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The New Bruce House  
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## EDITORIAL

The major event of the last two terms has been, of course, the opening of the new Bruce House; in our last issue it appeared in inchoate form: it now appears opposite in all its splendour. The life of the School as a whole—athletic, artistic, social—has continued unabated, as witnessed in the following pages; the steady encroachment of external examinations into the early part of the Summer Term has had surprisingly little effect.

One of the first events of the Summer Term was another entertainment by various members of the Staff, another piece of nostalgia, this time 'Anything Goes'—not quite as good as previous productions, but nonetheless very amusing. Drama of a very different type appeared later in the term in the form of the Lower Sixth play, 'Another Country' and the Junior Congreve's 'Zigger Zagger'. On a Speech Day of unusual serenity we welcomed Lord Boyd-Carpenter as chief guest, and we record his speech and the Headmaster's below. The Speech Day concert was attended by the usual appreciative, packed audience, and sporting matches were able to take place unhampered by the weather. On a more everyday level, it is interesting to note that House Art exhibitions, perhaps taking their cue from Speech Day, have now become an established feature of the School. Another venture, still in embryonic stage, is 'Challenge 2000', a highly ambitious project in process of organization by Dr. King, involving far-reaching ecological studies, among other things, and a possible visit to South America. We hope to have more information about this in due course.

The early part of this term was marked by the official opening on September 28th of the aforementioned new Bruce House by Lord Boyd-Carpenter, appearing again to deputize for Lord McAlpine, who was prevented by illness from coming. A large concourse of Stowe's friends gathered to celebrate this landmark in the School's life, and the Headmaster, expressing the School's warm gratitude to all who had contributed so magnificently to the Roxburgh Trust, outlined some of the ways in which the Trust would continue to help the community. In another context it was gratifying that over £10,000 was raised by a sponsored walk for the Baglung Clinic.

On the exodus of Bruce from the main building roughly half of Stanhope's inhabitants have been able to move into the new Nugent, now completed, with Mr. and Mrs. Small installed.

The academic life of the School has been well served by distinguished visitors lecturing to the various Societies, as well as by the Nene lectures. On October 4th Sir David McNee, Q.P.M. gave the highly interesting fourth McAlpine lecture. In the field of preparation for careers another valuable Middle Sixth Industrial Conference was held just before the Exeat.

We cannot offer a full account of the term's Rugby, but with seven wins so far and one major match lost by only one point the First XV has something to be proud of.

The recently held House music competitions generated a great deal of enthusiasm and inspired some magnificent corporate and individual efforts; the results will be found on a later page.

At the end of last term, in addition to those we mentioned, we said farewell also to Mr. Allen and Mr. Granville Jones, who had helped us for a short time in various capacities, and also to Mrs. Brenda Salway. This term we are losing four more members of the Staff: Mr. Cain is leaving to take up the post of Senior History Master at Wells Cathedral School. Mr. Masters is leaving the teaching profession. Mr. Norris is flying to Australia, primarily for the purpose of getting married, we understand, and Mr. Sparshott is following the example of his predecessor, Andrew Vinen, and joining the Staff of a preparatory school (Papplewick) where he will serve under another former Stowe Housemaster.

We wish them all good fortune.

This term we have welcomed five new members of Staff (Mr. Dawson (Mathematics), Mr. McCrea (Mathematics), Mr. Hirst (English), Dr. Stepputat (English) and Mr. Thompson (English). Mr. Brookhouse has taken over control of the swimming pool, and Miss J. M. Estdale is Artist in Residence.

By the time this issue appears our Oxford and Cambridge candidates will have sat their examinations; we wish them every success in the tribulations of the new fourth-term entry system.

The Prefectorial body consists currently of the following:	
Head of School	<b>R. S. G. Oliver</b>
Second Prefect	<b>J. L. Bannister</b>
Prefect of Defaulters	<b>G. R. M. Bates</b>
Head of Stanhope	<b>Suzanna M. T. Grenfell</b>
Head of Nugent	<b>Julia M. Hamilton-Russell</b>
Head of Walpole	<b>H. W. Herrington</b>
Head of Grenville	<b>R. A. Hill</b>
Prefect of Mess	<b>A. J. Lourenço</b>
Head of Cobham	<b>G. J. Murray</b>
Prefect of Sanctions	<b>T. D. D. Phillips</b>
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Prefect of Mess	<b>C. H. Pullin</b>
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Head of Temple	<b>R. A. W. Weller</b>
Head of Lyttelton	<b>T. A. Wilkinson, ma.</b>
Head of Chatham	<b>J. C. J. Yeoward</b>

## C.W.L.C.

Charles Cain came to Stowe in September 1979 from Denstone and quickly showed that great interest in and enthusiasms for History which characterised all his teaching. He conveyed this enthusiasm to his pupils, both to the "high flyers", for he marched successfully with the Oxbridge candidates, and to the slower members of his Fifth Form set whose results owed much to his warm and encouraging personality. We shall remember him for the assiduity with which he kept up his reading, for his interest in the later Mediaeval and Tudor period and in the latest revisionist theories, for his keen stewardship of the Library which was improved in many areas, and for his performances vocally and on a variety of instruments as a very talented musician. As an Assistant Housemaster in Grenville, and Tutor, he quickly established a real rapport with his charges. He has been a popular and successful coach of the 3rd XV and at various levels in archery, besides being a willing assistant at Athletics and Hockey.

As a colleague he was full of interesting ideas to improve our methods of instruction and above all he was always concerned to encourage the cause of History in the School. He will now be able to develop further these elements of his teaching and his talents on a wider stage at Wells Cathedral School in January 1986. Our thanks and best wishes to him and Hilary as they leave for the challenging rôle of Head of Department.

**A.A.V.R.**

One of the many talents of Charles Cain came to light at the beginning of his four year tenure as Master-in-Charge of the Library: his great interest in and knowledge and enjoyment of books. Apart from expanding the History Section, he has used his knowledge for the improvement of all categories of books, and has taken an active interest in all aspects of the day-to-day routine. It has been a great pleasure to work with him, and I wish him and Hilary every happiness in Wells and in the future.

**K.McD.**

## G.B.C.

In the Autumn Term of 1950 a pencil-slim figure appeared on the scene at Stowe, fresh from National Service in the Navy and fairly fresh from that most urbane of Cambridge Colleges, Clare, whose essential clarity he was to diffuse through the community for the next thirty-five years, as a sort of 'arbiter elegantiarum'. This was George Clarke. As holder of a Scholarship in Classics at his College he naturally taught Latin and Greek here, the former throughout his career, the latter for most of it. English was, however, his main subject, and generations of Stoics are much indebted to his patient, lucid expositions and wide-ranging, enthusiastic interests. In a letter this term an Old Stoic of some distinction remembered with gratitude his inspired teaching. It was thus fitting that in 1960 he should take on the post of English Tutor, a function he fulfilled with the calm efficiency for which he was already conspicuous. In 1962 he followed Brian Gibson as Housemaster of Grenville. His handling of this responsibility would probably have endeared him more to Stowe's first Headmaster than his predecessor's, whose beating list for the term (obligatory in those Draconian times) once elicited from Roxburgh the comment, "My deah Brian, quite like Marlborough in the '90s!" George is unlikely to have addressed a member of his House as 'My deah fellah', but he may well have commanded one to 'bend over that chair—and come back for a glass of sherry later'. And so the years slipped by, and after giving up Grenville in 1974 George became Senior Tutor in 1977. By this time his virtues were firm and familiar; under his benign jurisdiction tranquillity (on the whole) reigned, and parish pump politics were kept to a minimum. Such a bald outline of George's services to Stowe naturally omits a great deal;

for example, he was Editor of *The Stoic* for seven years, and his accounts of the early history of the buildings, with fascinating drawings and photographs accompanying them, formed the core of many issues of the magazine, and are still much sought after in the academic world. In 1964 he helped to compile a new edition of *Cantata Stoica*, to be used in Chapel for many years.

It is, however, for his work in the Stowe grounds that George will be most vividly remembered outside the classroom. His love for the place, both its buildings and its grounds, clearly grew apace from the time of his arrival here. Indoors that love manifested itself in vigorous, insatiable research into the history of the building which eventually even took him across the Atlantic in quest of further documents, and a steady stream of visitors benefited from his lectures. Outside, he set himself to restore the grounds as far as possible to what they had been in their hey-day in the late 18th century. But this grand vision did not prevent him from toiling endlessly, almost daily, with the appropriate implement, at the humblest tasks. I like to think that one of the early Dukes might come back to see what had happened to the place. After passing from one 20th century monstrosity to another with mounting revulsion he might come across George gently tending a young sapling. And he would say unto him, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant! Thou hast restored the place more or less to its state in 1770, and great shall be thy reward in Heaven—or possibly the Elysian Fields'. Browning wrote, 'Your ghost will walk, you lover of trees, in an English lane'. There are few lanes at Stowe, but perhaps George's ghost can perambulate the woodlands and lawns he has done so much to restore, and Handelian trees shall crowd into a shade.

George and Patricia have had two of their three children, Graham and Charlotte, educated here, the latter becoming Head of Stanhope. Husband and wife have both retained their pristine svelteness over the years: very recently a young woman of some discrimination said to me, 'Mr. Clarke must have been a very good looking man—once'. Now they have exchanged Stowe's 18th century elegance for the more romantic world of Hardy's Wessex, but it is good to know that George will be maintaining his connection with the landscape of Stowe, and that his memories of the place will be enshrined in the book to which he can now devote more time. We wish George and Patricia every happiness.

domus amator, nec minus arborum,  
campos per omnes reddidit ordinem:  
incolta purgavit labore  
assiduo: monumenta restant.

B.S.S.

## C.R.H.

The brightest star in the galaxy, Supernova Haslam, developed its brilliance at Stowe from 1974 to 1985. During this period this mega force attracted constellations of other stars by its gravitational pull where they too shone with increasing brightness.

The astronomical metaphor will be familiar to all who knew Chris well, but behind the nomenclature 'star', which was awarded to young and old alike, was a serious expectation that these chosen ones would live up to and exceed his expectations of them, and with this belief behind them some most certainly have. Chris's friendship is for a lifetime; it is not a passing phase. His gift for friendship is generous and he bends in its service at whatever cost to himself. His energy (obviously of the solar variety) is proverbial and it seems to increase annually.

The Badminton team became one of the most successful teams at Stowe, unbeaten over many seasons.

His contribution to the drama at Stowe, which enjoyed his influence from House plays, Junior Congreve, LVI plays and Congreve, will remain vividly in our minds. We need only reflect on the breadth of scale, from the intimacy and emotion of 'Equus' in the Rehearsal Room to 'The Roses of Eyam'—a whole village recreated across the Chapel Court.

His patience and enthusiasm have brought confidence to the less naturally talented in the Junior English department, who cannot have failed to realise that Chris is in love with language. His puns, metaphors and conceits, his delight in every aspect of our tongue make him a seeker after originality and give him an extravagance in personal style which though Stowe's loss will prove Cheltenham's gain.

C.J.G.A.

## BRENDA SALWAY

Brenda Salway's retirement at the end of the Summer Term threatened to bring to an end the seventeen years of her association with Grenville and Stowe but did not quite succeed in doing so! Indeed, it is hard to imagine Grenville without her.

There must have been many occasions when three successive Housemasters have counted their blessings in having Brenda as Housematron. She has surveyed and controlled the domestic scene with a benign eye, treating boys with an admirable blend of friendliness and firmness and providing Housemasters with a restorative sense of balance and perspective. Flowers have appeared miraculously early on the morning of high days, copious quantities of mince pies have materialised at Christmas parties, and innumerable cups of coffee and casual conversations in front of the TV have helped older boys to unwind at the end of a busy day. For several years Brenda cooked for ravenous members of Grenville House Parties in the Lake District and Scotland.

Her interests and enthusiasm have not been confined to the House, however. She has appeared on the stage in the Choral Society and in Staff Plays—memorably as Miss Fishlock, secretary to a future Grenville Housemaster, in *Harlequinade*. Her poems have been published in a variety of magazines, and letters on a range of controversial issues have been broadcast to the nation. Visitors to her flat have perhaps been surprised to find there so much evidence of her hobby as a painter. All of these things have been achieved with an unassuming modesty coupled with a wry sense of the ludicrous; and it was typical of her generosity that she allowed us to break into her retirement and returned at twenty-four hours' notice to look after the House for the last few weeks of this term. Reluctantly we really will have to let Brenda go at Christmas. She leaves with our sincere thanks and best wishes for many happy years in her new home at Tewkesbury.

R.M.P.

## A.R.S.

Tony Sparshott shares with few the distinction of having twice been appointed to the Modern Languages teaching staff at Stowe. His devotion to all features of the life of the School has been such that one might be forgiven for thinking that the nine-year gap between his two appearances was merely a figment of the imagination. A man of immense popularity, indefatigable energy and efficiency, Tony Sparshott has made an immeasurable contribution to the academic life of the School, from the Oxbridge Hispanist to the hapless Third Former, struggling with the complexities of a new foreign language. All those who have passed through the portals of Room 36, and, more recently, of 29, have benefited from his conscientiousness and his ability to radiate enthusiasm for his subject. His unique experiences in Peru found expression in first-rate illustrated lectures to the Spanish Society, including stories of journeys on baggage trains to Cuzco and tales of llamas, cactus leaves and blue-footed boobies. His “zizz” after lunch became sacrosanct and those “in the know” avoided disturbing him during the six o’clock news. Whether or not he actually represented Peru on the hockey field remains obscure, but countless juniors gained much from his ardent coaching of hockey and rugby. For many years the School cross-country teams thrived under his leadership, and the splendid results they achieved reflect the time and energy he gave to this sport. In summer he was to be found in the remote regions of the Bourbon, supervising the throwing disciplines in Athletics.

In 1980 Tony took over Temple and from the outset he displayed an enviable blend of firmness, fairness and paternal concern as a Housemaster. No malefactor could ever hope to escape detection, but at the same time his encouragement and his care for the happiness and success of his charges coupled with his infectious sense of humour won him support, respect and popularity in great measure.

Much will be remembered with amusement and affection—the cameo parts as a soldier in “H.M.S. Pianafore” and as a drunk in “Guys and Dolls. The “natty phrase” soon became a unique “Sparshottismo” and his use of press-ups and demonstrations of mountaineering on the walls of his classrooms to illustrate set texts have become legends in their own right. His immense integrity, warm personality and modesty made many parents choose him as a godfather to their children, certain in the knowledge that he would discharge his duties with alacrity and delight.

I feel more than a little privileged to be allowed to write this appraisal of a professional colleague and a close personal friend. In the year which has elapsed since I left Stowe, his companionship, help and support have been amongst the things I have missed most. We all wish him success and happiness as he joins the Papplewick teaching staff. The highly polished shoes and bright red anorak will almost certainly re-appear on the Stowe touchline in the years ahead. Ironically we shall certainly benefit from our loss, for any boy who is fortunate enough to pass through his caring and capable hands in Berkshire will reap a harvest of enormous value as he moves up to the Senior School! Vete con Dios amigo, y gracias!

D. J. Mee



A. J. Farquharson ('O' level subject)

# SPEECH DAY 1985

Saturday, 25th May

## The Headmaster's Speech:

"I've never seen the grounds look better!" That refrain becomes more insistent as the years pass, and how right they are to say it. I hope they realize, and I hope you realize, that the refrain is a glowing tribute to one man above all. George Clarke has rescued the grounds of Stowe, the garden buildings of Stowe, our unique heritage, as no other man in the past 235 years. We owe to his vision, his single-minded enthusiasm for that recovery and his own sheer physical energy the fact that tens of thousands of trees have been planted and our landscape revived. Many others have worked with him and shared the enthusiasm, but George has given the lead. And yet, in taking that theme as my introit, I risk doing George a great disservice. He has been a very great schoolmaster. He has educated generations of Stoics and Stowe masters with great distinction. He has taught English, Latin, Greek, History; he has run the English Department until recently; he has been a Housemaster and Senior Tutor; but he has educated the whole man—mind, sensibility and courtesy. He has been our greatest ambassador, but he has also been a faithful supporter of Stowe events—Chapel, Drama, Music, Art, Eloquence. He has also been the husband of a very special warm-hearted person. I quickly came to value his balanced wisdom and breadth of appreciation, his total discretion, loyalty and friendship. Many others have counted him and Patricia among their dearest friends for more than half the history of Stowe School. The whole history of the other Stowe will emerge before long from George's felicitous pen. May we thank him, however inadequately, on this occasion when there are so many of us present, and wish him, with Patricia, the happiest possible retirement? I shall not say good-bye because, even after this term is over, he will maintain his link with Stowe as the new Chairman of the Landscape Committee, and I hope that Patricia will share the driving on the road from Dorset.

George has an excuse for leaving us: he has reached that stage in his youth when schoolmasters retire. Tony Sparshott has no excuse for leaving us this coming Christmas, unless he wants to claim that Housemasters who teach French and Spanish have a habit of leaving after five years of housemastering. For Temple, they have been very happy years and very productive. His classes, his runners, his rugger games, his fellow actors and singers and his many friends will miss Tony very much indeed. I know he is a 25 hour man and absolutely committed to the boys, and their parents, he serves. We shall miss his humour and facility for the *mot juste* with its often unexpected timing. Stowe will lose colour and sparkle. Papplewick do not deserve him; they already have one excellent Stowe Housemaster and I would have judged that to be their ration. But I wish Tony very well in his new home and responsibilities, with gratitude from a very wide circle of his friends and admirers.

Chris Haslam will be another severe loss to us. He must have been the ideal Deputy Housemaster. His dramatic productions have been very distinguished—recollect 'The Roses of Eyam' five years ago and 'Death of a Salesman' last November as just two out of so many. I know that every one of his productions has been enormous fun for everyone in it. For Chris, and for Stoics, his English classes have been more important, where even the most diffident find that they can write after all and the most sceptical that English "Lit" can echo even their most intimate heart-beats. Typically, Chris shouldered the burden of this year's School Ball at a time when most men would be shedding burdens.

Many Stoics and colleagues have gone to Chris for advice and reinforcement—a man with the sensitivity to draw the best out of everyone. Chris Haslam is now off to civilize a school in the West Country. We all wish him well and resent the 55 miles between us.

Philip Jones is also robbing the English Department of his skills. No mean scholar and a man of many parts, he has put many years and long hours at Stowe's disposal. Beyond English, he has had the thankless task of sponsoring the "alternative magazine", an enterprise in which you can only lose friends and make none. He sweated away until Christmas in running Stowe's Community Service. He has run the Political Society, entertaining a long line of very eminent visitors. Many Stoics will remember him best as the wise and hospitable Under Housemaster of Nugent. Our thanks and good wishes go with him.

One of the most exciting areas of expansion at Stowe is in the Workshops. Chris Stewart has held responsibility there for the past three exacting years. A new project in an East Anglian school now claims him. Best wishes to him and Pam in that venture to which, I know, he will give himself unreservedly.

Graham Platt's stay with us has been much too short. As a Physicist and a born teacher, he has been an able and popular member of a very successful department. His record as master in charge of Athletics and Cross-country running has been second to none; his contributions to mountaineering and to the happiness of Grafton House have made him still more friends. He is a tremendous person to have around, of great humanity and, as he inadvertently revealed to his friends when slowly recovering from his very unpleasant accident in the holidays, of outstanding courage. We regret his departure deeply, but we cannot stand in the way of his monastic vocation. Thank you, Graham, and God bless you.

Stowe is also losing, by a well-earned retirement, its much loved matron, Betty Cree. Stowe has been very fortunate in its matrons. Betty is no exception in her very wide range of involvement and talents. She has looked after Graftonians with inimitable care and good humour.

Retirement, alas, is also claiming Brenda Salway, our longest serving matron, and, like George Clarke, intimately associated with Grenville. Brenda has known 50 matrons. She came here because she was inspired to apply by reading J. F. Roxburgh's biography. Her paintings are known in Stowe, her poems have been published nationally, her acting and singing are legendary. Travel has taken her to Italy, Scotland and Canada. Her cooking is famous there as well as here, her capacity for hard work formidable. All will remember her as a friend and a faithful correspondent. We wish her many happy years in Tewkesbury.

The retirement or promotion of our friends on the staff brings sadness to us. Sadness, indeed, and gratitude have been our emotions at the tragic and early death this term of Richard Green, the Manager of the Stowe Bookshop, Under Housemaster of Chandos. Richard was a truly professional bookseller, but he has meant very much more than that to Stowe, and Chandos in particular. A warm Christian, with a bubbling humour, he would never have believed how deeply we all cared about him.

I maintain that Stowe should feel pride in what all these wonderful people have given us in their lives and imagination. But their departure signals change, and change will be with us for a few years—exciting changes. You are all aware of the nearing completion of the new Bruce. A very fine building it promises to be, and it does not seem premature to congratulate the architect, Jon Barnsley, his O.S. partner, John Cahill, and their outstanding consultant, Cedric Price, for what they have achieved. Cedric Price also wears

another hat; he advises the Governors on how best to match our buildings to this very special landscape. Some of you approach Stowe by way of the Oxford Avenue. That is now the property of the National Trust, and we shall shortly become its tenants, thus recovering one of the historic limbs of the Park. A Fund is now in being for the restoration of the Garden Temples. It has always been the Governors' principle not to use School fees for the restoration of the temples, educative though they are. The growth of that Fund is therefore of the utmost importance because we have a legal and moral duty to continue the excellent work done there in the past twenty years.

But, to revert to Bruce House, the move of Bruce to their new home triggers off the most important sequence of improvements in Stowe's history. The Houses left in the main buildings can now be properly integrated. Housemasters will be able to sleep more easily than ever before. Sixth formers will find working conditions in their Houses far more satisfying than hitherto. The timing of this is good, because Stoics in ever greater numbers are making work their priority, exemplified by the satisfaction of the Sixth Form derived from the long hours of work they enjoyed when the rest of the School was absent on Field Day.

One of the benefits of Bruce House's move will be the opening of Nugent as the first proper residential House for our Sixth Form girls. I still do not know how Miss Nixon has coped with the management of nearly 60 girls boarded out in about twenty-five households in an area of about fifteen square miles. But cope she does and teach a heavy timetable.

Change and expansion are happening in the curriculum. Computers are creeping into the education of all Stoics, and so Michael Manisty is now the full time co-ordinator and teacher of those skills. The first of the new IBM machines are arriving and the Computer Room will be completely re-equipped by next term. This will enable us to launch a number of new schemes, particularly our Computer Literacy programme based on the Royal Society of Arts syllabus.

The dreaded GCSE is approaching and will be the official first public examination. Next term's intake will have to sit it in 1988. In some respects it is the same creature we have known successively as School Certificate and 'O' level. Here and there will be modifications of the syllabus; there will also be a choice between harder and easier courses without submitting the less secure academic to the apparent indignity of CSE: their certificate will be the same as the one possessed by the more confident performers and success will continue to be measured by grades. The snags are twofold. First, we shall be compelled to endure an earlier date than in 'O' level for this examination in the summer. Secondly, the Secretary of State is threatening us all with Distinction Certificates and Merit Certificates; but we do not yet know whether these will be of any importance, whether Universities will bother about them, and whether he will succeed in implementing them in their proposed form in the face of unanimous opposition from Headmasters and Headmistresses of Maintained and Independent Schools and their staff. Our objection to them arises from the very serious consequences of their small print. They could make impossible the study of three Science subjects below the Sixth Form and exclude examination in any form of literature, English or European, until 'A' level specialisation begins. But I repeat, the battle over these certificates is not yet over.

It is time to turn back from the changes in store for us and cast a glance over the past year's achievements. Academically, exam results have been generally encouraging. It was an average entry to Oxford and Cambridge in a year of confusion generated by those august universities. The high percentage of last year's 'A' level success was maintained at

86.8%; that means that the average Stoic leaves with just over 2½ 'A' level passes. At 'O' level, again, the standards of the previous good year were maintained. This means that the average Stoic achieves 8 'O' levels in his time here. We drew encouragement from the highest percentage we have yet recorded in the number of Grade A's, but we are finding that new-style Common Entrance papers are disguising a decline in standards at the lower end in Maths and French. This puts quite a load on those departments here. The 'O' level papers taken last November were very encouraging in English Literature for this year's Shells and Fifths, and in Maths a full house of passes for those boys in their fourth term in the School who took it.

Exam results, however, are only part of the academic pattern. One of the most significant features of the past year, as I look back to September, has been the very high quality of teaching and the response to it. There is a growth in intellectual curiosity and ambition. The shakiest Common Entrance candidates are beginning to win plusses in subjects where they had experienced nothing but defeat; a First Year Sixth Former last week was given Grade A+ by every master—and in the last year of Oxford Scholarships a Stoic won the top English Scholarship to Christ Church. This quality of teaching, the enthusiasm behind it and the very happy relationship which arises from it has been a subject of comment by very many visitors this year, and it has been very encouraging.

In Sport, first teams have generally fared well. In Hockey, after two very good seasons there were only two losses and a very good tour to Cheshire. In Cross-country eleven wins and one loss; in Water Polo there were six wins and no losses; in Squash, twelve wins and two losses; in Girls' Hockey six wins and two losses; and in Badminton I regret to say that a match was lost—the first for five years—and eleven won. The Golf team again won the Gerald Micklem Trophy.

We have had some very exciting stage performances. 'Death of a Salesman' by the Senior Congreve, 'Terra Nova', the Walpole play, 'An Inspector Calls', by Grafton must rank among the very greatest of their kind at Stowe. Musically, the Chichester Psalms and Stainer's Crucifixion gave us some lovely solo singing; the Scholars' Concert, the Delius evening and Lloyd Webber's Pie Jesu brought more wonderful singing from the soloists. Instrumentally, you heard more this morning; I'm only sorry few of you could hear the full Chamber Concert given by the music pupils themselves in February. Quite rightly, they were given a tremendous hand. I must mention in passing that out of 26 music board exams passed this year there were two distinctions and twelve merits—three Grade 8s and three Grade 7s.

In all these and dozens of other activities, in the displays of Art and three-dimensional work in wood, metal, wire, ceramics, in private expeditions all over the world, there has been most exciting vitality. The displays today are the best and most varied I've seen. It has not been the work of just a few brilliantly talented boys and girls. It has been the enthusiasm of a very large number, sometimes working together, sometimes exploring personal interests. Of particular note has been the April Himalayan Expedition, enjoyed hugely by Stoics, staff, parents and non-Stoic friends alike. Two Stoics spent April touring Morocco, two toured part of India last summer and gave us a memorable presentation on it afterwards. One particular refrain, which has not been so audible in other years, has been the excellent impression made on staff and others by your sons and daughters in expeditions and enterprises in the School context. Only yesterday I was shown a letter from someone unconnected with the School praising those who went on the Brittany trip in April. The world will be in good hands when this generation of Stoics succeeds us, from the Head of School downwards.

I have no doubt whatever that the vitality and pleasantness so apparent in the School reflects not only, parents, your excellent upbringing but also the whole-heartedness of the staff's care over individual boys and girls. Success at Oxbridge, success in mastering a technical problem in the Workshops or in Elementary Maths, mastering the demands of an intractable problem in French Composition or an Economics Essay—all are treated as of equal importance and time has been no object. I see the hours the games coaches return from the fields and even in my latest nights I see lights burning in masters' studies. The output is not all academic. Adolescence has its emotional crises and intense frustrations; families have their tragedies; the academic mould, although a prerequisite for employment, is not designed for every temperament. The dedication of the staff in all their departments has been very evident; and beyond anything I have known in more than 30 years for the complete absence of exceptions, so that I would like to thank them publicly and with warmth—and I include, among others, those who are most self-effacing: Cyril Atkins, the Assistant Bursar, Bryan Martin, the Clerk of the Works (probably lurking behind this tent in case the communications break down), the men in the kitchens, the ladies who clean the studies, Sister Kennedy, who had to treat a more varied range of infections last term than one could believe possible . . . I hope those not mentioned will believe that they are included.

This brings me to some closing observations. We have said good-bye to some very distinguished schoolmasters and matrons who have demonstrated a very high degree of care. That is what it is all about. It is the inspiration which that care evokes at every level which helps to draw out the best in people. And that has been happening this year. It is more important than anything. We do not know what training is required for the year 2000. We do know that versatility, adaptability and self-confidence are needed, and will continue to be needed more than ever before. The pattern of employment and the way we use our time have changed for ever. Personality, hard work, enthusiasm and humanity develop through personal encouragement, and in that work those who are leaving us have given an impressive lead.

These are qualities which you, Sir, have exemplified at a very high level. Called to the Bar, called up in the War, Member of Parliament, Senior Treasury Minister, Administrator and Manager in the Air and in a world-wide Industry, for many, many years a Governor of Stowe, you have shown outstanding response to change and to the unexpected. Thanks to television, a wide public can appreciate your clear grasp of essential issues and the command of words, wit and dialectic with which you confound the foolish and mischievous. Thank you for accepting so graciously our invitation to be our Guest of Honour, an honour long overdue to you.

#### **The Rt. Hon. Lord Boyd-Carpenter's Speech:**

Mr. Chairman, My Lord Lieutenant, Mr. Mayor, Headmaster, My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen—I think that's everybody. When I use that formula it always reminds me of a remark of that wise and witty man, James I, or, for the sake of any Scotsmen here, King James VI, who said: "I can make a Lord but only the Almighty can make a gentleman", and I often think of that with that preliminary. But my first duty, and a very pleasant one indeed it is, is to congratulate the prize winners on winning their prizes. There used to be a sort of egalitarianism suggesting that there was nothing particular about winning a prize. I think that's absolute nonsense. I think it is an encouraging and creditable thing to have competed for a prize and to have won it. And I think all of us here would like, most warmly, to congratulate the prize winners on their achievement, and the more competitive the competition was the greater credit to them, and the greater, I hope, their satisfaction.

Now, this is what is called Speech Day, and it's one of the paradoxes, I suppose, of our English system, or British system, that the speech is infinitely the least important part of the arrangements for the day. But what is also apparent is the complete lack of sympathy for the person who has actually to deliver it. It seems to be assumed, as has been said of making speeches in the House of Lords, that making a speech is like drinking port—no one enjoys it except the chap actually doing it. But, in fact, Speech Day speeches are about the most difficult and dangerous hazard to which one can be exposed in civilized life. "Dangerous"?—Let me give you an example. Some years ago, I gave away the prizes and made the speech at a girls' school, and the first young lady to come up for an award received the book from me graciously and then gave me a smacking kiss on both cheeks. I hasten to disillusion anyone who has illusions—the girl was my daughter! But the alarm that this caused the Headmistress was considerable. She said, "Good Heavens! They'll think that's the drill and they'll all do it to you". Very fortunately, the young lady number two was a very sophisticated young lady, an Ambassador's daughter, in fact, and she formally shook me by the hand; so all was well. But that it's difficult I think you'll see in a moment. This enormous gathering in this enormous marquee divides into four separate categories, whose reaction to a speech is quite different. There are my colleagues on the Governing Body; all they want is a quiet snooze after a good lunch. There are the masters; they hope that I will make a speech in which I say to the School: "Work hard, do what you're told and you'll end up like me", which I have always thought was one of the most counter-productive arguments you could introduce. Then there are the parents who hope you'll be amusing, and the School, which frankly hopes that you'll be short! And I confess that when I was here, I used, having the sporting type of mind, to run a book on the length of Speech Day speeches and, although it may alarm everybody if I say it, I always reserved the high field for myself.

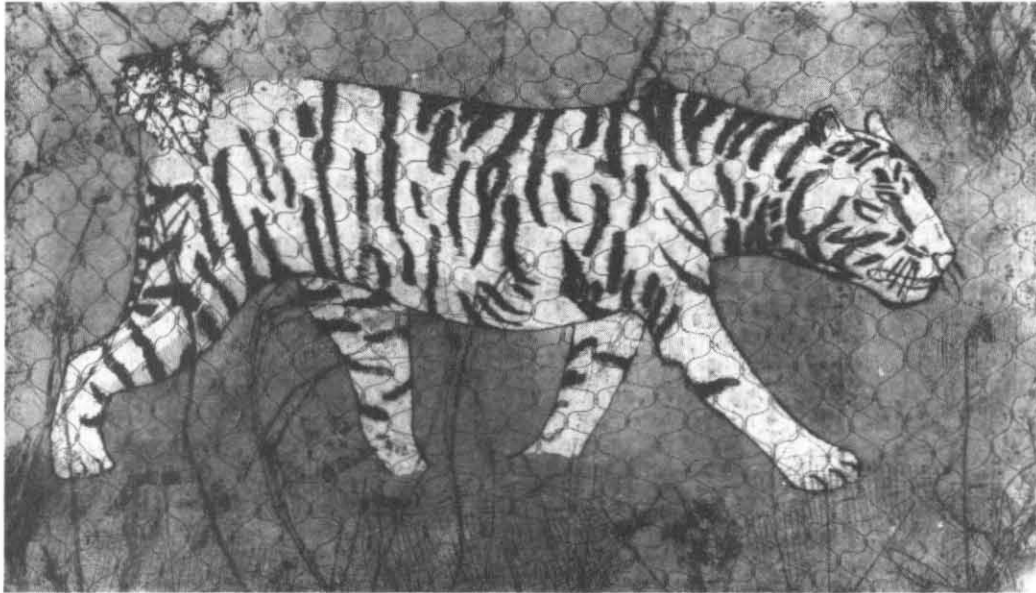
But it's supposed to be conventional on these occasions to say something about education, for or against—and I'm always tempted to recall in that context—you probably know the story of the late President Truman, who was a man of terse, short speech. He had been to church, very properly, on Sunday morning—I'm sure the Chairman would approve—and when he came back one of his staff said: "Mr. President, what did the preacher preach about?" "Sin", he said. "And, Mr. President, what did he say about it?" "He was against it". And my attitude, of course, on education is the precise converse of that, although I think the best thing ever said about education, though a cynical one, was this: "There must be something rottenly wrong with education; everybody has wonderful children, and all the adults are such duds". But one obviously has to say something on that topic, although the Headmaster has said it so well and so



much better a moment or two ago. I'm going to begin by saying a very unpopular thing to the School. None of us likes to believe that we are lucky. The sort of "unfair to me" syndrome is a very widespread thing, and I'm sure the School is full of people, from the House prefect who has to deal with a difficult Housemaster and a slightly insubordinate House and between them feels rather harassed, down to the newest of new boys to whom everything and everybody seems large and alarming. But, all the same, I do say this to you, that you are extremely lucky. Lucky first of all to be in what is without question the most beautiful school building and grounds in England and, for all I know, in the world, and with added to it certain imponderables like the J. F. Roxburgh tradition of good manners, although one must be careful when one says anything on that because one recalls at the same time that Winchester has a motto 'Manners Makyth Man' and, on the whole, some of the rudest people I have ever known in my life have been Wykehamists. I mention, of course, no names. But, here to add to my theme of your good fortune, you have every possible facility to fit you mentally, intellectually, physically for a successful and happy life. Now, what does one mean by a successful and happy life? I think one means finding work of a kind which interests one, which absorbs one, which extends one, and that over the years that is the thing you really want to get. And if, in addition, it earns you a reasonable living, well that's not against it. But how do you set about it? I think by finding, and taking a lot of trouble to find, what is going to be the work that is going to suit you. Some people know it from the age of 11 or 12; they know exactly what they want to be and go ahead and do it. But many of us, on the contrary, have to look around and consider where there are the opportunities, where our abilities best fit, and where we will be happiest. Because the real point I want to leave with you, and it may seem to some people almost a paradoxical one, is that absorbing and interesting work is throughout life the most satisfactory thing that one can get. You quoted, Headmaster, from recent statements on education: I'm going to quote, because I think it is very relevant to this point of mine, a few words from Sir Keith Joseph's statement made this week about Higher Education and entry into it. "The Government", he said, "accept that the criteria for entry into Higher Education, which will as at present remain under the control of institutions themselves, should place more emphasis on intellectual competence, motivation and maturity and less on formal qualifications. These criteria should be applied as rigorously to those with paper qualifications as to those without". And that comes, as a matter of interest, Mr. Chairman, from a man who got a Fellowship at All Souls himself. I think there is an important theme there: intellectual competence: not necessarily the achievement of superlative examination results, useful though they are, but intellectual capacity to handle people, to handle things, to handle situations, to do difficult things which call for a decision, for personality and for judgement. The old theory of education was in favour of a classical education, and the cynical view of that was that, while wholly useless in itself, it was also so difficult that if you could master it then nothing else would seem at all difficult afterwards. But that somewhat cynical view has, I think, disappeared with the growth of the new technology, and the finest writer of Greek Verse may find himself sometimes in difficulty when confronted with a computer. But it is this quality—and this is the point I want to leave with you, and I'll leave it here—of ability to manage people and things, not merely to know things but to know how to apply what you know to ever changing situations, which is the way, I do suggest to you towards the happy, successful life in good, exciting, self-extending work. Now, don't neglect in seeking that, the academic qualifications; they are obviously very valuable. Don't neglect also obtaining a high degree of physical fitness. I have known very distinguished people—I won't mention names—who found that at the zenith of their

careers their physical machine gave up and, as a result, their careers ended in disaster and, in two or three cases, in death. You do need, for certainly the higher positions in the modern world, enormous physical stamina, and this was very well summed up by the late Lord Justice Eve. Somebody asked him what you needed for success as a Barrister. He said: "Three things: first, physical vitality, the second is physical vitality; the third is physical vitality, but if you happen to know a little bit of Law it doesn't do any harm". And, of course, the classic example of all this was Winston Churchill, who, despite as strenuous a life as any human being of this century has led, at the age of 80 was able to conduct, and conduct effectively, the immensely strenuous office of Prime Minister. Mind you, he had the enormous advantage, from that point of view and the survival point of view, of a sense of humour. And I must tell you one happy example of that, to which I was a witness. He was speaking in the House of Commons, and a Member on the other side of the House, called Mr. Paling, was so moved to indignation by what he said that he shouted quite improperly at him: "Dirty dog!" Winston turned on him with a beaming smile and said: "I would remind the Honourable Member what dirty dogs do to pavements". Or the other splendid comeback of the late Lord Birkenhead, who when told by a County Court Judge that he was being offensive, said: "Yes, Your Honour, we both are. But the difference is that I'm trying to be and you can't help it". And so those are the qualities I do suggest, for your thought, that you need for getting the sort of life and sort of career which will be happy and satisfactory to you, and for which this place surely provides every possible opportunity.

You are lucky in one other way. You will be into the immensely exciting, fast moving 21st century. Developments are taking place very quickly indeed. I don't believe, and I say this with some confidence, that there will be a War to frustrate this. I believe that what Winston Churchill called the 'balance of terror' will preserve the peace, and that meanwhile humanity will move forward at an incredible pace to take advantage of the new technology. I've experienced this in my own life. Two years ago, I sat at lunch at the Yacht Club at Houston, Texas, between two Americans, who both had walked on the moon. Now, if anyone had said to me, when I was a boy here, that you will sit next to people at lunch who walked about on the moon, I would have thought they were raving mad and, as my manners were rather bad, I would probably have told him so. But, there we are, and that is indicative of the immense pace of change—and potentially change for the good, for command over the forces and resources of nature of the world which will be offered to you as the 21st century dawns. And, therefore, I leave again with you this thought. The future years are going to be years of immense opportunity, and here, at Stowe, you have the opportunity—and judging from what the Headmaster said are taking it in very full measure—to acquire the qualities, the grasp, the courage, the determination and the strength to make full use of these, and help to lead our country, and the world, into the better times which we all want to see.



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**“THE OLIVE BRANCH”**

Ugly, foul, loathsome reality,  
Why do you never lie?  
Preying on my sanity  
As the snow-white doves fly by.

They said innocence mirrored Divinity,  
Yet it distorted my ideals,  
So perfect in credulity  
My reflection that it seals.

A lonesome barren feeling  
Hemmed in by vapours ill  
Burns away my ceiling  
The snow-white doves do fill.

The void soon filled with whiteness  
Pregnant with wise ideas  
Rendered reality jealous  
And conceived a burial.

Hope began to ripen  
Reality favoured decay  
The way was free and open  
For the doves to fly away.

**G. Harvey**

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# MUSIC

The following musical events have taken place since the beginning of last term:

**Sunday, April 28th, 1985 at 8.00 p.m. in the Music Room**

A DELIUS EVENING

with

FELIX APRAHAMIAN and STOWE CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

**Sunday, May 19th, 1985 at 8.00 p.m. in the Music Room**

STOWE CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

String Quartet in B flat K589 ..... *Mozart*  
Clarinet Quintet Opus 15 ..... *Brahms*

**Saturday, May 25th, 1985 at 12 noon in the Roxburgh Hall**

SPEECH DAY CONCERT

STOWE CHAPEL CHOIR

STOWE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

ALAN BUSH (*Oboe*) HELEN MILLS (*Piano*)

Oboe Concerto..... *Marcello*  
Party Piece for Piano and Orchestra..... *R. R. Bennett*  
Mars, from The Planets ..... *Holst*

**Sunday, June 16th, 1985 at 8.00 p.m. in the Chapel**

THE QUEEN'S TEMPLE SINGERS

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DAVID GATEHOUSE (*Organ*)

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Jubilate Deo ..... *Britten*  
Rise, Heart (Easter) ..... *Vaughan Williams*  
Prelude and Fugue in E minor ..... *Bach*  
Te Deum laudamus ..... *Stanford*  
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace ..... *S. S. Wesley*  
Give us the Wings of Faith ..... *Bullock*  
Variations on an Old Flemish Theme..... *Flor Peeters*  
I was glad ..... *Parry*  
Greater Love hath no Man ..... *Ireland*  
O Thou the Central Orb ..... *Wood*  
Fugue from Sonata on the 94th Psalm ..... *Reubke*

**Sunday, June 30th at 8.00 p.m. in the Music Room**

STOWE MUSIC ENSEMBLE

Viola Sonata in D ..... *Brahms*  
Piano Quintet ..... *Shostakovich*

**Saturday, September 14th, 1985 at 8.00 p.m. in the Roxburgh Hall**

INSIGHT INTO OPERA

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Agrippina ..... *Handel*  
The Barber of Seville ..... *Rossini*  
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**Sunday, September 29th, 1985 at 8.00 p.m. in the Roxburgh Hall**

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

Conducted by DAVID GATEHOUSE

Nutcracker Suite ..... *Tchaikovsky*  
Sinfonietta ..... *Paul Drayton*  
Symphony No. 5 ..... *Tchaikovsky*

**Wednesday, October 9th, 1985 at 8.00 p.m. in the Music Room**

OPERA BY CANDLELIGHT

PAVILION OPERA in LA TRAVIATA

by VERDI

**Sunday, October 20th, 1985 at 8.00 p.m. in the Music Room**

THE QUEEN'S TEMPLE SINGERS AND ORCHESTRA

Conducted by DAVID GATEHOUSE

Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 ..... *Bach*  
Gloria..... *Vivaldi*  
Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 ..... *Bach*

**Sunday, November 17th, 1985 at 8.00 p.m. in the Music Room**

AN EVENING OF WIND MUSIC



"Anything Goes" — Left to Right: I.M.S., J.B.D., J.M.L.



"Anything Goes" — "The Angels"



"Anything Goes" — "The Angels"



"Anything Goes" — R.M. and J.M.L.

## MUSIC COMPETITIONS 1985

### Piano:

- 1st Alan Bush  
= 2nd Douglas Twining/Stuart Thompson

### Strings:

- 1st Miles Exelby  
= 2nd Lisa Tustian/Amanda Wyatt

### Singing:

- 1st Sarah Guthrie  
2nd Lisa Tustian

### Wood/Brass:

#### Results:

#### Junior Brass:

Anthony Bewes	74
Peter Evelyn	85 (1st)
Michael Hancock	78
Giles Munt	83 (2nd)
Benet Northcote	82 (3rd)

#### Senior Brass:

Paul Saville	73 (= 3rd)
John Da Silva	85 (1st)
James Sparling	82 (2nd)
Giles Wordsworth	73 (= 3rd)

#### Junior Wind:

Julian Barnbrook	87 (1st)
Jean Berthoin	76
Luciano Chianese	81
Dickon Geddes	74
Dominic Jenkin	84 (3rd)
Alexander van Moppes	79
Alexander Wright	86 (2nd)

#### Senior Wind:

Matthew Skeate	83
Stephan Gundisch	87 (2nd)
Dominic White	86 (3rd)
Henrik Takkenberg	82
Cordelia Beresford	85
Alan Bush	86 (3rd)
Sophie Rudolf	88 (1st)
Robert Marsh	84

**Boosey & Hawkes Cup:** Julian Barnbrook (*oboe*).

**Khurody Cup:** Alexander van Moppes (*bassoon*).

#### House Order:

#### Heats:

- 1st Chatham  
2nd Chandos  
3rd Stanhope

#### Final:

- 1st Stanhope  
2nd Bruce  
3rd Lyttelton

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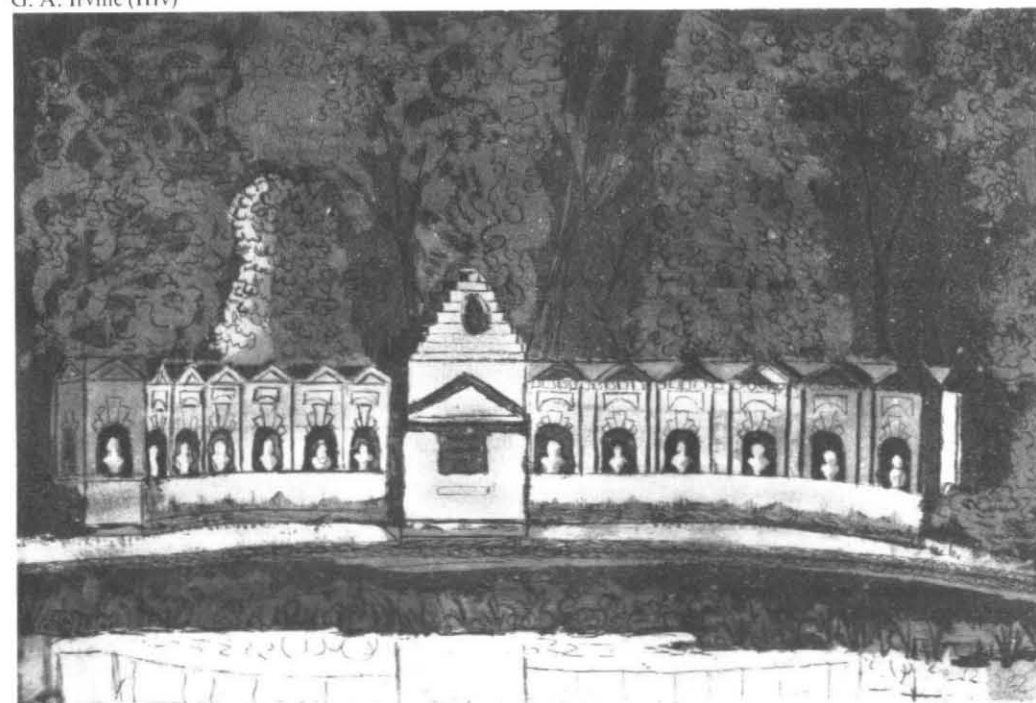
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## DRAMA

### Lower Sixth Play: "Another Country"

The Rehearsal Room, in its present state, is unpromising material for those contemplating the production of a play. Or so it would seem. But we have had, in the recent past, two quite superb productions there (in **Equus** and **Journey's End**) and last term we experienced one such another, when C.R.H. and R.S.J.N. inspired the Lower Sixth to do wonders with **Another Country**.

Everything was right. An imaginative setting of both actors and audience removed many of the Rehearsal Room's disadvantages. Lighting and Sound were both splendidly done and did much to create the right atmosphere. And the acting of the entire cast was beautifully judged. They caught the period atmosphere of the piece and carried us away into their world from the very first moment. The audience responded at once to the sincerity and the conviction of the whole production.

It is difficult to single out individuals from such an inspired team effort, but it must be said that Peter Williams carried the play to a level which should be unattainable on an amateur stage. It was a joy to behold. And I.M.S. too, in his one scene, gave a performance of quite outstanding brilliance. It says much for the rest of the cast that this scene in no way unbalanced the production.

Views of the play itself were mixed. Some loved it; some hated it. It was most successfully provocative! I myself found it absorbing enough to sit through on two consecutive evenings and yet to wish for more.

For C.R.H., it was a final triumph before his move to Cheltenham to take over the drama there. It was a reminder too, if reminder were needed, of what a loss R.S.J.N. will be, when he too heads off to even more distant pastures new.

Sincere congratulations to all concerned on a memorable achievement.

A.G.M.

## BALLET

Another first for Brackley dance teacher, Ann Steedman, and four pupils of her ballet class.

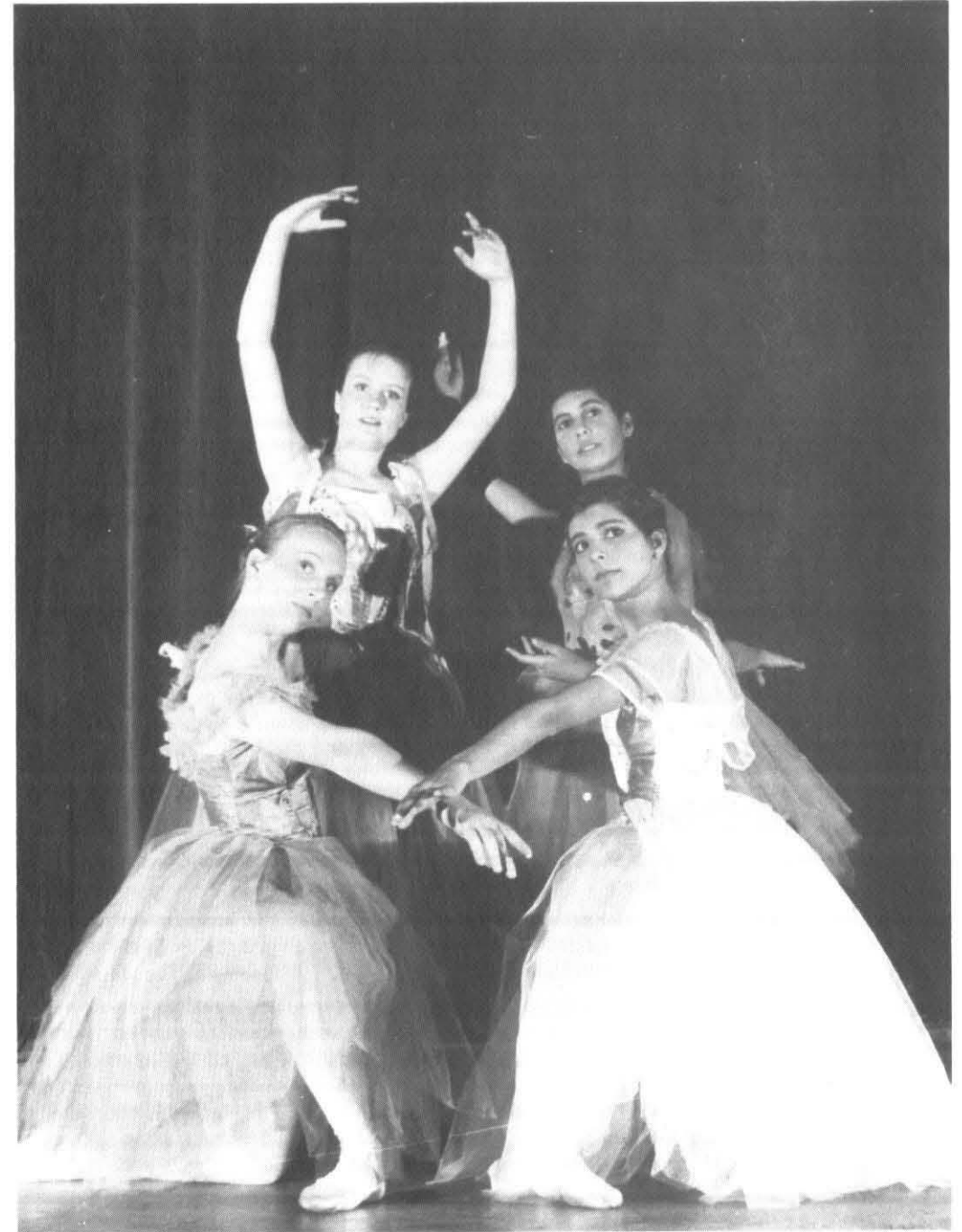
The girls performed a short ballet directed and costumed by Ann at Stowe School which was such a success it had to be repeated.

Depicted on stage in "Pas de Quatre" the dancers are from left: Stephanie Struthers and Khursheed Khurody, Kate Burditt and Khursheed's sister, Shenaiya (front).

Ann has been teaching for 28 years and last year she was made a life member of the Royal Academy of Dancing. She has strong ideas about ballet.

The dance world has become far too acrobatic, she says, and lacks both style and elegance, which she is trying to put back with her ballet.

"Dancers should be aware of their 300-year-old heritage", says Ann.



Left to right at back: Stephanie Smithers, Khursheed Khurody  
Left to right at front: Kate Burditt, Shenaiya Khurody

Photo by Allen Green

# SOCIETY

## CHAPEL

In theory a Summer Term Confirmation ought to enjoy better weather than one or two months earlier. Sadly it was not the case this year, the first half of what will probably now become the normal pattern of early summer Confirmations. However, the weather did not upset the service, which although small by comparison with previous years, was marked by a very warm spirit of worship and commitment. Bishop Simon, as usual, preached a clear and challenging sermon, and quite obviously enjoyed the service as much as everyone else. I hope that the thirty-four candidates will remember that Confirmation is not an end but a beginning of a disciplined full church membership, which entails regular worship and Holy Communion, Christmas and Easter attendance being almost pointless if they never go at other times.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues who took part in the preparation of the candidates, Canon Mark Ruston, who took the retreat in his usual admirable way, and the Revd. Michael Staines, one of the candidates' home vicars, who made a point of joining us on the day for the service. It was pleasing to have him with us.

Confirmation is, obviously but one of many services held in the Chapel. Our regular Sunday worship again followed a theme in the preaching ministry, that of 'People who met Jesus'. Our thanks to our visiting preachers, The Revd. Robert Foxcroft (a regular 'Thought for the Day' broadcaster), The Revd. David Lindsay, Canon Roy Henderson and Canon Norman Haddock, for agreeing to be bound by the themes they were asked to accept.

The Family Communion (seven per year) continued to make progress. It was pleasing to see parents at it; we very much hope that more will join us. I am very grateful to my colleagues, James Larcombe and Michael Drury for their last minute rescue of the service at which we began the use of a sung setting of the Gloria and the Lord's Prayer. I was ill with influenza, so that they had to more or less sight-read the music, assisted by a small choir who had prepared the music beforehand. The setting seems to be successful.

The coffee following the services in any parish church meets with a mixed reaction. It seems to be welcomed by those who come, and the pattern will continue. My thanks to Mr. Peter Farquhar for the use of his classroom.

The Summer Term ended, as in previous years, with a Leavers' Service. It was prepared by the same team as in the previous term and was again thought-provoking and excellent. We were all challenged to think about our eternal destiny, in very unambiguous terms!

This term we are continuing much as usual, with the exception that we have finally abandoned the practice of having a post-Morning Prayer communion on those Sundays when it is impossible for people to go to the Parish Church. Instead we have an 8.15 service (as on other Sundays in the Church) in Chapel. This is a much more satisfactory system than having the Holy Communion almost as an after-thought, at the end of Morning Prayer. Communicant figures at Stowe are still very poor, but I hope that with more emphasis placed on the importance of regular communion, whether or not the person 'feels like it', this will improve.

This term we have already welcomed the Revd. Paul Robson, the Archdeacon of Buckingham, and Canon Harry Sutton as preachers. By the time this is published we shall have heard the Revd. David Gibson, the Revd. Norman Russell and the Revd. John Eddison as well. I am grateful to them all for agreeing to follow the themes suggested on

Christian Virtue. It seemed right to have a series on Virtue (rather than on the seven deadly sins, which need no introduction anyway!) since we often complain about a decline in Christian standards, but rarely preach about them.

Finally, I would like to thank last year's monitors, Nick Bewes, Hugh Coni and James Sinclair, for all their hard work during the year. I would also like to thank another group, rarely seen but 'heard' almost every service—Adam Bennett and Ian Donald—who with their helpers operate the sound system, and almost never complain about the extra work that is involved for them, or the illegibility of my handwriting, which makes it rather hard for them to decide who is about to speak on some occasions.

M.C.S.S.

### "O VULCAN"

The golden frothing fountain  
Sheds shimmering ingots high,  
Life floods from the mountain.  
She quakes and starts to sigh.

Her mouth is taut with tension,  
Her stomach quivers quick,  
A feeling of sensation as  
The flames the hillside lick.

Streams of burnished fluid  
Their scorched tracks impressed.  
A spider's web of terror  
Leaves the pastures sore undress'd.

The rumbles grew and thunder,  
The contours arch their backs.  
Vulcan rapes and plunders  
And the fire the carcass cracks.

The searing violation  
Devours the mountain's bed,  
So jaded and exhausted  
Robbed of her maidenhead.

G. Harvey

### THE COMMANDMENT

Bejewelled love, the poet's blossomed flower  
is but paltry and fleeting.  
The object of love is worth as much  
as a moth against the light.  
For verily, without love — without life;  
Without love — without nothing  
but the moth with no light.  
For when the light goes out  
I should mourn not for my loss  
but for life's poignant futility,  
for my wretched flight in the dark.  
Thus love God, love people,  
beauty, ugliness,  
fantasy, frustration,  
love all — love God,  
and when love is lost,  
cry.

R. Marsh

## THE CHOIR

The singers, currently numbering twenty-three, have now been comfortably installed in the organ loft on bench seating. Performances have included a wide range of anthems: "The Heavens are Telling" (*Haydn*), Ave Verum Corpus (*Mozart*), "Greater Love hath no Man" (*Ireland*), etc. — as well as about half a dozen different settings of canticles: the Stanford Te Deum, and all three of the great Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis settings, also by Stanford.

A lighter note was struck at the Speech Day concert with arrangements — by no means easy — of songs by Flanders, Swann, Lennon and McCartney. But the broad policy remains that of introducing the participants, many of whom have little or no experience of live music, to some of the best of English church music — with its concomitant benefit of singing fine English texts, increasingly in need of conservation.

P.C.D.

## CENTREPOINT

Centrepoint, the focus of Christian Fellowship at Stowe, has continued to meet after Chapel on Sundays in Mr. Marcuse's flat, now temporarily located on the first floor of old Bruce.

Our theme this term has been Old Testament characters, which has proved both lively and helpful. Mr. David Arkell (O.S.) and Mr. Jonathan Bewes (O.S.) both gave very open and consequently superb talks on Elisha and Samson.

Miss Vanessa Mead spoke on Caleb, 'the one who never gave up', and the first half of the term was rounded off by Mr. Peter Wells, a Schools' worker for the Scripture Union, who gave a most inspiring talk on Nehemiah.

A number of Stoics have attended from all levels of the School, and it has been especially encouraging to see some new faces from the lower part.

We are most grateful to all our speakers, who devote a great deal of time to us, and also to Mr. Marcuse, both for the use of his flat and also for his support and enthusiasm, which have enabled Centrepoint to flourish and a number of smaller House Bible-studies to be revived or started in Grenville, Chandos and Chatham. Mr. Farquhar very kindly runs a Walpole/Temple group.

I am sure that many more Stoics would enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of our weekly meetings — you are all very welcome!

N. H. Groves

## LITERARY SOCIETY

Meetings have been held in the Summer and Autumn Terms as follows: Friday, 3rd May, "Milton's Shorter Poems", D. Richards, Esq., M.A., Ph.D., Tutor in English and Tutor for Admissions; University of Leeds; Wednesday, 25th September, "Jane Austen and the Picturesque", B. Richards, Esq., M.A., D.Phil., Tutor in English, Brasenose College, Oxford; Tuesday, 12th November, "Sanctimonious Barbarism in Othello", P. A. S. Farquhar, Esq., M.A., Head of English Department, Stowe School.

P.A.S.F.

## THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

In the Summer Term the Headmaster gave a highly interesting and complex talk on 'The First Catilinarian Conspiracy', systematically working through the evidence for this controversial conspiracy. His talk was particularly valuable for the present Middle Sixth Latin Set which is studying Sallust's *Bellum Catilinae*. The first address this term was given by Dr. Stephanie West, of Hertford College, Oxford, on September 23rd, on "Why Virgil brought Aeneas to Carthage". Quoting a number of sources mainly unfamiliar to the Society, she produced a very lively, entertaining account of the national motives which may have influenced Virgil in the composition of the *Aeneid*. On November 4th M.J.B. repeated a previously given talk on a trip round various Roman sites in Turkey. Illustrating his talk with slides from his own photographs, he gave the Society a fascinating picture of Roman life as lived in part of Asia Minor over a period of several hundred years, thereby extending the Society's conception of the range of the Roman Empire.

Elizabeth A. Ivens

## THE LIBRARY

We are still hoping to get back some of the 28 books missing at the end of the Summer Term, which was a term of casual response on the part of many users of the Library.

With the new school year, and with credit replenished, we have been able to respond to the requests of D.R.F. and I.M.S., in particular, for a substantial number of books for Geography and Drama. The Chaplain negotiated for some secondhand books for us, to help with the R.E. syllabus, and the History bookshelves have a lot of new and useful material.

Gifts since May this year include four from Old Stoics and three others, and J.B.D. gave the Library Winston Churchill's "The Second World War" in 6 vols. ex Libris Richard Green, and in his memory.

J. B. da Silva (Temple 1935) gave two books on Chinese Porcelain and a copy of "Oriental Art" Spring 1985, with an article by himself included, on "Transition Ware: An Historical Perspective". Harry Kemp (Chatham 1931) sent his "Collected Poems" and Nigel Riley (Bruce 1941) an account of life in the Parachute Regiment in World War II — "One Jump Ahead". "The Illustrated Journeys of Celia Fiennes: 1655-1712" came from J. S. W. Gibson (Walpole 1952).

Sheridan Morley's "The Other Side of the Moon" will complement David Niven's own story, and Lord Chalfont's gift of "This War Called Peace" by Brian Crozier and others, gives a panorama of international events over the last 40 years, beginning with the "cold war". Michael McCarthy's reprint from a publication of the Society of Architectural Historians, "Soane's 'Saxon' Room at Stowe", is a detailed account of the building of the Gothic Library and adjoining lobby and staircase for the 1st Marquis of Buckingham, between 1805 and 1807.

This term Sarah Lawman is Library Monitor (and House Monitor for Nugent). House Monitors are: O. R. A. Scott (Bruce), I. Longshaw (Temple), R. M. C. S. Houghton (Grenville), M. Eyre (Chandos), G. W. Harvey (Cobham), J. P. Sparling (Chatham), M. J. R. White (Grafton), P. J. R. Stopford (Walpole), C. R. C. Farmer (Lyttelton) S. M. Struthers (Stanhope).

C.W.L.C.





## THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society has hosted a number of very good lectures since the last report in the summer. On the 21st May, 1985, we were lectured to by Dr. I. Smith on the subject of Imperialism, which proved to be an excellent talk on the definition of the word and the particular style used by the English and, latterly, the rest of the world. Dr. Smith put forward the idea that imperialism need not take the form of colonialism, although this can sometimes be the case.

The second of our four lectures was given by Dr. R. Attwood, on the extremely amusing topic of 19th Century Public Schools. In his lecture he included some delightful anecdotes and an interesting theory on the development of games at public schools. He also described incredibly vividly the conditions, somewhat worse than Spartan perhaps, of many such establishments, mentioning in particular the Long Room at Eton (circa 1810). Dr. Attwood also outlined the appalling teacher-pupil ratio, of six masters to five hundred boys. Our next lecture was given by Dr. Smith of Oxford University, on the year 1450, about which he had written a paper. He asserted just how critical the crisis of 1450 was, with the catastrophic breakdown of political stability within the localities and the national patronage system. Dr. Smith took Cade's rebellion as the epitome of the unrest at the time, but not of that which was to follow, because Richard, Duke of York, the lecturer maintained, had no part in the rebellion.

The final lecture of the four was given on September 20th in the A.V.R. by Professor Scarisbrick, on the laity and clergy in Reformation England. A large number of people heard Professor Scarisbrick assert that the Reformation was a victory of the laity over the clergy, but paradoxically the laity lost some of their freedom to the clergy too. The lecturer produced some very interesting statistics and ideas, which proved to be very entertaining, as were his notable sketches of an average medieval English Church, which he demonstrated, had changed enormously from 1350 onwards.

The near future promises an exciting prospect of a lecture by Perry Williams on "Lancastrians, Yorkists and The Tudors". It would also be extremely gratifying to all concerned with history at 'A' level, at least, to see a few "home grown" speakers, informing us of their particular interests.

**R. S. G. Oliver**



## BRIDGE

The Bridge squad has shrunk this year so that too often we have been unable to put together the three tables needed for a useful Duplicate Session. There is one keen young pair, but we desperately need more if we are to field a team in future years. The variety of talent has meant that we have done well in Simultaneous Pairs events. Stowe pairs came 27th and 38th out of 231 in the Junior International Simultaneous Pairs run by Oxford University. In the O.B.A. Simultaneous Pairs D.J.E. and T. W. Naish came 3rd out of 176 pairs, with M. B. G. Yallop and J. M. Gumpel 7th. The latter excelled themselves by winning the Bucks and Berks Schools Pairs Championship. In School matches we lost narrowly to Radley and drew with Warwick.

On the home front N. H. Grice and S. H. Rosselli (Temple) sneaked the House Pairs Cup away from better known players, while Lyttelton won the House teams Cup quite comfortably.

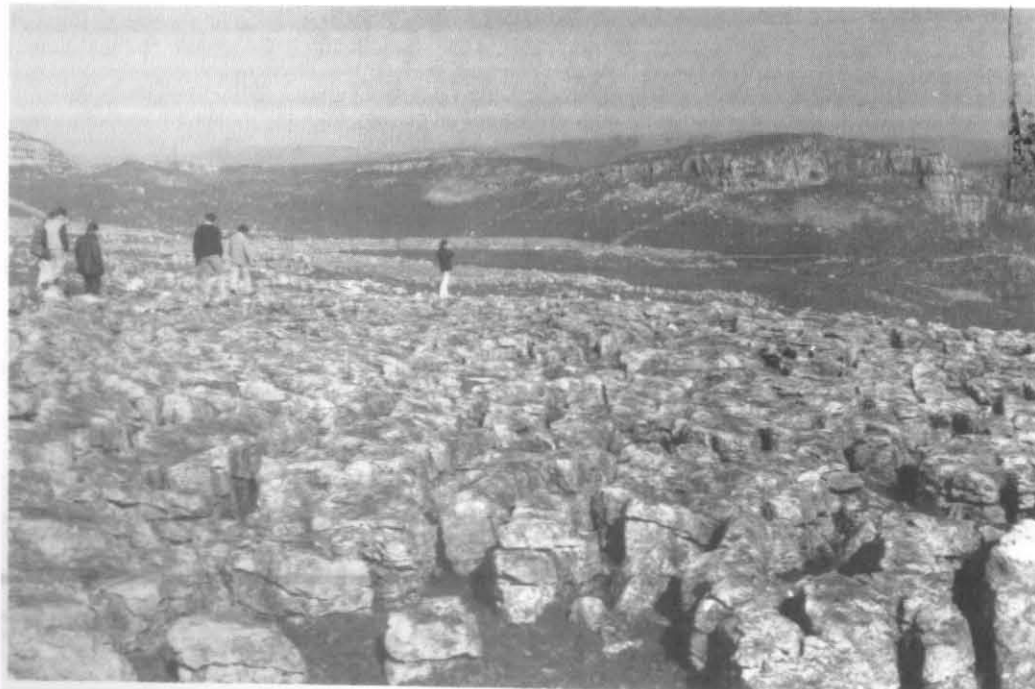
**G.M.H.**



Geology Field Course in Wensleydale, October 1985



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## THE DUCKERY

The two years since the last report appeared in *The Stoic* have seen a number of developments. Two winters ago we laid a water-pipe from the pumphouse to the main pond. For two hours every day fresh water flows in and tops up the ponds with a valuable fresh supply. Last winter we rebuilt one of the ponds in the breeding enclosure which once more holds water. A new mower now in its third season has allowed us to keep more grass short, although the hot dry weather of 1984 left us very short of winter grazing.

Each breeding season brings some disappointments and some successes. As many eggs as possible are now hatched under bantams, and each year sees a small but steady number of birds successfully released onto the lakes. Last year we reared our first brood of Pochard, as well as the usual Mallard, Mandarin and Carolina. It is most satisfying to see these birds on the Octagon ready to fly back 'home' for a meal. This year has seen our most successful breeding season so far. We hatched a total of some 65 birds of seven species, including Tufted, Pochard and Wigeon. Sadly this has been countered by two acts of destructive vandalism, which we find difficult to understand.

The Duckery continues to provide a hobby for a number of Stoics, principally at present, Mark Northey, Justin Tew, Colin Grint and myself. The food comes mainly from the School's own cereal crop, and many people kindly help with feeding in the holidays. It is now ten years since *The Stoic* first reported the establishment of this collection. I hope it may continue to provide enjoyment for another decade.

**S. Drummond-Hay**

## FORESTRY

The Summer Term was mainly occupied with continuing the work of clearing masses of fallen wood and tree 'toppings' from the area to the North East of the Grecian Valley. That task is now completed almost as far as the road to the Queen's Temple. It was a hard and sometimes repetitive task, but now it is completed it looks so much better. The bonfires we had were the largest I have ever seen. At least now we can be reasonably sure that there is far less chance of an accidental fire in that area.

At the end of term we had a barbecue, as usual, at which we said goodbye to Mr. George Clarke. We hope to see him from time to time, but we are already missing his expertise and enthusiasm for Herculean tasks! When the spring comes there will be a number of shrubs ready for him, propagated in Stowe from shrubs growing in and around the estate, with just a few 'imports'. They will perhaps provide a year-round reminder of his life's work here.

This term we have been joined by a small group of D. of E. Silver and Gold Award boys. They are doing the community service part of their awards on conservation projects in Stowe. Together with our own group of volunteers they have made some notable improvements to the area of the Upper Styx. This has involved a certain amount of wading in the quite vile mud which lies thickly over the bottom of the lake. We hope to be able to find a way of restoring the water flow to that region before taking steps to remove the silt if we can. At the start of term our own volunteers tidied up the trees on the main drive with such speed and efficiency that a job scheduled for three weeks took only one. With such enthusiasm we can look forward to a great deal of productive work this year.

**M.C.S-S.**

## ANACREON

This Gastronomic Society was resurrected by a Cobham duo of Rani Leto and Algy Smith-Maxwell, and met twice during the year. The Society is devoted to the preparation and eating of good food with civilised surroundings and conversation. The cooks were Rani Leto and Jason Meads for an Italian evening, which left memories of mountains of green pasta and some delicious sauces. Algy Smith-Maxwell and Simon Tyrell stayed with a more conventional French meal of Coq au Vin and Chocolate Soufflée. The latter was brave and successful.

We hope to establish a regular programme of two meetings a term, now that James Sparling is Secretary. We must thank Mrs. Hornby and Mrs. Secret for allowing us to make a mess in their kitchens.

**G.M.H.**

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Over the last two terms the scope of Community Service at Stowe has substantially changed, and this Autumn Term sees the start of our new programme.

Visiting the elderly is still a cornerstone of our activities, but it has changed in detail. We visit three sheltered homes regularly (Chandos Court, North End Court, Maids Moreton Hall), the Red Cross Day Centre, and carry out individual projects for elderly people in the town. The latter are referred to us by Health Visitors, Age Concern and the newly established Volunteer Bureau in Buckingham. This term, projects have included gardening and decorating. At the end of the Autumn Term we shall hold the traditional Christmas Party at Stowe and distribute some Christmas parcels to those elderly people most in need. Links between Stowe and local Social Services and voluntary organisations in the town are proving immensely valuable as we are keen to provide a service to those in real need.

Stoics have also been involved in a number of other activities under the Community Service umbrella. Eight boys are currently visiting two First Schools in the area helping with a number of activities including games, painting and story-reading. Last term a group of fifteen five and six year olds came for a picnic in the grounds and had an afternoon of pond-dipping with some of the Community Service volunteers.

As Stowe is a rural school, village projects will become increasingly evident in the Community Service's work. We are currently redecorating Water Stratford Village Hall and are carrying out work on the grounds outside. The next project will be the playground in Dadford. The next issue of *The Stoic* will include a full report on village projects.

Most of the above projects are being participated in by Stoics aiming to achieve the Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award where they have to show a commitment to a service project.

Four Stoics in particular need a special mention for their services this term to Community Service. Martyn Manning of Chandos and Charles de Bunsen of Bruce have been very helpful in tackling the garden of Buckingham Hospital; Guy Foster (Chatham) and Ian Donald (Walpole) are the current Chairmen of Community Service and have organised and supported many of the above schemes, and shown themselves to be invaluable.

**N.C.G.**

*Director, Community Service*



R. S. M. Morris



Andrew Webber and Tim Perci

## SPORT CRICKET

### THE FIRST XI

A final playing record with only one defeat would appear to indicate a good season. In many ways it was. Over the previous few seasons an alarming number of games had been lost and that trend was reversed. However, one would have to set against that solitary defeat only 4 victories and 13 draws. Of course there were many reasons for the high number of drawn games. Occasionally we were unable to field our strongest side because of work commitments. The wet weather made wickets difficult and it soon became clear that run chasing was not one of our strengths. Experienced batsmen higher up the order never really got going, leaving too much to be done by younger players lower down the order. In addition we bowled our overs appallingly slowly, a fact that often negated our success in bowling a side out as we had too few overs to press for victory with the bat. The side was also wary about bowling two spinners in tandem. To some extent this was because of the strength of the medium pacers, but in order to force victory it does occasionally need this kind of risk. Runs probably will be scored by the opposition, but if the fields are set correctly wickets will fall as well. Indeed, if there is one weakness throughout school cricket it is the fact that spinners are not given long enough spells to gain confidence and to bowl with correctly placed fielders. This frequently occurs because sides are prepared to settle for a drawn game rather than risk losing. Often one felt this with the 1st XI. In order to win games in school cricket, one has to be prepared to put the game on the line and risk losing it. If one loses a few games, so be it. However, by being prepared to do that one can guarantee that more games will be won and that (the 'W' column) is what matters. After all, when one considers the amount of time and effort that is put into school cricket, it really does not make sense to play six hours of purposeless cricket. In 1985 we looked as good as any side we played against, and yet we defeated few of our opponents. Let's look next year at ways to rectify this.

On a more general level, there were many encouraging developments outside the playing sphere. The North Front square has really improved thanks to the work of Norman Gowder and his men. Though his departure was a sad loss, we wish his successor, Tony Stairs, all the best. Already more work has been done on the Bourbon squares than in many previous close seasons. We look forward to the results next summer. The acquisition of Mike Harris as cricket professional will, I am sure, prove to be a most important development in the cricket of the School. His wealth of experience, superb coaching and excellent sense of humour will produce tremendous results in the near future. We need to use him to the full. It is also encouraging that the School has agreed to pay for a number of all-weather, synthetic grass nets, a decision that is long overdue and will bring us to parity with most of our rivals. These, combined with work on the grass nets, will improve our practice facilities to a large extent. However, we still lag behind our rivals in many ways. Significantly we are the only School in our festival (v. Repton, Wellington and Bedford) who do not have full covers for the 1st XI square. These must be our next priority.

My thanks to all those who did essential, if unglamorous, jobs. A variety of scorers helped last year. We look for a more permanent one next year. Arthur Pooley and Frank Isham did the honours in the middle and were as friendly and helpful as ever. My thanks

also to the catering department, especially Stanley and Mary, for keeping us happy at lunch and tea. Lastly, my thanks to all the masters who helped with cricket and coped with the vagaries of the weather and of the master in charge. Your efforts were much appreciated.

### The Matches

The season started with the usual three matches against club sides. We declared at a comfortable total against Cirencester with all the early order getting runs. However, we just failed to bowl them out. Free Foresters saw our first victory of the season. Whitmore's five wickets and tight bowling from Giles meant we had plenty of time to chase 163. Thanks to an excellent opening partnership of 106 between Riley and Rotheroe (sadly the last for quite a while), we won by three wickets, but not before the middle order had managed to give us a few frights. The next day Andy Webber bowled rather too fast for us to make any real impression on the Town's score.

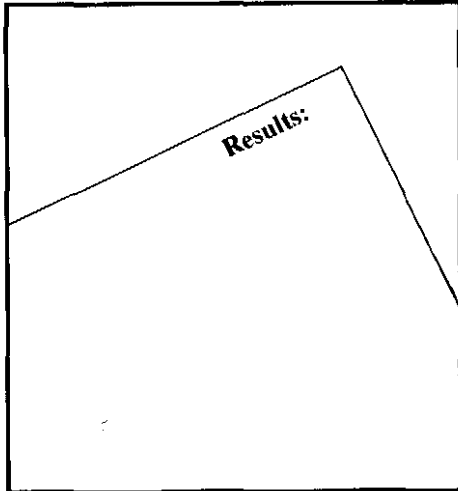
The first School match was a good performance in many ways. From 112 for 7 we recovered to 190 with Hughes hitting hard and cleanly for a half century. Unfortunately we could not quite take the last Mill Hill wicket. We bowled tightly against Oakham but were unable to force the pace when we batted. The Bedford match was lost to rain. On Speech Day our batting hardly matched the weather and the occasion and we crawled to a tea time declaration. In the end an exciting game developed.

Our first match after half term was one that we really should have won. St. Edward's had not been having the best of seasons, and, though they started well, Morris hit a magnificent first century for the School. It was clear that St. Edward's were not going to go for the runs and gave us a perfect opportunity to try to tempt them into some indiscretions by bowling two spinners. At one end Rigg toiled away and returned the remarkable figures of 4 wickets for 8 runs off 18 overs, a superb example of tight left arm bowling. However, St. Edward's took few risks against the medium pace bowling from the other end. The Bradfield match was a low scoring affair resulting in another draw. Against Radley the two spinners bowled well and dismissed them for a reasonable total. However, our batting never got going against tight bowling and aggressive fielding. The Oundle match saw a welcome return to form of Perei but rain washed out what would have been an interesting finish. Bedford Modern were the only side to defeat the XI when some chaotic batting after lunch saw 7 wickets fall for 32 runs. A draw followed against a strong M.C.C. side. It seemed a long time since the victory over the Free Foresters, when the side defeated Colchester R.G.S. The captain, freed from the pressures of the examination hall, scored his first century for the School. All the bowlers picked up wickets and catches were held. The last match before the Festival, against a strong Merchant Taylors side, saw another excellent century from Morris, and a final-over victory. Morale was high for the Festival.

### The Festival

We acted as hosts for this year's Festival and as usual our opponents were Repton, Wellington and Bedford. Though the weather nearly played a leading rôle all the matches were played and a most enjoyable three days were had both on and off the field. On the first day we thrashed Repton who had been having a good season on their circuit. Aggressive bowling from Whitmore and Turner saw them dismissed for 112, a total we knocked off for the loss of one wicket. Next day we bowled Bedford out with Giles's out-swingers taking six wickets, but then crawled in pursuit of their total. A few more positive attempts at stroke play and running between the wickets would surely have seen us to

victory. In the end we had to rely on an entertaining innings from Whitmore to get us close. Against Wellington the medium pacers again bowled well but the batting again let us down badly. We were the only side to bowl out all the other three sides, a creditable achievement. Next year we shall be at Bedford.

<p><b>Results:</b>  v. Cirencester A.C.—Drawn  Stowe 182 for 5 declared (Morris 61)  Cirencester A.C. 118 for 8  v. Free Foresters—Won by 3 wickets  Free Foresters 163 (Whitmore 5 for 53)  Stowe 164 for 7  v. Buckingham Town C.C.—Drawn  Buckingham Town 181 for 8 declared (Whitmore 5 for 62)  Stowe 131 for 7  v. Mill Hill—Drawn  Stowe 190 (Hughes 51)  Mill Hill 140 for 9  v. Oakham—Drawn  Oakham 190 for 5  Stowe 128 for 5 (Morris 53*)  v. Templars—Drawn  Stowe 164 for 9 declared  Templars 151 for 8  v. St. Edward's—Drawn  Stowe 198 for 7 declared (Morris 100)  St. Edward's 127 for 8 (Rigg 4 for 8)  v. Bradfield—Drawn  Stowe 147 (Morris 48)  Bradfield 119 for 7 (Rigg 4 for 9)  v. Radley—Drawn  Radley 160 (Morris 4 for 60)  Stowe 64 for 7</p>	<p><b>Results:</b></p>  <p>v. Oundle—Abandoned  Stowe 163 (Perei 48)  Oundle 50 for 1  v. Bedford Modern—Lost by 7 wickets  Stowe 122 (Morris 47)  Bedford Modern 123 for 3  v. M.C.C.—Drawn  M.C.C. 191 for 3 declared  Stowe 151 for 8  v. Colchester R.G.S.—Won by 52 runs  Stowe 172 for 2 declared (Riley 100*, Phillips, A.J. 54*)  Colchester R.G.S. 120  v. Bucks U.19's—Drawn  Bucks U.19's 178 for 8 declared (Whitmore 4 for 34)  Stowe 126 for 5 (Morris 53*)  v. Merchants Taylors—Won by 59 runs  Stowe 175 for 3 (Morris 110*)  Merchant Taylors 116 (Rigg 4 for 24)  v. Repton—Won by 9 wickets  Repton 112 (Whitmore 5 for 44)  Stowe 113 for 1 (Rotheroe 49*)  v. Bedford—Drawn  Bedford 146 (Giles 6 for 51)  Stowe 135 for 7 (Whitmore 48*)  v. Wellington—Drawn  Wellington 166 (Giles 4 for 38)  Stowe 148 for 8</p>
<p><b>Final Record:</b> Played 18; Won 4; Lost 1; Drawn 13</p>	

## The Players

The strength of the side lay in its bowling. In Charles Whitmore, Lloyd Turner and Richard Giles, this side possessed three good medium pacers. Though still troubled by injury, Charles Whitmore on his day could be very aggressive and move the ball disconcertingly. His 44 wickets brought his School tally to 121 wickets, surely a School record. Lloyd Turner was an admirable foil and improved his line and length as the season went on. One felt that he never got the wickets his efforts and attitude fully deserved. Richard Giles was taken from the Colts in order to provide cover for 1986. He proved a consistent performer with a lovely out-swinger. If he can grow a little stronger, he should prove a very useful opening bowler. Jerry Rigg, though not playing all the matches, returned some remarkable analyses. His line and length were always immaculate though his batting did not develop as one would have hoped. Sean Morris was again used sparingly though he showed what he could do when bowling to the correct field against Radley.

The batting proved to be the area where we failed to realise our potential. Matthew Riley and Charles Rotheroe (both old colours) never really got going. Indeed both averaged way below what they had done the previous season. Frequently Sean Morris, at No. 3, held the side together. Two centuries and a final average in a wet summer of over 50 were splendid achievements. Tim Perei frequently got out when appearing well set but offered much in the way of team spirit! As a result, a lot of responsibility was placed on the two Phillips, Andrew and Justin. Both had their moments with the bat but found it difficult to cope with the constant pressure of having to rescue the innings. Nick Hughes was given the gloves at the start of the season and at times kept very well. He also made some useful contributions with the bat. Neil Hegarty, though not scoring many runs, had a few good spells with the ball.

As I said last year, the responsibilities and skills that a 1st XI captain has to accept and develop are greater than in any other sport. Though frustrated by his own lack of form with the bat, Matthew Riley handled his men well on the field and never gave anything less than 100%. Though perhaps a little reluctant to attack with his spinners, he forged a good team spirit and was a sound captain.

Averages:					
Batting (Qualification 100 runs)					
	Inns.	N.O.	Total	Highest Score	Average
R. S. M. Morris	18	6	628	110*	52.33
M. S. Riley	18	1	386	100*	22.70
T. E. Perei	15	—	310	48	20.66
C. J. Rotheroe	17	1	319	61	19.93
A. J. Phillips	15	2	192	54*	14.76
N. J. Hughes	15	2	173	51	13.30
J. M. J. Phillips	13	2	136	30	12.36
Bowling (Qualification 10 wickets)					
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. P. Rigg	197	79	351	26	13.5
C. Whitmore	203.2	47	639	44	14.52
R. B. K. Giles	169	38	467	25	18.68
L. B. Turner	158	30	411	19	21.63
R. S. M. Morris	103	16	334	10	33.4

R.M.



E. N. S. Walker ('O' level subject)

## SECOND XI

Nine out of the eleven completed matches were drawn, but one can still look back on an enjoyable and, more often than not, exciting season.

The team was bowled out only once and was forced to hold on to a draw on only two occasions. In all other matches Stowe batsmen had the measure of the opposition, although they were not often confident enough to force the pace. Nigel Grice, with an average of over 50, was the back-bone of almost every innings. Indeed, he scored 36% of the team's total number of runs throughout the season. His support came from varying directions, with Tim Carpenter the most consistent. Nicholas Fincham, Nicholas Hencher, Hugo Ripley and latterly Richard Hill made their contributions but not always with the authority required to put the team in a winning position.

In one-day matches it is the bowlers that win matches, and here again consistency was not always a feature of the season. However, some outstanding performances were recorded. Sherwin's 118 overs and 14 wickets at 22 runs apiece was the best sustained performance which peaked at Mill Hill with 5 for 37. Harrison, despite bowling only 46 overs, took 16 wickets at an average of 11 runs each, and Fincham in only 20 overs took 8 for 71.

The team was admirably led by Nigel Grice and the standard of fielding was generally above average. All that was missing was that little extra tenacity and concentration in the over-all performance that might have converted several of the drawn matches into victories.

**Team selected from:** N. H. Grice (Captain), J-P. Bodourian, C. J. Carpenter, N. M. Fincham, J. M. Gumpel, T. W. E. Harrison, N. E. Hencher, R. A. Hill, R. S. G. Oliver, H. J. Ripley, S. P. Sherwin, K. C. Vaswani.

**Also played:** D. R. S. Burgess, D. J. M. Hazzard, N. R. Hegarty, D. S. E. Marshall, P. A. Maskell, J. M. J. Phillips, B. N. Woolf.

**Results:**

v. Wellingborough—Drawn  
Wellingborough 110 for 8 declared  
Stowe 106 for 5 (N. Grice 36; T. Carpenter 36)

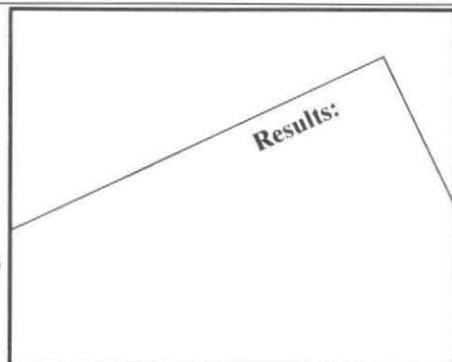
v. Buckingham C.C.—Drawn  
Buckingham 181 for 7 declared (N. Fincham 4 for 12)  
Stowe 166 for 9 (T. Carpenter 48)

v. Mill Hill—Drawn  
Stowe 186 for 2 declared (N. Grice 117)  
Mill Hill 113 for 9 (S. Sherwin 5 for 37; T. Harrison 4 for 33)

v. Oakham—Drawn  
Oakham 178 for 9 declared (T. Harrison 5 for 43)  
Stowe 142 for 5 (N. Grice 62)

v. Bloxham—Drawn  
Bloxham 159 for 4 declared  
Stowe 71 for 6

v. Stowe Templars—Won by 45 runs  
Stowe 170 for 6 declared (J. Phillips 78)  
Templars 125 (Harrison 4 for 37; N. Fincham 3 for 5)



v. St. Edward's—Drawn  
St. Edward's 150 for 9 declared (R. Oliver 4 for 40)  
Stowe 103 for 6

v. Bradfield—Drawn  
Stowe 151 for 6 declared (N. Grice 55; H. Ripley 37)  
Bradfield 128 for 9 (K. Vaswani 4 for 31)

v. Radley—Lost by 9 wickets  
Stowe 115  
Radley 119 for 1

v. Oundle—Match abandoned  
Stowe 78 for 5

v. Bedford Modern—Drawn  
Stowe 172 for 6 declared (N. Grice 65)  
Bedford Modern 150 for 8

v. Rugby—Drawn  
Stowe 154 for 7 declared (N. Grice 52; R. Hill 40)  
Rugby 123 for 1

**Record:** Won 1; Lost 1; Drawn 9

**Averages:****Batting:** (Qualification 10 innings)

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Average
Grice	10	1	117 n.o.	477	53
Carpenter	12	1	48	242	22
Hencher	10	2	24 n.o.	176	22
Ripley	10	1	37	146	16
Fincham	11	3	29	120	15

**Also:**

Hill	6	1	40 n.o.	99	20
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**Bowling** (Qualification 40 overs)

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Average
Harrison	46	5	177	16	11.1
Vaswani	69	14	221	10	22.1
Sherwin	118	24	317	14	22.6
Oliver	55	8	188	7	26.8
Hencher	66	7	258	6	43.0

**Also:**

Fincham	20	2	71	8	8.9
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**THIRD XI**

Although the results were not significantly better than last year's and we did not repeat our victory over Radley, the 3rd XI had a more solid feel than for several years. There were no humiliating batting collapses, and several losses could just as easily have been victories.

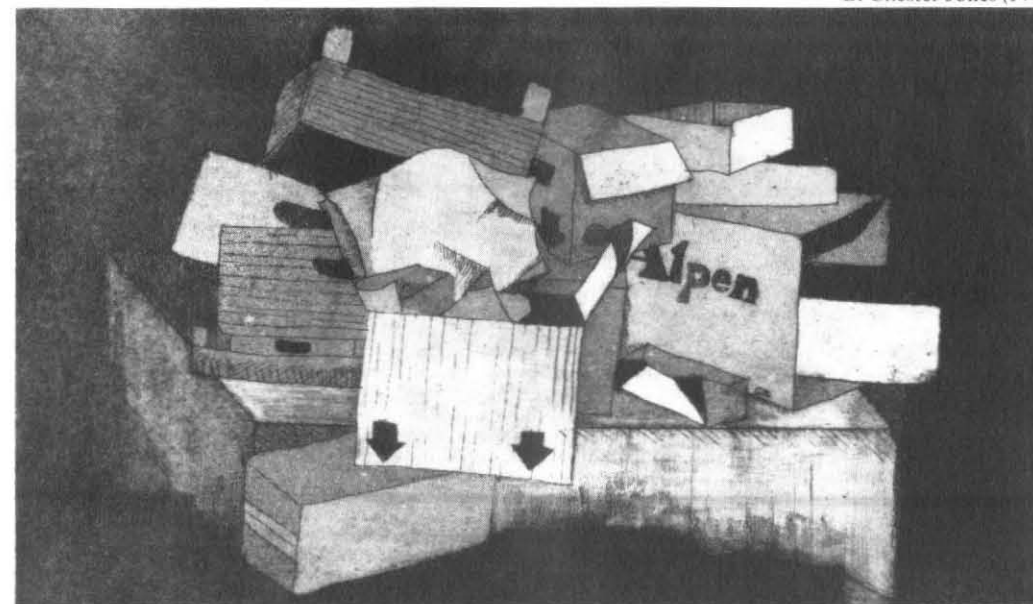
Our batting improvement was based on several fine innings from T. Macmillan and Jones-Perrott, supported by the experienced Burgess and the big hitting of Dingley. Most of the bowling was in the hands of Dingley and D. Marshall, both of whom were very effective on helpful pitches. The recruitment of Llewellyn late in the season provided a much needed third seamer, but Macmillan's slow left arm bowling was usually too expensive for him to be given time to settle to a good line and length. Atkinson and Burgess led the team well, and I thank them for their considerable contributions over the past two seasons. Next year we are likely to have a keen but inexperienced side whose prospects are hard to assess.

**Colours:** Re-awarded: Atkinson, Burgess, T. Macmillan.

**Awarded:** Dingley, D. Marshall, Woolf.

M.E.

B. Chester Jones (IVc)



## THE COLTS

“Bowlers win matches, batsmen save them”. “Teams that hold their catches, win their matches”. These homilies almost certainly date from the days of W. G. Grace, and their utterance is guaranteed to elicit a groan of familiarity and tedium from any audience, not least one of schoolboy cricketers. We are told that cricket has become an extremely complex game in recent years, but, whatever credence we may attach to such opinion, the amazing simplicity and appalling truth contained in the two statements proved as valid for the Stowe Colts of 1985 as it was for the contemporaries of ‘W.G.’ A talented group of cricketers experienced in full measure the disappointment and frustration of being unable to achieve victory over opponents of inferior batting ability.

A perusal of the results proves the point. Nine matches were played, and on only one occasion did Stowe capture all ten of their opponents’ wickets, thus gaining victory over Mill Hill. Two matches were lost. The first, against Bradfield, resulted from a batting collapse of the kind which can happen to any side at this level once a season. The second produced the most exciting cricket of the term in atrocious weather conditions, and Oundle took the last wicket with the third ball of the final over, Stowe requiring only five runs for victory. Six games, therefore, ended in a draw, but only in two of these, against Bucks U.16 XI and Radley, did Stowe score less runs than their opponents and fail to total 150. Of the remainder, Oakham were 46 runs short with 4 wickets down, St. Edward’s 77 adrift with 7 wickets down, Bedford 101 behind with 6 out and Rugby 20 short of victory, but with only 2 wickets standing. And so what might have been a very impressive set of statistics became a tale of chances that didn’t go to hand, of catches which failed to “stick”, of wayward line and length and of match-winning potential unfulfilled.

What there was, however, was never less than worthwhile and enthusiastic. For this was a team of diverse and abundant talent, of pleasant and pleasing personality overall, and of a competitive nature. True, some individuals were more inclined to compete with each other than with the opponents, but this is a phenomenon not unknown to teams at the highest level! If the bowlers and fielders are to share the major criticism for not “bringing home the bacon”, it must also be said that the weather conditions in which they played and practised were often hostile and would have tested even the most accomplished. The enduring feature of the season, however, was the batting. There was quality, there was commitment and there was resourcefulness. To be associated with a side prepared to bat first in a half-day game, and to be confident in both their ability and intent to score sufficient runs to set their opponents a realistic target, was an entirely pleasing experience. It is hoped that the senior elevens will benefit next year from the lessons they have learned and the good spirit in which they played the game.

We were fortunate to play six of our matches at home, two of these on the North Front, and our thanks are due to the ground staff for the good surfaces on which we played. We were also fortunate in the interest taken in the team by Mike Harris, the Coach, and his wise counsel and pragmatic advice were much appreciated by all, not least this scribe!

### The Players

IAN BENDELL proved the backbone of the batting, made two centuries and was a fieldsmen of the highest quality.

EDWARD HEARD made useful, but less confident, contributions as an opener and tried hard in the field.

JAMES ADAMS batted with concentration and determination, qualities he was not always to show as a wicket-keeper.

DAVID JEPSON hit the ball very hard indeed, held some brilliant catches and was always a good “team” man.

ANGUS ADAM did the difficult job of Captain with great determination and commitment and also made useful contributions with both bat and ball.

HUGH THOMAS had cruel luck as a fast bowler, but always gave his best. He threatened to score runs, but, alas, always got out too soon.

ANDREW HAZZARD swung the ball a great deal and hit the stumps quite often. He also made aggressive contributions with the bat.

OLIVER RIPLEY batted well when given the opportunity and tried hard in the field, taking a wicket in the only over he bowled.

ED WALKER fielded like a tiger and was a great “team” man. He deserved more opportunity with the bat.

MARK JENKYN-JONES bowled slow left-arm with much thought, but only intermittent success, as catches failed to go to hand.

MARK GARDNER took six wickets against Mill Hill, but never reproduced the same “devil” in the later games.

MILES LEWIS was an efficient and hard-working scorer and the team owed much thanks to the interest shown by our new coach, Mr. Mike Harris, whose advice was always sound and to the point.

G.A.C.





**Results:**

May 4th Buckingham U.16 XI 148 for 6 declared (Adam 3 for 28)  
Stowe 91 for 8

May 7th Stowe 162 for 5 declared (Bendell 50, Adams 37 not out, Heard 35)  
Oakham 116 for 4

May 11th Stowe 181 for 5 declared (Adam 45 not out, Adams 41, Jepson 32, Heard 30)  
Mill Hill 117 all out (Gardner 6 for 13, Adam 4 for 53)

June 1st Stowe 156 all out (Bendell 39)  
St. Edward's 79 for 7 (Jenkyn-Jones 3 for 19)

June 8th Stowe 115 all out (Bendell 62)  
Bradfield 116 for 4

June 15th Radley 163 for 4 declared (Hazzard 3 for 28)  
Stowe 128 for 5 (Jepson 41 not out)

June 22nd Oundle 170 for 6 declared (Hazzard 3 for 38, Thomas 3 for 44)  
Stowe 166 all out (Bendell 40, Hazzard 32)

June 29th Stowe 192 for 6 declared (Bendell 100, Jepson 30)  
Bedford Modern 91 for 6

July 6th Stowe 180 for 6 declared (Bendell 100 not out)  
Rugby 161 for 8 (Hazzard 4 for 22)

Record: Drawn 6; Lost 2; Won 1

**Results:****Batting Averages:**

	Innings	N.O.	50's	100's	Total	Average
Bendell	9	1	2	2	417	52.125
Jepson	8	2	0	0	167	27.82
Adam	9	1	0	0	158	19.75
Adams	9	1	0	0	146	18.25
Heard	9	0	0	0	137	15.2
Ripley	5	1	0	0	55	13.75
Hazzard	9	2	0	0	93	13.3

**Bowling Averages:**

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Gardner	67.5	20	170	17	10.00
Hazzard	68.1	22	175	15	11.6
Adam	58.1	17	185	9	20.5
Thomas	77	23	183	7	26.1
Jenkyn-Jones	39	3	157	5	31.4
Bendell	29	3	101	3	33.6

**G.A.C.****THE JUNIOR COLTS**

1985 was a successful year for the Junior Colts, with 6 won, 4 drawn and only 1 in 11 matches lost.

The lack of playing time in Junior School cricket is unfortunate, with matches more often than not resulting in draws. Unless a team is far superior to its opponents, risks must be taken in order to achieve a result. The Junior Colts by the end of the season were thinking more about their cricket as they began to realise the importance of declarations, over rates, fielding strategy, tight bowling and adventurous batting.

Among the highlights were convincing wins against Oakham, Mill Hill, Bloxham, Oundle and Bedford Modern. Even the best of teams should expect a sub-standard performance every so often. Ours was undoubtedly against Bradfield, where even a rear-guard 50-run 10th wicket partnership could not prevent defeat by 93 runs.

Robert Pumfrey captained the team with great flair and enthusiasm in between scoring 278 runs (average 34.75) and taking 24 wickets. Mahbubani had a tremendous year, scoring 7 fifties from 11 innings at an average of over 75, and he should go on to bigger and better things next year. Nick Laurence (24 wickets), John Bingham, Niko Airikkala and Miles Exelby all bowled well throughout the year while Will Atkinson, David Rotheroe, Ian Dunton, Peter Lavers and Guy Hooper all chipped in with valuable runs.

**Results:****Results:**

v. Bucks U.15's—Drawn  
Bucks U.15's 152 for 5 declared  
Stowe 102 for 7 (Pumfrey 43, Mahbubani 40)

v. Oakham—Won by 84 runs  
Stowe 156 for 7 (Mahbubani 59)  
Oakham 72 (Pumfrey 5 for 28)

v. Mill Hill—Won by 8 wickets  
Mill Hill 178 all out  
Stowe 179 for 2 (Mahbubani 93\*, Pumfrey 48\*)

v. Bloxham—Won by 5 wickets  
Bloxham 129  
Stowe 132 for 5 (Mahbubani 66\*)

v. St. Edward's—Drawn  
Stowe 143 for 6 declared (Hooper 51)  
St. Edward's 113 for 3

v. Bradfield—Lost by 93 runs  
Bradfield 183 for 4 declared  
Stowe 90 (Mahbubani 65\*)

v. Nottingham Schools U.15's—Won by 8 wickets  
Nottingham Schools U.15's 88  
Stowe 92 for 2

v. Radley—Drawn  
Radley 159 for 9 declared (Pumfrey 5 for 32)  
Stowe 119 for 4 (Mahbubani 63)

v. Oundle—Won by 9 wickets  
Oundle 120 for 7 declared (Laurence 4 for 22)  
Stowe 121 for 1 (Pumfrey 50\*, Mahbubani 52\*)

v. Rugby—Drawn  
Stowe 143 (Mahbubani 50)  
Rugby 142 for 9 (Airikkala 4 for 36)

v. Bedford Modern—Won by 92 runs  
Stowe 180 for 7 declared (Rotheroe 46)  
Bedford Modern 88 (Pumfrey 6 for 7)

Playing Record: Played 11; Won 6; Lost 1; Drawn 4

## THE YEARLINGS

For once the season began well weatherwise, and consequently outdoor net practice began in earnest on the first day of term. Relatively hard wickets and dry ground enabled batsmen to develop their skills very early. However, it became evident that "prep school prowess" did not necessarily predict the performance of boys here, and the transition between the two types of cricket was going to be more difficult than at first imagined. Only Amdor, the captain, settled in quickly and established himself as the outstanding batsman. As well as his qualities of leadership he demonstrated the confidence to drive the ball off the front foot, a technique that many of the other boys seemed to lack, from either lack of size and strength, or of application. This inability to strike the ball hard and score runs in front of the wicket severely restricted our overall performance in acquiring runs. Golder, Hale, Long, Gorlee, Dunton and Hawkings-Byass all batted well on occasions, though all need to develop an awareness of when to hit "the bad ball", and to concentrate on "building an innings" gradually.

The bowling was of a good standard, particularly that of the slow bowlers. The direction and length of Hawkings-Byass, Hewett, Olsen and Geddes needs plenty of work in the future. Smith and Long, however, took a major share in the bowling and both demonstrated that patience and consistency pay dividends. Indeed, Smith proved time and again what a "canny wee leggy" he is, with a deceptively high loop to the ball which proved the downfall of many batsmen.

In the field, too, good catches were taken with Amdor at slip and Dunton on the boundary, illustrating many times how necessary it is to "watch the ball all the way into your hands". The ground fielding was of a high standard too, though the throwing, accurate though it was, should improve in distance as the boys develop in stature and strength.

The potential and spirit in the team is there for a successful progression through the School teams in the next few years.

L.E.W.

### UNDER 14 'A' XI

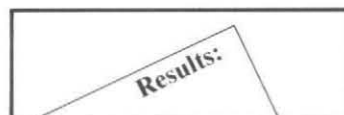
#### Results:

v. Wellingborough—Drawn  
Stowe 136 for 8 declared  
Wellingborough 109 for 9

v. Oakham—Lost by 2 wickets  
Stowe 81 all out  
Oakham 82 for 8

v. Mill Hill—Won by 7 wickets  
Mill Hill 100 all out  
Stowe 101 for 3

v. Bloxham—Won by 2 wickets  
Bloxham 77 all out  
Stowe 78 for 8



v. St. Edward's—Lost by 7 wickets  
Stowe 123 for 7 declared  
St. Edward's 124 for 3

v. Bradfield—Lost by 21 runs  
Bradfield 97 all out  
Stowe 76 all out

v. Radley—Lost by 102 runs  
Radley 170 for 6 declared  
Stowe 68 all out

v. Oundle—Drawn  
Oundle 113 all out  
Stowe 39 for 7

v. B.M.S.—Won by 40 runs  
Stowe 136 for 8 declared  
B.M.S. 96 all out

L.E.W.

## RUGBY

### 1st XV Dublin Tour

At 7.10 a.m. we left the North Front at Stowe and embarked on our "Magical Mystery Tour" (we read our horoscopes that morning and that seemed the most acceptable and relevant version!) One week and eleven hours later it was to end. The journey to Glenealy was to be long and tiring but packed with incident and fun. I doubt, for instance, that a ferry has witnessed a "mock trial" before. This time Dalton paid the penalty of oversleeping and causing us a ten minute late departure. "Your Honour, three alarm clocks failed to wake me". What an awful defence that was, no wonder he was found guilty. Perfect strangers, fellow passengers, however, were sympathising with him after the proceedings, "Well, we didn't think you were guilty, lad!"

"Ballinacoola"—the Philips' home—rests on the side of a valley and one reaches it via a narrow, unmade track, through a private level crossing and under hanging trees—quite a feat for any vehicle. With the indomitable Ray O'Malley at the wheel our luxury 49 seater (as much coffee and as many videos as you can take!) made light work of the ascent and overturned only one flower-tub in the nine-point turning process outside the front door. The entire Philips clan were waiting. Through our haze of expectancy we could see this mass of flag-waving, cheering reception committee on the porch—what a glorious welcome! All our hosts for the first part of our tour were there and to them we owe a great debt of gratitude for their kindness and most generous hospitality. Tim and Susan Philips also had really done us proud this evening, for we were wined and dined most royally.

J. Oliver under pressure from Bedford School forwards





T. D. D. Phillips passing to C. P. Harel (v. Bedford)

In daylight on the Sunday morning the beauty of the valley could be seen even through the morning mist. The Autumn colours were magnificent, and one marvelled at the entire scene. We had to move off later in the day to train at Greystones R.F.C. on the coast—our first practice on “foreign soil”. The game in progress as we arrived caused much merriment, one player was quite the roundest individual any of us had ever seen on the rugby field! We hoped De la Salle had no-one that big. The preparation for our “big game” on the Monday proved successful as we won the game. More than this, many friends were made that day above all. Never have I seen two teams get on so well together and have such spontaneous rapport. The fun in the clubhouse was infectious, the singing loud and the atmosphere heady. Both teams were anxious to “swap” ties, sweaters, anything, and it was really quite a sad departure back to our hosts. However, at both our other games the De la Salle boys were present cheering very loudly for us!

After bidding our hosts farewell on Tuesday we had a big day visiting first Gilbeys—the home of Baileys Irish Cream, then on to train at Old Wesley R.F.C. under the guidance of Phil Orr and Ian Cairnduff, a particularly exciting experience. Our “home” for the next four nights—the Berkeley Court Hotel. “How on earth are you managing to stay in there?” The question was on everyone’s lips. “Easy—Tim fixed it!” Don’t ask me how—he’s like that!” Enough said.

Dining at Captain America’s and an evening in the Gaiety Theatre with the characters in “Godspell” completed a very full and exciting day for everyone. On Wednesday we visited High School and drew our game 6—6. In the evening Dublin was invaded, though the boys obviously did not rate the discotheques and night spots too highly as they came home so early!

Dublin Airport on a wet Thursday morning—what a fascinating tour that was. The boys asked all the right questions, though I did notice more attention being paid to our charming hostess Pauline than to the resident engineer! When the 747 flight simulator started gyrating seemingly out of control I began to count heads and panic as to which Stoic had the controls! — though I needn’t have worried, Justin is apparently air sick and would not have gone in anyway! An hour’s bowling removed a few cobwebs, I am glad to say and a most amusing hour was spent with the management team coming out on top.

Friday—the last full day—how time has flown. A visit (only a short walk from the hotel) to Lansdowne Road in the morning, before departing for St. Columba’s, was enjoyed by all. The weather was superb and quite matched the delightful setting of the School in the shadow of the mountains. A great day here was temporarily marred by an injury which was thankfully not as serious as we had feared. The result 3—3.

Back at the hotel in the evening we met Old Stoics who had journeyed to meet the team and we were able to say our official thank-yous to them, to our hosts, to our friends and most of all to Tim Philips for organising the whole thing so splendidly. A lovely evening enjoyed by everyone. Could anyone begrudge Tim being awarded his First XV colours after so many years?

Then home—very sad. Thank you everyone.

L.E.W.

#### Match Results:

Stowe 14; De la Salle 3.

After a slow start, Stowe settled down to play some outstanding rugby in the first half. With the forwards totally outscrummaging their opposite numbers a large amount of possession was effectively used with Harel scoring mid-way through the half, the try being converted by Morris. Good running by Clarke brought another two tries and with a half time score of 14—0 an exciting second half was in prospect. However, the De La Salle defence tightened and their stubborn resistance was rewarded with a penalty to leave the final score 14—3.

Dublin High School 6; Stowe 6.

Against a big pack Stowe played well in parts but were very pedestrian and naive in their use of the ball. Two Morris penalties in a dour struggle looked to be bringing a victory, until a dropped ball on the half way line was seized upon by the High School centre who sprinted away to score a converted try. In this match the School met the Irish tactic of offering the inside break only for the attack to be swamped by the back row.

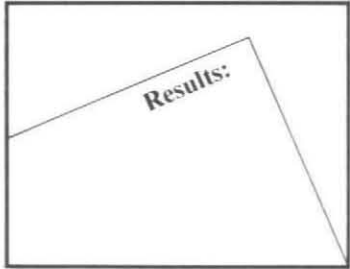
Stowe 3; St. Columba’s 3.

The third and last match of the tour was played against St. Columba’s at their very picturesque ground in the hills overlooking Dublin. We had been led to believe that they would present the least problems of the three schools faced. As it turned out this small school produced a huge, physical pack and the whole team played with unbounded commitment and Irish tenacity. Fortunately what looked to be a very nasty injury to David Jepson proved less serious than was first expected.

In the packs the battle was fairly even, but Stowe’s back line looked threatening whenever they got the ball. However, tremendous Irish covering and tackling prevented any scores except for a solitary three points to Stowe. In a nerve-tingling last 10 minutes it was all Columba’s and they eventually drew level with a superbly taken drop goal. Quite how Stowe kept Columba out for the last few minutes will never really be known, but undoubtedly huge credit must go to the person (rumour has it J. M. J. Phillips!) who moved the corner flag to allow the ambulance taking David Jepson to get through. For it so happened that in the last minute our opponents worked the ball blind and a certain try looked in the offing. In a blaze of glory their winger dived for the corner only to find himself five yards short! Fortunately the whistle blew, a draw secured and the tour was over.

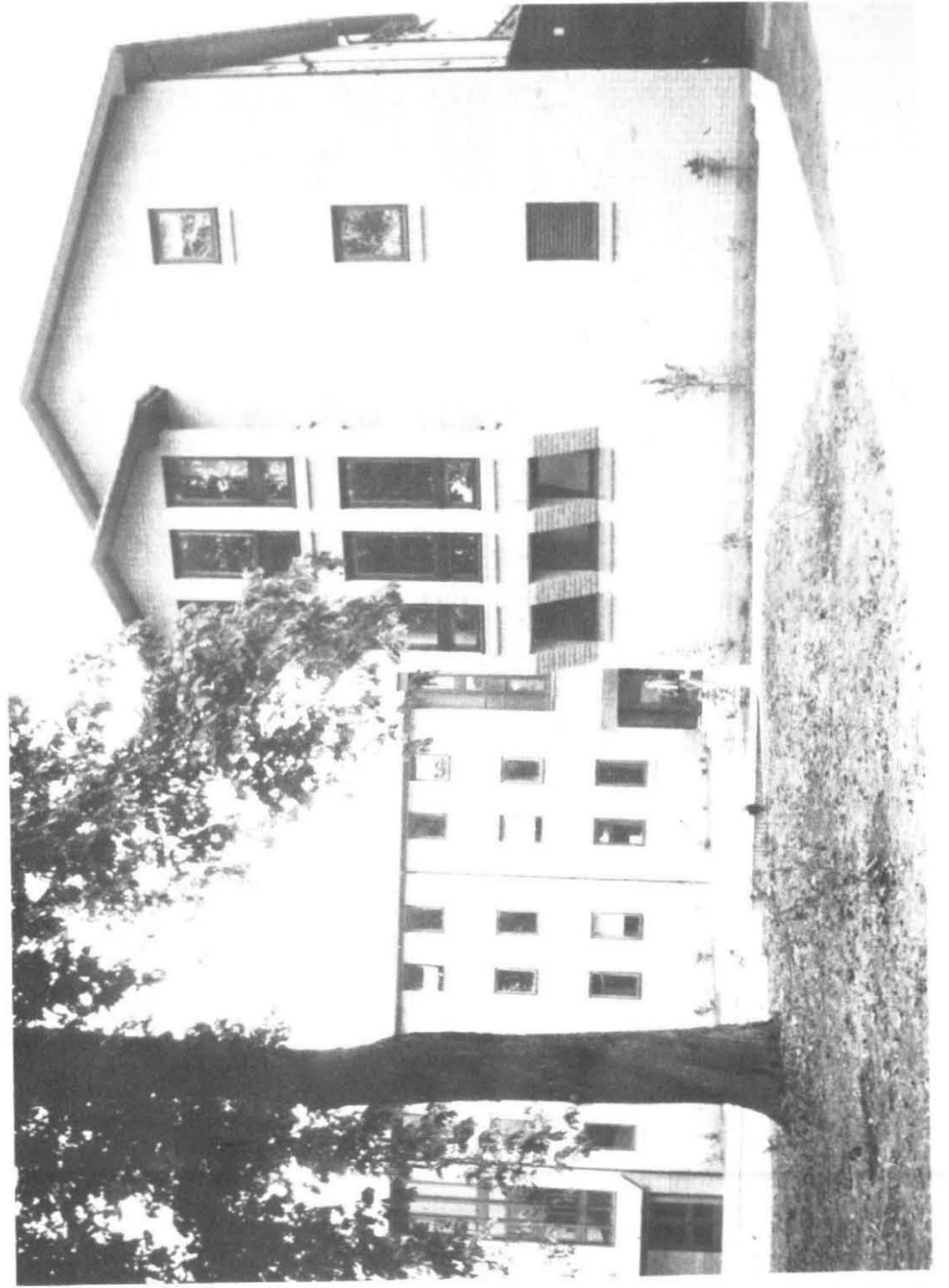
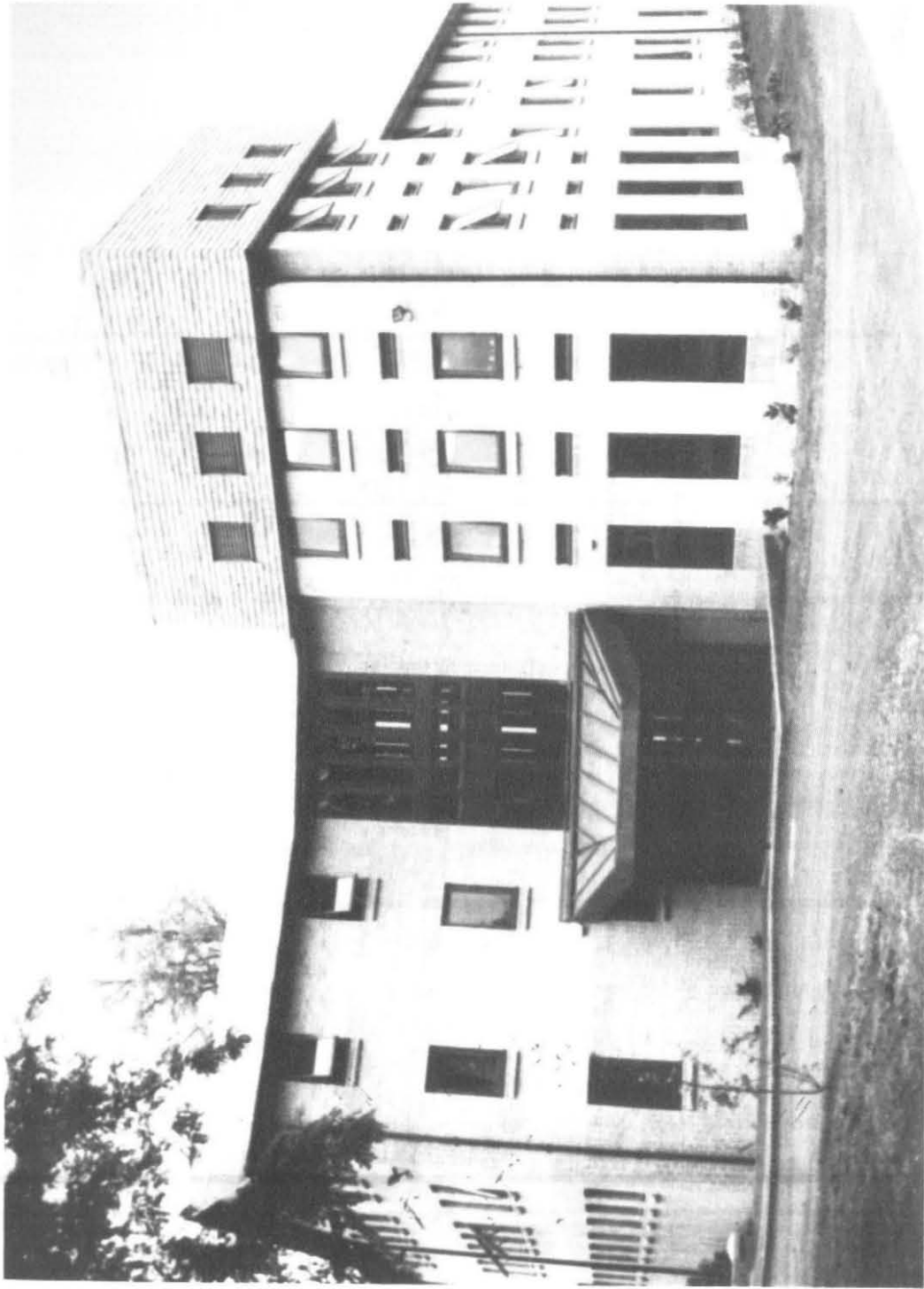
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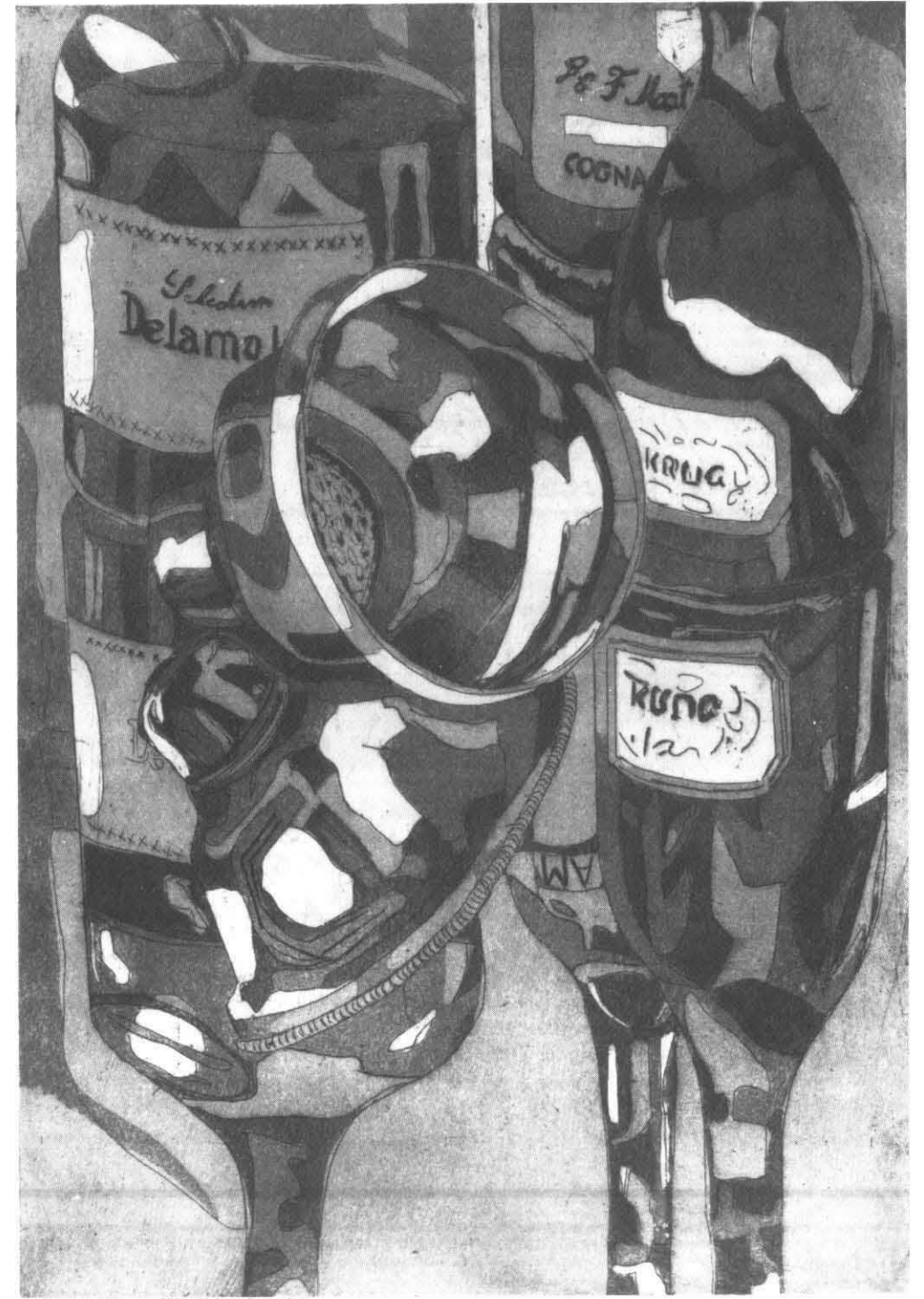
A full report on each team will appear in the next issue of *The Stoic*. However we have included the results to date.

<b>1st XV:</b>				
<b>Douai Festival:</b>	v. Taunton	Won	3—0	
	v. Christ's Hospital	Won	6—0	
	v. Douai	Won	9—0	
	v. Downside	Won	12—6	
	v. Bryanston	Drawn	0—0	
	(After extra time—Trophy shared)			
<b>Irish Tour:</b>	v. De La Salle	Won	14—3	
	v. High School	Drawn	6—6	
	v. St. Columba's	Drawn	3—3	
<b>1st XV:</b>				
	v. Old Stoics	Won	22—6	
	v. Eton	Won	23—6	
	v. Radley	Lost	6—15	
	v. Oakham	Won	16—10	
	v. Rugby	Won	4—0	
	v. Mill Hill	Won	13—10	
	v. Oundle	Lost	13—14	
	v. Bedford	Won	4—3	
	v. Cheltenham	Won	12—4	
<b>2nd XV:</b>				
	v. Old Stoics	Won	9—7	
	v. Eton	Won	29—16	
	v. Radley	Lost	3—4	
	v. Oakham	Won	25—6	
	v. Rugby	Won	13—10	
	v. Mill Hill	Won	22—0	
	v. Oundle	Won	7—3	
	v. Bedford	Lost	0—4	
<b>3rd XV:</b>				
	v. Eton	Won	32—4	
	v. Radley	Won	14—6	
	v. Oakham	Won	36—0	
	v. Rugby	Lost	4—8	
	v. Mill Hill	Won	16—0	
	v. Oundle	Won	6—0	
	v. Bedford	Won	9—0	
<b>Colts 'A' XV:</b>				
	v. Eton	Won	6—4	
	v. Radley	Lost	10—22	
	v. Oakham	Lost	9—18	
	v. Rugby	Won	17—16	
	v. Mill Hill	won	26—6	
	v. Oundle	Lost	6—12	
	v. Bedford	Won	10—6	
<b>Colts 'B' XV:</b>				
	v. Cokethorpe	Lost	8—16	
	v. Royal Latin	Won	18—8	
	v. Radley	Lost	12—26	
	v. Rugby	Lost	10—12	
	v. Oundle	Lost	0—42	
	v. Bedford	Won	24—4	
<b>Junior Colts 'A' XV:</b>				
	v. Eton	Won	34—0	
	v. Radley	Lost	0—30	
	v. Oakham	Lost	4—12	
	v. Rugby	Lost	0—25	
	v. Mill Hill	Won	36—0	
	v. Oundle	Lost	0—30	
	v. Bedford	Lost	6—30	
<b>Yearlings 'A' XV:</b>				
	v. Cokethorpe	Won	10—0	
	v. Eton	Drawn	4—4	
	v. Radley	Lost	0—16	
	v. Oakham	Lost	4—20	
	v. Rugby	Lost	0—36	
	v. Bedford	Lost	0—46	



The Headmaster and Lord Boyd-Carpenter opening the New Bruce House





A. Smith-Maxwell ('A' level study)

## SWIMMING

The swimming season of the Summer of 1985 was a very different one, with more matches lost than won. However, some notable performances were put up. Captain Giles Inglis-Jones led by example in all matches. His talents will be sadly missed this coming year. The Junior Team was held together by solid performances by young Mike Rolt, who came very close in a number of matches to breaking the Senior School Individual Medley record, although still only a junior.

### Inter-House Swimming Finals — Autumn 1985

Walpole were unable to match last season's eight out of twelve trophies, but still took the lion's share with five. However, their strength in depth was very apparent as they increased their overall points win from, as described last year, a massive 43 points to a monumental 70 points. This effort was achieved by their depth in ability, good organisation, with few individual stars.

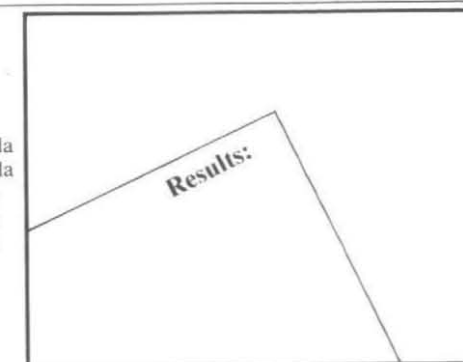
Again pride of place in the U.14 age group went to M. A.C. Rolt of Chandos; because of his late birthday he was swimming in the U.14 age group for the second year running, repeating last year's performance in winning three individual titles. Other notable performances were seen by Skjott, Powles (Lyttelton) and Haviland (Grafton). The swimming potential in the Juniors was very encouraging. I only hope that some arrangement can be made which allows potential swimmers to train even if unable to opt for full time training.

A large winning gap this year was achieved in the Intermediates by Walpole. J. Arlon did most of the damage, winning all three of his events. Worthy performances were also put up by Peres (Walpole), Rossiter (Cobham) and Saw (Bruce).

The 'Swallow Sprint' title was successfully defended by A.J. Lourenço, improving on his time from last year by one second. Credit must also be given to Harrison (Lyttelton) who pushed him all the way in both sprint races. Top overall swimmer of the Seniors was A. Gonella of Lyttelton, who took three individual titles. By far the most exciting race of the afternoon was the final race of the day, the Senior Relay. Both Walpole and Lyttelton were tied in points for the best overall Senior House before the start of the race. The stage was set for a finish of cathartic nature. The last legs of Walpole and Lyttelton were swum by Dobinson and Harrison respectively; a superb turn by Harrison enabled him to open up a one metre lead, which he held to the finish. Both teams beat the House record, Lyttelton setting the new mark of 3.29.80, in which the team averaged less than 30 seconds for each leg, a tremendous effort! A. Bates took the diving title for the third year running. With the final dive off the top board, he showed us the *pièce de résistance*, an aesthetic one-and-a-half somersault.

A helpful hint for future use is that the prerequisite for success in the swimming finals is not to rely on one or two stars but to try to produce as many second-string swimmers for the finals as possible.

Inter-House Cup Winners:		
Event:		
Individual Medley	— Junior	M. A. C. Rolt
	— Intermediate	J. N. L. Arlon
	— Senior	A. G. L. Gonella
50m Butterfly		A. G. L. Gonella
100m Freestyle		A. J. Lourenço
Swallow Sprint		A. J. Lourenço
Diving Cup		G. R. M. Bates
House Champions	— Junior	Walpole
	— Intermediate	Walpole
	— Senior	Lyttelton
Relay Champions		Walpole
Overall Champions		Walpole



G.R.B.



## SAILING

The function of the Sailing Club at Stowe is twofold: first, it aims to provide team members and the more skilled sailors with some competitive team racing and, secondly, to introduce newcomers to the exhilarating sport of sailing. This year sailing again proved to be a popular option and was over-subscribed, and consequently people had to be turned away to bring numbers down to a more manageable figure of about twenty members. The selection complete, the newcomers were faced with a little initiation ceremony, in the form of a capsizing practice, but despite this enthusiasm remained undampened and much progress in learning to sail was made throughout the term.

Under the leadership of James Sinclair, the racing team had a fruitful season, emerging unbeaten, despite the fact that 'A' levels, on several occasions, necessitated the absence of James Sinclair and Martin Yallop. Much of the racing was sailed in very light winds, which meant that the start was all-important and team-racing tactics were not as much in evidence as they tend to be in fresher winds. Despite this, there were some classic examples, such as when Martin Yallop successfully sailed a Harrow boat past the windward mark, allowing Stowe to take first and second place round that mark. Possibly one of the most unusual aspects of the season was the relative lack of protest meetings, something for which Stowe is not renowned. This perhaps reflects either a more sporting attitude or a less comprehensive knowledge of the rules.

We were fortunate, halfway through the season, to obtain a new boat (in a delectable shade of pink chosen by the Master i/c Sailing, Mr. M. J. Bevington), which allowed us to retire the ageing 'Halcyon Sprite', better known as 411. Now with Summer 1985 behind us, the remainder of last year's team look forward to another year when we hope once more to be able to produce an unbeatable team and recruit new potential to the Sailing Club.

**I. Longshaw**  
(Commodore)

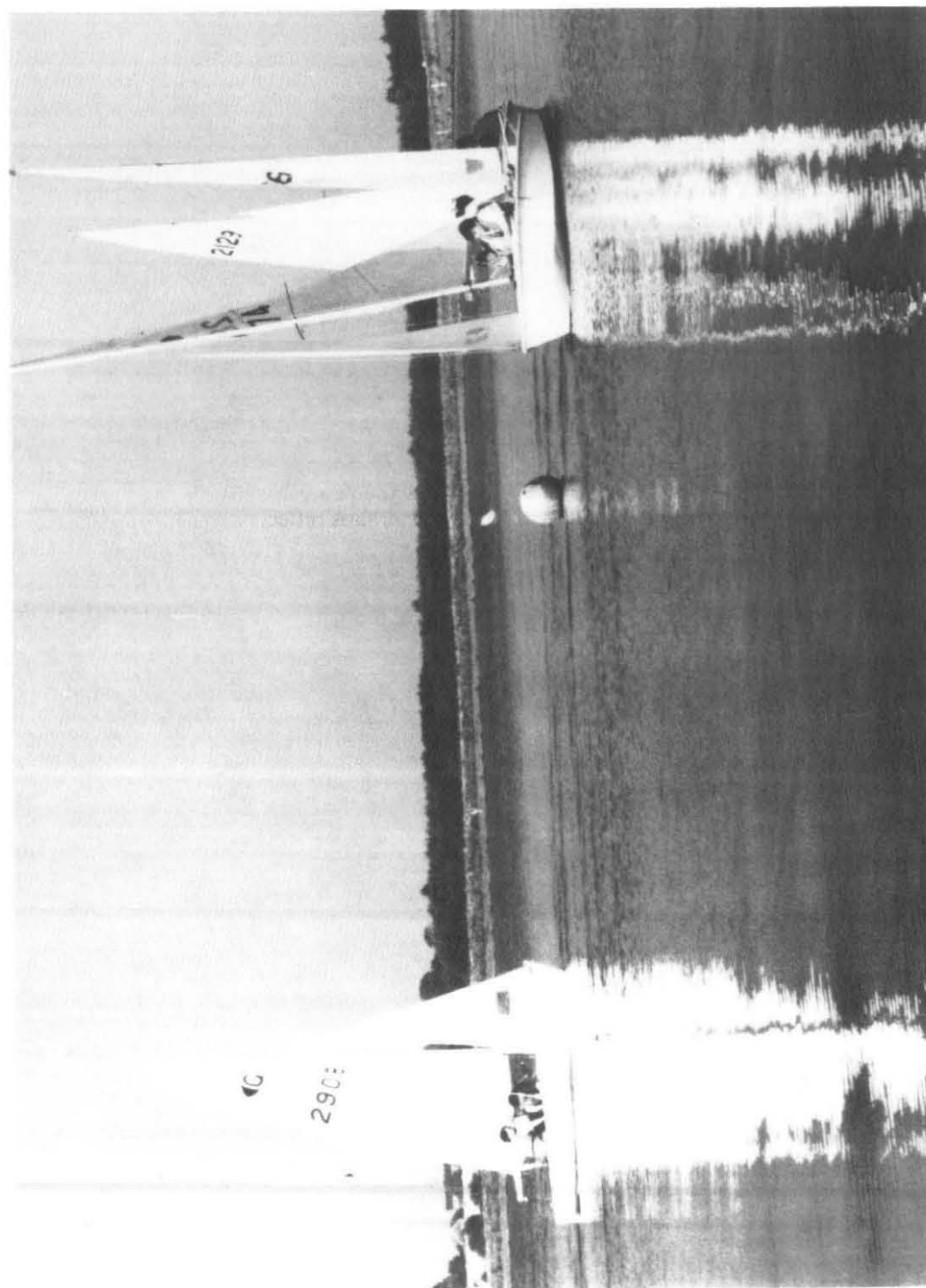
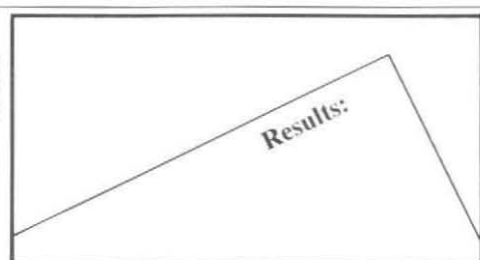
**Team from:** J. R. Sinclair (Commodore), M. G. B. Yallop (Vice-Commodore), I. Longshaw\* (Secretary), S. C. M. Billington\*, R. M. A. Kirkup\*, T. A. Wilkinson\*, M. J. Worthington, R. I. F. Leto, J. G. Rudd.

\* Sailing Colours Awarded.

<b>Results:</b>	v. Harrow	Home	Won 2-1
	v. Bloxham	Home	Won 2-0
	v. Aldenham	Home	Won 3-0
	v. Rugby	Home	Won 2-0
	v. St. Edward's	Away	Cancelled
	v. Merchant Taylors	Away	Won 2-1
	v. Old Stoics	Home	Won 2-1

**Housematches:** Lyttelton.

**Helm'sman's Tankard:** J. R. Sinclair.









## GOLF

Results in School matches in the Summer Term were not as good as had been expected after our decisive victory in the Micklem Trophy in the Spring holidays. Collyers Sixth Form College and Eton were each defeated 5-1, matches against Uppingham and Malvern were halved, and Monmouth beat us 4-2 at Burford. In matches against clubs, mostly off handicap, the results were poor. Only the Old Stoics were defeated, and apart from halves against Buckingham G.C. (Away) and Stowe G.C., five other matches were lost.

The absence of good players because of cricket and tennis matches on some occasions, or illness, does not fully explain this poor showing.

We also had a disappointment in the Autumn Term in the regional qualifying round at Stratford-on-Avon G.C. for the Golf Foundation Schools Team Championship. After good scores in practice our team of three (Yeoward, Cooper and Douglas) averaged about 9 or 10 shots worse per head in the actual tournament, ending up fourth and just out of the prizes. In order to improve the general standard of tournament play, especially for stroke play competitions, a School monthly medal competition has been inaugurated open to both pupils and staff. This should also enable competitors to have up-to-date and realistic handicaps.

Individually Charlie Rotheroe, the captain, had an outstanding season after his very good form for the 'Swifts' in the U.S.A. in the Spring holidays. He won the Penfold Cup at Berkhamsted where he had never played before, with a gross 76, and all the School matches in which he played including wins of 8 and 7 against Malvern and 8 and 7 against Eton playing first string. He should be a great acquisition for Old Stoic teams in the Halford Hewitt and Grafton Morrish. I've no doubt that Jerry Rigg and Charles Perring will also win their spurs in Old Stoic representative sides before long. The loss of all three leaves rather a hole in the ranks of our School team.

In the House matches Walpole at last defeated Chatham in the Seniors by 3-2, and Bruce beat Chatham 3-2 in the Juniors. In the early part of the Autumn Term the Warrington Junior Golf Cup was won by one of our promising young players, Duncan Lennard.

M.D.D.

## MOUNTAINEERING AND CAVING

Climbing Meets this year have suffered from the twin frustrations of expensive transport and the 'Sunday is when we work' syndrome. I hope that longer warning of Meets and subsidised transport, for which many thanks, will encourage more Stoics to give these sports a try.

We have climbed on Froggatt and Birchers Edges in Derbyshire with routes up to Hard V.S. (Sunset Slab) being ascended on top ropes. With the departure of David Bosdet the Club seemed to be without a competent leader, but M. W. A. Skeate has emerged to take over.

The Caving Section has made trips to P8, Swildons and Carlswark Cavern, all of which have wet sections in places and are quite sufficiently sporting for novices. During the D. of E. Silver Camp on Skye further trips were made into the delightful little caves near Torrin.

J. B. Corrigan has taken over from D. Bosdet as President.

G.M.H.



P. A. Beveridge — Chalk Drawing — 'A' Level Study

## CANOEING

Unfortunately we missed previous recent issues of *The Stoic*, but we hope that this will bring us up to date.

Last Autumn Term was a very quiet term for the Canoe Club, with only one pool session a week. We are very sorry to have to say goodbye to Mr. Sharp, who has instructed Stowe canoeists for some time. We wish him luck in his new job abroad.

In the Spring Term canoeing became an option as an alternative activity on Tuesdays and Thursdays, which created a lot more interest in the sport at Stowe.

On Saturday, 15th February an inter-house canoe polo competition took place. All the Houses, except Walpole and Stanhope, entered teams. The results were as follows:—

Grafton	3	}	Grafton	1	}	Cobham	0	}	Chandos
Lyttelton	0		Cobham	2			Chandos		
Cobham	3	}	Chandos	5	}	Chandos	3	}	Chandos
Temple	1			Bruce			1		
Chatham	0	}			}			}	
Chandos	5								
Bruce	3	}			}			}	
Grenville	0								

**Results:**

Chandos were the winners again, but it was very encouraging to see how much the standard of play had improved since the summer before last.

On the 15th March seven of us set off for Shropshire. We spent a couple of hours on the Severn below Iron Bridge, and after spending the night in Shrewsbury we canoed seven miles of the Dee below Llangollen. The scenery was beautiful, with snow on the banks, but it was cold!

In the Summer Term we had eight full-time canoeists, consisting mainly of Third and Fifth Formers. Of the trips we did, I think all would agree that the surfing trip to Devon was the most enjoyable. We camped at Woolacombe in North Devon and did some enjoyable surfing. Also in the summer we canoed on the Thames at Oxford, the Cherwell (Oxford) and the Great Ouse.

We all owe Mr. Hoyle a lot of thanks for all his interest this year; without him the Club would not be able to function.

**R. J. H. Woolley**

## ATHLETICS

1985 has been an enjoyable and successful season for the Athletics Teams.

The Senior Team won 5 and lost 6 matches.

The Intermediates won 9 and lost 1 match.

The Juniors won 2 and lost 6 matches.

The Intermediates were a strong team throughout, but each of the teams contained notable individuals. In the Senior Team Algy Smith-Maxwell (the Captain), Rory Sweet, John Hutton, Stefan Gates and Jules Thornber all competed excellently. Amongst the Intermediates Steven Clarke was outstanding but was well supported by David Matthews, James Rossiter, Chris Hutber and John Collier-Wright. The Junior Team was picked from a small squad of which Peter Clarke was an exceptional member.

During the season a number of School records were equalled or broken:

U.16 High Jump: M. J. L. Roper 1.70m.

U.16 Discus: M. G. Reed 28.17m.

U.16 Javelin: J. D. Rossiter 36.60m.

U.17 High Jump: S. L. Clarke 1.75m.

The team's successes owe much to the dedication of Mr. G. L. Platt who, despite a serious motor accident during the Easter vacation, coached and inspired the team to one of its best seasons in recent years.

Officials for 1986: Captain: J. D. Thornber. Vice-Captain: S. N. Gates.

**R.S.J.N.**

M. J. L. Roper



S. L. Clarke

## C.C.F.

For many cadets this year's summer camp got off to a brisk start with a briefing of the current tactical situation and then a run for their transport, when they arrived at H.Q. 26 Field Regiment R.A. at Thorney Island near Portsmouth. The transport was a landing craft which took them to an unfriendly beach to meet some friendly agents. It was in this way that a two day exercise in the field began, which tested the cadets' powers of fieldcraft and the N.C.O.'s leadership abilities. The exercise ended with a vigorous thunderstorm, testing bivouac construction and an ambush which was successfully completed, in order to get some transport back to camp. The Artillery laid on an excellent programme for the rest of the week's camp; activities included gun drill, firing modern weapons, use of the new computerised gunnery simulator, sailing and parascending, culminating in a beach barbecue at the end of camp. Whilst the Army section was engaged in invading parts of the Hampshire coastline, the Navy section was quietly sailing along the French coast and by all accounts had a valuable week in sail training.

In September the C.C.F. had a large intake of recruits and a new recruit to the chair at the top, Major M. J. Smith. The new intake has already impressed the Contingent officers with their enthusiasm and should do well in their forthcoming drill and weapons tests.

The Regular Army exercised in the grounds at the start of the Autumn term, digging in around the Bourbon Tower, as Exercise 'Brave Defender' got under way, to test the strength of the Home Defence Force. R.S.M. Brannan acted as liaison officer, and the exercise provided the theme for training on Field Day at Longmoor. Over fifty cadets and our two new recruits from Stanhope, Sarah Guthrie and Pemazhom Tshering, spent two days carrying out tactical exercises, tackling the assault course and live firing. The Navy section split into two groups; half came out of the water and exercised with the Army section whilst the others sailed down the River Medway. For the first time there was the sight of a Matron going tactical, with Miss Pratt assisting in the field, and it was the début also for Mr. Cottrell and Mr. Brookhouse, who put their camouflage suits on for the first time and are soon to join our numbers as officers.

A couple of distinct honours have been awarded to two cadets. Rowland Weller has been appointed Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for Buckinghamshire, Ian Longshaw was awarded a Flying Scholarship and gained a Private Pilot's Licence.

The Contingent is continuing to improve its facilities and has recently acquired new sailboards, wet suits and a safety boat; the R.E.M.E. section is re-equipping to enable it to play a greater rôle in servicing the contingent's Hovercraft, Land Rover and boat engines; the Skill-at-arms section recently acquired some additional .762 target rifles. A high level of training is being maintained by an effective team of officers and N.C.O.'s, and much credit is due to the commitment of our Sixth Form leaders.

Senior N.C.O.'s: C.S.M. R. Weller, P.O. I. Longshaw, C/Sgt. J. L. Bannister, Sgt. G. R. Bates.

M.J.S.



## R.N. SECTION C.C.F.

### Sail Training aboard R.N.S.A. Yacht 'Sealark III'

Enjoying the only week of the Summer holidays to have almost constant sunshine, the crew of five, ably skippered by Commander Burley, set sail from Portsmouth for Cherbourg. Although there was a somewhat mixed reaction to the crossing, which included a large haul of mackerel and a beautiful electrical storm, the festivities of Cherbourg's "quatorze juillet" were a lovely introduction to France. In addition to growing in expertise in coping with heavy and light winds and strong tides, some felt a desire to examine more closely French culture and bus trips to Barfleur and to Bayeux fulfilled this well. As we sailed eastwards along the Normandy coast to the new marina at St. Vaste-la-Houge and Grandcamps, the French supplements to the ship's rations were, of course, thoroughly tested and approved!

D. S. Twining

## SHOOTING

The Spring Term saw us entering three teams for .22 postal competitions. We were shaping up well when flu hit both teams and coaches and forced us to withdraw! We had more luck with the C.C.F. Country Life Series, scoring our best total for five seasons, a creditable 765/1000 in application, rapid, snap and landscape targets. We were placed 45/92 schools in Class A of this national competition.

The full bore season in the Summer Term saw us giving adequate performances of 442, 407 and 420 out of 560 in the London and Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex Cadet Competitions respectively. The lack of target practice at long range means that these competitions are also our effective training sessions.

Bisley, again the climax of the season, saw us reach our second best total on record, 472/560 in the Ashburton, only 12 points behind last year's record score. It is sad to record that several senior members of the team who had shot all season let us down badly and did not attend the Ashburton. The depleted and younger than usual team acquitted itself well under the pressure of the day. Topham had the best Bisley aggregate with 64/70 and went on to fire 45/50 in the 'Spenser-Mellish' individual best shot. This is a Stowe record and wins him the Cottesloe Cup for the best full-bore shot. Burford-Taylor fired a very promising 41/50 as ninth man and was the most improved Junior shot of the season. The Club Captain and Secretary N. Llewellyn and D. Topham have decided to retire from shooting activities for the current season and we wish them well in their alternative activities. The Ashburton squad with their scores and pre-Bisley averages were as follows:

	Ashburton	Pre-Bisley	
Sgt. N. Llewellyn	61	55	H.P.S. 70
Cpl. D. Topham	64	61	
C.Sgt. R. Weller	59	54	
Cpl. J. Corrigan	60	50	
L/Cpl. A. Sugars	56	49	
L/Cpl. M. Williams	52		
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Cdt. G. Harvey	61	58	S.O.C.
Cdt. G. Green	59	31	
Cdt. H. Burford-Taylor	57	45	

## CROQUET

Croquet re-started at Stowe a few years ago as one of the more eccentric Monday afternoon activities to be seen on the North Front on a Summer afternoon, and came of age last season when the Stowe team reached the final of the National Schools' Tournament organised by the Croquet Association. Bewes, Marsh, Mellor and Carter set the ball rolling against Merchant Taylors at Stowe on a May day when hypothermia threatened to curtail play! Victories against Dulwich, St. John's (Leatherhead) and an Oundle team that fielded a National Junior Champion, followed. Woolley joined the team in place of Bewes as "A" levels loomed.

The game had now become serious, with murmurs of the need for handicapping and referees at matches being heard in some quarters! The services of a local enthusiast were enlisted for some 'professional' coaching as we prepared, in amongst exams, for the final against Ludlow College at Cheltenham. Sadly, our run of success came to an end against a school where up to 80 Sixth Formers play. With croquet games springing up in unlikely places outside several houses and a new playing surface hopefully ready for next Summer, we look forward to the appearance of some up-and-coming stars to defend the record of this year's stalwarts.

B.H.O.  
M.E.



*The Temple of Ancient Virtues.*

## OLD STOIC NEWS

**The Lord Amptill** (Temple 1938), a Deputy Speaker in the House of Lords, achieved maximum attendance for the 1983/4 session.

**E. R. Avory** (Temple 1927—1st 99) is Vice-President of the All England Lawn Tennis Club.

**The Revd. J. E. G. Bach** (Bruce 1958) was on the panel of B.B.C. Radio 4 "Any Questions" in Ulster (September 1985).

**F. H. F. Banbury** (Cobham 1929) produced "The Corn is Green" at the Old Vic to mark the 80th Birthday of Emlyn Williams (1985).

**The Lord Birkett** (Temple 1948) is the Chairman of the Selection Committee for Awards for Sponsorship of the Arts.

**R. C. N. Branson** (Cobham/Lyttelton 1967) challenged the Atlantic speed record in Virgin Atlantic Challenger (1985).

**I. G. Butler** (Grafton 1943) is Chairman of Cookson Group plc, a member of the Council of the C.B.I. and a member of the President's Committee. He is also a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron.

**D. G. Champion** (Walpole 1942) was awarded the C.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours for Services as Chairman of Seccombe, Marshall and Champion 1985.

**A. C. G. Chater** (Chatham 1975) co-hosted two internationally televised Windsurfing Shows for N.B.C. T.V. in U.S.A. (1985).

**R. C. Carr-Gomm** (Cobham 1940) was awarded the O.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours for Services to Sheltered Housing (1985).

**D. Carnegie-Arbuthnott** (Bruce 1943) was appointed Honorary Colonel of 1st Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers (T.A.) in 1980. He was made an Honorary LL.D of the University of Dundee in 1982 and served as a Member of the Court of the University from 1972—1985.

**G. L. Cheshire, V.C.** (Chatham 1936) featured prominently in the B.B.C. T.V. programmes to mark the 40th Anniversary of Nagasaki. He has also published "The Land of Many Suns" (Methuen) (1985).

**R. H. M. Cooper** (Grenville 1944) is a Lay Canon in the See of Waiapu, New Zealand (1985).

**C. I. Cox** (Grenville 1982) gained a Class I result in Natural Sciences Tripos Pt. 1a, at Clare College, Cambridge (1985).

**M. Deeley** (Bruce 1950) was appointed a Member of the British Screen Advisory Council (1985).

**J. M. Earle** (Grafton 1966) has been appointed Centre Director of the Corrymeela Centre in Northern Ireland (1985).

**A. A. Fairrie** (Chandos 1952) has published "Cuiclich on Righ", a history of the Q.O.H. (available from Q.O.H. Regimental H.Q.) (1984).

**Sir Nicholas Henderson** (Grenville 1937) is Chairman of the Channel Tunnel Group. He appeared in the T.V. Series "20th Century Remembered", talking of the Foreign Secretaries with whom he had worked (1985).

**A. R. V. Hodge** (Grafton 1972) is Manager for Exhibitions and Motor Sports Promotions for Jaguar Cars.

**P. A. W. Hope Johnstone** (Temple 1959) won his case in the House of Lords to regain the title of The Earl of Annandale and Hartfell (1985).

**J. O. T. Hughes** (Temple 1949) has been a member of the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee since 1976 and has been elected to the Turf Club in Ireland (1985).

**P. R. Hughes** (Grenville 1959) is an Economics Adviser to the Department of Employment and has published "Recent Advances in Labour Economics Pt. III".

**Sir Robert Kinahan** (Temple 1934) is Lord Lieutenant of Belfast (June 1985).

**E. E. J. Law** (Chatham 1980) won the Swiss Gold Medal for skiing.

**T. W. G. Lowe** (Temple 1980) came tenth in the Trinity Bar examination results (1985).

**The Revd. D. W. Moir** (Chatham 1955) is Vicar of St. Peter's, Prestbury, Cheshire.

**J. D. G. Niven** (Chandos/Grafton 1928) (deceased) was one of five film stars chosen to be depicted on the Post Office Commemorative Stamps to celebrate British Film Year (October 1985).

**I. G. Norton** (Chatham 1949) is Chairman of Yorkshire and Humberside Territorial Army and Volunteer Reserve Association (1985).

**The Lord Quinton** (Temple 1942) has been appointed a Member of the Home Secretary's Peacock Committee to investigate the finances of the B.B.C. (1985).

**N. W. Riley** (Bruce 1941) has published "One Jump Ahead" (John Clare Books) (1985).

**The Hon. Sir John Sainsbury** (Grenville 1945) was elected an Honorary Master of the Bench of Inner Temple (1985).

**P. G. Shepherd** (Chatham 1945) was invited, as Chairman of West Sussex County Council, to drive the Public Schools Class Locomotive No. 928 "Stowe" from Sheffield Park to Horsted Keynes and back to celebrate the 25th anniversary celebrations of the Bluebell Railway (1985).

**R. D. Shepherd** (Chatham 1949) is Chairman of the "Beautiful Britain in Bloom" Competition Calendar (1985).

**J. H. Snyder** (Bruce 1983) is President of the Cambridge University Explorers' and Travellers' Club (1985).

**D. R. Stevens** (Walpole 1954) acquired the *Daily Express* Group for United Newspapers in October 1985.

**J. F. Wheeler** (Chandos 1937) was awarded the M.B.E. in the Birthday Honours for Services to the community and the arts in New Zealand (1985).

**D. Wynne** (Grenville 1943) had a Radio 4 programme "The Shape of Joy" devoted to his work the day before his statue of Christ on the West Front of Wells Cathedral was unveiled by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. (June 1985).

## COMMISSIONS

The following have been commissioned into the Regiments stated:

- M. M. Berger** (Grafton 1979)—Queen's Own Hussars. April 1984.  
**T. W. P. O'Brien** (Grafton 1978)—16th/5th Lancers. April 1984.  
**J. D. Ogden** (Walpole 1979)—13th/18th Royal Hussars. April 1984.  
**N. D. Rossiter** (Cobham 1981)—Royal Army Medical Corps. October 1985.  
**G. M. Tytherleigh-Strong** (Lyttelton 1984)—The Blues and Royals. 1985.

## BIRTHS

- C. C. Ashcroft** (Cobham 1967) a daughter on 11th January 1984.  
**M. A. L. Ashcroft** (Cobham 1964) a son on 19th March 1983 and a daughter on 8th May 1985.  
**R. W. Bailey-King** (Chandos 1963) a daughter on 27th June 1985.  
**A. R. M. Baker** (Chandos 1974) a daughter on 13th July 1985.  
**I. G. Butler** (Grafton 1943) a daughter on 18th June 1974 and a second daughter on 28th July 1976.  
**C. P. M. Champness** (Chandos 1965) a daughter on 6th June 1985.  
**D. Channing-Williams** (Chandos 1965) a daughter on 11th July 1985.  
**A. D. Cooper** (Walpole 1961) a daughter on 17th January 1985.  
**A. M. Crosthwaite** (Chandos 1962) a daughter on 11th March 1973 and a son on 11th March 1976.  
**J. MacD. Cunningham** (Temple 1975) a son on 9th July 1985.  
**A. L. Garber** (Chandos 1974) a daughter on 13th July 1985.  
**S. L. Green** (Grenville 1975) a daughter on 29th March 1985.  
**D. A. Harper** (Chatham 1971) a daughter on 5th May 1985.  
**The Hon. C. J. G. Henniker-Major** (Cobham 1968) a daughter on 29th September 1985.  
**M. R. Hill** (Walpole 1957) a son on 2nd June 1985.  
**M. P. Kayll** (Walpole 1969) a daughter on 17th June 1985.  
**R. W. I. Kingan** (Temple 1975) a daughter on 27th December 1984.  
**M. G. Legg** (Cobham 1957) a second son on 27th April 1985.  
**D. G. Lucas** (Grenville 1972) a son on 4th August 1985.  
**P. J. Partington** (Grenville 1974) a son on 30th March 1983 and a second son on 9th July 1985.  
**A. C. Peatfield** (Temple 1970) a daughter on 27th May 1985.  
**J. L. Seccombe** (Walpole 1966) a son on 29th May 1985.  
**M. S. Soames** (Cobham 1968) a daughter on 6th July 1985.  
**B. E. Toye** (Grafton 1956) a daughter on 27th July 1985.

## MARRIAGES

- C. C. Ashcroft** (Cobham 1967) to Virginia Luce Margherita Leach on 16th October 1982.  
**M. A. L. Ashcroft** (Cobham 1964) to Victoria Lynne Baer on 8th August 1980.  
**S. R. Ayre** (Grenville 1973) to Caroline Sarah Sergeant on 3rd August 1985 in Stowe Church.  
**R. W. Bailey-King** (Chandos 1963) to Sarah Hotchkin on 26th February 1983.  
**R. M. R. Bannister** (Lyttelton 1979) to Janine Elizabeth Harrison on 18th May 1985.  
**R. Bendre** (Chatham 1975) to Katherine Staniford on 2nd June 1984.  
**I. G. Butler** (Grafton 1943) to Anne Robertson on 4th May 1973.  
**D. Channing-Williams** (Chandos 1965) to Tania Robson on 16th June 1984.  
**A. D. Cooper** (Walpole 1961) to Nicola Mary Whitehead on 4th September 1982.  
**A. M. Crosthwaite** (Chandos 1962) to Lorraine Sarah Hobbs on 22nd January 1973.  
**J. MacD. Cunningham** (Temple 1975) to Beverley Anne Jubber on 17th December 1983.  
**Kate Cunningham** (Stanhope 1981) to Nicholas Measham on 22nd June 1985.  
**Elizabeth Dunnett** (Stanhope 1978) to The Earl of Courtown on 6th July 1985.  
**C. E. Furness-Smith** (Grafton 1974) to Patricia Botto on 1st September 1979).  
**R. H. C. Furness-Smith** (Grafton 1971) to Jane Boddington (daughter of E. A. Boddington (Walpole 1941)) on 19th May 1979.  
**A. C. Geddes** (Temple 1961) to Bridget Warren-Swettenham on 2nd May 1985.  
**R. J. Grantham** (Temple 1966) to Anna Kerstin Cecilia Wickstrom on 6th April 1985.  
**P. R. T. Graves** (Grafton 1977) to Susan M. Peacey on 12th October 1985.  
**D. A. Harper** (Chatham 1971) to Sally Herbert on 29th May 1982.  
**S. C. Heald** (Temple 1974) to Penelope Bailey on 22nd June 1985.  
**A. R. V. Hodge** (Grafton 1972) to Jacqueline Susan Jennett on 26th April 1980.  
**R. W. I. Kingan** (Temple 1975) to Janet Arfin on 1st October 1982.  
**C. J. Leyland** (Bruce 1972) to Georgina Chichester on 6th July 1985.  
**J. J. Macnamara** (Bruce 1974) son of **P. C. Macnamara** (Bruce 1941) to **Baroness Marcelle Schoenburg** (Stanhope 1977) on 6th July 1985.  
**J. B. R. Metcalfe** (Temple 1974) son of **D. B. Metcalfe** (Temple 1937) to **Karen Campbell** (Stanhope 1979) daughter of **I. Campbell** (Chatham 1955) on 14th September 1985.  
**Amanda K. Mitchell** (Stanhope 1979) to Lord Aberdour on 20th July 1985.  
**R. P. A. S. Mitchell** (Walpole 1979) to Judy Unwin on 10th December 1983.  
**C. F. Pearch** (Grafton 1975) to Janet A. Carron-Brown on 24th August 1985.  
**A. C. Peatfield** (Temple 1970) to Diana Louise Howell on 11th September 1982.  
**S. T. R. Picton-Tuberville** (Grafton 1973) to Gail Sylvia Martin on 12th December 1985.  
**The Hon. Anthony Russell** (Temple 1970) to Christine O'Dell on 22nd June 1985.  
**M. J. Shew** (Chatham 1978) to Patricia Mary Kenny on 2nd September 1985.



**N. R. Spurrier** (Grafton 1969) to Francis Pauline Schaefer on 15th September 1979.

**S. M. Turner** (Grenville 1959) to Kathryn Elaine Delbarre on 3rd April 1976.

**C. F. Villiers** (Bruce 1976) to Katherine Threfall on 11th September 1985.

**P. D. Weintraub** (Walpole 1976) to Elizabeth Robinson on 19th August 1981.



## DEATHS

**D. S. Adams** (Bruce 1939) on 4th May 1985.

**F. T. Arnold** (Staff 1923—1928) on 23rd June 1985.

**J. K. Edden** (Chandos 1926) in 1984.

**H. J. Hanford** (Staff Summer Term 1923) on 28th March 1976.

**N. G. Henderson** (Bruce 1933) on 15th May 1985.

**The Hon. Terence Prittie** (Grafton 1933) on 28th May 1985.

**F. R. Rothwell** (Chatham 1928) on 20th March 1985.

**J. O. Stanley** (Bruce 1943) on 7th October 1985.

**P. J. Tickell** (Bruce 1952) on 31st July 1985.

**J. J. Wan** (Temple 1974) in June 1985.

**N. E. Wates** (Bruce 1950) on 22nd September 1985.

**J. M. Webb** (Chatham 1935) on 22nd August 1984.

**J. E. F. Whittaker** (Staff 1923—1928) in August 1972.

**D. F. Wilson** (Bruce 1924—1st 99) 1st Head of School, on 18th June 1985.



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