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## ***Editorial***

### **STATUS (QUO) SYMBOLS**

Our school was standing before we were born, and will be standing long after it has "killed" us: consequently it has assumed an aura of immutability, which is hard to reconcile with the now-fashionable displays of student politics. It is hard to believe that, only a few months ago, barricades were erected in our school drive, and red flags were boldly displayed. This time it was only the tarmac being renewed—next time . . . who knows? The signs are there, the writing is on the wall (between "Ché Lives!" and Marc Bolan).

One wonders, however, why ours appears to be the first generation of "skoolkids" to desire such drastic intervention in the government of educational establishments since the time when the militia had to quell a riot in Eton (of all places!)—an event which shattered the comparative calm of the Napoleonic Wars. Can it be that the present "establishment" should be congratulated on being the first that has provided a genuine education for the developing minds entrusted to its delicate care, and not reprimanded for fostering "arrogant juvenile wastrels"? This question is often ignored—not wholly reprehensibly as this problem is one that tends to go away if left alone, (examination results permitting) and this is the chief explanation for the survival of the "status quo ante". The disappearance of the turbulent elements also accounts for the continued (though often maligned) form of this magazine.

# **School Notes**

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At the beginning of the year, we welcomed Mr. Borbon who joined the Mathematics Department, Mr. Lowe who came for a year to teach Chemistry, Mrs. Morgan who rejoined the Geography and Geology Department and Monsieur Desroches who came as our French Assistant. Mr. Lowe has left us to take a teaching diploma at Exeter University and Monsieur Desroches is returning to the University of Avignon to continue his English studies. Both take with them our good wishes.

With much regret, we take our leave this summer of Mr. David Smith of the French/Spanish Department and Mr. John Collenette of the Physics Department, both of whom are moving to more senior posts. Mr. Smith, who joined the Staff in 1958, is leaving to become Head of Modern Languages at Devonport High School for Girls. His quiet dedication to his work has earned him the respect of Staff and boys alike and we shall all miss him greatly, none more than the members of the Transport Club and 3rd XV, both of which he looked after so enthusiastically for many years. Mr. Collenette, who came in 1960, is leaving to become Head of the Physics Department at Price's School, Fareham. He, too, has contributed immensely to the life of the School with his lively and efficient teaching, and his involvement in the Sailing and Tennis Clubs. We thank them both for all they have done and wish them well in their new posts. Our good wishes go also with Mr. Attewell who bids us a temporary farewell to take a Degree course in Careers and Vocational Guidance at Bangor University.

Sadness at the impending departure of such valued members of the Staff was intensified by the deaths this year of Mr. Tamblin, Mr. Austin and Mr. Brooks. Tributes to all three follow these notes and show all too clearly what a tremendous loss the School and the O.B.A. have suffered. Their contributions to the School, in so many ways, are beyond price.

Sincere congratulations to the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Attewell on the birth of their daughter, Claire.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowden on the birth of their son, Matthew.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton on the birth of their son, Robert.

Mr. and Mrs. Collenette on the birth of their son, Ian.

Mr. and Mrs. Moon on the birth of their daughter, Lisa.

Mr. and Mrs. Wroath on the birth of their daughter, Kathryn.

Mr. and Mrs. Farrow on the birth of their daughter.

and to the rapidly increasing number of grandparents on the Staff.

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## **Mr. W. J. Tamblin**

All who knew Mr. Wilfred James Tamblin were grieved to learn that he had died at his home at Yelverton, after thirty-one years on the Staff of this School. He was in his sixty-fifth year and had planned to retire at the end of August. He was obviously not well during the Spring term but, with characteristic devotion to duty, he continued to come to School to the very end of term. During the Easter holidays, his condition deteriorated rapidly and the end came on 19th May 1972.

Mr. Tamblin was an Old Boy of the School, where he was a prominent member of the Soccer XI. He left in 1926 to go to the then University College of the South West at Exeter; there, in 1929, he was awarded an Honours degree in geography. He later obtained the London University M.Sc. by external examination. After teaching for twelve years in Birmingham and Plymouth, he was appointed to this School in 1941. In the following year, he joined the Royal Navy and became an Instructor-Lieutenant. He returned to the School in 1946 as Senior Geography master and at once set his mark on the School. He organized the specialist Geography room, with its great collection of maps and slides. He initiated the teaching of Economics and Geology up to "A" Level. Hundreds of Old Boys must be grateful to Mr. Tamblin for his thoroughness, his patience, his wisdom and his great abilities as a teacher. This School has never been better served by anyone; the Staff never had a more helpful or kindly colleague.

Outside the School, Mr. Tamblin served on the local committee of the National Trust; he was a founder-member of the committee of the Spastics Society; he was an examiner in geography to the University of London and, for many years, the Treasurer of the Old Boys Association.

The whole School offers its sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Tamblin and to her daughter, Jean.

## **Mr. C. F. Austin**

Tex Austin, though small in stature, was a giant in personality. Like many of his Staff-Room contemporaries, he enriched the life of our school by bringing to his teaching a unique and colourful personality, insisting on being true to himself, regardless of pressures by headmasters to make him conform.

Coming soon after the first World War, he fought with dogged courage to introduce changes into the life of the D.H.S. He came to

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us from a tough London school and for the slightest misdemeanour there was immediate, summary and swingeing correction. One learnt to avoid a second encounter! But his lessons were radically different—he tried to make them interesting, he actually told jokes and in his more benign moments he called some boys by their Christian names. Pupils who were finding the going hard even found him sympathetic and firmly encouraging. The change was a little heady but it was much appreciated.

But this was not all: he formed a Scout Troop as an antidote to the sacred Cadet Corps, which he detested, and caused a shuddering ripple to pass along the entire length of the equally sacred School lawn by starting that barbaric sport, rugby. It must not be imagined that such revolutionary innovations were achieved without much bloody in-fighting. But Tex gloried in that!

He had a caustic tongue and no inhibitions about condemning pettiness or bullying or blackmailing techniques when he met them—and he did! Always he found himself defending the weak against the strong, for, behind that apparently tough, abrasive exterior, there was a warm, compassionate heart. In a letter in my possession he says: "Patriotism is not enough, unaccompanied by a liking for murder and the weapons thereof. That is why I was glad to see the Cadets disappear. To see those poor children chasing one another around the school with rifles was enough to turn me into a pacifist." One is not surprised, therefore, that he encouraged Sixth-formers to take an active interest in the work of Toc H and the Y.M.C.A. In a 1936 magazine, some of the Scouts and Dramatic Society are reported as having visited a local hospital. The article is signed "Tx" but only by diligent reading between the lines does one begin to realise that the visit was almost certainly instigated by him. He was a generous man who rejoiced to do good by stealth.

After his retirement, Tex became, like Harry Ferraro, a veritable Mr. Chips. His drive and energy and extrovert socialising, rekindled the life of the London Old Boys. His memory remained excellent and he could usually recall the name of an Old Boy and some anecdotal reminiscence concerning his schooldays. It was the Indian Summer of Tex's career.

But I still like to recall him in full spate, hands gesticulating eloquently, forefinger stabbing, staccato machine-gun coughs punctuating the narrative, eyes twinkling, face alive with expression and the barbed drawling syllables hushing all other conversation in the Staff Room as we paused to savour the experience.

We shall not see his like again.

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## Mr. A. T. Brooks ("Dickie")

In the early days of World War I Dickie Brooks, falsifying his age, joined H.M. Forces. Whilst engaged in entertaining the troops "somewhere in Devon" he and his party were cut off by the tide, reached safety by walking at night through a waist-deep sea, and he contracted rheumatic fever which dangerously affected his heart. He was a very poor insurance risk and was told he might prolong his life, briefly, if he could arrange to live on the East Coast or in London. He and his wife, "Win", moved to London. This must have been in 1917 or thereabouts. In 1972 he died there. For fifty-five years he had drawn a 100 per cent disability pension from the War Office. In business he was associated with Insurance. In private he never ceased to entertain all with whom he came in contact.

My records do not suggest that Dickie's schooldays went back to "Ryder's", so he was an out-and-out D.H.Sian, and kept his ties with the School throughout his life. In 1928, when I left the School, for London, I was asked to get in touch with A. T. Brooks to see if we could resurrect the London Branch of the Old Boys' Association, which Brooks had started some years previously, and which seemed to have died. Contact was made at his then residence, 80 Lewin Road, Streatham, and here I, together with Alan Pike (the present Chairman of the London Branch), Archie Oates, Murray Widdecombe, and others, met this fabulous man. So far as I am concerned this began a friendship which ended only on his death (heart trouble, so the original diagnosis was accurate!), which left me much the poorer, and took away from all his friends and acquaintances a man who was the embodiment of real friendship—who existed in a bursting enthusiastic joy of living which gave pleasure to hundreds of people. In these cynical, materialistic, and dreary days people will raise a questioning eyebrow if I say there was nothing Dickie would not do to help others and make others happy. This was my impression of him and many, many people share that impression.

We restarted the "London Branch" immediately. In no time there were dances in a mysterious basement in Baker Street—always enlivened by a stage show in which the principal girl (usually a pantomime fairy) was Dickie, in white skirts, a falsetto voice, an ability to play the piano and to dance himself to a standstill. In the wings, Dickie, panting and gasping, "It's my ticker—all right in a minute—don't tell Win!"

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In those days about a dozen old boys attended, some with partners, some without. No need to worry, Dickie brought a party of twenty with plenty of surplus girls. They were such happy occasions and the success and happiness was entirely due to the *joie de vivre* and love of living which Dickie brought to them as he did to everything he touched.

The London Branch of the Old Boys' Association never looked back, it naturally suffered a "quiet period" during the Second World War but it has lived since 1928 and is going very strong, and those who remember 80 Lewin Road will agree with me when I say its centre and foundation was Dickie Brooks, and he remained so latterly as President, until his death.

For a short while he lived in Purley but returned to the Streatham area which he loved. He became a Catholic and in no time was organising every function run by his Church, enlivening them with film shows and entertainment of all kinds. He shamed me, and I had been a Catholic much longer than he had, into taking more part in my own Church's affairs. He brought to this side of his life the same enthusiasm he gave to everything and St. Bede's parish in Streatham Hill will terribly miss him.

He had three children—Dr. Ray Brooks, D.Sc., Ph.D., a Research Physicist at St. Thomas' hospital; Peter Brooks, Secretary to the New Zealand Cabinet, and a lovely daughter, Joy, who tells me she is "only" an old housewife and who lives in Dublin. All have children and Dickie's joy and interest in his grandchildren was phenomenal. Ray lived so near to his father that, in no time, a private telephone joined the two houses, and one room in Dickie's house was given over to a complicated and fascinating model electric train layout. I hope this gave pleasure to his grandchildren. I know it gave pleasure to Dickie (and to me).

Of his wife "Win" I can find no words adequately to express my admiration for her serene charm. Serenity was needed to cope with the sort of life Dickie lived—that or madness—and she certainly isn't mad. If you liked Dickie you loved his wife. To her, to her children, and to her grandchildren, I extend—everyone will extend—the deepest sympathy in a very great loss.

I have no authority to speak for others, although I am sure I do. I can speak for those near to me. My wife loved Dickie, my children loved him, and I liked him well enough to want to write this poor tribute to a good friend.

So great a loss to everyone, and their name is legion, who also loved him.

May he rest in peace.

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# House Notes

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## DRAKE

Though our third place, after last year's victory in the St. Levan Shield is, at first sight, disappointing, a glance at the points positions shows how close we were to carrying off the trophy once again. Indeed, had some of our more highly-fancied Junior sides taken their games more seriously, and performed as well as they ought to have done, there can be little doubt that we should have won handsomely.

In the Rugby competition, the powerful Senior side, led by Lovell, came first, but, due to an equally strong Junior team coming third, our overall position was second.

In Soccer the reverse was the case: a talented Senior side, captained by Eden, came fourth, but, thanks to the efforts of the Juniors who came second, we eventually were third overall.

Drake suffered from a lack of good Senior Chess players, and consequently came last in the Senior competition, despite the efforts of the captain, Hodges. The Juniors, however, had an exceptionally strong team and their easy victory nullified the weakness of the Seniors.

We also had few Cross-country runners of any real merit, and the third position we attained, largely through the efforts of the captain, A. Crossley, was by no means a disgrace.

The Speech teams were organised by a group of Seniors, and under their guidance we failed to win the competition by the merest fraction. Had we won the Junior House Plays, instead of coming second, we should have been victorious in both the Speech Contest, and, in turn, the St. Levan Shield.

The third place we gained in the Athletic Sports, in no way a reflection of the great deal of time and effort put in by the captain, Medland, was due to our failure to amass sufficient standard-points rather than to a shortage of talented athletes. Special congratulations are due to M. Prout and S. Hughes who won the under-12 and under-14 individual cups respectively.

We had a shortage of experienced sailors among many other failings, but under the guidance of R. Crossley we reached a respectable third place.

The weather washed-out the Senior Cricket competition, though Drake had reached the final and were expected to be the eventual winners. After an unlooked-for defeat in the first round, a strong Junior side took third position by winning the Losers' Final.

The year's highlight for Drake was victory in the Swimming Sports, a competition the outcome of which was in doubt until the end of the final

event. Congratulations are due to Kirkby for winning the under-13 individual championship, and thanks to Hodges for his fine, brave captaincy.

We thank Mr. Bowden for his interest, guidance and assistance throughout the year, and we look forward to next year when, if we are able to eradicate all traces of the apathy which has begun to appear during the course of the year, we ought to be in a favourable position to win the St. Levian Shield.

J. P., *House Secretary*

## GILBERT

It would be true to say that the school year, 1971-72, has been an *annus mirabilis* for Gilbert, since, for the first time since 1965, the House has won the St. Levian Shield.

The year started on a promising note with Gilbert emerging as winners of the Rugby competition. Both Senior and Junior teams reached the winners' final, the Juniors proving victorious but the Seniors losing to a powerful Drake team. Both Stevenson (Senior Captain) and Dodd (Junior Captain) are to be congratulated.

In the Association Football competition, we finished in second position, largely because of the efforts of our Senior team captained by McShane. The Juniors, captained by Bellamy, tried hard but were defeated in the Losers' Final.

In Athletics, despite the loss through injury of two of our best athletes, Austin and Russell, we finished second. Hobman and Statton deserve credit for their efficient organization of the event and for the fact that the House won the Senior Standards Cup. We congratulate McShane who tied with Bishop for the Victor Ludorum trophy.

Bad weather caused the abandonment of the Senior Cricket competition but the Junior team, ably captained by Roberts, defeated Raleigh in the Winners' Final and so won the Nuttall Cricket trophy.

Our Chess teams, led by Downing and Small, gained a creditable second position, with most of the credit for this going to the Junior team.

In the Swimming Sports, Gilbert finished third, despite the efforts of Downing and Outterside, but some encouraging performances by the Juniors augur well for the future.

Despite the confidence and apparent strength on paper, our Sailing team, captained by Young, finished last.

A splendid performance by our Junior Cross-country team, under Austin's captaincy, put us in a strong position and the Senior team, led by Steward, backed them up by coming second, so enabling the House to share the Cross-country Cup with Raleigh.

In the Speech Contest, despite the strenuous efforts of the organizing committee of Salter, Wood, Russell, Taylor, Hatch and Young, Gilbert came third but this was offset by triumph in the Middle School House Plays. We commend the exceptional diligence of Bolt, Russell and Shute who produced the play, and of Rowe, Stevenson and Casey who acted in it.

Mr. Wayne deserves many thanks for his unstinting devotion to House affairs and doubtless he will consider that he has been amply rewarded by Gilbert's numerous triumphs.

J. V. Wood

## GRENVILLE

Although the House system, at the moment, is not what everyone desires, I am still proud and honoured to write on behalf of Grenville House of the events which we, I know, have contested very keenly. As usual this year, our House started out with modest expectations because we have not been blessed with as much sporting talent as some of the other Houses. Nevertheless, our House has made up for it by fighting and possessing the will to win with the result that, quietly, we have had a successful year in the competitions.

Way back last year, we took part in the House Rugby and came third but, with the little talent that we had, I think that our position was a creditable one. In the match against Gilbert, the will to win was so great in the case of one of our players that he even broke his collar-bone whilst scoring a try!

We had better success in Football thanks again to team spirit which won the Senior tournament for us. We won the final against the odds because we played as a team. Our thanks to Colin Crapnell who pulled the side together when they needed it as well as using his own talent in a great fight for the trophy which came off.

Unfortunately our talented Chess players left us last year and so we had to find young replacements. Although we came last this year, we thank all the players for their efforts and look forward with confidence to the future.

As usual, we excelled in the Sailing Championship and now we have carried off the trophy so many times, it is almost becoming monotonous! Many thanks to all the sailing crew.

Although we fielded a full team, we were not successful in the Cross-country competition, but we are grateful to everyone who took part. The Speech Contest was again, unfortunately, a failure for us but it does not reflect the spirit in the House for this event. The spirit was encouraging but the other Houses were better than we were.

This summer the Cricket Competition fell victim to the weather and the Senior matches were not even completed, while in the Junior contest our lads came an unfortunate last. Better luck next year.

Our Swimming team this year was very well captained by Peter Llewelyn and we were involved in a very exciting finish, coming second to Drake one point behind them. The Athletic Sports were again successful for us and we are indebted to Andy Taberner, our captain, for being so keen and well-organised. A great effort from everyone. Well done! In all we came second in the St. Levan Shield by a short head and, although I am leaving the House, I shall be following its fortunes with great interest in the future.

PETER M. J. ASHPLANT

## RALEIGH

On balance, this past year has not been a great success for Raleigh. Disastrous fourth placings in both the Senior and Junior Rugby competitions, the Swimming Sports and the Athletic Sports, made our fourth placing in the St. Levan Shield competition an inevitability. The Raleigh performance in the Senior Football competition was little better, although a magnificent score was attained in the "Losers" Final against Drake. The year's record is not wholly one of failure, however. In addition to the Speech Contest, Raleigh had two convincing victories in the Senior House Chess and the Cross-country competitions, and gained creditable second places in the Sailing and Junior Cricket competitions. It must be conceded, however, that Raleigh's successes have been virtually confined to those few areas in which a small, but keenly interested, team could hope for success—hence, for example, the success of R. F. Parker and G. C. Searle as Speech captains. M. Williams had a much less enviable task in the organisation of a team for the Swimming Sports.

We thank Mr. Warn for his benevolent supervision, and wish also to thank everyone else who has contributed to the running of the House in the past year.

R. L. RUNNALLS

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## THE ATHLETICS CLUB

Preparations for the Athletics season were taking place early on in the Spring term with the commencement of the standards. The good level of fitness shown by boys of the School produced a high points total with Gilbert house coming out on top, followed by Drake, Grenville and Raleigh respectively.

The season started with part one of the school sports being held at School during which three records were broken and one equalled.

Rain caused the postponement of part two of the sports to the following morning when the programme was completed quickly and efficiently by Mr. Nash. The trophies and certificates were presented at a morning assembly later on in the term by Mrs. Cresswell, the headmaster's wife, and we thank her for agreeing to attend at such short notice. The Relay cup was won by Raleigh house, the Victor-Ludorum shared by Bishop and McShane, and the overall championship shield was won by Grenville house.

On the Saturday between the two parts of the sports, the Devon Public and Grammar Schools Sports took place at Clifton Hill track in Exeter. A strong Senior team was beaten into second place but it shows promise for the forthcoming season.

The following Saturday the Plymouth Championships were held at the Brickfields for the Junior, Intermediate and Senior teams. Good all-

round performances saw the school win the Junior team cup and share the Senior cup with Plymouth College.

Following these major meetings, there were several fixtures catering for all age groups. The School teams finished with a near hundred per cent record of success and noteworthy performances from the Senior team in beating Plymouth College by a wide margin and the Intermediate team in winning twenty-three of the twenty-seven events in a match against Kelly College.

We congratulate Lovell, Taberner, Hughes, Austin and Bishop who went on to compete in the National Championships in County Durham.

We thank sincerely Messrs. Nash, Stone, and Moon for their invaluable coaching and assistance and particularly Mr. Moon for his handling of the teams. A special vote of thanks goes to the boys of the Senior school who officiated in several after-school Junior matches.

*Full Colours:* Re-awards: Hobman, Selley, Lovell, Strode, McShane,  
Medland, Stevenson

New Awards: Bishop, Elford, McStravick, Crossley, A.,  
Russell

*Half Colours:* Re-Awards: W. Anstey

New Awards: P. J. Williams, Boon, Oates, Crossley, R.

R. P. MEDLAND, *Vice-Captain and Secretary*

## THE BASKETBALL CLUB

The season for the under-18's started unskillfully but successfully with a narrow win over Tamar and a scrappy void game against Widey Tech. In these two games, the team did not play well and relied too much on the resources of Garry Lovell. After a long lay off, the next game was against Plympton G.S. at their first-class games centre. Despite a bad start to the game, we eventually came through to win. The team's dependence on Lovell was emphasised against Southway when, in his absence, we lost by one point despite good performances by Jones and Gregory.

By the time we played Plymstock the team was playing better and gained a comfortable victory. The scoring was divided equally between Lovell, Gilbert and Trevarthen. The team stayed on form for the return game with Widey and had an easy victory.

We ended the season joint league winners with Tamar but despite the players' wish for a play-off, one could not be arranged. It was, though, our most successful season to date, and we thank Mr. Moon for his coaching and encouragement.

*Full Colours:* Re-Award: Lovell

New Awards: Trevarthen, Gregory, Gilbert, Jones

*Half-Colours:* New Awards: Millman, Oates, McStravick, Blackler

M. TREVARTHEN, *Captain*

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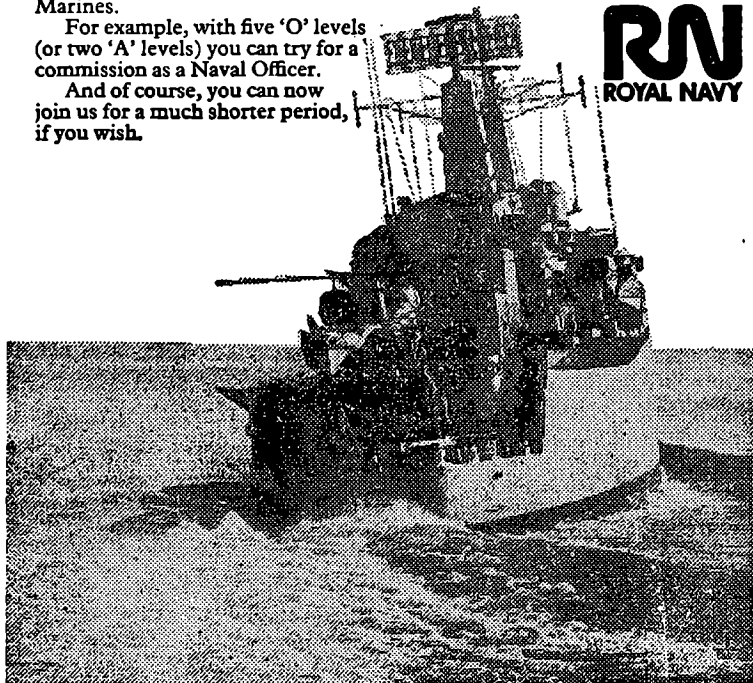
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## THE CRICKET CLUB

The summer of 1972 has been, for the 1st XI, a period of transition. The exceptionally talented players, such as Bennett, Hoyle and Waugh, on whom much of the success of the previous three seasons depended, had left, and the season provided a chance to pave the way for a new nucleus of players. That the transition was achieved comparatively smoothly is much to the credit of the team.

Henderson, returning for his third season in the 1st XI, was duly appointed captain and shared the role of wicket-keeper with Evans. He led the side with admirable skill, while his cricketing experience proved invaluable. Also in his third season was Hill, who opened the bowling with Paul, the new vice-captain, and his partner of the previous season. Though the two lacked just a little of last year's fire, former erratic lapses were reduced. Gregory, as the first-change bowler, performed superbly, and was ably supported by Elford, Johns and Vaggers.

The side had only one or two stroke-players, but an abundance of passable batsmen. Eden progressed through the season to become a staunch, reliable opener with Evans, who fulfilled much of last year's promise. Henderson batted at number three, and his whirlwind, unbeaten century against Plymouth Polytechnic was the season's highlight. The middle-order batting, which stretched all through the tail, comprised Butcher, Taylor, Taberner, Gregory, Paul, Ashplant, Elford and Hill, one or two of whom could always be relied upon for a useful innings.

The team's greatest weakness was its fielding, at times dreadful; indeed it was the vital factor in two of our defeats. The record does not give full credit to the side's performances; we had the upper hand in all our draws but lacked the experience to "finish-off" a team when it was needed. The experience learnt this summer will, fortunately, not be wasted, as the side next season will be substantially the same and should prove a more potent team.

The 2nd XI suffered disastrously at the hands of the weather, a great pity, as it was, for a 2nd XI, an especially talented and enthusiastic side. In their few matches there were notable performances from Ashplant, Stubbs, Johns and Fraser.

The under-15 XI, a very strong and successful side, were well captained by McSweeney, who, with Smith, shared the honours with both bat and ball. Cutler, Kiver and Roberts made great improvements throughout the season.

The under-14 XI suffered from a lack of skilled players, though Scoble, the captain, Woodward and Haydon all gave fine performances, while Aindow, P., and Mitchell of the second form showed promise which should be fulfilled next year.

The under-12 XI also showed promise in their few games, and the performances of Aindow and Steward in particular augur well for the future.

Congratulations to Smith, who was selected for the Devon Under-15 XI, and to McSweeney, who reached the final trial.

Thanks are due to Messrs. Burrows, Clayton, Wayne and Evans for their assistance throughout the summer, and to Mrs. Slatter and the ladies of the P.T.A. for the teas they have provided. Our special thanks go to Mrs. Slatter, who is now retiring, for all the work she has put in, and we warmly welcome Mrs. Millman who has taken on her duties.

J. PAUL.

<i>Record</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>
1st XI	7	1	3	3
2nd XI	2	2	0	0
Under-15 XI	5	4	0	1
Under-14 XI	5	1	0	4
Under-12 XI	2	0	1	1

## THE RUGBY CLUB

1972 will be remembered for the team's efficiency throughout the latter half of the season, in which a reliable squad of players emerged, under the captaincy of Lovell. Bennet and Henderson were again available, the former kicking well over 100 valuable points. Other survivors of last year's 1st XV included Stevenson, Medland and Restall, and their experience blended well with the flair of new boys, Evans, a fine hooker, Hocking, Russell and Shute. However, success would not have been possible but for the contribution of regulars like Patten, Paul, Williams and the Crossley brothers. Knowling completed the back row.

The season started badly, but a 13-6 win over Plymouth College heralded a revival. After Christmas the team conceded a mere 18 points, and a monumental treble was secured when Plymouth Albion Juniors and St. Boniface College were defeated. The season was concluded by a narrow win over St. Julian's High School.

The 2nd XV continued under the direction of Mr. "Carwyn James" Evans, and a creditable record was maintained—culminating in a well earned victory over Plymouth Argonauts. Their captain, Taberner, is to be congratulated for the fervour of such a young side. The 3rd XV, managed by Mr. Smith, and captained by Whitfield, continued to give as many boys as possible a game.

The Under-15's had a very eventful season, including a seven-day tour of London, for which thanks are due to Mr. Burrows, who injected a fine spirit of enthusiasm into his players. Outstanding performers were Piper, McSweeney, Bellamy, Dodd and Wood. A fine out-of-season victory over a Canadian XV was also secured.

Mr. Watson's knowledgeable direction paid dividends this season for the Under-14's; they scored over 400 points, half of which came after only four matches—a phenomenal scoring rate!

Despite Mr. Bowden's backing, the Under-13's had an indifferent season; they did, however, manage two 46-0 victories, and the fielding of a fine "B" team denotes an interest in depth.



Once again the Under-12's set an example to the school, thanks in particular to Mr. Moon. Both "A" and "B" teams had exceptional seasons, the "A" team becoming Plymouth Schools Champions, and the "B" team finishing with a 100 per cent record.

*Full Colours:* Re-Awards: Lovell, Bennett, Stevenson, Medland,  
Restall, Wilkinson.

New Awards: Paul, A. Crossley, R. Crossley, Henderson,  
Patten, Knowling.

*Half Colours:* New Awards: P. Russell, P. Shute

Congratulations to Lovell, who played for the Devon Public and Grammar Schools XV.

The School is grateful to the parents who provided accommodation for the boys of St. Julian's High School, and also to those who offered their hospitality to the Canadian tourists.

N. T. STEVENSON, *Hon. Secretary*

### ***The Under-15 Rugby Tour***

The Under-15 Rugby tour of London introduced the social side of Rugby to the boys. The party remained happy and united throughout the tour which included visits to shows, films, and a first division football match as well as playing four Rugby matches. The attitude of winning at all costs was dropped, the important thing being to enjoy the tour. This was highlighted by Mr. Burrows' previously unseen generosity in defeat.

The frequent amusement generated by certain members of the squad was always welcome. Although it would be unfair to mention individuals one feels that the escapades of G. Smith (Smiffy) should receive some publicity. His own particular brand of unplanned humour always provided light relief at the right time. His attempt at purchasing a packet of "Polos" at the Leicester Square Odeon will be remembered by all who saw it.

Finally, the thanks of all the boys go to Messrs. Burrows and Bowden for their never-failing enthusiasm and tolerance.

A. McSWEENEY

### **THE SOCCER CLUB**

As, with one exception, this year's 1st XI was a completely new team, hopes for a successful season were not at first very high. However, the team, led at first by Burrell in the absence of the injured Eden, soon settled down to play some good football, particularly against H.M.S. *Fisgard*, *Britannia* and *Thunderer*.

The side continued to improve steadily, losing only one further game after Christmas, and notably beating Exeter Sixth Form College by 4 goals to 1. Unfortunately, the annual confrontation with Sutton did not take place.

At first goals did not come easily, and goalkeeper, Osborne, and his able defenders bore a heavy responsibility, but in the second term the midfield play became commanding, and goals soon followed. This very young side should do well in the forthcoming season.

The 2nd XI had a very good season also, and thanks are due to Mr. Borbon for his enthusiastic guidance.

The Under-15 XI had a fairly successful season, and what is perhaps more important enjoyed its football. Some outstanding performances were turned in by this fine team.

The Under-14 XI had a very fine season indeed, scoring 23 goals in six matches at one time, a record which was not quite broken by the Under-13 XI, who, despite a disastrous start to the season, improved in the Spring term, and achieved very creditable draws against Plymstock, Southway and a strong touring side from Brighton. The enthusiasm and spirit of this team, as a whole, was a lesson to all, and the team is to be congratulated, as are all the School teams.

Thanks are due to all the masters who gave up their time to help the teams, and in particular to Mr. Farrow. The teams would also like to express their thanks to the ladies of the P.T.A. for all their hard work. It is much appreciated.

*Full Colours:* Re-Award: C. Eden.

New Awards: W. Anstey, R. Jesty, S. Oates, D. Wills.

*Half Colours:* New Awards: R. Osborne, N. McShane, R. Strode,  
S. Godbeer, P. Burrell, B. McStravick, R. Kessell.

<i>Record</i>		<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>A</i>
1st XI	...	26	13	4	9	57	45
2nd XI	...	18	9	4	5	52	34
Under-15 XI	...	11	5	1	5	18	21
Under-14 XI	...	6	4	1	1	23	9
Under-13 XI	...	15	5	4	6	30	30

Congratulations to Eden who played for the Devon Senior Schools side, and to Tidball who represented Plymouth Schools at Under-15 level.

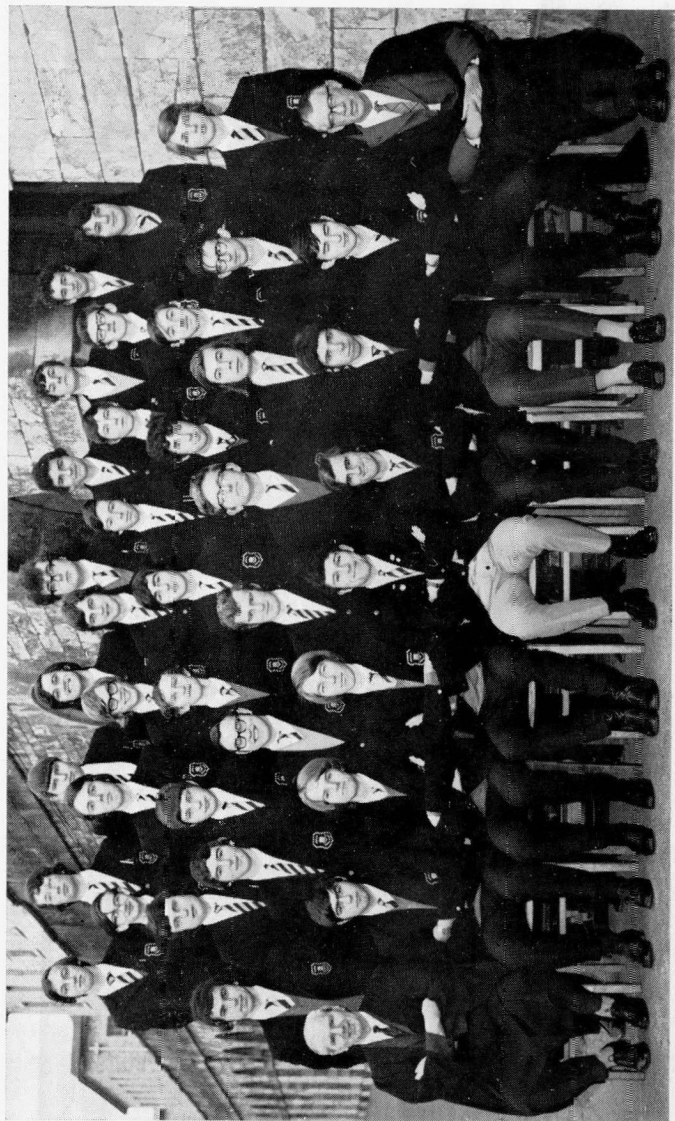
## THE TENNIS CLUB

Atrocious weather severely limited our choice of fixtures, so attention was focused on the two major competitions. A D.H.S. victory in the still-unresolved Plymouth Cup is expected, thanks to excellent performances by team captains, Hickley and Thomas, against St. Boniface's College.

For the second year running the School came second to Torquay Grammar School in the Devon Cup competition: this School was the only one to beat both our first pair (Russell and Thomas) and the second pair (Scoble and Jackman).

Despite the reduced fixtures, Hickley's captaincy has stimulated the emergence of a highly successful team. We wish to thank the Ladies' Committee for providing teas, and Mr. Watson for his friendly supervision.

J. E. SCOBLE

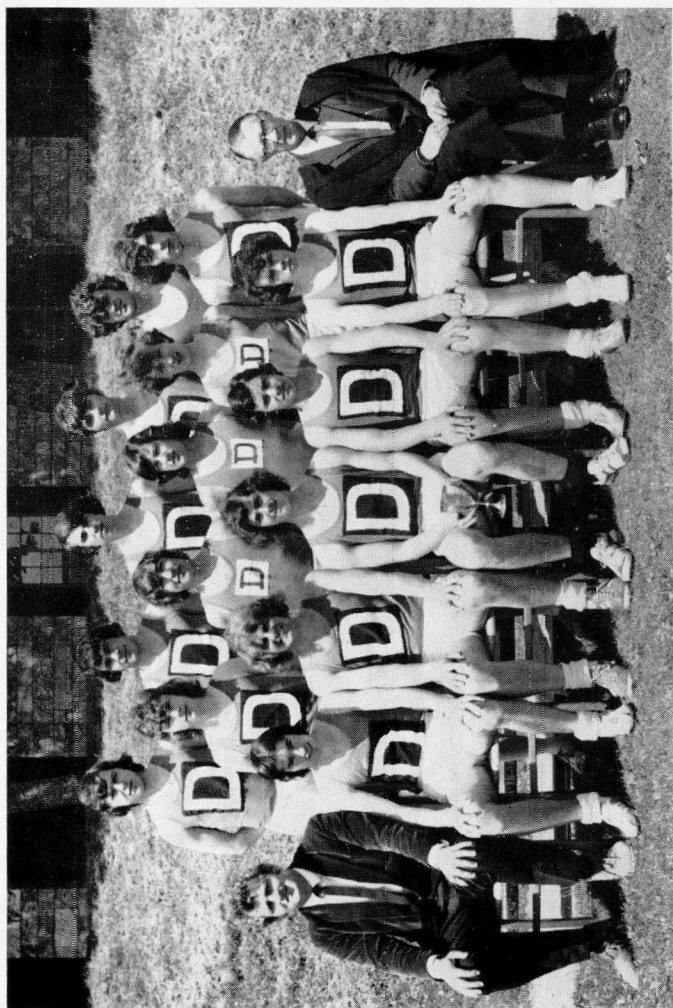


# PREFECTS 1971-72

*Back row (left to right).  
Fourth row (left to right).  
Third row (left to right).  
Second row (left to right).  
Front row (left to right).*

R. K. Lawrence, J. Scoble, N. Williams, D. Canham, R. Pengelly, P. Hart, A. Taberner, J. Thacker  
R. L. Runnalls, P. Clayton, M. Russell, R. Hodges, B. Stamp, T. Darsley, P. Lewis, M. Elliott  
K. Whitfield, P. Ashplant, R. Selley, G. Young, A. Harvey, R. Hatch  
J. Hill, J. Lee, M. Beswick, P. Knowling, G. Searle, S. Ratcliffe, G. Salter, S. Mitchell  
Mr. H. Mallinson (*Senior Master*), R. Bennett, P. Forster, R. Dendle (*School Vice-Captain*),  
A. Buckland (*School Captain*), M. Casey (*School Vice-Captain*), R. Yeo, R. Salter, Dr. J. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)





# SENIOR ATHLETICS 1972

- Standing at back:* N. T. Stevenson, P. Russell, P. J. Wood, R. Crossley, J. Austin  
*Standing:* T. C. Mills, J. S. J. Ackland, P. Callard, A. K. Missen, M. W. Elford  
*Sitting:* Mr. M. D. Moon, N. S. McShane, S. W. Oates, R. O. Strode, B. S. McStravick, R. J. Boon,  
 Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)  
*Absent:* R. J. Selley (*Captain*), R. P. Medland (*Secretary*), G. Lovell, P. R. Bishop



# BASKETBALL 1971-72

*Standing:* J. P. Millman, S. W. Oates, G. Lovell, J. B. Gilbert, C. H. Blackler

*Sitting:* Mr. M. D. Moon, T. J. Gregory, M. V. Trevarthen (*Captain*), B. S. McStravick, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)

## Speech Day . 1971

Just for once in its history, this magazine is not going to waste time, energy and printer's ink in supercilious platitudes about whether Speech Day should be dropped or not. This has been done so many times in the past that it has become monotonous, not to say futile. Let us just treat Speech Day for what it is: the most important public occasion of the School year.

Perhaps this year's Speech Day was unique; it is probably the first time that the movements of the wheels of government have managed to shake the solid foundations on which the School is built, for a division in the House of Commons unfortunately prevented Dame Joan Vickers from attending. However, the consequent gap was admirably filled by Mr. H. Haydon, the Town Clerk.

Speech Day is a useful institution; it is not until one hears Dr. Cresswell's annual report that one realises exactly how much goes on during the average school year. The occasion was very much brightened by the presence of the Lord Mayor, Alderman Mrs. Dorothy Innes, and the School thank her and all the other guests. Once again Mr. Farrow rose to the occasion and organized some outstanding musical entertainment. The School Captain, A. J. Buckland, proposed the vote of thanks on behalf of the School.

## The School Play . . .

"THE THWARTING OF BARON BOLLIGREW." *Robert Bolt.*

The fact that this play was ever performed is, in itself, something of a miracle. With the threat of industrial action by the power workers doing a fair impersonation of the Sword of Damocles over Mr. Clayton's head, conditions were very difficult. However, the play was performed, and performed very well indeed. This was a particularly young cast, and it seems almost a pity to mention particular members, the overall standard was so high. One must, however, mention P. (Bolligrew) Bishop, T. (Blackheart) Richards, P. (Sir Oblong Fitz Oblong) Bolt, and C. (Dr. Molloch) Scoble. The play, of course, could not have been produced without the assistance of the scene builders, stagehands, electricians and so on who do a lot of work but get little credit. Special congratulations must go to the sound effects department, who performed magnificently.

The one major criticism of the play really is aimed against the audience, particularly against the one which attended the first performance of the play. This is a personal opinion, but I feel that the cast would have been helped a great deal if the audience could have reacted in the same way as on the other two nights, when the humour of this very amusing play was fully appreciated, and the cast were rewarded by its reaction. Why is it that some people just cannot believe that school plays are to be enjoyed?

The play was another of Mr. Clayton's excellent and versatile productions, which make one look forward eagerly to the next year's production.

K.J.L.

## *The Inter-House Speech Contest*

This year's Speech Contest proved to be a great opportunity for Raleigh to display its talents in this field of activity, and it came either first or second in every event. The Choral Speaking competition was won by Drake, which came up with a stirring interpretation of "Reynard the Fox" by John Masefield. In the fifth and sixth year heat of the competition, a disturbing tendency for the funniest entry to win manifested itself. This, if not guarded against, could spoil the contest for later years. Nevertheless, it should be admitted that the entries this year were of a very high standard: Parker and Searle provided a very amusing duologue, and Williams's prepared speech was highly entertaining. Shute and Trevarthen displayed great talents for recitation. The final positions were:

1. Raleigh
2. Drake
3. Gilbert
4. Grenville

Thanks are due to Captain Graham Danton, who was kind enough to adjudicate the contest. Rarely have any adjudicator's decisions been so totally endorsed by a normally-unappreciative audience.

R.L.R.

## *The Third and Fourth Year Plays*

Once again the Junior House Plays proved one of the more interesting features of the Garden Party. As the outcome of the plays was to be the deciding factor in the positions in the inter-House Speech Contest and as the eventual St. Levan Shield positions were, in turn, dependent on the results of the Speech Contest, the importance of success in the plays could not have been greater. Excitement was intensified by the four plays being of a similar standard.

The disadvantage of the plays being performed in the final week of term lies in the fact that, due to both actors and producers being involved in examinations, there are only two or three weeks in which parts may be learnt and plays produced, and consequently there are inevitably many rough edges in the performances. By selecting a scene from *The Tempest*, a more demanding text than that of the other plays, Grenville did not make their task any easier, and suffered accordingly: their lines were not known thoroughly. Raleigh, performing a dramatisation of "The Mad Hatter's Tea-party" from *Alice in Wonderland*, were better prepared, but failed to take full advantage of a humorous script, and so were judged third. The Drake play, *St Joan*, brought forth the finest individual performance, that of Foster as Robert of Baudricourt, and being a somewhat more polished performance as a whole, won second place. The winning play, from Gilbert, was *David's Dinner*, a dramatisation of an episode in *David Copperfield*. The acting of Casey, as William, rivalled that of Foster, while Rowe, in the part of the Landlady, and Stevenson as David proved thoroughly competent in their subordinate roles, this play striking greater realism than the others. Warmest thanks are extended to Mr. Ross Salmon, who most kindly adjudicated.



# Sports Day . 1972

Due to the frequent deluges on the morning of Sports Day, the function had to be postponed until the next morning, when certain sections of the Senior boys were permitted to attend. Though there was no more rain, deep puddles abounded on the track. That some boys even broke records in such adverse conditions is a remarkable tribute to their athletic prowess.

The winning house was Grenville which, in a startling break with tradition, won through the performances on the day of its leading athletes, rather than by amassing a huge total of Standard-points and having victory certain beforehand, as has been the custom of the past few years. Following Grenville was Gilbert, with Drake and Raleigh third and fourth respectively.

The contest for Victor Ludorum was very close between Bishop and McShane, the result being a tie.

Victor Ludorum: N. S. McShane (Gilbert); P. Bishop (Raleigh)

Under-15 Champion: P. J. Wood (Grenville)

Under-14 Champion: S. Hughes (Drake)

Under-13 Champion: M. Baker (Grenville)

Under-12 Champion: M. Prout (Drake)

Owing to the postponement of the Sports, Commander G. A. F. Hitchens, R.N., was unable to present the trophies and certificates and we extend our thanks to Mrs. Cresswell for performing his duties for him in a School Assembly at a later date. Thanks are due to the Staff of the P.E. Department for seeing that the Sports ran with their customary smoothness.

J.P.

## *The Swimming Sports*

Once again, the School came to appreciate Mr. Nash's immense foresight in arranging for the annual Swimming Gala to be held in an indoor pool—nothing ruins a swimming gala more than everybody getting wet.

Superb performances were turned in by Kirkby (Under-13) and Didymus (Senior), of Drake and Grenville respectively, who smashed five records between them. Nine records, in all, were broken. With Drake and Grenville vying for first place, the closing events of this year's competition were the most exciting of any recent gala. Eventually, Drake won with 99 points—a very narrow lead over the 97 points of Grenville. Gilbert was third, with 81 points, and Raleigh, with 54 points, also competed. Individual trophies went to Pillage, Under-12 (Raleigh); Kirkby, Under-13 (Drake); Mapstone, Under-14 (Grenville); Ryder, Under-15 (Grenville) and Didymus, Senior (Grenville). Drake and Grenville shared the relay trophy.

We thank Mr. M. J. Stephens, who kindly presented the trophies and certificates at the conclusion of the competition.

R. L. RUNNALLS

## *The School Library*

I must firstly congratulate Julian Paul on being appointed School Librarian. I hope that he gains as much enjoyment from the post as I have. Being a member of the Library Staff is not a glamorous position, as success, for the Library, is the maintenance of the *status quo*—ensuring that as many presentable books are held in the Library at the end of the year as at the beginning.

An attempt to persuade the members of the School to use our excellent facilities to the full has become a cliché in retiring Librarians' articles but nevertheless it needs to be made. There is an attitude amongst the upper School that the Library is purely a repository for a number of specialised texts for "A" level exams. Thus the Library is not used for a widening of knowledge, as intended, but rather a narrowing into specific regions. It is interesting to note that the Central Library has now followed our example in widening its scope with a record library. In this age of increasing specialisation, the Library must try to broaden the horizons of its users.

Finally, I must thank all the members of the team which has run the Library so efficiently for the past year—I do not think they receive the acclaim that they deserve. I hope that they will assist Julian Paul as much as they have me, and "display" their talents to the full.

J. E. SCOBLE

## *Out of School Activities*

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### ARTS APPRECIATION SOCIETY

In the late summer of 1971, Garryangelo Blatchford had the seed of an idea which, with the help of Messrs. Parker and Searle, grew into the Arts Appreciation Society. After a few desultory meetings throughout the winter term, the society staged its "Christmas Review", which was a pleasant change from the normal school "Amateur Dramatics".

Fred Searle spent most of the Easter term playing music during the meetings. The large attendances proved yet again that classical music is loved by all—just as long as it is played by T. Rex.

At the end of that term, Wood and Kent took over the running of the Society and introduced a series of six feature-films ranging from *The Village of the Damned* to *Oh! What a Lovely War*. Despite the pessimism of many people, these films were a comparative success and much credit should go to the members of the upper school, who set up the black-outs in the hall. Thanks must also go to Mr. Poole for lending the Society the projection equipment and also to Mr. Wayne for his support throughout the year.

M. J. KENT

## AIR TRAINING CORPS

Despite its unprepossessing external appearance, the A.T.C. hut is a veritable treasurehouse of trophies. In addition to the inevitable annual camp trophy the Squadron gained no less than 5 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards, and members won trips to Germany, and even to the U.S.A. The cadet involved in the latter trip, Flt./Sgt. Buckland, gained in addition a Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award as well as Cadet Hundred Badge (.303 rifle shooting), and a place at Cambridge University. His success reflects the success of the Squadron in general, which won the coveted Falcon Trophy for the fifth year running. The Squadron is also confident of success in the national finals of the Lees Trophy, to find the best squadron in Great Britain, and is certainly to be congratulated for the fine standard which it has achieved. This might also be an appropriate moment to mention, not without a certain amount of justifiable pride, that 4 N.C.O.'s have successfully completed interviews for Flying Scholarships, and one member has actually been awarded one of these scholarships.

The Squadron must again thank the Headmaster and the C.O. and his staff, without whom the Squadron would be unable to function. As a final note, the Squadron would like to say that it would welcome new members, and that anyone joining the squadron would be sure to find it rewarding.

J.P.

## BADMINTON CLUB

Having finally persuaded the tennis-playing members of the Club that one does not serve by throwing the shuttle in the air and hitting it overhead (the jumping over the net soon cured itself) the Club felt sufficiently confident to challenge other schools to matches. Suitably chastened by a massacre at the racquets of St. Boniface's, the team lowered its sights a little, and played a D.H.S. masters team, which it managed to beat by the incredibly wide margin of 5 games to 4. The highlight of the season came with a 7-2 win over Sutton, which so affected the team that it has not played a match since. Thanks are due to Mr. Nash for the use of the Gym facilities, and, of course, to Mr. Smith for all the time he has devoted to the Club.

K. J. LAWRENCE

## CHESS CLUB

At the beginning of the year, the Chess Club suffered a certain lack of organisation after the sad death of Mr. Adams. A succession of masters tried their hands at chess, and it was to the general relief of all concerned that Mr. Borbon eventually took the matter in hand. We should like to thank him for his services and capable guidance.

In the Goodman Cup, the Senior team, captained by Harvey, failed to achieve any great success, despite losing only four of their fifteen games; in the *Sunday Times* matches the School won its way into the regional semi-finals, only to be beaten by Plymouth College.

The Junior team, ably captained by Cooke, won the Bruce Cup, after a very closely-contested final with Plymouth College. Their performance in the Horley Cup, however, was not so impressive.

The placings in the house chess tournament were 1. Raleigh; 2. Drake, Gilbert; 4. Grenville.

The lunch-time Chess Club continued to be well supported, although it became plainly obvious that, among the lower forms particularly, it was regarded merely as somewhere to go in wet weather.

In conclusion, we should like to extend our thanks to Barrett and Nelder, who both helped with administration, and to those masters who provided transport.

A. R. A. JAMIESON

## CHRISTIAN UNION AND DISCUSSION GROUP

At the beginning of the year Mr. Hopford decided that he could no longer continue to supervise the society, and Mr. Smith took over.

Our Monday evening meetings have been mainly discussions on a variety of topics, and, in a lighter vein, music was played and discussed. The membership is, by no means, what it could be—our meetings are made up of some six sixth-formers—although it is hoped that this will improve.

The Discussion Group, meeting on Friday lunchtimes, has been more successful. A variety of topics have been discussed, and a three-week series on comparative religion was arranged. There was an upsurge of interest in Bible study during the Christmas term. Finally, we can only hope that the society will meet with greater support from the lower school next year.

P. KIRBY, *Secretary*

## DEBATING SOCIETIES

The present Senior Debating Society evolved from the Sixth Form Discussion Group. Although this group had been functioning satisfactorily, its conversion into a debating society was deemed necessary: firstly to promote interest in the Plymouth Inter-Schools Debating Society—itself a coalition of School Debating Societies—and, secondly, to fill a gap left by the Friday-Morning Debate and Discussion Group, which some found restricting.

The Society has been quite successful. Twenty-four meetings have been held, and attendances have ranged from a remarkable thirty-one to an abysmal seven. However, it is a lamentable fact that many have appeared at meetings, merely to be able to put "Senior Debating Society" on their U.C.C.A. forms, and that membership has been dwindling from January onwards, despite a valued nucleus of loyal members.

Thanks are due to Mr. Wayne, for his guidance and interest in the routine organisation of the Society, Wood, a diligent chairman, Kent, an enthusiastic secretary (later succeeded by Peain), and all who have supported the Society.

In many ways, the past year has been a disappointing one for the Junior Debating Society. Membership, inexplicably, restricted itself to the second year—mainly 2w. The third year was quite disinterested, and the first year preferred to attend a Space Society. Will the next generation consist entirely of inarticulate cosmonauts? The most successful debates were those held with the Junior Debating Society of Devonport High School for girls: the only debates at which attendances and behaviour reached high points simultaneously. The Society does possess a small nucleus of extremely talented speakers, and with these in the third year, and a new influx of first-formers, next year might be more successful. Thanks are due to Mr. Bowden, whose predilection for large cars was appreciated in the case of external debates, and whose guidance proved invaluable.

The Inter-Schools Debating Society suffered its customary annual revival, and was well-attended by many members of the School. The Friday morning Debate and Discussion Group has, under the able guidance of Mr. Milton, continued to provide interesting and instructive meetings.

Proof of the School's interest in debating came when a team consisting of Scoble, Lawrence and Runnalls reached the Southern Counties final of this year's English Speaking Union Competition, which was held at Brighton.

R. L. RUNNALLS    J. V. WOOD

## GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

At the start of the year we found ourselves scraping about for aspects of Geography which would draw large numbers of people. Dartmoor and glaciation proved popular, and Mrs. Morgan gave a sensational one-woman show on the city of Brasilia.

The highlight of the year was a coach-trip to Morwellham, Staple Tor and the Lee Moor Clay works. Rumours of this project caused a great increase in membership, so eventually forty "Geography Freaks" and Mrs. Morgan set out. Nobody fell into a clay-pit, despite the Headmaster's prediction, and we even managed to get a fourth-form skinhead interested in granite.

A talk on "Planning and the City of Plymouth" proved to be an anticlimax, and the pressure of the forthcoming exams, plus a lack of new ideas, caused the Society to be abandoned.

Many thanks to Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Evans, and especially to Mr. Tamblin, who helped so much, and whose death was a great shock to us all.

A. D. PANNELL

## JUNIOR GYM CLUB

This year over thirty boys from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Forms have been regularly attending once a week. This has been very encouraging, because Gymnastics demand from the boy a great deal of practice and determination, and some boys give up after a while. However, this year only one or two boys have given up. The Display at the Garden Party reached a very high standard, in fact all the boys in the Display Team really excelled themselves. The response from the audience was good, and every boy felt that all

his efforts had been really worth while. Fairgrieve has been the leader of the Club, and has become a very good gymnast; in performance, he has been closely followed by Drew, Hayden, Tudor, Wall, Burt, Mahoney, Sims, Pender and Lumb. Others, like Skinner, Kirkby, Meddleton, Stevenson, Marshall, Miller, Hodge and Hainsworth have improved over the year. Many of the 1st year boys show much promise, and will reach a high standard in the next two years. At this stage Ridley shows that he has the makings of an exceptional gymnast.

MR. W. NASH

### PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

This year, for the first time in its history, the Photographic Club has been open to members of the junior school; unfortunately only one person took advantage of this opportunity.

This past school year has, however, seen two very successful events. The first of these was a visit to Stuart's Photo Services, Ltd., who were kind enough to show us around their Cattedown developing plant. In view of this visit, I should like to thank all concerned for their co-operation in allowing members of the Club time off school. The second event was to give full photographic coverage of the School Sports during the Summer term.

Once again thanks go to Mr. George for the use of the facilities in the Art Room, and to Messrs. Lamper and Gibson, who have again given up much of their valuable time to help the Club.

G.R.

### THE ST. LEVAN PRESS

The Printing Group has been faced by a great demand for business cards, tickets and headed notepaper in the past school year. An extended range of typefaces and stationery has enabled us to cope with the extra requirements.

Steiner and Palmer joined the group this year, but, as three members have left, total membership has decreased. It is hoped that the new members will maintain their interest in printing to the end of their school careers.

The work of the group would not be possible without the guidance of Mr. Brimacombe, who has given the Printing Group members a sound introduction to the Art of Printing.

A. J. WALTERS

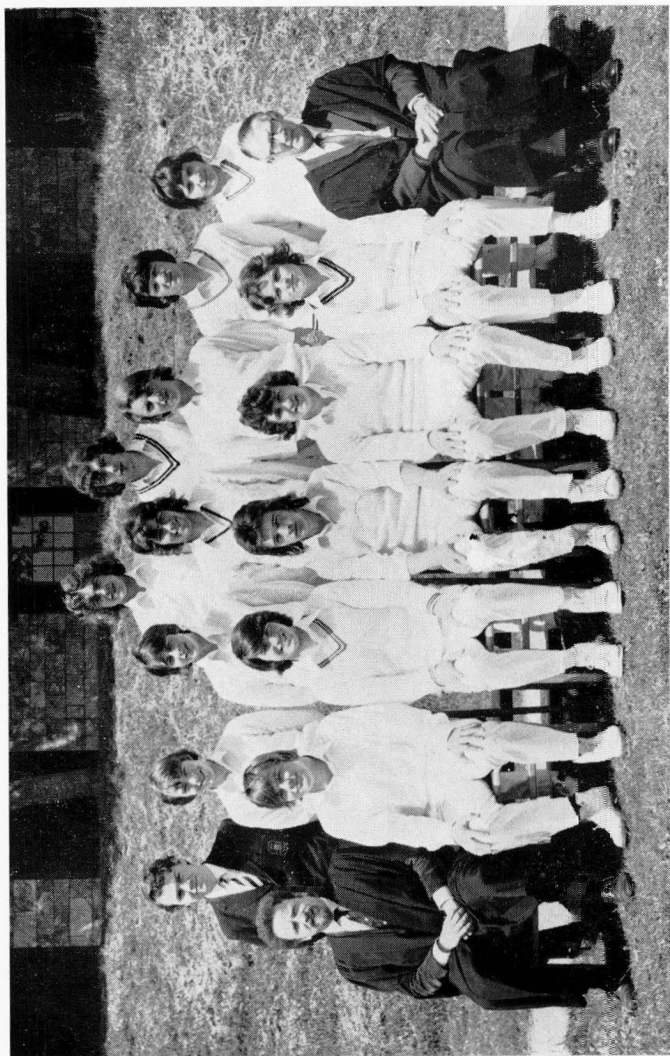
### SAILING CLUB

At the beginning of this school year, Mr. Collenette returned from America to resume command of the Sailing Club, which had been in the capable hands of Mr. Southern. Membership has increased during the year, but new members will always be most welcome.

Our fleet of Cadet dinghies is now being superseded by the more popular Mirror class boats, and during the winter months work was at last completed on two of these, which have now joined our fleet. A further "Mirror" has been purchased and should be ready next season.

We should like to thank Messrs. Collenette, Southern and Lamper, and also Mrs. Morgan, for all their time and invaluable help given to the Club.

G. COCKING



1st XI CRICKET 1972

*Standing at back:* D. R. Stubbs, M. W. Elford

*Standing:* A. R. A. Jamieson, S. P. Johns, G. C. Taylor, S. R. Butcher, P. J. Vaggers, S. F. Fraser, P. M. J. Ashplant  
*Sitting:* Mr. C. G. Burrows, C. A. Eden, J. Paul (*Hon. Secretary*), A. J. Henderson (*Captain*), T. J. Gregory, C. D. Evans, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)



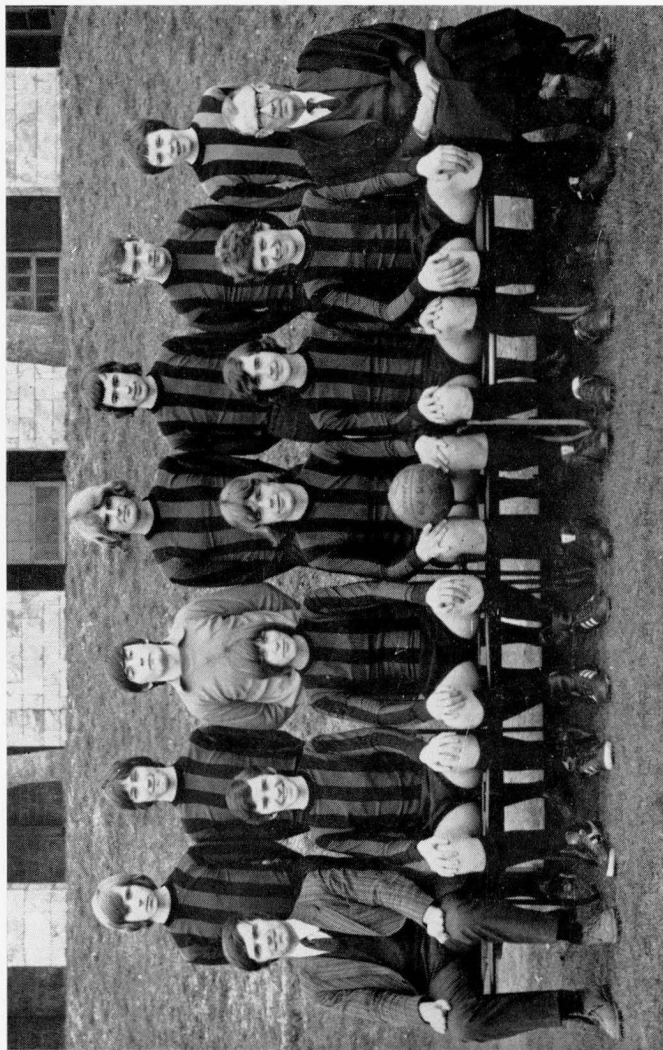
# 1st XV RUGBY 1971-72

*Standing at back:* P. A. Shute, D. I. Restall, M. J. Patten, C. D. Evans, P. Russell, A. Crossley

*Standing:* C. Wilkenson, R. Crossley, P. Medland, G. J. Stent, N. R. Williams, A. D. Hocking, J. Paul

*Sitting:* Mr. J. Southern, P. J. Knowings, N. T. Stevenson (*Secretary*), G. Lovell (*Captain*), R. C. Bennett, A. J. Henderson, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)





1st XI SOCCER 1971-72

*Standing:* D. W. Wills, W. E. Anstey, R. Osborne, S. W. Oates, N. S. McShane, S. J. Godbeer, R. M. Kessell

*Sitting:* Mr. T. K. Farrow, B. S. McStravick, R. D. Jesty, C. A. Eden (*Captain*), R. O. Stride,

C. M. Crapnell, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)



## THE SCHOOL SCOUT TROOP

This year has been an enjoyable and successful one for the troop. Towards the end of last summer, we welcomed Mr. Harris who quickly filled the place left by Roger Edwards.

The two camps, in the Summer holidays at Aberystwyth, and at Sheepstor at Easter, run by Roger Edwards and Mr. Harris respectively, were both most successful.

Since Mr. Harris's arrival there has been a revival in badgework which, to the amazement of some members of the troop, has not detracted from the enjoyment of the meetings.

Although our football and rugby teams did not win any competitions, they were runners-up or semi-finalists in every event entered. In the Venture Scout Cross-country, first place went to our A.S.L. Alan Crossley who unfortunately has now left for further studies.

We close this report hoping that the efforts of Mr. Harris and the instructors are duly rewarded in the year to come.

THE VENTURERS

## SCIENCE SOCIETY

This year became an anniversary year for the Society, when Mr. Hurrell paid his twenty-fifth visit to us. This year he showed two films; one made about him by the B.B.C. from the "Animal People" series, and the other made by him during a trip to Africa. We are indebted to Mr. Hurrell for his long association with the Society: his visits are the high point of our year.

The weekly running of the Society continued along its time-honoured course, with regular film shows every Tuesday. The films shown ranged from *The Production of Steel* to those intriguing little masterpieces which dwell on atoms knocking together.

We are grateful to Mr. Poole for his unflagging support throughout the year, and for his courage in allowing some members of the sixth form to experiment with the School's 16 mm. cine camera. The result was some two hundred feet of edited film lurking under the title of *High Societies*!

Attendances at meetings have been good throughout the year, although the high attendances in the Spring term were, one feels, due to the bad weather rather than any real interest.

M. J. KENT

## TRANSPORT CLUB

This year, a most significant one for the Club, saw the innovation of the Club's own magazine, *Roving Around*, which was composed and published by the members themselves, with the invaluable assistance of Messrs. Attewell and Watson.

Other activities of the Club have included a number of very interesting talks on a wide variety of topics, speakers coming from as far afield as Bristol. These talks were interspersed with quizzes, which again proved very popular.

The outside activities of the Club have included two very successful trips to local bus depots, and even a trip to Derby, which was a very enjoyable excursion. Last, but by no means least, the Club would like to express its very sincere thanks to Mr. D. E. Smith for all his help.

K. J. L.

## WARGAMING CLUB

Sad to relate, as the year went on, the fortunes of the Wargaming Club have gone from bad to worse. The appalling apathy and disinterest in the upper school, combined with a disturbing decrease in membership, successfully killed nearly all of the Club's activities which had been projected for the year.

However, despite all adversity, the Club managed to complete work on a number of small armies, which it is hoped will be used to good effect next year. The Club managed to put on quite a good display on Garden Party day, and it is hoped that this will help to encourage new members, who will be very welcome.

The Club would like to express its most sincere gratitude to Mr. Wroath for all his help.

R. JEFFERY

## ***D.H.S. Old Boys' Association***

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D. F. MALLOCH, J. G. POLKINGHORNE, A. WROATH.

As the Devonport Branch of the Association was formed on the 7th July, 1922, we celebrated our Golden Jubilee with a Dinner/Dance at the Continental Hotel on the 7th April, 1972.

One hundred and seventy-seven members with their wives, families and friends attended and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves at what was our most successful function for many years.

Our guests were Dame Joan Vickers, M.P. for Devonport; Alderman and Mrs. Ralph Morrell, Deputy Lord & Lady Mayoress; Mr. & Mrs. Alan Pike; also Colin Grant from London, and Mr. & Mrs. Des Cory from Bath

Our Chairman proposed the toast to the City of Plymouth and Alderman Morrell, an Old Boy and Chairman of the School Governors, replied. The President proposed the Association and the response came from Joe Pengelly who presented Dr. and Mrs. Cresswell with a large tortoise in the School colours complete with cap and badge!

Charles Evans proposed the toast to the School and Alan Pike replied.

An excellent meal was followed by dancing; the main raffle prize was won by the Deputy Lord Mayor and Bert Warren (our M.C.) introduced novelty prizes. One of these went to my daughter who was the only lady present whose father and brother were Old Boys and who had also married an Old Boy!

Our annual cricket match versus the Staff resulted yet again in a victory for the latter. In a very close contest our side made 106 for 7 (Tony Ward 22 not out, Rhys Adams 22, Geoff Simpson 20, Richard Widger 15 and Martin Hoyle 14). The Staff eleven were indebted to Trevor Evans (43) and Alan Wroath (29 not out) in scoring 108 for 7. The usual party afterwards was as popular as ever.

It is sad to relate that during the year we were grieved by the deaths of Tex Austin and Dicky Brooks (two of our Vice-Presidents), Wilf Tamblin, who of course was our Treasurer for many years, and another ex-Committee member, Paddy Taylor. They will all be sadly missed by those of us who knew them well for the work they did for the Association.

I would like to remind members that our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 28th December at 7.30 p.m. again at the Magnet Restaurant. This will see the end of my 17½ years as Secretary. John Ellis, who will take over, is full back of our Rugby XV. His address is 24 Russell Close, Plymstock.

BERNARD GILBERT, *Hon. Secretary*

## ***The London Branch***

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Overshadowing our activities during this year were the deaths of our two joint Presidents, Tex Austin and Dicky Brooks on successive Bank Holidays. Tex died on Easter Monday after very many years of devoted service, both to the School and to the Old Boys' Association. When he retired, he and his wife came to London and he took a very active part in the revival of the London Branch of which he became Secretary in 1956. He continued in this post until 1963 when he was elected President in the place of the late H. A. T. Simmonds. Those of us who knew him as a master and in later years will always remember his dedication to the School, to sporting activities of many kinds, to the scout movement, to his family and to the Old Boys' Association.

The following Bank Holiday was to deal us another blow in the death of Dicky Brooks, one of the original founders of London Branch in 1920. From then onwards, he was always very closely associated with its activities in good times and in bad, and there were times when without Dicky it would have sunk without trace. His example spurred others into activity and his enthusiasm was infectious. He had a number of talented contacts in the entertainment world and they were often ready to give their services at London Old Boys' functions. It gave him very great pleasure that he and his wife were able to join in the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Association of which he was a founding member.

In such circumstances, our summer visit to Trent Park could hardly be the same as in previous years when Tex and Dicky—the latter with a large group of family and friends—were regularly present. Indeed, for once the weather let us down, which was not uncharacteristic of this year, but those who braved the weather—and there were quite a number—had a pleasant time together. The children, in particular, found the rain no hindrance to their enjoyment of the swimming pool. Our thanks were very much due to Mrs. Simmonds and her helpers for providing us with welcome refreshments in spite of some difficulties.

This year's Dinner will be held on Saturday, 25th November, at Simpson's in the Strand. Details will be given in a circular to members.

C. P. GRANT

## ***The Bath and Bristol Branch***

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The year opened in November with a well attended A.G.M. at the new Civil Service Club, Bath.

Des Cory succeeded Claude Hosking as Chairman, and Stuart Gibson was elected Vice-Chairman and will serve as Chairman next year. Stuart, who is our Bristol representative on the Committee and one of our most enthusiastic members, is marrying again in August and we all wish him and his future wife Suzanne every happiness.

The Steak Supper in February at the Viking Restaurant, Batheaston, was the usual convivial evening and the 5th Annual Dinner in May at the Francis Hotel, Bath, lived up to the success of previous years.

At the latter function we were delighted to have Dr. and Mrs. Cresswell as our principal guests, after being unavoidably absent last year. The Plymouth and London Chairmen, Mike Stevens and Alan Pike, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Pike, together with Old Suttonians' Bath and Bristol Chairman, Arthur Phillips and Mrs. Phillips, completed the top table guests.

Visitors from other branches were Dave and Mrs. Searle from Plymouth and Stan and Mrs. Hurden from London, whilst Archie and Mrs. Semmens once again travelled up from Paignton.

The proposed visit to Trent Park did not materialise owing to leave and duty commitments, but this event is high on our list of future priorities.

During the year we said farewell to Ray Lock, Maurice Brown and Derek Peakall—all keen members and we shall miss them. We welcomed back former members Charles Veall and Dick Cheshire. Russell Symons joined us.

Next year's Dinner will be held at the Francis Hotel, Bath, on Friday 4th May.

L. R. TRUSCOTT, *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*

## ***The Old Boys Rugby Club***

The 1971/72 season proved to be another successful one for the Old Boys' Rugby Club. Of thirty-seven games played, twenty-one were won, thirteen lost and three were drawn. We scored 694 points, the highest number for many years, and conceded a total of 324 points. The Club ended the season in third position in the R.N.E. College Cup Competition. The double was achieved over Old Suttonians, O.P.M.'s, Old Technicians and Newton Abbott II. The School XV was defeated by 18 points to 9.

The Club continues to maintain a relatively strong fixture list, including Kingsbridge and Launceston, the latter club having senior status in Cornwall. A heavy defeat by Launceston early in the season was followed by a hard-fought drawn game in which the Old Boys were denied victory in the closing minutes.

Former Albion player, Paul Venn, captains the side for 1972/73 and, with the mixture of experience and youth available, hopes run high for a successful season.

In our endeavours to maintain the consistency which has been a feature of the last few years, we are always keen to welcome new members to our ranks. Training sessions are held at the School, on Thursday evenings. I am sure that new members will find the playing and social aspects of the Old Boys' Rugby Club most enjoyable.

D. BENNETT

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## ***The Old Boys Soccer Club***

It is a pleasant duty to report a distinct improvement in the fortunes of the Club. Relegation, our habitual preoccupation, was avoided long before Christmas and, eventually, the team reached the creditable position of seventh. Indeed, if the standard of football against the lower teams had been anything like as good as that played against the best, the final position must have been higher. Two points were taken from both the promoted clubs and the season ended in fine style with a 5-0 win over Hooe St. John. It was particularly pleasing to see more established players, notably Chas. Came and Paul Andrews, make a great success of new positions, and we were lucky to obtain the services of some outstanding newcomers who not only played the game in the spirit we, as a club, are so proud of, but were prepared to help in any way possible to ensure the smooth running of all Club affairs. We were awarded the Sportsmanship Trophy for the third consecutive year.

Quite apart from the success on the field, one of the most encouraging aspects of last season was the excellent team spirit. It is by no means uncommon for a club which is relegated to be forced into disbanding, and an unfortunate reflection on human nature that unless a team is successful, it finds it extraordinarily difficult to enlist good players. After the disasters of

the previous season, therefore, it was quite an achievement not only to keep the Club in existence, but also to build a younger and more able side which should provide a very sound basis for this year's contest. Arthur George and Martin Hunt joined us last season and it is hoped that Clive Eden and Stewart Loze will also be playing, to continue the ever close connection with the School which is so vital to the Club.

Finally, I must express my thanks to those whose hard work enables others to enjoy their football on Saturday afternoons; to John Collins, who turns out in all weathers to be rewarded by some excruciatingly bad football on occasions (however less frequent than they were last season!), but who nonetheless devotes so much of his time to the organization of the Club; to Mr. Warren whose loyal support is very much appreciated and to Paul Andrews and Dave Came who have the unenviable task of keeping the finances in as sound a position as possible. Let me thank them and at the same time extend an invitation to any potential new members of the Club. Training is at School, every Wednesday, starting at 7.00, and anyone joining can be assured that he will enjoy his football and that it will be played with good spirit.

A. WROATH

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## O.B.A. PERSONAL COLUMN

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I cannot help but begin these notes by stating that this year has, for the O.B.A., been one of the saddest since I came to D.H.S. almost twenty years ago. You will read elsewhere fuller accounts of Dicky Brooks, Wilf Tamblin and Tex Austin. Certainly their deaths, and those of Bert Mantle and Brian Adams, have cast a gloom over the year. Dicky Brooks was for so long the inspiration of the London Branch, Wilf Tamblin's work with the Plymouth Branch and of course in the School earned him a very special place in all our hearts, Brian Adams had taken over the Chemistry Department and, as in Sailing and Chess, was making his lively approach felt and appreciated. Bert Mantle was one of our most loyal overseas supporters. None of them will ever be replaced in full—but we shall never forget any of them and we are proud of what they gave to the School and of the kind of men they were.

I drew your attention in the last Magazine to Henry the Historian. If you have any memory of D.H.S. which you feel may have escaped the recorders please write to him. We want his work to be a definitive effort. We don't want to miss out on any aspect of the influence the School has had not only on the community here but equally in the wider spheres.

I feel I must add my word of congratulations to all those who worked so hard to make our 50th Anniversary Dinner the success it undoubtedly was. Your Committee deserve every praise but I know they will support me



when I say how much we owe to Bernard Gilbert and what a splendid climax it was to his term of office. Bernard has decided to give up as Secretary this year. We shall miss him and we must think of some way of paying a fitting farewell to him and to his wife.

News from Old Boys at Universities, Colleges or in any walk of life continues to be hard to come by and yet our functions have been better attended than ever. Don't be shy of writing to me—your contemporaries are most interested in what you are doing. And do visit School whenever you can. However busy we are you are always welcome.

**KEITH STEVENS.** A 2nd in Law at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and is now going on to the College of Law at Guildford.

**S. N. WYATT.** A 2/1 in English at Pembroke, Cambridge and now going on to do a Dip.Ed.

**R. JENKINS.** A 2nd in Geography at St. Peter's, Oxford. Getting married in August and is joining Mobil Oil Co.

**S. ENRAHIM.** Qualified in Manchester in Paper Science and is hesitating about returning home or staying in England.

**R. J. SEARLE.** A 2/2 in Mathematics. Still undecided what to do next. The building trade sounds a good idea.

**JOHN HARDING.** Attended the Jubilee Dinner with his wife. Both looking exceedingly fit and well.

**M. HANCOCK.** Only news I have had so far is from his Tutor who rates him very highly indeed.

**G. SIMPSON.** Honours in Modern Languages at Liverpool and is joining the Staff to replace Mr David Smith who becomes Head of Modern Languages at D.H.S. for Girls.

**B. S. PEDLEY.** Is enjoying life as a reporter in the Midlands. He is putting on weight.

**DAVID MACLEOD.** Is spending one year in Canada on postgraduate work. Expects to be back in England shortly. Was very sorry to miss the Dinner.

**R. GORCZYNSKI,** now married, is enjoying his research in America—so much so that he'll probably stay out there.

**BARRY BLIGHT** is also doing a year in America and if I understand the hints he too will probably stay.

**ROBIN SEAGAR** has had a year in America but does not find it entirely to his taste. You probably saw notices of his latest volume. Robin is fast becoming an authority in his speciality.

**A. WICKSTEAD**—always a most unpredictable young man—has now decided to do research for a Ph.D. He will go far.

**NICKY VOSPER** has crowned a very successful year as Captain of Plymouth Albion by getting married. We wish both him and his bride every happiness.

**M. J. ROSIER** has been elected Deputy President of London University Union—a sabbatical year. Any Old Boys going up to London should contact him.

**K. R. TRETHEWEY.** A 2/2 at Leicester in Chemistry. Is believed to be contemplating teaching.

**J. LOWE.** After spending a year with us teaching Chemistry is going up to Exeter to take his Dip.Ed.

**S. P. EDMONDS.** A 2/1 at Leicester in Mathematics—but no further news to date

**M. DAVIS.** Ex-Camborne School of Mines has returned to England after several years in South Africa. Is married and has four children—all girls. He is now going on to Loughborough to do the Dip.Ed.

**R. PUTT.** Ex-Camborne, is still in Zambia and according to DAVIS is enjoying life very much out there.

**R. HARVEY** got a 2/1 in French at Exeter and is now rejoining the Royal Navy. Married with a son. Came to the Garden Party and enjoyed it.

**KEN HORLEY** now has a second baby daughter.

TONY WARD should by now be a father. He played for the O.B.A. against the Staff and showed us all why he is Devon's best wicket-keeper.

I. D. JEFFERSON writes to tell us how much he is enjoying his Degree Course in Mechanical Engineering—and successfully passing examinations.

R. CLUNN has changed his name to SPENCER and has passed the first part of the Banking Examination.

BARRY WIDGER writes to us from Croydon saying that the strings of Devon are beginning to pull, and he is looking for an appointment down here. At present he is Head of the P.E. Department at Trinity School.

RICHARD WIDGER joined forces with Tony Ward against the Staff in the Cricket Match. We hope to see more of him

BOB CONYBEARE writes to us from Penzance where, with RUSSEL BULEY and BRIAN BLACKLER, he is holding the fort in the Humphrey Davy School. Bob has two sons.

A. JEFFREY is now Head of the Geography Department at Southampton Technical College.

ANDREW BEBBINGTON is also at Southampton on a research project at the University. Is probably going to spend some time in America.

NICK DAW spent some of his hard earned holiday in Bletchley demonstrating his engineering skill by helping to change Pete Cresswell's gear box.

W. B. IRVING visited us all the way from New Zealand, where he is nearing retirement from farming. He gave a most interesting talk to the sixth form. If any of you go to New Zealand the address is Ohinewai, Waikato. He and his wife would be delighted to see you. So far as I know we have one or two other Old Boys out there DAVISON is one.

ERIC FORBES, Senior Lecturer in Chemistry at Birmingham, has written me a long, newsy letter. I advise all Old Boys to contact him if they are in Birmingham. He has a great deal of valuable knowledge and experience to draw on.

I. FLEMING called in. He is not yet married. Working with Sea Speed Hovercraft in Dover. A useful contact if you are going to France that way.

REG SEARLE is now the Head of the Music Department at a school in Buckinghamshire.

M. WOODWARD is Senior Geography Master at a school in Dunstable.

KEITH NORMAN has left Manchester and is now working in Spain.

J. QUICK. Now a fully-fledged Police Officer, is working in the Tamerton Foliot area.

P. TRIBBLE. Remembers FINNEMORE with affection. Tribble is now Manager of the Co-op Laundry. Is married with two children—and a Lotus!

DAVID CURRELL is shortly to publish another book on puppetry and is booked for another which will also be published in America. He has just been appointed Deputy Head of his school in Chelsea.

A. MILLER called in to see us after spending six months in Northern Ireland. He looked remarkably fit and is shortly off to Germany.

RAY WHITE. Congratulations on his recent marriage. He has left banking and is now a trainee accountant with the City Treasury. Hopes to attend our next A.G.M.

M. CREW is a fully-fledged Librarian out in the wilds of North Yorkshire. Has got a marvellous flat in the converted stables of an ancient vicarage. Will be glad to meet anyone who visits Malton.

S. TUCK called in to see us. Is now a Third Officer with B.P. Tankers.

S. HANNAFORD is now an Assistant Manager with British Road Services in Glasgow. Doing very well indeed.

A. HANNAFORD, brother of above, is now a S/Ldr. in the R.A.F. overseas. Married with three children.

DR. A. PEARCE. As I hope you all know is now Chairman and Chief Executive of the £400 million Esso Petroleum Company. We are very proud of his achievement.

PETER HOFFORD is enjoying life in Northern Italy and so far resisting the blandishments of the opposite sex. One of the very few left of his year to do so.

FRED NOY visited us during the last week of term with his wife. Fred is now a priest in Swindon and from all accounts a very lively one too.

T. MOCKRIDGE called in to see us. Like MILLER he has been on duty in Northern Ireland. He too looked splendidly fit and well. He is going back there on duty.

P. STUCKEY has left the China Clay works and is taking up an appointment in London as a consultant engineer.

D. BERDINNER. Has his degree in Music and an appointment to teach music.

J. K. BUCKINGHAM got a good honours degree in Chemistry—but no other news of him.

R. GINSBERG. Has successfully completed the first part of his Medical degree course and now embarks on the hard practical side.

R. SKINNER is out in the Persian Gulf area as an engineer.

E. C. FOSTER is now a fully-fledged pilot in the R.A.F.

HARRY HAYDON. I keep forgetting to mention that he is now the City Town Clerk. Another splendid achievement.

RICHARD HAYDON is married, and his wife has gone off to India—with Richard's full approval—to do some research!

JOHN NORMAN called in to see us after qualifying in Engineering, and now hopes to continue his career in the Army.

C. SMITH is serving overseas in Germany after a brief spell in Northern Ireland.

A. BARGERV has given up his post with Reuter and is beginning a degree course in Medicine.

G. RIPPIN. Back from overseas service, brought his son along who is joining us next September. I wonder how many father and son Old Boys we have.

P. SANSOME called in to see us. Is enjoying his course at the Polytechnic. Looked fit and cheerful.

P. NORRIS also called in to see us. Is doing well on his course in London and is contemplating lecturing as a career.

C. J. DREWITT has given up his job with I.B.M. and has returned to Plymouth. Hopes to start on a course which will lead to teaching.

P. J. MATTHEWS has returned from a two-year stint in South America and is looking for an appointment in this area.

D. AXWORTHY called in on holiday from Australia where he is reading for a degree. Looked very fit indeed and is a strong advocate for emigration to Australia.

J. G. CHAPMAN got a 2/1 at London in Archaeology and is to carry on with research.

# ***The Parents' Association***

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The year's activities began in October at the Annual General Meeting. We were pleased to find replacements on the committee for seven long serving members and we hope the newcomers will enjoy helping as much as those retiring appear to have done. The business meeting was followed by a musical entertainment, organised by Mr. Farrow, to show the various stages of progress of boys using instruments which the Association has helped to provide. The benefit to all concerned was very apparent.

The whist drives in November and March have gained in popularity and attracted some hundred parents and friends each time.

The Lower Guildhall was again filled to capacity in December for our Annual Dance, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by parents, friends and Staff.

At the Committee Dinner at the Davey Hall in March, we were pleased to welcome those committee members who had recently retired and to thank them for their long and faithful service.

The Senior At Home in February and the Junior in May again proved very worthwhile and gave parents and Staff an opportunity to discuss mutual problems.

The Garden Party in July enjoyed a fine, sunny day with activities as varied as ever. General opinion was that rather fewer had attended than last year but the profit was about the same at £275.

The funds raised by subscriptions and activities have enabled the Association to help in many ways, including £100 towards the cost of a new grand piano; provision of new shirts for the soccer, rugby and athletic senior teams; the purchase of musical instruments and of boat-trailers, supporting the School fund and assisting School societies generally.

The Ladies' Committee have continued to provide refreshment for all teams which visit us. We are most grateful for their help.

Mrs. Slatter has organised the Ladies' Committee for the last ten years and it is with very real regret that we learn that she had decided to retire. For her efficient and gracious service we all thank her most sincerely and we hope that we shall see her at School functions in the future.

We hope that parents will continue to support the Association's activities for it is on them that our success depends.

## CAREERS NOTES

The inclusion of two sixth-form periods in the 1971/72 timetable enabled us to entertain several speakers, who addressed year groups and met individuals afterwards. We have appreciated the visits of bank officials, representatives of the armed services, an architect, a medical student and, once again, the invaluable services of Mr. M. J. Cooke of the Careers Advisory Office.

Perhaps the highlight of the year was the demonstration given by the R.N. Schools' Presentation Team, which "dropped in" by helicopter. This was followed by a short sea cruise to Swansea aboard H.M.S. *Fearless* for twenty boys.

During a school outing to London, some of the Seniors in the party were taken on a conducted tour of the City by officials of a bank and others visited Guys Hospital Medical School.

I have been fortunate in taking over a department so ably organized by Mr. D. G. Barkell and I have welcomed his advice during the year.

Mr. W. Nash is to take charge of affairs in 1972/73 during my absence.

E.R.A.

## *Praefecti Valet*

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- ASHPLANT, P. M. J. House Captain; Choir; Orchestra; Christian Union. Proceeding to Bristol University (Theology).
- BENNETT, R. C. Captain 1st XV; Captain 1st XI Cricket; Geographical Society; Transport Club. Taking up a position in Banking.
- BESWICK, M. W. W. Science Society; Engineering Society; Transport Club. Proceeding to Nottingham (Chemistry).
- BUCKLAND, A. J. School Captain; President of Science Society; A.T.C. Senior Cross-country; Volleyball. Proceeding to Cambridge University.
- BYRNE, J. C. Librarian; Choir; Debating; Dramatic Society.
- CANHAM, D. L. School Captain; House Secretary; Science Society; Engineering Society. Proceeding to Selwyn, Cambridge (Natural Sciences). \*
- CASEY, M. J. House Captain; Printing Group; Science Society. Proceeding to St. Catherine's College, Cambridge (Engineering).
- CLAYTON, P. W. C. Debating Society; Geographical Society; School Tennis; School Badminton. Proceeding to Southampton (French and German).
- COLE, R. Geographical Society; Science Society; 2nd XV; Badminton. Proceeding to Southampton (French).
- CROSSLEY, A. Scouts; 1st XV; Cross-country; House Rugby; Football. Proceeding to Reading (Botany).
- DAWSON, A. K. Photographic Club; Craft Club; Science Society. Proceeding to Sheffield (Electronic Engineering).
- DARSLEY, T. E., A.T.C.; Gym Club; Chess; Hockey; House Athletics. Proceeding to Reading (Geography).

DENDLE, R. W. School Vice-Captain; House Captain; 2nd XI Cricket; School Librarian. Proceeding to Peterhouse, Cambridge.

ELLIOTT, M. H. Geographical Society; Science Society; 3rd XV. Proceeding to Southampton University (Geology).

HILL, J. Chess; 1st XI Cricket; House Rugby and Football. Proceeding to Liverpool (Hispanic Studies).

HART, P. G. Debating; Chess; Choir; Weight Training; 3rd XV. Proceeding to Durham (Classics).

HARVEY, A. L. Chess; Cross-country; House Rugby. Proceeding to King's College, London (History).

HATCH R. House Secretary; Choir; Vice-Captain Sailing; House Speech Captain. Proceeding to Birmingham University (Chemistry).

HENDERSON, A. J. Captain 1st XI Cricket; 1st XV Rugby; House Captain Rugby and Cricket. Proceeding to Matlock College.

HICKLEY, C. J. School Tennis Captain; Badminton. Proceeding to Liverpool (Hispanic Studies).

IRISH, M. G. St., Science Society; Geographical Society; Golf Club; House Rugby. Proceeding to Birmingham University.

KENT, M. J. Science Society; Arts Appreciation Society; Senior Debating. Proceeding to Portsmouth Polytechnic (Mechanical Engineering).

KNOWLING, P. J. House Vice-Captain; A.T.C.; Science Society; Sailing; 1st XV. Proceeding to R.N.C. Dartmouth.

LAWSON, R. C. Debating Society; House Chess; Sailing.

LEWIS, P. R. Senior Debating Society; Christian Union; Proceeding to Exeter University (Latin).

MANNING, S. N. Geographical Society; Tennis; Badminton; House Chess. Proceeding to London Polytechnic (Town Planning).

MITCHELL, S. P. Senior Debating Society; Transport Club; 1st XI Cricket. Proceeding to Southampton (Modern Languages).

PANNEL, A. D. Geographical Society; Sailing; Athletics; Cross-country. Taking up a career in Town Planning.

REID, R. W. Science Society; Angling Club; House Rugby. Proceeding to Plymouth Polytechnic.

RUSSELL, M. J. House Vice-Captain; Photographic Club; Sailing; Science Society. Proceeding to Durham University (Chemistry).

SALTER G. House Captain. Proceeding to Cambridge.

SALTER, R. Transport Club. Proceeding to Cambridge (Classics).

SCOBLE, J. E. School Librarian; Debating; 3rd XV Rugby; Badminton. Proceeding to Sidney Sussex, Cambridge (Medicine).

SEARLE, G. Arts Appreciation Society; House Speech Captain. Proceeding to Training College.

SELLEY, R. J. Debating; Athletics; House Captain; Cross-country. Proceeding to Sandhurst.

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# FORUM . . .

an open discussion column

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## Dougal and the D-Notice

*or "Not with my roundabout you don't!"*

Dougal was sitting in the garden reading his copy of the School Magazine.

"I'm bored," he said, reading Forum for the fifth time. Suddenly Zebedee appeared.

"Boing!" said Zebedee.

"Boing?" asked Dougal.

"Boing!" said Zebedee. "Why don't you write a magazine and get some of the lunatics from the garden next door to help you?"

"What a good idea!" said Dougal.

"Boing!" said Zebedee, and left.

"Woof!" said Dougal.

"What a title for a Mag!" said the lunatics from the garden next door, who had just finished treading on Brian. "We'll call it 'Woof'!" they said, and immediately sent for Garyangelo, who was at that time painting. "Jesus Christ Superstar" on the roof of a ladies' loo in Union Street.

They had no sooner started "Woof" than they had finished it.

"What a splendid affair!" said Dougal. And it was: full of gay jokes about the leader of the R.Tex pop group and his little friends.

"Let's get it printed," they said, and off they went.

"I'm not typing this!" said Florence.

"And I'm not printing this," said the Train.

"And me neither," said Mr. Rusty, who refused to turn the handle to make the little birds on top of the press go up and down.

So Dougal and his friends all went home and took their copy of "Woof!" with them.

"Boing!" said Zebedee, who had appeared for just that one line before joining E.Q.U.I.T.Y.

"Why don't you clean it up?" said Flick, who had just finished animating Eric Thompson, but when they did it all washed away, and only a few words were left.

"It's no fun any more," said Rick.

"I suppose the D.H.S. Magazine isn't all bad," said Dougal, reading the back cover for the ninth time.

"Boing!" said Zebedee. "Time for bed!"

"Oh goody!" said Florence.

A.A.S.

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## *Retrospect on Paradise*

Early in December, a party of boys from the School participated in an educational cruise to the Canary Islands and Morocco. What follows is a small extract from a description of this voyage submitted by T. Swale-Jarman. We regret that space restrictions do not permit us to publish a fuller account of the trip.

"December 9th was a beautifully warm and sunny day and, as we berthed at Madeira, the local traders came out by boat and lorry to display their goods. It was soon learnt that bargaining was a must. Shore excursions were organized and we toured the island, viewing the second highest sea cliffs in the world, the amazing way in which Madeira has been terraced so that every available open space can be cultivated, and the sub-tropical fauna of the land. Whereas in England you would expect to see grass, it was very soon apparent that bananas were the Madeiran equivalent, and, believe me, you don't know what a banana tastes like until you've eaten a freshly picked one.

With lasting memories of the Island, we docked at Teneriffe the next day and at once embarked upon a full day's tour of the highest point, Pinto de Teide, at a height of 12,192 feet. During the long drive, we climbed high into the mountains and, as we climbed, the temperature dropped. As we entered the cloud layer, at about 8,000 feet, first ice began to form on the outside of the coach and then snow. This lasted for two hours and then we came out of the top of the layer and saw the mountain summit towering above us in the sunlight. From here magnificent views of most of the Canary Islands are available but, unfortunately, due to high wind speeds, the cable car was unable to run. This did not deter the more active members of the party, for they started to climb the mountain, but on finding that it was very hard work, descended rapidly. The disappointment of the cable car was soon forgotten as we drove to the largest tourist centre of the Island. Once an unspoilt area, Puerto de La Cruz has been made into an ironic example of 'Tourist mania' with towering hotels dominating the landscape.



## Some thoughts on Schiller's "Ode to Joy"

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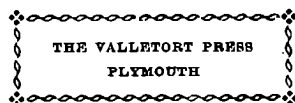
The man in the dark coat speaks:—  
His voice like velvet falls on the floor,  
Endless words space the Darkness of Time.

Pools of verbosity splash around.  
Only the blind can see.  
People listen to me!  
Endlessly he speaks; people fail to listen.

Someone stands and then passes on, not  
Minding that they may not heed him;  
Only you have the key,  
Key to the Door is the key to this bore;  
Endlessly the words pour,  
Seconds run away on the streets of time.

Devils chase his words to find the rhyme.  
Only you can stop the Curse;  
People scan the world vertically and  
Ever find the truth.

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