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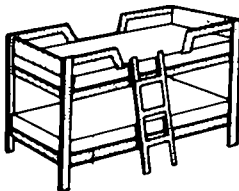
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EDITORIAL.

Following the success of last year's magazine, we have adopted the same format for this publication, once again calling on the resourcefulness of the editors to do the ground-work themselves. I would like to thank all the parents and friends of the school who have made this venture possible, by providing typing and badly needed advice. The saving to the school has been tremendous, releasing money for other worthwhile projects.

With finance playing such a vital role in school life these days, I am pleased to report that the school mini-bus is now in full use, providing a great saving in transport costs, and being of enormous benefit to the school. Such expeditions as Geography field trips, particularly the recent one to France, and the transporting of equipment for the Ten Tors have been extremely valuable, as has been the transporting of school teams to local and national competitions.

Having already established computing, during the last school year, these facilities have been extended. Also, a full Technology laboratory has now been installed and equipped, once again with the aid of parents and friends of the school, enabling Technology to be offered as a new 'A' level subject.

During the last academic year, we were grateful for the assistance of Mrs. Peacock (Geography and English), and Mr. Regan (Mathematics), who helped us over a very difficult period. However, we welcomed Mrs. Pishneshin, as Head of Art, Mr. Griffith to teach History, Mr. Mason to teach Mathematics and Miss Johnston to teach Geography, Mathematics and Computing. We were also pleased that Mrs. Dart returned to the English department and that M. Denis Guiot joined us as a French Assistant.

LEN PENGELLY.

The whole school was deeply shocked at the end of the Spring term by the sudden death of Len Pengelly. He joined D.H.S. on 18th September 1967, as assistant caretaker, and in September 1973, he was appointed senior caretaker. Not only did he ensure that the school was cared for and well looked after but he always rose to the occasion for the numerous evening activities and gave invaluable help in all the major events staged by the parents. Often thoughtful for the well-being of others his concern and service will be sadly missed.



SPEECH DAY

Speech Day proved to be, once again, a great success in improving the reputation of the school. The Headmaster's speech outlined the successes of the school in the many fields in which it participates, as well as the year's appointments and departures.

The musical items, which allowed Mr. Farrow's musicians to demonstrate their considerable skills, were received enthusiastically by the audience. The prize giving passed without any problems, under the watchful guidance of Mr. Evans and Mr. Osborne. The evening was presided over by the Lord Mayor, and an interesting and informative speech was given by Mr. T.M. Barclay, the guest speaker, Managing Director of Fine Tubes Ltd.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

When speaking to ex-pupils of the school, I have often heard the refrain, "Do you know where so-and-so is now?" The answer is invariably "No", so it seemed that the school magazine may be able to help Old Boys re-establish contacts.

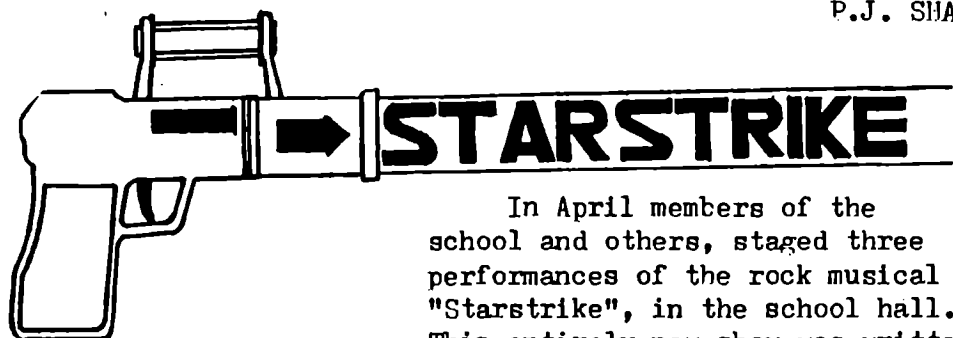
Recently, we received two letters from Old Boys who wished to contact former friends again. The first was from Paul Wood who left the school in 1981, and is now living in Nottingham. He is offering accomodation to any member of the sixth form who wishes to go and look around the University, or has an interview in the area. He would also like to contact any members of his year group, particularly Owen Williams. Paul's address can be obtained through myself, (Mrs. Shaw) or Mr. Attewell.

We also received some information about Brandon Cook,

1973 - 1980, who last year obtained an upper second B.Sc., Honours degree from Trent Polytechnic. Again contact can be made through school.

Hopefully, we will have more information next year.

P.J. SHAW



In April members of the school and others, staged three performances of the rock musical "Starstrike", in the school hall. This entirely new show was written and composed by Nick Powlesland of the middle-sixth, and enjoyed the success of its predecessors

"Smike" and the "Dracula Spectacula".

The humerous plot tied in well with some great songs played excellently by members of the school group "Press here to open". Many members of the cast from "Dracula" again featured in this new production. Neil Williams was as evil as ever in the part of Valkan, the tyrannical ruler of Planet Odagon. Andy Milligan portrayed the astronaut Jan with heroic gusto, ably supported by Carina Powlesland and Jason Phillips as the other members of the crew. Kathy Adamson's singing in the part of Nita, the beautiful damsel in distress, was widely appreciated. Alison Goodworth and Simon Tremblett played a couple of oppressed inhabitants of Odagon with vivid humour. The rest of the inhabitants and Valkan's evil servants were played by the highly proficient chorus, aided by Steven Mack's interpretation of the senile butler, Bently.

An enormous amount of hard work was put in by all concerned, but Nick must again be praised for his role as producer. In this capacity he was helped by the enduring duo of Messrs. Burrows and Farrow. John Irvine livened up rehearsals with his amazing ability to play all the parts better than the actors. Thanks must be given to Mr. Gibson and his lighting crews and to Fiona Moore for her work on the costumes.

Nick Powlesland has created a tremendously entertaining show and all concerned were astounded by his professionalism and musical ability.

J. COYLE 55

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THEATRE WORKSHOP - ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN ANARCHIST.

On the third of May, a party of Devonport High sixth-formers assembled outside the Theatre Royal for a theatre workshop, being performed in connection with Dario Fo's farce, "The Accidental Death of an Anarchist". The morning consisted of an illustrated history of politics and comedy in the theatre, with the cast acting out short scenes from a number of plays, ranging from early Greek drama to the "ADOA", which was written in 1970. There was also a chance to see a scene being performed and directed on a first reading.

In the afternoon we saw a production of the "ADOA", a play written by Fo after an anarchist 'fell' from a fourth-floor window in police custody, being questioned in connection with a series of bomb explosions in Milan. The day was both interesting and educational, and thanks must go to Mr. Griffith and the box-office staff for arranging a very enjoyable day.

A. LYNCH L6E

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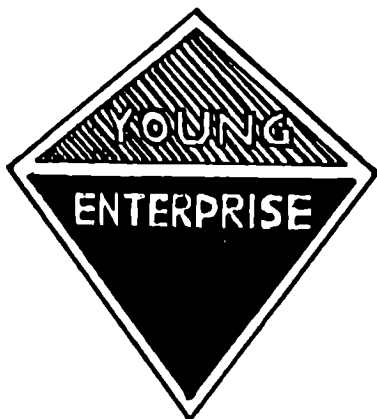
As you may have heard, the National Express Coach Company are producing reduced travel permits which may be sold to all full time sixth-formers and students over the age of 17. The cards cost £2.90 each and a passport sized photograph is needed before the card can be issued. The permits enable the holder to travel on all National Express coach routes at a $\frac{1}{3}$ reduction off the normal price for a year, ideal for sixth-formers wishing to visit universities. It is worth mentioning that for every card sold £1 is donated to school funds, so your support in this venture would be much appreciated.

M. PAYNE L6A

THE SCHOOL BANK.

Under the helpful guidance of Mr. Clarke the school has established a branch of the Midland Bank operated by sixth-formers during lunch-hours. This provides invaluable experience for the organisers and an opportunity for junior boys to make regular savings. The bank offers deposit accounts, and current accounts for sixth-formers. We are fortunate that co-operation between Mr. Peck and "the Midland" has allowed us to pioneer the current account system in the School Bank; it promises to be a great success.

P. KELLAND



YOUNG ENTERPRISE - TUBULAR ENTERPRISES.

It was back in September 1983 that thirty lower sixth formers from our school and from Devonport High School for Girls met in the canteen of the Fine Tubes Ltd. factory at Estover. Here we were introduced to our advisers and the Young Enterprise Scheme.

In the following two weeks the company's management team was elected, a name chosen for the company and products selected.

Capital was raised by selling shares in the company at 25p a share, £109 was raised thus. This amount proved to be far more than was actually necessary.

Following the rejection of impractical proposals for products the company, "Tubular Enterprises" eventually settled on cuddly elephants as its primary product and pens as a subsidiary product. After a few weeks pen production was stopped due to technical problems and the production of a novel design of ear-ring was begun.

In February of this year the company enjoyed a highly successful and profitable participation in the Dingle's Trade Fair. Also in February there was a change of management and a presentation of the management's reports was given at the interim meeting of the shareholders.

The company underwent a voluntary liquidation in May and having sold everything that it produced was able to present its shareholders with a 54% dividend.

The Young Enterprise Scheme provides a valuable and enjoyable experience, one which I would recommend to all who have the opportunity to participate in the scheme.

Finally on behalf of all the company's members I would like to thank Fine Tubes for their sponsorship and continued interest in Young Enterprise. I would also like to thank Mr. Attewell for his role as organiser within the scheme.

A. HOSKING L6E

PORTWOOD PRODUCTS - A YOUNG ENTERPRISE CO.

After a rather uncertain start in September 1983, Portwood Products, a Young Enterprise Company run by Lower Sixth Form pupils from Devonport High for Boys and Girls, secured sponsorship from Becton Dickinson Vacutainer Systems and under the capable management of Gary Baker, stepped out into the business world.

We began by producing door plaques, furry toys and necklaces, however we encountered many production problems and were unable to report a profit to our shareholders at our February interim.

A new board was then elected and the production of plaques and toys continued, and the new products, "Georges" - a small furry creature - and mathematical puzzles, began.

After going through a very lean period the company were able to report a £5 profit at the final shareholders meeting in May, and award a dividend of 1p per share.

I am confident that all those who took part in the project learnt something about business life and themselves, and would like to thank Mr. Attewell and Becton Dickinson for making it all possible, it was an invaluable experience.

M. SHAPTEL L6F, SECOND MANAGING DIRECTOR

OXFORD TRIP.

As usual, a small group of prospective Oxford candidates were given the chance to visit the university last June. Led by the peripatetic Mr. Evans we were first taken to Lincoln College where the admission tutor, Mr. Gardiner, gave a short talk on the university's tutorial system. This was followed by a lunch kindly provided by the College, when we were able to try out the ancient custom of walking across the tables. Then we were put in the hands of a group of undergraduates who gave us a quick guided tour, taking in the common rooms and accommodation, finishing of course in the bar. The afternoon was taken up paying visits to different colleges to meet tutors in our various subjects.

We eventually made it back to the station, opinions ranging from those who fell in love with the place at first sight, to "No way am I going there". Whatever the case, everybody seemed to think the trip was well worthwhile.

S. BEALE

THE OXBRIDGE CONFERENCE.

At the end of March, the school paid host to potential Oxford and Cambridge candidates from a wide range of schools.

Speakers included Mr. S. Gardiner, B.C.L. Tutor for Admissions, Lincoln College, Oxford, Dr. A.G. Tristram, M.A. PhD, Tutor for Admissions, Churchill College, Cambridge, and a selection of undergraduates from the Plymouth area.

It proved to be a most informative and enjoyable day, giving us all an insight into what life is really like at both establishments, and on behalf of all those present I should like to thank the Head, Mr. Evans and our guests for helping make the conference such a success. M. SHAPTER

DEBATING SOCIETY.

CHAIRPERSONS: G. BELL, DHS
C. HEALY, SDHS

Once again the debating society followed the same informal procedure as in previous years, and this did on the whole prove to be successful. However certain members often forgot how to make the most of the debates and turned then from a forum for expressing one's opinions in a dignified manner to a slanging match in which their one objective was to humiliate anyone who disagreed with them. Let's hope that in future the aesthetic pleasures gained from pure debating can be experienced by all and not ruined by a few.

The first debate, designed to attract as many new members as possible from the two participating schools was along the lines of - "Is a woman's place in the home?" As more girls went to this debate the motion was narrowly overuled. Even so it was a very interesting debate which brought to light a lot of surprising facts.

Other memorable debates included themes such as sex before marriage, smoking in public places, video nasties, nuclear energy and blood sports. The last on this list attracted about 40 or more people. Unfortunately some of the political topics caused attendance to dwindle to about 10 members.

The proposed combining of Stoke Damerel High School with Sutton High School in the Autumn term 1984, will cause some problems with organisation but hopefully the debating society will benefit from the increase in numbers.

Finally I would personally like to thank Cathy Healy for running things at the other end! CHAIRMAN: G. BELL

PARIS VISIT 1984.

At 4p.m. on Wednesday, March 28th the coach party of fifty set out for Paris, arriving at Portsmouth at about 10p.m. After a long wait we finally managed to board the ferry and set sail for France. The crossing was calm for the time of year and most managed to obtain a few hours sleep.

The trip from Le Harve to Paris took about three hours and we then got caught in a Parisian traffic jam. After that the journey became much more pleasant and quiet. A murmur of excitement rose from the younger years as they spied a poster of "Les Smurfs".

As our time in Paris was limited, the driver could not stop at every famous landmark but we saw most of them. More traffic was encountered, particularly around the Arc de Triomphe. Many unwisely took photos through the coach windows, some using up their film before stopping at the Eiffel Tower where we had time to go up this incredible monument. As we made our way down to the tower from the Chaillot Palace and Trocadero we were often stopped by traders whose English vocabulary could not have exceeded ten words. The prices in Paris were high and this was true of the Eiffel Tower too. It was about four pounds to go to the very top, a little too much for some. A few athletic people like myself walked up to the first stage for only 35 pence.

The party then proceeded along the Seine to the cathedral of Notre Dame where we spent lunchtime. Notre Dame itself was splendid though intermittent rain interrupted the taking of photographs. It was busy inside, the cathedral being lit by candles. Some managed to climb the hundreds of stairs to the top from where the view was superb. Our next stop was at the Pompidou Centre for an hour. It is an unusual building with a library, art gallery and exhibition halls inside. Outside, street artists performed for the crowds in a variety of ways against the backdrop of this controversial piece of architecture.

Time was now running out with a final view of Paris we reluctantly rejoined the motorway and sped to the cafe somewhere in France where we were to have our three course dinner. It was certainly well appreciated and even gave the impression of being cooked. After this we returned to Le Havre and boarded the ferry. The crossing was uneventful for the most part. A film was shown in the

cinema and this helped many to doze off for a few hours at least. Soon we were back in England and a happy sing-song started in the back of the coach. All in all, the trip was very enjoyable.

Our thanks must go again to Mr. Simpson, without whom the visit would not have been possible, and Messrs. Jones, Southern, Watson and Dr. Phillips for their extraordinarily good behaviour.

J. HEATH 4W

UNDER 15s RUGBY TRIP TO FRANCE.

After completing another very successful school season, we learnt of an invitation from a school in Brittany, The College de Trignac, to visit them and play several matches against their team.

The arrangements were made by Dr. Jenkins and their French master, M Pipaud. Our first major obstacle was not the series of matches itself however, but actually arriving in France. On the day of our departure, the Plymouth dock-workers were striking, and so we had to travel to Portsmouth in order to catch the ferry to St. Malo. A scheduled crossing of nine hours turned out to be a fifteen hour crossing, in a force ten gale, and was the last thing most of us wanted to face before our matches. We eventually arrived at our destination a day late.

The next day we played our first two games, overcoming Trignac and another school, the College de la Baule, 16=0 and 24-0 respectively. During the afternoon, we visited the sights of Brittany including the salt pans and the port of St. Malo. The day was rounded off with a visit to the restaurant of a local hypermarket.

The next morning was spent at the College de Trignac itself, and after being exposed to the gastronomic delights of a French school dinner, we continued our sight-seeing with a visit to the port of St. Nazaire, and the Second World War submarine pens. The day ended with our final match, again against Trignac, in a floodlit stadium, and in front of an enthusiastic crowd. We narrowly won, 4-0, and the final get-together for the teams was an after-match wine-tasting buffet, enjoyed by some more than others, at which we were presented with our tour medallions. The next day we left for home, thankfully with a much steadier ferry.

Two months later, towards the end of March, the French visited us. Their tour involved sight-seeing, such as a trip to Morwellham, and a couple of matches against us and King's Tamerton. After falling behind, we overcame them

and won 38-9. Due to injuries, six of our players were used by them in their second match to overcome King's Tamerton 18-14.

On behalf of the Under-15s, I would like to say thank you to Dr. Jenkins for making the necessary arrangements.

P. LIDIARD 4S

THE LOWER SIXTH GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO BRITTANY.

The lower VI Geography set left Plymouth on 4th June, heading for Roscoff, Brittany to study settlement patterns. The crossing was uneventful and on arriving at the campsite the tents were set up, and a meal cooked. The party then settled down for a quiet night.

Our settlement studies were in two parts, urban and rural. A day was spent at Quimper, where we saw a developing city, growing due to the new industrial estates. At Benodet there was evidence of a thriving tourist industry.

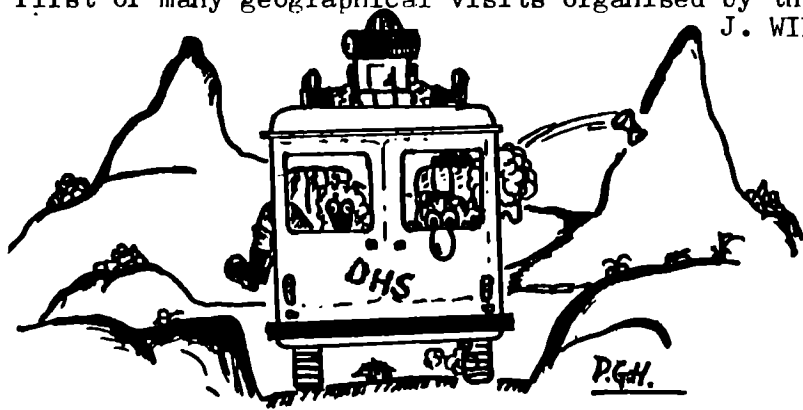
On the second day, a study was made of villages in the area of the Monts d'Arree Nuclear Power Station. It is an area of rural depopulation and decline, where the young people are moving away in search of greater opportunities.

However, it was not all work. Visits were made to Huelgoat and the Euromarche at Morlaix, the local delicacies were sampled by all, and language difficulties overcome.

The group returned to Plymouth early on June 7th, very tired, but all had enjoyed themselves.

Finally, many thanks must go to Messrs. Sandercock and Hayman for organising the trip, and eating all the excess food we had brought. Hopefully this will be the first of many geographical visits organised by the school.

J. WILLIAMS 16B



THE PONT L'ABBE EXCHANGE.

On a fine morning at the end of March last year, a group of boys and girls from a school in Brittany, arrived on the 6.30 a.m. ferry from Roscoff to herald the start of the seventh exchange between the Ecole Mixte Notre-Dame-des-Carmes in Pont L'Abbe and DHS for boys and Stoke Damerel schools.

The French pupils greatly enjoyed their twelve day visit, the few linguistic problems being solved by the faithful French-English dictionary, and they left much enlightened about the English way of life.

Three and a half months later, the return visit was started by a smooth channel crossing, but there was a long wait at the ferry terminal in Roscoff since the coach which was to take us to Pont L'Abbe was not there. However, most members of the party did not complain at the delay and the coach did finally turn up to transport us south, and upon our arrival we were quickly taken home by our French hosts. Over the next few days we were shown much of the surrounding area, ate some of the delicious French food, windsurfed on and swam in the warm waters of Southern Brittany and altogether learnt a lot.

Through this enjoyable and beneficial exchange, we all gained a greater insight into the French people and their language and thanks must go to Messrs. Greenhalgh and Beswetherick.

LOWER SIXTH BIOLOGY DAY TRIP TO PAIGNTON ZOO.

In early February the lower sixth biology set embarked on a mini-bus for Paignton Zoo. The purpose of this trip was to attend a day course on evolution.

Upon arrival (an hour late), our flagging spirits were revitalized by hot coffee. We then entered into a series of short lectures dealing with various aspects of evolution. Following this, we toured the aviary in the hot winter sun, and were welcomed by a parrot.

After lunch, we attended another lecture on the evolution of rodents, which illustrated the theory of conversive evolution. We were then let loose to roam the zoo at our leisure. After a brief encounter with a chimpanzee which hurled various items in our general direction, and other interesting adventures, we returned to the mini-bus to head for home.

The thanks of the whole set must go to Dr. Jenkins who arranged the visit and returned us in one piece. S. COLLINS 16



TEN TORS 1984.

On the 11th May, after light refreshment, the lower sixth 55 mile Ten Tors team, merrily joined the other two teams in the now famed school mini-bus. Doc P. revved her up, and we were off. Having briefly stopped to relieve ourselves at Tavistock, we arrived, slightly worse for wear, at Okehampton Army camp.

Back Row: S. Gillard,
G. Ollerearnshaw
Front Row: P. Harris,
S. Hall, C. Toy,
C. Deacon.

Tents were erected and our invaluable team manager became a welcome source of amusement in the hour preceeding 'scrutineering'. This is the process where

certain members of the teams try to convince officials that they have equipment which they haven't. Following this, us veteran walkers had to view the same extremely dull film on the do's and don'ts on the moor, whilst younger members of the teams found some aspects rather amusing.

In the evening, after the sixth formers obligatory meal of thirty hamburgers, two packets of 'DIY' popcorn, and numerous NAAFI beverages, a game which involved the 55 milers, a large chunk of earth and several masocistic fourth formers, was developed. And then to beddy-byes.....

Just before 4.30 in the morning, the curfew was broken by two dozen Irishmen playing bagpipes and marching around the camp. After a quick breakfast, 2400 people wearing silly hats, and even sillier jackets, set off boldly where they never hope to go again.

Herr Adolf Ridges' team completed their 45 mile route with ease, as did the 35 mile team. The 55 mile team, due to our superior stamina and walking ability, strolled around as usual, and successfully became the first school team to complete all three routes with every member.

As always our thanks go to (lick, lick, snivel, scrape) Mr. 'Sherps' Southern and Dr. Phillips. Both who have been of enormous help in providing transport and simultaneous abuse at the escapades of the 55 mile team.

Thanx!

P. HARRIS & C. DEACON

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, CIRENCESTER.

I went to Cirencester Agricultural College during the Easter break to attend a course called 'Careers in the Countryside', initially to find out more about how agriculture is studied and what career opportunities are available.

The college itself is a mixture of early 19th and late 20th century buildings containing single and shared accomodation with excellent study facilities.

The Faculty also has two farms; one which is owned by the college, and one which is on a free-loan until 1997. These are of two-fold advantage to the college in that they provide practical examples for the college students and also that they provide the college with extra income.

The course turned out to be more informative than I expected. Not only was farming or agriculture discussed, but also careers in such things as land management, market gardening, landscape gardening and forestry. Information on these included how the course is studied and what the long-term prospects are.

Apart from a poor outlook, there were other major drawbacks for people who live in a city and have no or very few links with agriculture and its associated jobs. For example, if I wanted to become a farmer and own my own business, I would have to complete at least one year's practical experience on a farm to qualify to enter an agricultural college or university such as this. After completing this successfully, along with the 3 or 4 years studying, it is recommended that I work on a farm for a further 5-10 years to become fully acquainted with the job.

So, after nearly 15 years, I am ideally qualified to acquire my own farm. All I need now is a spare million pounds, to buy a farm of reasonable size and its equipment. This sum of money could be borroed, but at interest rates of between 13-15% it hardly seems worth it. My conclusion is, to own your own farm, you have to be born into farming.

There are other jobs on a farm, such as 'farm-manager', and the salary might be £15000 a year, with less training, but there are no holidays, no leisuretime, no over-time and the hours of work are long and awkward.

The conditions are much the same for a forester, game-keeper or land-manager. To succees in one of these jobs, you must be the outdoor type, (in sun and rain), dedicated, and nor mind working for the rest of your life, day-in, day-out.

D. DIFATTISTA L6F

IV YEAR PERSONAL EDUCATION WEEK.

This was an experiment for the fourth year to introduce them to a variety of experiences. Mr. Borbon organised and co-ordinated the activities, as well as providing working parties around the school.

Lectures were provided during the mornings on such subjects as courses in higher education, road safety, management, careers, first aid and Dartmoor, whilst the afternoon was given over to more adventurous pursuits such as squash and water skiing and visits to the Naval base, Farley's and W.B.B.

This was a most valuable week, with the boys gaining experience in many areas, and the school buildings and grounds having a real face-lift.

Many thanks must go to all those who gave up their time to help in this venture. P.J. SHAW

V YEAR WORK EXPERIENCE.

As in the past, the end of the summer term provided a stepping-stone towards independence in the world of business and commerce.

From a preference choice of six different occupations, Mr. Clarke kindly arranged for a week to be spent at each of three differing establishments within those requests. Occupations covered a wide spectrum with such opposites as accountancy and Forestry/gardening with the National Trust, hospital work and journalism.

Whilst some jobs were as anticipated, others proved completely different to expectations, but this is a marvellous opportunity to try a chosen career prior to any commitments, and cannot be too strongly recommended.

On behalf of the fifth year, I would like to express gratitude to Mr. Clarke for his organisation and other members of staff for helping with visits to ensure we - and the companies - were all right. J. ROBINSON 5S

LOWER SIXTH ACTIVITIES WEEK.

At the end of the Summer Term, the Lower Sixth embarked upon various activities which were, in general, new to them.

Enthusiastic English students travelled to Stratford to see an excellent production by the Royal Shakespeare Company of "Richard III". Meanwhile, another group was starting out on their exhausting 2-day Dartmoor expedition.

After the weekend break, the annual gathering of

potential 'Chris Bonningtons' and those with a death-wish took place, for the ascent of the Dewerstone. At the same time, another group were experiencing the pains and pleasures of horse-riding.

For those of a sporting nature, squash and tennis coaching was available, as well as the chance to play 5-a-side football. The traditional London trip was also arranged, in which participants were able to visit various places of interest, including the Houses of Parliament and the Stock Exchange. Also on offer was a day of training in the up and coming sport of windsurfing, as well as a more relaxed day of golf at Yelverton.

Thanks must go to Mr. Southern for organising the week, and to all other members of staff who supervised any of the enjoyable activities.

C. DEACON, R. BROWN

THE LIBRARY.

In the last fifteen months or so, the main school library has seen various changes, all of which have been long overdue. Firstly, the free-standing bookcases, which cut out so much light in the room, have been removed, so that all bookcases are now against the wall; this allows much more room for manoeuvre, as well as giving the library a much more spacious appearance. Secondly, since the number of bookcases was reduced and our book capacity thus cut, we had to cull the book stock itself. All books which were out of date, in a poor state of repair or had not been used for over ten years were removed; this has had the effect of considerably brightening the look of the shelves and given us room to add sparkling, new stock.

Another important change has been the re-arrangement of the books on the shelves, so that they now run in the Dewey order, thus facilitating the location and reshelving of books. We have given some care to labelling the library for ease of use and there are main labels for the ten major Dewey divisions, together with the most important subject labels. This labelling will also be applied to the Middle School Library and the Ferraro Library.

Next year, the major undertaking will be the re-cataloguing of the main library, since the 'current' one is in a state of complete disarray as a result of years of misuse.

The smaller collections in the smaller libraries are continuing to grow, despite losses of books from various causes and both are popular with their respective users.

Thanks are due to all the boys who have helped in the library: their delight in sanding down and revarnishing all the shelving in the Main Library was a pleasure to see. Without their help in all aspects of library work, none of our major changes could have been achieved. With their continued help, our three libraries will continue to provide a valuable resource to the school. J. BESWETHERICK

197 (DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL) ATC.

The school squadron has and is continuing to maintain the cadet strength needed to enable it to enter the full spectrum of ATC activities.

Last year the squadron attended camp at R.A.F. Brize Norton where activities comprised visits to sections of the station during a normal working day, shooting, exercises and sports, as well as opportunities for flights in Chipmunk, VC 10 and the new BAE 146 aircraft. The squadron was also fortunate to have one cadet attending a camp at R.A.F. Catow in Berlin, and another in Gibraltar. More recently two N.C.O.'s have visited the R.A.F. College at Cranwell.

Over the past year the squadron cadets have been able to make the most of opportunities to shoot, at Tregantle, and fly, at Exeter. More specifically one cadet attended the inter-services shooting competition held at Bisley, and another has recently embarked on a glider pilot course.

The squadron, as ever, has acquitted itself well in Wing representation for sports, with two senior cadets placed in the soccer squad, and innumerable cadets being placed in the junior soccer and rugby squads. Two others have also recently participated in a Wing pentathlon at H.M.S. Raleigh.

Last July the squadron visited Greenham Common for the air display and hope to follow with another successful trip to the Farnborough display this year.

The construction of the squadron's flight simulator has at last been completed, and the simulator has now become a great attraction on Friday Nights with several 'flights' and an exercise in Air Traffic Control having already been undertaken by Cadets.

Two of the squadron's most senior members, CWO Pollock and CWO Potts, have recently joined the R.A.F., as a technician and in supply respectively. The staffing strength has recently been boosted by the well deserved promotion of Mr. Rimes to Pilot Officer.

This year has proved to be another successful year for 197 Squadron, with one cadet being awarded an R.A.F. Flying and Sixth Form Scholarship, in a national competition, and another being awarded a place on the International Air Cadet Exchange, visiting Canada for sixteen days, as the Wings representative. Both are squadron firsts.

Thanks are due to our Commanding Officer, Flight Lieutenant Reid, Flight Lieutenant Marshall and Pilot Officer Rimes. Without their collective enthusiasm, the squadron would not be able to function.

If this glimpse of ATC life creates any interest in you, then why not come along to the squadron H.Q. on a Friday night, or speak to one of the cadets and I'm sure you will be able to appreciate the activities and benefits the ATC has to offer. CDT. SGT'S TUNNICLIFFE and SAMPSON

THE JERSEY TRIP.

The musical exchange with the pupils from De la Salle College in Jersey has become an annual event and I am pleased to report its resounding success, yet again, this year.

After waiting for the arrival of their coach for a considerable time, we greeted familiar faces from previous years and new faces among the junior contingent from the college.

The following day saw the first leg of the so called 'International' football match which resulted in a victory for D.H.S., 2-1.

On Friday the two bands and combined choir had an all day rehearsal for the concert that evening. This was well supported and successful, the audience were particularly impressed by the fluency in performance of the combined fifty piece band and the massed choir.

On Sunday, following the visit to Exeter by members of both parties on the previous day, we boarded the ferry at Weymouth to St. Helier, arriving at our destination that evening.

Our trip to Jersey was made all the more enjoyable by the continued fine weather which persisted throughout our stay, apart from the occasional light shower.

Many of our junior boys went for a day trip to France on a hydrofoil and this was enjoyed by all of them.

Last but not least, the second concert proved to be very popular with the Island's inhabitants and due to this, there is no doubt that the exchange will be repeated in a

year's time.

Thanks must go to Dr. Jenkins and Mr. Jones who supervised the trip and to Mr. Farrow who was responsible for the overall organisation including the all important musical side of the exchange.

J. COYLE 5S

PHYSICSMOCKY.

'Twas Thursday, and unwilling males
Did amble slowly to their fate;
All nervous, biting at their nails,
Attempting to be late.

'Beware the Physics Mock, my son!
The problems that are heaven sent!
Beware the Parallax and shun
The oil drop experiment! '

He took his old text book in hand:
Long time the formulae he sought-
So rested by the ripple tank,
And stood a while in thought.

And when the time had passed for thought,
The Physics Mock, with questions tough,
Was sat by candidates distraught,
Who soon had had enough!

One, two! One, two! and through and through
The marking pen, the curse of red!
Marked on and on, all hope was gone
Or so the teacher said.

And hast thou passed the Physics Mock!
Come to my arms, my worthy boy!
O wondrous day! Hooray! Hooray!
He chortled in his joy.

'Twas Thursday, and unwilling males
Did amble slowly to their fate;
All nervous, biting at their nails,
Attempting to be late.

(With apologies to Lewis Carroll)

R.N.M. STITSON 5N



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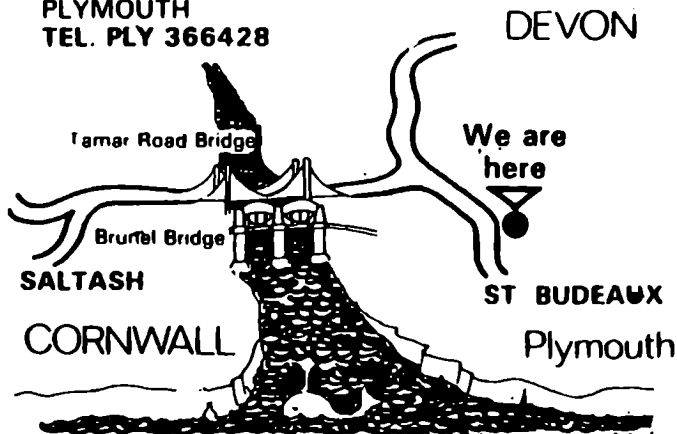


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RUGBY REPORTS - SEASON 1983/4.

The 1st XV, under the captaincy of Gary Bell, had a season of mixed fortunes. The first half of the season included an unbeaten run of nine games, including victories over the three Public Schools, Kelly, Shebbear and West Buckland Colleges in successive weeks. Also, closer to home, we once again defeated St. Boniface and Plymouth Albion. Our best result however, was a draw with Blundell's College. This was the first success against this College by our school.

Our early successes were due to our enthusiasm and undoubtedly the mobility of the pack coupled with the slickness of the backs. The back row of Rich Price, Jocky Swiggs and Adrian Cameron was superior to that of any of our opponents.

Then, however, came the Devon Cup in which we had made ourselves favourites. For our first match versus Kingsbridge we prepared well, with Mr. Evans helping out. Unfortunately, the game did not go according to plan and we failed to take our chances, resulting in a narrow defeat. After this loss the turnouts at practices dwindled and once more the training was left to the willing Mr. Southern.

The whole season faltered after our sudden cup exit and many of our earlier victories resulted in defeats in the return matches except for the last game of the season, when we returned to form and reversed our previous defeat by Totnes Colts into an emphatic victory.

The "sevens" team of Gary Bell, Spence Glazier, Alistair Sharpe, John Williams, Andy Larbalestier, Alex Ashen, Adrian Cameron and Stephen Palmer continued the successes of last year by retaining the Shebbear Invitation Sevens and reaching the semi-finals of the Devon Sevens. What a pity the enthusiasm shown at these competitions was not present in the fifteen-a-side team.

Once more we must extend our thanks to Mr. Southern who stood by us even through the difficult latter part of the season. Let's hope that next year the Devon Cup can be regained both for ourselves and the school but especially for Mr. Southern who puts in so much time and effort.

1st XV - P 22: W 11: D 1: L 10: F 328: A 241.

The 2nd XV suffered from not having a coach and an acute injury crisis towards the latter part of the season. However, enthusiasm never dwindled and although losses outnumbered wins, a full team was put out throughout the season.

2nd XV - P 12: W 3: D 0: L 9: F 90: A 302.

The Under 15's record speaks for itself. They remained unbeaten throughout the season, including a stiff but enjoyable tour of France, which was, undoubtedly, the highlight of their season. Their success was due to the excellent coaching of Mr. Burrows and the abundance of natural talent in this year. In particular A. Pringle, D. Scholfield and A. Ashen are names to look out for in the forthcoming seasons.

Under 15 - P 20: W 20: D 0: L 0: F 525: A 102.

The Under 14 team also had an extremely successful season with many easy victories, their few losses being closely fought encounters. Our thanks must go to Dr. Phillips for running this team so successfully.

Under 14 - P 14: W 10: D 0: L 4: F 351: A 161.

After a few early defeats, the Under 13 team, under the guidance of Mr. Griffith, showed great character in coming back with some fine wins in the middle of the season. This can be seen as a very satisfactory start to Mr. Griffith's rugby coaching career.

Under 13 - P 10: W 4: D 0: L 6: F 150: A 140.

Even though the Under 12's had relatively few games the influence of Messrs Moon and Bowden could be seen to great effect. Strong depth was once again shown in this year group and many fine victories were recorded.

Under 12 - A Team - P 7: W 4: D 1: L 2: F 68: A 36.

Under 12 - B Team - P 3: W 2: D 0: L 1: F 54: A 16.

SOCCER REPORT - SEASON 1983/4.

1st XI.

The school 1st XI enjoyed its most successful season for three years. With a settled squad of twelve, Mr. Hayman was consistently able to field a strong side. This was underlined by the 1st XI achieving 3rd place in the Devon Schools' League, although some disappointing draws during Scorey's absence prevented us taking runners-up spot.

P 10: W 5: D 3: L 2: F 25: A 20.

The Cup saw the school again reach the semi-finals before falling to National-Cup winners Torquay Grammar School in a close game. Good performances by Bowhay in such matches ensured his selection for Devon in the E.S.F.A. Soccer Festival and the South West final against Hampshire. With several of the squad still in the L6th, we must look forward with confidence to next year under new captain, M. Sampson.

P 20: W 10: D 5: L 5: F 58: A 44.



Back Row: P. Jordan, S. Clarke, C. Toy, S. Aindow,
C. Swiggs, D. Vicary, M. Bates.

Front Row: Mr. G. Hayman, K. Pearn, J. Rowhay, N. Scorey,
M. Sampson, Mr. T. Evans.

2nd XI.

Thanks to the organisation of captain M. Shapter, the 2nd XI had a full fixture list this year. Although they could only win three times, they always performed creditably. The games were never short of goals, with C. Williams the top scorer.

P 9: W 3: D 1: L 5: F 25: A 30.

U15.

Under the guidance of Messrs. Hamill and Beswetherick the U15 side had an unhappy start to the season. They enjoyed more success in the Spring under the captaincy of M. Pring and we must hope these players will strive for 1st XI places next year.

P 9: W 3: D 1: L 5: F 17: A 18.

U14.

Mr. Skinner's U14 team again proved to be the best in Plymouth. The team, led by Smith, won the league without being defeated - an excellent achievement. Weekly training sessions meant considerable improvement in individuals, resulting in Toms and Manhire being selected for Devon and Wilmott representing Plymouth.

P 10: W 5: D 5: L 0: F 29: A 12.

U 13.

After the return from injury of their captain, D. Ildstone, the fortunes of Mr. Sandercock's U13 XI improved considerably. They finished the Spring term undefeated. Williams was the top scorer, ably assisted by Pimley. This team must be confident of success next year.

P 8: W 4: D 2: L 2: F 20: A 17.

U12.

Nigel Scorey saw to the formation of the U12 team, holding weekly sessions. Although they lost their only match, there is a sound base for the future, with Garner and Casey showing great promise.

S. CLARKE

SENIOR BASKETBALL.

Another successful year saw the school cadet team retain the Plymouth & District League, winning ten out of twelve matches. The team had great expectations at the start of the year, having already won the league previously with a comparatively young side, so even our two defeats came as a disappointment.

Not only did the senior team in the school do well as a whole, but there were also some good individual performances. A. Woon and G. Haley played for Plymouth together with T. Manhire who also represented the South West. The youngest member of the team, R. Manhire of the third year, has already played for England in his age group, so the team shows outstanding potential.

However, our good record is not a true reflection of the contest to win the league. That result depended on the last game of the season, with the school needing to play well to finish as champions. Things did not go at all to plan with a vital member of the team being fouled off after only the first half and it was eventually left to star-shooter G. Haley to show his worth again by producing possibly the performance of the year.

So after success this season, the school cadet team looks forward to next year when we will travel to France on a proposed tour and enter the England Schools Competition as well as the Plymouth U19 League.

As ever, we offer our most grateful thanks to Mr. Moon for his help and R. Hodges who often scored for the team.

Re-award full colours: S. Aindow, A. Woon, T. Manhire.

New Award: G. Haley.

Re-award half colours: J. Smith.

New award: G. Baker, S. Palmer, M. Freeman, A. Wyeth.

S. AINDOW, Captain



Back Row: T. Manhire, D. Godfrey, S. Palmer, A. Woon,
J. Smith, A. Wyeth.

Front Row: Mr. M. Moon, R. Manhire, M. Croton, S. Aindow,
G. Baker, M. Freeman, Mr. T. Evans.

U15 BASKETBALL.

The team enjoyed a very successful season, suffering no defeats in winning the league, and also gaining the School's Cup.

The cup success was made all the more pleasing by the fact that the school had never before managed to win the competition at under fifteen level.

The team's success can be owed to the enthusiasm of the squad, and the coaching of Mr. Hayman. M. BICKFORD 4S



The enthusiasm and determination that have been developing over the last few years bore fruit this year with the club having its most successful season ever.

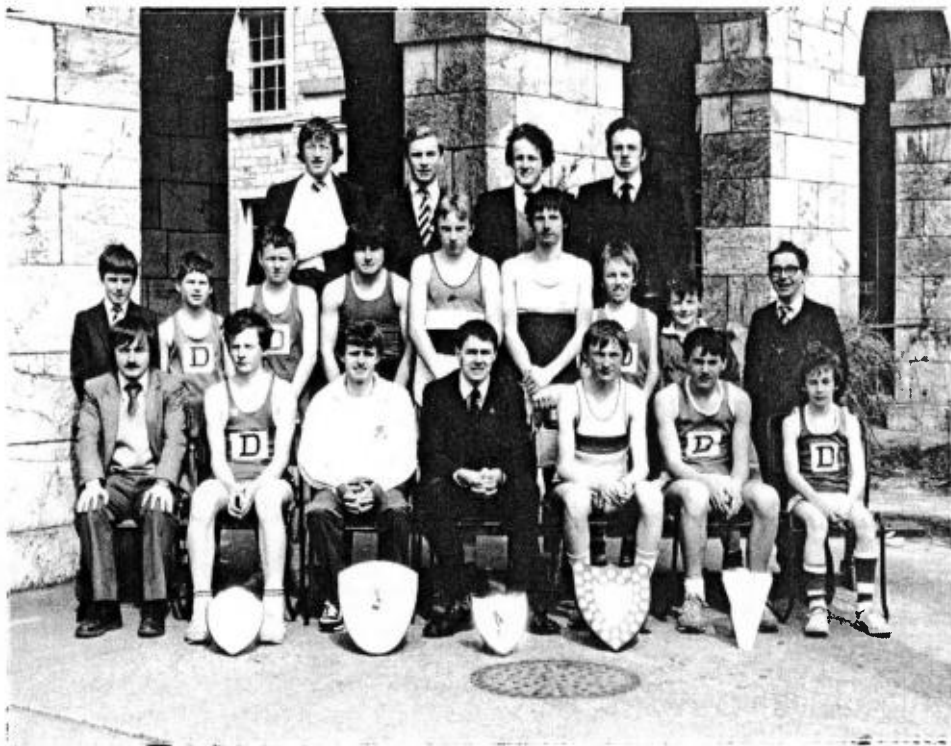
CROSS COUNTRY

The Senior team won the Plymouth Schools Championships for the third year in succession, despite losing several talented runners at the end of last year. The Senior team also won the Championships as well as the League and whilst the Intermediate team were not quite able to match this success, their second place in the League ensured that we again won the overall League trophy.

However, the greatest achievement was in the English Schools Cup, where the Intermediate team (3rd and 4th years) again reached the Regional Semi-final, whilst the Junior team (1st and 2nd years) went one better, becoming the first Devon team to reach the National Finals.

Individual successes also outstripped those of previous years, with six boys representing Plymouth Schools and two, Daniel Rudge and Tim Hewson, going on to represent Devon in the National Schools Championships. Following these Championships Tim Hewson was selected to represent England, and this again was a first, not only for the School but for Devon.

J. SKINNER



CROSS COUNTRY SQUADS.

SCHOOL BADMINTON REPORT.

For the first time in many years the senior badminton team failed to play a match, hopefully this will be remedied next season. However the under sixteen team had a very eventful year.

The school team came second in the annual Devon School's under sixteen team tournament, the first event of the season held at Ivybridge. Also at Ivybridge the school teamed up with Devonport High for Girls, this partnership won its final fairly convincingly to become Devon mixed team champions.

The school also entered a new National team competition, winning its way through to the quarter-finals for the South of England. For the quarter-finals the team had to travel to Essex to play the pre-tournament favourites whom they had been drawn against. The opposing team, Torre's School, with their three English Internationals whitewashed our school team seven games to

nil. Despite this we enjoyed ourselves immensely and gained valuable experience from the trip.

Notable individual performances by members of the school were also achieved. D. McCallum won the Plymouth Under 16 doubles tournament and the Devon Under 18 doubles. I myself won the Plymouth Under 18 singles title, the Devon Under 16 singles, doubles and mixed, the Devon Under 15 doubles and mixed and the Cornwall Invitation Singles Tournament. I was also runner-up in the South West Counties Under 15 singles and because of successes this season I was selected for the English National Under 15 training squad. Both D. McCallum and myself were selected for the Devon Schools Under 16 squad and represented Devon.

I would like to thank D. McCallum, M. Smith, C. Stone and R. Manhire for playing for the school team. Also on behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Smith for his guidance of the team's efforts throughout the season.

A.J. PIPE 4N

HOUSE REPORTS. GRENVILLE.

This was a highly successful campaign for Grenville who for most of the year managed to maintain a narrow lead in the St. Levan Shield championship. It is well known that Drake seem to have a monopoly on the athletics so our slender advantage never really looked enough to bring overall victory. Indeed, despite the efforts of Haley, our captain, we came third in the athletics, losing second place by just one point to Gilbert. The whole house must look to its efforts on standards next year if the position is to be improved.

In the cross country we swept the board, Wiltshire leading the seniors and Petherick the juniors. Schofield captained the junior rugby and soccer sides who finished first and third respectively. With the senior rugby team under Pearson's guidance coming third, we won that event overall and Bowhay led the senior soccer team to the winners final where they were narrowly defeated. In chess we shared the overall victory with Drake after Moreschi and his senior team had beaten all other houses and the juniors under Cook's captaincy had come a rather disappointing third.

The dominance of our seniors in the basketball was unfortunately counterbalanced by a dismal junior performance. The music team with Irvine conducting affairs triumphed in a very good competition and it is is tribute

to Bell's organisation that probably the weakest team in the swimming gala came third. Despite Wiltshire's pains the badminton team met with little success.

With Reddaway and Williams to the fore, the welcome re-introduction of cricket to the championship saw our strong senior team winning by West Indian margins. So in the end, David Hill can look back on a most satisfactory year as house captain in which Grenville came second in the championship.

G.K.S

RALEIGH HOUSE.

Looking over the events of the past year it is obvious that Raleigh House has had its ups and downs. For example, the Senior Rugby did very well, but when it came to the Senior Cricket only five players made themselves available. The house spirit is good and we have plenty of keen members in the lower school which promises well for the future.

Many thanks to the members of the senior school who helped in the running of house affairs, with special mention to Alistair Sharpe, House Captain, and Geoff Aspinall for his help with the House Athletics.

J.L. SOUTHERN

GILBERT HOUSE.

This has been a good year for Gilbert, especially now that the previous imbalance in the number of sixth formers has been reduced.

By far our greatest success this year has been in coming second in the inter-house athletics. This was greatly helped by the effort everyone put into standards this year which are always the most important part of the sports, and which carry the bulk of the points.

Outstanding individuals at the sports include Richard Manhire who broke the 200m record, equalled the 100m record, whilst winning the U14 cup on the way, and Tim Hewson who ran away with the 1500m and 800m in near record times in the senior events.

Gilbert also took second place this year in the swimming sports, but were let down by the absence of junior competitors. Gilbert's outstanding swimmer was Stephen Blake who won both the Freestyle and Senior cups, whilst breaking a record in the Senior Breaststroke. I am pleased to say that Gilbert has become very strong as far as swimming is concerned and whilst we have an excellent

senior team, it is pleasing to see some promising juniors emerging.

Other house successes include the badminton and cross-country, whilst good efforts were made in both the chess, the juniors winning their section, and the cricket.

From these firm foundations, Gilbert hope to launch a concerted attack on the seemingly impregnable Drake, next year, once again, under the guidance of Mr. Smith, whom the house would like to thank for his endeavours over the past year.

N. RAVEN

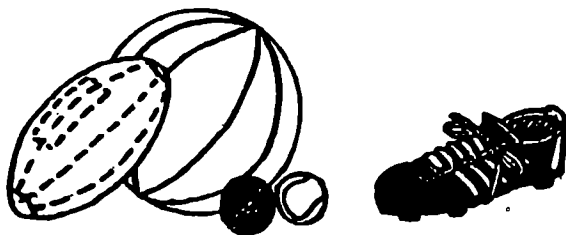
DRAKE HOUSE.

Under the leadership of Clive Swiggs, Drake House had yet another prize-winning campaign. Organisation throughout the year-groups proved the vital factor so that full squads turned out for every competition, to enable most of the teams to compete in winners' finals.

Urged on by House Master Mr. Clarke, Drake again showed that even without outstanding individuals, competitions can be won with consistency. The organisation of the other Houses sadly lags behind and they can perhaps learn a lesson in that even without the support of Mr. Clarke on Sports Day, Drake still managed to win comfortably.

We also won the football competition and swimming gala and were runners-up in the rugby, basketball and cricket. So the credit for this successful year must go to the separate team captains but especially to the Drake House Captain Clive Swiggs who worked hard to ensure that we retained the St. Levan's Shield. We therefore look forward with optimism to next year, when we will compete for a prize which has only once slipped from our grasp in the last ten years.

S. AINDOW L6C



D.H.S. OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION.

Plymouth Branch.

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I. Robertson, D.H. Searle, E.W.R. Warn.

The past year has seen no major activity on the part of the Association. It has served the useful function of being a clearing house for correspondence but most of the social events have been centred on the rugby club. Alan Porter is now based back in Plymouth and it is to be hoped that our branch will escape from the doldrums of the last couple of years. Any old boy who is keen to join the committee and contribute new ideas will be made most welcome.

GEOFF SIMPSON

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Our branch, which in fact spreads its wings beyond the immediate Bath & Bristol area, continues to flourish. Support ranges from Ron Cory at Swanage to Gordon Pike at Exmouth, Dudley Thomas temporarily at Plymouth, George Bryant at Taunton and Jimmy Lawrence at Weston-Super-Mare. We were delighted that five new members joined us - namely Andrew Deacon, Shaun Glanville, Kevin Tull, Steven Lynch and Symon Brewer, all of whom joined Bath University last year.

The "old" oldies were pleased to welcome Andrew at our annual dinner which was held on 10th May. It was indeed a most congenial affair; thoroughly enjoyed by members and their wives and representatives from Plymouth. We were sorry that Mr. & Mrs. Peck could not be with us because Mr. Peck had not recovered sufficiently from his operation but we hope that by the time these notes are published he will be fully fit again and we wish him well. However, the assembled company noted with pleasure the report on the school provided by Mr. Peck and read by Eric Warn covering its academic and sporting successes and future plans.

Unfortunately it was not possible for Alan Porter and Pam to be with us this year and the Plymouth branch was represented by Henry Whitfield who was accompanied by his wife Marjorie. He certainly treated us to a witty and light hearted speech. I give due warning to all interested that next year will be the 25th anniversary of the formation of this branch and we hope for a bumper attendance. We have already set a probable date of Friday 10th May.

We noted with sincere regret that Ernie Truscott, who resided at Great Broughton in Cumbria but always kept in touch with us, died just before Christmas 1983. Our condolences to his wife Peggy not only from this branch but I am sure from all who knew him and our good wishes to Peggy for her future.

Finally may I send some words of encouragement to Old Boys at Plymouth. Organisations wax and wane and there are such gains to be obtained from friendships which span the years. Let us hope that the Plymouth branch will once again blossom.

DES CORY

Rugby Club.

The 1983-84 season was a disappointing one with 15 matches being won, 2 drawn and 16 lost. An exit from the Lockie Cup was made in the first round and at one point the team went three and a half months without a win. It was inevitably going to be a season of transition with several established players no longer available because of injury or old age. Dave Ferguson decided to retire at Christmas after well over twenty years playing for the club. Most of this time was spent as a dedicated secretary to the team and although he remained in the post nominally to the end of the season, his day to day involvement was sorely missed. Fortunately the alarm bells, such as two cancellations through failure to raise a side, have been heeded and new committee men have been brought in so that the club now looks set to recover the situation. Brian Sherrell is the new secretary, John Hawkins takes over as treasurer and Charlie Evans succeeds Dave Morgan as captain. Geoff Simpson continues as fixture secretary, a serious knee injury having ended his playing career, and Ian Robertson is the team secretary.

There were some good moments last season and the double was achieved against the School, O.P.O.'s and Teignmouth II. Victories also came against Salcombe,

St. Columba, Devonport Services Pilgrims, Newton Abbot II, Brixham II, Marjons, Kingsbridge and R.N.F.C. Manadon.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the year was the visit to Paris to see England's match against France in what turned out to be one of the most spectacular displays of international rugby for many years. The English supporters managed to restore most of the goodwill sacrificed by the soccer thugs a few days previously and at the end of the weekend the "entente" was decidedly "cordiale" with the French having visions of a grand slam that was not to be.

Next season the training sessions will again be at the school on Thursday evenings and new players will be more welcome than ever. It is to be hoped that players will display a greater commitment to both training and making themselves available on a regular basis for matches which is nothing less than the committee deserves.

GEOFF SIMPSON

O.B.A. Personal Notes.

Richard BAKER and David TINNEY feature on the back of the Western Evening Herald as successful members of the Port of Plymouth swimming association.

Terry BLEE, 55, has been appointed an assistant director in the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Going from a Dockyard apprenticeship to work as an engineer in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, he then worked at the Plymouth "B" power station before joining the N.S.P.C.C. in 1958. He now lives in Northamptonshire with his wife Nancy.

Aircraftman Kevin BUCKINGHAM received the best recruit award at the R.A.F. School of Recruit Training, Swinderby, Lincolnshire. He proceeded to R.A.F. Newton for air force police training. He was previously a constable with the Metropolitan Police and also worked for three years for the Post Office.

William BUTTON has retired as headmaster of Burrington School.

Lt. Cdr. Robert EVANS became a Member of the Fifth Class of the Royal Victorian Order in the 1983 Queen's Birthday Honours. He went to B.R.N.C. Dartmouth, was a member of the Queen's Flight and has now taken up a post at Portland.

Paul GALWAS, a former head boy, has married. His wife is employed at Clare College, Cambridge where Paul gained a Ph.D.

Donald HAMLEY has been invested as an officer in the

Order of St. John. He has been at the Consulate General in Jerusalem since 1980 and has close connections with the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital.

Mark HARPER has gained an upper second class honours degree in French and Spanish at Nottingham University. His Spanish Language papers were awarded the highest marks.

Peter HARRIS is now well towards finishing two years in Java, Indonesia with Voluntary Service Overseas. Peter, who has a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Cambridge University is helping to install, service and repair rice drying machinery.

Edgar LITTLEJOHNS died in July 1983. He was 73. For 48 years he was the talented and dedicated conductor of the Plymouth Clarion Choir and his contribution to the city's musical life was considerable.

Gary LOVELL, seemingly coming to the end of his playing days with Plymouth Albion, featured in the evening paper recalling the school match where he totally outplayed John Scott, the current England captain, who was then at Exeter College. Bruce FAIRGRIEVE and Tony FROWDE are still playing at Beacon Park.

Adrian LUNDSTROM, 24, is a probationary medical technician at the Royal Naval Hospital in Stonehouse. He lives with his wife Sarah at Beacon Park.

Edward Paul MANLEY is now working in the Midlands. As a Kitchener scholar at Durham University he won a prize for Geography and obtained his BSc. He went on to study soil science at the University of Guelph, Ontario in Canada. He gained a distinction in his MSc degree.

Brad McSTRAVICK had the distinction of representing Great Britain at both the Winter and Summer Olympic Games being selected as a member of the four-man bobsleigh squad and in athletics for the decathlon.

Brian MILLS, 47, was one of three key leaders organising Billy Graham's Mission England. Brian entered full-time Christian work after a period in banking in Yorkshire.

Ian MOLLARD has been prominent in Plymouth basketball circles playing in the National League for Glucodin Raiders.

Peter REED has obtained entry to Sandhurst as part of their graduate entry scheme, initially on a 5-year commission.

Tim ROPER has joined the Bermuda Police Force after three years with the Wiltshire Constabulary.

Michael SAUNDERS in his capacity as president of the

Port of Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce was pleased to meet up with Captain John WARE, director of music of the Royal Marine Band. They had not met for over twenty years since leaving school.

Brian SHERRILL and his wife Ruth should be proud parents by the time these notes appear.

Geoff SIMPSON has been elected Honorary Secretary of the Devon Rugby Football Union, a post held in past years by Eric WARM, now a life member of the Devon committee along with another former teacher at the school, namely Gwyn NICHOLAS.

David TOMANEY has realised his ambition and joined the R.A.F. after working as a bank clerk. Having completed officer training at R.A.F. Cranwell, he now goes as a Pilot Officer to R.A.F. Shawbury to further his training for a career in air traffic control.

Karl WERNHAM has successfully completed Part B of the final exams of the Law Society.

Jonathan WOOD has gained a PhD in social history at Warwick University. He had previously obtained a B.A. at University College, London and an M.A., also at Warwick.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS.

Dungeons and Dragons is a popular fantasy role-playing game suitable for anyone over the age of eleven years.

To begin, each player creates his or her characters whose vital statistics are determined by the rolling of dice. The characters then go on a quest during which they usually enter a castle, temple, dungeon or other building in which they contend with magic, traps and monsters such as dragons, hindering their progress. A character's fate is dependant on the luck of the dice and his or her governing player's common sense.

The person who informs the players when they have encountered something is called the dungeon master or D.M. The D.M. may create his own dungeon as an alternative to purchasing one and is able to expand the game with a little imagination.

Previous exponents of dungeons and dragons still continue to play and knowledge of the game has proved useful to at least one Old Boy in his career.

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BAR B-Q.

At Mothecombe private beach on Saturday 7th July, approximately 200 people attended our Bar B-Q. The event, in aid of P.T.A. funds, was organised by Mr. and Mrs. Lidstone who manfully cooked mountains of beefburgers and sausages.

The music provided for atmosphere was punctuated by shrieks from the not-so-intrepid bathers and was eventually abandoned in preference to a football match. Sides were divided between the young 'uns and the rest and only darkness forced a draw.

Very many thanks to all who helped make this a very enjoyable event in the P.T.A. social calendar, raising £108 for their funds.

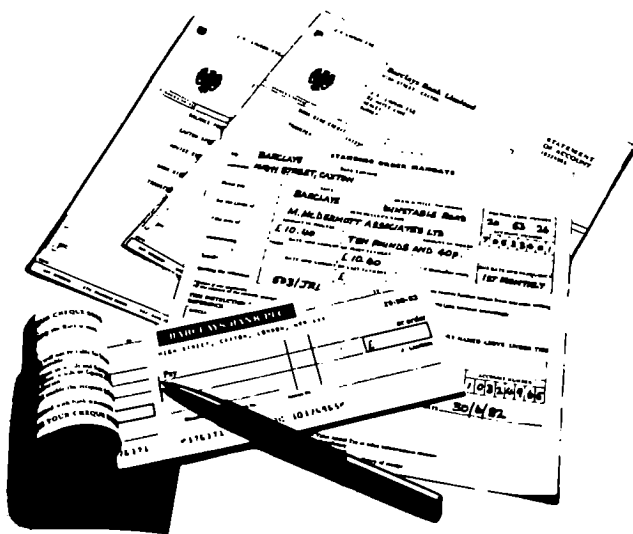
SCHOOL FETE.

This year's fete was held on Sunday 15th July and was once again organised by the Parent Teacher Association. A wide range of events were staged, with many stalls and demonstrations. A skin care exhibition was held in the Lecture Theatre, providing interest for the female contingent, whilst the gentlemen were absorbed in the M.G. car display.

The afternoon's events included a Punch and Judy show which enthralled the younger element, and an inter-form tug-of-war. The latter got off to an hilarious start when the rope broke on the first pull! 1S were eventually declared the victors of this contest.

The fete raised about £1,100 for P.T.A. funds and once again, thanks to all those who helped organise this both profitable and highly entertaining event.

The editorial staff would like to thank all the typists who helped with the first copies and Mr. Pipe for advice and guidance. Our special thanks go to Mrs. Robinson for all her help and care with the final presentation of the magazine.



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