. Harris (Chandos 1977) gained a First Class in Final Honours School (Modern Languages) at New College, Oxford (1982).

B. B. Jones (Bruce 1960) is Vice-President, Management, of Charles Jones Inc. of Trenton, New Jersey.

J. R. Lindgren (Bruce 1949) is Chairman and Managing Director of Esso Standard South Africa Ltd. (1979).

E. P. Lycett-Green (Temple 1968) is Master of the Portland Hunt.

N. W. Lyell (Grafton 1957) is P.P.S. to the Attorney General.

A. G. H. Melly (Cobham 1944) had his own TV. series "Good Time George" on BBC.2.

C. R. Milne (Temple 1939) has published "The Hollow on the Hill" (Methuen) — a personal philosophy — in August 1982.

A. M. Mitchell (Grenville 1978) was wounded whilst serving with the Scots Guards at Tumble-down Mountain and was subsequently Mentioned in Despatches (1982).

Sir Iain Moncrieffe of that ilk Bt. (Chatham 1937) has published "Royal Highness" — Ancestry of the Royal Child (1982).

B. A. Nicholson (Walpole 1978) gained a First Class with Distinction in Engineering Tripos Pt. 2 at Clare College, Cambridge and was awarded the Archibald Denny Prize on the Theory of Structures and a Pressed Steel Prize for Engineering (1982).

H. Northey (Chandos 1965) is a helicopter pilot of the Queens' Flight and flew HRH The Duke of Gloucester to Stowe in 1981.

J. R. Perring (Grenville 1948) is Second Upper Warden of the Merchant Taylors Company (1982).

A. M. Quinton (Temple 1942) took part in the first programme of the new BBC Radio 4 series "A Good Read" (1982).

D. M. H. Reece (Walpole 1955) is Vicar of St. Margaret's Putney (1982).

The Hon. Sir John Sainsbury (Grenville 1945) has been made an Honorary Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford (1982).

P. B. Salmon (Grenville 1975) has been elected to Westminster City Council (1982).

J. G. Soar (Chandos 1952) is Director General of Income Security Program Operations for the Government of Canada (1979).

M. Spira (Chandos 1962) has published "The No Diet Book" (Fontana).

M. C. Tresise (Lyttelton 1979) completed the 57-mile Comrades Marathon from Pietermaritzburg to Durban in 9 hrs. 51 mins. 45 secs. (1982).

C. F. Villiers (Bruce 1976) has roles in Granada TV "The Young Sherlock Holmes" and BBC TV productions "Last Term" and "Squadron" (1982).

G. M. Zambellas (Walpole 1976) was awarded a Queen's Telescope at the Royal Naval College Dartmouth in April 1982.

We offer our apologies to E. H. Millner (Grenville 1972) for the misspelling of his name in the July 1982 issue.

COMMISSIONS

The following have been commissioned into the Regiments stated:

L. D. Dalzell-Piper (Chatham 1977) — 14th/20th Hussars — July 1982.

A. E. C. Edmonstone (Grenville 1979) — Scots Guards — August 1982.

J. D. S. Haskard (Walpole 1980) — 1st/2nd Gurkha Regiment — April 1982.

A. M. Roxburgh (Walpole 1980) — Queen's Dragoon Guards — July 1982.

BIRTHS

J. S. Aiken (Chatham 1968) a son on 8th July 1980.

J. N. S. Bagshawe (Lyttelton 1972) a daughter on 6th October 1982.

A. F. Beazley (Grenville 1971) a son on 23rd March 1979 and a daughter on 7th March 1981.

P. V. Beazley (Lyttelton 1967) two sons.

The Lord Brassey (Temple 1949) a daughter in 1982.

K. G. Buchanan (Walpole 1967) a son on 23rd June 1982.

W. P. Durlacher (Walpole 1966) a daughter on 5th July 1982.

T. W. Evans (Grafton 1965) a daughter on 5th December 1974 and a second daughter on 15th January 1978.

P. B. Fisher (Grafton 1966) a son on 28th October 1978.

J. H. Goldstone (Temple 1960) a son on 18th January 1975.

J. M. Hayward (Grafton 1976) a daughter on 22nd October 1982.

The Hon. C. J. G. Henniker-Major (Cobham 1968) a son on 6th October 1982.

J. A. Henniker-Major (Cobham 1970) a daughter on 6th October 1982.

B. B. Jones (Bruce 1960) a daughter on 26th May 1982.

A. J. Laird Craig (Bruce 1972) a son on 2nd September 1982.

N. M. P. Mackenzie-Charrington (Grenville 1963) a daughter on 21st October 1969 and a son on 5th September 1972.

N. M. C. Metcalfe (Walpole 1973) a daughter on 10th September 1982.

T. C. Robinson (Grenville 1959) a daughter on 28th November 1981.

P. R. Sebag-Montefiore (Walpole 1950) a son on 28th October 1982.

M. Spira (Chandos 1962) a daughter in 1970 and a son in 1974.

F. N. Stewart-Wood (Temple 1964) a son on 18th January 1982.

I. A. Thomson (Chatham 1971) a daughter on 17th November 1978, a son on 20th February 1980 and a second daughter on 21st October 1982.

E. A. Verdon-Roe (Lyttelton 1971) a daughter on 6th August 1982.

J. K. H. Wales (Temple 1972) a son on 29th June 1982.

D. N. Weston (Lyttelton 1969) a daughter on 6th May 1982.

T. C. Whitlock (Cobham 1965) a daughter on 14th July 1982.

MARRIAGES

J. S. Aiken (Chatham 1968) to Susan Clair Clarke on 16th December 1978.

A. F. C. Ando (Grenville 1973) to Lorenza Raponi on 12th July 1982.

P. G. Austin (Grenville 1966) to Isobel on 30th May 1982.

A. F. Beazley (Grenville 1971) to Anna Lethbridge on 25th July 1977.

P. V. Beazley (Lyttelton 1967) to Jackie Fuller on 20th July 1979.

R. V. M. E. Behar (Grenville 1959) to Iwona Grabowska on 29th July 1982.

R. J. Broadley (Walpole 1946) to Colleen Gannon on 4th August 1982.

J. C. Brunel (Walpole 1937) to Margaret Kentfield on 13th August 1982.

T. B. Cobb (Walpole 1969) to Emma Rose Holland-Martin on 19th September 1982.

J. deB. Crossley (Grenville 1974) to Yvonne Theresia van Tongeren on 6th March 1982.

M. E. T. Davies (Cobham 1966) to Serena Palmer on 8th June 1974.

T. W. Evans (Grafton 1965) to Susan Anne Scott on 1st December 1973.

J. K. R. Falconer (Walpole 1973) to Stella Mok on 19th June 1982.
Elizabeth W. Fremantle (Stanhope 1977) to Iain Duncan-Smith on 11th September 1982.
P. Herbert (Lyttelton 1975) to Nikki Furnival Jones on 30th October 1982.
B. B. Jones (Bruce 1960) to Diana Gennett on 16th April 1979.
M. P. Kayll (Walpole 1969) to Amanda Susan Fell on 8th April 1978.
A. J. Laird Craig (Bruce 1972) to Roxanne Balfour on 8th April 1978.
G. C. Leon (Chatham 1974) to Fiona Jane Stirling on 4th July 1982.
A. D. Lomas (Cobham 1977) to Katrine Anne Vernell on 11th December 1982.
S. McCarthy (Bruce 1976) to Susan Jean Parkinson on 7th August 1982.
C. J. McCubbin (Chatham 1970) to Judith Mary Patterson on 23rd September 1980.
K. E. McKelvie (Walpole 1968) to June Greenwood on 3rd May 1980.
B. A. Mackintosh (Chatham 1974) to Caroline Julie Clarke on 18th September 1982.
N. M. C. Metcalfe (Walpole 1973) to Judith Elizabeth Milner on 6th October 1979.
C. N. Rainer (Cobham/Lyttelton 1969) to Susan Blackburn on 26th June 1982.
S. P. Rees (Grenville 1952) to Elaine Ann Ross on 15th July 1982.
P. M. Salt (Grenville 1950) to Ann Elizabeth Mary Kilham Roberts on 1st July 1976.
M. Spira (Chandos 1962) to Alison Fisher in 1968.
I. A. Thomson (Chatham 1971) to Jane Reed-Purvis on 8th May 1976.
J. G. Thorburn (Grafton 1963) to Angela Ruth Fuchs on 1st November 1980.
B. E. Toye (Grafton 1956) to Fiona Ann Hogg on 8th October 1982.

DEATHS

B. Brind (Chandos 1928) on 4th July 1982.
J. A. Dashwood (Grenville 1928) in January 1982.
The Hon. G. E. Dutton (Bruce 1929) in 1981.
G. A. Eve (Grenville 1942) on 9th July 1982.
Sir Patrick Heron-Maxwell Bt. (Cobham 1934) on 18th August 1982.
E. V. Hope (Temple 1933) on 11th July 1982.
J. E. McComb (Grenville/Cobham 1927) on 4th August 1982.
P. M. Rouse (Grenville 1929) on 5th July 1982.
C. E. Salamon (Grafton 1931) on 13th October 1982.
D. Shillan (Staff 1950) on 4th July 1982.

We offer our apologies to E. P. Lycett Green (Temple 1968) for the inaccurate report of his death in the July 1982 issue. As a flourishing Master of the Portland Hunt he must have found this report at least surprising.

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