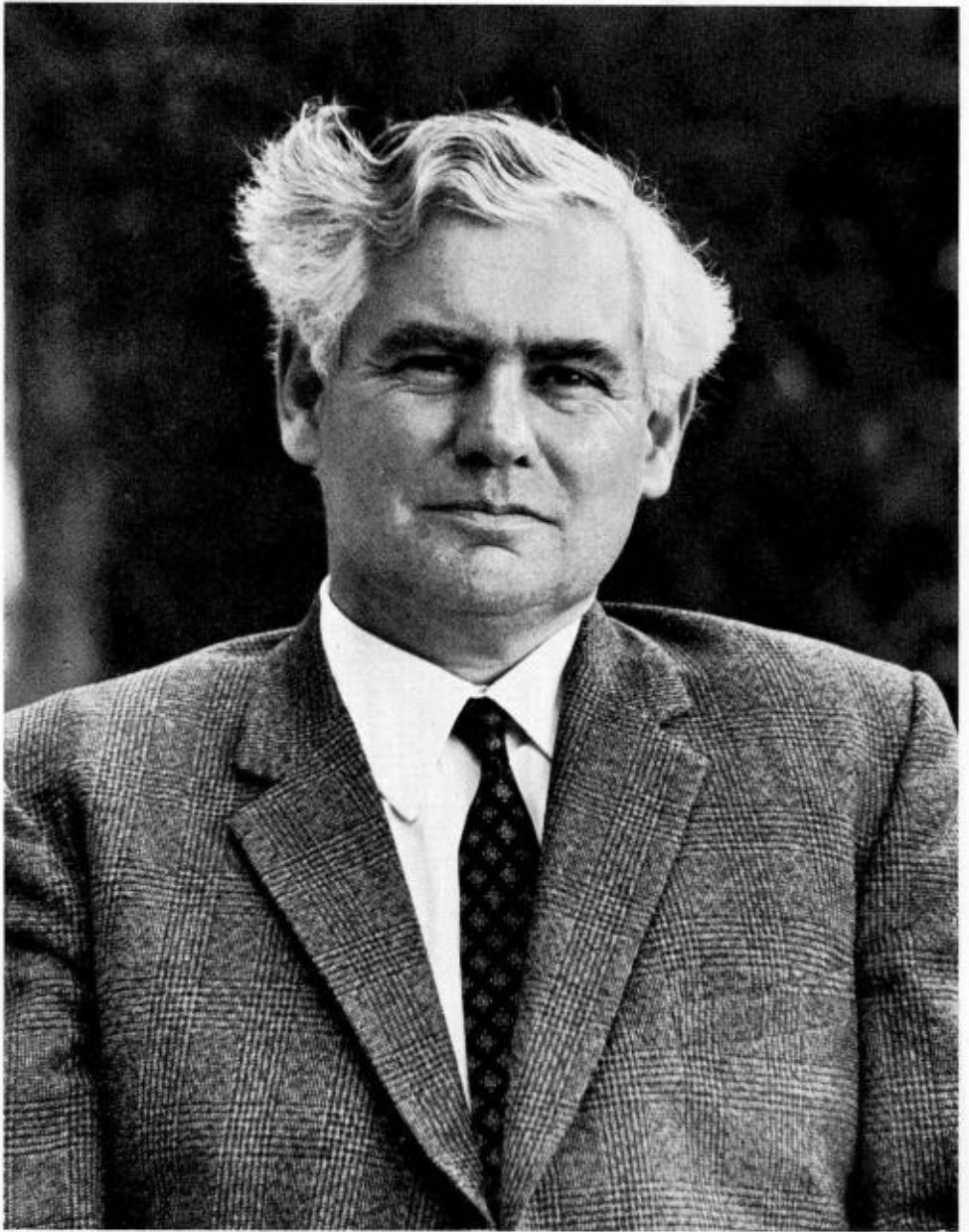


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Mr. S. P. Pethick who retired in July after 28 years service to the School

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## EDITORIAL

Sadly contemplating, as we are, the sunset of the 'Cresswell dynasty', it is perhaps an opportune moment to consider our inheritance before either the rays grow too dim or night's blanket shrouds it for ever, in preparation for a new reign.

The characteristic of this twenty-one year period has been the broad perspective achieved in all spheres of school life. Academically, besides a high level of success in G.C.E.'s, at least one representative has been sent to every university in the country, 'Oxbridge' entries have become an established tradition and Cranwell, Sandhurst and Dartmouth have all opened their doors to members of this school with desirable regularity. Such a résumé is necessarily incomplete—many successes having been attained in more unusual fields, too numerous to mention here. In addition, an exacting standard has been expected and frequently achieved, in the many sports in which the school competes.

Important though these achievements are, they are not the sole exploits of the school. Highly accomplished dramatic productions are a customary feature in the school calendar. Moreover, the development of the photographic club—one of the many extra curricula activities, which the late Dr. Cresswell so actively encouraged—has been such that this magazine has incorporated evidence of its progress—the five non-team photographs. Again, in the field of music, the school enjoys, and indeed has done for a long time, a wealth of talent. This was put to a demanding test in the Dr. Cresswell Memorial Concert, held in the Guildhall, and performed entirely by boys and old boys of this school. The skill, variety, organization and entertainment of the concert were not merely a typical example of our 'inheritance', but also a fitting epithet to the character of Dr. Cresswell.

## SCHOOL NOTES

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The death of the Headmaster, Dr. J. L. Cresswell, reported in the last edition of the magazine meant that the Deputy Headmaster, Mr. Mallinson, has been in charge of the school for virtually the whole of the year. Both staff and boys are grateful to him for all the work he has done but extend a warm welcome to Mr. Peck who has now been appointed as the new Headmaster and who will take up his duties at the beginning of next term. Mr. Peck, a Wessex man, was Deputy Headmaster of Cranbrook School before becoming the Headmaster of King's School, Pontefract.

A former member of the English staff, Mr. A. W. Jenkyns, died during the year and his death saddened the older members of the staff who remember him as a most efficient and likeable colleague. The whole school and the library in particular, are most grateful to his relatives for the gift of a large number of books to the school library. We also thank Mr. F. V. Woodfield, the father of an old boy of the school, who presented two cups, one for tennis and one for badminton. These cups are to be played for as individual championships each year.

At the start of the year, we welcomed to the staff Mr. Ward who joined us as Head of the French Department, Mr. Bassett as Head of the Art Department, Mr. Stanton who came to teach Biology, Mr. Burton who joined the History Department and Dr. Phillips who joined the Chemistry Department. We hope all will have a long and happy stay with us.

The end of the summer term brought the retirement of Mr. "Sam" Pethick who has been teaching at the school since January, 1947, when he joined us from Public Secondary School for Boys. Educated at Callington Grammar School and U.C.S.W. (Exeter), Mr. Pethick has taught mainly French but has also given invaluable assistance in the Latin Department and for fifteen years was Head of the R.E. Department, during which period he was a member of the sub-committee appointed to produce the 1965 Syllabus of Christian Education for the Plymouth Education Committee. For many years, first with D. H. Clark and recently with Mr. Osborn, he has been in charge of C. and D. blocks and has been treasurer of the staff Common Room Committee for almost as long. All who have worked with him have been impressed by his integrity and quiet efficiency and wish him and Mrs. Pethick many years of happy retirement during which he intends to spend much more time gardening and learning something of Cornish history and language. Our good wishes go also with Mrs. Morgan who left to take up a new appointment at Okehampton and with our French Assistant, Monsieur Desbordes, who has returned to France. Finally we congratulate Clive Burrows and Geoff Simpson and their wives on their recent marriages.

Speech Day next year will be on December 11th in the Guildhall.

## THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

There can be no doubt that a school of the stature of D.H.S. deserves an extensive and well run library service. The school library, contrary to popular opinion, does indeed have a very large and varied selection of books not confined solely to academic volumes of use only to senior boys preparing for examinations, but also containing many other books which must be of interest to the boys, who appear to remain totally unaware of their presence. The fiction library, which slumbers virtually undisturbed year in and year out, is a notable example of this.

The ideal library achieves two aims ; to provide a quiet place for reading and study during the day, and also to offer the opportunity for borrowing books. In an effort to succeed in these twin aims, the library seems to fail in both, and, I feel, only a very small part of the blame can be directed towards the library staff. The library premises have always been used for what are politely termed "private study periods" which always appear to degenerate into, at best, an exchange of the latest gossip and amusing anecdotes, study apparently being of considerably less importance, and, at the worst, a seemingly conscious effort on the part of a few to make life difficult for the librarians by rearranging the shelves—in the wrong order of course ! It is also during these free periods that the distressing number of books which 'disappear' each year are removed, by staff and boys alike ; some, but by no means all, are returned but life would be so much easier for all concerned, particularly the librarians, if the facilities provided were used correctly to record each book taken.

None of this need happen if all prefects and masters who are meant to be on duty were to ensure that these periods are supervised correctly, but the effort is apparently too much.

This is the attitude which has to be reversed to re-establish the library as a major part of the school's daily life. A respect for the books on the shelves and also for the silence which should be maintained at all times would require so little from each member of the school and yet would make such a difference to the library, raising it to its rightful position as one of the main assets of the school.

You may think that this article is merely a précis of what has been written in recent years by former librarians,—well it is ! For the request has always been, and always will be, the same—if you do not wish to use the library properly, please do not misuse it.

Unfortunately, there will be no middle sixth librarians next year, but I am sure that the present fifth form will cope admirably and that the fourth form, whose masterly inactivity has been a highlight of the year, and the newcomers from the third form will give them their full support in the endless task of running the library efficiently.

C. D. SCOBLE  
(School Librarian)

## THE RECORD LIBRARY

The year 1974/5 has been one of the most successful in the short history of the record library. Keen interest throughout the year, particularly in the lower school, has made possible the addition of several new records to the collection. The selection ranges from Beethoven to Pink Floyd, the latter being by far the most popular. It is hoped the record library will continue to thrive and that by this time next year a collection of about 40 records will have been established.

G. P. TUDOR

## SENIOR SIXTH FORM HUT

Those who read the report of the "Grand Ball" in last year's magazine will have noticed a reference to a building loosely termed the "VIth form Hut", declared out of bounds since a fire destroyed any usefulness it still retained. Few visitors dared pass through its foreboding walls, as they were invariably met with a most pungent and undesirable stench.

However, Summer arrived and brought tidings of a reprieve from Mr. Mallinson. All were wallowing in the euphoric setting of glorious weather and post-exam idleness, and its doors were flung open with a

vengeance. The "dregs" of last year's Middle VIth and the present Middle VIth moved in and within two weeks the floor was carpeted throughout the walls completely re-painted, several easy-chairs were available, and a television installed, (a feature which accounted for the whereabouts of certain members of the staff during the Test Match/Wimbledon period.)

A Hut Committee was elected to govern the affairs of the Hut, and during a Committee meeting at the end of the term it was decided to name the building the "Senior Sixth Form Hut". It would be for the "exclusive use of students in their second or third year in the Sixth Form". (Lower VIth please note). It should not be necessary to remind the privileged users of the Hut that the success and continued availability of such a luxury requires co-operation and sensible behaviour from every "Senior" pupil who intends to take advantage of the facilities offered. However. . .

May I take the opportunity of thanking our "wheels", Mr. Simpson ; he was ably assisted by Cornish whose vehicle unfortunately sustained minor damage during one expedition. Both were invaluable during the crash face-lift. Our sincere thanks also to Mr. Borbon who donated most of the carpeting and who "acquired" the electric kettle, and to Mr. Pengelly for his patience, co-operation and assistance. Mr. Simpson will act as Chairman of the Hut Committee this year ; other officers elected for the year 1975/6 are Hill as Hon. Treasurer and Rose as Hon. Secretary, to whom all communications (and complaints) should be addressed.

NEAL M. CLIFTON

## HOUSE NOTES

### Drake

This year, the House was bidding to win the St. Levan Championship for the third consecutive year in what was probably its last chance under the present four-house system. With great organization and team spirit, this goal was attained in a very convincing style and we were certain to win the championship even before the third and fourth year plays were due to be performed on Open Day.

In the winter programme, Drake did very well indeed. In the rugby, the senior team had two convincing victories for maximum points while the juniors beat Gilbert 28-0 in their loser's final. This latter result suggests that they might have done better in their first match ; however joint first was a good result.

At soccer the House excelled. The senior team, captained by Piper, achieved first place and the junior team, enthusiastically led by Beer, completed the annihilation of the other three houses.

At chess, Drake followed their usual habit of doing well, on this occasion sharing the honours with Gilbert. A creditable second place in the cross-country was reached, thanks mainly to a fine winning performance by the senior team. Finally, at basketball, the House won easily with two resounding victories.

To complete an exceptionally successful year, the performances in the Summer programme were equally fine. In a thrilling display of aquatic mastery, the House came a close second to Grenville. A special mention must go once more to Kirkby, the captain, who swam in no fewer than eight events with astonishing success.

In cricket, for which Drake has a great reputation, the juniors won their matches and the seniors were third. This meant an overall position of first. The sole disappointing result of the whole year was in sailing, at which the House came bottom.

However, where it really counted and where the most points were to be gained, namely Athletics and in the Speech contest, Drake came first.



Finally, to complete a year of great success, the House came first in the Tug-of-War competition. Although this does not count towards the St. Levan Championship, this result demonstrates the tremendous team spirit and enthusiasm which is present in the House at this time.

Much of the success would not have been possible without the guidance of Messrs. Clarke and Bowden, and the House extends its sincere thanks for their interest and encouragement.

S. N. COOKE  
House Secretary.

### **Gilbert**

The 1974/5 season proved to be a disappointing one for Gilbert. The lack of any convincing success, however, was not due to the lack of support and the results were generally creditable seconds and thirds.

In soccer, Norman's senior team lost narrowly to Raleigh in the first round and were unfortunately defeated in the losers' final. The junior team captained by Bellamy also crashed into fourth place.

In the cross country, the ability of fine runners such as Austin, Casey and Pain was waster by weak support from the rest of the House. As a result, the seniors only managed third place but a fine effort from the juniors team gained them second place.

Undaunted by the defeats of the juniors, captained by Holmes, the seniors won through to come in first in the senior cricket competitions.

The senior chess team, inspired by Austin, had a convincing win over Grenville but, as usual, Drake were able to field almost the whole of the school team and consequently crushed Gilbert in the final. The juniors, under captain Behenna, achieved similar success as a result of which Gilbert were joint first with Drake overall.

The House basketball team won their first match ever, but their captain, Taskis, failed to lead his team to a second victory in the final.

Gilbert lay second in athletics, after the standards had been assessed but they were unable to maintain this position on Sports Day and finished the day in third place. Special mention should be made of Austin, the athletics captain, who won our only trophy and was runner-up for the Victor Ludorum.

Our sailing team, captained by Casey, threw away victory when they failed to take place in the final race and, as a result, they only attained third place.

Once again our swimmers came in a distant third, their unfortunate captain being Rowe; although juniors show promise for future success in this event.

We met with mixed success in the Speech Contest. Our speech captain, Thornton, saw the first and second years attain second place, Shannon winning the second year speech section, and the fifth and sixth crash to a disastrous fourth. Although thought unlikely to succeed, when Thornton left unexpectedly, leaving his successors, Murray and Haley with little choice of material at very short notice, by aiming for quality among the actors rather than quantity, to the surprise of many, Gilbert won the Middle School Drama Competition. As a result our final position was equal second.

The Christmas collection this year was on behalf of the National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children. A grand total of £41·88½p was raised, the bulk of which was collected on a sponsored run by the first and second forms which was organised by Mr. Dickens.

Our thanks must, of course, go to Messrs. Wayne and Dickens who have been the driving force behind our efforts.

J. M. HALEY  
T. P. MURRAY

## Grenville

This was yet another successful year for Grenville, but not without the usual disappointments and frustration. With only the House Plays to be completed, it seems that the House is to finish second in the House Championship for the fourth consecutive year. However, if we can maintain our high level of effort and determination, I am confident that our time will come.

This year we proved quite invincible in the "marine" sections of the St. Levan Shield, being victorious in both the Sailing and Swimming Sports, although I must confess that Drake made the Swimming Sports a very close contest. I should like to thank the Captains of these events for their efficient organisation. We also gained the top score in Cross-Country and came joint first in Rugby, a position mainly due to our outstanding junior side. I do feel that an improvement in our performances in other activities, notably Chess and the Speech Contest, will enable us to win the Championship by a large margin; perhaps next year will be our year. I can only say; "Nil est desperandum."

I should like to close my report by offering thanks on behalf of the House to anybody who organised a team or occupied a House position, but most of all to Mr. Warren, who must, to some extent, be responsible for our consistent success.

G. J. SKINNER  
(House Captain)

## Raleigh

This has been a disappointing, though not despairing year, with Raleigh again fourth in the St. Levan Shield. Although we did not win any event, we came second in the Rugby, Soccer, Sailing and Speech Contest. It seems almost a profanation by Drake to have won the latter—Raleigh having for many years had a monopoly over the contest. Our overall position is not due to apathy—indeed increased effort and willingness have been the encouraging signs of this year—but to a severe lack of sportsmen and athletes.

Discipline and a definite order, which had gradually been allowed to slip over the years, were restored to the House Meetings. These gave cohesion to the House and so helped to dispel the apathy which had become such a major problem last year. I hope that next year's officials, and indeed the whole House, will strive to maintain this House spirit. Only the advent of time will bring a bountiful supply of sportsmen.

I should like to thank all the House officials for their co-operation, and also Mr. Warn and Mr. Southern for their valuable support and encouragement.

S. M. BURT  
(House Captain)

## MEASURE FOR MEASURE

A report of the activities of the Dramatics Society and a review of the school play are routine items in the school magazine, and this year should be no exception. The society's production of "The Tempest" in 1968 was the last Shakespeare play to be presented on the school stage, and it was thought the time was ripe for another. Accordingly, the play chosen was "Measure for Measure", not the least reason being its place on the 'A' level syllabus this year. Also it is undoubtedly one of Shakespeare's greatest, most humane and most thought provoking plays. It was duly cast and put into rehearsal.

However, from the start, the choice aroused some opposition in some quarters; its theme—sexual blackmail and the corruption of justice—was felt to be too advanced for a school production, and it was awaited with a good deal of apprehension.

The play's cancellation after six weeks' rehearsal and less than a month before the first night, was, therefore, received with relief rather than disappointment, and the cast turned to less controversial and more healthy activities like winning rugby matches which, after all, should always be one's first priority. So the dragon of risqué drama was suitably slain. Nor is it likely in the immediate future for the Dramatics Society to be resuscitated-which is no bad thing when one considers the state of the stage curtains.

C. G. CLAYTON

## THE 3rd & 4th FORM PLAYS

With little pressure on the actors, due to the fact that the outcome of the St. Levan Shield competition was already decided, each House succeeded in producing an entertaining play, all the actors clearly enjoying themselves, even if the sets were not at all times impressive and lines not always perfectly mastered.

Raleigh's play, breaking all tradition, was judged to be the weakest of the four. Although Godefroy and Tindsley performed well, embarrassing lapses, notably when the play virtually stopped due to memory failure, meant that the great melodramatic effect of the play, "The Thread o' Scarlet", was almost completely lost.

The judges were unable to separate the Grenville and Drake entries, which therefore, shared second position. In "Snobs" produced by Grenville House, the lines were spoken clearly, but a general lack of inspiration meant that the play had not the zest which might have raised it above the Drake play, "The Mazarin Stone". This Sherlock Holmes story was held together by a neat piece of acting by Hood in the main role, but a tendency to gabble on the part of some of the other characters, led to inconsistencies, but this second place was enough to give Drake victory in the Speech Contest overall.

The Gilbert entry, "David's Dinner" emerged as outright winner. This well-tested play which has proved its worth several times in recent years was well performed by Williams, Coles and Wernham, the latter deserving much credit in his portrayal of the gullible Copperfield.

C. D. SCOBLE

## THE SCHOOL OPERA

It is now two and a half years since the Dramatics Society staged their last school play but, fortunately, the 'boards' were not left untrodden this year. Continuing a run of successful and, indeed professional productions this year's "offre musicale" was a Malcolm Williamson opera, "The Red Sea".

When reviewing last year's production, I remarked upon its small cast. A strong contrast was drawn with "The Red Sea", however, a generally more ambitious piece, where at one point nearly forty bodies occupied the set. Sturdy stage extensions were necessary to avoid any clumsy or serious clashes on the stage.

The principal singers were a comparatively young and inexperienced quartet and were a little apprehensive of the demanding nature of this production. All overcame their nerves, however, and gave admirable performances. Treece's portrayal of Moses was particularly sincere and convincing: he combined a powerful baritone voice and a vivid manner to convey a genuine personality, always maintaining an aura of reverence. Nevertheless, it should be admitted that Treece's own style of hair gave him a decided advantage.

Of the two supporting groups of 'extras', the Israelites were the more successful; they interpreted each of their scenes well and, at the beginning,

they looked truly forlorn but assumed radiating faces for the finale. Little real dramatic talent was visible among the Egyptians and there was a general tendency to underact; this was unfortunate in a role where there was plenty of scope for promoting an effective atmosphere of evil.

The performance was preceded by an audience 'teach in' where certain choruses of the opera were learnt by the gathering. They obviously enjoyed participating in the proceedings but because of inconsistencies at the lighting cabinet they were sometimes denied the light necessary to read the lines!

The difficult choreography and orchestral demands of this production were ably mastered by Mr. Farrow who was assisted in the early stages of rehearsal by P. Foster. An excellent standard was maintained by the School Orchestra throughout each performance.

One must mention the Répétiteur, M. Dixon, who attended every rehearsal. His absence will be felt in the world of D.H.S. music but we wish him well as he moves on to further studies.

Thanks are extended to the Headmistress of Stoke Damerel School for allowing a large number of her pupils to take part.

Finally our sincere thanks must go to Mrs. Morgan for producing a full complement of vivid and colourful costumes. The enthusiasm which she showed in "The Red Sea" and in other previous dramatic productions will be deeply missed by future producers.

N. M. CLIFTON

## SPEECH DAY

In the past few years, Speech Day has increasingly become a subject for critical discussion and some people have expressed a desire for change. This year, however, events took place in much the same way as in the past although, for once, the mood of the occasion was noticeably different.

Mr. Mallinson, who gave a report of the school's activities over the past year, said that this had been 'the saddest of all the peacetime years in the school's history.' He was referring to the series of deaths which culminated in that of the Headmaster, Dr. J. L. Cresswell. Even so, on a brighter note, Mr. Mallinson was able to report that this was a year in which 'much was attempted and much was done.' This address was followed by speeches from the Lord Mayor and the Baroness Vickers, both of whom congratulated the school on its success. Baroness Vickers, recalling past experiences, added that there was probably nothing one could not do if one wanted.

The school orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Farrow, again provided entertainment between speeches and succeeded in interesting the boys representing the school, by their rendering of the theme tune from 'Monty Python'.

Finally, our thanks must go to Mr. L. F. Paul and Mr. H. W. Warren for their vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and to Baroness Vickers, not only for presenting the prizes but also for the not inconsiderable achievement of talking to each of the many prizewinners individually.

A. P. PIKE

## SPORTS DAY

The annual inter-House battle was held on two rather windy afternoons, but, as usual, the competitors achieved a high standard, breaking four records in part I and eight records in part II. First-former Mark Dewdney in particular, broke four under 12 records with some outstanding runs.

The afternoon of part II started with Drake as clear leaders and Raleigh almost doomed to fourth place for the second year running. Gilbert had a lead over Grenville but the competition for second place was fierce. Last year's winner, Grenville, was behind on preliminary points from standards but kept up in part I and eventually achieved second place at the end of the two day event.

The senior 200 metres, one of the most exciting events, was won in record time by R. Taberner who succeeded B. McStravick as this year's Victor Ludorum. It was no surprise that both senior and junior standards cups went to the eventual champions, Drake, while the other House Trophy, The Revington Cup, went to Grenville.

The Individual Champions were :

Victor Ludorum : R. Taberner (Grenville)

Treseder (runner-up) : J. Austin (Gilbert)

Under 15 : M. Prout (Drake)

Under 14 : M. Hughes (Drake)

Under 13 : H. Lacey (Drake)

Under 12 : M. Dewdney (Drake)

Thanks must be extended to all the masters and boys who kept the event running smoothly and to Mr. Chris Fear, the Westward T.V. Sports Editor, who presented the trophies and certificates.

J. M. HALEY

## SWIMMING SPORTS

As has been the custom for the past couple of years, the annual swimming gala developed into a fierce battle for first place between Drake and Grenville. This intense competitive atmosphere, coupled with efficient organisation, ensured that the interest of spectators was maintained for the whole competition.

Despite the fact that Drake managed to keep the lead throughout most of the contest, they were eventually let down by their relay teams and so were pushed into second place by Grenville. As usual Kirkby was the outstanding competitor and was responsible for four of the six new records ; the other two were set up by Baker and Hodge.

The final House positions were :

1st. Grenville (101 pts.)

2nd. Drake (98 pts.)

3rd. Gilbert (65 pts.)

4th. Raleigh (54 pts.)

Open Free Style Cup — Kirkby (Drake)

Under 12 — Baker (Grenville)

Under 13 — Clements (Drake)

Under 14 — Porter (Grenville)

Under 15 — Bidgood (Grenville)

Senior Cup — Kirkby (Drake)

Relay Cup — (Grenville)

Finally we must offer our sincere thanks to Mr. Nash and to the other members of staff, whose organisation provided a most enjoyable evening ; and also to Mr. G. K. Simpson who presented the trophies and certificates.

D. WARREN

## THE BRITTANY TRIP

I am sure that all those who went on the Brittany trip at Whitsun feel that we should begin by thanking Mr. Sandercock, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Jones for their organisation of the trip. Also, apologies are due to them for the unrepeatable descriptions bestowed upon them after our cider supplies were confiscated on our first night in the hostel, which was, incidentally, very comfortable with all the modern conveniences, such as windows, floor boards etc.

Unfortunately, all that can be said for the food (a large percentage of which was bread) is that we are still alive upon our return to Plymouth although our stomachs turned at the sight of bread, and they will probably continue to do so for quite some time.

Having got Mr. Simpson into France without the customary six months quarantine due to Mr. Sandercock's restricted use of French profanities, we found to our everlasting delight, that the French had no idea what the 'subjonctif' was, and made no attempt to use it.

We must thank the officials of Brest, whom we met at a civic reception over the highly intoxicating beverage of orange juice (approximately), for their gifts of badges and a plaque showing the Brest coat of arms.

Our day trips took us to several interesting places all over the region and once we were taken around the 'Rade de Brest' in a small boat which greatly resembled an orange box. In connection with these excursions, Mr. Sandercock should be severely reprimanded for the interrupting of our rugby songs in order to draw our attention to the 'interesting' countryside which mainly consisted of fields of trifids (known in France as artichokes) stretching for miles in all directions.

But for the fact that Mr. Jones managed to catch the ferry after arriving late, it was well worth the minimal sum of £30 for our five-day invasion of France.

C. D. SCOTT and P. H. HARDWICK

## TUG-OF-WAR

Tuesday, 15th July.

The House Tug-of-war again provided the opportunity for a sporting pantomime to be exacted on the Millbridge field. Drake and Grenville swiftly triumphed over Raleigh and Gilbert respectively, but the duel between Mr. Nash and Mr. Warn in the losers' final made their clash rather an anticlimax. Mr. Warn's rescue of Raleigh from bottom place proved that, although might may be right, bulk is best. Drake emerged victorious from a tense final and were awarded the winner's cup. Our thanks go to Mr. Nash for organising the event and to Mr. Warn for pulling it off.

M. A. WYATT

## ATHLETICS REPORT

The season began soundly with a convincing win for the Seniors over Sutton who won only two of the events. Sports day, the following week, was honoured for the third year running by fine weather, which stands as an unofficial record. In the standards, Drake, with strong seniors and juniors, amassed a large points lead over the other houses. This lead increased in part one of the sports. Part two saw a late surge by Grenville, enabling them to take second place with Gilbert third and Raleigh trailing in fourth. The Victor Ludorum Cup was won by R. Taberner with J. Austin runner-up. The ever improving performances ensured that seven records were broken. Congratulations to Dewdney of the first form for breaking four of them.

The Devon Public and Grammar School Sports were held at Kelly College. A slightly depleted senior team came second to Kelly College by only two points.

At the Plymouth Schools Championships, held at the Brickfields, the school once more showed its all round strength coming first in the junior and second in the intermediate and senior competitions. The first and second years came first and second respectively.

Eight members of the school represented Plymouth at the Devon Schools event and two were selected to run for Devon in the South-West Schools Championships :-

Senior : Austin (1500 metres)

Junior : Hughes M. (80 metres Hurdles)

The seniors returned to Kelly College for a joint match against Truro, Kelly College and the College of St. Mark and St. John. Once again, Kelly College came first but the school had notable victories over the other teams. The annual match against H.M.S. Fiscard resulted in a convincing win for the school, enabling the 'most treasured' cup to be retained. The high point of the match was the javelin throw by Power which beat his personal best by several metres.

The Junior team had notable victories over Sutton, Truro, Okehampton, Tamar and Saltash but drew with Hele's.

The annual form sports were won by 1w, 2s, 3s, and 4w. The standard of the competition was once again high, which shows promise for the future. The majority of the Junior School took part in a sponsored run to raise money for a foam landing mat. This was a previously untried event which was very successful and raised nearly £600.

Finally we thank sincerely Messrs. Moon and Nash for their help in the organisation and coaching of the teams. In particular Mr. Moon for his team selections and for the work he put into the organisation of the sponsored run.

M. LANG  
(Hon. Secretary)

I should like to thank Lang, Hughes and Austin for carrying out their duties efficiently.

M. MOON

## **BADMINTON CLUB**

With our comparatively strong team, we were anticipating a very successful season. However, we were disappointed in this hope by a lack of fixtures, due partly to cancellations and partly to indifference in some schools: three of our matches were cancelled and we played only two during the whole season, one against Sutton which we won 7-2 and one against the staff which we won 5-3.

Enthusiasm among our players was so high that there were more boys than could be accommodated at one lunchtime practice. It was, therefore, necessary to divide ourselves into two groups, one to play during the lunch break on Mondays, the other on Tuesdays. The large number of players ensured keen competition and all who attended enjoyed themselves.

I should like to thank B. Edmondson, our secretary, for his efforts to arrange fixtures, Mr. Nash for the use of the Gym and the School Hall, and Mr. Smith for his supervision and support.

G. J. SKINNER  
(Captain)

## **THE BASKETBALL CLUB**

This season saw the formation of our strongest Senior side to date, and it was decided to concentrate the team's talent in the Plymouth and District Junior League, withdrawing temporarily from the Schools League. The team thus operated as an evening class(!) and we should like to thank Mr. G. O. D. Mollard for allowing this to be. Despite the quality of basketball which is to be seen in the Junior League, apathy reared its ugly head and spectators were conspicuous by their absence.

We enjoyed an excellent season in the P. & D. League this year, retaining the title of League Champions gained last season. This we achieved by winning 16 of our 18 matches, losing those against Fisgard Jokers (46-47) and Plympton G.S. (48-64).

The P. & D. Junior Cup consisted of 4 matches (viz. 1-4); the first round matches, a semi-final and the final. Our old friends, Widey Pirates, were removed 209-128 on aggregate and the young, inexperienced Kanary Kubs side was virtually taken apart in the semi-finals.

The Cup Final proved to be the non event of the whole season, both teams being unsettled by the crazy facilities of a green nylon-like, grass substitute surface with red court markings. With both sides playing abysmally, the score at half-time was not far removed from 20-20. However a tactical ploy by the D.H.S. coach, Mr. R. Moon (switching the veteran captain and equally veteran, if not so talented vice-captain) enabled us to find our lost form and the game finally closed with the score standing 48-36 in the school's favour.

The responsible Captain and myself would like to thank all the members of the senior team for making this last season so enjoyable, especially those who, having left school, gave up their evenings to play: here we saw the loyalty of the bus-travelling Griffiths and Fairgrieve and the unquenchable thirst of car owning Millman.

Our commiserations to Phil Bawden who was forced to relinquish his place in the team because of a hand injury, but this proved a blessing in disguise, as his place was filled by a player of Eurosize I, whose talent had lain dormant, undiscovered and untapped for years. It was thus that Maurice Bucknell emerged as a vital stabilising influence within the Senior team.

Sincere thanks are due to Mr. Moon for his expert refereeing and coaching and to our Nationally Qualified Table Official, Clifton. Thanks also to Robertson for time-keeping the home matches and to Mr. Nash for his co-operation and generous time allocation of the gym.

Finally, for providing comic relief regularly throughout the season, we extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. Clarke, especially after the "Millbridge Connection" and the blue tracksuit affair—a stunning spectacle never to leave the mind's eye of all who witnessed it.

Full Colours :

(Re-awards) Carrick, Taskis, Hughes, Smith, Griffiths.

Half Colours :

(Re-awards) Fairgrieve, Millman, Piper.

Half Colours :

(New awards) G. Inglis.

D. M. TASKIS  
(Vice-captain, Hon. sec.)

## THE CRICKET CLUB

### 1st XI

This year's team failed to live up to its obvious potential and this was epitomised by the unfortunate defeats by Sutton and Truro. This, however, is no reflection on the captaincy of McSweeney, who led the team with great skill and kept tight control in the field in his own pleasant way. Also a fierce opening attack was provided by Norman and Smith, who both played for Plymouth U19 team, the latter captaining the team. These were backed up by Kiver, Kennaugh and Bennett who also bowled to a high standard. In fact Bennett took five wickets for thirty against Plymouth Corporate Officers, including a hat trick. His beautifully flighted deliveries baffled batsmen and occasionally the wicket keeper.



The bowlers were, however, generally let down by the batsmen who, apart from the consistent Scoble-by far the most successful batsman as well as a fine wicket keeper-never lived up to expectations. The recognized batsmen failed in general, with only a few isolated innings of over twenty. Cutler played two such innings but still struggled to find past form and others fared no better. Horn often provided entertainment with his own brand of late cutting which disheartened many a slip fielder! Long partnerships were rare, with only two of over fifty, the best being McSweeny and Woodward against Plymouth Corporate Officers. This brought victory in a very exciting match.

The final match was against the staff and the whole season was reflected in this one result. Despite a very fine thirty-two from Parsons, the school was humbled. Thanks go to Mr. Burrows, the master in charge, for his enthusiasm and perseverance in what must have been a frustrating season for him.

## 2nd XI

The 2nd XI were well led by Roberts in all three matches they played. Of these two were lost and one drawn. At Truro, the team was narrowly defeated by a last wicket stand. Parsons made another good score of forty eight not out in this match. Horn and Roberts also scored well for the team. The bowling was shared by May, C. Woodward, Maiden, Lumb and Cooke. Special mention must go to Stevenson, who after six years of cricket finally reached double figures against H.M.S. Raleigh.

## U.15 XI

The U. 15s had a successful season with five victories being recorded. The best of these was a very creditable victory against H.M.S. Raleigh. An opening stand between Burley and Holmes paved the way to victory. These two, along with Jago and Webber, provided a strong batting line up. The team had only one opening bowler in Burley, who bowled well and Bridges volunteered to fill the vacancy. Unfortunately, his bowling figures suffered as he tried to bowl too fast. Useful support bowling was given by Lomas, Steward and Moore. The latter captained the side well and looked a promising bowler.

## U.14 XI

The U. 14s had a season which was dominated by a series of outstanding individual performances. Good batting contributions were made by McShane, Richards, Evans, Whitefield and Silcock. The captain, Easterbrook, epitomised this with his sixty-nine with the bat and eight for fifteen with the ball against Torquay. Despite such a number of performances and the tidy bowling of Russell when finally put on, coupled with neat close catching by Weymouth and Whitefield, the side's record was surprisingly poor in fact, twice as many matches were lost as won. The team would seem to have come second to the individuals in most boys' minds and the field placings were unintelligent and ground fielding and throwing slovenly.

## U.13 XI

The U. 13 XI were well led by Coates who turned in some fine batting and bowling performances. He was aided by fine innings from Caufield and Smith, and bowling from Pomroy, Caufield and Smith. They recorded three victories of which the first was against Plymouth College. The side shows great potential for later seasons.

## U.12 XI

The under 12's under the captaincy of Spiller had a disappointing season. They were defeated twice by Sutton and earned a draw with Plymouth College. The batting was generally weak with only Brenton showing promise, whilst McShane shone among the bowlers.

Thanks to Messrs. Burton, Clayton, Wroath, Timewell and Sandercock for giving up their time and also to the ladies who produced teas for the home matches.

## THE CROSS-COUNTRY CLUB

This was yet another poor cross-country season for the school. The junior training sessions were poorly attended and, on the whole, there was apathy towards training in both Junior and Senior sections. The weakness of our teams lies in this unfortunate unwillingness to attend training sessions.

In the second year of the Christmas Handicap race, Coles of 3N won the first prize of a £2 gift voucher.

The senior team, though a little handicapped by a difficulty in obtaining fixtures, lost all three of their competitions. The apathy in the senior school is shown by the fact that third and fourth year boys were recruited to compete for them.

At the Plymouth Schools Junior Championships, the school achieved sixth position, with Barrett and West qualifying for the Plymouth team. At the intermediate championships, Pain came eighth and the school failed to score because we did not have a complete team. At the senior Championships, Austin was first and the school was third out of four. Austin and Casey qualified for the Plymouth team.

In the Junior League the school was fourth overall with Barrett and West scoring well.

In the Senior House cross-country, Drake were the overall winners although the individual winner was Austin of Gilbert. Grenville were victorious in the Junior competition, a result which gave them the overall championship.

Barrett of the third form ran in the senior competitions and scored well.

We offer our thanks to Mr. Gibson and Mr. Dickens for their enthusiastic organisation of the teams and training sessions. Thanks are also extended to Mr. Nash for allowing us to use the gym during the lunch hour and to Mr. Moon for his helpful advice.

Full Colours : (Re-awards) Austin, Casey.

Half Colours : (New awards) Pain, Barrett, Pullar, Lambdin.

A. C. PAIN  
S. BARRETT

## THE RUGBY CLUB

The season was undeniably a very successful one, even when compared with the exceedingly high standard set in recent years. We lost just seven of our twenty four matches and won the Devon Schools Cup for the third year running—the third year of its existence! The team recorded some fine victories, notably over the Old Boys (13-0), whom we had not previously beaten for some years, Plymouth College (22-16), Torquay Juniors (6-0), and we were unlucky to lose a tight match to our old rivals, Plymouth Albion Juniors (10-11). But the highlight of the season was unquestionably our last match, played at the Rectory, against St. Boniface's in the final of the Wakeham Cup. After taking an incredible

22-3 lead, we managed to keep ahead in a nail-biting finish to emerge victors by 22-19.

Due to repeated injuries and the non-availability of players, the side had difficulty in settling into a regular pattern, the same fifteen never playing together more than twice. Indeed, thirty two players performed for the 1st XV this season, and even Mr. Watson had a game, celebrating his inclusion with two tries!

Although practically incapable of either catching or kicking, "Trigger" Goodhead was placed at full-back for the first half of the season, but when his dynamic thrusts were given their due credit, he was transferred to the wing where he could do less damage, Mapstone filling the vacated position. Youngster Hellings had a promising season on the wing and his partner was Cutler, who showed a considerable amount of determination, as would be expected from a forward, but not a lot of subtlety.

Kiver, who made some smooth breaks, and Russell, School Captain and Oxford entrant, played in the centre, and when the latter left at Christmas, he was replaced by McSweeney—a "footballer!" Fairgrieve, who achieved fame with his six O-levels, had an interesting season at fly-half, confusing not only the opposition, but also his own teammates. Once again his partner at scrum-half was Scoble, who maintained his usual standard of service?

Our solid pack was the mainstay of the side throughout the season. Collicott, when not receiving treatment, and Paul Galwas propped powerfully as did Shute who, when not captaining the South-West Schools team, provided the après-match entertainment. Evans, now a centenarian of first team rugby, hooked away gaily until Christmas, after which Cutler reverted to his old position in the front row.

When not crippled by injury to back, collar bone or big toe, Lang, Inglis and Smith filled between them the second row positions. Rose P. was later called up from the 2nd XV and played in the final.

In the back row, no. 8 Hughes, that well-known Basketball player, who was incidentally our top try scorer, represented Devon apparently, while Drew and the captain, Dodd, both proved dynamic on the flank.

Thanks must be expressed to the numerous boys who played just once or twice in order to complete the team; also to Thornton who held down his position as touch judge throughout the season; to Mr. Southern, who turned up to all of the practices, which is more than can be said for several of the players! and to the Parents' Association for providing refreshment for the visiting teams.

The 2nd XV had a particularly successful season, considering the amount of calls made on the team by the premier side, recording some fine victories over St. Boniface's and Saltash Colts. The captain, Bowhay's, "total commitment" style of play set an excellent example to the rest of the team. It is pleasing to note that several fourth form boys were given a 'bleeding' in this senior side, and we hope that, with Mr. Evans coaching these young players, an even higher standard may be reached next season.

The 3rd XV, which has been struggling for players for a couple of seasons, did not function this year.

The under 15 XV, under Mr. Burrows' knowledgeable tuition had a reasonably successful season, recording convincing wins over St. Boniface's and Sutton, and being desperately unlucky to be beaten by Plymouth College when, with a key player dramatically injured in the first few minutes, the team, which never lacked enthusiasm, defended heroically for the rest of the game. Beer and Brown in the 2nd row were the strength of the forwards, while Burley and Lee, the scrum-half, captain and top try scorer, showed a great deal of ability behind the pack.

The under 14 team had a disappointing start to the season, losing three matches in a row, but, under Mr. Watson's guidance, they soon recovered to defeat Plymouth College 10-9. Unfortunately, they were

later crushingly beaten by a strong Plymstock side in the final of the Plymouth Cup. The pack was held together by the back row of Weymouth, Witchell and the captain, Hughes, Porter and Russell formed a promising combination at half back while Creber and Williams provided the thrust in the back division.

Mr. Bowden was in charge of the under 13 team who had a reasonably successful season although perhaps more might have been expected from a side containing such a wealth of talent. They were unlucky in a defeat against Truro (7-8) and also in the Plymouth Cup where they were overcome by Plymstock whom they had beaten comfortably earlier in the season. The pack often struggled due to the lack of size, but when they grow, they should be most effective. Fry was most effective on the flank and Caulfield starred in the backs. Lacey is, at last, learning to catch the ball!

The under-12 team had a very encouraging season and when one considers the small stature of the forwards, their record of losing only two matches in the whole season is highly commendable. They achieved good draws against Plymstock and Truro and a convincing win over Tamar. What ball the forwards did manage to win, the backs put to good use, Baker being very promising at fly-half and Dewdney particularly powerful in the centre.

Mr. Moon was also able to run a B-team, which was undefeated in its four matches and the enthusiasm for the game of scores of 1st year boys is a very encouraging sign.

	P	W	D	L	F	A
1st XV	24	17	0	7	462	245
2nd XV	19	11	2	6	308	321
Under 15 XV	12	7	0	5	242	174
Under 14 XV	11	5	0	6	195	165
Under 13 XV	12	7	0	5	316	109
Under 12 XV (A)	12	8	2	2	186	30
Under 12 XV (B)	4	3	1	0	78	16

Congratulations to Shute, who captained the S.W. Schools side and Evans, who both reached the Southern England Trials, only to be told that they were too old! and to Hughes, who played for the combined Devon and Cornwall XV.

Full Colours : (Re-award) Dodd, Scoble, Hughes, Fairgrieve, Drew, Smith.

Full Colours : (New award) Kiver, Goodhead, Cutler, Collicott, Lang, Hellings, Galwas, Mapstone, Inglis.

Half Colours : (New award) Rose P., Bowhay.

C. D. SCOBLE  
(Secretary)

## THE SOCCER CLUB

### 1st XI Soccer

Although failing to win either the League or Cup, the 1st XI had a most enjoyable season. We were unfortunate to lose a classic cup quarter-final to Plympton by the odd goal in three whilst defeat by the eventual League and Cup winners, Torquay, terminated our interest in the Devon League. It is somewhat ironic that in friendly matches we beat Plympton 4-1 and crushed Torquay 7-2. The best performance, however, was the 3-1 League defeat of previously unbeaten Exeter College—a result which gave great satisfaction to all the team and Mr. Farrow.

Power performed consistently in goal and fully merited his selection for an England Schools trial. The younger members of the team, Baker,

Mitchell, Lumb, Wall and Hodge all showed great promise for the future whilst Taberner and Millman marshalled an inexperienced defence excellently. Norman, Bennett and Piper, the captain, proved to be an enterprising midfield trio whilst Crowther and McSweeney did the bulk of the scoring—the latter scoring 22 goals in 16 games.

No report on the 1st XI could be complete, however, without mentioning Mr. Farrow. His fanatical devotion and enthusiasm, coupled with his unique ability of getting the Kick-Off time wrong, made him extremely popular with the team.

Congratulations to Power and McSweeney who played for the Devon 'A' side which won the South Western Counties Championship, and also to Taberner, Crowther and Piper who played for the Devon 'B' team.

Plyd.	Won	Drew	Lost
18	11	1	6

A. MCSWEENEY  
(Secretary)

## 2nd XI Soccer

After a somewhat uninspiring start to the season, fundamentally due to the lack of enthusiasm and the unsettled nature of the team, the 2nd XI began to record some encouraging results. S. May's introduction into the side as goalkeeper reduced the glut of goals being scored by opposing sides. The back four of Edmondson, Parsons, Roberts and Williams—under whose astute captaincy the team went from strength to strength—performed consistently, as did Gardener, Gillard and Larkworthy in midfield. Popplestone, Charlick, Mahoney and Woodward shared the goals fairly equally at the front.

The team would like to express grateful thanks to Mr. Sandercock who was always with us in spirit if not always in body.

P. PARSONS  
(Secretary)

## Junior Soccer

The standard of soccer in the Junior School was disappointing this year. It is always noticeable how vastly improved teams are after a few games in the Christmas term and it seems reasonable to attribute a certain amount of this lack of success to insufficient soccer. This was certainly the case this winter, when pitches were washed out for weeks on end. Only the U. 15 XI completed their programme. They made a disappointing start, but played good football in the Spring Term, reaching the semi-finals of the Plymouth Cup, only to lose to the eventual winners. Their outstanding player was the captain, Beer, who represented Plymouth and Devon, but Burley, Brown and Lee all played well, while Mr. Jones coached the team with great enthusiasm. The U. 14's had an unfortunate season, gaining only two points from four games, but they did well to get to the final of the 7-a-side competition. Brady, Weymouth and Hughes were the most impressive players and Mr. Dingle is to be thanked for the time he devoted to the team. Mr. Wroath ran the U.13 XI and they developed into a capable side. The 4-0 defeat of Ivybridge and a 2-2 draw with Sutton were particularly encouraging. Gould, Caufield and Fry showed promise and the team was ably captained by Shannon.

The U. 12's were involved in some close games and the 4-0 defeat of Plymstock was the highlight of the season. The team was captained by Dewdney who, with Cotton and Fewings giving good support, was the outstanding player. Thanks are due to Mr. Sandercock for all his efforts, and, indeed, to all those who so generously gave up their time to referee.

A. WROATH

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## THE TENNIS CLUB

This is one of the longest tennis reports for a long time, because over the last few years it has been difficult to arrange fixtures, whereas this year we enjoyed a season full of competitive tennis.

In our first match of the season, we were beaten 6-3 by St. Boniface's College, and this seemed to set the pattern for a while. Our first success, a 5-4 victory over St. Boniface's, took place after two further defeats, losing matches in the Devon Cup and against Totnes School. This brief morale-raiser was soon followed by more defeats, one by Totnes and one in a triangular match with St. Boniface and Plymouth College, where we finished third.

The highlight of our season followed these setbacks, when our first pair reached the play-off in the senior section of the Plymouth Cup. The season was then brought to a successful close by two most enjoyable matches. The first of these was against Plymouth High School, who were a very strong side for a girl's school. We eventually won 4-0, but I must confess that this does not give the true impressions of the teams and that our victory was not gained without its moments of anxiety. The final match of the season was a closely contested affair against a strong Staff side. The latter's strength was, however, insufficient to beat the School, who emerged with a 5-4 win. So ended a season which was always enjoyable if not wholly successful.

I feel I cannot complete my report without mentioning the high degree of enthusiasm which was generated throughout the School. The Senior practices on Tuesday evenings were well attended even until the beginning of the examination period, and there were excellent attendances at Junior practices on Wednesdays. An indication of the enthusiasm was shown by the large number of boys who played in one or more of the School matches.

I should like to thank our captain, M. Campbell, for his efforts to lead the team to success, especially in the Staff match, and to Mr. Watson, both for his zealous support and for transport to Torquay and Totnes.

G. J. SKINNER  
(Secretary)

## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

### CHESS CLUB

The School chess teams had a sound year, the junior team being particularly successful.

In their two knockout competitions, the Pitt-Fox and the Sunday Times, the senior team, ably captained by Lambdin, reached the semi-finals, only to be beaten by Totnes and Plymouth College respectively. In the league competition, the Goodman Cup, the team played well, and, but for one or two disappointing results, might have been runners-up instead of third, a creditable result nonetheless.

The junior team, alternatively led by Jamieson and Curno, had an extremely good year. Apart from winning the Bruce Cup Knockout Competition with three very convincing victories (none more so than the final in which they defeated Shebbear College 6-0) they also came runners-up in their league competition, the Horley Cup. This means that the Bruce Cup has been won by the School in three of the last four years.

There has been a further increase in the interest in chess this year, thanks mainly to the continued efforts of Mr. Borbon. There are several

internal competitions for the first and second years and the practice attained in these probably contributed to the thrilling junior inter-house chess matches. For the second consecutive year a School team was entered for every competition open to us, but unfortunately this has taken its toll on the Chess Club's match clocks. Consequently a scheme has recently been devised to raise almost £100 with which to buy twelve new chess clocks for next season.

Finally we offer our sincere thanks to Mr. Borbon for his organisation of transport and teas, and for his unceasing interest, support and zeal in maintaining the success and popularity of the chess club.

S. N. COOKE  
(Hon. Secretary)

### CHRISTIAN UNION

The Christian Union has been fortunate that it has functioned at all this year, there being a strong threat of complete closure. There were periods of several weeks during the Spring and Summer terms when no meetings were held. Membership varied between two and fifteen; the latter appearing for a meeting with Plymouth High School (for Girls). Apathy on the part of the fifth form was the main factor in this situation, as the Middle Sixth were occupied with examinations and other pressing commitments. The few meetings that were held consisted of discussions, sometimes on religious topics but more often about subjects which could loosely be termed humanitarian.

However, the Autumn Term was fairly lively with record and book reviews, bible studies and worship evenings. There could be a bright future for the Union, as there are many Fifth Form Christians, but they must treat their faith a little more seriously and become more than just "Sunday Christians."

Once again our thanks are due to Mr. Smith for supervising and to Mr. Clarke who also attended a few meetings.

T. M. THORNTON  
(Chairman)

### PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

This year has seen the arrival of Mr. Bassett who has unofficially played a very active role in the running of the club, and his knowledge of photography has proved invaluable.

In the early part of the year, a series of introductory talks was given by senior members to the junior forms and I can only hope that interest promoted at these meetings will grow over the next few years.

The culmination of the club's achievements this year can be seen by the reader as he browses through the magazine. In addition to the Society's photograph of the retiring member of staff, the editors have extended the forum section of the magazine to include some less formal photographs. We hope that they will give some indication of the high standard attained. They were all produced in their entirety, from conception to final print, by senior members using club facilities. It is hoped that they will be an encouragement to boys considering taking up the hobby and to those who consider the School Magazine to be too rigid and academic in its approach.

D. J. HOWARD  
(Secretary)

### PLASTIC KIT MODELLING CLUB

One of the new clubs formed this year is the Plastic Kit Modelling Club and, under the leadership of Adam Briggs, it has become a thriving



institution, drawing members from the Junior and Middle Schools. Since its formation, the Club has met regularly every Wednesday lunch-time, and many models of various sizes and descriptions have been successfully constructed and authentically decorated.

It has been interesting to note the steady progress of individual members throughout this period, and examples of standards attained were exhibited at the Annual Garden Party.

A nominal termly subscription enables members to use the Club's large stock of modelling materials and, due to the goodwill of a local store, kits are obtained at reduced prices.

I should like to thank Dr. Phillips for his help in achieving the smooth running of the Club, and the members for the sensible way in which they have always conducted themselves. I am grateful for their co-operation in ensuring that the room in which they work is always clean and tidy before they leave.

A. J. HALLETT  
(Prefect i/c)

### SAILING CLUB

This has been a difficult year for the Club, mainly due to the shortage of funds. This led us, in desperation, to collect old paper; I should like to offer thanks on behalf of the Club to all members of the School who brought in old newspapers, etc. I am sorry to report that hopes of alleviating our financial difficulties were not realised, as the value of waste paper dropped dramatically and at the end of the Summer term the Mortuary was filled with three tons of useless newsprint. Our thanks are due to Mr. Dodd for allowing us to use the building during this troublesome period, to Mr. Borbon for supervising the storage of the paper, and to a Mr. Penny who arrived with his lorry in driving rain to move the paper to its final resting place.

As for sailing, little was achieved because of bad weather; on the few occasions that we succeeded in taking to the water we experienced such tragedies as a broken mast and fifth formers drifting onto the rocks. The only major race for which a team was entered was the Plymouth Schools' Championship.

Thanks again to Mr. Borbon, Mr. Southern and to Mr. Milton, who gave up so much of their time to help us. Finally, we should like to thank and say farewell to our figurehead, Mrs. A. Morgan, who has left for waters new. Her cheerful encouragement, effort and interest will be missed by all.

P. S. FOSTER  
(Captain)

### SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

In keeping with the practice of recent years, the Thursday evening meetings took the form of group discussions. These proved to be fairly successful, with attendances sometimes exceeding twenty. Regular support throughout the Autumn term induced the society to hold two debates in the Spring term.

The advent of the Summer Term, however, withdrew the support of the M6, and the meetings declined. But the potential that had long been in the L6 suddenly manifested itself, resulting in three lively discussions and one inter-school debate. I hope that this enthusiasm will be maintained and, in combination with not a little interest and ability in the 5th year, the society will resume its status as the most thriving in the school.

Finally I should like to thank Mr. Wayne for his continued support and encouragement, both of which are much appreciated.

S. M. BURT  
(Secretary)

## THE JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

During the first and second terms of this year the Junior Debating Society continued to maintain its precarious existence thanks to the loyalty of a few members. Meetings were regularly held and tended to be lively if not orderly. However, the society was poorly supported by the first and second forms and regretfully had to be disbanded at the beginning of the summer term.

Our thanks must go to Mr. Wayne for his continued support and to Bowhay and Thornton for their gallant efforts to maintain order during the meetings. The dying flame of the society may be rekindled next term if sufficient support can be found among the junior forms. New members will be made most welcome.

K. WERNHAM and D. COLES

## THE ST. LEVAN PRESS

The struggle to keep pace with the steady inflow of orders is finally coming to a close and I feel the School Printing Group is getting well and truly 'back on its feet'.

The group is indebted to Andrew Casey who has worked very hard during the last year as Group Leader, both in the above respect and in making the financial position more stable. This year saw the arrival of Dr. Phillips whose personal interest in printing has provided us with some very useful help and advice.

The group has produced various tickets and notepaper during the year for the school societies and functions, members of staff and outside organisations. These included the School Opera tickets and the Dr. J. L. Cresswell Memorial Concert tickets.

Although somewhat cramped and often chaotic conditions in the printing room may be partly responsible for dissension among members, I feel there is still a sad lack of co-operation and enthusiasm when team-work is so essential. Nevertheless, the Garden Party display was of its usual high standard.

Hopefully, next year, we shall be able to experiment with the use of lino-cut blocks, thermography and a generally more demanding class of work. There is a vacancy in the group for a member from the Lower VIth.

N. C. WEBSTER  
(Group Leader)

## THE TRANSPORT CLUB

This has not been a very successful period for the club, in comparison with recent years. Unfortunately, many prospective plans were not realised, due to the fact that the club's senior boys were involved with G.C.E. examinations.

However, a new group of boys is emerging to lead the club back to its pristine glory; the success of their efforts being assured by the many enthusiastic juniors in the club.

Although the usual trips to local installations and the annual rail trip did not take place this year, it is hoped that a visit to Crewe Works Open Day in September will be arranged.

D. C. ALLEN

## WARGAMES SOCIETY

This has been a relatively successful year for the society, despite the fact that informal talks on aspects of wargaming, modelling and military history, which were given by senior members last year, have been discontinued. The membership has increased and the mainstay of support for the society now comes from the first, second and sixth forms. The Juniors' skill at painting has gradually improved through the example of the senior members.

Meetings in the school library on Saturdays, supervised by Mr. Dickens, were well attended throughout the year, with the action occasionally overflowing into the corridor outside. Ancient, English Civil War (the society's newest period), Napoleonic, Modern and board wargames were all fought on the library tables.

The highlight of the year was an enjoyable and informative visit to the National Army Museum, Chelsea, and Aspley House (The Duke of Wellington's former residence) at the end of the spring term. We offer our thanks to Mr. Dickens for organising this trip and for his assistance throughout the year.

M. A. WYATT  
(Secretary)

#### WINE-MAKING CIRCLE

The society is functioning as a number of groups, MV1th, LV1th and 5th year, sharing the chemistry lab. equipment and Dr. Timewell's airing cupboard. Early last year, the membership decreased slightly as delirium tremens set in, but a new consignment of raw fifth-formers kept the numbers up to around fifteen and there will be room for more Fifth and Sixth formers this year.

In the face of The Great Sugar Shortage noble sacrifices were made to continue brewing and Dr. Timewell gallantly forwent sweetening of his cornflakes because of the considerable increase in the price of sugar. Capital Investment has, however, continued and a number of accessories have been purchased.

The club took many journeys into the unknown; the visit to the Tamar Breweries being particularly enlightening.

This year we have concentrated mainly on wine, and have produced little beer or ale. There has been much variation in quality, but we have succeeded in maintaining a high alcoholic level in all our brews. . .

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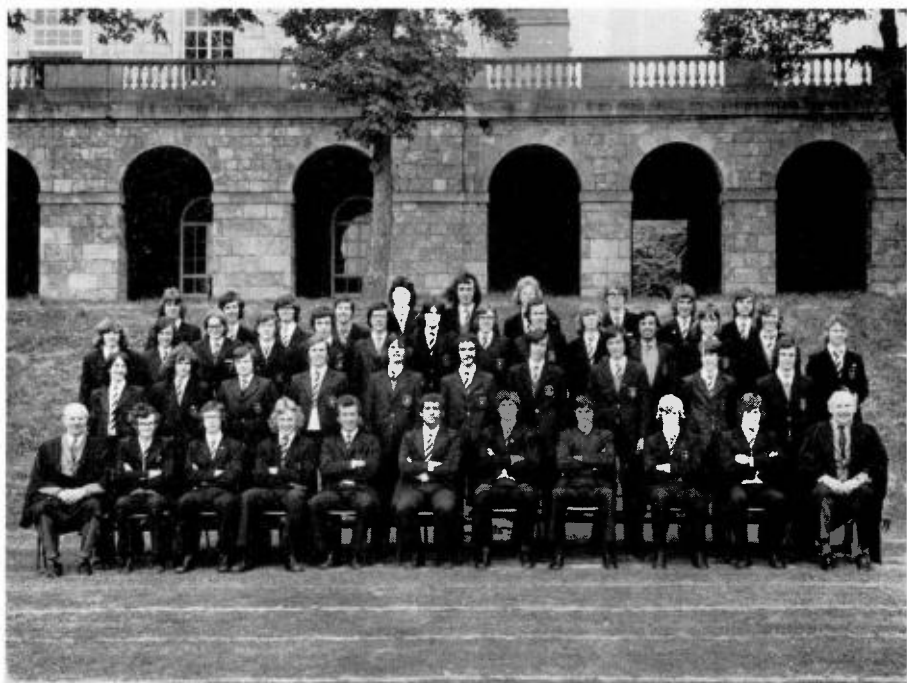
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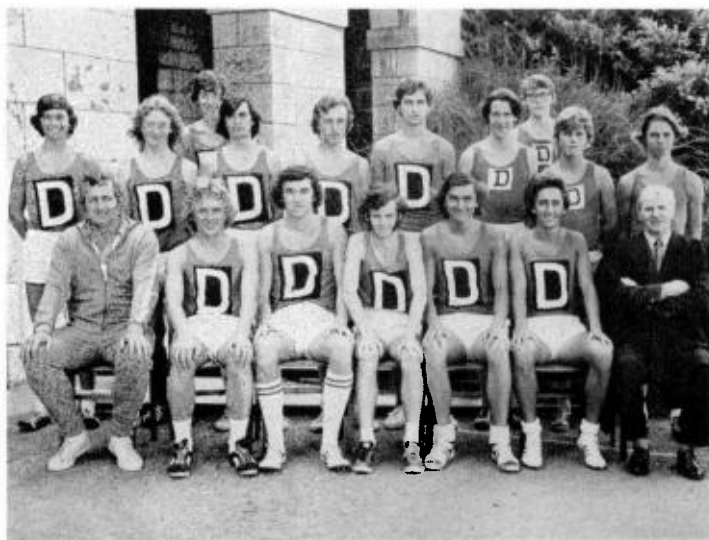
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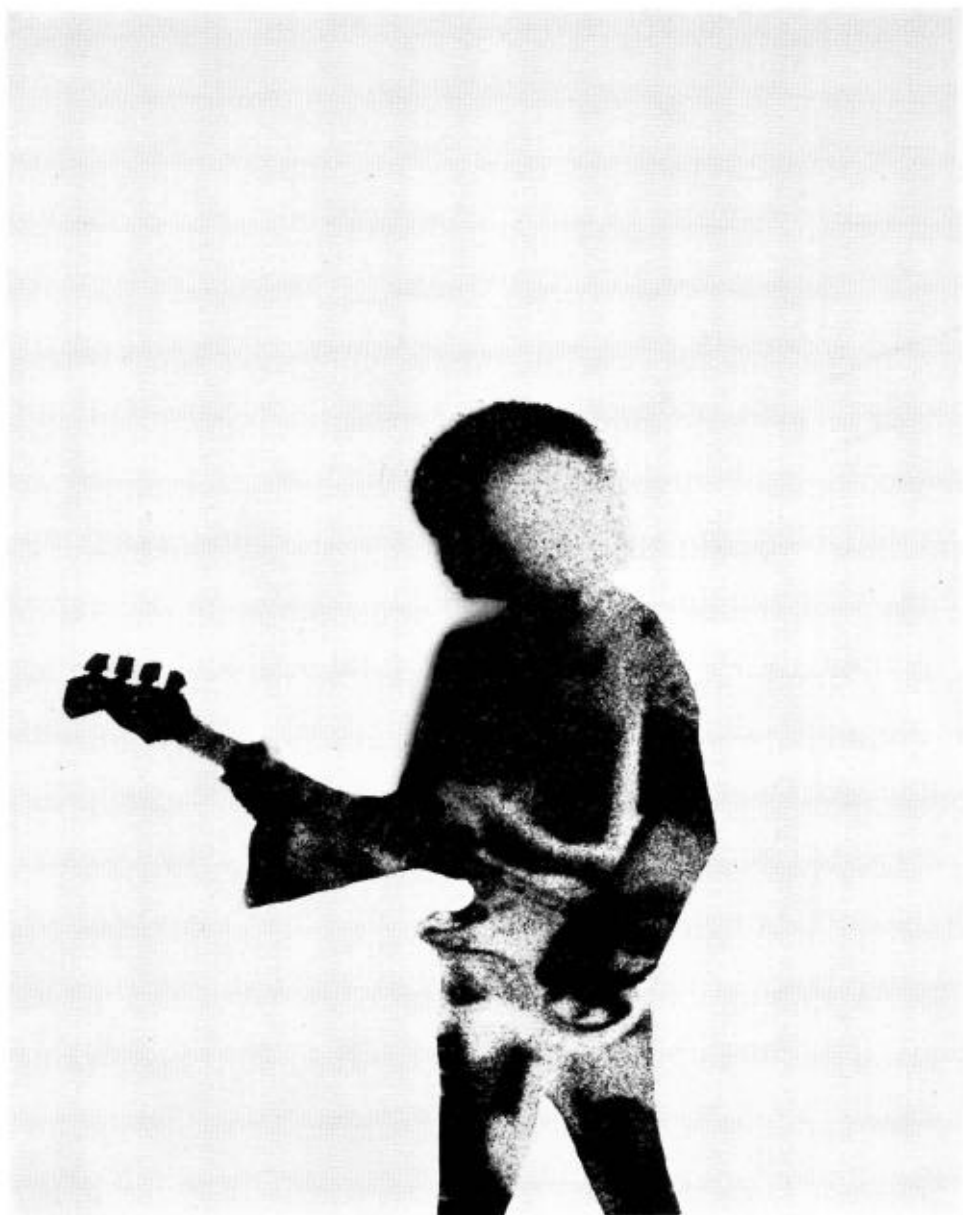
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## DARTMOOR

I climbed up the tor, only to see halfway up, a group of hikers already there. There were five of them wearing a varied selection of clothing. The one nearest me was wearing a bush hat with a snapped feather stuck in it, and an anorak which was a fluorescent colour, and had badges sewn on it. He also had on a pair of mud splattered blue leggings which were torn to shreds at the bottom. On his feet he wore a pair of mud clogged hiking boots with dirty yellow laces. He was leaning on a hefty staff, and his sunburnt face was gazing to the right.

I followed his gaze and saw he was looking at a small clump of gorse bushes about half a mile away on the other side of the valley, just below a small clump of rocks. They stood out like soot on a clean sheet. For they were in full bloom and the bright yellow flowers stood out a mile on the barren moor.

I then heard a gurgling noise and turned my head towards it. It turned out to be a stream gushing out of the hillside. It slowly tumbled down the hillside meandering around some stones, and gushing over the top of others, sending a cascade of water drops reflecting the sun, onto the nearby grass, until it finally cascaded into the larger stream in the valley below, making continuous concentric circles ripple the surface of the slow moving stream slowly winding its way to the River Meavy.

Then the air was broken by another noise: the twitter of a bird. I looked around and saw, sitting on the dead branch of a Hawthorn tree not ten yards away, the delicate light brown outline of a thrush. It carried on singing for a few minutes, then stopped and flew away into the air. I watched it fly into the distance.

Then my eye was caught by another bird. This time, a large and majestic buzzard, which was slowly hovering in the air, with its eye on some small animal on the other side of the tor. The buzzard's outstretched wings occasionally flapped, and his fan-shaped tail slowly moved up and down.

Slowly my eye wandered to the top of the tor, and noticed that the other hikers had gone, so I climbed up the boulder strewn slope to the top.

ADAM BRIGGS J.N.

## THE SHORT CUT

I withdrew the knife. "Oh, my God, what have I done?"

I rummaged through his pockets. I found a wallet and in it a pound, and a packet of fags with no lighter. Was it worth it—his life for this? I dragged myself up to my feet, cold sweat breaking out on my forehead and hands, and mingling with this sweat was blood. His blood or mine I didn't know, nor did I want to.

Could this happen to me, John Lare, a lorry driver earning 38 pounds a week? But that was a year ago. Those pompous asses with their Rolls-Royces had given me my cards and I was reduced to this! Damn them! Damn them and their class!

What shall I do know? I had just killed a man and his blood glistened on my quivering hands.

I tried to convince myself, "It happens all the time in New York, but I'm not in New York. I'm in jolly old London town, where no one does anything wrong apart from the odd drug peddling. But this, this was downright murder!"

I dragged him to the edge of the jetty. There was a resounding splash as his limp body was greeted by the bloodthirsty Thames. That took care of him: now to deal with my conscience.

Suddenly I was gripped by a wave of fear, panic and dread for what would follow. I ran as fast as I possibly could, driven on by this unknown force in my head.

"Run, run," it urged.

"But where?"

"Anywhere—just run."

And I did run, past the subways across the square, watched by the sombre eye of Nelson. Yes, I ran and when I was forced to a halt by my ever-straining lungs, I was two streets from the boarded-up, windowless, dump where I lived with four other down and outs.

I wrenched open the door and slammed it behind me, gulping down the foul-smelling air.

Somehow I made my way to the bedroom we all shared and dropped on my mattress. I was asked by my friend,

"Get anything?"

I threw him the fags. He lit one and then left me to my thoughts, and fate.

O. WILLIAMS I.S.

## JOURNEY IN THE DARK

"What do you think you be doin' on me farm, then?" asked an angry voice.

It was pitch black. A car that was rumbling along a rough, uneven track drew to a halt.

Jack leaned over the steering wheel to wipe the condensation from the windscreen. An angry face of a stranger peered into the car. From his typical country accent he was obviously a farmer. A thick drizzle was falling from the sky. Drops of rain were dripping off his yellow sou'wester. He held a brown double-barrelled shot gun under his right arm.

"What do you think you be doing on me farm?" asked the voice again in a more insisting tone.

Jack glanced at his wife, Betty, then turned his head towards the door and wound down his window. The man came around to the side of the car and poked his head through the window.

"We must have lost our way," said Jack. "We were heading for Ragholt."

"Ragholt? That's miles away: you're travelling in completely the wrong direction fer that," informed the man in a suprised voice.

"Well, where are we now, then?" joined in Betty.

"On me farm! That's where you are. Trespassing like," said the man stubbornly.

"Yes, but where is your farm?" asked Jack.

"Here!" exclaimed the farmer. "Your car is driving on it."

"How far are we from the nearest town, then?" said Betty anxiously.

They had driven a long way that evening and were both very tired.

"Town! There's no town 'round here for miles... But you can stay on me farm for the night if you like."

Jack looked at Betty.

"Alright, then," said Jack hesitantly.

It was their only choice as any town likely to have accommodation could be miles away.

"Right, out you get and follow me," instructed the man.

"But can't we take the car?" asked Betty anxiously, as she didn't want to get soaking wet.

"No. You won't get that through me cow fields."

Reluctantly Jack switched off his engine. All that could be heard was the rain drumming on the car's roof and the wind howling through the trees, blowing the dead leaves to the flooded ground. Jack and Betty struggled into their light macs. Betty tied a scarf around her head and plunged out into the darkness. Jack got out and locked up his car.

"Right. All ready then? Just follow me." And with few words the stranger turned around and strode off into the night.

"Come on then, or we'll lose him," said Jack to his wife.

They started off at a fast pace but found it hard to keep up with their guide.

They started off down a narrow lane. It was overgrown with weeds and brambles. Stinging nettles threw water onto their legs as they brushed past and brambles clung to and tore their clothing. Betty was forever tying up her scarf which was having no use at all as the rain soaked through it.

Suddenly the man stopped and they almost walked into him as they walked subconsciously along the path.

"You can see the farmhouse from 'ere. Just walk straight through the field, over the stile on the other side and then up to the farmhouse. I'm off to see to me sheep," and off he walked down the lane. They were left looking over an old rusty gate. They could just see the chimney breast of a house. Jack stepped forward to open the gate. He shook it and nothing happened.

"It won't open," said Jack. "It looks like we'll have to climb over it."

"But surely it must open," cried Betty who was very weary after their unfortunate adventures.

The rain eased up for a while and Jack urged Betty to climb the gate and make her way to the house before she became completely exhausted. They set off across the field but couldn't see the ground that they had to walk on. It turned out to be very marshy. In places they nearly sank in to their ankles. Apart from being splattered with cow dung they kicked up with their heels, Betty fell over a mound of earth and fell flat on her face in the mud. Jack turned as he heard a scream. Betty was gone. He peered around into the darkness. Then he caught sight of a foot. Betty was lying in the mud a few yards from him. He rushed over to her and helped her up.

"Are you alright?" he asked.

"Yes," she said faintly.

"Here, have my handkerchief."

Jack pulled a soaking wet handkerchief from his pocket. She wiped the mud from her face as best she could.

"Come on, we're nearly there now," said Jack encouragingly.

They strode off to the stile. They could see the house clearly now as the lights from the house lit up the surrounding area. They climbed the stile and walked up a partly flooded path to the house. They were greeted at the door by the farmer's wife.

"Hello. Your husband said we could stay the night," explained Jack.

"Yes, but where is my husband?" she asked.

"He went off to see the sheep," said Jack.

"Oh. Come in then. You look tired and cold."

Then they all disappeared inside the house.

M. Easton, 2N

### CHRISTMAS DAY WITH ROBINSON CRUSOE

I had kept my log calendar as much up to date as I could and now, according to my calculations, it was 25th December in the year of our Lord, 1662, Christmas Day. I had no real way of finding the exact date, as I could have lain unconscious on the beach for days and so I would have to celebrate this day as the coming of our Lord.

I tried to make my stockade-cum-cave as festive as I could, but to no avail.

My feeble attempts at decorations were however, noticed by Friday, who, to my surprise, asked me what they were.

I persevered in explaining to him about the Birth of Christ and the basis of our religion, but he could not grasp the principles until I informed him about the gifts from the three wise men,, and immediately he seemed to understand. I tried to comprehend why he had suddenly seen the meaning of our faith, but he could not explain in his yet simple English. I think it had something to do with the gifts and a native belief in rich presents such as gold only belonging to Gods and being given to future gods.

As we ourselves had no presents for each other, we had to do without them and instead I gave Friday the gift of our religion. To this I added three famous hymns—"O come all ye faithful", 'We three kings of Orient are', and 'God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen'. I think the second of these hymns held a great significance to Friday as I said before.

We had a dinner fit for a King; it consisted of a wildfowl of some sort (I had tried it before and found it delicious), a joint of pork, some cake I made made myself, fruit and spices as well as a drink of wine I had rescued from the ship.

After dining we spent more time singing the hymns I had taught Friday. Then I said a prayer for us to be found.

When this had finished, Friday disappeared for nigh on half an hour. When he reappeared he had in his hand a beautiful spear and a carved stone knife. I could not find a word to say to him to thank him. As well as this he gave me a handful of large glittering blue stones which I recognised as diamonds. I was astounded and speechless. Suddenly I remembered a steel knife I had salvaged off the wreck and I gave this to him. His joy was boundless and even with his limited vocabulary I could understand his pleasure.

The night fell abruptly, just as usual and we were asleep soon after nightfall, still brimming with our joy.

K. J. Holmes, 2W

## THE ANTIQUE SHOP

The lane is cobbled and steeply cambered. It runs along the rear of a terrace of large Victorian houses and to each side are whitewashed walls, broken by arched gateways and converted coach-houses. One of these coach-houses is smartly painted in black and white. Its large entrance doors are sub-divided by windows containing panes of ancient glass and on each side of the entrance stand once humble handcarts whose cargoes of potted plants decry the fresh fruit and fish they have displaced. Above the entrance a wrought iron sign announces in Gothic letters, 'Antiques'.

The door creaks open and a small bell rings no less vigorously than when it summoned Victorian maids from the depths of some great house. The interior of the shop is dimly lit as if light cannot penetrate easily the veil of time. Everywhere, there is a musty smell, the smell of years. Just inside the door lies a gramophone that once vibrated to the sounds of the Charleston and the songs of yesteryear that only survive on the scratched records and torn song sheets beside it. Against a china rum barrel lies a sampler telling us to, 'Beware the evils of drink,' embroidered by some Victorian schoolgirl who knew nothing of gramophones.

The foot of an elephant that once roamed the plains of Africa contains an umbrella that shielded an unknown gentleman in a city jungle. Its tusks became the ivory snuffboxes on the table. There are many green bottles, pill boxes, pieces of house furniture, walking sticks, stuffed animals and china vases littered over tables and heaped on the floor. The brass vase that stands alone was decorated by a long dead Bengali tribesman and brought back to England by the British major whose picture hangs above it. The decorated teacups that were once the pride of some Victorian lady are chipped and dusty. The iron kettle that a sweating blacksmith toiled to make hangs from one of the oak beams together with various pots, pans and cauldrons. The walls are decorated with posters once admired by the young ladies who used the rusty typewriters. The brass bedstead that had been polished every week for so many years stands tarnished and only spiders make their beds on it. It seems strange that the cast-offs of yesterday are the treasures of today.

K. Wernham, 3N

## JOURNEY THROUGH THE NIGHT

The midnight train left Paddington Station three minutes late. It had been a tiring day, and I did not take any notice of this announcement coming from the public address system. The night was cold and windy, and before I made myself as comfortable as possible on the hard, British Rail second class seats, I had ensured that all the windows were shut. The train picked up speed slowly, until the sound of the stuffy-nosed gentleman speaking into the public address system was only a memory.

The journey to Plymouth was going to take longer than usual, for the train was going via Bristol. I decided to go to sleep but the clatter of the train denied me this wish. After trying for a few minutes, I gave up, and questioned myself about what to do. First I looked out of the filthy window, but the blackened landscape painted by the night had nothing picturesque about it. I then turned my attention to the train itself. The three other passengers in the carriage and my family were all asleep, and I wondered how they had achieved this feat. The smell of cigarette smoke was still in the air, and it was too cold to open a window to get rid of it. An imprisoned fly danced incessantly round the dull light which illuminated the carriage. A snore rose from a heavily bearded gentleman on the left. I paid no attention to him, but continued my study of the carriage. The red upholstery of the seats was stained in places, possibly due to the unskilful handling of coffee by previous passengers. The floor,

littered with assorted beer cans hastily pushed under seats and cigarette ends, suddenly seemed to swim before my eyes. My eyelids became heavier and heavier, and then my eyes finally closed.

I woke up with a start. The train had stopped. The hands of my watch showed four o'clock. The only other person that was awake was the bearded gentleman's wife, and I asked her where we were. She told me that we were approaching Bristol. I thanked her, and turned my attention to her spouse. He was still lying in a semi-recumbent position snoring loudly in his now creased pin-stripe suit. The train lurched and went forward again, as suddenly as it had stopped. I looked out of the window. The yellow lights, that looked like a necklace of fireflies, showed signs of a city not far away. I heard a car horn honk, momentarily drowning the incessant buzz of the fly that still danced round the light. A twenty-four hour cafe by the side of the road showed the first signs of life since we had left Paddington. Gradually, the trees that lined the road gave way to houses, and as the first grey fingers of dawn illuminated the landscape, I caught my first view of Bristol.

I was not very impressed by this sight. The firefly necklace gave way to blackened street lamps, and the pleasant country road was eaten up by a sea of tarmacadam. A black film covered the once beautiful buildings, robbing them of their Victorian charm and attraction. The grimy walls of the station shut out the rest of the scene. The train stopped. A few people alighted from the carriages further down the train, and I felt a little sorry for them. Even after seeing what little I had, I realised how much better Plymouth was than I had realised, and couldn't wait to get back.

K. Pope, 3W

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## THE KRAKEN WAKES

Breaking away from the tradition of American, pre-packaged, comic-book science fiction come a series of updated science fiction novels written by John Wyndham. One of his most famous stories is "The Kraken Wakes." There is some dispute over the credibility of this story, part of which is considered fantasy. However, this seems ironic as many of Wyndham's novels are acclaimed for their disturbing realism.

The plot concerns an alien invasion of Earth, culminating in its flooding. The testing-point of any science fiction book or film is credibility. The credibility of Wyndham's novels stems from his blending of original science fiction with the world he knew. This realism is only demonstrated in "The Kraken Wakes" where a series of events assumed to be connected with the aliens, but not stated, is mixed with Wyndham's hard, satirical look at "The Uncertain Peace" of the fifties. He comments with some subtlety on the suspicion between the United States and Soviet Russia and the "keep up with the Joneses" attitude of the British towards the Americans. Wyndham shows some foresight concerning the appearance of a second television channel with his fictitious E.B.C. (an obvious alias for I.T.V. and their rival, the factual B.B.C.).

There is one point in which any science fiction novel remains wholly fictitious. This is the over-used expression, "The Space Monster." Wyndham escapes this cliché by creating a creature which is not seen in the book. Its presence is signified by its mode of transport and capture. Both are simple and not very frightening from the outside. However, the terror stems from the almost calm violence, with which they dispose of their human prey :

"The struggling people inevitably touched more of them and became more helplessly enmeshed than before. They struggled like flies on fly-paper. There was a relentless deliberation about it which made it seem horribly as though one watched through the eye of a slow motion camera." (Phase 2, page 141.)

The creatures still maintain an aura of fantasy, although they are a far cry from the absurdities of previous books. One parallel can be drawn from the book : authority shows a dithering attitude to crisis and no matter how much it tries to stamp it out the threat still remains—very similar to Northern Ireland. The book, though remaining fantasy, is a subtle message saying that in all moments of world crisis prejudice must be dropped. "The Kraken Wakes" is the twentieth century's answer to "War of the Worlds."

M. O'Sullivan, 3W

## FIRE AT NIGHT

It was the reign of Charles II and London was asleep. The three towers of St. Paul's Church were silhouetted faintly against a steely, grey sky. A thin whispering mist was rising from the Thames, and the streets were silent.

After one of the hottest summers ever known, few people were able to sleep soundly because of the heat. However, the temperature was decreasing slightly, and there was a touch of winter in the air now it was the beginning of September.

The half-timbered houses closely lining the narrow streets were very dry, and several inhabitants had noticed that the beams were splitting. Most of the city's wells had dried up, and the people's water supply depended largely on the functioning of a water engine near New Water, by the Thames.

Slowly, imperceptibly, the ripples on the river grew larger; the wind was freshening from the east. The draught found its way under the door of the bakery on the corner of Pudding Lane. The smouldering wood, ashes from the previous day's baking fire, was coaxed into a flickering tongue of flame. The parched timber sparked and crackled, and soon the house was dissolving in a fiery onrush.

In a few minutes the conflagration had spread to all the houses in Pudding Lane, and was invading Fish Street, an adjoining roadway, with savage ferocity. By now, the lightly slumbering householders had come to their senses, and leapt out of their beds and dashed into the street to escape the flames and vicious heat. Women carrying howling children fled in panic down towards the river bank, while their menfolk stood, stock still and gazing at the flames, too astonished to rescue their belongings.

Spears of flame arched out of the windows of houses wracked and ravaged by the sheet of fire rapidly consuming the town, street by street. The men were shocked into action as flickering strands of fire started licking at their own homes, and scurried about like termites; carrying buckets of sand and water to quell the burning.

Pigeons cooed in the eaves of burning buildings, as unwilling to desert their homes as their owners, and left their roosts only when their flight feathers had been singed. Men, frantically endeavouring to douse the household fires, bellowed orders which were drowned by the roar of the inferno. Houses blazed like furnaces, and the glow of the fire could be seen ten miles away, vividly imprinted on the night sky.

When the fire burnt itself out, the majority of the London residences had been destroyed. It was a desolate city, but it had been totally cleansed of the germs of the Plague that had occurred the year before.

E. P. Manley, 4S

Joe woke up, and gazed at his moronic friend, who was unsuccessfully trying to smoke a pyrex dish. Unable to restrain himself any longer, he cried out, "Buddah lives man." The anticipated reaction failed to happen so the moron was asked if he agreed.

"No! I don't go in for that pseudo-Cricklewood-artificialism myself. My only pleasure is playing my tuba," (this boy hasn't lived).

Joe took down his trousers and began talking again. "You mean you're free from all carnal thoughts?"

"If you mean do I participate in 'wrestling,' no I don't."

With these words echoing in the void between his ears, Joe slipped into a dream; a nightmare, crawling through the humid, dense jungle, (must be something in the tea-bag), without a girl to . . . CENSORED.

"I was only going to say . . ."

"No chance."

Emerging from the jungle to face a bitter struggle between rival branches of 'Marks and Spencer.' Stunned, he fell to the ground, savagely attacked by a food trolley, which accused him of 'borrowing' four pairs of pink knickers and a black leather whip, (it takes all sorts . . .).

Finally, he was brought back into reality by the evil reek of sweaty feet. He looked up at the starry roof and vowed he would not rest until he was perched upon the Sedia Gertantoria.

NERO

(Gary Glitter did not appear by kind permission of Len Murray).



## LA FIN DE LA BOURGEOISIE

Workers of the world unite,  
Throw off your shackles and end your plight,  
The days of capitalist oppression have finished,  
The enemy ranks are broken and diminished,  
Mécontent est évident.

The stockbroker saunters with umbrella and hat,  
His head held aloft, pompous and fat,  
The labourer toils and sweats in silence,  
As freedom fighters prepare for the impending violence,  
A bas le roi.

Millionaires flee from the crowds' embrace,  
And hasten to their villas in Bermuda, disgraced  
By their wicked oppression and evil deceit,  
As they are harried and chased from street to street,  
La victoire est près.

The people arise and attack the House,  
Intelligentsia stir them with cries and shouts,  
They storm the Bastille of political subversion,  
Killing the bourgeois almost to a person,  
Le Roi est mort.

The workers' council, alias the Soviet,  
Liberate all of the proletariat,  
And establish the long-awaited democracy,  
Overthrowing the corrupt and imperialist bureaucracy,

VIVE LA REVOLUTION !

Anon.

## AN APPEAL BY THE ANTHROPOLOGIST, PROFESSOR ILLANEUS.

As you students must now be aware, I am conducting an archaeological/ anthropological dig in a sector of the area known as "Dumnonii" by the Ancient Romans and their leaders, Julius Ceasar and Ceasar Augustus, and as "Plymouth" by the Ancient Britons and their leaders, comrade Benn and comrade Foot.

I am calling for students from Departments of Anatomy, Geography and Chemistry to help in the excavation of sites which, if my hopes are fulfilled, will rock today's scientific world to its very foundations.

In my second paper of last year (97143b), I published information I had gleaned with the assistance of voluntary workers provided by the locally based University of Eford. In an attempt to justify my appeal, some of this has been printed below, in the hope that it will galvanise the more inquisitive to apply to help me.

Excerpts from Illaneus (97143b) :—

1) The initial tedious structural work on the skulls and skeletons was meticulously carried out by Dr. Carrick of Leeds; his quickly published results (97142) stated that, in the localities excavated, the skull showed a decrease in brain capacity in the order of some 150 cubic centimetres, or by nearly 10%. Stains of blood, found on the bones of many examples revealed a blood group unknown today, whilst computer assimilations with vocal chord and voice box dimensions have proven that although speech was slightly slurred, sounds beginning with the letter K were more comprehensible.

2) The examples found thus warrant a name and I have taken it upon myself to christen them "Southway Man". Southway man lived in three localities, Southway, Whitleigh and Swilly, all apparently situated on high level interfluvies (as mapped by Palmer, Kiver et al—97142a). Although some slight technology existed at this time, it is doubtful whether this topographic isolation could have been bridged by so simple a race—three mutations thus developed from a basic root stock of Southway Man, this being a consequence of clan detachment.

3) An interesting social structure had appeared: all the specimens have so far been found in groups and this suggests a tribal mode of life, but this was probably not a stable social group as certain rock horizons are extremely crammed with remains; possibly the result of inter-tribal disputes, resolved by a pitched battle, (many weapons such as axes, broken bottles and chains have been found), the more aggressive of the species emerging as victor and assuming control of the community.

4) These people were undoubtedly carnivorous, as certain charred remains of animal hides have been unearthed (including cats and dogs): there is a possibility that some of these animals featured as sacrifices in an intricate religious ceremony, which involved dressing in the sacred ceremonial garb (examples recovered from a peat bog) of a white, trouser type garment and a pair of heavy brown boots (the religious significance of the latter is, at present, not well understood). Many of these animal remains were discovered in proximity to certain wall-like structures, with primitive artwork still faintly discernible. It has been suggested by Dr. Norman (97142a) that these actually represent the names of the God and Goddess which featured so predominantly in the distinctive culture of Southway Man. This assumption fits neatly into the "burnt offering" hypothesis propounded earlier. These inscriptions are numerous, in many colours and all take the form of the following: "Kev 4 Kathy" probably being the names of the Deities. The function of the word "4" is unknown, but it had once been thought to be an integral part of a numerical or counting system developed by these people—this now seems inconsistent in the light of present data and it is now doubtful if the brain of Southway Man had the capacity for an arithmetic system to be employed.

5) All these sites, at Southway, Whitleigh and Swilly are of approximately the same age, placed over 95000 years ago, between 1965 and 1980, by the Bucknell-Hic Dating Method (BHDM), developed recently after intensive practical studies of the trace elements in Pale Ale, believed to have been commenced by Professor Bucknell in the Indian Inn.

A final word from me then. Could you help us to analyse and correlate the data of the skeleton and the behaviour pattern now available? Would you like to help on the dig? If so please contact me at the Department of Anthropology, University of Dartmoor.

Thank you.

## SONG

It don't half stick out :  
it covers his chin,  
it hides all the places  
he puts his food in.  
It stops at his cheeks  
(the ones on his face)  
it looks most becoming—  
but quite out of place.  
It doesn't look finished ;  
it'd better be cleared,  
you've guessed what it is—  
it's Doc. X's beard.

## THE 'ARDNUT

He comes out on dry evenings to show the world he's there,  
His very character a reaction against his own inadequacy,  
Face contorted deliberately into calculated ugliness,  
Breath reeking and fingers yellowed with machine-bought cigarettes  
He stands around, useless and prominent like a pus-filled pimple,  
Fouling the walls and shelters like a badly-trained dog,  
Scowling at passers-by and pretending they're impressed.  
If you want a laugh watch him walk along the street,  
Hands pushed deep into the pockets of his Co-op parallels,  
Brown docs pounding the pavement in simulated aggression,  
Feet turned out, legs shuffling stiffly as if wooden,  
Spewing yellow filth from his mouth in a gesture of contempt.  
Or hear him talk with his stereotyped cronies,  
Laughing like idiots at the usual unfunny jokes  
And leaning on each other for their facade of mock boldness.  
What is his value to himself, what good is he to others?  
He is hollow, lacking any 'raison d'etra,'  
So he fills the space with his imaginary masculinity.

S. Orvis

*Gear for Lively Lads*

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trousers, shirts,  
shoes, knitwear —  
it's all ready  
and waiting  
for you . . .

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## OBA PERSONAL COLUMN

- JOHN SCOBLE has obtained a 1st Class Honours Degree in Pathology at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and will proceed to University College Hospital to study for a medical degree. He has been Vice-Captain of his College boat club for the past year.
- DAVID CANHAM has obtained a 2/1 Honour Degree in Metallurgy at Selwin College, Cambridge, and is remaining there to study for a Ph.D.
- PAUL MILLS has obtained a 2/2 Honours Degree in Material Science at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, and will stay on to study for a Ph.D.
- RICHARD SALTER has a 2/2 in Modern Languages at Pembroke College, Cambridge, and is now going to Switzerland to teach for a year.
- MARTIN CASEY has a 3rd Class Degree in Engineering at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge and will now join Plessey at Poole.
- ANDREW BUCKLAND, a former School Captain, has obtained a 3rd Class Degree in Engineering at Downing College, Cambridge, and is now entering the R.A.F.
- DAN DINGLE, (1950 - 58), called at the school. He is now the P.E. organizer for Jersey.
- GRAHAM DAWE, (1964 - 71), has obtained a Degree in English at the North London Polytechnic and will join the staff of Sutton High School in September.
- PETER PEDRICK (1959 - 67), is working in Torquay and has been elected a member of the Institute of Civil Engineers.
- F. H. PEARN, who left school in 1921, attended Speech Day last year and has written to say how much he enjoyed the function.
- K. W. STEVENS, was also at Speech Day and informs us that he is now working as a solicitor with Devon County Council in Plymouth.
- PAUL BISHOP, has passed out of Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, and has joined the Mine Countermeasures Vessel, H.M.S. Highburton.
- G. D. SHEARS, has passed his final Law Society qualifying examination, having previously obtained an honours degree in Law and M.A. in Industrial Relations.
- ANTHONY TRICE, has been appointed chief advisory pharmacist of the Wellcome Medical Division at Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.
- DAVID WONNACOTT, at present serving with the Royal Navy in Gibraltar, has been presented with his scouts warrant by the Governor of Gibraltar, Marshall of the Royal Air Force, Sir John Grandy.
- ROBIN MILLER, a Plymouth barrister, has been appointed a trustee of the American Field Service International Scholarship organization.
- M. GOVER, after teaching for twelve years, is now a Curate at St. Faith's Church, Havant.
- J. V. WOOD, who attended the Austin Memorial Ceremony, has completed his second year at University College, London.

- B. BUCKLER**, has obtained a 2/1 Degree in Computing at the North Staffordshire Polytechnic.
- DAVID CURRELL**, has completed B.Sc. (Honours) in psychology at Birkbeck and is now doing research for a Ph.D. His second book "The Complete Book of Puppetry," is due out shortly.
- A. J. WILSON**, having completed B.Sc. in statistics and computer science at Birkbeck, is now head of the Mathematics Department in a Comprehensive School in Hounslow.
- PAUL MILLER**, now a barrister in London, was married at Southwark Cathedral, London.
- MALCOLM WOODWARD**, and his wife were present at the Dr. Cresswell Memorial Concert. He is now Deputy Headmaster at Beaminster Comprehensive School in Dorset.
- GLEN WAUGH** is now teaching at Wellington College, Crowthorne.
- MARTIN DURHAM**, now studying politics at the Polytechnic in Birmingham, was one of the injured in the Birmingham bombings but is now on the way to recovery.
- S. P. WILLIAMS**, is now banking at Lloyd's Bank in Buckfastleigh.
- R. CLUNN**, (now **SPENCER**), has become an Associate of the Institute of Banking.
- C. A. KOVACS**, has recently married a former pupil of Devonport High School for Girls, Miss C. F. Evans.
- KEVIN WILLS**, has obtained First Class Honours in Mining at Cambourne School of Mines and will now work for a Ph.D. in Mineral Extraction.
- R. MILLMAN**, having completed a B.ED Course, will take up a teaching appointment at Tunbridge Wells Technical High in September.
- PETER WARREN**, is now with Dunlop Overseas Division in London, having recently returned from two years in their Middle East office in Beirut.
- CLIVE EDEN**, is studying Social Sciences at Kingstone Polytechnic and hopes to return to Plymouth to do Welfare work on the completion of his course.
- PETER WARN**, is teaching at Bootham School at York. Is married with two children, both boys.
- PETER HOPFORD**, is still in Italy, working with N.A.T.O.
- A. THORNING**, is working in London in Civil Aviation.
- C. BEATTIE**, is now teaching Mathematics at Devonport High School for Girls.
- JULIAN PAUL**, was present at the staff v O.B.'s Cricket match, having successfully completed another year at Oxford.
- S. ROBERTS**, has obtained a 2/1 in Mechanical Engineering at the conclusion of his Student Apprenticeship with the Central Electricity Generating Board.
- K. W. WOODWARD**, still with Customs and Excise, is married and has two children.

ROB DENNY, is working as an accountant with Mumfords of Plymouth.

RONALD GOULD, is now working as a solicitor in Plymouth. He was present at the Old Boys v Staff Cricket match.

'ALF' WAYNE, will start a Teacher Training Course at the College of St. Mark and St. John in September.

J. HOLWELL, who left school twenty four years ago, has a son starting at D.H.S. in September. He is prominent in local soccer circles as Secretary of the West Devon area and Secretary of the Plymouth Combination league.

I. M. NEWETT, has just completed his first year at Sheffield where he is studying for a Mathematics Degree.

J. TANDY, has obtained a 2/1 in Modern Languages at Durham University.

M. YEO, has a 3rd in Modern Iberian & Latin American Studies at University College, London, and has joined the staff of Stanley Gibbons Group, London.

DEREK HOOPER, is now working in Plymouth, after several years in the Planning Department in Cardiff.

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The Annual General Meeting was held at the Magnet Restaurant on Friday, 27th December, 1974. At the meeting it was announced that a fund in memory of Dr. J. L. Cresswell would be opened. This appeal is now in operation and any Old Boy who has not given and wishes to do so should send his donation to the Hon. Treasurer, Tony Parkhurst. A Memorial Concert in aid of the fund was held at the Guildhall on the 4th July, organized by Mr. T. K. Farrow. Our thanks are due to many boys, Old Boys, Staff and others who helped to make the Concert a truly memorable occasion, and in particular to all the performers, especially Philip Buttall, who gave a masterly piano recital of Chopin and Liszt, and Trevor Farrow, for his efforts in producing the concert, promoting ticket sales, and even finding time to perform.

Earlier on the same day at the school, Murray Widdecombe, Chairman of the London Branch, had unveiled a plaque and clock in honour of 'Tex' Austin, the occasion being attended by Tex's daughter and sisters, as well as Old Boys from all branches, the Staff and School.

The annual cricket match against the Staff this year resulted in a win for the Old Boys, the first for many years, thanks to a fine 46 by Derek Wood.

The Annual Dinner Dance was held at the Dartmoor Restaurant (Dingles), and could have been much more successful with more support from Old Boys.

The monthly 'get togethers' are continuing on the second Tuesday of each month at the West Hoe Hotel, West Hoe Road, at which it would be pleasant to welcome a few new faces to the stalwart band of 'old faithfuls'. Also continuing successfully are the darts matches with the N.U.T.

Thanks are due to my predecessor, John Ellis, who despite his short tenure of office, put in much time and effort in attempting to revitalise the Old Boys' Association.

The next Annual General Meeting will again be at the Magnet Restaurant on 30th December, 1975.

N. W. CLARKE,  
Hon. Secretary

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Last year we held a buffet supper in place of our Annual Dinner. People were free to come and go as they wished and we were very pleased to see a fair representation of our members and their ladies during the course of the evening. We were particularly pleased to welcome Eric and Joan Warn who were in London for the week-end.

This year, on the invitation of Lady Vickers, we are holding a Dinner in the House of Lords at the end of October. Everything points to its being a very successful evening, as was our previous visit to the House of Commons a few years ago.

July 4th saw the culmination of our efforts to provide a suitable memorial to 'Tex' Austin who served us so well for so long, first as a master at the School and after his retirement as Secretary and then President of the London Branch. His memory will be preserved by a clock erected in a prominent position on one of the school walls and visible from the Headmaster's Study, as the late Dr. Cresswell always wished. In brilliantly sunny weather the plaque below the clock was unveiled by our Chairman, Murray Widdecombe, in the presence of a representative gathering from all three Old Boys' Associations and including Mrs. Cresswell and Tex's two sisters. His daughter, Miss P. M. Austin, responded on behalf of the family.

On the same evening a concert was held in the Plymouth Guildhall in memory of Dr. Cresswell. We would like to place on record here our very sincere appreciation of the great interest which he always took in Old Boys' activities and he made it a point of honour to attend our Annual Dinner and keep us in touch with the School's activities and successes in all aspects, academic or otherwise.

C. P. GRANT

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Following our usual practice of rotating the office of Chairman each year, Norman Chaff took over the chair from Bob Hodges at the A.G.M. held in November. The A.G.M. was well attended, and we were pleased to welcome a new member—Philip Rowe—who, although having lived in Bath for some years, had managed to slip through the net in our previous trawls in the area.

Our Chairman and Bob Hodges with their wives were present at the School Speech Day in December and once again came back with glowing reports of the school's achievements. March of this year saw Norman Chaff and his wife back in Plymouth for the Old Boys' Dinner and Dance which by all accounts they enjoyed immensely.

The annual skittles contest with 'Old' Suttonians was held in March this year. Purely for the record, we managed to win every leg, but I don't think that was so important as the very happy evening we all enjoyed. The scene was set when the two Chairmen needed no introduction, being 'buddies' from somewhere in the past. Neither knew the other was Chairman of the 'other' Old Boys' Association, and so far as I can remember, neither knew that the other was living in Bath.

The highlight of our year's activities—the Annual Dinner—was held at the Francis Hotel in May. We had a record turn out with no fewer than 64 enjoying an excellent meal and a very convivial evening. We were once again very pleased to welcome Eric and Joan Warn, and Murray Widdecombe and his wife. It was also a pleasure to see Geoff and Janine Simpson up from Plymouth for the occasion. Unfortunately Mrs. Cresswell, who had been looking forward to attending the dinner so much, was laid low at the last minute, and was unable to travel. This year we were particularly fortunate in having a strong contingent of visitors. Jimmy Lawrence and his wife who have recently moved to Weston Super-Mare were very welcome visitors, Jimmy of course having been our Chairman for a number of years before he moved to Portsmouth in 1971. Other visitors included Mr. & Mrs. Bob Denyer—another former member of the branch, now living in Portsmouth; Mr. & Mrs. Brenton from Plymouth and David Macleod from London. We were also very pleased to see the



President of the London Branch with his wife, particularly since Alan was unfortunate enough to break his leg immediately before our dinner last year which, of course, prevented him from attending.

On July 4th Norman Chaff and his wife represented the Branch at the unveiling of the Tex Austin Memorial Clock and the memorial concert for Dr. Cresswell.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity of extending a welcome to the new Headmaster, and expressing the hope that it will not be too long before we in Bath and Bristol area will have the pleasure of meeting him personally.

H. D. D. THOMAS.

## THE HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL

Not without good reason, hundreds of you must by now be despairing of ever seeing the history I so glibly promised some five years ago. What happened was that my Westward job developed from a part time to a full-time one and left me no opportunity for sustained research. Also I confess in all humility that I am not a historian and am having to do a considerable amount of background reading of various authoritative histories of education. However, now that I am once again savouring the pleasures of retirement, I am spending twelve hours a week on the book. This time, however, I shall make no forecasts of when it is likely to be finished.

The Alonzo Rider section has been completed and is being vetted by Dr. Charles Jones, who recently wrote a history of Stoke Public, Rider's previous school. After he has given me his criticisms, the script will be passed to Mr. Harry Ferraro, with whom I have spent many enjoyable mornings recording his reminiscences of the school.

Finally the scripts will go to Mr. Ivor Evans, who has very kindly agreed to scrutinise them carefully to ensure historical accuracy.

I am now working on the long Treseder dynasty of 26 years for which I seem to have an adequate supply of information, BUT I have NOTHING from Old Boys concerning the Buckley regime and only one—a very good letter from Robert Hannaford and a usefully recalling anecdote from M. J. Evans—about the Barker and Cresswell dynasties respectively. Even the charisma of H.A.T.S. has failed to bring me more than four letters. Surely there must be many of you who could contribute vivid memories. It is so important if I am to do justice to them, that I should learn what you, as pupils, thought—and what you may now think!—of our various Headmasters and of the school ethos they strove to create.

My second request is this: when you look back on your time at D.H.S., for what do you find yourself most grateful and least grateful? Was it (a) a good career (b) the Societies (c) academic knowledge (d) sporting skills (e) an ideal (f) a disciplined approach to life (g) or—what? Completely new values and revolutionary educational philosophies are to be found in contemporary schools. It will be most interesting, therefore, to find out what you think of the old ones.

My third request is addressed to those who came up the school in the bottom stream. Was this in any way harmful to your development? If so, why and how? What job are you doing at present? Did you get this employment in spite of or because of the school's training? It would be a great help to me if you print your Christian name and surname and include the years you were at the school.

Thank you

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## Old Boys' Soccer Club

In last year's magazine I remarked that the best possible way for the club to resolve the difficulties of having two teams in the same division would be for the 'A' team to regain its Premier status, and for the 'B' team to consolidate its position in Division One. I could not have dared hope that the season would prove even more successful than that.

In fact the 'A' team completed its programme without losing a single league match and were champions of the First Division by a clear five points. The standard of football throughout the season was consistently high and, although some of the opposition was not as strong as in previous years, there was keen competition at the top. To win week after week is a tremendous achievement and a tribute to the excellent team spirit which never flagged even when things did not look so bright. Harry Couling captained the team with great authority and received whole-hearted support from everyone; outstanding, individual performances were too numerous to mention, but Peter England, Alun Mitchell and David Wills played with rare skill, and Geoff Dunbar had a happy knack of finding the net on a large number of occasions. An important factor in the success was undoubtedly the excellent organization for which our manager, John Collins, was responsible. Not all his decisions were unanimously welcomed at the time, but they were always accepted and always vindicated by the ensuing results. The Old Boys are indebted to his unselfish service and loyalty.

The 'B' team, too, performed very creditably, and their defeat of Landrake was an outstanding achievement—as well as helping the 'A' team considerably! Terry Andrews managed the team for much of the season and with some success. It was good to see Paul Andrews, Colin Watson and Dave Came playing so well.

Next season we shall again be running two teams although the pressures of doing so become annually more exacting. It seems to me to be a strange sense of priorities that playing football which performs a useful function for society in itself, should have to bear more than its share of the burden of inflation. The cost of hiring Corporation Grounds with their delapidated changing rooms and inadequately prepared pitches is to go up by 50% and we shall be asked to pay well over £200 for our two teams. Furthermore, the Local Authority has decided that we must pay for changing accommodation and training facilities even though in the past we have always encouraged boys from the school to join in and we are, after all, simply an extension of school life. We shall be continuing to train at school next year, but the financial burden may well prove too heavy—in which case the result would be underused facilities and an Old Boys' Football Club which has a minimal connection with the school. It is unfortunate that the powers-that-be do not realize that they do not get more revenue from this kind of measure, they get less because people simply cannot pay. It is little wonder that the Plymouth Combination League looks very likely to be depleted next year; before long there could be very little local football in Plymouth. It says a great deal for the hard work of Chas. Came and John Collins that our finances are in a reasonably healthy position.

This is our twenty-fifth year as a club and for those twenty-five years Mr. Warren has been our Chairman. His loyalty and devoted service have been an inspiration, particularly in times of crisis. This is a crucial time for the club and we must hope that it will be as successful in the future as it was last season. The spirit is certainly there.

A. WROATH

## Old Boys' Rugby Football Club

Season 1974/5 was one of very mixed fortunes for the club. Before Christmas we struggled on a number of occasions to put out a full side and we succeeded in winning only three matches. During this period, we made our exit from the Lockie Cup at the hands of Rank Radio International ! This was indeed a low point in the club's history.

With the coming of the new year, however, the situation changed dramatically. We recruited a number of new young players who should be with the club for some seasons to come. One of them, Paul Stapleton, is next season's captain. So successful was the post-Christmas revival that at the season's end matches won were only two short of matches lost. The best result was probably the narrow victory gained over Bude on a heavy pitch at Elburton.

This year we combined with Old Suttonians to go on tour. We were unfortunate in that the Calcutta Cup match at Twickenham proved to be one of the duller internationals for many years. At least England Won ! We played two matches ourselves and these resulted in two very good wins. The social side of the tour was once again highly successful and there is already considerable demand for places on next year's tour which will include a visit to the England versus Wales game.

There is a feeling of quiet confidence in the club that next season should be a fairly successful one. Players such as Bruce Fairgrieve, Brian Sherrell and Paul Vaggers have more than proved themselves and with the experience of Dave Ferguson, Roger Parry and Rod Watson to add to this youthful element, the blend should be just right.

It is hoped that training will continue in the School Gym despite the savage financial demands of Devon County Council's hiring fees which are a serious threat to the continued existence of many local clubs. Inflation hits everyone and we are certainly having to think very seriously indeed about the ways in which we can raise money for the coming year. We are as keen as ever to welcome new players and will continue to provide an opportunity of holiday rugby to students returning home at Christmas and Easter.

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## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Annual meeting of the Association took place in October and we were fortunate to find replacements for the seven couples who were retiring from the Committee.

The usual pattern of social activities has been completed with the whist drives in November and March, the Senior 'At Home' in February, the Junior 'At Home' in April and the welcoming of new parents in July. The December dance continues to be most popular with parents, friends and staff and over two hundred enjoyed themselves in the lower Guildhall. The Garden Party in July proved successful, thanks largely to the enthusiasm of the junior boys and in spite of a smaller attendance.

The Association has been mindful of the ever increasing cost of the many school activities and has formed a Finance sub-committee to liaise with a similar sub-committee of the staff to explore ways of increasing income.

Possible future changes in secondary education led to the Association calling a meeting of parents of all boys in the school together with a number of old boys and staff. The Assembly Hall was packed to capacity and Mr. Crowther, a parent with previous experience of changes from grammar to comprehensive education, outlined what action it was possible, legal and advisable, for the Association to take. The meeting resolved to campaign to retain the school in its present state and, if this proved impossible, to ensure full consultation with all interested parties.

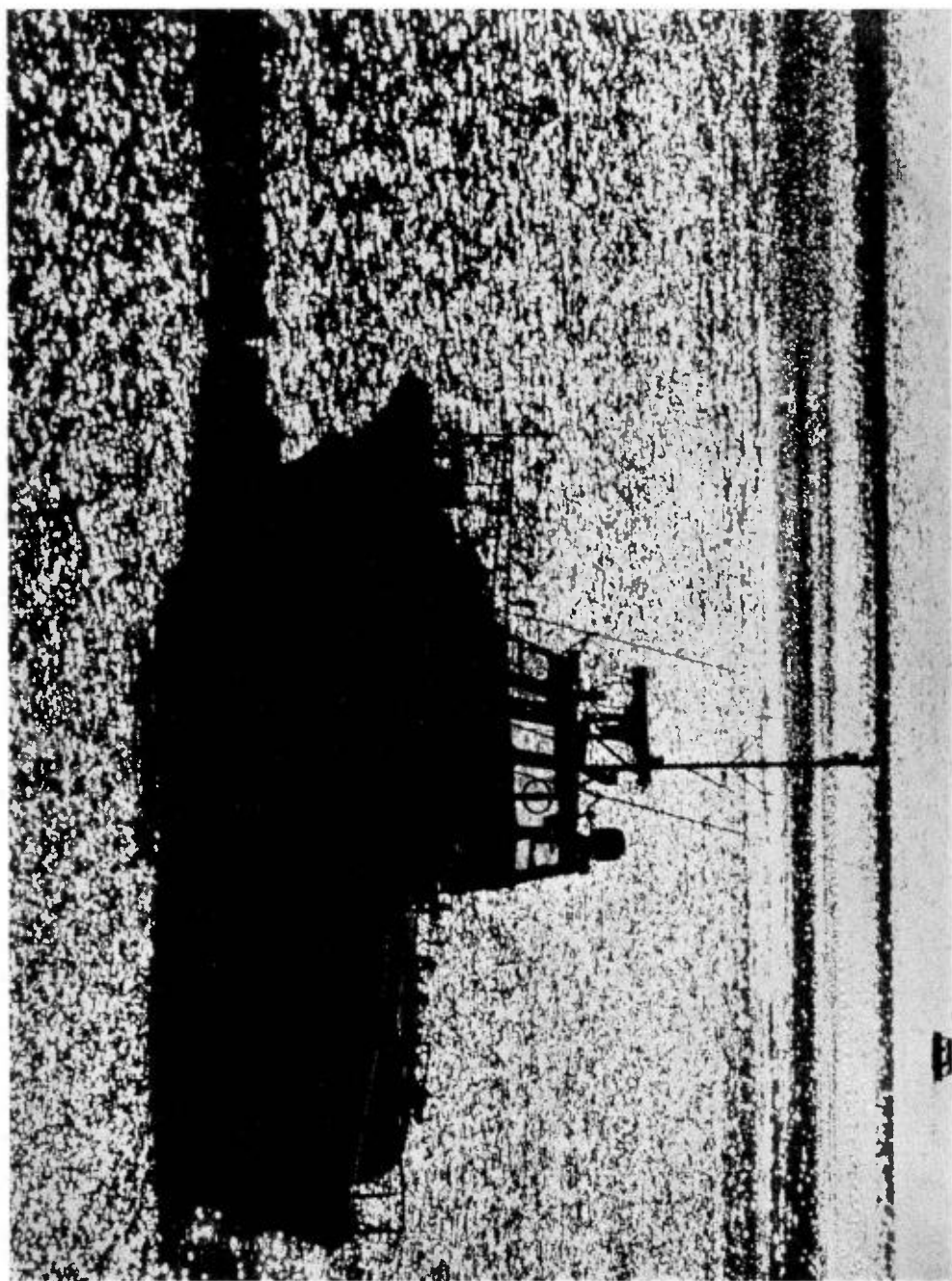
The death of Dr. Cresswell brought great grief to all connected with our work. He had attended almost every committee meeting since his appointment as headmaster and was a source of encouragement and advice in all we did. Our best tribute to him will be to ensure that our work for the boys flourishes.

Finally, we should thank all those, especially the Ladies, who have helped us during the year.

H.G.W.



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