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# Editorial

First of all, I would like to thank Mr. Phimester for fulfilling his role as Head Master here so capably. It must have been a very hectic year for him, but I feel that everyone, masters and pupils, have benefited from it.

Next term, Mr. Graham, the new Head Master, will be arriving. We welcome him and his family and hope that he will enjoy himself here. It is always an exciting time for a school when a headmaster comes and everyone is looking forward to it. Perhaps he will take some decisions that will be unpopular with some pupils but then we must remember that nobody's decisions are always popular. Much of the onus of running the School, however, should be on us, the pupils. We should all pull together to make things as easy as we can for him and I am sure if we do this the transition will be smooth. This will, I believe, make Mill Hill continue to be a good school as well as a happy one.

# School News

This term, after twenty-four years at Mill Hill, Mr. A. P. Hodgson leaves to become Headmaster of Queen's College, Taunton, and inevitably, so popular and emphatic a personality, so involved in so many areas of school life, will be sorely missed.

A hockey blue and Authentic, he has naturally been an important figure in all our major sports. In 1964, on Mr. Exton's departure, after some years with the Colts, he was appointed to run the hockey and was in charge during some very successful seasons, including one in which the eleven played all its matches away but still managed to emerge undefeated. He had a short but memorable partnership with David Franklin, at first with the Colts XV, later on Top Field, and of course he had a long and successful spell coaching the Colts' cricket XI. Latterly, inspired perhaps by his political hero, he has been in charge of sailing in the school.

A leading campaigner for the all-weather pitch, characteristically he undertook much of the work involved in that appeal and played a major part in launching the Sixth Form Club. All of these activities were combined with hard and successful work in the History Department, which this year he has directed, and of course for the past six years he has been House Master of Ridgeway, where he and Daphne, in spite of an initial reluctance, have made such a success of introducing V1th form girls into our boarding system.

The Common Room will miss him as a driving force in many of its activities. He was responsible for the Common Room hockey side and for a long time presided over the Millers, where he successfully maintained the Meade-King-Bush tradition of attacking cricket, good fellowship and fun. A memorable chairman of Common Room, he struck his own fine balance between the requirements of discussion and dispatch. Over the years, his ideal of the gifted amateur, fostered by Worcester College, has been tempered by the historian's admiration of success, but he can still defuse a situation with the same diplomatic aplomb he displayed when two visiting teams arrived to play the Millers on the same day.

Above all, Paul has commanded respect for his integrity and good judgment. Always impatient of cant and evasion, he has a fine range of disapproving expressions, verbal and facial, from the caustic quip to the highly sardonic sniff, but he never loses his sense of the absurd or his ability to laugh at himself as well as others.

Behind them Paul and Daphne leave a host of friends and happy memories and, with two Old Millhillian sons, who have brought academic distinction to the School, it is hardly thinkable that they will disappear from the Mill Hill Scene altogether. They take with them our warmest wishes for the future.

Mr. E. C. (Ernie) Benton also leaves us this term. He has been a part-time music teacher at Mill Hill and Belmont for over twenty years and now finds the journey too fatiguing. He has been a jolly, friendly presence in the Common Room and we wish him and Mrs. Benton well in his retirement.

After five years Mr. Rob Davey leaves us to take up his appointment as Head of Modern Languages at Rydal School. A valued member of the Modern Languages Department, Rob has shepherded several parties to Rouen; at the same time he has been an active and vigorous coach of the School XV and of Athletics, as well as the guiding force behind the Social Services group and House Tutor in McClure. The Old Millhillians will miss him as the captain of their first XV for the past two seasons and we shall miss

him as a colleague, in particular for his concern, his charm, his friendliness and his lovely accent.

Mr. D. Gardiner leaves after four years to join the Physical Education Department at Sherborne School. We are grateful for all the enthusiasm and effort he has put into our sport, particularly the School Athletics, and the junior Rugby sides he has run, as well as the sincerity and concern he has brought to the Social Services Group. We shall miss his stentorian exhortations and wonder if another generation of Sassenach Millhillians are to grow up who won't even know what a 'jotter' is. We wish Dean and his wife Jackie all the best for the future.

Mr. J. Veal leaves after eleven terms to become Director of the Science Department at Ampleforth College. In addition to his work as Head of our Science Department, John has been active in many areas of School life, particularly as a captain in the Corps and as a Rugby and Athletic coach, in almost permanent occupation of the Gears. With his long stride and even longer Cornish shovel, he will be a great sight on the Yorkshire hills, but will he still be as successful as a strawberry-grower? To him and Valerie go our best wishes for the future.

Mr. G. Holford leaves, after three years in the Modern Languages department to go to the Amplonius Gymnasium, Rheinberg, Germany. A great sports enthusiast, running the 3rd XV and the 3rd XI cricket, he will no doubt find ample opportunities for his many talents in Germany and we wish him well.

We would like also to record our thanks to Mr. Brian Wilson, who has been with us for the past two terms, helping in the Chemistry department and with games and outward-bound activities, to M. Pascal Guego, of Ecole Normale Supérieure, St. Cloud, who has been assisting in the Modern Languages department, for the past year and Herr Heine Mangels of The University of Frankfurt, who has been with us for a term, also in the Modern Languages department. We hope they have enjoyed their stay with us and wish them well for the future.

Next term also Luky Trenchard, who has striven valiantly for some years to combine pottery at the main school with running the Belmont Art department has now decided to devote all her energy to Belmont. We are grateful for all she has done and wish her well.

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Next term, in addition to welcoming a new Head Master, Mr. Alistair Graham, we shall welcome back Mr. Paul Bowden to the Modern Languages Department. Paul, a graduate of University College, Oxford, spent two terms with us in 1973 and has visited us at intervals with various school sides and as a Miller during his six years' exile at Stowe. School and Common Room alike will be glad of his expertise in cricket and hockey and we are sure he will be happy among us.

A hearty welcome also to:—

Mr. Bruce Dickson, B.Sc. University of Witwatersrand, who joins us to teach Physics, after experience in various schools in South Africa and being Head of Science for four years at Maru a Pula School, in Botswana,

Mr. Charles W. Duckworth, B.Sc. Liverpool, who is keen on rifle-shooting, Rugger and photography, who will be House tutor in Winterstoke and teach Chemistry and Biology,

Mr. André F. Slatter, B.Sc., Open Exhibitioner of University College,

Oxford, another keen shot, who was a boy at Merchant Taylors' and will teach Modern Languages.

Mr. Richard S. Ryde, B.Ed. Exeter University, an all-round games-player, who will teach Physical Education and Geography.

and Mr. David Surridge, B.A., Southampton, who won a cricket blue at Cambridge in his Dip. Ed. year, and played such a notable part in a great Cambridge victory this year at Lords. He will teach History with some English.

We look forward to all of them on the staff. We hope they will be able to involve themselves in the School and enjoy the fellowship of a good Common Room and a friendly community.

There have been two newcomers to the Mill Hill scene since our last number. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Heard on the birth of their son Simon, on the 11th April 1979, and to Mr. and Mrs. Lovick, whose son Benjamin James was born on the 10th of June 1979.

The next school play will be 'The Imaginary Invalid', Moliere's comedy in Miles Malleson's version, which Mr. H. S. Stringer is producing. Evening performances will be given on December 7th, 8th, 10th and 11th. Tickets at £1.00 are available on application to The Box Office Manager, at the school.

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## FOUNDATION DAY

1979

*After the Bidding Prayer by the Chaplain, the Chairman of the Court of Governors, Mr. Michael Kempster Q.C. rose to speak:*

Head Master, Sir Cyril Phillips, Ladies and Gentlemen,

During the course of a recent election campaign a meeting arranged by the National Front was described in one of the remaining non-tabloid newspapers: the meeting had been addressed by an inexperienced speaker. His first mistake which was rapidly seized upon by hostile elements in the audience was to assert that his policies could be summarised in one word. The second mistake was to suggest that the audience knew why he was there. The opposition largely agreed that they did: the reason of course being the inability of the organisers to find anyone else. My own presence at the microphone at this juncture has a slightly different explanation. As many of you will know Sir Alan Orr sustained quite serious injuries last May, when he was knocked down by a vehicle outside the Law Courts. He is in fact making a good recovery, but could not be present today. I know that I have the whole-hearted support of my fellow Governors among many others in mentioning, not just because he too was once knocked down by a motor vehicle, Mr. Allan Phimester. Last September the unexpected resignation of the Head Master caused the Governors some anxiety. It was soon allayed. The then Second Master assumed the duties of the vacated office, provided the School and the Court with the guidance and information they respectively needed. He travelled the country with the President of the Old Millhillians Club, gave a memorable speech at the Centenary Dinner, and all this in his own distinctive and inimitable way. The School is indebted to him,

to Peggy Phimester and to the Masters and others too numerous to mention who have afforded him their loyal support. Mr. Phimester's successor may well say quoting Pliny and Samuel Johnson "The burden of government is increased by the virtue of immediate predecessors". The choice of that successor, who takes up his duties very shortly, has been our pressing concern and prime job during the past year. We believe we have got the right man. He is Mr. Alistair Graham, a Wykehamist and Scholar of Caius who achieved First Class Honours in Foreign Languages, and has experience both in the Army and in the City. He has been a member of the Modern Languages department at Eton since 1958 and is a Housemaster. I am sure he can look for a warm welcome and wide co-operation from the whole Mill Hill community.

It would not be right to allow this occasion to pass without mention of the death of Sir Frederic Sellers, the former Chairman of the Governors and esteemed occupant of "Highwood Lodge". His concern and affection for Mill Hill have already been acknowledged, both by the Minister of the Union Church, the Reverend Michael Lay and by the Master of the Rolls, Lord Denning. His contribution to our Council will long be remembered.

Fortunately this neighbourhood is not short of men and women of distinction. One of them has kindly made his way with his wife from Winterstoke Gardens to present the prizes today. I refer to Sir Cyril Phillips, Professor of Oriental Studies and member of the Courts both of London University and of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He is also President of the Mill Hill Preservation Society and Chairman of the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure. This last is, to use the vernacular, a hot potato. Sir Cyril, you are very welcome in our midst today as our Guest of Honour. And now I call upon the Head Master to address us.

*The Acting Head Master rose to considerable acclamation.*

Mr. Chairman, Sir Cyril, & Gentlemen,

May I first of all welcome our Guest and Lady Phillips and express our gratitude to him for coming here today. May I also welcome you and express the hope that in three or four weeks time when the results come out you will be as cheerful as you are today. I see that according to the official documents this is supposed to be a report by the Head Master: I am glad it is *by* and not *on*. My first task must be to thank my colleagues for all their whole-hearted effort and support throughout this year. Without them life would have been very difficult and the School owes them a great debt of gratitude.

This academic year might well be called the year of the hundred. During its course there has been the hundredth Old Millhillian Dinner, the hundredth anniversary of the Rugger Club, the five hundredth issue of the School Magazine, the hundredth anniversary of Mr. Gladstone distributing the prizes; we began the year for the first time with over a hundred in each year of the Sixth, and last, but not least for me, it has seen my hundredth term at Mill Hill.

I emphasise the hundreds as a means of turning your attention to various aspects of School life. The Old Millhillians hundredth anniversary helps us to remember what a great deal this School owes to its old boys. As we sit here on the Quad all the buildings around us are largely the contribution of old boys; the Winterstoke Library; the Marnham Block; the Music School given by the pupils of Sir John McClure, the Science Block, a memorial to those killed in the First World War. Old Millhillians too have been prominent in the last two Appeals, and in the Dangerfield Scheme they have tried to make

arrangements for the careers of Old Millhillians, recently 12 O.Ms gave advice on Universities. Their contribution as Governors has been immense, and the sons of Old Millhillians have provided a nucleus of this School for many years. This coming year, for example, will have one of the fifth generation of Spongs.

The hundredth anniversary of the Rugger Club should remind us of what has always been of paramount importance at this School, the development of the whole man. Today our range of sports extends far beyond Rugger. I think I am right in saying that at the last count we competed with other schools in three major sports, cricket, hockey and rugger, nine other minor sports and there were at least four other physical activities from mountain climbing to netball. We may not have had the success in Rugger that we would hope for at the beginning of the season, but in other sports we have done remarkably well. Until Tuesday the First XI cricket was unbeaten by any other school side, and in Maciver we have one of the most promising cricketers seen here for a long time. Hockey was very successful, and in the Shooting the devoted efforts of Ian Brownlie have brought considerable reward. Under this heading may I mention Mr. Franklin who is going out to Australia with an under 19 England XV as coach and Team Manager. Mr. Wait, who coached the cricket for so long, is now a selector for the M.C.C. Schoolboys Side.

The centenary of the swimming pool is an additional reminder not only of the many sided activities but also emphasises the remarkable foresight, enterprise and courage in excavating and installing an indoor swimming pool a hundred years ago. It is fitting that one of the first results of Appeal '76 will be the refurbishing of this. Enterprise which I hope we will continue to show, and which has been more recently shown in the development of the Sixth Form Centre, in the development of the Bi-Lingue Scheme which has done so much for Modern Languages, and in the development of the house at Dent, which enables us, a London school, to share the benefits of a more rugged environment. As a School situated where we are, we have easy access to take advantage of the cultural opportunities of London, and I am sure that these opportunities will, and must be, developed. I think too that our present combination of boarding and day enables us to benefit from both sides. We have a very much more structured environment in many ways than some day schools have. The boys early learn the habit of taking part in order to get the full benefit.

The hundredth anniversary of Mr. Gladstone's visit helps to remind us of changes in outlook and approach. When he came here a hundred years ago there were nine speeches before him, two after him, and the proceedings appear to have lasted from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. The reports of the speeches cover 34 pages of close print in the School Magazine. As usual it was well attended by hundreds of parents. I wish today that I could speak with the quick confidence of Mr. Gladstone. After an hour's visit he said "I have never in my life had to deal with a set of boys more thoroughly satisfactory or gentlemanly in their conduct, more honourable in their principles than those who are now at Mill Hill" — followed by loud parental cheers. Today, while we hope the tribute would be deserved, it would be more useful if the judgement was based upon a longer acquaintance. The co-operation of parents then appears to have been limited to appearances on Foundation Day — a ceremony primarily for parents when the Head Master can give some account of his stewardship, some parents can preen themselves on the achievements of their off-spring and all can have some words of wisdom from outside. Today support far beyond this is essential for the success of the School and all its works. We generally get that support in games, we get that support at the end of term play, at the House Drama Competition and for the

Lower School drama project. May I urge your full support, particularly in our musical evenings.

The hundreds in the Sixth emphasise that our primary task here is education in the narrower academic sense. We are, I believe, in the grammar school tradition. This means that we insist upon standards of entry. This may often seem hard, but the School is not geared to dealing with those of lesser standard. Our intake from Common Entrances was very good. The increased size of the Sixth reminds us of some of the problems that have been puzzling educationalists generally. The proposals to institute five subjects N and F in place of A-levels was intended to create a programme more suitable to the less academic. I personally am glad that this seems to have died a natural death. I do not think that the proposed F levels would have given the depth and insight which A-levels at present demand. Nor do I think that the N level would have provided the kind of curriculum which the weaker candidate wants. Next year we hope to be able to arrange courses across the board between Science and Arts. I think we can honestly say that we develop to the full the material that you give us, but that development again is dependent upon the efforts of the pupils themselves. There is a vast difference between O-level work and A-level work. There is perhaps a tendency in all first year Sixth-formers to look for an idle time. I think we should bear in mind that a successful A-level career here probably demands at least 15 hours of work a week outside the time-table curriculum. Our A-level results with our 90 candidates we hope will be good this year. Last year 46 pupils went to 25 Universities. We gained three Open Awards at Cambridge, one the first by a girl in Modern Languages, the others in Science, and it is only recently that we have learned that Nigel Fawcett has been given a Scholarship by the Society of Chemical Industry to read Chemical Engineering.

The five-hundredth issue of the Magazine reminds us of the cultural life of the School. The Magazine has gone through various ups and downs. I do think that this term's Magazine is one of the better ones. Its success refutes the apathy of which so many boys accuse the School. What they mean by apathy is that their particular interest is not being pursued. The Magazine is a tremendous effort and I should also like to congratulate the Editors of the two unofficial rival magazines "Polyglot" produced primarily by the Modern Linguists which had articles in at least 8 languages and the "Newsletter" produced by boys which gives a semi-underground approach to the School. I have already mentioned the music and the drama of the School and I would like to emphasise the projects which we have for Fourth-formers to introduce them to the new aspects of school life, ranging from backgammon to drama and chess. Societies are active but of course what flourishes today may be weaker tomorrow. Our most flourishing Society is the Electronics Club with over 50 members.

Finally, my hundredth term reminds us of the numerous changes that have taken place since I arrived here in 1946. At that time the squash courts were still labelled "The Mortuary", where you are now sitting was the heavy lorry bay and my first classroom still had on the doorway "Operating Theatre". Comparable to physical changes at Mill Hill in 33 years I think there has been also a profound change in parental attitude. 33 years ago there was still a tendency for parents to hand over a boy at the beginning of the term with the attitude 'Here he is, I expect you to deliver the goods. I will collect the finished product in three or five years time'. Today parents no longer have that blind faith in our superior wisdom. Most of you are deeply concerned with our dealings with your sons and daughters. It is worth remembering that it was 20 years after I first came here that we had our first parental meeting of the kind which you now rightly expect regularly. This wider co-operation with parents is very much to be welcomed. We welcome the

involvement as I have said in activities. We welcome involvement in the future of a boy's career. We welcome the involvement to enable us to enforce rules and regulations which are kept, as you know, to a minimum.

While people like myself stay here, other members of the staff move on. Miss Trenchard is going to devote full time to teaching at Belmont; Mr. Holford is going to Germany; Mr. Deane Gardiner, who has done so much for athletics, is going to Sherborne and Mr. Ernest Benton, who has taught the trumpet for 20 years, is retiring. Mrs. Lovick has taken up motherhood and Rob Davey is moving on to become the Head of Modern Languages at Rydal School. We will miss his varied contributions, from captaining the Old Millhillians Rugger to organizing the Social Services so effectively. Mr. John Veal moves to Ampleforth. We will miss his cheerful and effective reorganization of the Science department. The immense contribution of these men indeed of all the staff makes a mockery of the so-called '25 hour week'. As Mr. Veal puts it to applicants to the Science department "Here we do a 24 hour day with reasonable time off". Mr. Paul Hodgson leaves to become Headmaster of Queen's College, Taunton. He has been with us for 24 years and his departure affects me particularly because we have worked together in the History department throughout that time. He has been in charge of hockey; coached the First XV and been responsible for much junior cricket and also run the Millers cricket. In addition, he introduced A-level Politics. More latterly he has been a very successful Housemaster of Ridgeway where we took our first girl boarders. He will be succeeded there by Mr. Morgan. To all these leavers we give our thanks and offer our best wishes for their future careers. Finally, we come to Mr. Winter, who while he is not retiring from the School, is retiring as Housemaster of Murray. Murray, in his time, has grown from the only day House situated in a remote corner where the tuck-shop now is, with only 40 boys in it, to the present situation where there have been two successive swarmings, first of all to McClure and subsequently to Priestley where each of the three day Houses now have between 70 and 80 boys and girls. I am sure we would join with all those parents who have already paid tribute to Mr. Winter and his work over the past 15 years and thank him for what he has achieved for this School. He will be succeeded by Mr. Dean.

Although these Masters cannot be replaced exactly the newcomers have their own contribution to make. They include a Cricket Blue, a man with two years experience of Voluntary Service Overseas, a man who will be able to help considerably with the Shooting and a highly qualified Swimming Instructor. These are in addition to their good academic attainments. As old blood is to stability, so new blood is essential to the School's future. We older members can tell not only how good things were but how much they have improved. But it is the function of the new blood to freshen us up and to charge our existing ideas and this they have done throughout my time here. This coming and going serves to emphasise the continuity of the School. The School is different from what it was 100 years ago when Mr. Gladstone came. It is different in many ways from the 100 terms ago when I came. I hope that in the last of my 100 terms I have with the aid of my colleagues managed to provide receptive fertile ground for the new seeds to be sown under Mr. Graham when he comes here next term. I would like formally and sincerely on behalf of myself and all our teaching staff to welcome him and his wife and assure them of our full support. The School will quite clearly develop and change under him, but it will still remain Mill Hill School. To paraphrase Edmund Burke "A school is not nothing better than a partnership agreement to be taken up for a little temporary interest. It ought to be looked on with reverence. It is a partnership in all Arts and Science in every virtue and perfection. The ends of such a partnership cannot be

obtained save by many generations. It is a partnership not only between those who are here, but between those who have left and those that have yet to come — that is Mill Hill School."

*The Chairman then invited Sir Cyril Phillips to present prizes after which Sir Cyril said:—*

It is a great pleasure for me to come to Mill Hill School on Foundation Day which is symbolic and corporate in its nature. If one is looking for some idea which expresses the essence of a school I don't think one finds it in the quality of its work, in its performance at games, in the splendour of its buildings: one finds it in all the components that go to make up the school. In its Board of Governors, and I would like at this moment to offer my congratulations and my expression of good wishes to your new Chairman. We find it in its Board of Governors, we find it in its Headmaster and in its staff, in its boys and girls, in its parents, in its old boys, we find it in fact in the totality, past, present and future, which makes up the School. Its corporate nature. So it is proper to have an occasion like this and a pleasure for me to be here.

A school of course in the pursuit of knowledge and understanding is far more than a research laboratory. Its teaching and its learning by their nature cannot be exact sciences. To illustrate this I should like to relate a brief story. The President of Yale University had to face the challenge of the McCarthy Commission on Un-American Activities, particularly on the point that one of the members of his staff, one of his lecturers, was preaching left-wing ideas and undermining the character of his students. And his answer makes my point. "Not all his class in fact attended lectures; of those who attend only half listen to what he says; of those who attend and listen only half understand; of those who attend and listen and understand only half remember; of those who attend and listen and understand and remember only half agree. The damage therefore is not serious." A good school, like good teaching and good learning, depends upon acquiring the art of asking questions. Our society, our western society, our modern society is characterized by the extent to which it has acquired that art. And among other reasons that is why we seem to be beset by questions and by problems. So when you formulate questions, as you have to do in your school life, in your whole life in fact, you soon realise of course that you have to vary the questions to suit your purposes. And again I would like to illustrate what I am saying by a true incident. We have in our Chairman of Governors a Queens Counsel, who is by now well experienced in the art of asking questions. And the incident I want to recall was one which a great friend of mine, now alas dead, Norman Birkett, a great man of law, took part, and indeed played a prominent part. He was interrogating in Court a cab driver, who had been driving his cab and had an accident and the passengers alleged that he had been driving very fast, which they said was the cause of the accident. The cabbie denied this. And Norman Birkett was prosecuting him on behalf of the occupants of the cab. And his questioning ran like this: "You say you were travelling quite slowly?" — "Yes". "Not fast at all, but quite slowly?" — "That's right". "And you drew out to pass another vehicle?" — "Correct". "Still not going fast?" — "Yes". "Let me see, you skidded slightly?" — "Yes". "Mounted the pavement?" — "Yes". "Hit a plate glass window and smashed it?" — "Right". "Knocked over a stall loaded with fruit and vegetables?" — "Correct". "Knocked down two pedestrians?" — "I am afraid so". "And finally hit a lamp-post?" — "Yes". "Well now, I wonder if you would like to tell us how much more damage you might have done if you

had been going fast?" So one chooses the kind of questioning and the questions themselves in terms of one's purposes.

I would like to give you another illustration of a rather different purpose, again to illustrate my point. In our society we have been in recent years much dominated by organisation and methods experts. Experts in business efficiency, who say in fact that you can solve most of the problems by applying due investigation, due organisation and due method. Now in a certain circumstance an organisation and methods expert called on a friend of mine, who to have a bit of fun said to him "Can you apply your methods to any problem I put before you?" and the organisation and methods man said "Yes certainly I can". My friend said "Well I happen to have a ticket to a music concert — would you like to go along and make a report on the concert? I particularly like the bit on Schubert's Unfinished Symphony". The following morning he got the report and it ran somewhat like this: "A report on Schubert's Unfinished Symphony. The division of labour in the Orchestra requires further investigation. The conductor never stopped working. But for considerable periods the four oboe players had nothing to do. Their number should be reduced and the work load more evenly spread over the whole of the piece. Thus eliminating excessive peaks of activity. All the twelve first violins persisted in playing identical notes. This seems unnecessary duplication. The staff of this section should be cut. If a large volume of sound is required, it could be better obtained by means of amplifier. Much effort was absorbed in refining notes into what I am told are demi-semiquavers. If all notes were rounded up to the nearest semiquaver it might be possible to use some trainee players. There is too much repetition in some of the passages. No useful purpose is served by repeating on the horn a passage which has already been handled by the strings. It is estimated that if all redundant passages are eliminated the Symphony could be reduced to twenty minutes. In conclusion, if the composer Schubert had borne in mind the above considerations he might have finished."

I have been talking about enquiry which is one important component of any school and I would like in the closing section to make a word or two more on the other half of the story the problem of moulding character. In order to illustrate what I have to say I would like to tell a true story which you may know already. It is the story of what probably has been, was the worst journey ever undertaken for science in the history of man. The story is told in that book by Cherry Garrard with the title of *The Worst Journey in the World*. During an Antarctic winter an expedition, Captain Scott's expedition in fact, was encamped on the ice on the vast area of approach to the South Pole and in the Antarctic winter which is of course a darkness fully through the twenty-four hours, three men from that expedition went from their camp to Cape Crozier where the only known nesting area of the Emperor Penguin was to be found. And they went because there was a theory that if the eggs of the Emperor Penguins could be studied it might be possible to find the link between reptiles and the animal kingdom, and that that link might possibly be found in the eggs of the Emperor Penguin. So they set out; marching about five miles a day in pitch darkness; inclement weather able to carry lighted candles to see their way; in stormy weather suffering temperatures of over 100° F of frost, and at long last they covered the seventy miles to Cape Crozier, and they looked down the cliff to the great circle of Emperor Penguins moving round and round in that half mist icy silence to keep themselves warm, and most important to keep the single eggs which each Emperor Penguin has warm. As they camped on the top of the cliff, a great storm blew up and blew their tent away, leaving them in effect with only a few hours of light if they should not regain that tent and get back to normal warmth. And there they were scratching about in the darkness looking for

their tent. And Cherry Gerrard then remarked and says something which I believe is truly memorable, he says "At that point all we had to stand up in was our characters". Now there come occasions in the lives of all of us when in fact all we have to stand up in is our characters. I would like to conclude in commenting on that by quoting to you the wise words of a famous philosopher who said "In the training of character, it is impossible fully to do the job without . . .". Now without what? Without a family background, without a good brain, without collegiate or residential accommodation like you have in this School, without splendid surroundings, without the good care of one's parents and one's family? No, none of those things. He says "The training of character is impossible without a habitual vision of greatness". The training of character, not is important or may be acquired by, but is impossible without not just a vision of greatness, but a habitual vision of greatness. "Training of character is impossible without the habitual vision of greatness". And I believe in our society, in our personal lives that is profoundly true, and I want to end with a story again to make this simple but profound point which I have put to you. It is a story taken, a true story, from the great expanse of sands in the Dee estuary looking across the mountains of North Wales. It was the scene where the great painter, Turner, did much of his fine painting, and one golden summer evening he was sitting there after a week's work painting with his canvas when a fairly elderly lady with her little dog came along and stood behind him and studied closely what he was doing. And she said to him "How long Sir have you been painting this?". Turner thought for a moment and said "All my life Madam". This gave the lady cause for thought and off she went on her walk. On the way back she paused again and she said to him "Since I went past you haven't done very much". He said "Well, I've retouched this cloud and I've broken those shafts of sunshine". And she said "But those are only trifles" and he says, "But ah Madam, the trifles go to the making of perfection". And then she said "What are you going to call your painting?" and he said "A Sunset, Madam". She looked puzzled and said "I can't see a sunset" — "No Madam, but don't you wish you could?".

*The Chairman then called upon the Senior Monitor who proposed the vote of thanks with the following words:*

Mr. Chairman, Sir Cyril, Head Master, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you have already heard our Guest of Honour here today is well acquainted with the School since he lives on the edge of the School grounds. So you can see right away that he is a man of great discrimination in the choice of his neighbours. He is also a man of the highest academic distinction, having been for many years Professor of Oriental History at London University. Subsequently, Principal of the School of Oriental and African Studies and later Vice-Chancellor of the University of London. Currently he is Chairman of the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure and like the Chairman, I forbear from making the obvious comment. Perhaps at this point I may be permitted to digress for a moment to pay a tribute to another noted historian, Mr. Phimester. The Chairman has already expressed his appreciation of Mr. Phimester's service, but on behalf of the lower orders I should like to express my admiration for the way in which he has conducted the affairs of the School in the past year. However, my main duty is to thank Sir Cyril for coming to present the prizes here today and I have great pleasure in doing so. Thank you very much Sir Cyril.



## PRIZE LIST 1979

### SPECIAL PRIZES

#### Prizes "Honoris Causa"

C. G. Hooper Exhibition to Emmanuel College, Cambridge ... ..	JULIET NEWPORT
Open Exhibition in Engineering at St. John's College, Cambridge ... ..	M. HODGSON
Shelton Memorial Exhibition in Physics at Christ Church, Oxford ... ..	P. M. SCHWARZEN- BERGER
<b>Ramsay Award</b> ... ..	S. F. WERNHAM
<b>Arthur Jubber Memorial Prize</b> ... ..	M. HODGSON
<b>Walter Knox Prize for Chemistry</b> ... ..	T. P. LEVINE
<b>Isabel Hector Fleming Prize for French and History</b> ... ..	D. ABDIO
<b>Old Millhillians Lodge Prize for French, German and English</b> ... ..	P. D. RUTHVEN- MURRAY
<b>David Needham Memorial Prize for German and History</b> ... ..	M. D. GAFSEN
<b>Hamilton Bailey Prize for Fifth Form</b> ... ..	A.M.T. BLACKBURN
<b>for Bowling</b> ... ..	T. A. J. DAWSON
<b>Martin Woolf Memorial Prize</b> ... ..	I. MACIVER
<b>McClure Music Prizes—Senior</b> ... ..	P. A. ROBIN
<b>Junior</b> ... ..	P. H. WICKENDEN
	W. L. M. KU
	A. NOAKES
	A. P. SCHWARZEN- BERGER
<b>Old Millhillians Literary Prize</b> ... ..	I. M. WICKS
<b>Charles Farrow Prize for Singing</b> ... ..	To be announced
<b>French Verse Speaking Prizes—Senior</b> ... ..	P. A. Z. PARKER
<b>Junior</b> ... ..	S. W. EDWARDS
	B. M. DYER
<b>German Verse Speaking Prizes</b> ... ..	N. P. E. EDWARDS
	M. J. P. SMITH
<b>Stopford Brooke Prize for Art</b> ... ..	E. S. WINTER
<b>Dent Prize</b> ... ..	SUZANNE KAMASA
<b>Hobbies Cup</b> ... ..	P. J. SUMMERFIELD
	ELECTRONICS SOCIETY
<b>Gilbert Buchanan Prize for Hobbies</b> ... ..	J. J. LEWIS
<b>Slater Prize for Acting</b> (Already presented) ... ..	J. R. LESLAU
	N. J. LITTON
<b>Timpson Prize for Carpentry</b> ... ..	J. J. LEWIS
	D. Q. A. NUNN

### SUBJECT PRIZES

#### Upper Sixth

Mathematics and Physics ... ..	T. P. LEVINE
	P. M. SCHWARZEN- BERGER
Mathematics and German ... ..	D. L. FREEDMAN
Chemistry ... ..	D.W.G. BLACKBURN
	W. L. M. KU

Physics with Mathematics	...	...	...	...	B. L. TAN
Biology	...	...	...	...	B. M. LANDAU
English and Latin	...	...	...	...	TANYA WOOLF
History	...	...	...	...	D. G. YOUNG
Politics	...	...	...	...	A. ANJARWALLA
Economics	...	...	...	...	J. E. DAVIES
					P. J. ROTHWELL
Geography	...	...	...	...	P. F. S. ZIMMERMAN
French	...	...	...	...	N. E. FOSTER

### Lower Sixth

Mathematics	...	...	...	...	A. P. FULTON
Mathematics and Chemistry	...	...	...	...	C. G. WEST
Mathematics, Geography and Economics	...	...	...	...	S. S. BRIJNATH
Physics	...	...	...	...	J. KHAN
Biology	...	...	...	...	I. J. LO
Economics, History and Modern Languages	...	...	...	...	R. L. TRAY
Modern Languages	...	...	...	...	D. C. S. TURCHI
Economics	...	...	...	...	ELIZABETH MORGAN
English and History	...	...	...	...	SUZANNE KAMASA
English, Latin and Modern Languages	...	...	...	...	B. C. KINGSLEY
English	...	...	...	...	R. T. LUDEMANN
History and Geography	...	...	...	...	A. W. WELCH

### Fifth

Mathematics	...	...	...	...	A. P. SCHWARZEN- BERGER
Physics	...	...	...	...	K. PONNAMPERUMA
Chemistry and History	...	...	...	...	A. V. LEVINSON
German	...	...	...	...	D. J. CEIRIOG-HUGHES
English, Geography and Biology	...	...	...	...	S. A. CLARKE
Geography	...	...	...	...	A. B. CLARKE
Geography in French	...	...	...	...	S. J. HERRINGTON
Greek	...	...	...	...	D. R. NORMAN
English and French	...	...	...	...	S. W. EDWARDS
English, History, Latin and Greek	...	...	...	...	P. A. Z. PARKER
Pearse Prize for Art and Pottery	...	...	...	...	T. R. S. BERRY

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Mathematics	...	...	...	...	R. V. RAM
Physics	...	...	...	...	M. A. ROPEL
Chemistry and English	...	...	...	...	N. P. LILLYWHITE
Biology	...	...	...	...	G. R. W. HAWLEY
French	...	...	...	...	R. J. HARKAVY
German	...	...	...	...	S. I. BERRICK
Latin	...	...	...	...	R. J. WINTER
Geography	...	...	...	...	E. T. JAMES
					D. MIRFENDERESKI
Geography in French	...	...	...	...	J. C. GODFREY
Pearse Prizes for Art and Pottery	...	...	...	...	K. R. McLINTOCK
					A. J. MACHEATH

#### Fourth

Mathematics, Physics and Latin	...	A. SAMPSON
Physics	...	A. F. PETERS
Chemistry	...	T. LEE
Biology and English	...	G. G. A. PURSEY
English	...	P. M. G. BLORE
French	...	B. M. DYER
German	...	M. J. P. SMITH
Latin	...	I. J. STERN
History	...	K. A. WIEDERSHEIM
Geography	...	J. G. C. PEILE
Pearse Prizes for Art and Pottery	...	W. R. KNOWLES
		S. R. KIRKPATRICK

#### Third

Form Prize	...	A. SARTAJ
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We have just concluded the Summer Term with Mr. Paul Hodgson, Housemaster of Ridgeway, Head Master-elect of Queens, Taunton, giving the sermon. We wish him well in his new role as headmaster and hope he will find plenty of inspiration for regular Sunday preaching.

The term started with the Acting Head Master, and on the second Sunday there was the Chaplain. A week later, on May 20th, when the Chaplain was at Woodhouse Grove School in Yorkshire, where a former Mill Hill chemistry master, David Miller, is the Headmaster, the Rev. Jeremy Harrold of St. Pauls, Mill Hill, was our preacher. We were glad to welcome him again, and we do like to encourage boys to go to family and Communion services at St. Pauls on Sunday mornings.

The Rev. Rodney Marriner took the service on June 3rd — a Jewish Sabbath evening service (such as Jesus would have been familiar with and a regular attender at, lest anyone should say that it wasn't Christian!). He is the associate Rabbi at the Edgware Reform Synagogue and it was a privilege to have him with us.

The sermon by Dr. Bill Elliott, Rector of Elstree, later in June, could be described as the most embarrassing of the decade — a description which will be understood by all who were present, but I think I will leave it as an enigma for all other readers. They can always ask someone to explain if they are really keen to know!

There was a mid-week Holy Communion service in June; the usual interesting variety of morning prayers each day, and term ended, of course, with the Commemoration Service.

One week after the end of term the Chapel was the scene of the wedding of Susan Phimester, younger daughter of the acting Head Master, who was married to Keith Abbott.

H. W. S.

## MUSIC

The first concert of the Summer term was by Bram Wiggins (trumpet) and Jennifer Bate (organ), postponed from the snows of the Spring term. Their programme included works for trumpet and organ both arranged and original. The latter included Larsson's Concertino and Flor Peeters' Aria; and there was a range of suitable arrangements from Gibbons to Handel and Stanley. Miss Bate played Bach's Prelude and Fugue in G and works by Alain and de Brabanter with style: Mr. Wiggins is a fine trumpeter with a marvellous control of a wide range of dynamics, and the concert was outstanding.

Niel Immelman came to Mill Hill after an American tour and generously gave us a piano recital which he was due to repeat in London shortly afterwards. After three harpsichord pieces by Soler and two Impromptus by Schubert we had two works by Liszt. The second half of the programme consisted of Brahms's F minor Piano Sonata, a composer of whose works Mr. Immelman is becoming a well known exponent.

The School Concert, though it contained nine works, was not a specially long one, and there was no interval. The Orchestra played movements by Haydn (Symphony 99), a Mendelssohn Nocturne, and the Grand March from Aida. The Orchestra was in fine form in all these works, and played the first movement of Schumann's Piano Concerto with Winston Ku as soloist; there were fine tutti and nicely played solos and ensembles; the solo part was played with delicacy, insight, and strength, which Ku's performances invariably display. The Wind Band (woodwind and horns) played Dvorak's Slavonic Dance in G minor: this has some speedy and rhythmically awkward areas for a wind group, but it raised the curtain in a lively way. Alison Rabin accompanied by Winston Ku played Dvorak's G major Violin Sonata, and some sweet tone came over though a little disturbed by nerves. The Broken Voice Group sang two Negro Spirituals in a stylish way; careful rehearsing and regular attendance showed what can be done with a handful of enthusiasts. Bach's Suite for Flute and Strings was played (without the Overture) by Alan Schwarzenberger and the String Orchestra. There was splendid rapport between soloist and orchestra, and Schwarzenberger gave a stylish and musical performance. An unusual item was a Duo for two violins by Mazas, played by Rufus Rottenberg and Ashley Fulton. This was an attractive and varied concert, and our thanks are due to Mr. Winfield and Rufus Rottenberg for sharing the leading of the orchestra so admirably.

We are sorry to lose two of our brass teachers on the music staff this term. Mr. Colin Rae has been with us only a short time, but has passed on his own high playing standards to his pupils so effectively, to say nothing of the value of the enormous range of his musical knowledge, particularly of the moderns. Mr. Benton has been with us for many years. He is a teacher of wide experience and has a very great knowledge of the orchestral and operatic repertoire, with an appropriate collection of splendid stories of orchestral life in London. His pupils have been fortunate in the width of his musical experience, particularly on trombone (and steerhorn!). To them both we offer best wishes and grateful thanks.

## WOODHEAD

Woodhead is the name of this year's lower school drama production. It is a play accompanied by an orchestra, telling the story of the construction of a

railway by a group of navvies in the middle of the nineteenth century. The play makes clear the very difficult and dangerous conditions endured by these navvies, ending with the collapse of part of a tunnel when one of the navvies is killed.

The performance began with a pleasant flute solo from Alan Schwarzenberger. Gradually the rest of the orchestra, expertly conducted by Winston Ku, joined the flute. The well-played overture was typical of the orchestra's playing throughout the performance.

I thought that the changes of mood and scene were very well executed. Notable examples of good transitions were after each of the dream scenes, where the orchestra put across a sinister feeling very convincingly.

The Members of Parliament provided a good contrast from the navvies, in particular Paul Parker who acted confidently and in a suitably superior manner. L. Smith was consistently good. The navvies were well portrayed: they were rough and ready, and I enjoyed their hymn-singing, which was suitably sloppy. However, the first of the navvies' songs was sung rather weakly, which was a pity since the accompanying clarinet-playing by Craig Fulton had a remarkably full and mellow tone.

F. Scolaro portrayed the character of the irritable engineer struggling to keep to a budget very well, contrasting nicely with the flustered foreman (S. L. Shamdasani). MacGill, alias G. Morris, was well acted. I especially liked northern accent and drunken manner. J. Snell and D. Samuels also put across their respective parts well.

Rufus Rottenberg must be congratulated on his violin-playing. The country-style fiddle music was especially well played. The percussion playing was also good, especially the portrayal of the tunnel collapsing.

S. Wynne seemed well suited to acting the part of the woman preacher and I found him extremely amusing. J. Webb, the navvies' doctor, played his part with feeling, and his final speech left the audience indignant at the injustice that the navvies had to bear.

It must be said that the stage was very well arranged, and the special effects were marvellous. The explosion at the end of the first act startled everyone. The costumes are also worthy of mention.

A creditable performance, indicating the enthusiasm of T. W. Corbett, Esq. and P. H. Thonemann, Esq.

A.P.F.

## LIBRARY

<i>Librarian:</i>	P. H. Thonemann, Esq.
<i>Boy Librarian:</i>	R. J. Rajani
<i>Assistant Librarians:</i>	R. S. Rottenberg, D. G. Macdonald, P. J. Summerfield

This term we have put at least 150 works of fiction into the library, some from the Sixth Form library, the rest new. Our policy of buying a mixture of classics, serious modern fiction and lighter fiction has brought an encouraging number of people into the library. The non-fiction section is used very little, but we have continued to buy books which we consider worthwhile for it. We must hope that eventually those who come to take out science fiction will leave with a biography of Stalin, a pictorial history of Golf, or a manual on Stage Lighting!

A welcome increase in our grant has enabled us to order many more books, which we hope will be of interest to an increasing number of people. We now regularly advertise recently acquired books on the main notice board, which seems to be effective. The lighting and heating are to be improved, partly as a result of the welcome efforts of the School Council.

Finally, we are grateful to Mr. T. H. Jackson for his kind donation of a number of useful books, mostly on music, to the library. Such gifts are always valuable.

My thanks to the librarians for their continued efforts. I feel that the library is now beginning to come alive.

P.H.T.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Form Club

*Chairman & Bar Steward:* M. R. Harris  
*Secretary:* R. L. Tray  
*Assistant Bar Steward:* K. Walli

*Committee:*

S. Brijnath, M. Powell, A. P. Harris, N. Litton, R. Shone  
J. Clifford

I wish to thank the old committee, whose resignations were tendered half-way through the term, especially David Nunn who agreed to stay on as an ex-officio adviser; and to welcome the new committee, who it is hoped will continue in the same vein as they started — full of vitality. Richard Tray happily accepted the post of secretary and has since performed competently. The new Chairman elect is Michael Harris.

The term has seen the laying of a new carpet in the Sixth Form Centre the venue for several liberally attended dances, and the successful screening of "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest".

We have high hopes for the club in the future and next term are looking to reintroduce appetizers, to purchase coloured lights, and a dimmer system, finances permitting, and to increase the number of films screened.

All in all it has been a busy term sprinkled with incident. Many thanks to Mr. Prosser-Harries, Mr. Moynihan and Mr. Rees for all their help.

M.R.H.

## Friday AfterNOONS

### ROYAL AIR FORCE

*C/O RAF Section:* F/Lt. F. MacMahon  
*Senior N.C.O.'s:* Ft. Sgt. Semken  
Ft. Sgt. Ikin  
*Junior N.C.O.:* Sgt. Silver

A few leavers, who have shown marked indifference to the Corps, may find consolation in their record, albeit ignominious than congratulatory, of failing the second part of the Proficiency exam at their fourth and last attempt. Three fifths of "A" Flight have however succeeded in passing both Parts Two and Three and leave the Corps with something to show. One fifth of "B" Flight have already managed this feat, and Cadet Sanson earns commendation for his credit grade in Part 3.

The Easter camp at R.A.F. Benson was a great success and was enjoyed by nine cadets who, thanks to the efforts of the Camp Commandant, managed several unscheduled air experience flights, following the washout for the

second year running of organised Chipmunk flying. Aircraft flown included a VC10, a Hercules-transport and a Puma helicopter.

Gratitude is due to K. Fisher's father for an interesting behind-the-scenes visit to London Airport on Field Day. Captain Fisher, a B.A. pilot trainer, kindly showed us the workings of part of the airport cadets will probably see only once in their lives, including a lucky informal sit-down in the pilot's cabin of, and a walk-about round, a Concorde in for servicing.

Cadet Fisher himself made his mark with Colonel Hatch, our Inspecting Officer at the Annual Inspection, by some forthright replies to questions. The unkind weather also made its mark on the day, with a deluge timed to commence at the start and to finish at the end of the inspection, leaving everybody soaked for the rest of the day.

With perpetual rain and wintry conditions this term it would have been a surprise had the organised termly air experience flying been possible, but in the event the trip to R.A.F. Abingdon was again abortive. However, in spite of so many disappointments over the past eighteen months we shall try again in the autumn.

For the record, Flt. Sgt. Semken attended a Joint Services Outward Bound course in Wales and during the summer L/Cpl. Kaye will be going on a mechanical engineering course, Cadet Mistry on an electronics course and Flt. Sgts. Semken and Ikin will be attending a Gliding School.

## ARMY

The majority of the Army Section spent Field Day at Thetford under canvas. The cadets spent two days of glorious weather reaching alarming speeds in land yachts, launching rather more alarming section attacks, orienteering, and getting lost on a pyrotechnically spectacular if somewhat disorganised night patrol.

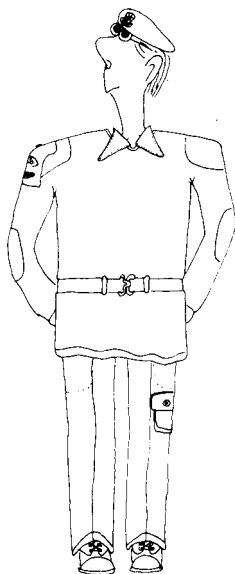
Friday afternoons were spent preparing for the General Inspection — section attacks were practised, and House Squads were everywhere seen polishing up their drill for the Newcastle competition.

The arrival of Colonel G. Hatch, R.A. to inspect the troops coincided with the most cataclysmic rainstorm imaginable and this threatened to wash away the entire contingent; however the latent masochism essential to every good cadet triumphed and we had one of the smartest and certainly wettest inspections for years.

Congratulations are due to Sgt. M. Harris for bringing the Burton Bank squad up to winning form in the Newcastle Drill competition, and to Cadet W. S. Sin who received the award from Capt. Masson of 6 C.T.T. for being the smartest cadet on parade.

During the inspection, B Company launched a series of Section Attacks which were assessed for the Battlecraft part of their training, and all the cadets were judged to be sufficiently dangerous to pass. C Company were rather less successful in their Weapons Training tests later in the term — a quarter of them were judged sufficiently dangerous to fail.

We now look forward to the summer camp at Proteus near Nottingham where a full programme of activities has been arranged which should use up any energy we may have left at the end of term.



## ROYAL NAVY

<i>Lieutenant:</i>	T. W. Corbett
<i>Sub Lieutenant:</i>	R. C. B. Clarke
<i>Leading Seaman:</i>	A. W. Welch
<i>Leading Seamen:</i>	M. J. Morton, P. C. Noakes, R. J. Perkins

There has been much activity in the Royal Naval Section this term. The Annual Inspection took place and the Section provided a ship-to-shore exercise between two trees under the supervision of C.P.O. Flower. The display culminated in a race between two groups of second and third year Cadets carrying 'wounded' cadets on home-made stretchers across the ship to shore. The first year Cadets participated in a separate competition organised for them.

This term's field day saw the Navy taking part in a wide variety of activities. Most of the section went on a camp at Ashridge. The camp site was used as a base for canoeing on the nearby Grand Union Canal and also for sailing at Aldenham reservoir. The first-year Cadets also went sailing later in the term, again at Aldenham.

This term we say good-bye to Lt. Turner our liaison officer from H.M.S. Dolphin in Portsmouth. We owe him our thanks for the lectures, films and advice he has given the section.

During the summer holidays several cadets from both the first and third years are going on naval camps, one of them being a flying course at the Royal Naval Air Station at Culdrose in Cornwall.

A.W.W.

## SCOUTING

Judging by the tardiness of the School in repairing the Scout Hut, Scouting is very low on the list of priorities at the moment. Nothing has been done to give us any, even temporary, accommodation since the fire in the Christmas holidays, which was in no way our fault.

The main event of the summer term is always the week-end for expeditions. We had 3 camps at Scout Camp Sites in Hertfordshire and Middlesex, and about ten groups of 3 or 4 went Youth Hostelling — at hostels in the Thames Valley and as far away as Cambridge and Kings Lynn. We also had an expedition to the Chilterns.

We have had only three Scouters this year and at the moment know of only two for next year. Consequently the troop will have to be reduced in numbers very considerably. But it will, we hope, make for a much greater degree of efficiency. We are sorry that this term there has been a minimum of activity.

Our thanks to Mr. Moynihan who leaves us for social service, and to R. Rajani for his help throughout the year as an instructor.

H.W.S.

## SOCIAL SERVICE GROUP

This term our main activity has been clearing gardens of local old people. Our two new flymos have proved very useful but the strange summer combination of heavy rainfall and occasional sunshine has made our task a difficult one.

Visiting, and horse riding with the handicapped, have continued as well as the truancy project under the supervision of Mr. Armstrong. Paul Kalms and Simon Clark have nearly finished the new dark room in the Graham



Park Estate Day Centre. We have as always been looking for new activities which will not be affected by the change between the winter and summer timetable.

Field Day this term was very successful. Tony Poulengeris and Neil Dawson rebuilt several of our derelict bikes, Pandya and Wigoder finally persuaded Oxfam to collect the huge pile of books they had gathered and the hut was cleared and tidied after the fire.

The Dance this term was its usual success thanks to the trojan efforts of Mark Hollis and Rob Glazer. Together with a raffle the total profit was over £120 — a record.

Finally I would like to thank all those members past and present for their support over the last five years and I would also like to thank Mr. Gardiner for all his help and enthusiasm.

Having had enough of the one about “the Irishman and the Scotsman” we would like to hand over to two Englishmen Mr. Chilton and Mr. Moynihan and to wish them well.

R.A.E.D.

### **THE LAKE DISTRICT, 1979**

In April a party went to High Ground near Eskdale, a farm owned by Mr. Heywood, a former Economics master at Mill Hill. The party consisted of Mr. Sutcliffe and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Cook, Mr. Winfield, Mr. Wilson and six boys.

The weather was generally good for the time of year, only one day being really rainy. There were few signs of the snow that had enveloped the Lake District earlier in the year although there were many dead sheep reminding us of the harshness of the winter.

Mr. Winfield and Mr. Wilson took us walking and we climbed the Old Man of Coniston, Scafell and the Langdale Pikes, doing our best to clock up many hills over 2000 feet to help Mr. Cook qualify for his Mountain Leadership certificate. During our return from one walk up Stanley Ghyll, Mr. Wilson got separated from the party; he returned safely but very wet after a two hour wait in the rain. In addition to walking, Mr. Sutcliffe took boys climbing on Wallabarrow, Dow Drag and Great Gable.

The food was really excellent (good meat costs less up North) and for this our thanks must go to Mrs. Sutcliffe, Mrs. Cook and Mr. Winfield. I would like to thank all the masters and their wives and I hope they enjoyed it as much as we did.

A.W.W.

### **LYKE WAKE WALK 1979**

Nine boys assembled outside School House at 9.00 p.m. on Saturday May 26th. In front of them lay very little to look forward to. No sleep for more than 40 hours and well over 40 miles of hard walking. After a trip up the A1, interrupted only by motorway food (ugh!) and disillusioned Scots returning from Wembley, we arrived.

Nothing could have been better. It was 4 o'clock in the morning, the sun hadn't yet risen and it was freezing. With thoughts of how we should have been spending our half term, we set off. We moved quickly . . . considering the terrible conditions. Fylingdales Radar Station soon appeared and with warnings of being electrified or being turned to dust by Laser Guns we dragged ourselves past it and to where P.S.B. was waiting with the mini-bus and breakfast (which was served 30 minutes later). As the minutes ticked by

we tried to estimate the number of miles to go. It was then that we came across the bogs. They continued for two miles without an inch of solid ground. We met the mini-bus with lunch with our legs the same muddy colour as our boots. Half an hour later we managed to start moving again. (We walked through another three miles of bogs.) By that time no-one cared about getting dirty any more and so we just walked through them. Unfortunately A. Rodbert, our only previous 'dirger' apart from W.R.W. got stuck once too often and it needed four people to pull him out. After a five-mile walk along a seemingly never-ending ex-railway track W.R.W. told us that the bus with dinner was just over the next summit. It was . . . 2 hours and 5 miles over the summit. There P. Summerfield and T. Madisson suffered from pulled muscles and blisters. They decided to sit the last stage out. With doubts about finishing the last 10 miles the rest of us set off. The bus met us with refills of water after climbing three very steep hills. Unfortunately A. Rodbert had sprained his ankle and was left at the bus. For the remaining 7 there was no looking back now. With promises of just a short walk through a forest to end, we forced our tired legs on and reached the forest 20 minutes later. After that another 'short walk' and we had finished. Congratulations to R. Morgan for running the last mile uphill in about 5 minutes. As soon as we got into the bus there was silence — everyone was asleep. Thanks to W.R.W. and P.S.B. for giving up their half-term to accompany us. Then on to Dent where we spent two peaceful (?) days convalescing.

N.B. The time taken to complete the whole walk was 17 hours 55 minutes.

Successful Dirgers: J. WALL, G. HAWLEY, A. WELCH, B. DYER, A. VENTURA, R. MORGAN and W.R.W. (for the sixth time).

J.W.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

*Chairman:*

R. L. Tray

*Secretary:*

H. K. Mistry

Since the resignation of the two Joint-Chairmen and the election of R. L. Tray as the new Chairman, here have been no petty squabbles in the Council. The meetings under the new Chairman were far more constructive than previously. A detailed Uniform Report has been compiled and passed. The proposals contained in this report will be published next term, for a survey of pupil opinion. The full report will be submitted to the new Head Master late next term.

There has been progress in inducing the Food Committee to meet more regularly. The general state of school toilets has been improved owing to the efforts of the Council. The Top Field and Collinson House paths are soon to be improved, again because of the Council. It is to be hoped that the laundry service will be improved, once Council suggestions have been passed on to the Bursar. The new Head Master will be asked about a half-term in the Spring term, when he arrives.

In short, there has been a great deal of enthusiasm and many constructive suggestions have been put forward, in what is usually an apathetic, tranquil and totally unproductive term. It is hoped that the Council will be able to gain more respect and an improved standing in the School, if this pleasing trend continues next term, and if pupils understand exactly what the Council can and cannot do — it is an advisory body, not a parliament!

H.K.M.

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If sufficient funds can be raised, a fairly substantial order for new equipment is to be placed and it is my intention that outings to the "Magic Circle" Christmas Show should recommence. The club conveys its gratitude to those members of the school teaching staff who have supported us over the year.

A.N.S.

### PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

*President:* L. Comoy  
*Chairman & Treasurer:* N. Litton.

This term appears to have passed much as any other term for us. The bad weather has hindered future geniuses from clicking away and the lack of funds has finally meant that we must ask members to buy their own material: it is just too expensive to be able to survive on a few pounds a year and in the past the dark-room had fallen into disuse after the first few weeks of term.

The society has been reorganised and with membership fees we have bought multigrade filters and borrowed a new enlarger for an indefinite period. Next we hope to buy a bulk film-loader and enlarging-meter and we hope that with better equipment the school may give us greater support in photographing functions and help us in publishing, both in the school magazine and elsewhere, which hitherto it has not done.

Open-Day went well (don't they always??) with many 'ooh's and aah's' at the slide-show and caustic comments about our prints. (By the way, we can do prints cheaply.)

There are problems we cannot resolve ourselves such as the freezing water which makes films look as if they were taken in a fog, but we do have better equipment and things look set for a brighter future with increased contrast and deeper blacks (especially now that we won't have to use that old enlarger which would serve better as an art-nouveau hat-rack with light going in all directions, except through the lens).

L.H.C.

### THE PRINTING SOCIETY

*Patron:* P. M. Spiers, Esq.

The M.H.S.P.S. (not to be confused with another well-known organisation) is still thriving, playing an active part in the school this term. The printing of "Six Fables of Aesop" was our greatest achievement, paving the way, I hope, for many more co-operative productions between the Printing and Art Societies. Unfortunately the main printing press has broken several times this term and has increased the number of ulcers in the shop, but hopefully it will be mended in the holidays.

The society would like to express its deepest thanks to Mr. Spiers and our two leavers, Alistair Scott and, especially, Alistair Miller, our chairman for the last three years, whose enthusiasm and know-how have kept the place running for so long. They will both be sorely missed and we wish them the best of luck with any future studies.

D.F.W.

### JUNIOR SCIENCE SOCIETY

*Patron:* P. H. Thonemann, Esq.  
*Secretary:* K. Ponnampuruma  
*Treasurer:* L. Georgsion.

Our regular Tuesday afternoon practical sessions have continued this term, and again a variety of investigations and experiments have been done

using the school's apparatus. Several of these were then shown to other boys and parents on Open Day, when sixteen boys worked very hard for two hours demonstrating, explaining, and answering questions. Once again Hitesh Mistry's Reaction Timer was very popular, as was that old faithful, the Van-der-Graaf Generator. One lady's hair absolutely refused to stand on end, but unfortunately she did not seem willing to present her head to Science! I know that several people including myself, were impressed by Neil Lillywhite's clear and fluent description and explanation of the phenomena of electromagnetic induction, and by the secretary's equally impressive grasp of the idea of the interference of waves from two sources, which he demonstrated in a darkened room using a ripple tank, microwaves, a spectrometer, and a laser.

P.H.T.

### SENIOR SCIENCE SOCIETY

*Patron:*

C. A. J. Veal, Esq.

*Joint Presidents:*

A. P. Fulton, C. G. West.

As usual the summer term has been dominated by the threat of exams, and so only one outing has taken place, that being a visit to an exhibition at the Royal Institution in honour of the one hundredth anniversary of Einstein's birth.

However, for the period after the exams, visits to the Imperial College and Exeter University and other places have been organized.

Many thanks to Mr. Veal for his administrative help.

A.P.F./C.G.W.



# The Houses

## BURTON BANK

<i>Housemaster:</i>	H. Heard, Esq.
<i>House Tutor:</i>	J. D. Rees, Esq.
<i>Visiting House Tutor:</i>	D. W. Phillips, Esq.
<i>Head of House:</i>	D. Q. A. Nunn
<i>School Prefects:</i>	S. Sterling, M. R. Harris, N. Parker, S. Rabett, S. Baldwin
<i>House Staff:</i>	L. Newton, D. Blackburn, I. Middleton, A. Kalsi, G. Bishop, A. Koenratera, A. Anjarwalla.

This has been a reasonably successful term, with our winning the Newcastle event very convincingly over our rivals, School House, and we thank Mike for his organisation. In athletics on Sports day we did well with J. Hall and P. Pujara winning the Victor Ludorum and the juniors winning over all, and D. Blackburn the senior Victor Ludorum.

We were not so successful in cricket, being eliminated in the semi-final of the junior house and not completing the semi-final in the senior house. However, we did win the junior league.

During the last three weeks everybody has been getting down to a desperate bit of last-minute revision. The usual enthusiasm has been shown on our football pitch and tennis-court. It is good to see so many people taking an active interest in house activities. My thanks go to Messrs. Heard, Rees and Phillips for their continued patience and support during the year, and a special thanks to Matron who is leaving us after twelve years of invaluable service and we wish her luck in the future.

S.S.

## VALETE

**S. J. Baldwin** (1973–1979), Upper Science VI. Plans to go into motor sports. Address: 29 Vista Way, Kenton, Middx. HA3 0SP.

**D. Blackburn** (1974–1979), Upper Science VI. House Prefect. Capt. 1st XV Rugby. Address: 3 Woodside, Crapstone, Yelverton, Devon.

**A. Kalsi** (1978–1979), Upper Arts VI. House Prefect. 3rd Hockey and Cricket 1978. Economics Prize. Chairman of School Council, Debating Society and the Newsletter. Plans to do Economics at London School of Economics. Address: Hyver Hall, Barnet Gate, Barnet, Herts.

**I. Middleton** (1974–1979), Upper Science VI. House Prefect. Rugby 3rds 1978. Address: Stable Cottage, Knightons Lane, Dunsfold, Surrey.

**L. Newton** (1974–1979), Upper Arts VI. Cricket 1st XI. Debating Society. Address: 3 Wheatlands, Heston, Hounslow, TW5 08A.

**D. Nunn**. Upper Science VI. Monitor. Sixth Form Chairman 1978–1979. Sixth form Bar Steward 1977–1978. 3rd XV 1977–1979. Dent Prize 1976. Plans to study engineering. Address: 138 Burwood Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

**N. J. Parker**. School Prefect, Societies, Cine Club, Science Fiction. Teams: various house, IVth Cricket, 1978. Plans to go to College of Law, Guildford. Address: 3 Copsewood Way, Northwood, Middx. HAG 2TP.

**S. J. Rabett** (1974–79), Upper Arts Sixth. School Prefect. Shooting team 1975–79. 1st VIII 1976–79. Captain 1978–79. Colours awarded. Fives team 1974–79. Cricket Yearlings XI 1975. 3rd XV 1978. Plans to do Management Studies with French at Loughborough. University. Address: Rookwood, Norwood Green Road, Southall, Middx. UB2 4LA.

## COLLINSON

<i>Housemaster:</i>	D. M. Franklin, Esq.
<i>House Tutors:</i>	A. H. Armstrong, Esq., T. H. Jackson, Esq.
<i>Head of House:</i>	S. F. Wernham
<i>School Prefects:</i>	D. Abdo, J. Bowie, D. Landau, P. Rothwell, R. Tray, D. Wild
<i>House Staff:</i>	R. Emmott, C. Foulger, F. Navarro, A. Nisbet, C. Poulengeris, M. Shipman, N. Simpson, C. West, S. Wasani.

Collinson has achieved little success in the various inter-house competitions this term. Although the seniors won their first round of the house cricket competition, no further games were played owing to bad weather. The juniors were knocked out in the first round by a stronger School House team. Sports day did not produce Collinson as champions in any age group, though many thanks to A. P. Nisbet for his endeavours. The School Swimming Sports, however, established the Intermediates as champions, the Seniors as runners-up and the Juniors as a creditable third. Many thanks to D. F. Wild for organising our teams. R. Emmott also deserves credit for drilling the Newcastle Squad which was placed fifth in the competition.

This term has been a restless one, especially for those involved in public examinations. On the whole most examinees have worked hard, especially those in the Upper Sixth. It is nice to see people combining work with pleasure. So often people try to work all hours of the day and night only to discover that they have learnt very little. A period of relaxation to get one's mind off work is therefore essential.

My sincere thanks go to Matron, for her hard work which often goes unnoticed by many boys, and to our visiting house tutors Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Jackson. Finally, my thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin who now have several months to recharge their energy cells while waiting the start of a new academic year.

## VALETE

S.F.W.

**G. N. Gimson** (1976–79), Fifth Form. Golf team 1976–79. Colts 'B' 1978. Shooting 1976–78. Plans to do 'A' levels at Godalming Sixth form College. Address: Eridge College, Northchapel, Nr. Petworth, W. Sussex.

**B. M. Landau** (1974–79), Upper VI Science. School Prefect, House Prefect. 1st XV 1977 and 1978. 1st VII 1977 and 1978. Intermediate swimming team 1975. Plans to do Medicine. Address: 139 Chevening Road, London NW6.

**F. Navarro** (1975–79), Upper Arts Sixth. 1978 1st XV Rugby, 2nd XV Rugby. 1979 1st XI Hockey (colours). Swimming team, Fives team, Tennis team. House Prefect. Address: 4 Campard House, 8 Maida Avenue, London, W2 1SR.

**C. Poulengeris** (1975–79), Upper Science Sixth. Junior Colts, Colts Hockey. 1st XV Rugby, 1977 and 1978. Calais prize 1975. Report prize 1977. House Prefect. Plans to study Medicine in London. Address: 53 Redston Road, Hornsey, London N8.

**N. C. Simpson** (1974–79), Upper Arts Sixth. 2nd XI Cricket. 3rd XI Hockey. 3rd/2nd XV Rugby. House Prefect. Plans to read hotel management. Address: 'Ingleside', Linden Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**S. S. Wasani** (1975–79), Upper Science Sixth, House Prefect. Captain 1st VI Tennis. 1st V Squash.

**S. F. Wernham** (1974–79), Upper Arts Sixth. Monitor. 1st XI Cricket 1977–79 (colours), 1st XI Hockey 1977–79 (colours), 1st XV Rugby 1978–79, 1st pair Fives 1976–77. Report prizes 1974 and 1975. Martin Woolf Memorial Prize 1976. Ramsey Memorial Prize 1979. Address: 8 Knightswood Close, Edgware, Middx. HA8 8FR.

### McCLURE

<i>Housemaster:</i>	A. Prosser-Harries, Esq.
<i>House Tutor:</i>	R. Davey, Esq.
<i>Head of House:</i>	R. A. Fox
<i>School Prefects:</i>	M. Gafsen, B. C. Kingsley, D. Schild
<i>House Prefects:</i>	G. A. Marks, N. A. K. Fraser, A. N. Sidbury, M. J. Morton, G. B. Samuels, A. Rabin, P. Noakes, A. Welch, J. A. Clifford.

Although, as always, the thought of examinations is uppermost in many people's minds during the Summer Term, this has not prevented us from some good sporting performances. Unfortunate in meeting Winterstoke in the first round of the Senior Cricket, we have made up for this by reaching the finals of the Junior House Cricket, which we could well win. In this context, particular mention must be made of Paul Robin, who captained the side, and I. Stern, who captained the Yearlings. We were victorious in two out of three age groups in the Swimming Finals. I would like to single out P. Keller and J. Rosswick in the Juniors, and G. Marks, J. Clifford and S. Lewis in the Senior. Most credit of all must go to N. A. K. Fraser, who captained the House, and has become Captain of Swimming.

However, a term should not be considered only in terms of sports results. In McClure the atmosphere is friendly, which is all very well as long as people do not mistake an approachable housestaff for a weak one.

My best wishes go to R. Fox, our departing Head of House. I hope his glandular fever has not unduly affected his 'A'-levels.

Also leaving is Mr. Davey; in his two-and-a-half years as House Tutor his unflagging enthusiasm has been vital in the running of the House, and he carries all our good wishes with him to his new position.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Prosser-Harries whose vital role within the House goes without saying.

B.C.K.

### VALETE

**J. D. Adenwalla.** Upper Science VI. 1974–79.

**D. Edwards.** Upper Science VI. 1977–79.

**G. P. Englander.** 1976–79. Yearlings Hockey Team. Junior Colts Hockey. Yearlings Cricket. Natural History Society. Business studies with the intention of going into the furniture industry.

**M. Frank.** Upper Science VI. 1977–79. House Prefect.

**S. B. Goodman.** Upper Arts VI. 1974–79. Shooting 1st VIII 1976–79, Colours 1978. Editor of School and House Magazines. President of Natural History Society 1977–79. Science Fiction Society. School Librarian. Report



Prize 1975. Plans to read economics at Manchester University. Address: 1 Pine Close, Stanmore, Middlesex.

**S. Jayakody.** Upper Science VI. 1977-79.

**G. Marks.** Lower Arts VI. 1975-79. House Prefect. Captain of Waterpolo. Vice-Captain of Swimming. Address: 'Hertsedge', Pine Grove, Totteridge, N20.

**R. Rawal.** Upper Science IV.

**D. A. J. Rayner.** Upper Arts VI. 1973-79. Cricket: Yearlings, Junior Colts, Colts, 2XI, 3XI (Captain). Swimming: Junior Team. Rugby: 4XV. Senior School Librarian. Editor School and House Magazine. Co-chairman Debating Society 1977-79. School Debating Team. School General Knowledge Team. Founder President Cricket Appreciation Society 1977-79. School Council. House Prefect. Plans to study Law at Leeds University. Address: 24 Harmsworth Way, Totteridge, N20 8JU.

**M. Rodbert.** Upper Arts VI. 1974-79.

**D. Sander.** Upper Science VI. 1974-79. Shooting 1st VIII Colours. Badminton, Senior VI Colours. Magic Club President 1978-79. Secretary 1977-78. Hon. member Photographic Society. Plans to tour Australia, 1980 to read Physics with Musical Acoustics at Surrey University. Address: 58 Old Fold View, Barnet, Herts.

**D. Schild.** Upper Arts VI. 1974-79. School Prefect. House Prefect.

**M. Valido.** Upper Arts VI. 1978-79.

## MURRAY

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E. Winter, Esq.

*House Tutor:*

T. W. Corbett, Esq.

*Head of House:*

L. D. Newman

*School Prefects:*

L. H. Comoy, N. M. Davis,  
D. L. Freedman, S. J. Marks,  
R. T. Semken

*House Staff:*

M. J. Anderson, R. H. Brennikmeyer,  
T. Chant, A. Fulton, R. D. Glazer,  
M. Hollis, D. Ikin, J. Leslau, N. Ng,  
R. Perkins, R. Rottenberg,  
D. G. Young.

The Summer term lacks the inter-house spirit of the other two terms in the year because of examinations, and, fortunately, those competitions which do take place occur in the early part of the term.

Both the Senior and Junior cricket teams were knocked out in the first round although the Senior team lost by only three runs in a very closely fought match.

Sports day, after two years at School, returned to Cophthall where Murray had a number of very good individual performances, notably M. Anderson, who with three victories shared the Senior Victor Ludorum, but only the Seniors gained a respectable overall position.

In the Newcastle competition Murray came third overall and were commended for their turnout. My thanks go to Toby Semken who ably commanded the squad.

Mr. Winter is leaving us this term after fifteen years at the helm. It is my privilege to be able to thank him for the innumerable things that he has done for the many boys who have passed through the House during his reign.

The Lower VI have taken over the House this term and I would like to wish

**Saul Marks**, my successor, and the House staff, under the guidance of our new Housemaster, Mr. Dean the very best of luck in the future.

L.D.N.

## VALETE

**M. J. Anderson** (Jan 1974-79), Upper Arts VIth. Junior X country team. Yearlings Hockey team. Yearlings, Junior Colts, Colts and 1st Fifteen rugby. Jr., Intermediate and Sr. athletics teams. Colours 1978. Colours and captain of athletics 1979. Photographic Society. Modern languages society. Intends to read Commerce at either Birmingham or University College London. Address: 125 Wise Lane, Mill Hill, London NW7 2BD.

**N. Davis**. School Prefect. 1st XV Rugby '78, 2nd XV '78, 3rd XV '77, Jr. Colts 'B' '75, Yearling '74. 1st XI Hockey '79, 2nd XI '78-79, Jr. Colts '76, Yearlings '75. 2nd XI Cricket (colours) '77-79, Colts XI '76, Jr. Colts '75. Societies: Modern languages, backgammon, natural history, young farmers. Plans: to study Urban Estate Management at Central London Polytechnic. Address: Hermitage Gate, Clomp Hill, Stanmore, Middx.

**D. Freedman** (1974-79), Upper Arts VI. School Prefect; Nat. history society (74-76), Mod. language society (77-79). Junior woodwind winner 1976, Senior woodwind winner 1977. School Orchestra (1974-1979), Clarinet quartet (1975-1978). Prizes: 1975 Latin, 1976 Latin German and English, 1977 Classics, French and English, 1978 Mathematics, 1979 Mathematics and German. Plans to read Actuarial Science at the City University. Address: 3 Hillside Drive, Edgware, Middx. HA8 7PF.

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The term started with preparations for the Newcastle Drill Competition under the command of Roger Lass. Owing to cooperation from the squad and Roger's efforts, we managed a good position, 4th, and were three places up from last year.

In my opinion, Dr. Kane's Junior League Cricket (although a minor sporting event) was one of the most notable achievements of the term. This was due to a general feeling of cooperation (almost enthusiasm) from all involved and also the organising abilities and efforts of the captains, G. Feld and J. Green.

It was pleasing to note the general feeling of enthusiasm from most members of the House this term. This continued from the all-round efforts of many of the House in the Music Competition at the end of the Spring Term, when we were first overall to win the Cup, under the able direction and inspiration of Winston Ku.

On Sports Day the girls' events attracted most attention, with Priestley taking second and third places.

Simon Hime distinguished himself in the Swimming Sports by winning three events, quite comfortably, and breaking two records.

We wish good luck to the leavers, and welcome the new arrivals in September, when our numbers will be about seventy.

Thanks to Mr. Stringer and Mr. Chilton for their advice and support in running the House this term.

H.R.N., A.S.

## VALETE

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## RIDGEWAY HOUSE

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This term will bring surprising examination results to many. The atmosphere of work has only occasionally been successfully conjured up in Ridgeway. Nevertheless, I am sure the results will enable many to continue Further Education.

On the sports side, we have seen a fair degree of success in most fields. The Seniors won the Athletics in an exciting finish, with the 4 x 100 Relay having to be re-run. The Intermediates and Juniors also showed promise. In Cricket, on the other hand, the Seniors only survived one round, and the Juniors have a good chance of winning their final in the near future. In the swimming pool there was considerably more enthusiasm than in previous years. Maybe more success will be attained in the future, as we managed only a 3rd in the seniors and a 2nd in the intermediates.

Generally, there appears to be more and more enthusiasm for sports over the last few terms. I hope this is a continuing trend.

Finally I would like to wish Ralf all the best as my successor next year, and also to wish next year's examinees luck. It would be impossible to evaluate the benefit that Ridgeway has had from Mr. Hodgson's stay with us. Much gratitude to him and his family for all they have done over the last six years for Ridgeway and good luck for the future. Again our undying thanks go to matron for her energy and enthusiasm.

J. K.

## VALETE

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This term has proved a relatively subdued one on the School House front. We had high hopes for our Senior Cricket team until we learnt to our dismay that the house competition had been abandoned. Sports day provided us with some spectacular individual performances as well as a good team effort which resulted in our victory as the Intermediate team competition. It was disappointing to come second in the Newcastle competition but we retained the awards for turn-out and best cadet on parade.

Once the flurry of sporting activity in the first half of term was completed, the House settled down to the important task of revision for examinations. A great deal of football, softball and tennis was played and the whole House appears to have enjoyed itself "in spite of" the occasional bit of work.

The only thing that threatened to disrupt House life was the unexpected admission of Sister into Hospital. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

I should like to thank all those in the House, masters, staff and pupils for having a pleasant and enjoyable year and I wish my successor the best of luck for next year.

A.J.H.

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**T. Saw** (1974–79), Upper Science Sixth.

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<i>House Prefects:</i>	J. E. Davies, A. P. Goldstein, N. D. Joshi, A. T. McLintock, D. L. A. Silver, M. J. L. Tan, P. G. D. Wickman.

As usual during the Summer Term, most people's minds were on exams and this slightly distracted many from putting their full effort into the various competitions. In addition, there seems to have been a decline in enthusiasm and apathy is no longer confined to the elderly gentleman of the House; most people seem to participate only when it is convenient to them. I hope this trend does not continue.

On the credit side, we have, after a lapse of many years, won a major swimming event, beating McClure by a small margin in the standards competition. In the golf final we beat Burton Bank thanks to J. Parnes and M. Kos. However, we failed to retain the Athletics Standards shield and the Senior House cricket competition was abandoned. Even so the House remains cheerful and we hope for better things in the winter.

I would like to thank Mr. Clark, who is leaving the House, for his help during the past year, both on and off the field: he will be missed. I would also like to thank Mr. Sutcliffe and the House staff for their help and, finally, I wish my successor all the best for the coming year.

I.M:

## VALETE

**R. G. G. Bewsher** (1976–79), Vth Form. Junior Colts 2nd XV and Colts 2nd XV 1977–78. Shooting VIII, Under 16's Shooting VIII and Under 16's Champion. 1978 Ashburton Cadet Pair. Full Colours. Swimming Team. Gym Club. Mountaineering Club, Electronics Club, Stage Staff. Lyke Wake Walk 1977. Plans to continue education at Sixth Form College prior to entering the Army. Address: 175 London Road, Bagshot, Surrey.

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**A. Goldstein**, Upper Arts VI.

**N. Joshi**, Upper Science VI.

**M. Kos**, Upper Arts VI.

**J. Parnes**, Upper Arts VI.

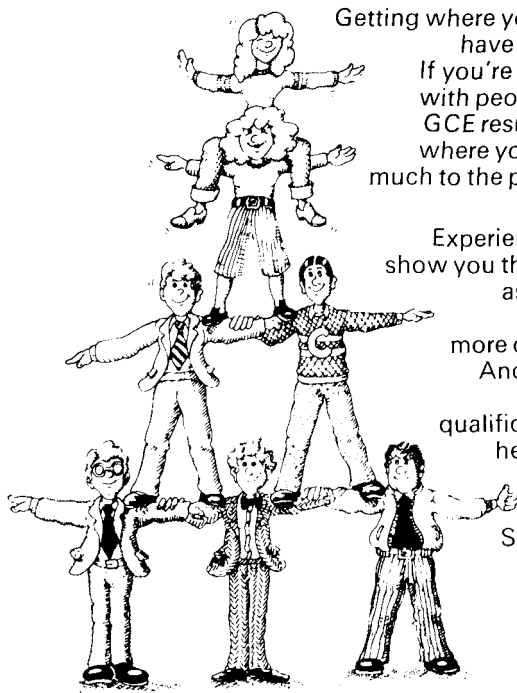
**D. Silver**, Upper Science VI.

**I. Maciver**, Upper Arts VI. 1972. Head of House. Monitor. 1st XV Rugby, Colours 1st XI Hockey. 1st XI Cricket, Captain, Colours. Squash team. 6th Form Club Committee member. Bowling prize.



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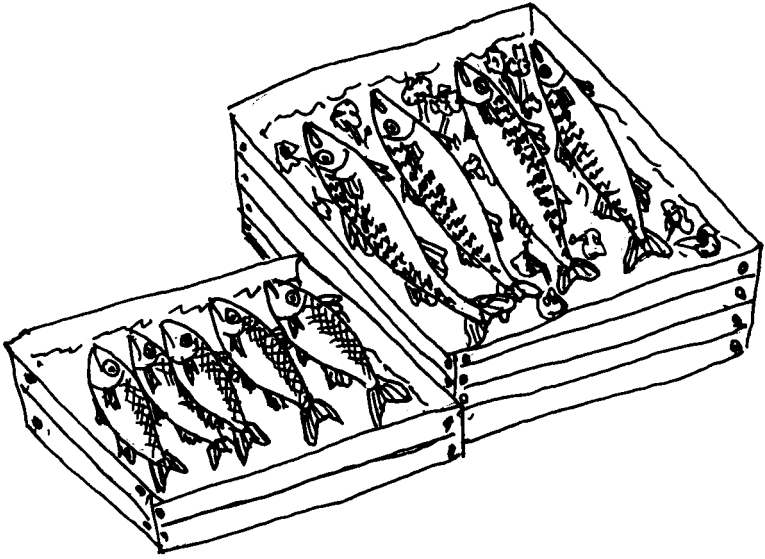


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# “CONTRIBUTIONS”



## THE FISH SHOP

In corpse-like rows they neatly lie,  
All dull of shade and glassed of eye,  
The herring bodies small and lean,  
Lie open-mouthed with silver sheen,  
The spotted plaice with bellies white,  
And greeny black mackerel all packed tight,  
Sardines and sprats and speckled trout,  
On sprigs of parsley strewn about.

by G. ROTTENBERG

## THE HAPPENING

The noon-day sun skalters its heat all around on the peaceful sunday grass. A relaxed atmosphere prevails as I lie, almost motionless, on the soft ground. Silence is virtually unheard of in this place, for the sound of gushing water from the fall continuously breaks it. The sound is pleasing to the ear, however, as it brings a feeling of everlasting life and freshness. Trees, bushes and wild flowers of many colours inhabit the beautiful scene; forever soaking up the sun and drinking the water of life from the fall.

I have come here with the intention of reading one of those painfully boring school novels. Unfortunately the words keep mingling into one another and nothing seems to make sense. After hopeless attempts to understand the plot of the novel, I throw the book down and open my eyes to the beauty of nature around me. Until now I have been too engrossed in my reading to marvel in the relaxed and tranquil scene. Now however, all that I have missed encases me like a bright sheet. The sun seems to be getting hotter as it makes my skin tingle from my shoulders downward; the uppermost part of me being in the shade of a bushy tree. In order to widen the scope of the narrow landscape, I raise myself on to my elbows and continue to look around. Just then, something on the left catches my eye. I stare at the blurred figure with full concentration, trying to depict its shape and form from the mass of greens and reds of the flowers: "What is it?" I ask myself.

It looks as if it is just about to show itself but then it disappears behind the shield of shrubbery and can no longer be noticed. Again I wonder what it might have been.

A fact unknown to me is that this beautiful place is said to be evil. Many people have had ill fates bestowed on them after being here. At the time this seems unbelievable for this is my first visit here. Just then a man in a green boiler-suit springs out from behind the bushes; a small dog pulling him along. This startles me and I get up quickly. "Sorry to frighten you, son," says the man as his dog drags him towards me. "Don't worry about him, he won't hurt you," he says as the puny beast sniffs round my feet, then jumps up and scrapes my knees and my shins. I yell at the sudden pain and give the dog a kick. Fortunately it then retreats and continues to force his owner in a westerly direction, the latter raising his hat as he is dragged out of sight.

My legs begin to throb from the injuries inflicted by the animal. I look down only to see that huge, deep, ditches have been carved into my flesh. Patches of bone protrude from the bloody skin and muscle fibres hang loosely like puppet strings.

"God in heaven," I whisper as I collapse on the grass in confusion. Then suddenly all goes quiet.

N. Ng

# Editor's Choice



## THE TRUTH ALWAYS HURTS

I am an animal. I am savage. I know what it is to stalk the lesser, defenceless beasts of the jungle. I have had to fight to retain my territory. I have roamed the plains and climbed the heights. I have tasted the waters of the broadest tropical river and of the smallest mountain spring — and I have polluted them all.

I have joined in blood battle with fellow males of my own species. Friend or enemy, I have killed many of my own kind.

I have touched the ocean floor and the roof of the sky.

Above all other beasts I claim these all as mine. I am ruthless and a threat to my rule can soon be removed.

I am man.

D. MACDONALD



## THE ANIMAL

The man walked up the stairs. They were old and made of stone so that every step echoed through the silent building. He reached the fourth floor and stopped to catch his breath. From somewhere there came a sound. He turned his head. Someone had opened and closed a peephole. Someone lonely and frightened.

Inside his one-room apartment, Sergei Borisenkov waded around in his own misery. Living in Russia was bad enough without having the KGB hounding you. He was a small man, with straight black hair which was very greasy. His clothes were too large and looked as if they had come from a peasant's stall. Everything that he touched became dirty, but he became no cleaner. He lived from day to day, occasionally creeping out of the building at night to buy himself vodka and his wife Tolba, cigarettes. Then he would return home and sit with her, each of them in their own artificial ecstasy; she with her cigarettes and he with his vodka. They would fall asleep and not wake until the morning when the day would repeat itself.

The man continued up the stairs and stopped again on reaching the fifth-floor. He was a Russian-born Pole and although a member of the KGB, he hated everything that it stood for. Once again, he was to see Borisenkov and tell him to stop writing his dissident papers. This would be his last call.

Borisenkov sat in the chair. The room was dark and deathlike. He stood up and spoke to his wife. She came in from the kitchen. She had just turned thirty-five but looked many years older. Her hair was beginning to grey, and her ill-health was reflected in her cough, about which she was always complaining. She coughed now as she stood in front of Sergei.

"I'm going out now," Sergei said.

"To give the papers?" she replied quickly.

"Yes, and to buy drink and cigarettes."

She walked up to him and kissed his hand.

"Be careful," she said, in a voice that was nearly a command. Unity was all they had to keep them alive.

Sergei placed his hand on the door-knob but jumped quickly as it was opened from the outside. Chernev, the man from the KGB, stood in the doorway, his tall body a silhouette. From where Sergei stood, only the short blondish hair was visible. After a moment of panic, Sergei recognised him. It was only Chernev. He had handled him before.

Chernev did not remove his long grey coat nor sit down.

"I did not knock. The last time I came, you did not answer." Chernev made the first attempt at speech.

Sergei held his wife at his side.

"Have you nothing better to do than to frighten poor, half-dead people?" he said. There was a truth, a reality, in the way he said it, as if he believed Chernev was really here to bully him.

Chernev sighed. Yes, it was the same old Sergei Borisenkov. Did not Sergei understand? He was no bully. He did not want to frighten anybody. It was the only way to survive in this society. He had to show his superiors that he could make Borisenkov recant.

Chernev changed the subject. "Tell me, where do you get money to buy vodka?"

The smell hung around Sergei's mouth like an invisible mist.

"I've friends," Sergei answered.

"I too have friends. But mine are from the KGB; they are downstairs and will take you away now, if you do not stop writing your papers." He said it bluntly. He knew no other way.

Sergei's eyes widened. He must stop now or else be taken to a lunatic asylum. But he could not stop. He had to fight on against the system.

"I cannot. I will deny myself everything if I do not put forward my views. What threat am I to the KGB?"

"No threat really. Only to yourself," Chernev spoke more quietly, as if trying to make Sergei see sense. "What will happen to your wife if you are taken away?"

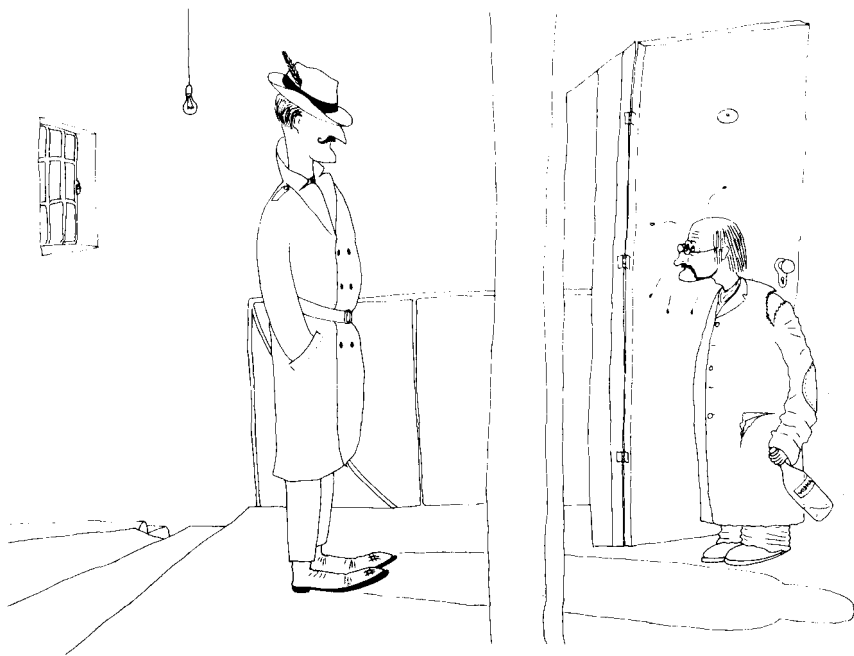
"I must fight on against the system that takes a race of men and turns them into sheep. Sheep that do not meet your eyes in the street but only look at the ground in front of them."

"You fool. You poor pathetic fool. This is no land to talk in such a way." Chernev said it not as an insult but because he knew that Sergei was right, but that he could change nothing. "They will be here soon, you must give in."

"Let them come," Sergei spoke in a whisper. "Let them come."

And they did come. They took each of Sergei's arms and when he struggled they hit him until he could struggle no more. And Chernev tried to comfort the screaming Tolba, but he could not. He could only watch as she did watch as they dragged Sergei away like an animal, like a sheep to the slaughter.

R. SAGALL



## WHATEVER HAPPENED TO . . . . ?

"Another missing person, Jack."

"Oh gawd. Put it on the file with the rest, Stan."

"O.K."

"This is bloody ridiculous." Jack knocked on the door with the 'Detective Superintendent' plaque on and entered without waiting for a reply.

"What is it, Jack? Make it quick. You know I've got a lot to do."

Jack had joined the force at the same time as Jim, but power held no attraction for him and whereas Jim now ran the station, Jack still preferred to pound the beat.

"That's what it's about, Jim. One more on the list."

"Oh Christ! This whole village has gone mad!"

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"Above the screams of prisoners suffering the pain of the rack in the dungeons of his mountain-top castle, the mad scientist cackled as he turned over his insane plans for world domination in his head."

Mike smiled as he read the story from an issue of 'Astounding Stories'. This particular novelette was one of his favourites and when he had finished it he returned the pulp mag to its proper place in his collection. As he walked down the torch-lit corridor he thought about the story. A mad scientist from 3000 A.D. had gradually kidnapped the entire population of a small town in Texas and taken them back to the future with him. He had tortured them for no particular reason but to satiate his own sadistic whims, then altered their molecular shape with some electronic gyzmö and produced an army of powerful, hyper-aware, ultra-intelligent supermen. But before he could carry out his 'insane plans for world domination', Captain Future, Wizard of Science, Man of Tomorrow, had arrived on the scene to thwart him, return all the townsfolk to normal and destroy the mad scientist along with his castle, gyzmö and all. "But," thought Mike as he entered the dungeons of his castle, "Captain Future will never think of looking in the past!" He cackled in glee as some of his robots turned the handle of the rack. He straightened his spectacles and ran boney hands through his hair before pushing the 'on' button on his gyzmö.

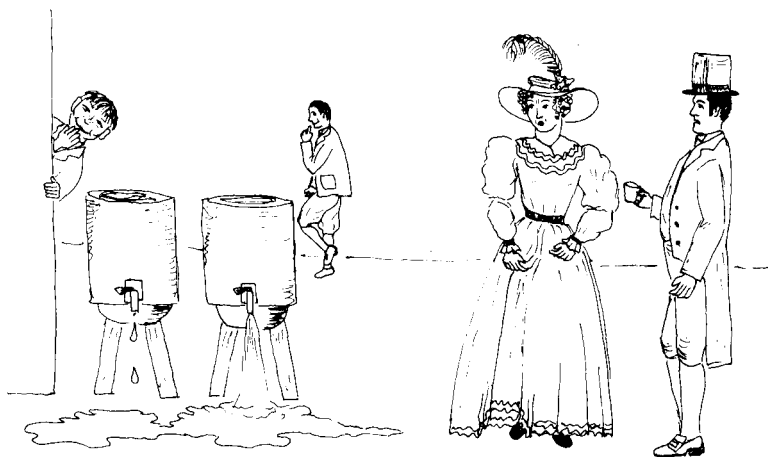
D. MACDONALD

## M.H.S. A HISTORY

Mill Hill School first opened its doors in January 1808. Two groups of parents approached the School and, both realising that they might be the first, they raced towards the School. Thus by a short length the first Millhillian on the premises was William Smith. The first boy to be entered however was Thomas Talford.

At this time the fees were £45 per annum.

The boys had to get up at six o'clock in summer and seven o'clock in winter. Then they worked until eight o'clock, when they had prayers and breakfast. From nine thirty to twelve thirty they worked again, had half an hour for lunch at one o'clock and then worked until tea at five thirty. After tea they had prep until bedtime, which was at eight o'clock in winter and nine o'clock in summer.



But the School was not as quiescent as you would expect, as was seen when the School went public on June 26th 1828. The Chaplain and the Head Master resigned. But the committee objected to the resignation and in the following hubbub his form of forty entered to cheer and support him. Meanwhile the rest of the School walked out from their classes and some boys went to the School House corridor, where thirty urns of boiling tea were waiting for some visitors, and opened all the taps! — Who says we are unruly now?

As a form of punishment boys were imprisoned in solitary confinement in a small study with shuttered windows.

In 1850 "Fishing Net" was made as a running track (not the all weather pitch at that time). It was so called because it used to be near the "Carp Shop"



(carpentry shop) which stood where the Science Block now stands. Also as a matter of interest the name "Gears" dates back to 1321.

The New English Dictionary brought the names of Murray and Mill Hill into prominence all over the English-speaking world. Three tons of paper slips, with quotations on, came in from all over the globe. Murray completed the dictionary in 1882 in the Scriptorium, which stood where the present one now stands before being burnt down in 1902. The Mill Hill Magazine (founded in June of 1873) had the honour of being the only school magazine quoted in this "New" or "Oxford" English dictionary (in the article on the word 'anamorphose').

In 1910 a severe fire in the Marnham Block which destroyed some of the Large and damaged several classrooms (note the marks on the floor in room 1). All the masters and boys helped firemen and soldiers from the local barracks fight the fire. One master led a party of boys up to the second floor to attack the fire from behind and the removal of the ladder almost caused some fatalities. Another master who had changed into old clothes was arrested as a possible arsonist.

Any C.C.F. enthusiasts might be interested to know that in 1911 when the O.T.C. (Officers Training Corps) was formed the *Daily Telegraph* and *The Times* said that, at the Royal Review in Windsor Great Park in July, Mill Hill School was one of the smartest contingents present.

The School also did a lot of pioneer work in the early days of wireless. From the Science Block Station 2SZ got two-way results with America on twenty-four of the twenty six nights allocated. It also got the first two-way communication with Australia and New Zealand in 1924 and had pioneer contacts with the Pacific and Arctic Oceans. It was the only Station in the world to hear the U.S. fleet transmitting from Hawaii, and to hear the Macmillan Polar Expedition as they crossed the Arctic Circle.

D. W. IKIN

## BAMBURGH CASTLE

Bamburgh castle is on the north east coast of Northumberland, approximately 50 miles north of Newcastle and 75 miles south of Edinburgh. It is situated on top of a basalt outcrop and positioned in front of, what I think, one of the most beautiful stretches of sands along the east coast of England.

In 1975 my mother had flood-lighting installed in and around the castle grounds. During the night, when the lighting is lit the castle looks magnificent. The oldest surviving part of the castle is the Norman keep which has survived for eight centuries, but this great span of time only covers half of Bamburgh's history. The earliest reliable reference to Bamburgh shows it to have been a craggy citadel inhabited by the Anglo-Saxon King, King Ida, in the year 547 A.D. Archaeological excavations have revealed that the site has been occupied since 1B.C. The history of Bamburgh begins at the end of the prehistoric ages. At this time the territory upon which Bamburgh now lies belonged to a tribe called the Votadini.

From the early middle ages and before, we now leap to the later middle ages. From the first great siege (1095) to the last great siege (1464) William The Conqueror's great castle at Bamburgh had remained impregnable against attack; during this 400 year period it was the stronghold of the Crown against invading Scots and many other invaders.

Many Kings have stayed in Bamburgh including John, Edward I, Edward II and Edward III. Bamburgh finally fell to the artillery of Edward IV. The castle therefore gained the unfortunate honour of being the first castle to be ever knocked down by artillery.



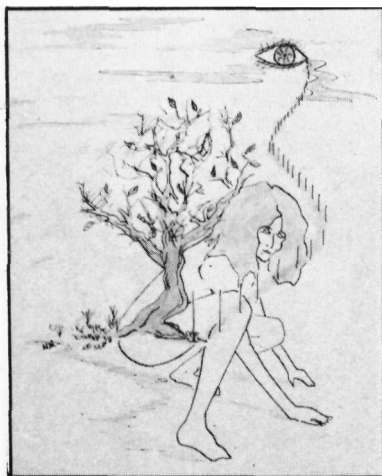
We now go forth to the modern period. It was about the time of the accession of James I of England, when Bamburgh and much of the land around it was given to one Claudius Forster, by the Crown. After having been ruined it was eventually given to Lord Crewe, who was married to a member of the Forster family. Lord Crewe gave the castle to charity; then, one of the charity trustees, a Dr. John Sharp, initiated a major restoration plan, which was carried out into the early 19th century. Later for various reasons, the castle had to be sold, and it was bought by the first Lord Armstrong, who spent a great deal of money fully restoring it.

F. WATSON-ARMSTRONG

## JUST A THOUGHT

Now I walk alone. Only the sound of my own footsteps, the crunching of autumn leaves and the loud thoughts in my mind break the torturing silence. I look up to see the half-naked trees and the darkening sky that encloses the wood. All is still. My hands are thrust deep into my jacket pockets in order to keep them warm from the piercingly cold autumn wind. The summer has gone; as have the friends I knew so well. I am no longer able to return to the warm, gentle atmosphere of my one loving and dear companion.

For several hours I have been walking, thinking and turning conversations over and over in my head. The sound of her beautiful, soft voice resounds in my ears as she speaks her endless words of sorrow. I shut my eyes tight and she appears among the reds and the greens of my closed lids. She whispers my name and her eyes fill with small, delicate tears. Slowly, they begin to stain her smooth cheeks and finally they drop on to the crisp green grass where they remain like newly formed dew of a winter's morning. I open my eyes and smile; it's just a thought.



N. Ng

## ROAD TO NOWHERE — A WALK IN THE MIND

The silence mourned the end of a perfect day,  
Here and there a bird would cry alone,  
The wind, in respect, was still not ruffling a single leaf  
Of the great green canopy that hid the dimming sky;  
Insects sped in endless circles and swallows swooped,  
To catch a prey no bigger than its buzz.

The silent mourning matched his mood and grief,  
Every path produced a problem for his brain to conquer.  
The paths led to philosophy and emotions to be weighed,  
The path at his feet was familiar, and deeply rutted.  
But the paths in his brain were virgin, like the snow  
On the hills in winter, untrodden and unencroached.

He had never ventured so far into mind,  
Taxed his emotions, or admitted so much,  
His mind wandered, but his memory would not.  
It returned to a face, a voice, a name, a touch,  
And then a cliff, with an endless drop to eternity,  
The ecstasy of the moment seemed to last eternally.

Tears filled his eyes, and unashamedly he wept;  
His feet beat the road in their haste,  
He clutched at straws, as a man falling over a cliff  
Attempts to clutch at life by grabbing blades of grass  
But thinking of that simile only stabbed him deeper  
It brought it back and broke his heart again.

He was too beautiful, too gracious, too loving to die,  
Too sorry, too painful, too ill to live,  
The outside world was shrouded in darkness  
But suddenly that in his brain enflamed  
He saw the face, heard the murmured word "Goodbye",  
Registered a fleeting kiss and watched with horror  
Her headlong flight over the parapet.

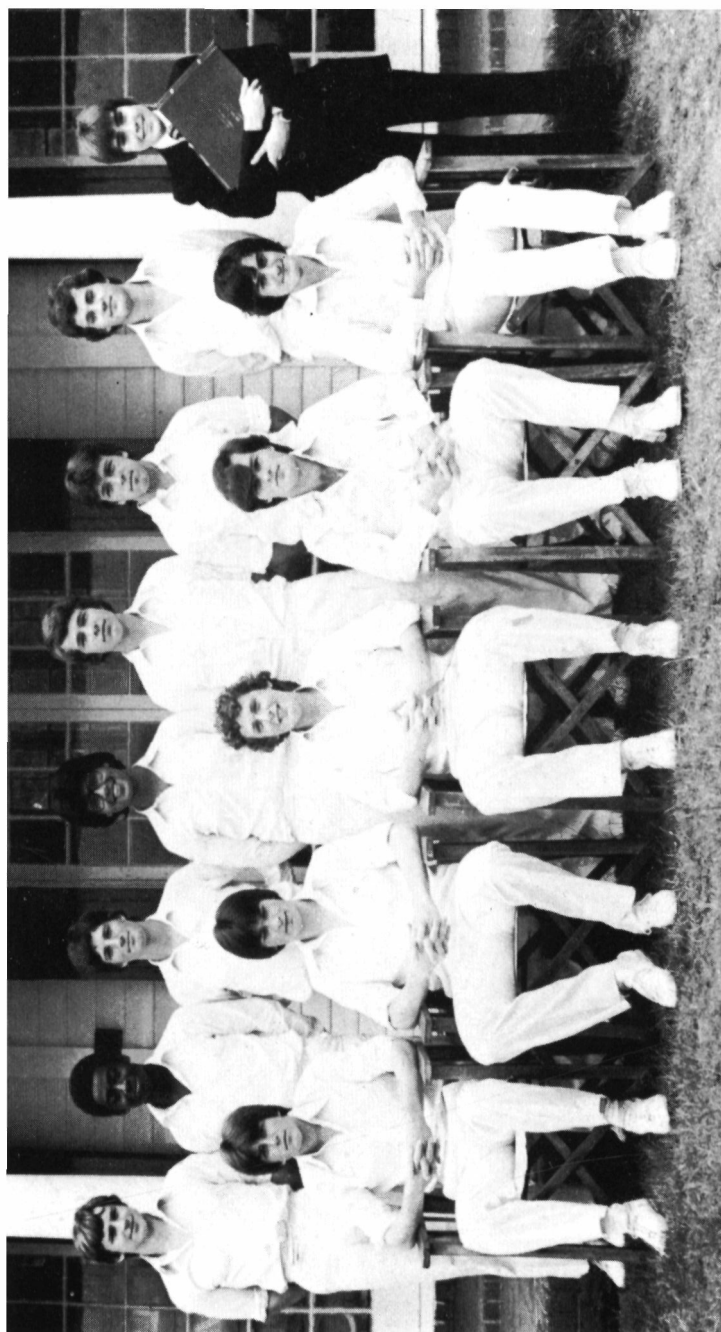
G. BEWSHER

## THE TREE OF LIFE

A vast tapering tree penetrates the gloomy sky,  
The grasping, twisted, spiny branches,  
Claw and scratch their way through the smog,  
Like a frightened victim of Life, gasping for air.  
The powdery moss and the sharp ribbed bark,  
Filled with sap, resembles blood.  
It now feels cold, rough and lifeless,  
Like the aged body of the beaten victim.

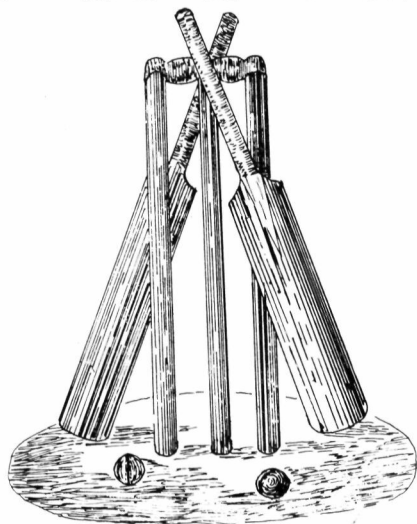
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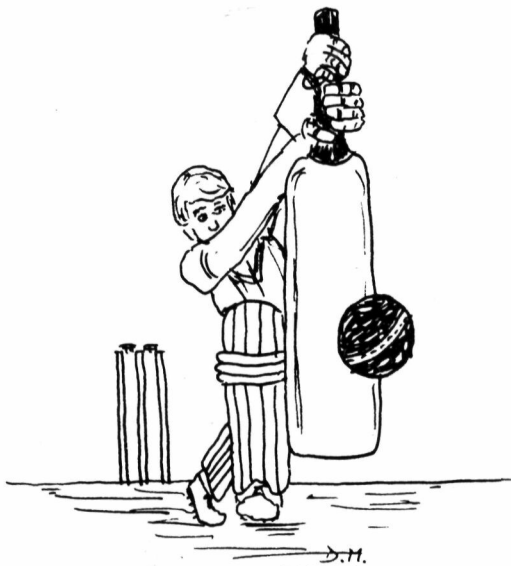


**1st Eleven 1979**  
 left to right. Standing: C. Quirk, I. Nyameche, S. Hall, K. Walli, T. Dawson,  
 S. Greenslade, J. Culverhouse, Scorer: C. Miller.  
 Seated: R. Naylor, L. Newton, I. Maciver, D. Mickey, S. Wernham.

# CRICKET



We regret that we are unable to publish the reports and results for the First and Third Elevens as these were not available at the time of going to press.



## SECOND ELEVEN

Potentially this was one of the best 2nd XI teams we have had for many years, with players from an unbeaten Colts team last year. This potential was clearly represented by the batting performances of the team. At the start of the season, the problem was scoring quickly enough to give the bowlers time to dispose of the other team. As the season progressed however, the batting improved considerably and in the matches against Haberdasher's Aske's and Haileybury, the score was above 180 both times. M. Tan must take credit for his fine batting performances and achieving the consistency he lacked last season. He was outstandingly supported by S. Brijnath, G. Bailey and S. Joseph. The major problem this year was the bowling; although very few runs were conceded, few wickets were taken. M. Harris was unable to keep up his pace after several overs but showed considerable promise, and S. Joseph lacked the speed to take many wickets but kept the runs down. Probably the best of the bowlers was M. Shipman, who with varying pace and spin had a great deal of success (with best figures of 4 for 10 against the Leys). The fielding varied: on good days nothing went down, but on occasions nothing was held. In the field it was G. Samuels who had the best arm and his most successful performance was against Haileybury, in which he took a brilliant one-handed catch in the covers.

The team lost only one game against U.C.S. The victory against Aldenham at the start of the season due to a poor performance by the opposition rather than a good performance by us—their batsmen were too keen to play across the line and so suffered, being dismissed for 23 (N. Davis 6-11, M. Harris 4-5). The most pleasing performance was not the victory against St. Paul's, but the draw with the Leys: Mill Hill scored 120, the Leys were 74 for 7 at the end of play and were clearly struggling. There was a fine batting performance against Felsted; we played hard all the way, and the captain finished off the match in the last of the twenty overs with a splendid six. In the end he managed to get his team in some of the right places, in the field and kept the enthusiasm going. Lack of concentration in the side's bowling led to some costly misses. Over all, the team all obtained some pleasure from this cricket.

H.M., N.D.

Team:— N. Davis (captain, colours), G. Bailey (colours), B. Patel (colours), M. Tan (colours), S. Brijnath (colours), M. Harris (colours), M. Shipman (colours), S. Joseph, G. Samuels, C. Oliver, R. Emmott, N. Simpson. Also played: J. Brady.

### Results

v. Aldenham 23 (N. Davis 6—11, M. Harris 4—5) (A)	MHS 120 (B. Patel 29)	WON
v. Stowe 77—4 (H)	MHS 120—7 dec. (M. Tan 50)	DRAWN
v. MHS 74—7 (H)	Oundle 147—3 dec.	DRAWN
v. UCS 108—6 (H)	MHS 107 (R. Emmott 37n.o.)	LOST
The Leys 74—7 (M. Shipman 4—10) (A)	MHS 122—4 dec. (S. Brijnath 40n.o., G. Bailey 25)	DRAWN
MHS 130—4 (G. Bailey 56) (H)	St. Paul's 129—9 dec.	WON
Haberdashers' Aske's 146—6 (A)	MHS 187—8 dec. (M. Tan 66, S. Joseph 26)	DRAWN
v. Haileybury 104—4 (A)	MHS 180 (G. Bailey 45, S. Brijnath 39)	DRAWN
v. MHS 137—5 (M. Tan 51, S. Brijnath 56n.o.) (H)	Felsted 134	WON
Played 9 Won 3 Drawn 5 Lost 1		



## FOURTH ELEVEN

A short and unsuccessful season. However it was only in the last game that we were outclassed but that did not prevent the enjoyment of the participants. My thanks are due to the seventeen boys and two guests who played (with particular gratitude to CC Davies (O.M.) who unfortunately failed to produce his home form at Haileybury.

May 19	(H) MHS	62	Highgate 63—8	Lost by 2 wks
May 26	(H) Old Millhillians			Cancelled
June 5	(H) MHS	135	SMJP's XI 141—9 (CC Davies 101*)	Lost by 1 wkt
June 16	(A) Highgate			Cancelled
July 7	(A) MHS	84	Haileybury 88—3	Lost by 1 wkt

## COLTS

After a poor start to the season, a much needed resilience in the batting, suggested against Oundle, became evident after half-term (though missing again in the last game). The sheet-anchor of the batting was certainly Harley, who totalled 295. Limited offside and lack of power prevented him from setting records, but only when he was at the crease did our batting look solid. Wickenden played two fine innings; Thomas and Robin were the next highest scorers, but neither as many as their ability warrants. The bowling was the weakest of any Colts side for a decade: only Robin and Ventura took a reasonable number of wickets (20 and 17 respectively); Colomb bowled well at times, but not long enough to get wickets. The fielding generally was sluggish, though Wickenden, Mann and Harley enlivened it somewhat. Thomas kept wicket adequately, but will need to improve his footwork to succeed at a higher level. His captaincy was thoughtful and never fluttered, but a weakness was his excessive reliance on (poor) quick bowling. Not a good season then, yet for all the technical shortcomings it is pleasant to be able to record that this was the most harmonious, polite and well-mannered Colts side, both on and off the field, for a long time.

(A) Enfield G. S.	95 (Ventura 5—24)	M.H.S. 66	LOST
(H) M.H.S.	94 (Thomas 50)	Aldenhams 49—9	DRAWN
(A) M.H.S.	79	Stowe 81—1	LOST
(A) M.H.S.	126—5 dec. (Harley 53*)	Oundle 127—7	LOST
(H) M.H.S.	64	Berkhamsted 65—3	LOST
(H) M.H.S.	131—7 dec.	The Leys 36 (Robin 5—16)	WON
(H) S.C.A.M.	121—5 dec.	M.H.S. 112—6	DRAWN
(H) St. Pauls	170—9 dec. (Robin 5—52)	M.H.S. 148—4 (Wickenden 68)	DRAWN
(H) Haberdashers	162—2 dec.	M.H.S. 142—8	DRAWN
(H) M.H.S.	174—8 dec. (Wickenden 106*)	Haileybury 156—7	DRAWN
(A) M.H.S.	80	Felsted 81—2	LOST

Played 11, Won 1, Drawn 5, Lost 5.

Colours awarded to: S. P. H. Thomas, S. C. M. Harley, P. A. Robin, P. H. Wickenden.

Also played: R. I. Berman, S. G. C. Colomb, A. Davis, K. Fisher, S. Ghaffar, J. Lay, N. Mann, A. Noakes, K. Patel, L. Smith, P. Summerfield, M. Ventura, J. Wall, A. Wyspianski.

## JUNIOR COLTS

An unbeaten season must be seen in the perspective of eight draws, four of which involved last-wicket survival. However, no side bowled us out and the experience gained should stand the side in good stead in the future.

The side has developed into a sound all-round unit, although the bowling lacks a penetrative fast bowler and the bowling needs to be more fluent. The bowling hinged on the spinners, Hawley, Fromberg and Lay, well backed by Lee's medium pace. Hall's wicket-keeping gave considerable help to them as well as good catching. The fielding improved but was somewhat pedestrian, especially if much movement was required.

The batting hinged on Kent in the early season and was considerably aided by the arrival of Smith and then Ram's development into a fine prospect with two 77's, the last a match-winning performance against Felsted. However, each batsman had his moments and made useful contributions.

Taken as a whole, it was a pleasing season, especially in the development that took place. With luck more games would have been won and should be next year. Hawley led cheerfully by example, both on and off the field. Everybody worked hard, intelligently and enthusiastically, making a pleasant team that deserved to do well.

		R.C.B.	
Opponents		Mill Hill	
Aldenharn	H	117	121—3
Stowe	A	145—9 dec.	28—5
Oundle	H	154—5 dec.	92—9
The Leys	A	67	68—2
Higgate	H	64—8	113—6 dec.
U.C.S.	H	110	90—6
St. Pauls	A	124	98—9
Haberdashers	H	230—8 dec.	142—9
Enfield G.S.	A	120—9 dec.	112—7
Haileybury	H	226—8 dec.	198—9
Felsted	H	194	198—7

The following played: G. Hawlet (capt.), C. Kent, L. Smith, R. Ram, N. Lillywhite, J. Hall, A. Fromberg, R. Winter, J. Lay, A. MacMillan, A. Lee, P. Kingsley, F. Farnell-Watson, G. Pursey.

## JUNIOR LEAGUE CRICKET

Winners: Ridgeway Cavaliers

Runners Up: Priestley Pots

An exciting final was the climax to a successful and enjoyable competition. The result was in doubt until the penultimate over of the match, when two wickets settled the issue. The competition was played amongst fourteen teams and about seventy matches were played, the rest being lost to bad weather, difficulties in providing umpires and making up sides. Perhaps a competition involving one side per house would not stretch our resources as much as the present system does and would provide an even more worthwhile event. Many thanks to all those who helped with umpiring and organising teams. I am sure those in Germany who thought the ball was hit with a racquet will, thanks to Heine Mangels, now call the implement by its correct name.

## FENCING CLUB

<i>Patron:</i>	W. D. Phillips, Esq.
<i>Coach:</i>	Mr. T. Birch
<i>Captain:</i>	A. W. Welch
<i>Secretary:</i>	P. Ruthven-Murray
<i>Armourer:</i>	R. J. Perkins

This term there have not been many matches in the club. One match against St. Dunstons had to be cancelled. The only match was a Junior match against U.C.S. This consisted of two Sabre and two Epee teams. The standard of fencing was high but the U.C.S. boys had the height advantage in these weapons and the match was lost.

The other main event in the term was the Fencing Competition, the finals of which were held on Open Day. The results were as follows:

Senior Foil:  
1st A. W. Welch  
2nd R. T. Semken

Epee:  
1st R. J. Semken  
2nd R. J. Perkins

Junior Foil:  
1st Beck  
2nd Balcombe

Sabre:  
1st A. W. Welch  
2nd P. Ruthven-Murray

I would like to thank Dr. Phillips for his help and Mr. Birch for his coaching. The Sabre and the Epee are progressing well among the Junior boys as a result.

A. W. W.

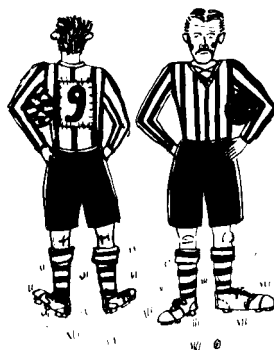
## CASUAL SOCCER

The increase in popularity of "casual" soccer matches means that on some half-day afternoons, three pitches can be seen nursing twenty-two budding Keegans each. Whilst I produce a team to play against a School House side, in a senior match on Top Field, desperately needing an unbiased referee to quell escalating tempers and to determine dubious decisions, the Fifth form and the Remove play their games on San Field and Farm Field respectively.

Enthusiasm is genuinely motivated for these matches and one wonders for how long rugby would survive if it were not compulsory. The popularity of four "casual" games surely deserves a recognised pitch with, of course, goal posts (and nets) and matches against other schools, who are also unwilling to produce a school soccer team which would undoubtedly challenge the prominence of their rugby.

As a matter of interest despite the gallant efforts of Wheeler, School House were usually well mastered.

R. GLAZER



## GIRLS SPORT

The girls' event, a major innovation at Sports Day this year, was much enjoyed by all who participated and our congratulations go to Clare Lewis who did not leave a single victory unclaimed. Commiserations to the other participants whose courageous efforts should not be ignored!

Netball and trampolining have continued whenever possible and we have been joined in the latter by some enthusiastic boys (provoking competition between grace and strength). Some girls have taken an active interest in other sports such as tennis and swimming and we hope that this will be continued and strengthened next year with an increase in our numbers. Meanwhile we would like to thank Mr. Gardiner for all the time and effort he has put into organising, coaching and encouraging the girls in their more sporting activities.

BETH MORGAN



## GOLF

*Patron:* G. C. Sutcliffe  
*Captain:* J. Parnes

After an inspiring start last term, prospects for the season looked bright. However our early successes did not mature into further success. The results, however, do not reflect upon the golfing abilities of the school. Most of the matches were close and were enjoyed by both sides. Some individual efforts are highly commendable, especially that of I. Stern, who was only defeated in his last match against the O.M.S. Our commiserations to S. O'Neil, who came across some very talented opposition, and his results did not reflect his fine golfing ability. Our congratulations to Winterstoke on beating Burton Bank in the House Match Final.

I would like to thank Mr. Sutcliffe and J. Parnes, our departing captain.  
**Team:** S. O'Neill\*, C. Nunn\*, J. Parnes (capt)\*, E. Rom\*, I. Stern\*, G. Brandt, L. Potts, S. Sterling, K. Fisher, T. John.  
\* Awarded half colours.

C.V.A.N.

### Results:

Lost to Merchant Taylor's, Haileybury, U.C.S., Highgate, Hendon Juniors, Masters' Common Room, O.M.'s

### Beat

Finchley Ladies and Hendon Ladies.

**LONDON SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIP:** 14th out of 32 schools.

## MOUNTAINEERING

*Patrons:* N. Cook, Esq., G. C. Sutcliffe, Esq.

There has been one club outing this term when a small party stayed at the Twogood family's barn in the Peak District. After arrival at 5.30 p.m. two hours of climbing at the nearby Black Rocks were enjoyed before returning to the barn to cook the evening meal.

A leisurely start on the Sunday morning saw the party assembled at Stanage Edge at 11.30 a.m. There were several heavy showers of rain during the day, so that, after some short spells of climbing, we finally retreated to the bus for refreshments and the long haul back to Mill Hill.

We would like to thank Mr. Cook and Mr. Wilson for taking us on the trip and, above all, the Twogoods for the use of their barn.

R.G.M.

## SHOOTING

*Patron:* I. C. Brownlie  
*Captain:* S. Rabett  
*Hon. Sec.* A. Harvey  
*Committee:* D. Silver, P. Zimmermann

This term began with the receipt of the news that the 1st VIII had achieved a creditable 16th position (ex 93 schools) in the Country Life Competition, while the 2nd VIII came 63rd, beating some schools' first teams. That the school came first in the "Snap" part of this Competition reflects the potential of the team.

The full bore shooting began with an Easter Camp at Bisley, attended by thirteen boys, and this practice resulted in a better position in the London and Middlesex Schools Meeting in which the team came 10th (ex.25). In the Surrey Schools Meeting the team was placed 5th (ex.17), while in the Sussex Schools Meeting the team achieved the same score, but slumped to 22nd position (ex.30 schools). The highpoint of this Meeting was A. Harvey's score of 69 out of 70, which equalled the highest individual score in the Aylesbury Cup, which he unfortunately lost in a shoot-off, although he was rewarded with a Sussex County Bronze Medal. A. Harvey also won the Ramsey Shooting Cup for the highest aggregate of this term's Meetings, while S. Rabett won an N.R.A. Bronze Medal for the highest score in the Sussex Meeting.

With seven members of the first VIII leaving, prospects looked bleak for next year, until the 2nd VIII beat Haileybury, with Chris Swinn scoring 33 out of 35, which is promising for the future.

Finally I would like to wish the team luck in the Ashburton Meeting, and to extend my thanks to Mr. Brownlie for his support and encouragement throughout this term.

S.J.R.

Teams chosen from: S. Rabett\*, A. Harvey\*, D. Silver\*, P. Zimmermann\*, J. Beck\*, S. Goodman\*, D. Sander\*, A. Sethia\*, A. Myers\*, G. Bewsher\*, C. Swinn+, S. Sethia+, H. Hewson, Jon Beck, A. Wyspianski, A. Bloom, A. Macheath, J. Graham.

\*: Full colours

+: Half colours.

## SWIMMING

The results this term have been better than last year, especially in the medley relay at Seymour Hall. Although the squad has great potential, notably in the seniors, this has not been realised simply due, in most cases, to lack of training. However, next year with a new captain, Noel Fraser, to whom I wish the best of luck, and a new master who will hopefully bridge the gap between the training side of the swimming and the school matches, we should gain those matches lost by such a small deficit this year. In spite of all, a lot of fun has been had from swimming this year which I consider the most important factor in any club or society.

Naturally I would like to thank Mr. Sutcliffe and Mr. MacMahon for all their hard work and enthusiasm.

D.F.W.

### Teams

<b>SENIOR</b>	D. F. Wild (captain)	<b>JUNIOR</b>	J. A. Clifford
	N. A. K. Fraser (secretary)		A. D. Pigott
	S. A. Hime		M. Bernard
	J. A. Clifford		T. H. Creighton
	D. A. Graham		A. J. Fisher
	G. A. Marks		R. A. Hime
	A. D. Pigott		P. H. Keller
			P. W. Kingsley
			D. G. A. Penson

## Match Results

	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Junior</i>
v. City of London	MH 41½; CL 38½	CL 55; MH 25
v. Felsted	F 49; MH 31	F 50; MH 30
v. Berkhamsted & Haileybury	B 61; H 49; MH 37	B 63; H 48; MH 33; (intermediate)
		H 58; B 52; MH 26
v. Haberdasher's & The Leys	L 37; H 30; MH 27	H 41; L 32; MH 23
v. O.M.'s	MH 43; OM 37	—
v. Aldenham	MH 48; A 32	A 43½; MH 33½
v. Oundle	O 49½; MH 48½	O 61; MH 37
v. St. Paul's & Wellington	W 63; P 62½; MH 42½	P 85; W 50; MH 33
v. Otter S.C.	MH 46; OSC 34	—
Public Schools' Relays (50 schools)	Freestyle: 49th;	Medley: 36th
Inter-schools gala	Ireland: 94;	England/Scotland: 49

## Sports Results

	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Intermediate</i>	<i>Junior</i>
100 yds I.M.	Fraser (Mc)	Hime (P)	Miller (W)
200 yds Freestyle	Marks (Mc)	Penson (R)	Keller (Mc)
200 yds non-crawl	Clifford (Mc)	Pigott (C)	Schlagman (C)
100 yds Freestyle	Wild (C)	Penson (R) (33×)	Keller (Mc)
100 yds Breast	Marks (Mc)	Hime (P) (33×)	Stern (Mc)
100 yds Back	Fraser (Mc)	*Hime (P) (33×)	Rosswick (Mc)
66 yds Fly	Fraser (Mc)	Bernard (C) (33×)	Keller (Mc)
			Rosswick
Medley Relay	McClure	* Ridgeway	McClure
Freestyle Relay	McClure	Ridgeway	McClure
House Comp.	Mc 141 pts	C 106 pts	Mc 76 pts
	C 84 pts	R 77 pts	W 60½ pts
	R 64 pts	W 62½ pts	C 58 pts
Water Polo	McClure	Priestley	
Standards	1st Winterstoke, 2nd McClure, 3rd Collinson		
*Record			

## TENNIS

*Masters in charge:* Mr. P. H. Thonemann, Mr. A. H. Armstrong, and Mr. B. Wilson

*Captain:* S. S. Wasani

*Secretary:* S. J. O'Neill

*Junior Captain:* E. S. Winter

We had another very pleasant visit to Wimbledon on the 'first Thursday', 72 boys, mostly from the Remove and Fourth Forms, and 8 staff and wives left school on two coaches at the earlier time of 11.15, because of fears of a 'lock-out' if entries exceeded 30,000. We returned at 8 p.m. after having seen some great tennis, and doubtless consumed a certain amount of strawberries and cream.

My thanks to Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Wilson, and to S. Wasani and E. S.

Winter, for their help throughout the season, and to Mr. Gill for his Monday afternoon coaching.

### **Comment**

Once again an enjoyable season has been marred by two things: bad weather, and a general inability to win our matches. The former we can do nothing about though by bad luck we missed several fixtures. The latter, however, we should be able to change. No school can expect to win all its matches every season, but we have lost the great majority of our matches at both senior and junior level for at least the past three years. This is not lack of effort. We have always had enthusiastic teams who have gone on court intending to win and have played their best; yet usually they have faced opposition which has been too good for them.

**Colours:** S. S. Wasani, R. A. Rahim, M. P. E. Webster, M. D. Wheatley, M. Jaffer, E. S. Winter.

**Half-Colours:** S. S. Brijnath, C. S. Fulton, M. V. B. Eastwell, M. A. Roberts, N. J. Marchetto.

**Also Played:** D. Abdoo, R. H. Beck, G. M. Brandt, G. R. Coren, A. D. Davis, P. D. Lancer, M. A. Marchetto, S. J. O'Neill, S. Williams.

Aldenham: Cancelled due to rain

American School: Senior: D.1 L.5

Berkhamsted: Senior: W.1 D.3 L.5

Junior: D.2 L.7

Eltham College: Junior: W.2 L.4

Haberdashers' Askes: Junior: W.5 L.4

Highgate: Senior: Cancelled due to Glanville Cup Match

Junior: D.3 L.5

Westminster: Senior: L.9

Junior: D.2 L.4

Glanville Cup: Withdrew, due to inability of the four schools involved to agree on the time of the match.

The match against the masters is to be played on the last Tuesday of term.

## **ATHLETICS**

For the first time in the four years that I have been at Mill Hill the Athletics Club managed to compete properly at all age groups. Normally the senior team has five athletes; but this year there were enough athletes to prevent some boys from having to do five, six or even seven events, which was the norm when I arrived. So revival has continued, and this has been particularly evident in the intermediates, who achieved three outright victories, one second place and one third.

During this term much success has also been achieved in the Barnet Championships. It was the first time we managed to compete as a team and the seniors came fourth out of sixteen schools, only ten points behind the winners. Because the event clashed with Field Day the intermediates could not compete as a team, but there were some remarkable performances from our less renowned athletes. The juniors also had some excellent individual performances despite the fact that their final day of competition clashed with the house cricket final.

Sports Day was held at Copthall this year, which was a vast improvement from its recent venue on Gears. I would like to thank Mrs Hodgson for awarding the cups and all who helped to make the day run smoothly. The only regrettable incident was when R. Ludemann injured himself whilst winning the High Jump and consequently the Individual competition.

Finally I would like to say a few words of thanks to the people who have



helped make my time with the Athletics Club so enjoyable. First to the athletes who have shown that there can be a quality of team spirit in Athletics, springing from a genuine desire and indeed dedication to see others in the team succeed. Secondly to the team captains and secretaries who have helped with all the administrative work, and finally to my colleagues, Mr. Davey and Mr. Veal, who have been invaluable in their support; the school will miss them greatly. I wish all the athletes success for the future and Mr. Rees every success as he takes over the running of athletics next year.

L.D.G.

### Sports Day Results

Senior Competition	Ridgeway
Intermediate Competition	School House
Junior Competition	
Burton Bank	
Senior Individual Champion	Ludemann R., Anderson M., Blackburn D.
Intermediate Champion	Corbridge R.
Junior Individual Champion	Hall S.D., Pujara.



# BELMONT

We began to wonder whether we would see a summer sun this year at all. It did begin to shine on us towards the end of term and Parents' Day was in every sense a fine occasion. Our Chief Guests were Mr. Shaun Sutton O.B.E., Head of BBC Television Drama and Mrs. Sutton. It was a pleasure to welcome them to Belmont. The athletics events followed smoothly one after the other and as usual, records were broken. The organisers used our new P.A. system donated by The Friends of Belmont following the very successful Barn Dance.

Three Scholarships and two Exhibitions were gained during the year. Shafiq Fakir won the top award at Mill Hill and Marco Paganuzzi also won a scholarship. Bernhard Stacey and Michael Sanson were the Exhibitioners. Andrew Veal won the second of 12 Scholarships awarded at Ampleforth.

Two former Belmontians, Jeremy Donegan (Kelly College) and Andrew Miller (Haileybury) were given Scholarships at their respective schools.

Another 31 boys have found places at Mill Hill as a result of their performance at Common Entrance time. Belmont will be represented also from next September at ten other Public Schools in England and at a school in Milan.

The 1st Cricket XI has had a good term winning eight out of twelve school matches, drawing one and losing three. One of the defeats was avenged in the return match.

The Colts bowled out one team for five runs so they must be coming along well, too!

The recent improvement in our swimming was reflected in improved times recorded in this year's Prep. School Championships at Stowe and at our Swimming Sports.

The last week of term is always full of activity. The Senior and Junior tennis finals, the fencing championships, the gymnastics display and the play put on by Forms I and II. There was something rather special about our youngest boys' offering this year. First "The Kings of Golodium" was written for them by Mrs. V. Levick and then the costumes and scenery seemed even more colourful than usual. A great deal of hard work had gone into the production and it gave great pleasure to the audience gathered round the cedar tree.

The Junior Choir, supported by senior instrumentalists in the Chapel sang "The Legend of Robin Hood" on the same afternoon. We had heard our older musicians playing in an evening concert they gave earlier and in the House Music Competition so we knew that they could make a fine sound. The Junior Choir had sung for a group of elderly folk in a local hall but boys and parents had not previously had the opportunity to hear the younger voices.

At our Swimming Sports we welcomed Mrs. Garratt and Mr. Garratt, President this year of the Old Millhillians Club and his sister Mrs. Ingram whose last visit to Belmont was for the opening of our swimming pool in 1933.

Now we have to say goodbye to Mrs. Duckworth who, after four years' with our Form I boys, is moving nearer her family. She is to teach girls from next September but I know she will win from them the same enthusiastic response that she has gained from our boys. She will be missed. Mr. Nichols after many years as one of a large Science department at Haberdashers decided he would like to run his own laboratory at Belmont for a year or two before retirement. He now retires from full-time teaching but he takes with him our thanks and very best wishes. Miss Katherine Warner has completed her

spell as Assistant Matron and I hope it has been a happy time for her. May her University career be equally successful.

Two of our visiting music teachers, Mr. Stirling and Mr. Benton have also reached retirement stage and Belmont owes to both of them a debt of gratitude for their many years of work with the boys who have started under them to learn to play woodwind or brass instruments.

Mr. Turnbull will be responsible for the Science teaching at Belmont from September. Miss Wilson will look after Form I and a newcomer, Mrs. J. L. Ottley will take Miss Wilson's place as form mistress of IIIB. Mr. B. Royston from Exeter University will be taking over Mr. Turnbull's timetable, French being his main subject.

We wish all our leavers every happiness in their new schools.

The President  
of  
**THE OLD MILLHILLIANS CLUB**  
N. C. Garrett, Esq., (1919-27)

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E. P. Shanks, Esq., C.B.E., Q.C. (1924-30)\*  
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during the

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**Mr. Alistair Graham, the new Head Master will be attending this, his first Club function, and it is hoped that a large number of members will be there to welcome him.**

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## EDITORIAL

One of the perks the Editor of this column enjoys is advance notice of what is being published by "the other half". One of the enjoyments is seeing how much work they put into it.

It is not easy for boys and girls to cajole, threaten or bribe their contemporaries to contribute. By and large, as with virtually all previous generations, at least since 1910, the journal of the Establishment is less attractive than contemporary underground equivalents. The wiser, more forward looking, however, realise that it is much more permanent.

That said, the amount of work, often made quite difficult by some who insist that they are special and thus produce their copy long after the date is past—luckily they are few else none of us could cope—that our successors at Mill Hill put into our Magazine is to be applauded. The typing may leave much to be desired. The professional skill is commensurate with their years but that does not matter (too much). What is important is the enthusiasm, the involvement and the pride in an achievement which will be recorded for a lifetime.

They are to be congratulated on their efforts. Mill Hill is in good heart.

## NEW MEMBERS

*We hope you will have many years with the club.*

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64-69 FUCHS, M. J., Rosenvaengets, Hovedvej 28 st., 2100 Copenhagen Ø, Denmark.

65-70 HORTON, R. W., 106 Kinloch Drive, Kingsbury, London N.W.9.

### Leaver

71-77 LANE, J. L., 17 Eastholm, London N.W.11.

73-78 LEONG, T. P., 86 Onslow Gardens, London S.W.7.

### (Master)

TURNBULL, I. J. (M.H.S. 1964-69), Belmont, Mill Hill Junior School, Mill Hill, London N.W.7.

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73-79 BAILEY, G. R., 6 Saxon Way, Oakwood, London N14 4RU.  
74-79 BERRY, T. R. J., Crag House, Grasmere, Cumberland.  
76-79 BEWSHER, R. G. G., 175 London Road, Bagshot, Surrey.  
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74-79 JACKSON, C. S., 96 Elmfield Road, Gosport, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE3 4BD.  
74-79 LEWIS, J. J., 97 Wise Lane, Mill Hill, London NW7 2BD.  
78-79 LOPEZ VALIDO, Maria Luisa, 34 Glengall Road, Edgware, Middlesex.  
73-79 NUNN, D. Q. A., 138 Burwood Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.  
74-79 PARKER, N. J., 3 Copsewood Way, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 2TP.  
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## THE PRESIDENT NOMINATE

Ernest Shanks entered Mill Hill in 1924 and before leaving Burton Bank in 1930 became Head of House and was a School Monitor. He was a member of the Athletics Team for three years, being Captain in 1930 and Captained the 3rd XV in 1929.

On leaving Mill Hill he spent a year at Bonn University followed by three years at Downing College, Cambridge where he obtained his "M.A.", and became a member of the College Hockey Team.

He was called to the Bar in 1936—Inner Temple—and was a pupil of W. A. Macfarlane M. C. (Mill Hill School 1910–1915) and travelled the North Eastern Circuit.

A supplementary Reserve Officer in the Middlesex Regiment, he served in the 1st Battalion Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment 1939–44—being mentioned in Despatches in 1940 and was Second in Command in 1943. He was appointed to the Staff College Camberley in 1944 and subsequently to Military Government Europe in 1946 becoming Senior Legal Officer of the Schleswig Holstein Region 1945–46 obtaining the rank of Lt. Col. R.A.R.O.

Came Peace. He joined the Colonial Legal Services where he held various positions as a District Judge in Malaya, a Crown Counsel, Solicitor General, Singapore and finally Attorney General, and was appointed Queens Counsel, Singapore in 1958. In 1960 he was appointed H.M. Solicitor General, Guernsey and subsequently Attorney General. Retiring in 1976, when he then held the position of Deputy Bailiff of Guernsey.

Since retirement he has undertaken a number of charitable positions,

being President of the Guernsey Branch of the Royal Commonwealth Society, a Founder President of the Save The Children Fund and President of the National Trust of Guernsey.

Ernest has throughout his career maintained his interest in Mill Hill School, sending two sons—Peter and David—to Mill Hill but unlike Father, their times were spent at the new Burton Bank.

It will be seen therefore that in Ernest we have a President Elect who has served his Country well, receiving the C.B.E. in 1975, and thus he has brought honour to Mill Hill School and will assuredly bring further credit to the Old Millhillians Club.

N.C.G.

### R.W.

Roland Atchley is a member of that doomed generation which went to School during the Edwardian era. In fact, his immediate contemporaries bore a charmed life for only two of the nineteen boys who entered Mill Hill with him in the summer of 1902 were to be killed in the war that was to come. This apparently dramatic description is brought home more forcibly perhaps though when one realises that the names of no fewer than eighty seven boys who were at Mill Hill during Atchley's time are to be found on the Roll of Honour. Many others, of course, survived to become well known in our immediate circles and to make an impact in the world at large. Alf Hawes, "Golly" Liang, Maurice Whiting and Frank Beney, happily are still with us today. There was Gordon Lethem, Percy Nevill, Elliott Dodds and Oscar Viney. George Timpson, Percy Holman and Frank Rex were contemporaries of R.W. and so were "Weary" Wyld and Norman Dore. Others with names still very much to the fore in Millhillian circles can be found in the register of that time; Wills, Walker, Laphorn, Spicer and Marnham.

Before he left in 1908 to become a solicitor—a career interrupted by service with the Artists Rifles and the Royal Flying Corps in France—R.W. had become a prefect and a member of the Eleven. All his life he has been a staunch Old Millhillian and was the Club's president in 1958. He is also a Life Governor of the School—and he is a raconteur of note.

It was, therefore, quite natural that when researching "Nobis" I should ask R.W. for his impressions of school life an incredible seventy seven years ago. Promptly, there arrived a sheaf of notes which became more and more fascinating as I read them. So interesting were they, in fact, that with a minimum of editing they are now published here and I hope that you will enjoy them as much as I did.

"I went to Mill Hill in the Summer term of 1902. The only genuine out-house then was Burton Bank situated in Burton Hole Lane. The School also owned two houses, Earlsmere and Haslemere opposite Cricket Field where new boys went to sleep though I was lucky to go straight into School House, then one entity. I was not quite twelve—there was no Belmont then—and I went into the second form and dormitory 21 where there were boys of my own age. The beds were very narrow. There was then a tradition that every new boy had to get up on a table and sing. I cannot remember what I sang but it was quite an ordeal for if the performer was not appreciated he had gym shoes thrown at him. There was, however, very little bullying in those days and generally no objectionable behaviour at all.

The School House studies off the main corridor were classrooms-cum-common rooms. They had locker benches along which one slid in class and since they were somewhat rough, splinters in one's seat were not unknown! In my first term we had earth closets but the "School House Bogs" were built during the summer holidays of 1902 together with Collinson House.

The whole School except for Burton Bank fed in the Dining Hall. I know we groused heavily about the food but looking back, especially after two wars, I really think that generally speaking it was in fact splendid and wholesome. The two basic problems were the institutional cooking and the inexpertise of carving by the masters who sat at the head of each table.

When later I was moved into Dormy 9 we used to play rugger before lights out. The threees were on the beds, the halves and forwards in the main alley. Dormy 9 was over the masters' common room and we must have nearly shaken their lights down! The duty master used to race up but he never caught us because we had a very efficient "cave" system in the person of someone by the Octagon ostensibly about to enter Dormy 7 and who knocked on the window. We were always peacefully in bed when the master came in but the game stopped when finally our footer bladder was confiscated from a locker during our absence.

The school doctor was a Doctor Martin known as "Pig". He was a retired army doctor and treated us as if we were in the army. He would cut through a boil and pour acid into it which was pretty painful. But Old Pig was really very dedicated. He saved the lives of one master and several boys who were suffering from pneumonia, sitting up all night with them.

One of my earliest recollections is of Peace Night in May 1902 when the South African war ended. I was awakened by a pal in the dorm saying amidst loud cheering "It's peace!" Everyone marched round the grounds banging anything they could lay their hands on and I believe some of the seniors even marched to Edgware.

We would go out of prep once a week for a hot bath. At a roar from Quarter Master Fleming — "Pull your plugs", we dived into the indoor bath, unheated then, and swam a length feeling very considerably revived!

1907 was the School's centenary year and it is well documented in the Magazine including the speech by the Prime Minister, Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman. But the really great thing was when we were allowed, after the visitors had been duly satisfied, to feed on the remains of the strawberries, cream and ices! 1907 also saw the building of the Marnham Block on the site of the old gym between School House and the Large which was made bigger at the same time and the new gym was also built. I think it had been in the Winter Term of 1902 that the old corrugated-iron Script had burnt down. This was the original building in which Murray, then an assistant master, had started the Oxford Dictionary. The hose pipes had leaked and we juniors had had to sit on the leaks to try and staunch the flow of water.

Of other buildings, I recall that the Grove was then a general store called Mussons. Old Musson used to play a gramophone until fairly late and we would try and throw soap into his shop from the dorms. Rosebank, now Rosebank Limited of which I am chairman, was owned by an old man called Skipper and his daughter, and "Team Guts" i.e. team suppers, were held there. Later Dickie Buckland and others lived there and in Buckland's time Rosebank was a regular meeting place for Old Millhillians and a forerunner to Whitehall Court.

The masters were completely overshadowed by Doctor J. D. McClure as he was then and known to us all as "Bird". He was a most remarkable man of enormous erudition, a great school master and very humane. It is said that he always knew what everybody was doing and he steadfastly refused for a long time to have more than two hundred and fifty boys in the School because he said otherwise he would not know them all. Even so he had a prodigious memory which can be beautifully exemplified by the following story.

I had not seen McClure from 1914 to 1921—seven years of sad and momentous happenings. Then once as I was coming through the Barrier he was standing outside the Dining Hall. He saw me, came straight over and



said, "Roland Waldegrave, I've got it in my study. I thought it would be safer there." He was alluding to a piece of the Cuffly Zeppelin I had sent him for the 'Bug' as the School museum was called.

There are so many of his sayings that they cannot all be set out here but the one I think I like most is: "It is by a merciful dispensation of providence, that the average boy has but one mother". This was spoken from the heart as he had to deal with two hundred and fifty! I think I would like to add one more. "If I have written no books—and I haven't, and never shall do—my writings are happily more lasting and they are round about me."

Mrs. McClure as she then was, kept very much in the background and one had very little opportunity of getting to know her. But she was a very likeable lady and of great help to the Bird. I was at School with their son, Keith, and I have kept in touch with the family right up to now, chiefly because years ago I became a Trustee of their wills which were only finally dealt with at the death of their younger daughter, Christine, which then brought me into touch with the third generation. I can hear Bird saying in total amazement "*You*—my Trustee!" to which I would fairly reply "Yes sir, but the money is there!"

E. W. Halifax was the Second Master. He was a first class teacher of both classics and modern languages and as Housemaster of Burton Bank was a considerable martinet. He was not a likeable man. E. L. Milner Barry, "Barnham" was also a very good modern languages master. He was firstly Housemaster of School House and subsequently the first Housemaster of Collinson. He had a habit of pointing around the class with his toothpick and one boy is alleged to have said: "No sir, I don't take beef". On another occasion, there emanated from the passage underneath the old classroom in which he used to teach, a voice saying: "I say, Bill, see that there bloody rat!" "Ah," said Barnham, "I perceive there are some artisans underneath the floor!" Milner Barry is the only master on the School's Roll of Honour.

"Wetty" Watson was a brilliant mathematician. He was a Scot with a red beard and he ran Haslemere. He collected botanical specimens from the Choir gardens on his way up to School and it was said that he arrived one day with a caterpillar in his beard. He invariably wore an incredibly old scarf and one day a chap spilled some acid on a lab bench. He grabbed what he thought was an old rag which turned out to be Wetty's beloved scarf. Wetty in a frenzy shouted, "Hey mon, that's me scurff. It's verra auld but it's verra warm!"

Nick Brett-James was known to many succeeding generations. He was an Old Millhillian who came back to become a master in the term I arrived. He was very meek and mild then but got very pompous later. He was a great Old Millhillian, Housemaster of Ridgeway and a moderate teacher. Another Old Millhillian was W. H. "Baby" Andrews who was deformed because, I believe, of a gym accident. He was a very likeable man, a brilliant classicist and a particularly good French master. F. J. Turner, known as "Honk" because of his large nose, was a marvellous mathematician and chemist but not a likeable man because he sneaked around in soft shoes trying to catch boys unawares though in so far as our rugger in the dorm was concerned he failed miserably. Another great mathematician was Percy Coleman who unfortunately was very raggable. He left to go to the University where I hope he was better treated for he was a most pleasant fellow.

Laurie Cane was one of those whose fame lived long after him. He was a fine musician who brought the School's music up to a high standard with the active help of the Head Master and his family. He rather had his nose put out of joint when McClure landed his Doctorate of Music and he did not! He was a New Zealander with, I suspect, some Maori blood in him. I never cared for him much but others did. He was a good cricketer and the second Housemaster of Collinson.

A. J. Williams was a very fine history master. He coached many scholarship boys and suffered bad health because of which he was known as "Pills". He was the School House Housemaster and a man with a personality that you could neither like nor dislike. Freddy Wright was undoubtedly a brilliant classical master. He took the Sixth form into which I eventually struggled in my last year. Another was C. M. Barber who was also very pleasant. He had a fine tenor voice and his favourite song was "Come into the garden, Maud". He left to go to the Bar and became Clerk to the Northern Circuit.

The First form master was H. J. Tucker who also taught the Second form. He was a great expert with the ruler on the hand and it is a pity there aren't more like him today! A great disciplinarian, he licked the new boys into shape. He was a School House Housemaster who then became Bursar. He was twice at Mill Hill because he went to India in between as a missionary. Looking back, the Bird collected a very fine staff. The only trouble was that we at the time really failed to take the best from them but that is probably so in every generation.

Other characters that I remember include Miss Pearse, the Lady Resident who was a very likeable, efficient person and highly thought of by the Bird. It is said that when the casualty lists came out in the Great War, he used to go to her room and break down for after all, nearly all of them were *his* boys. There was also Mrs. Bedwell, the kindly head of what was called the Linen Room where one went to get medicine and first aid. Quarter Master Flemming was a great character. He took punishment drill and looked after the baths and changing rooms. Another great personality was Vesti, the School House head waiter and general factotum. He was an Italian and I believe his wife was in Italy and I suppose he visited her during the holidays. I remember that when I took Neville up on his first day and said to Vesti, "Look after him, West", he replied, "Your father asked me to look after you, now you ask me to look after 'im. I think it is a bit theek." The second waiter was Delbi who I suppose was also Italian. At dinner one day he tipped a lot of gravy down the neck of K.P. Webb (Basil Webb's father). Webb's face was wonderful to behold but Delbi added insult to injury by saying, "All right, sir, all right—got plenty more, sir, got plenty more." He committed suicide after I left (though not because I left) and was found dead in the bushes outside. Sleat and Son were the cricket pros and were not of any great ability. Sleat's great remark was "Didn't he clip 'em, didn't he clump 'em".

*It would be very natural to add a fitting tail to the end of these fascinating reminiscences—but that is not how R. W. wrote them. So they are simply left as they are.*

### YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS, BUT . . .

A year ago I spent many happy hours tracing the descendants of one Grosvenor Bunster who emigrated to Chile in 1828, being particularly interested in his grandsons Jose Onofre and Manuel, who were at Mill Hill from 1876 to 1878. I discovered, also, his great-great-grandsons Albaro, Cesar and Julian who were at M.H.S. from 1971 to 1973. The result of this work was published in the last issue of the Magazine under the title "There the Matter might have Ended", and with its publication there, I thought, the matter *had* ended. But it was not to be.

John Borrett and I went as new boys to Mill Hill in September 1938. We were in the same form. A year later we were evacuated to St. Bees where we were in the same house and, for a while, in the same dormitory. We still see a lot of each other as we are both on the Court of Assistants of the Worshipful

Company of Turners. Nevertheless, it came as a slight surprise when he telephoned me one evening shortly after the Magazine had been sent out. He had read my article with interest and congratulated me on it. "Thank you", I said modestly. He wondered if he could cap it. I told him that he could do anything he liked to it. "Well the fact is" he said "that Grosvenor Bunster was my great-great-grandfather".

Slowly it dawned on me how strange it was that I should have spent so long a time researching the Bunster family when I had known one of them so well for more than forty years. Had I been aware of the family connection I could have discovered that in all probability it was Grosvenor Bunster's brother Humphrey who had come ashore in Chile as a member of a raiding party from a Bristol ship. "They were sending food and having found some cattle were in the process of embarking them when a man on horseback appeared. Seeing that his cattle were being shipped he managed to lasso the last man who was running to jump into the boat. This was Humphrey Bunster. Humphrey was taken to the farmhouse where he was well treated and eventually he married the land-owners daughter". Presumably he then sent for his brother Grosvenor, who set sail from England in 1827 with most of his fourteen children. A fifteenth, John Borrett's great-grand-mother Harriet, was born on board ship on the way to Chile.

I still don't know why Jose and Manuel were sent to Mill Hill. Come to think of it, I don't know why John Borrett and his brothers Charles and Peter were sent to Mill Hill either, although this would be easier to discover. Perhaps on the whole it is better not to know, otherwise my dreams of ancestral loyalty to an educational ideal might well be shattered.

C.D.L.S.

### NO WILD BORE THIS!

"Ve never tell any persons about zis place," announced the Swiss-German sitting opposite. "Nein," his cigar-smoking frau added darkly. "Ve 'ere hef bin many times burt ze secret eez too gurd to share mit our freunds!"

These two refugees from Spectre were talking about The Wild Boar. The Wild Boar is an unpretentious-looking three star hotel at Crook in Cumbria some seven miles from exit 36 on the M6 rather less from Lake Windermere where my wife, Angela and I spent a few days in July. The Wild Boar, together with three other hotels in the area, is operated by Michael and Phyl Berry (1943-47) and since Michael doesn't know this article is being written, you will have to accept that these are my opinions, and, to use an ominous phrase, "not necessarily those of the Management".

Berry, a Chartered Accountant, gave up a most promising career in the City some seven years ago at the behest of his ageing uncle to take over this fascinating family business which by all accounts he has transformed into a lively, thriving group of hotels each aiming at a different sector of the market. The Wild Boar, unlike the Low Wood, for instance, does not cater for coaches, nor, unlike the Royal, is it particularly suitable for children, but where it shines like an oasis in a desert if you'll excuse the mixing of metaphors, is in its food.

The main drawback of The Wild Boar is simply that when you have eaten there you are, by and large, spoilt for anywhere else! The Egon Ronay recommendation which it so rightly holds is all but superfluous. So often at such places you are left with the feeling that while *you* didn't like it, presumably others must for after all it is an Egon Ronay . . . By contrast, Chef Peter Godwin needs no such method of bolstering confidence in his diners. The proof of the pudding, the starters and the main courses is all there for the eating in its total undeniable glory. Each dish is a work of art and the

extensive table D'hôte menu changes daily. In all the time we were there we never saw the A la Carte menu used by anybody!

This is food for the true gourmet. The sauces, the garnishings, are exquisite in their subtlety. To describe one dish would deny the sheer bliss of fifty others—and where else can you get a five course dinner including coffee served in a most comfortable lounge for under £8 including V.A.T. and service, or a four course lunch for under £5? But don't be put off by these prices. In Outer London on the same meals—if only you could get them—would cost around £20/£25 a head.

Food is one thing, presentation another. Both help to make the whole. At The Wild Boar the china is fine and like the cutlery and glassware, spotless and glistening. The wine list is both extensive and well chosen—a rare combination these days—and you can sip a port bottled in 1910 or, in the bar, sample up to forty different brands of whisky!

The staff are young (or most of them are), highly professional and intelligent. The expertise of one waitress somehow completely belied her university degree in English which she had been putting to good use teaching in Sweden! Morale is high and because of this a cheerful and friendly atmosphere pervades the whole establishment where, not so incidentally, you can eat the hotel's namesake if you wish.

If you decide to eat or stay at The Wild Boar, book first. It is extremely popular with the locals—a publican in Eskdale commented, when we told him where we were staying; "You'll be there for the food, of course". And expect a fascinating international clientele. During one evening in the lounge over coffee, our group consisted of Canadians, Americans, Australians and Dutch. (I reckon the Swiss-Germans were on a losing wicket!)

For Michael and Phyl Berry with their three other hotels which they market both here and overseas, it is a seven days a week job even with highly competent managers and staff, but if the gleams in the eyes of their two sons, Simon and Tim, both themselves Old Millhillians, are anything to go by, perhaps in time they will at least be able to get their week-ends off!

## THE PRESIDENT'S YORKSHIRE LUNCH

There being no Yorkshire Old Millhillians Dinner this year it was decided to ask a few Yorkshire Old Millhillians—who are personally known to the President—to attend a lunch at the Stillington home of John and Janet Garrett. Those present on Saturday 3rd June included Joe Fox, Phil and Howard Walker, Bill Skinner, Tony Mallett and their wives and also Clive Fox. Walter Isaac and his wife and Ernest Shanks, President Elect, also attended.

Bill Skinner proposed a toast of thanks to the hosts, John, Janet, Elizabeth, Rene and Nat Garrett, to which the President made a *short* reply for as he explained he did not wish to be in the position of a young barrister who having made his speech asked Lord Birkett how he would have delivered the same speech, to which Lord Birkett had replied "under an assumed name".

## SHOOTING - BISLEY 1979

For the first time for many years the Old Millhillians fielded a full team to take part in the Public School's Veterans Match on Thursday, 20th July 1979. This was shot on Century Range after the finish of the Ashburton and so gave Old Millhillians who had been present during the afternoon supporting the School VIII an opportunity to renew acquaintance with a full-bore rifle.

This year, the team comprised three past Captains of Shooting, William Maunder Taylor, David Tinker and Neil Black with John Clarke and Mike Dixon in support. Tony Weavers coached the team to a very creditable score of 217 ex 250.

It is very much hoped that more teams will be entered next year and that side-by-side matches with the School will be arranged during the Winter and Spring Terms. Anyone who would like to shoot is asked to contact: Neil Black, 5, Wealdwood Gardens, Hatch End, Pinner, Middlesex.

### CRICKET CLUB

With the prospects of another Indian Summer, pre-season nets at Lords bore no relation to the slow, wet wickets in May and June. By the second week in July, the two XIs had played only 20 out of 35. Results to date (set out below) have kept parallel with the weather conditions, but are now improving.

The highlight has been Mike Allen's excellent Tour of Holland at the beginning of July. Thirteen players, principally from the 2nd XI, travelled to games in Rotterdam, Utrecht and The Hague.

The fast matting wickets took most batsmen and bowlers by surprise but the standard of play improved during the week, despite some strong opposition. The Dutch hospitality was exceptional and rest days were spent in Amsterdam and at a topless seaside resort, these "rest" days imposing great stress on the blood pressures of the more senior tourists.

We hope to be able to entertain at least one of our opposition next year and the Club is looking forward to future foreign tours. Touring Party: Messrs. Harley, Saunders, M. Allen, Bunyard, Mills, Ridout, P. Allen, Richardson, Furness, Boardman, Hart and guests Virasinghe and Brighthope.

At copy date, we all hope to see improved results and more consistent cricket over the second half of the Season, included in which is the usual Sussex Tour in August.

### RESULTS (as at 10th July):

#### 1ST XI

Hoddesdon	226-4 dec.	
Old Millhillians	137-7	T. Bunyard 52 N.O. R. Harley 32 N.O.

DRAWN

Wimbledon	147	A. Halstead 7-24
Old Millhillians	104	

LOST BY 43 RUNS

O. Camdenians	252-6	
Old Millhillians	111-8	(Kemp Cup)

LOST  
BY 141 RUNS

Old Millhillians	167-2 dec.	T. Wilkinson 55 N.O. A. Halstead, 53, D. Holt 32
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H.A.C.	117-8	
	DRAWN	

Old Millhillians	151-9 dec.	T. Wilkinson 32, K. Armistead 30
Hatch End	146-7 DRAWN	T. Wilkinson 4-35
Old Millhillians Incogniti	155 156-2 LOST BY 8 WICKETS	P. Kirkham 67
Northwood Old Millhillians	189-9 dec. 125-8 DRAWN	A. Halstead 44
Rickmansworth Old Millhillians	114 116-2 WON BY 8 WICKETS	T. Wilkinson 7-34 T. Wilkinson 70 N.O. R. Harley 31 N.O.
Wickford Old Millhillians	134 137-6 WON BY 4 WICKETS	T. Wilkinson 7-52 T. Wilkinson 58
O. Lyonians Old Millhillians	147-9 dec. 148-6 WON BY 4 WICKETS	T. Bunyard 4-52 J. Virasinghe 68, T. Bunyard 35 N.O.
O. Elizabethans Old Millhillians	203-4 dec. 121-6 DRAWN	T. Wilkinson 53
O. Owens Old Millhillians	99 102-3 WON BY 7 WICKETS	T. Wilkinson 5-24 J. Lowen 47 N.O.
<b>2ND XI: (including Holland Tour)</b>		
Old Millhillians Wimbledon	100 101-7 LOST BY 3 WICKETS	G. Boardman 4-33
Old Millhillians H.A.C.	154-8 dec. 154-8 DRAWN	P. Allen 62, R. Harley 35 G. Boardman 4-43
Old Millhillians Hatch End	100 102-3 LOST BY 7 WICKETS	R. Harley 32

Abbotts Langley	176-9 dec.	
Old Millhillians	122-6	P. Furness 44
	DRAWN	
Northwood	124	M. Allen 6-35
Old Millhillians	65-9	
	DRAWN	
Old Millhillians	178	J. Virasinghe 76
V.O.C. (Rotterdam)	181-4	
	LOST	
	BY 6 WICKETS	
Kampong (Utrecht)	211-5 dec.	
Old Millhillians	95-7	T. Bunyard 45
	DRAWN	
Quick (The Hague)	198	T. Bunyard 4-49
Old Millhillians	201-6	P. Furness 101,
		J. Virasinghe 61
	WON	
	BY 4 WICKETS	

### GOLFING SOCIETY

It is some consolation, I suppose, that if the first round of a knock out competition is to be lost, that it should be lost to the eventual winners; in this case Stowe in the Halford Hewitt. No longer, however, can Mill Hill be regarded as a soft draw in the Halford Hewitt. We started off with, for various reasons, some notable "in-absentias" from the side but, nevertheless, at one stage opposition supporters were looking at the close fought fifth match as somewhat critical and likely to be crucial to the eventual outcome. Pat Russell (57-61) and Tony Smith (60-65) won at third pair, but unfortunately, Derek Sigley (52-55) and Alasdair Black's (62-66) early lead at first pair turned into a loss by 4 and 2. The fifth pair, Michael Gedye (46-51) and Bruce Taylor (59-64) lost 2 and 1.

Our tour to Norfolk this year took place in the great "wet season" of 1979. Remarkably though the weather held fine for two of the three days and the twelve or so participants enjoyed an excellent weekend. The numbers attending were somewhat lower than expected, which creates some organization problems, but makes for a much more intimate party. Our friendly tour match against a Brancaster side was enjoyed by all, even though the home side showed us their ability to full effect, and then Gren Dean, a member at Brancaster, who fagged at Mill Hill for Ronnie Samuels (45-50), our Captain, invited us all back to his country residence for Champagne Cocktails before dinner at our Hotel, at which we entertained some of our Brancaster opponents. A great dinner, immensely enjoyed, and followed by a few rounds of jokes, some remembered and some, alas forgotten, one in the middle of telling it. Quite the best laugh of a splendid evening.

The Society has made definite efforts during the last few years to forge stronger links with those Schoolboys who play golf. We are told that there are now some 60 boys or so playing the game and can see for ourselves that there are a number of accomplished golfers at School, who we hope will wish to join the Society. Even if they do not, we welcome both the numbers of boys playing as well as the standards which at least several of them are attaining.

## THE RUGBY CLUB

The Centenary Season ended with a tour to the West Country, which unfortunately did not live up to expectations. A boring draw 12-12 at Taunton; a last minute defeat 3-6 at Torquay, where we played some of our best rugby of the season against the Devon Cup holders; and an exhausted defeat 0-15 at Bridgwater.

The results of the lower sides gave much encouragement, to the 1st fifteen, too often decimated by injuries.

<i>Team</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Points for</i>	<i>Points against</i>
1st XV	32	12	2	18	383	534
A XV	26	17	2	7	441	286
B XV	24	13	1	10	225	261
Ex B XV	20	14	1	5	327	161

The Club is looking forward to next season with enthusiasm, under the new Captain, Richard Horton. However, a number of senior players have either moved away or given up, and it is essential that more playing members are recruited to maintain the viability of the fourth side, and thereby the whole Club. Anyone who is interested in playing should contact the team secretary Richard Llewellyn on 01-891 2150 (home) or 01-567 4910 (office). Please note that we require players at all levels, not just 1st XV. There is a welcome in our Club for all who like to play rugby football!

Headstone Lane is once again in splendid condition, and the 1st XV would be pleased to welcome any spectators for their home fixtures. Up to the end of the year these are:-

15th September	Westcombe Park
29th September	Trojans
20th October	St. Barts Hospital
3rd November	Upper Clapton
10th November	R.E.M.E.
1st December	Stourbridge
15th December	Old Whitgiftians
22nd December	Sidcup
29th December	Old Dunstonians

The fully illustrated History of the First 100 Seasons of The Old Millhillians Rugby Football Club, combined with articles by well known members, which illustrate all aspects of the Club, is due out shortly. This publication will be distributed free to all paid-up members of the Rugby Club. Any non-member, who would like a copy of this substantial, and well produced publication, can obtain a copy by sending £1 to the Rugby Club, c/o Mrs. Carter at Cleveland, The Ridgeway, N.W.7.

J.D.M.K.

## HERE AND THEREAFTER

A van passing the Law Courts at the same moment as Sir Alan Orr, Chairman of the Court of Governors was leaving them, has caused considerable repercussions at Mill Hill. The resulting accident in which Sir Alan sustained a broken leg and very considerable shock has robbed the Court of a gentle and likeable Chairman. He has been succeeded, for the first time since the forties, by an Old Millhillian. Michael Kempster, a distinguished Queen's Counsel, had taken the chair as Vice Chairman during those occasions when Sir Alan was absent and played a leading role in the



final interviews for the new Head Master, and is recognised by his colleagues on the Court—and doubtless elsewhere as well—as a Chairman of the highest order, both on the stage as it were and behind the scenes. Sir Alan Orr meanwhile, happily remains on the Court and we wish him a lasting recovery.

If the new Head Master is fortunate in his Chairman he is no less fortunate in the remarkable uplift Mill Hill has enjoyed during Allan Phimester's short term as Acting Head Master. Many Old Millhillians have asked, in fact, why he was not confirmed in the position, so sure were they of his ability and it seems only fair to point out that Allan Phimester by his own choice was never a candidate. With one hundred terms at Mill Hill behind him Allan Phimester's service to Mill Hill from those early days as Scrutton's House Tutor, through the Housemastership of Winterstoke to the position of Second Master places him among the great legendary characters of the Mill Hill Common Room. Mill Hill's guardian angel thankfully is not asked to perform miracles very often but when he does, as in the case of Rooker Roberts in 1940, he does them very well indeed!

The Life Governors annual meeting was extremely well attended this year in a packed windowless hot-house somewhere in the middle of the Charing Cross Hotel and Life Governors were privileged to hear a fine report from the Acting Head Master. They were also able to meet the new Head Master, Alistair Graham informally afterwards in a free bar. Now, I would never suggest that my fellow Life Governors would turn out in droves for a drink but I must say that this hospitality seems an excellent way of allowing informal discussions to take place. Let us hope the precedent turns into custom and eventually into tradition.

The Old Millhillian Rugby Club has been given a great start to its second hundred years by the not unexpected election of Alec Ramsay to the Presidency of the Rugby Football Union. Alec is the third Old Millhillian to enjoy this, the greatest accolade the rugger world has to offer, though it will be the fourth year that an Old Millhillian has served the office for, of course. Alec's father was twice president, the second time being the occasion of the Rugby Football Union centenary year. The Club's congratulations are extended to Alec on this signal achievement and one can only wonder if, should the new occupants of Number Ten formally attend an International at Twickenham, whether the commentators will be astute enough to pick up this quite unique connection that Mr. R and Mr. T have in enjoying the same mother club in the rugby world.

John King has taken over the production of the O.M.R.F.C's Centenary Booklet from the late lamented Roger Phillips. I have not received any details of this work so far but from what I can gather it will be a most interesting and readable piece of Old Millhilliana and it will be available shortly at £1.00 per copy or free to *paid up* members of the Rugby Club. John has put many hours of research into the various personalities concerned with O.M. rugby over a hundred years and the Rugger Club have cause to be grateful to him.

It may be of interest to members living in North London to know that Miss Louise Symonds has retired from the School after many years of devoted service as Caterer. O.M's who have attended Quinquennial Re-Unions, Open Days and similar Mill Hill occasions will have appreciated the high quality of her catering experience. She is now starting up her own private catering service and would be happy to undertake arrangements for any functions great or small. Her address is 28A, Stanhope Avenue, Finchley, N.3. - Telephone 01-349-2942.

In his speech on Foundation Day, the guest of honour, Sir Cyril Phillips, told the story of the Dean of Yale who was called up to the committee on un-

American activities because one of his staff was allegedly preaching left wing views. The Dean pointed out that the committee were making a mountain out of a molehill. "Of those entitled to attend his lectures," he said, "only half do. Of those who do only half listen. Of those who attend and listen, only half understand. Of those who attend, listen and understand, only half agree. And of those who attend, listen, understand and agree half of them forget what he has said. And that's a pretty small number!"

About as small a number as those who contribute to this column!

## **PERSONALIA**

**DANGERFIELD, E.T., J.P., F.C.I.L.A.**, Freeman of the City of London has been elected Master of the Worshipful Company of Needle-makers for the year 1979-80.

## **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**1171 FECHY, SWITZERLAND**

Dear Sir,

In the last 1978 issue of the Mill Hill Magazine some controversial statements were made regarding the alleged easy acquisition of Britain's 19th century wealth from "captive lands". I had written to enquire on the sources of the facts on which these statements were based, but before being able to listen to the author's explanation I see that a firm rebuttal from E.B.T. Tanner is published in the Spring issue, received yesterday.

Regardless of the controversy—which is on a subject of great current importance for the Britain of the next three decades and more—the remarkable and reassuring point to me is that a strongly critical opposition view has been given prominence and printed in full immediately.

In to-day's world this proof, in our M.H.S. ambit, of the continuation in Britain of the spirit of fair play and free speech, the envy of so many in less happier lands, deserves warm commendation.

Yours faithfully,

**P. LIVINGSTONE ARMSTRONG**

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**27th September:** ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, National Liberal Club, London, S.W.1.

**26th October:** ANNUAL DINNER at the Law Society Hall.

**27th October:** OLD MILLHILLIANS DAY at the School.

## **BIRTH**

**VERO** on 20th April, 1979 at Westminster Hospital to Ann Frances Vero (nee Walton) wife of Geoffrey Vero (1960-65) a daughter, Leanora Caroline Frances.

## DEATHS

BOARDMAN in June in South Africa H.W. Boardman (1907-12).  
CHAPLIN on April 17th, 1979, F. D. Chaplin, M.A. (1909-13) at the Alexian Nursing Home, Twyford Abbey Road, N.W.10.  
HARDMAN on 11th June, 1979, G. H. Hardman (1910-12) at the Winckley Hall Nursing Home, Stoneyhurst, Blackburn BB4 6QQ.  
HILL in July, 1979, C. D. Hill (1920-24) of The White House, Tyrrells Wood, Leatherhead, Surrey.  
THOMAS on 21st March, 1979, D. L. Thomas, M.A., F.C.A. (1918-22) of Kelstead, Sparelease Hill, Loughton, Essex.  
YEO on January 30th, 1979, K. J. Yeo, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., (1902-07) of 128, Firle Road, Seaford, Sussex.

## ENGAGEMENT

FOX-MALTBY the engagement is announced of C. J. Fox (1957-62) younger son of J. B. Fox (1924-26) and Mrs. Fox of Bramhope, Near Leeds, and Diana, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Maltby of Farsley, Pudsey.

## MARRIAGE

BEWSHER—REED on 21st July, Gowen Bewsher (1948-52) only son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Bewsher (1912-17), to Angela only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. G. A. Reed of Boulsters Court, Maidenhead, and cousin of Douglas A. Reed (1916-20).

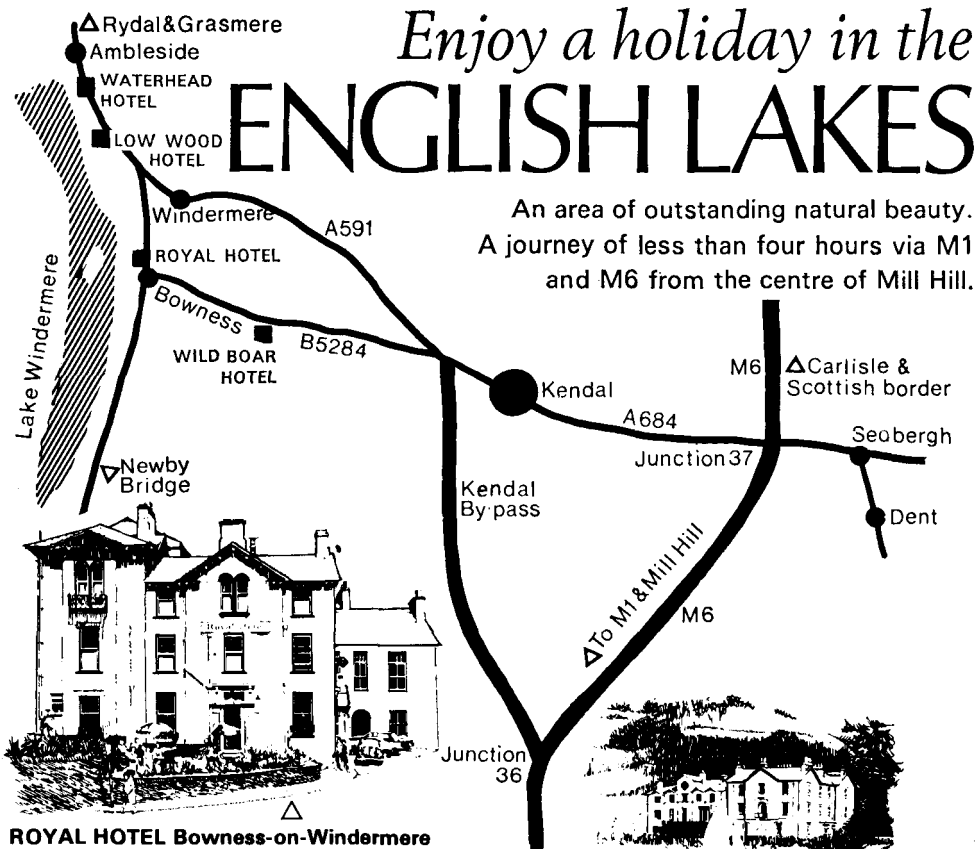
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64-69 CARTER, M. E., 34 Bushey Court, Bushey Road, London S.W.20.  
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