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# SCHOOL NEWS

## EDITORIAL

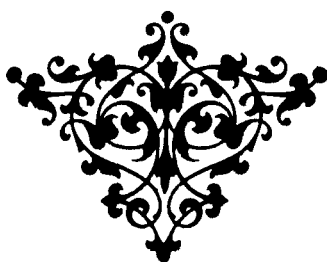
Have you ever stopped to consider what and whom a school magazine is for? Twice a year the Mill Hill School Magazine is published, totalling two thousand five hundred copies each time. Paid-up members of the Old Millhillians' Club receive approximately sixteen hundred of these. Therefore, there are about nine hundred left for prep schools, prospective parents, Belmont, the Common Room, administration and last (and did you know least?) the Mill Hill school pupils.

Time and time again people (notably Mill Hill boys, not being sexist of course) criticise the editorial team, for what they see as a boring and unentertaining issue. Yes, we can hear them moaning already, about our editorial, the cover, etc. Little do they realise the hard and dedicated work that goes into producing a school magazine. This is not a plea for sympathy or charity, we feel we speak for editorial teams in general.

Have you ever stopped to think about which article you look at first, when opening a issue? Do you just want to see your name in print, find the rugby report, or read about the music concert in which you participated? Remember, the majority who read this will be concerned with more important matters. This is not to say that school articles are of no importance, each contribution can make its mark in the magazine.

We hope we have produced a magazine which everyone can enjoy and benefit from. If you find that this is not the case, why not do something about it for future publications? It is your magazine, not ours, so don't knock it, support it.

**Veronica Byrne & Helene Nice**



"Have you got any contributions for the School Magazine please?" — desperate editor.

"Yes, I have a signed photo of myself," — a modest Upper VI male student.

## COMMON ROOM NOTES

**New arrivals:** Just too late for inclusion in the last issue, to **Christopher and Louise Dean**, a daughter, Saskia, in October 1987, and to **William and Margaret Winfield**, a daughter, Frances Pauline, in November. April 1988 saw the arrival of Sophia Patterson, daughter to **Nigel and Sarah Patterson**. Congratulations to all concerned!

**Welcome to the School to:** **Mr Brent Woolf**, teaching Business Studies part-time; **Mr Derek Hender**, part-time teacher of Handicraft; **Mr Andrew Friend**, here from Australia for the year, as well as **Mr Tony Lock** once again for the summer; and in the Summer Term, **Mr Andrew Carr**, to teach Ancient History, Classical Studies and English.

Welcome also to **Miss Ruth Cleaves**, as Sister in the San.; to **Miss Maureen Carpenter**, i/c the Gardner Merchant catering team; to **Mrs Pauline Mariani**, who has been accountant during the past year; and to **Miss Jayne Gough** as assistant secretary to the Head Master.

We regret to record the death in April of **Mr Bob Sillence** who worked on the estate; his widow, Kitty, worked in the pantry for many years.

The end of the Spring Term saw the departure of **Mr Mark Thomson** who for two and a half years had taught R.E., English, Ancient History and Classical Studies as well as helping to run the Chapel. This term we shall be saying goodbye to **Mr Charles Duckworth and his wife Gladys**, moving to Bedford School where he will teach Chemistry and some Junior Science; also farewell to **Mr Michael Raybould**, at present on exchange in Australia, who has decided to remain overseas; and to **Mr Andrew Rattue**, who has taught English here for three years as well as enlivening our drama activities, and now moves on to Haberdashers' Aske's. To all of them, our thanks for what they have done and our best wishes.

We are also sorry to say goodbye to **Mrs Pat Butler**, secretary to the Bursar. After sixteen and a half years of service to three successive Bursars, as well as seeing a nephew and niece pass through the School, she is retiring to well-earned peace and quiet. She has been a most helpful and friendly link between the administration side and many masters, and will be much missed. Our best wishes go with her.

The Murray Scriptorium now holds a class set of Archimedes computers. This is probably the most advanced collection in any school today. They are in constant use for hands-on information technology lessons throughout the school community, and in the Spring Term we started Buckland Society evening courses for visitors and teachers from other schools. More details about new computing ventures follow in Notes and Societies.

## We congratulate the following on their Oxbridge results:

<b>Anthony Nahum</b>	to Trinity College, Oxford
<b>Alexia Roe</b>	to Regents Park College, Oxford
<b>Ronald Shahmoon</b>	to New College, Oxford
<b>Surindha Talwatte</b>	to Worcester College, Oxford (conditional)
<b>Anthony Ward</b>	to B.N.C., Oxford
<b>Khalid Dawas</b>	to St John's, Cambridge (conditional)
<b>James Goodman</b>	to Pembroke, Cambridge (conditional)
<b>Sikin Mohamed</b>	to St Catherine's, Cambridge (conditional)
<b>Kamraj Nayagam</b>	to Trinity, Cambridge (conditional)
<b>Sanjeev Shah</b>	to Caius, Cambridge (conditional)
<b>Fariza Shukor</b>	to Newnham, Cambridge (conditional)

## WILLIAM BAINS O.M.

Dr William Bains gave a lecture on "Genetic Engineering" to all the sixth form biologists and human biologists (60) in Room 15 on Friday 29th April 1988. He left Collinson in 1974 to go to Oxford to read Biochemistry (Corpus Christi College). He subsequently gained a Ph.D. in Molecular Genetics at Warwick, gained a Fellowship at Stanford and is currently Lecturer in Biochemistry at Bath University. He is moving to Cambridge to join a biotechnology/genetic engineering consultancy firm, called PA Ltd.

His lecture included a careers guide and an insight into genetic engineering or recombinant DNA. Much use is made of his book "Genetic Engineering for Almost Everybody" (Pelican Books) in the sixth form. His lecture was warmly received by his student audience.

**T.T.D.**



## C. W. GOYDER O.M.

Cecil William Goyder's achievements (M.H.S. 1920-1924) were remembered on St George's Day when Sir Robert Telford, C.B.E., President of Marconi, unveiled a new commemorative plaque in the Science School.

At the age of 18 Cecil Goyder, a pioneering amateur in the field of wireless communication, made the first two-way link between Britain and New Zealand from a small room in what is now the Chemistry Department, on the first floor of the Science Block.

Guests at the unveiling ceremony included Mr George Goyder, C.B.E. (M.H.S. 1922-25, Cecil's brother), Mrs George Goyder, Mr and Mrs William Goyder (M.H.S. 1955-59), Sir Richard Davies, C.B.E. (President of the Radio Society of Great Britain) who earlier had delivered an address to the Sixth Form on the early days of amateur radio, Lady Davies, Professor Sir Cyril Philips (Chairman of the Court of Governors) and Dr & Mrs Derek Spurgeon.

The memorial was crafted in Botticino marble with a bronze head by the sculptor Mr Darsie Rawlins, A.R.C., F.R.B.S. We are indebted to Mr George Goyder for his assistance with the design of the plaque and to the Goyder family for the most appropriate gifts of a B.B.C. Domesday System and a Weather Satellite Receiving Station which will collect data and pictures transmitted from 36,000 km. out in space, something Cecil Goyder in 1924 could only have dreamt about.

**I.C.B.**



*Sir Robert Telford with Mrs George Goyder, The Head Master and James Fox.*

# NEWS OF FORMER MILLHILLIANS

## Careers Convention

At this successful, annual event several parents of present and past pupils came along to swell the number of advisers, and also the following Millhillians:

**Richard Hedley** (W 73-76)

**Lee Manning** (R 71-76)

**Robert Maunder Taylor** (S 54-59)

**John Watkiss** (C 50-55)

**Nigel Wray** (R 61-66)

At the end of last year 'LONDON'S CHILD', a novel by **Philip Boast** (B 66-69) was published. It is also being published in America and in paperback here (by Headline). Volume 2 is to follow, perhaps at the end of this year. His first novel was 'The Assassimators' (1976).

1987 also saw the publication by Pelican Books of 'Genetic Engineering for Almost Everybody' by **William Bains** (C 67-74). He lectured recently to the biologists at the School and a report appears elsewhere in this issue.

**Simon Booker** (B 69-73) judged the Inter-House Drama Competition for us in February (reported elsewhere). He is now Programme Consultant with LWT. He was earlier with Capital Radio, as was **Howell James** (W 67-72) (mentioned in our last issue) and as is **Graham Dene** (M 63-66) still going strong there as disc-jockey.

On the subject of radio and television, **Martin Hopkins** (S 55-60) continues in his role as producer of Sports Report on BBC One.

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Just too late for inclusion in the last issue, we were pleased to hear of the arrival of a son, Charles, for **Humphrey and Beth Bangham**, both O.M.s (M 70-75 and Mc 73-75 respectively) and believed to be the first O.M.s to marry O.M.s! Beth was the first full-time girl pupil at the School and daughter of Jess Baker and the late Clifford Baker, former Art Master.

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# GARFIELD



**Peregrine Chard** (P 81-86) is farming in France before going up to Reading University in October to read for a B.Sc. in Agriculture; he is also running a TR7!

**Roger Brazg** (Mc 81-86) reading PPE at University College, Oxford, passed his prelims. with distinction and was awarded a scholarship. Univ did well last year academically, coming top of the Norrington table.

**Clare Watkiss** (S 85-87) is at the moment an au pair in Paris and is going to read French at Durham University in October.

**Kate Jack** (S 85-87) is, we hear, going to read English at Bristol University next year.

**Rachel James** (S 83-85) is an advertising sales-executive with Border TV.

**Paul Turner** (M 82-87) is at the South Bank Polytechnic.

**Luke Holdom** (S 81-86) is working at Lloyds.

**Beth Morgan** (R 78-80) is in her last year as a trainee Chartered Accountant.

**Nicola Turner** (S 83-85) is working in public relations with Shanwick's.

**Gus Drew** (R 75-80) and **Jon Huxley** (R 82-87) are doing well in the money-market.

**Clare Skinner** (R 79-81) is a water-colour restorer.

**Richard Morgan** (B 77-82) is doing his Ph.D. at Durham in Computer Studies after a successful first-degree course at Keele.

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We very much regret to record the death of **James Olins** (B 83-85) while still a teenager, as a result of a car crash in Hadley Wood in January.

Finally, as we go to press, we are sad to hear of the sudden death of **Robert Fox** (Mc 74-79), former Head of House.

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'Where Have They Gone?' will be published in our December issue. Messrs Sutcliffe or Stringer will be glad to hear news of any recent leavers (in writing please) for recording in the Magazine.





## M.H.S. FOURTH INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE

The Lower Sixth, for the fourth year running, were taken away from their academic pursuits in order that they might be initiated into the world of business in a two-day conference on the 19th and 20th of November 1987.

The theme and title of the conference was 'You will Manage', but the question on everyone's mind was — did we? Well, to be quite honest, much that happened was chaotic but we learnt from our mistakes.

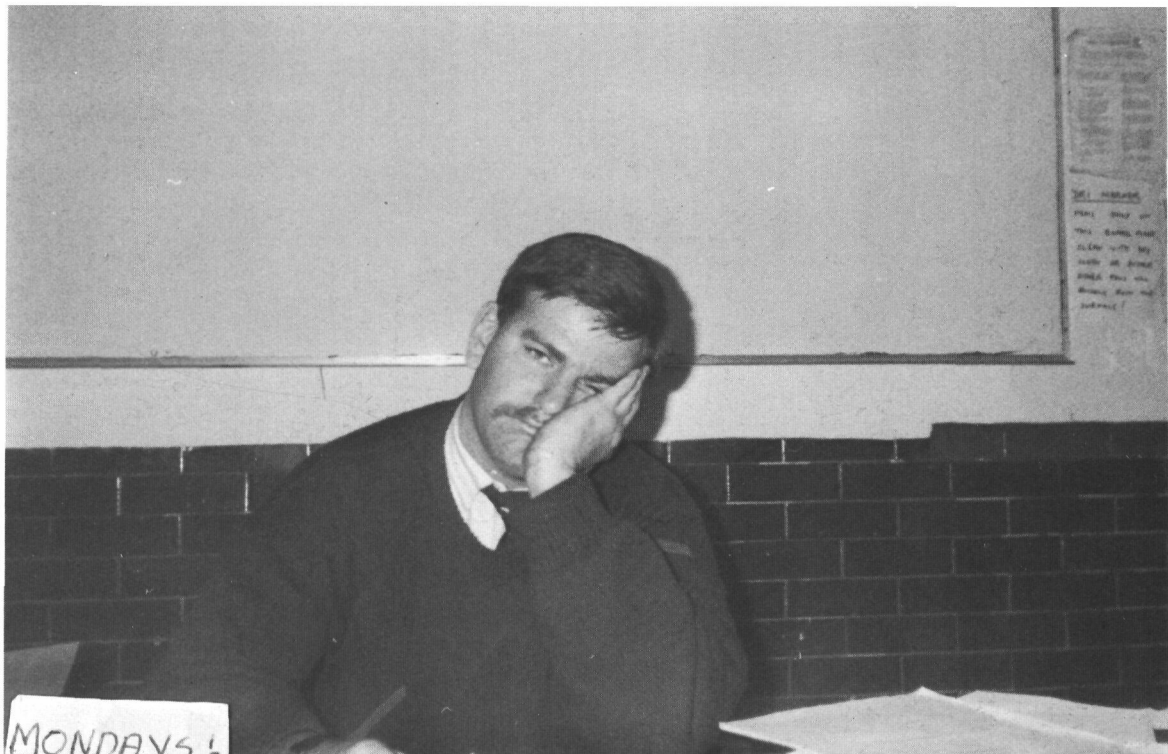
Most notably chaotic was the "Jot-Pad" project, where, in groups led by people from the REAL world of management, we had to negotiate contracts, buy equipment, and make and sell our own "Jot-Pads". After a hectic hour of running around it had been discovered that certain elusive members of groups had 'managed' to hide and not do any work. Other unscrupulous entrepreneurs had 'managed' to carry out some industrial espionage and sabotage on the unwary!

After this, our group leaders were able to show us the errors of our ways and tell us how we could have better organised ourselves. The same was true of the other exercises, including the famous 'LANDOR LTD', where all the groups believed they had helped the fictitious London Brothers sell their bicycles and become stinking rich. Afterwards each group had to confidently put their ideas across to their colleagues with speeches backed up by graphs and illustrations on an overhead projector.

Talks and films were given and shown by Anthony Wood Esq, the Conference's Chairman and a director of 'Understanding Industry'.

All in all the major theme of the exercise was getting along with, and motivating other people in a group while having sufficient organisation to see that all jobs get done. Perhaps something that can also be learnt on the sports field?

**David Faik**



## ALFORD HOUSE

"Inner Cities" is a catch phrase of our times. A hundred years ago their problems were acute; today they are still distressing even though the details may have changed. Frank Briant saw the need in Lambeth for some sort of advice and help centre over a century ago and founded Alford House. After being originally a working men's club, Alford House became a thriving youth club and it is in this latter guise that many Millhillians — old and new — know it.

But the century has come full circle in several ways for the Club in 1988 is becoming again the advice centre it originally was. Its current long-serving warden, the colourful and irrepressible Mick Saunders, writes of this trend in the 1987 report: "To be properly effective, we must understand the social conditions of our members, the lack of status they suffer, which, in turn, leads to alienation from the normal structures of society. Our ability to assist those experiencing such difficult like situations depends on our willingness to discover ways of opening up a dialogue which has relevance and meaning to the circumstances in which, through no fault of their own, they find themselves." The Club remains enormously vital in the sporting and activities fields but it is being compelled by circumstance to review its approach.

Alford House is governed and managed by a small group of faithful Old Millhillians and sponsored financially by many others. It must be our concern to see that this strong tradition of Old Millhillian allegiance and help is maintained for the children of today's Alford House members.

**A.H.A.**

*The Head Master being introduced to the Duke of Edinburgh by Mick Saunders when His Royal Highness visited Alford House during its centenary year.*

## CHAPEL COUNCIL

The Chapel Council has continued to meet regularly and to make important contributions to the organisation and running of Chapel. In particular James Leslie and Christopher Vincent are to be thanked for their reliable work and continuing enthusiasm as Chapel managers. The Council has been thoughtfully chaired by Matthew Vincent, but with A Levels imminent he has now given way to Peter Korniczky. One memorable event of the Spring Term was the attendance by several members of the Council at the Commonwealth Day service held at Westminster Abbey in the presence of the Queen. Meanwhile successful Charity appeals and collections have taken place over the last year, for the Riding for the Disabled and for Leukaemia Research. Finally we thank Mr Thomson for his support and wish him well and look forward to welcoming the new Chaplain, Mr Simon Ellis, next term.

**T.W.C.**



# BELMONT

After a most successful and stimulating trip to Russia by a large number of parents and boys in which they endured the lowest recorded temperatures in Leningrad the Lent Term started late because of the snow here! Academically the term was notable for the gaining of three awards at Mill Hill School (Kenneth Wong, Nicholas Tandy, and Sandeep Vohra). The Soccer XI was as good as any within memory, David Gardiner won the North London Preparatory Schools Fencing Tournament, the Chess Team maintained its unbeaten record against preparatory schools which has lasted since January 1984, and, thanks to enormous enthusiasm from Mr Arnold and a large number of boys, Fives really became established as a school minor sport.

After a holiday which included another fascinating history trip to the battlefields of North Western Europe led by Mr McDonough, and cricket and computing courses led by Mr Selwood and Mr McDuff, to say nothing of some boys' participation in the IAPS music courses, the Summer Term continued successfully. Maxwell Davie was awarded an Exhibition at King's School, Canterbury, and the Common Entrance results were very pleasing (86% of papers were of pass standard), all but one boy being accepted by the school of his first choice. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd cricket XI's were unbeaten, and it should be noted here that in fact the 1st team for the whole year, rugby, soccer and cricket, lost only two matches. The junior swimming team reached the finals of the national preparatory schools swimming championships, achieving 8th place. Another most successful post Common Entrance course was held, giving the whole top year experience of Dent and other activities not normally found in our curriculum. The end of the Summer Term saw the retirement of Mr Jackson after 20 years' service; to commemorate his retirement, the 75th anniversary of the school's foundation, and the European Year of the Environment, he wrote a Tree Trail, giving details of the many unusual trees in Belmont's grounds. Ironically, this was published on the day of the great hurricane in October, but happily none of the special trees were lost and only one damaged; a copy of the Tree Trail was given to each member of the School to commemorate the 75th anniversary of our Foundation. For this reason also, we were very pleased to welcome Mr Arthur Roberts and Mrs Rona Bagnall and other members of the Roberts family to Parents' Day. The Friends of Belmont marked the anniversary by a grand Dinner Dance, during which the Chairman presented the Master with a cheque for £10,000. The end of the Summer Term saw also the resignation of Mrs Webb, Mrs Farrell, and Mrs Corker from the academic staff and also notably the end of the boarding tradition at Belmont.

At 8 o'clock on the morning of the first day of the holidays, work started on a vast refurbishment programme, and it is right that the Governors should be thanked for their confidence in embarking on this project; the kitchens and dining hall were upgraded last year, and as a result of this year's work, the laboratory provision has been doubled and improved, the changing rooms have been completely refurbished and redecorated, the Common Room has moved to a large and far more fitting site (the old boarders' bath block actually!) the School Office provides a far more dignified welcome to school visitors, there is a new room specially devoted to video equipment, the Deputy Master has a new study (and here should be mentioned the new management structure of Belmont, in which responsibility for the administration of the School is shared among five senior members of staff), the heating has been completely overhauled, the kitchen yard has been tidied and made more attractive, much new furniture has been bought, and a vast amount of carpeting and redecoration carried out. As well as expressing thanks to the Governors, it is right that tribute should be paid to the Estate Bursar, Mr Fearnhead, for his organisation and oversight of the whole project.

The Autumn Term began much earlier than usual, in view of the change of dates necessitated by GCSE examinations in senior schools, and is now the longest by far in the academic year; something like half the academic content of the year is in this term. It was longer for staff, parents, and boys than for the Master, for he was given a fortnight's leave of absence to attend, as the Representative of IAPS, the American Elementary Schools' Heads Association Conference in America; he returned with many useful ideas and a much wider vision than before. The term was probably the wettest as well as the longest in memory, but the 1st soccer XI won the Orley Farm Tournament (Belmont teams have been in five of the last six finals, winning twice), and the Junior Swimming Team had a 100% record in its matches. Geoffrey de Burca won the National SATIPS General Knowledge Quiz with a score of 85%, and the School was placed 7th out of 160. The Junior Team did well also, as did the very large number of boys who entered for the IAPS music auditions; two boys were selected for the IAPS Orchestra, two for the Wind Band and three for the Training Orchestra.

This was the first term of Belmont as a day school, and certainly lessons were learned about administration, timing, and structure, which will guide our thoughts in the future, but it is our intention that, although a day school, the essential spirit, atmosphere, and aims of Belmont will be maintained.

Translation: (a) "It is enough for me to rest on my bed, and, if I am allowed, to put my feet up on my favourite poof."

Tibullus Elegy I



# MUSIC

## CONCERT IN CHAPEL Tuesday, 10th November

DAVID BOURNE, Trumpet  
ALFRED CHAMPNISS, Organ

**Prelude on the TE DEUM** CHARPENTIER  
**SONATA** for Trumpet and Organ HENRY PURCELL  
**SONATA in F** for Trumpet and Organ A. CORELLI  
**ORGAN:**  
**VOLUNTARY No 4 in D minor and major**  
WILLIAM WALOND  
PERCY WHITLOCK  
**FIDELIS**  
**TOCCATA** MUSHEL  
**ARIA from the Trumpet Sonata** FLOR PEETERS  
**VOLUNTARY in B flat** T. S. DUPUIS  
**ORGAN:**  
**A FANCY** THOMAS TOMKINS  
**CHORAL No 3 in A minor** CESAR FRANCK  
**ADAGIO in G minor** ALBINONI/GLAZOTTO  
**TRUMPET VOLUNTARY, Op 6, No 5**  
JOHN STANLEY

The combination of trumpet and organ is one that has become quite popular in England, and which has been so for a long time in France.

Mr Bourne and Mr Champniss gave an admirably varied programme by twelve composers, and it is to be hoped this combination of instruments will be a regular feature of music in Chapel: the new organ blends particularly well with the trumpet.



## CONCERT IN CHAPEL by the FASCH ENSEMBLE Tuesday, 1st December

**ORGAN CONCERTO, No 4 in F** HANDEL  
Soloist: RUTH JANKOWIAH  
**VARIATIONS ON A THEME BY HANDEL**  
HERBERT BAUMANN, b.1925  
**ORGAN CONCERTO in C** HAYDN  
**LYRICAL ANDANTE** REGER  
**'CHRISTMAS' CONCERTO GROSSO,**  
**Op 6, No 8** CORELLI

On Tuesday 1st December we were delighted to welcome for the first time to Mill Hill the Fasch Ensemble, a group of young string players from the Droste-Hülshoff-Oberschule in Berlin who were on an English pre-Christmas tour. They performed in Chapel a programme of varied chamber music, including organ concertos by Handel and Haydn with Ruth Jankowiah, a former pupil, as soloist.

One's first reaction to this relatively small ensemble was one of appreciation of their rich timbre which many a professional orchestra would have envied. Intonation, ensemble, balance were thoroughly secure; the harmonies were strongly underlined by continuo 'cello and double-bass. Of course, today, there is a growing trend towards a leaner sound in baroque and early classical music together with sharper rhythmic emphases. Such a style of playing depends a great deal on the use of original instruments and rediscovered bowing techniques which the Fasch Ensemble have chosen not to adopt. Instead we were treated to string players revelling in the sheer joy of their instrumental sound and producing a quite commendable standard of musicianship for such young students. Particularly enjoyable were Herbert Baumann's "Variations on a Theme by Handel", written for the group, which were despatched with technical prowess and musical commitment.

We hope very much that the Fasch Ensemble will visit us again when next they come to England. Perhaps our own chamber orchestra might venture to join them in one of those magnificent Vivaldi concertos for double string orchestra!

## CAROL SERVICE

The Carol Service took the usual form. Last year we had Bach's 'Jesu Joy' with oboe obligato, and this year Timothy Kenefick played oboe solos, with organ, by Bach and Loeillet which were listened to perhaps more than the usual organ voluntaries. Next year perhaps a brass group? The Choir sang three carols: Torches, The Angel Gabriel, and Resonemus Laudibus.



## THE MESSIAH

I first heard the Messiah performed in a cavernous South London cinema which had been turned over for the evening for the purpose of introducing culture to the masses. The choir must have been several hundred strong and was supported by the full power of a major London orchestra. As a schoolboy it never occurred to me at the time to wonder whether the sheer volume of sound that these combined forces were able to produce was really what Handel had in mind when he conducted the first performance of the work in 1742. The performance of The Messiah by the Music Society given on November 24th in the considerably more intimate setting of the Large seemed to combine the delicacy of texture as well as grandeur which Handel intended from this oratorio which has relentlessly remained one of the most popular pieces of music the composer ever wrote.

It was a particular pleasure to see and hear Andrew Burden back at school to sing the opening tenor solos "Comfort Ye" and "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted". The soprano soloist was Susan McCulloch, another well known figure at school and in professional musical circles. They were joined by Sidonie Winter, contralto, and Stephen Page, bass. The orchestra led by William Winfield, played with polish and were complemented by Simon Hillier's harpsichord and organ continuos, and Janet Reed in the cello continuo.

The ranks of the choir were ably swelled on this occasion by parents and friends of the school. Their first chorus "And the Glory of the Lord" boldly established a dramatic contrast with the soloists' arias and recitative, and continued to the jubilant and majestic high point of the chorus "Hallelujah", in which they were joined by the soloists and the clarion trumpet of Alun Proom.

In part three, after Susan McCulloch's well sung solo "I know that my Redeemer Liveth", the chorus changed their mood subtly in "Since Man Came by Death". After Stephen Page's aria "The Trumpet Shall Sound", in which once again Alun Proom made a notable instrumental contribution, the chorus closed the work with the grandiose "Blessing and Honour, Glory and Power" and "Amen".

The evening was a credit to Alfred Champniss, who conducted the performance which merited the inspired applause it drew from the audience. It also served to emphasise a sense of regret that the audience did not include a greater number of the school community. Can it be that so many are unaware of what the school regularly offers on a musical basis? Let us hope that those who did attend will be enthusiastic ambassadors of the musical life at Mill Hill School.

**N.S.P.**

"I've been asked to be a bumper for the School Dance." — AHA

## CONCERT IN THE MUSIC SCHOOL

**Tuesday, 9th February**

**ARRIVAL OF THE QUEEN OF SHEBA**

HANDEL

**CANONS in B major & B minor, Op 56**

SCHUMANN

**ADAGIO and FUGUE in C minor, K. 426**

MOZART

**COUNTRY GARDENS**

PERCY GRAINGER

**'DUMKY' PIANO TRIO in E minor, Op 90**

DVORAK

**HORNPIPE and JIG**

SHENA FRASER

**JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING**

J. S. BACH

**VARIATIONS on a THEME of BEETHOVEN**

SAINT-SAËNS

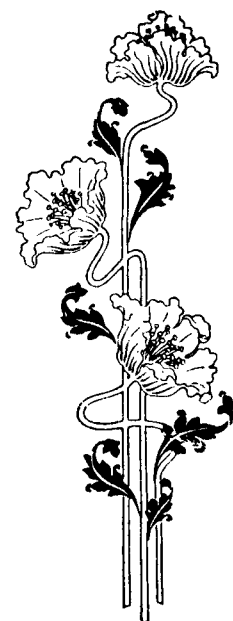
William Winfield, violin; Elizabeth Nevrkla, cello;  
Mark Lowe, piano;

Alfred Champniss & David Lawrence, two pianos.

The continued temporary presence of two reasonably matched Bechstein Grands in the Music School encouraged Alfred Champniss and David Lawrence to produce a programme of varied original and arranged works for the medium: indeed, apart from the superb but grave Mozart work the music was all immediately tuneful and attractive.

The players had been working at the Saint-Saens for some months, and this virtuoso work was a tour de force.

Mr Winfield's Trio played the Dvorak Dumky Trio in the middle of the programme. This too is a very substantial work, and we are most grateful to them for preparing such a grand and pleasant work for our whole-hearted enjoyment.



# SCHOOL CONCERT IN THE LARGE

## Tuesday 8th March

**BALLET FROM PETITE SUITE** *DEBUSSY*  
**SUITE FOR WIND QUARTET & STRING**  
**ORCHESTRA** *PHILIP THONEMAN*  
(FIRST PERFORMANCE)

**Allegro**

**Andante**

**Allegro Scherzando**

**Adagio**

**Allegro vivace**

Adam Green, Timothy Kenefick, Timothy Seaton,  
Nicholas Kenefick and The Chamber Orchestra.

**MEDITATION** *MASSENET*  
David Kraft, violin.

**AN AMERICAN PORTRAIT** *arr SWEARINGEN*  
**LINDEN LEA** *VAUGHAN WILLIAMS, arr*  
**THREE ENGLISH DANCES** *arr STONE*  
The Wind Band, conducted by Simon Hillier.

**SUITE FOR VIOLIN, CLARINET & PIANO** *MILHAUD*  
William Winfield, Timothy Seaton, Simon Hillier.

**FIRST TIME BLUES** *PHILIP THONEMAN*  
**GOIN' HOME** *Traditional*  
**NOVA BOSSA NOVA**  
The Jazz Group.

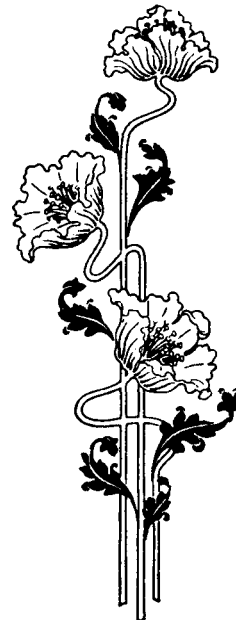
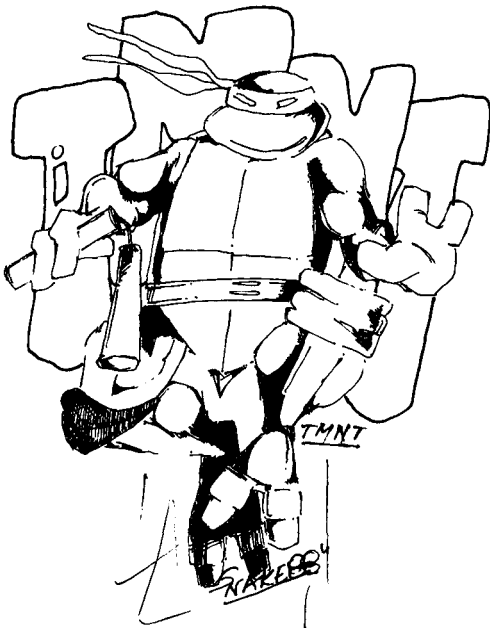
**TWO PICTURES OF CHASSIDIC LIFE** *BLOCH*  
Peter Albert, Violin.

**FOUR CONTRASTS FOR ORCHESTRA** *LAWRENCE LEONARD*  
The Orchestra, led by Peter Albert,  
Conducted by Alfred Champriss.

Considering the many distractions in the Spring Term, there was a great deal of musical activity: Music competitions, a big concert at the beginning of March, followed only a week later by a choral and chamber concert, as well as an earlier staff concert. With school exams in the middle, it is probably more than the resilience of flesh and blood can cope with. So that in future the big instrumental concert ought to revert to early November.

It is impossible to single out the many excellencies of the Concert on 8th March. The most unusual work was, of course, Mr Thonemann's Suite for Wind Quartet and String Orchestra. After his new work was performed at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in May, 1987, it was suggested that a work for this combination would suit our resources well. And by the beginning of September the score and a set of parts were ready and waiting. Some of the new work was immediately appreciated by the players, and within a few weeks' rehearsal we felt that we had all taken to the work whole-heartedly. The solo parts in particular are challenging, and the Chamber Orchestra gave first rate support. Apart from its excellent music, the work is skilfully laid out to allow different spotlights to shine on the soloists from different angles. Mr Thonemann deserves real thanks and congratulations on his quite remarkable achievement, and encouragement now to write a work for full symphony orchestra, (tailored, we trust, to our scope!)

Peter Albert, whose last solo appearance this was, has never sought the limelight, and we were charmed and excited by his rich and fiery performance of two movements by Bloch.



# CONCERT BY SCHOOL CHOIR AND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA IN SCHOOL CHAPEL

## Tuesday, 15th March

### SYMPHONY No 8 in D minor SYRINX

BOYCE  
DEBUSSY

Adam Green, Flute.

### Two Duos for Two Violins (1932) MARTINU

Philip Seaton and William Winfield.

### FLUTE CONCERTO IN G

QUANTZ

Soloist — Adam Green

Leader — Peter Albert

Conducted by Alfred Champniss.

### REQUIEM

FAURE

TREBLE — Howard Salinger

BARITONE — David Allott

Conducted by Simon Hillier.

The March Concert in Chapel has been a regular event for some years; owing to problems with illness, sport, exams, and a host of other interruptions, it does have its difficulties, but as often happens the results dispelled any black clouds of earlier anxieties.

We have been, unusually, rather light in weight in the lower voices in the Choir this year, and lower in numbers in the higher voices, both boys' and girls'. The excellent assistance of parents in last term's Messiah was invaluable, and for the Fauré we were fortunate in having several experienced parental tenors and basses in addition, which gave a maturity of sound sometimes lacking even in College Choirs.

The edition used was the new Rutter one, where the early chamber orchestra accompaniment suited our resources and limited floor-space in Chapel, and gave a restrained intensity so suitable to this intimate work. The orchestra were in the 'Chancel' area, almost behind the Choir, who were positioned in the next blocks in the body of the Chapel.

The soloists were Howard Salinger and David Allott from Belmont. Fauré's soloists were undoubtedly members of his Madeleine Choir, and it was particularly good that they should, as amateurs in the best sense, take part in an essentially local-grown performance and make such a distinguished contribution.

It is not easy to weld Choir and Orchestra together in one preparatory joint rehearsal, but Simon Hillier drew a cohesive and musical entity from the disparate forces.

The instrumental first half was a good foil to the Fauré. Adam Green has not been heard as much as a soloist as he might have been owing to illness, but his haunting Syrinx and athletic and nicely shaped Quantz concerto were superbly done; as was the excellent contrasting Martinu Duo. The Chamber Orchestra were on particularly good form.

This was a happy evening in every way.

# SOLO COMPETITIONS

The Instrumental Solo Competitions were held on Sunday, 21st February. The adjudicator was Mr William Webb, Deputy Director of the London College of Music, who is an experienced bassoonist, pianist, and conductor.

## Results:

Junior Woodwind:

1. **Robert Ioannou**, C;
2. **Timothy Kenefick**, P;
3. **Darren Tate**, W.

Senior Woodwind:

- 1= **Adam Green**, R & **Timothy Seaton**, W;
3. **Anna Henshaw**, Mc.

Junior Brass:

1. **Nicholas Tandy**, P;
2. **Vimal Sivasanker**, M.

Senior Brass:

1. **Aravindhnan Palaniappan**, Mc;
2. **Nicholas Kenefick**, P.

Junior Piano:

1. **Philip Seaton**, W;
2. **Elliott David**, P;
3. **Timothy Kenefick**, P.

Senior Piano:

1. **Anna Henshaw**, Mc;
2. **Peter Albert**, P;
3. **Timothy Seaton**, W.

Junior Strings:

1. **David Kraft**, P;
2. **Philip Seaton**, W;
3. **Nicholas Tandy**, P.

Senior Strings:

1. **Peter Albert**, P;
- 2= **Jonathan Burden**, P;
- 2= **Simon Griffiths**, P;
- 2= **Malcolm Johnston**, P.

**Peter Albert's** was adjudged the finest performance of the day.

# DRAMA

## THE SLATER TROPHY

The Slater Trophy, pictured on this page and also in larger form in our last issue, is awarded each year to an actor/actress in the annual School Play.

The Trophy was presented by the late Mr John Slater, the actor, in memory of his son Simon, who was in Burton Bank 1962-67 and died soon after leaving School.

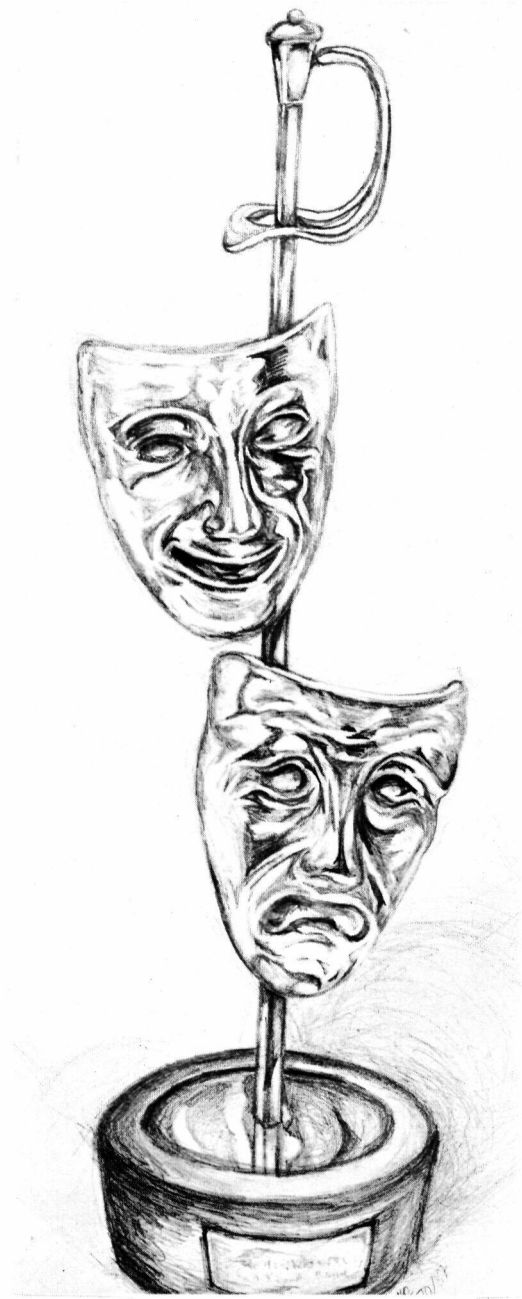
Mr Slater was a famous name in the theatre and appeared notably in a Stratford-on-Avon season (as Iago and Bottom among other parts) as well as in many of the Whitehall farces. His son had performed with success in several School plays.

Mr Slater for several years came to School productions and judged the acting award himself. The Trophy was first presented in 1968 when the School performed 'The Insect Play'.

The decision on the actor most suitable to receive the Trophy is now the prerogative of the director of the play.



*'The Miser'*





# SCHOOL PLAY

## THE MISER

### Molière

"The Miser" is a seventeenth century French comedy written by the renowned playwright Molière which is still enjoyed to the present day for its wit and humour as well as the farcical situation. It was refreshing to see a play staged as the main school play which was more unfamiliar to the majority of the audience than for example the numerous Shakespeare plays which have in the past been performed.

Although the cast itself was relatively small, there was active participation by many willing hands who dedicated so much of their spare time to the development and improvement of their school play. This did not come from the great heights of the school alone but also from the middle. Help was particularly strong where stage management was concerned from the Fifth and Lower Sixth formers, commendably organised by Veronica Byrne together with the assistance of Emma Richardson.

There is never enough attention centred on set designs in reviews where the artistic elite spend much time and energy setting the visual scene; there is generally as much time put in by the artists as the performers themselves. This scenery was exceptional! Julian de Metz with the expert advice of Mr Herring designed the beautiful "salon" and Colette Camden and Terri Beuthin painted the two views of a breathtakingly ordered 17th Century garden which seemed more suited to the house of a spendthrift than this penny-counting miser!

The lead role was well played by a fifth form pupil, John Baker, who impressed everyone with his tenacity during performances. He managed to convince the audience of seeming shrewdness and obsession with money.

James Carswell and Rina Meneghini who played Cleante and Elise respectively portrayed the brother and sister pair who have the awkward problem of persuading their father, M. Harpagon, the miser, that they both wish

to marry: Elise to the "trusty" servant Valere, played admirably by Jamie Hartman, and Cleante who wishes to marry Marianne, acted sweetly by Gemma Mitchell-Heggs. However the miser has also set his heart on Marianne, yet the love of money forces him to choose between Marianne and his fortune. Due to the fantastic cunning of Frosine, a marriage-broker, conscientiously acted by Helen Murray-Scott, Harpagon is mercilessly blackmailed.

As the plot slowly unravels, greed conquers all, and his money is used as a bribe against the ageing man. M. Harpagon has plans of his own to marry Elise to Seigneur Anselm, who was acted fortifyingly well by Timothy Seaton, a wealthy and affluent nobleman. As the play concludes, the Justic of the Peace, gaily acted by Louis Bloom, was brought in to discover the "thief" of the Miser's treasured gold. This particular character added to the humour within the play. In fact Louis Bloom's camp portrayal of this rather sympathetic character succeeded in making the house collapse in laughter.

Although everyone deserves to be highly commended there are simply very few words to express each actor/actress' personal merit; however I feel that Rina Meneghini; Steven Lee who played the miser's cook, coachman and butler; Louis Bloom and of course John Baker, should be singled out for each of their own personal qualities which they brought to the play. Gemma Mitchell-Heggs did, contrary to her own qualms, look fitting as the impoverished, beautiful and virtuous neighbour.

Mr McKie must himself be congratulated for undertaking the direction of such a vast project and it was evident, in the standard of performance as to the extent of polishing and rehearsal this production had endured.

Finally it has to be said that the arrangement of that music to fit the era by Mr Thonemann created a lively atmosphere and Mr Hillier's preparation of the musicians contributed to the performance of the elegant music which suited and benefitted the play itself.

**Alexia Roe**



# HOUSE PLAYS – February 1988

The quality of this year's competition was at a constantly high level. An immense amount of work had gone into each play, and everybody was a winner in his or her own right. It always seems unfair that anybody who has worked so hard has to lose, but that is the best part of the competition. I have reviewed each play in order of performance (getting someone else to review my own play).

**Priestley House** — (Funeral Games, by Joe Orton)  
This year's competition opened with this rather bizarre black comedy by Joe Orton centering on a cheating preacher and his wife. The acting was of an all-round high standard, notably Alex Dell as the 'corrupt churchman', but the play was let down by an unclear and confusing plot, that left the audience wondering what had been going on. It made use of many clever props (a sugar glass bottle added an effective touch) but as always happens, this play was damaged by disappearing and lost scenery and equipment.

**Ridgeway House** — (The Emperor's Nightingale, by Christian Andersen)  
This attempt made clever use of sets and crowds although with the latter, some junior members of the cast could not resist a giggle. Toby Sheldon and Pramod Achan were perfectly annoying as the narrators. The play was very well knitted together, although a fairy tale is never a good idea for a house contribution. Gemma Mitchell-Heggs deserved her award for acting as did Toby Sheldon for direction and Oliver Madge played Death perfectly. A nice play although rather monotonous.

**Winterstoke House** — (Henry 10th Part VII)  
As always Winterstoke used the whole house to show off the fact that they are all mad. Every year, one can be assured of a laugh from their mistakes, although again they made it appear that the mishaps were supposed to happen. There was a distinct possibility that Dominic Mattiucci was inebriated whilst operating the spotlight and that 10% of the actors did not know a single line. Eric Marchand's and Paris Ram's boxer shorts were entertaining as was a funeral procession that couldn't get the coffin out of the door. Many actors (Adrian Clarke in particular) made it known that they were reading their lines for the first time during scene changes. It was a miracle that this play did not collapse into an embarrassing mess (although some might say it did), but I was happy to see it get the runner-up prize at the end of the evening.

"Have you ever had the kind of dream where you wake up naked in Golders Green High Street? — I haven't."  
— ARR

**Collinson House** — (The Crimson Coconut, by Ian Hay)  
"No house play performed just before the interval ever won." Quoted TJC, Collinson Housemaster. This certainly wasn't an exception. It was a confusing, immature play that would have gone down better at the very end of the evening when everyone would be ready for a complete farce. The actors gave a carefree attitude to their work, but some of the more animalistic members were very amusing. The most enjoyable moment was at the end when upper sixth form members pranced about to the 'A' team theme. A childishy entertaining play.

**McClure House** — (Alderman and Blooms, by J. Hartman and E. Latter)  
Jamie Hartman once again shows his talent for directing in this excellent attempt which he wrote as well as acted in. Edward Latter was hilarious as the fat man taking his family to "Blooms" for a meal. The story may have appeared to be a bit bizarre after a while, although it was apparently based on a true story! It was almost as funny as Winterstoke's Shambles, but the difference was that this comedy was intentional and meticulously stitched together.

**Murray House** — (Blue Sky, by Yuri Kratkov)  
John Baker acted his usual trick of prancing around the stage making a lot of noise, although one can hardly deny that he is very entertaining. It was enthusiastically performed and a lot of work was visibly put in by all concerned with the production. Unfortunately it became exceedingly boring towards the end, although a collapsing chair provided some thirsted-for relief. This play had the potential, but was exploited by a cleverly written, but monotonous script. Even the Murray Housemaster admitted a dismal performance; perhaps "dismal" because too much was expected.

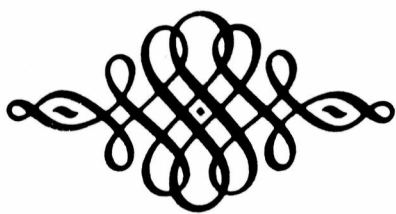
**St Bees** — (Husbands Supplied, by Falkland L. Cary)  
This was eagerly awaited as everyone wanted to see the girls making fools of themselves. It was disappointing to the male audience, because they didn't, and the excellent acting was let down by a "going nowhere" play. The two outstanding performances were by R. Philip and V. Byrne (as the loud-mouthed hussy). It was a well performed and produced play, although it lost interest after a while, and the audience didn't really care what happened. A shame, because it had the potential and certainly deserved to be better.



**Burton Bank** — (Savage Paradise by Stephen Lee and others)

Without a doubt, the best play of the evening. Although the audience may have wanted to curl up and laugh when the first song began (mainly because it was so unexpected) as it rolled on, one could see how much work had gone into it and that it really was very good. However the story was undeniably ridiculous but the performance made it not only durable, but moreover enjoyable. Louis Bloom played his usual “funny self” with Stephen Lee also excellent as a persecuted Jew. The black humour provided some laughs together with Raj Karia’s Indian dancing. This play never lost its momentum, and kept the audience enthralled. A deserving winner.

**Daniel Feller**



## **SCHOOL HOUSE PLAY “BLACK COMEDY” by Peter Shaffer**

The house lights dim, the curtains open, two figures enter on stage, but nothing more happens. “It’s gone wrong already” a voice whispers behind me, as we peered at the two figures wandering around on stage in the darkness. To them it seemed nothing was amiss; this was due to the fact that everything was fine.

Directed and produced by Jason Briggs, this is a strong play with the reversal of light and dark i.e. when the lights are supposed to be out on stage (they have a power cut) the stage lights go up, and vice versa.

As you can imagine this posed a problem for the cast who coped very well, pretending they couldn’t see a thing for most of the play. The confusion created by the characters on stage gradually built up, this being the whole aim of the play.

The outline of the story consists of a young sculptor, Brindsley Mill, played convincingly by Jason Briggs, waiting for an extremely rich collector to come and view his work. With him was his fiancée (Alexia Roe, she seemed to be in a very type-cast role, therefore a successful performance) who called her father “daddykins”, her fiancée “darlykins” and any other word that one can add “kins” to. To impress the young lady’s father, the couple had borrowed all their neighbour’s good furniture, while he is away for the weekend. Unfortunately he returns early, followed by a haphazard, detailed plan to get it all back to his house in the dark. The problems caused were obvious.

Soon after a previous girlfriend of Brindsley’s arrived. She was played by Helen Murray-Scott, who performed very well, in a role which she seems to attract — as the ‘other’ woman. An electrician arrived to mend the electricity as there has been a power cut, he is mistaken for the art collector. Ian Rosner played this strange, vacant type of character, who seemed to be the only one to appreciate Brindsley’s art.

It was obvious that the evening was a shambles for the sculptor as various discoveries are made. The play ends with the poor art collector who has just arrived, played by the new German student Christian Maiss, falling through the trapdoor.

Overall I feel that this was an exceptional performance, and the challenge of a very difficult and complicated play, was met with professionalism. This was not only due to the director, but to the strong cast who put in a great effort to make the play come together. (Despite rumours on the trouble-filled rehearsals, where nothing seemed to go right.)

Mention should be made of Alex Fox who did extremely well in the part of Harold, the neighbour. He coped very well and as a Remove was not dominated by his colleagues who consisted of sixth formers. There was a commendable performance from David Faik who played the ill-tempered colonel, and Paula Reeve gave an excellent and entertaining performance as a rather loopy lady from upstairs whose drunken babblings roused more than a few laughs.

As far as the set was concerned, Peter Korniczky, who built it, must be congratulated on creating a complicated and impressive set. One of the best I have seen on school stage, considering the limited resources he had. All cast and crew did extremely well, I think, and I look forward to the next School House play production. I shall be expecting a very high standard!

**Veronica Byrne**



# SCHOOL TRIPS

## EGYPT TRIP

Having been scheduled to fly with Sudan Airways, a 24-hour delay was inevitable, although we only appreciated this after we had boarded the plane. Nevertheless, Sudan Airways paid for an overnight stopover, full-board, in a London Hotel, during which time we took advantage of charging everything to a Sudanese account. Whilst waiting surrounded by refreshments for the next available flight to Cairo, the group was relieved to hear that due to the persistence of Mr Gaylor and Doc Rady, we were booked on the next BA flight a few hours later.

At Cairo Airport we met our tour organiser — Sammie. Having lost a day of our tour we “squeezed” the day we had missed with day 2 of our tour. This was potentially a strenuous day we had in front of us, so once we were allocated to our hotel rooms in the faded splendour of the Victoria Hotel, we all lay our heads down for a good night’s sleep only to be woken up at 4am by the power-assisted Muezzin.

The next day we met our tour guide — Rudie — who escorted us to the spectacular pyramids and Sphinx at Giza. We were all soon engrossed in the incredible knowledge of our guide. The temperature remained favourable throughout the day — (max 38°C, min 22°C), enabling us to enjoy the trip thoroughly with the accompanying sights, sounds and excursions.

Everyone had ample opportunity to practise their bartering as the streets were thronged with Egyptian vendors, whom we appreciated from that moment onwards as leeches. The natives though, on the whole, were friendly. Also on day 1 we visited the incredible Egyptian museum and saw the Treasures of Tutankhamun.

That evening we took an overnight ‘Messerschmidt’ sleeper train to Luxor, a 14 hour journey. Some of us found the irritating engine noise bearable, others were kept up all night. Arriving at Luxor station we noticed the low-life character of the place in comparison with Cairo (peak population of 17 million).

Today’s agenda was Thebes, including the temples of Luxor and Marnak, the latter being the site where we discovered an antiquity that the Egyptians had fortunately not discovered. We also visited the Valley of the Kings where we entered the tomb and saw the well-protected coffin (solid gold) of the Tutankhamun.

After an overnight stay in Luxor, we travelled further south to Aswan by a 4 hour train journey. Aswan, with its tranquil lake, was probably the most peaceful and beautiful place we visited. Also in Aswan, we crossed the Nile in faluccas (sail boats) to the opposite bank where we walked through the Botanical Gardens and the famous Aga Khan mausoleum, in which we were forbidden to wear shoes or to speak. On the way back across the Nile, we sailed past Elephantine Island, so called because the massive rocks there resembled elephants.

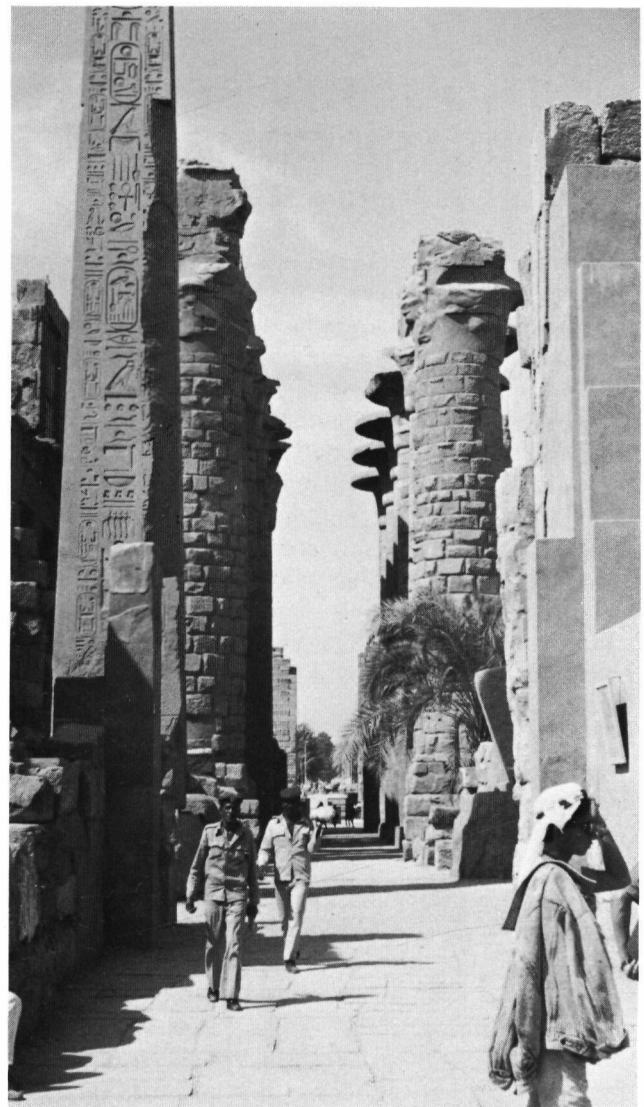
In the same afternoon, we left Aswan by train on an 18 hour journey back to Cairo.

Again scheduled to fly by SA, we weren’t surprised to hear that they were on strike. We were greeted with this news as we got off from the train at Cairo — two delays in one week! We said goodbye to Sammie and Rudie and then we were taken to a hotel — the tallest building in the largest populated city in Africa where we sat and waited to hear from Sudan Airways. Again, through the persistence of Mr Gaylor, and Doc Rady who went to Sudan Airways’ offices, SA allowed us two phonecalls to London (how generous of them) and also dinner and breakfast. Again we took full advantage of their offer of free refreshments.

The next day we awoke at 4am to leave for the airport for a flight to London via Munich.

Thanks go to AG and MR (and our guides Sammie and Rudie) who enabled the trip to be as exciting, varied and interesting as possible. And thanks also to Mr and Mrs Harrington and Mrs Au who accompanied us, for putting up with their MHS escort.

**C. Alexandrou**





## BOUAYE EXCHANGE

6.00 a.m. on Thursday 25th March and all was quiet, as most things are at that time in the morning, but within the space of 15 minutes 14 boys had filled the section of pavement outside the front of school. This was an early start for those who had opted to go on the Bouaye exchange. Their feelings were mixed; some dreading the two weeks that lay ahead of them, others wishing they were still in bed. Most however were anxious to find out what the trip was going to turn out like and whether they would feel at home with their new families.

Such thoughts were interrupted by the arrival of the coach, carrying the girls from Enfield County School who were to share the exchange with Mill Hill.

After a short flight we were soon on French soil: there was no turning back. Everyone met his or her family and they all went their separate ways, not knowing where they were going, or how far away they would be from another English voice.

First we were given a guided tour of the school which in comparison with Mill Hill is extremely small. I don't think any of us were expecting it to be quite so tiny, but for a school of its size it had a surprising number of facilities such as tennis courts and a large sports hall containing a swimming pool. Much of the first week was spent attending lessons but a couple of days were reserved for visiting Nantes and its large cathedral; the zoo in Doué-la-Fontaine; Saumur and its castle and wine cellars (with a taste of sparkling wine included); and Bouaye's "miniature" town hall.

The week went all too quickly, although the very first day went slowly as we all tried to get used to our new environment. However, the days that followed were thoroughly enjoyable and memorable. As the term came to an end the pupils of the Collège de Bellestre entertained us with magnificent "spectacle" — sketches in English, songs, dance and even a "drag" artist.

Once the school holidays began the final week was spent with our respective families. During that time some of us telephoned from house to house and organised an Anglo-French trip to Nantes which proved very successful.

This exchange was said to be the best for a long time; everyone was received by kind and warm families. All in all our stay in France was a tremendous success and I think that everyone on the trip wishes to thank Mrs Hardcastle, who gave up her Easter holidays to lead the exchange and Mrs Lee and Mrs Wheeler of Enfield, without forgetting M Michel Gratton and his team at the Collège de Bellestre.

**A. Dearing**



## AGEN EXCHANGE

A group of six Lower Sixth Millhillians gathered at Heathrow from where we flew to Bordeaux accompanied by Mr Bowden. We then took a train to Agen railway station where our French host families were waiting for us. Our minds were anxious as to the nature of Agen and its inhabitants. We were soon heading for our families' homes where we were finally ready to sample French "cuisine"!

For the next four days we attended the "Lycée Bernard Palissy" which had a staggering 2,000 students. Once morning lessons were over, we went out of school as a group on excursions. One visit was to a wine cellar where we tasted an impressive local vintage, Mr Jacobson taking full advantage of this free liquor. On free afternoons we all visited the town centre where we all had our fair share of laughs.

The end of term was soon looming which meant that we would be with our families over their Easter break for our remaining time in Agen. Some of us preferred to try out our linguistic knowledge with the local French girls, whilst others opted to stroll the French countryside in search of flowers and rare species of wild mushrooms. Well, some of us prefer different things!

When our two and a half weeks were over Mr Armstrong saw us off to London. Our time abroad left us with the following thoughts: Agen is a small town with a lot of character and the French are very friendly and sociable. All six Millhillians agree that this exchange is a worthwhile experience as it improves one's confidence to speak good French. Future 'A'-level candidates should strongly consider the Agen exchange as it will be their loss if they miss out on this excellent opportunity.

We are looking forward to welcoming the French back to England very shortly. Some of us are even planning to return to Agen in the near future.

**Christos Alexandrou**

"Think of an object. It might be three feet tall, six feet tall or as tall as I am." P de G McK.

## SKIING TRIP

The Mill Hill school skiing trip of 1988 began on an anxious note for everyone. We had heard that there was no snow anywhere in the Alps. The newspapers told us not to expect too much, and be prepared to play outdoor tennis or golf instead of skiing. On boarding the coach Mr Corbett assured us that there was enough snow at Tignes to make up for several resorts; this time he was absolutely right, most runs were open, very little ice was on the surface and all rocks were covered. Tignes gave the best possible skiing for any circumstances, let alone the fact that the Alps had not seen snow falling for weeks.

The journey was made more bearable by the fact that we left on New Year's Day. Most were so tired from the previous night's partying, that the eighteen hours went by very quickly.

The apres-ski activities were also excellent, with several bars and arcades there was never nothing to do. Harri's bar was always busy, and the bowling alley gave an expensive alternative.

Student Joviality came in many forms. Snowball fights took place each evening from 5.00 to 7.00 although the joy of getting covered in snow wore off after a time. Far more entertaining were the upper balcony waterfalls. It was found that dropping a bucket of water on an unsuspecting person below produced many laughs, not to mention a free hair and clothes wash for the likes of Marc Potel (who got hideously soaked!)

Tignes salvaged the World Cup downhill tournament by holding a race on Saturday 9th January. The course was closed for the whole week in order to groom the snow so that Zubriggen and Muller could destroy it. The amount of attention that the race drew to the region was enormous, with television companies from most European countries present. The race was almost cancelled due to a snow plough crashing into a lift pylon. The driver died, and parts of the telesiege crashed to the ground.

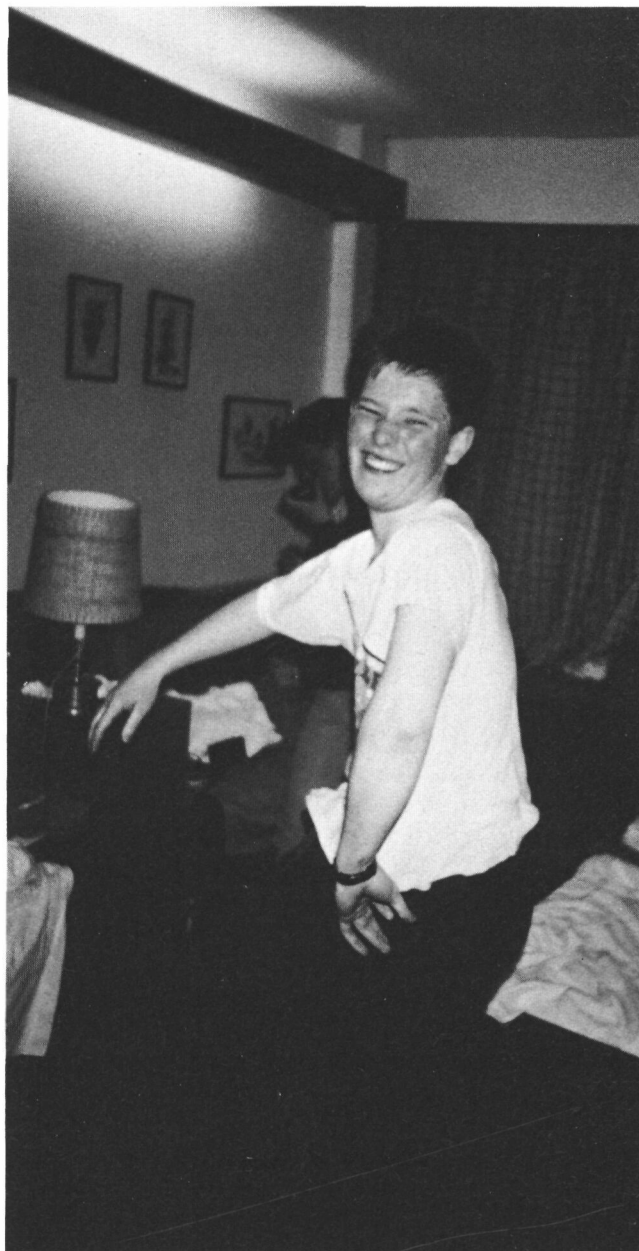
The apartments that the school stayed in were of a high standard for any ski resort, and with 6 to 7 to most rooms, very few people did not have a good time. The only problem was the lifts, unable to carry more than 2 at a time; thus taking boots and skis up to a fourth floor apartment was an excellent method of getting a hernia.

Of course there were the obvious embarrassing moments for several party members, mainly due to their actions on the slopes. Mr Hillier's bifocals and his extraordinary talent for falling over and never giving up made him a possible successor to Eddie Edwards, and one only had to watch James Carswell looking the wrong way and falling off a button lift, to realise that he had not done this before.

After a week of as much skiing and as many blisters as we could fit in, we were ready for the trip back. This began on a frustrating note, the drivers had to sleep for at least eight hours before we could leave. The EEC had begun to worry about tourists' safety by keeping us in Tignes with nothing to do for another evening. This last minute hitch gave the seniors a chance to go bowling, play a video game, or have a final ski-resort pizza in between cursing the juniors for having left before us. The journey back, again went by very quickly, and fortunately we avoided a ferry strike. We left eight hours after the juniors, but arrived back at school only about two hours behind them.

Once again Messrs Bickerdike and Chilton knitted together a very enjoyable and successful skiing trip, only one injury and a hundred or so very happy students.

**Daniel Feller**



*An après-ski activity?*



## RUSSIA – 1988

### **WARNING: WRITTEN BY A WESTERNER**

We are more or less all prepared and expectant on arrival at Gatwick Airport. There had been a minor slip, earlier in the week, concerning visas, but this incident seemed to be in the past. However, as we were all prepared for the predictable, armed with suitcases full of peanuts, raisins, biscuits and warm clothes, we were still all unsure about the actual flight departure time, so we just sat and waited in the departure lounge. I now feel as if I know what it's like to be "Waiting for Godot"!

Eventually we boarded the renowned "Aeroflot" plane and it certainly lived up to its expectations — it must be the way the Russians are taught to "drive" tourists, for our coach Oliver in Leningrad conducted his vehicle in much the same manner!

At Leningrad we discovered that Russian customs, i.e. passport control was not as fearful as we had been made to believe. The drive from the airport took about an hour through the deserted streets of midnight Leningrad. Admittedly it was late, but we still could not prevent ourselves from comparing London to Leningrad and it did strike us as somewhat strange that there was, literally, very little night life.

We had a slight hitch in finding our hotel and understanding the complications of the Russian system. After we had waited in the lobby of the hotel we believed we should be staying in, it was discovered that we should go to the main building in the complex, hand over the passports and in return we were to receive cards — giving us each access to a room key.

The accommodation was adequate. I myself was privileged to have for my personal use a suite, fridge and television; although I am afraid to admit that the latter was quite redundant.

After our late arrival at the Hotel Spothite we were informed (one soon learnt that in Russia you are most frequently informed of what to do) that breakfast was at the seemingly reasonably hour of 9.00 am (6.00 am British Summer Time).

I had the most unfortunate task of discovering the nature of Russian showers. They seemed to be communal — there were no apparent baths in Leningrad — and a remnant from before the Revolution. They were also freezing.

We were all also fortunate enough to be able to taste true Russian cuisine. We were unusually thirsty and the long glass of creamy milk was just what we needed to slake our thirsts. Little did we know! It was in fact a cross between sour milk and yoghurt. At least it taught us our first lesson: beware — appearances are often very deceptive! We were also told not to drink the water, so our choice of beverages was quite restricted!

We were then allocated a coach which we were to share throughout the week with a delightful party of Welsh children. We were given a guided tour of the city and at various intervals we were allowed to step off the coach for "ten minutes only!" This was another Russian custom which we were forced to accept.

Each day passed in the same way — that is in the mornings we got on the bus, were taken to an area of interest, we would then be taken back to the hotel for

lunch and then we would be taken on another expedition. Finally we would return to dinner; again at the hotel and then the evenings would be passed in a variety of ways. On one memorable occasion we travelled on the Metro to "Nevsky Prospect" — the Oxford Street or Champs Elysees of Leningrad. But we had an incredible amount of difficulty in finding it. After walking fruitlessly for over an hour we eventually found it, but by that time everyone was relatively unimpressed with what they saw and we were unsure as to the times of the last Metro; so we returned to the hotel in search of a drink. On asking a Russian where we would be able to find a drink, before he had even attempted to reply, he was seized by two men in military dress and led away. I must say this episode in itself was very disconcerting.

We were taken on a tour of the "Peter Paul Fortress" which dominates the river Neva and was Peter the Great's first project in his new city. In the Peter Paul Cathedral, within the walls of the fortress Peter and most of his successors are buried. Strangely enough, although we were in Russia in early April, the weather was not significantly cold, but parts of the river were still frozen.

We were taken around the Winter Palace where (I am afraid that here I am unable to avoid the use of clichés) a feast of art met our eyes. It was really incredible. There are in this gallery over 3 million exhibits from all over the world. Unfortunately we were given a very quick guided tour, stopping for no more than three minutes in front of the most significant painting. One was frequently inclined to stop, however a guard would simply point accusingly at you and say "grouppa", whereby one would scuttle back to your party in an act of repentant worship.

The Millhillians were not slow to point out a rather incriminating portrait of a young girl seated in a fantastical position wearing a piece of red material around her waist, who uncannily resembled a blushing member of the group!

We saw the "Russian Museum" which housed a collection of art and furniture — in principle Russian. And then numerous churches and buildings, all on a most magnificent scale. Yet in Leningrad the people themselves were somewhat hostile to us Westerners, stopping only to gape or offer to trade money or articles of clothing on the Black Market.

We left Leningrad late Tuesday evening by train. The idea was to sleep and wake up the next morning in Moscow. The majority of us decided to stay up all night. This obviously proved in more ways than one to be our downfall. We arrived in Moscow and checked into the hotel. Again, Russian organisation proved to be less than efficient, and we waited around for our rooms. Then we were directed to breakfast and we left the hotel without any opportunity for changing, let alone washing.

No matter, we went directly to the Kremlin and were rushed around the Armoury Museum where we were proudly shown the notorious fabergé eggs, together with many other prized exhibits. I must say that the quality of art work in the Soviet Union is most definitely unsurpassable and breathtaking!

Life in Moscow or at least our visit to Moscow, seemed to revolve around Red Square which was dominated by the colourful St Basil's Cathedral. Of course, Lenin's

Mausoleum was closed but we did see the Changing of the Guards which happened like clockwork.

We had great fun throughout the trip and it was heightened by certain incidents, for a school trip can never be without an incident. We were allowed, at the eleventh hour, to leave Russia together with Dr Rady's "Mad Monk" and Man Your Own Revolution.

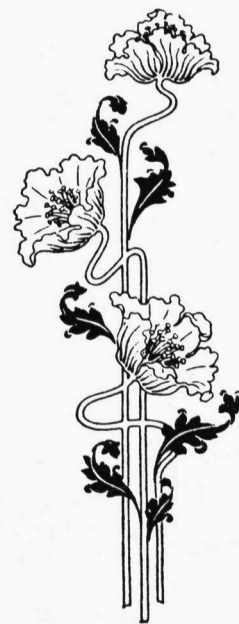
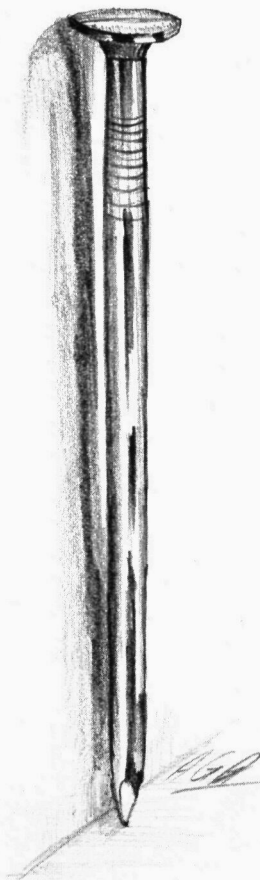
We were also fortunate enough to be taken to a school where the boys played a game of East/West basketball. Of course the Russians won but there was a wonderful atmosphere with all the boys joining in and John Pierce and Louis Bloom showed Western spirit at its best.

It is impossible in a review of this kind to give credit as it is deserved, all I can say is the whole trip was a brilliant experience. The party was small with two masters, three girls and twelve boys.

I would just like to say that I did as I believe everyone else did, try to rid myself of all preconceived ideas built from Western propaganda on which we have inevitably been fed. However time and time again incidents alien to our national explanations occurred and these enforced our slightly prejudiced views of the Eastern Block. I am afraid Mr Gorbachev's "Glasnost" may prove to be merely superficial. But it is impossible to make any concrete judgements on evidence seen over a week through the window of a coach.

Thank you everyone for making the visit so fantastic and memorable, especially Messrs Rady and Axworthy who organised the venture and were exhausted by the end of it all!

**Alexia Roe**





# ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

## OLD MILLHILLIANS' LITERARY PRIZE

The 1987 prizes will be published in the next issue.

**The 1986 prizes were awarded as follows:**

### A Poem

Gushing silver  
And sparkling  
From an underground  
Spring like  
Bubbly champagne  
Flowing from  
A bottle into  
That exquisite  
Glass that is the  
Ocean while  
Bubbles abound like fish

**A. Lim**

**Prose: Kamraj Nayagam** (The Prisoner)

**Poetry: Aquaman** (Rugby Rap)

**Mohammed Mattar** was commended and given a prize for his prose feature, *War Torn Paradise*.

**Sundeeep Makhecha** (The Old Man) and **Paul Tant** (My Grandad) were commended and given prizes for their poetry entries as juniors.

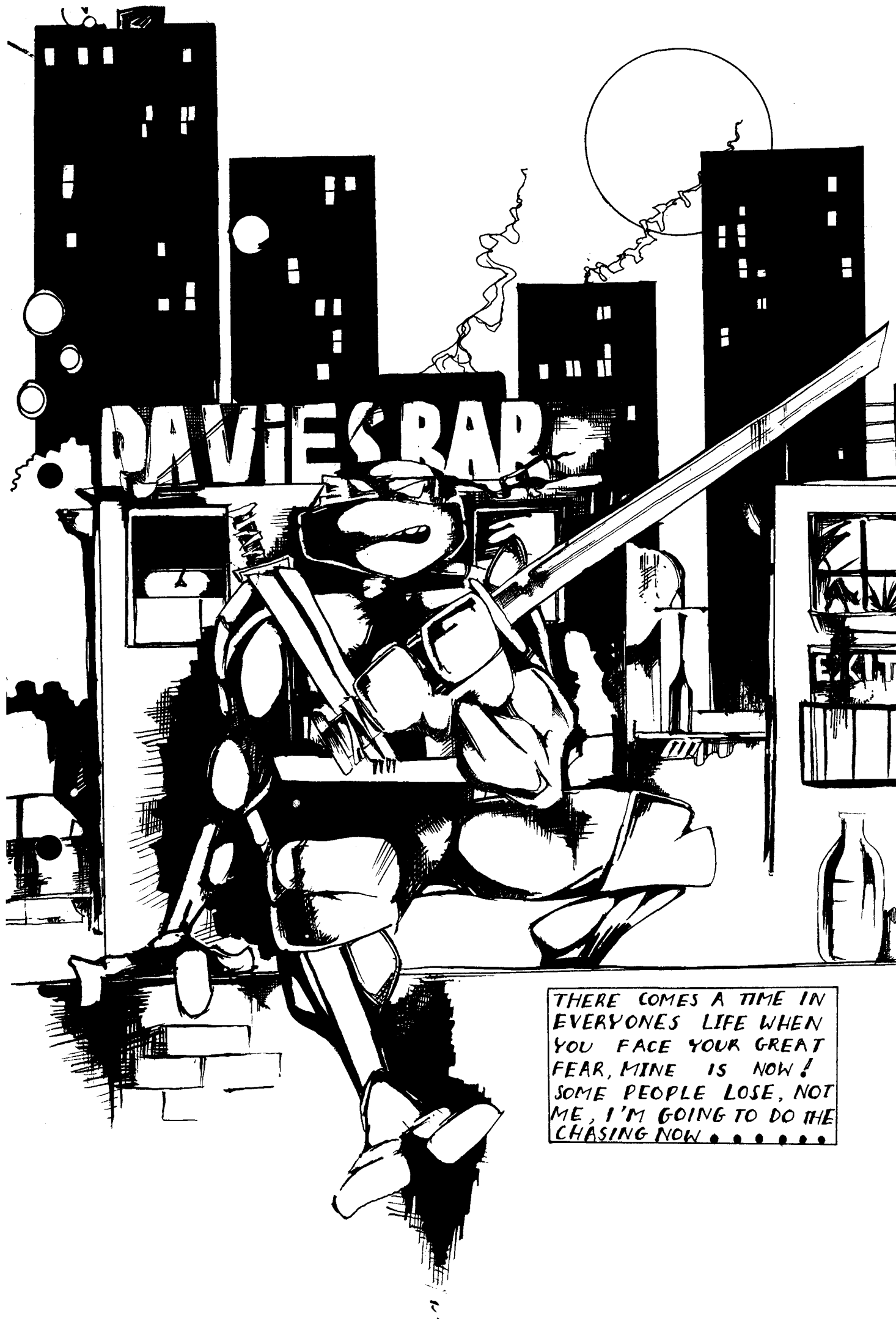
The judges were encouraged by the wide variety of prose and poetry and pleased to learn that younger contributors are also writing imaginatively for the magazine. The awards have acknowledged this.

**P. Christie,**

Hon. Secretary,  
O.M. Literary Committee







THERE COMES A TIME IN  
EVERYONES LIFE WHEN  
YOU FACE YOUR GREAT  
FEAR, MINE IS NOW!  
SOME PEOPLE LOSE, NOT  
ME, I'M GOING TO DO THE  
CHASING NOW.....

## FRIENDS

What are friends? I ask myself  
As all around me sleep doth take  
My "friends". Who snort and talk and snore.  
They don't care, it's far too late  
For them to think about such things,  
When minor things are on their minds.  
Who is going to be their date?  
What comic are they going to buy?

So what are friends? I ask myself.  
Not this lot, with their disinterest  
In anything I want to do,  
Or read, or write, or say or hear.  
They're no more good than having none.  
If anything worse, do none make fun.  
Does it mock or joke or get at you?  
Do they whisper things behind your back?

So what are friends? I think again.  
Are they the ones that you use best?  
Whose 'bribes' you take, when all along,  
You hate them and their hateful ways.  
Or are they the ones you help to do  
The easy work that you find hard?  
The ones you bribe with help and tuck,  
Who take the mick behind your back.

So what are friends? Who are these people?  
Whose presence you cannot escape;  
In school, at work, in life, till death.  
It's then that falseness really shows.  
"A good man, so sad to see him go."  
You don't mean that you two-faced fool  
You're next, you'll see. Then you all  
Will rejoice to see each other fall.

Justin Allen



## EVER MAKE MISTAKES . . .?

Essay-writing can be difficult, especially when not writing in your mother-tongue. These are a few mix-ups that may occur:

A stewardess reminded Ali to fasten his seat-belt.

'Superman don't need no seat belt,' replied Ali.

'Superman don't need no airplane either,' retorted the stewardess.

Ali fastened his seat-belt.

Meanwhile in Europe, the Enlightenment was a reasonable time.

Voltaire invented electricity, and also wrote a book called 'Candy'.

Gravity was invented by Isaac Walton. It is chiefly noticeable in the Autumn, when the apples are falling off the trees.

One for the History and Politics Department:

George Washington married Martha Curtis and in due time became the Father of our Country. Then the Constitution of the United States was adopted to secure domestic hostility. Under the Constitution the people enjoyed the right to keep bare arms.

Here is one for the English Department:

In medieval times most of the people were alliterate. The greatest writer of the time was Chaucer, who wrote many poems and verses and also wrote literature. Another tale tells of William Tell, who shot an arrow through an apple while standing on his son's head.

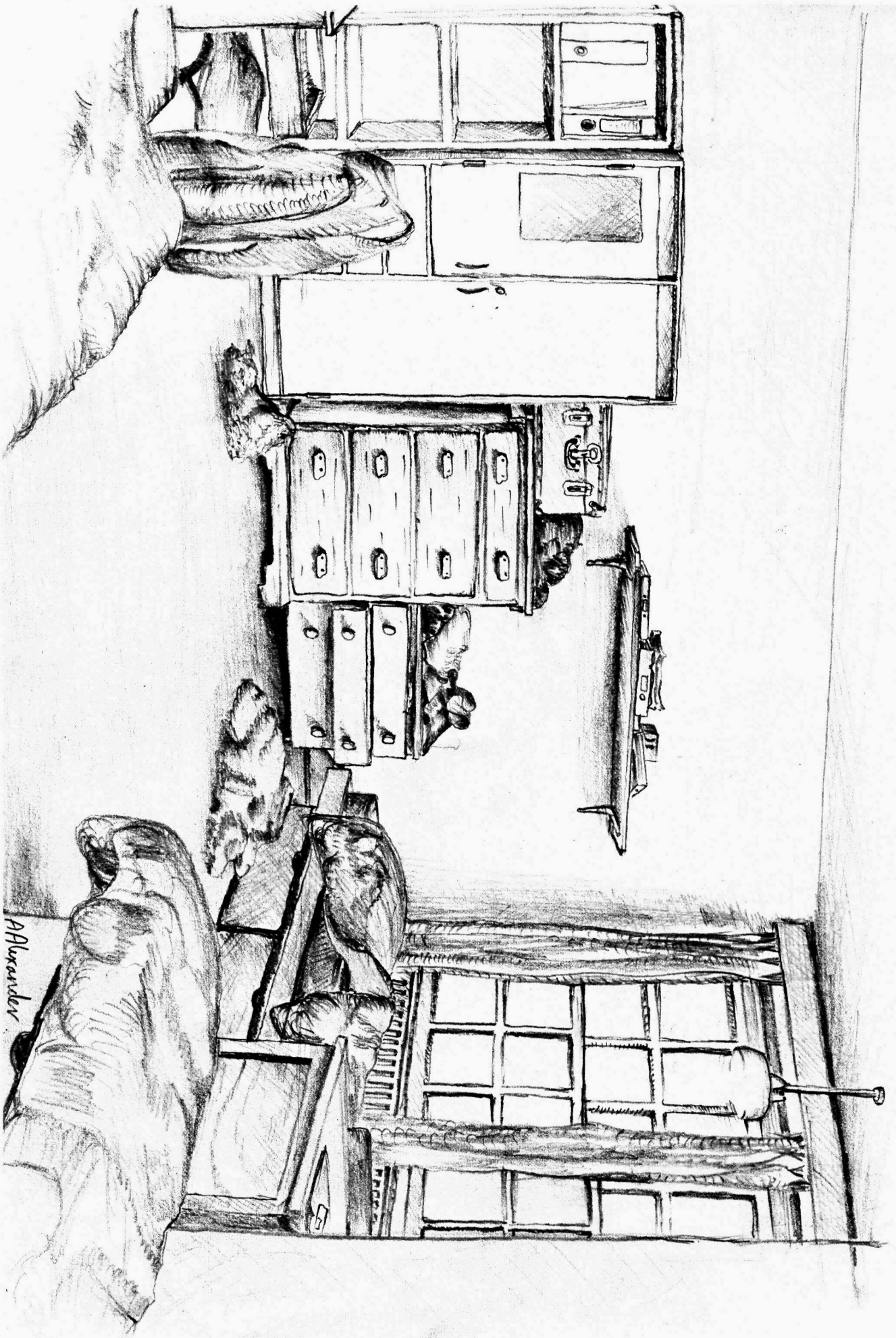
**(Our thanks to Zoe Kenworthy for disclosing these)**



## The First Date

Sweaty hands, sweaty face,  
Your best silk underwear, just in case.  
Hair gelled straight,  
Eyebrows combed,  
Is she late?  
Shall I go home?  
She arrived in a big red van,  
When I saw her father, I nearly ran.  
Six feet four, and full of hunk —  
I sunk.  
He said to her:  
"Don't do anything I would do!"  
She just grinned  
I think he knew.  
I turned a redder shade of pale,  
I placed my finger in my mouth  
I bit my nail.  
I moistened my lips as she approached,  
That's when I began to roast.  
The T-shirt that she wore was white,  
And that was obviously way too tight.  
A short black skirt,  
Was she trying to flirt?  
Our lips met  
And then I hastily touched, hoping she'd accept,  
But she wouldn't let,  
"No!" she said "Not yet!"

T. Dimsey



## HAIL TO THE CHIEF

Above, a dome, as white as snow  
Below, the eager crowd  
It is the Twentieth day of January  
Bright and cold  
A pale sun peers down at the city  
Above, a cobalt sky.  
A thousand cyclopean eyes  
Focussed on the platform  
Draped with the Stars and Stripes  
Festooned with microphones.  
The crowd is falling silent,  
The glittering band strikes up  
Almost sadly, for the last time.  
A great cheer goes up  
The old man emerges, waving  
Black hair shining in the sunlight  
Sparkling eyes peering from wrinkled features  
Is that a tear I see?  
Then a deafening roar  
Escorted by the Secret Service  
Comes another  
A tall man dressed in a dark suit  
Nothing special  
He takes his place by the old man  
Smiles, shakes hands, whispers something  
Then turns to an old man in black  
The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court  
Nods, lays his hand firmly on an old black book  
Raises his right hand  
Says the oath in a firm voice  
"So Help Me God"  
Turns to the old man  
Whispers something  
But the old man is not listening  
But thinking of that day eight years ago  
When all seemed bright and full of promise.  
The crowd cheers once again.  
The new incumbent starts to speak  
And the old man gazes out towards the White House  
Dancing in the early mists.  
Soon the speech is at an end  
The band strikes up again, now for the first time  
The President rises  
Followed by the Vice President and the Chief Justice  
The old man walks out arm in arm with Ford and Carter  
Head held high in the morning air  
The great adventure at an end, now  
Citizen Ronald Reagan is going home.

**J. Baker**



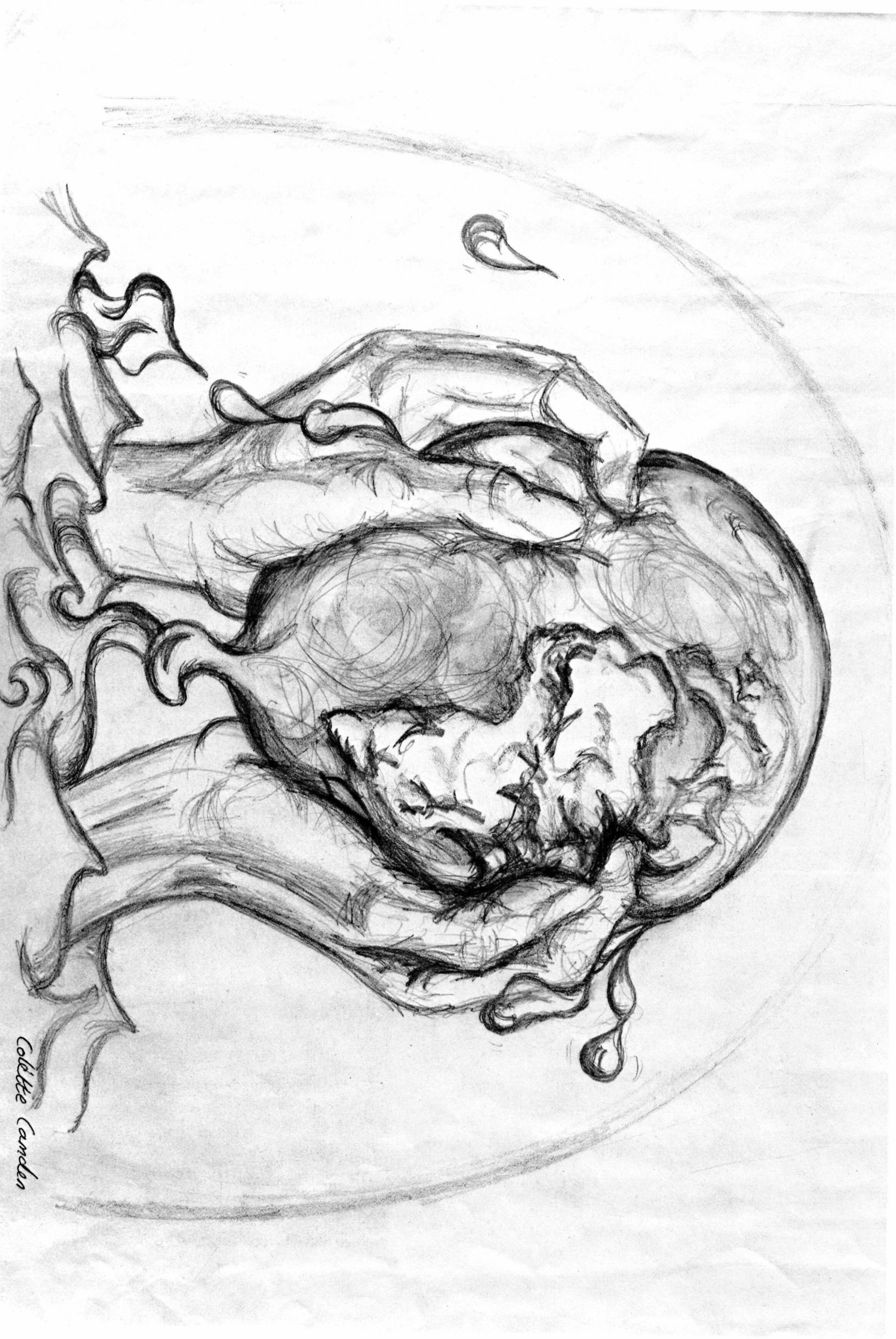
## 'A Poem with no Particular Title'

I sit at my desk upstairs in my room  
Nothing but a blank page staring me in the face.  
I begin by writing my name in the corner  
And proceed with the heading . . .  
'Write a poem of your own choice'.  
For ten minutes I think  
My mind as blank as the page in front of me.  
I stand up and pace the length of my room.  
Once, twice, three times, then  
Stop.  
Eureka!  
Dashing to my desk, I pull back the chair, and  
Rummage for something to write with.  
Pen-point to paper, concentrating deeply,  
All the thoughts of my mind  
Gushing into my hand and I begin . . .  
'A Poem with no Particular Title'.  
As I write, recalling all of not long ago  
It couldn't be easier;  
A simple idea, original at that  
Now recorded on the once blank page.  
The source of my inspiration.

**M. A. Morphites**







Collette Candan



## Magical Moments of Terror

The chapel was slowly filling up, as a gentle trickle of warmly clad people seeped through the old, solid wooden doors. I was sitting at the head of the chapel, carefully clenching my oboe, alone. The quiet chattering of people entering the beautiful building mingled with sounds of the orchestra tuning, and preparing to begin. Calmly, I looked around, attentive and noticing even the smallest details of the building.

Opposite me, there was a large stained-glass window. By day, this threw superb streaks of bright light, a multitude of different hues, across the chapel, showing a splendid picture of Saint Peter. Now this magnificent window was black — as dark and colourless as the sky outside the chapel. Above the window, a blue ceiling arched along the chapel, decorated with intricate plaster-work. Winged wild beasts, rather like mythical dragons, were stooping over crests, over books, and over musical instruments, along the whole of the ceiling. On the left of Saint Peter the window, the newly-built organ glimmered in the light of the chapel. Tall and thin organ pipes, silvery and glittering, climbed up sixteen feet of the chapel wall, encased in beautiful mahogany. The chapel pews, which were now quickly filling, were of the same dark, old mahogany, and stretched along most of the chapel wall.

My aestheticism in appreciation of the chapel was abruptly stopped by the orchestra, which had begun to play “Eine Kleine Nachtmusik”, by Mozart, which was one of my favourite pieces of music. I heard very little of the music. I was engrossed in contemplation of the very near future: in a matter of minutes I would play a concerto. I could feel myself tensing up, and was aware of a strange nervousness, almost a fear, creeping over me. Not even the dulcet tones of the chamber orchestra could soothe me.

While the rest of the audience was listening to the music that filled the room, I was listening to that which would soon fill it. I was mentally repeating tricky sections of the concerto, and contemplating all the phrases of the music that I was likely to play badly. I even found myself subconsciously miming the fingering of these sections on my instrument. My nervousness gradually increased to a feeling of terror. My hands perspired; my muscles tensed.

At last, the time came for me to stand in front of the orchestra and play my concerto. As the conductor's baton fell, I was trembling. I methodically counted, while the orchestra played its bars of introduction, growing in volume with a gentle crescendo, just as we had so vigorously and ardently rehearsed. I raised my oboe, placing the reed in my mouth, paused a moment, as my terror increased, took a deep breath, and started to play. The very moment I began, all my fear left me, as though it had been poured out of my body. I seemed to forget that there was an audience, and even a chapel, and was engrossed in the music.

The first movement of the concerto, by Marcello, was a wonderfully gentle, yet nevertheless exciting, movement, a mixture of long intricate sequences and beautiful arpeggios. The second movement, the highlight of the music, was a slow ornamented melody accompanied by quiet chords. The soaring suspensions mixed with beautiful tones of stringed instruments, filled the whole chapel with intense, rich, music. The final movement formed the perfect ending to the music — it was exciting and fast, although quite difficult to play, ending in a triumphant, majestic mood. Throughout the entire work, I was absorbed completely in the music. I was relaxed and as happy as I could possibly wish to be.

I am sitting now, opposite that stained-glass window, underneath the beautifully ornate ceiling. Standing before me, there is a musician totally enveloped in the music that he is playing. The chapel is full of people, all carefully listening to the concerto, and enjoying it greatly. As the music soars around the chapel, filling every corner, and every space, beautifully deep and rich, I remember. I remember the time when I was in his place, when I experienced the same sensations as he is feeling now. I remember those magical moments of terror.

**T. Kenefick**

## MATHS GCSE May 1988

Candidates are advised to answer seven questions of which not more than three should be from Section A unless question 4 is answered in section B in which case the whole of section C must be answered on a separate sheet of paper.

### Section A (Pure)

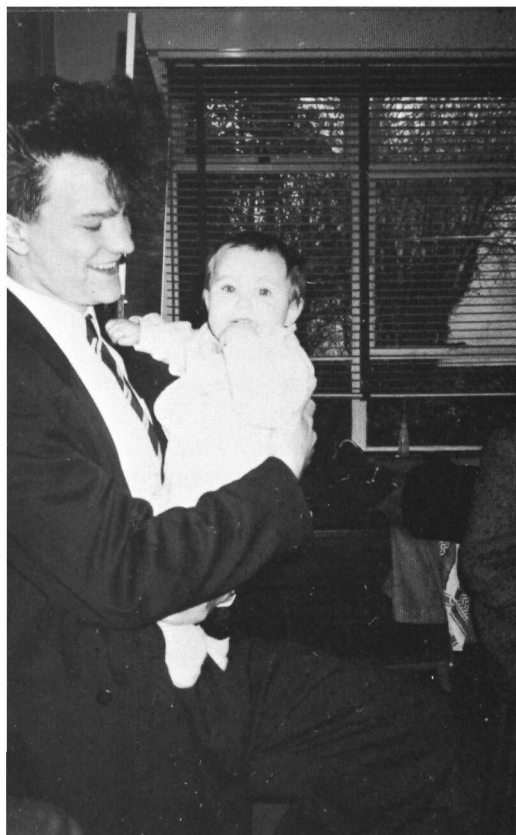
1. ABC is a triangle with side  $AB = 10$  cm, angle  $\hat{ABC} = 60^\circ$ .
  - a) How many sides does this triangle have?
  - b) What is the length of side AB?
2. Solve the following equations for  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ .
  - a)  $x = 1 + 2$
  - b)  $y = 4 - 3$
  - c)  $z = 5 + 2 - 4$  (Hint:  $5 + 2 - 4 = 3$ )

### Section B (Applied)

3. Estimate the force with which Mr Veal will snatch your paper from you when he collects it at the end of this exam.
4. Below are values of the IQ's of the members of the 1st XV.  
71, 56, 62, 40, 73, 65, 67, 58, 44, 63, 51, 72, 38, 52, 70
  - a) Calculate the mean and standard deviation.
  - b) Find the probability that the team will even win more matches than it loses.
5. Take a sheet of A4 paper and fold it lengthways. Rotate it through  $360^\circ$ . Then fold it along the margin and then along the perpendicular bisector of the 4th line. Now tear it in half and place the two halves together. Then fold it again, and tear off the corners.
  - a) (i) What colour is the paper you have used?
  - (ii) Describe the shape which you have made.
  - b) Now screw up the piece of paper and throw it at the invigilator.
6. Look at your watch. Time how long it takes for the second hand to go round once. Repeat this ten times and calculate the average. (You are advised to spend no more than 5 minutes on this question).

If you have failed this exam do not worry. There is still hope for you as a rugby player.

### Priestley Study U1



*'Aahh!'*

# HOUSES

## BURTON BANK

<b>Housemaster:</b>	R. J. Denning Esq
<b>House Tutor:</b>	R. L. Axworthy Esq.
<b>Visiting house Tutor:</b>	R. Williams Esq.
<b>Head of House:</b>	Charles Green
<b>School Staff:</b>	C. Greenhough, J. Carpenter
<b>House Staff:</b>	S. Bourne; L. Butler; K. Dawas; R. Makhijah; A. Rahman; C. Rice; F. Suster; T. Tan

It is now that time of the year when each Head of House is asked to write his respective house report. Unlike some of the other houses, my job is made that much harder by the fact that Burton Bank has won very little on the 'inter-house' front. However, I shall review the past two terms not solely on achievement, but also by the amount of effort we have collectively put in.

In the first term, the major sport was rugby and we put forward a good side, four of whom were members of the 1st XV. Winterstoke was our first opponent and we beat them convincingly, with notable performances from G. Mortimer, C. Greenhough and J. Handforth. The score was 20-0. Unfortunately, in the next round one of our 'star' players was unable to play, and we were the underdogs against a strong Collinson team. Enthusiasm was tremendous and everyone played their hearts out—but we lost! The Junior side were equally unsuccessful against a strong Collinson team but again BB never gave up, with notable performances from M. Farrell and Z. Panagi.

A sport which BB showed its prowess in, was the inter-house football. Playing and winning through many rounds, we reached the final unbeaten. However, this was not to last and Ridgeway were victorious. The side was very efficiently organised by Louis Bloom, and according to him, he was also the best player.

On to the next term and again equally unsuccessful on the sports field. Ridgeway triumphed over us in the first round of the hockey. J. Handforth scored our only goal out of a total of six in the match! Again the juniors decided to follow suit and were knocked out in the first round by School House. This was a close match with spirits constantly held high, led by goal-scorer and captain, Y. Enoki.

Cross country is an event which BB normally win outright, due to the efforts of the whole house. However, this year the seniors and intermediates concentrated more on their work and allowed the juniors to steal the limelight, winning their section. Particularly good performances were given by D. Leventhal, A. Pope and D. Swift.

The 10-mile cup is also an event in which we do well, but always seem to come second to Collinson. Fate prevailed, and like our predecessors, we again fell short of victory, despite an excellent run by G. Mortimer who achieved the fastest time.

Finally to an event that we did win, the Inter-House Drama. Stephen Lee excelled himself by writing the play,

music and lyrics a week before the competition. There was much panic in the camps at this point, but BB pulled through with surprise, surprise L. Bloom winning the 'Best Supporting Actor'. Thus, BB with their perseverance, managed to triumph in something.

Mr and Mrs Denning, accompanied by their children and Matron, have replaced the Heard family. I would like to thank them on behalf of the house for all the effort they have put into the house and the good atmosphere they have engendered. Mr Axworthy has been a great help to them and myself in running the house, and I would like to thank him. Finally, a special mention for Roger Williams (I forgot to thank him in the last house report) for all the work he has done as visiting tutor, I would like to wish the next Head of House the best of luck, and also the Dennings and Co for the future.

**Charles Green**

## COLLINSON

<b>House Master:</b>	T. J. Chilton Esq
<b>Resident House Tutor:</b>	M. P. Muir Esq
<b>Visiting Tutor:</b>	T. T. Dingle Esq
<b>Head of House:</b>	N. Nihat
<b>School Staff:</b>	F. Ferrari, M. Ferrari N. Keller, O. Rabin
<b>House Staff:</b>	E. Donald, F. Economakis, J. Fox, M. Murad, K. Nayagam, J. Soames, C. Forde,, G. Jones

The last two terms have seen the involvement of many boys in a great variety of house activities.

In the winter term, Collinsonians made a big impact on the rugby field. Nick Keller and Francesco Ferrari gained 1st XV colours, but most Saturdays over half the house (27/50) represented the school in rugby teams.

In the house competitions, by Collinson standards we did not do that well. Our junior team led by Chales Cyna were beaten in the semi-finals. The senior team under Nick Keller reached the final, but with an injury weakened team, lost 4-0 against Ridgeway. Nick Keller and Simon Beard are also to be congratulated for being chosen to represent the Middlesex team.

In the Spring term, hockey also benefitted from a significant representation from Collinsonians. In the house competitions, the juniors reached the semi-finals under the leadership of Soydan Nihat and were unlucky not to reach the final. The seniors did just as well and for the second year were beaten on penalty flicks.

Congratulations to Justin Levinson and Phil Wilson for their committed effort in the House Drama Competition, directing the "Crimson Coconut", and many thanks to the A-team

With the aid of our basketball stars, Mo "Lakers" Murad and Wallid "Globetrotter" Yazbeck, the senior side reached the finals but lost on the replay. Congratulations to Robert Ioannou for winning the wind section in the House Music Competition.

Collinson as ever, completely dominated cross country. Such competitions advertise the determination and traditional keenness of Collinson, particularly the standards competition. Under the captaincy of James Soames, the Collinson team won the 10-mile cup in style in breaking the school record.

The Collinson trophy shelf is still full and the walls are still covered with shields. We are looking forward to the summer, and Newcastle, which Collinson have won in the last two years; good luck to them.

We also wish good luck to Kamraj Nayagam who is to go to Cambridge. His name will be recorded on the honours board beneath many illustrious predecessors, one of whom, William Bains (1974) visited the house very recently.

Many thanks to Mr Tim 'I've broken my kneecaps' Dingle, who has come in once a week to apply a rule of terror from his armchair, and to our resident Aussie, Mr Muir, who has done a fine job in helping run the house. Thanks for allowing us to watch Hill St Blues and those late night pizzas. Louise Whittaker, our matron, has again done an excellent job, which is not easy with great patients such as Bellamy Forde. We thank her for all her hard work, what would we do without her?

Finally, Mr and Mrs Chilton, who have to put up with us 24 hrs a day. Mrs Chilton still finds time from her job as a sister in a special baby ward, to talk, comfort and bully us, and give 'wise advice'. Also, Mr Chilton, who has set a great example to the house in commitment and keenness, and has run the house with utmost efficiency, with the aid of the house staff.

It has been a great pleasure and privilege to be head of such a proud and loyal house. Good luck to all in the future.

**Noyan Nihat**

A sixth former: I look at myself in the mirror and say — "Do you want to go out with me?" — and even my reflection says "No".



## McCLURE

**House Master:**

**House Tutors:**

**Head of House:**

**Emeritus Head:**

**School Staff:**

**House Staff:**

C. R. Kelly Esq

J. Gloster-Wyatt Esq;

J. D. Rees Esq

A. Howes

J. Morgan

E. Angell; J. Levy;

D. Simmons

M. Charad; K. Doherty;

J. Roback

Looking back over recent years McClure has had more than its fair share of Mill Hill greats — P. Keller, J. Cicale and L. Braham to name but a few. To maintain such high standards is a tall order for any house, and is something which we have endeavoured to do.

Congratulations are due to James Goodman (TV personality from "First Class") for his offer of a place at Cambridge to read Chemical Engineering. Indeed, congratulations to all who gained University offers and good luck in achieving them.

On the games field we came close to emulating our predecessors, and the effects of Mr Kelly's "blood and guts" attitude were there for all to see. McClure were able to boast four 1st XV players, namely J. Morgan, E. Hamilton, M. Charad and A. Howes and the Colts A XV captain G. Greene. With such an abundance of talent, much was expected in the senior hour rugby competition. However the performance against Ridgeway in the semi-finals was disappointing and saw us lose to the eventual winners of the competition.

As always we reached both the senior and junior chess finals, and the juniors led by S. Ahmed walked away with the trophy. The juniors are also to be congratulated on reaching the debating final, which is yet to be played, but with such intellectual giants as A. Mindel, S. Rozak, and M. Mindel, the outcome is a foregone conclusion.

In the house basketball competition, we fancied ourselves (or at least Kevin did). The spirit and determination within McClure were epitomised in our semi-final versus Collinson. At half time, we trailed 18-2, but managed to pull back to 22-22 by full time. However, it was not to be, and eventually we lost at the sudden death free-throw line.

The senior house hockey had a similar tale, with E. Latter scoring the equalising goal in the last minute of the semi-final against Collinson. Revenge was sweet and we went through on penalties to face Ridgeway. The final again went to penalties, but fortune failed us to the last and we finished runners-up.

The house play was written and directed by J. Hartman, a Jewish comedy called "Adleman and Blooms". It went remarkably well and provided the audience with some light relief amidst more serious weighty drama. Thanks go to all the cast and to those who helped off stage.

This term we were sorry to see the departure of three loyal servants to both McClure and the school, namely M. Barnett, J. Scannel and E. Hamilton and we wish them every success.

I would like to thank all concerned for the smooth running of the house. Special thanks go to Messrs Rees

and Gloster-Wyatt for their assistance. The amount of time and commitment Mr Kelly has contributed to the running of the house is phenomenal and we all are grateful to him.

Finally I would like to wish everyone every success this summer.

**Andrew Howes**

## MURRAY HOUSE

**Housemaster:**

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**Head of House:**

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J. Cooper; J. Robinson;  
M. Lakhany; A. Mather;  
A. J. Kejriwal; M. Vincent;  
O. Mistry

Fortunately for those involved with Murray House, this report is going to be long and praiseworthy mainly due to the success we have had these past two terms: too bad for the others but you will just have to bear with me.

The Autumn and Spring terms have proved that Murray has become a confident, competitive outfit capable of winning and showing top level commitment at all events.

In the last magazine I preached that Murray were 'back and here to stay'. I am glad to say that this comment will not be listed as an alternative Corbettism!

During the Autumn term we recorded victories in the Junior rugby under the captaincy of T. Papalexis beating School House in the final. Both junior and senior squash trophies were also won under the leadership of F. Gulmohammed and M. Lakhany. Congratulations to both teams.

The fourth form did well winning the yearlings hockey league and a special mention must go to J. Smith and A.

Fiandaca for their victory in the Junior Fives Tournament.

It is clearly apparent that all but one of the trophies was won by the junior department of the house. However, the seniors although unsuccessful, contributed a lot to our establishment. They performed admirably in the rugby against Collinson — but lost.

The Spring term proved again successful but not as rewarding. Although not winning we came runners-up in three events.

The fourth form lost the yearlings rugby to Ridgeway in the final. The same fate happened to the junior hockey team. Again they lost 1-0 to Ridgeway in the final. The seniors, for their efforts, lost to Priestley in the first round. Priestley also beat us in the General Knowledge final despite our comfortable victories over the opposition in the preliminary rounds. Shame!

On the dramatic side, the Murray House play was 'slightly alternative', but is it our fault, very few of the audience could not understand J. Baker's sharp wit and subtle jokes. Although perhaps it was a little ambitious for a drama competition, congratulations to producers and directors R. Baum, P. Michaels, J. Baker plus all the cast.

More felicitations must go to J. Baker for receiving the highest acting accolade for his performance in the school play 'The Miser'.

Now for my rendition of Captain Kirk's log 48.5 (with extra mozzarella). It has been a great pleasure and honour to have been Murray's head of house for 1987/88. I have enjoyed working with Mr Dean and the house tutors, Mr Dean has been a credit to the house for many years and I am glad to have had the opportunity to work with him. I would like to think that I have been an adequate head of house and will make sure that I leave with the house in a smooth-running and friendly condition to give my successor all the benefits possible.

Thank you to Study 2 and O. Freedman for guiding me through my more tense moments in charge. I wish them all the best, along with the fifth form in their exam results.

**Alexander Ingham**



*"On yer bike!"*

# RIDGEWAY

<b>House Master:</b>	H. Morgan Esq
<b>Resident Tutor:</b>	S. T. Plummer Esq
<b>Visiting Tutors:</b>	Dr I. D. Kane, P. W. Herring Esq, P. Wyer Esq B. R. Martin Esq P. Achan
<b>Head of House:</b>	O. M. P. Madge; J. McKelvie
<b>School Staff:</b>	T. Sheldon; A. Green L. Llewelyn;
<b>House Staff:</b>	J. G. M. Dawson; A. J. Fernandes; I. M. Pheasey; S. Rymer; J. Skates; L. Jourdan; K. Vandermeer

In the beginning God created Ridgeway. It was a house, a big white house, in which lived 51 boys, 8 girls, the best Matron, Mr Plummer and Mr Morgan and his family. The motto of this house was "You win some and you . . . win most of the others too!!!

Members of the house weren't arrogant (despite general opinion) but were just proud of the fact that through sheer hard work and dedication they were incredibly successful. They had been guided by their predecessors and produced the spoils by winning the senior house rugby competition for the fourth time on the trot and the fourth form won their 7-a-side yearling competition. The hockey competitions, both senior and junior, were won by the house (even though the senior title was decided on penalty flicks). In the basketball competitions the senior competition was won, twice! So was the junior competition. On the subject of clean sweeps, badminton was another sport in which the house won both senior and junior competitions.

From 1982 the senior house fives shield had adorned the Ridgeway mantelpiece until 1986/87 when Priestley managed to snatch it from our grasp. Just, it was, that we won it back from them in this year's final and it still rests where it ought to, on the mantelpiece. A competition that really lacks the publicity it deserves, the senior house golf competition was one of the other competitions that was won.

Successful, indeed! But with such success comes criticism, "sport isn't everything at school" etc., but these critics were promptly answered when the house walked away winning the senior house debating competition. While on the subject of cultural and musical pursuits congratulations are due to Adam Green who obtained Grade 8 flute with merit and a first place in the inter house music competition; to Toby Sheldon on his winning the award for best director in the inter house drama competition (Thanks for everything, Toby!!) and to Gemma Mitchell-Heggs on her receiving the best actress award.

Anyway, on with the story . . . Every year some people in the house became too old to remain and had to leave. These leavers were sorry to depart and have a final message to all who remain — in years to come, even if the victories stop coming, keep the spirit alive, so when a year comes along capable of success, let them have it!!! The leavers, however, are confident this year that the

house will continue to thrive under the support of Mr and Mrs Morgan and Matron. They are sad to see Mr Plummer leave yet are grateful for all he has done for the house! They are also extremely grateful for the guidance and assistance they received from Messrs Kane, Herring, Wyer, Martin, and last but not least Andy Friend (the Australian on exchange from Canberra). Thanks for everything!!!

**Pramed Achan**

# SCHOOL HOUSE

<b>Housemaster:</b>	P. R. Bowden Esq
<b>Resident House Tutor:</b>	S. G. Appleton Esq
<b>House Tutor:</b>	J. R. Hurley Esq
<b>Head of House:</b>	I. M. Holmes
<b>Senior Monitor:</b>	J. C. J. Fox
<b>School Staff:</b>	A. Roe; M. Simmonds; S. Irvine P. Bose; D. Danks; R. Duncan; J. Hawker; P. Irwin; M. Mattar; P. Reeve; I. Rosner; M. Shone
<b>House Staff:</b>	

The Examination Term is upon us! But as yet School House in recent years has remained somewhat modest in its academic achievements, keeping up one of the traditions we would rather forget. However, although the house is one of the least mentioned on this front and in end of term assemblies, I feel it is saving itself up!

On a more serious note congratulations must first go to Alexia Roe for gaining a place at Regents Park College, Oxford, to read theology.

Perhaps the most memorable event of the winter term was another successful and enjoyable 'At Home', highlighted and best remembered by PRB Esq's very convincing impression of a penguin on a pogo-stick. Our end of term Hog saw the notable presence of the Headmaster, and the sad departure of our rent-an-Aussie, Mark 'The General' Arthur.

Unfortunately our ability to retain a resident house matron for any respectable period of time has failed us again with the departure of our latest one, Miss Butler, at the end of the Lent term, and thanks must therefore be given to Mrs Bowden for filling in so admirably for the second year running.

On the sporting front our junior house rugby players spurred on by enthusiastic support managed to reach the final of the house competition only to be beaten by a star-studded Murray side in a well contested final. Still on the rugby front, due to an unfortunate pre-season injury, the house was proud to boast both captain and vice-captain of the 1st XV. What must be remembered is that, apart from a few individuals, School House isn't and never has been since I came to Mill Hill, over-endowed with a plentiful supply of particularly good sports men, like a few houses I could mention. But in every competition we have been in, every team has always tried to the best of their ability and never given up. Other notable individual sporting achievements include Michael Simmonds winning the UCS foil tournament and David Tang winning the U16 cup for the Barnet Schools Championship.



To conclude then, perhaps the whole ethos of the House's attitude was summed up by the very successful production of Peter Shaffer's 'Black Comedy', whereby collective house spirit was required and so admirably demonstrated.

On a final note I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Bowden, Mr Appleton whom the house sadly says good-bye to as a resident tutor, and Mr Hurley, for the smooth running of the house. But in particular to the Senior Monitor, James Fox, for helping me around house when it often seemed that he was actually running the whole school!

**Ian Holmes**

'I've got to be straight': AHA

## PRIESTLEY

<b>Housemaster:</b>	P. S. Bickerdike Esq
<b>Tutors:</b>	A. H. Armstrong Esq, M. C. Rady Esq, B. R. Martin Esq
<b>Head of House:</b>	J. H. Pollock
<b>School Staff:</b>	A. B. Dell, J. de Metz, M. A. K. Moore, S. D. Talwate
<b>House Staff:</b>	Chantal Beierling, Anita Kooner, C. Maneksha, T. Shaikh, O. Wilikala, A. Albert, A. Nahum, J. Raphael, J. Shah, N. Shah, R. Shahmoon

Writing a house report is not quite so easy as most people suppose it is. Finding new and entertaining ways of regurgitating what basically are always the same facts year after year is really rather difficult and time consuming, and quite honestly one could reprint last year's reports, or magazine for that matter, and just change the names. Ridgeway will be congratulating itself on winning what it considers to be everything, as will Burton Bank, and as for Collinson, well . . . But where does Priestley fit into all this?

As far as I know Priestley has never won a senior major sports house competition, and not too many junior ones for that matter either, but I doubt that a single member of house worries about this not because they don't care, but because the majority of them understand and take pride in Priestley for what it is, not how many dented cups we have on the mantelpiece. Priestley is a very different house to the others, in fact it is an almost un-Mill Hill-like house, but at the same time the school needs a house like Priestley because it stands for a different approach and attitude towards school life. What can be mistaken for apathy is really a very healthy attitude towards competition and winning and although Priestleyites do not often get a chance to roar their applause in Final Assembly, they are full of house commitment and inter-reliance, which I think is wholly admirable.

Having said this, it is also important to show that such a house can be successful, in order to justify its approach.

In the last two terms Priestley has had four members accepted by Oxbridge: S. Shah, S. Talwate, A. Nahum, R. Shahmoon; won over half the awards at the music competitions, won the General Knowledge Competition, and competed and performed admirably all manner of competitions, sporting or otherwise. So, if one considers that the academic and cultural side of school is as important, or even more so, than the sporting side, Priestley can be seen as quite simply the best house! However because of the importance placed on sport at school, and on winning, Priestley suddenly and very unfairly becomes a second-rate house.

As I leave the school I hope that the younger years in Priestley will learn to understand and appreciate their house, in the same way that I, and I am sure many of my contemporaries have. We have a very talented, enthusiastic and good-natured fourth form who will without doubt win many honours at Mill Hill if they can accept success and reward in the way Priestley always has done. I am sure that they will prosper as they deserve to.

I have tried to avoid just writing a list of names in this report and in doing so I do not mean to take away any credit from individuals or group achievements of the house, as I applaud and congratulate everyone who has represented the house. However particular people need to be singled out as the lynchpins of the house and its activities: Peter Albert, Jonathan Burden, Nicholas and Timothy Kenefick, Malcolm Johnston and Nicholas Tandy have all received much praise for their musical abilities; most of the fourth form; and individuals such as Minas Chrysopoulou, Stephano Mortali, Shamique Ismail, and Alex Dell, have all distinguished themselves in sports for both the house and school, and Chantal Beierling produced and acted in the worthy house play 'Funeral Games' which also included fine performances from Julian de Metz and Alex Dell.

Finally after thanking the house staff and Tutors, especially the always present and approachable Messrs Armstrong and Rady, my report must end (as in the case of every house report I have ever read) in praise of our housemaster. All credit for the pleasant atmosphere and attitude in Priestley must be given to Mr Bickerdike — whose depth of understanding, and clear thinking has helped me throughout my school career, and especially so in this last year. I am truly thankful to him.

**Julian Pollock**



# WINTERSTOKE

<b>House Master:</b>	T. W. Corbett Esq
<b>Visiting Tutors:</b>	A. R. Rattue Esq and A. H. Slade Esq
<b>Resident Tutor:</b>	R. F. T. Ede Esq
<b>Matron:</b>	Mrs J. Turner
<b>Head of House:</b>	P. S. East
<b>Monitor Emeritus:</b>	D. C. Mistry
<b>House Staff:</b>	A. Alvi; E. Song; S. Allen; E. Marchand; J. M. Smith; P. S. Ram; C. D. P. Mattiucci; S. H. Tan; T. J. Seaton; D. Owen
<b>Salvete:</b>	A. Pan (Remove)

The return to school for the Autumn term saw a great addition to Winterstoke in the form of a new resident tutor called Mr Roger Ede, who with his relaxed but firm attitude has proved himself popular not only in house but around school also.

The major sport for this term was rugby at which Winterstoke participated rigorously at all levels. For the firsts and seconds this season played Julian Smith, Eric Marchand and myself. For the Colts' A James Carson represented Winterstoke and in the Colts B Gavin Smellie. Notable for Colts were Mark Skates and Sean Shar in the As with Anthony Richards and Kim Kato in the Bs., who under the expert coaching of Mr Ede had a record season. In the senior house match Winterstoke were drawn against Burton Bank. A particularly tough game, one in which the score truly belied the quality of the match. I would particularly like to thank Dominic Mattiucci for his fearless participation.

The Int house match provided some previous rugby 'un-knowns' with the opportunity to shine. Most remarkably Philip Seaton who along with the rest of the side combined together to give a fine example of team spirit and enthusiasm which carried them through to the second round where they were drawn against the eventual winners, Murray House.

The conclusion of the winter term saw the 'hog' for which the lower sixth combined together to provide a fine chinese meal.

The advent of the spring term saw hockey take over as the major sport, our only representation being Eugin Song in the thirds. Meanwhile the Colts B squad contained two Winterstokians, James Carson and J. J. Sands. Junior Colts A were represented by Mark Skates, whilst the B's had Kim Kato and Anthony Richards.

Also at this point in the year the fourth form get their turn at rugby. K. Waite gaining a place in the yearlings A and Nick Leon in the B's.

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Teacher: "Does anyone know who Aphrodite was?"

1st student: "Yes, she was the goddess of love."

2nd student: "Did she come to this school?"

The term also saw many commendable achievements in the 'minor sports' department. Darshan Mistry was awarded a black belt in karate. Soon Yan won two trophies for badminton who together with J. N. Shah reached the finals of the senior house championships. Whilst in chess Kenneth Wong played 'board one' for the school and F. Michael played 'board three'. On the cross country front, Simeon Allan proved an expert runner making many runs to gain over sixty points for the house. In the '10 mile cup' the best performance came from Kim Kato, who breaking the six minute barrier helped us on the way to a final place of fifth.

During the spring term comes one of the major highlights in the Winterstoke calendar, the house play competition. The play, 'King Henry the 10th part 7' was directed by Tim Seaton, under whose guidance the house as a whole maintained the high standard set in former years. Our hysterical rendition proved popular with both judges and audience and gained second place. An award was made to Darren Tate for his acting.

Yet again the music competition was dominated by the Seaton brothers who both gained many individual honours. Tim came equal first in the senior woodwind and Philip won outright the junior place.

Finally I would like to thank Mr Corbett, Matron, Mr Roger 'fire eating' Ede and most of all the members of Winterstoke house staff, without whose support and tolerance none of this would be possible.

**Paul East**

# ST BEES

<b>Housemaster:</b>	D. R. Woodrow Esq
<b>Visiting Tutors:</b>	Mrs Mills, Miss King
<b>Head of House:</b>	Julie Connolly

St Bees had definitely had a good year, experiencing a growing number of male, sometimes furtive and sheepish, visitors. Clive and Gavin, you're very welcome, no need to be ashamed! That goes for you too Raj.

To continue. We were very happy to welcome Michaela Wulf from Germany for the duration of the spring term, and wish she could have stayed longer. She will be missed.

Our small house is gradually building up a list of achievements, having come second in the senior debating competition and having the editrixes of this very magazine amongst our numbers. Our house play was also considerably more successful than last year's, to our relief. Hopefully next year will be even more fruitful.

The first ever pupil residents of St Bees are leaving this summer, and inevitably have mixed feelings about going. However, we hope we have contributed something to the character of the house and that subsequent inhabitants will carry on the St Bees tradition!

**Julia Connolly**



# SOCIETIES

## WEYMOUTH SOCIETY

In keeping with the Weymouth tradition, the society provided its usual array of Thursday night entertainments. Events catered for a wide spectrum of tastes and interests, from the theatrical, with outings to see "Antony and Cleopatra", "A View from the Bridge" and even the film preview of "The Last Emperor", to the rhetorical, with two forum/debates, the first: "The Wasting of the British Economy, Time for a Positive Educational Input", given by B. Martin Esq and P. Wyer Esq, challenged traditional views on education and the second: "Today's Youth is Complacent" with Mrs Rodbert and N. Patterson Esq, proposing the motion, and Miss T. Aspinall and myself against the proposers, also led to fervent discourse.

Home-grown thespian activity made several pleasurable evenings possible. Junior drama gave a good account of itself when it staged "As Good As New" by David Perry, under the direction of A. Rattue Esq. Pre-empting the outing to "A View from the Bridge", T. Corbett Esq talked on Arthur Miller, helped by students who acted out extracts of his work. "Noel Coward" was organised by N. Patterson Esq, where song and drama were accompanied by a gastronomic meal and wine.

On a musical note, if you'll pardon the pun, the Society invested in its own piano and has seen some good returns with its use in the Noel Coward evening, and an informal musical evening by S. Hillier Esq. There was an outing to see Humphrey Littleton's Jazz Band preceded by an informed presentation of "Fifty Years of Jazz" by B. Brazg Esq and P. Thonemann Esq.

In a historical vein T. Jackson Esq combined music and history with his "Medieval Architecture, with Music" presentation. G. Smith Esq and P. McDonough Esq gave an illustrated talk on Rooker-Roberts (Belmont). We also thank Dr Rady for his account of the Egyptian Expedition.

Other events ranged from the aesthetic with Mrs R. Hartley's talk on Graphology, to the athletic, with Dr M. Pulham and his fearful followers' karate display!

Finally a word of thanks from all 'Weymouthites' to A. Armstrong Esq for his dedication to the smooth-running of the Society and his jovial presence which is very much appreciated.

**David Faik**

## THE JAZZ GROUP

Having started tentatively half way through the autumn term we soon got into our stride during our Thursday afternoon rehearsals. The thought of not only playing without music, but also improvising, daunted at least the majority of us, but Mr Thonemann's step-by-step guide worked wonders. Our rehearsals culminated in the performance of three pieces — 'First Time Blues', 'Goin' Home' and 'Bossa Nova' — in a concert last term. Not satisfied to sit on his laurels, Mr Thonemann had us practising in earnest, but his enthusiasm and unique style of leadership makes this a pleasure and I am sure that the rest of the group would join me in thanking him for what he has done.

**Ian Teacher**

## COMPUTING SOCIETY

Society Officers — Summer Term

*Patron:* B. J. Dickson, Esq.

*Chairman:* James Goodman

*Secretary:* Michael Mindel

*Network:* Michael Iacovou

*Managers:* Nawwar Kasrawy

Many members pop in daily, between morning school and tea at six-ish, and it is often standing room only in the Script in spite of the thirty-odd chairs.

Each visitor is free to explore the programming pathways that interest him: new languages include APL and LOGO, as well as the upgraded BASIC V of the Archimedes with its elements of PASCAL and 'C'.

The most popular computer assisted learning programmes are still management simulations, but the new drawing and design packages — which include Darren Tate's animated wireframe GCSE project — are in steady use. The music editor, a program that lets amateur composers score and play back eight instruments, is less favoured by the room staff for volume reasons. Among the other projects are Stephen Chan's central heating control system that uses mains wiring to carry signals to a distant switch, and Toby Beaumont's public library of educational software that could soon be open around the clock for anyone with a modem on the home telephone. Honourable mention as well to Leo Gestetner for constantly helping everybody, and to Michael Iacovou who is always very generous with his time and programming talents.

The hardest challenge is still network management: servicing twenty-four terminals on a busy network is a commercial level responsibility, and there is surely no better preparation for future professional data handling than developing skills in software installation, housekeeping and public relations.

**B.J.D.**

## SOCRATICS

Whether or not the Socratics Society has had a successful year is questionable — after all, by what criteria does one judge a discussion group? Attendance has generally been encouraging, as has the general standard of discussion. But there have been no answers to the questions posed: "What is Good Art?", "Does God exist?" etc. What can be said is that the Society has doggedly pursued its original aims, spurning determined attempts by certain subversive elements to raise the Arab-Israeli question at every opportunity. This dedication and persistence must largely be attributed to the redoubtable Mr P. de G. McKie, who as Chairman has kept his wayward flock to the straight and narrow path, all in his own inimitable fashion. In true Socratic fashion, any verdict on the success or failure of the Society will be studiously avoided. All that can be said with certainty is that the standard of the new Lower VI members bodes well for future meetings.

**Kamraj Nayagam**

## THE SIXTH FORM CLUB

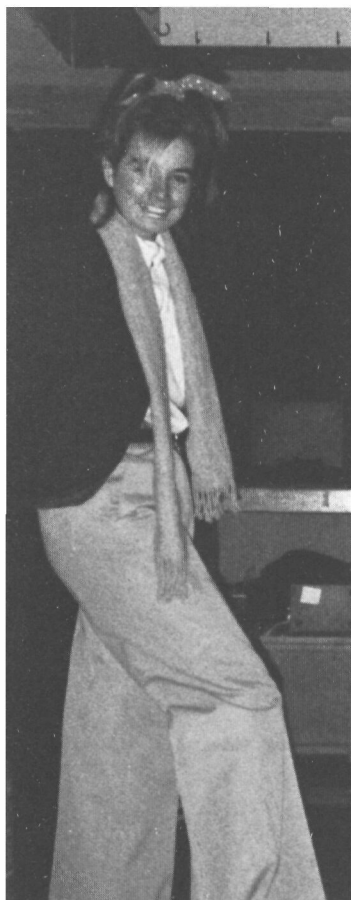
*Patron:* A. R. Rattue Esq.  
*Chairman:* Cyrena Rice  
*Committee:* Julie Connolly  
James Fox  
Oliver Madge  
Noyan Nihat  
(and of course James Levy)

Well, this year among other things marked the revival of the SFC — and what a revival it was (well, nearly!). At last the previously deprived Sixth Formers were provided with a Sunday night alternative — alternative to what I wouldn't like to say! Though sadly despite the enthusiastic efforts from the committee the SFC was not as successful as might have been expected, I'm sure this fact can be put down to the renowned "work ethic" of the Mill Hill Sixth formers. Well, it's nice to be optimistic.

However, those Sixth formers who did make that seemingly impossible effort to attend were fortunate enough to experience the delights of some "def"! music from Aston Harvey and fellow DJ's, a little bit of Jazz from Jake Shake and Jooly as well as a lot of loud noises from Matt Vincent and Co. All of these performances were much enjoyed and appreciated and I would like to thank all the musicians involved.

Hoping that next year the SFC will be as successful and preferably more so than this year; I would finally like to offer my thanks to all the committee members, Miss King and especially Mr Rattue without whom none of this would have been possible.

**Cyrena Rice**



*"Yeah, man"*

## ROYAL NAVY

The last two terms have been reasonably successful with 15 cadets passing their Proficiency (and subsequently being promoted to Leading Seamen). The training programme has included canoeing, self rescue, knots, navigation, cliff and chasm, sailing and windsurfing (using the new boards and simulator) and leadership exercises. All cadets have used the new weapon (SA80) and the first year cadets have taken part in some of the army programme.

Particularly pleasing has been the keenness and enthusiasm of the N.C.O.'s, who have been a credit to the section.

The two camps have been enjoyable with experience of heavy weather surf canoeing being gained by many. Some considerable commitment is needed however to enjoy our other activity, barefoot waterskiing! The section is grateful for help from our C.P.O. instructor and from other officers who have added much to the enjoyment of the year.

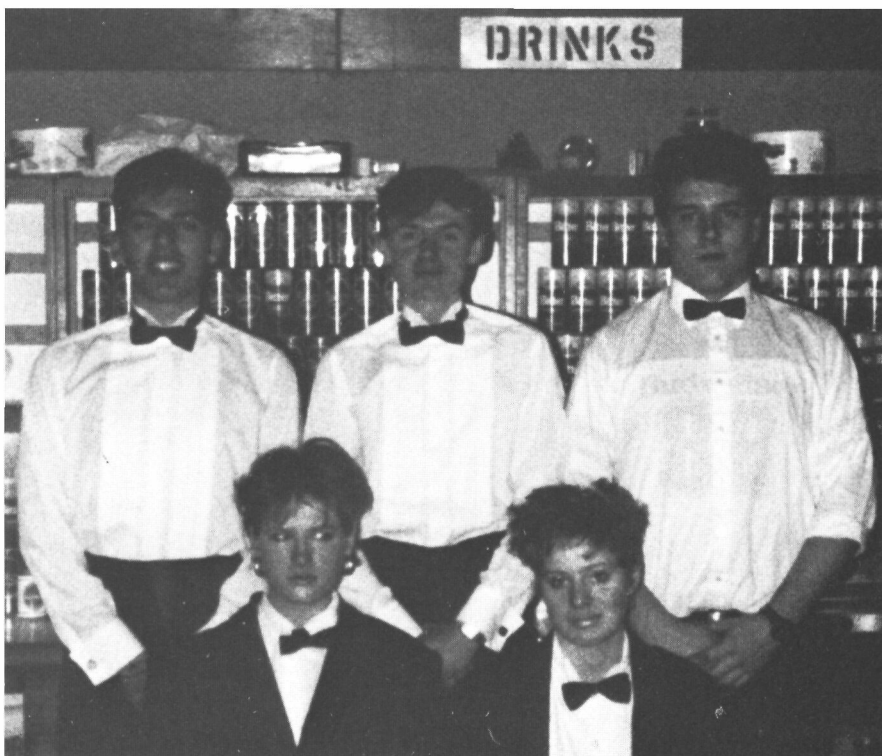
Sub. Lt. Slade has been a considerable asset to the section, with his inventive use of barrels, twigs and bits of rope and his knowledge of Royal Navy drill. His comments on test driving our super new 40 hp speed boat/rescue craft are unrepeatable.

Our two senior cadets, Under Officers Foy and Hawker have worked tirelessly in the organisation and running of the section. The section's success owes a great deal to their enthusiasm, and whole-hearted efforts. They are to be commended for their actions.

I hope next year will see a greater involvement in the planning of activities by cadets, with more emphasis on sailing/windsurfing training.

Thanks to all those who have helped this year.

**Lt. T. T. Dingle**



*6th Form Club Committee*

## DEBATING

### Senior Inter-House Debating Competition

1986 saw not only the reincarnation of St Bees as one of the Schools' boarding houses, but also its first entry in the Inter-house Debating Competition, as a team combined with Collinson. In October 1987, St Bees entered the competition in its own right, such has been the rapidity of female emancipation at Mill Hill.

A knock-out structure to the competition is simple for eight houses, but of mathematical complexity for nine. Thus the competition took on a new form with a public-speaking round in the first instance, from which four teams qualified for the debating final.

Each house entered a team of three, chairman, speaker and proposer of the vote of thanks, the second of whom is the main speaker. They spoke on a subject selected from a choice of fifteen. These ranged from 'Is Big Brother Watching you?' through terrorism, 'Is there a Method in Their Madness?' to 'Will Women Ever be Equal?'. There were many fine speeches from members of teams that did not qualify. Khalid Dawas spoke movingly of the plight of his own Palestinian people for Burton Bank and they found a firm and effective chairman in Cyrena Rice (not chairperson, Mr Muir insisted). However the best team performances came from respectively Murray 'Is Big Brother Watching You?'; Ridgeway — 'Put the Third World First', for whom Tamsin Aspinall managed to express convincing care and concern for the under privileged, St Bees (third) on Terrorism and School House 'Is Big Brother Watching You?'.  
The final debating round was to produce a very different order. Against School House, Murray proposed the motion 'This House would scrap the Anglo-Irish Agreement'. Two of the three Murray speakers, Vincent and Baker, had returned from Germany only the day before and were clearly hampered by jet-lag or German syntax. The School House team were the better prepared, so that James Fox opposed confidently and Alexia Roe seconded and summed up with presence and polish, all comfortably to defeat the motion.

The second motion was 'This House believes that the Royal Family should be seen but not Heard'. This debate was far livelier. Julie Connolly proposed the motion for St Bees with vibrancy and wit. But the combination of P. Achan, T. Sheldon and Tamsin Aspinall for Ridgeway proved the winning team, not merely of that debate, but of the competition.

The final order was:

1. Ridgeway
2. St Bees
3. School House
4. Murray

### Inter-School Debate

A team from Mill Hill took part in a debate with North London Collegiate. A party of fourteen sixth-formers travelled to that school to oppose the motion 'This House believes that the time has come for Men's Liberation'. Mill Hill was represented by John Baker (proposer), Julie Connolly (seconder) and Julian de Metz (to sum up). The North London team was fluent,

witty and formidably committed to the motion. J. Baker advocated his case with well controlled irony and inventive humour, while J. de Metz and J. Connolly did much to support him. David Faik, chaired both firmly and fairly. With due chivalry which must have horrified the audience, full as it was with feminist viragos, Mill Hill permitted North London to carry the motion.

**P. de G. McK.**

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES

The winter months are always difficult for the community service group; the inclement weather makes gardening both difficult and unpleasant. To their credit the boys have remained cheerful and willing and all their efforts are much appreciated by those they help.

Increasingly, the groups activities occupy time slots away from the traditional Friday afternoon. Many local schools, including St Pauls, Dollis Infants and Northway are grateful for the help of boys and girls on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and two of our members are regular attenders at the PHAB (Physically Handicapped and Able Bodies) Club which meets on Thursday evenings.

For many of the elderly in the Mill Hill community, the social highlight is our annual Christmas Party. As usual this was a great success with excellent food and a varied entertainment programme. Many people are involved in organising this event, but special thanks must go to Trevor Chilton, Penelope Graham, Mary Moore, Andrew Lim and Mehrab Darawalla. Finally I would like to say a big thank you to all who contributed towards the financing of the party and especially to the carol singers who raised upwards of £70 with a blend of harmony and threats to continue singing unless cash was forthcoming.

**D.R.W.**





## SCHOOL COUNCIL

As William (call me Billy) Shakespeare once said: 'Hello'. This is probably my favourite example of Billy's aspirations to literary genius, and, I think you will agree, cheekily appropriate as my opening pleasantry.

Owing to an irritating deadline, it happens that I'm writing this report on the first day of the summer term. And what a term it's been.

Moving on to last term. Last term the council managed to ensure that a drinking fountain be installed outside the Priestley changing rooms. You will, of course note the pride bursting forth from my words when I tell you this, and will no doubt be in awe of the vast amount of 'red-tape' that has been snipped to achieve this end.

Attendance of meetings peaked in the high teens, and as extra-high turn-out was recorded for the council elections. Election results: Chairman: three people ran for chairman — Oliver Madge, Daniel Feller and myself. It was close, but, not **that** close. Daniel Feller rallied his supporters, however, — both of them — and managed to scrape the Secretary seat. Then he was elected to the position. The other main issue brought before the Council was the gaping hole in School House. When approached the Headmaster said it would be looked into D.E. though what relevance this action had I am not certain.

I feel I must apologise for my report of last term. It was substandard, I know and I'm sorry. Though you will be thrilled to note that it was ruined by the Magazine Editor and not by myself. The result was a manuscript both good and original. Though the parts that were good were not original, and the parts that were original were not good. Never mind, I hope this snippet makes up for it.

On the whole the term for the council was fair to middling, the going good to soft. The high points were magnificent, bordering on the spectacular, though there were dull stretches.

We look forward therefore to a pioneering term from the Council, safe in the hope that what we can't do for you, nobody else will.

**Jami Hatman**

D.E. — taken from Harry Scheinbacher, Professor of the Dubious Dooble Entendre.



"Why are you late — where are you?" TWC

## C.C.F.

We decided it was time to replace our inflatable safety boat with its clockwork outboard motor. Experience had shown that the poor thing could only just manage to stagger along in rough seas and was really no good for rescuing drowning canoeists. So now we've got a dory with an immense engine on the back which blasts across the water at remarkable speeds — with or without waterskiers in tow. The first outing was to Folkestone. The Summer Field Training weekend has now for reasons of GCSE moved to the end of the Spring term and become a Training mid-week. St Martin's Plain camp was the venue and sea canoeing one of the activities. The new boat was a success: nobody drowned. The other activities included clay pigeon shooting as always. The snag this time was that the allocated area was a distant, steep and waterlogged field. Fortunately we had taken a Land Rover and a farmer's son — Ben Kent. His understanding of the little red and yellow knobs which cluster around the gear lever on Land Rovers enabled us to get the machine laden with kit to where we wanted it. The cadets of course had to slip and slither there on foot.

It was an enjoyable camp — the food was good and we didn't get rained on — what more can one hope for on exercise?

We are now spending time preparing for the General Inspection — a Naval one this time. Things are going well. The lunch menu is already decided — once we have chosen the wine we can start to organise the activities for the cadets.

**P.S.B.**



*"I'm a little teapot . . ."*

## THE CHESS CLUB

*Patron:* P. E. R. Badger Esq.  
*Captain:* J. C. J. Fox  
*Secretary:* R. Sainani

Successes have followed successes in the Chess Club this season. We have already picked up the Cup for the Barnet U19 league, and in addition we have a very strong chance of winning the Herts U19 league, bar one match. On another level the U16's came second in the Barnet league and they are almost certain to win their Herts league.

Internally, Priestley won the senior cup and McClure the junior cup. The senior champion was A. Simpson and the junior champion D. Tang.

Commiserations to D. Tang whose undefeated run of 22 matches has recently come to an end. Externally J. Fox, D. Tang, A. Simpson and I. Teacher were all selected to play for the Herts U19 team.

Finally I would like to thank Mr Badger for his continued support and organisation.

**U19 Team:** Played 10, Won 6, Drawn 1, Lost 3.  
J. Fox (Capt); I. Teacher; A. Simpson; R. Sainani; S. Salaheddin; A. Hindocha.

**U16 Team:** Played 8, Won 5, Drawn 1, Lost 2.  
Tang (Capt); Lim; Mitter; Adil; Gaete.  
*Standing (Capt); Wang; Michael; Wijaytilleke; Jodiyawalla.*

*Full colours were awarded to J. Fox, I. Teacher, A. Simpson, R. Sainani, D. Tang.*

*Half colours were awarded to Lim.*

**R.S.**



"The two armies interlocked and each man chose his man."

Virgil



*George Melly*

## MILL HILL SCHOOL RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

This has been a very successful and busy period for the Club; we have a record membership of both pupils and adults. Early in the Autumn term, Rob Andrew, England's fly-half, came up to the school and spoke to the boys in the Sixth Form Centre; Various guest coaches helped with the Top Field Squad, including Will Carling, who went on to gain his first cap for England in 1988.

On the entertainment front great numbers of boys and girls enjoyed the trip to Alton Towers, the Junior Discos, and the Senior School Dance. Pupils and adults thoroughly enjoyed an evening at the Old Vic where we saw Cole Porter's "Kiss Me Kate". For the adult membership we have had three very successful events; a Supper Quiz night held in November; our usual very enjoyable Race Night in March; but perhaps the most popular occasion was when nearly three hundred people enjoyed a great Jazz Evening in the Large — George Melly with John Chilton and his Footwarmers provided outstanding entertainment for those present, while they enjoyed a buffet supper at their tables. This evening was a great success not only because George Melly is such a great artist, but also because the atmosphere in the candlelit Large was really quite special.

The Club helped to entertain three squads of players from around the world this year. Teams from Downlands College, Queensland; Newington College, Sydney; and Denver Boys High Schools all enjoyed Millhillian hospitality. The highlight was perhaps the annual Rugby Dinner, where Downlands were our guests. The main speaker was John Kendall-Carpenter, President of the RFSU and Chairman of the World Cup organising committee. It was particularly pleasant to see John Elders (the Downlands Coach), John Kendall-Carpenter and our own David Franklin together again, as they had formed the management team for the last very successful England Schools tour to Australia and New Zealand.

At the time of writing, the Club is preparing for its four major Summer events. The Senior and Junior Barbeque Dances take place in May and June, but more importantly the annual Leavers Ball is on Foundation Day this year and the very successful Mill Hill Summer Ball is on Saturday 16th July.

Finally I should like to thank everybody who helps to make the Club thrive, particularly the adults who give so much of their time to ensure the success of all our events.

**C.R.K.**



*George Melly*

# MAJOR SPORTS

## 1st XV

### RESULTS

	Venue	For	Against	Results
<b>Old Millhillians Colts</b>	H	10	9	W
<b>Felsted School</b>	A	8	3	W
<b>Haileybury College</b>	A	3	3	D
<b>University College School</b>	H	8	0	W
<b>The Leys</b>	H	3	4	L
<b>Bedford School</b>	A	6	16	L
<b>Berkhamsted School</b>	A	4	3	W
<b>Haberdashers' Aske's</b>	H	13	0	W
<b>Harrow School</b>	A	3	4	L
<b>Stowe School</b>	H	3	4	L
<b>Merchant Taylors</b>	A	8	6	W
<b>Sevenoaks</b>	H	9	7	W
<b>Downlands College</b>	Stoop Memorial Ground	0	10	L

The season started at the Douai Fifteen-a-side Festival; the squad played with tremendous enthusiasm achieving creditable results, drawing with Epsom and Bryanston and beating King's Taunton. Most unfortunately our Captain and scrum half, Pollock, damaged his knee ligaments in the first game, and the injury proved to be sufficiently severe to prevent him from taking any further active part in the season. This was a great blow, the side undoubtedly missed not only his leadership, but also his generalship at the base of the scrum. Ingham replaced Pollock at scrum half; he improved considerably during the season playing in every match with courage and tenacity. Holmes took over the Captaincy leading the side from the front with the example of his brave tackling in the middle.

The first matches of the season exposed the strengths and weaknesses of the side immediately. Undoubtedly the fifteen had two key weaknesses, the absence of any sort of consistent goalkicker and inability to turn possession into points. We won seven games, drew one and lost five, two of those defeats were by one point and in both games scoring chances went begging, and in the matches that we dominated and won, far more points should have been scored. The strengths of side were a very solid defence, a competent tight five, a strong fly half in Green, but above all the back row and in particular the flankers Keller and Mortimer. These two hard, strong and very competitive players were very much the heart of the team. Keller's enthusiasm has always been great, but, in his final year, he converted this into a series of outstanding performances where his sheer strength and determination enabled him to dominate games. Mortimer, who returns next year, is a very fit, strong, aggressive player who could become an outstanding flanker; he needs to work on his handling skills and positional play for next season.

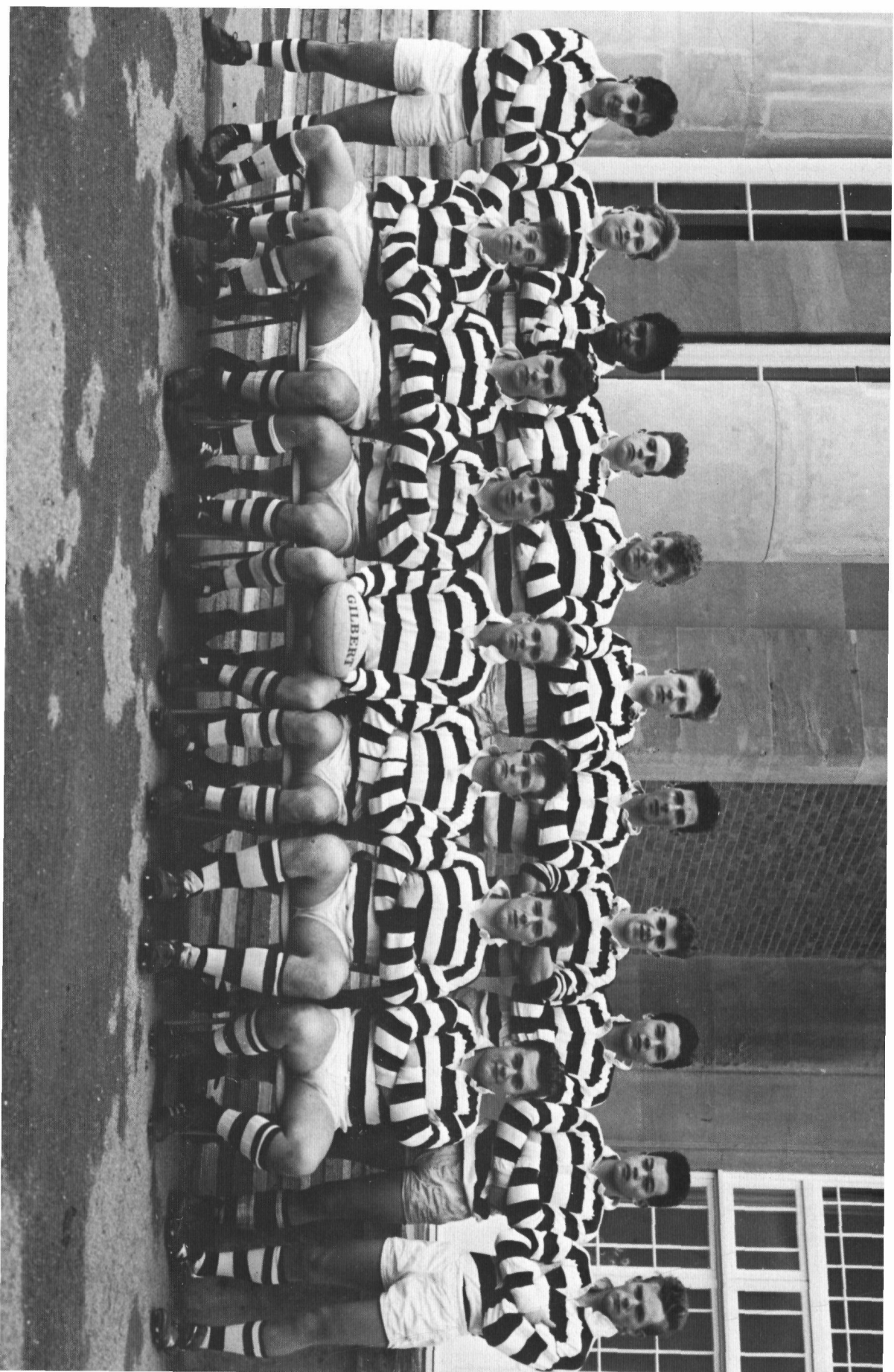
The outstanding player in the tight five was Irvine, the hooker, whose fast striking and robust play in the loose were great assets, he also led the pack very ably. For a novice, Bell performed solidly on the loose head, unfortunately our tight head prop Morgan broke his arm

in training in August, although he returned to the side after half term, he never fulfilled the promise he had shown last year. Greenhough and Smith both played well in the second row combining mobility with some good line-out jumping on occasions. Madge had a disappointing season, he was never fully fit and he failed to produce the level of performance he is capable of. Howes, although far too small, played ten games at number eight and used his speed and quick reactions to good effect.

We never really fielded a settled combination in the backs and therefore struggled to produce very much fluent play. After a season of niggling injuries, Hamilton eventually established himself as a competent and powerful full-back. On the wings, Ferrari was the most consistently threatening, Charad tried hard and had his moments and Hope showed glimpses of real potential on the wing and at full-back. Handforth, who only came into the side after half term, showed real promise as a strong, straight runner in the centre. Holmes always defended strongly, but never really produced his best attacking form. The outside half, Green, improved dramatically during the season producing some excellent performances after half term, he was by far our best back.

The best team performances of the season were three very good away wins at Felsted, Merchant Taylors and Berkhamsted, an emphatic victory over Haberdashers' and an excellent last minute victory over a strong Sevenoaks side. We conceded a soft try against The Leys to lose by the odd point and, despite completely dominating possession and position, lost to Stowe in the last moments of the game. Harrow's mature and talented fifteen completely outplayed us, we appeared to have lost psychologically before we had started; this was very disappointing as we had beaten them last year and could have competed much better this season. The performance against Bedford was the most disappointing, the boys really played with a complete lack of conviction, which meant that we went down to a very ordinary Bedford side, quite unnecessarily. At half term, we went on a short tour of the West country, unfortunately the team was severely depleted by absentees and injuries, which meant that we lost two competitive games against Plymouth College and King's, Worcester. The experience was very enjoyable and bore fruit in that we came back and beat Berkhamsted and Haberdashers' immediately after the tour. In many ways the best performance of the season was our last game against a very strong side from Australia. Downlands College, Toowoomba from Queensland had enjoyed an outstanding domestic season and were unbeaten on their U.K. tour, in fact we were the only side to concede less than twenty one points against them. Mill Hill conceded two tries at the end of each half and created several scoring chances, which unfortunately were missed, but the whole side played very well on the day.

I hope that the players will recapture that form on the World Tour in the Summer. This trip will be a great challenge for the players, I only hope that they work hard



### **FIRST XV 1987**

Back Row (L to R): *M. Charad, P. East, A. Howes, A. Ingram, G. Mortimer, J. Smith, C. Greenhough, A. Green, J. Handforth, R. Bell, D. Hope.*  
 Front Row (L to R): *F. Ferrari, E. Hamilton, N. Keller, I. Holmes, S. Irvine, O. Madge, J. Morgan*



at their fitness in order to be able to play their best rugby.

Holmes was an excellent Captain on and off the field, his example set a very high standard for the others to follow, fortunately they were able to do this and proved to be good representatives for the School throughout the season.

**C.R.K.**

**Players:** Holmes (C); Bell; Green; Greenhough; Ingham; Irvine; Mortimer (13); Charad; Hope; Keller (12); Ferrari F.; Howes (10); Hamilton; Madge; Smith J. (8); Handforth; Morgan (7); East (6); Achan (2); Barr; Ford; Maneksha (1).

**Retrospect:** Played 13; Won 7; Drawn 1; Lost 5; For 78; Against 110.

#### **Tour Results:**

Plymouth College	3.16	Lost
Kings School, Worcester	0-26	Lost



## **2nd XV**

### **RESULTS**

<b>Old Millhillian Colts</b>	Venue	For	Against	Result
<b>Felsted</b>	A	3	15	L
<b>Haileybury</b>	A	0	26	L
<b>University College School</b>	H	3	3	D
<b>The Leys</b>		Cancelled		
<b>Bedford</b>	A	12	29	L
<b>Berkhamsted</b>	A	14	6	W
<b>Haberdashers' Aske's</b>	A	0	0	D
<b>Harrow</b>	A	0	14	L
<b>Merchant Taylors</b>	H	13	0	W
<b>Sevenoaks</b>	H	0	15	L
<b>Stowe</b>	H	3	4	L

The results reflect the lack of scoring potential in this side. The forwards had to work very hard to produce enough ball for the backs to utilise and too often chances to score were squandered by poor decision making and poor handling skills.

However, by determined effort the results towards the end of the season showed a marked improvement. A good performance against Stowe followed by a good win over Merchant Taylors was the result of determined defensive play.

Individually several players are developing into potential 1st XV material. Arthur Isseyegh has acquired greater technical skill in scrummaging and Eric Marchand is a good striker at hooker. Noyan Nihat captained the side with enthusiasm and Saydam Salaheddin is a powerful blind side flanker. David Mercer has improved his passing and now needs to concentrate on his decision-making. Edward Latter too must learn to take the right options, too often he kicked badly. Jason

Richardson is a powerful defender and his handling is improving. John Barr must learn to control his temper if he is to play 1st XV rugby. Justin Knowland is a fine kicker of a ball but must work at his handling.

Cyrus Maneksha is deserving of a special mention. I have coached him in several sides throughout his school career and he has always played his heart out. He was unlucky not to gain a 1st XV place this season but he has been a good servant to the school and I hope will go on to serve the Old Millhillians especially well.

**J.D.R.**

**Players:** J. Knowland; J. Barr; J. Richardson; E. Latter; M. Ferrari; D. Mercer; P. East; E. Marchand; M. Frankel; N. Nihat (Capt); C. Maneksha; A. Isseyegh; S. Salaheddin; J. Scannell; O. Freedman; P. Achan; B. Forde; D. Christodoulou; T. Sheldon; G. Loverdos; J. Handforth; J. Smith.

## **3rd XV**

### **RESULTS**

	For	Against	Results
<b>Felsted School</b>			
<b>Haileybury College</b>	0	20	L
<b>University College School</b>	0	12	L
<b>Bedford School</b>	6	0	W
<b>Berkhamsted School</b>	4	20	L
<b>Haberdashers' Aske's</b>	4	10	L
<b>Harrow School</b>	0	3	L
<b>Merchant Taylors</b>	0	32	L
<b>Sevenoaks School</b>	0	12	L
<b>Stowe School</b>	0	25	L
	3	3	D

One can only dream of what could have been this season in the 3rds. Poor attendance, the loss of good players to the 2nd XV, and a general lack of interest in training all led to a rather lean set of results.

If we had practised with the same vigour we displayed at post-game teas and bus journeys I am sure our results would have been better.

As I have always said, to have a really successful season you must win the close matches; unfortunately we did not manage to do this!

There were a few bright spots to the season, notably:

1. Karia's development as a good jumper at No. 2 in the lineout.
2. Potty's sense of humour.
3. Llewelyn's head on defence.
4. Abdullah's shorts.
5. Richardson's progress as an inside centre and his eventual promotion to the 2nds.
6. Korniczky's play in general, particularly his scrummaging.
7. Doherty's kicking in general play.

All in all, the season was great fun for those who kept turning up and far less enjoyable for the half-dozen or so lads who failed to become part of the team and would only turn up for games if pressurised.

Those who turned up deserve my thanks and their 'friends' apologies.

**J.R.H.**



## 4th XV

### RESULTS:

	For	Against	Results
<b>Felsted School</b>	0	4	L
<b>Haileybury College</b>	0	44	L
<b>The Leys</b>	3	7	L
<b>Berkhamsted School</b>	0	20	L
<b>Haberdashers' Aske's</b>	4	22	L
<b>Merchant Taylors</b>	6	6	D
<b>Sevenoaks School</b>	0	15	L
<b>Stowe School</b>	4	0	W

The team had a poor start to the season and suffered a 48-0 thrashing away at Felsted. This was largely due to inexperience and four of the players had never played rugby before.

The season continued in this manner and although the overall standard of play improved a great deal, injuries in the 1st's, 2nd's and 3rd's meant that the team was constantly changing. The latter half of the season proved to be a struggle to keep the opposition scores down but team morale did improve.

The team scored its first try during the fifth game of the season and this seemed to motivate them and they narrowly beat Stowe the week after. The final game of the season proved to be the best. Although we lost 24-6 to Sevenoaks it was only the sheer size of their pack that defeated us.

All in all a varied season but the team should have a good nucleus of players to build on in the autumn.

**R. N. Walters**



## COLTS 'A'

	Venue	For	Against	Results
<b>Felsted</b>	H	18	4	W
<b>Haileybury</b>	H	0	20	L
<b>University College School</b>	A	0	22	L
<b>The Leys</b>	A	4	4	D
<b>Bedford</b>	H	4	15	L
<b>Berkhamsted</b>	H	4	4	D
<b>Haberdashers' Aske's</b>	A	4	7	L
<b>Stowe</b>	A	18	4	W
<b>Harrow</b>	H	3	7	L
<b>Merchant Taylors</b>	A	22	3	W
<b>Sevenoaks</b>	A	4	10	L
<b>Downlands College</b>	H	0	18	L

**Players:** Greene G.; Pearce; Nash; Goldberg; Carson; Petropoulos; Wanendeya; Nihat; Chrysopoulou; Onyejiaka; Lawnton; McLeod; Manzi; Beard; Barr; Gulmohammed; Puga; Adegboyega; Cobden.

After a pre-season festival at Epsom College it was clear that despite having several fine individual players, this Colts' team would struggle on the domestic circuit. So it proved to be, with only three victories being recorded during the season. In saying this however, if the ball had bounced more kindly against The Leys, Haberdashers' and Sevenoaks, and correct decisions made against Bedford and Berkhamsted, several more matches may have been won.

The season started brightly with a good win over Felsted, where both Adegboyega and Onyejiaka demonstrated their power and speed. With Manzi in the centre, this trio was by far the quickest on show in any match. If the forwards could have supplied a greater share of possession, then these three would have shown a clean pair of heels to most opposition backlines. The forwards always played with great enthusiasm and commitment, but could never quite meet the physical demands of the game. Carson was a most mobile second row forward and Chrysopoulou an apparently tireless flanker.

Against Haileybury the loss of Greene, a more than able hooker, in the first minute was a blow from which the team never recovered. Without the ball one cannot score, hence a 20-0 defeat. Confidence was sapped even further in the next game against U.C.S. who had an excellent pair of half-backs. Again Mill Hill failed to cross the opposition try line, although to their credit they never gave up trying. This positive side of the team's character was in evidence against Berkhamsted, who eventually forced a draw in the dying seconds after being kept at bay for most of the game. Last ditch tackles, good spoiling in the scrummages and a remarkable clearance kick from Onyejiaka made this a most entertaining game.

The high note of the season however was against Stowe, where this year the group recorded their first ever victory away from home. It was an outstanding display of open running rugby with McLeod at fly half having an excellent match. Merchant Taylors felt the full force of this new-found confidence a week later, and a second away victory was recorded.

Finally, I do hope that the players mature over the next year and show the same commitment in training as they did when playing. They have the potential to be a fine rugby team and many could follow in S. Beard's footsteps and represent the county. Every player still has a lot to learn and must be willing to listen if he is to improve. Too often training sessions were spoilt by ill-discipline or just sheer arrogance, factors which this squad could ill afford. I wish them all the best in their future rugby playing careers at Mill Hill School and hope they recognise that the step-up to senior rugby is not an easy one, and requires dedication if one is to succeed.

**A.H.S.**

## COLTS 'B' RESULTS:

	Venue	For	Against	Results
<b>Felsted School</b>	H	8	0	W
<b>Haileybury College</b>	H	0	8	L
<b>University College School</b>	A	0	10	L
<b>The Leys</b>	A	10	0	W
<b>Bedford School</b>	H	6	10	L
<b>Berkhamsted School</b>	H	8	4	W
<b>Haberdashers' Aske's</b>	A	13	0	W
<b>Harrow School</b>	H	0	52	L
<b>Merchant Taylors</b>	A	0	18	L
<b>Sevenoaks School</b>	A	6	13	L
<b>Stowe School</b>	A	3	6	L

Regular players were: Barr; Block; Blook L.; Burchell; Campbell-Collins; Cook; Daruwalla; Duncan; Frankel; Greenwood; Hainsworth; Iacovou; Kent; Mortali; Phillips C. D.; Phillips M.; Smellie; Tant.

Over the course of the season, the Colts 'B' produced some outstanding rugby, both at an individual and a team level. The win against The Leys typified the fighting spirit of the side where the courageous defence by all 15 players was a joy to behold. A number of the 'B' team forced their way into the reckoning for the higher side and Barr and Smellie both played a number of games for the 'A's with Barr finally securing a regular spot on the right wing. It is a shame Ben Kent is so small since he has the makings of a fair scrum half. Louis Bloom led the side well in the latter part of the season and was the side's most consistent player.

**D.R.W.**

## YEARLINGS RESULTS:

### 'A' TEAM

	Venue	For	Against	Results
<b>Queen Elizabeth's Barnet</b>	H	8	32	L
<b>King's Ely</b>	A	12	10	W
<b>The Leys</b>	A	16	12	W
<b>Oundle</b>	A	0	36	L

### 'B' TEAM

	Venue	For	Against	Results
<b>Queen Elizabeth's Barnet</b>	H	0	24	L
<b>King's Ely</b>	A	50	0	W
<b>The Leys</b>	A	10	18	L
<b>Oundle</b>	A	48	0	L

There were many members of this side which had not played rugby before and so the results were very encouraging. The forwards were very mobile with O. Wright and M. Gugenheim having the physique to match all their opponents. The backs, ably led by C. Mortali were very creative but lacked the pace to run in tries.

The 'B' XV acquitted themselves well and played excellent fifteen man rugby against King's Ely. Again with more experience they will develop into a good side.

The Yearlings House Competition Sevens for the Waszek Cup was won by Ridgeway who beat Murray in the final.

**Players:** 'A' XV — Harper; Swift; Tsatsos; Gardiner; Kellerman; Marcou; Mortali; Smith; Barriball; Wilson; Beydoun; Waite; Sampson; O. Wright; Sakkas; M. Gugenheim; Da Re.

'B' XV — P. Gugenheim; Pope; Baldwin; Kraft; Potel; Fiandaca; Robin Shah; Oberman; Leon; Le Quesne; Da Re; Bamert; S. Wright; Brown; David; A. Khan; Frydas; Kaye; Tandy; Arthur; Dedezade.

**J.D.R.**

## HOUSE COMPETITIONS

The Senior House Competition was won by Ridgeway who beat Collinson in the final. Murray beat School House to win the Junior Competition.

## JUNIOR COLTS 'A' RESULTS:

P12, W7, L5, D1, Pts For 172, Pts Against 95.

	Venue	For	Against	Results
<b>Felsted School</b>	H	3	9	L
<b>Haileybury College</b>	H	3	4	L
<b>University College School</b>	A	13	4	W
<b>The Leys</b>	A	25	4	W
<b>Berkhamsted School</b>	H	14	4	W
<b>Bedford</b>	H	0	22	L
<b>Haberdashers' Aske's</b>	A	8	14	L
<b>Harrow School</b>	H	18	4	W
<b>Stowe School</b>	A	4	4	D
<b>Merchant Taylors</b>	H	16	4	W
<b>Sevenoaks School</b>	A	38	0	W

### Tour Games

<b>Plymouth College</b>	A	3	22	L
<b>Worcester</b>	A	35	0	W

It took a great deal of shouting and encouragement (mostly shouting) to get this team going. This year we had a very inexperienced side, the majority of players had only played rugby for one year. The beginning of the season was not a pleasant one, losing our first two games to teams which we could have easily beaten, both games being closely scored. This was mainly due to the team spirit.

Most players took it too light-heartedly; never let it be said that we didn't have a lot of laughs, but as captain, I had quite a job pulling the team together to do one warm up round the pitch. Soon we hit a streak of three wins, starting with U.C.S. which really boosted the team. The next few games gave much practise to our backs who performed admirably. In the backs Propper and Naqui, using speed and size (respectively) to break through any barriers, were a useful asset to the team. Propper having more than one use proved himself to be an admirable kicker with precision and finesse. Another part of our attacking force were the two wingers Geha and Ma, both of which used their more than approvable speed to follow up kicks and run circles round challengers. (Geha was a newcomer to the game and used his considerable talent to gain a place in the 'A' side. He is potentially an excellent player.) However, if we were caught unawares by a counter-attack, we had an insurance plan, namely Dhar

whose handling was poor, but would stop practically anything short of a train, but if he didn't stop it Abrahams would prove himself an excellent full back who saved our team more than once.

Bedford cut our winning streak short and demoralised us with a crushing defeat, but you can't keep good men down. Soon we got back to our winning ways and it was the turn of the forwards to prove something which they did remarkably well. By the end of the season the pack was playing like it should, winning rucks and mauls and supplying the scrum half Meadows with some balls. Meadows proved a very useful scrum-half, linking constructively the forwards with the backs.

We were lucky to have two outstanding second rows; Fay proving he had the hands to be in the backs(!) and Church, the brains and brawn to be in a herd of buffalo. These two did exceptionally well in line-outs, Fay catching and setting well, while Church persisted to catch and run for goal (even if it was the wrong way), but few people could bring down our good ol' Churchy. Our two props, Theodossiades and Pyett, were solid and worked well all season, giving hooker Christodoulou a firm foundation to carry out his task, which he did supremely well. He also proved an asset in mauls as he always came out with the ball, but usually ran into his own team mates. The two members of the pack who specialised in defence were Skates and Harris. Skates proved to be a force to be reckoned with, when he started running. In the same way Harris tackled most things coming his way. Fowewe also played in the pack.

Finally, I'd like to say a word of thanks, principally to Mr Dingle and then to Mr Ede for organising the team and our half-term tour as we were not an easy bunch to control.

#### **T. Papalexis (Captain)**

Papalexis captained the team in all the games and played at No. 8. He is both a good motivator and a very talented rugby player. It was a pleasure to work with both him, and this team. It should be recorded that Church and Propser have been selected for the 1st XV and under 17 World Tour this summer.

**T.T.D.**

### **JUNIOR COLTS 'B'**

	Venue	For	Against	Results
<b>Felsted School</b>	H	18	0	W
<b>Haileybury College</b>	H	8	4	W
<b>University College School</b>	H	18	0	W
<b>The Leys</b>	A	32	0	W
<b>Bedford School</b>	H	8	0	W
<b>Berkhamsted School</b>	H	4	6	L
<b>Haberdashers' Aske's</b>	A	22	0	W
<b>Stowe School</b>	A	18	0	W
<b>Merchant Taylors</b>	H	40	0	W
<b>Sevenoaks School</b>	A	14	10	W

**Players:** A. Joseph (Capt); R. Zander; R. Mays; H. Wallis; A. Singh; A. Gabutta; A. Dearing; A. Richards; P. Briggs; K. Patel; D. Fiandaca; K. Kato; M. Fletcher; M. Tobais; D. Roker; G. Theodossiades.

*Also played:* A. Ma; L. Fowewe; P. Meadows; N. Nabarro; J. Bayley; J. Mizon; J. Allen; G. Adamis; M. Attridge; M. Ratzker; J. Seifert; Z. Dhar; C. Fatoyinbo; N. Goodman.

Winning nine out of ten matches is a reasonable measure of a successful season. To prevent seven of those opposition sides scoring a single point indicates that this success was not mere fluke and the fact that eighteen players collectively scored forty-two tries further emphasises that this was a talented group of individuals with strength in depth.

Joseph proved to be an aggressive and dominant captain who commanded the respect of his players and had much to do with the high morale which buoyed the team along throughout the season. He was fortunate to command a heavyweight pack; Zander, a formidable and technically sound tight-head prop forward; Roker or Theodossiades at loose head; Mays (an out and out "team man") and Wallis at lock; Gabutta and Dearing as fearless loose forwards and Singh at number 8. Singh has much to learn about the game away from the tight but displayed excellent ball control and was the difference between the sides in the game against Bedford.

Outside the pack Richards, at scrum half, was a major influence — his passing can be erratic under pressure and he tends to take the short side option too often but nonetheless his speed to the breakdown and strong running are positive features and his twelve tries invaluable. Briggs has lovely handling skills and a mature spiralling kick; Patel's defensive qualities are excellent and he remains on his feet well; Fiandaca is a strong runner who might consider the wing three quarter position next year and Tobias at full back is a safe catcher and ferocious tackler. Various individuals filled the wing spots; of the two regulars Fletcher has yet to gain the confidence to keep running at his opposite number while Kato is capable of deceptive speed and has improved enormously during the season, scoring amemorable solo try, ghosting inside and outside the defence, from fifty yards out against Merchant Taylor's.

Felsted, The Leys, U.C.S., Haberdasher's, Stowe and Merchant Taylor's were simply outplayed in every department (148-0). Against Haileybury the forwards ensured a victory but Nabarro should be mentioned in dispatches for his courage in an unfamiliar and key position. Harrow dominated physically but were not a better side. Bedford were talented and unlucky but undoubtedly the best game was that against Berkhamsted. In the final match away at Sevenoaks the opposition raised the coach's bloodpressure to dangerous levels taking advantage of a team short of seven regulars and then reduced to 14 men within ten minutes of the start — somehow a narrow victory was achieved.

Success tends to breed enthusiasm and finding substitutes was never a problem with thirty players representing the side in various capacities. The overall achievement is all the more remarkable when one considers the absence of a competent kicker; no penalties and only 9 conversions in the 186 points tally.

My thanks are due particularly to the captain Andrew Joseph but in no small measure to all the individuals who collectively were worthy winners of the Rogan Corbridge Cup and who have made my first season at Mill Hill School such an enjoyable one.

**R.F.T.E.**

# HOCKEY

Not a vintage season for the 1st XI, but the 2nd XI had its usual solid results and the 3rd XI was particularly successful, winning five out of six matches. I wonder if this is a record? Colts and Junior Colts side were only modest though they tried hard, and it is to the Under 14's that we look for the next really promising group: there is certainly talent and skill there.

Once again the weather was not really favourable; it never seemed terribly cold, there was no snow, yet the combination of rain and frost at the wrong time frequently conspired to render both Collinson and Fishing Net unfit for action. A little play was possible on Memorial Field, but, disappointingly, none at all on Park. Collinson was never really playable, though this did not prevent it being used on a number of occasions. The grassless bottom corner is just deep wallowing mud, eminently suitable for a herd of hippos. As last year, we are still all awaiting, and still with eager anticipation, our new artificial grass pitch. Disappointing though it is to be still without one as increasing numbers of our rivals bring theirs into play, we are now more optimistic that we shall have one at Mill Hill before the end of 1988.

On the coaching front, the arrival of Messrs Plummer and Ede has been very welcome, and for the first time since I have been running hockey, we had just enough coaches to run all the teams. If one includes the Under 14's in the Autumn we now put out no fewer than nine teams against The Leys. In addition to the two already mentioned above, my thanks as usual to Messrs Morgan, Corbett, Dean and Hurley, to Mr Denning for organising and running the very successful league programme, to Mr Stringer for his willing umpiring and for the occasional, but very welcome appearances, of our star umpire, Mr Martin. Last but by no means least, I would like to thank Albert Mummery and his staff for their cheerful and ever-willing efforts to enable us to play whenever possible in the face of enormous odds.

## HOUSE MATCHES

**Senior final:** In a very exciting final McClure equalised in the last seconds of the match. Ridgeway managed to win in a nail-biting barrage of penalty strokes.

**Junior final:** Ridgeway won this as well, defeating Murray by one goal to nil.

### House league play-offs:

Senior — Ridgeway defeated Priestley.

Junior — School House defeated Ridgeway.

**P.R.B.**



## 1st XI

Perhaps this season may be described as a transitional period with a new system, style of play and coach being used. The team achieved its aims to some extent but its record of W6, D3 and L8 was slightly disappointing. In general the defence was always too weak never successfully mastering 'man to man' marking and incapable of releasing the ball, especially on the left hand side. The attack missed too many chances and its movement off the ball was poor.

Individual ball control is an area which Mill Hill must improve, especially when compared with the standards of other schools and the increasing number of games played on synthetic surfaces. Too many attacks are mounted on the left hand side of the pitch and too few players can get the ball in a strong position and move it to the right.

In the opening match Mill Hill put up a spirited performance against Dulwich and absorbed much pressure. It was unfortunate to concede a goal in the last few minutes of the game. The performance against J. H. Cranwell's XI however, was disappointing with schoolboy naivety at its worst. Nevertheless the opposition were flattered by scoring 3 goals for which individual errors in defence were to blame.

The match against The Leys was strongly contested and Mill Hill showed that it had improved its skills on a synthetic surface. Having conceded a goal the attack failed to convert several chances.

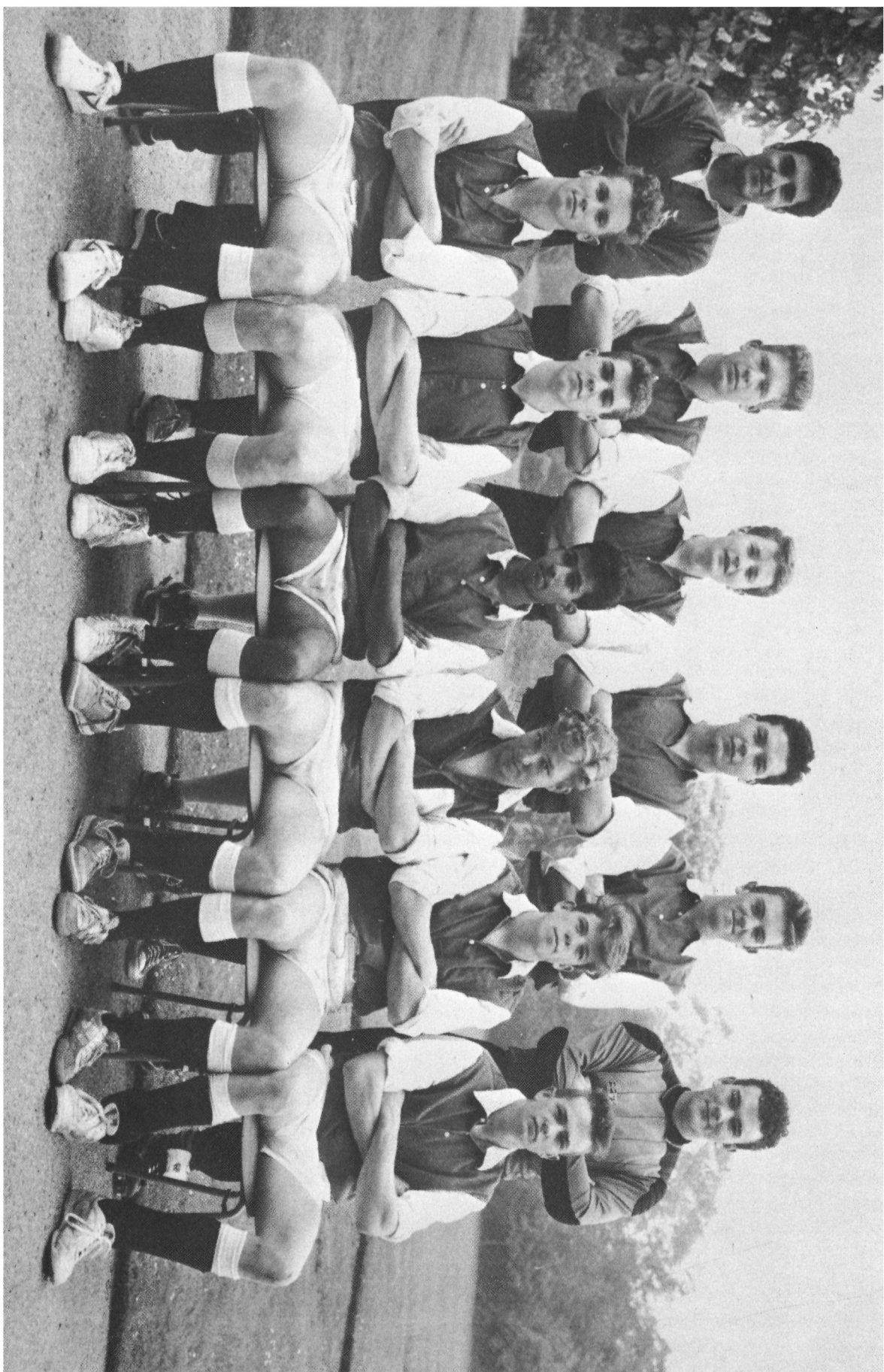
Against Haberdashers', the school played fast, open hockey in an evenly contested match and deserved its draw. However Bedford proved far too strong in the match played away on their new synthetic pitch. This was one of the opposition's strongest sides and Mill Hill did well to hold them to 1-0 until half time. Yet the second half showed the inadequacies of the visiting side and the class of the home side, and the flood gates opened! There followed a successful run when the school applied itself to its training and tactics, and played with some thought and spirit. Watford were deservedly beaten 2-0, Aldenham 2-1 and Berkhamsted 2-1. A soft goal in the dying minutes enabled Forest to equalise and Mill Hill made hard work of beating Haileybury 1-0. The school played a fine match against Stowe who just had the edge in skill and finishing. Again a goal was conceded in the last minutes of the game. The Old Millhillians were beaten in an enjoyable and skilful game. At long last the school mounted its attacks down the right and took on the opposition on their reverse side and deservedly won 3-2.

The match against Reed's was disastrous. Inept play in defence let in 5 goals and the attack missed enough chances to win the game!

At the Uppingham tournament Mill Hill did well to beat Queen's Taunton and draw with Worksop. However, Uppingham and Felsted were too strong in midfield and attack. Strong control and accurate early shooting proved too much for the school.

In goal Scannell and Karia both made fine saves but Karia must dominate the circle more, come off his line and clear well. Of the defenders, Ferrari was the pick and marked quite tightly. Hamilton did make some good





### **FIRST XI 1987**

Back Row (L to R): *R. Karia, A. Isseyegh, J. Dawson, J. Hanforth, E. Mcleod, J. Scanell*

Front Row (L to R): *A. Green, P. Achan, J. Pollock, M. Ferrari, J. Robinson*

tackles but must improve his mobility, cover and distribution. Robinson, an enthusiastic and energetic defender, must learn to pull the ball onto the right hand side and also improve his distribution. Isseyegh marked well and should gain in confidence for next season. In midfield Achan showed skill and control, and as captain never gave up and led the team well. Handforth and McLeod also showed control and promise but should improve their mobility and workrate. Dawson at right wing improved as the season progressed, showing that he has the ability to beat a player. He should work on his finishing, crossing and stamina. Pollock, at centre forward, was handicapped by injury which restricted his play, but nevertheless worked hard and ran well off the ball. Holmes, at left wing, showed control and improvement but must have more presence as a striker. Green showed control and played well as sweeper but must be stronger on the ball.

### S.T.P.

#### RESULTS

<b>Dulwich</b>	H	L	0-1
<b>Oundle</b>	A	Cancelled	
<b>J. H. Cranwell's XI</b>	H	L	0-3
<b>The Leys</b>	H	L	0-1
<b>Haberdashers' Aske's</b>	H	D	1-1
<b>Bedford</b>	A	L	0-7
<b>Watford</b>	H	W	2-0
<b>Aldenhams</b>	H	W	2-1
<b>Berkhamsted</b>	H	W	2-1
<b>Forest</b>	H	D	1-1
<b>Haileybury</b>	A	W	1-0
<b>Stowe</b>	H	L	0-1
<b>Old Millhillians</b>	H	W	3-2
<b>Reed's</b>	A	L	0-5
<b>Workshop</b>		D	1-1
<b>Felsted</b>		L	0-5
<b>Uppingham</b>		L	0-4
<b>Queen's Taunton</b>		W	1-0

**Team:** P. Achan (Capt); R. Karia; J. Scannell; M. Ferrari; J. Robinson; A. Green; J. Handforth; E. McLeod; J. Dawson; J. Pollock; I. Holmes; E. Hamilton; J. Barr; A. Isseyegh; N. Nihat.

## 2nd XI

With seven wins and only three losses the 2nd XI enjoyed a highly successful season. They played equally well on a variety of surfaces, never losing by more than the odd goal, though among those losses was a disappointing defeat against perhaps the weakest side we played against, Forest, where Mill Hill lost its usual discipline and concentration to give away an unnecessary late goal. That game apart, the side played with spirit and skill and were particularly effective against Watford and Aldenhams. They were ably led by A. Dell and I thank him for his contribution and support throughout the season. He and J. Barr provided the side with two fine strikers; they scored twelve goals between them and importantly for the team were each most effective on different types of surface, Dell on astro/all weather surfaces and Barr on grass.

Of the other players, it was pleasing to see Scannell gain promotion to the 1st XI after some fine performances over the last two years, while at full back the dynamic duo of Isseyegh and Hope knitted well together (though the latter's desire to be fashionable left much to be desired sartorially). Kenefick tried hard and played skilfully at centre-half, and Nihat when he was not playing for the 1st XI, fitted the role quite well; however, Levy at left half was the player who gave the most consistent performances, displaying skilful control and thoughtful distribution through a solid hit. Of the forwards not previously mentioned Mehra was purposeful on the right wing but must improve his technical control of the stick, Keller at inside forward was his busy, rigorous and committed self, and Dawson played with skill and penetration.

Finally the undoubted highlight of the season, apart from some excellent team performances against Bedford, Watford and Aldenhams, was the winning goal in the final match of the season against the Old Millhillians. The goal was not remarkable in itself except that it was the first scored by that enduring forward of the last two seasons, F. Ferrari. He has run tirelessly and never given less than his all and on this occasion, no, he didn't fall over, he didn't take the ball too far left and yes, he did get his stick to the ball: the result, a goal! His coach's often questioned faith in him was fully justified at the last gasp!

Those who played: A. Dell (Capt); F. Ferrari; N. Nihat; E. Latter; J. Levy; J. Scannell; D. Mercer; J. Barr; S. Mehra; S. Ismail; A. Isseyegh; J. Dawson; D. Hope; N. Keller; A. Karia; N. Kenefick.

### T.W.C.

#### RESULTS

<b>Dulwich</b>	A	W	2-1
<b>Oundle</b>	A	Cancelled	
<b>Bedford</b>	H	L	0-1
<b>Watford G.S.</b>	A	W	3-0
<b>The Leys</b>	H	W	2-1
<b>Aldenhams</b>	H	W	6-2
<b>Berkhamsted</b>	A	Cancelled	
<b>Forest</b>	A	L	0-1
<b>Stowe</b>	H	L	0-1
<b>Haileybury</b>	A	W	2-0
<b>Haberdashers'</b>	H	W	6-0
<b>Old Millhillians</b>	H	W	2-1

## 3rd XI

The third eleven enjoyed an interesting season losing 3-8 to Stowe in a fit of protracted frivolity on Memorial Field and winning the other five games, usually 2-1, having conceded the first goal.

Palaniappan made some splendid saves, and from "Thou shalt not pass" Adnan Obaidullah, fullest of backs with the fullest of figures, to "Boring" Jeremy Bohn and "Twinkle Toes" Oliver Madge on the extreme edges, the team were endowed with notable skill and good humour. With one or two exceptions this eleven, who defeated U.C.S., Haberdashers', The Leys . . . and Bedford (at Pickett's Lock) were the product of League Hockey on the squad.

### C.D.

**Players:** A. Palaniappan; A. Obaidullah; M. Jacobson; D. Mercer; J. Richardson; H. Llewellyn; T. Sheldon; J. Bohn; A. McKelvie; E. Latter; O. Madge; J. Carpenter; K. Doherty; C. Maneksha; S. Salaheddin; J. Hartman.

## RESULTS

<b>Dulwich</b>	A	W	2-1
<b>The Leys</b>	A	W	1-0
<b>U.C.S.</b>	H	W	3-0
<b>Bedford</b>	H	W	2-1
<b>Stowe</b>	H	L	3-8
<b>Haberdashers'</b>	A	W	2-1

## COLTS

In hockey you can have all of the game in terms of possession but it counts for very little unless you can score goals. The secret is to make as few mistakes as possible at the back — to deny the opposition any real chances — and to take the chances you get up front however few they may be. Unfortunately the Colts Eleven this year failed on both counts. We made far too many mistakes at the back and wasted any number of chances up front. The team were a little short on talent, especially after McLeod was promoted to the First Eleven, but they tried in every match and they did play good hockey at times. The opposition were very ordinary — it did not seem a vintage year anywhere for Colts hockey — but we could not win the matches that we really ought to have won. Perhaps the key to the future success will be to practise those basic skills a little harder so that they stand up to the pressure of a game. The Mill Hill one-handed tackle, so ineffective when I took over the First Eleven way back in 1972, is alive and just as unwell in the Colts Eleven of 1988. The hitting (perhaps it is the fault of the new sticks!) is worse. Only the dribbling skills have improved — all the rest need practice, and more practice. Enjoyment of the game is vital, however and despite their lack of success this team appeared to enjoy their hockey. They deserve better things next year.

### H.M.

**Team:** L. Bloom; M. Daruwalla; G. Brock; F. Gulmohamed; Y. Enoki; S. Nihat; I. Onyejiake; M. Chrysopoulou; O. Adegboyega; M. Wanendeya; J. Manzi.

## RESULTS

<b>Dulwich</b>	H	L	0-2
<b>Oundle</b>	H	Cancelled	
<b>Bedford</b>	H	L	0-2
<b>Watford G.S.</b>	A	L	2-3
<b>The Leys</b>	A	L	0-4
<b>Aldenham</b>	A	L	2-3
<b>Berkhamsted</b>	H	Cancelled	
<b>Forest</b>	H	D	2-2
<b>Haileybury</b>	H	W	4-0
<b>Stowe</b>	A	D	0-0
<b>Haberdashers'</b>	H	L	0-2

## JUNIOR COLTS

Successful junior hockey requires a blend of skill, confidence, determination and teamwork. These elements were present in very varying degrees in the school matches in 1988. The mood within a team can change so quickly too. After a promising start against a modest Haberdashers' side, we were unfortunate to meet Bedford on their new artificial grass. They totally outclassed us, as they probably did most of their opponents. The result was to sow seeds of doubt about our skill level which was indeed pathetic in comparison to theirs and to destroy any confidence that was being built. Losses against a modest Leys side, when we were not helped by some unfortunate decisions, and Aldenham testified to this lack of self-belief rather than to any inherent superiority in the opposition. To their great credit the boys returned to their task with determination and were exceedingly unfortunate not to defeat Berkhamsted after pounding their goal and an area some yards to either side of it, and restricting them to a single shot in the entire match which unfortunately went in. Two good wins followed and against Stowe, we were narrowly defeated in a good hard match with three of our key front players missing. So, with a little more resilience and luck, this relatively modest season could have been very successful as on only one occasion was the team well defeated by a manifestly superior side.

Golding kept goal bravely and consistently, making very few mistakes; indeed against Bedford he prevented a landslide. Pyett and Mitter were sound at the back, though slow to turn, and Skates and Fiandaca showed some good skills at wing half. Roker too, who got into the team late, tackled strongly and reliably. Of these, only Pyett had a hit of any power and consistency and nobody could hit from left to right. This was a severe handicap. At centre half, Papalexis developed his skills impressively and is very powerful: he was, however, not always able to see and execute the pass that was required. Geha, in his first season, has tremendous potential on the right wing as he is strong and quick and likes scoring goals. At inside right Propper is likewise, very strong and quick and has a very powerful hit: he must try to bend more to try to realise his considerable potential. On the left wing Christodoulou shows moments of real class but he is less effective than he should be as he is unable to channel his energies for the benefit of the team. Patel at inside left, though he played in many other positions, could always be relied upon to work very hard and to cover vast amounts of ground. Naqui, at centre forward, showed in the Haileybury match just how strong, sharp and effective he can be.

A team then, capable of much further improvement, who, if they can find the right mood and attitude, have the potential to cope with all but the Bedfords of this world and with real determination and hard work at the basic skills and an eagerness to learn, who knows what they may achieve.

**P.R.B.**

## JUNIOR COLTS 'B'

Though not possessing an unlimited supply of talent the individuals in this squad trained, played, won, drew and lost with enthusiasm and unerring good humour.

In goal Fay too often displayed unnecessary generosity to the opposition early in the game but was equally capable of effecting some fine saves, making his lapses in concentration all the more frustrating. Roker at left back, though slow on the turn, was a sound tactician and invariably took the right option. Mays, the hardest working member of the team, tackled soundly and covered vast areas of ground, while Ma showed considerable stick skill and a genuine turn of pace. Others played important roles in the team and everyone contributed to an enjoyable, if short, season.

**R.E.**

## JUNIOR COLTS RESULTS

### 'A' XI

<b>Haberdashers'</b>	H	W	1-0
<b>Bedford</b>	A	L	0-4
<b>The Leys</b>	A	L	1-5
<b>Aldenham</b>	A	L	0-3
<b>Berkhamsted</b>	H	L	0-1
<b>Forest</b>	A	W	4-0
<b>Haileybury</b>	H	W	7-4
<b>Stowe</b>	A	L	1-2

### 'B' XI

<b>Haberdashers'</b>	H	D	1-1
<b>The Leys</b>	A	L	1-3
<b>Forest</b>	A	L	0-2
<b>U.C.S.</b>	A	D	1-1

### Teams:

**'A' XI** – A. Christodoulou; D. Fiandaca; C. Geha; I. Golding; A. Mitter; N. Naqui; T. Papelexis; K. Patel; N. Propper; J. Pyett; D. Roker; M. Skates.

**'B' XI** – P. Anaman; J. Bayley; P. Briggs; R. Fay; K. Kato; A. Ma; R. Mays; P. Meadows; M. Ratzker; A. Richards; N. Sharratt; N. Nabarro.

*Also played* — A. Abrahams; S. Wakeling; R. Zander.

In goal Tandy kept efficiently but needs to extend his reach and learn to close down players on the edge of the circle. Barriball, at sweeper, played well and produced some good tackles and clearances. Fiandaca was a most accomplished defender and marker. He should perhaps improve his hitting. Harper tried hard in defence and learnt much. Gugenheim (M) was a powerful striker of the ball, especially at short corners, and improved his control. Mortali was the pick of the midfield, revealing skill and an ability to read the game. Gardiner worked hard in the centre midfield position, tackled well and is learning to distribute the ball. Gugenheim (P) showed control and skill but must learn to release the ball earlier and develop his speed and stamina. Pope was a much improved player and filled the right wing position. His skill and determination by the end of the season were impressive. Brown at centre forward scored several goals and created many chances. With a little more control, achieved by carrying the ball further in front and on the end of the stick, he should develop well. Smith as left wing showed much promise in terms of control but has to think more about positional play. Swift also contributed well with some direct running and commitment. Obermann learnt much, showed typical Dutch control and improved his positional play.

**S.T.P.**

## RESULTS

Won 3, Drawn 2, Lost 2

<b>Kingston G.S.</b>	A	L	1-8
<b>Reeds</b>	H	W	2-1
<b>The Leys</b>	H	D	1-1
<b>The Perse</b>	A	L	1-5
<b>King's School Ely</b>	H	W	2-1
<b>Oundle</b>	H	W	4-3
<b>Kingston G.S.</b>	H	D	1-1

**Team:** N. Tandy; J. Barriball; J. Harper; A. Fiandaca; M. Gugenheim; C. Mortali; D. Gardiner; P. Gugenheim; A. Pope; J. Brown; J. Smith; D. Swift; G. Potel; M. Obermann.

## U14 XI

This was a promising year group and enjoyable to coach. Given that none or very few had ever played before, the end result was encouraging. Gradually the team acquired good skills and an attractive style of play.

Victories were recorded over Reeds, King's School Ely and Oundle. It was unfortunate that more chances were not converted to make the scorelines appear more convincing and reflect Mill Hill's superiority. The matches against The Leys and the replay with Kingston were drawn. In the first match against Kingston, the opposition's skill and experience, especially on a synthetic surface, were overwhelming and Mill Hill conceded eight goals. Smith, however, replied with a consolation goal. The Perse also proved too experienced on a soft grass pitch which did not help a rather lightweight Mill Hill side. Gugenheim (M) replied with a well taken short corner.



# MINOR SPORTS

## FIVES

The most exciting thing to happen in recent times is undoubtedly the reroofing and relighting of the courts, for which many thanks to Mr Fearnhead and the Maintenance department. After years of leaks, with the roof susceptible to lift-off in even a quite gentle breeze, it is splendid to have dry and well-lit courts.

It was splendid too this season, after a gap of several years, to have a senior pair again and, moreover, a pair who acquitted themselves so well in school matches. Though Mill Hill is not, and probably never will be, in the forefront of fives playing schools, Nick Kenefick and Huw Llewelyn won six of their matches and lost only twice, both times against Harrow. There were unfortunately no Colts players but D. Fiandaca and K. Patel represented the U15's with some distinction, their victory at Aldenham being particularly commendable. There are quite a number of other U15's who played regularly and who are improving steadily; I hope that they will keep it up so that they can represent the school in the future.

Particularly noteworthy this year has been the effort of the U14's. In the Southern Schools EFA Championship at Charterhouse, a competition initiated by Ian Hutchinson who has continued to visit us regularly and to coach with such understanding and enthusiasm, J. Smith and A. Fiandaca showed great stamina and determination in carrying off the trophy with a hard won victory over Aldenham in the final. N. Tandy and C. Mortali won the plate competition and our other pairs, R. Siddiqi and O. Sampson, and G. Potel and J. Brown also acquitted themselves honourably. For Mill Hill to win such a major competition against schools like Charterhouse, Cranleigh and Aldenham is a great achievement and I hope to see this skill and enthusiasm carried over into next season when Nick Kenefick will again be the captain.

The following have represented the school: N. Kenefick; H. Llewelyn; D. Fiandaca; K. Patel; C. Vincent; K. Bentsi-Enchill; J. Leslie; J. Hirai; A. Karkera; S. Wakeling; R. Sarma; A. Fiandaca; J. Smith; N. Tandy; R. Shah; O. Sampson; C. Mortali; G. Potel; J. Brown; R. Siddiqi; P. Frydas; D. Raymond; J. Dickson; S. Khan; A. David.

### House Matches

The Junior competition was won fairly comfortably by Murray House who beat Priestley in the final.

The Senior final between Ridgeway and Priestley was the best I can remember, very keenly fought, very close, a good standard of play in both matches and a very high standard of court behaviour and sportsmanship. I wish rather more people had seen it. In the end Ridgeway regained the title perhaps helped by the subtle transfer of A. Green who had helped Priestley to victory last year!

**P.R.B.**

## SHOOTING REPORT

Yet again we have the fearful task of trying to compile another interesting shooting report for the school magazine.

Regrettably the small-bore (.22) season is over. We managed to maintain our position in the shooting league and shot the usual matches against Harrow and St John's, Haileybury and Aldenham with the following results:

Mill Hill	661	Harrow	696	St John's	682
Mill Hill	750	Haileybury	739		
Mill Hill	738	Aldenham	730		

The general performance throughout the term was good, despite some shaky results of certain members of the squad — you know who you are!

We also re-entered the "Country Life" competition after 15 years of our much missed absence. This is a military competition run by the Army based on locating targets that cannot be seen at 25 yards. The Eagle-Eyed Captain, N. Smart, has the fearful job of describing to the shooters where to fire — a frustrating task when people shoot in the totally wrong direction at target clips or light bulbs. We did remarkably well in the competition and credit must be given to all those who participated and put up with my incoherent waffle for numerous Tuesday afternoons.

At the time of writing this report, we have returned to the full-bore (7.62) season at Bisley. The new minibus makes the 1½ hour journey almost bearable — but not quite. We spent three days at Bisley during Easter, with all the entertaining amenities of a "Club 18-30" holiday, practising for the new season. With almost gale force winds, one wonders whether the Hand of God had any influence in hitting the bull; we most certainly did not!

**Nigel Smart**

## GIRLS' SPORT

The 1987-88 season saw an active participation by the girls in a variety of sports including tennis, cricket, rounders, squash, aerobics, swimming, badminton, karate, shooting and basketball.

The major sport this year was netball captained by Sikin Mohamed. The girls played several matches throughout the season. Results, however, would have been more encouraging had they been trained by a qualified coach. Tribute should be paid to those girls who showed perseverance and commitment despite this obvious disadvantage. It is a pity though that this commitment was not matched by all squad members.

We shall look forward to brighter prospects next year when hockey will be the major sport. The captain will be Veronica Byrne, and with the aid of a qualified coach we look forward to a successful season.

**H.K.**



## CROSS COUNTRY

Once again the Cross Country season at Mill Hill saw some excellent individual performances, though as a team we were not always successful

In the Borough of Barnet Championships the Junior team came an excellent 4th out of 10 schools competing. Alex Pope came in a superb 3rd in a field of 90 runners; Joseph Michaels and Mark Newcombe also ran well to finish 13th and 16th respectively. The Intermediate team did less well, finishing 5th out of 8 entries. The Seniors, too, did not perform well as a team, though there were excellent performances from Gavin Mortimer and Jeremy Raphael; 5th and 11th respectively, in a field of 30.

In the Highgate Relays our Junior team finished 9th out of 12 teams, a very respectable effort considering the strength of the competition. Matches against UCS (Away) and Merchant Taylors'/UCS (Away) proved too difficult for favourable team results, though again there were good performances from Pope, Newcombe and Dedman. Mortimer, moreover, was victorious in the Senior race at UCS, backed up well by Soames and Raphael.

Thanks to their performance in the Barnet Championships, Alex Pope and Gavin Mortimer were chosen to represent the Borough of Barnet at the Middlesex trials. While the latter was unable to compete owing to injury, the former did well enough to be a reserve for the Middlesex team in the Southern Counties Championship.

Overall, this was a better season than usual, thanks mainly to the enthusiasm of some splendid runners in the Fourth Form. They should, all being well, be able to continue their successes next year.

**A.R.R.**

**Juniors:** Mark Newcombe, Alex Pope, Joseph Michaels, Abid David, Zee-Shan Dhar, Darrel Swift, Oliver Wright.

**Intermediates:** John Dedman, Nick Green, John Mizon, Guy Roberts, Marc Fletcher, Kim Kato, Andrew Mitter.

**Seniors:** Gavin Mortimer, James Soames, Jeremy Raphael (capt), Nigel Bolter, Adrian Cope, Mark Hermesen.

## GOLF

**Patron** Mr. G. C. Sutcliffe  
**The Team** A. J. Fernandes (Captain)  
A. J. McKelvie  
H. T. Llewelyn  
Y. Enoki  
M. J. Feldman  
J. H. Bohn

It seems each year, that there are fewer and fewer fixtures for the team, possibly as this is a sport which has 'loose commitments'.

This is a shame, as the talent and interest have been there, but have been let down by lack of practice and determination.

However, many more talented players are emerging from the depths of obscurity (the fourth form). Let's hope

they don't fall into the same 'lax attitude' which, regrettably, has been the case over the years. One doesn't need to go as far as M.J.L.P. suggested though, "forget my lessons — go practise your golf strokes".

Having such a strong representation of the team, Ridgeway House predictably won the house matches — this will no doubt change, once the present 'UVI' have left.

Thanks are due to Mr Sutcliffe, for all his organisation and invaluable support throughout the year.

I would also like to thank all the team, for their time and contributions. It is often said that golf brings out the finer side of human nature and this has certainly been reflected in their general etiquette.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate Yoshi Enoki, on his appointment as 'captain of golf' for the coming year, and wish him every success.

**Anthony Fernandes**

## BADMINTON

**Patron:** S. G. Appleton Esq  
**Captain:** A. McKelvie  
**Secretary:** M. Kantaria

The following have represented the senior team: A. McKelvie, M. Kantaria, S. Tan, A. Obaidullah, A. Rahman, F. Ng, S. Abdullah, A. Palaniappan, M. Gudka, A. Madvan, K. Murgian.

The following have represented the junior team: M. Weston, E. Greene, J. Shah, J. B. Lloyd, J. Kantaria, M. Feldman, A. Ismail.

The season consisted of a fair number of successes by both the senior and junior teams. The U18 won 5 out of their 9 matches, and the U16 won 3 out of their 5 matches respectively. The departure last season of a few distinguished players allowed the path to be opened for several talented players to make their way to the top. A McKelvie proved to be the most talented and experienced player in the school, and so was disallowed, by SGA, to compete in the new U18 singles tournament, which left the competition open to other promising players. M. Kantaria, S. Tan and A. Obaidullah, also experienced and talented players, are closely following the high standards set by those whom we were unfortunate to lose last year. F. Ng, A. Rahman and S. Abdullah are also proving to be valuable players, improving gradually.

The junior standard is also at a high competitive level with E. Green, M. Weston and J. Shah gaining experience for next year, along with other useful players, namely J. B. Lloyd and J. Kantaria.

We are sad to lose A. McKelvie and A. Rahman and thank the captain for entertaining us with some stunning shots, which we are all gradually learning to execute. We wish them both good luck.

In the senior and junior 'Interhouse Tournaments' Ridgeway retained the cups once again. A. McKelvie and M. Kantaria of Ridgeway beat S. Tan and J. Shah of Winterstoke in the senior competition. M. Kantaria and E. McLeod of Ridgeway beat A. Obaidullah and M. Gudka of Murray in the junior competition held last summer. This year's house tournament follows in the summer term.

The U16 doubles tournament cup was won by M. Weston (Mc) and E. Green (Mc) who beat J. Shah (W) and M. Feldman (S). The U16 singles tournament cup was won by A. Obaidullah (M) who beat E. Greene (Mc). For the first time, an U18 tournament was held. The U18 doubles tournament trophies were won by A. McKelvie (R) and S. Tan (W) who beat M. Kantaria (R) and A. Obaidullah (M). The U18 singles tournament trophy was won by M. Kantaria (R) who beat S. Tan (W).

The following awards were made this season:

**Full colours:** M. Kantaria and S. Tan

**Half colours:** E. Greene

**Quarter colours:** F Ng

The school matches and tournaments were participated in by enthusiastic and improving players, who will help to build an even stronger bridge to success for the future. Many thanks to those who participated and good luck next year.

Our thanks are also due to S.G.A. for his dedication to the team and the sport, and also for driving long distances to our away matches, often getting lost on the way!

I hope that this season's enthusiasm and enjoyment will be repeated next year.

**Mitesh Kantaria**

## SQUASH

The season proved rewarding in several ways. With a young side (three of the first V are under sixteen) it was not surprising that we secured no more than the two wins in the season. However the prospects are encouraging with the improvement of individual skills and the growing strength of team players.

J. Carpenter in his last year as Captain proved to be reliable and enthusiastic in his leadership. He is a much improved player whose timely advice and encouragement was appreciated by all. J. Barr and M. Barr are both talented players but as yet temperamentally suspect in match play. J. Barr will Captain the team next year. N. Propper has the potential for excellence and has developed strongly during the year. F. Gulmohamed serves smoothly on the court but needs the more subtle tactics that greater experience should give him.

At the junior levels, there has been a greater number of players taking the courts and J. Smith, A. Pope, A. Gabutta, J. Somaiya and R. Siddiqi all have the potential to develop into useful players. The house competition was dominated at both Junior and Senior levels by Murray House: that four of 1st V are members of Murray was not insignificant in that result.

The visit to the British Open at Wembley and the opportunity of watching Jahangir Khan in action has given the team some ideas for improvement. Regular 1st V practises during the summer term should help the developing momentum.

Thanks particularly are due to Mr G. Docherty and Mr R. S. Williams for their assistance in the coaching and the organisation of house matches and to James Carpenter for his Captaincy over the last two years.

**D.S.H.**

## SEVENS

Once again the conflicting demand on boys' time ensured that we were unable to practise very much. Obviously to do well at Sevens we need our best players available, the opportunity to practise regularly and the chance to enter three tournaments before the Rosslyn Park Festival.

The boys who could play performed very well in the circumstances, we took a very inexperienced team to the Middlesex Invitation Sevens and, after a comfortable lost to quite a strong Hampton seven. At Rosslyn Park, a stronger, but totally impractical squad played very well all things considered to beat Truro comfortably and led into injury time against Sherborne. Those players who were able to take part thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

### Results

#### Middlesex Invitation Seven-a-sides

v Verulam	W	24-6
v Hampton	L	4-14

#### Rosslyn Park National Schools Festival

v Lord Wandsworth	L	6-10
v Truro	W	14-4
v Monmouth	L	0-18
v Sherborne	L	9-10

The following played: Barr; Ferrari F; Green G; Handforth; Holmes; Hope; Ingham; Irvine; Latter; Madge and Mortimer.

**C.R.K.**



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## EDITORIAL

After the doom, gloom, despondency and downright depression surrounding the unlikely continuation of Headstone Lane, (whether its prophesied demise be for practical or emotional reasons, or simply because of social change), how heartening it is to read last season's rugby report from Mike Leon.

Little is said of the rigger itself which is about right. Henley would never have survived if it had been confined to rowing! But what does come through is the sheer enjoyment of the effort that has been made to produce a season of both financial and social successes — and you can never have one without the other.

Many Old Millhillians have never seen Headstone Lane. Many don't support it. Some would see its demise without turning a hair but perhaps Mike Leon's report will bring a sense of regret among those who could have been part of this camaraderie but haven't.

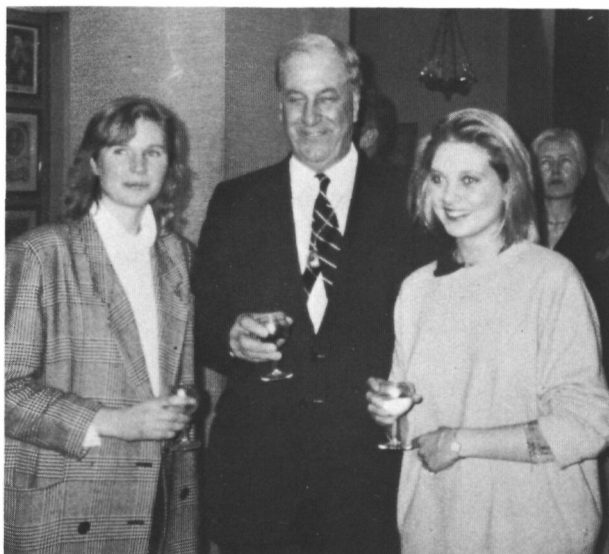
It's probably not too late. And of course it probably never will be while a Club of some fifteen hundreds depends comfortably on a band of no more than fifty.

'Twas ever so, with Cunningtons replaced by Bucklands replaced by Smiths, Lapthorns by Hibberdines, Gundrys by Heywoods. And of course there are the extremes. While an elderly man called Leslie Millard researches and writes many of the obituaries on friends he has known for a diamond jubilee or more, so a young girl called Clare Watkiss organises her second cocktail party. Years apart. Experience totally different. But still with a remarkable bond between them.

But perhaps just one more plea. Let a few of today's parents read this — and realise the quite incredible heritage they have provided their offspring for the taking — and the giving — by sending them to Mill Hill.

## THE FIRST OLD MILLHILLIENES CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY

The inaugural Old Millhilliennes Christmas Cocktail Party took place on Tuesday 15th December 1987 at The Law Society's Hall. It was an extremely successful affair and well attended by a large number of Old Millhillians spanning several generations. We were particularly honoured that the President of the Club, David D'Eath,



*Beth Morgan and Nicky Turner with Club President David D'Eath*

could be present, along with Philip Heywood (President 86/7), Stuart Hibberdine (Chairman), Roddy Braithwaite (Honorary Secretary) and from the School the Head Master, the Second Master and a number of other members of staff. Among several other Millhillians it was encouraging to see about twenty "genuine" Millhilliennes, with every year represented. We hope that their number will increase on the next occasion.



*Kathy Mackie and Nick Mescou with Head Master, Alastair Graham*

The same venue has been booked for Tuesday 20th December 1988, and all old boys and girls are welcome with guests. All Old Millhilliennes and, as last year, London based Old Millhillians, will be circulated in the autumn. Anyone who would like more information, please contact Janet Scott at Cleveland (01) 959 0816 or Clare Watkiss 0923 773781.

**C.W.**

## MARRIAGES

**DRUMMOND-STACK:** On 16th April 1988 at Christ Church, Chelmsford, Andrew elder son of Mr John Drummond of Perth, W. Australia and Mrs June Drummond of Compton, Devon to Harriet Stack M.A. (1978-9) daughter of Keith Stack F.C.A. (1950-54) of Dubai, United Arab Emirates and Mrs Caroline Stack of Maldon, Essex.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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The 1987/88 playing season was not as successful as we had hoped. The 1st XV won 8 of their 32, the 'A' XV struggled throughout the season, the 'B' XV under Nigel Wray and Bob Rudd had the best results, and the Ex. 'B' XV under the captaincy of Roger McDuff promised a lot but faded during the latter part of the season. In the club at present we have a lot of young players and older players but few in their late twenties. Through the efforts of Jim Cook and his team we have been running a very successful Colts XV (under 19) which has been heavily oversubscribed, and these boys are being given every encouragement to come forward and play in the senior teams next season.

On the financial front, there has been great success. The ground has been used more than in recent years, thanks to the money spent on the ground drainage after what has been a very wet season. As a result the bar has done particularly well. The social functions have been well supported. Nigel Wray's Summer Ball at the School in July was attended by over 500. The Fun Run had 500 entrants for the first time. All 600 tickets for the Boxing Night at the school organised by Chris Mann were sold. The Middlesex Sevens in April managed by David Webster, the Pontoon, Chris Davies' 100 Club and the programme advertising arranged by Robert Hudgell have all been major contributors to the funds, as have two successful prematch lunches organised by John King. Ray Hubbard continues to mastermind barbecues, particularly at the Sevens, as well as the sale of club merchandise.

All this fund raising, of course, has to happen each and every year in order to balance the books, but it is a measure of the success of the club that all that is attempted is well supported. The leavers reception at the ground was a particular success and we hope for a good influx of recent leavers to join our ranks, and to strengthen the Club XV's. I would like to mention and to thank those who help and support us from the School. Chris Kelly, master in charge of rugby, always has the interests of the Club at heart and it is due to him that recruitment is so encouraging.

In march, Terry Patterson, ex-Coldstream Guards, took over as groundsman living in the cottage, and we wish him and his wife every success. Bill Ashworth has been a tower of strength behind the bar. He has made a busy season run very smoothly.

To finish, I would just like to thank all those who contribute financially one way or another to keep the Club afloat. Your efforts are not wasted and I hope you feel that it is all worthwhile. A new season is nearly upon us and with it a whole fresh crop of new ideas to which to look forward. Sponsored matches, Match Ball sponsorship, Race Night, formal Biennial Dinner, overseas tour, and so it goes on and on!

M.L.

## BIRTH

**BOLTON:** On 21st March 1988 to Dana (nee Stagnell) and Peter Bolton (1968-73) a daughter, Emma Beth, sister for Matthew: Present address 24, Hopewell Avenue, London, NW6 6LH.

## GOLFING SOCIETY

The Captain of the Society is Bruce Maunder-Taylor (59-64) and the Vice Captain is Peter Woodroffe (42-45).

In the Halford Hewitt, Mill Hill were drawn against Tonbridge at Royal St George's, Sandwich, who were the losing finalists in 1987, and the semi-finalists in 1985. Tonbridge won 5-nil. The Mill Hill pairings were A. N. Black (62-66) and D. W. Sigley (52-55), C. Nunn (75-81) and G. Brandt (77-82), M. B. Peterson (40-43) and P. Russell (57-62), G. D. Vero (60-65) and B. R. Maunder Taylor (59-64), A. D. Guthrie-Jones (68-73) and J. M. Selwyn. Nunn and Brandt kept going the longest and played well against their opponents whose game was very much on form, losing on the 15th Green. Tonbridge had brought in one player from the U.S.A. specifically to play in the Halford Hewitt, which gained Guthrie-Jones and Selwyn a mention in *The Times* on the following day as a hapless couple that had to contend with Ed Richardson who is on a Golfing Scholarship in the U.S.A.

The Match against the School at Ashridge was unfortunately rained off and it is hoped to arrange a fresh fixture during the Summer term.

The Autumn Meeting will be held as usual at Deal on 10th and 11th September. An attractive Spring Tour for 1989 has been arranged in Ireland, playing Ballybunion, Killarney and Waterville on 12th to 14th May inclusive.

All Golfing Old Millhillians are very welcome to join the Society, which is known for its easy-going and friendly ambiance. Younger members are particularly welcome and qualify for subsidies at meetings and tours.

## CRICKET CLUB

The Annual Dinner at the end of January met with a good reception, and the guest speaker, TV compere Henry Kelly, provided an original combination of anecdotes from cricket and the turf with some constructive but warm criticism of Mike Gatting and events in Pakistan.

The Club has seen a number of changes for the 1988 season: Nigel Wray takes over the captaincy from Tim Wilkinson whose efforts for the Club must rank with the Carters, Smiths, Weavers and Saunders in our history. A number of admin changes have been made which we hope will result in a more efficient running of the Club.

Our Gatting Benefit game will have taken place by the time this is printed as will our Cricket Week. Full reports will appear in the December issue.

The August Tour to Sussex runs from 1st to the 5th inclusive. It is worth reminding younger players especially that we have a Fund established in memory of Ray Weavers that assists with hotel and travelling expenses. It is meant to be used.

The main diary date to note now is the Club's Annual Dinner in 1989, being Friday, 27th January at The Cock Tavern, EC4.

C.B.B.

The **copy date** for the **next issue** is **1st October 1988**. Typed and double-spaced contributions together with photographs are more than welcome.

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## The Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner held in October 1987 was remarkable for three reasons. To begin with, it was the first occasion that anybody could recall when a grandfather and son had watched the third and junior member of the family attend in his own right as Senior Monitor. This was the proud claim for the Fox family and Joe is looking forward to repeating the exercise at Foundation Day this year. Sadly, however, he will be there without his delightful wife who died a little while ago.

Secondly, while it may not be the first time that an accountant has followed another as President of the Club, it was believed to be the first time that an accountant from Winterstoke had followed another from the same house. To those who were not in Winterstoke this might well seem to be hardly worth recording but it was nonetheless a proud moment for the new President David D'Eath when he was inducted by his predecessor Philip Heywood. Philip has been avid supporter and life long worker at Alford House and he spoke of the work there.

Thirdly, came the surprising precedent of taking the loyal toast immediately after the main course, to enable those who have to smoke to do so at the same table as those who do not but who were still eating; a disgusting habit. The authorities somewhat weakly suggested that this was done in order to make it unnecessary for a very small minority of the younger Old Millhillians actually to leave the table during the meal for a cigarette or alternatively to smoke regardless of whether the Loyal toast had been taken or not. The former of course would have been infinitely preferable to them smoking at the table and if they do not know the rules regarding the toast to the Queen then somebody should tell them and if

necessary it should be put on the menu. It is to be hoped that this practice is not to be continued next year.

A questionnaire was put out asking those who attended what they thought of the Dinner in general and the Venue in particular. It seems that about one third answered the questionnaire (the going rate for Old Millhillians) and most seemed to feel that the Press Centre was not to their liking. As a result the Annual Dinner will be held elsewhere in 1988.

Notwithstanding the problems of the puffers the occasion was again excellently organised by David Petrie as the one hundred and forty or so Old Millhillians who attended would testify.

## LIFE GOVERNORS

Old Millhillians of both sexes are reminded that they may apply for election to the General Court of Life Governors of Mill Hill School if they have either obtained a Degree at a British University or if they subscribe not less than £10 to the Capital Funds of the School.

The next meeting of the General Court of Life Governors takes place in June 1989 and any Old Millhillians wishing to seek election should communicate with the School not later than the 1st June, 1989 enclosing either a photocopy of the Award or a cheque made payable to Mill Hill School.

Membership of the Court of Life Governors is, as the name implies, for life. Life Governors attend a meeting annually to hear a report from the Chairman of the Court together with a statement of the Accounts from the School Treasurer and a report from the Head Master. There are some 450 Life Governors though not all attend the meeting and more members of this unusual Court would be welcome.

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*Philip Heywood receives his Gold Award from the Duke of Westminster . . .*

## ALFORD HOUSE

At the Centenary Annual General Meeting of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs, held at Guildhall on 4th December, 1987, David Smith and Philip Heywood received, from the hand of the Duke of Westminster (President of the Federation), Keystone Gold Awards for "more than 30 years' voluntary service to Boys' Clubs".

David became a Governor in 1951, and Secretary to the Governors, of Alford House in 1954. Philip started as auditor in 1951 and has been Treasurer and a Governor since 1959.

Although the Editor of this column did not know of it at the time, Dick Walker and Nat Garrett received similar

awards, at the hand of the Duke of Edinburgh (Patron of the Federation) on 30th October, 1984. In fact, Dick and Nat started their involvement with Alford House in the 1930's, so by the time that they received their awards the length of their service was 50 years, rather than a mere 30. This sets the service of David and Philip in a truer proportion and to have four Governors with such awards and now with 168 years of service must say something for the powers of endurance and the stickability of some Old Millhillians!

**P.E.H.**

*. . . and so does  
David Smith*



## THERE AND HEREAFTER

The sad death of Wilf Sobey will be felt by many sectors of society within the Club and without for Wilf had many interests over his four score years. But one little group is perhaps more select than most; those Old Millhillians who went to Kingsfield, the Prep school of which Wilf Sobey was Headmaster. Two of these are now governors of Mill Hill and the list includes Michael Hancock, Michael Pooley, Rod Cook, Roy Constantine, Murray Nicholls and Gowen Bewsher as well of course as Tim Sobey. Has anybody been missed! If so we apologise. Perhaps they'll let the editor know. Wilf was a firm headmaster and that my personal memories of him are not entirely without pain or totally full of happiness is certainly more my fault than his! In later years of course we became much better friends and I was privileged to be asked by Mary Sobey to propose Wilf's toast at his eightieth birthday. But even then I found school rules impossible to keep. For how, when you are reviewing a rich life of eighty summers ("the finest school boy cover point in England") and eighty winters ("one of the three unluckiest rugby internationals of all time") can you "keep it short, unemotional and devoid of sentiment" as I was instructed to do by a conspiratorial Mary Sobey!

Elsewhere in this issue you will find that the question of who else was in the photograph with Wilf Sobey and Roger Spong when the former was meeting the Prince of Wales, is answered by Mary Sobey. Sadly however, she may never see it. For with Wilf's death her distaff connection with the Club, like that of Joan Laphorn, comes to an end. Not all widows would want to see copies of the magazine of course but perhaps the Club might supply a few. What does the Council think? Certainly it would please Norman "Nobby" Clarke (1918-24) who put in the plea for Joan Laphorn.

In becoming a "friend" of the new D'Oyle Carte Opera Company I was intrigued to read a press handout on British Midland Airways who are to be the principal sponsors and whose chairman is Michael Bishop CBE (1955-60). BMA use the superbly restored Donnington Hall in Leicestershire as their administration headquarters and for the record have just pinched the young lady who is typing this manuscript from me! (from one OM to another — a glutton for punishment!) Be that as it may Michael Bishop's sponsorship is good for everybody and one wishes the D'Oyle Carte and BMA well in this splendid venture.

David Morgan (1946-51) or more formally, his Honour Judge Glyn Morgan, is responsible for the interesting follow up article on Colonel St'Ledger Grenfell whose exploits were briefly covered in the magazine a year or so ago and whose descendent, Julian Pascoe Francis St'Ledger Grenfell is to be found in the current *Who's Who*. It might seem that David has a passion for the American Civil War and if so he should get together with David Smith whose cup of happiness would indeed be full if the OMC was located at Bull Run in the Lake District! David Morgan, honorary president of this year's Royal National Eisteddford, has just succeeded another OM, Peter Hobkins Morgan QC (1932-37) as County Court Judge for Gwent the latter having recently joined Judge Ewan Wallis-Jones (1926-30) County Court Judge at Cardiff in judicial retirement.

## ENGINEERS DINNER

The third O.M. Engineers Dinner was held at the Eccleston Hotel, Victoria on Thursday April 14th 1988. The fourteen O.M. Engineers present were Ronnie Aye Maung (45-50), Jack Dinsdale (50-55), Arthur Ferryman (54-59), Arnold Hawker (31-36), Bill Hicklin (35-40), John King (56-61), Clive Mence (53-57) with his wife Eve, Kurt Metzger (46-50), Gordon Mizner (65-69), Mark Morter (68-73), Tim Poole (73-78), David Rodda (45-50), Brian Woolf (37-39) and Alan Woollaston (45-50). Roddy Braithwaite (45-50) O.M. Club Secretary was also present. In addition, David D'Eath, O.M. Club President, Alastair Graham, Head Master, and three upper sixth formers James Goodman, John Hawker (son of Arnold Hawker) and Michael Simmonds, all intending to make their careers in engineering, were present as guests.

During the dinner other ideas were discussed including the possibility of organising visits to engineering works and higher education establishments. It is hoped that these will materialise during the year.

The informal structure of previous dinners was maintained although the Head Master was invited to say a few words about current developments at Mill Hill including the introduction of craft, design and technology (CDT) into the curriculum of the school. He also welcomed the initiative shown in inviting potential engineers to the dinner. Additionally the President, on behalf of the guests, thanked the engineers for a most enjoyable informal evening. Alan Woollaston, having taken over the organisation of the dinner in conjunction with David Rodda, paid tribute to the late Donald Reid and Dennis Matthews, who jointly had been the inspiration for the Engineers Dinner. It was agreed to retain the same format for next year, and the event will again be at the Eccleston Hotel on Thursday, April 13th 1989. Alan Woollaston, 26 Augustus Close, St Albans, Herts AL3 4JH (0727 50740) would be pleased to hear from any O.M. Engineers who would like to attend and are not currently on the mailing list.

**A.K.W.**

## OLD MILLHILLIAN LODGE

The Lodge had well attended meetings in both January and April with David Roe (60-65) as Worshipful Master. At the April Meeting David Munday (69-74) was initiated into the Lodge. At the Leavers Reception held at Headstone Lane in April considerable interest was shown by school leavers in the Masonic Lodge, both from a point of view of wishing to know what Masonry is about, and also with a view to applying for membership when they reach their twenty first birthday.

Our plans for our Fiftieth Anniversary, being held on October 13th of this year, are proceeding well, and we have been surprised by the number of Old Millhillians who have identified themselves as Masons, expressed a wish to attend, and who were not previously known to us as Masons. Indeed, it is likely that a few of them will be making application to join the Lodge. Old Millhillian Masons have expressed an intention to travel from many different parts of the country to come to our Anniversary Meeting and it promises to be a great time. If there are any other Old Millhillian Masons out there who would like to attend, and have not yet made themselves known to us, please contact Bruce Maunder Taylor (59-64) the Secretary, at 58 Pine Grove, Brookmans Park, Herts.

**B.M.T.**



## THE WAY WE WERE

And still the pictures come flooding in! How marvellous. This particular section of the magazine is truly popular giving as it does a wealth of nostalgia to many. But of course it is just as important in that it provides a record of days gone by which might otherwise have been lost to posterity for ever — and never was this more true than of the fascinating if formal picture above of Belmont in 1919. It was sent in by Norman “Nobby” Clark (1918-24) who perhaps remarkably remembers most of the names.

Here they are. On ground: G. Clements, -----, Hill i, J. E. Parnell, Platts iv, Rendell, Letts, Graves, Starkey, Hill ii, -----, N. Garrett, -----, Speer. Front row sitting: R. S. Spong, L. Collison, R. Steele, Soltan, Morrison, Miss Goddard, Mr L. Crease, Mr A. J. R. Roberts (Headmaster), Mrs Roberts & Mary, Mr Movill, Matron, Rona Roberts, A. Roberts, D. Thomas, C. Wiggins, Davies. Second line: Thompson, Platts iii, Evans, Hargreaves, H. H. Pool, Robinson, N. S. Clarke, I. C. Dowling, Buxton, W. Galloway, W. Issac, G. Rowlandson, Paterson, Sigmund, James, Sampey, Warren and Girling. Third row: Rich, Binfield, Buckland, Norton, Butterworth i, Barret, “Jake” Smith, W. A. Arnold, Butterworth ii, G. B. Platts ii, Sanders, Norbury, Ayscough, Perkins. Back row: Jones, F. N. Goodall, R. Zilka, Richardson, Cule, Walduck, J. S. Anderson, Henderson, Kinnear, Kirk, Thornber ii, Crosfield. Not many blanks but can anybody fill them in?

Answers to the question posed in the last issue about other players in the picture of Wilf Sobey with the Prince of Wales came from Mary Sobey and will interest among others, Rupert Cherry. The Captain with the Prince of Wales is Carl Aarvold, next to Roger Spong is R. A. Gerrard and then Hodgson. Webb is just visible behind his Captain. Wilf also spied Eric Wootton and Alec Troughton around the car taken on tour. Now to another “car” picture.

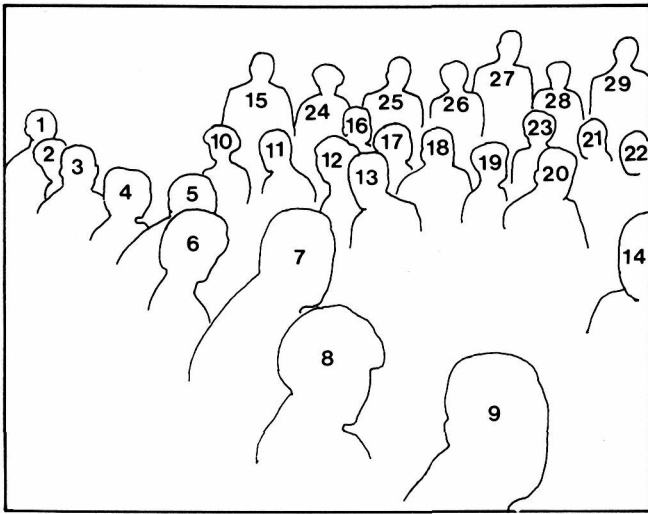
Sent in this time by Neville Atchley via Mike Leon, it is the 1938 rugger tour outside the Great Western (?) Hotel at Harrogate and reading from right to left are, Chris Darke, Donald Knight, Whaley Wilkins, Eric Wootton, J. McLellan, Neville Atchley, Jerry Colman, John Laphorn, and Willie Wallace. Neville mentioned that apart from Knight who was killed during the war in Yugoslavia, Wootton, McLellan, Colman and Laphorn



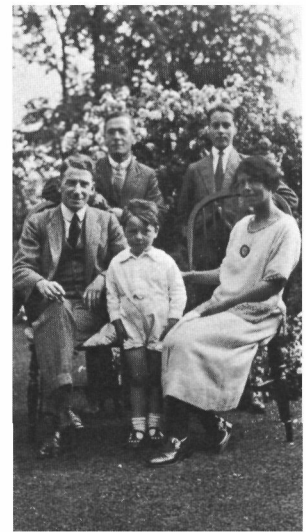
have died as well but the survivors will remember incredibly hard ground at Hartlepool Rovers on which they played on Good Friday. No-one left the field without badly scarred knees and a lot of people suffered from some form of septicaemia due, though it was alleged, to the efforts of the local fire brigade who drenched the ground with thousands of gallons of water in order to try and soften it.

A. J. Barlow recalls the two dinners in Manchester and with others has provided some identification. None the less the silhouette below still has some gaps. Any answers? In the smaller picture standing second and third from the right can be seen the late R. T. Hutt (1945-49) and Keith Calder.





The small group posing in the Grove Garden comprises Mr & Mrs Bunting (Daniel George the book critic) and their son John who was at Mill Hill from 1933 to 1936 whilst standing on the left next to Clarke is the redoubtable Harry Coates.



9, A. J. Barlow (but David Simpson thinks it might be him!), 16, Walter Isaac, 17, Mrs. Isaac, 18, G. W. Peters, 19, Mrs. Peters, 20, B. O. Baker, 23, Mrs. N. S. Clarke, 24, N. S. Clarke, 27, Bill Galloway, 29, Roy Moore.

Now, what about some pictures from the 70s. Or have any members of the cricket club any tour photographs. Are there any of McClure with his Common Room or snaps taken during war time meetings abroad. Or anything else that will remind us of the way we were.

## Colonel George St. Ledger Grenfell

*This is an extract from "A History of Morgan's Cavalry" by Basil W. Duke published by the Indiana University Press provided by David Morgan. General John Ward Morgan was a noted Kentuckian and Cavalry Commander in the Confederate Army. Grenfell was at Mill from 1816 to 1820.*

Just before Morgan left Knoxville to go on the expedition known as "The First Kentucky Raid" (July 1862) he was joined by a gentleman 'from abroad' whose history had been a curious and extraordinary series of exciting adventures, and now came to see something of our war. This was Lieutenant Colonel St Ledger Greenfel (sic) of the English service — and of all the very remarkable characters who have figured (outside of popular novels) in this age, he will receive the sufferage of our Western cavalymen for pre-eminence in devil-may-care eccentricity. He had commenced life (I believe) by running away from his father because the latter would not permit him to enter the army, and in doing so, he showed the good sense that he really possessed for the army was the proper place for him — provided they went to war often enough. He served five years in some French regiment in Algeria, and then quitting the service, lived for a number of years in Tangier, where he did a little business for the Moorish Batteries when the French bombarded the place.

He served four years with Abul el Kader of whom he always spoke in the highest terms as having been everything that he ought to have been except a member of the Church of England. Having exhausted life in Africa, he looked elsewhere for excitement and passed many years of his subsequent life in great happiness and contentment amidst the pleasant scenes of the Crimean War, the Sepoy Rebellion and Garibaldi's South American service.

When war broke out over here he came of course

—and taking a fancy to Morgan, from what he had heard of him, came to join him. He was very fond of discussing military matters . . . he was a thorough and very accomplished soldier — and may have encountered something in early life that he feared but if so it had ceased to exist.

He became Morgan's Adjutant General and was of great assistance to him but sometimes gave trouble by his intractable temper — he persisted, among other things, in making out all papers in the style he had learned in the English service, the regulations and orders of the War Department to the contrary notwithstanding!

He was always in a good temper when matters were heated — I never saw him hilarious but once — and that was the day after the battle of Hartsville; he had just thrashed his landlord and doubled up a brother Englishman in a set-to about a mule, and was contemplating an expedition on the morrow with General Morgan to Nashville.

He was the only gentleman I ever knew who liked to fight with his fists and he was always cheerful and interested when he could shoot and be shot at.

After he left Morgan he was made Chief Inspector of Cavalry and became the terror of the entire front. He would have been invaluable as Commander of a brigade of cavalry composed of men (unlike our volunteers) who appreciated the military necessity of occasionally having an officer to knock them on the head. If permitted to form, discipline and drill such a brigade of regular cavalry after his own fashion, he would have had many gaps in many lines of battle or would have gotten his "blackguards well prepared in trying".

In the battle of Cynthiana (18 July, 1862) Greenfel (sic) headed a charge upon the depot. He received eleven bullets through his horse, person and clothes, but was only slightly hurt. A curious little scarlet skull cap which he used to wear was perforated. It fitted so tight upon his

head that I previously thought a ball could not go through it without blowing his brains out . . . immediately after this raid, Greenfel (sic) became Adjutant General.

Shortly afterwards, the telegraphic operator on General Morgan's staff on Ellsworth "borrowed" Colonel Greenfel's (sic) horse, upon which was strapped a saddle that the owner valued very highly and behind the saddle was tied a buff coat equally as much prized and in this coat was all the gold the Colonel had brought from Richmond when he came to join us, a frolic of his own, in the cause of which he lost horse, saddle, coat and gold. St Ledger was like an excited volcano and sought Ellsworth to slay him instantly. Three days were required to pacify him during which time Ellsworth had to be carefully helped out of his sight.

On the occasion of General Morgan's wedding in December 1862 Greenfel (sic) was in a high state of delight; he declared not a wedding at which an episcopal Bishop militant, clad in General's uniform, officiated and the chief of an army and his corp commanders were guests, certainly or not to soften a soldier's temper. On his way home that night he sung Moorish songs with a French accent and English airs, and was as mild and

agreeable as if someone was going to be killed.

At about Christmas 1862 Grenfell resigned his position as General Morgan's Adjutant General and declined to march from Alexandria to Kentucky. It seems that the General had appointed another man to command his second brigade. Grenfell believed that he should have been appointed and moreover thoroughly disliked the man who was appointed and "become so thoroughly disgusted that he declined to act longer with his command". As he was not regularly in the Confederate service there was nothing to be done but let him go when and where he pleased.

Later, Grenfell served on General Bragg's staff, and was for a while with the formidable Jeb. Stuart in Virginia. He wrote to General Morgan: "I am afraid my want of a musical air and a decided antipathy to the twang of the banjo were the causes of my not finding favour with General Stuart".

Forsaking the Confederacy, he wandered north, became involved in the north-west conspiracy, was captured and sentenced to Dry Fortigas. He was lost at sea trying to escape.

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## DEATHS

**Adamson** on 25th December, 1987. D. J. L. Adamson (1924-28) of Old Wells, Cokes Lane, Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks.

**Ainsworth** (date unknown), J. E. Ainsworth (1923-26) of Gorse Cottage, Dean Lane, Hawkesworth, Guiseley, Leeds.

**Barlow** on 19th March, 1988, C. Barlow (1935-36) of Burnside, 25 Thornley Lane, Grotton, Oldham, Lancs.

**Barlow** on 25th February, 1988, Col. C. Maxwell Barlow, M.C., T.O., LL.B. (1911-15), of Wood Green Farm, Church Minshull, Nantwich, Cheshire.

**Barnett** on 24th October, 1987, K. M. A. Barnett O.B.E. (1924-29) of Bishops Nympton, Devonshire Avenue, Amersham, Bucks.

**Borgars** on 22nd February, 1988, D. J. Borgars (1928-32) of 15 Imperial Avenue, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland.

**Cunnington** on 19th January, 1988, Col. W. E. Cunnington, M.B.E., M.A., C.Eng. (1926-31), of Eden Cottage, Brookman Lane, Betchworth, Surrey.

**Fingland** (date unknown), R. E. Fingland, F.C.A., (1924-28) of P.O. Box 2419, Freeport, Bahama Islands, West Indies.

**Hilton** on 27th September, 1987, J. G. Hilton O.B.E., F.C.A., J.P. (1923-27).

**Kent** on 18th January, 1988, Brig. S. P. M. Kent, C.B.E., (1926-32) of College Farm House, Upavon, Pewsey, Wilts.

**Olins** on 17th January, 1988, S. J. Olins (1984-85) of 52 Old Church Lane, Stanmore, Middlesex.

**Parkinson** on 25th December, 1987, O. J. Parkinson (1910-13) of 3 St. Aubins Road, Ferring-on-Sea, Sussex.

**Scott** on 28th September, 1987, P. R. Scott (1938-41).

**Pollard** on 22nd November, 1987, G. J. Pollard, T.D., F.C.A., (1923-26) of Southdowns, Highlands, Taunton, Somerset.

**Sobey** on 29th February, 1988, W. H. Sobey, M.A., (1918-24) of Flat 1, St. Mary's Road, Wimbledon, London, SW19.

**Stoate** in April, 1988, N. P. Stoate (1917-23) of Spencer Drive, Hampstead Garden Suburb, London N2.

**Svendsen** on March, 1988, J. H. Svendsen, F.C.A., (1950-55) of 815 Reeves Avenue, Reno, Nevada 89503, U.S.A.

**Van Moppes** on 10th March, 1988, E. van Moppes, (1920-25) of Weston Patrick House, Weston Patrick, Nr. Basingstoke, Hants.

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## OBITUARIES

H. FOSTER CLARK  
(1914-21)

Hubert Foster Clark died at his home in Malta on 11th March, 1988.

After a year in Belmont, then the Junior House, Foster Clark entered School House becoming a Monitor and Editor of the Magazine. He was in the Tennis VI and Captain of the Athletic VIII.

Foster Clark was a gifted musician and became well-known as an orchestral conductor after his school days.

Hubert went to Mill Hill the term after his distinguished elder brother, Eric, had left to enter Trinity College, Cambridgeshire, just after the outbreak of the 1914-18 War. Eric joined the Army as a Lieutenant in the 6th East Kents (The Buffs), was later attached to the Royal Flying Corps and was killed at Malincourt in France in 1917.

**N.L.M.**



**DERMOT JOHN LIZARS ADAMSON**  
**(1923-1928)**

Dermot Adamson died peacefully on Christmas Day, 1987 in his 78th year.

He entered Ridgeway House, Mill Hill School from Durlstone Preparatory School in 1923. He was following in the footsteps of his great uncle, Jack Adamson. He enjoyed sports and was a good all-round athlete shining particularly in the gymnastic team. Academically, his interests were more in the sciences than the arts but he was not destined for an academic career. On leaving school at eighteen, he joined the family business, John Adamson & Son, provision merchants, starting at the shopfloor level to learn the cheese and ham business.

In mid-1939, in anticipation of the war, he joined the R.N.V.R. and after receiving his commission specialised in minesweeping. He served with distinction on board a number of minesweepers throughout the war. As a lieutenant-commander and First officer of the Canadian built *HMS Friendship*, he participated in the minesweeping immediately ahead of the Normandy landings, for which action he was mentioned in despatches.

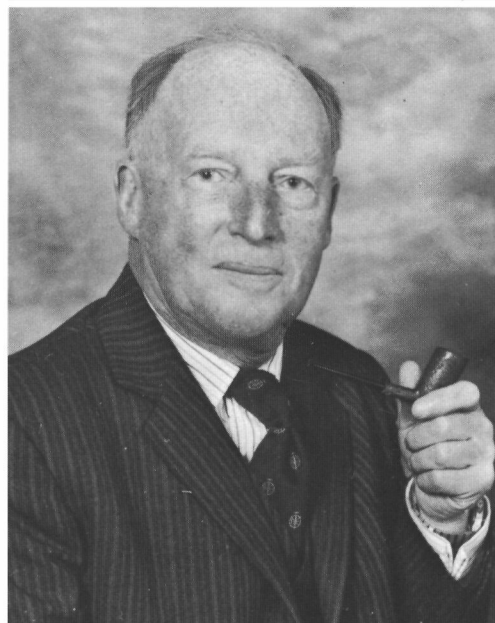
After demobilisation in the Far East in 1946, he returned to the family business in the wholesale provision trade, a business which naturally had been devastated by continuing wartime rationing. He re-established the business and became well known and respected in the trade, also serving in various capacities with the Provision Exchange. He was an expert on traditional British cheeses and was frequently called on to judge at trade shows, etc., but he was also instrumental in developing a number of new cheeses which are now familiar names such as Ilchester Cheese, Windsor Red, Walton, etc. In 1975, he was granted, on behalf of Paxton & Whitfield of Jermyn Street, a Royal Warrant as Cheesemonger to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, a distinction he regarded as the high point of his career.

His elder son, J. F. (Tim) Adamson (Ridgeway 1952-1957) became a mining engineer in Canada, but his other son Ewen D. Adamson is carrying on the family business.

He was a keen sailor all his life, sailing dingies, or crewing for friends in keel boats and larger yachts. After the war he continued competitive sailing in mostly International 14 dingies with the RNVY Yacht Club and others, and his trophies included The Inter-Services Championship. The United Kingdom hosted the sailing Olympics in 1947 and, although he was not able to sail in the British team, he served as Secretary to the Olympic Committee. Among his many interesting sailing experiences was one with Uffa Fox on Uffa's new Flying Fifteen. In his later years, he and Joan "retired" to motor yachts (most recently, *Brickbat* — the name of a traditional farmhouse cheese), but the tender in davits on the stern was always a sailing dingy. One of his last competitive sails was in a "Squib" Regatta crewing for O.M. friend Robin Troughton (1929-33). Both owner and crew were in their seventies and unfamiliar with a new boat but they were placed 17th overall in a field of nearly fifty. Among the last and most memorable of *Brickbat's* cruises was from the Royal Lympington Yacht Club across the Channel to the Seine and a three month cruise of the

French canal system, a cruise shared in stages with different friends and both their sons.

Dermot was always a very active member of the Old Millhillians' Club and made many friends among O.M.'s of all ages. In particular, he was a very active supporter of the Rugby Football Club and played rugger for the Club both before and after the war; his other Club interests included the Yacht Club and he was an active member of the Golfing Society. He was also a strong supporter throughout his life of Alford House. He was proud of the School and of the Old Millhillians Club and was one of the many members attending the Centennial Dinner of the Club in 1978.



In his later retirement from active business life, he devoted a lot of his time and energy to the Abbeyfield Buckinghamshire Society founded in 1980 (after earlier informal efforts) to build and operate Leonard Pulham House, an "Extra Care" old people's home at Halton, the largest of the Society's extra care homes. He was very proud to serve as vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Society and to be with his fellow committee members (including O.M. Vincent Walker (1924-28) to welcome the Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP, who formally opened the Home on April 8th, 1983. Her husband, Denis, was a friend from O.M. rugger days.

In 1983, Dermot survived a massive stroke but it left him partially paralyzed and unable to speak. Characteristically he bore this affliction with courage and remained cheerful. After many months of recovery in the devoted care of his wife Joan, he was able to regain limited use of his leg but his speech never returned and this was a terrible frustration for him. However, he greatly enjoyed visits by friends and lived to celebrate the wedding of his second son, Ewen to Lilly and, in due course, the birth of his first grandchild, Benjamin. In April, 1987, Dermot and Joan celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, one of the fullest and happiest of marriages to the end. He died peacefully on Christmas Day, 1987.

**ARTHUR EDWARD ROOKER ROBERTS**  
**(1917-26)**

O.M.s, particularly those who spent their prep. school days at Belmont, will have learned with much regret of the death of Arthur Rooker Roberts on 16th January, 1988, aged 80.

Arthur entered Mill Hill in 1917 and was in Belmont, then a house for junior boys, of which his father, the greatly respected A. J. Rooker Roberts, was in charge. In 1919 Belmont became the Junior School for Mill Hill with A. J. as Master. Arthur entered the Senior School in September 1921 and was in School House initially. He transferred to the new Winterstoke House when it was opened in 1924 and was in the XV.

In 1926 Arthur went up to Jesus College, Cambridge, following in his father's footsteps, where he took his degree. From 1930 to 1935 he was a master at Marlborough and then joined his father at Belmont as an assistant master. When A.J. retired in 1937 Arthur assumed his father's mantle as Master.

How Belmont came to be the Junior School is a fascinating story. Arthur's father A.J. entered School in 1893, just two years after John David McClure had been appointed Head Master. He became Senior Monitor and captained both XV and XI before entering Jesus College, Cambridge in 1900. There he obtained his Blue for Rugger and, after graduating, played for the West and Devon and was reserve for Wales.

There followed a period as a master at Blundells before A.J. joined the Mill Hill Common Room in 1912 when he was imbued with a bold idea which clearly received the approval of McClure.

Belmont, located near School on the opposite side of the Ridgeway, is a magnificent house built by the brothers Adam in about 1767 for Sir Charles Flower, then Lord Mayor of London and set in some seventy acres of delightful grounds. A.J. bought the house in 1912 when it became the Junior House until 1919 when it was established as the Junior School for Mill Hill with A.J. as Master.

A.J. carried out many improvements and additions in the ensuing years which included a chapel, cloisters with class rooms and lobby rooms above, an open-air swimming pool and adequate playing fields catering ultimately for some 250 boarders and day boys.

In the early 1920s A.J. was a familiar figure at the Senior School where he preached the sermon in Chapel from time to time. In the Rugger Season he refereed Top Field practice games wearing his Cambridge blazer and tasselled cap when that other great character, Victor Elliott, a Classics master and former Cumbrian County player, was coach.

After retirement in 1937 A.J. went to live at Pewsey in Wiltshire where he hoped to indulge in his hobbies of painting and bird photography. By that time Belmont was a well established prep. school and Arthur clearly looked forward, as the new Master, to maintaining, and indeed improving, the standards set up by his father. Sadly both father and son were to have their hopes dashed by impending events.

In 1938 war clouds were gathering and both Mill Hill and Belmont had to make plans to evacuate the schools to a less vulnerable part of the country should war materialise.

Mill Hill came to an understanding with St. Bees, a well-known school in Cumberland, whilst Belmont came to an arrangement with St. Helen's School at Cockermouth, some twenty miles from St. Bees. When war broke out on 3rd September, 1939, both schools were evacuated to these wartime homes where they remained until hostilities ceased in 1945.

In May 1940, at a most critical period of the war, when the British Expeditionary Force was falling back towards Dunkirk, enduring the full fury of the German onslaught, Dr. T. K. Derry, then Head Master of Mill Hill, resigned.

Located too far from its home in the South and with the inevitable upheaval in family life caused by the war the number of boys in the School had fallen and a serious situation faced the Governors. The problems were now compounded by the sudden departure of the Head Master.

Finding a new Head Master at short notice would have been a difficult task in normal circumstances but, with the collapse of France, the Germans were positioned on the French Channel Coast, with an attempted German invasion of England a more likely possibility, the problem proved almost insuperable.

It was then when an approach was made to A.J. who was persuaded to come out retirement to assume the headmastership of his old School in its hour of need. In his early sixties and with only the experience of running a prep. school in a very different part of the country in peacetime the task would have daunted a younger man but A.J. accepted the challenge to the great relief of concerned.

A.J. held office for three years and, in doing so, helped by a loyal and dedicated staff, he performed yeoman service and saved the situation. But the strain had taken its toll and the final episode occurred tragically at the end of Summer Term, 1943.

The School had just broken up for the holidays and the boys were proceeding homeward by train when it stopped at Carnforth Station. One of the boys put his head out of a carriage window and was killed instantly by the open door of a passing train. The shock was too much for A.J. and a week later he too was dead. He had sacrificed himself for his old School and in so doing performed a marvellous task which will always be remembered.

It is only fitting in conclusion to pay a final tribute to A.J. and Arthur for the great contribution Belmont has made to Mill Hill over the 47 years until Arthur retired in 1966 and the Rooker Roberts connection came to an end. During that period the Junior School had provided the Senior School with a steady stream of boys with high academic and sporting standards, and a keen appreciation of the traditions of Mill Hill.

When Arthur came to retire the problem was that Belmont belonged to the Rooker Roberts family. In order to ensure its future as the Junior School, the Court of Governors negotiated for its purchase and now Belmont is the Mill Hill Junior School in name and in fact.

Arthur left a widow, four sons (all O.M.s), a daughter and step daughter and to them we extend our condolences.

**N.L.M.**

## BRIGADIER S. P. M. KENT, C.B.E.

(1928-1932)

The School and military history of Pat Kent, who died on the 1st March, gives the basic facts that he entered Mill Hill in Winterstoke House in 1928 after spending the previous two years as a boarder at Belmont. He was a Monitor and Head of House and a member of the Shell, that excellent form directed by Victor Elliott; two years in the 1st XI cricket team and one year in the 1st XV. He was a member of various committees, President of the Dramatic Society and a Sergeant in the O.T.C. On leaving school in 1932 he became a Metropolitan Police Cadet, but when the scheme for commissioning police officers through the Hendon Police College was abandoned he switched to a military career and obtained a commission in the Supplementary Reserve of the Royal Hampshire Regiment. A military colleague writes in *The Times*:

"In 1937 he was commissioned into the Indian Army, in the 6th Rajputana Rifles, with whom he served on the North West Frontier until 1941. His regiment was then moved to the Middle East, and Kent was in Iraq and Persia for the rest of the war.

When the British Army ceased to be, he transferred to the 2nd Battalion, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Goorkha Rifles, in the British Army and spent the next four years fighting communist insurgents in the jungles of Malaya. He was mentioned in dispatches.

After two years on the staff of 26th Gurkha Infantry Brigade, he was back with his new regiment, commanding its 1st battalion in further operations grappling with guerillas in South Jahore. His jungle warfare skills earned him another mention in dispatches and he was appointed O.B.E. in 1958.

After a period as an instructor at the Joint School of Amphibious Warfare he went to Hong Kong as Commander of the 48th Gurkha Infantry Brigade. His final appointment was as Deputy Commander of the Regular Commissions Board at Westbury, Wiltshire. He retired in 1966 and was made C.B.E.

In retirement he served as Deputy Commissioner for Wiltshire of the St John Ambulance Brigade, and for seven years from 1969 he was Colonel of the 2nd King Edward VII's Own Goorkhas, an appointment which was immensely popular throughout the regiment.

Kent was a just, though sometimes stern commander, whose approval was hard earned. But he had a great sense of humour and knew well, not only how to relax, but to let his hair down, when circumstances permitted it."

M.E.M. writes:

My introduction to Pat was in 1928 when along with Geoff Auty (now in Western Australia) and Whaley Wilkins I was the only non-Belmont entrant to Winterstoke and over the years we became and remained a friendly quartet. One remembers Pat as a stylist batsman, not always a brilliant fielder, but redeemed by the occasional blinding catch. He enjoyed acting and the lead he took in the School production of "She Stoops to Conquer" was outstanding. He was the nephew of Dickie Buckland (a School Governor to whose memory the Buckland Pool is dedicated), and after a visit from Uncle there was usually scope for some celebrations in the Tuck Shop or Blenheim Steps. We met in London whilst he was with the Police and he was always willing as a civilian to accompany some of us around the night clubs of the mid '30's; if my memory is correct it was at the Eustace Hoey 43 Club in Great Marlborough Street that we spent quite a memorable evening.

Post-war we joined up again when he was at the Amphibious Warfare School at Wareham before he went to Hong Kong as Commander of the 28th Gurkha Brigade. There was a very good picture in about 1962 in the *Sunday Times* showing Pat escorting Field Marshall Montgomery to the Chinese Border when Monty was paying a private visit to the Republic of China.

Pat's eventual return to Upavon in Wiltshire enabled our families to meet regularly and to celebrate the 50th year of our first meeting. We met at Dick Hurn's home in Melksham, joined by Jack (Risky) Moss who was home from Kenya at that time. A similar meeting was planned for the 60th year this September — it was not to be but the happy memory of our long friendship will remain. His widow Joan and his two sons should know that many of us who were contemporaries at Mill Hill had much fun with Pat over the years but also tremendous respect for the professionalism of his chosen career.

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### P. R. SCOTT

(1938-1939)

Mr. Peter Rafael Scott, formerly editorial director of the Rochdale Observer Group, died last October. He was 63. Scott, who lived at Skottowe Crescent, Great Ayton, North Yorkshire, was a great grandson of William Andrew Scott, who took a financial interest in the Rochdale Observer in 1857 and five years later became the sole proprietor.

He went into the family company before the Second World War and after the death of his father, was editorial director until 1975, when he and his cousin, Mr Denis Gilbert Scott, sold a majority shareholding to the Guardian and Manchester Evening News Ltd. Since then he and his cousin have been non-executive directors of the company. Educated at Mill Hill, Peter Scott was a man of wide-ranging interests and enthusiasms.

He played a leading part with his cousin in expanding

the Rochdale Observer Group and modernising production.

Always conscious that the Rochdale Observer was part of the community, he gave not only personal support but the newspaper's backing to establishing the twinning link with the French town of Tourcoing.

Sailing and Roman archaeology were major interests. The call of archaeology eventually took him to Durham University, where he read for a BA degree.

It was typical of him that in order to have full control of aerial photography of a dig of a Roman site in which he had been involved, he took flying lessons and obtained a pilot's licence.

With the work completed he then took personal control of the documentation and production of a massive report on the project.

Peter Scott leaves a widow, Joan, and two daughters.

*From Rochdale Observer*

**K. M. A. BARNETT, O.B.E., M.A., E.D., F.S.S.**  
**(1922-1929)**

Kenneth Myer Arthur Barnett ('Boots') was born on 19th March 1911. From an early age it was clear he had a phenomenal brain, and in 1922 he sat the examination for a scholarship to Mill Hill. Admission at such a tender age was unthinkable, but the papers he submitted were so remarkable that M. L. Jacks had a word with A. J. Rooker Roberts and Kenneth was, quite exceptionally, awarded a scholarship to Belmont. In the summer of 1924 he gained a major scholarship to Mill Hill, his strongest subjects being mathematics and modern languages; thus it came about that he specialised in classics!

During his five years at MHS his distinctions were all on the 'virtutem' side, although he did obtain his shooting colours. Those who are old enough will remember him as a prominent member of the Debating Society. A list of his school prizes might fill a whole page of the Magazine, but he was proudest of the Edward Sheffield prize for classics, and he ended his school career by being awarded a scholarship to King's College, Cambridge. It always amused him that his 'musas' achievements amounted to being first reserve for the Burton Bank rugby, hockey and cricket teams, which perhaps highlighted the thinking of the day that if one was too good at the 'virtutem' in one's early days there was only a small chance of recognition in the 'musas'.

Kenneth played hockey for King's during his first term and was then persuaded to take up rowing, earning his place in the first boat for several years, seeing his college reach a higher position in both the 'Lents' and the 'Mays' than they had seen for years, and in his third year having a trial as No. 3 in the University boat. He had been pressed to nominate himself (somewhat apologetically) for this trial and afterwards a selector, not realising Kenneth was the object of his remarks, said to him "Your No. 3 wasn't at all bad." It was lucky he did not give the opposite opinion in true rowing language. No at all bad, indeed, for a 'virtutem' man.

After three years at King's, and having taken his degree (later to become a M.A.), he was accepted by the Colonial Office for service in Hong Kong, but was first required to complete a fourth and fifth year at Cambridge learning Chinese. He then served in Hong Kong from 1934 to 1961, becoming the head of several departments in turn, but never becoming Governor, a post which (he told his family as early as 1946) he could never attain as he had married a Chinese — a racist view which may or may not still prevail.

During the War he served in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Force, and was wounded and taken prisoner in December 1941. He never spoke much about his sufferings as a P.O.W., but one of the few messages he was allowed to send his parents read "Wouldn't mind taking pot-luck with Don." Don was the family red setter. A co-prisoner, who returned to the U.K. before Kenneth, did however give an insight into his treatment, saying Kenneth was the bravest man he knew. Apparently when, quite late in the War, the Japanese permitted the Red Cross to visit the prison camp, the prisoners were warned beforehand to say nothing. They were not told the nationalities of the visitors, but at the appropriate moment Kenneth called out in five languages that they

were being starved. After that, although he was of course beaten up and had both his eardrums punctured (from which he made a recovery) the food showed signs of improvement.

After his release he was mentioned in despatches, and retrospectively promoted Major. He volunteered not to take his leave immediately, but to stay and help restore the Colony. It was during this period that he married Joan Wong at a Civil ceremony, which was followed by a service in Amersham Parish Church when he eventually took his leave.

In March 1947 he returned to the Colony, where many will remember him as Commissioner for the New Territories, a position he held for many years. But for his final tour of duty he was to take charge of the first ever census in Hong Kong, a task which, from the initial preparation to the census itself, the report, and the compilation of the Hong Kong Life Tables, took ten years. This brought him back into the mathematical fold, and he became one of the non-actuarial founders of the Actuarial Association of Hong Kong.

He also compiled a Chinese dictionary. For several years he was chess champion of the Colony. And shortly before leaving Hong Kong he was awarded the O.B.E. On his return to the U.K. he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society.

After his first retirement he was placed on a United Nations list, and in 1965 he was posted to Malawi to carry out the census operations there. His Malawi posting occupied five years, and he was immediately posted from there to Bangladesh where he acted for two years in an advisory capacity to those taking the census in that country.

He finally retired at the age of 71 and returned to his home in Amersham where his activities as a Rotarian and a Mason (two movements he had joined in Hong Kong) and, in particular, as a sidesman in the Parish Church, earned him the love and respect of many in the community. This was highlighted by the many friends who attended his funeral, and by the wonderful address given by a vicar of a neighbouring parish who knew him well. The service also demonstrated his love of music; some years before his death, he had taken the well-known Myra Hess arrangement of Bach's work better known as 'Jesu joy of man's desiring' and re-arranged it for the organ, and this re-arrangement was performed during the service. Some of his philosophical poems were also read out, but of course not his humorous or satirical ones which had given pleasure to his family and friends.

During the last few years of his life he wrote a children's book 'The Long-sighted People' and was due to visit his publisher on 27th October to see the advance copies, publication being due in February 1988; but on Saturday 24th October, when giving a bonfire party for his grandchildren, home for their half-term, he suddenly fell and his distinguished life was over.

His wife had died in 1977. He is survived by his daughter and three grandchildren, to whom we send our deepest sympathy. He will be sadly missed by his many friends throughout the world, who will remember his strong sense of humour and his amazing linguistic ability.

