

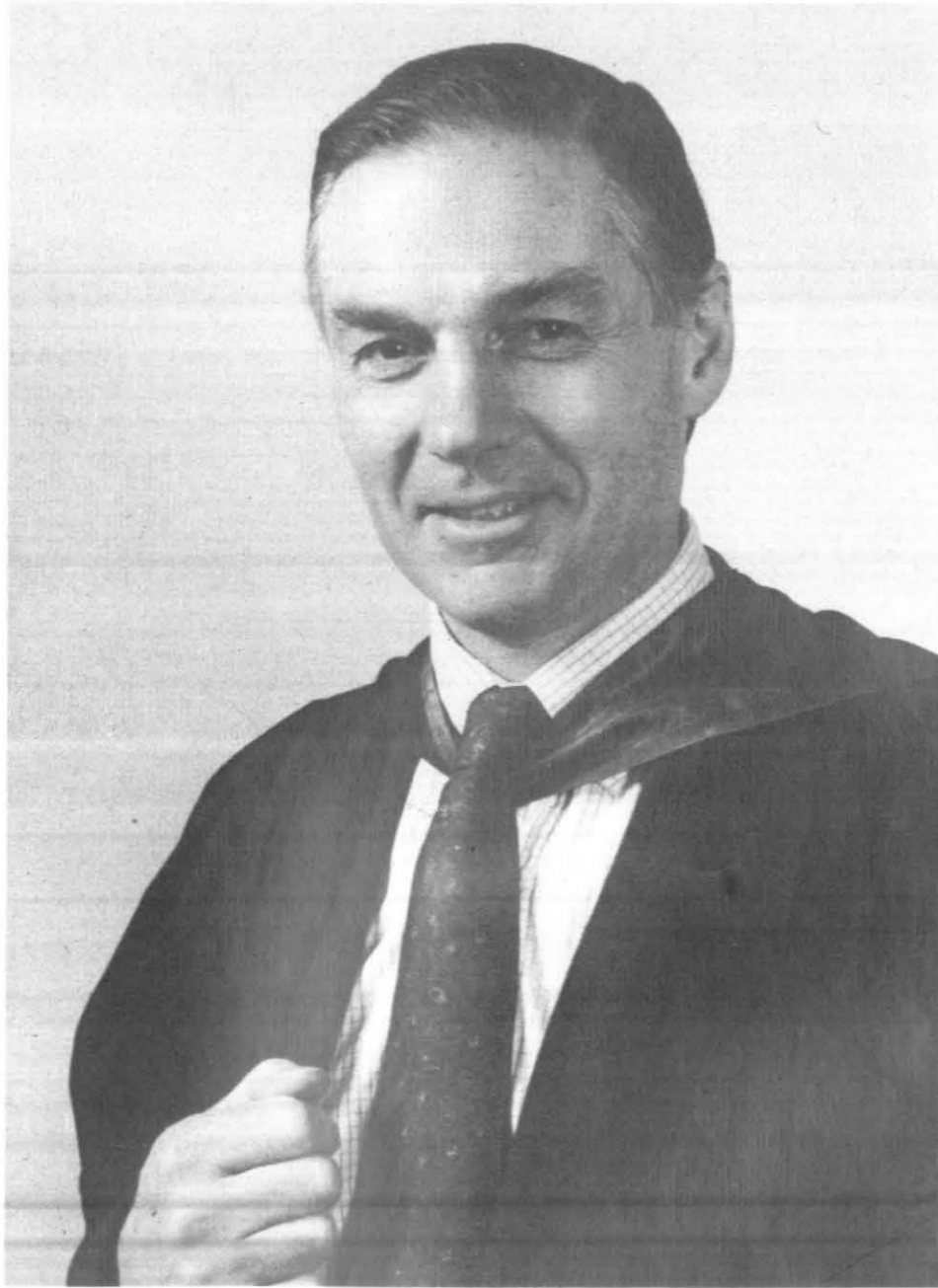
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Mr C. G. Turner, who is to take up his appointment as Headmaster of Stowe on September 13th, 1979.

EDITORIAL

“Time present is a cataract whose force
Breaks down the banks even at its source
And history forming in our hands
Not plasticine but roaring sands,
Yet we must swing it to its final course”.

Not many people will recognise these lines; only a few people will have heard of the poet who wrote them. They are lines which present a picture of historical crisis, of life under the pressure of events, and they insist upon the need consciously to direct human affairs. The sense of urgency which animates the verse springs from the volcanic energy of adolescence—you could, if you chose, criticise it as schoolboyish and naïve. Only one stanza is here given of a long poem entitled “Full Moon at Tierz: Before the Storming of Huesca”; the author is John Cornford, he was educated at Stowe and he died at the age of twenty-one in the Spanish Civil War. The belief in man’s ability to influence “history forming”, indeed “to swing it to its final course”, which the poem expresses suggests that the poet understands history in Marxist terms, and the suggestion is valid: John Cornford was a Communist. Like most English intellectuals in the Nineteen Thirties he gravitated towards the Left during his time at Public School; in other words, his education was paradoxically at odds with the ideology he chose to adopt. Cornford’s career, so tragically cut short, represents an attempt by a privileged member of English society to question his social, intellectual and political roots and as such he deserves to be remembered today, forty-three years after his death.

The poet, himself, however, would have disdained vague eulogies. This Editorial may do homage to his memory more appropriately by examining his relevance for Stoics today. Many readers of *The Stoic* will find Cornford’s politics uncongenial (this is hardly surprising for the readership of a public school magazine) but this is not the issue at stake. In a community which sometimes seems dangerously apolitical we may derive some inspiration from the example of a man who critically challenged the assumptions upon which he and those around him lived, a man who was not prepared to accept received ideas.

When each of the candidates for the local constituency was invited to speak at Stowe during the elections earlier this term a certain smugness pervaded the meetings. It was predictable that the Conservative speaker would be more popular than the Labour but not at all necessary that the former should be so uncritically fêted and the latter so unconstructively abused. This sort of political myopia does not augur well for the future. Sir Nicholas Henderson, another Old Stoic, in a recent analysis of Britain’s post-war malaise called for “something to stimulate a sense of national purpose”. Stoics who form the present generation may be able to create a “national purpose” but they will need political awareness and sensitivity, not dogmatism.

Guy Lancaster

SPRING AND SUMMER 1979

Head of School	R. C. Appleby, ma.
Second Prefect	A. J. Holland, ma.
Head of Bruce	C. T. Highwood
Head of Temple	C. R. Lloyd
Head of Grenville	D. R. Marsden
Head of Chandos	F. N. F. Timewell
Head of Cobham	M. L. W. Bell
Head of Chatham	T. S. Maynard
Head of Grafton	P. W. Talbot
Head of Walpole	N. R. L. Neal
Head of Lyttelton	G. J. J. Tucker, ma.
Head Girl and Head of Stanhope	Belinda L. Hill.
Prefect of Library	Charlotte K. Clarke.
Prefect of Mess	G. R. Coates.
Prefect of Roxburgh Hall	R. A. Marston.
Prefect of Defaulters	M. J. P. Horlock.
Prefect of Chapel	M. G. Street.
Prefect of Dining Halls	A. T. Thornton-Berry.
Prefect of Grounds	A. E. C. Edmonstone, ma.
Captain of Hockey	M. C. J. Gull.
Captain of Cricket	M. C. J. Gull.

This year has been one of considerable change among the ranks of staff.—especially of its generals, with the departure of three housemasters, counting Mr Temple who will give his command of Grafton House into the capable hands of Mr Mee next term. This is, of course, so that he may devote his full attention to the task of second master which he has been undertaking for the last two terms as well since Mr "Ronnie" Adams left at Christmas. Last term saw Mr Morris's final appearance on the hockey pitch. Mr Dobinson has taken upon himself the task of controlling Chandos House and proved himself most capable. Mr and Mrs Mead are also leaving. The job of Development Manager has this term been filled by Mr. Bone after Mr Fennell's resignation and Mr Gallop has come to take Mr Brinkley's place as swimming coach. Also leaving are Mr Juneman, Mr Bowden, Mr Tissier, Dr Wells and Miss McLeer-Cooper. The editors, on behalf of the rest of the School would like to wish them all the best of luck for the future.

Even the most indifferent reader will notice, however that one very important "member of staff" has been omitted. This is, of course, Mr Drayson, the emperor so to speak, who is leaving after 16 years as Headmaster to take up his appointment as Resident Lay Chaplain to the Bishop of Norwich. Both he and his wife will be greatly missed and we wish them much happiness in his new vocation. Next term sees the arrival of Mr Turner from Dean Close and we hope that he will be as successful as Mr Drayson has been.

The Spring Term lived up to its reputation of being by far the coldest, affording much time for skating and impromptu ice-hockey on the lakes. The excessive rain in the early part of the summer term also severely crippled the cricket season, but luckily Speech Day conven-

iently coincided with a spell of dry, sunny weather. The prizes were presented by Mr Antony Quinton, President of Trinity College, Oxford and a resumé of both his and the Headmaster's speech can be seen further on. In a year which sees a lady both in Downing Street and Buckingham Palace, I can say from a totally biased point of view that it was a most pleasing sight to see a fair proportion of the prizes going to the girls, including, for the first time, the Myles Henry prize.

This term has seen the first use of the Drayson Hall for examination purposes, the success of which will, it is hoped, be reflected in good O and A Level results. The Hall has also proved invaluable during the periods when all the cricket pitches have been unusable.

The unsuitable weather however has not deterred the customary coach-loads of tourists from descending upon Stowe throughout this summer term. The media have also descended upon us, as it were, in the shape of an interviewer from "Harpers and Queen" who printed a slightly unfair report of the girls' situation at Stowe. The shooting of some of the film about Gavin Maxwell at Stowe has also transferred it to the big screen as well as making those boys taking part actually have their hair cut short! Jonathan Kreeger has appeared twice on University Challenge for Corpus Christi, Cambridge and the Old Stoics success in the Halford Hewitt Cup reached national press coverage. Where will it ever end?

Although the last two terms have not been remarkable for outstanding success on the sports field, musical productions continued to cause great enjoyment, if not always of the highest standard. Uppermost in my mind is the staff production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe". Congratulations to all who freely held themselves up to ridicule for the amusement of the School!

Stoic politicians will welcome the revival of the Political Club under Mr Jones's guidance. The candidates for Buckingham in the General Election from the Conservative, Labour and Liberal Parties visited Stowe to further their campaigns and gave most informative talks attended mainly by those eligible to vote.

As already mentioned a summary of the speeches from Speech Day is given later in these pages. There is also the sermon which the Archbishop Of Canterbury gave in Chapel in the Lent Term. This was direct and to the point, and afterwards in the time allotted for Centre-point, the Christian Bible Study Group, he answered the questions put to him by members of the School on aspects of the Christian faith. We all hope that the reputation Stowe has built for itself and the right to be considered as one of the top Public Schools in Britain will be continued under the leadership of Mr Turner.

We congratulate Mr and Mrs Bone and Mr and Mrs Mee on the recent birth of daughters.

Camilla Leigh

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE 1979

The following have gained places at Oxford and Cambridge as a result of last Autumn Term's examinations:

Awards

A. R. Bird	Scholarship in Engineering	Keble, Oxford.
Caroline Bridgwood	Exhibition in English	St Edmund Hall, Oxford.
Christina Gould	T. W. Fowles Scholarship in Mod. Langs.	St Hugh's, Oxford.
T. H. M. Fenton	Scholarship in Nat. Sci. (Med.)	Magdalene, Cambridge.
G. N. Lancaster	Scholarship in English	Corpus Christi, Oxford.
B. A. Nicholson	Scholarship in Engineering	Clare, Cambridge.

In addition ten other members of the School gained places at Oxford or Cambridge.

R.Q.D.

Bob Drayson has been at Stowe for 16 years. He took over the School at a time when things had been a bit difficult. The best tribute to him and his work is that he leaves it in a position and condition of which even J. F. Roxburgh would have been proud. Indeed it is not too much to say that his contribution to Stowe and its wellbeing bears a considerable resemblance to Roxburgh's. His style is completely different. The present era demands a different style. But the substance of his contribution has been similar. Both of them turned Stowe into a place which is happy and successful, and to which notwithstanding the high fees more parents want to send their boys, and now their girls, than there are places available for them. Standards are high, there is leadership without coercion, and a deep affection for the place.

Bob Drayson would be the last to say that this was all his doing. The quality of staff and boys has a lot to do with it. But the spirit of the place is very much his spirit. And it has been a large part of his secret that he has been able in a way which it is difficult to analyse to bring out the best in all who work with or under him. Dramatic—or melodramatic—gestures have not been his method. His has been the subtler technique of making people feel that they are better people than they realised, and inspiring them to show this by bringing out their best. We shall all miss him a great deal. But we shall not forget him. His work remains. And one can well apply to him Christopher Wren's epitaph, "SI MOMENTUM REQUIRIS, CIRCUMSPICE".

June 1979.

Boyd-Carpenter

R.Q.D.

quartum magister obtinuit locum
princeps creatus, munere vix levi
functurus; intentus reliquit
nec sibi nec sociis quietem.

cultor deorum, nec minus omnium
integritatis ius subeuntium,
ducebat aequales, minores
artibus eximiis regebat.

famam refecit in regimen prius
scholae reversae: moribus et libris
ludisque se dedebat. aedes
nomen habet nova, laus laborum.

B.S.S.

P.R.B.

It would be difficult to name one aspect of life and leisure at Stowe with which Paul Bowden has not been associated since he came here seven years ago. Although a bachelor, he has succumbed to the "itch" and returns in September to his old stamping ground, Mill Hill. He has devoted immense time and energy to a very wide range of activities—the R.A.F. Section, Cricket, Hockey, the Under-housemastership in Chandos, the Upper School Club, cellarer and sometime food member of the Masters' Mess—and there are certainly omissions in the list. Without his readiness to give up much of his holidays to the compilation and the subsequent dreary chore of proof reading, we should be without our Blue Book. (One of his innovations was to produce a proof copy in pink covers; perhaps it coincided with the entry of girls into Stowe . . .). Single-handedly, too, he has raised the status of Eton Fives and made it one of the leading and most successful sports in the school.

As if these activities were not enough, he has managed to slip in occasional appearances for the distinguished Masters' Rugby Team, organize very profitable study holidays to France and teach a full timetable of French for the Modern Language Department. To his tutelary skill recent generations of French Endorsers owe a very high success-rate and under his care and cajoling Five C has gone from strength to strength. It is above all his enthusiasm for his subject and the patience and expertise with which he teaches it at all levels which will make his loss a difficult one to sustain. We wish him success and happiness as he leaves Stowe to resume his career at Mill Hill.

J.A.B.

J.S.M.M.

Stuart Morris came to Stowe in 1964 after taking a degree in Geography at Emmanuel College, Cambridge and gaining a hockey Blue. In the fifteen years at Stowe his accomplishments have left a permanent impression on the School. He gained an Olympic hockey place for Great Britain in 1968 and then used his experience to put Stowe's hockey in the fore-front of the major public schools in the country. This was not just achieved by his coaching expertise but also by his insistence that we should have the proper facilities—hence the main hockey pitch is one of the finest school pitches in the country and now the all-weather playing surface will ensure that hockey will be played at any time. He was also a fine rugger player (missing a Blue only because of injury) and coached the Stowe Colts for many successful years. He also ran the Colts cricket and enjoyed the Occasional matches—especially with the bat. He was a fine squash player and participated in every conceivable form of physical competition that was available; golf, soccer, fives and tennis. His determination to teach games by example was epitomised in his own fitness as he was still representing Wiltshire County hockey until last year.

He followed Joseph Bain as Housemaster of Chandos in 1974 and imbued the House with his own brand of common sense and high ideals. Stuart and Sue will be remembered with great affection for their ready and generous hospitality which radiated throughout Chandos. Their personal appearance and personal high standards were an inspiration to the young members of the school as well as to colleagues and visitors to Stowe. In a quiet but definite way a sense of Christian commitment pervaded their practical concern for all they did. The Morris family with Sean and Rebecca have moved on to Papplewick where Stuart is thoroughly at home as Headmaster of a first rate preparatory school. He will continue to pass on to countless young people a sense of adventure and discovery and we at Stowe are grateful to have shared his enthusiasm for living. We wish them every happiness in the future.

C.J.G.A.

B.H.M.

Brian Mead came to Stowe in 1959 from Pembroke College after teaching practice at Mill Hill School. He has shared the A-level History teaching throughout, and his forthright and down-to-earth interpretation of events has complemented and enhanced the more florid styles of a succession of History Tutors. For several years he was a form master in the Fifts, teaching English there, and he has been master in charge of the School Library as well. His National Service R.N.R. experience in M.T.B.s and interest in sailing made him a natural choice to run the Royal Navy Section of the C.C.F. which he did from 1960 to the present time, seeing it smoothly through the transition from a compulsory to a voluntary activity.

Brian is a natural athlete and all-round games player, and his contribution to sport at Stowe has been immense. He ran the 2nd XI Cricket for 12 years and coached a Junior Hockey Club, but it is as a rugby player that he will long be remembered. Those who have admired his shrewd generaling of the Masters' team in the annual game against the Colts will not be surprised that he played for the Saracens 1st XV for four years and was a member of their team which reached the final of the Middlesex Sevens in 1958. He has helped with and coached the 1st XV at Stowe from 1959-1971, guiding the 1965 side to their unbeaten season, and has since run the school rugby, while coaching the Junior Colts in recent years.

He will be remembered as Under-Housemaster of Walpole from 1959-1969 and then as Housemaster of Bruce, while his wife, Liz, has earned her place in history as the first housemistress of Stanhope. Both she and Brian will be greatly missed from all aspects of Stowe life and we wish them well as they go to take over as Headmaster and Headmistress of Shoreham Grammar School—nearer the sea and their recently acquired yacht!

A.M.V.

C.S.J.

From the first, Colin Juneman has taken an active part in the life of Stowe. He was assistant housemaster in Nugent and in Lyttelton, and has always had time for those who need advice, or help with maths. preps. Although he taught Physics at one time, Mathematics is his true province, and how excellently it is done! With a nice blend of firmness and jollity, instruction and readiness to help, he is equally happy and successful teaching the most able, and the weaker. With his stimulus and challenge the top sets have benefited, and he has a great skill in bringing the best out of those in low sets. Boys feel confident that he can teach them, and so generally work well for themselves under his care. This encouragement was immensely valuable and will be greatly missed.

Out of school he exercised his talents and enthusiasm particularly in golf, and in bridge where his analytical mind found a natural expression. He organised much competitive play and the successes of the bridge team in recent years owe much to his work and inspiration.

His activities have been marked by a willingness to help others and he always had time for people. He takes great trouble with all that he does. We wish him well for the future.

C.D.M.

P.E.T.

Paul Tissier joined the Physics staff in September 1973 having taken a First in Physics at Manchester University. A very able physicist himself, he communicated his enthusiasm for his subject to those among his pupils with a bent for Physics, and the good Science results in the Oxford and Cambridge scholarship examinations over the last few years must be due in no small measure to his tireless work on behalf of the third year Sixth. He taught Physics at all levels in the School, and although his approach to teaching is perhaps less rigid than that of some of his colleagues the boys whom he taught have been successful in their examinations and few can have any but happy memories of his classes. In addition to his regular work in Physics he was successful in helping several very lame dogs over mathematical stiles with private tuition. Paul's interests are mainly intellectual; he founded and ran 'Apex'—a small Society for discussion of Logic and Philosophy—but he has been seen on occasion on the hockey field and athletics track. When Richard Theobald left the bearded figure who was to be seen most mornings bicycling up the drive was the obvious man to take over the running of the Cycling Club. We shall miss Paul Tissier's invariable good humour and we wish him, his wife and family all happiness in their new home in Brighton where he has taken a post at Brighton College.

A.R.P.

OBITUARIES

MR. E. S. DEWING

We report with deep regret the death on 3rd May, 1979 of Mr Edward Dewing, who joined the Staff at Stowe in September 1928 and taught Science for the next thirty years, for six of them as Head of the Science Department. A gentle, humane man, with a strong attachment to his subject, he inspired both affection and enthusiasm in those he taught, and the Department flourished under his care. It was his distinction to be the first to break the celibate tradition of the young Stowe, but JF could not have disapproved of his progeny—three sons, all of whom were educated at Stowe. After his retirement Edward Dewing lived in Buckingham until his death, actively involved in charitable work. His loyalty to the School never faded, and until recently he could regularly be seen in Chapel on Sunday mornings. We offer our warmest sympathy to his wife, Elfreda, and their three sons.

MISS FANNY PARISH

Older generations of Stoics will be saddened to hear of the death some months ago of Miss Fanny Parish, for many years Matron of Grafton. Her Housemaster, 'Fritz' Clifford, writes that 'her sympathy was instant, deep and effective. She was so human that no mother left her son in Grafton with the slightest doubt that the little boy would not be looked after ever in a way that helped him to grow manlier and yet more considerate'. The respect and affection she inspired in the Staff of those days, Roxburgh himself included, is the finest tribute to her memory.

SPEECH DAY

After an introductory welcome by the Chairman of the Governors, Mr John Taylor, the Headmaster spoke as follows:

The Headmaster's Speech

Thucydides wrote: "It is the men and not the walls which make a city", and when I think of Stowe I think of people; the buildings, the follies, the grounds, the vistas are, of course, a bonus. And it must be true, too, that it is the environment of Stowe which has helped to produce the people; but to me it is people that matter.

To me this school will always be the Stowe of those early Oxbridge scholars, John Boyd-Carpenter and Toby O'Brien, of Peterborough fame, both Presidents of their respective Unions, and Noel Annan who wrote that splendid biography of J. F. Roxburgh; James Reeves, poet; Christopher Robin Milne; Lord Birkett and others. It will be men of great fame on the Rugger field—Bernard Gadney, Ricky Bartlett, both England Captains, and never defeated; Peter Hastings, with Bernard Gadney, Captains of the first unbeaten Stowe XV's; Pat Sherrard, first Rugger Blue; Bill Garrett, the only post War unbeaten XV Captain. Stowe will always for me be Norman Barling, Captain of the winning Richmond Sevens at Twickenham; Michael Loup, who founded the Templars in 1951; Johnny Langley, finalist in the Amateur Golf Championship while still a boy at Stowe, and going on to win it 14 years later in 1950; Laddie Lucas, Ryder Cup, Cambridge Blue, who won the President's Putter as well as four medals for gallantry while serving in the Royal Air Force; Lucas and Choyce, fathers' finalists and sons' winners this year of the Halford Hewitt at Deal. Stowe for me will always be Leonard Cheshire and Jock Anderson, Friends in Chatham, and both V.C.s; and Hugh Dundas, much decorated fighter pilot. And those artists, in the broadest sense—Christopher Cash, Laurence Whistler, Timothy Whidborne, David Shepherd, David Wynne, Gavin Maxwell, Tom Firbank, David Niven, George Melly, Toby O'Brien, and, of more recent television fame with his African Sanctus, David Fanshawe. And those men who taught them as Housemasters or Tutors or Form Masters—Major Howarth, Ian Clarke, Alasdair Macdonald, Humphrey Playford, David Brown, Fritz Clifford, Ronnie Adams, Martin McLoughlin, Charles Spencer, Bill McElwee, Tim White, Patrick Hunter, Raymond Walker, Freddie Archer, Dr Huggins, the enormous influence of that good man, Hugh Hodge, for 9 years Vicar of Stowe, and many others too. And also those who served. These names surely ring a bell—Mr Warden, Sid and Elsie Jones, Austin Matthews, R. E. Lucas, Sister Quennell, Harry Garrett, Mr Gillett, Moss and Fred at the Shop. And behind it all that great man and very real person, John Fergusson Roxburgh, much beloved of all Stoics; for some 26 years Headmaster in this lovely place.

When Peter Agnew, my first Chairman of Governors, spoke briefly at the Commemoration Dinner earlier this term, he reminded us all of the exciting times we had together in those early days in 1964; excitement I think which most of us could have done without, but certainly stimulating and challenging; but then the whole of the past 16 years has been a challenge. I said then, and I say again now, that a school is either going up or going down; it never stands still. The real problem then as now is the busy-ness of it all. It is virtually impossible to sit still and think; it is so much a matter of living from day to day. I remember so well my first term under the guidance of Second Master, Alasdair Macdonald, and the wisdom of men like Peter Dams, Bruce Barr, Richard Gilbert, Walter Bradshaw. I remember being delighted that most of what I had heard to Stowe's disadvantage was quite untrue. I remember being impressed with the quick friendliness and tolerance of all, of the good manners and readiness

to help and, especially at that time, the willingness to see the need for improvement and to do something about it. I was aware at once of much good will. I remember our early discussions about the building of the new House, and the happy decision that it should be named after George Lyttelton. I remember in that first term putting a challenge to the school and referring to the fact that 5% of the boys in it were holding Stowe back from the return to the greatness of its early days. It was only a year later, when I saw an Old Stoic wearing a tie with embroidered on it the sign of 5% and a beer mug and a couple of cigarettes, that I realised that at least some of the boys had been listening! But, I also learnt that although a Stoic expects to take the micky, he also does listen, and he does do something about it.

I would like to read to you part of a letter I had this week from a young Old Stoic, who was not so very long ago my Head of School. In writing to wish my wife and myself all good fortune in the future, he said, amongst other things: "One of the strangest things about Old Stoics is that they don't seem to talk about or cling endlessly on to their school days in nostalgia or hatred. 'I like it', or 'Good place' is the usual answer to enquiries, and it is usually spoken judiciously as though the speaker has a sense of values, and as though Stowe was not at all a closeted experience which could be confined to a talk about school days; it would certainly be strange to find an Old Stoic who panicked at the thought of leaving Stowe for 'the real world'. A Stoic lived for five or so years in a place where the obnoxious was never glorified, where the cruel was held in contempt, where the purely intellectual was always tempted from its narcissism, and where the spoilt and selfish were shrugged off. It was a place where the Headmaster might creep up behind him and tap him on the shoulder and say 'You've got two feet, why are you only standing on one of them?' It was no good being cynical at Stowe, it wouldn't wash.

There was no point in pushing people around like counters because it was apparent that the school had a will of its own which was carefully nurtured in the smallest boy. So, in a time of a great deal of talk about systems, the Old Stoic has a wry smile on his lips. He is not easily bluffed because he was never educated to need indoctrination". It was a real pleasure to receive that letter. I remember, too, with much pleasure Noel Annan's talk to us at the Jubilee Commemoration Dinner: "Stowe was the first place where I began to understand who I was and what I was like. It was the first place where I was radiantly happy. Stowe was the most beautiful place I have ever lived in. Who amongst Stoics has failed to be influenced by the grandeur of the great House, by the temples, so exquisite or bizarre, and by the spaciousness of the park? It is Stowe's physical beauty which gives Stoics an indefinable sense of style and of having been born to better things. We owe a debt to the place; we also are in debt to our contemporaries. The point is that we Stoics educated each other; Stoics still do".

These two men of different generations both learnt at Stowe something of the art of living, of being a person.

I have reminded some of the older Old Stoics of the past glories of the school. Let me mention some of the things I remember during my 16 years. First, undoubtedly, the undefeated Rugger side of 1964; Sam Black's 1,000 runs for the 1st XI, scored mostly in 6s and 4s; Rosemary Hill, devoted Secretary to all four Headmasters; the creating of a nature Reserve; Enzo Plazzotta's Exhibition of Sculpture; the setting up of a Trout Hatchery; the Beagles and this year's Champion Bitch; John Doubleday's Sculpture and one-man Exhibitions in London; David Shepherd's paintings of the North and South Fronts; Sir Nicholas Henderson, newly appointed Ambassador to Washington; Peter Vanneck, last year's Lord Mayor of London; the Old Stoics exciting victory in the Halford Hewitt this year; the large number of Old Stoics' sons and daughters and grandsons in the school and entered for the future; the defeat of Millfield in the ITV Sixth Form Challenge Programme; Paul Dixey,

Chairman of Lloyd's; Zair Berry, Head of the School, who built every piece of furniture in his own study in the School Workshops; Jeremy Allerton, Cricket Blue; Simon Ayre's Pineapple Balls, and the opening of the new Pineapple Club in the Harrow Road by Group Captain Cheshire; the School Golfers, winners of the Micklem Trophy 8 times in 23 years; the great success of the Archery team; and the breaking of almost every School Swimming record; the Squash team's victory in the Bath Cup; Stowe's Tennis team, finalists in the Youll Cup at Wimbledon in 1971; and the Hockey XI of 1971, undefeated, with good victories over Marlborough and Kingston Grammar School; Ian Thomson playing Hockey for Great Britain and England; the tremendous work of the Community Service, especially in the time of Richard Theobald; a dozen or more Blues in the last 15 years for Rugger and Cricket and Hockey and Golf and Squash and Rowing; Giles Cheatle, playing Cricket for Sussex and a member of the team which won the Gillette Cup last Summer; Stowe's running of the Public Schools Golf Tour of the United States; and the organisation of the Stowe Putter Competition for Preparatory Schools by Andrew Vinen; the numbers in the School rising from 560 in 1964 to 665 in 1979; Richard Clifford's two single-handed Atlantic Crossings and his decoration

by the Queen for jumping out of an aircraft into the Atlantic when there was a bomb scare aboard the Queen Elizabeth; the setting up of a Representative Tie so that boys who were not games players or authorities in the school should be noticed and rewarded; the building of Lyttelton House, of a Sports Hall, of a Swimming Pool; of the Science Laboratories; the singing of Brahms' German Requiem, of the Messiah, of the St Matthew Passion; the visit of the Duchess of Gloucester to Stowe's 50th Anniversary celebrations; the Myles Henry Prize for Initiative, won this year for the first time by a girl for her project which took her to Venice; girls accepted into the school from 1974—welcomed by some, not by others; the boy foresters and their planting of an avenue of Plane trees which won a Department of the Environment Award; the winning of a Heritage Year Award for work on the garden buildings; Edward Heath's visit to the school and his comprehensive survey of world politics; J. C. R. Welch, journalist of the year in 1976; Michael Jackson, representing Great Britain in the Under 20 Hurdles Team in 1977; the last of Bridgeman's Beech trees on the North Front blown down in the great north-westerly gale of January 3rd, 1976; two services for the whole school in Coventry Cathedral; Nigel Downing and Brian Helweg-Larsen, finalists in ITV's Young Scientist of the Year; House Art Competitions; the Congreve Club's production of the **Royal Hunt of the Sun**; the remarkable staff production of **Iolanthe**; ten Oxbridge Awards in 1977; Dudley Barker's unstinting dedication to the success of the Appeal which produced the Swimming Pool; Anthony Quinton, President of Trinity College 1978, and the appointment of two lady governors. There ladies and gentlemen is something of a mixture for you all.

So, when the time comes to leave, it is the time for looking back in order to look forward. What we remember most is people, whether it be in school, regiment, firm, nation or cathedral; people and the mark they make, the traditions they created. If we think of tradition as living in the past, we would do well to ask ourselves what we actually remember. I believe it would be true to say that we remember those men and women who created this place, the ones who were looking forward, who were looking into the future. Tradition is a great thing, but only for those who are moving on. Many changes have taken place over the last 16 years. Many changes are taking place at this present time, and not all of them are popular.

At this time of change, I like to think of Stowe with its landscape sweeping into and away from these magnificent and splendid buildings: as Old Stoic, Hugo Morley-Fletcher, said in a lecture to the Art Society the other day: "Stowe flows out of itself into the gardens—and the gardens flow into the buildings". I think of Stowe as a place which has received and will continue to receive over the years many young men and women to whom it can offer beauty and knowledge and warmth and understanding which they will be able to take with them to life outside. As I stand here on the South Front I like to think of Stowe as a place which 'flows

out of itself', which looks out, which looks forward, which looks into the future. I would say with Dag Hammarscholt, the great Secretary General of the United Nations: "For all that has been, thanks: to all that shall be, yes".

And now, finally, let me just say thank you. First to the men and women who teach your sons and daughters. Then thank you to all who work as Secretaries; all those of the Bursar's staff who keep the ship afloat, who make things work, who feed us, who preserve the beauty of the grounds and the buildings; and most sincerely my personal thanks to the Governors of the School, who have been so kind and generous to my wife and myself during our time at Stowe. It has for me been the happiest of partnerships. And above all, I would thank Stoics both past and present. It is from them that I have learnt most during the past 16 years—and the process continues!

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for your kind reception today and God bless all connected with Stowe School. I have no doubt at all that Stowe will be in very good hands next year. "For all that has been, thanks: to all that shall be, yes".

Mr A. M. Quinton's Speech

Mr A. M. Quinton, President of Trinity College, Oxford, as principal guest paid tribute to the Headmaster's sixteen years of service to Stowe. Those who recalled Lord Annan's graceful and amusing eulogy of J. F. Roxburgh were not surprised to hear another of the first Headmaster's pupils couch his approval in a similar humorous vein. Recalling the fact that his Chairmanship of the Governors had coincided with what he called the great middle period of Mr Drayson's headmastership, Mr Quinton went on to speak of the changes in outlook and behaviour which Mr Drayson had instituted in the School, and of his success in maintaining high academic standards and also in 'coping with the economic cold wind that blows around a school of this kind'. Mr Drayson had been a 'great "getter about"; a visitor to prep. schools, a preacher here and there. I see pulpits that have been shivered to fragments all over the English independent educational network by Bob's constant readiness to offer a sermon, and to inform people by the way after they've been shown the light about the particular bit of light that's been gleaming here under his guardianship'. The success of the Appeals was striking evidence of these efforts. In particular, Mr Quinton reminded his audience of the Headmaster's tireless campaigning for an all-weather hockey pitch. He would always be able to say, "Well, whatever else we did we got them an all-weather hockey pitch!" Going back to the Headmaster's guidance of the School, Mr Quinton referred to what he considered the two real keynotes of his headmastership; the first was 'simple hard work', and in his aim to make the School more efficient, energetic and alert Mr Drayson had the immense advantage of possessing all these qualities himself. He had also the no less indispensable advantage of 'being suitably propped up at home', and Mr Quinton spoke warmly of Mrs Drayson's 'extraordinary patience and supportiveness and encouragement', comments which the assembled company heartily endorsed. The other quality conspicuous in the Headmaster was what Mr Quinton called 'in a slightly elaborate way' his realistic broadmindedness. Mr Drayson had the rare capacity to combine the habit of hard work with an unfailingly rational approach; despite his basically traditional outlook he had never relied on traditional devices for running the School. The result of this had been 'a great diminution of possible pieces of friction which might have occurred'. Referring to 'a most colossal black eye' which the Headmaster had suffered a year or two ago, Mr Quinton hoped that the only injury he would suffer on this occasion was a 'fairly severe attack of tingling ears, which, in my superstitious fashion, I have always supposed to be the physical response to large numbers of people talking about you in an admiring, grateful and affectionate way'. Mr Quinton concluded his speech with warm acknowledgement to Mr and Mrs Drayson for what they had done for Stowe.

RECOLLECTIONS OF A BATTLE

SPEECH DAY, JUNE 2nd, 1979

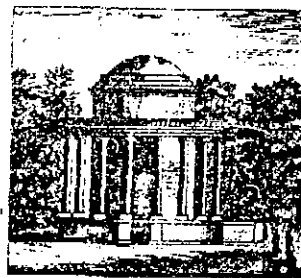
The week and a half of hasty Briefing Sessions in Break were over. The artillery support had been finally organised. (This had been 'a prahblem': so many pieces had been required, that extra supplies had to be requisitioned from outside. As it was the last one did not arrive until 1805 hours—H Hour minus 25 mins.—without allowing time for an equipment check. Worse was to come.) Ammunition, much of it obsolete, had been obtained by the Musical Director's Administrative Assistant in a splendid scavenge round the Supply Depots. 72 Rounds of .38 lay in front of me. I had a good field of fire, and Rawcliffe's Smith & Wesson gave a well-oiled click in my hands as I loaded it

While we waited, poised, for Zero Hour, we were regaled by the Chapel Choir, letting their collective hair down in "Pasadena" and "Sahara", in the particularly stylish arrangements by the talented Paul Drayton. It says more than somewhat for the same people who could produce this convincing night club effect—and then, the very next morning could sound so natural in the Anthem "With a Voice of Singing" in the Chapel, for Group Captain Cheshire and the congregation. A very adult wind quintet—Lenon, Lloyd, Brocklebank, Morrish and Ogden, ma.—gave a polished performance of Five Dances by Denes Agay; and large numbers of clarinets (a popular instrument, it seems) played Tchaikovsky's Andante Cantabile and Bourrée from Handel's Water Music.

Quietness, almost inevitably it seems, precedes the storm of Battle. And, as one whose job requires ex tempore musical performances at a moment's notice (as the unfortunate organists know to their cost, when one note only is required for the intoning of versicles at Evening Prayer, and the very utmost concentration is needed), I never fail to be astonished that young people like Patrick Lloyd can stand up, as he did, and play through a piece like the Corelli/Barbirolli Oboe Concerto without a slip or hesitation. And he was followed by Laura Morrish (the first girl to play a Concerto at Stowe) who performed Rowley's Miniature Piano Concerto with the same calm assurance.

All too suddenly we were off. With flags, whips, drums and rattles and guns we were re-living the Battle of Vitoria. The fog of War descended. On the English side 115 shots scored by Beethoven soon caused our guns to be overheated and jammed. But fortunately so did those on 'the other side of the hill'; otherwise history might have had to be re-written, and Wellington would have lost! (Perhaps this was what caused the present holder of the Dukedom the very next day to put some of the Iron Duke's 'spoils of War' up for sale—at least that might be his excuse!

J.E.C.N.



The Temple of Ancient Virtues

SERMON IN STOWE CHAPEL ON FEBRUARY 4TH BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

Two stories this morning. To get the first one right you must see in your mind's eye an ancient city, its walls of stone, its gates of wood, shut every night in case marauders or enemies sought to invade the city. You will see a man with a vision clear in his mind, a strong, a godly, a practical man, a man who loved his city and wept to see it in disarray. For the walls had been broken down, the gates had been burnt with fire. He longed to restore it. There was opposition to contend with. There always is when good work is afoot. There were those who mocked this man and his little team of builders and said that if a fox ran over the wall he'd knock it down; no doubt there were guffaws on all sides. There generally are. It's easier to ridicule than to work. But the man did a recce. He reconnoitred and he set to work and he had three tools. He had a trowel which meant the will to work. He had a sword which meant the will to fight. He had prayer which meant that he was in touch with headquarters. The walls rose again, and the gates were rehung, and the city was restored, and the job was done. God sent that man and God used that man. You can read the story in the Old Testament, but I am not going to tell you where you'll find it. That's your job.

That's my first story.

But for my second story you will need to think of a smallish room and some dozen men, just a little less perhaps, gathered together. Scared stiff. It was dark and the doors were shut. Shut for fear of what might happen if they were opened. For the master of the men who gathered in that room had recently been executed and the men within the room wondered whether a like fate awaited them. And then he came. Don't ask me exactly how he came, for some of the most tremendous things in life are not explicable in the way that two plus two equals four. But he came and they knew him and they recognised him. He showed them his hands and his side and the marks of the nails and of the spear, and he spoke to them. We have time to notice two things he said. First he said "peace be to you". It was an ordinary oriental greeting. If you went to Palestine today you would hear almost the identical words that he used "salem aleckem"—"peace to you". But that night as he said it to them, it took on a new meaning. For this was the one thing above all others that they needed—the peace of forgiveness, for they had run away from him; the peace of his presence, and he gave it to them. The second thing he said was this; "As my father sent me, so I am sending you". It was almost too good to be true, for, as I said, they had run away from him in his hour of great need. But here he was, forgiving them and recommissioning them and sending them on a life-errand for him.

Those are my two stories. As you think about them in the course of the day, you can put them together. Then you can bring them out from the Old Testament and out from the New, and can set them in the world of 1979 where you and I operate. It's a world that's in a mess. The walls have broken down and the gates are burned, but somebody needs to come along to put things right. The fools will laugh and the crowds will guffaw. But provided you have got a trowel (the will to work), and a sword (the will to fight and not to heed the wounds), and provided you are in touch with headquarters, you may be a minority, you probably will, but you can rebuild the city. And England is in a mess. If you want to know about that, read this morning's paper or turn on the radio. And the walls are down, and the gates are burned. But Oh how often in the course of history God has taken one man or a little group of men and women and used them to rebuild the walls. I believe that Christ comes to us as he came to that little group of men in the upper room, and he says: "Peace to you; as my

father sent me, so send I you". Have you got a trowel, the will to work; and a sword, the will to fight? And are you in touch with headquarters through prayer and word and sacraments? Then you can hear him say to you today, "As my father sent me, so send I you". And you, please God, will answer. "I am coming Lord, you can count on me".

TWO PUSHKIN LYRICS TO AN UNNAMED LOVE

I loved you once; it may be, in my heart
The flame that seared me has not wholly died.
But do not fear; you shall not feel the smart
Of my reproach, the taunts of wounded pride.
I loved you with a silent hopelessness,
Now timid, now a prey to jealousy.
I loved you with a steadfast tenderness;
Pray God another love you equally.

Sing not, fair maid, for me to hear,
Your plaintive songs of sad Ukraine;
Bring not before my eyes too clear
Another life, a distant plain.

Through your cruel airs the Steppe, the night,
The moon-blanch'd spaces stilly dream;
Across the lost years' deadening blight
A girl's white features palely gleam.

The bitter sweet of former pain
At your soft glance my thoughts forget:
But then you sing—and once again
The mocking spectre haunts me yet.

Sing not, fair maid, for me to hear,
Your plaintive songs of sad Ukraine:
Bring not before my eyes too clear
Another life, a distant plain.

A Victorian pastiche.

DRAMA

THE CONGREVE CLUB

LONDON ASSURANCE

Restoration comedy is never easy, nor is a nineteenth century imitation of it. The intricacies and subtleties of the period demand a high level of sophistication from producer, cast and audience for full appreciation, and it was a bold venture on the part of Mr Haslam and Mrs Jeannie Wallace Jones to present such a work to a largely School audience last Autumn Term. However, they had good reason to be proud of their success, which resulted partly from their own brisk production and partly from the polished competence of the principal actors.

Henry Hall's aristocratic bearing and languid mannerisms as Sir Harcourt Courtly were a joy to watch, skilfully balanced by the wily, raffish self-confidence of Jonathan Villiers as his son Charles. The encounters between Charles and Grace Hathaway, played by Eleanor Davies with scintillating charm and superb poise, were acted with a delightful aplomb and conviction that gave depth and maturity to their relationship. Marc Hope showed all the energy, impudence and obsequiousness required by the part of Dazzle, though there was a certain monotony in his mannerisms and gestures.

Emma Weiner as Lady Gay Spanker and Alan Dweck as her husband 'Dolly' provided another striking contrast. Emma Weiner, in her Congreve Club debut, made the most of this challenging rôle by a magnificent portrayal of the requisite haughtiness and dominance, from her first striking entrance throughout the rest of the play. Dweck's sycophantic spinelessness completed the caricature of an ill-matched married couple. Matthew Street was excellent as the typical country squire Maximilian Harkaway, particularly in the clarity of his delivery. Mark Fenwick made a commendable transition from Junior to Senior Congreve Club in an amusingly arch portrayal of Sir Harcourt's valet, Cool, and Simon Wallace Jones produced a fine range of mood, from the hilarious to the pathetic, as the bumbling lawyer Mark Meddle. Catarina Cowan added colour and charm as the servant Pert, Martin Dew as the young servant is clearly a name to remember for the future, and the rest of the cast were more than adequate in supporting the major rôles.

Spectacle is all-important in a play of this type, and Mrs. Joan Vincent's set, painted by the Art Department, was in perfect harmony with the R.S.C.'s elegant costumes.

The only fault I found with this production was a tendency for the actors to speak too quickly. This not only made them sometimes inaudible, but also produced the impression that they were reciting their lines, so that the 'suspension of disbelief' was weakened. Otherwise I warmly congratulate Mr Haslam and Mrs Jeannie Wallace Jones on a very witty and professional evening's entertainment. I understand that two of the cast, Eleanor Davies and Emma Weiner, are proposing to make the stage their career; it would seem from this performance that their ambitions are not unreasonable.

B.S.S.

JUNIOR CONGREVE CLUB

“A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS”

It is fast becoming a certainty that whenever the Junior Congreve is to be produced outdoors the weather will be grim. After seven weeks of rehearsal at the Temple of Venus, Robert Bolt's “A Man For All Seasons” was moved into the Roxburgh Hall on the night of the Dress Rehearsal, and the actors deserved great credit for the way in which they adapted to the different conditions.

In his portrayal of Sir Thomas More Bolt depicts his hero as a “man with an adamant sense of his own self—a supple, humorous, unassuming and sophisticated person set like metal”. Clearly this presented a considerable challenge to a junior actor, but Joe Péliissier seized the opportunity with great determination, and proved with his sensitive performance that he had made a mature and thoughtful attempt to convey More's complexities. His final speeches as he prepared for inevitable execution were especially convincing, delivered with clear clipped syllables that captured the depth of his self-belief.

The Common Man combines jailer, boatman, steward, juryman and executioner and Mark Fenwick clearly enjoyed exploiting the variety, energy and bawdiness of this rôle to the full. Ian Keith as More's wife Alice was faced with a difficult task, but admirably brought over her bitter solitude and lack of understanding, traits that contrasted sharply with More's loving daughter Margaret competently played by Robert Adam. Alex Lloyd as Thomas Cromwell was particularly impressive; he cleverly convinced us of the sinister, threatening force of this harsh intellectual bully. Among other consistent performances were Nigel Rossiter as More's impassioned but lesser-principled friend the Duke of Norfolk, Marcus Cotton who tackled the part of the Spanish Ambassador Chapuys with great vigour, and Tom Phillips, admirably suited to the unscrupulous self-seeking Richard Rich, and Huw Jennings as the sharp-minded Cranmer.

Fred Taylor, though not cast in the mould of the Holbein Henry, relished this colourful rôle, and his entrance, pursued by a retinue of brightly clad oarsmen to the sound of fanfares specially composed for the production, was one of the most dramatic moments in the play, rivalled only perhaps by the atmosphere evoked when More was beheaded in almost total darkness but with hair-splitting accuracy!

Overall the play proved that it is in no way over-ambitious for junior actors to tackle more demanding, well-established drama, for they are able to approach the play with enthusiasm and originality of response—what struck me about this play was the company atmosphere they were able to convey. Evidently they had benefited from the experience of thinking out and then moulding their production through discussion among themselves and with the director, which is an invaluable aspect of theatre. We now await this year's Junior Congreve, “Dr Faustus”, with considerable relish.

B.S.S.

IOLANTHE

For political palates jaded by the bickerings of the Général Election what better tonic than Joan Vincent's delightful presentation of the amatorial meanderings of the House of Lords? Such splendid timing fuelled the appetite of the School for the wondrous translation of Staff, matrons, wives and friends into a heterogeneous collection of Peers and Peris. One sensed that the audience's appreciation of the overture was sharpened by expectation, and the arrival of the Fairies tripping lightly (to the burden of what sounded like the resonance of distant thunder) was gleefully received. The naiads of the Matrons' mess under the stern control of Juliet Rudolf's impressive Queen of the Fairies sang and danced with great aplomb and well prepared the way for the entrance of robed and ermined Peers, naturally aristocratic in their elevation from the ranks of Academe.

The doubts of an audience given to a more liberal use of language (Are you **really** a fairy, sir?) were soon answered, and if one distinguished Matron was heard to ask, “Why do they laugh when you say you're only half a fairy?” Ian Small's presence and arch wink at the audience on declaring that such he was from the waist down elegantly exploited and controlled the youthful audience's incredulity. His professional performance established a quality that was echoed in those of the Earls of Mountarat (John Dobinson) and Tolloller (Tony Selby) and they were complemented by Charles Rainer's athletic occupancy of the Woolsack.

For those who remembered her performance as Varya in the **Cherry Orchard**, Liz Mead's sparkling performance came as no surprise and, it is sad that this was her last appearance on the Stowe stage. Ruth Harrington was charming as Iolanthe, as were Mesdames Stephan, Dobinson and Burley as Celia, Leila and Fleta. The transformation of the stage into a truly Arcadian setting, designed by William Latham and effected by ‘assorted fairies’ lent enchantment, and Bill Vincent's emergence from his sentry box as a calculatedly stolid Private Willis was applauded to the echo. The family's triumph was rounded off by daughter Rachel's Page Boy.

It was all given accomplished backing by the Musical Directors, David Gatehouse and Paul Drayton; the enthusiasm of two delighted audiences grew as each performance unwound; encores were rightly demanded and rightly given. The production was a triumphant and too-long-awaited return of the staff to the stage and it is much to be hoped that such skill and humour will be offered again before too long.

R.M.P.

WEDNESDAY DRAMA GROUP

The main event of the Group's year was the production in the Spring Term of a short play about the life and death of Jan Palach and its relevance to the present situation in Czechoslovakia. Written by the group, after initial rehearsals of a play by Charles Marowitz on the same theme, ‘Palach’ proved an interesting experiment, with the audience cheerfully sitting on the floor and the action happening on four stages. Alan Dweck wrote and sang a most moving ‘theme’ song for the piece.

The rest of the term has been spent in exercises aimed at improving acting and direction, whilst a small amount of practical work on set construction was undertaken during the run-up to the Junior Congreve Club's ‘Dr Faustus’. Theatre visits have included ‘Sleuth’ at the Oxford Playhouse and Tom Stoppard's ‘Night and Day’ in London. A visit to the Benson expedition at Stratford is planned.

The main problem with Wednesday Drama Group remains that, as a once-a-week activity, it finds difficulty in maintaining momentum on any given project. Next year a new management promises a bold attempt at solving this difficulty.

A.G.M.

Confused, uncertain, vulnerable,
A human mind, muddled, fuddled.
Why? Nobody knows.
The roots of confusion lay too deep
To be found.
And so another day must be faced
With cold sick uncertainty.

Long white corridors, blank white walls,
The occasional print of a landscape.
Starched coats rustle,
And heels click through the silence.
A broom sweeps the spotless floor,
Someone coughs,
Then all is quiet.

How cut off is it possible to be?
How long can a mind move,
Crawling along the conveyor belt
Which goes just too quickly?
On and on in desperate silence
Straining against the waste of time,
The waste of life.

But they are secure, safe,
And can come to no harm.
They enter voluntarily,
Perhaps through ignorance
And a little persuasion.
Poor, unknowing innocents,
Poor lost souls,
To be floating in the unreal quiet,
The places of lifeless silence,
Awesome, cold, and clean.

And what of friends and relations,
Who send their kindred
To peaceful homes?
Their consciences will remind them.
So that, like their kindred,
They shall never find
The total peace
That we are all born to deserve.

P. H. Jones

CLOWN

I'm walking down the street,
My head in confusion.
There are so many people,
All too hard to please.

Never a smile, never a clap;
Only blank, expressionless faces
Look at me with awkward stares,
Thinking in a way I can't understand.

Why don't they listen, or take it in?
They're ruining themselves
In their lust for money,
Vengeance, power and death.

They think I'm mad.
Talking of freedom,
And the uniting of nations.
Each of them anarchists.

They're pathetic, so heartless.
Ignorant.
I've tried too many times
To make them sane.

Too many times but always in vain
And now I think I'll quit
To them I was but a clown,
But here I am a King.

W. J. R. Craig

VANBRUGH'S WORK AT STOWE

There has for a long time been a doubt as to whether any of the designs of Vanbrugh for the rebuilding of Stowe under Lord Cobham were actually built. An aerial view of a proposal for the gardens attributed to Charles Bridgeman in about 1719 exists¹. In the distance is the house from the south-west, but the next known picture of the South façade in the Seeley Guide of 1750 makes it appear probable that the reconstruction planned by Vanbrugh was never carried out.

Detached from the main house in the aerial view of 1719 stand two service courts. The end façades of these courts are striking; the central pavilions with a bold arch surmounted by a heavy pediment and battlementing are reminiscent of the Pyramid Gate at Castle Howard. Detached service courtyards also appear on the General Plan of Stowe published by Sarah Bridgeman in 1739, and continue to appear in the same position and to the same overall dimensions in all subsequent plans, though by 1753 in the Bickham engraving they are joined to the main building.

The general configuration of the existing courts in the same position appears similar to the drawing in the aerial view². The detailed treatment of the elements however is different, and the courts themselves incorporated in a much larger scheme of service areas at each end. The main similarity is in the length and width of the four main ranges, in the pitch of the roof, and in the arch and positioning of the central pavilion. In the drawing however the ranges have along their front nine tall and narrow arched windows with small square windows above; whereas the south side of the existing ranges have five large arches framing windows of normal proportions in two storeys. The inner and north sides have been altered and patched so often as to provide little apparent evidence.

Conversion work on the South-west range gave an opportunity to examine the structure. The builders were asked to watch out for traces of windows behind the jambs of the five bold arches, and carved wooden window frames were discovered roughly plastered over more or less in the positions suggested by the 1720 drawing, both in spacing and in height from the ground. Furthermore underneath the brickwork of the five arches were found traces of white stucco. This seems to be the covering described in a letter of 1748:⁽ⁱ⁾ "the House which has now the longest front (they tell you) in England, to being Whited Over has a very good effect".

On looking at the north face of the north-west range which had been covered up by later building, several of the tall windows of the drawing were found to be in existence³.

These discoveries prompted re-examination of the central pavilions. The 1720 drawing shows them with a large arch under a pediment, flanked by two smaller arches under a roof following the axis of this range. The present buildings still show the large arch, but instead of the two smaller arches to each side is one larger arch. The height of the sides is double, and the whole building is more substantial than in the drawing. However, on the inner side, facing onto the fuel tanks of the modern west courtyard the arrangement of the drawing survives with the central arch flanked by twin arches on each side⁴.

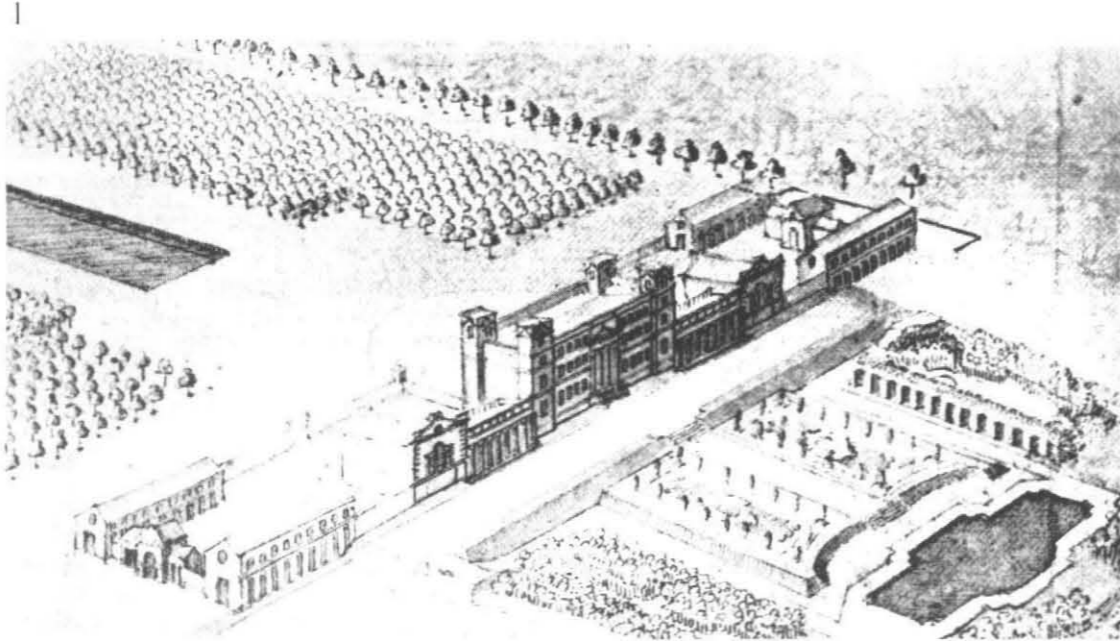
From these observations it now seems possible to reconstruct the following history for these ranges. They were built, probably after Vanbrugh's design, ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ according to the 1720 drawing. The south faces of the south ranges at least were altered to have the unevenly spaced fenestration shown in the Seeley Guide of 1750. At a later stage, almost certainly in connection with the rebuilding of the South Front of the main house in the 1770's, five large arches were substituted to echo the arched rhythms of the new South Front, and the scale of these new arches was repeated at the west and east ends in the series of arches which now survives

in the west. Thus it seems highly probable that, in addition to the north portico and garden buildings of Vanbrugh, substantial designs by him were actually executed and still exist in a modified form.

R.C.R.

1. Detail of panoramic view.
 2. Photograph of west court from south-west.
 3. Photograph of windows of north side of north-west range.
 4. Photograph of inner façade of west court.
- (i) From an unpublished letter, dated 5th July, 1748, in the letter book of the Marchioness de Grey, quoted by courtesy of Lady Lucas and the Bedfordshire County Record Office.
- (ii) From surviving account books we learn that in June 1719 Vanbrugh visited Stowe to see the Coachhouse and Stable which were nearing completion, also the Summer House (Bacchus); there is also reference in 1718 to the building of the Greek House, Garden House and Orangery, clearly nearing completion.

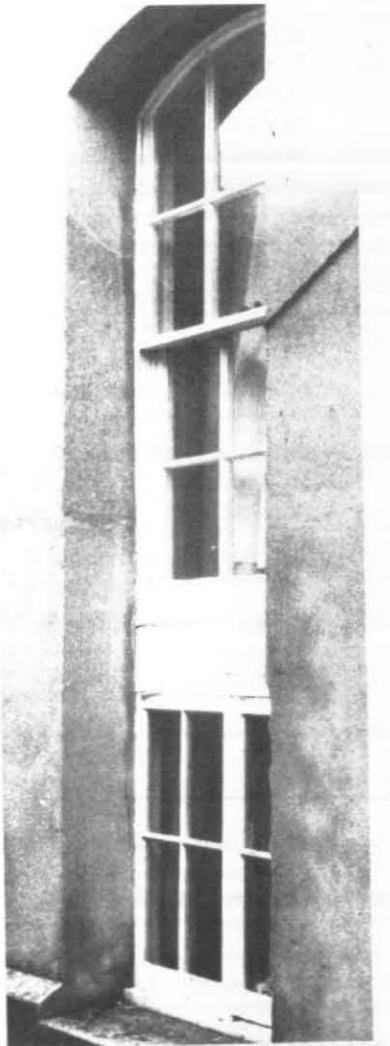
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DESTINY

Poised and ready,
Safe and steady,
He remains motionless, hidden and shrouded in that leafy foliage;
No one talks, they only wait;
They wait for that huge and dangerous killer.

A donkey stands by a tree,
Each of its movements sends an echo through the forest.
Its death bell will claim two lives,
But secure the pride of a brave hunter.

He awakes to the sound of the bell, that curious ring in his ears,
He yawns, rises and stretches those elastic and powerful muscles.
His ears held erect he turns his head towards the noise,
Slowly he starts to walk towards death.

The hunter completely safe from the fantasised man-eater,
Tenses as he hears a rustle in the wood . . . the prey.
He clutches that telescopic marvel science has created . . . to Destroy
Oh, what stories he will have to tell of death,
How savage was that eight foot beast.
He was lucky to escape he will claim,
He had to kill it,
What harm will one death do?

Noise is a terrible thing, one is apt to panic at the sound of it.
The roar split the air, the donkey brayed in vain,
The bell started to ring,
Madly, irregularly and desperately, but in vain.
The gun was raised, the sights set;
The trigger was squeezed,
The tiger screamed,
The blood ran,
The bell died.
The trees began to spin, and life began to end.
The hunter swelled with pride.
When will it stop?

Joe Péllissier

MUSIC

VALE ORCHESTRA CONCERT

January 21st, 1979

The Brandenburg Concerti will tax any chamber orchestra, in their demands for the clarity of each instrumental line and, at the same time, a collective sonority created by the ensemble as a unit. In their programme at Stowe, the Vale Orchestra included No. 3 in G, and No. 5 in D, and brought both performances off successfully. A crisp start to the opening allegro did not prevent the movement from becoming grander as it progressed, the orchestra developing a fine mellow tone. Musicologists will argue about the two adagio chords that separate the two allegro movements: these are often developed into an improvisatory movement. Not here, though, which was a pity, for the cumulative effect so well achieved by Robert Secret and his players in the second allegro would have been enhanced by the moments of musical repose such a brief interlude might have given. The paradox was that David Gatehouse, in No. 5, which is virtually a klavier concerto, played with tremendous gusto, and provided a cadenza the playing of which would have done credit to Liszt himself.

A neat performance of Vivaldi's violin concerto 'L'Amoroso' followed the first Bach, and gave us an interesting contrast. The soloist, Lorna Windass, had a sweet, pure tone, but lacked a little bravado, and perhaps in consequence the orchestra played a little tentatively.

It took them a moment or two to adjust to the idiom of Elgar, but the performance of the Serenade eventually took off, and the orchestra produced some lovely warm Elgarian sounds, with a splendid understanding of the ebb and flow of the music, and a tonal balance that caressed the ear.

The concert ended with a sprightly rendering of the ever-popular 'Eine Kleine Nachtmusik' by Mozart, full of life and fire.

I.M.S.

CONCERT BY PUPILS

February 25th, 1979

Not everyone is 'turned on' by Vivaldi or Mahler, nor by Genesis or the Tubes, but it will be a sad reflection of our musical culture if we ever fail to respond to excellence of performance, even in music we distrust or dislike. And there was excellence a-plenty in this concert in the Music Room, but a poor response from members of the school in numbers attending. They missed a treat, not just in the opportunity to hear unfamiliar music (I'd never heard of Bozza or Grovlez before) but in the opportunity to hear and see their immediate contemporaries producing music of such excellent quality in performance.

I don't deny that there were some longueurs during the evening, but the high standards achieved by so many made the concert one of those special occasions (special in the Festival Hall as well, of course) when the listener forgot the fallible attempts of the music-makers, and was able to reach the inspiration and ideas of the composers themselves. In their ability to become the means of communication between original concept and audience these performers surpassed all expectation.

And the variety in the programme! From Bozza's Trumpet badinage, to Haydn's string quartets, to Paul Drayton's version of an oriental fox-trot (why oriental, one asked in passing)

there was enough to stimulate the most jaded and smug musical palates. It isn't invidious to single out performers, but the list could be so long. I shall remember in particular the flawless flow of tone that David Charlesworth produced in arrangements by Kreisler, his rhythmic panache, and above all his real sense of joy in the music; the accomplishment of Stephen Morrish in Beethoven's difficult music for that most difficult of instruments, the French horn; Marcus Barnard's tour de force on the bagpipes—a great popular success; some pleasing wind sonorities in Mozart, and strings dark and trenchant in Haydn. And two especial pleasures to end the evening: the gloriously full, lambent tone of Patrick Lloyd's oboe in music by Albinoni, and the splendidly rich and disciplined sound of the choir in the Sanctus from the "Missa Luba" and PCD's oriental fox-trot, which deserved and got a thunderous encore.

Pleasures and excellence a-plenty, then. Congratulations to all concerned, but, more than praise, thanks: it is always stimulating and refreshing to be reminded of the quality that can be achieved by talent and hard work.

I.M.S.

Sunday, 11th March, 1979 at 8.00 p.m. in the Roxburgh Hall

A BAND CONCERT

Given by the Bands of Cheltenham College (Conductor: Stephen Spanyol) and Stowe School (Conductor: Bram Wiggins)

Stowe Band:

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| 1. ENGLISH MARCH for an AMERICAN TRUMPET
Christopher Gayford, Alexander Savage, Fred Taylor | John Klein |
| 2. Overture 'BERKSHIRE HILLS' | Howard Akers |
| 3. THREE WALTZES | Weber. arr. W.B.W. |
| 4. A Selection of music from 'OLIVER' | Lionel Bart |
| 5. 'THE SPARROW BUSH' | John Klein |
| 6. 'RAINDROPS KEEP FALLIN' ON MY HEAD'
From 'Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid' | Burt Bacharach |
| 7. SLAVONIC DANCES | Dvorak |

INTERVAL

Cheltenham College Band:

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| 8. GRAND MARCH from 'Aida' | Verdi |
| 9. BOURREE (Royal Fireworks) | Handel |
| 10. MARCH (Second Suite in F) | Holst |
| 11. SUITE FROM ORFEO | Monteverdi |
| 12. GAVOTTE (Classical Symphony) | Prokofieff |
| 13. MINIATURES FOR WIND BAND | Walton arr: W.B.W. |
| 14. CHORALE AND FUGUE | Mendelssohn |
| 15. MASSED BANDS: 'BALLET PARISIEN'
1. Overture. 2. Valse. 3. Finale (Can-Can) | Offenbach |

Here were two different, though equally valid, approaches to the problem of running a school band. On the one hand, the Stowe Band with its fifty-five members provided an admirable outlet for the wide range of wind-playing to be found in the School from the humblest Third Form clarinettist to the more accomplished senior trumpet players. On the other hand, Cheltenham College Band, the visitors, consisted of a smaller group of highly selected players able to cope for the most part with more soloistic music— itself arranged to highlight individual performers. The choice of music also afforded a significant contrast, Stowe opting mostly for pieces originally written for band and drawing as usual on some transatlantic publications, not always of the most inspired quality.

Cheltenham devoted most of their half of the programme to orchestral pieces that had been arranged (sometimes surprisingly) for wind band. Their trombonist was of a remarkably high standard, evident in a march by Holst, and their two oboes proved very agile in a Handel Bourrée. Stowe's three senior trumpeters, Gayford, Savage and Taylor did stalwart work in many numbers, and "The Sparrow Bush" by John Klein featured the virtuoso "Woodpecker" noises of Patrick Macdonald.

P.C.D.
R.J.S.S.

Sunday, 18th March, 1979 at 8.00 p.m. in the Roxburgh Hall

A SYMPHONY OF PSALMS: Stravinski

THE CREATION: Haydn

Stowe Choral Society and Orchestra, conducted by David Gatehouse
Lesley Lowe (soprano); Tony Selby (tenor); Timothy Rowe (baritone)

This year's Easter Choral Concert ranks among the best in recent years, David Gatehouse's choice of two contrasting works proving to be a very successful one. Stravinsky's "Symphony of Psalms" may not be to everyone's taste, but we were treated to a taut, well-drilled performance which had several appealing aspects even to one who is not a Stravinsky connoisseur. The lively opening section was most impressive; the slower middle section, in "human fugue" form, was rather protracted but noteworthy for the well-controlled woodwind passages, and the almost hypnotic ending was particularly well-sustained.

Haydn's "The Creation" is sufficiently familiar to require no detailed analysis. It was, of course, particularly pleasing for the Stowe audience to hear Tony Selby's fine tenor voice in oratorio for the first time and, indeed, all the soloists were in excellent voice, achieving a delightful blend in the short trios. The orchestra, apart from some uncertainty in the horn section, produced a much fuller sound than it has done at times in the past, and the chorus was in magnificent form for its rousing contributions. The feature of the performance that pleased me particularly was the sheer joy that was transmitted from the stage to the audience. This is something that has been missing of late; let us hope that its return can lead us to expect further concerts of this quality.

C.S.J.

Tuesday, 15th May, 1979 in the State Music Room

THE MAURIZI STRING QUARTET, with MARY WELSH ('cello)

It is pleasant to have the opportunity of thanking the Maurizi Quartet (named after the maker of the leader's violin) for their concerts. They never fail to please, and on this occasion surpassed themselves. It was possible to sit back and enjoy the music, without any anxiety or doubt about the performance.

Mendelssohn's Quartet Op. 44 No. 1 lived up to Edward Davies' introductory remarks. The music combined spontaneity of melodic invention with inevitability of harmonic structure, and, in the Finale, justified the reference to "a symphony for string quartet".

All of Schubert's C major Quintet, with Moray Welsh as second 'cello, was a delight. But the second movement, which is not so difficult to play as impossible, came quite marvellously to life. One can imagine Schubert looking at the notes and hearing in his head an ideal performance. The Quartet tell me that nobody ever played it in his lifetime, which is perhaps enough to explain the depths of pathos in the middle two movements.

The Quartet was by no means swamped by Moray Welsh's fine, rich tone, and the audience expressed their deep appreciation of the evening, which one felt the performers had also enjoyed.

D.F.G.

The final concert for R.Q.D. was held in the Marble Saloon on 1st July before a large and enthusiastic audience. A full report will be given in the next issue of *The Stoic*.

LOST PARADISE

When I consider how my love is spent
'Ere half my youth, in this drear house and school
And that one Boy, the inconsiderate Fool
Left me to flounder, as my mind more bent
To serve meantime my Tutor, and present
Exam concern, lest he in anger cry:
"You have not done your essay, why, Girl, Why?"
"Love-sick, sir", comes a voice in merriment.
I blush'd with shame, confusion o'er my cheeks;
No sympathy I find at being caught.
The master, unamused, cares not one jot
And turns his gaze on others as he speaks:
"Remember this, and take away this thought—
THEY MUST SUCCEED, WHO ONLY SIT AND SWOT".

(With apologies to John Milton)

Caroline Bennetts

SOCIETY

CHAPEL

We have welcomed the following preachers in Chapel:

Spring Term: The Rt Revd M. A. P. Wood, D.S.C., M.A., R.N.R., Bishop of Norwich; The Most Revd and Rt Hon F. D. Coggan, M.A., D.D., Archbishop of Canterbury; The Revd T.O. Walker, Vicar of St John's, Harborne, Birmingham; M. McCrum, Esq., Headmaster of Eton College.

Summer Term: The Revd J. F. Parry, Warden of the Lee Abbey Fellowship, Devon; The Rt Revd J. Gibbs, Bishop of Coventry; Group Captain G. L. Cheshire, V.C., D.S.O., D.F.C., O.S.; The Revd B. W. Hazledine, Rector of Whatfield, Suffolk; The Rt. Revd. S. H. Burrows, Bishop of Buckingham; and The Revd. J. P. Hughes, Vicar of St. Andrew's, High Wycombe.

On the 4th March we welcomed the Rt Revd Patrick Rodger, our new Bishop of Oxford, to conduct the Confirmation service for sixty-six boys and two girls. A member of staff and a member of Dadford Parish were also confirmed in this service, while three other boys were confirmed at their home churches, having been prepared for Confirmation at School. The Confirmation Retreats were held at Grendon Hall and were led by The Revd Kenneth Habershon of the Church Youth Fellowships' Association. The retreats continue to be a vital part of the course and it was a pity that the second one had to be cut short when heavy blizzards threatened to snow us in!

During the Spring Term we were privileged to have a visit from the Archbishop of Canterbury, the text of whose sermon is printed elsewhere in the magazine. His lucid and helpful answers to the questions at Centrepont were much appreciated. The Lenten Addresses this year were given by The Revd Tom Walker, a well-known conference and mission speaker, who also led class discussions and spent much valuable time in conversation with individuals and informal groups.

On the 11th July we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Chapel. Over these years response to worship and the Word of God has been varied, as the Parable of the Sower would lead us to expect, but there have been many at School who have responded with faith. It is always encouraging to hear from Old Stoics who are going on in the Christian life. In the last week of term a Christian folk concert was given by a group of young people including two Old Stoics, James and Nick Harris—a fitting reminder that God will continue the work He has begun.

N. W. Wynne-Jones

THE CHAPEL CHOIR

These two terms have been eventful for the choir. In itself it is singing well but lacks experience and, for the most part, a full bass section.

We have performed a number of Anthems, many of which Mr Drayton has arranged (or as he puts it 'distorted') or written himself. Again we performed the "Missa Luba", and African folk mass (made famous by the film "If" . . .)

On Ascension Day this term we took part in a four choir evensong at Hillesden Church. This was conducted by an irate Irishman who, Mr Drayton assured me, was as quiet as a lamb. This was a really enjoyable evening in which we sang full responses and canticles as well as the contrapuntal anthem "God is gone up with a merry noise".

This term's choir outing went to Oxford to see the Welsh National Opera performing Benjamin Britten's "The Turn of the Screw". The lead was a young boy who was quite astounding and very well played.

Finally our two great successes of the year. Mr Drayton 'distorted' "Passadena" and "Sahara", two 1930 foxtrots for the choir to perform. These were both immense fun to sing, especially when Mr Drayton started improvising at the piano. The Speech Day concert and the pupils' concert both contained these 'numbers' and "Sahara" was so successful that we sang an encore at the pupils' concert.

S. Wallace-Jones

CENTRE POINT

After a change of name in the Autumn Term, Centrepoint has also seen a slight change in format. Halfway through last term it was decided to introduce more discussion groups and question times into the talks on various subjects from the Bible. This was a great improvement and many people have obtained a lot of help from these changes.

Last term as our theme we took "The Parables", and this term we decided upon "The Holy Spirit". The talks have been very good, as we have learnt why the Holy Spirit came, the outcome of being filled with Him, and later we look forward to talks on the Church and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Our speakers over the last two terms have included the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Norwich, and later this term we look forward to a talk by the Headmaster. Filmstrips have also been used and are very useful as a lead into discussions.

We are very much indebted to Mr Vinen for the use of his flat, and to Mr Sparshott last term, whilst the former was on his sabbatical term, and also to Mr Marcuse for his organisation and generous support.

Mark Barker

MUSIC CLUB

It seems to me, and others, a great pity that, in a school of 650 boys and girls, the Music Club is the least popular club. It is saddening and rude to both the Secretary and Speaker when half the audience consists of the four main Music Masters. But, as with most things at Stowe, there is little or no enthusiasm from the boys and girls, a phenomenon which must dampen even the most enthusiastic master.

The Club itself has had a number of really enjoyable and interesting talks on musical subjects. The Spring Term started with the mysterious John Cage lecture given by the elusive Jonathan Bayntun. The format of this was a series over ideas, restated in a set almost musical time and rhythm. The lectures last for about 45 minutes, including whole minutes of silence. They are a tough ordeal especially for the speaker as Jonathan said to me when I persuaded him to do it, "I'm not doing it sober!"

Laura Morrish also gave a fascinating but mathematically complicated talk in her A Level lecture on the mathematics of music. Laura went into the complexities of the Pythagorean comma and the difference between pitch today and when Beethoven was alive—this poses great problems for those with perfect pitch for that has also changed.

There have been three meetings this term. The first was given by the Secretary on "The influences of Elizabethan music on Shakespeare" and the second by Mr Fox on "My favourite pieces". The last meeting of the year will be a "Play Your Own Thing" concert for anyone.

S. Wallace Jones

THE LIBRARY

Of the 270 books acquired during the year, 22 were gifts, 7 were bought from the Scott-Gall Bequest, the Music Department shared the cost of a large volume of Cosima Wagner's Diaries, and the Bursar supplied "The University College at Buckingham" by Joyce and John Pemberton, being a first account of its conception, foundation and early years. A number of books, on the lighter reading side, had become very worn, or had been lost and 24 of them were replaced, mainly in paperback, which we are trying out for wear and tear, encouraged by the advent of the inexpensive adjustable plastic "Lyfjacket".

The gifts received most gratefully since the last issue of *The Stoic* are: 7 chemistry books from Dr Hornby for our much-used Science Reference Shelf; "Art At Auction 1977 - 78" from P. J. Wadsworth (8 1943); "The Fifties" from the Author, Peter Lewis (1 1946); "The Larousse Encyclopaedia of Music" from J. W. Bayley (3 1978); "Forty Seasons of First Class Cricket", another collector's item from Mr R. T. James, to add to the 6 books he gave us in 1977; "The Oxford Companion to Sports and Games", "Hong Kong 1979: A Review of 1978" and "Small is Beautiful" were given anonymously; and very recently Dr E. J. Lindgren-Utsi, M.A. sent us "Margaret Thatcher" by Patrick Cosgrave, a volume of 6 Annual Reports of The Reindeer Council of the United Kingdom, the April 1979 Journal of the Scottish Landowners' Federation, and the Forestry Commission's Guide to the Glen More Forest Park in the Cairngorms. Dr Lindgren is mother of J. R. Lindgren (1 1949) and grandmother of D. R. Lindgren (1). With the cost of books as it is today, I record with pleasure the Library's thanks for these generous gifts.

In this season of examinations desk space in the Library is at a premium during afternoons and evenings. Care of the furniture has improved, though light fittings continue to be casualties, and some people find it easier to stuff waste paper into the bookcases rather than one of the 7 waste paper baskets provided! The splendid job done by the House Staff keeping the room swept and well polished is very noticeable and greatly appreciated.

Some Sixth Form scientists feel there is not enough leisure reading material for them. We keep almost all the titles on the Stowe and I.A.P.S. Reading Lists, in addition to a fair selection of light classical reading. Perhaps they could give more attention to the lighter classics instead of constantly seeking new light popular material.

It is tedious to report the regular removal of a few reference books and magazines. The Debater's Handbook, "Pros and Cons", has been missing since the beginning of this term, and our new Harrap Concise French Dictionary, bought to augment the two volume Harrap, has been selfishly taken away. Volumes of all three Encyclopaedias disappear from time to time. Other irritations are the need for scientists to discuss their prep. in stage whispers, and the lack of spontaneity in renewing or returning books when asked to do so.

Charlotte Clarke has been a first class Prefect throughout the year, showing great care and attention to the job. Mrs McDouall and I wish her the very best as she leaves Stowe, and thank her for her pleasant helpfulness. Six of the Monitors have also served most conscientiously for the whole year, and the other five for two terms. They are the essential link in a smooth running chain of organisation, and in bringing pressure to bear on backsliders. Many thanks and best wishes to: D. R. Lindgren (1) and M. A. Koska (1), who took over recently, N. A. H. Clarke (2), C. M. Gerrard (3), A. F. Savage (4), A. O. Stone (5), J. A. Doughty (6), P. M. Ham (7), J. W. Ogden (8), M. N. A. Jackson (9), G. W. Watson (Nugent), K. G. Campbell (Stanhope).

C. R. Haslam

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Head of Stowe's History Department inaugurated the first of five meetings that the Society has held this year with a talk called "Historical Reflections on Mediterranean Islands". The basis of Mr Andrew Rudolf's lecture, held on February 9th, was to examine the multitude of societies that have influenced cultural development around the inland sea, ranging from the Romans to the British.

Two lectures centred on Napoleon were beneficial to 'A' Level students studying the French leader. Mr Sylvester, who spoke on March 9th, whilst condemning Napoleon as an economic, military and political failure praised the social and legal reforms of Bonaparte's administration; Mr Emsley, from the Open University, discussed in a lively fashion the social effects on Britain of Bonaparte's rule, concluding that the Napoleonic Wars, as much as the Industrial Revolution, were responsible for the evolution of British Trade Unionism and the birth of the Working class. The Secretary of the Society, Tim Hodgson, gave a talk titled "American Aggression in Vietnam" in which he placed most of the blame for the expansion of the Far Eastern conflict on the Johnson Administration, which went on to lie blatantly to the world about U.S. intentions in Indo-China. Mr Cuthbertson, a History teacher at Radley, drew a large crowd on June 8th when he talked about "What is the Need for History?", and quickly demonstrated how the subject can be extremely helpful in the development of an individual's political and economic opinions; he defended his beliefs through a barrage of questioning from a sceptical audience.

**Tim Hodgson
Harvey Goodliffe**

STOWE COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service has expanded this year. The situation, however, although improved, leaves no room for complacency and it is hoped that C.S. can rely on more support from within the School.

The 1978 Hamper Campaign was very successfully organised by David Marsden, Nick Clarke and J.B.D. We are particularly grateful for parental support in this field.

Besides visiting our 220 O.A.P.s and helping them, we are teaching a small boy to swim. The boy is on intermediate care, and we hope to expand in this area. The 'granny-bashing' image is not a useful one, although this is a very worthwhile service.

Three boys attended the H.M.C. Community Service Conference near Birmingham. It proved very worthwhile, and some very useful ideas were gained.

Recently, we helped organise a visit of 100 Jewish Ex-Servicemen to Stowe. The day was very successful and was very much enjoyed by Stoics and visitors alike. We were sorry to lose Richard Theobald as Director, but his place has more than adequately been filled by Mr Ian Small.

In view of our having to replace a damaged vehicle, funds are again a great necessity, and we are particularly anxious for new covenants. Forms may be obtained from The Treasurer, S.C.S., Stowe, Buckingham, MK18 5EH.

The annual Lyttelton-run Mentally Handicapped Boys' Camp is fixed for the end of the Summer Term.

More support from within the School is essential if C.S. is to expand.

David Kerr

THE BRIDGE CLUB

Last year I expressed the fear that results might be less good this year and, to an extent, that fear was realised, but this was more than compensated for by the rapid progress made by some of the younger players and by the general level of enthusiasm amongst the players as a whole.

The five-year unbeaten record at seniore level went early on when we took on a stronger fixture, against Warwick School, and we also lost at the end of the season to St Edward's, having beaten them comfortably in November. There was the disappointment of narrowly failing to qualify for the **Daily Mail** Cup semi-final but there were, on the other hand, good results against Bedford and Harrow.

However, any minor disappointments paled into insignificance when the season came to a marvellous climax in the Oxfordshire Schools Pairs, in which Stowe took the first five places. For I. Dutton and C. D. Mersey—the winners—this was no more than justice after a splendidly consistent season, although I was probably not alone in feeling some regret on behalf of the third-placed pair, A. G. P. Kelly and R. D. H. Taylor, who have given excellent service to the Club for three years. The other successful pairs were A. A. Salmon and H. W. Jennings (2nd), N. H. J. Ferris and T. S. Maynard (4th), and S. T. Lunt, mi. and P. H. Wolstenholme, ma. (5th).

The youngest pair of all, J. C. Gray and C. S. Morley, who finished 7th in the Oxfordshire, confirmed their great promise when narrowly pipping S. T. Lunt, mi. and Q. B. D. Peppiatt—two more very promising young players—for the Under 16 Pairs. Indeed C. S. Morley seems to have achieved more in his first year than most Stowe bridge players do in a career, for, in addition to the Under 16 Pairs, he helped Cobham to an astonishing Cup "double". R. D. H. Taylor was clearly the senior partner when they unexpectedly won the Pairs before Christmas, but when they teamed up with the relatively inexperienced T. F. Ellerman, ma. and R. Vohora in the Team-of-Four Final to take on the might of Chatham in the form of T. S. Maynard, P. A. D. Lloyd, I. Dutton and C. D. Mersey, fairly astronomical odds could have been taken against them. On the day, however, Chatham played well below their best, T. F. Ellerman and R. Vohora stuck to their task commendably, and C. S. Morley and R. D. H. Taylor played well-nigh impeccably, making one mistake between them in 24 boards. The result was a 16 IMP victory to Cobham and a feeling that the age of miracles is not yet over!

I must include a word of thanks to the captain, T. S. Maynard and, particularly, to the Secretary A. G. P. Kelly, whose enthusiasm and efficiency have been an example to all; he deserves real success in his team as Captain next Autumn. In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to all who have made nine years of running Stowe bridge such a pleasure, and to wish Dr Hornby every success when he takes over in September.

C.S.J.

The following have played Bridge for the School: T. S. Maynard (6), B. A. Nicholson (8), A. G. P. Kelly* (1), R. D. H. Taylor* (5), I. Dutton* (6), C. D. Mersey* (6), N. H. J. Ferris (2), P. A. D. Lloyd (6), A. W. P. Cooper (6), J. A. Thompson-Schwab (6), M. C. J. Gull (1), A. A. Salmon (3), H. W. Jennings (4), C. W. R. Kempe (3), P. H. Wolstenholme, ma. (3), S. T. Lunt, mi. (7), J. C. Gray (6), C. S. Morley (5), Q. B. D. Peppiatt (8), J. B. H. Swanston (8), E. N. Yeats Brown (37).

* Denotes Award of Representative Tie.

THE SPANISH SOCIETY

Since the Spring term has for some unknown reason always been the time of year when a vast number of activities take place in the Spanish world outside Stowe, we decided not to arrange any internal meetings this year; we were thus very disappointed to find that the annual "Fiesta Hispánica" at Queen Mary College had to be cancelled because of industrial action, and to be forced to take the decision not to go ahead with our plans to enter the drama section of the Association of Spanish and Portuguese teachers' competition in London. In the verse- and prose-reading section, however, Charles Pierre, Toufic Farah and Richard Humphreys were all awarded highly commended certificates, thus maintaining Stowe's good record here. We were also able to make our by now annual pilgrimage to King's College to see their Spanish Society's production of a work by the Peruvian dramatist Salazar Bondi. It turned out to be a most enjoyable and entertaining evening, and it was particularly nice to see an Old Stoic, Adrian Braimer-Jones, amongst the cast.

About fifteen of those studying Spanish at Stowe sat the Hispanic Council's Prize Examination for Schools; this is a fiercely competitive exam., and congratulations are certainly due to Dan Jensen, who was highly commended for his paper in the intermediate section.

We have had two meetings at school since the beginning of the Summer term; the first involved a short talk on Lorca's poetic tragedies followed by a film of the B.B.C.'s production of the last play in the trilogy "The House of Bernarda Alba". At the second meeting, the speakers were Richard Kleinwort and Rupert Skrine, who gave a slide-illustrated lecture on Madrid, Toledo and Segovia, all places they visited during the Easter holidays when they attended a course in the Spanish capital. Sixth-formers have also been to Eton College for their fourth literature conference.

The Speech Day exhibition was a great success again, and was very much the result of a lot of hard work put in by the Lower Sixth set who worked round the basic theme of "The Regions of Spain".

I am particularly pleased to be able to mention the return of our magazine "Enfoque"; it is some two or three years since the last edition appeared, so that it was undoubtedly time for it to be 'resurrected'.

D. J. Mee

THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

After a winter in hibernation, the Geography Society emerged, having an active Spring and Summer. There were three meetings, each being relevant to the 'A' level syllabus.

The first lecture was by Mr Donne Small, O.B.E., Deputy Warden of the New Forest. He presented a clear illustration of the problems and conflicts an area such as the New Forest faces, and his talk provoked many questions.

At the next meeting Mr Peter Winchester gave a rather critical opinion of New Towns, with particular reference to the "White Elephant" of Milton Keynes.

Professor Pounder, at the last meeting, spoke on the danger in technology of steel and iron manufacture, dating back to pre-Roman times, and how this affected the location of production. He concluded by summarizing the contemporary situation of dwindling resources and increasing demand, and the location patterns that may result.

D. R. Lindgren

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The most notable achievement of the Society during the last two terms has been the production of the magazine *Cyclops*. Long in gestation but well worth waiting for, the magazine was produced principally by M. Barker and G. W. Robinson, guided by Mr Meredith, but various other Classicists made their contribution to an interesting, well-designed piece of work which, it is good to know, has found favour up and down the land. On 31st May a party went to Bradfield to see this year's production of the 'Oedipus Tyrannus', and some may have been able to compare this with our own less ambitious production in the summer of 1977. On 1st June a member of Three Classics, A. W. Todd, showed remarkable self-confidence and equally remarkable learning in an address to the Society on ancient coins, illustrating his talk from his own collection. The customary light entertainment was held at the end of the Spring Term, and a similar one is planned for the end of this term.

B.S.S.

THE ART SOCIETY

The Art Society has had a series of successful meetings over the last two terms.

David Wynne gave a lucid talk accompanied by a fascinating film in which he told us something of his life and work as a sculptor. He also explained how he tackled some of his larger pieces.

In March the Society went to the preview of the Britwell House Sale by Sotheby's which gave us an invaluable insight into all forms of art including architecture. We also saw contemporary paintings and antique furniture.

Hugo Morley-Fletcher (O.S.), Director of Ceramics at Christies gave a very interesting and imaginative description of the Baroque throughout Europe.

Rib Bloomfield looked like something from out of his paintings, a fluorescent, vivacious character who gave us a florid talk about his works. He brought two very large examples of his paintings and forty slides of his works.

Derek Hill, a very well known portrait and landscape painter, and authority on Islamic Art gave a stimulating and witty talk on the Art of the Collector, with reference to his own collection of paintings, objets d'art and objets de vetur.

W. H. Latham

THE PINEAPPLE CLUB

Since the last report we have had several most successful trips to the Club in London. Everything there is running smoothly, mainly through the hard work of Joe Lavney (Club Leader) and his staff. The annual fund-raising events, including a boxing night and a jumble sale, have raised a considerable sum of money, with the main event, the Pineapple Ball, still to come on September 1st. The work of the Club is invaluable amongst the young boys in Paddington, for it helps them to use their free time, especially in the evenings and weekends, in a constructive and positive manner.

It is with regret that we bid farewell to Mr Drayson as Chairman of the Pineapple Committee. He has hosted all the committee meetings at Stowe with his usual sense of fair play and a genuine concern. We would like to thank him for his unselfish work and for the time he has spared in the interests of the Club.

E. J. L. Donne

THE ENGLISH SOCIETY

At the end of the Easter Term Dr Ian Britten, an Australian, gave an introductory talk on the Bloomsbury Group which he had prepared during his tenure at Woolengong University (that cosmopolitan focal point of Australian cultural life). It seems that the students of sunny Woolengong, chiefly housewives, were unsure whether Bloomsbury was the name of a fruit, a cartoon character or a literary movement; Dr Britten's lecture, therefore, was a lucid survey of the Group's main achievements and failings, spiced with a slightly risqué wit and some subversive observations upon the evils of Public Schools.

This term we were visited by Mr Gordon Jones of Clifton School, Bristol who proposed to disabuse us of our stereotyped preconceptions about Jane Austen. He overcame the tendency to talk in meaningless abstractions when discussing novels by thoughtfully providing his audience with printed sheets upon which were printed the passages he chose to analyse. Mr Gordon Jones's fine speaking voice, capable of all shades of irony, and his sensitive socio-historical approach to his subject admirably communicated his obvious enthusiasm for Austen.

Guy Lancaster

THE CHESS CLUB

The depth of junior chess players has unfortunately declined but the quality has certainly not disintegrated by any means. In the last two terms the junior team has been unbeaten playing a total of three matches. They recorded victories over the Larkmead School, Edmund Campion School and Radley. Unfortunately the senior team again has not been in action despite having arranged the matches—all were cancelled by the opposing schools. We hope more enthusiasm will return next term when we have the Chess House matches; this year it will be more open than ever before. I would like to thank Mr Jones for his help and also Adam Heller who is resigning from Chess Captain because of extra academic commitments in his last year.

P. J. Satow

THE CYCLING CLUB

The Cycling Club has continued to operate as a Monday Extra and Wednesday activity during these last two terms. Now that Mr Theobald has left us to become Headmaster of Ranby House, Dr M. W. Wells has ably assisted us on Mondays, and her enthusiasm will be greatly missed in future, as she leaves at the end of the Summer Term. Mr Tissier has accepted Mr Theobald's rôle by supervising the cyclists on Wednesdays. Throughout the term fresh enthusiasm has continued to show itself in the lower part of the school, while most seniors have remained committed, although beginning to feel the academic pressures of school life. We are, at present, restricted to short rides outside the school during week-days, partly through shortage of time, and partly because of the slower rate of the junior section. Field Days, however, permit the enthusiastic members to test their endurance, and last term's Field Day saw the seniors cover 60 miles in blustery and often wet conditions, when they wear all particularly unfit. We are sorry to lose a great source of encouragement and talent in Dr Wells, and she has our thanks as well as our best wishes for the future. The prospects of the Club appear bright, but we depend on support from the younger members to keep the sport 'on the road'.

Andrew Davis
Secretary

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

I have felt
A presence that disturbs me with the joy
Of elevated thoughts; a sense sublime
Of something far more deeply interfused
Whose dwelling is the light of setting suns,
And the round ocean and the living air
And the blue sky, and in the mind of man.

Well, it's a point of view, I suppose, but I think that what most of the D. of E. felt, last term on Field Day, a few miles above Tintern Abbey, was wet. Or lost. Or, in some cases, both. There is nothing like waking up in a puddle, in a half collapsed tent with the rain still coming down and one's boots full of water to make one really appreciate the fallacy in the brick wall principle of pleasure. It may be nice when it stops, but its hell while its going on. Still, the pancakes were good, and Dobo's singing, and it was quite nice when the sun came. I think we'll go there again. This term was better. Sun baked rock in the Peak District, the pine-woods fading in the twilight and a touch of British Bulldog in the dungfield to add piquancy; a quick thrash through the peat hags, and down to the Hayfield for lunch. It was all over by mid-day.

Other things progress well. The Bronzes, in spite of their sneak preview of the Exam paper, are now all qualified First-Aiders. Matthew Street and Richard Kleinwort went up to London to meet the Duke. The canoeists pursue their meandering course; they are becoming quite proficient now—many thanks to Brian Brinkley and now to Ian Gallop. Michael McCaldin and Andy Pool enjoyed the Mental Hospital.

This Summer, we travel to the Isle of Man to add our mite to the Millenium. With facilities ranging from 300 HVS's to all day opening, it should be a good trip.

A.J.W.

ZYMASE

The past two terms have been quieter than usual for the wine-making Society, because of the shortage of sugar last term, and the miserable weather at the beginning of this term. This is a shame, because wine brews quicker during a hot summer, and it is the slow speed of the brewing that sometimes puts people off.

Later this term we intend to have another of our annual mammoth brews of elderflower wine, which we brew in a ten-gallon jar which was used to keep concentrated sulphuric acid. This wine though it varies from year to year is normally greatly appreciated at the Speech Day exhibition.

I hope that the strong tradition which now seems to have been established for the Society will remain, since this is an invaluable form of practical science, as well as an economical source of liquid refreshment. The general standards of the wine seem to be increasing, and if rate of production stays high enough we should soon be producing wines that could win shows. Also the Society seems to be improving in blind-tastings, and as the range of wines is considerably greater so we could soon be challenging the Corkscrew Society's position as the School wine-tasting Society.

We are very grateful to the biology department for patiently housing us, and more especially to Doctor Hornby, who spares us much of his valuable time and effort, and who has invited us to his house for the Zymase garden party at the end of this term.

Peter Wolstenholme

THE DUCKERY

This term started well with almost all our ducks breeding. The early warm period over Easter encouraged four Mallard to lay before the beginning of term. As usual the buff mallard produced a large clutch of eggs and brought off sixteen young. These and some twenty other mallard will not be pinioned and will thus fly out onto the main lakes in due course.

The Carolinas and Mandarins have, as usual, produced numbers of eggs, some twenty each. A number are infertile, for these are still young birds and some are still being incubated. Our native birds, Pintail, Tufted Duck and Wigeon have all produced clutches which are still being incubated. This has been a good laying season after last year's disappointments but it is a very late one because of the wet cold weather, and most of the hatching will be very near the end of term.

As an innovation we have incubated some bantam eggs supplied by John Thornton, the beagle kennel huntsman. Dividing the hatch between us has left us with a welcome addition to our potential brooding birds for next year. In addition our own Plymouth Rocks have produced about eight chicks. We also have a new incubator which we hope will do us well once we have cleared up the initial problems in its use.

Our greatest disaster this term was the sudden death of twelve young mallard just after being fed. Almost certainly due to a fast acting poison, the incident remains a tragic mystery. One learns to accept this kind of incident and to take nothing for granted. Nonetheless it has been a successful breeding season.

During the winter we installed a pump which now regularly flushes out two of our ponds with lake water which must make them healthier, especially in the summer. We have also extensively landscaped the lower end of the duckery and made some new breeding coops.

Next term Bill Hanks and Ian Bowley will be taking over from me and I wish them every success. If they are lucky enough to have the help and support that I have the immediate future of the duckery is assured.

A.J.E.L.

THE POLITICAL CLUB

The re-appearance of the Stowe Political Club has been one of the most interesting phenomena since last year. A Society which rather fizzled out a year or two ago has been fanned to life by the efforts of Tim Hodgson and Tony Kelly.

The first speaker last term was Mr David McDonough, the founder of the Club some ten years ago. During the election period the candidates of all the major political parties accepted invitations to Stowe, and for the next two terms such eminent figures are expected as Lord Home, Mrs Shirley Williams, Mr Antony Quinton, Mr David Butler, the Earl of Bessborough, and Mr Patrick Moore, as well as representatives of such organisations as Amnesty International and the League Against Cruel Sports.

The newly re-elected M.P. for North Buckingham, Mr William Benyon, has written to Mr Jones offering to speak to us sometime soon. And Mr Sam Crooks, the Liberal Candidate for North Bucks, in the Parliamentary Election and for Northampton in the European Election, is to be thanked for the particular interest which he has taken in the activities of the Club, and we look forward to meeting him too again very soon.

P.D.J.

FISHING CLUB

Owing to cold weather and the closing of the coarse fishing season, the Fishing Club has, unfortunately, not made very much progress during the last two terms. Several specimen pike have been recorded by those members brave enough to face the very cold weather last term (for about six weeks the lakes were entirely frozen over). The record pike for the Club weighed 14 lbs. 1 oz. It was caught by D. Brierley, float-fishing a roach on ten pound breaking-strain line. No large fish of other species have yet been recorded, but with the coarse season about to begin hopes are high.

There has been no little controversy concerning the proposed lowering of the level of the Eleven-Acre lake by the Buckingham anglers in order to remove many of the carp therein, but after long discussion it appears that the situation has been settled peacefully. The Buckingham anglers will go ahead with their plan, being careful not to upset the ecological balance of the lake.

The Speech Day fishing tackle exhibition apparently was a success, with all those members involved in the Wednesday fishing group contributing projects and tackle.

It is hoped that by the winter term, members of the Fishing Club will be fishing in matches against other schools. The team will consist of those who do best in school matches. Films and outings will be arranged if members are prepared to finance the potential ventures. Membership now stands at 53 people. Membership is free and those wishing to join merely have to contact their House representatives.

C. J. R. Monbiott

THE MOTOR SPORT CLUB

The Motor Sport Club, after a couple of years of inactivity, has been revived. Interest has been high and as many as sixty boys have attended some meetings. The main activity has been the showing of films and video-tapes, but there was also a visit to the British Racing Exhibition at Donington Park and a most interesting slide lecture on Brooklands from Dudley Gagaghan, the well-known driver of vintage racing cars.

We wish next year's committee well and hope that the Club's activities may continue to expand. Thanks too to Mr Meredith and Mr Vincent for their support.

Malcolm Thomas
Edward Hartington

THE FORESTERS

The hard winter made working conditions difficult, but the cleaning of Warden Hill Walk has been completed and we have handed it over to Mr Head and his estate staff to drain and level the northern side of the Walk. The grass on the southern side, which was sown last autumn, has taken well, and the young Turkey Oaks are waiting in a temporary nursery nearby until they can be planted out next season. We have also managed to clear a strip several yards wide all the way from the greenhouses to Venus along the downstream side of the Eleven-Acre dam, and this will be replanted in due course.

The professional foresters too were held up by the weather, but they were finally able to plant a large number of trees round the north and west sides of the golf course. The intention is to re-establish a line of trees round the edge of Home Park, parallel with the old planting line but within the row of school houses. The wettest May for years has helped the young trees to recover from their late start.

G. B. Clarke

THE STOWE BEAGLES

In spite of the atrocious weather the Beagles persevered, despite losing six days, this being the first time we have lost more than a single day in six years. A final tally of 10 brace of hares was accounted for. Notable days were had at Thornton Hall, Abthorpe Park, where a hare was hunted to ground and on the closing meet at Williamscoate, where a hare was accounted for after a fast hunt in the snow.

The summer term is never as busy as the winter months, nevertheless a good team has turned up regularly at the kennels. Apart from the day-to-day management of the kennels several ambitious projects have been carried out, the most notable of these being the levelling of the banks round the kennels. We have had five litters this summer, using the Eton College stallion hound Dipper in two cases while Starlight (last year's Peterborough Champion Bitch) has had some nice pups using our own Rampant.

The showing season has got under way. We went down to Ardingly on the 8th June, where we had a good day. Despite never actually winning a class, we won numerous seconds and other rosettes, taking the points cup for the best overall performance for the second year running. We also hope to go to the Great Yorkshire Show at Harrogate and Peterborough in July.

I should like to thank John Thornton, our kennel-huntsman and his wife Anne for their tremendous effort through the year, and Mr Pedder our secretary. The growth of regular volunteer help within the school, Houghton-Brown, ma. and mi., T. Bannister, A. Fanshawe, mi. and J. Voelcker, is particularly encouraging.

Next year's hunt staff will be: Joint Masters: P. F. Burditt, M.H. and N. E. J. Hedley, M.H. First Whip: G. Hemsley; Second Whips: A. Dangar and C. Bilborough.

P. F. Burditt, M.H.



P.R.B.

“THE TORTURED CONSCIENCE”

The Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood was founded in 1848, by the artists William Holman Hunt, John Everett Millais, and Dante Gabriel Rossetti.

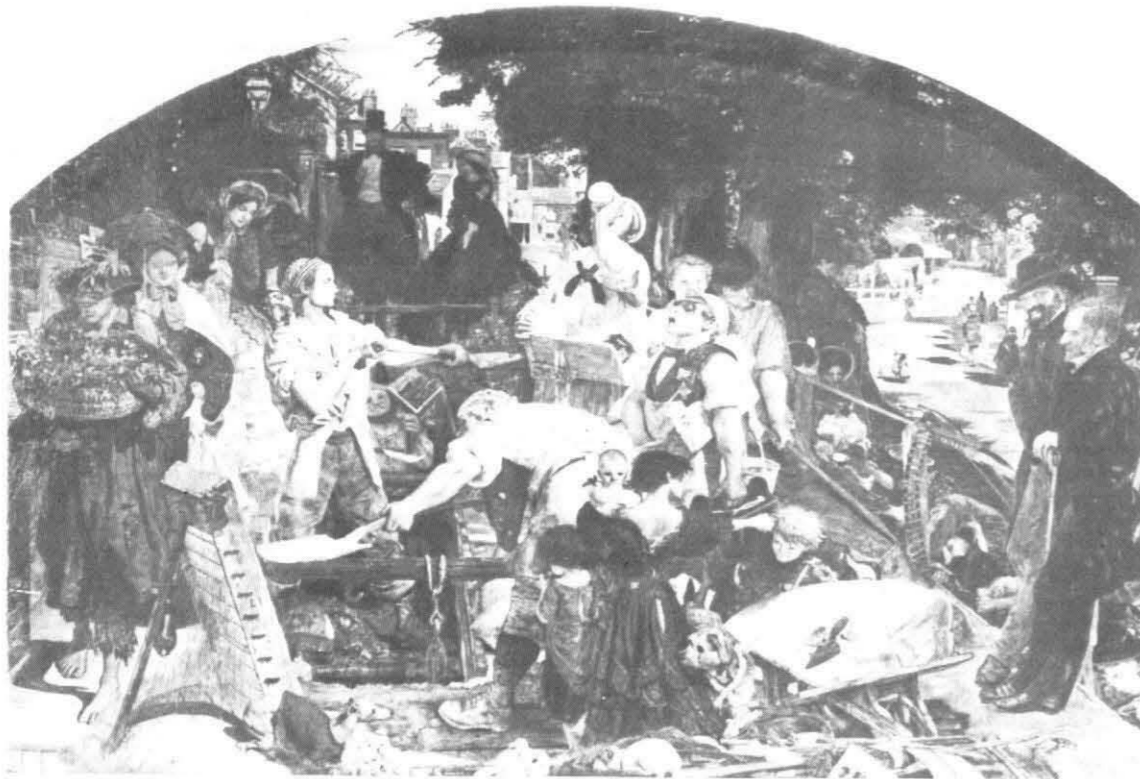
They had become increasingly disillusioned by the inflexible conventions and meretriciousness of contemporary painting; their style of painting was that of the so called Italian Primitives, in other words, those Italian artists who were working before Raphael. However, having no technical knowledge of the Italian school, they had to base their style on that of the early Flemish painters. This, together with the fact that the brotherhood was interested in Fresco painting, was reflected in their technique of applying transparent colours over a wet white ground on the canvas.

The intellectual objectives of the P.R.B. were, in Rossetti's words:—

1. To have genuine ideas to express; 2, To study nature attentively, so as to know how to express them; 3, To sympathise with what is direct and serious and heartfelt in previous art, to the exclusion of what is conventional and self-parading and learned by rote; and 4, and most indispensable of all: To produce thoroughly good pictures and statues”.

Their first objective, that of expressing ideas, often obscured their other aims because of the elaborate symbolism and moral didacticism involved in the paintings; in addition, Holman Hunt especially, found it necessary to provide long-winded quotations and explanations in order to elucidate the message of his work.





The two pictures dealt with here are, "The Hireling Shepherd", by Holman Hunt, and "Work" by Ford Madox Brown; Madox Brown was not actually a member of the P.R.B., but his ideas and techniques are certainly closely allied to those of the Brotherhood, as are the facts that he was concerned with accurate representation of natural phenomena and painted "en plein air" to obtain naturalistic accuracy.

Like Holman Hunt, Madox Brown was a "Christian Socialist" and the fact that his paintings have been described as "Hogarthian" is reflected in his concern with contemporary society. Whereas Madox Brown is pre-occupied with the practical aspects of "Christian Socialism" in "Work", Holman Hunt is involved more with the spiritual corruption of the Church in the desertion, by the pastor, of his flock for the more secular pleasures of the materialistic and sensuous world.

The latter picture portrays a pastoral scene where the shepherd is focussing his attentions on a young girl. These two figures are symbolically religious; on the one hand the shepherd represents an erring clergyman who, oblivious of the needs of his flock, indulges in intellectual speculation with the girl, who depicts sensual materialism and temptation. These diverse notions come to light in the picture through the presence of a "Death's Head" moth in the shepherd's left hand. This symbolises a forecast of doom and the ultimate destruction of the church through the apathetic attitude and corrupt characters of its servants.

The whole painting may well be analogous to Adam and Eve; in which case the girl, the temptress Eve, has seduced Adam away from the path of righteousness. This idea is strengthened by the presence of an apple in Eve's lap, undoubtedly symbolising the "Fruit of the Tree of Knowledge", even to the extent that it is "half-eaten". Once again the fate of the Church

is brought into context; everybody knows how the story of Adam and Eve ends, even more so in the age of Victorian piety. Hunt would have us believe that the fate of the Church is sealed.

The painting is fragmented, that is to say it is split into two definite sections. On the one hand there is the section governed by the 'Hireling'; this is a barren wasteland of craggy and arid ground interspersed with rocky outcrops. On the other hand there is the segment governed by the temptress; here the land is lush and verdant, with ripe cornfields and thriving deciduous trees. It is no wonder that the shepherd is tempted to err from his barren existence to the sensuous life with the girl.

The shepherd's flock, representing the clergyman's congregation, is, surprisingly, located in the wasteland, which indicates that it, owing to the vicar's negligence, is fated to a spiritually mortified life of mental indolence.

A criticism of this painting, and, in fact, the Pre-Raphaelite movement as a whole, is that although it creates a high degree of naturalistic accuracy, the proper values and natural order are distorted. For instance the scene takes place in the height of summer, and yet there is a young lamb seated in the girl's lap.

Whereas Holman Hunt's "Hireling Shepherd" is symbolic of the church's downfall, "Work" by Ford Madox Brown is more concerned with the practical realities of Victorian life.

It is an allegorical representation of Work. Admittedly he has concentrated on manual labour, although "Brainwork" is represented by Thomas Carlyle and the apostle of Christian Socialism, the Reverend Denison Maurice, located at the right of the painting.

The picture consists of a busy scene of urban life. Both rich and poor alike, milk-sellers and aristocrats, contemplate the aspect of labour.

It can be taken from this that Ford Madox Brown was totally against the manipulation of the working classes which came in the form of industrialisation. In this picture, not only is he promoting the theme of work but also the socialist doctrine, that is to say, the dislike of industrialisation and manipulation of the masses. The painting itself may seem, at first, to be overcrowded but this is because Ford Madox Brown has tried to include the total class structure of the time. The difference between the individuals lies in their dress and mannerisms; that's to say the "Idle Rich" look on as the hard working poor work on, oblivious of their overseers apathy.

This again gives some indication as to Ford Madox Brown's political motives.

Whereas in the "Hireling Shepherd" there are countless subtle innuendos that can really only be understood by careful thought and meditation, "Work" is a far more realistic and practical piece of artistic propaganda.

"Work" and "The Hireling Shepherd", are just two works from two nineteenth century artists, both of whose aim was to render nature as faithfully as the "Quattrocento" Florentines, i.e. those before Raphael, had done.

Whether or not they succeeded without marring the aesthetic quality of art is a debatable point and, obviously, one of personal taste.

One thing is certain, however, is that progression leads to primitivism, which is only too obvious with today's "so-called" modern art, or in the words of the art historian E. H. Gombrich . . . "it is one thing to admire the naive and unselfconscious outlook of the "primitives", (as the painters of the fifteenth century were then oddly called); it is quite another thing to strive for it oneself". The longing of the Victorian masters was too self-contradictory to succeed.

J. W. Aldridge, J. S.R. Fulford, R. D. Goldsworthy, J. Markham

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Aficionados were, alas, rather thin on the ground for the annual visit of the Milne-Macdonald Jazz Band, supported by the Paul Drayton Trio. Even the promise of a guest artist—Roy Williams, who plays trombone with the Humphrey Lyttelton Band—failed to ensure a strong turn out. A pity, as the presence of a large enthusiastic audience is so necessary on this sort of occasion and helps to stimulate some really adventurous solo playing. Nevertheless we were treated to fine, spirited renderings of “Standards” as well as several very captivating versions of less familiar numbers, arranged by the band’s pianist, Hugh Macdonald who doubles as a Fellow of St John’s College, Oxford. The other members of the band are also all amateurs, we were assured by Andrew Milne, himself a Housemaster at Oundle. For musicians who allegedly come together as frequently to play as to practise, they made glorious music, nowhere more apparent than in their haunting handling of the classic “Don’t get around much any more”.

Basie and Ellington were understandably very much to the fore, but if their idiom tended to overshadow the proceedings, a splendid contrast came with a sparkling “Indiana” in authentic New Orleans style and intended to mark Hugh Macdonald’s return from a lecture-tour over there. But for many the real highlight of the evening was the presence of Roy Williams just back from a recent “Salute to Satchmo” tour of Australia. His masterly trombone playing was reminiscent of those “greats” J. J. Johnson and Kay Winding, and their extraordinary recordings of the early Fifties. He stunned audience and players alike with a breathtaking unaccompanied solo in his “showcase” number “Tangerine”.

The informal intimacy of the Paul Drayton Trio bridged the interval between band appearances. The trio’s polish and rhythmic versatility whetted the appetite and it was disappointing that their session was so short. Could they be persuaded, one wonders, to come together on other occasions to entertain us? It would be one way of making more Stoics aware of the richness of the jazz idiom and the intense pleasure that it can give.

J.A.B.



SPORT

RUGBY FOOTBALL

HOUSE MATCHES

Senior

Chandos emerged from the early rounds firm favourites, having had a runaway victory over Walpole and a clear win over Grafton despite the latter’s lively outsiders, who had in the first round countered the forward strength of Cobham. Bruce triumphed narrowly over Lyttelton in a fluctuating match and more easily over Chatham’s ‘league’ team. In the final Bruce kicked off with a strong wind behind them. An early exchange of penalties, two by Winstone-Partridge and a long one by Edgerley gave Bruce a first half lead, but Chandos enjoyed a territorial superiority. Furthermore Chandos won a stream of possession, from maul and ruck in particular, thanks to their stronger and more experienced pack.

Thus Bruce’s half-time lead of 6 - 3 looked a slender one and the first part of the second half proved it so: Chandos established themselves in the Bruce ‘22’ and after a series of scrums, mauls and tap penalties near the line Edgerley forced his way over for a try which he converted. From further heavy pressure Montgomery and Dew crossed for tries and at 17 - 6 Chandos had a commanding lead. In the last quarter the Bruce forwards, well led by Highwood, won a better share of the ball and Winstone-Partridge made some strong thrusts through the centre. But it was all too late and Bruce’s firm tackling, especially by Fenwick, their edge in speed outside and the enterprising support play of Gull were more than countered by the drive and expertise of the Chandos forwards with Boyce and Wylie always well to the fore and backed by the strength of Montgomery and Edgerley at half-back. Both full-backs gave a competent display in dealing with a barrage of kicks.

Teams:

Chandos: M. E. Farmer; G. R. Coates, T. A. Cressman, A. R. J. MacKinnon, J. R. Dew; W. J. N. Edgerley, R. R. Montgomery; A. F. Savage, A. T. Thornton-Berry, J. N. Birt-Llewellyn; J. N. P. Forbes Adam, M. A. Wallace Jones; A. R. Boyce (Capt.), S. V. Wylie, J. E. Hughes Clarke.

Bruce: J. P. Villiers; R. J. Fullman, M. C. Fenwick; N. S. Winstone-Partridge, J. M. Winsor; M. C. Turner, M. A. Koska; H. W. A. Gentle, P. M. Joseph, E. P. Good; D. S. Bajpai, C. W. Wetton; M. C. J. Gull, C. T. Highwood, A. J. Holland.

	Bruce	}	Bruce 18—8	}	
Chatham	Lyttelton	}		}	Bruce 24—3
Grenville	Chatham	}	Chatham 4—3	}	
	Temple	}		}	Chandos 17—6
	Cobham	}		}	
	Grafton	}	Grafton 16—12	}	Chandos 15—3
	Walpole	}		}	
	Chandos	}	Chandos 44—0	}	

Junior

Temple, with several Colts forwards, were too big for Lyttelton and Chandos, although the latter put up a good fight. Grenville had quite a talented back division and accounted for Cobham but were in turn put out by a stronger Grafton side in a close semi-final.

Temple, who had lost to Grafton in the previous year's final, this time kicked off very much as favourites because of their large and relatively experienced pack. Playing with the strong wind they besieged the Grafton '22' for most of the first half. Breaks from the maul by Temple forwards were for a time contained, but with Temple winning much of the ball from all phases pressure told and Lowe forced his way over for a try. Before half-time Wood added a penalty goal but eight points looked to be by no means an unassailable target for Grafton at that stage. Grafton won enough of the ball to have used the wind better, but poor handling and indecisiveness outside spoiled the chances they had and Temple managed to keep the ball in the Grafton half. Clean possession gave Whitty the room to make telling breaks for Temple, tries coming through Partington and Whitty himself against indifferent tackling. The only chances Grafton had were from penalty kicks and the match had become a foregone conclusion long before the final whistle.

Teams:

Temple: A. P. Cherry; F. Houghton Brown, S. J. S. C. Pledger, T. J. G. Sparrow, G. R. Critchley; M. A. E. E. Wood, A. N. Whitty; S. M. Carroll (Capt.), D. J. Whitmore, A. J. de la Mare; T. W. G. Lowe, M. A. Partington; C. R. W. Mallinson, P. H. Mallinson, J. B. D. Hough.

Grafton: J. A. R. Allen; P. W. Harris, M. A. Lecchini, P. J. T. Graves, C. J. H. Pierre; J. A. Nelson, J. W. Jackson; J. A. Nelson, J. W. Jackson; J. R. Todd, T. F. G. F. Moffatt, S. J. Roberts; A. H. Berger, R. W. B. Western-Kaye; R. A. B. Duff, N. J. Walley, M. B. Walley.

Walpole	}	Lyttelton	}	Temple	}			
Lyttelton	}	Temple	}		}	Temple 14—4		
	}	Chandos	}	Chandos	}	} Temple 15—0		
	}	Bruce	}		}			
	}	Cobham	}	Grenville	}			
	}	Grenville	}		}			
	}	Chatham	}		}			
	}	Grafton	}	Grafton	}	Grafton 6—3		

HOCKEY

THE FIRST XI

"The best laid plans . . . !" With a number of competent and competitive candidates available for selection we approached this season with high hopes. It is disappointing to report that because of factors beyond our control the results fell short of expectations. The most devastating blow was the failure of the company concerned to complete the all-weather surface. Without this essential facility we were again forced to find various patches of muddy clay on which to practise. The dreadful weather conditions did nothing to help and it is undeniable that the 1st XI did not reach their full potential through lack of practice and match play.

We spent a very profitable time at Canford School early in January. An enthusiastic group played and trained extremely hard, and a sound foundation was laid. On return to School however we had to face a three week period when further practice was impossible. It says a great deal for the character of the boys concerned that the spirit of the side remained intact during this frustrating spell.

After an encouraging start when we played well against Dean Close and Bradfield the performance of the XI fell away. Goal scoring looked impossibly difficult and, although we outplayed Bedford, Radley, Mill Hill and Magdalen College School, failure to put chances away cost us dear. But to win matches sides must score goals—so we can have no complaints.

However the team which could always be relied upon to keep trying earned its reward with two wins against good opponents. We narrowly defeated Wellington and then, two days later, benefiting from the confidence thus generated destroyed a hitherto unbeaten Pangbourne XI. At this time the standard of hockey was as good as anything we've seen at Stowe for a long time—fast, accurate and competitive with good finishing. It was sad that the weather deteriorated again and prevented us from building on those performances.

Gull captained the side very sensibly. He has a happy knack of getting the best out of his team and although his play at full back was never exactly "rock-like" his determination in the tackle and his constant support and cover allowed him to make a major contribution. Holland whose control and vision improved as the term wore on has the makings of a good player, as does de Chambure. The latter's pace and power suggest that if he is prepared to commit himself to the game for a few years he could go a very long way.

The rest of the team all played their part. One remembers Markham's neat work at left half, Wadsworth's lunging tackles, Mackinnon—industrious and creative in midfield and the hustle and bustle of Appleby and Horlock up front. Essentially this was a happy and determined team. With the majority of the boys in it returning next year, and with the indoor facilities provided by the Sports Hall as well as the soon-to-be completed all-weather surface, hockey at Stowe should soon be capable of returning to the high standard that is expected.

Team: M. J. C. Gull (Capt.) (1), A. J. Holland, ma. (1), J. R. L. Thomas (9), C. A. Wadsworth (69), M. C. Turner (8), J. Markham (7), A. R. J. Mackinnon (4), P. R. G. Hornor, ma. (6), G. F. de Chambure (5), R. C. Appleby, ma. (9), S. C. Andrews (1).

Also Played: H. J. Marriott, ma. (4), M. J. P. Horlock (8), N. S. Winstone-Partridge (1).

Results: v. Oxford Bulls	Cancelled
v. Oundle	Cancelled
v. Cambridge University Wanderers	Cancelled
v. Dean Close	Drawn 3—3
v. Bradfield	Won 4—1
v. Bedford	Lost 0—1
v. Aldenham	Cancelled
v. Mill Hill	Drawn 1—1
v. Radley	Lost 1—2
v. M.C.S. Oxford	Drawn 0—0
v. Wellington	Won 1—0
v. Pangbourne	Won 6—0
v. St Edward's, Oxford	Cancelled

THE SECOND XI

At the start of the season the group of senior boys competing for a place in the 2nd XI looked promising and there were more defenders available than forward players. The goalkeeper selected himself with Moore, playing for the second year running but only for three good games before being replaced by Donne. The keeping was sound until the pressure was too great and then it lacked aggression and speed of reaction. It would be unfair to put blame on the last line of defence when the trouble should have been cleared away by the backs and Donne will no doubt be a more confident player next year. The full-backs had much experience in Lloyd and Maynard both of who showed good timing in the tackle and striking of the ball. It was the casual pass and uncertain stopping that let us down on the few vital occasions. It is always with regret that the crucial mistakes are made against the better opposition and this year it was Radley and Wellington who offered the best matches. The defence were simply not sharp enough on the day and a keen attack made them look sleepy. The half-back line had an anchor in Winstone-Partridge who was strong, direct and clean in his play. He was prepared to cover much ground and he distributed the ball well. Henri was as impetuous as last year and when on form he showed a level of commitment that lifted the other players. It is vital that the enthusiasm of enough people should act as a tonic to the ones who are out of touch and only in this way can the level of commitment that is required be achieved. The left half position was shared with Highwood for the most part and Edgerley playing for three games before illness. The left half position has its own special difficulties especially in defence and we never quite mastered the technique necessary to defend that area of the ground.

There were no more than two occasions when the forward line had the same personnel, largely through illness and the inevitable changes between the 1st and 2nd teams. This meant that for almost every match the forwards had to adapt to a new line-up. The insides who played more than anyone were Turner, Marriott and Holland, mi. Turner was the more penetrating, Marriott showed the better stickwork and Holland played intelligently but requires that extra strength at this level. Centre-forward was Lineham, who had flair but gave up after three matches; Appleby, who stuck to the job doggedly before moving on to the 1st XI and Horlock who showed some moments of brilliance but not very consistently. On the right wing Boyce settled into a good rhythm although short of real pace and Barker on the left wing played some of the best all round hockey. There was no other 2nd XI player who could have adapted to this position and it is much credit to Barker for succeeding in this role and scoring goals as well.

J. M. Larcombe

Team: E. J. L. Donne (9), C. R. Lloyd* (Capt.) (2), T. S. Maynard* (6), M. A. Henri* (7), N. S. Winstone-Partridge* (1), C. T. Highwood* (1), A. R. Boyce* (4), H. J. Marriott* (4), M. J. P. Horlock* (8), T. M. Holland (1), M. Barker* (9).

* Denotes Colours.

Results: v. Oundle	Cancelled
v. High Wycombe	Cancelled
v. Dean Close	Won 0—2
v. Bradfield	Won 1—3
v. Bedford	Won 5—1
v. Aldenham	Cancelled
v. Mill Hill	Won 0—1
v. Radley	Lost 3—1
v. M.C.S. Oxford	Won 5—0
v. Wellington	Lost 2—4
v. Pangbourne	Won 4—1
v. St. Edward's	Cancelled
v. Old Stoics	Cancelled

Played 8; Won 6; Lost 2; Goals for 23; Goals against 10.

THE JUNIOR COLTS

The weather was largely responsible for a disjointed and unsatisfactory season. There was very little opportunity for practice and indeed the first time we encountered a grass pitch in any shape or form was in the first match. Inevitably this posed problems. There followed a much improved performance against Bedford and some real promise of good things to come. Then unfortunately came more bad weather and a series of feeble performances characterised by a general lack of team effort. Skill may not always be available but I can see little excuse for the lack of commitment shown in some of these matches. However, the season ended on a very spirited note in quite the most impossible conditions I have ever known, even on the Bourbon, with icy, lashing rain and a waterlogged pitch, but, at last, some real spirit and effort.

Steward kept goal well and is clearly destined for higher things. At full-back Boyce and Eden were competitive though not always well-disciplined, and Davies played there with cool authority towards the end of the season. Many of the other players were either very small and/or virtually without any experience whatsoever. Both of these deficiencies will, one hopes, be rectified in time. Sparrow showed determination, Gray some delicate skills and Anderson neat stickwork, but a general lack of strength, speed and control made good hockey difficult. As they add to their limited experience, Mallinson and Burgess should gain in stature too.

Although it is difficult to be over-enthusiastic about the season past, there are things which give one hope for brighter times ahead granted better weather and rather more sustained determination.

Team from: P. K. E. Steward (4), R. F. C. Eden (4), J. N. A. Davies (4), A. R. Howe (5), P. H. Mallinson (2), J. C. Gray (6), E. R. F. Anderson (5), T. J. G. Sparrow (2), J. C. Boyce (4), J. E. Burgess (9), M. A. Weintraub (8), A. J. D. Lidderdale (8), M. J. Hooper (4), A. M. Edgerley (4), T. A. Lester (4), C. A. Boxall (9), D. P. Harvey (5).

Results: v. Dean Close	Home	Cancelled
v. Bradfield	Away	Lost 0—4
v. Bedford	Away	Won 1—0
v. Aldenham	Home	Cancelled
v. Oundle	Away	Cancelled
v. Mill Hill	Home	Won 3—1
v. Radley	Home	Lost 1—6
v. Magdalen College School	Home	Lost 1—3
v. Pangbourne	Away	Lost 1—3
v. St Edward's	Home	Drawn 2—2

THE UNDER-FOURTEEN XI

This team was an excellent one, and it was a great pity that the weather forced the cancellation of three matches, and also curtailed the time available for skill training on grass. Nevertheless, it is clear that given natural development there should be some excellent teams in the next few years drawn from these players as they go up the school. Of the eight matches played five were won, two drawn and one lost (and for this game three players were not present because of illness) and the goals scored by Stowe were 27, and against 6.

One of the best points about this XI was the way that all those in the team tried to play together, and although the basic weakness remains with several of them, of being slow to move into a space to offer opportunity of receiving a pass, it was very pleasant to see the hard work put in by everyone, even under the frustrating circumstances provided by the wet weather.

J. J. Brown was the goalkeeper, and he made tremendous improvement during the season, particularly in his combination with the full backs, and although hesitant to commit himself when under pressure, there is no doubt that he has a future at Stowe in this position. D. A. Steward, mi. and R. C. Bevan were the full backs, and Steward was the most reliable member of the defence. He helped the less experienced Bevan a lot, and they became an excellent combination—the very few goals scored against the team was largely the result of their work. In addition, Steward was the best hitter of a stationary ball, and converted several penalty corners for his side. A. M. McKinnon, mi. was left half, and in spite of having played very little hockey before coming to Stowe he proved himself something of a 'natural', and developed into a very useful player, particularly when taking a ball on the reverse tackle. When he learns to hit the ball harder, he will be even more useful—this should come with increased strength. D. W. Thomas at right half showed that he is a great 'grafter' and when he overcomes his tendency to wander out of position he will notice an increase in his effectiveness in this position, but having said this, his attacking play was decisive on many occasions. There was no obvious centre half in the team, and D. Hockley began there, but when it became apparent that he would be more effective for the team as a forward, A. R. Hood came into the side in this position. Although adequate, Hood will be very much better when he gains confidence in distributing the ball to all parts of the field—this will come, and some positive thinking on his part will speed the process, as it is clear that he has the necessary ability.

The forwards did not really combine well together, and one or two boys were tried there before a more settled line up was decided upon. J. H. Claydon was like a perpetual motion machine who could be expected to turn up at any position on the field, and although at this level it does not matter too much, he must curb his natural exuberance in the future! Nevertheless he is one of the most talented players we have had for some years in the forwards, and he scored a large proportion of the goals, and made several more. His stamina and determination were an example to the other members of the team. C. J. Hornor, mi. was on the left wing, and in spite of his small stature, showed he has the heart of a lion by his thrustful play, and determined approach to the game. J. E. Reynolds and J. G. Bewes tried hard to score goals, and frequently did so, while J. I. Sinclair and T. F. McPhillips, mi. made useful contributions during the season. Although D. Hockley felt more at home playing in defence, his clever stickwork was more useful to the team as an inside forward, and his intelligent play was very helpful. All in all it was a satisfactory season, and if the members of the team realise that they have a lot to learn in the future, and are prepared to devote the time and effort into practice and training, then they will be assured of many happy and successful years of hockey ahead.

P.G.L.

GIRLS' HOCKEY

The poor weather of the Spring Term destroyed what could have been an enjoyable and profitable season's hockey for the few girls who opted for the game. In the end five matches were played with two won, one drawn and two lost. After an enthusiastic beginning with a good win against Thornton and a favourable draw against Tudor Hall, the side played its first away match against Wycombe Abbey, who have only recently started to play hockey. This resulted in a very one-sided victory for Stowe by 9 goals to nil. It was, therefore, something of an anti-climax to play the Royal Latin School on the following day and to lose a closely fought game 2-nil. It was sad that the side finished the term with a thoroughly bad performance against Thornton, losing by 4 goals to nil. It was clear that several of the team did not want to play because of afternoon examinations and this attitude was very disappointing and showed a considerable lack of courtesy to the opposition. There is no doubt at all, however, that the standard of the girls' hockey has improved considerably over the past two years and this improvement has been based to a large extent on the ability of a small group of girls who have played consistently well; Charlotte Clarke has set a good example as Captain of the team and as a strong and forceful Full Back; Paula Goldsmith has the stick work and control and when on form she is a real asset to the side. Belinda Hill at Right Half is a tenacious and determined player who can be relied upon at all times. Perhaps the most improved player in the team is Karen Campbell who now seems to be as much at home on grass as on ice and if she can cure her tendency to give "sticks" she could develop into a really good player. The weakness in the side is its inability to score goals against any but the weakest opposition. Helen Shephard, Olivia Fennell, Suzanne Ludlow, Ann Rushton and Anthea Chorlton have all played enthusiastically and rushed in all directions over the field, but they lack cohesion and the ability to control the ball sufficiently well to bother the opposing defence. Goals have in fact come more or less by accident! Nicola McGuirk, Tessa Hemsworth, Caroline Bennetts, Rachel Curwen, Lucy Morley and Sonia Bennetts also represented the school during term. Overall it would be true to say that some enjoyable hockey was played, though with better weather results would, I am sure, have been more convincing.

R. Q. Drayson

Results: v. Thornton	Won	2—1 (Suzanne Ludlow 2)
v. Tudor Hall	Drawn	1—1 (Ann Rushton)
v. Wycombe Abbey	Won	9—0 (Ann Rushton 2; Suzanne Ludlow 1; Helen Shephard 4;
v. Royal Latin School 2nd XI	Lost	0—2 Paula Goldsmith 2)
v. Thornton	Lost	0—4

CRICKET

THE FIRST IX

At the time of writing the season has been so affected by the weather that constructive comment is almost impossible. A full report will appear in the next edition of "The Stoic" but in the meantime the results so far are as follows:

C.J.G.A.

Results: v. Free Foresters—Home—Won by 9 wickets
 Free Foresters 59 (Lester 6 for 15)
 Stowe 60 for 1

v. Cirencester Agricultural College—Home—Lost by 2 wickets
 Stowe 106 (Wadsworth 51)
 Cirencester 107 for 8 (Andrews 4 for 13)

v. **Mill Hill**—Away—Lost by 8 wickets
 Stowe 57
 Mill Hill 58 for 2

v. **Bradfield**—Away—Lost by 4 wickets
 Stowe 98 (de Chambure 37)
 Bradfield 99 for 6

v. Oxford University Authentics—Home—Lost by 12 runs
 Oxford University Authentics 73
 Stowe 61

v. Stowe Templars—Home—Drawn
 Stowe Templars 167 for 4 declared
 Stowe 123 for 5 (Gull 50)

v. **Bedford**—Home—Drawn
 Stowe 170 for 7 declared (Lester 42)
 Bedford 128 for 4

v. **Oakham**—Home—Won by 7 wickets
 Oakham 62 (Berger 7 for 30)
 Stowe 64 for 3 (Gull 38)

THE SECOND XI

The season started with a good win against Wellingborough, who, having made a confident start, were suddenly bowled out by Clarke and Joseph for 122. Our Captain, Bird, supported by Satow and Turner, steered us to an exciting 6-wicket victory. At Mill Hill we paid for our lack of faith in slow bowling and for one or two dropped catches. On a very slow wicket Mill Hill plodded to 120 in 53 overs and, after we had recovered from our usual false start, a draw was inevitable; in our 26 overs we managed 78 for 4, the chief contribution coming from Bannister, who batted very fluently. Dean Close had no answer to the spin of Ritchie and our usual good fielding; amid showers and thunderstorms we reached their total of 67 without too much panic.

Unfortunately on Speech Day the South Front square was so waterlogged that no play was possible until after tea, when a 20 overs match was played. Ritchie (5 for 31) and Taylor (2 for 8) helped us to dismiss the Templars for 60, at which stage we were feeling very confident. But good bowling by Lord and Flaune-Thomas totally paralysed our early batsmen, who eschewed the short single and thereby made our defeat inevitable (48 for 8). It was, however, useful experience for our next match, the annual limited-overs fixture against Bedford. After half an hour we were 7 for 4! Sensible batting by Lindgren, Bannister and Folland retrieved the situation and, at 86 for 6, the match was once again evenly poised. But we were all out 7 runs later and, although the opposition at one time sank to 42 for 6, Bedford failed to panic and ran out worthy winners by 3 wickets. Although it is now 5 years since we last won this fixture, it has always produced excellent, tense cricket.

The off-spin of Ritchie and Taylor proved the downfall of Oakham, again backed up by some splendid fielding. We batted sensibly, with Lindgren a positive force in our 6 wicket victory. At the time of writing, matches with Radley and Oundle remain to be played.

The team has again enjoyed its cricket. There has been depth in batting and good variety in bowling, but undoubtedly the fielding has been the feature of the season. Some spectacular catches have been taken and very few easy ones dropped, whilst the throwing has inhibited many an opposition batsman. We have had three captains, Bird, Horlock and Ritchie, who in their differing ways have done well.

Finally, our thanks go to Coleman, for his immaculate scorebook.

**A.G.M.
D.G.L.**

The Team has been selected from: R. M. R. Bannister (9), G. N. Bennett, ma. (6), J. H. Bennett (7), J. A. G. Bird (2), C.A.I. Clarke (5), C. W. F. Hayward (3), M. J. P. Horlock (8), C. M. Folland (8), C. M. Gerrard (3), P. M. Joseph (2), J. M. Needham (8), D. R. Lindgren (1), A. H. Ritchie (9), P. J. Satow, ma. (4), P. N. Taylor (5), M. C. Turner (1).

Results: v. Wellingborough—Won by 5 wickets
 Wellingborough 122 (Clarke 5 for 37, Joseph 4 for 14)
 Stowe 124 for 5 (Bird 53)

v. Mill Hill—Drawn
 Mill Hill 120 for 7 declared (Folland 3 for 26)
 Stowe 78 for 4 (Bannister 45 not out)

v. Dean Close—Won by 6 wickets
 Dean Close 67 (Ritchie 4 for 13)
 Stowe 68 for 4

v. Bedford—Lost by 3 wickets
 Stowe 93 (Lindgren 41)
 Bedford 96 for 7 (Folland 4 for 36)

v. Oakham—Won by 6 wickets
 Oakham 71 (Taylor 5 for 29, Ritchie 4 for 25)

THE THIRD XI

Although only three matches have been played it is evident that the level of skill is rather higher than in recent years, particularly with regard to batsmen. While the team still has its traditionally long tail of agriculturalists, the first five or six batsmen all have the capacity to make runs, and take wickets too, and as most of them are still only in their Vth Form year, the future looks bright for the higher elevens.

The highlight of the season so far has been the first game, against Mill Hill, when the opposition crumbled against the pace of Gerrard and Gale. The former is now in the 2nd XI and the latter is troubled by injury, but the team battles on! The Cokethorpe match was really Hadden-Wight's day, as he distinguished himself in both batting and bowling departments, helping Stowe to win by eight wickets. Our first defeat (and we trust our only one!) came at the hands of Bedford who put us out for exactly the same score (66) as in the previous year. Perhaps this is the wrong phraseology, for we really gave ourselves little chance, by playing idiotic strokes to average bowling. Only when Emery came in at number five did the rot stop, as he despatched the bowling in all directions with considerable panache and not a little power. However, he received little support and with such a small number of runs on the board we were chary of using our spinners and our attack was unable to prevent a heavy defeat.

We look forward to seeing these men-of-guile bowling more in the last two matches of the season against Oundle and Radley, and hope that the 4th XI match at the latter school is as enjoyable as ever, as our athletes, archers, golfers, tennis players, etc., dig out whites from somewhere in order to do battle. There are also a few full-time cricketers in the team! In three games this season we have had three captains, because of injury, promotion, etc., but throughout all these changes morale has remained high and, in particular, the standard of fielding has been most gratifying.

M. Waldman

Teams from: D. S. Bajpai (1), G. N. Bennett, ma. (6), J. H. Bennett, mi. (7), J. A. Carroll, ma. (2), M. S. Emery (7), A. M. Gale (5), C. M. Gerrard (3), D. M. Hadden-Wight (5), C. W. F. Hayward (3), P. S. S. James-Griffiths (6), P. M. Joseph (1), P. A. D. Lloyd (6), P. G. Martin (1), H. P. Ogden, mi. (8), S. J. E. Smith (7), R. R. N. Yeoward (6).

Colours are awarded to: M. S. Emery, D. M. Hadden-Wight, C. W. F. Hayward, R. R. N. Yeoward.

Results: v. Mill Hill—Won
Stowe 148 (Yeoward 35, Hadden-Wight 30 not out)
Mill Hill 18 (Gerrard 5 for 5, Gale 5 for 11)
v. Cokethorpe—Won
Cokethorpe 97 (Hadden-Wight 7 for 85)
Stowe 98 for 2 (Hadden-Wight 31 not out, Hayward 22)
v. St Edward's—Match cancelled because of rain
v. Bedford—Lost
Stowe 66 (Emery 28)
Bedford 67 for 1
v. Oundle—to play
v. Radley—to play

THE COLTS

Two-thirds of the fixtures have gone now and the overall impression given by the 'A' XI has been mixed. The fielding has been keen and accurate, one or two members have put in some individual performances of merit, but with two lost matches out of four this cannot be considered particularly successful. Mark Ivison has led the side sensibly with his field placing and more importantly by example with his resolute batting. He has made two sound half centuries and has overcome a frustrating patch in the middle of the term. Alastair McLellan has been equally successful with the bat showing strength in being able to hit the ball all round the boundary. His bowling continues to improve and the team relies on this perhaps more than anything else. Those who show real potential with the bat include Patrick Steward, William Lord and Neal Anderson, but it will be vital that they curb their natural desire to score too quickly and learn to concentrate effectively on every delivery. Henry Merewether has all round ability; he has opened the bowling well and he is a good lower order bat. Christopher Boxall has had only one chance to show his cunning as a slow bowler and it can only be hoped that the side score more runs in future matches to let us give the slow bowlers an opportunity to show their worth. No doubt before the end of the season other members of the side will make their mark in the three remaining matches if they apply their talent with a will to win.

Team: M. M. Ivison* (Capt.) (3), J. A. R. Allen (7), J. N. Anderson (4), C. A. Boxall (9), J. R. Holmes (9), A. R. Howe (5), W. J. Lord (2), A. B. McLellan* (5), H. A. H. Merewether (6), P. K. E. Steward (4), D. J. Whitmore (2).

* Denotes Colours.

The weather has depleted the Colts 'B' fixture list, so that at the time of going to print we have only played two matches. We defeated Mill Hill substantially, and drew a very evenly balanced match with Bedford. The team has been welded together well by Huw Jennings, who set a good example with an almost faultless 52 against Bedford. Jeremy Allen, who scored a lively 43 against Mill Hill, was taken away for higher things, but it has been the team's attitude and enjoyment of the game that have been so impressive. Matt Hooper and Peter Graves have produced good bowling figures, and the latter likes putting bat hard to ball! Richard Wilson has also bowled impressively. The fielding has been excellent, with Nick Fellowes and Colin Clifton-Brown outstanding. We are hoping that the remaining matches in the calendar, as well as some re-arranged fixtures, will continue this successful vein. If this is Stowe's approach to cricket, the school can look forward to some considerable success in the next few years.

I. M. Small

Results: v. R.L.S. Buckingham—Drawn
Stowe 157 for 3 (Ivison 57, McLellan 50); 39 overs; rain stopped play
v. Mill Hill—Won
Mill Hill 79 (Holmes 3 for 11, Boxall 2 for 6 in 13 overs)
Stowe 80 for 1 (Lord 34 not out)
v. Bradfield—Lost
Stowe 43
Bradfield 44 for 2
v. Dean Close—Cancelled
v. St Edward's—Cancelled
v. Bedford—Drawn
Bedford 162 for 6
Stowe 107 for 6 (McLellan 49)
v. Oakham—Lost
Stowe 85 (Ivison 52)
Oakham 89 for 7 (Lord 3 for 12)

SWIMMING

This year's swimming results are possibly the best overall set of results that Stowe Swimming Club has ever produced. When one looks back at the good opposition that have been beaten by Stowe, then I'm sure all must agree.

The season started well, with good performances by those boys selected to swim at the North Bucks County Age Group Championships. R. Miller is worthy of an individual mention here, as he qualified for the Midland District Championships to be held later this year, qualifying by more than two seconds.

Coventry Schools brought down a strong team including one full senior international. They could have won the match, but Stowe pulled through relying on its strength in depth. Next came Bishops Stortford College; these are renowned for their swimming team and true to form defeated us in a close match. The only other team to beat Stowe in the season were Mr Gallop's and Mr Collins' old college, Borough Road College of Physical Education. They brought a strong team including two full internationals and one Great Britain cap in Water Polo. The match was decided on the relays as up to that point the teams were even.

Amongst the teams to suffer defeat at the hands of Stowe were Berkhamstead, St Edward's, Cheltenham, Uppingham and Rugby. The team's major and most notable victories this season were against Oundle, and the triangular match against St Pauls and Highgate, all three schools already accepted as being strong in swimming and having swimming histories behind them. Stowe was ably captained this year by Matthew Street who consistently produced winning swims. Following their captain's example other consistent winners were R. Miller and G. Lancaster who were both awarded full colours along with J. Hughes-Clarke who despite being in the shadow of this year's secretary, B. Ryrie, turned in good consistent times and is possibly this year's most improved swimmer on Front Crawl.

One cannot end without mentioning this year's Bath Cup Freestyle Relay Team: Street, Miller, Ryrie and Keith, ma. who even without Hughes-Clarke finished tenth in this year's competition held in London. This is the highest position that Stowe has ever finished in and is a very good position when one considers that 56 teams were entered.

I can only offer my sincerest congratulations to the Stowe Swimming Club for a fine season in 1979 and hope that Stowe will be looked upon as a force to contend with in 1980.

J. Gallop

LAWN TENNIS

1st VI

With five of last year's VI still available we were expecting a very good season's results this term, but unfortunately a series of 'mishaps' prevented this. Both of last year's first pair missed nearly three-quarters of the matches—C. H. Peacock was recuperating from a cartilage operation, and G. J. Tucker, ma. sustained an injury to a tendon—and it wasn't until the ninth match that we were able to field the proper line up. However, there is always something to be gained from any adversity, and several of the younger players were introduced to 1st team tennis, and acquitted themselves very well, and will probably form the nucleus from which the VI is selected next year.

The first match, which took place only three days after the start of term, ended in a draw, as did the second and third! And all the time we were forced to experiment with the pairings in an attempt to gain the most points from each match. The next four matches were lost, and although the young Colts players who were in the team were gaining useful experience, it was clear that their more experienced opponents had the advantage over them at this stage.

Although there had been almost daily rain, only the Oundle match had to be cancelled, and this coincided with the return of a rather shaky Peacock and Tucker, who were thus given another week's practice. When the full team was available, no further matches were lost.

The first pair was A. J. Holland and T. M. Holland, and after some early difficulties they began to play very well together, with A. J.'s extra experience helping his brother a great deal. They became a difficult pair to beat at inter-school level, and played with flair and caution, depending on the opponents. S. A. McPhillips and T. E. Marriott took rather a long time to settle into each others styles, and after a few matches had been lost apparently through 'boredom' they realised that to win games one has to concentrate and move swiftly about the court. They will be here next year, and there is no doubt that they will make a considerable contribution to Stowe's tennis then—they have the ability to improve a lot yet, and I am sure that they will do so. G. J. Tucker and C. H. Peacock filled the third pair position after their joint physical injuries, and, as befits last season's 1st Pair, they soon settled down to a useful standard, and as they got back into the game had some pleasing wins—particularly when they beat the Uppingham 1st Pair in a tense and thrilling match. One can only imagine what the team's record would have been had they been able to play in all the matches.

The Captain was A. J. Holland, and in addition to reminding people about all the little unseen things attached to the job—teas, courts, teams, transport, etc.—he was also a tower of strength to the Master in Charge, and many minor crises about tennis balls, where teams would change, who would collect water, etc. were solved by him with no fuss or bother at all. He was also a good influence on the players, and all in all I thank him for his work for Stowe Tennis this year.

Results:	v. Merchant Taylors'	Home	Drawn 4½—4½
	v. RGS High Wycombe	Home	Drawn 4½—4½
	v. Bradfield	Away	Drawn 4½—4½
	v. Rugby	Home	Lost 3—6
	v. Marlborough	Away	Lost 4—5
	v. Aldenham	Home	Lost 4—5
	v. Eton	Away	Lost 2½—6½
	v. Radley	Home	Won 7—2
	v. Old Stocis	Home	Drawn 3—3
	v. Oakham	Home	Won 7½—1½
	v. Uppingham	Away	Drawn 4½—4½
	v. Repton	Home	Won 5—4

The following represented the 1st VI: A. J. Holland, ma. (1), T. M. Holland, mi. (1), S. A. McPhillips, ma. (1), T. E. Marriott, mi. (4), G. J. J. Tucker, ma. (9), C. H. Peacock (9), P. B. Calkin (9), M. H. Verrall (3), T. J. Bayntun (4), J. N. Anderson (4).

Colts VI

By any standards this was an excellent year for Stowe at this level, and in spite of the fact that several matches were played without two or three players, who had to be drafted into the 1st VI, they won all except one of their matches quite easily. In T. J. Bayntun, P. B. Calkin, M. H. Verrall, and when available, J. N. Anderson there were four players who are steadily improving. A little more patience is needed when trying to outwit slow balling opponents, and I hope we have heard the last of the word 'bored' when players come off court having played against such tactics. There is a general tendency not to volley sufficiently deeply, but all-in-all these boys did a fine job during the summer, and next year should see them in the 1st VI regularly. M. R. C. Opperman partnered several different people, but improved considerably during the season, and won almost all his rubbers—a very good achievement. J. D. Wetton and J. C. Boyce, although having to play in the Junior Colts occasionally, showed that they are very good match players, and they disposed of most of their older opponents, usually with ease.

Results:	v. Merchant Taylors'	Home	Won 7½—1½
	v. Bradfield	Away	Won 6—3
	v. Rugby	Home	Won 7—2
	v. Marlborough	Away	Won 5½—3½
	v. Eton	Away	Lost 3—6
	v. Radley	Home	Won 6½—2½
	v. Oakham	Away	Won 8½—½
	v. Uppingham	Away	Won 7—2

The following represented the Colts VI: T. J. Bayntun (4), P. B. Calkin (9), M. H. Verrall (3), J. D. Wetton, mi. (1), J. C. Boyce, mi. (4), M. R. C. Opperman (6), M. I. Rutkowski (9), D. Hockley (9), J. N. Anderson (4), R. C. M. Bevan (9), C. J. Bilborough (4), T. F. McPhillips, mi. (1), R. N. Lockhart-Smith (4), J. P. R. Naudi (4), D. V. Whitcombe (1).

Junior Colts VI

It is still difficult to obtain matches with other schools at this level—usually on account of problems with court availability, but we managed to play a few, which was very good experience for some promising young Stoics. If D. V. Whitcombe could become more fortunate with his injuries it is clear that he could become a good player—assuming that he is prepared to persevere in practice, whilst T. F. McPhillips and D. Hockley are clearly going to make a significant contribution to school tennis in the next few years. R. C. Bevan has become a reliable member of the team, and as mentioned above, Wetton and Boyce also reinforced the team from time to time.

Results:	v. RGS High Wycombe	Home	Won 7—2
	v. Marlborough	Away	Won 7—2
	v. Aldenham	Home	Drawn 4½—4½
	v. Eton	Away	Drawn 4½—4½
	v. Radley	Home	Won 6½—2½

The following played in the team: J. C. Boyce, mi. (4), J. D. Wetton, mi. (1), T. F. McPhillips, mi. (1), D. Hockley (9), R. C. Bevan (9), H. T. Kinahan (2), A. M. Edgerley, mi. (4), D. V. Whitcombe (1).

Under 14 VI

This team played only three matches because of the scarcity of opponents, and they won one, drew on, and lost one, but in the process gained useful experience, and showed promise for the future.

Results: v. Merchant Taylors'	Home	Won 5 —4
v. Eton	Away	Lost 3 —6
v. Aldenham	Home	Drawn 4½—4½

The following played for the team: D. Hockley (9), T. F. McPhillips, mi. (1), J. G. Bewes, mi. (4), H. T. Kinahan (2), R. C. M. Bevan (9), D. V. Whitcombe (1), A. R. D. Hood (4), S. R. Glennie (2).

Girls VI

Five matches were arranged for the Girls VI this term, but unfortunately the one against Oundle suffered the same fate as the boys' match—it had to be abandoned on account of continuous rain. However, of the four matches completed we won two and lost two, and all of them proved to be very enjoyable occasions for all those who took part in them.

All our girls improved as the term progressed, and in particular the second pair of Ann Rushton and Olivia Fennell had a good record, and went from strength to strength. Rowena Marshall played first pair with her sister Serena Marshall, and as a partnership they showed great improvement in each match they played. Charlotte Clark, Karen Campbell and Tessa Hemsworth made up the rest of the team and all played well and benefited from match experience. It is clear that the standard of the Girls VI is such that small schools and large boys schools with fifty or fewer girls are of similar standards to Stowe, and it is hoped that the fixture list will be expanded next year. Rowena Marshall was an excellent Captain, and is to be congratulated on her organisation of the team.

Results: v. Rugby	Home	Lost 3—6
v. Oakham	Home	Abandoned
v. Uppingham	Away	Lost 0—4
v. Tudor Hall 'A' VI	Away	Won 7—2
v. Repton	Home	Won 6—0

P.G.L.

GOLF

Spring Term

In view of the appallingly inclement winter we should be grateful to have managed to play four of the five scheduled matches, and indeed, it was encouraging to see the rapid progress made by the team, as reflected in the results. However, golfers could be excused for feeling less than enthusiastic at the prospect of a new season when standing on the 1st Tee at Ellesborough facing a Force 8 gale with those wearing two pullovers wondering why they had not brought a third! And it was, while Montgomery was struggling to find his form, the other top golfers achieved enough to make the choice of Maynard, Cameron, Robinson, Montgomery and Sutcliffe for the Micklem Trophy team fairly automatic once Lloyd had announced his unavailability.

Results: v. Ellesborough G.C. (Away)	Lost 0 —4
v. Old Stoics (at Sandy Lodge G.C.)	Lost 2 —4
v. Northampton County G.C. (Away)	Won 3½— ½
v. Harrow (at Moor Park G.C.)	Won 4½—1½

The Micklem Golf Trophy

Played at Woking G.C.. 11th - 12th April

First Round v. Winchester

For once the sun shone on the opening day of the Micklem Tournament; the Stowe captain had the dubious privilege of striking the first drive of the competition and the sound of timber—a feature of golf at Woking—was soon in evidence! This match was, however, untypical in the lack of tension which it generated, the outcome of all five games being predictable quite early on. Cameron played beautifully against an out-of-sorts opponent and was 2 over par when he won 8 and 7; Sutcliffe gave his opponent the first hole but not much else, winning eventually by 7 and 6 and, once Robinson had settled down, he converted a 1 hole lead at the turn into a 5 and 3 victory. On the other hand, Maynard (4 and 3) and Montgomery (3 and 2) lost comfortably after hitting the ball right, rather than correctly, too often in the early stages.

Result: Stowe 3; Winchester 2.

Semi-Final v. Eton

This was the one that mattered; for the last three years, Eton had put paid to us at Woking—could we lay the bogey at last? For most of the match, the answer looked like being an emphatic “no”, as only Robinson looked a likely winner, and when he 3-putted the 13th to return all-square, prospects of a whitewash were looming as both Maynard and Cameron were 2 down while Montgomery and Sutcliffe were each 3 down. Then, suddenly, things started to happen; Maynard holed long putts at the 15th (for par) and the 16th (for birdie) to level his match, pars at the 14th and 15th were good enough for Cameron to draw level, while Robinson was holing a wedge shot for an eagle at the 14th followed by an enormous putt at the 15th to go 2 up. But, just as we thought Maynard had got his putter on his side, he 3-putted both the 17th and 18th to lose by 2 holes, so we had to turn to Cameron and Robinson and hope for a miracle behind them. Robinson duly won by a comfortable 2 and 1, while Cameron finally gave the lie to those who say he lacks spirit in a crisis when he won a tense game on the last green. However, sadly, the Eton numbers 4 and 5 were playing far too steadily to admit of any miracles, and Montgomery (4 and 3) and Sutcliffe (3 and 2) duly went down; so the old enemy had done us again—but not without a fight!

Result: Stowe 2; Eton 3.

Team: T. S. Maynard (6), J. J. O'G Cameron (9), G. W. Robinson (2), R. R. Montgomery (4), M. H. Sutcliffe (9).

School Colours awarded to:

J. J. O'G Cameron, G. W. Robinson.

Summer Term

Despite a variety of miserable conditions in the early part of the term, a full programme of matches has been played, which says a lot for the enthusiasm of Stowe golfers, or perhaps it says more for their foolhardiness! The results have generally been very pleasing, with plenty of new talent emerging to join the Woking squad and other older hands, such as Edgerley and Jackson. Of the younger men, Gray and Hill continue to make great strides, Kelleher, Taylor and Lecchini always make a useful contribution, and O'Brien, Marshall and Luddington are clearly substantial “finds” this year. It was depressing to lose to Eton once again, and we were soundly trounced by a strong Old Stoics side which won the top seven matches, but the disappointments are outweighed by the feeling that, in a year or two, the Stowe golf team should be the strongest for some years.

C.S.J.

Results: v. Monmouth (at Tadmarton Heath)	Won 6 —0
v. King George V. Southport (Home)	Won 7 —5
v. Eton (at Huntercombe)	Lost 2 —4
v. Northampton County G.C. (Home)	Won 6 —3
v. Ellesborough G.C. (Home)	Won 3½—1½
v. The Fathers (Home)	Won 8 —4
v. Buckingham G.C. (Away)	Won 5 —1
v. Uppingham (at Staverton Park)	Won 6 —0
v. Old Stoics (Home)	Lost 4 —9
v. Oundle (Home)	Won 5 —3
v. Chiltern Medical G.S. (Home)	Won 6 —1
v. Oakham (Home)	Won 6 —2
v. Haileybury (at Harpenden)	Won 6½—1½
v. Radley (at Huntercombe)	Won 6½—1½

CROSS-COUNTRY

In 1979, the Stowe Cross-Country Club must have had one of its best seasons for many years. With more than sixty runners in the Club, we were never short of people to select teams from, and it was our depth of talent in which our main hopes lay. And we had to call on this depth of talent regularly, at each age level, since we were invariably hit by illness.

The 1st VIII was always selected from among ten runners, depending on who was ill. The Captain, Hope, had a magnificent season, having been deprived of this last year, through illness. He emerged the winner, individually, of seven of our fixtures, and in the first five of these Thornton-Berry was second. The manner of their victory was most pleasing, for in the majority of these races they came in well ahead of their nearest rival. These two were strongly backed up by Ham, Tresise, McCaldin and Close-Smith, all of whom ran splendidly throughout the term. These runners chopped and changed their order, depending on their state of health (McCaldin was the only 1st VIII performer who ran in every match), but it was their fine packing that won us most of our races. Each of these had his day: Ham at Rugby and against St Albans; Tresise against St Albans and the Old Stoics; McCaldin at Oundle and Uppingham; and Close-Smith especially at the end of the season, against the Old Stoics and the Royal Latin School. Our usual seventh and eighth men were Orr and Marston, neither of whom is a natural runner, but who trained extremely hard to gain and maintain their places. It was sad to see Kemp dogged by injury to his hip throughout the season, though he **did** run on occasion. And amongst these 'regulars', Duff acted, since half term, as permanent stand-in, turning in performances far beyond anything expected of a runner only fifteen years old.

The Under 17s were essentially a team rather than eight individuals. This was borne out in fact that we won most of our matches, whereas we produced the individual winner rarely. Fenwick, Duff, Lecchini and Walley were the spearhead here, but they were ably supported by Carroll, James Griffiths, Pawsey, Swanston and Pélissier: indeed, there was little more than a minute separating these nine runners—all of whom justly deserve their Colours.

The Under 15 team depends each year on Hockey players, to make up its numbers, and the Cross-Country Club gained a bonus of some useful runners through this year's poor weather. But even then, the Stowe team lacked depth, and this resulted in our losing many of our matches. Especial mention should be made of Claydon and Bevan, however, who came first and second in the four matches they ran in.

1st VIII Colours were awarded to: P. M. Ham (7), M. C. Tresise (9), M. D. McCaldin (2), C. P. Close-Smith (7).

Colts Colours were awarded to: R. A. B. Duff (7), N. J. Walley, ma. (7), S. M. Carroll, mi. (2), J. B. H. Swanston (8), P. S. S. James Griffiths (6), J. S. Pawsey (7), A. M. G. Pélissier (8).

Record: 1st VIII —Beat 14 schools; Lost to 2.
U.17's —Beat 13 schools; Lost to 3.
U.15's —Beat 2 schools; Lost to 6.

Inter-House Cross-Country 1979

This year, the House Cross-Country was moved to the last week of the Spring term, rather than holding it in the middle of February. This meant that the inevitable runs because of bad weather, could be used as training throughout the term. At the same time, School activities in the middle of term did not have to be interrupted for 'Stringing' and the actual races.

The Open event was very closely contested, with only fifty points separating the top five Houses. In the end, Walpole, with a very young team, won over Chandos and Lyttelton. Individual honours went to Hope (5), but not before he had to fight off a brave and sustained challenge from Folland (8), who was out to prove his worth as a Hockey player. Thornton-Berry (4) was third.

The U.17 race proved a run-away victory for Grafton, who won in a canter from Chandos and Bruce. Indeed, Grafton got their counting ten runners home in the first twenty-one places—a remarkable achievement. The individual winner was Close-Smith (7) from Fenwick (1), with Duff (7) coming third. The race was longer than before, this year, and it incorporated the Japs.—a most unpopular innovation, according to some of the runners!

As expected, Claydon (8) came first in the U.15 race, with Dakin (7) second and Thornber (5) third. The winning House was Chatham, who beat Walpole into second place, and Lyttelton into third.

A.R.S.

SHOOTING

The results of the .22 B.S.S.R.A. Spring Leagues have been most encouraging with our 'B', 'C', and 'D' Teams all coming first in their respective Divisions. In particular we congratulate V. St. G. de la Rue on winning the B.S.S.R.A. Junior Championship, and two other Stoics A. V. Leto and A. J. de la Mare, on reaching the final. The School now holds the Yool Cup for the first time. R. S. Nelson narrowly missed reaching the final round of the Senior Championship by one position.

This summer we have encountered unprecedented difficulties booking a .303 shooting range. However, we were able to eventually make a private arrangement with Magdalen College School to share Otmoor range. At the end of term a team will be competing in the Ashburton Shield Competition at Bisley.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank not only the Revd. N. W. Wynne-Jones for his efforts in improving the standard of the School's shooting, but also Mr M. J. Fox who has finally given our two top shooting teams, who compete in the .22 B.S.S.R.A. competition, access to the match rifles which we have been awaiting.

Shooting Colours have been awarded to: M. S. Castle-Smith (3), E. Hartington (8), S. J. E. Smith (7), I. P. W. Knight (3).

Robin Nelson
(Secretary)

SCULLING

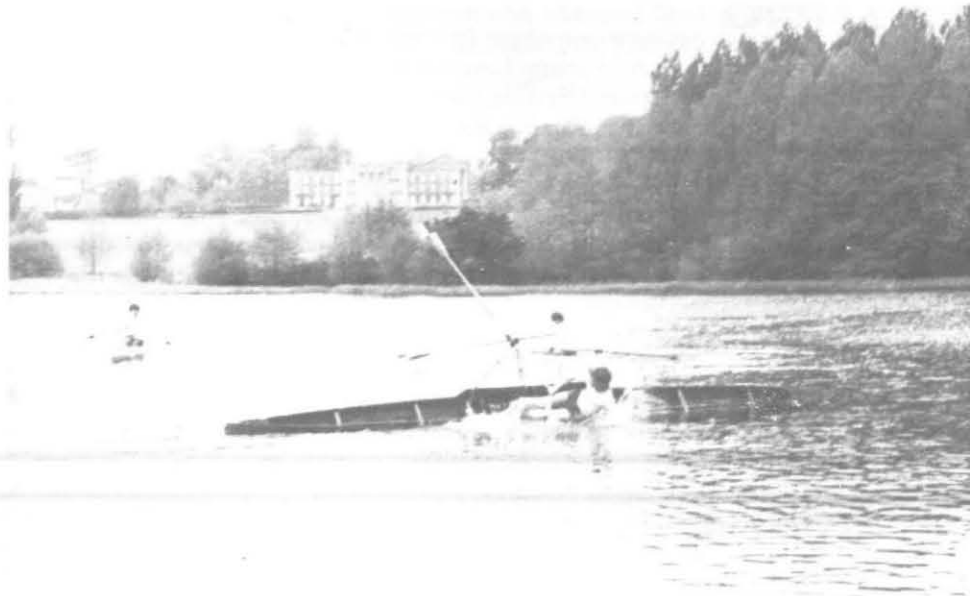
Despite the bad weather, this has been a very active term, with 16 boys and 2 girls sculling full-time, and 10 others in Monday Extras. Unfortunately we were again unable to accommodate many people who wished to scull, even with the welcome addition of Dr Hornby to the instructional team.

Since last summer the boathouse has been moved from behind the Temple of Venus to the changing hut only 10 yards from the Eleven Acre itself. This is much more convenient, and enables us to use the remains of the swimming pool boards as an excellent landing stage. Many thanks to Brian Martin and his team for re-housing us so well.

Despite fears at the beginning of term that we would have only two boats in commission, in fact we have all four operational at present. However, as two of them date from 1930s and the remaining two from 1950s they are understandably falling into disrepair, and need replacing. But restricted scullers second-hand and in good condition are virtually unobtainable, and a new one would be astronomically expensive. Clearly we cannot expect the Bursar to lavish the necessary money on us—our only salvation would be a generous benefactor. We live in hope.

Plans to enter the Walton-on-Thames Amateur Regatta had to be aborted five days before the event after the failure of our efforts to borrow a boat from the organisers. We still plan to enter Egham Regatta at the end of term, and the Old Stoic Sculling Match takes place on July 7th. The House Matches are three days later, for which the Chatham team of hardened veterans are worthy favourites, but there are some outstanding novices, notably P. M. Ham, who could well spring a surprise; and it is even rumoured that the Stanhope team, led by Emma Weiner and Anthea Chorlton are in with a fighting chance. We look forward to the prospect with relish. Whatever the outcome, we shall be picking up tips in the Diamond Sculls at Henley the week before—though sadly only from the towpath.

**C. R. Haslam
John Doughty
Jeremy James**



BADMINTON

The introduction of Badminton into the school sports timetable has been greeted with great fervour, and with the use of four courts in the Drayson Hall we have been able to provide facilities for all, from the novice to the club player. It came as a surprising revelation to learn that very few schools take badminton seriously enough to arrange fixtures. Stoics quickly realised the benefits of the game, and it was refreshing to see many players attending week-end sessions—at times they often had to queue for a court.

As the season progressed certain players began to emerge with considerable flair. T. J. Bayntum and P. A. Marshall combined to form a fast, and astute first pair, often exploiting the drop shot with deceptive cunning, and although on occasion their ambition o'erleaped itself in execution they show great promise for the future. They were admirably backed up by the acrobatic J. M. Needham, the stolid J. A. Carroll and, always a welcome sight, the grace of our Colonial Ladies' Captain, Karen Campbell, the Evonne Goolagong of Stowe badminton. Among the juniors there are clearly several players of calibre, notably Todd, Sinclair, Claydon and Bewes.

In the end our teams played fixtures with both Eton and the Royal Latin School, Buckingham, and although both matches were lost, the scores were by no means discouraging, for the occasions provided much-needed experience for our comparatively young team, the majority of whom will be here to avenge these defeats next season. We look forward to further improvement with enthusiasm.

**C. R. Haslam
J. T. Gaines
J. A. Carroll**

Teams:

Seniors: J. T. Gaines, ma. (3) (Capt.), T. J. Bayntum (4), P. A. Marshall (4), J. M. Needham (8), J. A. Carroll, ma. (2), Karen G. Campbell (Stanhope), J. M. Hanson (6).

Juniors: C. M. Ruddock (5) (Capt.), W. R. McLellan, mi. (5), J. H. M. Claydon (8), A. W. Todd (3), J. I. Sinclair (4), J. M. A. Bewes (4), M. J. Sanderson, mi. (8).

POTHOLING

The first trip of the term was to Derbyshire where a small group of five boys and girls, including myself, accompanied by some experienced potholers from Wolverhampton Polytechnic, tried their luck down the P8 Pot (Jackpot). This is described in the handbook as 'unsuitable for beginners'. We spent about four hours underground which was an exhilarating experience, a swim in a large pool and climbing up a flimsy elektron wire ladder through a waterfall being notable features of the pot. Reaching the surface soaked to the skin and having to change in a farmyard was the one low point of the expedition.

A fortnight later a larger party went to Ingleborough (North Yorkshire) staying at the Whernside Cave and Fell Centre. This was certainly more luxurious, although members were younger and the potholing less demanding. They were forced to crawl along a stream for the last section but were able to have a hot shower and tea to finish the day. I went down the same cave with the Grenville party last holidays and have a vivid memory of P.R.B. stuck under the Cheese Press.

Several of those who went on these trips are now considering taking the sport up, but first intend to buy their own wet suits, for warmth if not for looks!

David Marsden

MOUNTAINEERING

The Adventurous trainees, with some D. of E., had a hard time on the Cairngorms before Christmas, with Dave Collins being unable to find the top of one of his mountains in a white-out. We had more clement weather at the end of January for a weekend in Snowdonia when we walked over Tryfan (by the North Ridge) and Glyder Fach in good snow conditions. More winter mountaineering was enjoyed in the Lakes by the Grenville party during the Easter holidays. Most of the usual major summits were ascended by one route or another. Jack's Rake on Pavey Ark was exciting one day and Striding Edge on Helvellyn proved rebarbative another.

We went to Birchen's Edge in the pouring rain in February. This was most enjoyable when we stopped climbing on the wet gritstone, though enough was done to give a glow of achievement. Field Day in the Wye Valley gave us a morning of groping on muddy limestone, most notable for the practice obtained in awkward abseils. In the Lake District we did the usual routes on Seathwaite Crag and Wallowbarrow and an ascent was made at last of the mild Severe Crackle. This term we have only been to gritstone once, for the Field Day weekend. A beautifully sunny Saturday afternoon at Froggatt produced a crop of the usual Sevens, with Mark Fenwick and Fred Taylor leading each other up such things as Allen's Slab, Diamond Crack and Slab Recess Direct. On Sunday morning we messed about at Burbage North, where the rock has a less reassuring texture. We climbed quite a number of easy routes and the girls excelled themselves by getting up a layback.

We are looking forward to the seacliffs of the Isle of Man. Loose slate will be a new experience for most Stowe Climbers.

G.M.H.

SQUASH RACKETS

The following **Results** were not included in the last squash report:

v. Felsted	Away	Ist v	Lost 0—5
		Colts	Won 2—1
		Junior Colts	Won 2—1
		U.14	Won 2—1
v. Pangbourne	Away	Ist III	Won 3—0
		Colts	Won 3—0
v. Mill Hill	Home	Ist V	Lost 2—3
		Colts	Won 3—0
		Junior Colts	Won 2—1
		U.14	Won 3—0
v. Oakham	Home	Ist V	Won 3—2
		Colts	Lost 1—2
		Junior Colts	Won 3—0
		U.14	Won 2—1
v. Bloxham	Home	Ist V	Won 5—0
		Colts	Won 3—0
		Junior Colts	Won 3—0
		U.14	Won 2—1

P.G.L.

SAILING

The promise of this year's team, virtually unchanged from that of last year, has materialised into an unbeaten record so far this season, with the two defeats of last year convincingly avenged.

Our first match took us to Draycote Water to sail against Rugby in Fireflies. Sunshine and a stiff breeze made for excellent racing conditions on this sizeable reservoir. An unassailable 1st/2nd/3rd combination by Stowe settled the first race, but the disqualification of one of our boats in the second after a protest by Rugby necessitated a third race which we won quite easily to take the match.

Determination to avenge our defeat by Radley last year was rewarded by another Stowe 1st/2nd/3rd combination in the first race of our second match, this time at Banbury in our Graduates. Strong winds resulted in a number of capsizes and the match was decided when Stowe also won the second race in confident style.

Unfortunately the Aldenham match had to be cancelled, but this gave us a week in which to prepare for what promised to be our most closely-contested match against Oundle, especially since St Edward's, traditionally our closest rivals, couldn't raise a team this year. Again at Banbury, in a steady wind, the exciting team racing was somewhat marred by gear failure: Stowe lost the first race as a result of the Commodore's rudder breaking, and although we won the second, two sets of broken toe-straps caused problems for both sides in the deciding race, which we managed to win to maintain our undefeated record.

The match against Bloxham was held at Boddington Reservoir in their GP14s. Fickle winds offered little opportunity for satisfactory team racing, with both races rapidly becoming processions, and in the end Stowe won comfortably.

The Helmsman's Tankard was won this year by A. G. Walker (4): the House matches are planned for after half-term; and the last School match is against the Old Stoics at the end of term.

The Club, although still rather small, has continued to thrive with an encouraging number of keen new helmsmen and some enthusiastic new boys, not to mention the three new female additions to the Club. Mr Rainer has been very ably assisted by Mr Bevington this term, and their hard work and time spared for the Club has been much appreciated. I wish next year's Commodore all the very best for next season.

John Ogden

Team: J. W. Ogden, ma. (8) (Commodore), P. R.G. Horner, ma. (6) (Secretary) (Secretary), A. G. Walker (4), J. D. Brocklebank (8), W. J. Hanks (4), P. M. I. Curwen (6).

Also Sailed: H. R. D. Fulford (3), D. de S. Barrow (4), N. R. Timms (4).

Results: v. Rugby	Away	Won 2—1
v. Radley	Home	Won 2—0
v. Oundle	Away	Won 2—1
v. Bloxham	Away	Won 2—0
v. Old Stoics	Home	

FIVES

Stowe Fives reached a peak this year with some excellent senior players who enjoyed the game; practised enthusiastically and played well. Although the Colts were relatively weak both numerically and in playing ability, the Junior Colts were strong, winning eight and drawing one of their ten matches and losing only to the might of Wolverhampton G.S. The Under 14s also showed promise and if they can maintain their momentum could do well in the years ahead.

Special mention must be made of C. R. Lloyd and P. A. Marshall who gave an outstanding performance in the Public Schools Championship, going down only very narrowly in the quarter finals to the holders Highgate. It is very sad that such efforts pass virtually unnoticed in a school.

In internal competitions, Temple won the senior house matches beating Chandos in a very well contested final. Chandos won the junior final rather more easily from Lyttelton. C. R. Lloyd and P. Salariya won the Open Pairs for the third successive year, beating their only serious rivals P. A. Marshall and J. A. G. Bird fairly comfortably after losing the first game. The Junior Pairs was won by M. M. Ivison and P. K. E. Steward who beat M. J. Hooper and J. D. N. Wetton.

In concluding my final report for **The Stoic** I would just like to make one or two observations and reflections. Firstly I would like to thank those few boys who, over the last five years, have made my job rewarding and pleasurable. I would like to think that some of them at least will continue to derive exercise and enjoyment from this wonderful game. I would like to implore other Stoics not to waste the wonderful facility that is there in your midst: go and play; enjoy the game without having to be asked. There must be many boys in the School who, if only they gave the game a chance, would not regret it.

P. R. Bowden

Team: Seniors: C. R. Lloyd (2)*, P. Salariya (2)*, J. A. G. Bird (2)*, P. A. Marshall (4)*, G. J. J. Tucker (9)*, E. R. P. Baring (9).

Colts: W. J. Hanks (4), M. C. Turner (1), N. D. Collins (9), T. E. Marriott (4).

Junior Colts: M. M. Ivison (3), P. K. E. Steward (4), J. D. N. Wetton (1), M. J. Hooper (4), S. J. S. C. Pledger (2), M. A. Weintraub (8), C. A. Boxall (9), A. R. Howe (5).

Under 14s: D. M. W. Thomas (6), N. P. Watkins (1), J. N. A. Davies (4), D. A. Steward (4), D. Hockley (9), A. W. Todd (3).

* Denoted Colours.

	Seniors	Colts	J. Colts	U.14s
Results: v. Wolverhampton G.S.	1—1			
Old Edwardian Colts	1—0		2—1	
Harrow	1—1	0—1	1—0	0—1
Old Edwardians	2—1			
Old Lancings	2—0			
Mill Hill		0—1	1—0	
Wolverhampton G.S.		0—1	0—2	
Old Cholmeleians	2—0			
Westminster	2—0	1—0		
Old Stoics	2—1			
Aldenhams	0—3	0—2	3—0	1—1
Jesters	0—2			
Uppingham				2—2
Oakham	1—0	1—0		
O.U. Peppers	2—0			
Old Berkhamstedians	2—0			
Sunningdale				3—0
Wolverhampton G.S.	0—2			
King Edward's School, Birmingham	0—2			
Sunningdale				2—1
Repton		0—1	1—1	
Royal G.S., High Wycombe	1—0	1½—½		
Shrewsbury	1—1			
Lancing	1—0	0—1		
J. Rimer's IV	0—2			
Wolverhampton G.S.	0—2			
Old Citizens	2—0			
Old Stoics	1—1			
Aldenhams			2—1	1—2
Charterhouse	2—0			
Shrewsbury	1—0	0—2	1—0	1—1
Harrow	2—0		2—1	0—2
Old Edwardian Colts			1—0	2—1

CHINA 1978

A STUDY OF THE WAY OF LIFE OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE

China is a vast country, covering some 9½ million square kilometres. The distance from East to West is well over 5,000 kilometres and from North to South 5,500 kilometres. Its landscape is as varied as its people from the Chingnai - Tibet plateau that lies 4,000 metres above sea level to the plains of the great Yangtze River, and from the Tibet Priest to the ordinary Han Chinaman. China has a population of 850 million, 15 times the population of the U.K., who live in 22 Provinces and five autonomous regions.

In order to study the way of life of the Chinese People I proposed to join a Young Peoples Tour with S.A.C.U. (Society of Anglo-Chinese Understanding). I had to join this group as travel as a single person is forbidden in China. The group were going to visit six cities. The tour also included visits to: Communes, Factories, Neighbourhood Committees, Schools and Universities as well as the normal sight-seeing spots of China to which the Chinese like to take their guests.

I flew to Peking where the tour started. Peking is not China's largest city, but it is the capital and is today the hub of the Chinese politics, economy, culture and communications. Whilst in Peking, I of course visited the Great Wall and the Forbidden City. I visited Mao's Tomb, which I found most moving. Other visits were made to: The Ming Tomb, Peking Zoo, and the Nan Yuan Commune.

From Peking, I travelled by sleeper to Nanking (much more comfortable than B.R.) which was the capital of Peking during the reign of the 13 Ming Emperors. Whilst in Nanking I viewed the General Hospital, met a number of teachers from the University, went to the Nanking radio factory, and finally went to Dr Sun Yat Sen's Mausoleum, Sun Yat Sen being the founder of Communism in China.

Wusin was my next stop, a beautiful city situated on a network of canals. It was the smallest city I visited having only a population of 750,000. In Wusin, we looked over a Diesel Engine Factory as well as visiting a Workers Sanatorium.

From Wusin again, we caught a train to Shanghai. Shanghai is China's largest city and has a population of 11½ million; it was also the first city in China to trade with the West. In Shanghai the most impressive but at the same time pathetic sight was the handicapped persons factory which we viewed. It surprised us all that even these people had to work in order to live. Shanghai Duks, a Children's Palace and also a Neighbourhood Committee were visited.

As a Chinese writer wrote: "Heaven is above as Hangchow is below". This city was our next stop; again we travelled there by train. Hangchow is famed for its Dragon Well Tea, China's most expensive tea, and of course a visit had to be made to the area where the tea was made. A Neighbourhood Committee and the famous Hangchow Lake were also visited.

In Nanchang, our next stop, we encountered the dreaded phenomenon of "lice in the rice". However Nanchang's claim to fame is the fact that it was the town where the first Communist Uprising took place on August 1st, 1927, the Chinese will tell you it was a great success, however, Western historians think otherwise. Where else therefore but in Nanchang to visit a Communist Party University; where the future leaders of the party are trained. This we did on the second day of our stay in Nanchang. We also visited a Hand tractor factory, an example of China's intermediate technology.

Finally in a rickety Russian jet, of C.A.A.C. (China Airways) we arrived in Canton, the capital of the South. There we spent our last few days in China making a day visit to a fish and silk worm commune.

After three weeks of extremely intense information gathering we finally arrived in Hong Kong utterly exhausted. We spent four hours in Hong Kong whose commercialism and Westernization came as a hard blow to us, who had been treated like little demi-gods in China. We came down to earth with a very large bump.

China's way of life is certainly a very attractive one; certain members of the group, would, so they said, have willingly stayed. But my "Progressive Feudalist" ideals, as my principles were soon daubed, hurried me homeward.

M. G. Street

THE TRAMP

He sat, frozen, dark, ancient
Covered by shredded paper.
Above, the sun peered out of a cloud
Inquisitively
And shed its golden rays on the man.

His face wrinkled, like a walnut,
Creased, cracked, jagged
Like his great-coat, his face
Tired,
Near to its end.

The half finished veteran frame
Moved, eyes opened, and bleary,
Dazed, grey, glassy
Emerged.
He sat up.

The golden ball of life
Vanished, shrinking, the
Old inanimate, wretched,
Sad,
Tramp sank into a misty blanket of death.

The body fell, a sudden flash of a
Frosted but peaceful smile
Danced on his lips. The coat
Jerked
And his spirit left.

A rejuvenated tramp
Danced round his corpse
Happy, warm, carefree,
Elated,
Moved upwards to the golden sun.

Keith Coni

AN ILLITERATED LAGOON

I strolled down to the blue lagoon
Where weeping willows weeping
With the waterfalls,
And lazy lilies sleeping
Among reflections of the moon.

I dipped my feet in turquoise cool
And watched the sun slowly slipping
Over a silhouetted hill,
With quiet creatures sipping
At the ever peaceful pool.

I crept through the scented forest—
A humid honeysuckle hell
Where everything that's living
Is intoxicated by the smell
And movement is the leaves by a gentle
breeze caressed.

I stooped in reverence at a mossy tomb
Where death's haggard hand had hovered
To steel a hopeless soul,
Who was with quiet earth covered
Dreaming of the blue lagoon.

Sarah Haughey

BUSINESS CAREERS

When the fathers of the present generation of Stoics left school and joined a company they could expect to stay with that company for their working life. Nowadays that is unlikely to happen because of the change in technology, change in markets, change in personnel—all of which occur at an ever increasing rate. How can the school boy or girl prepare for such a situation? John Sainsbury, Chairman of Sainsbury Ltd.: "It is imagination which is needed to anticipate events and to respond to change. It is only those with lively imagination who can really develop sensitive understanding of others".

Change in the world of business needs not be as threatening as it first appears. The right approach will lead to the personal satisfaction of creative achievement. What is the right attitude? Patrick Meaney, Chairman of Thomas Tilling: "An analytical attitude towards the subject in hand is required. Then you can evaluate the possible decisions constructively. You require mental and physical application of a high order, combined with initiative and determination. Above all, you must have the wish, will, ability and energy to lead personally—and from the front.

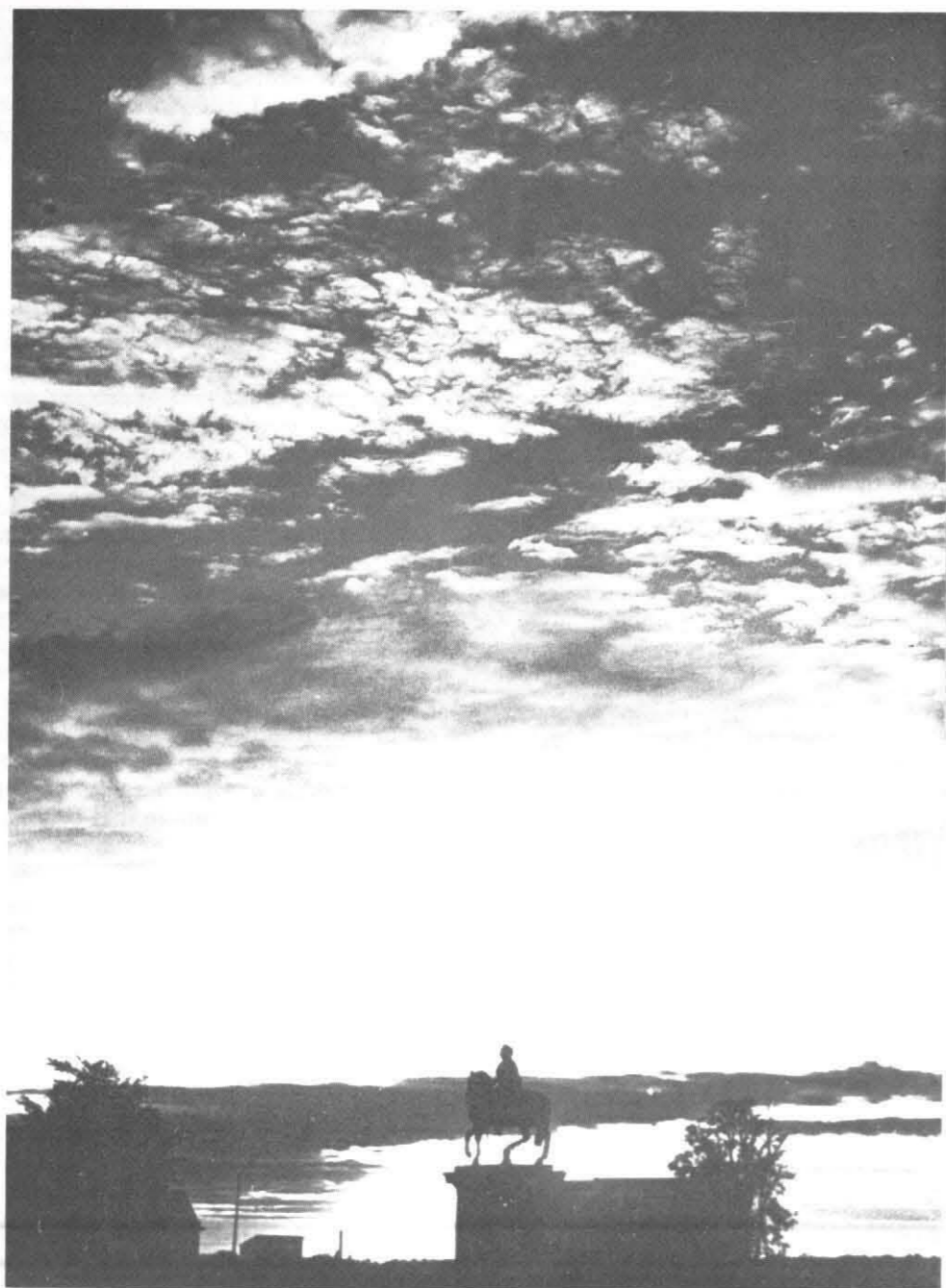
All these qualities should be encouraged and developed by a good education to give a person the ability to think and learn correctly and with self-confidence to adapt to whatever the situation demands. Education also involves learning about society and acquiring good personal attributes. Nicholas Goodison, Chairman of the Stock Exchange: "I go for two qualities—humanity and self-discipline: humanity because business is about people and you won't get anywhere with any sense of satisfaction unless you understand people: self-discipline because, without it, you will be lost somewhere in the jungle which has sprouted from the seeds of modern communication and government. You must discipline yourself to organise your time effectively, to concentrate on what matters, to speak and write with clarity, to have the courage to speak your mind when you are right and to change it when you are shown to be wrong".

For those who are rather depressed by the thought of all these demands and feel that even the businessman must lean on something other than self-created expertise and efficiency; Lord Kearton, Chairman of the British National Oil Corporation: "Luck and chance play a large part in most business careers". I am sure that there is some truth in that comment but it is the person who makes the most of whatever good fortune comes along who deserves any rewards that follow.

Another misgiving that people have about business is its morality. Businessmen are commonly thought of as being unfeeling and totally objective for the sake of effective decision-making with the motive of profit being stronger than that of conscience. Maxwell Joseph, Chairman of Grand Metropolitan: "Always conduct your business dealings in a manner which will bear close examination later in your career. How many budding entrepreneurs have we seen in recent years who have found the courage to back their judgment only to be caught out later in life by a discreditable past? I do believe that integrity in business matters is making a strong come-back".

A career in business should mean a life full of challenge, variety and opportunity of personal fulfilment. It means the creation of wealth through the skilled management of materials, capital and people. But before that is reached there is the need for a sound grounding in education and a flexible attitude of mind.

J. M. Larcombe



OLD STOIC NEWS

N. L. M. Boulbee (3 1952) appointed Manager of Newsprint Division of Canadian Pulp and Paper Association (1975).

J. M. Budden (8 1942) is External Services Music Organiser with the B.B.C. (1979).

S. N. Chalton (1 1951) lectures internationally on the application of computers to legal work. He is a member of the International Bar Association, President for 1979 of the Leeds Law Society and recently appointed to the board of Yorkshire Post Newspapers Ltd.

R. A. Clegg (8 1963) was in the Canadian Ski (Nordic) Marathon team in 1975. The team gained third place.

M. J. Cobham (3 1949) was responsible for the production of the film "Tarka the Otter" (1978) and is now making a film on **Gavin Maxwell** (6 1930) part of which has been shot at Stowe.

P. E. Dawson (5 1933) was awarded the O.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List 1977.

M. Deeley (1 1950) was awarded an "Oscar" as producer of the best film for 1978 (The Deer Hunter").

D. Elliot (5 1946) was appointed Chief Executive of Harrison Cowley Ltd., Birmingham in October 1978.

M. G. Falcon (6) was awarded C.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List 1979 for services as Chairman of the National Seed Development Organisation. Took Office in April as High Sheriff of Norfolk.

D. A. Fanshawe (4 1959) composed the music for the television serials "When the Boat Comes In" and "Flambards".

D. V. Fanshawe (8 1951) is Lieutenant Colonel Commanding the Grenadier Guards.

A. J. D. Farmiloe (9 1969) gained six Distinctions in Law Society examinations prior to his admission as a solicitor in 1975.

J. S. B. Henderson (6 1954) was elected Conservative Member of Parliament for Fife East (1979).

S. S. F. Hornor (6 1939) was elected President of the Oxford and Cambridge Sailing Society in April.

Sir Nicholas Henderson (3 1937) is H.M. Ambassador to Washington (1979).

A. P. Hichens (4 1954) is Finance Director of Redland Ltd.

R. E. Hichens (4 1950) is Managing Director of the Chemical Division of Shell South Africa.

J. E. C. Kennon (3 1943) was appointed Chief Naval Supply and Secretariat Officer on 23rd May 1979.

J. S. Kreeger (4 1976) represented Corpus Christi College, Cambridge in ITV University Challenge 1979.

M. R. Lawson (3 1961) is joint Managing Director of Tern-Consulate Ltd.

G. P. Lewis (1 1946) was named International Reporter of the Year (British Press Awards) 1979. His book "The 50's" was published by Heinemann in 1978.

L. J. Long (5 1956) is Deputy Managing Director of Industrial Market Research Ltd.

R. J. Maxwell-Hyslop (6 1949) was re-elected Conservative Member of Parliament for Tiverton (1979).

A. D. Miall (1 1963) and **P. S. Miall** (1 1964) are joint authors of "A Victorian Christmas" (1978).

Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk (6 1937) is Chairman of Debrett's.

A. M. Quinton (2 1942) is the author of "The Politics of Imperfection" (1978).

J. Rawlinson (8 1973) took part in the Cambridge Sulu Expedition to India in 1977 and goes as Doctor on the Oxford University expedition "In the Wake of MacKenzie" (Summer 1979)

P. W. I. Rees (2 1944) was re-elected Conservative Member of Parliament for Dover and Deal and appointed Minister of State at the Treasury (1979).

R. D. Shepherd (6 1949) published his autobiography "The Man Who Loves Giants" in 1975 extracts of which, concerning his portrait of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother for the King's Regiment, were quoted in a recent biography of Her Majesty (1978).

I. A. Thomson (6 1966) has regained his place in the England Hockey Team (1978).

J. F. Tuohy (2 1943) has been awarded the Heinemann Award 1979 for his book of short stories "Live Bait" (MacMillan).

C. A. Vandervell (1 1944) was appointed Chairman of The Game Conservancy of Great Britain (May 1979).

The Hon. Sir Peter Vanneck (1 1939) was elected Conservative Member of the European Parliament for Cleveland (1979).

A. C. L. Whistler (3 1930) became the Founder President of the Guild of Glass Engravers in 1976.

A. Mitchell (7 1961) to Ann Duncan Lindsay on 8th July 1978.

D. J. Nelson-Smith (6 1969) to Marion Sheila Bird on 24th July 1976.

R. A. Payne (5 1963) to Edwina Venetia Mary Napolitano on 18th September 1976.

A. L. Pyfrom (7 1974) to Joan Mary Cluff on 20th August 1977.

M. E. Robinson (8 1966) to Susan Taylor on 3rd March 1979.

A. J. Taylor (3 1967) to Nicola Whiteley on 28th April 1979.

N. P. Thomas (1 1967) to Julia Ashken on 29th April 1979.

J. L. Thorogood (9 1969) to Clare Judith Fleming on 9th March 1979.

MARRIAGES

M. H. C. Anderson (7 1972) to Marilyn Bevan on 12th May 1979

J. Bell-Irving (6 1970) to Janet Mackenzie on 17th June 1978

H. S. Besterman (8 1964) to Dr Jill Robertson Dryburgh on 22nd July 1978

T. P. Besterman (8 1967) to Perry Garceau on 26th March 1977

The Lord Birkett (2 1948) to Gloria Taylor on 4th December 1978.

R. A. Clegg (8 1963) to Carol Alice Cairns on 29th July 1978.

D. L. Donne (3 1943) to Clare Heywood-Lonsdale on 30th September 1978.

D. Elliot (5 1946) to Jane Walker on 2nd March 1972.

C. P. Frean (5 1965) to Jennifer Margaret Farbridge on 31st October 1970.

D. A. Keeling (4 1968) to Cecilia Bernadette Tsai on 25th June 1977.

J. B. Johnson (8 1961) to Rosemary Cain on 21st April 1979.

D. J. Lamping (4 1963) to Geraldine Mary O'Sullivan on 28th June 1975.

M. R. Lawson (3 1961) to Sharon Black on 27th January 1973.

T. H. Lindsell (3 1932) to Cecilia Herrera in 1967.

R. M. McT. D. Lucas (1 1937) to Haidee Coghill in 1979.

C. R. S. Manson (5 1967) to Sally Katherine Stannard-Champion on 12th April 1975.

BIRTHS

To the wife of:

R. J. Bateman (7 1964) a son on 6th June 1979.

S. W. Bolton (6 1959) a son on 4th November 1978.

D. S. Cowper (7 1960) a son on 5th July 1978.

A. M. Crosthwaite (4 1962) a son on 11th March 1976.

J. M. Earle (7 1966) a son on 26th June 1978.

D. Elliot (5 1946) a daughter on 18th February 1974.

A. G. Foord (3 1964) a daughter on 31st October 1977.

N. J. Forwood (3 1965) a daughter on 10th January 1979.

C. P. Frean (5 1965) a daughter on 31st October 1978.

J. N. Graham-Brown (6 1963) a daughter on 21st December 1978.

W. R. C. Heap (8 1958) a daughter on 22nd December 1978.

D. A. Keeling (4 1968) a daughter on 10th February 1978.

D. J. Lamping (4 1963) a daughter on 8th July 1977.

T. H. Lindsell (3 1932) three daughters on 19th November 1968, 13th November 1971 and 25th December 1976.

C. R. S. Manson (5 1967) a daughter on 21st February 1978.

B. A. Marshall-Andrew (1 1967) a son on 15th April 1978.

D. J. Nelson-Smith (6 1969) a daughter on 3rd March 1979.

W. S. R. Parry (8 1957) a son on 25th February 1976 and a daughter on 26th September 1978.

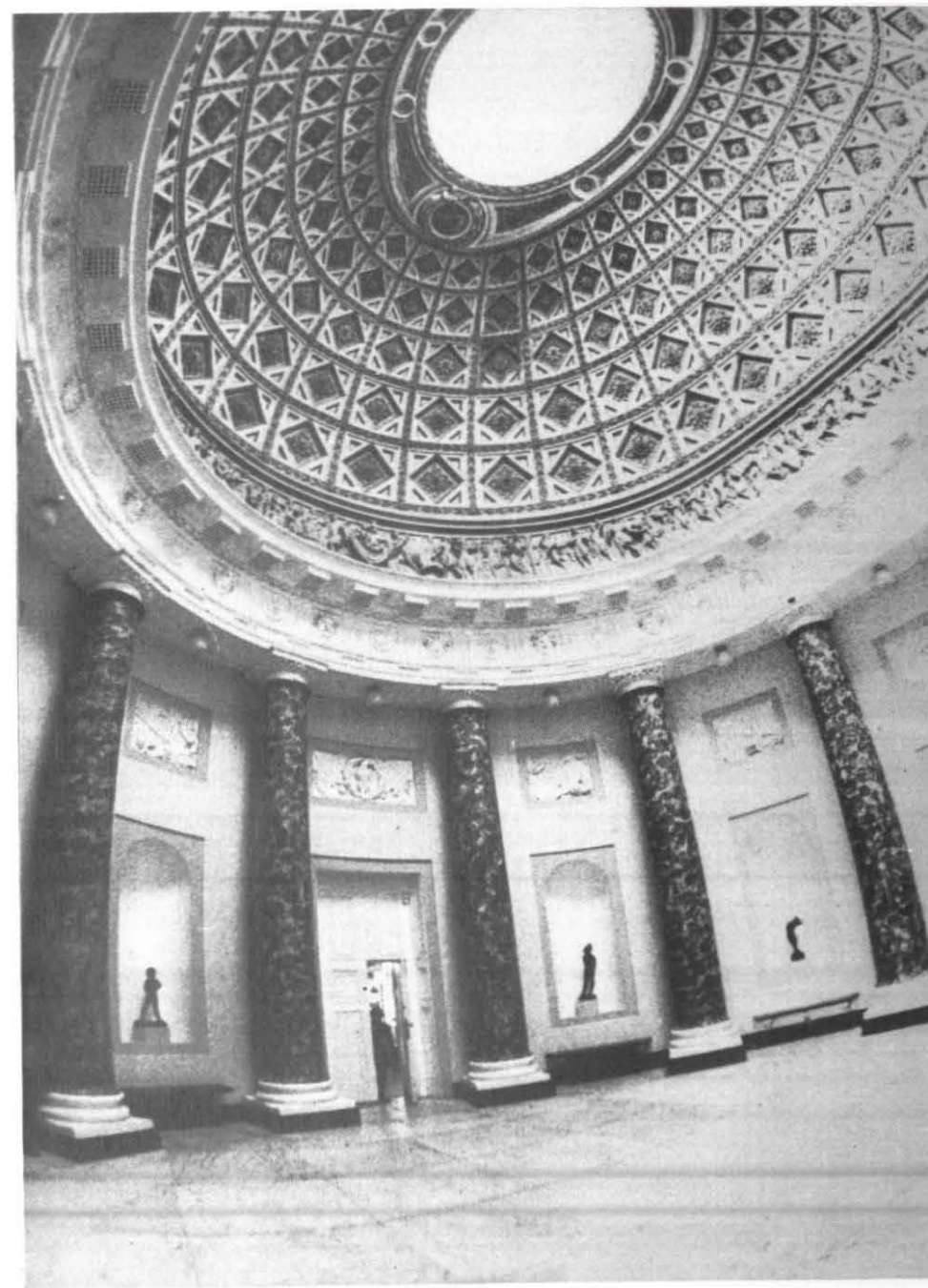
D. C. Part (1 1950) a son on 1st March 1979.

R. J. Preston (1 1960) a son on 14th April 1979.

T. C. Whitlock (5 1965) a daughter on 30th March 1979.

DEATHS

- W. D. Capjon** (4 1929) on 21st February 1979.
Sir John Croft Bt. (1 1928) on 2nd February 1979.
A. I. O. Davies (2 1935) on 3rd February 1978.
E. S. Dewing (Staff 1928-1958) on 3rd May 1979.
C. E. W. Ferrand (4 1944) on 23rd July 1978.
The Hon. J. R. C. Geddes (2 1932) on 15th December 1978.
P. T. B. Harker (4 1936) on 19th October 1978.
A. H. P. Hope (3 1936) on 7th February 1979.
C. S. McCallin (6 1930) in September 1977.
J. T. McConnell (2 1966) on 5th January 1979.
T. McCosh (1 1928) on 7th January 1979.
The Hon. A. E. P. Needham (4 1939) on 5th March 1979.
E. D. O'Brien (4 1928) on 9th January 1979.
J. H. Raikes (1 1928) on 1st November 1978.
R. J. W. Robertson (8 1968) in December 1978.
Sir David Salt Bt. (3 1948) on 3rd December 1978.
D. G. H. Stapleton (5 1931) in October 1978.



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