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Editorial

It is a disturbing fact that attendance at concerts by members of the School remains disappointing. The small number of classical music fans support them whilst devotees of pop music stay away in enormous numbers.

Throughout history, there have always been two types of music: "popular" and "classical". Dance music, whether in Elizabethan England, or on the West Coast of America in the 1920s has always been the pop music of the day. By "classical" music, I mean contemporary and past "serious" music. Is classical music more serious than pop music? Not in all cases by any means. Christopher Hogwood, the well-known exponent of the "true" (?) Baroque orchestral style, was once thrown out of a concert at the Festival Hall for laughing out loud at Haydn's comic style. Nevertheless, everyone would agree that most classical music has been written for its own sake, and not just (for example) to provide a steady beat to dance to, and that more concentrated listening and some musical knowledge are also needed to appreciate it. One interesting question that now suggests itself is, will present pop music be considered classical in a century? At first thought, the answer is "no", until one considers that the waltzes of Johann Strauss, which were, when they were written, most definitely pop music, are now considered classical. Perhaps the same thing is happening with the Beatles who, as far as I am concerned, are the only group whose music will stand the test of time. One factor that affects the durability of pop music is that, more often than not, pop fans buy their records because they admire the performers rather than the composer. The situation is reversed in the world of classical music, and this probably accounts for its durability.

One attitude that must be fought, is that of musical prejudice. It is all too easy for someone to be put off classical music for life by the belief that to be a classical music enthusiast is "square" (in fact as the great majority of the school prefers pop music, it is this majority that is being conformist and "square"). Two minutes' conversation with anyone who attended the Sixth

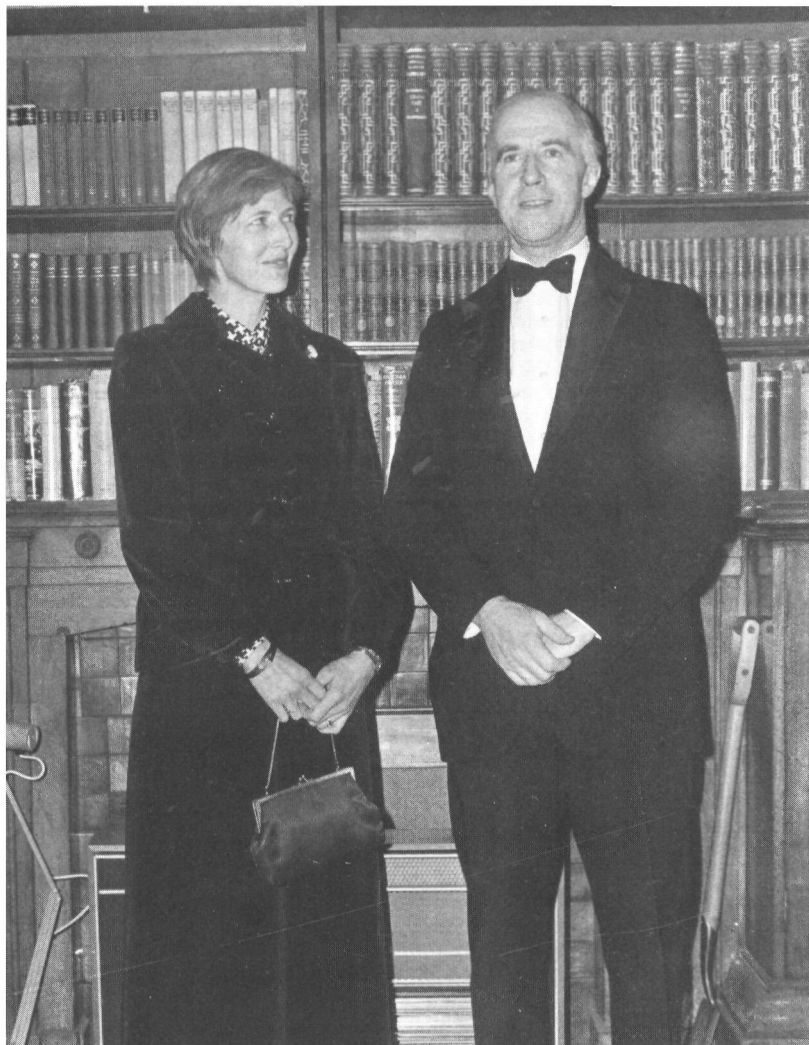
OXFORD and CAMBRIDGE Entrance Examinations, November '79

We would like to offer our congratulations to D. W. G. BLACKBURN (B.B.) on an exhibition in Science at St. John's College, Cambridge, C. G. WEST (Collinson) on an exhibition in Chemistry at University College, Oxford, T. P. LEVINE (Murray) on a scholarship in Maths and Science (to read Medicine) at King's College, Cambridge, P. D. RUTHVEN-MURRAY (Murray) on an exhibition in Modern Languages at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and Nina HOOK (Priestley) on her exhibition in Modern Languages at Keble College, Oxford.

We would like also to congratulate the six other candidates who gained places; Joanna SHANNON (Priestley) at Mansfield College, Oxford, P. J. ROTHWELL (Collinson) at Peterhouse Cambridge, N. E. FOSTER (McClure) at Downing College, Cambridge, M. GAFSEN (McClure) at Pembroke College, Oxford, and J. G. WINTER (McClure) at Christ's College, Cambridge.

We are particularly proud of the performance of T. P. Levine whose papers in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry were all described as Excellent.

Form Concert Society outing would soon show them how mistaken this attitude was. Just as bad are those who believe that music stops at Beethoven, and who are frightened by names such as Igor Stravinsky, Benjamin Britten, Edgar Varese and Taduez Baird. My advice to everyone who reads this is: try some different music, and you may well be pleasantly surprised.



Alastair and Penelope Graham

School News

This term we say goodbye to Mr. Cook who leaves after four terms to join The Abbey National Building Society. We have enjoyed his lively contributions to our Common Room discussions and wish him well in his new career.

Next term we shall welcome to the Science department Mr. C. J. Veal, returning after a term of Ampleforth, and Mr. P. Badger B.Sc. Bristol.



The Imaginary Invalid

Many of Molière's comedies treat themes which are now so remote that only those with a thorough knowledge of life in seventeenth century France can appreciate them fully. In *Le Malade Imaginaire*, however, we have no difficulty in understanding the main character whose obsessional interest in his own health clouds his judgement and threatens to destroy his conscience. Hypochondriacs are as frequent today as they were three centuries ago and are still found to be suitable subjects for ridicule. The medical profession—the other butt of Molière's wit in this piece—is a different matter. Perhaps Miles Malleson, whose adaptation was chosen for the school production, felt this too and perhaps that is why he inserted a few lines not to be found in the original, namely those in which Béralde concedes that in centuries to come knowledge may prevail over guesswork in medical science.

Argan, the hypochondriac, is throughout the play isolated. His enormous self-interest has rendered him incapable of relating to other people and he is

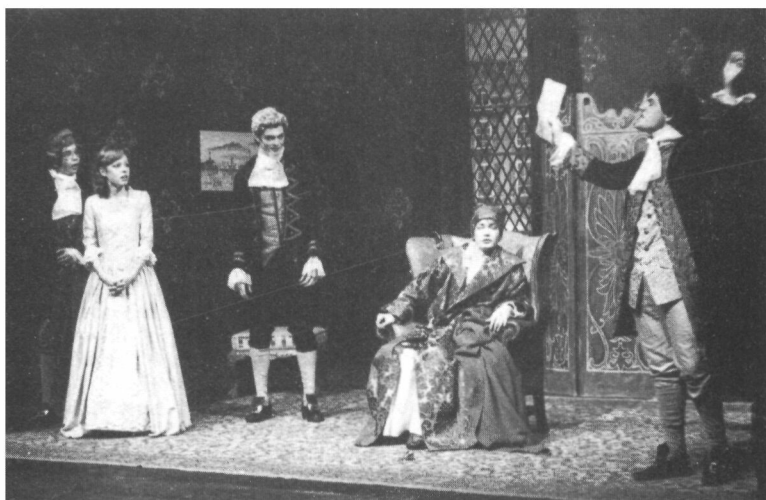
in turn duped by his maid, his wife, his daughters and his brother. This separation from his fellow human-beings is emphasized by his position on the stage. Spatially he is also alone. There he sits in his throne-like chair, preoccupied with himself and his imaginary symptoms while the rest of the cast move round him, exchanging glances, sharing jokes, plotting, tricking, teasing and deceiving him. In this version of the play even Angelica, who in the original is genuinely grieved when she believes her father to be dead, feigns distress out of self-interest, thus underlining the extent of his isolation. Ironically, it is the scene in which Argan is apparently accepted as a colleague that shows that he has alienated himself irredeemably—at the end of the ceremony in which he is adopted as a member of the medical faculty all the other characters unmask, indicating that the farce is over and that they are about to resume their normal lives; Argan, however, proudly wearing his doctor's gown simply embarks on a new phase in his lonely life: the imaginary invalid is henceforth to be his own "doctor imaginaire".

Nicholas Litton gave an extraordinarily well-sustained performance in this demanding role. He was on stage almost throughout the play and from his first long monologue—particularly difficult as the audience took some time to warm up—to the final scene he remained entirely in character. There was a jumpiness in his movements and a general lack of weightiness in his bearing which I found hard to reconcile with his old man's appearance but possibly this was designed to indicate the insecurity that is so salient a trait in his character and overall his portrayal of this selfish, pathetic yet somehow likeable figure was masterly.

Indeed, the standard of acting throughout was exceptionally high for a school production and the confidence and pace of the whole performance admirable. Susannah Williams deserves especial mention. She made a delightful Toinette and displayed considerable stage experience as well as great talent and vitality. Her lightning changes, her speed and sureness of movement, her versatility and clarity of diction all contributed to her portrayal of this pert, irrepressible, resourceful young woman.

The other female parts demanded less variety of talent but were all extremely well done. Melanie Powell gave a confident and mature performance as Argan's self-interested, "clever" wife; Suzanne Kamasa was





an attractive heroine and sustained her role well. She and Jeremy Culverhouse, who was in particularly good form and voice at the last performance, provided some of the best entertainment of the evening with their musical offering. Louise, Argan's younger daughter, was played by Alison Rabin who succeeded in getting across just the right mixture of naivete and guile.

Richard Tray was well cast as Argan's brother. He moved and spoke with authority and ease and conveyed convincingly the sensible, humane attitude to life that Molière endorsed. Ashley Fulton displayed the well-established, unscrupulous doctor skilfully and John Pitcairn gave a really brilliant performance as his gormless son. The other doctor in the play, Dr. Purgon, was acted with tremendous zest by Alexander Nissen. The medical contingent was completed by David Macdonald who in appearance and voice was majestic and ominous, thereby giving the right touch of lugubriousness to his scenes. Simon Herrington appeared entirely at home with his part. He looked and sounded smooth, self-assured and cynical; his use of facial expression was particularly effective.

Although I have mentioned each member of the cast individually, it was collectively that they were most impressive and for this all credit must go to the producer. The pace of the dialogue and the action, the balance of the farcical and the more serious elements of the play, the grouping and the movements of the characters had all been carefully considered and well rehearsed.

For a successful production an interesting text and an enthusiastic cast are not the only requirements. A suitable set, appropriate costumes and in some cases—and this was one of them—the right music are also needed. Mr Herring's set was simple but effective, the wall-paper design giving the requisite French flavour to the room and the houses, just visible through the windows, an indication of period and environment.

Miss Adnams and the make-up team must be congratulated on making the cast "look" their respective parts so convincingly. Clearly much attention had been paid to colour and detail and the overall effects were admirable.

A quite particular source of pleasure was the music. It was extremely enjoyable in itself and it contributed a great deal to the play, capturing and

reflecting both the period and the varying moods of the action. Mr. Thonemann deserves our special gratitude for composing it and the Chamber Orchestra, particularly Winston Ku, our appreciation for playing it so professionally.

This was a memorable production and our thanks go to all those—both on stage and off—who gave so generously of their time and energy to make it so.

P.R.G.

CAST

Monsieur Argan	Nicholas Litton
Toinette	Susannah Williams
Angelica	Suzanne Kamasa
Beline	Melanie Powell
Monsieur Bonnefoi	Simon Herrington
Cleante	Jeremy Culverhouse
Dr Diaforus	Ashley Fulton
Dr. Thomas Diaforus	John Pitcairn
Louise	Alison Rabin
Beralde	Richard Tray
The Apothecary	David Macdonald
Dr. Purgon	Alexander Nissen

THE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA (under the direction of Winston Ku)

Music Specially Composed by	P. H. Thonemann
Flute	Alan Schwarzenberger
Violin	Rufus Rottenberg
Violin	Somen Bannerjee
Viola	Mark Ropel
Cello	Paul Baker
Harpsichord	Winston Ku
Stage Manager	Patrick Rawson
Assistant	Richard Mackinder
Stage Staff	Roger Corbridge, James Poole, Nicholas Vaclavik, Mario Mansl, Julian Vogel
Scene Painters	Judith Ablett, Alison Rabin, Chitrita Chaudhuri, Melanie Powell, Samantha Howard, Jasper Britton, Andrew Dixon
Lighting	Christopher Benton, Ivan Keane, Owen Keane
Properties	Rufus Rottenberg
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Lighting Direction	

Wardrobe Mistress
Scenic Direction

Miss M. Adnams
P. W. Herring Esq.

Produced by H. S. STRINGER, ESQ.

Chapel

A warm welcome to our new Head Master as he preached on the first Sunday of term and again on Remembrance Day. Mr. Robertson was the preacher on October 7th and on the 21st two V1th formers (A. Nisbet, and R. Rajani) with Mr. Moynihan and the Chaplain presented the challenge of "Who Cares?"—a report on the work they had been to investigate in the crypt of St. Botolph's, Aldgate. The Chaplain preached on the other Sundays of term, and of course all was rounded off by the two Carol Services on December 9th.

It was generally felt that Remembrance Day had lost none of its dignity and significance and I think that those older O.M.'s who read these notes might well like to know that, whereas in the sixties we were often assailed by the young saying "Why do we continue to do this?" now, as we move into the eighties there is so little solemn ceremony at school that this makes a very big impact indeed. (It is, incidentally, the one occasion in the year when something approximating to the old "Line-Up" still takes place, but the Monitors no longer sing "Stop Talking" at this, or any, time).

An excellent variety of music and readings and talks have been offered at week-day chapels and it is interesting to see the different ways that houses handle this on the days allocated to them.

I must record my gratitude for the service done by this year's new Chapel Managers, D. Norman and D. Ceiriog Hughes, both of Collinson. And finally acknowledgement must be made of the organ music played for us by Mr. Champniss and I. Wicks, who now share the services equally—a daily delight that, I'm afraid, all too few appreciate.

H.W.S.

MUSIC

We welcome several new members of the music staff: Mr. David Lawrence to teach piano; Miss Janet Reed to assist Mr. Peretti with the cello; Mr. Anthony Bramley, trumpet and trombone; Mr. Peter Goy, trumpet; and Mr. Paul Jakimaitis, flute.

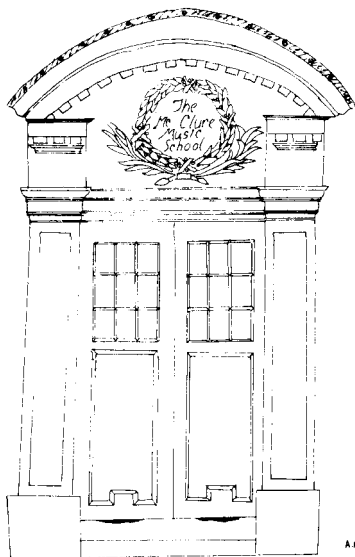
The Scotia Ensemble gave the first concert of the term, in the Music School: Joan Miller, flute; Jetta Robertson, soprano; and Laura Shur, piano and spinet—the latter being Mrs. Miller's new Dolmetsch instrument. They gave a nicely varied programme consisting of solos for spinet and for piano, music for flute and continuo, animal songs for voice and piano, and works by Handel and Arne for all three. We are grateful to Mrs. Miller for arranging this delightful evening.

The second Chamber concert was given by a home team. Mr. Thonemann's new Rondo was given by the composer, Mr. Winfield and Mr. Champniss, and we hope to hear this attractive work again soon. Mr. Vine played two characteristic flute pieces by Fauré and Gaubert, and was joined

by Mr. Winfield and Mr. Champniss in a four movement trio by J. S. Bach. Piano duets have not been heard here much recently, but Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Champniss played Schubert's F minor Fantasie, one of the finest and most substantial pieces in the repertory. Alison Rabin was joined by Emiko Satake in two movements from Besozzi's Oboe Sonata: her playing has come on a good deal recently and this was an accomplished performance.

Under the auspices of the Music Club we were able to have the Concertante Chamber Orchestra with its conductor, Richard Dickins. The programme consisted of Haydn's Symphony No. 44, Lalo's Two Aubades, Britten's Sinfonietta, Wagner's Siegfried Idyll, and Mozart's Bassoon Concerto, the brilliant soloist in the latter being Christopher Vale. This was a wholly enjoyable concert, ably conducted, with outstanding solo and ensemble playing. But in spite of extensive publicity and an attractive programme support was modest.

The school concert was the first in which in addition to a contingent from Belmont, trained by Gordon Waite, the Choir was joined by a sizeable group



of sopranos and contraltos from The Mount, trained by Mary MacLeod; and they were finely prepared for the performance of Fauré's Requiem. This marvellous work has not been sung at Mill Hill for many years, and it proved quickly to be the sort of work of which snatches could be heard round the school at odd times. The Choir was quite the largest for years (nearly 100) and we were pleased to see a few staff augmenting the lower parts. The Choir sang with nicely sustained lines and good tuning throughout the softer parts of the work, and showed some really exciting singing in the few places where it is called for. The soloists were all from our Choir; Jeremy Wicks, treble; Paul Parker and Winston Ku taking the baritone solos. All projected their line and words well, and it was good to see all "local" soloists.

The second half of the concert took place in the Large, and was, at about an hour, almost a concert in itself. The surprise item was James Chanter's fine playing in the Romanze of Mozart's Horn Concerto, K.447; he has not played anything so substantial in public before, and the movement was quite memorable; the tempo immediately proved right and everything dropped well into place, the orchestra supporting sympathetically. The resident Quartet, coached from within by Mr. Winfield, and led by Rufus Rottenberg, played Hindemith's Five Pieces finely and convincingly, and this was an outstanding performance; mention must be made of Ashley Fulton's move from violin to viola which has proved quickly successful, and Paul Baker's fine cello playing. The Wind Ensemble (woodwind and horns) played one of Haydn's Feld-Parthie, a jolly, extrovert piece, and the Chamber Orchestra (directed by Mr. Winfield) with harpsichord performed Corelli's Sonata da Chiesa in E minor, both with style. The Orchestra opened with Gluck's Overture to Iphigénie en Aulide, and ended splendidly with Grieg's Homage March and Vaughan Williams' March on Folk Songs from Somerset.

The Solo Instrumental Competitions in November were judged by Mr. Philip Cartledge, of Harrow School.

Results were as follows:-

Junior Piano: 1, Miura; 2, A. J. J. Fisher; 3, Welch;
Senior Piano: 1, I. M. Wicks; 2, Emiko Satake; 3, Melanie Powell;
Junior Strings: 1, Banerjee; 2, Parker;
Senior Strings: 1, Baker; 2, R. S. Rottenberg; 3, Nina Hook.
Junior Woodwind: 1, Baty; 2, G. Fulton; 3, Frank & Banerjee;
Senior Woodwind: 1, Alison Rabin; 2, Schwarzenberger; 3, A. Noakes & R. S. Rottenberg.
Junior Brass: 1, Farnell Watson; 2, R. Taylor; 3, Miller.
Senior Brass: 1, Chanter; 2, Amanda Rowlatt; 3, Bowie.
Guitar: 2, Leslau; 3, Alibhai.
Organ: 1, I. M. Wicks.

The Carol Services took place on the last Sunday of term. The congregational carols were all well-known, and the Choir sang three carols, Adam lay ybounden by John Ireland, whose centenary it is, the Shepherd's Cradle Song, and the John Rutter arrangement of the Sans Day Carol. The presence of eight sopranos and contraltos in the Choir has made a great difference to the tone and balance in the Choir this term, and this was perhaps the best Carol Service in recent years.

Winston Ku leaves this term. For sixteen terms he has regularly contributed something distinguished in concerts or plays as singer, pianist, or conductor. In addition he has tactfully helped to generate a professional impetus and standard in the Music School generally. Our thanks and good wishes go with him, and we hope to see and hear him again before long.

LIBRARY

The library has been used far more this term than at any time in the last three years, both in the terms of books borrowed and in terms of private study. It has become clear that the books borrowed are mostly fiction, and also that, once people are using the library they begin to take out a variety of other books which they did not intend originally to borrow. This seems to vindicate our policy of buying a certain amount of light fiction (eg. Science Fiction), to encourage people to give the library a try. As a result, we have made another large order for paperbacks, including much fiction, which has essentially been chosen by the librarians, from the catalogues that they had ordered themselves.

I should like to thank the new librarian, Rufus Rottenberg, and his assistants David Macdonald, Paul Summerfield, and Phillip Rush for their help. We have also had the occasional help of a couple of junior librarians, when choir practices have permitted! I am pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a number of books kindly given to us by the parents of Peter Bloore.

P.H.T.

B FORM CLUB

<i>Patron:</i>	A. Prosser-Harries, Esq.
<i>Treasurer:</i>	D. Rees, Esq.
<i>Chairman and Bar Steward:</i>	M. R. Harris
<i>Secretary:</i>	R. L. Tray
<i>Assistant Bar Steward:</i>	K. Wali

With the arrival of new subscriptions the club's finances are in a healthy state. Consequently the club plans to show eight films this year. The term has seen the screening of "Live and Let Die" and "Network", in addition to two dances on club premises. Although the club lacks posters it now has a new dart board. As soon as the club obtains a vacuum cleaner crisps and peanuts will be sold again. The outlook for the future looks bright, especially if this term's revival of a real club atmosphere continues. Thankfully the club has been far more crowded this term than previously. It is to be hoped that interest in the club will not fade away as the year progresses.

I wish to thank Mr. Moynihan for all his hard work for the club during his term of office as treasurer. His successor is Mr. Rees. Thanks are due to Messrs. Rees and Prosser-Harries for all their help and dedication in running the club.

R.L.T.

Friday Afternoons

ROYAL AIR FORCE

<i>Officers:</i>	Flt. Lt. F. MacMahon
	Plt. Off. J. D. Rees
<i>N.C.O. i/c:</i>	Sgt. R. Froemberg

In common with the other C.C.F. sections the start of the term saw a considerable increase in our strength, jumping from an average of 30 over past years to what must be an all-time record of 45. Hopefully, we will obtain in future years a corresponding increase in N.C.O. talent and enthusiasm in conjunction with the training programme, now in its third year, which is already reaping dividends in this direction.

The October Field Day was an undoubted success. The new recruits had a splendid time at their first Ashridge camp, whilst some B Flt. members decided they would put to shame the mainly Army camp at Bisley. Between the two camps, it must be recorded, 115 cadets were under canvas and all the logistics were successfully managed. Remaining A & B Flt. members took to the rocks at Bowles and as usual enjoyed the day, albeit strenuous.

In spite of maintenance problems, caused by the engineers' strike, threatening yet another flying day, RAF Abingdon kindly sent into the air 8 out of the 10 cadets who went on 18th October - the first flying this unit has had there for over a year!

During the summer holidays Sgt. Semken, who in previous holidays had taken advantage of Sailing and Outward Bound courses, attended with Sgt. Ikin a Continuous Gliding Course at RAF West Malling. Both obtained their Gliding Proficiency Certificates - congratulations! Cadet Mistry also went on an Electronics course and reported a well-worthwhile week.

F.M.

ARMY

Officers

Major P. S. Bickerdike

Lt. I. C. Brownlie

Lt. N. Cook

Sqts. Harris, Nielson, Lass.

N.C.O.'s

The summer camp at Proteus was an improvement on our recent visits to Leek. Food and accommodation were better. The cadets were involved in the usual round of night patrols, section attacks, climbing, watermanship and the like—perhaps the most enjoyable day was the one spent canoeing down the River Trent. The cadets also learned, as they watched a contingent of girls in full webbing attempting the assault course, why we tend to avoid using women as front-line troops.

This term we welcomed thirty-seven recruits into the section: we hope they enjoy their next few years with us. To help achieve this aim we have introduced fencing and cross-bow firing into the notoriously efficient "First Year Circus".

B Company, when not ski-ing or watching helicopters, spent the term skirmishing up Long Field under the eye of Lt. Cook who was determined to hone them to a fine edge of fighting efficiency. Their liberal use of blanks and thunderflashes succeeded in unnerving the groundstaff, but probably not the Russians.

Field Day saw the entire section under canvas. The recruits were at Ashridge, where their over enthusiastic interpretation of the rules of the night exercise had several hunted N.C.O.'s cowering in bushes. B Company at Bisley had an enjoyable time on the ranges, but the night radio exercise was the usual shambles of lost contacts, forgotten voice procedure, and peppery retired colonels whose gardens we had strayed into.

C.A.S.N.

ROYAL NAVY

Lieutenant:

T. W. Corbett, Esq.

Sub-Lieutenant:

R. C. B. Clarke, Esq.

Petty Officer:

A. W. Welch

Leading Seamen:

Eames, Riley, Saffrin, Seymour, Sin

The winter term is often an awkward one for the Navy Section. Usually it is too cold to do much outside, and activities normally have to be confined to lectures and indoor instruction. Happily, this term the weather has not been too bad and much has been done.

The first years have been engaged in the first-year programme, which includes such activities as, knots and lashings, canoe capsizing drill, and rifle training. On field day the first years went on the initial camp at Ashridge to teach them how to cook, put up a tent and generally survive outside. They participated with glee in the night exercises, which included a Hunt-the-N.C.O. game.

The second years have been sailing at Aldenham and canoeing in the Grand Union Canal with Mr. Corbett, and dry ski-ing with Mr. Clarke. They have also done ropework with CPO Flower, chartwork and first aid. On field day they went rock-climbing at Bowles Outdoor Pursuits Centre.

The third years have been running the first-year activities and supervising on the camps. I would like to thank Lieutenant Corbett, Sub-Lieutenant Clarke and CPO Flower for their hard work throughout this term.

A.W.W.

SOCIAL SERVICES

With the departure of Rob Davey and Dean Gardiner in the summer, we lost not only two masters whose dedication and hard work had made social services at Mill Hill the successful and enjoyable activity it now is, but two well loved and respected friends. In some ways then, this term was a new beginning, but for me the task was made much easier by the continued support of Mr. Tony Armstrong and the new assistance of Mr. Duncan Moynihan who joined us from the scouts. The most impressive thing of all was the degree of commitment, genuine enthusiasm and simple competence shown by all the members of the group through visiting, gardening and in other ways supporting and helping the elderly and handicapped.

We have been fortunate this term to make a number of new contacts in the area which have developed into regular visits. I say fortunate, for this is an activity which is seen by many to be the most satisfactory and rewarding of all. It is also a challenging one for it is not easy to knock on a strange door, to sit and drink tea or play cards and talk to an old and lonely person and it never ceases to surprise and delight me to see the ease with which our younger boys fall into this role. Relationships which develop in this way do not start and finish with Friday afternoons but often continue through the holidays and over a number of years. It is impossible for me to mention all of those that deserve special mention, for space will not allow it, but one whose quiet dedication, tact and kindness serves as an example to all of us is Paul Thomas.

Of the other activities, which involve work in various day centres for the mentally and physically handicapped, there is one which has so far been unmentioned in these reports that well illustrates this aspect of social services. Stephen Berrick and Mark Laurie have spent their Friday afternoons squeezing paint tubes and generally helping set up and clear away the materials for a group of severely handicapped ladies at the Flower Lane Adult Training Centre, who have a weekly art class. Anyone who has experience of work in this field will appreciate how difficult and demanding it is. Special talents are required for relating to the handicapped, to communicate without embarrassment or patronization and to assist with those simple tasks, which are so unproblematic as to be ignored by most of us, without losing the respect for the person that human dignity necessitates. Again, it is pleasing to see how many of the group naturally display such talents.

Talent of a different sort is required for the organization of the annual Woolworths shopping outing for the elderly. Lakis Georghiou ably mastered the paper and telephone work involved and, due also to the cooperation of a large number of masters and their wives, the operation proved to be very successful, not least in terms of numbers, for about 70 old people came out, 60 of them transported in minibuses and private cars. Our thanks are due once again to the staff of Woolworths in the Broadway for hosting such a good evening without any financial reward.

We now look forward to 1980 with a number of new projects in mind. A particular interest has been generated by the proposed Summer Fayre to be held on May 4th at which, doubtless, a number of new talents will be exposed. Public exposure such as this, as well as that gained by activities such as the Woolworths trip, is good for it generates a wider interest, but it should not obscure the real work of social services, which consists very largely of unpublicized and continual personal contact with lonely and handicapped people in our area. The results of such work are intangible and unmeasurable. They are most certainly two-way, for it is impossible to touch and yet not be touched, to generate a little humanity without feeling the

warmth that it, in turn, reflects. On this point, most members of the group would agree: they are not making personal sacrifices, but gaining, quite cheaply, the satisfaction and pleasure of shared human experience.

T.J.C.

SCOUTS

Re-organisation of the Troop with six smaller patrols and a group of twelve "extra" Fifth Formers has been quite efficiently carried out. We have had a very good bunch of patrol leaders who meet weekly to plan the meetings.

We have been delighted to welcome, as a new leader, Mr. Bruce Dickson from South Africa (which, after all, was the country which provided the inspiration for Scouting).

A very enjoyable week-end camp was held at Youlbury, Oxford, for the six patrols in October, and we also got in some canoeing in the early part of the term. Work on repairing the Scout Hut has started at last and we hope to be able to use it again next term, after a whole year without.

H.W.S.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Chairman:

R. Tray

Secretary:

H. K. Mistry

The newly-elected Council, with many familiar faces still present, has been unusually dedicated; this has been seen by the increase in regular attendance at the fortnightly meetings.

The Headmaster was invited to the second meeting of this term. His attitude towards the very idea of a School Council has been immensely reassuring, and will hopefully foster a more rational and unemotional mental attitude amongst Council members. Mr. Waszek, the Masters' Common Room representative, has been a powerful driving force behind the Council, and his firm but sensible advice has added a breath of sanity into what had been a maelstrom of bitter personal feuds last year.

This year the Oxbridge candidates did not freeze – thanks to the repair and servicing of the heaters in the Winterstoke Library. The Council wishes to thank the authorities for their prompt action. Although a lot of grumbles have been raised about the lack of butter to the Food Committee, nothing unfortunately could have been done by the latter body; the shortage was due to the suppliers.

Council members are beginning to realise that although sensible suggestions (such as the renovation of the Fives Courts) may be put forward to the School, not many of them can be acted upon owing to budget considerations. We have also seen a noticeable decline in the number of appeals to that all-powerful god, the Appeal Fund.

Concerning uniform, the findings of the now-dissolved Uniform Committee have been submitted to the Headmaster for consideration.

Finally, the writer offered his resignation as Secretary to the Council, and thanks them for their patience with him. The writer wishes his successor the best of luck. With a Chairman as efficient as Richard Tray, however, there is only one direction in which the Council can go – and that is for the better.

H.K.M.

MOUNTAINEERING CLUB PYRENEES EXPEDITION



The motley collection of boys, masters, parents and climbing sacks strewed itself around the railway carriage to raised eye-brows from other passengers. At last the expedition had begun and it continued in cheerful vein throughout with the anglophile members passing comments on the French way of life to receive as good as they gave from the locals.

The expedition began its first day as it intended (or hoped) to go on; groans from would-be Bonningtons and a dip in the cool 'gave' by the hard men (hem!). This was followed by groans and dips in a lake some 1000m further up. Why bother?!

Our days were punctuated by the arrival of various natives; some actually accompanied us such as M. Laperne and the priest with the injured leg who galloped up the mountains, and others took our converted monastery to be a cafe/restaurant and were most indignant at the lack of communication and non-arrival of their orders. 'C'est la vie' as Andy would say darkly.

The party soon broke into two groups. The 'seniors' spent two days climbing the 2884m. Pic du Midi d'Ossau in record (slow) time and had an Adventure. They also scaled Le Taillon (3114m) spending a night in a mountain-hut and using crampons and ice-axes to climb the glaciers with Mr. Sutcliffe. This is one of the peaks above the spectacular Cirque de Gavarnie with its highest waterfall in Europe. The 'juniors' walked up the Pic du Midi d'Ossau, le Billare and others. Some climbing was had by all in Gourette and Laruns, new friendships were made in Sarrance, and the study of viniculture went on whenever and wherever possible, especially at the mechoui (local feast).

Absolution was sought by a few (such were the pressures and difficulty of the climbs!) so we went to see Lourdes in all its unfortunate garishness.

In short, a Good Time was had by all, aided by the informal, helpful and friendly atmosphere, and a satisfying objective was achieved by everyone; Dan jammed himself on several climbs, Gareth leaped around on flat rock-faces 800m above the ground, Lucian slipped on a glacier with his beloved ice-axe and demonstrated its use as a brake to companions now out of sight, and Mr. Bickerdike drove us into ditches. Our heartfelt thanks must go to Mr. Winfield, the 'liaison officer' and organiser, his French counterpart, M. Laperne, Mr. Sutcliffe and family, Mr. Bickerdike the driver and all those who, in any way, helped make our stay in Sarrance so enjoyable, not forgetting, of course, Mrs. Baldwin who helped to keep us fed. Merci bien!

I should like to state that the trip to Scotland next summer is on and further details can be obtained from Mr. Sutcliffe.

L.H.C.

Societies

ART SOCIETY

Patron:
President:
Secretary:

P. W. Herring, Esq.
S. Kamasa
S. Williams

In continuing our outings to Galleries for the interest of our members, this term we made a trip to the Tate Gallery, especially to see the extension for 20th century Art and Sculpture. Again to our pleasure, the number of people interested seems to have increased and the outing was enjoyable, and particularly benefiting to our Art Historians. To end the term, a trip is being made to Kenwood House and Keats House and hopefully the same enthusiasm will be shown.



In addition to our outings, a competition is being held this term for a Design Project, open to all students in the school, whatever age group. A final decision for each group will be made at the end of term, with the masters of the school judging.

Finally, I wish to thank Mr. Herring for his tremendous encouragement and effort in making this society enjoyable and worthwhile.

S.K.

BRIDGE CLUB

<i>Patron:</i>	Dr. I. D. Kane
<i>Captain:</i>	K. McIntock
<i>Secretaries:</i>	J. Beck; G. Wigoder

The season started late in the term with an away match against Harrow who were beaten by both the 1st and 2nd teams despite dismal forethoughts of imminent defeat. With two matches yet to be played we hope that we can continue our success.

The club would like to see some new faces next term and new members would be most welcome.

Finally our thanks to I. D. K. for his organisation and support.

G.J.W., J.S.B.

THE SIXTH FORM CONCERT SOCIETY

<i>Patron:</i>	W. R. Winfield, Esq.
<i>Secretary:</i>	R. Rottenberg

This term the largest ever group (22 sixth-formers & 12 masters & wives) went in style by coach to the Royal Festival Hall to hear the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, conductor Witwold Rowiki. The first work that we heard was Four Nouvelles by a little known 20th Century Polish composer Tadeuz Baird. Half the audience loved this piece; the other half hated it. A less controversial piece followed: Mozart's Piano Concerto in F soloist Walter Klien, was played with great precision. One could not fail to be impressed by the splendour of Tchaikovsky's Symphony number 5, which although not considered "great" by the critics, was nevertheless the only work on the programme of which the Mill Hill party approved unanimously.

It was marvellous to see so many new faces coming along to this concert, and we can only hope that this trend will continue. Many thanks to Mr. Winfield for his help and organisation, without which the society would not function.

R.R.

DEBATING SOCIETY

<i>Patron:</i>	H. W. Starkey, Esq.
<i>Chairman:</i>	B. C. Kingsley

This term has seen a revival of our fortunes; small, indeed, but "from little acorns". It is particularly encouraging that the Headmaster should have shown such great interest in debating.

This is the term of the House Debating Competition, the final of which is on the last day of term. The School is taking part in a debate at Christ's College, Hatford on "A Woman's Place is in the Home".

We have also staged a school debate this term, and another has been organized and is due to take place shortly. Since the speakers are all in the lower or middle part of the School, I think the activities of the Debating Society will be greatly increased in the near future.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Starkey, to whom more than anyone else this activity is due.

B.C.K.

ELECTRONICS CLUB

Patron:

Dr. W. D. Phillips

President:

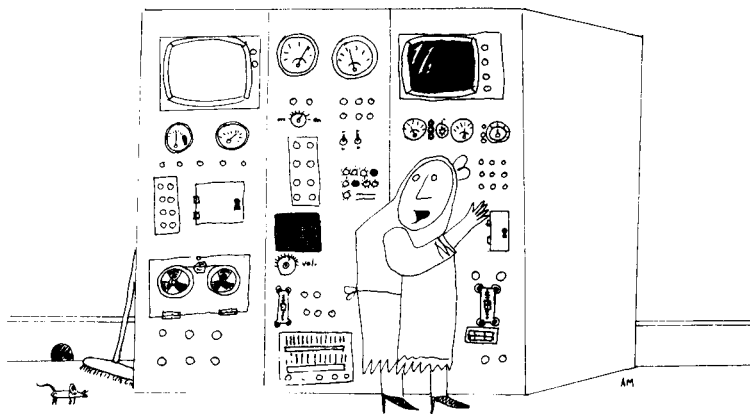
C. J. L. Benton

Assistants:

I. Keane, I. Myers, D. J. Pike,

M. I. Petter

Every Thursday afternoon a certain Biology room is humming with activity. You would be sure to find at least one small boy clutching a selection of wires and circuit boards wandering about his fellow constructors asking if anyone has a soldering iron.



This is the familiar scene to which the eighty or more members of the Electronic Society contribute. This term being the start of the year, we once again received a flood of new members, all wanting to make the most popular gadgets; that is to say the ever popular sound-to-light unit, which has now escalated for many people to the 2 channel sound to light. A newer project on the electronics scene is the LED chaser patented by the inventive mind of Ian Myers. More experienced constructors are attempting disco-style chaser units. Control panels also soldier on.

Finally, I would like to thank Doctor Phillips, whose help and advice to all the members has been invaluable.

C.B.

THE MAGIC CLUB

<i>Patron:</i>	P. M. Spiers, Esq.
<i>President:</i>	P. Ruthven-Murray
<i>Chairman:</i>	A. N. Sidbury
<i>Secretary:</i>	D. Ruthven-Murray

On behalf of the club I wish to thank Paul Ruthven-Murray for his presidency and his many years of membership. The future is going to be tough without him and his absence will be felt for a long time. The club has been having difficulty in attracting new members, and although the school teaching staff continue to offer us their assistance, there is no immediate solution to this present problem. In comparison with previous terms the past few months have been relatively inactive, but I am nonetheless confident that the substantial amount of valuable club equipment will again be put to good use in the near future. Again, I wish Paul much luck for the future.

A.N.S.

THE PHYSICS SOCIETY

This term the Junior Science Society has taken a new name, to indicate that it is not restricted to Juniors. As usual, the physics laboratories have been open on Tuesday afternoons for projects and experiments. We have done a number of worthwhile experiments each week: Wayne Knowles has investigated the obscure operations of a Data Memory, Alan Schwarzenberger and Paul Baker tried out the chart-recorder for plotting exponential capacitor discharge and radioactive decay processes. These were sufficiently successful to be included, after a trial run, in the sixth-form practical course. Alan also investigated the characteristics of a new digital timer, and with Krishan Ponnampuruma, set up a successful demonstration of the force between current-carrying wires—the 'jumping coil' experiment—which is now being converted by the lab. assistant into a classroom demonstration. Krishan also managed to show the characteristic colour produced by electric discharge through Sulphur vapour. We have watched several films on the Video Tape Recorder.

P.H.T.

PYTHAGOREANS

<i>Patron:</i>	Dr. I. D. Kane
<i>Senior Member:</i>	A. P. Fulton
<i>Junior Member:</i>	C. I. Quirk

The society has had two successful meetings this term, Ashley Fulton leading a discussion on the delights of gliding and Mr. T. H. Jackson another on the delights of German wine. Many thanks to the above for extending their hospitality to the society and I hope for more, equally enjoyable evenings next term.

I.D.K.

THE HOUSES

BURTON BANK

<i>House Master:</i>	H. Heard, Esq.
<i>House Tutor:</i>	J. D. Rees, Esq.
<i>Visiting House Tutor:</i>	W. D. Phillips, Esq.
<i>Head of House:</i>	S. B. Sterling
<i>School Prefects:</i>	M. Harris, N. Litton
<i>House Staff:</i>	P. Sengupta, S. Zaman, J. Brady, S. Dexter-Jones, I. Lo, T. Akberally

This has been a long constructive term, with the House taking part in various activities and doing quite honourably in most of them, with the ever good spirit and enthusiasm one comes to expect from Burton Bank. Fortunes were varied: we were runners up in the Senior House Squash and Golf and reached the finals of the debating competition. In Rugby we have reached the semi-finals of the Junior House, but were sadly knocked out of the Senior House by a very good School House side. The main event of the term in BB was our annual dance which seemed to come off as well as usual and our thanks go to Giles and Pip for their splendid organisation despite the disco turning up 2 hours late!

We look forward to the music competitions this week and the hog at the end of term, as well as the finals of the Junior House Rugby and debating competitions. The new members of the house have settled down now after ten weeks and most of them are already taking an active part in the house at all hours of day and night!

Apart from the rather loud noise level during the term people have started their preparation for the summer exams, which are not that far off. My thanks as ever go to Messrs. Heard, Rees and Phillips for their continued support and patience during the term, and at this juncture I would also like to welcome our new matron, who is already doing a fine job. Finally I would like to wish everybody a very happy Christmas and New Year.

S.B.S.

VALETE

D. Blackburn (1973-1979), Oxbridge Sixth. School Prefect. Capt. 1st XV Rugby. Address: 3 Woodside, Crapstone, Yelverton, Devon.

SALVETE

P. A. Baty, S. Chatrath, P. M. M. Goh, A. Kalsi, S. Kashmiri, M. D. Lee, J. B. Maginn, L. Nikolaidis, J. A. Rawlinson, M. S. Smith, J. L. Squires, T. C. Treves.

COLLINSON

<i>House Master:</i>	D. M. Franklin, Esq.
<i>House Tutors:</i>	D. Surridge, Esq., A. H. Armstrong, Esq.
<i>Senior Monitor:</i>	D. F. Wild
<i>Head of House:</i>	J. R. Bowie
<i>School Prefects:</i>	D. Abdoo, C. Foulger, A. P. Nisbet, P. J. Rothwell, R. L. Tray
<i>House Staff:</i>	M. P. Bernard, R. G. Emmott, N. Gjivanovic, S. D. Hall, J. Khan, M. M. Shipman, C. G. West

The term began with eleven new boys, a new House Tutor and no Housemaster. Mr. Franklin soon returned from a highly successful and enjoyable tour of Australia and New Zealand with the England Schoolboys Rugby Team, on which he acted as Team Manager.

We are grateful to Mr. Jackson for organising the House weekend at Dent, which was, by all accounts, great fun. Mr. Armstrong came too and did all the driving which must have been very tiring.

In the Music Competition Miura brought us our only real success by being placed first in Junior Piano.

The Senior part of the House did well to qualify for the finals of both Debating and Rugby, which contests are due to be settled on the last day of term.

Junior Water Polo and Rugby teams were less fortunate, but gave of their best and enjoyed themselves, which, after all, is what it's all about. Both teams were enthusiastically captained by Tom Creighton.

In the Senior Rugby League we have only managed to reach second place in spite of divine leadership.

It is a pity that Mr. SurrIDGE will not be with us for the Hog as he has to leave before the end of term to join the Combined Universities Cricket Team which is touring Australia during the Christmas holidays.

An innovation this term was the farming out of our Oxbridge brigade to a bachelor pad in the High Street. They appeared to enjoy the experience as did their many visitors.

My thanks go to the House Staff for the smooth running of the House, to Matron for all that she does on our behalf and to the Franklins for their efforts again this term.

J.R.B.

VALETE

D. Abdoo (1974-1979), Oxbridge Sixth. School Prefect.

P. Rothwell (1974-1979), Oxbridge Sixth. School Prefect.

SALVETE

V. Bajaj, A. J. W. Bell, N. A. Camfor, S. Economakis, S. D. Hart, J. D. Henry, A. Lakhani, S. Miura, L. J. Ryan, P. G. Sutton, R. L. Wood.

McCLURE

House Master:

A. Prosser-Harries, Esq.

House Tutor:

J. Waszek, Esq.

Head of House:

B. C. Kingsley

School Prefect:

J. A. Clifford

House Staff:

N. A. K. Fraser, G. A. Marks,
M. J. Morton, P. C. Noakes,
A. R. Rabin, G. B. Samuels,
A. N. Sidbury, A. W. Welch

This term has seen the largest intake ever of new pupils, all of whom seem to have settled in well. However, they have not yet come to grips with the pound system with dire results for their pockets . . . I would like to take this opportunity to thank the House Staff for their ruthless dedication, and particularly the quiet, but devastating J. Clifford.

Under the guidance of G. Samuels, our Juniors have had a good term, having a good chance of winning the Junior House Rugby and taking a lead in the Badminton competition. A large number of Juniors represented the school in fencing, as did A. Welch (Captain of School Fencing). For some reason however the Seniors have not shone quite so brilliantly!



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Our debating team won the first round, and we have high hopes for the final. We are at the moment lying second in the music competition. I think that these non-sporting events are every bit as important as sporting ones, and such activities as debating and music deserve all possible support, including trips to see how professionals do them. I say no more!

Finally, I would like to thank our new House Tutor, Mr. Waszek, for his hard work, and Mr. Prosser-Harries, whose stamp can be seen throughout the whole house.

B.C.K.

VALETE

N. E. Foster (1975-1979), Oxbridge Sixth. Wargames Society. Magic Society. House Prefect. Sgt. Army Section. Upper Sixth French Prize. Plans to read French and German at University. Address: 52 Lyndale Avenue, NW2.

J. Mathias (1974-1979), Oxbridge Sixth. House Prefect, Leading Seaman in Naval Section. Chairman of Photographic Society. Address: 16 Millway, NW7.

J. G. Winter (1974-1979), Oxbridge Sixth, House Prefect. Bridge Team (1974-1979), General Knowledge Team, Natural History Society, Chess Club, Cricket Appreciation Society. Fourth Form Prizes for English and History, Lower Sixth Prizes for French and German. Address: 9 Winterstoke Gardens, Mill Hill, NW7 2RA.

C. Mellor (1977-1979), Oxbridge Sixth.

M. Gafsen (1974-1979), Oxbridge Sixth.

SALVETE

A. J. Birn, D. S. Braham, R. F. Green, G. M. Gross, M. R. Karrell, J. M. Kerner, R. A. Khan, J. A. Leffman, M. H. Lewis, H. Mahlouji, S. M. G. Orloff, M. K. Paganuzzi, N. P. Rabin, J. A. Robin, Amanda Rowlatt, Emiko Satake, P. L. Sidbury, A. J. Veal, J. A. Vogel, P. S. Vogel, J. D. Welch.

MURRAY

House Master:

House Tutor:

Head of House:

School Prefects:

House Staff:

C. Dean, Esq.

T. W. Corbett, Esq.

S. J. Marks

A. P. Fulton, S. S. Brijnath

M. A. Hollis, R. J. Perkins,

R. D. Glazer, J. R. Leslau,

T. J. Chant, D. W. Ikin,

R. Rottenberg, N. W. Y. Ng.

This term has been a very eventful one for house activities. In Senior House Rugby we reached the semi-finals, putting up a bitter struggle against Collinson. The Senior League team came second overall and I would like to commend the team spirit generated by Jim Leslau, who has held the teams together and organised the house rugby.

The Music Competitions were dominated by Murray as usual, with nearly half the house taking part. The house is first overall, with a lead of over twenty points, thanks to Rufus' inspiring enthusiasm.

Rob Glazer successfully organised an outing to the Lyttleton Theatre to see J. B. Priestley's "When We Were Married", which vastly entertained thirteen boys. Mr. Dean and Mr. Corbett.

Murray is also well represented in the play, both behind the scenes, on the stage and in the pit. Finally I would like to thank the Housestaff for their invaluable help this term, guided by Mr. Dean and Mr. Corbett. The whole house joints me in wishing the three Oxbridge candidates and Nathan Ng, who are leaving us this term, every success in the future.

S.J.M.

VALETE

L. Comoy (1974–1979), Oxbridge Sixth. School Prefect, House Prefect, Corporal RAF, Editor of House Magazine, President of Photographic Society. English Prize (1978), Old Millhillians Literary Prize (1978). Hobbies Prize (1979). Address: 57 Oakleigh Park South, Whetstone, N20 9JL.

T. P. Levine (1974–1979), Oxbridge Sixth. Debating 1975–1977, Bridge 1975–1979, Captain 1976–1979, Full Colours 1978. Pythagoreans, Hon. Sec. School Magazine 1977–1979. Prizes: History 1975, Maths 1976, Maths and Van Moppes Travel Grant 1977, Maths and Physics 1978, Maths, Physics, Walter Knox Prize for Chemistry and A Level Prize 1979. Plans to read medicine at University. Address: 53 Victoria Road, NW7 4SA.

N. W. Y. Ng (1975–1979), Upper Sixth. House Prefect, Scout Patrol Leader, House Shooting Team, Art Editor for School Magazine, Art Society. Plans to go to Art School. Address: 7 Chanctonbury Way, London.

P. Ruthven-Murray (1974–1979), Oxbridge Sixth. Secretary of Fencing Club, President of Magic Club, Fencing Team. Prizes: French and German Reading Prizes 1975–1979, Form Prizes for French and German, Old Millhillians' Lodge Prize 1979, Acting Award 1979. Address: 6 Tretawn Gardens, Mill Hill, NW7.

SALVETE

I. O. Adebayo, A. M. Apostolou, C. Ducouso, S. H. Fakir, R. J. Jones, A. N. King, N. Marcou, O. Nizami, D. C. Ruthven-Murray, C. H. Seymour, M. S. E. Solomons, S. P. Spalter, K. J. Summerfield, A. J. Veal, D. Vohra.

PRIESTLEY

<i>House Master:</i>	H. S. Stringer, Esq.
<i>House Tutor:</i>	T. Chilton, Esq.
<i>Head of House:</i>	H. R. Nash
<i>Deputy Head of House:</i>	A. Sethia
<i>House Staff:</i>	C. Chaundhuri, S. Kamasa, A. Kaye, R. Lass, M. Powell, A. Raichoor, S. Williams

The term began with S. O'Neill and G. Brandt winning the Inter-House Golf Competition.

The Junior Water-Polo team beat the Winterstoke side convincingly owing mainly to the abilities of R. Hime and N. Edwards, and also the vociferous encouragement of S. Cohen.

The Junior-House Rugby produced an excellent showing from most of the members of the team against School House. The final has yet to be played but we have high hopes of a good position.

The Senior-League Team, led by D. Morris, had only moderate success this term, but that in no way reflected any lack of enthusiasm by its members.

P. Parker and I. Ritchie beat Winterstoke in the first round of the debating competition where we were opposing the motion: "This house believes that the press is still the major influence on public opinion in this country." The final round is yet to be contested.

We are at present lying third in the music competition where, in the instrumental section, we had three placed finalists, namely M. Powell, N. Frank and P. Parker.

I would like to wish our Oxbridge candidates, J. Shannon, W. Ku and N. Hook, the best of luck for the future.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Stringer and Mr. Chilton for their aid and advice in the running of the house.

H.N. A.S.

VALETE

R. Beck (1976-1979), Lower Arts Sixth. Rugby, Yearlings A, Junior Colts A, Colts A, 2nd XV 1979. Tennis 1976-79. Cricket, Colts B. Badminton 1976. Report Prize. Plans to do an apprenticeship in jewellery manufacture. Address: 123 Millway, Mill Hill, London NW7 3JL.

Nina Hook (1979), Oxbridge Sixth.

W. Ku (1974-1979), Oxbridge Sixth. School Prefect, Deputy Head of House, Head of Choir, Pianist and percussionist of School Orchestra 1975-1979, Chamber Orchestra, President of the Senior Science Society 1977-1979, Secretary of Sixth Form Concert Society 1978-1979, Secretary and Treasurer of Art Society 1977-79, Treasurer of Junior Society 1976-1977, Hon. Member of the Pythagorean Society 1978-1979, Upper Sixth Chemistry Prize, Lower Sixth Chemistry Prize, Fifth Form Physics Prize, Remove Physics Prize, Senior McClure Music Prize 1978-1979, Junior McClure Music Prize 1976-1977, Charles Farrow Singing Prize 1978, Dent Prize 1975. Plans to read Physics at University and then study piano playing and singing at the RAM or RCM. Address: 52 Hawtree Road, London NW3.

Paul and Peter Marvin, Fifth Form. Address: 46 Wise Lane, NW7.

Jo Shannon (1977-1979), Oxbridge Sixth. Monitor, Head of House. Plans to study History at University. Address: 41 Oppidans Road, Primrose Hill, London NW3.

M. Sheppard (1978-1979), Remove. Address: Flat 3, 75 Torrington Park, N.12.

SALVETE

F. Ahmed, C. C. Aylott, G. Breskal, E. I. Clarke, H. C. Cohen, M. N. Disney, G. O. Dudding, N. J. Frank, Kathleen Goodchild, D. R. T. Hawley, D. M. Hershman, R. A. Hime, Samantha Howard, N. R. L. Hughes, M. J. Jacobson, D. Moffat, Jane Orwell, M. S. Sanson, A. C. Williams.

RIDGEWAY

House Master:

House Tutors:

Head of House:

School Prefects:

House Staff:

H. Morgan, Esq.

P. Herring, Esq., P. Bowden, Esq.
(visiting)

R. Lüdemann

G. Drew, B. Morgan

P. Diffley, A. Harris, D. Kelly,

J. Lee, J. Moody, B. Patel, P. Snart,
D. Turchi

First, I would like to welcome Mr. Morgan and his family, who have

shown us such hospitality, and have already done enough work for the house to last a whole year.

Owing to the wide variation of taste and character in the house, we have had an eventful term; but as our long-standing reputation would suggest, we are not a generally hard-working house, which is reflected in our achievements, about which we have, unfortunately, little to boast.

However, Ridgeway is by no means lacking in intelligence, but it would seem that life is so pleasant and carefree, that the essential initiative is often mislaid. This problem must be quickly overcome, especially for those with exams approaching at the end of the year.

Finally, as ever, our thanks to Matron, without whom we would all be helpless.

R.L.

SALVETE

D. Assan, Jeanette Barnatt, Linda Bishop, H. J. Bonner, N. R. Y. Booth, Gabriella Calvin, M. L. Cullen, Bina Dave, F. F. Hosein, M. Mansi, S. Mumtaz, R. M. Patel, B. Rachlitz, Karen Roberts, Clare Skinner, F. R. H. Studd, J. M. Vleck, J. G. Wicks, M. D. Wilson.

SCHOOL HOUSE

House Master:

S. M. J. Peskett, Esq.

House Tutor:

P. S. Bickerdike, Esq.

Assistant Tutor:

N. Cook, Esq.

Head of House:

N. Tucker

School Prefect:

C. Quirk

House Staff:

C. Benton, R. Burns, P. Dean,
S. Greenslade, J. Leith, C. Neilson,
N. Patel, L. Potts, P. Rawson,
A. Raza, S. Sethia, M. Shariff,
R. Shone, R. Ventura, P. Wheeler.

Having survived a threatened walkout by the cleaners, we had very few incidents. The new boys settled down remarkably quickly and all seem very happy here.

With very short notice we managed to produce the best dance of the term—the disco turned on time and we did not resemble sardines.

Many people have been training hard this term not only to reach first lesson on time but also on the sports field. The senior house team which contains five members of the first fifteen are in the final and we are favourites to win. In other sporting events despite much effort we have had no great success.

We had high hopes for Robbie and his debating team but unfortunately owing to acting rather than debating we lost to Collinson. Next term's play, a comedy-thriller celebrating the 25th Anniversary has already been selected and the parts cast.

My thanks to all the housestaff, the most efficient for some years, the cleaners for keeping the place habitable, Matron who has kept us all alive and well again, Mr. Bickerdike for his coffees and Sunday breakfasts and Mr. Peskett for maintaining discipline in the house. Special thanks to Mr. Cook, who is leaving the School after a year's excellent service. The best of luck to him for the future. He will be replaced by Mr. Dixon, and we are looking forward to his arrival.

N.J.T.

SALVETE

S. Berman, G. R. Burt, G. J. Caplan, S. K. Y. Choong, J. S. Clarke, J. R. D. Goodman, P. J. Hobart, J. M. H. Perkins, G. K. Rahim, C. W. Sahi, Y. S. Sin, R. S. Virik.

WINTERSTOKE

House Master:

House Tutor:

Visiting House Tutor:

Head of House:

School Prefects:

House Staff:

G. C. Sutcliffe, Esq.

C. W. Duckworth, Esq.

R. S. Ryde, Esq.

R. Rajani

M. Wheatley, K. Walli

G. Boyd, A. Carne, J. Chanter,

D. Futerma, D. Graham, C. Greig,

A. Jawara, S. Malhan, T. McGowan,

I. Ousey

The realisation of A levels approaching and individuals sensing how little they know is slowly but surely causing the sixth formers to spend more of their precious time in constructive work. I hope as a result the apathy associated with Winterstoke by the masters will gradually fade.

This term we welcomed Mr. Duckworth and Mr. Ryde as House Tutors. I would like to thank them for their cooperation and humour.

We were honoured by the visit of the Headmaster and his wife for dinner during the term. I hope he left pleased with what he saw.

The term's activities were rather mixed. We had great hopes in the rugby but owing to last minute fitness checks we had to remove our star players thereby leaving some very dedicated players who wished to maintain the honour of Winterstoke, but alas lacked some basic skills and hence lost to Murray. The junior rugby team also lost in the first round but the junior water polo side did well to reach the final which they lost to Priestley.

James Chanter, for the fourth year running, won the brass section of the music competition with great ease.

Finally I would like to sincerely thank matron, commonly known as "Tich", for her considerable services to the house.

R.R.

SALVETE

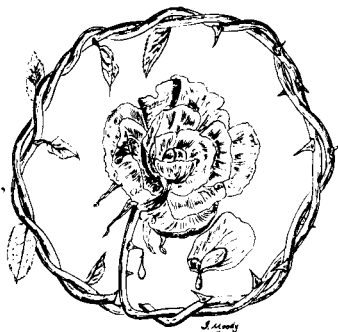
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THE TWO SIDES OF LIFE

The soft red petals are dappled with dew.
Delicately in turn, they form an unexposed rose.
Their scent wanders when ruffled on the breeze.
The petals are like long, luscious grass in a meadow.
The stem is sour, hard and brittle.
Covered with spikes that sting and scratch;
Like the barbed, cold sting of a bee,
Or the tongues of hateful men.

G. PEILE



NO WAY OUT

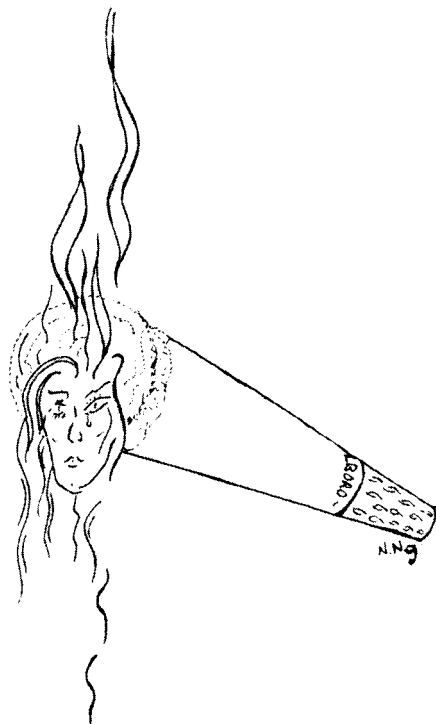
The rain beat a never ending tattoo on the tin roof of the hut. Leaves whirled angrily in the eddies of water, fighting to get down the drain. Lightning cut the sky in half, followed shortly by a rumbling roar of thunder. It was as if hell had been let loose for the night. The small group of boys hugged the side of the buildings trying to gain some cover from the rain. The mud sucked hungrily at their shoes as they raced across a piece of waste ground. The water ran off their hair and cascaded down the back of their coats in tiny rivers. They crossed what earlier had been a small drainage ditch and was now a raging torrent of brown water. Gradually through the driving rain their destination was spied, a haven for refugees from the hostile countryside. They huddled together under the protective eaves of the roof. Cold, fumbling hands reached for the offered cigarettes. A match flared momentarily, bathing the faces of the small group in its yellow glare, before being cupped in a boy's hands and applied to his cigarette. The others followed suit. Greedily they sucked on the filter as a starving baby on its mother's breast. As the nicotine mingled with their blood, the craving ceased, and slowly they began to relax.

"My God! The things we do for a cigarette. Just look at the weather", said one.

Another streak of lightning raked the heavens, the following clap of thunder masking the snap of a twig. The black shadow crept stealthily forward. The boys turned at the rustling of leaves. Their legs turned to jelly. Scared eyes darted hither and thither looking for a means of escape. But it was too late. The figure loomed up in front of them.

"Rats in a trap, gentlemen!"

A. B. CLARKE



SHINING EYES GLITTER

From the heart
Of a cream, sun-clouded face
Wisps of golden hair
Explode from the roots of life
And beauty prevails.
Waves of happiness, joy and sorrow
Overcome and pass you by,
Still beauty prevails.
You dream of cottages and rocking chairs
And of friends and fears,
But love and affection
Soothe and dry your tears.
During the lonely hours of darkness
We sleep:
Your mind wanders and yet
When the new day breaks and you awake
You light another cigarette.

N. NG.

CHILD

The gaunt, stark buildings of the avenue were falling on the boy, or so it seemed to him as he stared up at them, like an ant regarding the foot that is about to crush it. The boy was deep in the domain of the buildings, who ruled the avenue with an austere presence, watching over it; their territory was a desolate expanse of concrete and carbon monoxide, and chrome and lights. The boy was gazing at the lights of the night—aggressive, bright and overawing—red, and yellow, blue, green, and white. They told the people of the avenue when to stop and go, and where and what to buy. The boy was choking now, his mind like a warehouse, full and bewildering in its vast complexities. Thoughts, like fluid bones, were now stacked neatly, now overflowing his brain. The noise of the cars and of the juke boxes and the slot machines, which stood like mocking, thirsty monuments to the gullibility and ingenuity of man, grew to a deafening crescendo, and he knew he had to escape. He was becoming desperate and in his desperation tears compounded with the smoke of cars and cigarettes to obscure his vision. He threw his hands up to cover his ears, his eyes shut tightly, in a futile attempt to blot out this monstrous civilization which was threatening him. His eyes were stinging now as he cried, and he tried to wipe away his tears, his loneliness, with his well-worn jacket sleeve. He had a small yellow teddy bear under his arm; it stared stupidly out through its one eye at the passing crowd, oblivious of its owner's distress. Why should it be aware of anything? Its brain was nothing more than expanded polystyrene foam. But the child saw it as his only companion, someone he could talk to, an escape from the hostile world which seemed to be about to engulf and destroy him. As the child stood there it started to rain, heavily. The bear was knocked out of his hand into a puddle, where it was trampled and kicked in the rush for shelter from the storm. It lay there on its back, staring sightlessly at the grey sky. The child looked on, horrified. He bent down, tears welling up in his eyes, to pick up his friend, the only friend he had in the avenue, and was sent sprawling by an

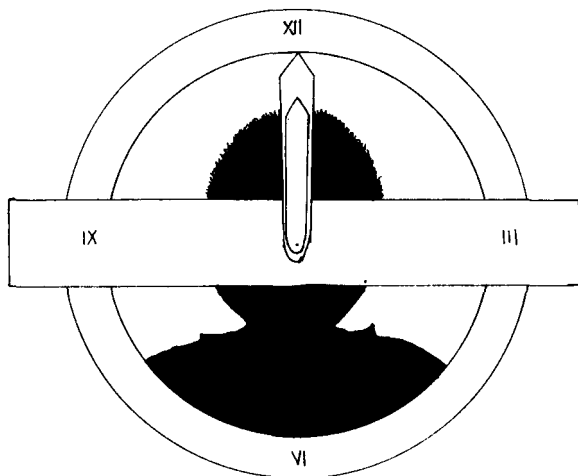


impatient woman, who swore violently. Shocked he struggled back to his feet, and retrieved the bear, whose other eye had now been ripped out. He was sobbing, shaking uncontrollably, and he clutched the bear to his chest, and spoke softly to it, and stroked its ears. His hair was sodden, and he had to push it out of his eyes; his face was stained with marks where tears had run down his cheeks, glistening, and his clothes and legs were wet and dirty. The child was running, lost in New York in winter, alone in a street full of people; and he cried.

S. GREENSLADE

DOWN IN THE TUBE STATION AT MIDNIGHT

The tunnel was badly lit. My figure cast an eerie shadow that crept up the wall. I rounded the corner and shivered as a cold blast of air struck me. Hastily I buttoned up my trenchcoat to protect me from the biting, piercing chill. The platform was deserted and lifeless, without the hustling, bustling crowds and without the bowler hats, newspapers or umbrellas. The rails glinted and winked in the half-light; the tunnel at the end of the station beckoned like an unexplored black hole. The whole station was stark, bare and dank. A long drip of condensation wound its way down the wall, curved over Clint Eastwood's moustache and continued its descent until it reached the layer of grime at the foot. The tunnels echoed and rang. They seemed



alive with noise, the rumbles of distant trains, the drips of water and the pattering of the rats. Glancing down I saw two rats burrowing in a mound of rubbish that had cascaded down from a broken bin. Squealing and screeching, they fought and squabbled amongst the crisp packets and newspapers. Finally one padded softly away, while the other stood among the rubbish and looked up at me, its head cocked to one side, its tail beating silently on a cigarette packet. I kicked a Coke can at it, and it scurried away in a brown flurry. Taking a last drag from my cigarette, I flicked the butt away. Rolling into a heap of rubbish, it continued to burn defiantly. Glancing at my watch, I began to walk up the platform. The dim lights cast long shadows

and I felt the hairs on my neck stand out. Everything seemed shady and obscure. The shadows leapt out at me, trying to claw and grasp my silhouette. Once or twice our shadows were entwined, but then were severed as I continued to pace up and down.

It was then that I heard a rustle behind me. Whirling round I saw four 'skinheads', each dressed in boots, faded 'levis' and a shirt and braces. Their appearance was completed by their haircuts. The smallest shifted position and spoke, "Going somewhere, Jewboy?"

I swallowed hard. My mouth felt dry and stretched. In a weak voice I said, "Home." I paused and then continued: "I'm not Jewish."

The largest skinhead spat. His saliva hit the platform with a resounding smack. He laughed at this little act. "You look Jewish."

"You smell like a Jew," said another, who reeked of alcohol and tobacco.

"I'm not," I retorted, stepping back a couple of paces.

"Going somewhere?" said the biggest, advancing on me and, with that, he struck me in the stomach. I gasped for air. Another came up and hit me again in the same place. I felt myself sinking. My hands groped for something with which to steady myself, but all I clasped was a leg. The skinhead pushed me away. I tumbled on to the concrete. "Remember us," he said and kicked me violently on my ribcage.

I felt the bile rising to my throat and was unable to prevent myself from being sick.

The last thing that I remembered before I lost consciousness was the deep rumble and blast of fresh air as the train thundered into the station, the sharp hiss of the doors, the shouts of the guard, and the bewildered stare of the rat that stood just in front of my face; and then, having lost interest in my sprawling body, it also slowly wandered away.

A. ALLERTON

LEFT-HANDED THEORY

Virulence, violence and hard-hit slam

How many times, swan, have we uncorked
A bottle of sour grape life?

Wind yourself down and look at me
Through your diamond eyes

Dryclean your old jokes, tie on your best smile
And see this style, style of left-handed theory.

Catch a train with a saint to heaven
And fall into cryonic suspension

But do this only with apprehension
And since 'Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori',
Then 'O rus quando ego te adspiciam
Potens sum; qui audat?'

But nevertheless 'Dominus vobiscum'.
And do not defile the Host, the Son
And the Holy Ghost.

'Das ist Italien, das ich verliess. Noch staben die wege,
Noch ist der Freunde gepieilt, stell er sich, wie er auch will.'

It is murder for a dead man to kill a is murder It

D. TURCHI

BARRIERS

The lunatic sits alone on a chair in the centre of the floor. To his right is a rude pallet with few blankets. To his left is a china chamberpot. Both are provided to alleviate his physical needs, few that they are.

He rest his chin on his fist, his elbows on his knee and his foot on a rod that is mounted into his chair between the two front legs. He gazes into the middle distance with a contented smile on his face. There is a tapping on the door and a man in a white coat enters. He is tired and unshaven and when he smiles at the lunatic the smile is strained. He is the doctor.

He sits down on the bed beside the lunatic and speaks:

"Now, Kevin, you can't keep on like this you know. By rights you shouldn't be here. There is no reason for you to be mentally ill at all. You've just put up a barrier between you and the rest of the world. Why won't you try to communicate with me?"

The doctor looks hurt as he pretends to study some documents on the clipboard he carries. In reality, however, he is anxiously searching for some sign of recognition from his patient. There is none. The afternoon light slides past the grille in the window to shine on the doctor's face in a chequered pattern. The doctor has dark rings around his eyes; he does not sleep well.

The doctor stands up:

"Think of your family, man! You can't keep this up for ever."

The doctor begins to pace around the tiny room, beginning at his place by the bed and moving clockwise around his patient.

"Why do you do it, man. Why?"

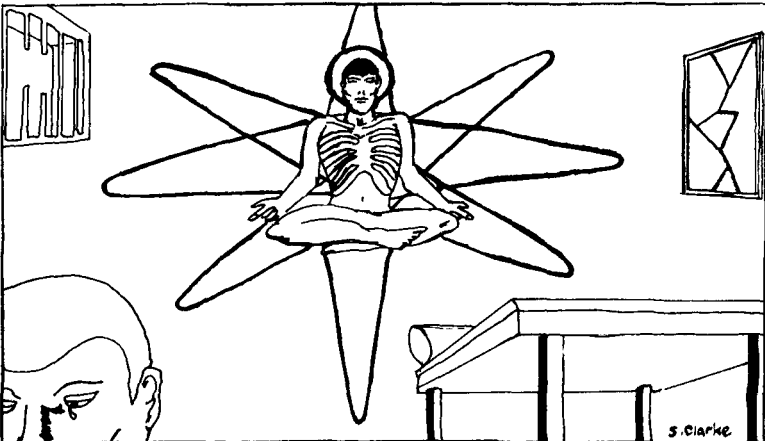
The doctor stops in front of his patient and gazes intently into his eyes, then, as if frightened by what he sees in there, he turns quickly away again. With his back to his patient, his voice sounds muffled, tearful even:

"I'm afraid there's nothing I can do for you, Kevin. Goodbye."

His hand is on the doorhandle. He turns the handle and walks out of the room. The door closes behind him disturbing the dust on the floor so that it swirls into the air where the slanting rays of the afternoon sun catch it and swirl it into glittering patterns.

The lunatic ignores them. The doctor's footsteps can be heard faintly as they move away from the room. The lunatic is still smiling.

S. CLARKE



OUTCAST

He analyses the pool of faces coming and going like lost children. They turn momentarily and glance at his scrawny, white fingers fumbling at his battered harmonica. They see his face dirty and tramplike. Quickly looking away they throw their smallest change into his fraying cloth cap; forgetting the sight conveniently in the thoughts of their smiling wives, hot dinners and artificial comfort.

The outcast nods in infinitesimal gratitude, yet the donator has left already, unseeing and uncommunicative. The former puts down his instrument: the day's work is done. He pours the copper and silver collected in his cup contentedly into a badly stitched pocket. The outcast rises: his head looks down as if ashamed. He walks towards the exit in short, stuttered footsteps as a coin in his hand glints quietly in the green light of the subway.

Outside, a freak summer storm has just passed, cleansing the sunbaked pavements with its cool, luxuriant caress. The air hangs heavy with moisture as a lone, pathetic figure clad in an improvised garment made from rotting jute trudges forward as if reluctant. His face is fat; not heathily like that of the



poor, incriminated 'Fatty' of the classroom, but bloated and scarred like an ugly, fractured rock. He appears to be oblivious of the outside world: a bus rushes by furiously, too close to the pavement, and too close to the bewildered pedestrians. At the same time, the raucous whistle of the 'late train' rudely interrupts the vivid dreams of children far and near.

Yet the outcast shows no reaction to either event, his head never once lifting from its unhappy posture. He lives in his own inner sanctum, his own peace. No angry plane can drive his brain to a frenzy with its noise; no music can capture his soul with its addictive drug; no rumbling traffic can irritate him; out he is alone, alone because no-one can converse with him.

A young couple are walking arm in arm, behind the outcast, shouting something at him. Their words go unacknowledged. The two look at each other shruggingly and as if telepathic they run in perfect synchronisation so as to face the strange, doddling man they have just addressed. The latter looks up; he sees the changing facial expression of two beings whose minds are unified. He knows they are asking him a question but his disability prevents him from understanding. He wishes to God he could answer. Eyes are fixed on him fascinated. They are looking at the crazy face, all its muscles

tensed; the lips pursed and trembling; the eyes, lifeweary and bloodshot. Sweat pours down the rough cheeks.

"I de, I de," he utters wildly in his deformed speech. He almost hears the thoughts of the couple. The words he has seen a thousand times before inscribed on the faces of healthy people.

"He's mad! He's mad!" proclaim the world. The two from the thousand turn away, sharing each other's laughter; inexplicably, closer bonded. The outcast walks on slowly, his heart as heavy as lead; his tears mixing with the sweat and filth on his face so as to lose recognition. Soon, in fatigue, he slumps down onto a mossy, splintered bench. Lying down, he gazes up at the heavens a huge, immense emptiness of untold and unimaginable size. He looks around, at this late hour people are still walking, arguing, driving, chatting, making friends. Then the island thinks in anger

"Why me?"

S. BANERJEE

"THE OAK"

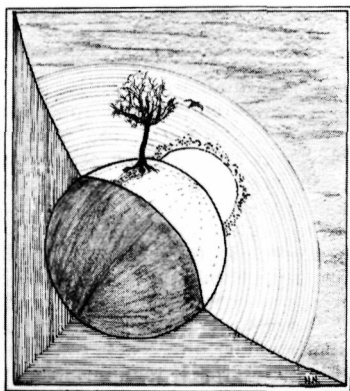
Clawing fingers, scratching close,
Black and gaunt against the light;
Ever shifting, ever moving,
Softly whispering silent secrets.

Highlighted in bronzed brilliance,
By the ever obscured sun;
Sending shafts of dusty light
Glancing down like golden lances.

P. BLOORE

"MORNING"

Just before the fog comes down
Upon fields green and forests brown,
Before ripe dew the earth does kiss
Before the all-enshrouding mist
Upon each den and sheltered nest
Lays languid down itself to rest;
Just before dawn's due to blush
Revealing nature bright and plush,
Before the planet orb of night
Unleashes dark dispelling light
Amongst the shadows so they fade
And scuttle to the moistened shade;
Just before the day awakes
And singing birds their first flight take,
Before the flowers heads arise
To greet the morning sun and skies;
There is a stillness so divine,
A peacefulness so pure and fine
Revealing th' essence of our life,
The purpose of our earthly strife.



R. LUDEMANN

CURIOSITY

It lay curled up in a snug pile of warm fern leaves. Outside, the whining wind hammered ruthlessly against the entrance to its earth. From time to time an icy gust of cold wind would find its way into the tiny chamber, and chill the surrounding air; in a vain response, the four-week-old fox cub would curl up into a fluffy ball of orange hair.

His mother had left him two days ago in a search for food. How his stomach longed for food! He picked up an animal bone from his last meal and started to chew it in case there was some last morsel of meat on it.

Somehow he sensed that his mother was not going to return; he whined softly, but the wind soon drowned this pitiful whimper. He longed to go up to the mouth of the earth and have a look at the outside world, but his mother had solemnly forbidden it. How he longed for the warmth of his mother! His tiny stomach craved for something to eat; in response, the ball of fur picked up a fern leaf and began to chew it.



The more the cub thought about food the more the mouth of the earth seemed to beckon him. Should he go? A train of thoughts rushed through his mind, as did the wind through his erect ears. His stomach made the decision for him; he could just go up for a perfunctory glance after all, he excused himself; besides, his mother would never know; he would not linger up there, just a glance would not do any harm. With these excuses in his head, he got up on to his tiny fragile limbs and headed towards the entrance.

He had soon reached the entrance and he plucked up courage to poke his head into this strange land. A moment later he withdrew it curtly, as a violent squall of wind forced him back into his safe subterranean haven. The wind tried to persuade him to return to the safety of his chamber bed, but it was no good, he just had to have another look outside.

The fox cub had promised itself only to have a quick look, but the world looked so exciting that he thought he had to have a quick exploration around the surroundings in which he was to grow up.

In all this new-found excitement the little fox cub forgot the cruel wind on his defenceless tender body, and he played gaily sniffing the crisp white snow which glistened in the sun. After a while he became tired of his games and decided to return to the security of the earth. Panic! Where was it? Which

direction? To the left or to the right? The fox cub ran round in a frenzy whining and crying. A few minutes later he lay down chilled and exhausted on the freezing snow,—there he sank into eternal oblivion.

The wind whistled through the trees with a macabre laugh; curiosity had got the better of the fox.

G. HAWLEY

THE LAST DRIVE

About four o'clock the sky started to darken. Within a few minutes the crackle of thunder signalled the beginning of the storm and by twenty past the coach station was engulfed in a heavy downpour. In boarding his vehicle, Higgs, the driver, came to a decision. It had to be tonight.

Higgs glanced at his watch and realised he should be on his way. He hesitated and pondered, but remembering his experience the previous weekend with the school rugby football teams, the moment of weakness passed. He drove the coach to the shelter, and pressed the control to operate the sliding doors. As he examined the damp, irritable passengers, mostly weekend trippers, his earlier judgements seemed confirmed. Tired-looking middle-aged businessmen entered with their tiresome wives and their tiresome children. What a life having to serve these people! Or any people. That was why, Higgs reminded himself, he had come to his decision.

At four thirty-eight precisely, the coach left the station and headed for the motorway. Once out of Brightstone, they would be only twenty minutes from the dreaded Camley to Bambridge stretch, which was Higgs', if no-one else's, goal. The passengers settled down to chat about subjects all too familiar to Higgs. Middle-aged women jawed on about the price of accommodation, how warm the sea was not, how 'they' had spoil the pier since last time, and of course, the weather. Their husbands either agreed, talked about the price of everything or fell asleep. The kids became increasingly frightful, asking impossible questions of their parents, complaining and shouting. The oriental tourist stared fixedly out of the window. The non-tourist stared witlessly out. As for the courting couples at the back they were engaged in activities other than admiring scenery. And of course, the hideous children soon began to inscribe the initials of certain association football teams on the windows. It was all so typical.

At that moment Higgs was brought back to earth. Fifty yards ahead stood the sign, pointing left, reading 'Motorway'. His heart thumped. As he turned, Higgs was aware that there had been no mitigation in the downpour; a couple of minutes on the slippery motorway surface should be enough.

Higgs took the middle lane. After half a minute's wading through the early evening traffic, he decided to sell the first dummy. The coach was twisted to the right a few yards and returned to its rest position. Eyebrows were raised, expressions of mild surprise were heard from the middle-aged women and grunts came from the sleeping businessmen. Higgs had come close to colliding with a small green saloon car whose driver seemed somewhat alarmed. The second dummy came just after the vehicle had passed a bridge. It swung from right to left and then from left to right before Higgs was seen to regain control of it. This time most of those asleep were stirred. One businessman was even persuaded by his wife to ask Higgs if there were any problems.

"Well, the road surface is very tricky. Hazardous, especially with a heavy vehicle like this. Should be all right, though."

The scarcely convinced passenger returned to his seat. Alone once more, Higgs said to himself "All systems go now". He listened to the chatter of

conversation behind him and realised for the first time that he was taking the fate of fifty people into his hands. Then he considered the compensation that his hideous wife and family would inevitably receive and the reasons for his decision made long before this trip. "It's now or never," he said to himself and began to twist the coach from side to side on the slippery, wet road surface. The rain was still bucketing down and the windscreen wipers were in full operation as Higgs appeared to lose control. "Can't control it!" he said, to reinforce his appearance. Panic seemed to strike the passengers who were all awake. Impulsively, Higgs slammed on the accelerator and the coach slammed into the barrier in the middle of the motorway and overturned.

"Where am I?" asked the patient, recovering consciousness.

"In hospital," confirmed the surgeon. "You've had a nasty accident. But you've no serious injuries. You should be all right. Your wife will be visiting you soon."

"Oh, no!" groaned the coach driver.

E. S. WINTER

THE WRECKERS

The light cut its way through the carpet of mist that lay over the sea. From behind the dense undergrowth on the cliff top I could just make out the small band of men waiting impatiently for news of a passing ship, which was going to be lured to the rocks as a wild animal lures its prey to its lair. I threw a glance at the evil light. A tall, heavily built man stood behind it. Every now and then he stopped down to check that the light burnt clear. He stared out to sea straining his eyes eagerly to make out a ship.

Suddenly he rose up and darted for the path leading down the cliff face. As he made his way hurriedly down the steep, winding path loose stones slid beneath his feet; but he had no time to stop and pick his way carefully down. He clambered on, gathering speed as he went. Half way down, he bellowed out his news. The words reached the small group on the beach, but they were swallowed up by the wind before they had time to reach me.

The man stared out excitedly to sea. A faint trace of the large cargo-carrying ship could just be seen. It answered the pin prick of light with another beam of its own. The two lights were driven together like two magnets with opposite poles.

The answering beam of light swayed up and down as the ship smashed through the waves.

Down on the beach the men waited anxiously for the floating fortress to open up its treasures. The rough, roaring waves crashed on to the shore. Nearer and nearer came the two lights. The men became more and more anxious as each second sped by.

From my hiding place the men seemed like a pack of wolves ready to pound upon any passing prey. Slowly the towering masts of the doomed vessel came into view.

On board a number of small black dots moved about preparing the ship for the worst of the weather that was to follow. Little did they know of the danger lurking ahead.

The beams of light were almost together. Soon the cruel rocks would claim yet another wretched victim. The lights combined. The ship smote the jagged rocks. They cut through the wood as easily as a knife cuts through butter. A loud grinding sound filled the air as the ship toppled over.

From the deck of the ship black dots of human form were scattered into the raging sea. Some grabbed hold of gnarled planks of wood as they were swept away as easily as one brushes fluff from a coat.

The men, wild, rushed into the water from the beach like savage beasts. Throwing off their shirts, they ran half-naked, all caution spent. The hull of the great ship was above the water like a huge upturned shell.

Corpses had been washed up the beach. They were stripped clean of any possessions they had once had. Rings were ripped from smashed fingers. Nothing was to be wasted. Soon the sea would claim the limp, lifeless bodies from the shore.

The raging sea continued to pound the wreck, each time tearing the battered hull. After a while the hunger of this pack of wolves was satisfied. The wreck was left alone and forgotten.

S. P. BECK

THE OTHER WINDOW

He took his seat
on the foreign train;
He thought it pleasant to travel again,
mindful of the journey's end.
He read again the letter
from his friend

Time passed, as it often does.

The seat was hard,
the carriage fetid;
he dressed for summer,
but still he sweated

It was better than being
at home,
Feeling the cold
and living alone

Time
Passed
Slowly

Around him, people
spoke in French.
Despite his schooldays,
it made no sense.
Occasional stares
caught his eye;
he was tempted to smile
But

Being shy, time passed.

As he looked out of the window
for the thousandth time,
he saw a black horse
Fighting
for its
Life

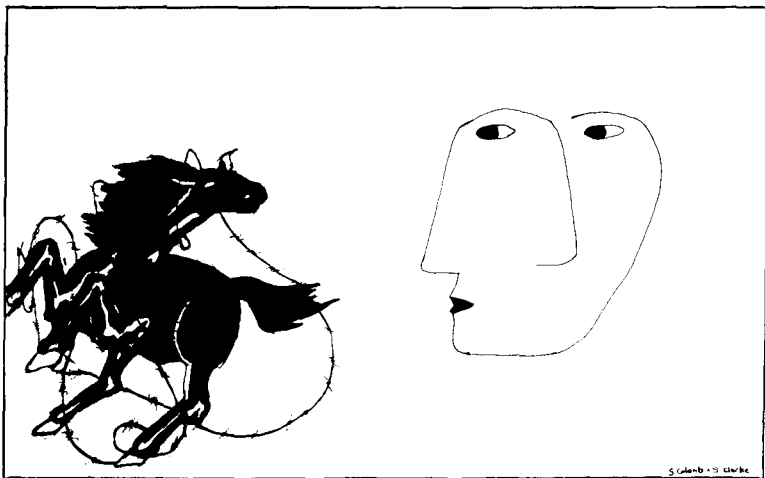
In a barbed wire fence
fatally tangled,
The more it struggled
The more it was strangled.

TIME SPED UP.

He turned away, there was nothing he could do.
The other window had a
Nicer view.

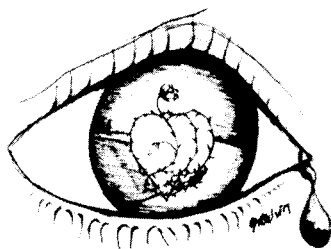
Time passed painfully.

S. CLARKE & S. COLOMB

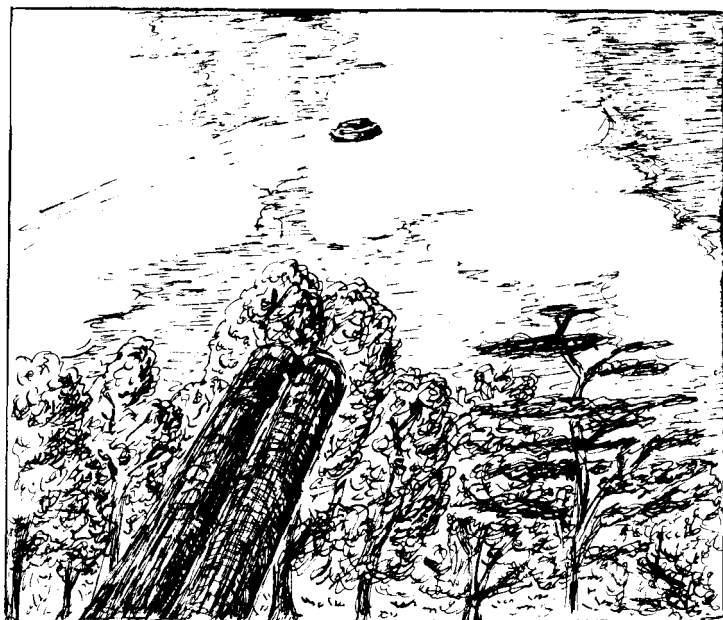


"THE THORN"

Two hearts as one,
A rose entwined,
A faint remembrance,
distantly defined
faint lighting
shines in my eyes,
Blinds me to the purpose
of your recurring lies;
Stiletto heels
and thorny crown;
Can I close my mind
to some meaningless sounds?
You walk away;
Am I at last alone,
could I beg forgiveness
for what I have done?
In sifting through memories:
A chance remark,
A flash of brilliance
where all else is dark.
Generated warmth,
ebbing away,
a wash of silence
holds me at bay.



S. CLARKE



“PULL”

A glint of sun off polished steel,
As it raises to the sky;
The single terse command,
And a black disk skims on high.
A rippling crash,
A mule kick back,
The disk explodes, to scatter
Its shattered remains over the wiry grass
And a cartridge falls with a clatter.

P. BLOORE

I slowly slide into my skintight suit
And turn the dial.
I know my fate is certain death
And yet I smile.
The sun's rim dips,
The stars rush out,
In one bound comes the night
And out into the void I stride
To seek my Lord in warning light.
I, timeless, weightless, senseless drift
Among the stars and astral mist
And seek my God, whose heavenly place
Is said to be 'up there' in space.

Yet tho' I search both far and near
I nowhere see and nowhere hear
The cherubs or the angels sing
Nor any promised heavenly thing.
I silently laugh at my trivial pain
And out of my spaceship still glistening with rain,
Like a child from the womb,
Like a ghost from the tomb,
I arise and seek my creator again.
And searching I feel
That his presence is near,
Tho' not in this life or terrestrial sphere
But there where my air can no longer sustain
And oddly I feel neither terror nor pain
As my final breath
Glides gracefully by.
I turn my head
And raise my eyes
And there, upon the shores of death
I see
And with my final breath
I praise the light
That blinds my sight.
At last,
My Lord
My God
My Christ!

R. LUDEMANN



FIRST STEP ON A FOREIGN LAND

The previously blue sky was now almost completely discoloured by heavy black clouds, swirling angrily above the brooding sea. The wind skimmed the water surface, sending white spray high into the air. Waves rose upwards, as if they wanted to touch the sky, but their clawed hands slipped unsuccessfully back into the water, only to be picked up again. The blackness was ripped open by a sudden, brilliant flash. The clash of the waves and the whining of the wind was momentarily silenced by a heavy rumble.

The rain lashed the labouring ship remorselessly. It was thrown from one wave to another like a toy. Walls of water crashed into the disabled ship, filling its wooden hold with unwanted cargo. Slowly, the ship sank nearer to the water surface. Then it was engulfed into its grave.

He clung helplessly to the part of the mast which was keeping him from drowning. His eyes stung terribly as water slapped him in the face. He was continuously spluttering, spitting, trying to get rid of the nauseating salt water in his lungs and at the back of his throat.

He lay on the hard, sharp rock, unconscious. His white, blue-veined arms were spread in front of his motionless body. The rocks had cut into his face, torso, arms, and blood pulsed from the deep red ugly wounds. The midday sun had dried the remnants of his clothes. It was now scorching the areas of exposed flesh to a meat-red colour. His hair was damp –not from water, but from perspiration –and, stuck tackily to his forehead. Water trickled slowly out from his mouth and nostrils.

The sensation of pain gradually became clearer in his mind. His spatulate fingers started moving, gripping the sharp rocks until he was conscious. His hands, calloused from the ropes and sails of the ship, were brought nearer his body. His knees, too, scraped against the sandy-coloured rocks as they moved nearer his body. Slowly, painfully, he pushed off the ground with his hands, the rocks leaving their imprint in his hard skin. Finally, he hauled himself up. As if drunk, he staggered towards a belt of trees away from the rocks.

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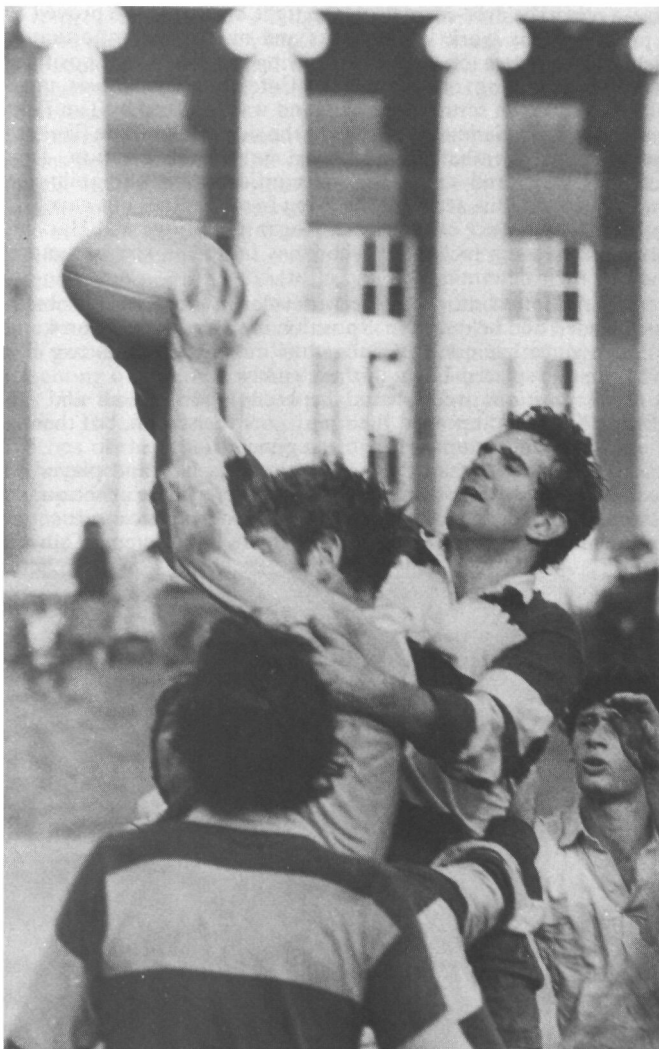
Back row: S. D. Hall, S. E. Hersh, J. R. Leslau, D. P. Kelly, A. Drew, H. Nash, D. Penson, R. Corbridge. Middle row: D. Wild, N. Tucker, I. Nyamekye, D. Blackburn (capt.), T. McGowan, A. Pigott, T. Palo. Front row: S. Hall, J. Culverhouse.

RUGBY

RUGBY RETROSPECT

There were some improvements in the fortunes of Mill Hill rugby during the season. After a rather demoralising first half, we came back to win four of the nine games played after half term.

Many of the previous year's 1st and 2nd XV players had left, and so the



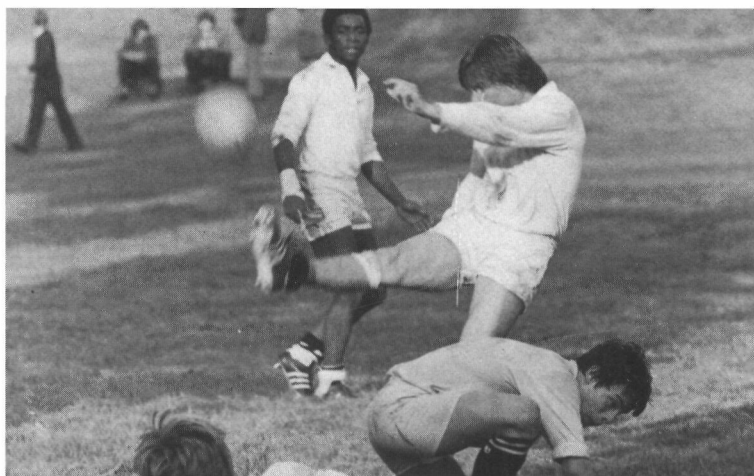
side was inevitably young and somewhat inexperienced. The first half of the season was very difficult for the players, and the determination which was shown, both in the games we played, and in the approach to training was remarkable. However, all this effort was not wasted; the knowledge that we had gained in the first half of the season was put to good use after half term, and it was determination that provided our successes. No matter how big or how skilful our opposition, we refused to believe that they could possibly overcome our efforts, and thus our opponents always knew that they would have to fight hard no matter what the score, nor the stage of the game.

After the first few games the tight five played well, and usually provided us with a good share of scrummage ball. Penson developed into a fine loose head prop, and was rewarded with a place in the Middlesex Under 19 side. Leslau was another ever-present on the tight head side; he proved to be a good prop, and his work in the rucks and mauls was important. Grant Samuels began the season at hooker, having moved to that position from prop at the beginning of the season. Unfortunately he was unable to guarantee us our own scrummage ball, and was replaced by Tim Palo after five matches. Grant Samuels returned to the side as blind side flanker in the last game against Strathallen and played well in this position. Tim Palo hooked very well, and gave the side confidence in our ability to win scrummage ball and his accurate throwing in at the lines out gave us a real advantage in this aspect of the game. Rogan Corbridge and Harvey Nash were two unassuming locks, but what they lacked in size was more than matched by their determination and effort.

After an indifferent start Gus Drew developed into a responsible player and pack leader, and held the No. 8 position until he suffered a broken collar bone in the game against St. Paul's, thus missing the final two fixtures. Robert Emmett replaced Drew in these games.

The flank positions were shared between Pigott, Hersh and Andrew Blackburn. All three improved their play over the season, but their efforts could not always make up for their inexperience.

Duncan Blackburn began the season at scrum half and played well in defence. However, his performance tended to deteriorate as the quantity of possession won increased. After five games he moved to outside centre and S. C. Hall moved to scrum half from outside half, Jeremy Culverhouse



bravely moved to outside half. Simon is a good all-round footballer, and his composure and flair provided us with more options at the base of the scrum.

Jeremy Culverhouse proved to be a very good full back, who could kick and run with the ball. He found the move to outside-half difficult, but persevered with a difficult task. His goal-kicking was usually good.

The inside centre position was shared between several players, but Isaac Nyamekye proved to be the most successful. He played at wing and full back earlier in the season, and his speed and flair frequently worried the opposition.

Duncan Blackburn played his best rugby at outside centre. He is a strong and fast runner, who is difficult to stop, and was generally sound in defence.

David Kelly proved to be our strongest wing, after he had moved from outside centre. He was always dangerous with the ball in his hands, and his tackling was memorable. Tim McGowan had a steady season on the other wing. He could always be relied upon to put in the tackle, but was always most dangerous in tight situations, as he lacked the natural speed to go outside his man.

Nick Tucker finished the season at full back, after having played at outside half and inside centre in a couple of games. Once he settled into the position he did well, and his ability to beat a man was a refreshing experience.

Two other players who deserve a mention are David Wild, who played 7 games (5 at inside centre and 2 on the wing) and S. D. Hall who played 5 games (4 at inside centre and 1 on the wing). Both were important members of the squad who performed their tasks well.

Our prime motive this season has been to try and establish some good foundations for future years, and thus our success or failure is not simply a matter of games won and lost. We have always emphasized the importance of representing our colours with pride, and refusing to give up regardless of the odds. We have tried to play open, attacking rugby, and entertain our supporters. The support of boys, parents, masters, Old Millhillians and other friends of the school is important and is appreciated.

The successes that were gained during the season should not be underestimated, and a young XV did well. Neither should we overestimate our achievements. We won only four matches, and all our effort could not make up for our weaknesses. The game against The Leys illustrated the depths to which we could sink if concentration and effort were left behind in the changing rooms. The game against Felsted emphasised the amount of work which will have to be done if we are to produce good sides, and win the large majority of our matches rather than a handful.

The school was unable to produce an outstanding side in any age group this year, although the Colts suffered badly from injuries. In an attempt to increase the quantity of coaching at Yearlings level, rugby will be taught in the Spring term as from the next academic year. By spreading the net wider we hope to give rugby a broader base.

I am extremely grateful to all those Masters who have so willingly given up their time to refereeing and coaching.

J. W.

FIRST FIFTEEN

Sir William Ramsay Memorial Match
v D. M. Franklin's XV

Tuesday 18th September (H) Lost 13-14

The fifteen were keen to do well in front of their supporters. At half time the school led 9-0 through a try by Duncan Blackburn, and a conversion and

penalty goal by Jeremy Culverhouse. However, the opposition changed their tactics at half-time, and by using their big powerful forwards to drive around the base of the scrummage scored three times to take a lead of 14-9. The school did well to recover, and although Blackburn scored a second try, the conversion attempt was unsuccessful.

v Rosslyn Park Colts
Saturday 22nd September (H) Lost 9-25

Mill Hill faced a big powerful side and did very well to keep the score to 0-0 at half time, with some remarkable tackling. However, the young Mill Hill side began to wilt under the tremendous pressure and Rosslyn Park scored three good tries, and a penalty goal, taking the score to 0-17. The School did well to come back. David Wild charged down a kick and Rogan Corbridge, following up, was left with only five yards to run to score. Culverhouse kicked a conversion and soon afterwards a penalty goal. Rosslyn Park scored two more good tries.

v Stowe School
Saturday 29th September (H) Lost 4-7

On a warm sunny day the school narrowly lost a physical game. After a gruelling battle both up front and in the backs, the first 35 minutes passed without a score. With twenty minutes left a poor kick by the Stowe outside half was fielded by Culverhouse, who attacked open, and linked well with Isaac Nyamekye, who with twenty yards to the line was never going to be stopped. Stowe replied with a drop goal, and were somewhat fortunate to score a last-minute try to take the match.

v Haileybury College
Saturday 6th October (A) Lost 6-36

On the day Mill Hill were well beaten by a strong pack, and a hard-running back division. The school won little ruck and maul ball, and at times the tackling left a lot to be desired. Haileybury led 17-0 at half time. Soon after the break Tim McGowan made a piercing 50 yard run which split the defence. From the ensuing ruck Corbridge broke blind and was supported by S. C. Hall who beat two men to score. Culverhouse converted. Haileybury dominated the last ten minutes, scoring three more tries and a drop goal.

v The Leys
Thursday 11th October (A) Lost 4-14

The match was lost, by the XV being too confident of an easy win over a weaker and smaller side. Although The Leys scored first Mill Hill played quite well in parts and Dave Kelly scored a good try after a probing run by Nick Tucker. However, Mill Hill relaxed again and suffered an embarrassing defeat.

v Bedford School
Saturday 20th October (A) Lost 3-33

Mill Hill were forced to field a weakened side, missing four regular backs through injury. The situation was worsened when S. D. Hall was concussed early in the second half. The forwards, who were well led by Drew, won a good share of ball, but the school were unable to penetrate the opposition's defence. Bedford were able to create just sufficient room for their two wings to score five tries between them, three from inside their own half. Mill Hill had scored in the first half with a penalty goal by S. C. Hall.

v Old Millhillians 'A' XV
Saturday 27th October (H) Lost 15-18

The School attacked from the kick off and were immediately awarded a penalty goal in front of the opposition's posts, which Culverhouse converted. The Old Boys soon spotted a weakness around the base of the scrummage and scored two tries in quick succession to take an 8-3 lead. The School replied with two tries, both scored by the captain Duncan Blackburn, both converted by Culverhouse, and both the result of dropped passes in the opposition centre. The School led 15-8 at half time. The Old Boys pressed hard in the second half and scored two tries mid-way through the half to take an 18-15 lead. Despite some strong attacking by the School, the opposition managed to keep their line intact and take the game.

v U.C.S.
Tuesday 6th Nov. (H) Won 13-6

After the half-term break the XV returned in a determined mood. The school began by playing hard physical rugby, keeping the U.C.S. team in their own half. Culverhouse kicked a penalty after some excellent work by the forwards. Just before half time Adam Pigott scored a try from a short penalty move. In the second half the forwards continued to dominate up front, frequently sending the opposition pack hurtling towards their own line. Dave Kelly scored a try from a set move after good forward work. The team began to relax and late in the second half U.C.S. were allowed to score a soft try, which was converted.

v Felsted School
Saturday 10th Nov. (H) Lost 3-33

The school were well beaten by a very good side, for whom the captain, Rigby, had an outstanding game. The forwards won a fair share of scrummage ball, but the school never looked dangerous in attack and struggled to keep out a good attacking force. Felsted scored five tries, two converted, and three penalty goals. Culverhouse kicked a penalty goal for Mill Hill.

v Berkhamsted School
Saturday 17th November (A) Won 10-8

After a poor start, Mill Hill eventually got into this game. Berkhamsted were the first to score, just before half-time, with a very scrappy try. Mill Hill began the second half as they had the first, and allowed Berkhamsted to go further ahead with a second try, early in the half. Eventually the School began to settle down. The forwards began to win more possession, and began to gain ground with some good breaks around the sides of rucks and mauls. With only ten minutes to go Drew had an excellent run, but the scoring pass to Blackburn was adjudged to have been forward. In the following scrum, the pack send the Berkhamsted forwards back with a fine shove, and Harvey Nash was on hand to score as the ball emerged from the scrummage. Mill Hill resumed their attack from the kick off, and had a second try disallowed. With only minutes to go Dan Penson peeled off the back of a maul, and drove from the twenty-two metre line to score a fine try in the corner. In the rain Culverhouse converted the try with a fine kick, to win the game for Mill Hill.

v Harrow School
Saturday 24th November (A) Won 20-18

After the success of the previous week, Mill Hill were determined to do well against their opponents from the adjacent hill. Harrow scored from the kick off, but the conversion attempt failed. Mill Hill came back strongly, with the forwards winning excellent ball and driving the opposition pack backwards, over and over again. Mill Hill soon drew level with a fine try by Harvey Nash, who caught the ball in a line out and drove over from two yards. The School went ahead with a try by Duncan Blackburn, which was converted by David Kelley (who was taking the kicks in place of the injured Culverhouse). Although Harrow converted a penalty goal, Mill Hill went further ahead with a try by S. C. Hall, and so led by 14-7 at half-time. Harrow managed to withstand a series of strong attacks early in the second half, and drew level with a penalty goal, and an unconverted try. Mill Hill continued to press, but a dropped pass on the Harrow 22 left the Harrow wing unmarked, and he sprinted to score in the corner, and so regain the lead for Harrow. In a nail biting finish S. C. Hall scored a memorable try with a break from the base of the scrum, and a jinking run which saw him beat three opponents. Dave Kelly converted the try to win the match.

v Merchant Taylors School
Saturday 1st December (H) Lost 0-4

The game began with a series of assaults on the Mill Hill line by the strong running opposition backs. The defence stood firm, and Nick Tucker made some fine touch kicks to relieve the pressure. Isaac Nyamekye had a couple of good runs, and his tacking in the centre was very effective. Eventually, Mill Hill were unfortunate not to go ahead when Culverhouse missed two penalty goal attempts. The second half saw an exciting battle between the two sides, with neither side able to cross their opponents' line. With two minutes to go David Kelly was unfortunate not to score with a blind side movement. However, with seconds remaining the Merchant Taylors back division worked a good move which just enabled the wing to go over in the corner, and so take the game.

v Taunton School
Wednesday 5th December (H) Won 16-7

Mill Hill began well and soon took a 9-0 lead with three penalty goals by Culverhouse. From the restart S. C. Hall fed Kelly on the blind side, who ran some 75 yards to score, beating several opponents in the process. Soon afterwards Mill Hill lost Pigott with rib injuries. After half time the game degenerated. Mill Hill allowed Taunton to come back and score a penalty goal, and with twenty minutes left Andrew Blackburn was ordered from the field for striking an opponent. Mill Hill regained their thirteen point lead with another penalty goal by Culverhouse, but Taunton took advantage of the lack of cover close to the scrummage and scored a try in the closing stages.

v St. Paul's School
Saturday 8th December (H) Lost 0-17

St. Paul's visited Mill Hill with a fine unbeaten record and were keen to keep their record intact in this their final fixture. Within seconds of the start Gus Drew, who had been a major force in our recent successes, was injured, and had to be taken to hospital with a broken collar bone.

Despite this early setback Mill Hill played courageously and were unlucky not to go ahead when a penalty goal attempt failed. The forwards again played well, particularly Penson, Palo and Hersh. On the stroke of half time, St. Paul's were awarded a penalty 5 yards from the Mill Hill line, and scored a good try from a well worked penalty move. The second half saw St. Paul's put Mill Hill under increasing pressure, and although Palo struck well, winning our own ball became difficult for our seven-man pack. However, our defence stood firm, with every player tackling well. With fifteen minutes remaining Mill Hill were unlucky not to score a try, after bravely attacking from behind our own line. With ten minutes left St. Paul's went further ahead with a try in the corner after a Mill Hill kick had failed to reach touch. Seconds later St. Paul's were awarded a penalty, which was converted. S. C. Hall was injured and had to leave the field and St. Paul's scored a third try with a repeat of the penalty move which had bought them success in the first half.

v Durham School
Wednesday 12th December (A) Lost 3-24

The game was played on a cold wet afternoon on a very heavy pitch, after the team had made the long journey in the morning. Mill Hill started well but lost an unfortunate try after twenty minutes. Mill Hill replied with a penalty goal by Culverhouse. Durham went further ahead with a pushover try shortly before half time. Durham's large pack dominated the scrums, despite excellent work by loose-head prop, Penson, and our backs, who looked to have the beating of their opposition got only a small quantity of poor ball. Durham kept the game very tight, and only very rarely gave the ball to their outsiders. On the day Durham were the clear winners, scoring three more tries in the second half.

v Strathallen School
Thursday 13th December (A) Lost 9-15

The Mill Hill side had two changes from the previous day. Phillip Wickenden, still a Colt, made his 1st XV debut in replacing the injured Simon Hall at scrum-half, and Grant Samuels played on the blind-side flank in place of Adam Pigott. Mill Hill started well and Culverhouse kicked a penalty goal after good work had forced Strathallen to commit an offence at a ruck. Strathallen replied with a penalty to even the scores, and then scored two tries, in quick succession to take an 11-3 lead. Culverhouse kicked a second penalty to take the score to 11-6 at half time. After the break, Mill Hill continued to force the pace and early in the half reduced the gap with a third penalty goal by Culverhouse. The rest of the second half saw Mill Hill pressing hard, but failing to turn their territorial advantage into points. Tucker had three or four sparkling runs on the counter attack and always looked a threat with the ball in his hands. However, as so often happens, Strathallen were allowed to come back into the game, and they scored a late try to ensure a defeat for Mill Hill in their last game of the season.

Results

Played 16 Won 4 Drawn 0 Lost 12 For 128 Against 280

Appearances

Blackburn D., Penson, Leslau, Nash, Corbridge — 16; Hall S. C., Kelly — 15; Pigott, McGowan, Nyamekye — 14; Culverhouse — 13; Hersh, Palo — 11; Tucker, Drew — 10; Blackburn A. — 9; Wild — 7; Samuels — 6; Hall S. D. — 5; Emmett R. — 3; Abdoo, Kalms, Wickenden — 1.

Scorers

TRIES

Blackburn D.—5; Hall S. C., Kelly—3;
Nash — 2; Penson, Corbridge,
Pigott, Nyamekye — 1.

PENALTY GOALS

Culverhouse—13; Hall, S. C.—1.

CONVERSIONS

Culverhouse — 7; Kelly — 2.

SECOND FIFTEEN

The team's results do not make impressive reading. The list of players in some ways indicates the problems associated with 'understudy teams' especially when you can lose players at short notice, thus disturbing the best laid plans of mice and men. Added to this many players with little experience of playing for teams provided the hard core of the team; a tribute to some talent sifting from the enthusiastic Gear's set.

The team was not over endowed with basic skills, but after a few undistinguished performances they did manage to show considerable toil, honest endeavour and pride in themselves. This spirit showed well in such games as Felsted and St. Pauls (both strong sides), Merchant Taylors, and even in the lesson given to us by Harrow, a game of Lilliputians against Brodbingnags; in marked contrast to Bedford and Berkhamsted.

Looked at in more detail, the backs lacked a certain amount of attacking panache, although counter-attack is starting to develop. Hall and Wild played their hearts out and Kalms was an ever willing utility player. Turchi and West tried to adjust to their new roles in the half backs.

The pack stuck dutifully to their task, the front five were a proud advert for Marx; 'honest toil is all'. The back row contained a key player in Emmott (our best possession source) and a much improved Graham, who must learn to link more.

Taken on balance they deserved better than they received but the feature that began to show was that most of the time they tried and showed character. In many ways this is a higher accolade than winning everything.

R.C.B.C.

<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Ground</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Result</i>
v. Stowe	H	4	20	Lost
v. Haileybury	H	0	34	Lost
v. Leys	A	0	10	Lost
v. Bedford	A	0	58	Lost
v. Old Millhillians	H	12	26	Lost
v. Felsted	H	0	10	Lost
v. University College School	H	26	0	Won
v. Berkhamsted	A	6	19	Lost
v. Harrow	A	0	35	Lost
v. Merchant Taylors' School	A	22	8	Won
v. St. Paul's School	H	3	6	Lost

The following played:- G. Samuels, (Capt), T. Dawson, K. Law, S. Hall, D. Wild, A. Nisbet, D. Turchi, C. West, V. Ukachi-Lois, P. Robertson, N. Litton, S. Greenslade, A. Blackburn, H. Mistry, C. Greig, M. Harris, E. Winter, J. Bowie, S. Herrington, A. Baker, S. Hersh, D. Abdo, D. Graham, P. Kalms, P. Sengupta, R. Emmott, N. Tucker, M. Gafsen, P. Green, R. Mackinder, A. Drew, E. Chanter, A. Welch.

THIRD AND FOURTH FIFTEENS

Not quite a disastrous season but at best a very disappointing one. In September we were plagued by injuries and a rather carefree, "Who wants coaching anyway?" attitude. Gradually some team spirit began to emerge, especially in the 3rd XV; the fourths always suffer from frequent changes, particularly, this season, among the backs.

In both teams the forwards have invariably played well and matched their opponents. Unfortunately the opposition have usually had better

threequarters and here our weaknesses and lack of technique have been ruthlessly exposed, despite some worthy individual efforts.

It must be frustrating to play with determination and wholeheartedness and to lose so frequently but the answer lies in coaching, particularly in the basic skills. This we must persevere with.

My thanks to those who played regularly in both sides. I am sorry you did not have more good fortune but I hope you have learned a little more about the game.

A.R.

3rd XV RESULTS

<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Ground</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Results</i>
v. Stowe	H	0	16	Lost
v. Haileybury	A	0	32	Lost
v. The Leys	A	3	34	Lost
v. Bedford	A	0	74	Lost
v. Old Millhillians	H	13	22	Lost
v. University College School	H	24	0	Won
v. Felsted	H	0	18	Lost
v. Berkhamsted	A	0	10	Lost
v. Harrow	H	4	14	Lost
v. Merchant Taylors'	H	4	12	Lost
v. St. Paul's	H	0	29	Lost

4th XV

v. The Leys	H	0	8	Lost
v. Old Millhillians	H	0	50	Lost
v. Felsted	H	0	25	Lost
v. Berkhamsted	A	6	25	Lost
v. Harrow	H	0	32	Lost
v. Merchant Taylors'	A	0	30	Lost
v. St. Paul's	A			

3rd XV: Alibhai, Chatsuwan, Dawson, Emmott, A., Foulger, Harris, A. P., Litton, Mackinder, Mistry, Neilson, Poulengeris, Rajani, Robertson, Sengupta, Ukachi-Lois, Welch, Zaman.

4th XV: Baker, Boyd, Carne, Ceiriog-Hughes, Clifford, Chanter, Hime, S., Myers, A., Oliver, Ousey, Saffrin, Sartaj, Shipman, Snart, P., Sterling, Tinker, Tray.

COLTS

A term of mixed fortunes; the team played with spirit and determination during the early weeks, defending bravely against strong Haileybury and Bedford sides and reversing last year's defeat by The Leys. However, our weaknesses were evident: the scrum was slow around the field, support play was almost non-existent and the three-quarters were reluctant to seize upon the loose ball. Then a spate of injuries—two during our defeat of U.C.S.—and the loss of Palo to the 1st XV exacerbated these failings: suddenly we had to find a hooker, a complete back row and a new captain. Inevitably morale and cohesion slumped and we failed to win in the following weeks against ordinary opposition. But Thomas, the new captain, gradually made his influence felt and morale was restored. With Vaclavik, Kelly and Hellinikakis bringing much needed pace to the back row, the side



finished the term in good spirits; they overwhelmed Harrow in the first half (but failed to make the most of their possession), had an exciting win over Merchant Taylors' and finally tackled bravely against an exceptional St. Paul's side. Individuals worthy of mention were the two captains. Robin and Thomas, the scrum-half, Wickenden, who worked untiringly behind the pack, and Morgan, the most improved player of the year. Our thanks to Mr. Prosser-Harris for his coaching and Saturday refereeing and to Mr. Dixon for his enthusiasm with the lower sets. The 'B' XV finished with a heartening and closely contested game against St. Paul's.

I.W.C.

<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Ground</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Result</i>
v. Stowe	A	3	14	Lost
v. Haileybury	H	6	22	Lost
v. The Leys	H	20	7	Won
v. Bedford	H	6	19	Lost
v. University College School	A	32	16	Won
v. Felsted	A	0	20	Lost
v. Berkhamsted	H	0	7	Lost
v. Harrow	H	8	14	Lost
v. Merchant Taylors'	A	10	3	Won
v. St. Paul's	H	0	42	Lost

Colts 'A' players: P. A. Robin, S. P. H. Thomas (Captains), J. Wall, T. W. Creighton, P. A. Z. Parker, N. Vaclavkik, R. Morgan, P. Kelly, J. Hellinikakis, P. H. Wickenden, I. Kirkpatrick, K. Fisher, M. Stern, N. Chronias, P. Summerfield, N. Mann, F. Scolaro, T. E. Palo, N. Lillywhite, J. A. Sanson, R. Long, J. R. Pitcairn, R. Ram, S. Berrick, M. Laurie.

JUNIOR COLTS

After a disastrous start at Stowe, the return of Kent, Hall and Smith after injury put new heart into the side and there were several good wins especially against U.C.S. and Felsted. However, the forwards often blew hot and cold and the backs were weak in defence, so that the team had to rely on the individual skills of Hall, Kent and Smith.

<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Ground</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Results</i>
v. Stowe	A	0	86	Lost
v. Haileybury	H	0	13	Lost
v. Enfield	H	13	6	Won
v. Leys	H	18	3	Won
v. University College School	A	28	0	Won
v. Bedford	H	7	24	Lost
v. Felsted	A	16	14	Won
v. Berkhamsted	H	4	12	Lost
v. Harrow	H	18	24	Lost
v. Merchant Taylors'	H			
v. St. Paul's	A	0	31	Lost

Players: Hughes, Baker, Smith, N., Froomberg, Dooyeweerd Patel, V., Tucker, Kirkpatrick, Smith, L., Hall, J. (Capt), Ritchie, Pursey, Kent, Bloomfield, Zeloof, Borrill, Compton, Kingsley, Edwards, Rosswik, Darracott, Edwards, N., Shires, Piyara, Cooklin, Shekleton, Marchetto.

J.D.R.

JUNIOR COLTS 'B'

Unfortunately the 'B' side were unable to field the same side twice owing to injuries. However, they achieved a good result against U.C.S. but lost heavily in their three remaining games.

J.D.R.

YEARLINGS

Although the results are not impressive they do not reflect the enthusiasm of the team throughout the season. Although often we were the smaller side, a great disadvantage at U14's level, not once did Mill Hill Yearlings give up. Well done!

Keller led the pack by his example; his aggressive nature was ideal for the other forwards to follow. Other forwards played well in different parts of the game; notably, Zatouroff in the loose, Braham & Vince in the line-out, and Smith with his crunching tackles on the opposition back division.

It was a pity that the size of the forwards restricted the amount of ball available to our backs. What ball they did receive was used sensibly, and the ball regularly reached the wings, often with the full-back, Baxter, joining the line. When the ball was in the hands of Burt or Ukachi-Lois we looked particularly dangerous.

The team was well lead by Ian Stern, but the man-of-the season award must go to Ukachi-Lois for his solid tackling and strong, elusive running.

R.S.R.

v.	Opponents	Ground	For	Against	Results
v.	Stowe	A	8	22	Lost
v.	Haileybury	H	12	16	Lost
v.	Bedford	H	8	40	Lost
v.	Chase School Enfield	H	34	0	Won
v.	U.C.S.	A	8	28	Lost
v.	Felsted	A	0	32	Lost
v.	Berkhamsted	H	4	4	Drawn
v.	Harrow	A	0	60	Lost
v.	Merchant Taylors'	H	0	50	Lost
v.	St. Paul's	A	4	27	Lost

The following played: Stern, J. (Capt.), Keller (Vice-Capt.), Craig, Assan, Zatouroff, Bell, Berman, Clarke, Welch, Smith, Hawley, Dudding, Snell, Vince, Braham, Marley, Spong, Hall, Adebayo, Baxter, Burt, Ukachi-Lois.

YEARLINGS 'B'

The Yearlings B played three matches all of which resulted in defeat. They were enthusiastic and reasonably skilful but in their matches they could never obtain enough possession to show off their skill.

R.S.R.

CRICKET

First XI Cricket

Mill Hill have now completed the most successful decade in their history. Haileybury (1968), Nottingham High School (1972), Oundle (1973), and Stowe (1974) have become regular opponents and have strengthened the fixture list, and more school matches were won (and fewer lost) in the '70s than in any other ten year period since the eleven moved to the Park in 1926. The '79 XI was, once Newton was fit, easily the best bowling side for 20 years, held 98 catches, which represents the very high striking rate of over 4 per innings, and batted, after a variety of fashions, down to number eleven. Five of the '79 colours have now left. Roger Naylor was in the side for over two years, toured Holland twice, and by brute determination made himself into a useful bat and a versatile fielder—a most unselfish cricketer. Stewart Wernham was in the side for three years, (two as wicket-keeper), toured Holland twice and must have done more academic work in the Park Pavilion than the whole of the rest of the side put together. He became a good left-handed bat and an excellent 'keeper, and was always a fine fielder—witness a superb run-out at Haarlem this year when Thomas was behind the stumps. Duncan Michie (Vice Captain) was in the side for four years and joined W. Murray-Wood and M. J. Hatchett in having taken 100 wickets and scored 1000 runs for Mill Hill. He regained his appetite for bowling this year and by August was a formidable opponent. Leigh Newton (Hon. Sec.) was in the side for 2½ years and when fit provided a nice contrast to Michie, bowling much quicker and moving the ball away from the bat—he hit the ball like a kicking mule and played some very good innings. Finally Ian Maciver (Captain); four years in the side (two as captain), 193 wickets—far outstripping his rivals—and many very good catches (at least one of which he took without falling over). Our congratulations to him on his representative

honours —this year he was selected for the Southern Schools v The Rest at Eastbourne, the H.M.C. Schools v E.S.C.A. at Eastbourne, and for M.C.C. Schools v N.A.Y.C. at Lords —and our thanks and best wishes to them all in their future careers.

C.D.

5th May on the Park

MILL HILL SCHOOL

J. C. J. Culverhouse		b. Dodd	7
D. S. Michie	not out		76
R. Naylor		b. Harrison	1
S. F. Wernham	ct. Ewer	b. Dodd	25
L. C. Newton	run out		10
K. Walli		b. Roberts	5
I. Maciver		b. Roberts	12
S. C. Greenslade	ct. Yule	b. Roberts	0
S. C. Hall	not out		4
T. A. J. Dawson			
I. K. Nyamekye			
Extras (3 byes, 2 leg byes, 1 wide, 1 no ball)			7

147-7*

Dodd	24 - 9 - 46 - 2
Harrison	10 - 3 - 23 - 1
Gooch	9 - 4 - 22 - 0
Bateson	8 - 5 - 10 - 0
Roberts	13 - 3 - 39 - 3

ALDENHAM SCHOOL

J. Bateson		b. Greenslade	9
L. Appenteng		b. Greenslade	2
M. Yule	ct. Walli	b. Maciver	4
T. Dodd	ct. Culverhouse	b. Maciver	3
A. Agidahun	ct. Wernham	b. Greenslade	4
M. Harrison	run out		2
C. Ewer		b. Greenslade	5
D. Coombes	ct. Dawson	b. Maciver	9
W. England	ct. Nyamekye	b. Maciver	1
P. Roberts	not out		2
D. Gooch	not out		3
Extras (3 byes)			3

47-9

Michie	4 - 0 - 7 - 0
Greenslade	25 - 13 - 23 - 4
Maciver	26 - 17 - 12 - 4
Dawson	3 - 2 - 2 - 0
Culverhouse	2 - 2 - 0 - 0

Match drawn.

Michie batted with great patience and security of tenure on a wet pitch against an attack notable chiefly for the steadiness of Dodd. Both teams were lamentably short of practice, and only Wernham of the other batsmen built an innings; he and Michie put on 67 in 111 minutes. Aldenham's subsidence was halted by a stiffish shower. They batted through this and were rewarded

by Mill Hill's inability to separate the last wicket pair with the now sodden ball; they held out for 9.4 overs.

8th May on the Park

THE INCOGNITI 150-9* (S. C. Greenslade 3-43, I. Maciver 3-51)
M.H.S. 128-8 (K. Walli 52) Match drawn.

Six catches were held as steady bowling restricted the Incogs to under 2½ runs per over, but a reply of 30-4 in 90 minutes looked anything but auspicious; Smeeton's first three deliveries were identical: gentle off-breaks of perfect length turning just enough to hit off. Walli knocked the first over mid-wicket for six, played the second studiously back to the bowler, and took another six over the now carefully guarded "coup de vache" boundary from the third. At 46 he made the error of ceasing to play within his limitations and scored his first run on the off-side. The Gods, dismayed by his temerity, withdrew patronage and the school had to settle for a draw despite his 58 minutes at the crease. Hall and Nyamekye batted well under pressure.

12th May on the Park

STOWE SCHOOL

C. R. Lloyd		b. Greenslade	3
T. A. Lester		b. Greenslade	3
T. E. J. Law	ct. Culverhouse	b. Michie	12
M. C. J. Gull	ct. Hall	b. Michie	16
M. J. P. Horlock	ct. Nyamekye	b. Dawson	4
G. F. de Chambure	ct. Wernham	b. Michie	0
M. P. Staheyeff	ct. Naylor	b. Greenslade	6
S. C. Andrews	ct. Wernham	b. Michie	1
A. R. J. Mackinnon	l.b.w.	b. Greenslade	4
M. M. Berger	ct. &	b. Maciver	0
A. H. Ritchie	not out		0
Extras (2 byes, 2 leg byes, 4 no balls)			8
			57

Michie	13 - 8 - 8 - 4
Greenslade	14.3 - 9 - 6 - 4
Maciver	11 - 5 - 17 - 1
Culverhouse	2 - 1 - 5 - 0
Dawson	10 - 3 - 13 - 1

MILL HILL SCHOOL

J. C. J. Culverhouse	ct. de Chambure	b. Berger	4
D. S. Michie	not out		43
R. Naylor	ct. Andrews	b. Lester	1
S. F. Wernham	not out		7
L. C. Newton			
K. Walli			
I. Maciver			
S. C. Greenslade			
S. C. Hall			
T. A. J. Dawson			
I. K. Nyamekye			
Extras (2 byes, 1 leg bye)			3
			58-2

Berger	8 - 2 - 19 - 1
Andrews	2 - 1 - 2 - 0
Lester	6 - 3 - 12 - 1
Ritchie	4.1 - 3 - 5 - 0
Lloyd	4 - 1 - 17 - 0

Mill Hill won by 8 wickets.

Stowe were 39-2 at lunch after 90 minutes, after which 7 catches were held as they succumbed to their enthusiasm for the drive, a stroke they had clearly been practising in their splendid indoor nets, and which was equally clearly inappropriate to the slow, wet wicket on which the match was played.

15th May on the Park

C. DEAN'S XI 151 (S. C. Greenslade 4-50, I. Maciver 6-53, D. David 97)
M.H.S. 102-9 (S. C. Hall 35, D. David 5-19) Match drawn.

David batted beautifully until bowled attempting to cut Maciver's "arm ball"; he gained a measure of revenge lobbing the ball into/out of the evening sun. Hall, opening the innings that he might see "Julius Caesar", batted well enough to miss the performance and establish himself as regular opener.

19th May at Oundle

MILL HILL SCHOOL

D. S. Michie		b. Sage	10
S. C. Hall	cb. West	b. Longbottom	46
J. C. J. Culverhouse	retired hurt		20
S. F. Wernham		b. Johnson	1
L. C. Newton	ct. West	b. Forbes	28
K. Walli	l.b.w.	b. Farr	20
I. Maciver		b. Forbes	8
R. Naylor	ct. &	b. Sage	5
S. C. Greenslade	not out		5
I. K. Nyamekye		b. Johnson	6
T. A. J. Dawson	ct. &	b. Johnson	10
Extras (1 bye, 2 leg byes, 4 no balls)			9
			168

Johnson	16.2 - 7 - 34 - 3
Farr	21 - 10 - 49 - 1
Forbes	23 - 7 - 47 - 2
Sage	11 - 5 - 23 - 2
Longbottom	2 - 0 - 6 - 1

OUNDLE SCHOOL

H. West	l.b.w.	b. Greenslade	23
C. Longbottom	run out		0
G. Lewers	ct. Wernham	b. Greenslade	8
S. Matthews		b. Maciver	5
N. Frazer	ct. Newton	b. Maciver	40
P. Williamson	ct. Wernham	b. Greenslade	4
J. Wightman		b. Michie	7
R. Johnson		b. Michie	0
M. Sage	ct. Dawson	b. Michie	0

M. Forbes		b. Maciver	0
R. Farr	not out		0
Extras (1 leg bye, 1 wide)			2
			89
Michie	10.4 - 5 - 20 - 3		
Greenslade	17 - 5 - 44 - 3		
Maciver	11 - 5 - 23 - 3		

Mill Hill won by 79 runs.

The school were put in on a wet pitch separating the only two dry wickets we had seen all season, and, with Culverhouse looking much happier at three, lunched at 78-2. After the interval Johnson mislaid his length and one of several high full-tosses broke Culverhouse's right index finger. It is a commentary on the "summer" as much as on his powers of recovery that he did not miss a match. The wicket was now playing easily and it took one of the school's best bowling performances and fine catches by Newton and Dawson to produce our first win over Oundle with ten minutes to spare.

2nd June on the Park

THE MILLERS 110-8* (H. Heard 57, I. Maciver 3-38)
M.H.S. 110-8 (S. C. Hall 35) Match drawn.

The declaration in the 61st over left the school 46, but a full fortnight without cricket, some ill-judged batting by the middle order, a brutal run-out to return Greenslade to the pavillion, and the eleven had snatched a draw from the jaws of victory.

5th June on the Park

OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS 202-6* (M. MacPherson 50, I. Maciver 3-70)
MILL HILL SCHOOL 88 Authentics won by 114 runs.

A strong Authentics side declared in the 63rd over, J. O. Orders (45*) having batted with particular fluency. Five catches were held, including a good one by S. P. H. Thomas (standing in for Wernham) to dismiss Paul Dean for his second Authentic duck against the school. Mill Hill did not bat well, only Newton (24) showing adequate resolution, and the Authentics held 8 catches.

9th June on the Park

MILL HILL SCHOOL

D. S. Michie		b. Lansing	13
S. C. Hall	run out		7
J. C. J. Culverhouse	l.b.w.	b. Jackson	0
S. F. Wernham	l.b.w.	b. Lansing	14
L. C. Newton	ct. Lancing	b. Rice	29
I. Maciver	ct. Wallis	b. Rice	0
K. Walli	ct. Wallis	b. Lansing	2
S. C. Greenslade	not out		7
I. K. Nyamekye		b. Rice	5
C. I. Quirk		b. Rice	0

T. A. J. Dawson	st. Rolfe	b. Rice	0
Extras (2 byes, 1 leg bye, 3 wides & 1 no ball)			7
			84

Jackson	11 - 5 - 18 - 1
Lansing	17 - 9 - 17 - 3
Rice	17 - 7 - 26 - 5
Felton	10 - 4 - 16 - 0

THE LEYS SCHOOL

M. Felton	ct. Wernham	b. Greenslade	12
T. Brookes	ct. Quirk	b. Maciver	5
A. Rolfe	l.b.w.	b. Michie	11
R. Wallis	ct. Quirk	b. Michie	12
E. Rice		b. Michie	7
N. Saunders-Davies	l.b.w.	b. Maciver	18
D. Jackson		b. Michie	2
M. Lansing	l.b.w.	b. Maciver	3
H. Frank		b. Michie	0
T. Price	not out		0
M. Well	not out		0
Extras (3 byes, 7 leg byes, 3 no balls)			13
			83-9

Michie	20 - 9 - 22 - 5
Greenslade	13 - 6 - 19 - 1
Maciver	28 - 16 - 25 - 3
Newton	3 - 1 - 4 - 0

Match drawn.

This match started on time at 11.30 a.m. and ended at 7.20 p.m.; there were no stoppages. 53-6 from 33.4 overs at lunch became 84 all out at quarter past three (the pitch was wet and slow all day, but bland and totally free of malice, and again only Newton had batted properly). At a quarter to six the Leys were 46-2 from 39 overs when Michie dismissed Rolfe and Wallis in three balls to revive Mill Hill's waning hopes. Rice and Saunders-Davies began cautiously and the last 20 overs started with the score 52-4. At this point Maciver, whose field placings all season suggested that he is a reincarnation of both Scrooge and Wilfred Rhodes as well as a disciple of Underwood, elected to defend and withdrew all close fielders, causing the master in charge of cricket at the Leys to remark that if they didn't win now he would feel compelled to abandon a life of total abstinence at the earliest possible opportunity. Michie bowled six maidens, the fielding was magnificent, and with six overs remaining the score was 72-4 when Rice, after an hour at the crease, missed a straight one.

His partner soon followed; 3 overs to go, 75-6. Michie bowled a couple, leg byes were scrambled and suddenly, inexplicably, Wernham, missed the ball completely to concede 2 byes; 10 balls to go, 82-8. Maciver shifted one; 6 balls to go, 83-9. And there it stayed. Michie, who had fielded as well as he bowled, made the Leysian play at all 6 and got past the bat three times, but the end was an extraordinary draw, with all four results possible as the last ball was delivered, and the Mill Hill eleven physically and mentally drained. Several learned the meaning of concentration, and all were better cricketers afterwards.

12th June at Cricklewood

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SCHOOL 87 (I. Maciver 5-35, S. C. Greenslade 3-20)

MILL HILL SCHOOL 91-3 (J. C. J. Culverhouse 62*)

Mill Hill won by 7 wickets.

On the driest, fastest and grassiest pitch we had seen U.C.S. were dismissed in 2½ hours. Thomas again deputizing for Wernham and contributing a leg-side stumping off Maciver. It is a moot point as to whether or not Culverhouse was dropped more often than he hit six; the two events occurred simultaneously three times and he struck two other blows some distance into the next field.

23rd June at Barnes

MILL HILL SCHOOL

D. S. Michie		b. Redstone	81
S. C. Hall	ct. McCray	b. Burton	55
J. C. J. Culverhouse		b. Burton	8
S. F. Wernham	not out		16
L. C. Newton	not out		0
I. Maciver, I. K. Nyameke, C. I. Quirk,			
S. C. Greenslade, R. Naylor & K. Walli did not bat.			
Extras (25 leg byes, 9 leg byes)			34
			194-3*

Redstone	13 - 5 - 19 - 1
Burton	17 - 1 - 59 - 2
Easton	7 - 1 - 19 - 0
Young	15 - 4 - 37 - 0
Visram	10 - 3 - 26 - 0

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

J. M. Dixon	ct. Wernham	b. Newton	4
O. Edwards	run out		10
R. D. Young	ct. Quirk	b. Maciver	0
D. P. Redstone	ct. Quirk	b. Newton	52
K. B. McCray		b. Greenslade	20
J. E. Boulton		b. Newton	8
J. Withers-Green	not out		10
R. B. Allen	l.b.w.	b. Newton	0
A. R. Visram	not out		0
D. R. Easton & M. M. Burton did not bat			
Extras (4 leg byes, 1 wide)			5
			113-7

Michie	6 - 4 - 4 - 0
Newton	18 - 5 - 35 - 4
Maciver	19 - 6 - 40 - 1
Greenslade	6 - 1 - 29 - 1

Match drawn.

The Michie-Hall partnership of 125 equalled the record set by Isaacs and Halstead in 1976 (this may rank second to the stand between A. P. Powell and P. D. Howard against M.T.S. in 1927 when they scored 86 and 63 respectively, but unfortunately the magazine does not tell us when the first

wicket fell in that match). After that the day was chiefly memorable for two splendid catches by Quirk, fine fielding by Nyamekye at cover, and Newton's return to fitness. There had been several occasions earlier in the season when we stood in need of a fast bowler.

30th June on the Park

MILL HILL SCHOOL

D. S. Michie		b. Kenward	22
S. C. Hall		b. Weston	6
J. C. J. Culverhouse		b. Kenward	17
S. F. Wernham	ct. Bailey	b. Kenward	2
L. C. Newton		b. Weston	8
R. Naylor		b. Kenward	44
I. Maciver	ct. Bailey	b. Weston	19
K. Walli	ct. Weston	b. Weston	28
S. C. Greenslade	ct. Bailey	b. Kenward	1
I. K. Nyamekye	not out		14
C. I. Quirk	not out		0
Extras (6 byes, 13 leg byes, 3 wides, 3 no balls)			25
			185-9*

Weston	26 - 10 - 69 - 4
Woolerton	18 - 4 - 36 - 0
Kenward	14.2 - 3 - 40 - 5
Hart	6 - 3 - 15 - 0

HABERDASHERS' ASKE'S SCHOOL

M. Wilcock		b. Michie	16
M. Bailey	ct. Maciver	b. Michie	7
R. Price	ct. Quirk	b. Maciver	40
C. Churchman		b. Michie	14
T. Downs	not out		14
A. Charles	not out		19
Extras (2 leg byes)			2
			113-4

Michie	15 - 6 - 31 - 3
Newton	14 - 3 - 26 - 0
Maciver	16 - 8 - 32 - 1
Greenslade	6 - 1 - 21 - 0

Match drawn.

Both sides were unbeaten in school matches and it showed. Haberdashers put Mill Hill in to bat, set defensive fields, and appeared surprised to reduce us to 72-5. Naylor and Walli each played their best innings of the season and we were eventually able to declare. Despite the undoubted strength of their batting (they ranked second to Felsted among our school opponents) they showed no interest in the target. Our field placing was distinctly timid.

7th July on the Park

HAILEYBURY COLLEGE

A. P. S. Busher	ct. Culverhouse	b. Maciver	28
R. M. Sawney	st. Wernham	b. Maciver	18

A. J. T. Miller		b. Greenslade	7
R. G. P. Ellis	ct. Michie	b. Maciver	33
S. J. Lamble	ct. Culverhouse	b. Greenslade	5
P. A. Robert-Tissot	l.b.w.	b. Maciver	3
J. T. Bown		b. Greenslade	0
N. D. L. Medd	ct. Walli	b. Greenslade	8
M. G. A. Barnett		b. Maciver	0
C. P. Thomson		b. Greenslade	0
P. P. Makower	not out		0
Extras (5 byes, 1 leg bye)			6
			108

Michie 5 - 1 - 17 - 0
Newton 6 - 0 - 18 - 0
Maciver 17.1 - 9 - 32 - 5
Greenslade 16 - 6 - 35 - 5

MILL HILL SCHOOL

D. S. Michie	ct. Miller	b. Thompson	13
S. C. Hall	ct. Bown	b. Thompson	13
J. C. J. Culverhouse	run out		25
S. F. Wernham	ct. Bown	b. Medd	34
L. C. Newton	l.b.w.	b. Thompson	1
I. K. Nyamekye		b. Thompson	3
K. Walli	not out		7
I. Maciver	not out		1
C. I. Quirk			
S. C. Greenslade			
R. Naylor			
Extras (7 byes, 2 leg byes, 2 no balls)			12
			109-6

Medd 11 - 4 - 16 - 1
Thompson 26 - 12 - 39 - 4
Ellis 10 - 1 - 26 - 0
Makower 5 - 0 - 16 - 0

Mill Hill won by 4 wickets.

Faced with aggressive, confident out-cricket, Haileybury collapsed from 96-3 to 108 all out (their last four wickets fell without addition to the score). The most serious blemish on Wernham's innings was his part in the running out of Culverhouse, which event considerably reduced the margin of victory.

10th July at Felsted

MILL HILL SCHOOL

D. S. Michie	ct. and	b. Gadsby	95
S. C. Hall	st. Vartan	b. Gadsby	23
J. C. J. Culverhouse	ct. Speakman	b. Martin	14
L. C. Newton	ct. Gadsby	b. Martin	1
K. Walli	ct. Banks (sub.)	b. Martin	22
I. Maciver	ct. Vartan	b. Gadsby	17
I. K. Nyamekye	run out		15
R. Naylor	not out		1
C. I. Quirk, S. C. Greenslade & S. P. H. Thomas	d.n.b.		
Extras (6 byes, 7 leg byes, 1 wide)			14
			202-7*

Balch	7 - 3 - 7 - 0
Speakman	14 - 4 - 45 - 0
Rigby	8 - 5 - 6 - 0
Gadsby	24.3 - 5 - 66 - 3
Martin	22 - 3 - 61 - 3

FELSTED SCHOOL

N. Gadsby	ct. Quirk	b. Michie	52
M. Rigby	ct. Nyamekye	b. Michie	78
R. Mitchel	run out		19
R. Vartan	l.b.w.	b. Newton	23
J. Ruffel	l.b.w.	b. Newton	1
N. Anns	not out		16
A. Mitchel	not out		2
Extras (2 byes, 12 leg byes, 1 wide)			15
			206-5

Newton	14 - 4 - 45 - 2
Greenslade	4 - 1 - 10 - 0
Maciver	17 - 2 - 71 - 0
Michie	16.2 - 1 - 65 - 2

Felsted won by 5 wickets.

After being put in to bat Mill Hill had the choice of making a harsh declaration or giving themselves a chance of becoming the first school to beat Felsted for 5 years. To his credit, despite the fact that, on a pitch which became more and more a batsman's dream as the effects of pre-match watering wore-off, this course of action gave Felsted a much better chance of taking our unbeaten record than it gave us of taking theirs. Maciver chose the latter. Unfortunately he then produced his least effective bowling performance of the year and despite heroic endeavours in the field, the scars from which were carried for the rest of the season, Mill Hill lost in the penultimate over.

13th July on the Park

M.C.C. 196-4* (C. C. Hunte 123*)

M.H.S. 160-9 (J. C. Culverhouse 33, D. S. Michie 33, C. I. Quirk 32*, N. J. Rice 6-48)

Greenslade bowled as well as at any time in the season to take 2-51 in 11 overs; it must have been with mixed feelings that he accepted Conrad Hunte's congratulations on having bowled a good ball not only before the ball had crossed the boundary but, often, before the batsman had decided where to hit it. Michie dropped down the order after a long spell, and had just batted Mill Hill into a sound position when he revealed an old weakness—indecision against flight—and was stumped.

14th July on the Park

MILL HILL SCHOOL 185 (S. C. Hall 61)

OLD MILLHILLIANS C.C. 90 (T. P. Weavers 50, S. C. Greenslade 6-52, I. Maciver 3-15) Mill Hill won by 95 runs.

On arguably the best cricket wicket of the year on Park Michie was brilliantly taken at slip by Weavers off Wilkinson's bowling before a run was

scored. Hall and Culverhouse (23) took the total to 56 and with Hall in particularly fine form lunch was taken after an hour and a half with the score 93-2 off 26 overs. The O.M.'s average rate of just over 16 overs an hour made the declaration appear rather late, but good bowling and catching defused the argument.

15th July on the Park

MILL HILL SCHOOL

D. S. Michie	ct. Hinde	b. Bancroft	35
S. C. Hall		b. Gregory	6
J. C. J. Culverhouse	ct. Gregory	b. Turrill	11
S. F. Wernham	ct. Hinde	b. Bancroft	32
C. I. Quirk	ct. Bancroft	b. Turrill	11
L. C. Newton	not out		62
I. Maciver		b. Allen	32
I. K. Nyamekye		b. Allen	5
R. Naylor	not out		3
S. C. Greenslade			
S. C. McF. Harley			
Extras (20 byes, 4 leg byes, 1 wide, 2 no balls)			27

224-7*

Gregory	16 - 5 - 41 - 1
Langman	4 - 1 - 17 - 0
Bancroft	24 - 5 - 62 - 2
Turrill	22 - 8 - 50 - 2
Allen	6.4 - 1 - 27 - 2

NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

P. A. Gregory		b. Michie	5
J. D. Allen	ct. Wernham	b. Newton	28
S. J. Turrill		b. Greenslade	0
G. A. Hinde	ct. Wernham	b. Michie	6
M. A. Briggs		b. Newton	44
R. Briggs		b. Maciver	3
M. Armstrong	ct. Wernham	b. Newton	7
R. Saddler		b. Maciver	6
A. G. N. Smith	ct. Culverhouse	b. Newton	3
N. J. Langman		b. Newton	30
M. J. Bancroft	not out		0
Extras (2 leg byes, 1 no ball)			3

135

Michie	12 - 4 - 22 - 2
Greenslade	9 - 1 - 20 - 1
Maciver	18 - 6 - 37 - 2
Newton	15.3 - 1 - 53 - 5

Mill Hill won by 89 runs.

The school floundered against the usual N.H.S. "wobble" bowling until the more forthright methods of Newton and Maciver added 95 in just over an hour to enable them to declare at 3.40 p.m. Estimates vary as to the number of slip catches dropped by Mill Hill; some say 23, some put it as low as 14. With three balls to spare Newton bowling fast and straight, confirmed his status as man of the match by seeing to it that Mill Hill were the only school to beat Nottingham High School in 1979.

31st July in Deventer

MILL HILL SCHOOL 165 (C. I. Quirk 41, J. Derckx 5-46)
KONINKLIJKE U.D. 84 (D. S. Michie 3-21, I. Maciver 4-10)
Mill Hill won by 81 runs.

As in 1977, Quirk dug us out of trouble (74-7) against U.D. Wickenden also made his mark on the match, first catching Culverhouse at cover while fielding substitute (for a wicket-keeper who had ill-advisedly headed the ball) and then combining with Thomas in an exhibition of running between the wickets which proved that neither slimness nor fleetness of foot are necessary for the stealing of singles. Thomas then took a very good slip catch to clinch our retention of the Kost Trophy.

1st August in Enschede

AN EAST OF HOLLAND XI 158 (D. S. Michie 5-51, L. C. Newton 3-13)
MILL HILL SCHOOL 159-5 (D. S. Michie 63, J. C. J. Culverhouse 45, L. C. Newton 31)
Mill Hill won by 5 wickets.

On a foul day (cricket in England would have been unthinkable) Michie bowled very straight to finish their inning with three l. b.w.s and then ran out his partner in apparent absent-mindedness. Mill Hill paced their innings well to win with time to spare.

2nd August in Enschede

MILL HILL SCHOOL 194-6* (J. C. J. Culverhouse 55, D. S. Michie 50*, I. Maciver 32)
P. W. ENSCHEDE 62 (D. S. Michie 3-18)
Mill Hill won by 132 runs.

Only 9 fours were struck (3 by Newton) but good running enabled Mill Hill to declare in the 54th over. Two smart run-outs, two wickets for the Culverhouse "off-breaks" and a great caught and bowled by Harris completed the victory in ample time for us to enjoy a meal and say farewell to our most generous new hosts before catching the train for the Hague.

3rd August in the Hague

MILL HILL SCHOOL 235-8* (D. S. Michie 114, S. F. Wernham 40)
H.C.C. 117 (I. Maciver 7-30)
Mill Hill won by 118 runs.

Michie needed a good deal of luck to get started and "gave himself room" with considerable self indulgence later, but it was a good innings and contained 14 fours and the only driven six I can remember him playing for the school. Eight catches were then held, three by Michie at mid-off off the bowling of Maciver.

4th August in Wassenaar

DE KIEVITEN C.C. 189 (G. Morley 83, S. C. Greenslade 4-71, I. Maciver 6-55)
MILL HILL SCHOOL 113-8 (O. Senhouse 6-42) Match drawn.

Greenslade bowled very well indeed to Morley (Sussex) and deserved the better figures actually achieved by Maciver as de Kieviten collapsed from

163-2 to 189 all out while attempting to raise the scoring rate. Senhouse was distinctly quick (the fastest bowler we faced all season, on a lively mat, with a new ball) and only innings of great character and determination from Wickenden and Greenslade during a prolonged rearguard action earned a draw.

6th August in Haarlem

RED AND WHITE C.C. 93 (S. C. Greenslade 6-35)
MILL HILL SCHOOL 96-6 (J. C. J. Culverhouse 51*)
Mill Hill won by 4 wickets.

Emmerson Trotman knocked Greenslade into an hotel garden a couple of times, survived a catch at the wicket through an umpire's misunderstanding, and sportingly "walked" in response to a telepathic appeal for caught at the wicket shortly afterwards. Maciver, ever reluctant to exploit the virtues of width, conceded 25 runs in two overs and was not amused but even so the innings expired to leave a target just large enough to accommodate Culverhouse's 50, which he reached with his third six.

7th August in Amstelveen

K.N.C.B. XI 179 (D. S. Michie 4-42, I. Maciver 3-37, J. P. van Vonderen 50)
MILL HILL SCHOOL 175-8 (D. S. Michie 39, J. C. J. Culverhouse 64)
Match drawn.

Michie bowled beautifully to reduce the Holland Youth "B" side (the "A" side were in Canada) to 107-9 before number eleven played an innings of great simplicity and vigour. If it was pitched up he hit it into the canal (he opened with two sixes) and if it was short he missed it.

These methods produced his 50 and a partnership of 72 in an hour. We batted for 44 overs to their 74, but even so could/should have won. Thomas was faced with the problem of striking the first ball he received for five to win the match off the last delivery.

9th August in Hilversum

HILVERSUM 40-0 (rain) Four overs at 11.00 a.m. and four at 2.45 p.m. produced enough evidence to suggest that this would have been one of our toughest games.

10th August in Amstelveen

MILL HILL SCHOOL 149-9* (D. S. Michie 33)
V.R.A. 66 (D. S. Michie 6-20) Mill Hill won by 83 runs.

Van Nierop and de Ruiter bowled with accuracy and stamina, and were largely responsible for Michie taking over 2½ hours to score 33 before having his misery ended by a quite brilliant catch by Nieuwenhuijzen at cover. Harley's 19 was the innings of the day. Michie followed his worst innings of the season with his best bowling to take his fiftieth wicket of the year to provide a fitting climax to Mill Hill's most successful campaign since the war.

1979 1st XI Averages

Played 25, won 12, drawn 11, lost 2.

Batting	Matches	Innings	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Average	Catches/St.
D. S. Michie*	25	24	3	801	114*	38.14	8
S. C. Hall*	16	15	2	318	61	24.46	1
J. C. J. Culverhouse*	25	24	3	512	64	24.38	8
L. C. Newton*	25	21	2	337	62*	17.74	5
S. F. Wernham*	22	20	4	283	40	17.69	22/5
C. I. Quirk*	17	11	3	128	41	16.00	10
P. H. Wickenden	6	3	1	28	15*	14.00	2
K. Walli*	15	12	1	138	52	12.55	6
R. Naylor*	24	18	5	154	44	11.84	8
I. Maciver*	25	21	1	223	32	11.15	9
S. C. Greenslade*	24	15	7	72	16	9.00	1
T. A. J. Dawson	9	5	2	26	10	8.67	6
I. K. Nyamekye*	22	18	3	124	19	8.27	5
S. C. McF. Harley	7	3	0	23	19	7.67	
S. P. H. Thomas	8	4	0	16	10	4.00	5/1
M. R. Harris	5						2

Bowling	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Best return	Average
I. Maciver*	364.3	137	809	68	7 - 30	11.90
S. C. Greenslade*	281.2	87	674	49	6 - 35	13.75
D. S. Michie*	307.2	85	716	51	6 - 20	14.04
L. C. Newton*	176.3	38	395	24	5 - 53	16.46
T. A. J. Dawson	27	10	34	2	1 - 13	17.00
M. R. Harris	8	1	21	1	1 - 5	21.00
J. C. J. Culverhouse*	27.2	9	75	3	2 - 9	25.00

* Those marked thus awarded First eleven colours.

SQUASH

<i>Patron:</i>	C. Dean, Esq.
<i>Captain:</i>	M. D. Wheatley
<i>Secretary:</i>	P. H. Wickenden

Another active term of squash has brought about some fine victories. A convincing defeat of Aldenham by the First Five was sweet revenge for the defeat by Aldenham earlier in the term. A defeat of the founders of squash, Harrow, on the own ground was another encouraging win.

Our courts have been brightened up by the presence of a few skirts. A team of two boys and two girls in the "Perstop Cup Competition" have so far survived two rounds and play the following round against Ardingley in the new year. The First Five has entered "The Schools Premier National Competition" and the third round match against Dulwich will take place next term.

Although the junior team has had comparatively few matches this term, their overall talent is very obvious, and success, I am sure, will continue in future years.

The arrival of Mr. Bowden, a talented, and knowledgeable squash player, has increased the availability of coaching for team members.

Once again, on behalf of all the team players, I would like to thank Mr. Dean for the time and effort he has put into the squash team and its organisation. With his help, we look forward to another successful term of squash after the Christmas break with the continuation of the Premier and Perstop competitions.

M.D.W.

SWIMMING AND WATER-POLO

A weakened water-polo team gave Ampleforth a good game and forced a 6-6 draw after being down the first quarter and Priestley beat Winterstoke in the final of the Junior House Water-polo Competition. We nearly had a game against Haberdashers' Aske's but this was cancelled. Our thanks go to Mr. MacMahon and Mr. Sutcliffe.

N.A.K. & J.C.

Water-polo team V. Ampleforth

I. Ousey
A. Carne
R. Hime
S. Hime
G. Boyd
J. Clifford (Capt.)
N. A. K. Fraser

Junior House Water-Polo Competition Final
Winterstoke 1 Priestley 4

FENCING REPORT

<i>Patron:</i>	Dr. W. D. Phillips
<i>Coach:</i>	Mr. T. Birch
<i>Captain:</i>	A. W. Welch
<i>Secretary:</i>	L. Sampson
<i>Armourer:</i>	R. J. Perkins

Fencing at Mill Hill has sometimes been treated as one of the school's most minor sports; however, this term, after three convincing wins we emerge from obscurity.

The club, consisting of thirty-six members, fence at least once a week, and team members two or three times a week. Foil, Epee and Sabre are taught by our coach Mr. Birch with the emphasis on technique resulting in our victories this term.

After losing to a superior Haileybury, with a weakened team, we received City of London at home, determined to win well. This we did, with a good team effort and a notable performance from A. Welch, winning all three of his foil and two sabre fights. The third foil showing their strength, won all of their fights and, although the sabre and epee lost, we won the match.

Our next match, away at Harrow, was another victory, with a good performance from the first foilists who narrowly lost, but the second and third foilists won, along with the sabre and epee teams, who had practised since defeat against City of London. The last senior match, against Aldenham, although only consisting of first and second foilists, was an enjoyable match, the school winning both foils quite comfortably.

The juniors had only one match this term against U.C.S. which was a draw, but it was a good team effort with many individuals showing great promise for the future. There are hopes for more matches next term as great interest is being shown. There are also hopes for a girls' team in the future, if more of the girls take an interest in fencing.

Finally, our thanks to Mr. Birch for his coaching, to Dr. Phillips for his continued support and interest, Mrs. Phillips for her hospitality, and to all those who gave the team support during the term which was much appreciated.

TEAMS:

1st FOIL

A. Welch (Capt.)

R. Perkins

M. Seymour

Also fenced:

P. Ruthven-Murray

L. Sampson

2nd FOIL

A. Levison

L. Sampson (Sec.)

S. Beck

Also fenced:

S. Edwards

C. Balcombe

U. Anand

3rd FOIL

I. Ritchie

C. Balcombe

U. Anand

Also fenced:

G. Mathias

J. Nissen

SABRE

A. Welch

M. Seymour

S. Edwards

Also fenced:

A. Levison

L. Sampson

S. Beck

EPEE

R. Perkins

C. Balcombe

U. Anand

Also fenced:

P. Ruthven-Murray

R. Rottenberg

M.S.

SHOOTING

Patron:

Assistant Masters:

Captain:

Hon. Sec:

I. C. Brownlie, Esq.

A. F. Slatter, T. Armstrong Esqs.

A. Sethia

A. Myers

The term started with the results of the 1979 Ashburton Competition, in which we were placed 36th (ex. 65 schools). This result was slightly lower than previous years, but A. Harvey won the Wellington Cup with a score of 35 out of a possible 35. David Silver, our top scorer at the Ashburton, won a "Cadet 100" badge and six other individual prizes were won during the meeting.

Our first match was scheduled to be against St. John's School, in the 3rd week of term, but they were unable to attend and so a postal match was shot instead. This, they won. The Winter Leagues Competition started the following week.

Our first side-by-side match was against Haileybury at home. Despite the presence of a girl in their team, we won with a score of 768 against 757.

Our next match was away against Harrow, where we were beaten by a more experienced team with a score of 777 to 758.

The Pirbright Open Meeting, formerly Frimley Park Meeting, was a meeting to be recorded for posterity. Our first team, consisting of S. Sethia, A. Wyspianski, C. Swinn and A. Macheath came 1st equal with Bradfield

School, S. Sethia scoring a 100 out of a possible 100. In the ensuing tie-breaker our 2nd application cards were compared, and it was found that we had lost by 1 point. However, in the individual competition, all of the above came away with prizes.

We have high hopes for our side-by-side match against Highgate, at home, towards the end of term.

We are at the moment shooting the last round of the Winter Leagues Competition and are looking for good positions, if not outright wins, for all 3 senior teams and both the junior teams.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Brownlie for his continued support and encouragement throughout the term, as well as thanking Mr. Slatter and Mr. Armstrong for their advice and help.

Teams Chosen from:—

A. Sethia*, A. Myers*, S. Sethia*, M. Morton, J. Beck+, H. Hewson+, J. Graham, P. Robertson, M. Macheath+, C. Swinn+, A. Wyspianski+, D. Cohen, J. Green, D. Mirfendereski, T. Chaloner, A. Bloom, M. Medcalf, G. Rottenberg, D. Long, J. Llewellyn, S. Orloff, M. Swinn.

* - full colours

+ - half colours

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

Football has long been frowned upon in Mill Hill. The few who wish to play are forced to use San-Field, an irregularly shaped field, with no posts or markings, which slopes down at 20° to the horizontal. However, even this does not deter the diehards.

The games are usually scrappy and very high-scoring. It is not unusual to have scores of 12-10, and the only times the scores have been kept low was when once Mr. Surridge played and the score at half-time was only 2-1.

The fact that Mr. Surridge decided to play with us could have long term



consequences. We have been continually told that we must get a master to 'run' the sport. However, few of the teachers have been interested in football, so could this be the beginning?

Looking at the players, there are some of undoubted quality, like Keten Patel, who is most skilful, and Jeremy Brooke, who directs the play as does Robert Glazer. Danny Aguilar is a fine battler but often ends up by losing the ball and Tim Tinker has a 'thunderbolt' shot.

So there is no lack of talent and with coaching the team would soon be able to play other schools.

There is no lack of interest either, as I've spoken to people in other houses, where *all* are in favour of football and inter-house competitions.

However, at the moment this would be impossible because of the pitch we use at present. We would need a flat, marked out pitch.

So the next term when I write the football article, I hope to be able to report on a new pitch and an inter-house championship.

J.H.

Regular Playing Members: –

D. Aguilar, A. Allerton, J. Brook, J. Hodes, K. Patel, T. Tinker, R. Beck, M. Eastwell.

Other Players: –

R. Berman, G. Corran, A. Davis, S. Ghaffar, R. Glazer, J. Graham, M. Hollis, P. Kingsley, R. Phoenix, M. Roberts, A. Saffrin, M. Ventura & Mr. Surridge.

FIVES

<i>Patron:</i>	D. Moyniham, Esq.
<i>Captain:</i>	C. V. A. Nunn
<i>Secretary:</i>	M. A. Roberts

Yet another average term, having won two, drawn one, and lost three. The team has however been undefeated in the last three matches, and we are optimistically looking forward to our remaining match against St. Olaves. Our most notable win came against Marlborough, when we won all six games.

We seem to have many more yearlings this year than usual and the team is made up of ex-third formers with the exception of the talented D. Ouzounian. R. Virani and R. Patel were the most successful Yearlings pair and played very well to beat Harrow away from home.

J. Hall, G. Coren, J. Lay and especially J. Graham and M. Roberts deserve a mention for many excellent wins throughout the term.

I am very pleased to welcome back C. Quirk to the team and P.R. Bowden Esq. as an instructor. Mr. Bowden has been a great help in coaching the teams and it is particularly pleasing to see the boys benefiting from his undoubted skills.

Once more we are hoping for repairs to the roofing of the courts to be carried out, but there again we have been hoping for the last six years. Fives is fast becoming an outdoor sport owing to the holes in the roofing and, if repairs are not carried out soon, the walls will have crumbled beyond repair. It is a shame to see such a fine sport neglected by the school accounts.

I would like to thank Mr. Moyniham for his work and patience in organising the matches and for helping throughout the term.

C.N.

Team: —

SENIOR: C. Nunn, M. Roberts, C. Quirk, D. Wild,
J. Culverhouse.

COLTS: J. Graham, T. Palo, J. Lay, G. Coren, P. Parker.
J. COLTS: J. Hall, N. Marchetto.

YEARLINGS: R. Virani, R. Patel, A. Sartaj, D. Freedman,
D. Ouzounian, T. Gill, L. Nikolaidis, P. Baty,
T. Treves, M. Lee.

BADMINTON CLUB

Patron: J. E. Waszek, Esq.
Captain: K. Walli
Secretary: N. Patel

An excellent term for the club. After much work and training put into the team, Mill Hill produced outright winners at the Barnet Championships taking seven out of nine trophies.

UNDER 14 Singles: M. Wong vs M. Tan (both M.H.)

Mixed: M. Wong

Doubles: M. Wong & M. Tan

UNDER 16 Singles: P. Lalvani & S. Israel (both M.H.)

Mixed: P. Lalvani & C. Winter

Doubles: P. Lalvani & S. Indot

UNDER 18 Mixed: K. Walli & J. Goodman

Thanks to The Mount for all the effort and support, especially Mrs. Wright and Mr. Turnbull for his willing help.

Alas we must not forget the Middlesex Schools League in which we have a long way to go yet to reach the finals.

The juniors however, must learn to be more serious and if they are to improve, to take heed of the advice given to them. However, thanks must go to everyone who has helped with the badminton club this term, not forgetting Mr. Waszek, who has helped us whenever he could get away from coaching the 1st XV. We hope to see more of him next term.

K.W.

Reawarded	K. Walli	}	FULL COLOURS
Full-colours	N. Dawson		
	N. Patel		
Half-colours	P. Lalvani	}	HALF COLOURS
	M. Wong		
	J. Indot		
Quarter-colours	M. Tan	}	QUARTER COLOURS
	S. Israel		
	P. Pungara		

MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

<i>Patrons:</i>	G. C. Sutcliffe, Esq., N. Cook, Esq.
<i>President:</i>	D. G. A. Penson
<i>Secretary:</i>	P. Summerfield
<i>Treasurer:</i>	R. Taylor

Unfortunately, there has only been one trip this term, and that was to Stanage Edge, Derbyshire, leaving immediately after Saturday's lessons. The long drive up the motorway ended with the joys of rock-climbing that evening. Again, time was an important factor, and only an hour's climbing was possible since darkness fell quickly. Once back at base, we devoured our supper. Base was a renovated barn belonging to an Old Millhillian, Mr. Twogood, to whom we are extremely grateful for his hospitality.

To rise at 6 o'clock on a Sunday, is not too attractive to most people, but with the prospect of a full day's climbing in sight we were all out of bed and at the rock face by 9 o'clock. Stanage Edge is a very long face of rock with an average height of 70 feet. Numerous climbs of different grades were completed. Again, we enjoyed ourselves tremendously and above all we conducted ourselves properly.

Concluding, on behalf of the club, we would like to thank Mr. Cook for his constant effort and wish him lots of luck with any future climbing.

D.P., P.S. & R.T.

Girl's Sport

BEFORE...



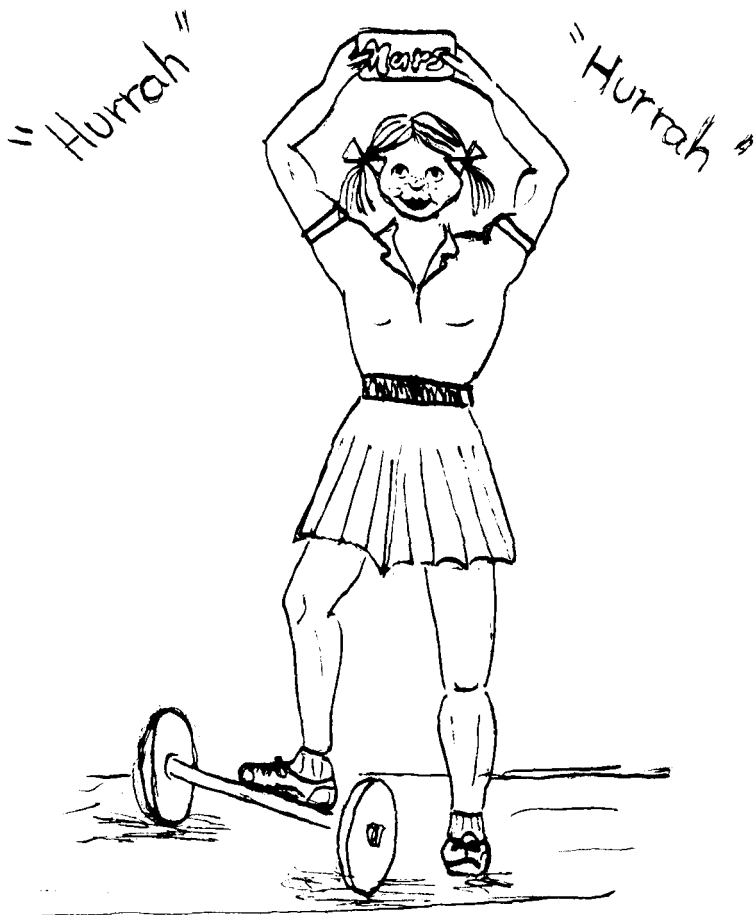
This term has seen the innovation of "compulsory keep-fit" on Tuesday afternoons. Despite its somewhat ominous title it is greatly enjoyed by all the girls who, spurred on by the enthusiasm of Mr. Robertson and the prospect of a Mars bar to the first to do 50 press ups, have now achieved a level of fitness hitherto undreamed of.

Netball, after a slow start, is now flourishing and it is hoped that matches against other schools can be arranged in the near future.

We would like to thank Mr. Rees, who has devoted himself to our trampolining, and Mr. Robertson, for giving up their time to us and for their unflagging enthusiasm and drive—it is much appreciated by all of us.

MELANIE POWELL.

and AFTER



BELMONT

This has been a smooth and happy term. In September we welcomed to the staff Mrs. Ottley (IIIB) and Mr. Royston (IIIA) and more than fifty new boys. I hope they have all enjoyed their first term at Belmont.

As usual there have been trips away from school to concerts at the Royal Festival Hall and to the Royal Institution for a Science Lecture, to Dent and to Twickenham. We have been visited by parents of boys in Forms I, II and III and we have had a demonstration of puppetry, for the Boarders a talk upon Communication in Space, and, right at the end of term, Tony Fitzjohn showed a film about his work with lions in North Eastern Kenya. Boys have contributed wholeheartedly to the Cambodian Appeal. James Cooper and Charles Wilcockson organised a Bring and Buy Sale and raised more than £30.

The Junior Choir sang for the Women's Guild at the Mill Hill Union Church and the Senior Choir joined Mill Hill in a performance of Faure's Requiem and also sang to the elderly people who gathered for their annual Christmas party at St. Paul's Church. The IIIrd Forms showed how well they could sing, too, when they provided the music which accompanied the Nativity Play of Forms I and II. The carols, the choral speaking, the setting and the costumes combined to make this a delightful evening for everyone present. The Senior Carol Service was an equally enjoyable occasion and those who were packed into the chapel on the last Sunday of term were full of praise for the older boys' singing.

At half term there was a great stir within our community. Mr. Turnbull was getting married to Miss Wilson and the boys marked the occasion with presentations and appropriate speeches. Form I have now got used to referring to their form mistress as Mrs. Turnbull.

The Friends of Belmont organised our Bonfire Party and the firework display. It was a fine evening in every sense and with the proceeds from the night more of Belmont's needs will be met. Thanks to the previous efforts of the Friends and some very generous donations we have now paid off the sum that was owing for our new baby grand piano. We are very grateful to the Committee (Chairman Mrs. Sylvia Kerner) and all the Friends.

The 1st XV has had a very successful season. It has won 6 matches and drawn 2 (Haileybury and the Staff XV). The team lost to St. Johns, our strongest local opposition, and twice on tour in the West Country. In beating Bishop's Stortford our boys gave the best display of rugby seen from any Belmont team in recent years. That our junior teams were less successful is no cause for anxiety. Our present 1st XV had lean years when they were juniors. The success of the 1st XV must have given great pleasure to Mr. Quinton-Jones who has been in charge of rugby football for the last four team-building years. The team's performances throughout the season are a tribute to his skill as a coach. Mr. Quinton-Jones takes up a new post at Dover College after Christmas. His mathematics teaching has been appreciated by very many Common Entrance and Scholarship candidates. We shall miss him.

Mr. Waite becomes the Housemaster of Jutes, assisted by Mr. Taplin, who, next year, will be in charge of Rugby Football. Mr. David Cowdrey, formerly of Holmewood House School, Tunbridge Wells, and more recently at the Junior English School in Rome will take over in January as Head of our Mathematics Department.

The Hockey team has already played two matches defeating the Mothers and losing to Mill Hill yearlings and our youngest soccer players won their

match at Highgate 9-1. Our senior swimmers lost to Haberdashers but the juniors showed great promise in drawing their match.

Our old gymnasium has been demolished and a new one —the result of the Appeal—will be built for us during the Spring Term. Meanwhile P.E. lessons and meetings of the flourishing gym club have continued in the more restricted space of the Assembly Hall.

Mr. Turnbull's party leaves for Italy early in the New Year. We look forward to the reports of the travellers on their return.

Our Head Boy, Nigel Gorman, leaves at the end of term. He has done a good job and he takes with him to Mill Hill our thanks and very best wishes. Patrick Kennedy is his successor.

News of Old Belmontians:—

Simon Robert-Tissot Nov. '77 Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences to Magdalen College, Cambridge.

Martin Herrington is also reading Natural Sciences at Cambridge.

RIFLE CLUB

We were placed ninth out of the thirty one schools taking part in the St. David's Competition for Air Rifle.

We started off the term with one member of last year's 1st VIII, because all the rest left to go their different schools. Three of our new marksmen just missed their medals by a fraction of an inch. We have a very good chance of winning that elusive cup.

Next term we are entering a team of ten for the N.S.R.A./Eley National Olympic Year Postal Competitional Air Rifle.

From among the Junior Members I am delighted to report the keenness of Robert Kanerick, Adil Khan, Jeremy Hyams and Anthony Ward. The most promising Junior is Anthony Ward.

We look forward to the Inter-House Rifle Competition next term and the following certificates were awarded: Nine Second Class, Six First Class, Four Marksmen.

N.I.J.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

First Fifteen

Played 11 Won 6 Drawn 2 Lost 3

After four seasons of reporting only one or two victories per season it is nice to be able to report a very successful one. As the system of teaching the game from the age of eight works its way through, then an increasing number of reports should reveal a greater level of success.

This year's success was built largely on the powerful running and tackling of two big centres, Nigel Gorman and Peter Mensah. Nicholas Dulcken, playing out of position at outside-half, was the perfect link man and his partnership at half-back with the diminutive but very courageous Simon Spong often got the line moving at speed and therefore made the most of the team's strength.

The pack was solid but not very tall. The scrummaging technique improved as the term went on and by the end of the season they were securing their own ball. The lines-out were a disaster, mainly because of the lack of

height and a number of 'way-out' moves were tried to try to overcome this weakness, none of which proved very successful.

The games lost were all against bigger teams from schools which play more rugby: St. Johns beat us 32-4 (incidentally the only time during the whole season that they were able to call on their full team!) and as usual we lost the two games on tour to St. Dunstan's at Burnham and the Downs at Bristol. Particularly pleasing wins were recorded against U.C.S. by 12-9, Davenies by 14-12, Edware School (a new fixture) by 24-8 and finally perhaps the best victory of the season by 26-4 against Bishops Stortford College. Dare one hope that rugby at Belmont has turned the corner after a number of barren years?

Colours were awarded to:— Mensah, Spong, Gorman, Pollock, Hashemian, Carr, Lim (ii) and Mirfendereski.

R.S.Q.-J.

BANTAMS (UNDER 12) XV

This was the Bantams first season of 15-a-side rugby and although we lost three of the four games played the prospects for next season are encouraging. Every player gave one hundred percent effort throughout the term and is to be congratulated on this level of commitment.

The forwards, although small, were extremely mobile and aggressive. They worked well as a unit, both in the set pieces and the loose, and won plenty of good ball. They dominated set scrums with some good hooking from Pendse. The lineout play was a bit untidy due to the lack of height. Goodchild led the forwards well with Balcombe (i), Burden and Rispoli outstanding.

The backs were never really able to show their promise, particularly after the loss of Kahn (ii) at scrum-half with a broken arm. Too often the handling was unreliable and they tended to run across the field. I am sure that with more experience they will develop into an exciting back division. Gross (i) improved enormously during the season, both as captain and as a player.

N.T.

COLTS (UNDER 11) XV

As the first ever Belmont Colts XV to represent the school at Rugby Football, the boys were confident that they were making history, whatever happened. History proved a good teacher for their coach; R.Q.J.'s Stoicism over the past season or two, as he watched successively less raw 1st XV's 'come up the hard way', provided a good example of patient buoyancy in face of adversity.

The squad had little depth and it took time and invaluable talent spotting by masters in charge of lower age groups to discover the necessary personnel to form the promising side with which we finished the season.

The scrum always looked strong and improved with every session. Tafler of London Irish was a tower of strength, latterly complemented by Papalexis, powerful and dependable. Between them Kremer hooked well; all three were tireless in open play and greatly impressed front rows of much more experience. Fowler's size and strength in the second row was significant in the set scrum and line-out and he was always dangerous in open play. A keen, thinking approach, nurtured in the tough South African tradition, characterized the constructive captaincy of Brazg at No. 8. Woko and young Kasapoglu, the long missed and sought for flankers, were devastating as they learnt their game.

The half-back pair, Pollock and Dalwood, despite their tender years, contributed great stability with their talent and experience of mini-rugby at Barnet and Saracens respectively.

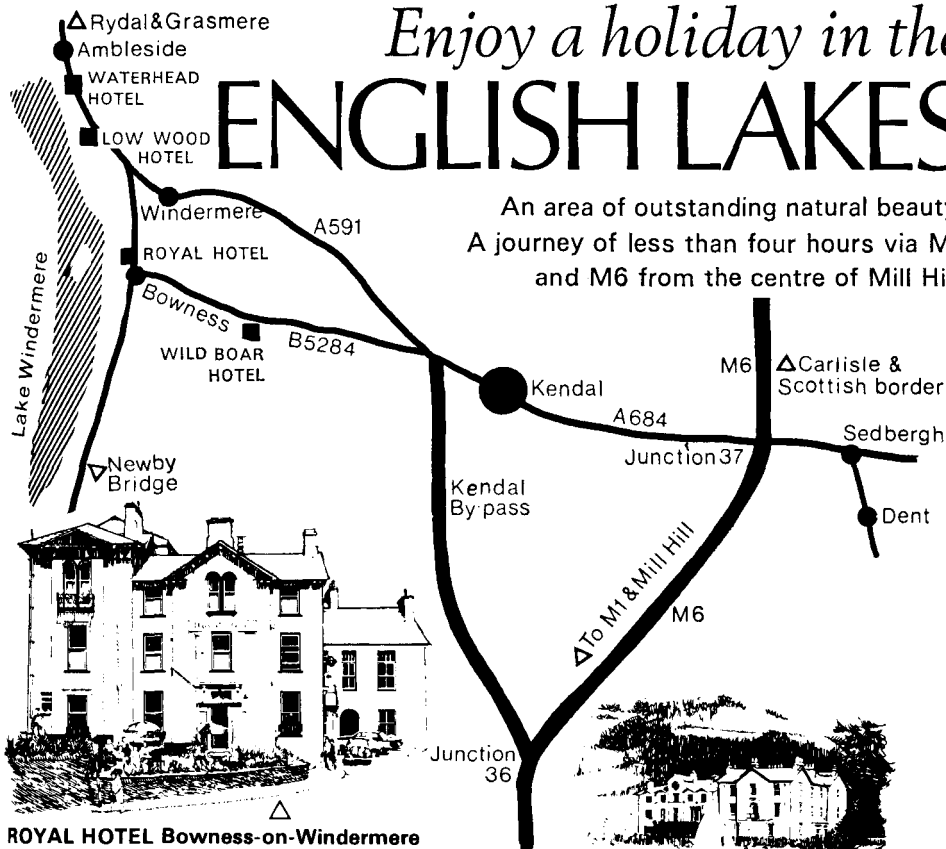
The threequarters failed for a long time to handle and penetrate effectively despite individual talent and great courage; after much 'juggling', however, and more talent spotting, a line with potential but no polish took the field for the final game of the season. Sheldon worked hard at full-back, though finding his real strength in the centre; Blurton-Jones showed a feeling for the game early on and developed well; Kerner and Patel, arriving late in the season, learned quickly and showed promise.

The last game finally produced a 'w' to reward their great efforts and unfailing good humour. Next season promises well.

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EDITORIAL

Return on Investment?

For too long the British educational system has failed to gear itself to the demands of industry. In teaching pupils how to earn their livings and make their ways in the world, the records of school masters are miserable. What possible relevance can the Classics or a thesis on the Middle Ages have on present day living or indeed, surviving in a commercial jungle?

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HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1979

Presented at the National Liberal Club in September 1979

You would think, wouldn't you, that the year following our Centenary year would be one of comparative ease, rest and relaxation. Well it wasn't. I admit that a year ago we still had the Centenary Dinner to deal with and that occupied our time fairly fully for the best part of a month. The Dinner itself was, of course, a great occasion magnificently organised for us by David Petrie, who, as usual, doesn't want his name to be mentioned. There is little point in my giving you a lengthy account of the evening—this has been done most expertly in the closing chapter of "Nobis" which appeared earlier this year—but I think that the abiding memory many people will have of the Dinner was the spontaneous expression of affectionate gratitude to Allan Phimester for his response, as Acting Head Master, to the toast of "The School". The applause, which lasted for more than two minutes, was a deep expression of Old Millhillian thanks, not just for a brilliant speech, which undoubtedly it was, but for his lifelong regard for Mill Hill in its widest possible sense and for his readiness to take over the running of the School at a moment's notice. It may be appropriate to mention that during the year the O.M. Council conferred on Allan Honorary Membership of the Club in recognition of his services to the School, a step which I am sure all here present will gladly endorse.

Once the Centenary Dinner was over, I sat back to enjoy comparative ease, rest and relaxation that I had long promised myself. Unfortunately I had forgotten about the Centenary Register. Had I realized how much hard work its preparation would take I would never have suggested the stupid idea in the first place. It is now being printed and will be ready in three weeks' time. I hope it will be a useful publication. It will run to about one hundred and fifty pages and I calculate that to produce each page will have taken about $2\frac{1}{6}$ th woman-hours plus $\frac{1}{3}$ rd man-hours, and if you can make out what I mean by these figures then your days at Mill Hill will not have been wasted. For those of you whose days at Mill Hill were wasted what I mean is that each page will have taken $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours to prepare and that Mrs. Carter has done virtually all of it. She certainly did not have a year of ease, rest and relaxation!

Our Centenary year completed, it was the Rugger Club's turn to celebrate a hundredth birthday. Their season began with a Northern Tour when, as their Secretary said, they lost the matches but won friends. Jim Roberts and

John Williams brought an International XV to Headstone Lane for the Centenary game on October 1st and the Rugger Club's First XV, led by Rob Davey, had to be content with second place in a match immensely enjoyable both to the players and to spectators. Their major occasion of the year, however, was undoubtedly their Centenary Dinner held last March at the Hyde Park Hotel, attended by nearly two hundred people including the Chairman of the Sports Council and the President of the Rugby Union. Having seen the Centenary season through, Alan Toulson has resigned after many capable years as Honorary Secretary of the Rugger Club and it would be appropriate to thank him most sincerely for all he has done for our best-known and most active subsidiary. Still on the subject of Rugby Football it would also be appropriate to congratulate Alec Ramsay on being the third O.M. to be elected President of the Rugby Football Union and to wish him well during his period of office.

As I settled back to enjoy my year of comparative ease, rest and relaxation I decided to attend the Bristol Dinner on December 1st so as to combine pleasure with business. I'm glad I did because it was a most sociable evening well arranged by Tony Smith at the Avon Gorge Hotel. Apart from the local Bristolians, people travelled from far and wide to be present. For example, Bill Galloway came from Hungerford, Ian Reekie from Moreton-in-Marsh, Henry Murray from Exeter, Arthur Downer from Totnes and Richard Isaac and Derek Reid from Truro. Pride of place, though, went to Ron Temblett who came all the way from Penzance, some 200 miles. Those of us who were staying the night in the hotel felt disinclined to go to bed, thanks to the effective combination of Richard Isaac and the Water of Life, and when midnight chimed and ushered in 2nd December we were all able to shake hands with each other and to congratulate ourselves on being present on the Club's 100th birthday. It was not until I read the closing part of "Nobis" that I realized that 2nd December 1878 was a Monday and that the equivalent day last year was Monday, 4th December. As Gowen wrote, on that day a Selection Committee which included three O.M.'s met at the Park Lane Hotel to interview candidates for the Headship at Mill Hill. I was privileged to be invited to help in this task and it is therefore a matter of personal pride to know that I was the only Old Millhillian present on these two special days when both of the Club's objects were being fulfilled. End of commercial.

The Court of Governors, some weeks later, agreed unanimously to invite Alastair Carew Graham to be Head Master and, as you are all aware, Alastair Graham accepted the invitation and is now hard at work. Educated at Winchester and Cambridge University, he has been a house-master at Eton and, as someone said, if his academic career is to continue on its upward path he had no alternative but to come to Mill Hill. His first Old Millhillian occasion will be our Annual Dinner at the Law Society Hall in a month's time when I am sure we shall be able to confirm to him that it is our constant aim to maintain an interest in the School's welfare.

I have already mentioned the Rugger Club, but our other subsidiary activities have been far from idle. The Golfing Society entered, as usual, for the annual Halford Hewitt tournament at Deal, a competition open to 64 teams. It is the unenviable lot of one side in 63 to be drawn against the eventual winners and this year it was Mill Hill's turn. It was also the Tour year for the Golfing Society and having been to Scotland four times since their biannual tours began in 1971 the Society decided to try somewhere nearer home. Telling me of their tour, Bruce Taylor, their Honorary Secretary wrote "in a season more suited to tobogganing than swimming our presence on the Norfolk shores managed to do what Canute failed to do until Sunday morning, and then like Canute we returned from our morning round of golf looking like sixteen drowned rats". I am still to be convinced that

Canute looked like sixteen drowned rats but I am convinced that the Golfers do a great deal to maintain contact with the School, against whom they play regular matches. They have presented a cup which is competed for annually and this year they tried something new by taking four of the School's better players for a day's golf at Ashridge, where they played with them rather than against them. This is a wholly admirable initiative, and imaginative ideas of this kind must be used as often as possible for the benefit of the Club as a whole because there is no reason whatsoever to suppose that the O.M.C. is an automatic attraction to present-day school leavers.

The Cricket Club, too, suffered from the weather in the early part of the summer and many fixtures had to be scratched. Their season can best be remembered for two things—for having to run Headstone Lane themselves in the absence of a groundsman, and for their first foreign tour, to Holland. The running of the ground was carried out most efficiently thanks to John King and Chris Hart, not forgetting the ladies who prepared the teas. As Geoff Boardman said, it's difficult to butter bread while you're fielding. Mike Allen's tour to Holland was a sporting, a social, and even a financial success. Nod Saunders, the Cricket Club's only playing Old Age Pensioner, virtually discharged himself from hospital to go on it. Incidentally, the Cricket Club will have to take good care of Nod during the winter because I believe it will be 50 years next summer since he first played Cricket for the O.M.'s and it would be most distressing to have to retire on 49.

The Yacht Club is the last of our subsidiaries that I should tell you about. They had a momentous year in which, at Easter, they sold *Barbarella* and a month later bought *Three Martlets*, a six-berth boat which has been sailed every weekend bar one since they took her over. They have been active socially as well, having had their annual fitting-out party in April, followed in May by the launching party at Hamble when *Three Martlets* and thirty five people received plenty of champagne as Kate Farrow went through the christening ceremony. Just recently, last Saturday in fact, they held a Rally at Cowes and a dinner at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, attended by Nat Garrett, the President.

Those last six words "attended by Nat Garrett, the President" apply to every single sporting and social occasion during the year, plus a whole lot of others. Nat has been to all our formal and semi-formal functions, he has been often to Headstone Lane, even once when there was no match, he has been to the Quinquennial Reunion for the 1960/65 vintage, he has been to the Leavers Party, he has been out and about with the Golfers and the Yachtsmen and he has even run his own Yorkshire Luncheon. I must be careful not to exhaust my limited supply of superlatives but he has done wonderfully well and I am sure he has enjoyed every moment of it. These reports contain, of necessity, many expressions of thanks and congratulations and both are due to Nat, not just from me but from hundreds of Old Millhillians with whom he has come in contact.

Congratulations, too, to Geoffrey Hilton on the O.B.E. awarded him in the Birthday Honours List, and to Sir Graham Rowlandson and Neville Atchley on being elected Masters of the Paviers and Coopers Companies respectively. Incidentally, Eric Dangerfield becomes Master of the Needlemakers next Monday and today David Piercy has become Master of the Pewterers. Four O.M.'s, therefore, will be Masters of Livery Companies at the same time; I wonder if this is a record?

Another member of the Club has been active in a different sphere. Let me quote Frank Johnson, writing in the Daily Telegraph at the time of the General Election last May "From Norfolk until the end in the South London marginals yesterday afternoon he fought a campaign conspicuous for its dignity, candour, laconic humour . . . For these reasons my vote for Man of

the Match goes to Denis Thatcher. The only thing which can stop him reaching Number 10 tomorrow is his wife". His wife, of course, did not let him down and if you want proof I have a letter from Denis on 10 Downing Street paper expressing his regret at having to miss the A.G.M.

As I was beginning to think of my period of comparative ease, rest and relaxation a slightly unusual event took place which you might like to hear about. There is in existence an organisation with the imposing title of "The Association of Representatives of Old Pupils Societies", known as A.R.O.P.S. for short. A.R.O.P.S. holds yearly conferences at different venues and this summer the venue was the Sixth Form Centre at Mill Hill, the Conference being attended by some 50 delegates from Schools all over the country. I was, and still am, deeply grateful to Gowen Bewsher for giving up a valuable Saturday to come and support me at this Conference, the first part of which consisted of an address by Allan Phimester on the history of the relationship between the O.M.C. and the School, in which he pointed out the benefits and, to some extent, the disadvantages to a School which has an ardent and enthusiastic Old Boys Association. Allan admitted to me that he had based a great deal of his address on Gowen's "Nobis" and it was somewhat disconcerting to him to learn that Gowen was going to be present. The rest of the conference dealt with the problems of collecting life membership subscriptions from parents while their children are at School (this being the way, apparently, in which most Old Pupils Associations obtain their money) and with the preparation and distribution of address lists. My main real recollection of the day is of the extreme surprise expressed by the delegates not just that we can afford to employ a full-time Assistant Secretary but that we can find enough for her to do. I was not believed when I said that not only could we find her enough work but that quite often we could do with a part-time assistant as well. One result of the Conference was that I was later invited to become a member of the A.R.O.P.S. committee. This invitation I was obliged to turn down due to pressure of work caused partly by having to be Mrs. Carter's part-time assistant.

You will know that we have now entered the mail order business and are selling, among other things, town ties, country ties, scarves and engraved whisky glasses. A great deal of this enterprise has been made possible by Nat Garrett's generous help, advice and guidance and we are now able to reach a much wider market than previously. The response to our first sales circular has been overwhelming. We are at present temporarily out of stock of almost everything and repeat orders have been placed with our suppliers. It would be good to think that profits from mail order sales might be a useful addition to our subscription income. Here again I have to thank Mrs. Carter for adding to her more normal duties the extra posts of despatch clerk, storekeeper, cost accountant, quality control supervisor, marketing manager and chief purchasing officer. I know very well that she is embarrassed by my annual references to her so I will refrain from my usual eulogy, heartfelt though it would have been, because I know, and I know you know, just how much we appreciate everything she does for us.

My thanks are due also to the Bursar and to the powers that be at Mill Hill for accommodating our Club Office during the fourteen months it took to rebuild Cleveland. Life would have been impossible without their help, but I am glad to confirm that we are now reinstalled in our old quarters.

Above all, I am grateful to you for your support, and for listening to me with such patience. I am sorry to have taken so much of your time but I might now, perhaps, be able to begin the period of comparative ease, rest and relaxation that I have long promised myself.

THE ANNUAL DINNER

The organisation of an Annual Dinner starts almost before its predecessor has been condemned to the wistfulness of nostalgia. The venue is chosen by the retiring President—it is after all *his* night—but with costs as they are today, the Law Society consistently proves itself one of the best buys, and Nat Garrett was only too happy to bring some 150 Old Millhillians back to this remarkable hall. It depends on your upbringing and intellect as to whether you regard the decorations as being reminiscent of a long ago age of splendid decadence or of an ambitious public lavatory of the 30's. Both views have been expressed by lawyers and they should know for are not lawyers supposed to know everything?

David Petrie winds himself up like a youthful grandfather clock or perhaps more flatteringly, like an athlete convinced that a world record is in sight. He reaches his peak precisely at the right time and spends the whole day of that last Friday in October at the Law Society. Everything, but everything is checked—timing, microphone tests, the toastmaster, gratuities, wines, cash bar prices, candles and when they are to be lit—nothing escapes him. What, one asks oneself, will we do when David is himself President? Either we shall have a rotten dinner or Mr. Petrie will have to be in five places at once. Since he already appears to be in four perhaps the simple problem of making a speech while ensuring that the bar is open at the same time will be solved, like all others, without any of us realising that a problem even exists.

One problem which did exist this year was the almost recumbent position of the President; a position unhappily not caused by inebriation, but much to Nat's disgust, not to mention discomfort, a slipped disc. Nat managed, however, to rise like valued added tax from the floor of his lounge where he had spent most of the afternoon, first to a sitting position and then ultimately to the microphone where he made a fine speech. As he had attended every Old Millhillian event held in the U.K. during his year of office it would have been ironic to say the least had he missed his own dinner! Among others, Nat paid tribute to Allan Phimester and presented him with a set of Coasters from the Club in recognition of his years of service, and particularly his year as Acting Head Master, to the School. Allan's reply given later in the evening was short, to the point and vastly amusing.

The new President was then inducted by his predecessor, Ernest Shanks may not be well known to some Old Millhillians because he lives in Guernsey but what a delightful fellow he is. He paid tribute to Nat's work with the Ski Club of Great Britain, as a Parochial Councillor and Church Warden and for all he has done at Alford House.

Quite naturally, all present were waiting with some anticipation to hear the new Head Master. Those Old Millhillians close to the School in practical terms have already formed the opinion that in Alastair Graham we have, to use the parlance of an eminent Old Millhillian "a real cracker". His grasp of detail is immense and if he can solve the problem of combining five or six jobs—from marketing to teaching—into one, as undoubtedly he will, Mill Hill is on the threshold of great things. Those Old Millhillians who have any connection at all with preparatory schools, take note! Alastair Graham's speech—and it is always difficult for a new man to get the pitch of the hall as it were—was witty and very enjoyable.

And so we drifted into the bar. As usual the atmosphere was typically Millhillian: animated, friendly and very pleasant indeed. Brian Livsey came from the States to join in. So did a small contingent from the North of England and a much larger one from the North of London. A sign of the times perhaps. Let us see what the next decade brings.

LIFE WITH THE LIONS!

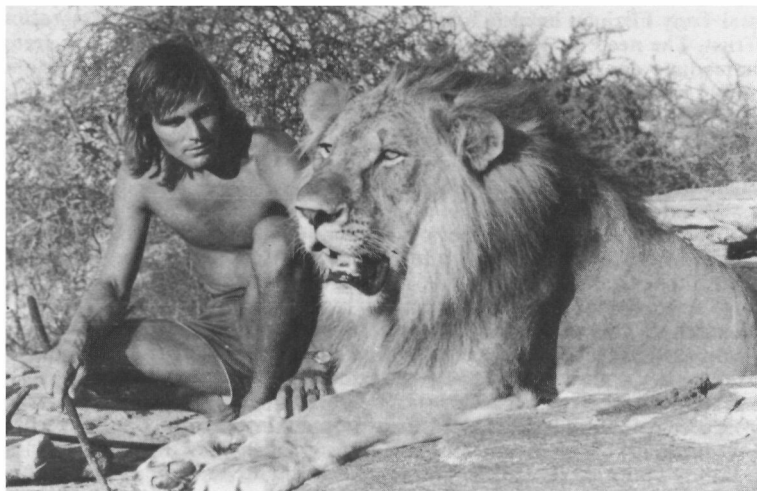
By Ashley Fulton presently in Murray House

Tony Fitzjohn was at Mill Hill during the early sixties. He arrived at Mill Hill a typical seven-stone weakling, as he himself said, and ended up by playing for the 1st XV. He made only one good friend at School, far preferring to roam around on his own, studying wildlife. He felt that he could not fit in with school society, and considered himself a rebel without a cause, or more exactly, a rebel without communication.

At the age of eighteen, Tony Fitzjohn left Mill Hill and went from one job to another, unable to settle down. After doing very well in an 'outward bound' course, he decided that he was best suited to rough, out-door work close to nature. He saved enough for the passage to South Africa, where his aunt, an artist, welcomed him. However, South Africa was too tame and organised for Tony Fitzjohn, and so, after working there for a while, he hitch-hiked slowly to East Africa. At the Mount Kilimanjaro Camp Fitz got a job as a mountaineering instructor, but there were too many people for Fitz's taste and he moved, having decided that he would like to work with wild animals.

It was at this time that Fitz discovered that George Adamson of *Born Free* fame was looking for an assistant, his previous one having just been killed by a lion. Fitz arrived late at night at the Kora National Reserve. Suddenly in the light of the Landrover's headlights, he saw George Adamson, looking exactly like an Old Testament prophet. George Adamson had never had a son, and as time went on, Fitz came to regard him as the father he had always wanted, ready to do almost anything for him—in fact he was nearly killed on one occasion . . .

Tony Fitzjohn said: "Suddenly SMACK and my head was in the mouth of a lion I didn't know. I smashed my fist on the lion's muzzle, but he started biting harder on my head. In the haze that followed, the only thing I could think of was crouching in a foetal position with my hands between my



Tony Fitzjohn with 'Fred'—a far cry from Careers Seminars in the V1th Form Centre!

legs—he could have had my head if he wanted it. The sound, with my head in his mouth, was deafening. I tried to roll away from him. He released me for a moment, and then came down with a deep bite on the side of my neck . . . and then my shoulder. I could see and feel it, but I couldn't believe it: a lion had me, and this time it was for real. Helpless, my scalp was torn off, part of my shoulder was missing, and the wound in my neck . . . I couldn't breathe."

It was then that Fred, a lion whom Fitz had reared since it was a cub, attacked the wild lion. Three times the wild lion chased Fred into the bush. An African worker screamed for George Adamson, who beat the lion off with a stick. Amazingly Tony Fitzjohn recovered almost fully, the only evidence of his close encounter with death being a few scars down the side of his neck.

After being seconds away from death, Fitz stated that he felt he was on his 'second time round' through life. When asked if he was angry that a lion, an animal which he loves, had almost killed him, Tony Fitzjohn said that he had not been angry at all; he just wondered what mistake he had made.

Fitz has spent eight-and-a-half years at Kora National Reserve with George Adamson. Kora National Reserve is about half the size of Wales, and there are less than ten permanent inhabitants. As a result, Fitz often doesn't speak to another human being for days on end. This doesn't seem to bother him, since he loves the company of lions, with whom he feels he can communicate. Every two or three months Tony Fitzjohn goes to Nairobi to pick up supplies—and also to have a change from his difficult surroundings out in the bush. However, Fitz says that he doesn't like towns at all: he feels nervous and uneasy, and despite the greater comfort of beds and so on, sleeps badly when in towns. His eight-and-a-half years at Kora have definitely changed his personality.

Tony Fitzjohn stated that his aim is to make Kora National Reserve the animal orphanage of Kenya. Considering that only a few years ago Kora had scarcely any wild animals, and that it now has many and varied kinds, Fitz's aim seems to be well on the way to success.

However, there is a problem, and it is for this reason that Tony Fitzjohn has come back to England. The Kora National Reserve has run out of funds, and Tony Fitzjohn has left Kenya to set up the Kora Wildlife Preservation Trust. The need for funds is urgent. The animals they hope to save are in immediate danger, and their numbers are declining fast. Tony Fitzjohn would welcome any donations to the Kora Wildlife Preservation Trust, 261a King's Road, London S.W.3 5EL.

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OLD MILLHILLIANS NORTH WESTERN DINNER

Once again a record number of O.M.'s and their guests packed the Blue Room at the St. James's Club in Manchester (chosen for the very good reason that Grahame Elliott (52-57) and John Elliott (50-55) are Chairman and Executive Committee Member respectively) on Friday the 9th November. This, the Friday before Remembrance Sunday, has now been firmly established as the regular and traditional date for the annual Manchester dinner, and because of the continued success of this event we have already booked for 1980.

We were particularly pleased to welcome Alastair Graham to his first provincial dinner as Head Master, and to greet the new President, Ernest Shanks (24-30), Q.B., C.B.E. We were also delighted to enjoy the company of Allan Phimester and Ted Winter.

After Roast Reef and Yorkshire Pudding (to the surprise of the Head Master, and the delight of Joe Fox (24-26)) and the loyal toast, apologies for

absence were read by Peter Huston, the local secretary and dinner secretary. We were particularly sorry to note the absence of John Bolton (36-40), who, in spite of strenuous efforts on his part to re-arrange matters, was on business in Turkey; however, we were very proud to again boast three sets of father and son in attendance, namely Michael (43-47) and Tim (74-79) Berry; Denis (27-30) and David (52-55) Compton, and Arthur (24-31) and Chris (54-59) Holt. The President, then proposed the toast of the School, coupled with the name of the new Head Master, Alastair Graham. Although now a leading light in the Guernsey community, we learnt that Ernest Shanks was actually a local lad made good, hailing originally from Rochdale. He was particularly delighted to see John Evans (25-28) present, whom he had not met for many years. He went on to recount some amusing anecdotes of his school days and ended with a glowing introduction of Alastair Graham.

The Head Master, in responding on behalf of the School and proposing the Club, immediately impressed us by pointing out that whereas previous Speakers had been aided by copious notes, his aide memoire was a crumpled napkin, devoid of any note whatsoever. He went on to demonstrate that he needed no such prop, giving us an insight into how he saw the School developing under his guidance. His wide experience in the Army and Commerce before entering the teaching profession and rising to the highest levels will stand both him and the School in good stead for the future. It was re-assuring to appreciate the firm hand on the tiller to take the School in a new and positive direction.

The usual informal discussion followed, a little more disjointed than normal this year, but serving the useful purpose of airing views on such diverse topics as the standard of rugby and discipline at the School, the absence of sports reports in the press, and a forceful and pertinent comment by David Smith (38-43) that the Old Millhillians Club was unique among former pupils associations, being larger, more active, more geographically spread, more diverse, more organised, and in fact head and shoulders above any other comparable organisation. On that happy note we adjourned to the bar, and a select few later to John Elliott's to check that the quality of his cellar was as good as ever (a fact the writer is pleased to confirm).

Next year we look forward to increasing our numbers from thirty four to at least fifty.

THE OLD MILLHILLIANS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL DINNER

Clive Fink occupied the Chair for this year's Dinner, on 16th June, being his second time round and "rang the changes" when he asked each one of us to give a brief account of himself in place of giving the customary reminiscences from the Chair of time spent at the "G.C.". This was a particularly opportune time to be innovative since we were welcoming two members to their first Dinner, that is, John Hopkins (61-66) and Stephen Clark (57-62).

Members were very pleased to have the informative communications from Allan Phimester, the Acting Head Master, and Nat. Garrett, the President of the Parent Club, read out to them by Clive. Those of us who had not already heard of the appointment of the new Head Master were most interested to hear that Alastair Graham and his family are to be the new occupants of "The Grove". Mike Curry has agreed to preside over the 1980 Dinner which, for the first time, will be held on the Friday evening of the Queen's Birthday week-end. The Friday has been chosen as it was felt by some members present that this would give greater flexibility for interstate members who may wish to combine business with pleasure and at the same time will enable others of us to benefit more fully from the long week-end.

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OLD MILLHILLIANS CLUB

CAREERS SEMINAR

Under the Chairmanship of Eric Dangerfield, the Old Millhillians Club sponsored a Careers Seminar in the VIth Form Centre on Old Millhillians Day in October. Since the Annual Dinner had been held the evening before, it is remarkable how coherent the speakers were, particularly as the whole exercise started at the quite ghastly hour of 10.30 a.m.!

Those taking part involved Graham Fear (1954-1959) a practising solicitor, Russell Cowan (1958-1963), who spoke about medicine as a career, Dennis Rothwell, a parent (but that is not his fault) who spoke on Engineering—he is Head of the Engineering Department at the Medical Research Establishment at Mill Hill, and Gowen Bewsher (1948-52) who discussed business and commerce in general terms.

Among the audience of over 150 were boys, girls and parents not to mention the Careers Master, Alan Prosser-Harries and the Head Master. Questions were asked of each speaker and one parent suggested that further seminars might include careers not so well known. This seems a good idea and among those that spring immediately to mind are aviation, forestry, farming, hotel management, the armed services, the police, probation work, retailing and publishing. Any Old Millhillian in these or any other sphere of life—perhaps we might hear from the Queen's Cheesemaker—who would like to take part in further seminars is welcome to contact David Smith at the Club Office as soon as possible so that another similar conference can be arranged.

For the record such protagonists might be encouraged by knowing that this first venture was both successful and for those taking part at least, very enjoyable, enhanced as it was by the School's fine hospitality to an excellent lunch laid on by the School's new Caterer, aptly named Mrs. Cook! Such was greatly appreciated.

THE RUGBY CLUB

At the start of the rugby season, Headstone Lane was in better condition than for several years. Thanks largely to the efforts of Chris Hart and a small band of helpers who maintained the ground throughout the summer. We now have a new groundsman, and wish Mr. and Mrs. McCaffery a long and happy stay at Headstone Lane. Following the appointment of the new groundsman, Ian Carrie has resigned as Ground Secretary; and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking him on behalf of the Club for his 15 years service as successively Captain of the C XV, Team Secretary, Captain of the B XV, Captain of the Extra B XV, and Ground Secretary.

Headstone Lane has seen a few changes this Season. On the positive side, improvements have been made to the kitchen and the electricity supply; but on the negative side, the stand was burnt down at the end of October, and the high winds in early November blew down the flag pole.

The 1st XV have suffered badly from the departure of several players to other parts of the country, and this combined with an unsettled team due to injuries and business commitments, has been largely responsible for the poor results. However, wins were recorded against Westcombe Park, R.E.M.E., Leighton Buzzard, and the old enemy Old Merchant Taylors', and several other games were only lost by very narrow margins. The A XV have a very young side including recent School leavers Ian MacIver, Mike Anderson and Lee Newton; and have taken time in achieving a balance of youth and experience. However, several good wins have been recorded

notably against Old Alleynians and Guys' Hospital. The match against the School 1st XV was won 18-15, with the result being in doubt right up till the final whistle. Both the other sides had poor starts due to a shortage of players at the beginning of the season. But since the end of October the B XV has won 6 out of 7 games played, thanks to a strong pack led by Jim Cooke, well supported by hard tackling, and straight running backs. The Extra B XV, after early setbacks, have now found a pack that can win enough ball to unleash the potential of the backs, and better results are anticipated in the second half of the season.



Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points for	Points against
1st XV	16	4	1	11	151	249
A XV	12	5	—	7	164	177
B XV	13	8	—	5	230	146
ExB XV	11	3	1	7	95	250

Once again we are pleased to offer our congratulations to Tim Jones, on gaining his second Blue for Oxford in this year's Varsity Match. His contribution to the scrummaging power of the Oxford pack played a large part in achieving their forward domination, and eventual victory.

The 1st XV and our chairman, Charlie Lamplugh, would be very pleased to welcome supporters at Headstone Lane. The 1st XV Home Fixtures for the second half of the season are:—

19th January 1980	St. Thomas's Hospital	Kick off 10.30 a.m.
26th January 1980	Old Blues	Kick off 2.30 p.m.
16th February 1980	U.S. Portsmouth	Kick off 10.30 a.m.
15th March 1980	Newbold on Avon	Kick off 3.00 a.m.
29th March 1980	London Hospital	Kick off 3.00 p.m.
12th April 1980	Old Haberdashers**	Kick off 3.00 p.m.

****Please note that a buffet luncheon is being arranged for the Old Haberdashers match, at which all ex-players, Vice Presidents and supporters are welcome. Details will be sent out nearer the date.**

The Middlesex County Seven-a-side Preliminary Rounds are once again being held at Headstone Lane on 26th April, please come along and support the O.M.'s. It makes a great day out for all the family.

Socials at Headstone Lane this season have been very successful, under the enthusiastic supervision of Steve Kalms, Clive Sutton and David Williams. So far they have arranged a Spanish Evening, a Bonfire Party, and a Stag Night. Further events are planned for the New Year, please watch out for details.

The Club Supper was held on 5th December, and thoroughly enjoyed by all 90 members and guests. Congratulations to Jim Cooke for his excellent organisation, even if he didn't predict the main fuse going halfway through the evening. But O.M.'s are very adaptable, and after raiding the back of Chris Hart's car for candles, we carried on regardless.

J.D.M.K.

CRICKET CLUB

Results over the second half of the season improved with the weather: (1978 results in brackets).

1st XI	Played: 33 (34)	Won: 9 (13)	Lost: 10 (4)	Drawn: 14 (17)
2nd XI	: 17 (19)	: 4 (6)	: 5 (7)	: 8 (6)
	50 (53)	13 (19)	15 (11)	22 (23)

Additionally, 15 (9) matches were lost due to the weather, and a further 8 games were lost for various other reasons — in total, almost a third! Hardly could this be considered a successful season in terms of actually playing. The 1st XI had some exciting wins — O. Lyonians, and Southgate, both off the last ball, and some more convincing ones — O. Cholmeleians, by twenty past four! Although the Sussex Tour was, again, rain affected, Tim Bunyard's infectious enthusiasm kept his side's sense of humour alive. After a hectic season, he is now stepping down as Captain, taking up the more leisurely pursuit of marriage. The 2nd XI thoroughly enjoyed its cricket, and was unlucky not to pull off one or two more "W's", the chase for runs ending just short on several occasions. This was highlighted at Chorleywood, where set to score almost seven an over off the last twenty, the side finished just seven runs short with two wickets in hand.

It has been encouraging to see some younger faces at Headstone Lane — Harry Sethia, Pete Alexi, Stuart Wernham, Isaac Nyameyke, Gavin Bailey and Simon Hall amongst others.

A debt of gratitude must be recorded in this column in favour of all the wives and girlfriends without whose considerable time and effort, the catering would have been impossible. Additionally, due to the absence of a groundsman, the Club was fortunate to secure the services of Messrs. King and Hart, the former making himself unemployed early in the season, the latter almost repeating this condition, albeit unvoluntarily.

By the time of publication, the Club will have held the Annual Dinner and will be relishing new challenges for the 1980 season — the 49th of cricket at Headstone Lane. Tim Wilkinson and Mike Allen, both for the fourth time, will captain the 1st and 2nd XI's respectively. Indoor nets will be available at Lords from Sunday March 2nd and each following Sunday until April 27th, inclusive, (except April 6th). Contact Stephen Wright on 01-959 1437 (H).

Anyone wishing to respond to the annual appeal for players should contact one of the captains, or Gavin Bailey on 01-886-4534 (h). A schedule of social events will be circularised in April with the future list, etc.

G.B.B.

RESULTS (from 15th July)

1st XI (incl. Sussex Tour):

Old Millhillians	160-9 dec.	K. Armistead 62 N.O.
South Woodford	162-1	
	LOST BY 9 WICKETS	
Old Millhillians	115	J. Lowen 33 N.O.
Chipperfield	116-2	
	LOST BY 8 WICKETS	
Harrow Wanderers	116	T. Wilkinson 6-39
Old Millhillians	118-7	K. Armistead 43
	WON BY 3 WICKETS	
Millers	196-9 dec.	T. Wilkinson 4-67
Old Millhillians	136	T. Bunyard 51
		J. Powell 30 N.O.
	LOST BY 60 RUNS	
Old Millhillians	205-5 dec.	P. Weavers 102
Millers	175-8	T. Wilkinson 50 N.O.
	DRAWN	
Old Millhillians	86	
Hornsey	88-3	
	LOST BY 7 WICKETS	
Old Millhillians	197-5 dec.	A. Rathie 117 N.O.
Wheathampstead	182	
	WON BY 15 RUNS	
Old Millhillians	178-5 dec.	T. Wilkinson 53
		J. Virasinghe 46
Old Gaytonians	161-9	T. Wilkinson 5-58
	DRAWN	
Old Millhillians	161	
Bognor	151-7	
	DRAWN	
Old Millhillians	172-8 dec.	C. Taylor 42
Storrington	90-9	T. Wilkinson 9-33
	DRAWN	
Old Millhillians	195-4 dec.	T. Wilkinson 53 N.O.
		P. Weavers 50
		J. Virasinghe 30
Worthing	175-7	
	DRAWN	

Old Millhillians	133-5 dec.	J. Virasinghe 44 R.H. K. Armistead 33 T. Wilkinson 6-44
Southgate	110 WON BY 23 RUNS	
Old Millhillians	227-4 dec.	T. Wilkinson 72 N.O. S. Hall 69 R. Harley 42
Eton Ramblers	56-8 DRAWN	
Southall	167-6 dec.	T. Wilkinson 4-73
Old Millhillians	122-8 DRAWN	T. Bunyard 57 R. Quinton-Jones 32
Old Cholmeleians	77	C. Dean 5-17
Old Millhillians	88-1 WON BY 9 WICKETS	
Old Millhillians	101-8	
Cuffley	77-6 DRAWN	
Old Citizens	87	C. Dean 7-29
Old Millhillians	88-4 WON BY 6 WICKETS	K. Armistead 41 N.O.
Chorleywood	101	I. Maciver 6-32
Old Millhillians	62 LOST BY 39 RUNS	
Hampstead	194-9 dec.	T. Wilkinson 6-77
Old Millhillians	143-9 DRAWN	J. Virasinghe 92 N.O.
2nd XI:		
Chipperfield	131	P. Alexy 4-59 M. Harris 6-39 G. Bailey 45
Old Millhillians	118 LOST BY 13 RUNS	
Old Millhillians	172-9 dec.	P. Mills 69
Old Minchendians	126-7 DRAWN	
Old Gaytonians	72 WON BY 1 WICKET	M. Allen 4-10 G. Boardman 4-29
Old Millhillians	127	M. Allen 35
Enfield	37 WON BY 90 RUNS	G. Boardman 6-11
Old Stationers	71	M. Allen 4-9
Old Millhillians	75-3 WON BY 7 WICKETS	R. Harley 46 N.O.
Fencibles	145-8	
Old Millhillians	131-8 DRAWN	R. Morton 36
Old Millhillians	172-8 dec.	R. Wilkinson 40
Pinner	160-6 DRAWN	

Chorleywood	195	M. Allen 4-58
		G. Boardman 4-59
Old Millhillians	188-8	R. Wilkinson 50
		R. Morton 36

DRAWN

YACHT CLUB

The sale of Barbarella went through at Easter and in fact she is now kept at Hardway, not far from the Club mooring so we can keep an eye on her! We were lucky enough to find what we were looking for at Hamble, and so on 19th May we took possession of a Trapper 500 with a party attended by 35 wellwishers. Mrs. Kate Farrow renamed her 'Three Martlets'. Stanley Farrow fired the cork from a magnum of Champagne provided by Charlie Lamplugh across her bows. Commodore Richard Dean made an appropriate speech and our Berthing Secretary, Mike Petersen, Alan Richardson and Stephen Kenning sailed her away.

'Three Martlets' is a Canadian designed boat built at Poole in 1976, having 6 berths, measuring just under 29 feet in length with an inboard diesel engine. She is without doubt the most comfortable boat the Club has owned since the days of 'Winnie'. She has been well used throughout the season up to 14th October, and is now spending the winter ashore at Vernons Shipyard, Chichester Yacht Basin. The only disappointment was that hardly any members took her mid-week. This could be put down to the uncertainty as to what boat, if any, the Club would have at the beginning of the season.

The season commenced with the fitting-out party attended by 45 at Malcolm Johnson's excellent restaurant Nicks Restaurant, Ifield Road, Fulham, and finished with the Club Rally at Cowes. Apart from 'Three Martlets' skippered by Tony Poole the following yachts made the trip to Cowes. Sir Edward Moore's "John Gaunt", "Over The Sun" owned by Martin Swan's brother-in-law with Mike Leon, Mike Petersen and Len Morton included in the crew, Dermot Adamson's palatial motor cruiser "Brickbat" just back from the French canals, with President Nat Garrett and his daughter on board and Mike Bates, our auditor, with John King on board in "Gypsy Rose". An excellent dinner was held at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club attended by 35 at which Richard Dean and Nat Garrett made speeches.

Simon Nightingale has taken over as Hon. Treasurer from Chris Maunder Taylor. If any O.M. would like to come sailing with us please get in touch with either Mike Petersen of Cromdale, Barnet Lane, Arkley, Herts tel. 01-449 2390 or the Hon. Secretary Mike Leon, tel. Hemel Hempstead 833665.

OLD MILLHILLIANS GOLFING SOCIETY

We are now about to start a new golfing season during which we hope that the weather will be considerably better than last year. At the 1979 A.G.M. Ronnie Samuels (1945-50) handed over the Captaincy of the Society to Ian Reekie (1954-58). At the Dinner which followed the A.G.M. Ronnie gave us a few of the details recorded about Ian's time at School, and time in the Golfing Society. All I propose to repeat is that he is too good a golfer to risk much money on a Match!

The Society was honoured last year at our Deal Autumn Meeting when Gordon Taylor, Captain of the Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club, attended our Autumn Meeting Dinner and extended Honourary Membership of the Club

to Jim Davidson (1924-29) as in 1980 he will have attended every Halford Hewitt for fifty years, having first represented the Society in this Public School Knockout Competition in 1930. The Society has approved a scheme at the A.G.M. in which we will pay for reupholstering the seats in part of the new lounge being refurbished at that Golf Club and have a plaque above the area to mark Jim's connection with both the Halford Hewitt and the Club.

In addition, on Saturday April 12th, the Society will hold a Dinner during the Halford Hewitt weekend in the Clubhouse for those of our members competing this year, past Halford Hewitt players, and past Captains.

Last year Tom Oxenham (1954-59) won two of the Society's Cups which he states are the first prizes he has ever won in the game of golf, and he is no chicken! This should not in any way detract from the performance of Jim Hawes (1941-45) who is a regular prize winner in the Society and took three of our trophies at the Autumn Meeting. Fine performances by both.

My particular thanks this year go to Nigel Maile (1968-73) and Pat Russell (1957-61) who have agreed to manage the Winter Foursomes Knockout and Match Play Tournament respectively. We hope that this will result in more matches being played, and more enjoyment by all participants.

ALFORD HOUSE

The year goes by very quickly at Alford House; whatever happens it is never dull. It has in fact been a good year with plenty going on and some success stories to record.

Football is the game in which the club has been making its mark strongly in recent years and it has a fine collection of trophies to show off on special occasions. To pick out one instance, Alford House was chosen to represent Lambeth in the 5-aside football event in the London Youth Games to which all the London boroughs send representative teams. After some nail biting finishes the side emerged as the champions and they will be collecting their medals shortly at the Mayor's Parlour at Lambeth Town Hall. Members have been seen in a T.V. programme and have taken part in the Radio "Talkabout" series.

It is not all football though. The Club entry won a gold medal in the South bank dance presentation put on by the London Union of Youth Clubs. Their routine was carried out on roller skates and you can't make it much more difficult than that. They also won an award in the London Federation drama competition.

These are some of the highlights but all the time the Club is carrying on the everyday things and providing the focus for many young people of different types and races.

It is good to report that Mick and Gina Saunders have been joined by their son Jim as Assistant Leader in the management team. It is a real family set up for which we count ourselves very fortunate.

The Governors of Alford House have also been fortunate in the appointment of Tony Armstrong to represent the School. He succeeds Tony Turnbull who has been the Mill Hill representative for some years and to whom we all express our thanks and good wishes.

T.D.W.

PERSONALIA

ANDJEL, RONALD (1946-52) has gone to Hong Kong as Managing Director of Montpelier International Properties. His new address is in the appropriate section and doubtless he will be a welcome addition to that vibrant group of Old Millhillians who seem to do nothing else but live it up in the Repulse Bay Hotel!

HOLT, S. C., M.A., Ph.D. (1948-54) has been elected to the Chair of European Studies at the University of Kent at Canterbury. He may be interested to know that his contemporary R. P. Bee (1949-54) is a House Master at King's School, Canterbury. Professor Holt takes up his appointment in April 1980.

ROBINSON, J. P. (1962-67) has been appointed Senior Engineer in the County Surveyor's Department of Derbyshire County Council.

TRIER

P. E. Trier (1935-38) who is a director of Philips Industries, the Electronics Group was awarded the CBE in the recent New Year Honours list. He has also been elected a Vice-President of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications, and a Council member of the Fellowship of Engineering. He is also Vice-chairman of Council of the Electronic Engineering Association, the Trade Association for the professional electronics sector, where he regularly meets Peter Blair (1934-39) who as an executive director of Smiths' Industries is a fellow council member.

HERE AND THEREAFTER

Elsewhere you will find an article entitled Life with the Lions. I am indebted to Ashley Fulton, presently a boy at Mill Hill, for this fascinating item. Indeed, its fascination extends beyond the subject itself for one wonders when last a pupil wrote for the O.M.'s Column. Let us hope that more will follow Fulton's example and it goes without saying that if any Old Millhillian is able to give to the Kora Wildlife Preservation Trust, such donations will be most gratefully received. Meanwhile, perhaps the Club should adopt Fred as its mascot. That would *certainly* put us ahead of any other Old Boys Club! Meanwhile our sympathy goes out to all concerned in this work following the shocking news of Joy Adamson's murder on 3rd January.

The Mansion House was the scene of a particularly proud occasion for the Atchley family in November. In the presence of the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs of London, the Worshipful Company of Coopers held their annual dinner under the Mastership of Neville Atchley (1930-34) who presided while himself under the watchful eye of father, Roland Atchley (1902-08), a Past Master of the Coopers. It did not end there! The third generation was represented by D. R. Atchley (1963-67) and also present was Doctor Alastair Kingsley-Brown (1928-35). This is only the second time in recorded memory of the Coopers that a Master has had a Past Master father at his dinner but perhaps in due course D. R. will make it the third! As will be seen from the Honorary Secretary's report, this has been a vintage year for Old Millhillian masters of livery companies which prompts the question; what actually do these companies do? Perhaps a few Masters would care to enlighten me. Letters to the editor would be more than welcome!

Roddy Braithwaite (1945-50) is a busy man. He is now Chief Executive of Charles Barker Recruitment Limited — who provide most of the advertisements for those Banks who from time to time appear in this Magazine — and he has now been made Vice Chairman of the Recruitment Society. He is also the author of a handbook *How to Recruit* for the British Institute of Management and recently I read a fascinating article of his in *Conference*, a published pillar of the Educational Establishment. With some one like Roddy in our midst, the Careers Department at Mill Hill does not have very far to look for a star guest.

Joe Fox reports he is "working on" F. A. Mallett L.I.B. because Mallett is not a member of the Club! He is, however, the Chief Executive of the South Yorkshire County Council and has just been elected Chairman of the Association of Local Authorities. A signal honour. One feels, however, that he will need all his years of experience as a diplomat when he finds himself confronted by Joe Fox!

That John Elliott expects to move from his palatial mansion at Altrincham next year is reported by Peter Huston, the North West Area Secretary. That this is in fact a staggering piece of news will be appreciated by those used to enjoying John's apres-North Western-dinner hospitality. Now they will have to go as far as Nantwich for their Scotch. It's a tough life — particularly with the cost of petrol rising as it is!

A business closely associated with Old Millhillians is Salter Rex who are presently celebrating 125 years of Property Services. Frank Rex (1906-11) was, of course, a worthy President of the Club some years ago and the original organisation was founded by Joseph Salter, the father of Arthur Salter (1875-76) who was also a member of the firm. It was Salter Rex who reported on the bombing of Mill Hill School in 1940 and today connection is carried on by Eric Harvey (1946-51), the partner concerned with Rating and Valuation. Among the firm's prized possessions are two original Sun Insurance fire buckets which emphasise the continuous association that Salter Rex have had with that company — now Sun Alliance — since its inception.

On Friday the 28th September 1979, three Old Millhillians and one Old Millhillian wife had an Old Millhillian Dinner of their own at the Mandarin Restaurant, San Francisco. Those present were W. J. Owen (1936-38), Peter Trier (1935-58) and Joe Fox (1924-26) accompanied by his wife. Joe reports that this was a very happy evening indeed and in mentioning it may I say that one always likes to hear of these get-togethers by Old Millhillians which highlight so well one of the main principles of the Club; friendship between men with a common bond. I myself, together with my wife, recently had dinner with Livingstone Armstrong (1926-29) and his wife at the Chesterfield Hotel, London. Armstrong is a descendant of the famous explorer, David Livingstone and during the evening we talked of the present day Livingstone's work with the World Health Organisation.

Two Old Millhillians have recently been invited to join the Court of Governors. Michael Whitehorn (1936-41), a former Cambridge Hockey Blue is minister of the United Reform church at Sevenoaks. Martin Jourdan (1954-59) is Chairman of Parker Knoll. This seems to highlight quite exquisitely the School's Foundation, belted and braced as it was, to ensure material success in this world and spiritual salvation later on! Joking apart, both will have valuable roles to play in the direction Mill Hill takes in the 80's and by ensuring that they join comparative youngsters like Michael Kempster, Colin David, Jim Roberts, Bill Skinner, Eric Harvey and David Smith, the present Senior Governors cannot be accused of failing to ensure a strong and vibrant Court in the future.

Finally, may I refer you to the one and only Letter to the Editor in this issue. For years I have been waiting to find somebody who could actually repeat the McClure classic verbatim. My thanks to R. E. Pain whose star appears to be twinkling as bright as ever!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 25th January, 1980: CRICKET CLUB DINNER: The Cricketer's Club.

Friday, 21st March, 1980: LAWYERS' DINNER: Gray's Inn Hall.

Wednesday, 16th April, 1980: YORKSHIRE DINNER: Mansion House Hotel, Roundhay Park, Leeds.

Friday, 9th May, 1980: BRISTOL DINNER: at Bristol.

During the Summer Term it is possible that another of the very popular Quinquennial Reunions will be held in the Sixth Form Centre and details will be worked out when the Club's Liaison Committee with the School meets next term.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Editor,
O.M. Column,
Mill Hill Magazine

Temple Ewell,
Kent.

Dear Sir,

I was very interested to read in the latest Magazine the article on "R. W.", whom I have met on many occasions, although he went to the School fourteen years before me.

The part that I appreciated most was that relating to Sir John McClure, or, as he called him, "The Bird" and "Crash" in my day, and the stories about him.

I wonder how many O.M.s remember and can recite Sir John's transcription of a well-known nursery rhyme which has been printed indelibly on my memory and which runs as follows:—

"Scintillate, scintillate, globule vivific,
Fain would I fathom thy nature specific,
Loftily poised in the ether capacious,
Strongly resembling a gem carbonaceous."

Yours truly,

R. E. PAIN (1916-20)

BIRTH

BOARDMAN, to Geoffrey (1964-68) and Virginia (née Liddington) at Barnet on 25th September, a daughter, Amanda Jane, a sister for James.

MARRIAGES

ANDJEL—POCOCK on 23rd June 1979 at All Souls, Brightwalton, Near Newbury, Berkshire. Ronald A. Andjel (1946-52) elder son of the late Mr. Maurice and Mrs. Andjel of Rougemont, Weeton, Yorkshire to Harriet Susan, eldest daughter of Mr. Michael Pocock, C.B.E., and Mrs. Pocock of the Old Rectory, Brightwalton, Newbury.

CHENEY—WATSON on 19th May, 1979 at Christ Church, Radlett, Herts. Laurence Cheney (1966-70) to Anna Rosamund Hall-Watson, both of Radlett — new address: 10, Pound Lane, Shenley, Herts.

FOX-MALTBY. On January 2nd, 1980 at St. Wildfrid's Church, Calverley, nr Leeds C. J. Fox (1957-62) younger son of J. B. Fox (1924-26) and Mrs. Fox of Bramhope, near Leeds to **DIANNE ELAINE**, only daughter of Mr & Mrs. N. Maltby of Farsley, Pudsey, Yorkshire.

HOPEWELL—PHILLIPS on 8th September, 1979, Jeffery Stewart Hopewell (1966–70) son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. E. Hopewell of “Stoneacre” The Green, Creaton, Northampton, to Janet Flora Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Phillips of “Homelands” Wall Hill, Forest Row, Sussex.

NEWBERRY-VAN DER WALT. On 8th September, 1979 at the Non-Denominational Church, Shabani, Rhodesia, Robert W. J. Newberry (1962–68), only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Newberry of Mill Hill to Elizabeth Laura, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Van der Walt of Johannesburg, South Africa.

DEATHS

ARKELL on 8th December, 1979, H. P. Arkell (1919–22) of The Hale, Wendover, Bucks HP22 6QR.

BROWN on 1st July, 1979, Edward Kendall Brown (1926–29) of 103, Kingsway, Leicester.

COLMAN on 6th August, 1979, K. R. Colman (1922–26) of Flat 3, Carbury, Fairfield Road, Meades, Eastbourne.

GABRIEL on 7th July, 1979, J. B. S. Gabriel, M.A., A.M.I.Mech.E., (1902–07) of Robin Hill, Forrest Road, Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

MORLEY on 19th September, 1979, E. P. Morley, B.A., M.B., B.Ch. (1926–31) of 84 Nettleham Road, Lincoln, Lincs. (nephew of Dr. Alan Morley).

WOTTON on 16th October, 1979, E. A. Wotton (1927–30) of Bracondale, Fairmile Lane, Cobham, Surrey.

OBITUARY

K. R. COLMAN (1922–26)

Gerry Colman went to Mill Hill in 1922. He was in Collinson House, he was a Monitor, in the Athletics team and in the 3rd XV and he played a full part in school life. On leaving school he studied to become an accountant and when qualified joined the firm of Spain Bros. In due course he was admitted into the partnership and for the last few years was senior partner. He played rugby for the O.M.'s from leaving School up to the outbreak of war. He was a very useful all round player and at various times filled every position outside the scrum. In addition, he captained the A XV for some years just prior to the war.

In common with other O.M.'s he joined the H.A.C. early in 1939. In due course he was commissioned and saw service in North Africa and Italy. He rose to the rank of Major and was mentioned in despatches. After the war he took over as Hon. Secretary of the Rugger Club from Will Gibbs and held this position for 10 years when he took over as Hon. Treasurer until 1969 before becoming the Hon. Auditor. He put in a lot of hard work and enthusiasm into all these jobs and his judgement on financial matters was much respected.

His other main interest was horse racing and he both bred and raced his own horses, his racing colours being chocolate and white. He was a winter sport enthusiast and with his wife went for a month each year to Wengen. When he felt he was too old for skiing he took up curling.

Gerry supported most O.M. activities including playing cricket for the 3rd XI and sailing with O.M. friends. He was a very loyal O.M. and gave his Club and the rugger club in particular a lot of service. He will be sadly missed by his many friends.

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