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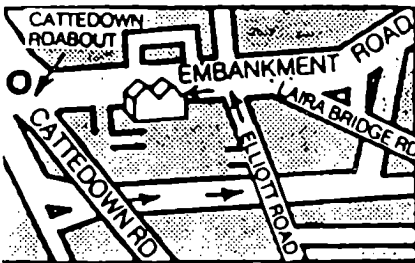
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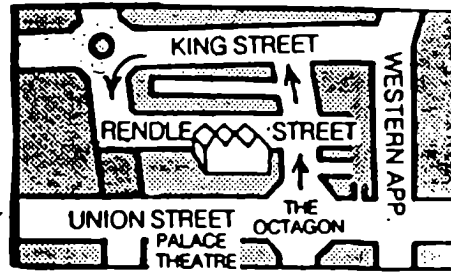
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I.Lamerton, D.McCallum, C.Lenton.

## EDITORIAL.

The editorial staff have once again been challenged to produce the magazine by a new and exciting process. Using all the available school resources, they have undertaken to compile, edit, process and print the entire issue. After chasing members of the school to actually write the material, it was edited, and then, under the watchful eye of Mrs. Reeve, typed into the computer using the school's new word processor. It was then stored on disk, until required to be printed out in the correct order. Mr. Sheldon then helped enormously by supervising the photocopying, and Mr. Sandercock helped to produce the covers.

All in all, this has been a team effort, and my thanks go to everyone who helped.

Various changes of a physical nature have occurred during the last school year, in preparation for expanding numbers. The science laboratories have been enlarged and mobile classrooms were erected to accommodate classes whilst structural work was occurring. The Computer Room has been moved into larger premises and the Technology Laboratory has been relocated at the bottom of 'B'Block, where the school has the use of five classrooms.

Over the last few years we have welcomed sixth formers from other schools, but this year we see the largest number to date, including those joining us from Public High School for Boys, Sutton High School, Widey High School and Torpoint School. This is a new and challenging era for the school and it is hoped that both new and existing pupils enjoy the opportunities and experiences now being offered.

## STAFF NOTES.

Last Summer Mrs. Porter left the school to have a baby, and after the successful birth of a very healthy little boy, resigned her post in the Chemistry Department. Initially her place was taken by Mrs. Hughes, and then Mr. Wimbury took over the post in the Spring term.

In the Biology Department Mrs. Perris joined us on a part-time basis until the Summer term, when Mrs. Towers arrived to cover this area of the time-table. Also, last September we welcomed Mr. Butcher to teach Economics, Mathematics and Computing, and Mr. Morris to teach Technology and Chemistry. Mrs. Mahr, Mr. O'Sullivan and Mr. Freeman have been employed on a part-time basis to teach French, Art and P.E. respectively, and we have much enjoyed the company of Mlle. Samia Bouguerra as French assistant this year.

We were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Brian Foole who died suddenly on October 1st.

Brian Foole served in the Army throughout the Second World War and joined the School in 1947. He possessed great powers of organisation, which he particularly directed to the building of a distinguished Physics Department. He devoted himself selflessly to the development and success of his pupils and took delight in what they achieved at "A" level and beyond at university. A great many past pupils and the School as a whole will be deeply grateful for his life of service to Devonport High School.

J.G.W.P.

#### SPEECH DAY.

On Thursday, 6th December, the whole school assembled inside the Guildhall for another Speech Day. The Headmaster's speech was informative once again as it outlined the school's successes in both academic and sporting fields.

Next followed the musical interlude from Mr. Farrow and his musicians. As ever, it was excellent and much appreciated by the audience.

This year Dr. D.Harrison, Vice Chancellor of Exeter University presented the prizes and awards to their respective winners, and also gave an interesting and educational speech.

In all, the evening passed very pleasantly, maintaining the reputation of the school.

#### THE OXBRIDGE CONFERENCE

The Oxbridge Conference took place on the 26th March and was organised for the prospective Oxbridge candidates from a number of schools across Plymouth in order to give them insight into life at Oxford and Cambridge. Our guest speakers were Dr. Ford from Cambridge and Dr. Pilling from Oxford. The first session was chaired by Mrs. Clayton from Devonport High School for Girls and dealt with applications and admissions. We then had coffee and got the chance to talk to the undergraduates from the two universities about their experiences. Afterwards our two speakers helped to enlighten us on courses and opportunities at Oxbridge.

Lunch was then served and was much enjoyed by all. Clearly the school was out to impress and the organisation which went into the day produced perfect results. Mr. Peck closed the conference and thanked everyone who attended for making it such a successful event. As a prospective candidate I would also like to add to that by saying the opportunity of actually listening to admissions tutors and students was very valuable.

D.McCallum L6A

## THE THEATRE BOX OFFICE.

The School Theatre Box Office is an organisation run by four intrepid members of the sixth form to promote ticket sales at the Theatre Royal. At the beginning of the spring term, the box office business could hardly be described as massively successful with sales limited to about one ticket per week. However at the start of March a letter was given to all school members. This letter emphasised the box office's convenience to the customer, the benefits to the school, and the work experience it provides to those who run it. As a result, 150 tickets were sold within two weeks. The box office is therefore in a relatively healthy position at the moment, but all those involved ask that if any parents wish to buy tickets - PLEASE buy them from the school. Our thanks must go to Mr Griffith who originally developed the Theatre Box Office and does a great deal of work behind the scenes.

D. McCallum & M. Aizlewood

## THE HALIFAX BUILDING SOCIETY.

In November 1984, eight members of the lower sixth went to the Devonport Branch of the Halifax Building Society, to be trained to run a school branch of the society. This was to be the first of its kind in the country.

It was agreed that we should open every Wednesday and Friday between 12.45 and 1.15 p.m. Leaflets were handed out to the school giving details of the scheme and inviting pupils to open accounts. As many members of the school already had accounts with the school branch of the Midland Bank, we were not sure how many people would open accounts with us.

On the first day of opening, eight members of the school opened accounts and we now have over thirty account holders. On average, there are about five transactions a day, so we could cope with more customers if required.

Many thanks must go to Mrs. Reeve, who has given up two lunch periods each week to ensure that the school branch runs smoothly, and to Mr. French of the Halifax Building Society who has helped considerably with the formation of the branch.

M. Rayment. L6A

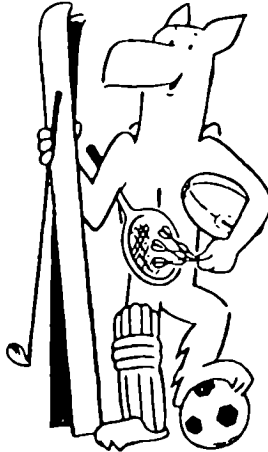
## MIDLAND BANK

Once again the Midland School Bank was run by members of the Lower Sixth. Throughout the year many new accounts were opened especially in the lower school, who were obviously tempted by the offer of two percent higher interest and a free pencil case on a Griffin Account. Also current accounts proved to be very popular with the Sixth Form as it enabled them to use both cheques and Autobank Cards.

This scheme provides both a service to the pupils and invaluable experience to the participants. Our thanks must go to Mr. Clarke for his continual support and guidance throughout the year.

M. Croton L6A

We've an eye for  
all sports and an ear  
for all sorts.



**Midland**

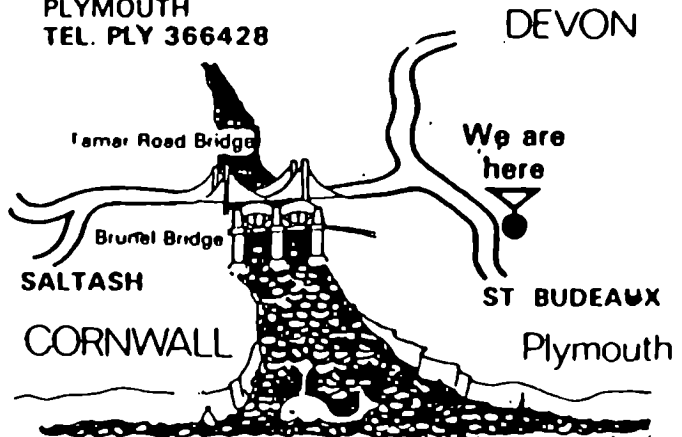
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## TRUSTWORTHY PRODUCTS

Trustworthy Products was made up of twenty-two "achievers" from Devonport High School for Boys and Devonport High School for Girls. We were lucky that relations were good from the formation of the company until its termination in May, and we felt that this was one reason for our eventual profit.

Over the first few weeks we elected the managerial staff and decided upon our three products, these being keyhangers, earrings and notepads, some of which you may have seen around the school with our sales team.

As production lines developed, our products evolved into more economic and marketable goods, a contrast indeed with our first attempts which we managed to sell to friends and relatives, a process which became known as "sympathy sales" within the company.

We were pleased with our company's 100% pass rate in the optional Young Enterprise exam and delighted that three of our members obtained credits for their attempts.

Toward the time of the liquidation came the adjudication of all the companies in the scheme. Three members of each company had to go before a panel of four interviewers and answer questions on their respective companies. We were fortunate in being placed third out of thirteen companies in the Plymouth area.

Finally I would like to stress the value of the Young Enterprise scheme and I would hope that next year's Lower Sixth would take the chance to become involved in it.

R.Anstey L6F (Managing Director)

## BLUE APPLE

In September 1984 twenty-seven "achievers" met in the canteen at Fine Tubes. It was a fairly divided affair with girls one side and boys the other, but as time went on the two groups integrated and the company started in earnest.

After deciding who would be the managers a name for the company was discussed. Somebody came up with the name of Blue Apple and it stuck. Next the product and after much debate a decision was reached. Soon production was in full swing, while M.Truscott insisted on testing the occasional product to destruction.

A successful year under the management of Matthew Swan saw the company making a healthy profit of 60%. Meeting every Friday at the premises of Fine Tubes Ltd (Estover), we manufactured cheeseboards and teapot-stands as our two main products during the course of the year. The experience of participating in Young Enterprise has been invaluable and our thanks must be extended to Mr. M.Waters, Mr. R.Johnson and Mr. J.Roberts of Fine Tubes for giving up their time to advise us.

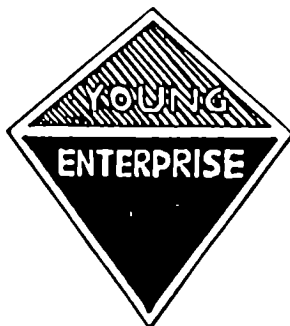
M.Swan L6F and G.Willcocks L6E

## DEVONPORT UNITED DESIGN ENTERPRISES.

The first thing we did at Young Enterprise was to decide the name of our company. It was some fool's idea to call the company Devonport United Design Enterprises or D.U.D.E. for short, which has often caused confusion in meetings. We decided to make pinboards, badges and personalised stationery. All of these products sold well and we made a good profit of 104%.

When it came to the end of the eight months, the exam came along, all our people did well and we gained three credits for the company. After the exam we had the adjudication at which we must have impressed the judges because we finished up as winners of the trophy for best Young Enterprise company in Plymouth.

Neill Richardson L6 (Managing Director)



## THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

The school council was well attended this year, the quorum being met at each of the three meetings. Some interesting motions were passed which we anticipate will be put into practice in the near future. These include such items as additional litter bins, the balcony being resurfaced, and above all, a unanimous decision was reached involving the introduction of colours ties for non-sporting prowess.

The school council is potentially a very valuable body which can contribute greatly to the improvement of school life, but perhaps the school is not taking full advantage of this facility. I would remind pupils that they may attend all council meetings, although only council members may vote.

Tim Hewson L6A (General Secretary)

## THE TUCK SHOP

For another year our grand retail establishment, the Tuck Shop, has continued to be a lucrative concern. The introduction of new lines and stationery has helped maintain the profits, whilst we worked under the watchful eye of Garry Tunnicliffe and to a lesser extent Dave Mugeridge. As Mr. Evans continued to ponder over his precious percentages, all the staff contributed to this year's success. Hopefully we can rely on the school's support next year.

Geoff Willcocks L6E



## CHRISTIAN UNION

The combined Christian Unions of D.H.S., Tamar, Saint Dunstons and anyone else that wants to come, meet on Wednesdays at 1 o'clock in Stoke Dameral Church. The group was reformed in September after lying dormant for a number of years, and has met with tremendous success. We started having small meetings in the choir vestry (the only warm part of the Church during the winter), but I am delighted to report that numbers are such that we can no longer fit in the choir vestry. We have had a number of interesting guest speakers including the Rev. Peter Bolt, President of the Methodist Circuit and Crispin Holland, leader of Fishshop, the largest Christian youth group in Plymouth. I anticipate further expansion this term and any member of the 5th and 6th forms or any member of staff will be most welcome to join us for our worship, prayer and discussion.

Jim Coyle

## QUESTION TIME

The BBC decided that, on Thursday 30th May, Question Time would be broadcast from the Royal Naval Engineering College at Manadon. As chairman of the Plymouth Area Board of Young Enterprise Mr. Eddie Belk was invited, along with five guests of his choice, to participate in this televised debate on current affairs. We were honoured that Mr. Belk chose his guests from our school and Devonport High School for Girls.

We arrived at the Grand Hall at 7.00 p.m. and were ushered to our seats. After everyone had taken their places we were relaxed and prepared for the forthcoming discussion. Questioning was soon under way with heated arguments revolving around the tragic events of the previous night's soccer violence in Brussels and the teachers' strike over pay. With the recording completed there was just enough time to rush home and catch a glimpse of ourselves on television.

We would like to thank Mr. Belk for inviting us and also Mr. Attewell for organising our inclusion in what proved to be an enjoyable and fascinating evening.

M.Croton L6A

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

It has been another successful year for the school's Public Speaking teams. In the Rotary Club competition, Team I, consisting of D.McCallum, P.Bolt and J.Coyle, was placed first and went on to compete in the district finals. Team II, A.Ford, C.Nassar and myself, was placed third, just missing progression to the finals.

In the English Speaking Union team competition I came second against stiff opposition, retaining the log-like trophy. Jim Coyle and myself were entered for the Port of Plymouth Individual competition, which took place in the Council Chambers. I had the luck to be placed third.

Thanks must be given to Mrs. Shaw and Mr. Hamill for their courage in helping the teams to these success, and we look to do even better next year.

C.Stone L6A

In the past year the squadron has been very active. After the completion of the flight simulator, a sponsored 'round the world' flight in it took place over forty-eight hours. The money raised was used to update the black and white monitor to a coloured one.

During the summer holidays, cadets attended annual camps at RAF Stafford, Gibraltar and Germany. Martin Sampson went to Canada during the holidays as the representative for Plymouth and Cornwall on the International Air Cadet exchange.

On the sporting scene, the squadron has been successful in the last year. Cadets have represented the Plymouth and Cornwall wing in football, rugby and cross-country. Steven Green was selected to swim for the ATC after representing both the wing and region in the preceding trials. More recently, the squadron obtained third place in the wing athletics meeting at Par, and came first and second in the Junior Pram Race.

Garry Tunncliffe won an RAF flying scholarship and now holds his pilots wings and Martin Sampson qualified as both a navigator and a glider pilot.

In addition to all this, the squadron has been rifle shooting, gliding and flying, and manned feeding stations in the Plymouth Marathon. This year is to be concluded by an open evening, a trip to the RAF Fairford Airshow and the annual camp at RAF Brawdy.

David Wakely L6E

### THE CAT

Smooth, sleek and silky,  
He sits upon the wall.  
He's really very lazy,  
He does no work at all.  
But when it's time for dinner,  
You're sure to see him pounce,  
Yes he eats up his dinners,  
Right down to the v'ry last ounce.  
But when his fun is over,  
He walks back to the wall,  
Purring with satisfaction, thinks  
"Kitty-Kat" beats them all.

Jamie Swindell 1W

## TEN TORS-55 MILE ROUTE

The fifty-five mile Ten Tors team, led by Pete Rudge and composed of Daniel McCallum, Nick Dawe, Rich Thompson, Dave Northcott and Andy Larbalestier, arrived at Okehampton at 2 p.m. Having set up their tent and helping to dismantle the thirty-five and forty-five miles teams' tents during the night, everyone got to sleep. At 4.30 a.m., a particularly sadistic military policeman cheerfully told us all to get up - "Hi di hi Campers!" - to which the replies from the exhausted campers can be imagined.

The team made an auspicious start to the walk when Thommo broke his rucksack. Fortunately he was able to borrow another which he proceeded to break during the event. We finally got away in brilliant sunshine which made walking very hard and caused many participants to drop out. One particular hill/cliff remains memorable since the team crawled up it. However, we struggled on and at 8.30 p.m. camped down and ate some delicious brown stuff cooked by the 'maitre-chef' Pete Rudge.

We got up the next morning at 4.30 and made our way back to Okehampton where we were cheered by an enthusiastic crowd as the gold medals were presented. The team agreed, at the finish, that the Ten Tors was a very worthwhile experience and will certainly provide a few memories for those who took part. The team would like to thank Messrs. Southern and Phillips whose sterling support made it all possible.

Daniel 'Life of Brian' McCallum

## TEN TORS-35 MILE ROUTE

The teams left school in the mini-bus and a parent's camper at lunchtime on Friday 17th May. On arriving at Okehampton Army Camp, we set up camp before obtaining our general route. Having done this, we went to a hangar to have our kit checked before plotting our precise route.

After being woken up at 4.30 on Saturday morning, by music from the public address system followed by a processing bagpipe player, we all assembled at the start by 7 a.m. At the start, some of the two thousand four hundred entrants ran to break away from the main group, whilst others started at a more leisurely and sedate pace. Our team started off badly by missing the first tor, owing to our not checking our bearing in the tense atmosphere and lost about forty minutes. During the day we were slowed down by the intense heat and a few blisters from the hard, dry ground. At the end of the first day we had reached our eighth tor.

On Sunday we were up at 4 a.m. and had cooked breakfast and broken camp ready to leave at the earliest allowed time of 6 a.m. We continued our trek, in slightly cooler weather, to arrive back at the camp at 11.25 a.m., a complete team, amidst the clapping and congratulations of the waiting Spectators.

Our thanks go to Mr. Southern and Dr. Phillips who very kindly gave up their time for practice hikes and the Ten Tors weekend itself.

Ian Gillhespy 4N

## THE LOWER SIXTH GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO BRITTANY

We left school at 8.40 a.m. on 10th June despite the late arrival of Mr. Sandercock. With everyone in high spirits we arrived at Millbay Docks, boarded the Tregastel and went up on deck to view the departure from Plymouth.

After a smooth crossing, we arrived in Roscoff at 4.30 and headed for our camp site to prepare for our study of settlement patterns and agricultural land use. We had a quick meal and our tents were erected, though some incorrectly, which caused them to collapse during the night which passed noisily.

Tuesday morning we set off for Quimper - a large developing city with many new industrial estates. Most of the day was spent here completing surveys and tasting the local delicacies. From Quimper we visited Benodet, which has a thriving tourist industry, none of which was opened.

Tuesday evening Mr. Sandercock demonstrated his brilliant talent for goalkeeping, spending most of the time fetching the ball out of the goal. After this physical exertion we sought refreshment in Roscoff's cafes.

Wednesday morning dawned after a somewhat quieter night, and we prepared to make a study of villages in the area of the Monts d'Are Nuclear Power Station. This was a very primitive and rural area, and in general decline. Visits were then made to the scenic Huelgoat to see the Logan Stone and sample the local crepes. The Euromarche at Morlaix was the next stop, but we managed to get lost and arrived later than expected because Miss Johnston misread the map. Not bad for a Geography teacher.

We arrived back at the camp site and dismantled the tents and prepared to leave. We spent the final evening in Roscoff in a happy mood and boarded the ferry returning to Plymouth which left at 11.30. The crossing was extremely rough, which caused a few pale faces among the less hardy, one of whom spent a rather long time in the toilet. On sight of land, everyone went up on deck and some members renewed the ensign at the rear of the ship.

We returned to Plymouth at 6.00 in the morning of 13th June, and after an agitated and fearful passage through customs we made our way back to school.

Many thanks must go to the hardworking Mr. Sandercock and Miss Johnston for organising the trip which was enjoyed by all.

Joe Murphy L6F

## GERMAN TRIP

The party left DHS at 12.30 on Sunday April 14th. The party consisted of fifteen 3rd and 4th year pupils, and two teachers, Mr. Jones and Mr. Simpson. We were at Dover in ample time to catch the midnight ferry, which docked in Zeebrugge at four o'clock in the morning. We eventually arrived at Osterspai, our destination, at about midday on Monday. Osterspai is a tiny village on the Rhine, which is near Koblenz. Koblenz in turn is not far from the capital, Bonn.

The first afternoon was spent at a large shopping centre in Koblenz, the Lohrcenter. All types of gifts and souvenirs were available here. The majority of the party's money was probably spent that afternoon.

We travelled south, upstream, the next morning to the expanding town of Rudesheim. The morning was spent wandering around this town, which is now geared to tourism. A lot of people took photos of the famous(?) Drosselgasse, a street full of very old buildings.

The afternoon's schedule included a tour of the local wine museum. This was very interesting - but no free samples were given. One bottle filled with original liquid, claimed to date back to 1822!

On Wednesday we visited Phantasialand, an adventure park which is rapidly expanding. In the park is a half size model of pre-war Berlin and many exciting and informative rides. Everyone was shattered after this trip.

The next day saw us visiting the Castle Stolzenfels (Proud Rock) overlooking the Rhine and, in the afternoon, the Nurburgring motor racing arena including a most interesting arena of sports cars.

A sunny Friday morning saw us climbing a nature trail to the castle overlooking Osterspai and the Rhine. The group led by Mr. Jones got there directly, but Mr. Simpson's group walked across a building site and farmland before they reached it.

Saturday saw our departure from Osterspai with last minute stops for gifts and sightseeing at Cologne, Bonn and the Ludendorf Bridge remains at Remagen.

A choppy boat journey was enlivened by a showing of "Police Academy" and we arrived at Dover at 5.00 a.m. Arriving in Plymouth at 11.00 we were dropped off at our doors. The whole party wishes to thank Mr. Jones for making the arrangements and Mr. Simpson for finishing the salads.

G.Burley and D.Whitehouse 45



## FIFTH YEAR POST "O" LEVEL ACTIVITIES

As in previous years, a three week programme, for all the Fifth Form not leaving school, was organised to provide work experience. It ran from Monday, 1st July until Friday, 19th July, on the basis of each boy selecting three separate activities and subsequently spending one week in each of the assignments. In all cases boys were treated as responsible and adult in order to cultivate greater maturity.

A wide range of opportunities were offered to gain insight into the professions, such as accountancy, estate agency, work in solicitor's offices, banking, insurance and building society work, as well as experience with working with people in schools, the church, hospitals and department stores. Fascinating involvement with journalism, through both newspapers and radio, was offered as well as working with Devon Educational T.V. Some pupils had the chance to work with the National Trust, whilst others learned about local industries, and others experienced clerical, garage and even veterinary work.

All agreed that the widest range of activities were offered, and many thanks must go to Mr. Clarke for organising this valuable programme.

## LOWER SIXTH ACTIVITIES WEEK

This year, a very varied programme of activities was organised for the Sixth Form by Mr. Southern and a team of teachers. Activities as diverse as windsurfing out at Chelson Meadows, canoeing at Phoenix Wharf on The Hoe, and an "Industrial Society" meeting in liason with D.H.S. for Girls, which proved a useful opportunity for members of the year to improve their knowledge of the mechanisms of industry.

Other activities were offered such as horse riding for two groups at Cadover Bridge and Wembury, led by Mrs. Pierpoint, and rock climbing at the Dewerstone, led by Dr. Jenkins. The annual London trip was led once again by Mr. Attewell, and Mr. Burrows took a party of boys to London to see Hamlet at the Barbican.

Many thanks to all the teachers who helped to make this a useful and educational experience.

C.Stone L6A

## GRENVILLE HOUSE

Grenville had a mixed year in finishing second in the St. Levan Shield competition. Our seniors, under Stephen Palmer's captaincy, were unexpectedly beaten in the rugby winners' final. Our juniors won their losers' final. Only the senior section of the soccer was held and Grenville propped up the table. With a third and a second our cross country teams performed reasonably against some strong opposition. Gary Haley again led our senior basketball team to three victories and the juniors stuck well to their task in a very competitive section. Against the odds our swimmers managed to avoid last place but the badminton team had no luck at all and came fourth by the narrowest of margins. In chess the juniors won their section and the seniors were third.

Jim Coyle took charge of our music team and maintained tradition by leading them to a splendid victory. Simon Herniman was a most efficient captain of athletics and second place was achieved. Stephen Palmer was a committed and effective Captain of the House and many other team captains put in a great deal of time and effort to ensure Grenville's successful participation in all activities. The thanks of the House go to them all.

G.K.S.

## GILBERT HOUSE

This year Gilbert managed to win the Junior Rugby, Senior Cross Country and Junior Basketball. We were overall winners of the inter-house Cross Country and joint winners, with Grenville, of the chess.

This is better than has been achieved for some time and bodes well for the future. Outstanding performances were achieved by R. Manhire, S. Blake, N. Raven and T. Hewson.

Next year's House Captain will be T. Manhire with T. Hewson as Vice Captain.

J.C.S.

## The Wolf

With matted coat and blood stained fur,  
The wild Northern killer of roebuck and deer.  
He doesn't howl when the victim's near  
But creeps with stealth and strikes with fear.

A hare leaps up as he creeps by,  
He jumps at the creature, it will surely die.  
He looks at the moon in the black velvet sky,  
Then with joy he lets out his victorious cry.

Darren Crosby 15

## CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

There were team successes as well as individual achievements this season. The senior team was arguably our most successful, winning the Plymouth Schools Championship for the fifth consecutive year as well as scoring notable victories over our long established rivals. Our juniors fulfilled their potential this season finishing a creditable second in the Plymouth Schools Championship and third in the league, whilst our intermediates, slightly weak this year, were out of the placings in both. There was also a Plymouth Schools first year championship in which the school finished second.



### SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY

Standing: S.Parkhouse, A.Petherick, P.Raddall, M.Bath,  
W.Knight, M.Timson.  
Sitting: Mr. Skinner, R.Caul, A.Young, D.Rudge, J.Rigby,  
S.Blake, S.May.

Plymouth Schools representatives included N.Pearman, C.Legg and M.Cheetham in the juniors, A.Petherick, an intermediate, and S.Blake, T.Hewson and D.Rudge in the seniors. C.Legg, D.Rudge and T.Hewson going on to represent Devon in the South West Schools Championships with D.Rudge and T.Hewson running in the National Championships.



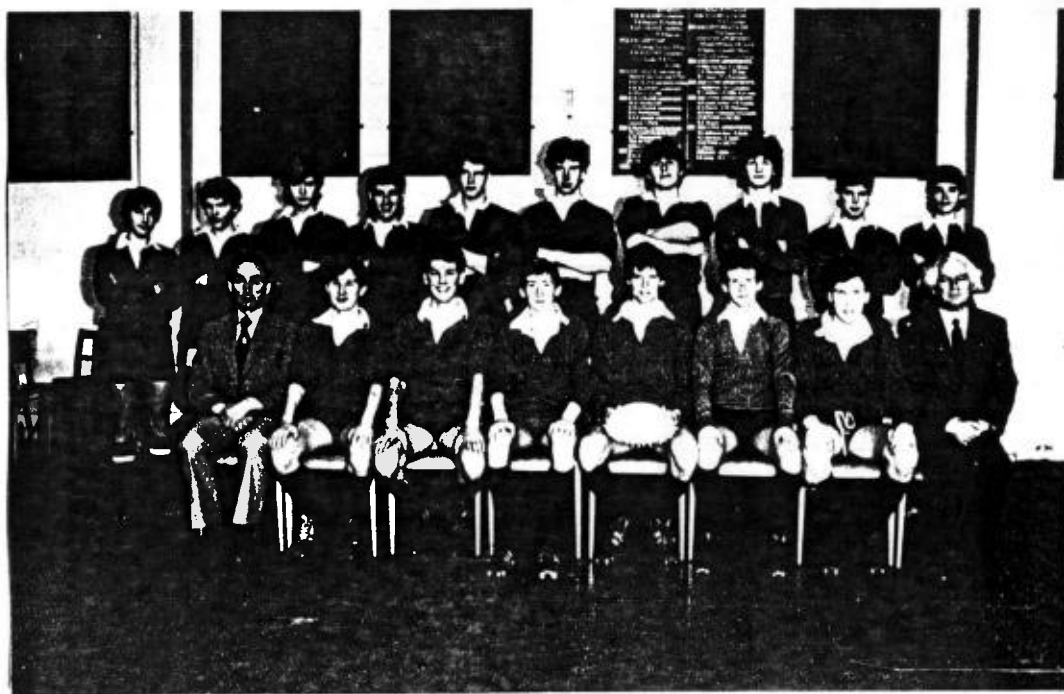
On behalf of all the teams our sincere gratitude to Mr. Skinner for giving so much of his time and energy to the successful organization of the teams and meetings.

Tim Hewson L6A

## BADMINTON

The school's badminton successes were again led by Anthony Pipe, with a few provided by Daniel McCallum. Anthony had a very good season winning the West Midlands U-16 title and being chosen to play in the National U-16 squad. Daniel won the Plymouth U-18 doubles and was runner up in the Devon U-18 competition. Both players were selected for the Devon senior training squad and Anthony went on to play for the 3rd team. Although there were no school matches this year, Raleigh won the hotly contested House Badminton Shield. All school badminton players would like to thank Mr. Smith for his administrative efforts behind the scenes for last year's season.

D. McCallum



THE 1ST XV RUGBY TEAM

Standing: P.Lidiard, S.Parkhouse, R.Green, G.Baker, I.Kent,  
M.Rawles, G.Bennent, S.Bickford, P.Kelland, M.Harris.

Sitting: Mr. Southern, D.Pine, A.Cameron, J.Williams,  
S.Palmer, S.Clarke, S.Aindow, The Headmaster.

1st XV-P 23:W 7:D 0:L 16:F 199:A 448

The 1984/85 season proved to be a very disappointing one, with only seven games being won and sixteen lost. However, there were some notable victories over Totnes Colts, Tavistock, St. Boniface, the Old Boys 2nd XV and Torquay Grammar in the cup. Perhaps the greatest disappointment was our early exit from the cup, and this together with two defeats from encounters with Plymouth Albion Colts, soured what proved a highly enjoyable, if unsuccessful season.

A notable individual success was John Williams' selection for the Devon U-19 rugby squad, and commiserations must be forwarded to S.Palmer and M.Rawles, who both narrowly missed selection. However the season once again saw a repeat at the 'sevens' successes of the previous season, with the team of S.Palmer, J.Williams, A.Ashen, A.Larbalestier, A.Cameron, M.Rawles, I.Kent, G.Baker and P.Kelland putting in a creditable performance at the Shebbear Invitation Sevens and also again reaching the semi-finals of the Devon Sevens with a superb victory over Blundell's College.

It only remains to thank Mr. Southern for the tremendous role he has played in keeping team spirit high and using his own spare time to coach and travel with the team. Incidentally, his driving of the school mini-bus has become a legend amongst members of the rugby team. Thanks should also be given to the fine vocal support from Messrs. Burrows and Evans on the touch line and Dr. Phillips should be praised for the great work he does behind the scenes, in providing refreshments for opposing teams.

2nd XV-P 11:W 2:D 1:L 8:F 74:A 368

The seasons results of the 2nd XV, perhaps don't reflect the effort and enthusiasm that was put in by all members of the team. Even though the team won very few games, a team was always fielded, and credit for this must go to Mr. Butcher, who coached and followed the team throughout the season, taking people who hadn't even played rugby before and moulding them into a keen and enthusiastic rugby team.

U-15-P 14:W 12:D 1:L 1:F 319:A 100

Once again Mr. Burrows has produced a team which has had some tremendous results throughout the season. The only disappointment to the season was the narrow defeat to West Buckland School by 6 points to 0. However, as far as Plymouth rugby circles are concerned the team appeared to be in a class of its own, notching up successes over Kings Tamerton, Sutton High, St. Boniface College, and perhaps even more impressively, defeating both Kelly and Shebbear Colleges. Let us hope that the team's players manage to settle down into the first and second fifteens as easily as they have done this season.

See below for a report.

U-13-P 12:W 2:D 1:L 9:F 132:A 216

Dr. Phillips' U-13 team started the season successfully with a draw against Plymstock School and a win over St. Boniface. However, the team proved to be less successful during the middle of the season and, although they have never suffered a heavy defeat, they have struggled to regain their early season form. However, Dr. Phillips' enthusiasm and the character of the team shone through at the end of the season as they managed to defeat Tavistock School by 10 points to 8.

U-12-P 9:D 1:L 0:F 158:A 46

Yet again it was the U-12 team under the guidance of Mr. Moon who proved to be the most successful team in the school, incurring no defeats throughout the season. Congratulations must go to them, and let us hope they will keep up their success as they progress through the school.

A.Cameron M6A.

#### UNDER 14 RUGBY.

##### A most enjoyable season

The team had a most successful season. The main reason for their success was their ability to play as a team although a number of brilliant performances should be noted.

After a defeat in the first match at Kings Tamerton, Allan Taylor moved from the number 8 position to centre. This brought almost immediate success. The pack worked well under Gareth Allen to gain possession of the ball for Paul Ferguson at scrum half to pass quickly to the powerful backs who, with the agility of Lidstone and the power of Taylor, were able to score repeatedly game after game. Other notable performances throughout the year were produced by Paul Hughes, Richard Badge and Mark Cheetham.

Even when the conditions were bad and the opposition evenly matched it was the team working together and tackling well which often saved the day. Much credit and thanks must also go to Mr Freeman for the work he put in for the benefit of the team.

##### Notable victories:

DHS 56	Coombe Dean 0
DHS 40	Plymstock 4
DHS 58	Launceston 0

P.D.Griffith



#### THE 1ST XI FOOTBALL TEAM

Standing: K.Pearn, A.Goodey, D.Schofield, M.Bates, S.Taylor,  
N.Cork, S.Clarke, K.Lidiard.

Sitting: Mr. Hayman, D.Cook, M.Sampson, S.Aindow, M.Pring,  
The Headmaster.

Due to bad weather and lack of organisation by other schools, the 1st XI did not play as many games as expected. In the matches played, however, excellent results against the national champions, Torquay and the Cornwall champions, St Austell, helped the 1st XI to achieve third place, behind Plymstock and Torquay in a decimated Devon School's League programme.

In a close game against Plymstock in the Cup, the school was knocked out, after extra-time, 4-1, a score which did not reflect a good all-round performance by the team.

Excellent leadership from the captain and regular outstanding performances by the two centre-backs C.Toy and S.Aindow, and M.Sampson in the midfield, were the basis of the good results achieved by the team.

## 2nd XI

Thanks to excellent organisation again by M.Shapter, the 2nd XI were able to fulfil what little games they were offered, due to other schools being unable to field teams. Good results against Exeter College and St Austell were achieved, these two games never being short of goals, with M.Truscott being top scorer. Although the team only managed to win twice, this did not reflect good performances by the side.

P 6:W 2:D 3:L 1:F 17:A 14

## U-15

The team reached the semi-finals of the Plymouth Schools' Cup before coming to the eventual winners Estover School. In the league we completed over half our fixtures without losing a match and were well placed to repeat our achievement as U-14s of becoming First Division Champions. Unfortunately however the league was suspended before the end of the season due to several other schools withdrawing from it.

Richard Manhire, Andrew Toms and Paul Wilmot represented Plymouth Schools.

Our thanks to Mr. Skinner for organising the team.

## U-14

The U-14 soccer team led by D.Lidstone played only four games with R.Maddock and S.Pimley being the leading goal scorers. Our two wins both came against Eggbuckland School.

Our thanks go to Mr. Beswetherick for organising the team, although it was a rather short season.

## TENNIS REPORT

The school team has had a very unfortunate season so far. Stephen Palmer and Gary Drake have had top ten rankings in Britain, but sadly Palmer was not available for the Devon Senior Cup and subsequently our teams were unplaced. It was inevitable that availability also prevented us from entering the Devon Junior Cup.

However, perhaps the most disappointing occurrence of the season was the cancellation of the Plymouth Open, which we would almost certainly have won.

There is no league system in Plymouth for schools, so we will play friendly matches after half-term.

Marc Aizlewood L6A

## SENIOR BASKETBALL REPORT

Season 84-85 proved to be another successful one for the U19 team, winning the Plymouth and Devon League and Cup competitions'

Our first game, against Plymouth Juniors, was hard fought and low scoring, with R.Manhire making a lay-up in the last seconds of the game to secure a one point victory. The season progressed, our play, improving with each game, being matched, win for win by arch rivals Plymouth Kanaries.

The climactic match came in March, both teams being unbeaten, DHS eventually winning.

Regrettably the bench could not be given a run out owing to the parity of the line-ups on court. Adrian Woon succeeded in out battling Jon Martin, who at 6'8" was the tallest person in the school gym, and Steve Aindow played a true captain's role.

The team also qualified for the Cup final playing Plympton Cadets, and again won, being inspired by Adrian Cameron who out cheered our opponents' vociferous supporters.



## SENIOR BASKETBALL

Standing: M.Bates, G.Haley, J.Smith, S.Palmer, G.Baker.  
Sitting: Mr. Moon, T.Manhire, A.Woon, S.Aindow, M.Freeman,  
The Headmaster.

Unfortunately, the school will be without the services of Woon, Haley, Aindow etc. this coming season and they must be congratulated for their contributions to School Basketball.

Thanks must go to Mr. Moon, Mr. Hayman and R.Hodges, the team's scorekeeper.

T.Manhire L6D

#### U-15 BASKETBALL

The Basket Ball season got off to a good start, and the team had "great expectations" for the English Schools Cup as well as the Plymouth Schools league and cup.

As in previous years R.Manhire proved to be the spark in the attack. In the first match of the E.S.S.B. against Estover early season tension led to the defeat of the team. This was soon rectified with a resounding victory against Mullion School and a tightly fought match with Churston, our most serious rivals, which eventually led to victory, after extra time.

We next travelled to Crediton and were the victors over Queen Elizabeth College. This meant a play off against Churston. We won this game with surprising ease and were awarded the title of South West champions. One more win meant that we would be back in the English finals.

The crucial match was played in Warminster against Highworth School from Swindon. It proved to be a good match, but we managed to win and celebrations were in order.

We travelled up to St. Albans on the Saturday, settled in, and watched Hemel and Watford Royals play in the evening. After an early (?) night we set off to St. Columbus College in a positive mood, with the same four finalists as last year (Blue Coats from Liverpool; Raines Foundation School from London; Lancaster School, Leicester; and Devonport High School).

All the matches were closely contested, but we unfortunately came last; although we remained hopeful. The situation was cheered when we won the Plymouth Schools' Cup against Churston at the Mayflower Sports Centre. Congratulations must go to James Highham, Edward Pinch, Malcolm Murray, Richard Manhire and Simon Perkins, who all managed to be selected to play for the Plymouth Schools Team. As well as these five, talent was seen in John Mayhew, Malcolm Angus, Paul Herd and James Bartlett. We move into next season with high hopes in the Cadet League, and continued thanks to Mr. Moon for all his help and support.

Simon Perkins, 4N.

#### ATHLETICS REPORT 1985

The school sports day, in which no less than seven school records were broken, was the prelude to yet another very successful athletics season. Three of these, the U-15 100 metres, 400 metres and long jump were by the U-15 individual champion R.Manhire. The other record breakers were M.Higgins U-12 high jump, D.Reeve U-12 triple jump, A.Taylor U-14 discus and the Gilbert U-15 relay team, displaying the great athletic potential of the lower years.

The year champions were;

U-12 D.Reeve

U-13 A.Hooton

U-14 A.Taylor

U-15 R.Manhire

and the Victor Ludorum went to S.Palmer of the Middle Sixth.

Under normal circumstances the outstanding performers represent the school in the Plymouth Schools competition, but this championship was omitted from the athletics calendar and so seven of the school's athletes were nominated to compete in the Devon Schools Championship. Howard Pearson; Richard Manhire and Tim Hewson went on to represent Devon in the South West Schools Championships at Cheltenham and Tim Hewson represented Devon in the National Schools Championship in Hull.

The school sent a senior team to the Devon Public and Grammar Schools Championships, where we had three wins, Antony George in the discus and Tim Hewson achieving a double in the 800 metres and the 1500 metres.

The Inter Form Champions this year were 1N, 2W and 3S.

On behalf of all the athletes, I would like to extend our appreciation of the efforts made throughout the season by Messrs.Moon and Hayman.

T. Hewson L6A.

#### RALEIGH HOUSE

This has not been a very successful year as regards sporting achievements but Raleigh House did its best and those participating in the various events enjoyed themselves. House spirit is good and we can always look to the future for success.

Raleigh did achieve some honours in the house competitions, notably Badminton, where we come first, Senior Cross Country, where we came second and Junior Chess, joint second.

I would like to thank the house prefects for their help in running the various activities and especially the House Captain, A.Cameron, for his support.

J.L.S.

#### DRAKE HOUSE

Needless to say Drake House once again excelled itself with a combination of superior organisation, depth of talent and competitiveness from years one to six, to retain the St. Levan Shield.

Amongst our many successes were victories in both the Swimming Gala and Sports' Day, the latter owing much to our enthusiasm and commitment during standards.

In other events, such as the Basketball and Cross Country, Drake competed well and although not the winner was rarely placed below second. This consistency displayed by Drake throughout the year put the final nail in the coffin of the dreams of those houses trying to prise the shield away from its virtual owners and Drake eventually came out as comfortable points winners.

Thanks must go to the House Master, Mr. Clarke, and the House Captain, S.Clarke, for their efficient and successful organisation throughout the year.

D.Rudge L6D



## DOMESDAY - IN YOUR AREA SOON

By the end of July 1985 the material for one of the biggest surveys of Britain in modern times will have been collected and recorded. That at least is the planned outcome of the 1985 Domesday Survey.

Although the whole gigantic scheme was inspired by the approaching anniversary of the original Domesday Book, this is not meant to be an historical survey. Nor is it meant to be a paler imitation of a full scale national census. It is to provide a full national register, area by area, of amenities, such as shops, schools, leisure facilities. It will also produce a national land cover survey.

Most interestingly however, the 1985 Domesday will create a mosaic of impressions of our country in the mid 1980's as seen by young people. This is what historians are bound to find fascinating about the survey in another hundred years' time.

Our school is of course involved, but we are not tackling the project as a formal classroom activity. Volunteers from right across the age range are contributing, under the guidance of members of staff. We have opted for a twelve square kilometre grid on the western edge of Dartmoor. Miss Johnston has taken the area's flora and fauna under her wing, so to speak. Mr. Griffith is, very aptly, in charge of farming and Mr. Dickens is responsible for the bits and pieces left over.

As the school magazine goes to press the pressures mount. We have until the end of July to complete our work and post it off to the B.B.C. No doubt we will all accomplish our tasks and our small contribution will join the several million other words on the B.B.C. laser disc.

Only one question remains. When so many of our schools have made a contribution to the contents of the great golden disc, will Devon County Council see its way to buying a copy?

K.J.D.



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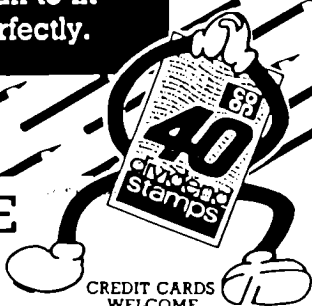
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Last March the Under 15 Rugby team left Millbay Docks for Brittany. We were to go on a short, three day, exchange Rugby tour with Le College de Trignac following a similar and very successful tour the previous year.

We arrived at the College at 1 a.m. in the morning and after the initial introductions each returned to our own families for a welcome sleep. Unfortunately though everyone had to meet at 8 a.m. the next morning at the College, before the French boys went to their lessons, and we attended English, which proved to be a novelty for the French children. This was followed by a trip to the submarine pens in St. Nazaire, near Trignac.

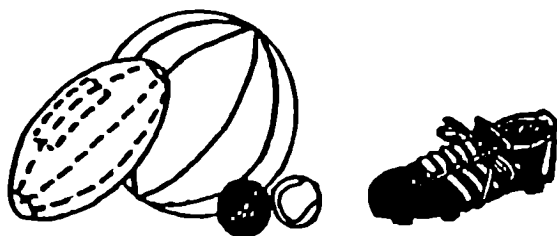
Later in the afternoon was the main match of the tour. It was a dry pitch in blustering winds and after an exciting but fair match we were beaten narrowly by the College 14 - 8. In the evening we were entertained well by the French and their friends at a disco organised by themselves.

The following morning we again met at the College and after watching a video of the previous day's match, left to visit the Salt pans in St. Nazaire. Later we met up with the French team before playing the second match of the tour. It was a tournament between three mixed Devonport/Trignac teams and another team from a local school. We then returned to our families before meeting up again for another entertaining evening.

The next day was to be our last. We met again at the school but instead of going on a planned trip most of us stayed at the school all day as the French were so friendly. Finally it was time to go and after leaving the College and stocking up with goodies from the local supermarket, we left for the ferry back.

Thanks must go to Dr. Jenkins and Mr. Sandercock for making the trip so successful.

M. Murray 4W



## SCOTLAND TRIP

In July of last year, thirteen 3rd year pupils left Plymouth in a packed school minibus for the Lake District which we reached in the early evening. We pitched our tents and were attacked by flies. The next day was spent walking around the hills, with a visit to Coniston Water in the evening.

We travelled northwards to a campsite near Glasgow which was uninhabited. During our stay there we visited Port Glasgow and went on a boat trip on the River Clyde and around the Holy Loch to see an American Naval Dockyard.

By the end of day five we had pitched our tents at the foot of Ben Nevis but unfortunately it rained all next day so we were not able to climb it - although we managed to visit Fort William.

On Saturday, on the way to Mull, we went to watch some Highland Games and saw Jimmy Saville. Our campsite on Mull was a piece of open ground whose toilet was half a mile away in a barn!

It was a period of slightly bad weather but we were able, while on Mull, to visit some interesting caves, have another boat trip to see Fingal's Cave on Staffa and Iona Abbey, to visit Tobermory and an extinct volcano.

In order to climb Ben Nevis we camped for two nights in Glencoe and then resumed our journey back to Plymouth. On the way we visited a Hydro-electric Power Station and spent one night near Penrith to break our journey.

We wish to thank Dr. Phillips and Mr. Skinner for all their time and effort in making the holiday enjoyable.

E.Pinch and M.Angus 4N



## CANAL DIGGERS OF '85

In 1803 a young mining engineer, John Taylor, decided on a canal from Tavistock to Morwellham. His success was such that he got into the history books and thus into history lessons.

We have long used a simulation of the problems John Taylor encountered in building his canal. Each year we give second year boys a map, with instructions to plan their own canal route from town to river. Each year dozens of them get it horribly wrong. Whole stretches of canal run dry. Tunnels take on the properties of lift shafts. Learning through mistakes is all very well but spontaneity is easily lost if the poor, hard working scholar is too frequently handed a fresh sheet of paper and told to go away and do it again.

The thought occurred, articulated not least by some of the suffering multitudes, that it would all be much better computerised. Instantaneous advice could help the canal planner avoid the worst pitfalls.

So our small band came together to write a programme to build a canal. Our first task was to draw a screen map with contours, towns and rivers. As we were deep in this laborious task, N.White of 2W looked over my shoulder and asked in finely modulated tones of pity, why we weren't using the easy way. Receiving no satisfactory answer, he explained to us, quite patiently, what he meant. His technique involved mastering a gaggle of unruly hexadecimals, but it worked and the project leapt forward.

Our major difficulty now was the unreliability and slowness of storing on tape. Every session we were losing fifteen minutes as the programme was loaded or saved. It was very time consuming. We needed a good fairy and a magic wand to speed things up. We got Mrs. Reeve and a disc drive, which was really just as good.

The map was now finished. The second part of the programme had to be written. I worked hard to make a flow chart, a program plan, which I produced with a flourish for the group to assess. Under their steely gaze it lasted about thirty seconds. Nobody came out with it directly but the message was clear. I was to take another sheet of paper, go away and do it again. I did so and armed with the new flow chart we stumbled on.

Our progress to date has been encouraging. We have a map, a title page, with a manic canal engineer waving his arms in a rather threatening fashion, the shell of the main programme and a list in gaudy colours of the contributors to the project. (This the group wrote with remarkable alacrity before any other part of the programme was produced.) There is however much yet to do and new problems still cropping up. As we struggle on, we are mindful of John Taylor himself, the canal pioneer. He thought he would finish in a handful of months. It took him seventeen years.

K.J.D.

Team members; S.Dustan, J.Hutchins, A.Jones,  
W.Lawther, M.Roberts, S.Smith.

#### FOURTH YEAR ACTIVITIES WEEK

During the week of July 1st to 5th, many different activities were available to the members of the fourth year who wished to take advantage of them.

In the morning of Monday July 1st there was a very interesting careers talk by Mr. Williams from the College of Further Education. Immediately following this, there was a talk outlining careers in the Royal Navy by the Plymouth R.N. Careers Officer. Whilst these were taking place, a group of twelve boys visited the magistrates court.

In the afternoon, Mr. Gant gave a talk on Dartmoor which lasted for about one hour. Also during the afternoon Mr. Mason led a squad of boys off for an enduring afternoon playing squash at Fort Stanford, and twenty boys visited the Royal Naval base at the Dockyard.

On Tuesday there was a road safety talk, which many people attended, unless they were otherwise occupied in working parties or excursions, such as the visit to the paper converting factory. There were three activities during the afternoon; more squash, a visit for another twenty boys to the Royal Navy base at the Dockyard, and sixteen boys visited the china clay works at Cornwood.

Wednesday commenced with a first aid lecture by Mr. Jane, followed by a talk by Mr. Dicks, who was representing Farleys. Again there was squash in the afternoon, also visits to the C.F.E. to look around the catering department, organised by Mr. Ashen, and a party went swimming and golfing in Central Park.

On Thursday, fifteen boys went hiking on Dartmoor all day, and a party of thirty visited the dockyard museum. There were two career talks in the afternoon.

A few unfortunate people were unable to make a choice, as they were commendered by Mr. Farrow for rehearsals for the Jersey exchange. Others were involved in helping with stationery, tidying up book cupboards, moving furniture and gardening. Mrs. Pishneshin allowed some to decorate the Art Room, and others indulged in clerical and administrative work with Mr. Borbon. Other members of staff were also grateful for a variety of help in their departments.

Thanks must go to Mr. Jones for organising the week and Mr. Borbon for allowing us to have an interesting and enjoyable week.

R.Pointer 4N

#### SAMARITANS APPEAL

This year six members of the Lower Sixth helped to collect money for this cause between 29th April and 7th May. They collected money both around their homes and in the town centre.

The total collected was £107, which was much appreciated by Mr.N.Carter who organised the appeal. Particular thanks were expressed to M.Bartlett who collected £33.66.

Mark Bartlett L6B

## WHAT IS A FLOWER-HUMANITY ?

We lie encompassed in earth,  
Our minds nourished by the soil;  
The soil, our teachers, imparting knowledge  
As we rise slowly upward, not of our  
Inclination, but since Nature demands it.

Society demands we starve other seeds of life  
Crush them, feed off them, to continue our growth  
Protected, selfish, safe in our intellect, we grow  
Idly thinking for some of us there is a place  
In the world where we can blossom !

Employment can be ours as we break out of the soil  
Into life, seeking our share of the air.  
The money we earn, the status we command,  
The rank we reach—Society judges us on our strengths

We, the weeds

D. McCallum L6A

## HISTORY OF THE WORLD (ABRIDGED)

Once upon an unfortunate time, there was a hairy thing called man. Along with him there was a hairier thing called animal. Man had a larger brain which caused him to believe he was superior to animals.

Some men believed they were superior to men. They became leader men. Leader man said, "We do not need to work. We shall kill the animals to eat." So they did.

Man flourished. Animals diminished. Eventually leader men said, "There are not enough animals left to eat. We must grow our food." So man grew food.

Now the only animals man had not destroyed were small ones, like rabbits and mice, and these little creatures were caught eating man's crops. "These animals are a pest. They must die."

In China they killed all the sparrows. In Australia they killed all the rabbits. Everywhere man killed wild life. Soon there was none. Leader men said "At last! We are free of pests."

Man's numbers increased. The world became full of men. They all had to sleep standing up. One day a leader man saw a creature eating his crops. This creature was called starving people.

"This creature is a pest!" said leader man...

B.J. Humphries

## DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

### RUGBY CLUB

The club had a much better season in 1984/85, winning twenty-one matches, with three drawn and thirteen lost. The major disappointment was being knocked out of the Lockie Cup in the first round after drawing with Tavistock.

The double was achieved over Jesters, Teignmouth II, St. Columba, Victoria, Plymouth Civil Service, Kingsbridge and the School. Wins were also achieved against Marjons, Newton Abbot II, Paignton II, Plymouth Albion United (44-0), Plymouth Polytechnic, R.N.E.C. Manadon and Southampton University Old Boys.

The move to Plymouth Cricket Club as the after-match base has proved a wise one and amongst the clubs we were able to entertain this year was Briton Ferry from South Wales. Dave Ferguson's retirement did not last too long and he was instrumental in setting up a 2nd XV. This was a successful venture and is yet another example of how the committee is looking to the long term interests of the club. Players leaving the school will be more welcome than ever. Brian Sherrell in his first year as club secretary and John Hawkins as treasurer served the club well and it our loss that promotion is taking John to Bristol. Also Bristol-bound with his job is Charlie Evans who proved to be a most able captain. We shall also be losing the services of Dave Morgan, who has been an outstanding forward for some fifteen years. These departures will leave gaps which will be hard to fill.

The annual tour was back on the familiar ground of London after three successive visits abroad. A pleasant weekend was complete when England won the Calcutta Cup at Twickenham, by the skin of their teeth. Next year's tour is likely to be to Paris. Training will again be at school on Thursday evenings.

### PLYMOUTH BRANCH

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The past year has been another very quiet one with no significant activity having taken place. Attempts will be made in the Autumn of 1985 to arrange one or two social events to see if support is forthcoming. The Association continues to act as a clearing house for correspondence from former pupils and a number of Old Boys have been into school to talk to sixth formers about careers. Alan Porter was very pleased to attend the 25th Anniversary Dinner of the Bath & Bristol Branch and passed on our congratulations.

Geoff Simpson

### O.B.A.PERSONAL NOTES.

John ELLIOTT, West Devon Area Librarian, was pictured in the local press speaking to Henry WHITFELD, former head of English, about the display of a poem in the Central Library.



Bruce FAIRGRIEVE and Gary LOVELL both played in the Plymouth Albion side that defeated Exeter University to win the Devon Cup for the third successive year.

Mark HARPER, having graduated from Nottingham University with a degree in Spanish, went to teach English in Spain.

David HARRIS, who graduated with an upper second in Business Studies at Hatfield Polytechnic, obtained a job in management accountancy with British Gas.

Sir Austin PEARCE, chairman of British Aerospace, was in the city to talk about the privatisation of his company.

Brian POOLE, former head of Physics, died in October. He will be remembered with affection by countless Old Boys who were taught by him during his thirty-three years at the school.

Nicholas POWLESLAND, now studying at the Guildhall School of Music in London, was awarded the prestigious William B. Gibson Award for the outstanding young musician in West Devon.

Ian ROBERTSON has just completed his first season as secretary of the Plymouth and District Rugby Combination.

As optimistically predicted in last year's magazine, Brian SHERRELL and his wife now have a son, Darren.

Christopher SMERDON, having graduated in Spanish from Liverpool University, is now serving in the Royal Navy, currently in the Caribbean.

Kenneth SPARROW, former senior science master, has died. He will particularly be remembered by those who were at school during the period of evacuation to Penzance where he ran one of the hostels. Later in his career, he became Headmaster of Trelawney Secondary Modern and Honicknowle Secondary Modern.

Martin TAYLOR, having graduated from Exeter University, played some rugby for the Old Boys team but is still looking for a job.

Richard WIDGER is still playing cricket for Plymouth along with Jed DOUCE.



Toast by Andrew Deacon to "The School" at 25th Anniversary Dinner.

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The branch remains in good heart and we have indeed increased our membership this year. The celebration of the 25th anniversary of the formation of the branch turned out to be all that we had expected. In all fifty three members and their wives and guests supported the occasion and when one adds to this the eight members who through one reason or another were unable to be present, we have every reason to look forward to some successful years ahead. We were supported by members as far and wide as Plymouth and the old London Branch. To list them would take up too much space but it was pleasing to have with us Murray Widdecombe and Ken Drummond who were instrumental in forming the branch in 1960 and also Mrs. Nesta Cresswell. We remember the support and encouragement given by Dr. Cresswell over so many years.

We were of course pleased that Mr. and Mrs. Peck were able to be with us this year and to hear about the academic, sporting and social successes of the school. The Headmaster pointed out that education is at present in a topsy turvey era but as Ken Drummond said in his response to a toast - D.H.S. has a great survival instinct.

Henry Whitfeld gave the company an update on the position regarding the history of D.H.S. which he is writing and he will be looking very shortly for expressions of support to enable publication to proceed. I commend it to all.

Finally I should be delighted to hear from any newcomers moving into this area or anywhere within striking distance of Bath.

Des Cory

#### CALLING ALL OLD BOYS

My history of our School is now nearing completion and by September I shall be starting to approach publishers with a view to publication. Obviously the history has limited appeal - to Old Boys and educationalists. Professor John Lawlor, who has already approached two well-known publishers, has advised me to compile a list of at least 2000 Old Boys who would like to be informed when the price of the book is known, so that they could buy a copy if the price is within their financial reach. The larger the list of subscribers, the lower the price of the book is likely to be!

I would be most grateful if all Old Boys who read this appeal would please send me their names and addresses and the names and addresses of other Old Boys known to them.

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