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EDITORIAL:

The last year has seen many changes in the school, with increased pupil and staff numbers, and a series of structural alterations. In the course of compiling this issue, we have sought to acquaint you with many of these in detail, as well as reporting on the events of the school year. A new style may be detected in the reporting this year, as the editorial staff has been working with the Evening Herald over the last year to acquire journalistic technique.

We welcomed pupils and staff from other schools at the beginning of the year contributing to a wider school community, particularly in the Lower Sixth, where a new Sixth Form tie was introduced to mark the integration of many pupils. With so many new staff and pupils enthusiasm has been generated in new and established areas of the school. I feel a keen awareness has been engendered throughout the school of the circumstances of people less fortunate than ourselves, and I am most pleased to be able to include articles in this edition detailing the various events which have taken place to raise money for these causes.

Whilst many pupils and staff have been involved with the various charity events, our P.T.A. has continued to provide welcome support to the school. The atmosphere of "C" block has been much enhanced by their work in painting, decorating and carpeting, and their tireless efforts have been much appreciated.

SCHOOL NOTES

At the end of the summer term 1985 we bade a fond farewell to Peter Greenhalgh, who had been head of Modern Languages for the last six years. His humour which brightened the staffroom, and his dedication to the needs of his pupils will be warmly remembered.

We also said goodbye to Brian Hamill, who had been teaching classics here for the last four years, and we wished him every success with his new job as assistant Classics Master at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield. A temporary farewell was also wished to Mrs. Dart, who took one year's study leave to do an M.Ed at Bath University.

In September we welcomed Mr. Faulkner as a second Deputy Head and to teach Geography and Religious Studies and Mr. Barnett as Head of Lower Sixth and to teach Mathematics. Mr. Sanderson took over as Head of Modern Languages in September, and Mrs. Passman also joined the Department to teach French. Mr. Sanders and Mrs. Sandels joined the Chemistry and Biology Departments respectively, but unfortunately at Easter Mrs. Sandels suffered a skiing accident, rendering her unable to attend school again until September. Meanwhile the gap has been filled by Dr. Knight and more recently Mr. Cotgreave.

With Mrs. Dart's one year absense, the English Department welcomed Miss Petch, and as an addition to both History and English, Mr. Almond joined the staff. Many part-time staff have been involved with the school this year, including Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Wallace, Mr. Docherty, Mr. Harrington, Mr. Allen and Mr. Jarrett, as well as Said Lemonnier as our French Assistant.

£250 000 REDEVELOPMENT.

Devonport High School for Boys was formerly the Stoke Military Hospital which was established in 1762. In the Boer War the Hospital was extended to look after the swelling numbers of wounded soldiers returning after bloody battle. Once again these facilities are being expanded and improved but this time for a different reason.

In September of 1985 the school welcomed additional Sixth Formers from Sutton, Public High, Widey and Torpoint Schools, and this sudden influx has swelled the Sixth Form numbers to an unprecedented 250 pupils, all taking four or five subjects at "A" level. Foreseeing the intense pressure that would be put upon already strained facilities, the school, aided entirely by the Local Education Authority, commissioned redevelopment work on all of its science laboratories. The improvement work lasted throughout the summer and the results are indeed remarkable.

Old rooms have been joined together to produce larger spaces for new laboratories and old laboratories have been completely refurbished with new lighting, new furniture, extra electrical appliances, new gas fittings and better work surfaces. The Biology Department alone has had approximately £60 000 spent upon new equipment and facilities, and similar amounts have been spent on the Physics and Technology departments. The result has been the creation of superb working conditions for the pupils. The teachers have also benefitted from the developments with extra preparation rooms and storage areas. Six new additional Sixth Form division rooms, each seating twenty pupils, have been constructed to relieve the pressure of congestion in other rooms.

In addition to the material gains of this year the number of staff has also risen with the arrival of fifteen new teachers, and the total of full and part-time teachers now stands at fifty one. Teachers have arrived from various other well known schools such as Sutton High School, Public High and Stoke Damerel, and all are very experienced in their profession.

All in all the total bill is around £250 000 and any visitor to the school would be able to see quite clearly the manner in which this sum has been well spent. If Doctor Who could bring patients and doctors from the Boer War to visit the school, they would find still the same caring dedicated attitude of staff and pupils in evidence. They would be able to walk along the original colonnade linking all the former hospital blocks but, as they entered what were formerly the overcrowded wards, they would be amazed and delighted to see such progress and change.

Devonport High School for Boys looks forward to the challenges ahead, building upon the excellence and record of former years ensuring that children from all walks of life and backgrounds have every opportunity to develop to their full potential in a caring community.

P.Lidiard & B.Humphries



SPEECH DAY

This year's Speech Day, surely now one of the most glamorous society events of the school year, was once again well attended. The guests, including Mr. Mills, the Lord Mayor, and Mr. Belk, area manager of the Midland Bank, all sat quietly and attentively throughout the Headmaster's informative speech.

They were told of the school's high achievements, with pupils gaining on average seven "O" or three "A" level passes, as well as the enlargement of the "A" level spectrum, now at twenty four subjects. There have also been additions to the choice of "O" level and GCSE subjects, including business studies, environmental science and physical education. The Headmaster also voiced his appreciation of our hard working, dedicated staff.

The prizes were presented by Mr. Belk, and included the Headmaster's Prize won by S. Clarke, who won two other prizes, and the Dr. Cresswell Memorial award which was won by D. McCallum. We only hope to emulate such excellence this year:

B. Humphries

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

The School Council, once again, went ahead this year, each of the three meetings being well attended. It has proved an invaluable forum for the staff to hear views of pupils and their suggestions for improving the school.

Motions, as always, ranged from the sensible to the ludicrous, for instance demolishing the gym! The council listened to pleas for voluntary school uniform for the sixth form, shortening of the school day, and for a drinks machine, to name but a few. Due to this last motion persistently appearing on the council agenda, a drinks machine has recently been installed in "D" block.

Thanks must be given to Mr. Faulkner, who gave up his free time to attend each meeting and to shed some light on the problems which would arise if some motions had been passed. I must thank him for restraining the council from sacking me due to my "outrageous" views.

James Heath (Secretary)

THE MIDLAND BANK

The Midland Schools Bank Scheme reached D.H.S. for Boys just two years ago, but it is already a major part of school life, as well as providing a vital link between the bank and the vast number of potential savers in each year group.

The school bank is open for only half an hour on Mondays and Thursdays, yet the reaction from the pupils is so great that even this short amount of time regularly yields an income in excess of £100 a week. This sum often rises to over £200, and occasionally £300 - £5 a minute!

Evidently, none of the savers have joined the bank solely for the "freebies" as over 95% of those who open an account frequently add to their deposit. Accounts are opened for reasons which range from saving for presents, for the younger element, to depositing wages from the older age group. Indeed the greatest contribution to the scheme comes from the Sixth Form many of whom have part time jobs but the overall response from the rest of the school means that the small staff of six Sixth formers deal with hundreds of accounts, such as deposit, cheque and cashcard accounts, as well as a Girobank system linked with the Post Office.

However, despite this centralized organisation, it is the Sixth formers who control the bank, with minimum reliance on the Midland for advice. It is they who organise the opening of accounts, the control of funds, and take on all the responsibilities that professional bank clerks would have. It is a credit to the hard work and trustworthiness of its staff, that the Midland rarely needs to check on the running of the bank.

On the 21st of November a new set of Sixth formers took over operation of the bank. Now the old six has been replaced by sixteen, and the service provided promises to be better than ever. The new sixteen are divided into four groups of four, each led by an official group leader. These new recruits were shown the basic methods of banking by the Midland, but relied on the experience of the previous group to help them settle into the job.

At the end of the year, the Midland will give certificates of merit to those who have worked well, and this is especially important when it is considered that this scheme can provide a major stepping stone for those who wish to enter a career in banking. P.L. & B.H.

THE HALIFAX BUILDING SOCIETY

The school branch of the Halifax Building Society has been an immense success for all concerned. Mainly, at the beginning, the job of cashier was undertaken because it would be something to put on one's UCCA form, but I think that all the characters involved achieved much more than this.

Firstly we managed to get a large picture of ourselves in the local newspaper, pictured with Mrs. Reeve, Mr. French, the Development Manager and the Manager of the Derry's Cross Branch, Mr. Walters. We each received a large certificate, a hearty handshake and a warm smile from Mr. Walters. Far more important than this is the vast information and business acumen learnt at the capable hands of Mr. French.

Work has been done efficiently every week. The members of the Lower Sixth acting as cashiers were split into two groups, one which worked on Wednesday lunch times and the other on Friday lunchtimes.

Everybody enjoyed their stint and the look into the banking life, and came out of it with a working knowledge of a particular career. This I am sure will be of great use to us in later years.

I would like to give thanks from all the cashiers to Mrs. Reeve, Mr. French and Mr. Walters. We hope that the Halifax will be as successful in other schools as it is in ours. J.Gale

THE BOX OFFICE. - A training facility.

It was nearly three years ago when the Headmaster at D.H.S. for Boys, Mr. G. Peck, had an idea for a new way in which his Sixth Formers could develop a sense of responsibility. The school already had a branch of, the Midland Bank and there was, of course, the Tuck Shop. Yet there still seemed to be something missing from the school's list of extra-curricular activities.

This gap was plugged by the establishment in the school of a small box office of the newly opened Theatre Royal. The Theatre was a monumental structure, dominating the Derry's Cross area of Plymouth, and attracting stars of entertainment from all over the world, not just Britain. So what part could a small box office play in all this?

That question was rapidly answered by the box office itself. For, although being only a small scale operation, it had a large group of youngsters at its fingertips. Add to this the parents and friends of the pupils and it is easy to see its potential. This was reflected in a £600 turnover in the first eighteen months and many more orders for tickets than the Theatre might otherwise have received.

It is worth mentioning at this point the way in which it is organised. At its head is Mr. Griffith, who teaches history at the school. It is his job to see to the signing of cheques, accept overall responsibility for the office and keep an eye on the general running of it. However, this is the extent of his role in the scheme for the day-to-day selling of tickets and book-keeping is left to the Sixth Formers themselves.

The group of Sixth Formers usually consists of around eight pupils, one of whom acts as manager. When information arrives from the Theatre it passes through Mr. Griffith to the manager, who translates words into action. This year the manager is Ian Wills. He said,

"It's really a training scheme in the ways of office management. It is also an excellent way of learning how to deal with people."

Indeed the responsibilities and regulations in the box office are similar to those found in most professional walks of life. A pupil not yet in the Sixth Form must provide his parents' signature before any transactions may occur, money must be presented in cash form and those working at the desk must sign an order form recording the number of tickets purchased and the amount of money that changed hands.

It is all very professionally run by the boys considering that the Theatre supplies relatively little help. However, one of the few pieces of help which it does supply is in the field of advertising. It supplies numerous colourful posters which, besides informing the pupils of forthcoming events, also help to brighten up the corridors considerably. The boys however felt that the posters given were not always enough and so they decided to use part of their 8% commission to design, duplicate and distribute their own advertisements, as well as continuing to write their own newsletters to parents.

Profits continue to increase and as more and more interest is generated amongst both pupils and staff - teachers often regard the Theatre Royal's dramatic productions as extensions of their lessons - so the box office becomes ever more valuable to the school.

THE BOX OFFICE - The co-ordinator's view.

The Theatre Royal's outside booking agency at D.H.S., operated by a small group of sixth formers, enables young men to gain experience in using their initiative to solve a variety of problems. One major problem may be that while a few people know that there is a "Box Office" they probably do not know what it is. They are not much helped when they see the Box Office open in "C" block corridor: a cardboard box on a table. Even if some people know about what the Box Office does, what a theatre is and so on, the idea of spending money, let alone time, on a visit to the theatre seems to have about as much chance of catching on as an English summer.

In contrast to the other organisations which inhabit "C" block we actually take away peoples' money; one rival even pays people to come to them with their money but must return it on demand. No such namby pamby appeasement with us - once the ticket is booked your money is well and truly gone for good.

Booking the tickets is not as simple as some people may think. Those who are in the know sometimes make a point of trying to book their seats early. So early in fact that although we accept the booking the Theatre Royal won't because they say "booking hasn't started yet". So there you are: the client has had to fill in a booking form, paid his money (cheque or cash), then whoever telephones the theatre has to go in search of a telephone - "booking hasn't started yet" indeed! Back to find the customer and give him the good news.

P.D.G.



OXBRIDGE CONFERENCE

The Oxbridge Conference was held as usual for the benefit of Plymouth pupils contemplating application to either Oxford or Cambridge Universities. This year the venue was Devonport High School for Boys on Thursday 20th March. The day was organised into four sessions, the first of which dealt with the admission procedures. Any would-be problems were clearly resolved by the guest speakers, Dr. Peach (Oxford) and Dr. Searby (Cambridge).

The remaining sessions were of a less formal nature, and perhaps the most beneficial experience came with the opportunity of talking to undergraduates from both universities. Mr. Evans ensured the smooth running of this event by careful planning and organization. The success of this venture will only be fully highlighted in the forthcoming year when the current Lower Sixth make their applications.

Paul Evans

TERRA SIMULANTIS

Joining the ranks of such writers as Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice may soon be a new name. Jim Coyle, a pupil in the sixth form, wrote the music for the school musical, "Terra Simulantis", and also directed it. Along with Beverley Salt (Lyrics), and Miles Goodworth (Script), the whole ninety minute production was written in five months.

The title of the show was loosely translated from the Latin as "The Land of Makebelieve". It is in this land that "Terra Simulantis" was set. The hero of the story was Hank (Brian Fray). Being a hero, he had to do heroic deeds such as finding treasure and marrying princesses. However, everything Hank did, the evil Cadleigh (Miles Goodworth) attempted to thwart. The musical was packed with tension, excitement, love, rivalry, gnomes, a hunchback and even a giant mouse. Throughout the show, there was brilliant music. Two of the best songs were "Hero", sung by the unmodest Hank, and "More Than I Desire", a beautiful ballad, sung by Caroline Steer, from D.H.S. for Girls, who provided the females in the cast. The most versatile actor must be Peter Crookall, who played both the King and the Princess.

The musical, which was as popular as expected, will hopefully be published and maybe performed to a wider audience. The music from the show may also be recorded, giving the new writer the exposure he deserves.

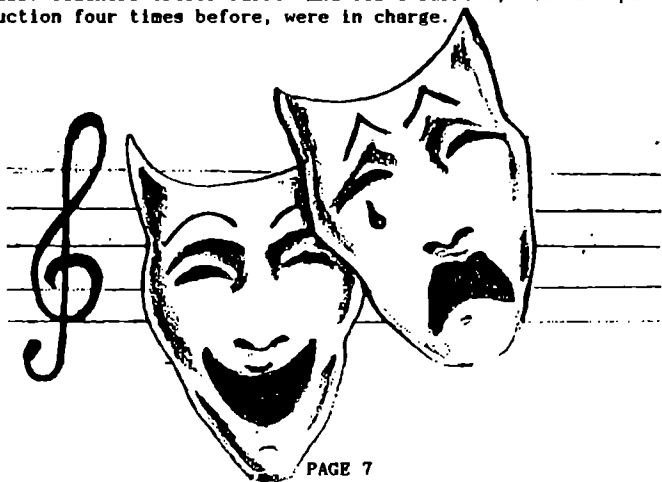
A.Pipe

NOYE'S FLUDDE

Devonport High School pupil Jim Coyle played God in a local play. He took on the challenging role of sending his voice echoing round the set of Medieval miracle play "Noyes Fludde" which was performed at Stoke Damerel Church.

The part is a major one in the biblical legend of Noah and God's vengeance on the world. The leading part of Noah was taken by fellow D.H.S. boy, Peter Crookall, and his wife in the play was performed by Mary Stewart from D.H.S. for Girls.

In addition approximately 150 school children from schools including Tamar High and Plymouth College played the parts of the animals. Teachers Trefor Farrow and Clive Burrows, who have put on the production four times before, were in charge.



PUBLIC SPEAKING

This year the school was able to enter only two competitions because of the demise of the Rotary Club "Youth Speakers" event.

The senior team, comprising Jim Coyle, Andrew Ford and Christopher Stone were beaten into second place in the English Speaking Union competition, in one of the closest contests for many years. Jim Coyle entered the Junior Chamber of Commerce individual competition, won the Plymouth contest and went on to represent Plymouth in the regional final. Jim was once again awarded the Richard Wigful Trophy for his performance in the Plymouth round. He won it when he was in the third year in 1982.

I would like to thank all those who have helped me with Public Speaking, but especially to thank Jim, whose humour and expertise has contributed so much to our success over the years. P.J.S.

CHRISTIAN UNION REPORT.

This year has seen the Christian Union blossom from a small group of Sixth formers at the very beginning of the term, to an enthusiastic band of about fifteen, consisting of all ages throughout the school. The Junior Christian Union has been resurrected this year, running on Friday lunchtimes.

Our meetings have alternated between Stoke Damerel Church and the Independent Learning Unit in "B" block. Thanks must be extended for the use of the Church for our 1 p.m. meetings every Wednesday, and also to a wide range of guest speakers from churches and organisations such as Fishshop, the largest Christian youth group in Plymouth. A warm welcome is assured to anyone wishing to join the group for worship, prayer and discussion.

Steve Foale.

CHESS CLUB REPORT

In recent weeks the school chess club has been brought back to life after a long period of inactivity. It is being organized by sixth formers under the watchful eye of Mr. Milton in the advanced Physics Lab. Teams have been entered at both Junior and senior levels in the Sunday Times Competition for the forthcoming season.

If the present wave of enthusiasm continues, one of the strongest sides ever selected from the school may yet challenge Plymouth College for supremacy in the Plymouth area. Paul Evens

HAIKU

Flutt'ring on - a leaf;
the last movement of its life-
then it falls forever

P.Ellis

DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS SAVINGS SCHEME

The Halifax Building society's school branch is the only one in existence in the country but its continued success depends on **YOU** using it. Next term all pupils, although under 18, will be able to open Halifax Cardcash accounts enabling you to use the cardcash machines at Derry's Cross and Mutley Plain. So why not open a new account at the school as soon as possible and remember, it only costs a **£1** to join.

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MICHAEL DAVEY.

At the beginning of the year, the school was deeply saddened by the untimely death of 17-year-old Michael Davey. During his school life he was one of the most energetic and cheerful members of his year, a great sportsman and a dear friend to all. After high achievement in his "O" levels, Mike, or "Davros" as he was often known, was suddenly taken to hospital; he was diagnosed as having a brain tumour. So started six months of tragic physical decline, of which he never complained. His courage in the last months was an inspiration, and his sad death brought to the attention of many, a need to help others through the Cavitron Fund. Thus sixteen Sixth Formers organised a sponsored Triviathon - 24 hours of Trivial Pursuits. The event raised more than £400 for the fund and caught the attention of a Mr. Peter Carne of Millbrook, who was inspired to raise £520 himself. Heartfelt thanks must go to all those who have helped the fund, and especially to those who visited Mike and helped him through his last days. A.Petherick and B.Humphries

TABLE-TENNIS PLAYERS HELP TO SAVE LIVES.

At nine o'clock on Wednesday morning, 23rd October 1985, nine intrepid sixth-formers from Devonport High School for Boys, started a twenty-four hour table tennis marathon. Their aim was to raise money for Cancer Research.

The idea was conceived by John Gale, and with the help of Miles Goodworth, he persuaded the school to allow the school hall to be used for the marathon. These two, with others from their form, avidly found sponsors for their cause.

The event was well supported by members of the school, who spurred on the team at every free moment. Some even watched during the evening. During the night, the boys' form tutor, Mr. Sanders, and loyal parents supported while the boys grabbed what sleep they could between games.

On Thursday morning, pupils returned to school to find the tired team still playing, although somewhat slower than the day before. The appeal had been a success and £160 was raised for the worthy cause. Due to its' success, the event is now planned to be annual, with either basketball or badminton planned for next year. Michael Turner

THE COMPUTER MARATHON

On Friday 25th April nine people from class 1N took part in a 24-hour Computer Games Marathon to raise money for the update of the school's computers. Mrs. Reeve lent us some disks with games on for us to play and two boys brought in their Spectrums and many more games.

During school hours the time went quickly and many people came to see us at break and lunch time. However the time began to drag rather during the evening so we took it in turns to have a break and go to the fish and chip shop for some sustenance.

As it started to get dark we locked all the doors and returned to the hot computers for a night of Space Invaders and Moon Raiders. It seemed a long night and we could hardly keep our eyes open by the end.

We were rather thankful when morning came and our parents came to take home their bleary eyed sons. P.Rickard & P.Hopkins

YOUNG ENTERPRISE - HIGH-CRAFTS

Early in the Autumn term, twenty-three students from the two Devonport High Schools made their way to the canteen of Fine Tubes Ltd. This venue was to be the "Young Enterprise" factory for the next eight months.

In the preliminary meetings decisions were made regarding managerial staff, a name for the company and the products to be made. Thus "High-Crafts" was evolved to produce copper jewellery and photo-frames. Difficulties in production and communication were eventually overcome, nevertheless it came too late for a profitable return to be made to the shareholders. Yet this was immaterial, as the project was more successful in other ways. As the group became more integrated into production, sales began to escalate and I am sure, given a few more months, a substantial profit would have been recorded. Not only had the company passed final exams with an 100% pass rate, which in itself was good news, but also an astounding thirteen credits were awarded.

To conclude, the Young Enterprise scheme has its rewards, providing everyone pulls together for the success of the company, a lesson valuably learnt by High-Crafts. It only remains for me to thank everyone who contributed to the running of the company, especially our advisors and sponsor hosts at Fine Tubes.

Paul Evens (Managing Director) YOUNG ENTERPRISE - APEX INDUSTRIES.

The start of Young Enterprise, way back in September, was greeted with a wave of enthusiasm from both Devonport High School for Boys and Girls. Board members were elected in the initial meetings, and the name of the company, Apex Industries, was chosen. Many ideas for products were suggested and it was soon decided that the best policy would be to produce many diverse items simultaneously.

With the advent of October, production on the key rings, made of leather, went into full swing. It was now that the first major problem occurred since the lathes, which we had been promised in order to produce the table lamps, had failed to arrive. Amid disorder and many arguments at board meetings, it was decided to begin production on two new products, stationary and small ornaments - destined to become a somewhat different product.

With Christmas gone and the Young Enterprise Trade Fair at Dingles approaching, a new feeling of optimism arose from the previously down-hearted company. More good news followed as it was learned that the production of table lamps was now progressing smoothly. Nevertheless, it was the stationary and ornaments which were best received and this led to a fair profit.

With no major events left, attendances began to dwindle as enthusiasm waned. The time was fast approaching for the Young Enterprise examination - in the event we all managed at least a pass. May soon arrived and the company had to go into voluntary liquidation. Apex had finished trading and had made a loss.

However, everyone agreed that the previous eight months had been useful, not only as an insight into running a company but also as a way of learning how to mix with people. Our thanks must go to all at Enterprise Plymouth who helped us and to all the advisors who helped to keep us on the straight and narrow. Special thanks must go to Mr. Attewell who not only introduced us to the scheme but also helped to organise the various activities linked to it. J.Richards.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE - BRAINWAVE.

Brainwave decided to concentrate its efforts on the production of items as diverse as cube puzzles, ear-rings and cardboard folders. This was later proved to have been a good, broad selection of products. Thus from the beginning we had a slight advantage over the other companies, and this was increased by the hard work which each and all of the members put in. Unlike some of the other groups the work load was shared in our company.

These aspects of Brainwave probably represent the greatest contribution to our ultimate success. When the time came for us to disband we had reaped a small, but still satisfying, profit - a reward which many of our rivals failed to achieve.

Overall it was an enjoyable and constructive exercise, partially due to the co-operation and diligence of the team, but also because of the efforts of Mr. Attewell.

Jason Hall-Spencer (Company Secretary)

THE OAKHAMPTON BYPASS

Dartmoor-ragged countryside;
With thorn bushes dark and green.
Granite rocks have stood all time,
Tomorrow will they be seen.

The forests are ripe with pines,
That grow proud and tall.
They have been standing now for years,
But are they now to fall?

Just because men want to build a road.
Maybe men with blinkered eyes?
They say they won't destroy the land,
But could what they say, be lies?

With their cold, metal machines,
That cause death and devastation.
They could fell and destroy the trees,
In the name of modernisation!

Just think in fifty years from now,
Dartmoor-a-mass of concrete towers?
Maybe no child will be able to see
Fertile land, created by nature's powers!

Lee Kendall

TEN TORS 45 MILE HIKE

After arriving at Okehampton Army Camp on Friday May 16th in beautiful weather, the team proceeded to erect the tents for the evening. When we had received a list of the tors to be visited, we made our way to the scrutineers area. Here, each team was checked to ensure it was equipped to overcome all possible problems, a very important process in the light of the prevailing conditions. We then went to the briefing, and were reliably informed, to the amusement of many, that the stream water was not radio-active, and that the likelihood of a Libyan terrorist attack was very remote. By the 10.30 p.m. curfew, everyone's head was down.

At 4.30 a.m. on Saturday, we were awakened by the theme tune from "Charltons of Fire" over the public address system, which was very appropriate, inspiring many hearts to be fired into action on the cold and dismal morning. The "Start" proceedings were cut short, due to heavy rain and the adventure for 2400 competitors (fools) began at 7 a.m.

By early afternoon the team was soaked to the bone by continuous heavy rain, and crossing rivers was very hazardous. Next, sweeping clouds of mist set in, cutting visibility to ten metres at times. Due to the appalling conditions, by Saturday evening the team had only reached the fifth tor.

We woke at 4 a.m. on Sunday, and the team was on the move again by 5.45 a.m., after a very wet and windy night. Unfortunately, on reaching the first tor of the day, one member of the team, after entering at very short notice, was forced to withdraw because of very severe blistering of the feet. The weather improved slightly, with only intermittent showers and hence we were all able to pick up speed.

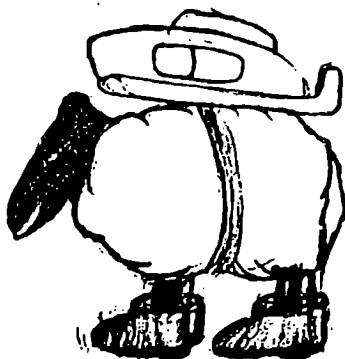
Lunch was omitted in order to prevent the team being ordered to withdraw as a result of not reaching a tor by the allotted time.

We plodded on, reaching the finishing line at 4.40 p.m., having completed the route. On finishing, we discovered that out of four school teams taking part, we were the only ones to complete the expedition, in conditions which were the worst in the twenty-seven year history of the "Ten Tors", and which this year caused 1700 competitors to drop out.

Congratulations go to Leeson Antrobus whose efforts raised over £250 for St Luke's Hospice.

Thanks go to Mr. Southern and Dr. Phillips for giving up time for training and the event weekend.

I. Gillhespy



TEN TORS 55 MILE HIKE

On Friday 16th May, Masochists Anonymous gathered once more at Okehampton Army Camp for the annual Ten Tors. After a brief trip to the chip shop in Okehampton the teams settled down for a good night's sleep. The sixth formers rose above the immaturity of the past years and did not let down the scruffs' tents, although the high winds caused a minor collapse in our own tent when the falling tent pole proceeded to guillotine two dormant sixth formers.

We were awoken the next morning at half past four by the inspiring sound of "Chariots of Fire" and an inexplicably jovial marine on the tannoy system. This was followed by various requests for him to leave the general area, which also cast doubts on his parentage, and one hundred and one interesting suggestions for the uses of a record player so early in the morning.

After a short breakfast we made our way to the start in the rain and mist. We were soon off and immediately encountered our first bog - marked on the map as Dartmoor. The rest of the day pales into obscurity as, buffeted by force ten winds and continual rain, we struggled defiantly on. The rivers were almost uncrossable and after several epic attempts to recreate Jesus' feat of walking on water, it became obvious that we would have to wade across often with water up to our waists or higher. In some places crossing was simply impossible due to the fearsome current and we once had to make a detour of five miles. Five of us reached Trawlesworthy Tor just after the eight p.m. deadline and were forced to sleep there the night. We climbed into our sleeping bags cold, wet and hungry, and with only our teddy-bears for company.

After waking up at half past four again the following morning, we walked a short distance but were soon forced to face the fact that we were left with an impossible task and so we dropped out with great reluctance.

At this point I would like to break with tradition and not thank Mr. "Sherpa" Southern and Dr. Phillips for their "help" and advice (!?!?!). It is unnecessary to say that the hike could not continue without their commitment. This year saw the worst weather even for Ten Tors and 1700 of the 2400 entrants dropped out on the first day. However we felt we would have finished in reasonable conditions and would all like to try again next year. In Mr. Southern's judgement the weather compared favourably to when he was in Iceland, and this revelation leaves only one question to be asked - why do we do it? Answers on a postcard please to Nicholas Broome of L6D. The prize - a pair of well worn hiking boots and a slightly damp teddy-bear.

We would also like to make a special bravery award to the bagpiper on Saturday morning who was wearing only a kilt in force ten winds.
N.Broome

TEN TORS 55 MILE ROUTE

For the first time in many years the school was granted two "gold medal" teams, which was due to the additional members of the sixth form from other schools. A fairly competitive nature developed between the two teams and thankfully they were granted different routes.

The normally awesome spectacle of four hundred teams waiting to start was overshadowed somewhat by the appalling weather conditions. Sweeping rain, gale force winds and poor visibility tested the durability of even the most experienced teams. Despite assurances of a break in the conditions towards the afternoon, these abnormal circumstances swelled every river on the moor. At this point one of the teams received its first casualty and gradually lost heart as the day progressed. They decided to return to base where they joined 1800 fellow sufferers.

The remaining team battled on the first day to make camp at the 6th tor. Counting all the miles lost through detours and having to swim some rivers, it was a pretty disheartened bunch that awoke in the early hours only to find that the same weather conditions prevailed. A vote was taken and with no hope of making the 5 p.m. deadline it was decided to call it a day. Of the seventy or eighty 55 mile teams that set out initially, only twelve completed the course in what proved to be the worst weather conditions in twenty years.

Paul Evens

THE MOOR

As the light slides away,
At the end of each day,
Beasts arise from their slumber,
It's time to hunt to feed their hunger.

Across a road, around a bog,
Past a farm into the fog,
Hunting 'round for prey to eat,
It's been a week since he last tasted meat.

Into the city to wander about,
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But nothing here except empty bins,
Old cracked bottles and rusty tins.

R.Collings

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SCHOOL RUGBY REPORT.

1st XV record 1985-86.

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| PLAYED | 14. |
| WON | 1. |
| DRAWN | 0. |
| LOST | 13. |

Following a moderate 1984-85 season the 1985-86 season was expected to be one to remember - for its victories, that is, and not its defeats. The new squad should have been a good one. Some excellent potential was left over from the previous season, and the amalgamation of the Sutton and Public Sixth Forms into our own should have supplied an abundance of talent. This however was not to be and it soon became obvious in the early part of the season that many "new lads" were unwilling to add their skills to ours.

Despite pre-season inadequacies the opening match against Plymouth Argaum proved to be a tremendous confidence booster. The game was very close and thanks to some excellent forward domination the three-quarters were able to worm their way through to score a number of points. St. Boniface College seemed to bring out our best performances of the season. Twice we were narrowly defeated by last minute tries despite the undying pressure all fifteen players were exerting on the St. Boniface defence. However the supreme performance of the season was to bring our only win against St. Austell Sixth Form College by nine points to three.

It was however only Wednesday fixtures which produced the better matches and full turnouts. Saturdays were a let down and heavy defeats were inflicted on us by West Buckland and Shebbear College.

On reflection it is plain to see that our vast array of defeats was down to inadequacies in organisation and also the pre-arranged engagements of many of our better players. However a better turnout of a small contingent of our Fifth Form could have helped out immensely on Saturdays.

Thanks must go to Mr. Southern, who remained placid throughout, Mr. Evans for his lunch-time training sessions, Mr. Butcher for his support and organisation of the 2nd XV, and also Mr. Attewell who turned up at late notice on a Saturday afternoon to allow a game to take place! Finally, thanks must go to the Captain, Andrew Larbaletstier whose job nobody would have envied this season.

Jack Rickard.

D.H.S. 1st XV 6pts:Blundell's 32pts

Blundell's School, although not living up to their fearsome reputation, comprehensively defeated D.H.S. at Devonport in a match full of exciting, open rugby.

The visitors struck first with a try after a quarter of an hour, but this was quickly answered with a penalty from Mark Harris, Devonport's scrum-half, to make the score 4-3. A couple of mistakes allowed Blundell's to increase their lead to 16-3 by half-time, and further tries after the interval put Devonport 26-3 down. Another Harris penalty pulled the score back a little to 26-6, but Blundell's then began to reinforce their domination on the match, and this pressure brought their final tally of tries to six. Solid Devonport defence stopped any further score in the last ten minutes, but they could not break away to add to their own score.

D.H.S. 1st XV 9pts : St Austell 6th Form College 3pts

An inspired team performance gave Devonport their first victory of the season. Both sides played well in the treacherous conditions at Devonport, but it was the home team who took the lead after 20 minutes. Fly-half Mark Harris scored and converted a try following some intense pressure put on the visitors. However, they made a quick reply with a well struck penalty, bringing the score to 6-3 at the interval.

After half-time Devonport prop forward Colin Smith was injured and had to leave the field, but the team did not let this affect them and soon after increased their lead with a Harris penalty. Although both sides had excellent opportunities to add to their respective totals, the low score reflects the competitiveness and tough defence displayed by both teams.

Shebbear College 49pts : D.H.S. 1st XV 0pts

Despite a disappointing team turn out, D.H.S. put up a good fight against this formidable Shebbear side. After only five minutes, Devonport were reduced to fourteen players, as Mark Veale was taken off with a dislocated shoulder, sustained during a thumping tackle. Even before this though, there was a notable lack of support from the D.H.S. side, who rarely had the ball. By half-time, Shebbear had run in four tries, two conversions, and a penalty. Devonport were clearly outclassed in this very physical game, which was well controlled by the referee. In spite of the large deficit, D.H.S. held their heads up and spirits remained high; but this was not enough to stop Shebbear scoring a further twenty six points in a blistering second half, bringing their tally of tries up to nine.

The whistle at full time brought worthy applause from both crowd and players. In the D.H.S. dressing room, captain Andrew Larbaestier said that, despite the scoreline, no player had disgraced himself, the better side had won.

D.H.S. 1st XV 9pts : St. Boniface College 13pts

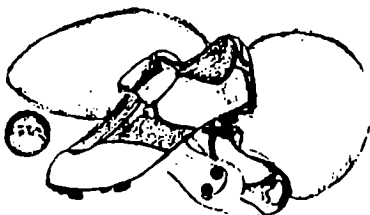
A below-average performance from the Devonport team allowed a well-disciplined St. Boniface side to sneak a surprise victory in this match played at D.H.S.

Following a solid start by both teams it was Devonport scrum-half Mark Harris who broke the deadlock with a well-executed penalty from thirty yards. St. Boniface quickly replied with a drop-goal and the teams went into the interval at 3 points all.

Shortly after the resumption of play a superbly worked scissors move let St. Boniface in for the first try of the match. It was not converted but a penalty kick just afterwards left Devonport trailing by 10 points to 3. Unperturbed, Devonport continued to threaten the St. Boniface line in the closing minutes. The pressure was at last rewarded by fly-half Richard Manhire who kicked over the heads of the opposing three-quarters, picked up a lucky bounce and ran in an excellent try. With Harris converting St. Boniface were left leading by a single point. The match hung in the balance until the dying seconds when a St. Boniface penalty put the match out of the reach of Devonport and earned the visitors a hard fought victory.

Devonport, missing two key players, were forced to field only 14 men for this match played at Devonport. In conditions totally unsuited to a fast running game, a somewhat frantic defence from the home side restricted the half-time score to just 6 points to nil, Saltash going ahead with two penalties.

After the interval Devonport put Saltash under pressure on a number of occasions. However the visitors consolidated their lead, eventually converting the one-man advantage into points by scoring three tries and a conversion to wrap the game up.



1986 CROSS COUNTRY.

The Cross Country Team maintained their reputation as one of the most successful and respected of the school's teams in the county.

The season commenced as last year with a resounding win over rivals Plymouth College, displaying that the senior team has continued its fine run of almost a decade of domination in the city. On Kelly College's home course (with their infamous direction marshalls) the senior team was bitterly disappointed with a draw, but at the Grenville Trophy meeting at Bideford attended by all the county's established Public and Grammar schools the school took sweet revenge. The junior team managed second place led by a fine individual victory by N.Pearman, whilst the senior team won with a three way joint first by T.Hewson, N.Watkins and D.Rudge.

The U-16's victory and the U-14's third place in the very strong Plymouth round of the English Schools' Cup suggested that the Cross Country team will remain as strong in the city as it has proved in the past, but a string of bad luck in the South West round prevented either team from progressing to the National Finals.

The seniors' A and B teams and a junior team joined over one hundred other teams on the start line for what is in effect a national competition for the Abingdon 4 x 2.5 miles road relays. The senior A team ran exceptionally well gaining fourth place just behind the sport intensive Millfield School of Somerset. The B and C teams ran commendably in a tremendously high standard of competition.

Individual successes came for seniors T.Hewson, D.Rudge, N.Watkins and S.Blake, and for juniors N.Pearman and C.Legg, who all represented Plymouth in the Devon Schools' Championships. T.Hewson, D.Rudge and N.Watkins represented Devon in the South West Schools Competition where they were the first three Devon runners home in first, ninth and tenth positions. These three also ran in the National Schools Competition in Durham.

On behalf of the Cross Country teams I would like to convey my sincere thanks to our team manager Mr. Skinner for his dedication and support throughout the season.

T.Hewson (Cross Country Team Captain)

SCHOOL SOCCER 1985-86

D.H.S. 2 : Torquay Grammar School 1

D.H.S. began their Devon Schools U.19 cup semi-final match knowing that a place in the final against Exeter College was at stake, and took the lead after only 4 minutes through David Schofield. Craig Brown's volleyed goal added a second after 22 minutes. Torquay missed a couple of good chances before pulling a goal back on the half-hour due to slack marking in the D.H.S. penalty area, and it was the visitors who finished the half on top after hitting the woodwork twice.

The second half saw tempers raised and also complete Torquay domination, and had it not been for poor finishing and sound goalkeeping they would surely have won.

D.H.S. 1 : Exeter College 4

D.H.S. were beaten convincingly in the Devon Schools U.19 Cup by a strong Exeter College side. The scoreline was slightly flattering to Exeter because D.H.S. held a territorial advantage, but failed to turn this into goals and eventually crashed to a 4-1 defeat.

D.H.S. started brightly but in the sixteenth minute found themselves one behind following a rare break by Exeter. The turning point of the match came four minutes later, when D.H.S. had the ball in the back of the net through Matthew Anderson, only for the referee to disallow the goal for a dubious offside. At half-time David Cook was taken to hospital with a suspected broken collar bone, and D.H.S. problems continued, when after missing good chances to equalise, they went 2-0 down. A third was quickly added by the rampant visitors, and although David Schofield scored a consolation goal, the joy was short lived, because Exeter responded immediately with their fourth, and this made the final safe.

Jason Eliadis

SQUASH REPORT

This season has seen two very good performances by members of the school. The first being by Andrew Robinson of the Lower sixth, who was included in the Devon Under 19 team for the Intercounty Championships, and the second being that of Jonathan Gallacher of the first year, who was a member of the Devon Under 14 team, and was also included in the South-West Under 14 squad.

Hopefully, by next season we shall, under the guidance of Mr. Mason, be able to set up a school team to play other schools and clubs.

A. Robinson

LOWER SIXTH CRICKET TEAM.

Although the season so far has only consisted of one match, there is already a fine team spirit developing. A final squad of twelve was chosen after two trials which took place under the watchful eye of Mr. Evans, and the first fixture was arranged by S.Rimes against a team from British Telecom. The match went well, despite the team having to use a would-be spectator. We eventually won the match by twenty five runs, thanks to good batting from A.Goodey and S.Davison (sub), and impressive bowling from M.Pring.

Already another fixture has been arranged against Telecom, but unfortunately, shortage of time means that the number of fixtures will be small. However, such is the current enthusiasm, that matches during the summer holidays have been suggested. Thanks must go to Mr. Rimes for all his help, and, of course, to Mr. Evans; maybe now we know why Wales have never produced a national side!

Brian Humphries

BADMINTON REPORT

Due to the demise of the school's badminton court in the hall, there have been no inter-school matches this season. However, there have been some creditable individual performances by members of the school.

Firstly, Anthony Pipe of the lower sixth, won the Devon County Under 18 singles, doubles and mixed, and the Plymouth senior singles titles. He was also selected to represent Devon at senior level in the 1st and 2nd teams.

Secondly, Jeremy Midmer of the fourth year was selected to train with the Devon Under 16 squad, following a very creditable performance in the Devon Under 16 tournament, despite being a year young for this age-group.

Hopefully, adequate badminton facilities will be provided for the school in the near future, so that badminton as a sport will enjoy a resurgence within the school, and friendly matches will be played between D.H.S. and other schools in the Plymouth area, as in previous years.

Anthony Pipe

PLYMOUTH REPRESENTATIVE BADMINTON TEAM'S TRIP TO BREST.

A Plymouth representative badminton team was invited to enter an international tournament held in Brest to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Brest youth association, the Foyer Laique de St. Marc. Among the team selected was Anthony Pipe, a lower sixth former in the school, and an Old Boy of the school, Chris Hunt.

The team left Plymouth on Friday afternoon and spent the early part of the journey basking in glorious sunshine on the upper deck of the ferry. However, as the dipping and rising of the bows above and below the horizon increased, the group decided to retire to the safer confines of the bar, and remained there or thereabouts for the remainder of the journey. When the team reached Roscoff, they were driven by minibus to Brest, and were met by their respective hosts.

The morning of the following day gave the players an opportunity to have a look around the centre of Brest. Then they were given the first glimpse of the opposing teams at the civic reception with the Lord Mayor of Brest. Following this it was competitive badminton for much of the day. The matches went well for the Plymouth side, with all the players reaching the semi-finals of their respective events, including Anthony Pipe in the singles, and Chris Hunt in the doubles. The late evening was spent "socializing" with their French and German counterparts.

With many bleary eyes battle was rejoined early the next morning. The success enjoyed by the Plymouth side continued and they finished the morning session with one representative in each of the five finals.

As the tournament had progressed it had become clear that the main challenge to the Plymouth side came from a very strong German team from Kiel. Anthony Pipe played the German number 1 in the final of the singles and was unlucky to lose in three very close games. However, as a result of other victories by the members of the Plymouth side, they won the trophy for the best team in the tournament.

The tournament as a whole was enjoyed immensely by the competitors, due to the friendly atmosphere between the teams, the very cordial hospitality of the French and the high quality of badminton played. It is hoped that this tournament will now become an annual event.

Anthony Pipe

TABLE TENNIS.

This year has been a most successful one at all three age groups - Under 13, Under 16 and Under 19. Two teams were entered in the Devon Schools' Team Championships at Under 19 level, with the B team - consisting of P.Christopher, A.Smith, M.Elliott and T.Harris - losing in the preliminary round to Exmouth school, and the A team of S.Rimes, G.Bridgett, J.Morrish and S.Giles (the last three players all playing in an older age group) playing very well in losing 6-2 to South Devon Technical College, 5-3 to Plymouth College and drawing 4-4 with Exmouth School. There were some very good performances, notably by G.Bridgett who defeated four players - each of whom was five years his senior.

In the Devon Schools' Individual Championships four players entered with a place in the English Schools' Finals at stake if successful. The Under 19 event was won by S.Rimes and the Under 13 event was won by G.Bridgett. The Under 16 plate event for first round losers was won by S.Giles. The Plymouth Schools' Individual Championships were being held at the same time and once again G.Bridgett was the Under 13 event winner and S.Giles finished runner-up in the Under 16 event.

After their success in the Devon Championships, S.Rimes and G.Bridgett travelled to Mansfield in an attempt to win the English Schools' Final. Both were defeated in the first round but in the plate event they both reached the semi-finals of their respective age groups.

Thanks this season must go to Mr. Moon for his support and enthusiasm, and to the school for its generous donation towards travelling expenses for the trip to Mansfield. Next year should be even more successful with all eight players who represented the school last year being available once again.

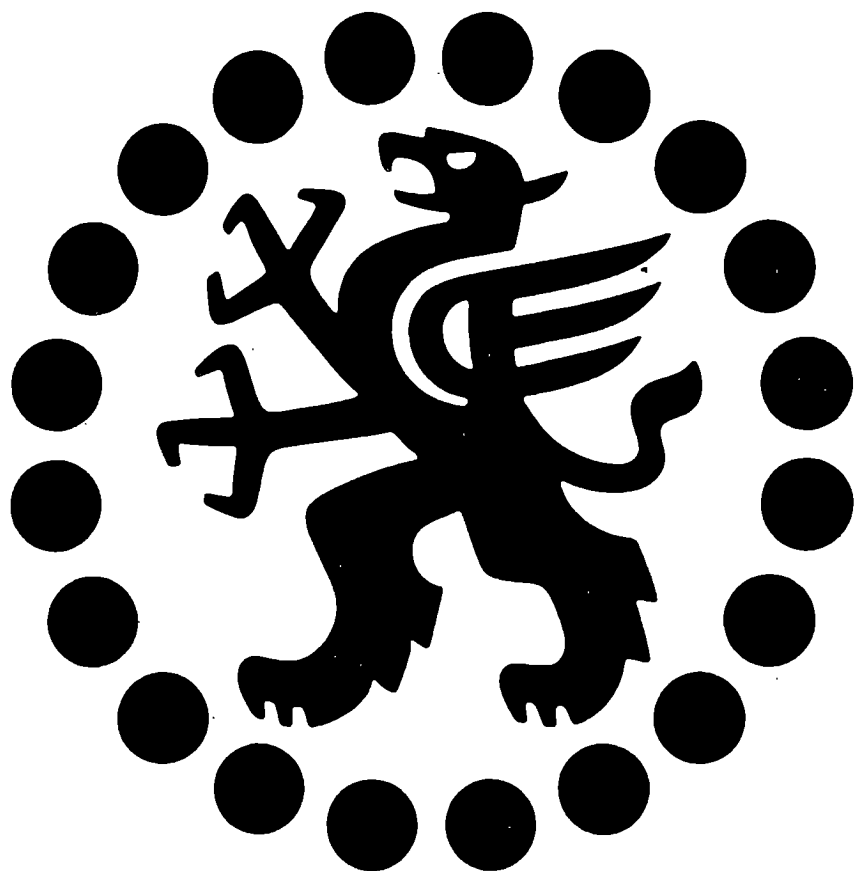
Steven Rimes.

SENIOR BASKETBALL.

The Senior Basketball Team has had one of its most successful seasons. The side, captained by Tim Manhire, remained unbeaten, despite fierce competition from a tall Plympton team. Not surprisingly, the school won the Plymouth District Junior League.

Next year the school will sadly miss the services of T.Manhire, M.Croton and M.Bates. However the team has great depth and I am sure that it will match this year's achievement in the forthcoming season.

Paul Evens



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PONT L'ABBE EXCHANGE

Once again the school's exchange provided an excellent opportunity for pupils to experience at first hand, contact with another culture and a chance to communicate effectively in French. The only disappointing aspect of the scheme is the continuing British apathy when it comes to anything requiring more than a passing knowledge of the English language. Numbers participating were again embarrassingly low, and in stark contrast to the enthusiasm displayed by our French counterparts.

The new G.C.S.E. examination will allocate 50% of the marks for speaking French and understanding spoken French, so the message is clear. Skills in communication will be of paramount importance and I hope that most parents will take advantage of the opportunities provided by the school for visits abroad and come to see them as an essential part of a course of study in a modern language.

The French party spent two weeks in Plymouth at Easter and enjoyed some sunshine, although the almost constant wind meant that it was never very warm. Host families provided their guests with varied activities and all the French students expressed gratitude for the excellent hospitality they had received.

The D.H.S. party set off on the Tuesday of the last week of term, with the bonus of four extra days holiday. Pont L'Abbe is in the southern Finistere and provides a marvellous centre for any youngster to spend a vacation. Magnificent beaches, sailing and wind-surfing provide the basis for the most popular activities. All this against the backdrop of the traditions and buildings for which Brittany is celebrated. The chance to participate in French family life, with all the variety of experience that this entails, is of outstanding educational value, but is also just plain good fun. G.R.S.

OXFORD

Oxford- the word brings to mind the boater, gowns and mortar boards, incredibly intelligent be-spectacled students, or persistently drunk aristocrats shakily waving bottles of Moet et Chandon. To the three of us who stepped off the train it seemed like any other town.

Walking past W.H.Smith, a MacDonald's, a Boots, and then a thirteenth century Oxford college complete with quadrangles, a Norman Church and a central manicured lawn was a pleasant shock.

Alaister Sharp, who conducted us around his college, St. Edmund Hall, and the other colleges he considered note-worthy, provided us with the more "streetwise" conducted tour. Our guide told us which colleges were famous for particular subjects, which were the "sporty" or "hearty" colleges and who were the "Sloanes" - though they were not difficult to distinguish.

We had lunch at Jesus College where I took time to study the portraits of ex-students on the walls of the dining hall. Many of those immortalized were household names.

Nicholas Broome and I took in a little of the atmosphere from the balcony of the St. Edmund Hall boathouse while watching the inter-University boat races. With a glass of Pimm's in hand, Alaister held forth on his tutors, his tutorials, his digs and his problems and pleasures at Oxford.

I was very impressed by Oxford and its colleges and would recommend anyone to visit it. Even if you are not keen on the idea of going to university, it is worth making the visit just to see the architecture. A.Ashen

BRITTANY TRIP.

Extremely early on a morning in June a small group of eighteen keen Geography students arrived at school to embark on the annual trip to Brittany.

After an immensely rough crossing, the ferry arrived at Roscoff to the relief of ourselves and the ferry staff alike. The camp site was a short bumpy journey from the port and in no time at all the tents were erected - to the joy of all concerned. The night seemed to pass very quickly and before we knew it, we were heading for Quimper - a city just smaller than Plymouth. We trudged around a designated section of Quimper, in the rain, completing a survey of land use. We became cold, wet and hungry so we walked to a nearby cafe to have a crepe. In the afternoon the weather cleared up and our journey back to the camp site was interrupted only by the sudden and unfortunate breakdown of Miss Johnston's car. Once back at the camp site the smell of beans and mash filled the air. After a quick meal, it was decided to play a game of football on the beach. One of the members of the group was vigorously persuaded to go for a swim fully dressed.

We woke up the next day to be greeted by the intense glare of the morning sun. After some breakfast, we set out for Huelgoat in the mountains. We conducted a land use survey in villages near Huelgoat and then entered the city and had a quick meal before returning to the camp site. On the way back we stopped at the Euromarche at Morlaix in order to purchase wines and spirits.

Back at the camp site the tents were dismantled and all our belongings were packed ready to leave. We then set off into Roscoff to have a final French meal. The ferry left France at 11.30 p.m., so most of the Geography group managed to catch a few hours sleep on this long but placid crossing before reaching Millbay Docks at 6.30 a.m. on Friday. Special thanks must go to Mr. Sandercock and Miss Johnston who put up with us for three days.

MAKER CAMP JUNE 1986.

For the first time boys and staff from D.H.S. invaded Maker Camp on June 2nd. The first assault party came ashore by landing craft at Cremyll after a fairly uneventful crossing from Stonehouse beach. The forced march through the jungle of Mount Edgecombe and over the rugged slopes placed this group under considerable pressure. The weight of backpacks and wasted muscles soon resulted in communication problems between vanguard and rearguard. Regrouping was necessary under the guardianship of Maker Church. A united invasion was therefore effected without casualties.

Settling into billets was effortless and was followed by a "4 star lunch" in the company of little platoons from the nether regions of Mount Wise, Bere Alston etc. The pattern of events for the second group who relieved the beleaguered first on the Wednesday was very similar.

Before the sausage and chips could settle a reconnaissance exercise was embarked upon. Eighty eyes combed the terrain around Rame Head, Penlee Point and the Cawsand/Kingsand districts. For the hardy, or sheer mad, a sub-aqua exercise took place in the tropical waters of Cawsand. The final climb from the lowlands to Maker was achieved effortlessly by all, I think. The attraction of more sumptuous food and a relaxing evening were sufficient stimuli for even the weariest.

The morning's trauma of being awakened soon after dawn (or so it seemed to some) and the helping hand to rise and prepare for breakfast indicated the care and concern of our camp adjutant. For those wishing to wash their feet or higher bodily realms the River Seaton afforded ample scope. Chasing after Bonios like young bloodhounds was soon second nature to the stoics and hopefuls as the water battles of Seaton beach ensured that at least four had their clothes washed in "surf" or "tide" taking a spin afterwards in the launderette. These reports put to shame the sappers who under the command of Captain Barnett sought out the birds (the feathered variety) of the Millbrook and Rame areas. Not even a "Bright" lesser spotted "Peeble" bird was found.

The week's varied activities including cross country, biological fishing, light fusion, World Cup and camp football, interspersed with packed lunches and Trivial Pursuits passed quietly for the officer corps and foot soldiers combined. Even the mini-bus was cleaner at the end of the week thanks to ***** and buckets of water from the River Seaton.

The question however still remains : do we storm the walls again next year or relax in comfort once more ? R.K.F.

PORTFOLIO '86.

The event was a multi-media presentation of photography, video and music, and involved members of the middle sixth, lower sixth and fourth year. My aim was to examine several aspects of every day life that many people overlook, such as religion and death, and to express my anger and dislike of the situation that I have found myself in, and to try to make the audience THINK about these ideas. In today's society the majority of material that is produced using these media is aimed at a mass audience who are not willing to think about images and sounds that are presented to them. As a result the media are often used in a commercial way rather than in a creative way. I did hope that at D.H.S. we might find a more learned audience, but many found it exceptionally hard to think, and some even walked out, which we all found very amusing.

Although some aspects were extreme and controversial, I am sure that the majority of the people who were present would agree that any hysteria that was created over any part of the event was representative of the less mature, and there were many people who were genuinely interested in what was going on.

More preparation time was needed, and as usual there was a last minute rush to get everything ready, and a few problems like Damian leaving his speech in the pub the night before! It was a little unfortunate that some of the members of the group did not really fit in, resulting in a lot of hard work by only a few people but I would like to take the opportunity to thank the people who helped me, especially Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Farrow, Mr. B. Gibson and Damian Le Sueur, without whom I would probably have given up. The evening was successful, and we raised about £50 for the school's Save the Children Fund. C. Kelly

MUSIC

The music department has as usual been involved in the preparation and performance of a number of activities throughout the year.

Major events have included Terra Simulantis, a musical written and produced by Jim Coyle and friends during the Christmas term, and Noye's Fludde, with a cast and orchestra of about 150, performed in Stoke Dameral Church during the Easter term. Each gave an opportunity for boys (and girls from D.H.S. and Tamar) to experience the excitement and pressures of preparing for public performance and each in its own way proved to be successful and much appreciated by large audiences.

Many other events took place during the year including a unique performance of the complete Facade (by William Walton) at RNEC Manadon in which L.Byng, S.Mc.William, P.Davies, M.Jenner, S.Chana, A.Widger, M.Goodworth and A.George as players and Jonathan Salt as "reciter" gave performances which will be difficult to surpass.

The Christmas half-term concert and end of term Carol Service took place as usual and despite the huge task of preparing Noye's Fludde time was found to arrange an Easter band concert at the end of term.

Various groups and ensembles were chosen to take part in the Devon Schools' Prom at Exeter and Prom West in the Guildhall, Plymouth, and concerts were given at Langley School and Yealmstone Primary to appreciative young audiences.

A number of boys have taken part in Devon County Activities:- Jazz Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra and Devon Youth Choir, attending courses and performing in concerts in several places including Exeter Cathedral, Crediton Parish Church and, for two members of Devon Chamber Orchestra, Simon Carter and Shan Chana, the Royal Festival Hall.

Many boys have continued instrumental lessons with the visiting peripatetic staff and have taken, and, in the great majority of cases, passed, Associated Board exams ranging from grade 3 to grade 8 and the future of music performance standards in the school seems assured.

Due to circumstances beyond our control the Jersey exchange was cancelled this year, a great disappointment to all who have been in the past, but nevertheless an opportunity for new contacts to be made for future years.

All in all a busy year with plenty of opportunity for performance at all levels. I have no doubt that next year will be much the same.

T.K.F.

BUZZ! - The Second Year Magazine

The idea for the magazine first came in one of our form periods with our form tutor, Miss Petch, when we were discussing the subject of the lack of clubs and societies during the teacher's action. It was suggested that we set up and organised our own clubs during the lunchtime. After breaking off into several small groups, some of us, namely Gareth Boyd, Jonathon Hellyer, Jamie Swindell, Steve Hardy and myself - Shuvo Saha - decided to try producing our own magazine.

Firstly we decided what should go into the magazine, what we would like in it, what others would like and how much of that would probably be allowed! We ended up with what you would have seen in the last two issues - computer and book reviews, competitions, puzzles, articles on hobbies and sports, and so on.

The whole form was asked by our form tutor to submit articles to us, so it was an interesting exercise for not only us but many others as well. However we were continuously given quizzes, wordsearches, crosswords and anagrams from so many in the form that we ended up writing most of the articles ourselves.

Gareth, Jonathon and I began producing the magazine in the holidays, typing the articles out ourselves. Often this would first mean taking a trip into the city centre to try out and review computer games or to look at and judge training shoes.

Eventually the whole twelve page magazine was ready, generally looking like a mess of paper, paper clips and Tipp-Ex. This went off to be photocopied and a few days later the first thirty magazines had arrived with more coming later. Every one was sold and we even had a couple of entries for our first competition. The first magazine had done reasonably well.

A second issue was produced, four pages longer than the first, with some new items added and some old ones removed. We hope to produce the third issue in the coming summer holidays so it should be out next term.

Shuvo Saha

THE NEWCOMER - A Newcomer's view of his transition to D.H.S.

There was always tremendous rivalry between Devonport High School and Sutton High School, and in my five years at Sutton this rivalry was instilled in me. So, one can imagine how strange it was to join a school which was always regarded, in friendly terms, as the enemy. Many of us even felt as if we had betrayed our old school, and we were sure we would be treated as imposters at Devonport. Many thoughts passed through our heads about our new colleagues. Would they be hostile? Would they ignore us? Or would they make a determined effort to welcome us into their school?

After my first year at D.H.S. I can conclude that the latter approach has been taken by the D.H.S. boys. The lower sixth form has become so intermixed that one finds it hard to remember who went to what schools.

I think a happy medium has been struck in the classification of boys whether Suttonians or DHS-ians. This has been achieved because many lower sixth formers from other schools, whilst still maintaining contact with their old schools and privately regarding themselves as Suttonians or Publicans (and what ever the word for those from Widey is!), still feel they are a part of Devonport.

There is a genuine feeling of friendship and loyalty in the lower sixth which obviously helps sixth formers to work harder as we are working in a happy atmosphere. It is this industry in a friendly and enjoyable environment which I think will be reflected in next years "A" level results.

A. Gilbert

DANIEL McCALLUM - PROJECT TRUST

Daniel McCallum, a sixth form pupil and prefect at the school, has secured a place with the Project Trust organization for a years voluntary work overseas. After his "A" levels, he will teach English at a secondary school in either The Sudan, Indonesia or Zimbabwe, before embarking upon a university degree course at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.

The selection procedure was very intense, consisting of an interview and a four day test on the Isle of Coll, where he was assessed on various tasks to test his aptitude. From an original 2000 hopeful candidates, Daniel was among 136 who were successful.

The aims of Project Trust are to help people in The Third World countries and to teach the volunteer self reliance and responsibility.

This gives the volunteer knowledge of the world outside the classroom window, whilst helping the countries inhabitants to help themselves.

Although the year's voluntary work is subsidised by Project Trust, Daniel is still required to raise £1340. He is organizing fund raising activities including a 100km walk across Dartmoor and two parties at a local discotheque. He is also seeking help from businesses in the area.

Anthony Pipe

THE CANAL PROJECT.

Over a century and a half ago and after fourteen years of work, John Taylor completed his four and a half mile canal from Tavistock to Morwellham.

We aim to give people the opportunity to see if they can do better than Taylor did. With luck and avoiding delays, they should manage to build their own canal in about sixty seconds. Of course we ensure that our latter day canal engineers have one or two advantages over Taylor. To enable them to build their canal we hand them, not a sturdy pick, but a floppy disc. The modern canal is built across a monitor screen and not a single spadeful of Devon soil is turned.

The canal simulation will, we hope, fulfill several aims. The users will have some of the basic concepts in physical geography reinforced. They will confront the engineering problems of canal building and will learn something about business and profitability. What is more, if they get it all wrong and bankruptcy stares them in the face, they can simply go on having another go until they get it right.

For the small, devoted band who are writing the programs, things have not been so easy. Although success is now in sight, it has been a long slog. There have even been similarities with Taylor's experience. Where he encountered the unpredictability of hard rock, our long suffering programmers have had to deal with a rather erratic member of staff. No sooner would our group get within reach of final completion than "sir" would come up with another bright (and complicated) idea for the improvement of the program, whereupon the team would enthusiastically retire some distance in order to bang their heads energetically against the nearest wall.

Such tribulations are now almost all over. We have virtually succeeded in finishing the project. The question now is what to do with it? Do we have a saleable commodity? Should we form a company? Order next year's copy of the school magazine as soon as possible to be sure of finding out.

S.Dustan, M.Roberts, S.Smith, K.J.D.

THE STOKES MILITARY HOSPITAL PROJECT.

This was a project first suggested last September by the Headmaster and taken over by Mr Dickens. He was joined by a small group of Lower Sixth Formers who volunteered to try to discover information concerning the history of the present school buildings.

Some of the aims of the project are to discover who authorised the construction of the premises, who actually built them, and who owned them in successive years. The first source tried out by the Sixth Formers was the Devon Record Office at Clare Place. The sublime peace of the office was consistently shattered on Friday mornings throughout the early months of 1986 as the group sifted through reams of documents searching for any hints or clues concerning the buildings' past. The photocopies made of ancient maps found in the office proved very useful.

Letters were sent away to the Public Record Office at Kew Gardens in London, and to the R.A.M.C. Museum at Aldershot. The group will, hopefully, visit both in September. All the while little pieces of information are being amassed with the kind help of those people who have had some sort of contact with the school in the past.

The project will be resumed after the summer holidays by which time it is hoped to have accumulated enough detail to provide a successful conclusion to a great deal of hard work.

J.Rickard, S.Manning, P.Lidiard, A.McCauley, K.J.D.

ACID RAIN

All around is quiet
as people watch from underground
the rain as it falls.
They watch the naked trees
with a solemn look,
through the great glass plate.
For this is no ordinary rain
this is the accursed Acid Rain!
Brought about by polluted air
from factories in the city.

M.J.M.Sheppard.

THE WHITE LADY

A few miles north of Tavistock the waters of the River Lyd cascade down to the White Lady Waterfall.

The water chutes fast and white over the polished stone down into the pool below. In some parts this pool is still and green while in others it is angry and white with whirlpools swirling here and there.

On the shore furthest from the raging temper of the White Lady the water laps idly on the sand. Here and there are little tracks made by squirrels and deer when they came to drink the cool, clear water. While in the distance the trees stand untouched; the natural colours mingling together to make the forest look like one great plant.

I remember the summer of '83 though. The White Lady was a pitiful sight. Where now water cascades down with all its might there was no more than a puny trickle dropping tiredly into the silent pool. Everywhere was silent, only a lonely wagtail moved, flitting from stone to stone.

A.Simpson

BURRATOR

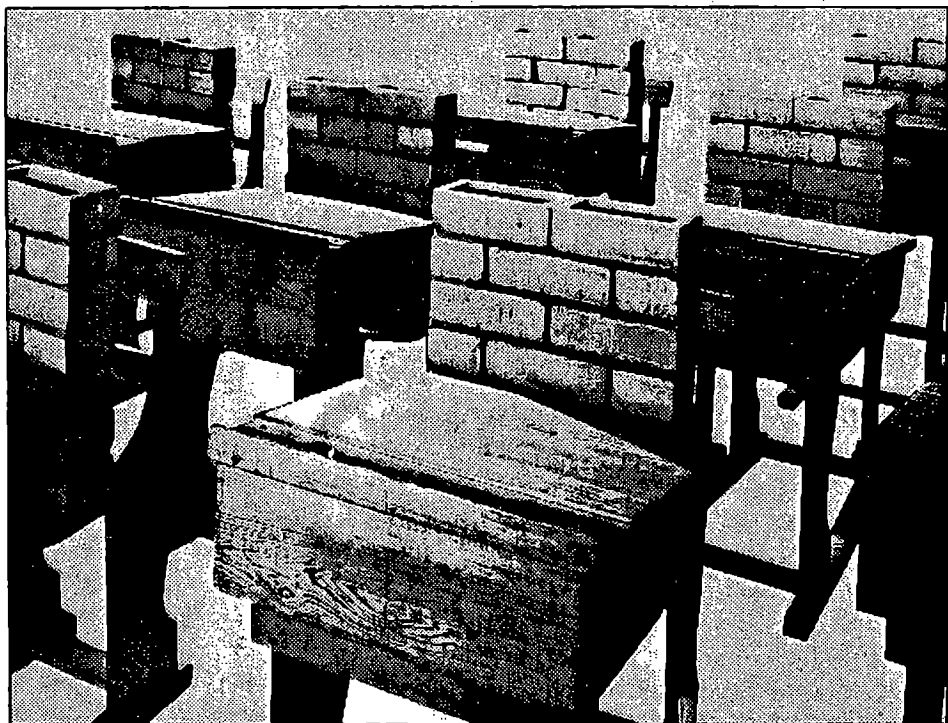
The moon is high up in the sky
Its glow to catch a wild trout's eye
A fishing boat is on the water
It casts its shadow down on mortar
Of an old and crumbled house.

Down below where houses stand
Their walls embedded in the sand
A church bell lay upon its side
A village and its people died;
All that's left is memories.

Now all that can be seen
Is shapes of houses that have been.
Once they were and now they're not;
Many people have forgotten
The village of Burrator.

J.Dunstan

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BARCLAYS

GILBERT HOUSE REPORT

This year, under the captaincy of Tim Manhire, Gilbert has had one of its most successful years for some time, eventually finishing second in the St. Levan Shield Competition.

The swimming team, led by Stephen Blake, won the Gala after a hard fought battle with Drake House. The senior rugby team finished second whilst the senior cross country team finished first. The House were runners-up in the Athletics after another tough struggle with Drake House. All the members of the House are to be congratulated for winning the standards at both junior and senior levels.

At Christmas members of the House raised well over £200 during their annual sponsored run in aid of Mencap.

J.C.S.

RALEIGH HOUSE REPORT.

Although house sport is good, Raleigh House did not have a very successful year as regards sporting activities, on a number of occasions teams were let down by some of their fellows selected to play not turning up and spoiling the chances of the rest.

The Junior Rugby came first in their event and so deserve congratulations for their effort. Raleigh House managed to come third in the Swimming Sports, a large part due to the efforts of Jason Eliadis who organised the house team.

J.L.S.

DRAKE HOUSE REPORT.

Under the leadership of Andrew Lorbalestier, Drake House had yet another successful campaign. However, progress was constantly hindered by cancellations and postponements.

Only four events counted for the St Levan Shield this year. Of these, Drake won the senior rugby and the prestigious Sports Day. A runner-up position in the Swimming Gala, which took place in difficult conditions, clinched the St. Levan Shield for us.

Thanks must go to Messrs Clarke, Phillips and Skinner and other members of staff who have ensured the smooth running of the House.

P.Evens

GRENVILLE HOUSE REPORT

Circumstances meant that there was only a skeleton competition for the St. Levan Shield this year. In the Cross Country our junior team came second with several very young team members doing well. It was a major disappointment, however, that insufficient seniors finished for us to qualify for house points.

In rugby our juniors again performed well to finish as runners-up and the senior team narrowly lost the first round match but won the loser's final.

Athletics was dominated by the two powerful teams of Drake and Gilbert but under Andrew Petherick's direction we managed to hold on to third place.

The Swimming Sports moved back to their erstwhile home at Mount Wise this year and our team came fourth. David Schofield captained the team and although he did not swim himself he was ready to treat hypothermia.

This meant an overall position in the House Championship of third.

Particular thanks go to Gary Roscoe who proved to be a conscientious house captain and who also took charge of the rugby.

G.R.S.

THE FOX

At midnight in the city,
The fox begins to bark;
He barks in the light, the light of a lamp;
He moves on and barks in the dark.

He lives upon a wasteground;
His home is in a ditch;
He sleeps in the day and stalks at night;
And he howls at a ghostly pitch.

With shaggy back and bushy throat;
Now damp and dripping rain;
He stalks the midnight highways;
For night is his domain.

J. Buckler

DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOY'S ASSOCIATION.

CHAIRMAN A.V.Porter.
SECRETARY G.K.Simpson, c/o D.H.S.
TREASURER A.G.Parkhurst.

The past year has again been a fallow one with the rugby club being the only active branch of the Association. Enquiries from former pupils have been dealt with and one such came from Dr. John Stone who left in 1963. He now works in Canada and wrote recalling the teachers and fellow students of his era in the hope of establishing contact for a reunion. Others who called into the school included Paul Gribbell who has just graduated (2-1) and will work for Pedigree Pet Foods. Peter Reed is shortly to be promoted to Captain and is still playing rugby. His friend Owen Williams was also in school looking remarkably well after a heart transplant operation. Charlie Evans, now working in Bristol, was presented with a son, Peter, by his wife Nicky. Steve Hughes, still serving in the Royal Marines, featured in the B.B.C.'s Rugby Special playing for Nottingham in the final of the Middlesex Sevens.

G.K.Simpson.

D.H.S. OLD BOYS' RUGBY CLUB.

1985-1986 was a disappointing season in terms of first team results. This was not entirely unexpected as several experienced players had left the club to move away from Plymouth on job appointments elsewhere. The difficulties increased with injuries and the fact that a number of leading players only made themselves available on an irregular basis. Against this background, Mike Freeman did an excellent job of training and leading the club. The overall record saw the first team losing slightly more matches than it won and making an exit from the Lockie Cup in the first round at the hands of the Plymouth Polytechnic.

The real bonus of the season was the developing stature of the second team and its future now looks secure. A much fuller fixture list will now be arranged and any player wishing to have a game at a more "social" level will be most welcome. The third tour to Paris proved to be the highlight of the season and although no matches were played, the spring sunshine made for a most enjoyable weekend.

Andy Cunningham has been elected captain for the coming season and training will continue on Thursday evenings at the school where it is also hoped that the majority of the club's matches will be played. The tour next year is planned for Dublin on the international weekend.

Everyone connected with the club was sad to learn of the death of Roy Bale, a Vice-President. He had done a great deal to help with establishing the club in its new base at Plymouth Cricket Club and his cheerful enthusiasm will be greatly missed.

G.K.Simpson.

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It would not have been too much of a surprise if our 1986 Annual Dinner had not been well supported following the success of our 25th Anniversary Dinner last year but 36 old boys and wives had a jolly good evening. When we consider that ten members sent their apologies because our date clashed with some other functions one realises the sound base of the branch. As always we were interested in Mr. Peck's report of the school's activities, successes and development. Our congratulations to staff and students. We were delighted to have Les Warren with us. He travelled from Reigate having made contact with us via this magazine. Many pre-war Old Boys will remember him especially those connected with rugby. We would welcome more post-war members. Can I encourage any readers in this vicinity to get in touch with me. We have a few but would like some more. Andrew Deacon is in Slough with I.C.I. paints division on computer Programming as part of his degree course. We look forward to seeing him back later this year.

Des Cory

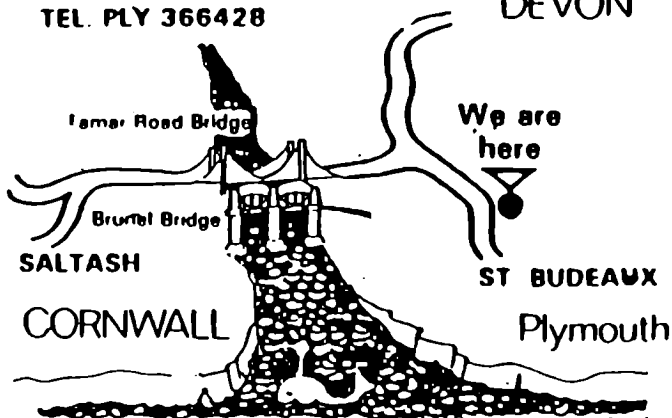
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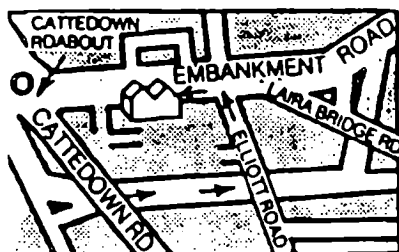
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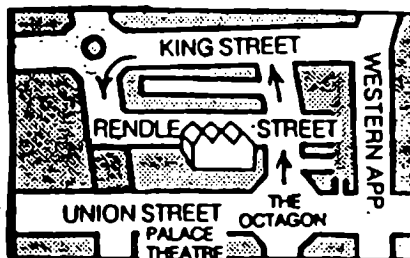
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