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Editorial

Once again, the incredible variety of reports in this issue of the *Stamfordian* clearly demonstrates the school's ability to combine a high level of academic success with a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

Examination results this year at GCSE and at A level bear comparison with our best in recent years, and our Oxbridge candidates in particular provided us with some outstanding successes. We wish all of those who leave us this year every success in their chosen courses, and thank them for their many contributions to the school over the years.

On the sports field, it is fitting that the same academic year that witnessed the school's most successful rugby team in its history should also give us the opportunity to relish the performances of Luke Jackson, our most successful batsman for more than 50 years, in an excellent cricket season. Our hockey teams, too, continue to improve and are now beginning to have real strength in depth.

School music and drama continue to flourish, two highlights being The Malcolm Sargent Birthday Concert in April and the Endowed Schools' production of 'The Little Shop Of Horrors'.

As ever, an enormous number of trips and visits have taken place during the holidays and we are again indebted to the staff for giving freely of their time in these ventures. In many ways, this is a term tinged with sadness as we must say farewell to several members of staff. Of these the longest serving is Mr. Ward who retires as Head of Biology after 33 years. Almost as long serving are Dr. Gobbett, Miss Marsh and Mrs. Birch who have each given over 20 years' service to the school. To all of these go our thanks and best wishes for a happy retirement. In addition, we say goodbye to Mr. McKeown, Mr. Murphy-O'Connor, Mr. Young, Mrs. Filonova, Mr. Friend, Mr. Effick, Mrs. Wheeler and Mr. Newberry.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our contributors and also Mr. Raymond for his tireless assistance with the production of this magazine.

Michael Smith
Hamish Crombie

SCHOOL REVIEW

OBITUARIES

Richard Chapman (Staff 1948-1987)

It is with great regret that we record the death of Richard Chapman, who died at his home in Easton-on-the-Hill on 4th May. There was a large representation from the School, former colleagues and Old Boys at the funeral service held in the School Chapel on 12th May. The address was given by Mr. John Craddock, who said:



We are gathered here today to remember and to give thanks for the life of Richard Chapman. Whether we come as relatives, as friends, as former colleagues or pupils at Stamford School, or as members of the various organisations with which he was so actively concerned, we would wish, first and foremost, to honour him as a man: a true Christian gentleman in every sense of the word; always thoughtful for the needs of others, unfailingly cheerful despite the pain he suffered from chronic rheumatoid arthritis, refreshingly sound and balanced in his opinions, always striving for the highest standards in whatever he undertook, and above all unswervingly loyal to his many friends.

But in addition to this high regard in which we hold him as a person, there is immense gratitude for all that we were able to learn from him as linguist, musician, drama producer, careers adviser, administrator, and guiding spirit to old and young alike. For his was essentially an active life, lived in the service of others.

He went up to Christ's College Cambridge as a Classical Scholar soon after the outbreak of the Second World War. After a year there, during which he joined the University Officers' Training Corps, he was commissioned in the Royal Corps of Signals and saw active service in North Africa and Italy. He was later to use the expertise he gained to the benefit of the Signals section of the school Combined Cadet Force. At the end of the war he returned to Cambridge to complete his classical tripos, and through a common interest in music became acquainted with Ruth, who was doing teacher-training at Homerton College. On the night before his finals he proposed to her, and was duly rewarded by the promise of her hand in marriage and a double-first in his university degree.

After teaching practice at Winchester College as part of the Cambridge postgraduate certificate in education, he was appointed as Head of Classics here by Basil Deed in September 1948. In due course he became Housemaster of Cecil House and for a while he and Ruth, then living in Emlyn's Street, acted as house-parents to the overflow of boarders from Northfields House.

As well as his work in the Classics department he also undertook German teaching in the Middle School with considerable success. There are countless Old Stamfordians who are grateful for the sound basis he gave them in their languages, and many went on to distinguish themselves at 'A' level and in Oxbridge examinations. As a colleague in the Classics department for over 30 years I can bear personal testimony to the splendid leadership he gave us; encouraging

but never interfering or fussing unnecessarily, allowing each to get on with the job in his own way; never asking more of us than he was prepared to give himself. He thereby created a happy, united and successful department.

One of the finest school drama productions was the "Frogs" of Aristophanes which he directed in 1957; he himself also appeared as an actor in a number of staff plays of that period. But he found his greatest relaxation and pleasure in music. A fine sight-reader at the piano he was for several years accompanist to Stamford Choral Society until advancing arthritis compelled him to give up this appointment. However, having already developed his talents as a conductor with Stamford Madrigal Group, he went on to direct Stamford Chamber Orchestra and later Oakham Choral Society. Both Tinwell and Easton Churches benefitted from his skills as an organist.

The School Careers Department, as we now know it, was largely founded by him, as were the Industrial Conferences and General Studies courses enjoyed by the sixth-formers of the Endowed Schools.

After retirement from schoolmastering in the summer of 1987, he devoted much of his time to furthering the work of the National Trust. He was honorary curator of the Priest's House at Easton and also helped with supervisory duties at Woolsthorpe Manor. Until a few days before his death he served as Chairman of the Peterborough and Stamford Association of the National Trust, overseeing its activities and organising the winter programme of talks. He kept his local ties with Easton alive by serving as a governor of the village school and by editing the parish magazine.

Amid all this activity Richard enjoyed a happy home life. He and Ruth dispensed generous hospitality to their many friends and visitors, first at Purbeck House and more recently in their beautifully restored cottage. They have taken special delight in the visits of John and Mary and their families.

Let us then give thanks to God for all that Richard was able to achieve in his life. At the same time we convey our deepest sympathy to Ruth, John, Mary, and all the family, as they mourn one whom they have loved so dearly. In using the traditional words of the Latin requiem mass we can be confident that Richard lives on in the nearer presence of Our Lord, whom he served so well.

"Requiem aeternam dona ei, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat ei."
Amen.

Chapel

The removal from Chapel of the 'King of Instruments' had the effect of exposing the altar and its shabbiness; the font riddel posts were held shakily upright by wooden supports and the side curtains were worn and faded. Action had to be taken to restore the altar as a dignified focus of worship. Having removed the riddel posts it seemed natural, and in line with contemporary liturgical practice, to bring the altar forward to enable priestly celebration of the Eucharist facing the people, thus emphasising the presence of the Risen Christ among us. The laying of a new maroon carpet has also enhanced the appearance of the sanctuary and given the altar a new prominence. I venture to suggest that both aesthetically and liturgically we have a much improved sanctuary.

In the Anglican tradition God reveals himself not only in

the sacraments but also in the preaching of the word. Many colleagues have, in different ways, helped us understand more of the Christian Faith through their addresses in Chapel. My thanks go to the Headmaster, Miss G. D. Bland, Mr. J. E. Culley, Mr. D. R. Moss-Bowpitt, Mr. C. J. Alcock, Mr. R. G. Bacon, Mr. D. L. Brown, Mr. P. J. White, the Revd. Mrs. M. Lloyd, the Revd. R. Watson and the Revd. D. H. Horn O.S.

Various charities have been supported throughout this year, including £300 for the Save the Children Fund, £65 for Help the Aged, £75 for the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, £50 for Christian Aid and £62 for the Church Housing Trust.

As usual Mrs. Timm has beautified the Chapel with her flower arrangements and Mrs. Harris has kept it clean and tidy. David Hall has done various chores on Friday afternoons, and I am grateful to him, as well as to the sacristans who are leaving this year; Robert Cummings, Nicholas Weight and Christian Aldridge.

M.R.R.



Paul Bennett

The New Chapel Organ

As promised in the last issue, an account of the removal of the old organ and the installation of the new Allen organ. At the very beginning of the Easter holidays, a team comprising myself and two volunteer (?) organists began the dismantling of the old instrument. The Nottingham organ-builders, Henry Grove & Sons, removed all the pipes (about 1200 altogether) which they will use in the rebuilding of other Victorian instruments. There then remained the case-work, the best parts of which have all been retained, the wooden inner structure which has mostly gone to the DT department to be used in woodworking projects, etc. and the mechanical action and windchests which were all worn out. These were discarded, as was the old Discus blower, because they could not have been re-cycled in any useful way. The most startling revelation to those of us who had never seen the Chapel without the pipe organ, was the light that streamed in through the previously-obscured north-east window. There was quite a lot of renovation needed to the walls as a lot of the plaster had perished and crumbled; this was soon

achieved and a fresh coat of paint made this corner seem even brighter.

The next step was to provide suitable mountings for the seven loudspeakers which the new organ uses; with guidance from Mr. D. Bentley and a professional metal-worker, steel fixing brackets had been made which would be screwed or bolted into the walls and beams of the Chapel roof. In a rash moment, I had decided to make this a D.I.Y. project on the grounds that one didn't really need builders to put a few screws in! Luckily I was ably assisted by Mr. Ron Stott and others of the caretaking staff in getting the scaffolding tower from Sports Hall into the Chapel and this made the job possible for them to install the instrument without further ado, albeit with one or two hair-raising moments as speakers weighing around a hundredweight were lugged to the top of the scaffolding tower and eased into position. The remaining strenuous work was the subsequent cleaning of the Chapel, as vast amounts of thick, grimy dust had been liberally spread around by all the previous activity.

One of the features of the new organ, an Allen MDS60, is that it arrives fully voiced, so that it was literally a few

minutes' work of connecting up loudspeaker leads before we could hear the new instrument in all its glory. In fact, Mr. David Shephard of Allen Organs did spend several hours of fine tuning and voicing to get the organ sounding to his satisfaction, and setting up the comprehensive array of combination pistons, so that it would be completely ready to use; and he has visited us again, during the summer holidays, to make further fine adjustments at my request. What we now have (as well as a Chapel with far more light and a sense of greater space) is a generously-specified organ with a range of sounds which will fulfil every liturgical requirement imaginable, and also provide the means for organ pupils to explore every branch of the repertoire – a truly invaluable addition to the musical and religious life of the school.

I must not finish without expressing my sincere thanks to the Headmaster and Governors for their support, without which this project could not have gone ahead, and a special thank you to Lieutenant Colonel John Jones, our former Bursar, who helped in so many ways to see that everything went smoothly. I am proud of this new instrument and hope that it will enhance the worship in the School Chapel for many years to come.

D.L.B.



Examination Results

The School's Advanced Level and GCSE results were again excellent. At A Level the quality of grades was very high with an average UCAS points score of exactly 20 which is the equivalent of BCC grades, the second highest ever. 15 of the candidates gained three or more A grades.

The three Cambridge candidates who had conditional offers requiring A grades were all successful. Timothy Cooke has thus secured his place to read Anglo Saxon, Norse & Celtic at Trinity College, Roger Jones to read Veterinary Medicine at Robinson College and Christopher Pask to read Architecture at Downing College. All seven of those who had already achieved places at Oxford also gained almost exclusively A grades with pride of place going to Tom Russell with four As – he is to read English at Corpus Christi College.

The Oxford & Cambridge Board acknowledge each year the best performance in each of their A Level subjects. This year Sam Fuller was the best candidate in the country for Geography – he is to read Geography at Mansfield College Oxford.

The GCSE results were also very satisfactory, bettered only by those of 1994. Exactly 100 of the 125 candidates achieved passes in all of their subjects and 15 of these had all A grades with pride of place going to Lee Bagshaw with four of his 10 A grades starred, Thomas Briggs with five of his 10 A grades starred, Nicholas Haigh with four of his 10 A grades starred and Douglas Precey with six of his 10 A grades starred. The overall pass rate was 95%.

G.J.T.

FAREWELLS

M. J. Ward

After reading and gaining a degree in Zoology at Imperial College, London, Michael Ward served his National Service in the form of a bit of 'square-bashing' and then learning Russian. The latter served him well later in his teaching career.

Teacher training followed which included a practice at Cranleigh School. He returned to Cranleigh on completion of his training and served there until his appointment as Head of Biology at Stamford in 1961. He took up his post in the January of 1962 and remained as Head of Biology until July 1995. His sense of humour was sorely tested in his first few weeks of teaching here but the Sixth Form soon recognized that they were being taught by a communicator of the highest order, and, furthermore one who could fight fire with fire. Since those early days of a one-man band Mike has presided over a department of 3 which has seen large numbers of boys go on to careers based upon Biology. His knowledge of and contacts in the field of medicine have ensured a steady flow of high quality candidates into medical and dental schools. Veterinary science has also benefitted by his encouragement of young men into that field, some recompense for the numbers of small corpses dissected under his skilful guidance. Just as important, Mike ensured that the youngest members of the School were also encouraged to study and enjoy Biology both in the classroom and in the Biology Club.



When he first came to the School Mike was a house tutor in Northfields House. Having cut his teeth there he took over responsibility for senior boarders in Browne House. With the retirement of Basil Deed, Mike relinquished his pastoral duties for a few years but latterly his wide experience has been used to the benefit of Brazenose House.

A keen soccer enthusiast as player, coach and spectator, he ensured that his love of the sport was passed on. In particular he ran the Junior School soccer for many years and provided boys with the opportunity to watch professional soccer even if it was only Wolves! Small and full-bore shooting were a part of his empire and sailing too came under his guiding hand. His efforts to provide sailing facilities under the auspices of the Langtoft Club were at times indefatigable.

With the passing years active sport took a back-seat position but his efforts were now channelled into the highly successful Schools Challenge teams. These were drawn from the house teams which took part in his Inter-House quiz competition.

His diplomatic skills were put to good use in organizing the seating for the Carol Service and as Front of House he could be charm personified. Diplomacy and the Russian learned all those years before came into their own as he introduced boys and girls to the culture of the USSR as it was on his first trip and latterly Russia.

Mike is to become a part-time Lovejoy, better informed ornithologist and Hispanophile amongst other things in his retirement. I am sure that I am joined by innumerable Old Boys and colleagues in wishing him a long and fruitful retirement and to thank him for being that *rara avis* 'the complete schoolmaster' and equally to wish his successor good fortune for the future.

G.T.E.

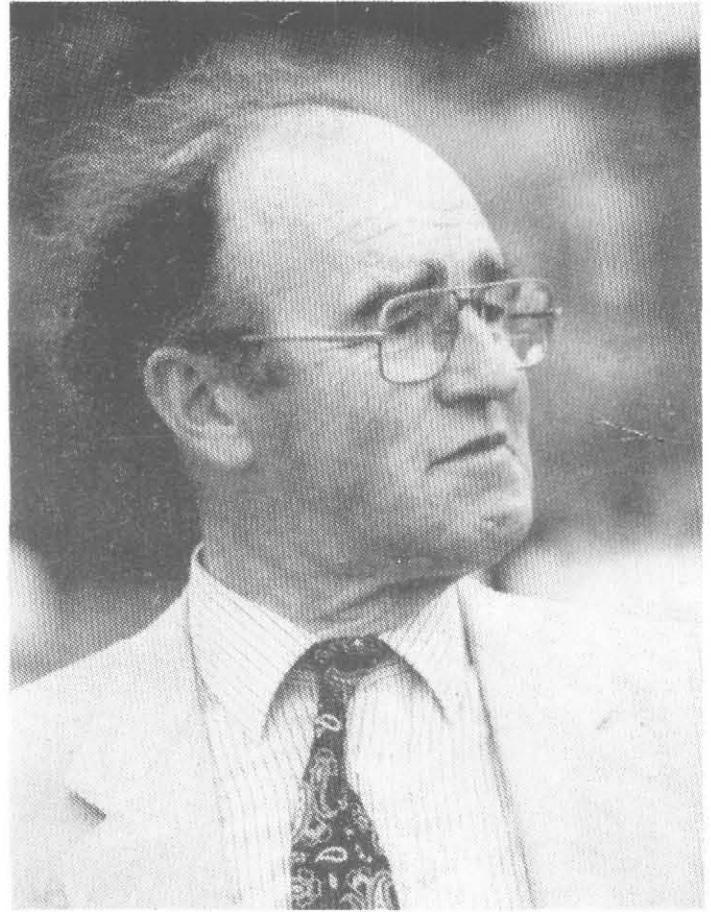
Dr. Edwin Gobbett

Edwin Gobbett joined the 36 teaching staff at Stamford in 1966 after taking his PhD at Queen's College Oxford, then spending a few years in industry at Reckitt and Colman, and at Tonbridge School. He found Mr. Deed as Head, Mr. Bruce McKenzie as Second Master, and Mr. Michael Ward as Head of Biology. Squibby Bowman was Head of Science, but when he retired a year later Edwin took his place. G. T. Earl was in Biology VI, and M. G. Sawyer was in Mr. Craddock's 5a. One of the highlights of his first dozen years here was the upward extension of his Science Block. This top floor had to put the minimum possible load on the foundations. The leavers that year "christened" it with a cardboard can opener!

In the classroom he has always been keen to challenge. He did not pander to boys by 'giving it on a plate' – his objective was to stimulate them through questioning, to encourage them to use books and above all to make them think! Many have gone to University to study Chemistry or other Sciences better equipped because of it. Much has changed in recent years in the teaching of Chemistry, and Edwin has certainly not been afraid of that. Both as Head of Department and as VI Form tutor he has given wise, caring support, and has taken great trouble over references and ISCO reports, often more than anyone realised.

Outside the classroom, Edwin has contributed in many ways. He ran the Signals section of the CCF for some years, and more recently he has been a great help with DofE, helping boys in their route planning and checking their progress on their weekend Bronze expeditions. He master-minded the building of a hovercraft, which provided enjoyment in the planning and construction, and excitement when it could be coaxed at last into action. Without wheels to steer and stop it, its motion was certainly rapid and random!

In a similar engineering vein, for the last three or four years Edwin has supervised our team entering the Sainsbury Engineering Education Scheme. He no doubt remembers the final presentation for the first of these teams at Birmingham University. The four boys involved had worked with a consultant from Ketton Cement to produce an electronic system which reduced electricity costs by turning lights on and off around the site. It worked very successfully and calculations showed that it was due to save thousands of pounds each year. The presentation of their work had been well received by the judges and standing around their display they were clearly pleased with their achievement. Marcus Williamson was very busy demonstrating to spectators, Simon Wood was explaining a difficult point and Douglas Cockerill was quietly welcoming. The star of the show however was Max Clark. Dressed in a slick suit he behaved like a market stall holder trying to sell their ideas – promising enormous savings – provided that he could have a significant



share of the profits! Their success was in no small part due to Edwin's efforts, the support he gave, and the sensitive and perceptive way in which he offered advice without compromising their integrity as a team.

Outside school Edwin's deep commitment to service to the community has shown itself in his scouting and his church work. As County Commissioner a few years ago he quickly picked out the quality of a humble patrol leader called Ian Wallace, who won the "Best Tent" competition impressively with "Shut up and do what I say – I know what they are looking for". As Churchwarden he has ever been prepared to go down early on a winter's morning to repair a boiler room door which has "somehow" opened during the night, and at Diocesan level one implicitly trusts his spiritual insight, his wisdom, fairness, and generosity of spirit.

After a generation of distinguished, dedicated and loyal service to the boys of this school he richly deserves a long and happy retirement. I suspect time will not hang heavily on his hands!

J.C./B.A.



Mrs. Mollie Birch

Mollie Birch joined the Staff in September 1969, having taught previously at Bluecoat School in Stamford. She remembers, among other things, that when she came to Stamford School, the rule was to address all boys by their surnames and that all the Prep boys and some Thirds wore not only shorts for school, but caps too!

Mollie was born in the town and has, only for a brief period, lived away from Stamford. She brought with her to the school her sense of strong, settled and traditional family values. She arrived at a time when the Prep Department was expanding and at the time when the two end formrooms were added to the first floor of "Little School".

Many parents over the past 26 years have been very pleased with the sound year of education received by their sons from her in Lower IIa and I know, from having received her form in the Upper II's for many years, how well prepared they were for the next stage of their school life.

Mollie believes strongly in the 'basics' (the 3 R's) but her favourite subjects, the love of which she passed over with such sincerity, were Nature, Art and Poetry, subjects which she demonstrated have close links with each other.

Apart from formal teaching, she organised a number of trips for the Lower II's and Form I's, alternating between

London and Yorkshire (often the wilds of). On the visits no detail was overlooked to make them successful. She has also arranged some interesting sponsorship events for Junior School boys with activities ranging from Spelling Tests to searching for lines in Christmas Carols. Various charities have benefited from these efforts of Mollie – and the boys and their parents, – to the tune of around £5,000.

During her time here, her son, Christopher, also attended the school, as a pupil, and during this time, developed a love of cricket and bridge, both of which he continues to play.

We know already that Mollie is thoroughly enjoying her well-earned retirement, and I would like to record our wishes here that she will continue to do so, whilst we shall miss her – and her home-made mince pies with which she used to treat us at the end of each Autumn Term.

J.P.C.



Paul McKeown

Paul McKeown came to Stamford via Zimbabwe and then Manchester University, where he trained as a teacher of Business Studies. He taught both Economics and Business Studies, contributing a great deal to the growth of the latter and assuming the leadership of the department in his final two years, in which capacity he was also link teacher for Young Enterprise. All of his seven years at Stamford were spent in Byard House, where he was a dedicated and popular House tutor and where his second and third sons, Kieran and Liam, had their first home. Paul was an outstanding sportsman and a fine coach, enjoying much success with his various teams, including the legendary "Macca's Army" and also the school 1st cricket XI, of which he was coach for several years. Whilst in Stamford he was selected to bowl for Lincolnshire many times, and most recently he realised a lifelong ambition by playing at Lords, where he represented the M.C.C. against Ireland. Paul leaves the school to take up a position as Head of Business Studies at Trent College, where he is also to assume the new role of Director of

Marketing. We wish him and his wife, Charmaine, and Neil and the boys every success and happiness in their new surroundings.

A.G.



James Murphy-O'Connor

James joined Stamford in September 1991 as a bachelor and left happily married to Alison with one beautiful baby girl; in that time he enjoyed four extremely successful years. As a member of the History Department he brought academic excellence and rigour along with a verve for the subject, shown most notably in his leadership of the tours to the First World War battlefields. On the games field his passion was rugby, instilling high standards and a love of the game into his successful U16 sides. Finally, as a boarding house tutor for Browne and Byard he had a genuine rapport with the boys. He will be remembered not least as a gentleman and we wish him and his family every success at Sherborne.

G.P.B.

Andrew Young

Andrew came to us from St. Margaret's Roman Catholic School in Bishop's Stortford in 1991 to fill the vacancy created by Mark Aldridge.

From the outset Andrew explained that his full creative teaching potential had been restricted at his previous school! Here was an Art teacher with ambitions! Setting up a full scale sculpture studio and casting facilities in his second year here, he transformed the pottery and allowed many boys to discover their creativity in three-dimensions.

Andrew's teaching room was always an exciting place to be, and his enthusiasm for finely observed draughtsmanship and painting was passed on to his pupils. Out of school time

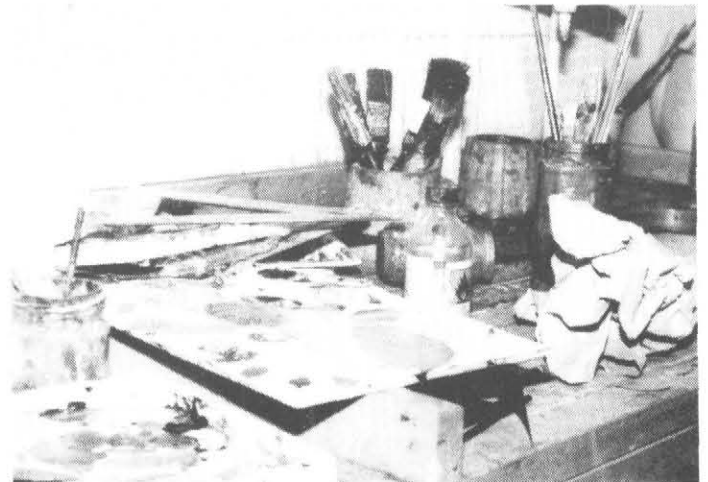


he encouraged Sixth formers to attend life drawing classes at the Arts Centre, which allowed the standard of their work to reach college levels. Before long, works of ever increasing proportions were being cast by members of the Sixth form, and space in the studio became scarce!

Andrew once commented that he wished he had been given the teaching and opportunities we were giving our students when he was at school and college. He was always happy to share the development of his own work openly with his pupils, and determined that they should receive the instruction that he felt was lacking in his own artistic education!

In August Andrew married Sophie (formerly a High School French assistant) in Provence. They have now moved to Stoneyhurst College in the Forest of Bowland, Lancashire, where Andrew takes up the post of Head of Art. They deserve every success in their creative endeavours!

S.A.S.





Hilary Marsh

Hilary Marsh, who retired as Head of Strings last term, came to Stamford School in 1969 and during that time string-playing and her name became inextricably linked in the minds of legions of boys and parents.

In the earlier part of her career here, Hilary worked under my predecessor, Mr. Johnstone, alongside Hazel Chilton (as she was then) building up a formidable body of strings players without equal in this region. Perhaps the Director of Music takes much credit for the high quality of the First Orchestra, but the real accolades belong to the Head of Strings, for without a large reserve of violinists and 'cellists there can be no orchestra. When I took over from Mr. Johnstone in 1982, I considered myself fortunate indeed to have a violin teacher of the quality of Hilary. She had already become well-known in this area, not only for her work at the school, but also as a fine orchestral player (and leader, on occasions) and I had frequently had the privilege of hearing her play.

It is fair to say that the merger of the two schools' music departments was not something that Hilary whole-heartedly supported in principle, but she was nevertheless tireless in her efforts to maintain the standards of string-playing one had come to expect of her. During the last decade, the string department has burgeoned, with more teachers of string

instruments appointed and more boys having lessons. Other evidence of her contribution is the fact that the First Orchestra no longer has to import outside professional string players for major concerts, as it did in the old days.

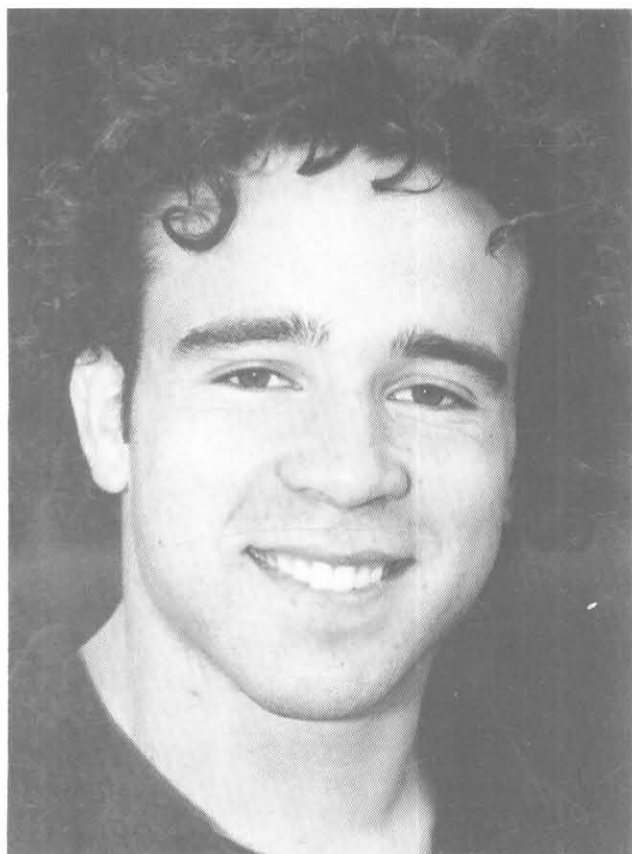
Of course, boys did not start their playing in the First Orchestra. Many a boy began his string-playing in small groups in the Preps. administered by "Miss Marsh", progressed to the junior string orchestra, then to the Second Orchestra and on to the Middle School Orchestra. Hilary directed or was involved in all of these activities – a colossal task. In addition, she taught more than her quota of individual lessons (often teaching until early evening), organised the Informal Concerts (originally called "Play and Listen") and organised the Individual classes of the Music Competitions.

A gradual deterioration in her health must have frustrated her enormously, both because of the fact that she was unable to physically take part in the instrumental activities and also because of the pain which she suffered with great fortitude. Typically, she has not let this bring her down, and has now begun to practise as a reflexologist. We miss her as a most amiable colleague, as a superb teacher and as a Stamford School institution, and she has our best wishes for her new career.

P.J.W.

Sam Wakerley





Mr. J. Friend 1993-5



Mr. P. Effick 1994-5



Mrs. V. Filonova 1990-5



Mrs. A. Wheeler 1994-5

SPEECH DAY

Senior School Prizes

- The Jeeves Prize for Mathematics
R. J. Hind
- The Mayor's Prize for Mathematics
S. A. Wood
- The Sixth Form Chemistry Prize
J. M. H. Bennett
- The R. A. Lamb Prize for Chemistry
D. T. Roland
- The Fifth Marquess of Exeter Memorial Prize for Biology
S. R. Wakerley
- The Gordon Smith Prize for Botany
J. M. H. Bennett
- The Godfrey Phillips Prize for Physics
S. A. Wood
- The John Titman Prize for Science
D. T. Roland; J. M. H. Bennett
- The Edley Morton Prize for Geography
S. E. G. Fuller
- The Geography Fieldwork Prize
L. H. Jackson
- The Fred Boyfield Prize for History
D. M. Bentham
- The Salmon History Project Prize
S. E. G. Fuller
- The David Hallet Prize for Political Studies
D. M. Bentham
- The Fowler Prize for Economics
G. C. Adams
- The Gutteridge Prize for Business Studies
J. J. Bonnar
- The Beaumont Prize for Biblical Studies
T. C. R. Shaw
- The Hugh Sharp Prize for Literary Studies
T. A. Russell
- The Tom Baker Prize for Creative Writing
M. J. Dodd
- The Callaghan Prize for Drama
S. Banbury
- The E.S.S. Bowman Prize for Public Speaking
A. M. Hawkins
- The Clapton Memorial Prize for Modern Languages
D. M. Bentham
- The Sells Prize for Shakespeare
T. A. Russell
- The Patrick Nicholson Memorial Prize for Russian Studies
S. Banbury
- The Headmaster's Prize for Classics
T. M. A. Cooke

- The Art Prize
S. R. Wakerley
- The Dick Walmsley Prize for Woodwork
R. Jones
- The School Prize for Design and Technology
D. C. Tooze
- The Norgate Prize for Brass
E. J. Finch
- The Dixon Prize for Singing
C. G. Thorne
- The Tinkler Prize for Piano
T. M. A. Cooke
- The Organ Prize
R. T. Latham
- The Mary A. Hare Prize for Wind Instruments
J. R. Seymour
- The Kelham Prize for Strings
R. T. Latham
- The John Sutcliffe Memorial Prize
J. P. H. Stevens
- The Sheath Prize for Service to the C.C.F.
A. P. Wolfe
- The Firth Prizes for Service to the Senior Boarding Houses
M. O. O. Lawrence; M. Pickford
- The Old Stamfordian Prizes for Service to the School
J. A. Durham; D. O. Hall; P. C. Moss-Bowpitt;
J. R. Seymour
- The Head of School Prize
D. T. Roland
- The Lower VI Foundation Awards for Outstanding Progress
M. T. Abbott; D. C. Clyde; G. A. Cockerill; D. H. A. Crombie; L. D. Heeley; P. S. Hughes; L. Lacey; B. D. Perks; M. J. Sutton; S. J. Ward; M. J. Wood; S. M. Worthington.

Form Prizes:

Fifth:

English Language	E. P. B. Hayes
English Literature	C. D. Walker
History	N. P. Haigh
Geography	B. Lloyd
French	L. J. Bagsahw
German	B. Lloyd
Russian	D. H. Precey
Religious Studies	J. R. S. Swithinbank
Latin	P. W. Smith
Classical Civilisation	T. C. Power
Mathematics	B. J. Ferguson
Physics	B. J. Ferguson
Chemistry	T. D. M. Briggs
Biology	P. W. Smith
Computing	D. J. Harris
Art	G. Clarke
Design & Technology	M. W. McElroy
Woodwork	S. C. Tyler
Music	L. Armstrong

Upper IV:	
Ancaster	J. D. Butcher; D. J. Sutton
Brazenose	R. P. Cooke; J. Spiers
Browne	D. S. Pickavance
Byard	G. Andronikashvili
Exeter	A. K. Szyjanowicz; P. M. Coates
Radcliffe	P. M. Hird; E. M. Last
Lower IV:	
Ancaster	J. H. Alsford; B. J. O'Neill
Brazenose	D. J. Holton; R. W. Brown
Browne	N. E. Howlett
Byard	M. J. Smith
Exeter	A. P. Cooper; H. P. Wickham
Radcliffe	N. A. Palmer; P. J. Hirst

Headmaster's Speech – 26th May, 1995

I think I speak for us all – I certainly speak very powerfully for myself – when I say what a pleasure it is to have with us once more on this special day an Old Boy as our principal guest. Over the years we have had some distinguished ones on this platform and most of them when I think of it must have been contemporaries of Sir Michael – Dr. Jack Dominion, Colin Dexter, creator of Morse, Philip Goodrich, currently Bishop of Worcester, M. J. K. Smith, former England cricket captain, and Headmaster to them all, Mr. Basil Deed. Quite recently Dr. Jack Dominion and his wife dropped in to see us. They were spending a celebratory weekend in Stamford and he reminded me of the occasion at School when he and Philip Goodrich had together wondered about what career they would eventually pursue. Dr. Dominion was adamant that he would be a psychiatrist and we know what an eminent one he became, and is. Philip Goodrich said he would become a Bishop of the Church of England and both apparently added that Michael Smith would captain England at cricket. That was a rich seam in the long history of Stamford School. I wonder whether Sir Michael Newington would have said: "I shall join the Diplomatic Service" and "I shall become Her Majesty's Ambassador to Brazil". I doubt it. That of course, among other things, is what he did become and we are delighted to have him with us today.

Maybe he can recall his final Speech Day as a pupil here: that must have been in 1950. *The Stamfordian* magazine reminds us that the Guest of the Day was one H. H. Hardy, a former Headmaster of Cheltenham College and of Shrewsbury School. Our Headmaster said in his speech that Mr. Hardy had also been Chairman of 'that mysterious body called the Headmasters' Conference'. Mr. Deed reminded his audience that the School had then just completed its 402nd year on this present site and we of course can add another 45 years to that. He suggested that if William Radcliffe, our founder, were to return today all that he would recognise would be Brazenose Gateway and the east end of the Chapel but he did suggest also that it would be quite possible that he would see a similarity between the Stamfordians of his day and those of today and he would have been pleased to see so many of them, and rejoice that his faith in the future had been so justified.

Perhaps I could be forgiven for looking not entirely back but looking forward too, though I am deeply conscious that what we are now, we are in very large measure as a result of what others have been before us. I always have in mind in

this context that passage from the poet Ovid's *Metamorphoses*. It is the New Year, the poet is on his way to the Janiculum, the snow is blowing down the street, he wraps his cloak around him to keep himself warm. Suddenly he sees the god Janus walking in front of him. Janus is the god with two faces, one of which looks ahead, the other behind. The poet runs after him and as he does so he addresses the face which is looking behind.

"Why," he asks the god, "do people celebrate the beginning of the year in your month of January? Why not in spring when everything is renewed?"

"Fool," replies the god, "Do you not know that under your feet, beneath the earth the seeds are already beginning to sprout? Do you believe that the only things that are, are the things which are visible to you?"

We simply don't know how those seeds, sown so long ago, will ultimately develop. Shakespeare put it so beautifully in *Macbeth*:

"If you can look into the seeds of time
And say which grain will grow and which will not
Speak then to me".

I have to say though that there is another Old Stamfordian who was pretty sure when he was here what he would become and we have been forcefully and splendidly reminded of that this year as we have celebrated both the 100th anniversary of the birth of Sir Malcolm Sargent and the 90th anniversary of the birth of Sir Michael Tippett. Tippett's biographer mentions that while still at School Tippett had said that he was sure that he would become a composer and simply bought himself that book on musical composition by Charles Stanford. Tippett put it so simply:

"If you could buy books on how to make furniture or do plumbing, one ought to be able to buy one on how to compose".

Many would claim it has taken Tippett far, far more years than it ought to have done to gain the international recognition that he deserves. I know that those who were involved here in that most memorable performance of his oratorio "A Child of Our Time" will never forget the experience. It must be one of the great choral works of the 20th century and it was a real honour and privilege for us here to be part of that celebration: two of Stamford's and the country's great musical sons of the the 20th century, Tippett and Sargent, celebrated in this Hall a few weeks ago and quite delightfully in the presence, not sadly of Tippett himself, but of his contemporary here Mr. Rowan Hare.

But I spoke of the future and there is a real possibility that the future of Stamford School may be very different, surely will be very different, if those County Scholarships are withdrawn, as they threaten to be in two or three years' time. Of course the School and the Endowed Schools are so strong, their roots are driven so firmly into the soil of Stamford that they will continue to flourish and prosper but how sad it would be if they should become the exclusive preserve of the children of those parents who were prepared to or who were able to afford to pay the fees. The fateful decision, I suspect, is going to be made by the Education Committee of the County Council on 20th June and I hope all of those of you who think that these things matter will have written giving your views in the quite unreasonably short time given to you. I think I have made my position very clear in the past and again recently. What attracted my wife

and me so much to this School in 1978 was precisely that it was a school for all the people of Stamford who could benefit from the kind of education which it provided. Of course it was academically selective, as was the whole of secondary education in South Lincolnshire then, and as it remains so now. As a Lincolnshire man proud to have been educated in one of its primary schools and one of its grammar schools, and having taught in one of its Secondary Modern schools, I was delighted to return to Lincolnshire and it has been the socially cohesive nature of this School which in large measure has been responsible for my wishing to stay here rather than accept the quite attractive blandishments offered elsewhere. Those of us who teach in this place, and I think those of you parents who have sent your sons here, believe strongly both rationally and passionately in the kind of education it provides. Those of us who are in any sort of position to safeguard that kind of education should do all in our power to persuade those responsible for these decisions to act wisely.

You will have heard perhaps that at the root of it all is supposedly the question of cost but the figures which I know many of you will have heard quoted are quite misleading. The costs overall of educating those children here in the Endowed Schools are very little more than they would be if they were educated in the County's own maintained schools or in Sixth Form Colleges or in Colleges of Further Education. And let us not be bashful about proclaiming it: where is better provision made for our academically able young than here in the Endowed Schools? If we accept that what we provide is good – I am not suggesting that it could not be better and we are certainly not complacent – then let us use that example of quality, the example of the Endowed Schools as a benchmark and strive to enable others to emulate those standards. We want to see all schools of high quality for all children but let us not destroy what is good in the vague and unsubstantiated hope that by so doing we may possibly make other schools better. I suggested earlier, and I would repeat here, that such an action would be wanton educational and social vandalism.

We can't know how effective they will be but I have been encouraged by the number of letters which have been written to the Director of Education, copies of which have been sent to me, and they have come from people aged 18 to 80, mainly Old Boys and former parents. Of course the message is expressed in various ways. I should just like to quote from one such letter which I think captures the mood and the very deep feeling of so many.

“My own experience leads me to believe that such discontinuation would have a profound effect on the future careers of those children from whom the scholarships would be withheld.

My father was a meter-reader for the Electricity Board, and could not have afforded to send me to Stamford School without financial help. Fortunately this was available, and my career was thereby set on a course which led via Wadham College Oxford and Shell Chemical Co. to a lectureship in the University of Bristol.

In my opinion, the quality of the education which I enjoyed at Stamford School could not have been matched by any of the possible alternatives, and without the help I received my career would have been very different. I am aware of the financial difficulties, but respectfully beg the Committee not to withhold assistance which can enrich a life (and a country)”.

By my reference to the Sargent centenary, I have hinted that it has been a memorable year for us. That centenary concert was, I am sure, for me, and for so many the highlight and it isn't something which we shall lightly forget. There have been many other high points too. As far as examination results are concerned we did wonder whether we could possibly maintain the 97% pass rate which we established for the first time in 1991 but we did manage to maintain it yet again and you will see from your programme that pretty well all the boys who left last summer who wanted to do went on to university. You will see also that last autumn 12 boys in all gained definite or conditional places at Oxford or Cambridge. You will not have seen from your statistics in the programme, but at GCSE last summer too we again broke all previous records with an overall pass rate of 97%. The Fifth Formers failed to gain a C grade or better in only 38 of their 1100 subjects taken. So, academically, things are going very well, and I would like here to pay warm tribute to the enormous amount of time and effort which all the staff devote to the boys. Perhaps they are not always thanked as much as they should be by either me or the boys but they should be in no doubt that the gratitude is felt and is appreciated. Of course that devotion to duty is not restricted to the classroom but manifests itself in a whole variety of ways and it is that devotion to duty for six and seven days a week and by so many during school holidays that gives this School its particular character and makes it such a community of which we are all proud to be part. People are quite rightly full of admiration, for example, at the outstanding number of boys successfully involved in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme and this last year 57 boys gained their Bronze awards, 46 their Silver and 34 their Gold. Mr. Froggett and his team of willing helpers deserve, and I hope receive, enormous credit for that achievement. As far as sport is concerned, there is no doubt which group of boys deserved our particular praise this year. It is of course the rugby players, those who undertook such an outstandingly successful tour to South Africa last summer and who played some quite breath-taking rugby in the autumn to achieve the best results our 1st XV have ever had. Such years of course can only come very rarely and they must be savoured when they do. I think it was the worthy culmination of the many years of outstanding coaching of Messrs. Alcock and Johnstone and their many colleagues; the boys and their coaches gained, and thoroughly deserved, much praise. Our athletes continue to produce some outstanding results though, maddeningly, the Midlands and Northern Public Schools Championship in cross-country running still just eludes us despite all our best efforts and we had to be satisfied yet again with second place as in the individual race did our splendid runner and Head of School, Damian Roland. Another extraordinary record was achieved by the canoeists who succeeded in becoming British Youth champions for the seventh consecutive year and Alistair Froggett, coached by his father, has been in that team throughout those seven years.

What I wish I could be reporting to you at this stage is the disturbed state of the car park which should by now have become a building site. I had hoped that by now our marvellous new Library and Information Centre would be taking shape. It has taken very clear shape in the minds of many of us. I hope that when you come next year we shall be able to tell you quite clearly when we expect the whole thing

to be completed. I don't think there is any need for me to rehearse all the old arguments. It will, we know, make so much difference to the whole atmosphere of the place. I was reading only the other day the annual report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools. He says what we all know to be true, namely that the good use of library resources enhances so much the quality of teaching and is more strongly associated with standards of high achievement than almost any other contributory factor. If in my vanity I were to seek to leave behind any tangible memorial from my years of headship here, it would be such a building and all that it should involve and all that it should mean, a real centre of learning at the very heart of the School next to that other great heart, Byard's classroom of the 16th century, which became Canon Day's Memorial Chapel in 1930. I would not suggest that the Library should dwarf that Chapel but I would suggest that it should exist proudly by its side, both buildings signifying our untiring search for truth.

I should like to make here brief mention of a change in the Chapel which the observant among you will have noticed this morning at Matins. I speak of course of the new organ installed during the Easter holidays. You may recall a good deal of discussion a few months ago and a number of letters in *The Times* newspaper over the installation of a similar organ in the Sheldonian Theatre in Oxford. I followed that discussion with much interest and had armed myself with all the arguments but happily none were needed. I think almost everyone has been immediately won over and the added bonus is that the new organ has allowed us to open up once more that delightful north east window.

Sadly just two weeks ago that Chapel and that organ provided the setting for the funeral service of a great servant of Stamford, Mr. Richard Chapman, former Head of Classics. He was one of the first members of staff I met as I came in 1978 and he immediately embodied for me and my wife all that was best in the School and the community. If ever a justification were needed, and I don't think it is, for a good classical education, then it was surely encapsulated in the life and work of Richard Chapman. He truly was one of the nicest, kindest and wisest men I have known.

You may recall that there were few staff changes at the beginning of this year though we were pleased to welcome into our midst our new Head of Science, Mr. Pearman, our new physicist, Mr. Tilling, Mlle Natalie Hamel, to welcome back after his four year sojourn in the south east, Mr. Culley, to welcome back after her sojourn in Madrid, Mrs. Farquhar-Smith, and to welcome for a year from Australia via Dulwich College, Mr. Effick, and our own Old Stamfordian, Mr. Charles Newbury, along with our two GAP men, Mr. James Henderson and Mr. Travis Hardman from Australia. They have brought us, and most of them will continue to bring us I hope, much during their stay here. But, sadly, this is always a time for departures too. Perhaps it is in order to signify a definite departure this time in that Dr. Gobbett is sitting in the body of the Hall rather than here on the stage with us. I made my farewell last summer but I thank him also for what he has continued to do this year. We shall miss him greatly, not only his learning but his civilised and civilising presence in so many ways.

Leaving us too will be Mr. Jonathan Friend who has a desire to travel the world after the two years he spent with us teaching physics, and swimming, and helping to look after the boys in Byard.

I feared a year ago, when Mrs. Vera Filonova decided to marry an English husband who lived in London, that our days were numbered. Deep though her attachment to Stamford School was, I suspected that it was an uneven battle and that before long we should lose her to her rather deeper attachment. Astonishingly, when she joined us four years ago, she didn't have a word of English. She now has many words of English which she speaks quite beautifully and we have the advantage of her Russian and French too. It has needed a touch of steel to achieve what she has achieved in her brief stay here but it isn't steel that I shall remember but a touch of gold too. We shall miss her though I also hold her heavily responsible for the fact that my wife has become even more attached to Russian studies.

After his four years here teaching Art, Mr. Andrew Young leaves us to become Director of Art at Stoneyhurst College, just in time I suspect before the Art School collapses under the weight of those quite tremendous works of sculpture which the boys under his care have created. His presence in the Art School and in the community at large will be much missed. Lucky Stoneyhurst to have him and in the summer his French wife, Sophie.

Lucky Sherborne School too to have Mr. James Murphy O'Connor as they will in September. He has brought so much to the History Department, to the games field and to both Byard and Browne House. Having arrived alone, he will leave with his wife Alison and his daughter Emily.

Mr. Paul McKeown arrived eight years ago with his wife and young son and will now be leaving us for Trent College with two further sons and a great deal of warm thanks from us all for what he has done in the world of Business Studies, of Young Enterprise and of sport, particularly of course as Master in Charge of Cricket. Not only is he a fine player and a fine coach, but I am so gratified to hear from so many people who are good judges of these things about the way our boys play cricket under his care. He is concerned not only for high standards of performance but high standards of behaviour and appearance. These things matter to him and they should matter to us all.

We shall be saying farewell too, before her time sadly, because of ill health, to Miss Hilary Marsh who has brought so much to the Music Department as violin teacher and latterly as Head of Strings. I suspect that string playing here when Mr. Staveley appointed her and Hazel Chilton all those 26 years ago was scarcely what it is today and what it is today owes much to the meticulous care and sensitive attention to detail which I always associate with her.

So very many generations of Young Stamfordians can look back with pride and gratitude on the sound grounding that they received in the Prep Department from Mrs. Molly Birch. She too was one of Mr. Staveley's earliest appointments and she arrived in 1969 with Miss Marsh. I suspect those little boys have exasperated her at times. She hasn't always shown it but I know that she could not have done the work in the way in which she has done if she hadn't loved the job and them too.

Longest serving of all has been Mr. Michael Ward. He was appointed by Mr. Deed in 1962 to be Head of Biology, and in that capacity he has served the School admirably all these years. But he has done much more than that. Various he has been Housemaster of Browne House when it was in School House, he has been Master in Charge of Shooting, he has been Master in Charge of Soccer, he has been Master in



Charge of Langtoft Sailing Club and, with great efficiency, tact and delicacy, he has been in charge of seating in this Hall for all the great events. Above all, he has been a fine and dedicated schoolmaster whom we shall miss deeply. To him and all the staff who are leaving we offer our deepest thanks and they have our warmest good wishes for the future. ✦ them spede, all of them.

And yet, dwarfing all these departures, is that of another whose going will be felt by literally everyone here in the School and by so very many outside the School with whom he has had contact. You will know that I speak of Colonel John Jones, our Bursar quite extraordinary. At the time of his appointment I can recall his wondering whether his experience as an army quartermaster might have prepared him in some way for the sort of tasks which we might wish our Bursar to perform. I am sure it must have done but we all know that it isn't as simple as that though I think that probably his own philosophy, pretty home-spun he would say, has been simple enough: to serve the School and the community as best he could and how uniquely and supremely well he has done that. Bursar, all of us, and I have no doubt I above all others, shall be forever in your debt and we, all of us, offer you our deepest gratitude.

My own thanks of course I offer to so very many, first to you Chairman and, as always, to my own Chairman, Mr. Tim Clancy, and to everyone else in the School but first and foremost on this day I thank you parents and your sons and I have most of all in mind those of you who are here on this occasion for the last time. Almost all the time I can honestly say it is a great joy and a great pleasure to work with you and for you. I should like to leave you with what is for me a great image from Philip Larkin's "The Whitsun Weddings", which many would describe as one of his greatest poems. That image is of a train winding its way through drowsy eastern England collecting, as it happens, (no matter) newly-wed couples beginning their honeymoons. Larkin offers here what I think is an astonishing metaphor. It is the image of the train as a bow unleashing new lines like arrows:

“. . . what it held
Stood ready to be loosed with all the power
That being changed can give”.

Floreat Schola Stamfordiensis.

The following sermon was given by the Headmaster at Matins on Sunday 30th April 1995, the day after the Sir Malcolm Sargent Centenary Concert.

A verse from this morning's New Testament Lesson. That New Testament Lesson, like the Old Testament Lesson is on the theme of the Good Shepherd. St. John puts it this way in Verse 16, Chapter 10. (Jesus, of course, is speaking): "But there are other sheep of mine not belonging to this fold whom I must bring in and they too will listen to my voice".

The clear inference is that if they are not 'brought in' they will listen to other voices ('they', that is people like you and me), they will be tempted down other paths.

We had been warned in the Old Testament Lesson of what happens if there is no shepherd, no guide. In the verse from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel:

"My sheep are ravaged by wild beasts and have become their prey for lack of a shepherd".

The sheep lose their way and are destroyed because they have no clear guidance. They are consumed, literally, like Orin and Mushnik and Audrey, swallowed up by the greedy, insatiable Audrey II in last term's Boarders' musical 'The Little Shop of Horrors'.

The Chaplain in his address in Chapel this week on the theme of the two saints whose feast day we have been celebrating, St. George and St. Mark, ended with the question:

"Who or what is the most powerful influence on your life?"

Very often events occur, in our young lives particularly, without our being aware until much later of the mark those events will subsequently leave on us. I have heard the present leader of the Labour Party talk about such events as "defining moments". I don't necessarily mean **defining** moments but significant ones, yes – something more than mere memories. Think of some of those potentially defining moments in the context of your years here at School. Some of them will be associated with this Chapel. Some of mine are. I can recall still so vividly hearing the old Chapel organ for the last time on the last Sunday Service of last term. I can recall so well the farewell Service of the previous Chaplain, the Reverend David Harley, and those beautiful final words sung by the Chapel Choir, never sung so memorably:

"God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in my heart and in my speaking.
God be at mine end and at my departing".

I can picture a tremendous sermon preached here two years ago by the Old Stamfordian, Philip Goodrich, Bishop of Worcester at the memorial service of the former Headmaster, Mr. Basil Deed.

I think I shall always recall coming into Chapel for the first time this term and being conscious of the great shaft of light cast into this building by the opening up of the north-east window following the installation of the new organ. Is it just more light or is it enlightenment?

Away from the Chapel I know I shall remember the powerful effect on me and my wife of our first meeting during the Easter holidays with the owner of the Ernst Kalkuhl Gymnasium in Bonn, our exchange school, an exchange which has existed continuously since it was begun 35 years ago by the former Head of Modern Languages, Mr. Michael Chew. The link between our two schools represents a very powerful and symbolic reconciliation, a coming together again.

The English and the Germans approached each other in 1960 still with some caution, at least the older generation did. To paraphrase those words of Tippett in his Oratorio, if the world was no longer turned on its dark side, darkness had not yet become light.

Those of us who were present last night either in the audience or those of you who were part of the choir, I know, will never forget the thrill and privilege of being part of that wonderful celebration of the centenary of the birth of Sir Malcolm Sargent and singing what must be one of the great musical works of the 20th century, Sir Michael Tippett's oratorio "A Child of Our Time" – at the heart of it the theme of tensions, of cosmic and microcosmic conflict and yet of hope. A defining moment. .

I wonder whether you realise that both of those great men are just like you in a sense, though they are former members of this School and you are current members. But you are all

now associated with a School which has had as its former members one, Sir Malcolm Sargent, who had undoubtedly been one of this country's greatest musical ambassadors of the 20th century, and another, Sir Michael Tippett, who is undoubtedly among the greatest British composers of the 20th century, a man whose musical reputation unquestionably will continue to grow. These things you may not feel at the moment but I think you will one day and to have been part of that celebration last night simply cannot have left you unmoved, cannot have left you unchanged. You will become a different person, not necessarily in a definable way, because of such experiences.

But let me look at another significant event, one with which nearly all of you have been associated. That was your musical last term, "The Little Shop of Horrors". Do you ever wonder about the purpose of these musicals? Well, they give you boys and girls a chance to meet, don't they? They keep you out of mischief, I hope, through those long winter weeks and they bring you much enjoyment. And they provide an immense amount of work for the producers, in this case Mr. Crombie and Mr. McGarry, with much valued assistance from Mrs. Nalson, from Mr. Bentley and others. Of course it is all great fun and, as usual, it was an outstandingly successful production. I often think that such exercises are perhaps the greatest team game of all, so to speak. There is enormous inter-dependence. Consider for example the part played by those boys perched high up on a gantry somewhere above the stage, manipulating the growing tentacles of Audrey Two, as the Plant threatens to envelop us all, a great symbol of the all-pervading power of materialism. Consider the lighting men (and women) and all those other people, unseen but without whom the musical quite literally would not have been seen or heard. On a superficial level such a musical is maybe above all fun, but there is a deeper level too and there are deeper lessons to be learned, for it is a musical with much sensitivity and some profound thought. It is an allegory if you like – there is a moral to the tale. Just consider what happens to Seymour. What does the Plant make of Seymour? What does he become because of it? Doesn't he become enormously famous, doesn't the plant make him? It certainly changes him but doesn't it also destroy him? Do you remember the words of one of the songs? – beautifully sung by David Clyde as was the part of Audrey by Julia Gilding.

"My future's starting,
I've got to let it.
My bank account will thrive.
What am I saying?
No way, forget it.
It's much too dangerous.
Who knew success would come with messy
nasty strings"?

So, does Audrey Two make Seymour a happier, more contented, more fulfilled person? It certainly makes him very famous and very rich. What voices does he listen to? His photograph makes the front page of America's most powerful magazine and the smart agents come with attractive contracts to sign. But Audrey Two and all his wealth and fame don't free him. Audrey Two enslaves him. He, kind, gentle Seymour is driven into feeding to the plant his rival, the dentist Orin and then Musnik but that isn't enough because the plant still cries for more:

"Come on Krelborn feed me. I ain't ate since Mushnik and that was a week".

And in the end he loses Audrey as well since she is prepared to sacrifice herself on the altar which he has come to worship and which has come to consume him. That altar is of course material success, money, Mammon. Do you remember those poignant lines spoken by Seymour to Audrey towards the end?

"Without Audrey Two", he asks her, "would you still like me?" and she replies:

"I'd still love you".

Well, there is much more that we could say about Seymour and Audrey and Audrey Two. It was a great experience, a modern morality play if you like. How do we respond to such temptations? What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world, particularly if it's a 'world turned on its dark side' and loses his own soul or, as the Chaplain asked this week in Chapel, "Who or what is the most powerful influence on your life"?

What voice will you listen to? Will it be the deep clamouring voice which cries: Feed me!

"But there are other sheep of mine not belonging to this fold and I must bring them in and they too will listen to my voice."



Tristan MacDougall

ACTIVITIES

BUSINESS

Lower 6th Industrial Conference: 21st/22nd March 1995

The Industrial Conference remains a strong feature within the Lower 6th calendar for the Spring Term and once again comfortably met its major objective of better informing students about the world of industry and commerce, with 78% claiming this to be the case as a result of the event.

The successful 2-day format of recent years was once again retained, with Day 1 spent in a variety of group exercises and activities at the school and Day 2 providing a welcome – and for many students their first – opportunity to visit business premises and talk first-hand with practising industrialists. The popularity of the latter was confirmed not only by the excitement of the students as they returned from their various outings but also by the fact that over half claimed they would have wished to visit the same site if given the choice again and that their visit either confirmed or strengthened a career interest associated with that particular company.

As ever we are hugely grateful to the nine host companies who arranged special programmes at their various sites for small groups of students and who allowed a member of the management staff to spend Day 1 at the school facilitating the various activities which made up the day. Several have helped with this event now for many years and it is a great help to be able to turn to them each year in the knowledge of their commitment and support. Equally it is pleasing to be able to welcome new companies to the event, and it was good to be able to include Hotpoint and Salvesen Food Services for the first time this year. Special thanks go to our old friends at Newage International for providing an extra member of staff at a late stage when another organisation was unfortunately unable to honour its initial commitment.

Each year our students seem to grow harder to please and this year was no exception. Whilst the ratings as measured in the post-Conference questionnaire were more than satisfactory, yet it was noticeable that the scores were often just slightly lower than for last year, particularly for the site visits, although these were still undoubtedly the highlight of the two days. It might be because of the extraordinarily high percentage studying Business Studies at A level and also the fact that the whole year group had, without exception for the first time, undergone the Understanding Industry course in the General Studies Life Skills programme. Similarly it seemed that almost everyone wanted to be a journalist or go into advertising, and as a result many had to be assigned to visits which were not their first preference.

Day 1, whilst still overshadowed by the attractiveness of the day out, proved as enjoyable as last year and the students clearly gained much from their experiences in a variety of different group activities, including role-play, communications, leadership and design-and-build exercises.

One group excelled in finding a solution to a problem designed to occupy groups for half an hour in just 4 minutes: whilst every assurance was made that the solution was entirely original and the product of sound thinking and skilful organisation alone, the organiser still made a note to change that particular exercise in future years! He was less moved by the pleas of one group that their design idea had been pirated by another company in the final building exercise: after all the Japanese have been doing it for years and no-one is going to say that they have been wrong to do so!

Simon Yarram, a member of the winning team in the building exercise, was volunteered by his colleagues to give a vote of thanks at the end of the Conference to the visiting industrialists, whose names and organisations are given below. Special thanks are offered to Mr. Russell Hole of Emap, who kindly agreed to act as Chairman at an advanced stage following the withdrawal of Mr. Penrhyn Peach due to illness and whom we wish a successful recovery. We also thank Mr. Briggs for all his extra catering arrangements (in the sound belief that it is these if nothing else that ensure the return each year of so many of our visitors!) and also Mrs. King for producing the Conference Handbook.

Visitors: Mr. R. Hole, Chairman (Emap); Mr. A. Gardiner (Newage International), etc.

A.G.

Mark Evans



Lower 4th Industry Day: 13th March 1995

In spite of its inauspicious date this year of Friday 13th, the Lower 4th Industry Day was once again a huge success and greatly enjoyed by all participants, judging from their positive reactions and the vibrant atmosphere which filled the School House classrooms throughout the day.

Replies and scores registered in the final questionnaire confirmed that this was one of the best such days enjoyed in recent years, halting in a most pleasing manner the slight drift in the levels of satisfaction recorded over recent years compared with the start of the decade.

Over 90% of this year's participants rated the day 'very good' or 'quite good' on the enjoyment scale and 80% registered the same for interest. Furthermore a massive 91% claimed to be better informed about industry as a result of the day, the highest score ever recorded and the strongest possible signal that the objectives of the event continue to be met.

Special thanks for this go to all who came from the world of industry and commerce to assist with the Industry Day but in particular to Mr. David Allen of Transit Packaging and to our own Mr. Paul McKeown of the Business Studies Department, both of whom stood in at very short notice to host an activity in place of late withdrawals and whose efforts and ingenuity won them the top ratings from the pupils for their respective activities of designing a promotional item to promote the sale of Beefburgers, and designing and constructing a cardboard package suitable for and capable of transporting a set of glass tumblers without breaking under the "drop" test (happily they didn't!) which delighted the pupils at the end of each of the four sessions.

A further reason for this year's particular success would have been the fact that pupils were allowed for the first time to express their preferences for the various activities on offer. On average each had three of his four preferences met and most had a pleasing blend of technological and commercial activities to contend with over the course of the day. Pupils were also better prepared for the teamwork which is always such a major feature of the exercises by the PSD programme, which has been run for the year group this year for the first time and which has involved a considerable amount of group and team work. The manner in which the pupils combined into small groups and organised their efforts did them great credit and was universally praised by the visiting industrialists, to whom the school was once again greatly indebted and whose companies are listed below:

Construction Industry Training Board; Emap; Lloyds Bank; Newage International; Peter Brotherhood; Transit Packaging.

Thanks are also due to the many members of staff who gave their time to help with the activities and in particular to Mrs. Mara Musciano of the Science Department for collating the pupil preferences and also the responses from the final questionnaire.

A.G.

Business Society

The theme of our Spring Term meeting was Total Quality Management and our speakers were Mr. Alan Gardiner and Mr. Kerry Marsh, Training Manager and Quality Assurance Manager respectively at Newage International.

The presentation introduced the concept of Customer-Led Quality and how the Cummins group, owners of Newage International and a world-wide force in the manufacture of diesel engines, have instilled this principle as a central plank in the culture of their organisation during the past five years and in Newage within the last three.

The students were surprised by the complexity of the logistics of the process involved in order to ensure that every facet of the operation should strive for continuous improvement at all times – and yet with no reward for the members of the workforce other than the satisfaction achieved from empowerment to make a positive improvement to the advancement of the organisation's quality performance. But the commitment of all parties was impressive – not least the company's provision of 5% of every individual's time for training (about 14 days per year). Already cost savings generated by suggested process improvements have run into thousands of pounds and the competitiveness of the firm in the market-place and thereby the jobs of its employees that much more assured.

However the process of introduction has not been easy and not everyone is easily persuaded to change their working habits and devote their energies to creating betterment. A huge amount of time and resource has been necessary to convert attitudes and win support in achieving what is for many a complete culture change, namely, that the customer's needs always in every respect come first and that quality is essential in everything we do. Extensive training programmes involving all levels of the workforce from the Board of Directors downwards have been devised and many hours spent implementing them among the workforce.

But the evidence for the company – and for British industry as a whole – is encouraging: that people in the workplace DO want to get things right and ARE therefore willing to respond if given the initiative and the responsibility to do so.

A.G.

The Firm (a Young Enterprise company)

It was the beginning of our new company, "The Firm", in business and we had no idea of what was in store for us "Achievers" in the coming year. Having raised a massive £50 through share sales we thought we were well on our way, though after a very dodgy start we found ourselves making list after list of ideas of what to produce, but nothing was actually in production as yet. Eventually we decided on calendars, beer towel pencil cases and play programmes until someone could have a brainwave. The pencil cases seemed to sell very well, especially to the younger years.

We decided a more taxing product was needed for our production team than just making pencil cases. Unfortunately though, and through no fault of their own, the production team lacked practical skill – so we had trouble in producing even the simplest of prototype designs.

After a company shake-up at Christmas, morale and the company's attitude and spirit was boosted to an all-time high. We set about making CD clocks and a "High Tower" building game which both proved very successful at the East of England craft fair.

We were of course assisted by our supervisors from Newage International – Rod Logan, Ian Beckett and Steve Jackson – whom we'd like to thank for all their help and support. Last but not least our thanks go out to Mr. McKeown who held us all together in times of dire need.

Robert Palmer



L6th Industrial Conference

C.C.F.

C.C.F. Summer Camp

This year's Summer Camp took place at Napier Camp near Folkstone. A large number of boys attended including a surprising amount of recruits.

During the week a huge array of activities were experienced. Military training consisted of close-quarter battle, ambushes, platoon harbours, casualty evacuation and section battle drills. These skills were all put into practice on a full day exercise which proved tiring in the heat. Nevertheless it was a success and the cadet training team were impressed. After the exercise it was decided that we would spend the night in the field. Meals were cooked and shelters erected. Once darkness fell a short night exercise was completed. The following morning a simple but testing sniper exercise was conducted, with some being more successful than others!

The Royal Signals arranged an excellent package which allowed some NCO's to take a written and practical test. Everyone passed with exceptional marks, and were therefore permitted to collect their Crossed Flags.

As well as military activities there was also some adventurous training. The highlight of this must have been the 90 foot abseil down the Camp water tower. Credit must go to those who were not allowed to go back down via the steps once they had arrived at the top, and therefore faced their fears! Also there was a demanding cross-country orienteering course and a visit to the Rockwall.

Some of the group were chosen to compete for the Munden trophy. This consisted of running the assault course twice and then shooting on the range. An excellent time was recorded, but unfortunately another school finished marginally faster. A final parade for the officers concluded the camp's activities and after an efficient clean-up operation, we left the camp.

I would like to thank the officers for their time, and congratulate the boys on a very successful and enjoyable week.

Chris Jackson

C.C.F./A.C.F. PT Leaders Course

Army School of Physical Training, Aldershot 4-8 August

I arrived at Aldershot train station at 1130 hrs on Friday 4th August expecting to be met by transport to take me to Hammersley Barracks where the course would stay for the next four days. As it happened, I was faced with a twenty minute wait, but we arrived at the guardroom before the allotted time of 1230 hrs.

After signing on and paying the messing charge (about five pounds) we were shown to the accommodation and told to meet outside the guardroom, with PT kit, by 1330 hrs.

The first item on the agenda was the multi stage fitness test (MSFT), otherwise known as the 'bleep test'. This was to be one of three fitness tests carried out over the four days, including the military swim test to be held at Sandhurst, thirty minutes' drive away.

Evenings were devoted to team games including potted sports, relays and an assault course. Scores were noted to

provide an ongoing competition for the duration of the course.

PT sessions were interspersed with lectures on safety in the gym, principles of instruction, arranging competitions and various videos. We were also required to take our own section for PT sessions, which were closely watched over by the army PTI.

The course culminated in a pass-off parade in the gym during which we were presented with our badges for passing the course. Only a few people failed due to injury sustained during the course.

Overall the course was good fun, tiring but worthwhile, and even the food was good (except one morning when the chef failed to turn up for breakfast). Highly recommended.

Iain Campbell

This way boys!



Amphibious Training

Amphibious training is exactly what the name suggests. We had all gone on the course to be lightly trained in the Royal Marines technique of amphibious warfare. We learnt how to drive the large craft that lands platoons of men and small vehicles. We learnt how to raid a beach in complete silence using the Mark II Rigid Raider high speed assault boats, and also got to fire a lot of weapons on the course, about which I cannot say too much, as we were working with the SBS (Special Boat Service).

The highlight of my week was our ride in the rigid based inflatable boat, which was similar to the Mark II raider, yet was faster, with attachments for our feet. This meant it was difficult not to fall out and we had some spectacular flying acts. The attitude amongst people on the course was very good – everyone was there to enjoy themselves and have a good time, and overall I think they did.

This was a physically demanding course with lots of running to be done, so it helped to be relatively fit. This is especially useful when you have to paddle a Gemini inflatable motor boat one hundred metres into a beach, in order for the engine not to be heard.

All in all the course was very well organised, and one of the best I have been on out of school.

David Beney

C.C.F. – Naval Section

We began the New Year feeling refreshed and excited at the prospect of staying on H.M.S. Bristol in Portsmouth. However, before this excursion we took part in many interesting and informative activities including ropework, chartwork and derrick-building as well as dry-slope skiing and various cold-water sports.

In order to reach Portsmouth before 2100 hrs to get a good night's sleep, we had to leave school at 1600 hrs on the Thursday evening. Upon arrival we were allocated our quarters for the night and turned in, in preparation for the busy day awaiting us. It was an exceedingly early start (5.30 a.m.!) followed by a hearty breakfast that set us up for the march through Portsmouth dockyard to Nelson's flagship, H.M.S. Victory. After a brief tour of the vessel we then proceeded to the Submarine Museum at Gosport where we had lunch. The afternoon consisted of a visit to H.M.S. Glasgow, a Type 42 Destroyer, a boat tour around the dockyard as well as an interesting look at Naval history in the R.N. Museum. After a wonderful day out we returned to the mothership, collected our belongings and hurried back to Stamford.

The summer was, as usual, taken up with watersports, including jet-skiing, water-skiing, windsurfing, sailing and canoeing, and also course applications, the latter less affected by the lack of wind. This year we were fortunate in the number of places we obtained on Naval courses. Arduous training courses were, for some reason, particularly popular with seven places occupied by brave members of Stamford School C.C.F. Amphibious training courses, climbing and diving courses and power-boating also received numerous applications although only a selected few were accepted. All those who took part agreed that they were worthwhile and enjoyable.

This year as a whole can be viewed as a success and we look forward to what next year holds in store for us.

Petty Officer Andrew Lister

Adventurous Training in Lakes, Easter 1995

The Easter training at the barn, Mungrisdale, was very successful and enjoyable. The party of 20 included a wide range of cadets and adults. Major and Flying Officer Bentley were joined by Flt. Sgt. Brennan. Pilot Officer Gordon Loret (O.S.) and later in the week by Steward Tilmore (O.S.).

The week started with a brisk walk up to the town to become acclimatized, followed by revision of various field craft skills including duties of a sentry, section battle drills and aspects of living in the field. The lessons learned were put into practice in a series of exercises which centred around the theme of weeding out four man teams of Middle Eastern Terrorists.

The same scenario provided the setting for the night exercise – exercise Boutros Boutros Storm, planned by the three most senior cadets. Primarily a night navigation exercise involving friendly and enemy contacts, it provided a good test of many combat skills. The weather overnight could not have been better, following a few days of snow and strong winds the calm conditions over the next days came as a welcome change.

The next big activity was Major Bentley's day exercise.

This combined engineering challenges with practical field craft and negotiating skills. "Operation Partisan" also enjoyed excellent weather and the superb attitude of all the cadets involved impressed everyone. The equipment used in the exercise also proved invaluable when a group of 5 cadets and Mr. Bentley rescued a tractor which had rolled backwards off the track up Bowscale Tarn and had been abandoned on the hillside. An all-day effort saw the tractor back on the track by teatime and Stamford School had gained another friend in Mungrisdale. Whilst the rescue operation was taking place the remaining cadets took part in an exercise planned primarily by the three recruits in the camp. This covered a section attack, ambush and casualty evacuation, and the enthusiasm and proficiency of the younger cadets was most impressive.

A most enjoyable week was had by all and thanks must go to everyone on the camp, adults and cadets alike, who combined to make the first week of the Easter Holiday such an exceptionally good one.

Adam Wolfe

Exercise Snow Cadet 1995

During the Easter half-term I was fortunate enough to be able to go on exercise Snow Cadet, organised by 3CTT. We were based at Inverness training camp. On the first morning we were shocked to discover that we had to get up at 0600 hours and eat a substantial fried breakfast just 15 minutes later. Quote from the trip:– "What! I never eat breakfast while I can still see the stars" (it was no exaggeration either).

After paying a visit to the ski hire shop we spent two days skiing and soon discovered the value of warm clothing and eating massive amounts of fried food. The snow conditions were excellent for Scotland and despite one day off due to blizzards, we managed to ski all the days we were there. On the third day, our first day at the Cairngorms, we learned about cold weather skiing the hard way, as visibility was reduced to 5 metres, the temperature dropped to -14 degrees centigrade and we were forced to descend in an 80mph blizzard! On the last day, the weather improved dramatically and we spent the day stripping off the layers of clothing we had carefully perfected for the cold conditions. Despite the skiing, the training team laid on many activities for us during the evenings, including ice-skating, 10-pin bowling and a trip to the cinema.

Exercise Snow Cadet is probably one of the most enjoyable CCF courses. Apart from gaining a skiing qualification, you also learn about the immense changeability of the Scottish weather!

Cdt. Sawyer





Bisley

This year was a thoroughly entertaining event and the whole team enjoyed themselves. There were fewer teams participating this year so with less competition we stood a better chance of getting a top twenty place.

As usual we used the first two competitions, the Wellington and the Iveagh, as practice and acclimatisation for the main competition – The Ashburton.

The first day's shooting was fairly eventful as we were using the new cadet rifles as opposed to our old but loved match rifles. The shooting itself was fairly poor as we struggled to acclimatise ourselves to the less accurate and smaller calibre weapons.

On the second day however, in the Iveagh, the scores picked up and two team members, myself and C. P. O. Kime, won silver spoons for our scores.

The day of the Ashburton we were up at the unpleasantly early hour of 6.45. Having cleaned our rifles and eaten breakfast at the canteen the team proceeded to the point and set up camp. The weather had varied over the past two days from hot sunshine to nearly torrential downpour so we put up a tent in case it started to rain (to protect the rifles and equipment, not the team!).

Fortunately the sun stayed out and we were able to put in two good shoots at each of 200 and 300 yard ranges. Robert Futter achieved an amazing 34 out of 35 and was listed in the top 100 scores for the day.

Having finished shooting and with Mr. Power eager to avoid the rush-hour traffic we packed up and prepared to leave, vowing to return next year.

Team: Captain A. Lister, Vice-captain C. Pask, A. Gerhartz, R. Futter, P. Moss-Bowpitt, S. Kime, K. Coulter, C. Pook, I. Campbell, M. Pickford.

C. J. Pook

Chess

We have had another excellent term's Chess; indeed it has been the best year I have ever known. Particular thanks are due to Guy Peckett for the very efficient way he acted as captain. The effort made by the boys in every match played was outstanding and I congratulate them all. Every member of the current teams is available to play again next year so our prospects of equal or better success must be good. Guy Peckett was awarded the 'Chess Personality of the Year' trophy.

In the County Team Championships Simon Ward was second in the Under 19 Section; Brian Ferguson won the Under 16

section; Jonathan Mutton (aged only 11) won the Under 14's with 6 out of 6 and Ben Hicks was second equal, carrying off the Under 12 prize on 5 out of 6.

Our 'A' team won the zone final of the *Times* Tournament beating Nottingham High School 3.5 to 2.5. This is the first time we have ever won this Final. It was an extremely close affair, all hinging on the last game won by Brian Ferguson about 15 minutes before the scheduled end of the 3½-hour match. Unfortunately in the first round of the national section of the Championship we lost on the tie-break to our old rivals King's School, Peterborough. The match could so easily have gone our way so we were disappointed.

We won a 'friendly' match against Uppingham School 5.5 to 2.5, as last term without three of our top players.

The Monday night club has again been well attended this term. A Senior 'lightning' tournament was won by Simon Ward with Guy Peckett and Jonathan

Lewis runners-up, and the Junior one by Ben Hicks with Jonathan Mutton runner-up.

The main internal event of term was the School Championships run in three sections. The Senior winner was Simon Ward with Guy Peckett and Chris Ward second equal; Under 15 winner was Ian Cunningham with Oliver Roland second; Junior winner Jonathan Mutton with Matthew White second and Ben Hicks and Andrew Norton third equal.

Jonathan Mutton was second in the National Under 14 Championships, a first-rate result. He also did well in the Under 13 Championships.

The following played for the team this term:

Simon Ward (Vice-captain), Guy Peckett (Captain), Chris Ward, Jonathan Lewis, Anthony Robinson, Brian Ferguson, Lee Bagshaw, Guram Andronikashvili, Martin Kendall, Ben Hicks, Andrew Norton, Nicholas Kearvell.

A.G.S.



Thomas Briggs



D. of E. Gold Practice Expedition – August 1995

Group: Ed Hayes
William Young
Andrew Croften
Marcus McElroy
Christian Cummins

After a practice walk over Blencathra, described by Mr. Earl as a “stroll” and by our group as a “nightmare”, we all discovered how out of shape we really were. All that is except for Will, who spent much of the day, not to mention most of the expedition, shouting at us when we even looked like sitting down to rest and telling us that we would never get there if we kept stopping. During the day, my heel felt sore, and when we returned to the Barn, I prepared to soothe my aching foot in the stream, and discovered that a stone had caused a huge blister on my heel. This did not bode well for the next four days’ walking.

We did not arrive at our first campsite that night until after dark, making cooking somewhat tricky. After we had decided our dehydrated food was either not properly cooked, or simply not worth eating, we resolved to get up by 4.30 a.m. so as to be certain we left by 6.00 a.m.

Having forgotten to take an alarm clock capable of waking us, we rolled out of our sleeping bags at 6.30 a.m. in something of a hurry, to make sure we did not have to walk for too long in the hottest part of the day. On our route cards we had decided to rest for ten minutes in every hour, but on reflection, this probably ended up more like ten minutes’ rest to every ten minutes’ walk on the ascents. After we had finished climbing, the day became much more enjoyable, including a walk around the picturesque Thirlmere. However, by the end of a 25 km walk that day, our feet and shoulders seemed just about ready to give up, we were all dehydrated, my T-shirt was stained with salt marks from my sweat, and Marcus’ neck resembled a lobster after forgetting to put sun cream on it. We collapsed at the campsite at around 7.00 p.m., thankful we were not doing an assessed expedition, as we would have had to keep to the times on our routecards (we were some four hours behind schedule).

Our second day was even hotter, but at least we managed to get up early, and left the campsite at 6.30 a.m., before anyone else had even got up. It was not until midway through the day, when the sun was especially hot, and we were in the middle of a large break, that we discovered a mistake on our routecards. We had already travelled 12 km and thought we

had only 6 km to go, but having reviewed our maps, decided it was more like another 12 km. With spirits low, we trudged on, but soon recalled that at the same time, another group were climbing Helvellyn, and saw on the map that not only was this very high, but also very steep. As our walking for the rest of the day was flat, we decided that our cause was not so desperate after all. By 4.00 we had arrived at the campsite, and plunged our feet into a nearby stream. Christian had very white feet, with wrinkles on them, and we decided that he almost certainly had leprosy.

After another early start to day three, we discovered that we had already walked 49 km, leaving us only 31 km to make up the required distance of 80 km. Our spirits were therefore most high, and remained high for the rest of the expedition, especially since the rest of our route was flat. A 16 km trek around Ullswater ensued, and proved to be the most pleasant of our four days’ walking. For a fleeting moment we had contemplated taking the ferry across Ullswater, but since this was blatant cheating, decided against this easy option, and walked along our route, which probably turned out to be much more enjoyable.

Our fourth day was the shortest of the four, and since we left at 6.00 a.m., we reached our destination by 12.30 p.m. and sat down to a most welcome pub meal. Despite the tiredness, we all enjoyed our expedition, and look forward to our assessed expedition next summer. Much thanks must go to Mr. Froggett for organising the trip and Mr. & Mrs. Earl and Mr. Crombie for supervising us.

Ed Hayes

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

The Friday Thespians

The first two terms are spent in producing the play and in the Summer term the actors perform to children of ages 9 to 11 from local Primary schools. Five groups, totalling some 170 pupils from St. Gilbert’s, St. Augustine’s and Bluecoat schools seemed thoroughly to enjoy their afternoons, first being involved in a Drama Workshop and then watching the play, which invariably incorporates some audience participation.

Ben Parker and James Dodd are seasoned stage performers, and it showed; their propensity for getting themselves into scrapes and their capacity to extricate themselves with total aplomb was admirable. Tom Russell and Andreas Firnigl, the other surviving member from last year, gave strong support, each working on his roles (most had several parts) with intriguing creativity. Master Firnigl looked quite dangerous as Napoleon at times.

The newcomers, Benjamin and Jonathan Spiers, James Bradshaw and Roderick Cooke, all intelligent and accomplished performers, gave excellent value. One could feel comfortable when any of these young men were on stage. Mrs. Nalson’s costumes and wigs again gave the play an added dimension, not least a delicate white dress that translated Ben Parker into a seductive empress – needless to say, Ben found the voice to fit it.

We shall miss him, James Dodd and Tom Russell next year, and Matthew Johnstone who, forgivably, neglected his

English room library duties to provide lighting and sound effects. I am grateful to them all for their expertise, their genuine good naturedness and for their willingness occasionally to spend the odd extra lunch hour in rehearsal.

One final note – we had to call in a stand-in on one occasion, when Benjamin Spiers was indisposed. There are no prizes for guessing that Gavin Conney appeared on cue and that, albeit with script, he was totally at home.

J.S.S.

The Bowman Public Speaking Competition

Again there was a paucity of entrants for the competition though the quality of speaking and listening work in the school is very high (certainly our teachers of English confirm this, as do occasional visiting examiners who invariably go away feeling envious). Let us conjecture, and hope, that those who might have entered for the event and who did not do so had other, equally worthwhile things to do at the time.

Mr. Murphy-O'Connor, in his adjudication, found strengths in all three speakers and offered, in addition, constructive criticism. Rupert Waring was well prepared and engaging on the King Arthur myth, but his notes (on A4!) tended to place a barrier between himself and his audience, suggesting a defensive stance on his part. Ben Parker spoke without notes and with characteristic vividness on violence on TV and videos. This promised to be quite scintillating and our mouths were watering at the prospect, when the Muse failed him some two minutes short of his minimum target.

The winner, therefore, was Andrew M. Hawkins, speaking persuasively, with some feeling and conviction, on the professional standards required to produce worthwhile Rock 'n' Roll. Andrew was not known in the school for his volubility but here, apart from being totally authoritative on his theme, he was fluent, elegant in expression, conscious of his audience, making no more than passing reference to his prompt cards. It was a performance that would have impressed in any company.

J.S.S.

The Informer

After a year in which *The Informer* continued its success by winning the regional prize in the *Daily Telegraph* School Newspaper competition, we must, inevitably, say farewell to the editor, Tim Cooke and the co-editors, Pip McTeer, Mark Palmer and James Yarram who managed to overcome numerous problems to produce another prize-winning issue. The new year brings Max Robinson and myself to the editorship with Oliver Steele, Philip Kennedy and Martin Masulis, and a new recruit in Richard Cracknell, carrying on from the end of last term.

We hope that it will be a valuable and enjoyable year for everyone involved.

Luke Heeley

Stamford Timmes

This year's *Timmes* has been an undoubted success. The team tried and succeeded to produce a newspaper that incorporated up-to-date news, features on topical issues, film reviews, a sports page and a regular crossword. Everyone who worked on the *Timmes* team realised very quickly how much work producing a paper really involves, and our special thanks go to Mr. Gloag for floating new ideas and motivating the team, to Chris Scott for performing the long and thankless task of producing the paper on computer,

and also to Steven Holden for helping Chris with the layout. Next year's editor will be James Butcher and we wish him the very best of luck in the commanding role.

Richard Latham

Talking Newspaper

The *Talking Newspaper* has had another successful year. We welcomed four Upper Fourths at the start of the year and they will form the new generation of the *Talking Newspaper* team. Due to customers passing away or moving from the area, our numbers have decreased somewhat but we are still providing what we hope is a valuable service to listeners in the Stamford area. There are two possible vacancies for any of next year's Upper Fourth who would like to join and I always like to hear from anyone who is interested.

In the meantime, I would like to thank Kieran Wade, Jonathan Adams, Neil Reid and James Austen for their help and wish Jonathan all the best for his year as editor.

A.J.M.

V.C.S.

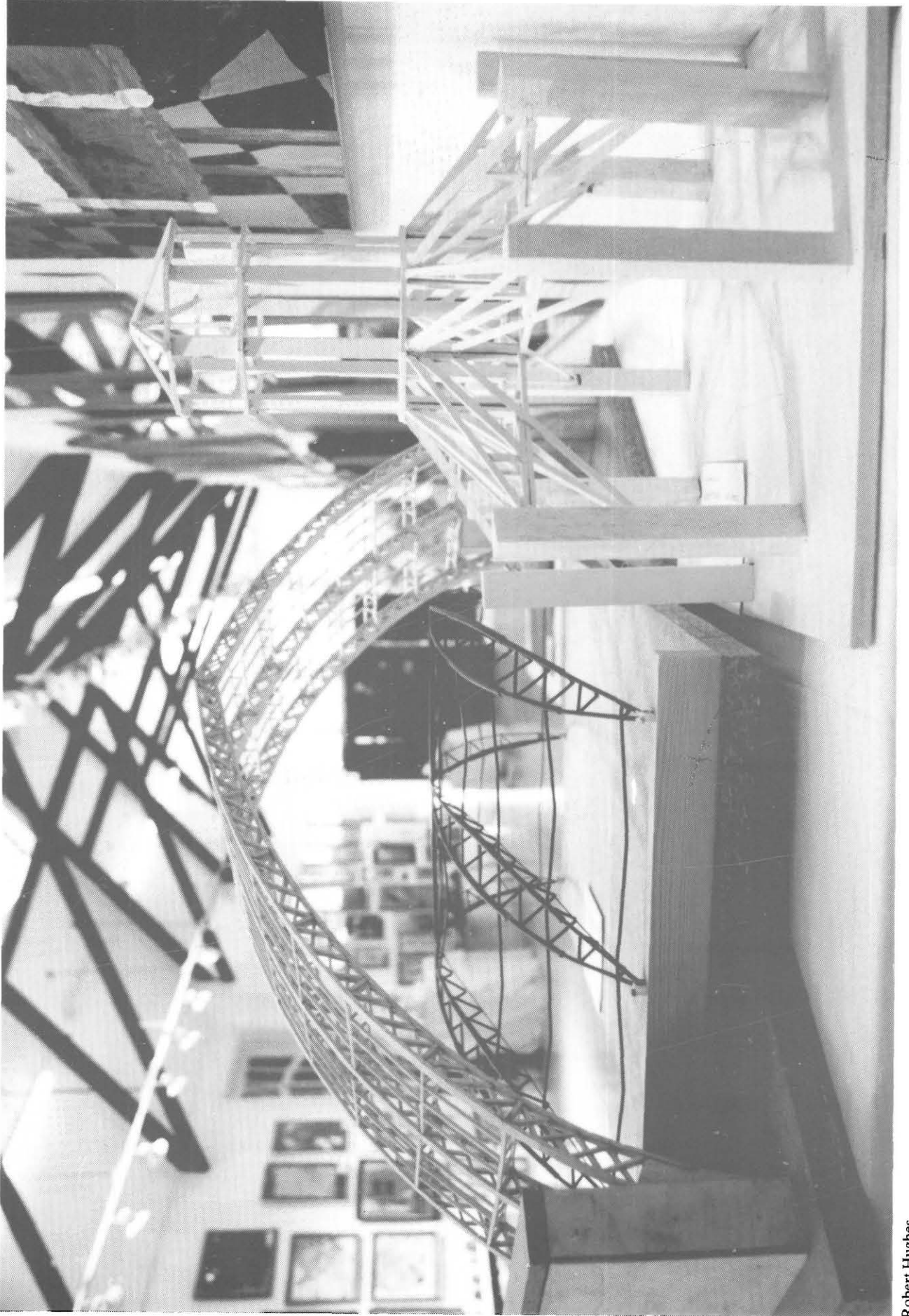
This time last year I was a little concerned as we had just said goodbye and thanks to several Upper Sixth contributors to community service and there was only one volunteer from the Upper Fourth. I remember remarking that quantity is no substitute for quality and that although we were low in numbers we had a team of dedicated and committed volunteers who would be a credit to themselves and to the School. So it has proved. Not only did we manage to fulfil all our commitments but all the visitors showed total dedication and commitment to their various visitees.

Although we will be saying goodbye to six experienced and capable visitors who have made an invaluable contribution to community service i.e. Tim Carbutt, Lee Daffern, Chris Greaves, Luke Jackson, Tony Johnstone, and Richard Thorley, there will be eight new volunteers in September. I would like to thank all six leavers who have contributed so much in differing ways over several years; it has been noticed and has been very much appreciated. I hope that they will try to involve themselves in community service projects in the future for they have a lot to offer. Many thanks for all your help and support over the years, and best wishes for the future.

To those joining us in September I extend a warm welcome and I hope that this will be the start of four (or two in the case of Brian and Jonathan who are in the Lower Sixth) demanding, but rewarding, years in the Community Service Unit. These eight are made up of 6 Upper Fourths:– Nick Bownes, Owen Clarke, Mark Daffern, Alex Dillon, Michael Ward and Russell Wood as well as Brian Ferguson and Jonathan Lewis from the Lower Sixth.

We have managed to provide continuity and to honour all our existing commitments and that is quite an achievement; it is a fine balancing act which we somehow manage to resolve each year and that is a real tribute to the boys involved. The feedback I get about the quality of the visiting continues to impress and I think we do provide a non-stereotyped service from an institutionalized background that is both caring and sympathetic. So very well done everybody, thank you very much. I look forward with confidence to the year ahead.

C.J.T.



Robert Hughes

TRAVEL

Battlefields 1995

The tour began early on Sunday morning in the car park at Junior School. After a smooth journey to Dover we were able to board our ferry and make our not-so-smooth crossing to the continent. It was interesting to note that amongst the staff anyway, it was the navy section of the CCF that struggled the most with P & O's all-day breakfast – or was it the gentle 'roller-coaster' action of the ferry? At this point we left the harbour. As we headed out to sea, menacing waves crashed across the bow of the ship. The navy section was strangely absent throughout the voyage!

Having arrived in Belgium we made our way to our first point of call – Langemarck German cemetery. 35,000 German soldiers are buried in this small cemetery. It is a quiet and sombre place with black tablets marking the graves, and four ghostly German figures guarding their dead compatriots. The tablets lie flat on the ground, reminding us of Germany's defeat. In the centre of the cemetery is a mass grave containing about 33,000 dead. It measured 7 metres².

*"Now, God be thanked Who has matched us with this His hour,
And caught our youth, and wakened us from sleeping,
With hand made sure, clear eye, and sharpened power,
To turn, as swimmers into cleanness leaping. . . ."*

R. Brooke, 'Peace', 1914

We moved on to the first British cemetery of the tour. Tyne Cot is quite a contrast to Langemarck in that the first thing that hits you are the flowers and the bright white headstones. In general each grave contains one soldier, and each headstone, where possible, records a personal tribute to the fallen. Where the fallen was unknown there is the simple epitaph, 'Known unto God'. The cemetery was designed by Herbert Baker and tries to simulate an English churchyard. There are 11,908 dead here.

*"Why was he taken, we loved him so dear,
When the world held so many it might better spare."*

Tyne Cot Headstone

These first two visits were an eye-opener to most of the boys who, for the first time, were visually confronted with the awful carnage of WW1 – and these were just **two** of many cemeteries.

Our next stop was at Sanctuary Wood. Having been fed and watered, we entered the museum which consists of a small covered area containing memorabilia, and a large enclosed area containing trenches, tunnels and shell-holes.

Langemarck Cemetery



The Wood was not originally on the front line, but had been a collecting place for troops who had become separated from their regiment. The trenches were full of slushy clay despite the reasonable weather – a reminder of the conditions that men had to fight in. Most of the party disappeared down the tunnels only to reappear in obscure parts of the Wood. The trenches, which had been allied trenches, were constructed in a typical zig-zag pattern, with each length of trench measuring about 4 metres. The indoor museum did not just contain guns, mortars, shells and other wreckage from the battlefield, it contained lots of little slide machines providing the boys with a visual record of what the battlefield really looked like. No government censorship here!

Our hotel, the Hotel Munchenhof in Langemarck, was instantly accepted as a good venue by the party. I'm not sure if it was the intoxicating historical atmosphere of our location, or if it was the in-house 10 pin bowling. Probably the former. Nevertheless, the traditional staff/boys 10 pin bowling challenge went ahead. Having had a long discussion with GPB, I've decided that the result is not important to the report!

The Newfoundland Memorial Park at Beaumont Hamel was perhaps the highlight of Day Two. The Park is quite large and preserves the position of the British German trenches as they were at the end of the war. Both trenches were built on the rise of a hill, with an exposed 'valley' between them. In the middle of this valley stands 'The Danger Tree'. If you reached this tree during the war, it was probably the last thing that you would do, whatever your nationality. The German position was strong here. A ravine (the 'Y' ravine) directly behind the trenches was used to accommodate reserve troops and artillery. Hawthorn Ridge, a heavily defended redoubt, lay on this line of trenches too.

The park gave everyone the opportunity to wander through the trenches at their own pace, and contemplate the situation as it might have been. Groups of boys were scattered throughout the park, chatting, running, and exploring. In a poignant reconstruction, a group of ten boys walked out from the British trenches into no-man's-land, and made their way towards the German position just as they would have 79 years ago. As they walked across slowly, as the soldiers before them had had to do, you could imagine the hail of German machine-gun fire and shelling. You could see the dimmed craters left by shells, and you could imagine men going round them, or falling into them. As the boys approached the German position, you could imagine the protective fields of barbed wire that soldiers would have had to cross. It took the boys three minutes to reach the German trenches without any obstacles. How many would have made it in 1916?

*“ . . . Then clumsily bowed
With bombs and guns and shovels and battle-gear,
Men jostle and climb to meet the bristling fire.
Lines of grey muttering faces, masked with fear,
They leave their trenches, going over the top. . .
While time ticks blank and busy on their wrists,
And hope, with furtive eyes and grappling fists,
Flounders in mud. O Jesus, make it stop!”*

S. Sassoon, 'Attack'.

Vimy Ridge is another impressive site with its huge monument dominating the skyline for miles. Of particular interest here, were the reconstructed trenches which were, at

the closest point, about 14 metres apart. Separating the two sides were large shell craters.

The largest shell crater at Vimy, however, is a pin-prick compared to the crater at La Boisselle. The locals know it simply as 'la grande cratère'. The crater is about 50 metres across and 40 metres deep, and was created by the British who had dug tunnels under the German position and filled them with 1,000 tonnes of gun cotton. DL traditionally reads an account of the first morning of the Somme in this area, from the rim of the crater. This year, however, he downed his video camera and announced to all assembled, that the reading would be at the bottom of the crater. It had been raining on and off for the last two days, and it was in following these instructions, that the boys truly discovered the 'qualities' of the chalky clay in the area. Needless to say, many a white mark adorned the posteriors of those who had so diligently obeyed their master – who incidentally, made it down unscathed (although the video footage of this feat is worth watching). A famous phrase came to mind as I filmed the ensuing carnage – something about, I can't really remember, was it something about 'lions led by donkeys'? whatever that means! Once down, the boys heard the reading and then proceeded to try to escape from the crater. Needless to say, many a white mark adorned the front of jumpers, coats, and jackets, as the unfortunate wearers trusted in the foothold they had just secured only to find their trust sadly misplaced. Actually there was quite a lot of chalk



on faces too. DL, however, rose magnificently and triumphantly over the edge of the crater, still untarnished. I must thank DL for his fine performance, and would like to say that I would have joined him if I had not been doing the important task of filming the proceedings.

The last two cemeteries visited were possibly the most moving of the tour. Notre Dame de Lorette is a French cemetery that stretches as far as the eye can see in both directions. In contrast with Langemarck and Tyne Cot, the French dead were remembered by a simple plaque on a grey, concrete cross. In the middle of the cemetery is a lighthouse, church and an eternal flame to remember the Jews. The lighthouse was of particular interest as it was an osiary. For a small fee you can climb to the top of the lighthouse. Only DL, who dislikes heights, joined me, and you wouldn't have noticed that he dislikes heights unless you looked carefully. It was the way that he clung to the huge light with screwed-up eyes that gave it away. The view, however, was breathtaking, comparable only with the final shots from Richard Attenborough's 'Oh What a Lovely War!', where the viewer is confronted with hillsides covered in crosses.

The last German cemetery was also very moving. Unlike Notre Dame de Lorette, it was not the size that struck home, it was the layout of the smart, black crosses. Everything in this cemetery was symmetrical, except for those graves that marked the final resting place of German Jews who had died. They were noticeable for the fact that they were solid headstones and not conforming with the otherwise universal pattern.

After a hair-raising night in Arras (those who are interested should refer to the appendix to this report), we organised our troops and made our way back towards England.

This trip will be memorable in many ways. Primarily it is a tribute to the precise way that JMOC organises trips. He leaves nothing to chance and will be sorely missed on next year's trip. The trip was memorable in other ways, however, be it the delicate hint of rotten trainer insole that seemed to emanate from GPB's new waxed jacket, the adept way that the boys dealt with the 'grande crater', or the ever-eager DL as he homed in for that oscar-winning shot or slip-up with the video camera that became his constant companion on the trip. All of these memories will remain, but perhaps one will stick out more than even these. I will forever remember the Battlefields '95 as the trip where everyone (including KJC) simultaneously, and certainly without prompting, joined Wayne and Garth in their headbanging version of the 'Bohemian Rhapsody' as we made our way to Thurrock service station. I would, however, state as an aside that forty boys singing the 'Galileo' bit was the closest I came to needing my E111 on the whole trip.

A.S.G.

Watersports Holiday

Two coaches full of Stamford boys and girls left Stamford for France on Saturday 19th August. By all accounts the journey in the Euro-cruiser double decker was very smooth and uneventful. Those of us on the smaller coach were not to be so lucky. The first blow was at 5 p.m. as we tried to get the football results on the radio – it did not work. The next blow came just as the VJ fly-past soared over the coach on the Dartford Bridge when someone put on a video. The picture on the video was very clear indeed unless the coach was

moving when it would start flicking up continuously with a loud electrical buzz and interference line down the middle of the picture. Nevertheless the journey passed and it was a cheerful, if weary band that arrived at La Rive the next day.

Right from the start it was clear that the programme was going to be action-packed. During the first afternoon the instructors organised a banana ride for anyone who wanted to have a go which proved to be excellent fun. It has to be said that the various children from the Stamford Schools stayed on the banana fairly well. Unfortunately the same cannot be said for the staff who were plunged overboard at high speed more times than I can remember, although I would guess that if Mr. Newbury had not been trying to stand up and wave to the beach every time whilst performing various acrobatic feats, we might have stood a better chance.

During the week there was instruction in sailing, windsurfing and canoeing. For those who went sailing, there were three vessels: Toppers (small, non-complicated sailing boats), Wanderers and Hobies. Those who went Topping were taken out in a huge flotilla. After a short while it was clear that the basics of sailing were beginning to be grasped and that the adventurous sailors were gaining a good deal of confidence. At this point, having earned the trust of their charges, the instructors persuaded the second crew in the boats to stand at the front of the boat holding onto the main mast. These boats could have been no more than 3 metres in length. They then told the second crew to rock the boat gently. It was wonderful to watch a whole fleet of Toppers capsize so gracefully.

Mid-week, for those who wished, there was the opportunity to go white-water rafting in the foothills of the Pyrenees. This was a splendid day out. In all we paddled 24 kilometres. Three large rafts carried the bulk of the party, whilst there were also two canoes. Each raft had its own operator and the basic idea was that you had to get to the end having made sure that the other rafts were as wet as they possibly could be. The journey was uneventful apart from a few, well actually a *lot* of acts of piracy.

Later in the week we visited Aqua City which is reputed to be one of the finest water theme parks in Europe. Everything was open-air. There were huge swimming pools fitted with wave machines and assault courses, masses of different types of flumes, and some excellent slides. The death slide will stand out as the highlight of the Park and was certainly the place to have been if you were to have any credibility at the end of the day. The slide is probably about 30-40 feet high and consists of a near vertical drop.



On the last day of the trip there was an opportunity for anyone who wished to take a ride on a speed boat or have a go at water skiing. I have to say that water skiing is not a comfortable sport, but definitely fun. It should be on record that Mr. Backhouse and Mr. Newbury had a great deal of success in this area. Unfortunately, Mr. Chadwick didn't.

There were various activities in the evenings during the week too. These included a visit to the local town and fair, numerous discos and a final night party which included a review. Mr. Backhouse won the Crème Caramel eating competition, and Mr. Gloag would have won Chubby Bunnies if he hadn't been made to laugh at 14 marshmallows.

The trip was a tremendous success from start to finish because everybody got involved in everything. Nobody went home without a new skill or story to tell. Which leaves me to thank Mr. Backhouse, Mr. Chadwick and Mrs. Killgren for organizing and leading the trip.

A.S.G.

Ski Trip to Austria

Armed only with some dodgy inflatable pillows and lots of expectation, our party of 62 students plus 5 teachers embarked on a 28-hour coach journey from Stamford to Austria. Being stuck on a coach with Vietnam videos played in rotation for about a day, seems impossible, but morale was high and the time flew by!

After negotiating some perilous mountain-top turns, we finally arrived at our Austrian resort Salbaach, and at our hotel. Undeterred by the lack of people or snow, we rested in preparation for the busy week ahead.

Any doubts we may have had concerning snow were swept away by a torrential blizzard of fresh powder snow the following morning. After quickly downing a continental breakfast we headed for the slopes. Mr. Killgren split us up into six ski groups of ranging ability and we waited for our instructions. The time was well spent ritually snow-bathing every member of the party, a process which soon became a daily tradition.

Our instructors (dressed in attractive luminous orange suits) came from all over the world: America to Austria, New Zealand to France. All were witty, friendly and made us feel like a special group of individuals rather than just another school party. Their tuition and safety during some fairly blizzardous days was always first class, providing us with challenging runs but without scaring us to death! The top group, for example, tried off piste, cross-country and deep powder skiing . . . all living to tell the tale!

After a tiring but fun day of lessons in the morning and free skiing in the afternoon, we were grateful for the comfort of our hotel. The food in general was really good and the waitress team extremely friendly; however if one was still hungry by the end of the evening Geoff Lea's legendary suitcase full of food was enough to fill the gap!

Meals in the evening ended around 7.30 p.m.; after that we were free to go into town and to the numerous bars. Despite the drinks being really expensive, everyone enjoyed themselves particularly on the 'Red Bull Night' and the Ten-pin bowling night on Thursday. The result of a heavy days' skiing followed by some lively 'Après Ski' meant that the

Wipe Out!



11.30 p.m. curfew rarely needed enforcing . . . the teachers earning some blissfully uninterrupted sleep.

Friday brought the sun and snowboarding. Apart from some sore bottoms and dubious tan lines it was an experience not to be missed. Around 15 of the more experienced skiers kitted themselves out with the boards and hats – some even invested in the snowboard boots, but at ten pounds extra these were strictly for posers only.

While most lapped up the amazing surroundings, the tranquility and beauty of the Austrian Alps left some a little homesick. Mr. Chadwick for instance felt the urge to phone home . . . if only to find out the latest Blackburn result. However, this was more than just a game of football: our extended midnight curfew depended on a win . . . thankfully the boys did good!

Unfortunately, the amazing week of skiing had to come to an end. According to residents at the resort it had been one of the best skiing weeks of the season. The instructors paid tribute to this fact and to the friendliness of our party at the awards evening. Each group left various presents to thank them and to aid them through the long winter months.

Sincere thanks must go to Mr. & Mrs. Killgren, Mr. & Mrs. Backhouse, Mr. Chadwick and Mr. Froggett who all did a lot of 'behind the scenes' work to ensure the holiday ran very smoothly and was enjoyed by all. Thanks must also go to the coach drivers (who sounded uncannily like Smith & Jones) – they too enjoyed the skiing even if it was from the safety of the hotel bar.

Hamish Crombie

Hadrian's Wall Walk

When Mr. Gloag asked us if we wanted to walk the length of Hadrian's Wall, we (Andrew Nelson, Russell Davies and Edward Jackson) jumped at the chance . . . easy!

After we had sorted out the administration, done a bit of practice and collected sufficient sponsors, we set off. By 5 o'clock on the 26th May we were on our way, discovering all the wonderful gadgets in the hire car and extensively testing all the buttons and levers that we knew how to use. Five hours and numerous traffic jams later we arrived in Walton, near Carlisle. This village, as Peter, the support driver

pointed out, is famous for being one of the few places spelt W.A.L.T.O.N. (!!)

After an extensive half-hour search and a visit to the village pub (to ask for directions) we managed to find the bed and breakfast at which we were to stay for two nights. After unloading the basics of our equipment in the dark and rain, we had a guided tour of the house and settled down for the night.

We woke up at a ridiculous 7.30 a.m. (Mr. Gloag's idea) to find that Mr. Gloag was starting the video of our expedition – lots of less than flattering shots of 'just woken up' people. By 8.30 a.m. we had transferred to the breakfast table and after a wonderful fried breakfast we started to make our lunch with a wide variety of fillings to be crushed during the day. After we had finished this we had half an hour to get the rest of our equipment ready. I managed to lose my wallet and a film – as the official photographer this was fairly major. A brief search (after a long and frustrating search through the entire building) brought the miscreant articles to earth under my duvet. If only I had made my bed!

We began the walk at Bowness on Solway at about 10.00 a.m. It was overcast and grey right from the start and did little to improve all day. The first section of the walk was along roads which traced the route of the Wall. By the time we reached our first stop, Edward had managed to position himself perfectly for a complete soaking by a passing car. Lunch was spent in Carlisle near the castle, and the rest of the days' walking was on wet, muddy country roads in a deluge of rain. It was on this final phase that we found the first visible remains of the wall – thus Mr. Gloag's definitive collection of Wall photographs was completed. We also encountered a field full of bullocks who were very interested in what we were doing. Some of us (not naming any names, Andrew) exited this field very quickly. We ended the days' walking at Newton. In the evening Mr. Gloag demonstrated his amazing ability for choosing pubs. The food was great, but the rock accordion band was almost too much. He then proceeded to demonstrate the fact that he had a bigger budget than everybody else by ordering the largest steak on the menu.

The second day was better than the first as it was almost totally hillwalking. The first challenge was the crossing of a river. We had to climb down a cliffside, ford the river, and then climb out of the gorge on the other side – avoiding the waterfall. In the next field Andrew, who is allergic to horses, was befriended by two who insisted on following him whilst eating his rucksack. Having passed the official first piece of Wall at Highfields, we arrived at Birdoswald fort for lunch.

The rest of the days' walk was a mixture of road through Gilsland, and hill past Thirlwell Castle up to Carvoran Roman fort, where we finished for the day. It was this last section that introduced us to the first major stretches of Roman Wall. During the day, it was discovered that the alarm clock used for waking us all up at ungodly hours, had, much to everybody's regret, been left behind at the bed-and-breakfast. Peter went back to fetch it.

In the B & B the water supply was from a spring, but due to some misunderstanding, the valve had been switched to supply somewhere else. So there was no enticing bath or shower for quite a while whilst the error was rectified. On the way to the latest pub (famous for exotic dishes) the drivers managed to test the car's suspension system out completely – yes, the road was a little up and down! The jokes during the meal were mainly concentrated on Andrew and Mr. Gloag, based on the fact that they had burnt a little, but because we

had only had the sun on one side, they had only burned on one side, the other being perfectly white.

After the third excellent fried breakfast, and daily sandwich-making session, we set off from Carvoran. Along this section (the finest Wall section) we passed Robin Hood's Tree, and also found a very small piece of cliff to climb. If you see the video, do not be fooled. Mr. Gloag angled the camera so it looks like it was a really major climb. It was possibly nine feet! We passed Housesteads fort without stopping for long, due to the fact that some tourists threatened to report us for not having bought tickets like them.

Not long after this, we left the high ridge that the wall ran along and joined the Vallum (defensive ditch built behind the Wall) as it ran through some fields. Mr. Gloag and Andrew managed to break a gate – although they did mend it (twice). As we approached our lunch stop, we found a small bog. Mr. Gloag made his way through it very carefully and successfully. Edward, deciding it must be safe strode out and promptly disappeared into it. He didn't really get over it for the rest of the day.

The B & B that night was an experience. It was run by a family that truly looked like the Adams family, and had the biggest bath in the whole entire universe! After a very refreshing stay we set off on our final days' walking. Most of it was road walking – the roads being built on the foundations of the Wall. It was not long before we hit Newcastle and proceeded towards our finishing point at Benwell.

On our return journey, after appropriate celebration, we stopped off at a Little Chef for our final meal. Andrew, showing his tiredness unfortunately decorated himself, and those in his locality, with an entire cup of coke. Thanks! We arrived back at school by 7.00 p.m. ready for lessons the following day. After all the walking was done, and the blisters suitably treated, we found that we had raised a total of £1100 for the Macmillan Nurses.

Russell Davies

German Exchange

The drive down to the airport was uneventful and we arrived in good time to catch our plane to Cologne. Unlike other exchanges, this was the first time we had flown to Germany. When we arrived in Cologne, we were met by our exchange families and went to bed, thoroughly tired and a little apprehensive about speaking German for the next 10 days. On our first day, we rose early to attend the first lesson at our exchange school, the Ernst-Kalkuhl-Gymnasium, which started at 7.40 a.m.!! We then visited the Haus der Geschichte in Bonn, a museum which encompasses the last 50 years of German history – a very turbulent time. After an eye-opening visit to the Museum of Modern Art, the rest of the day was spent with our families.

On the Thursday we went on an excursion to Cologne, visiting the world-famous cathedral and sampling the delights of the chocolate museum. The final day of our first week was spent visiting Trier, a Roman city which is the birthplace of Karl Marx. We split up for the weekend to spend time with our host families and sample some of the various activities that Bonn has to offer.

On Monday we visited the Bundestag (the German Parliament) and marvelled at a building that is shortly to become a white elephant when the parliament moves to

Berlin. The customary football match was held at the school sports hall where England played superbly to beat an outflanked Germany. Due to unforeseen difficulties, the previous years' exchanges have lost, but not due to a lack of effort or skill. On Tuesday we left by coach to spend two days in the Black Forest staying at a youth hostel in Triberg. When we arrived, there was a drastic change in temperature which brought snow, two feet of it! On the way we stopped at a glass-blowing factory to witness what is a typical Black Forest trade. After a night disturbed only by the knocking of an irate and tired Mr. McGarry on our wall, as he tried to get to sleep, we spent the following morning looking at the spectacular Triberg Falls and visiting the Black Forest museum which contained clocks and barrel-organs.

Thursday was a quiet day where we attended lessons with our partners and we assembled in the evening for a farewell party which was kindly organised by the exchange host parents. The trip was rounded off by an informative and exciting quiz set by Mr. McGarry and we departed from Cologne on an evening flight.

Our greatest thanks go to the accompanying teachers, Mr. McGarry and Mrs. Horton. We recommend that anybody studying German should take part in the exchange as we found it educational and extremely enjoyable.

Duncan Bates, James Tickler and Christian Cummins

Italy Trip

The Endowed Schools went on a trip to Italy this Easter. There were about forty students, excluding staff. The trip itself was enjoyable, and informative. To begin with there was the long journey from Junior School car-park to Italy. This took over 24 hours and the hardest part was the seats. However, due to the ever-cheerful antics of the drivers, Phil and Tony, the journey was not so bad.

The first stop of the trip was at Lido de Jesolo. This is a touristy town on the Adriatic coast. There wasn't a lot except sand and hotels, but this was enough to entertain the sore-bottomed travellers for a few hours before we were allowed to enter the hotel. From Lido we spent an afternoon at Venice.

This was nice, though it would have been much better if it hadn't been freezing! Also the canals smelt, as Venice has never had, and still doesn't have, a sewage system. The canals are in fact open sewers. The prices in Venice were huge! To have a coffee in St. Mark's Square you would have had to take out a mortgage!

From Lido we travelled the length of Italy to a little town called Minori, which is near Naples. Here we painted the town red and the night life was interesting to say the least. Also from this seaside town we saw several of the trip's major sites.

First was Pompeii, about which most of the fifth form will remember a chap called Caeceus lived there, and hung around his garden a lot (Latin gag). The destroyed town is

The Whole Party – Hadrian's Villa





Temple of Neptune – Paestum

really quite large, but nothing over one storey remains (excluding restorations). Here we learned how to date buildings by looking at their brick work. We saw all the main sights under the stern gaze of our guide's umbrella. We ended up at the amphitheatre, which some Italian boys had mistaken for a toilet. Unfortunately the streets were covered with a layer of black dust, which was inevitably kicked into the atmosphere. This was obviously an attempt to recreate the day Vesuvius blew its top!

In the following days we climbed up the misty mountain, also known as Vesuvius, and got saturated. It was perhaps an anti-climax to find sellers of cheap souvenirs camped out on top. Herculaneum was another town destroyed by Vesuvius that we saw. Here the area is less but the buildings are higher. Some even have the original roof tiles on top. The Naples Museum was interesting. Here we were amazed by the quality of the Greek and Roman statues and mosaics.

Next was Paestum. This was a Greek city, cleared out by the cholera plagues. Here it rained. A lot. The temples were large, and made of stone (again our study of Classical architecture paid off). They were more complete than most other temples, because no one had bothered to go there as the whole place was hidden by vegetation. The museum was again impressive.

Another long drive to Rome. Here we saw a lot of ruins ... on foot! Trajan's column is very tall and intricately carved, right up to the top. Quite why the Romans bothered to carve the very top in an age with no telescopes is beyond me. The Colosseum, Circus Maximus (still echoing to the laughs of Derek Hur-Hur, the less well known brother of Ben Hur), and Baths of Caracalla were all fascinating. The Roman

forum was perhaps the climax of the visits of the ruins of Rome. Here we walked in the footsteps of Pliny, Pompey, Cicero, Caesar, and all the emperors of Rome! It was the nearest we can get to the ancient Romans, I think.

Unfortunately a lot of statues had been removed, for "preservation" in the Vatican perhaps? So Mr. Dawson was almost in tears when his favourite statue was wheeled away as he explained the artistic virtues and skill embodied in "Hermes at Rest". Then the statue of Marcus Aurelius in the Capitoline Square had been removed. Finally the "black stone" marking the death of Romulus had been prised out (another Japanese tourist perhaps?).

The Vatican museum was also impressive. Here there were a lot of people and we did a lot of walking. The opulent decadence of the pope's somewhat questionable gains (highwaymen say "your money or your life", the Pope says "your gold or your eternal damnation in the fiery pits of hell!") was unmissable. Besides the over-crowded, over-hyped, over-commercialised (even over-painted), but admittedly overwhelming Sistine Chapel there was much to see. Plunder from all over the world is heaped into this one large building in somewhat heavy-handed style. In some of the Classical wings you cannot help feel the quality of some of the pieces is greatly undermined by the way the antiques have been unceremoniously crammed into every conceivable space.

The treasure rooms include artefacts mainly from the Graeco-roman world, but pieces from Egypt, Assyria and other ancient kingdoms have found their way here (no doubt aided by the Holy Roman Catholic Church in the form of men with sharp swords and Roman racks). The crowds the

Vatican draws are huge. It could be possible for the uninformed to think a mass migration of the peoples was happening, as Japanese, American, British, and Italian tourists descend on the all-too-prepared Vatican.

By night Rome became to us a whistle stop tour of cafes, fountains, obelisks, churches, and other urban paraphernalia. As our small, rich, and underfed groups fell on to rich Renaissance architecture, the irresistible aroma of the warm Italian cafes proved to be too much for our shrunken bellies to defy. What should have been an occasion to expand our starving minds, turned all too readily into an orgy of pizza and cola.

Finally, after twelve lightning-quick days of unadulterated learning we were to leave Italy. To some, this was perhaps too welcome, to others such as myself it was a tragedy unparalleled in human existence. From the rich culture of Italy to the mundane drudge of rural England was too much for some vagabond hearts to withstand. But, alas, after what seemed an abnormally fast journey we found ourselves in the grey background of Junior School car-park, where the lack of Michelangelo's superlative architectural influence became all too apparent.

Tim Power

Upper Fourth Geography Field Trip – Ovronnaz, Switzerland

25 boys, 17 girls from the High School and 5 staff, left Stamford on the first Friday of the summer holiday on the annual joint schools' Geography Field Trip to Switzerland. The long coach journey through France reminded us of how difficult sleeping on a luxury coach is, but we arrived at the hotel at about 7.00 a.m. on the Saturday morning. After a splendid breakfast and a couple of hours to unwind, the party set off up the Grand Muveran mountain. This trek enables the group to stretch their legs and climb high enough to get spectacular panoramic views. The aim is to find the cows on the high Alpine pastures, the indirect way of focussing on the traditional Alpine family practice of transhumance.

After a short debrief by Mr. Haynes in the evening the boys amazingly had enough energy for a game of touch rugby. Mr. Alcock was severely reprimanded for fouling Andrew Barcis "off the ball", but the evening was an excellent example of the way the party settled down well.

The following day we walked down from the hotel, through the orchards and vineyards to the Rhone Valley. In the afternoon, Simon Adams' fear of heights was tested to the full by the hairy cable car ride to the spectacular village of Iserables. It was here that Mr. Alcock's ambitious wager to know all the girls' names within 48 hours backfired when a cunning plan saw them interchange their names with a subtlety way beyond Mr. Alcock! A splendid day was rounded off with a swim in Martigny's open air pool. The post-debrief activity was "rugby netball" with virtually the entire party joining in the fun.

The second full day saw the visit to the Trient glacier. This is always a highlight and illustrates the value of fieldwork. For those who have been visiting the glacier for some years now its rapid retreat causes a little concern, but the splendour of the ice and the mountains is always breathtaking.

The next day involved another day-long excursion to the Grande Dixence dam, the highest hydro-electric power

scheme in Europe. Unfortunately, the path around the lake was blocked; the winter snows hadn't yet thawed! Again the ability to study a key element of the geography course at first hand was invaluable.

The final full day was spent in the regional centre of Sion. The urban structure and layout of this beautiful, historic settlement is studied in the morning and then the local wine-making plant is visited. It provides a clear link with the vineyards and agriculture studied earlier and a chance for the staff to sample the unique Swiss wine.

Following brief studies of tourism in Ovronnaz and the local river the party assembled in the hotel garden for a splendid barbecue lunch before departing. It was a final chance to take in the splendid scenery before the 15 hours of shuffling on the coach.

The trip was again a splendid success and a marvellous experience for those who were on it. Unusually, we returned to find the British summer had been kind to those at home. Although we may have had a splendid summer in 1995, a superb start and highlight was the Swiss trip.

A.W.L.

International Chemistry Olympiad

The 27th International Chemistry Olympiad was held this year in Beijing, China, during July. The competition is designed to bring together the best Chemists of school age from fifty countries around the world to compete during a two-week period. There is a practical and written test, and on the strengths of their performance medals are awarded. The competition is a marvellous opportunity to experience a different culture and to meet students from all over the world. The Olympiad allows the country to be explored, and all delegations were looked after by the Chinese Government very well indeed. The UK team finished in the top dozen teams securing one gold, two silver and a bronze. The Chinese team all finished with Gold medals but they spent three months training for the event. Next year's Olympiad is being held in Moscow, whilst other Olympiads are planned for Canada, Australia, Thailand and Denmark. I was fortunate enough to take the UK team to the Olympiad and enjoyed the experience, if not the food. A-level students at Stamford School should enter the selection process, and attempt the written test which usually takes place in School in February. It is a demanding exam but the rewards are obvious. There are also Physics and Biology Olympiads, and it would be gratifying to think that a pupil from Stamford might be selected to represent the UK in the not-too-distant future!

M.L.P.

DRAMA & MUSIC

Little Shop of Horrors

Question: What's warm, witty and wonderfully welcome at the end of a gruelling school term? Answer: the Boarders' production of "Little Shop of Horrors", which in the skilful hands of director Alan Crombie provided a wonderfully vibrant piece of entertainment and yet another surefire winner from the long list of Stamford School musical successes, and one that many will say was good enough to rival the best.

Forget the fact that the show, which portrays the American dream turned into a nightmare and has a story-line which is something of a cross between Invasion of the Body Snatchers and Sweeney Todd the Barber with echoes of Faust, has a depressingly doom-laden story, an unbelievable plot, banal lyrics, and a wholly uninteresting and restrictive set (all the action takes place inside a run-down florist shop in the Skid Row area of New York's East side).

For all these handicaps "Little Shop" has in recent years achieved cult status (witness its selection as one of the three special choice films on auction to viewers in the Comic Relief telethon which hit the nation's screens in the very week of the production), putting it into the same league as "The Rocky Horror Show" (now there's a thought for a future production?), and as such it proved an inspired choice. It certainly struck a chord with the Stamford public, playing to packed houses on all four nights and even an unprecedented three-quarters full theatre at the dress rehearsal. On every night the audience were purring from start to finish, with a feelgood factor so far off the scale that even when the hero was eaten alive, feet were still tapping and faces smiling in delighted anticipation.



It is interesting to speculate why in view of all the shortcomings expressed above "Little Shop" should have had such an enormous appeal. For this writer the secret unquestionably lay in the plant itself – the so-called Audrey 2 – a magnificent and utterly compelling creation which dominated the stage and, with the aid of Ceri Thorne's excellent vocals, commanded the audience's attention so completely that it was hard to take one's eyes off it. And here lay the salvation of the story-line, as it was just this same fascination with the plant which brought all the people to the flower shop to see it and ultimately led to America's get-rich-quick society getting its just desserts. An intriguing

corruption of the Gospel story, complete with a horticultural resurrection finale which gave an interesting twist to the original Corman screenplay.

Appeal too clearly lay in the songs, which had the catchiness and instant appeal of a typical week's Top Ten and immediately registered with the younger elements in the audience, although in fairness few had the lasting quality or the ability to stand alone that could be ascribed to the repertoire from such classical shows as *West Side Story* or *My Fair Lady*: who after all would want to go round singing lines like "Suddenly Seymour" or "Son, Be A Dentist"?

Great credit of course goes to director Alan Crombie, whose masterful skills and ingenious wit were evident throughout the show, as well as in the production of the programme and the arrangement of the musical, slide (were our mothers really ready to give their eye teeth for those appalling Formica kitchens?) and video material (the latter painstakingly and most professionally put together by Justin Backhouse), which were used to such great effect and did much to create the relaxed and party-like atmosphere in which the show was played. True mastery of the dramatic art lies in getting the small touches as well as the big scenes right, and this show had scores of them to remember: the green fingers pulling the curtains apart, the tendrils descending into the auditorium at the end, the make-shift dustbin lid drums and the \$100 spindly bunch of flowers were just some of those which stayed in the writer's mind.

Great credit too goes to the cast, who acted and sang with such verve and enthusiasm and above all evident enjoyment. One can give them no higher praise than to say that a production which was drawn from less than a quarter of the population of the two schools never for one moment seemed anything other than a full school production, so great was the depth of acting talent on display and so slick and convincing the staging and choreography. The show abounded with memorable performances. In David Clyde it had a perfectly cast Seymour, whose gawky movements, angular features and above all THOSE glasses exactly suited the part and provided an admirable foil to the thrusting, macho performance with which Michael Bye wonderfully portrayed the sadistic dentist, Scrivello. Julia Gilding combined a powerful singing voice with a sweet homeliness as the pathetic but stoical Audrey; and David Pickavance grappled

bravely with the Jewish New York accent of shopkeeper Mushnik, always a test for any player. The wonderfully and wittily named Ronnette, Crystal, Chiffon and Shirelle were effectively played by Katherine Jackson, Bobbie Stephens, Kate Evans and Rebecca Payne, who sang with gusto and dressed with style whilst never quite overcoming the handicap of not having the blackness in their voices to match their Detroit counterparts. But Ceri Thorne suffered no such difficulties and showed just how far he has matured as an actor and vocalist by producing an enthralling performance as the voice of the plant and commanding the whole auditorium with his demands for food and his manic laughter. Rarely can an actor have given so much to an audience and received in return, apart from his final curtain-call, so little, hidden in the wings as he was for almost the whole of the production.

The tempo was unflaggingly upbeat throughout, and if this did cause a slight lack of dynamic variety it nonetheless produced several wonderfully uplifting scenes, including Seymour's finger-clicking monologue, Scrivello's barnstorming "Son, Be A Dentist" and the splendid reprise-filled finale. By contrast Audrey's touching "Finally I'll Be Somewhere" provided the one genuinely moving moment of the whole evening as she sought comfort in the pathetic belief that her absorption into the plant would guarantee her permanent closeness with her beloved Seymour (shades of Christian mystery once again in this?).

The whole show was held together by a capable but unobtrusive group of musicians under the leadership of Aiden McGarry and enhanced by some stunning lighting effects from John Harvey, which made the efforts of the Stamford School Art and Design Department in creating the compelling New York skyline backdrop and set so very worthwhile. Wendy Nelson's costuming skills were as ever immaculate; and special mention must be made of the puppetry skills of Martin Belk and the tendril operators who made the Audrey 2 plant such a striking stage presence and so captivating to the eye.

So finally, how to follow that? The bill-board proudly displayed at the end suggested "Jesus Christ, Superstar" – a chance for the "opposition" to put its case, perhaps, if the producers will only grant the schools a four-day licence in what will be the twenty-fifth anniversary year of that show. Whatever the title, I suspect there will be many who will not mind what they do, just as long as they don't have to be a boarder to win a part!

A.G.

David Clyde as Seymour



Cast

Seymour	David Clyde
Mushnik	David Pickavance
Orin Scrivello	Michael Bye
Bernstein	Kieran Paterson
Skip Snip	Wyndham Neish
Patrick Martin	Matthew Setterfield
Customer 1	Christopher Fairbairn
Radio Interviewer	Michael Gardner
Voice of Audrey II	Ceri Thorne
Audrey	Julia Gilding
Ronnette	Katherine Jackson
Crystal	Bobbie Stephens
Chiffon	Kate Evans
Shirelle	Rebecca Payne
Mrs. Lucc	Melanie Aspinnall

Chorus

Catherine Bamber
 Kerry Chapple
 Toby Crosbie
 Sarah-Jane Davis
 Dee Davison
 Andreas Firnigil
 Campbell Hampson
 Melanie Horton
 David Huckins
 Eleanor Kennedy
 Marie Kevan

Sarah Lacey
 Charlie Neish
 Damien Paterson
 Laurence Porter
 Thomas Simpson
 Laura Singer
 Patrick Stephens
 Catherine Upham
 Lottie Uttley
 Tim Wistow

**On Stage**

Tonight's the night of our performance. I just can't wait to get onto the stage and months of practising will be put to good use. I'd better just go over my lines once more. At 7:30 the theatre will be full, and our production will begin.

It is now 25 minutes past 7, and we have just been called from the dressing room where everyone is panicking. We're on the stage ready to start. The producers are frantically rushing all over the stage, setting it up for our play. We get into our starting positions. The lights go down. The curtain goes up, and all is quiet. Here we go!

So far so good; no-one has slipped up yet. We're five minutes into the play and everything is going well. My next cue is coming up soon. What's this? Silence? My cue doesn't come. What shall I do? Perhaps he'll remember it. Shall I say my line? If I do that he might say his at the same time. Oh no! – my line doesn't make sense without his cue. I blurt something or other out. The others looked blankly around. But the next person carried on. I think it paid off. I don't think the audience reacted to it too much. Thank goodness!!

We're just coming up to the end of scene 4. As well as trying to remember my lines for the close of this scene, I'm already getting scared out of my wits, because I've got a very quick costume change at the end of the scene. It has been worrying me all through this week leading up to the performances. Right, curtains down. I make a dash back stage – there isn't time to go down to the dressing room to change. Yes, my costume is on. I'm ready just in time for my entrance. What a relief!

I'm really trying hard not to look at the audience every time I'm not speaking. I recognise some faces in the crowd. They smile at me, perhaps. But I try not to take any notice.

It is interval time now. We're all down in the dressing room talking about the play. The stage crew are busy

preparing the set, while the audience are talking, drinking and eating in the foyer, and hopefully saying how much they're enjoying it.

During the interval, I am still worried. I have not got so many lines, but I have many more props to think about. I realise that my costume does not have a pocket. Oh no, how am I going to take my props on?

Phew! All has gone well. I managed to take my props on, I didn't forget any lines and months of rehearsals have paid off. Well, that's the end of another production. I wonder what's next . . .

Henry Dawe



Mark Evans

The Malcolm Sargent Birthday Concert 29th April 1995
"A Child of Our Time" by Sir Michael Tippett

This was a special occasion by any standards; the 29th April was Sir Malcolm Sargent's centenary and Sir Michael Tippett had celebrated his ninetieth birthday on 2nd January. They are, of course, both Old Boys of Stamford School and began their musical careers with piano lessons from the wonderfully-named Mrs. Tinkler. Sargent grew up to be one of Britain's foremost conductors particularly associated with the Henry Wood promenade concerts in the Royal Albert Hall, during the fifties and sixties. Tippett's career as a composer meant that until he was in his middle years he had to earn his living as a teacher, most notably at Morley College, London. It was in the sixties, when Malcolm Sargent's career was coming to an end that Tippett first began to establish himself as a figure of international repute

(through the enthusiasm of his American fans) and has, since then, enjoyed an ever-widening popularity through years that have seen an extraordinarily rich supply of new compositions, the latest of which, "The Rose Lake" was premiered in London in February this year.

"A Child of Our Time" had its first performance in 1944 and was composed during the Second World War although initially inspired by the Nazi pogrom in 1939 which came to be known as "Kristallnacht". It is an impassioned plea for compassion and reason in the face of man's inhumanity to man which made a profound impression at its first performance and is now recognised as one of the twentieth century's great choral compositions. Although it includes passages of considerable technical difficulty, Tippett always intended that it should be accessible to amateur choral societies to perform and to a wide public to appreciate. To create a point of accessibility, he used the words and music of negro spirituals to express the themes of human suffering and consolation.

The Endowed Schools' Choral Society and Stamford Choral Society worked very hard under the tireless leadership of Paul White through the Autumn and Spring terms to achieve a very high standard in the performance on April 29th. The concert, which was accompanied by the East of England Orchestra, also included music by Purcell, whose tercentenary is celebrated this year, and Vaughan Williams, another giant of the twentieth century choral tradition. With an outstanding team of professional soloists, it was a memorable evening in which performers and audience were all caught up in Tippett's humanitarian vision. As one who was privileged to sing in the choir for this occasion, it would not be appropriate for me to pass an artistic judgement on the quality of the performance, although I can say that it was very well received. However, I do feel bound by my admiration for Tippett the man and the composer to say that this was a long overdue event, which nevertheless came at a singularly appropriate moment in time and should go down as a major landmark in the School's history.

D.L.B.

Music

My last survey of the music department began with a comment on the lack of room available in the Music School for all our activities. The situation has not changed, but we are evermore hopeful that the date for the extension to the Music School is now really looming nearer.

Despite our cramped conditions we have managed to sustain our normal level of activity on what, looking back, I see as a very successful year. During the year we had some of our best Associated Board results ever, and I have no hesitation in singling out those who passed with Distinction, viz:

Grade 1:	G. Marshall – clarinet, S. Harris – violin
Grade 2:	M. White – clarinet, G. Nelson – cello, J. Womack – violin
Grade 3:	J. Blackburn – cellos, C. Herriot – double bass
Grade 4:	J. Thompson – organ
Grade 5:	G. Cockerill – theory, R. Latham – organ L. Armstrong – cello, J. Austin – singing, B. Phillips – theory
Grade 6:	N. Reed – organ
Grade 7:	T. Cooke – piano
Grade 8:	R. Latham – oboe

To them and all the many other boys who passed music exams last year many congratulations!

There have been too many musical functions throughout the year to list in this report, but I will refer to a few. The Senior House Music Competitions were as usual frenetic both for performers and staff alike, but the results were as always highly entertaining and presented to a very high standard. Mr. Graham Garrett was the adjudicator for the Senior Competitions in October and he commented on the high quality of our unison singing. Byard won the Unison Song cup (this has become something of a habit) with Browne and Brazenose being highly commended, while Brazenose took the Part Song trophy (Radcliffe and Byard highly commended). Ancaster were winners in the Ensemble class (with Radcliffe highly commended), while the pop groups class for the first time produced joint winners, viz. Browne and Radcliffe. It is heartening to see so many houses featuring in the final accolades, and I am particularly encouraged too by the responsible attitude of participants in the Pop Class. I have adjudicated myself in some schools where this becomes an excuse simply to turn everything up to the highest volume. This is not so in our case. The winners of the individual classes were Ceri Thorne (vocal), Richard Latham (strings), James Seymour (wind), Edward Finch (brass), Richard Latham (organ) and Timothy Cooke (piano).

The Junior Competition was adjudicated by Mr. Gareth Jones from Cranleigh School, who once taught here at Stamford. Willoughby won the Set Song cup and the Boarders the House Song Cup. Individual winners were E. Gladstone – strings, C. Brewin – piano, J. Peach – wind, H. Woolhouse – organ. Although I am very pleased with the end result of our Music Competitions I would still urge senior boys to be astute in their selection of items, particularly for the Part Song. The growing fashion for choosing something which has a solo line accompanied by repetitive ostinato figure is not what part singing is about. Also there seems to be a fashion for choosing a piece of music for instrumental ensemble entirely unsuited for that medium and having no published arrangements with the result that we were presented sometimes with either a poorly arranged piece of music, or a member of staff is asked to try and make an arrangement of a piece of music which does not have the potential for this kind of display. Trying to make silk purses out of sows' ears in this way adds to the stress which is a normal part of house music preparation.

The autumn concert was notable for a dazzling finale by the First Orchestra, which later in March 1995 produced its own memorable concert. No doubt there are all sorts of problems in getting such a large group of players from both schools together and to produce works which make great demands on its performers. If the means were sometimes felt to be not easy to cope with, the end was nevertheless stunning, speaking as one sitting in the audience, and congratulations must go to all of the players and Mr. Taylor.

The Carol Service has a format which is cast in concrete but we did manage this year to break the mould a little by having some plain song sung as the choir recessed. This seemed to enhance the occasion considerably. The biggest musical event of our school year, and some might say of the decade, was the Malcolm Sargent Centenary Concert in April. If we had feared during the year that we had bitten off more than we could chew, the concert proved that we hadn't! Tippett's oratorio "A Child of Our Time" is an ambitious

undertaking for any choir, but our many hours of rehearsal paid dividends as generous as we could have wished.



Mark Evans

The many other musical functions included the combined Band Concert held at Stamford High School Hall in June. Mr. Walker had, I know, been finding it increasingly difficult to hold rehearsals at a time when so many of the Band's participants were engaged in so many other activities. However, the concert did not belie this. The standard was as good as ever, if not better. This leads me to comment on the role of our musical functions within school life. As musical services have burgeoned in the school over the years so have the number of functions. This might seem on the surface to be wholly beneficial, but I have become aware recently of "attendance fatigue". Parents of boys will get excited about a limited number of functions only. When they start occurring almost regularly they cease to have any special attraction and certainly do not seem to engender the excitement which surrounded our very few functions years ago. On top of that we also have physical and mental fatigue on the part of the boys who are now engaged in so many other conflicting activities. It is a difficult balancing act for Music Staff to be on the one hand insistent that boys fulfil commitments, and on the other hand to sympathise with boys' work and activities overload, and to show appropriate understanding and consideration. On the whole I think we get this balance right, although I know there are those boys and staff alike who insist that we don't.

Therefore, I propose to rationalise the purpose, number and placing of our musical functions and over the year to try

and address this problem. One result is that from 1996 there will not be an End of Year concert in June/July. The reasons for this include the fact that the examination period immediately preceding it makes it difficult to hold viable rehearsals and also our leave of absence system now means that some of our most important musicians are no longer available.

Among the exciting developments to happen in the last year are the installation of a new organ in the chapel and commencement of an A Level course in Music Technology. The new Allen computer organ was installed during the Easter holidays and I have no indication so far that the choice of instrument, its placing in the Chapel and its installation have been anything but an outstanding success. Quite apart from the superb sound is the sheer delight of having that north-east window opened up again after all these years. The new A Level Music Technology syllabus will I hope continue to attract increasing larger numbers of boys, particularly in view of the fact that we are now relatively well-equipped with MIDI/Recording equipment.

The visiting instrumental staff continue to fly round East Anglia while managing to include Stamford School within their list of venues. I am grateful to them all for their enthusiasm, co-operation and hard work. In particular, I mention Mrs. Janine Warburton, trombone and trumpet, and Mr. John Gilbert, percussion, who left this year after several years' service each. I am grateful to them both for their contribution to the musical life of the school over the years and wish them well in the future.

The most notable staff change this year, however, involves our Head of Strings, Hilary Marsh, who has been at Stamford School since 1968. Generations of boys have passed through her hands over these years, experiencing her quiet but firm approach to teaching and her conscientious adherence to a proven system of technique. Without her, the standard and range of string playing in the school would not exist. Every orchestra needs an army of string players to keep it going and Miss Marsh and her staff have continued to supply this. She has become not only a part of the music school atmosphere, but an institution in the school as a whole. With her departure goes a whole culture of music-making activity which will be missed by us all. We all send our most sincere thanks for the great contribution she has made here and best wishes for her retirement. In doing so we welcome her successor Mr. Daniel Leetch, who has a formidable act to follow.

P.J.W.

Luke Heeley – self portrait



1st XI Hockey

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After a successful season the year before, I was fully aware that this season was going to be an extremely difficult one with a young inexperienced side. The indoor hockey during the Autumn term was well attended and many players did improve their individual skills but there was still a great deal of work ahead.

During the pre-season game against the Poachers we played well in attack, getting players forward quickly and creating clear chances. Unfortunately when the opposition had the ball we gave them too much space and we looked very loose in defence. This, unfortunately, was a feature of our first four games. We showed we had the ability to create chances but I had failed to get the balance of the team right and we were too slack in defence. This is not a criticism levelled at the back four; the collective responsibility of the team to defend when possession was lost was not very evident.

Having lost the first four games to the Poachers, Camberwell G.S. from Australia, Trent and Oundle, it looked as though it was going to be a very long ten weeks.

Our fifth game against the Leys saw a vast improvement and we managed to come away with a draw – our fifth in five seasons!

The match against Uppingham was turned by two very strange umpiring decisions in our favour. A short corner was awarded in most bizarre circumstances near the end of the first half and it seemed inevitable that we would score from it. The short corner team duly obliged. Uppingham then put us under great

pressure and they had what appeared a perfectly good goal disallowed. It was obviously going to be our day and late in the game we caught them with a swift counter attack and scored from the ensuing penalty stroke. Even though this was a highly flattering win I was nevertheless delighted after the start to the season we had had.

After the high of the Uppingham game we travelled to Kimbolton's new astro to reach an all time low. For the first time in the season we had our opponents under periods of prolonged pressure. In fact we looked surprised by how much possession we had and even though we won many penalty corners we did not look as dangerous as we had in earlier games with our swift counter attacks. We were caught on the break and Kimbolton took the lead against the run of play. We continued to apply pressure but we never looked like scoring from open play. Many corners were won but the corner team failed to react to the situation and seemed reluctant to try some of the variations we had spent much time on in practice. The game became very frustrating and it was no surprise when Kimbolton scored again on the break and finished as winners.

Against Oakham I was delighted with the way the players raised their game and this epitomised the whole season – unable to apply ourselves consistently. We showed, against Oakham, that we were capable of defending strongly and attacking swiftly with the ball being moved at pace. I had watched Oakham earlier in the season against Camberwell G.S. and knew that they were capable of playing good hockey so I was delighted with our 3-1 victory.

We then moved into what, on paper,



SPORT

were two easier games, but previous performances left no room for complacency. Against Spalding G.S. we had a great deal of possession and deserved to win by a greater margin than 2-0 and Ratcliffe struggled on Astro enabling us to secure a comfortable 4-0 victory.

Wisbech G.S. is usually a hard game and I was pleased with our performance which resulted in a 4-1 victory.

We went into our last two games having won 5, lost 5 and drawn 1. We needed two victories to give us a respectable record.

We started well against Workop and went into the lead. Unfortunately we let them back into the game. They dominated the second half and they were well worth their equalizer and they won the match with the last hit of the game.

This was a most disappointing end to the season. We had shown what we were capable of but we were unable to sustain it from one game to the next. I knew it was going to be a difficult season with so many newcomers to the 1st XI and hopefully their experiences will stand them in good stead next season. Just think back on the Oakham game!

Finally I would like to thank Harvey Trump for his help throughout the winter and, once again, Adrian Richardson for his invaluable help with the whistle (it was not Adrian who was responsible for the eccentric umpiring during the Uppingham game!)

1st XI Squad: Ball, Barton, Browne, Davies*, Doggett, Fletcher, Hall, Hawkins, Hetherington, Oliver* (capt.), Paterson, Richardson, Smith and Sutterby.

L.H.P.

2nd XI Hockey

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After some concentrated practices allied with serious head-scratching over who should play where, we started our season against Trent (straight in at the deep end!).

Although it quickly became apparent that there was a need to move the ball to the right much more, we played very well as a team and the result, a 1-0 win by a strong Trent side was a genuinely good result for us, especially as the game was played in unrelenting sleet and gale force winds.

The second match was against Oundle on a shale surface, which provided the opportunity for the introduction of a new emergency team selection criterion, based on who had the right kind of footwear in his kit bag! We again failed to move the ball to the right sufficiently and the score, a 2-0 win to Oundle, was a little

disappointing, although the side again played well overall.

Still in search of our first win, we met The Leys in our third match. The ball was at last moved right sensibly and regularly, and this was the main reason for our 2-0 win, aided in small part, it must be admitted, by the sending off of one of The Leys' players by his own umpire (full marks to Alex Graham for not retaliating to considerable provocation).

A more confident side approached the Uppingham game and we found ourselves comfortably 2-0 in the lead when two errors allowed our opponents scoring opportunities which they gleefully accepted; and so we had to settle for a 2-2 draw. One member of the side did learn during this match that repeated deliberate stopping of the ball with the feet leads to a period in the "sin-bin". However, he does bowl leg-spin, so he can't be all bad!

Against Kimbolton, for our fifth game, we were in charge right from the start, with scoring opportunities every few minutes and the ball scarcely leaving the opposition half. However, this proved to be one of those frustrating games where opportunities do not equal goals and we ended up 3-0 winners where 8-0 would have been more realistic. Possibly we were a little too crowded on the right, which tended to limit our attacking moves – one can have too much of a good thing!

This victory was followed by a rather bad-tempered game against Oakham, played during rain throughout. Neither side showed to best advantage, but we did manage a 3-2 win, although this was spoiled somewhat by the unsatisfactory nature of the hockey played. Not a game to dwell on!

Against Wisbech we were very much the dominant side, the ball not entering our half until 20 minutes into the game, but our lack of finishing ability worked against us – our goalkeeper only had to play the ball once in the match (and did so successfully) but then we allowed the opposition a solitary breakaway, from which they scored, and we lost 1-0. Most frustrating!

Our final game of the season was against Workop. The loss against Wisbech must have had a salutary effect, because we played good, simple hockey throughout and had a comfortable 3-0 win. A pleasant note on which to end the season.

All our results were close, even when under considerable pressure from stronger opponents – a good indicator of the character of the side.

Overall, it was especially pleasing that...
Wins 2-0, 3-0, 3-2, 3-0
Losses 0-1, 0-2, 0-1

Draw 2-2

Mean score/match +0.625

I should like to conclude by thanking LHP for his considerable help with coaching, HRJT for the same and for umpiring when available, and also the very pleasant and co-operative group of boys who represented the side and made the season so enjoyable:

Squad:

Kevin Terrett, Alex Graham, Cawton Wright, Richard Grimer, Steven Banbury, Richard Thorley, Mark Evans, William Hetherington, Lee Fraser, Luke Runciman and Seamus Todd.

M.G.S.



3rd XI Hockey

This was a very enjoyable season, made so by the enthusiastic and cheerful disposition of all squad members. Thursday evening training sessions were well attended and the results reflect some hard work from all those involved. Although we were beaten by three very good sides, we managed to bounce back against weaker opposition and score plenty of interesting goals. This side was led from the front by Philip Sloss whose positive approach trickled down to the more laid-back players, bringing the best out of all around him. The final analysis of three victories from six matches with three defeats was a very fair reflection of the season.

Match one saw Stamford defeated by three goals to one on an overbaked pudding of a pitch at Oundle. Geoff Lea made some good saves but we were denied vital possession by a very good opposition midfield and Will Fairham did well to score

at the near post on the break. A week later we were very outclassed by an Uppingham side who were very quick and skilful and we went down by four goals to nil.

The first half of our match at Kimbolton was frustrating as we failed to score against a poorly-organised team. A rousing team talk at the interval sorted out the midfield and forwards who put together some good moves and slotted four goals past a bewildered goalkeeper. Ceri Thorne scored an accomplished hat-trick and David Clyde chipped in for a brief moment of glory.

With confidence high, Spalding High School were beaten by three goals to nil; Thorne scoring another two to add to his mounting tally. An interesting game at Wisbech saw Thorne turn goal-hanging into an art form, scoring five very good goals. Fuller and Clyde also scored and Luke Jackson became Wisbech's top (and only) scorer when he placed an elegant drive past Geoff Lea (he was playing for the opposition as they were one short).

The last game of the season saw a very efficient Worksop side visit and beat Stamford by three goals to one. Thorne scored once more although we were again outdone by opposition pace in the midfield. We stuck to the task well and rounded off a pleasing term's development with all players contributing in some way.

Much improvement was made during the season and I believe many of the Lower Sixth players will go on to represent the senior sides next year. I thank Philip Sloss for all his help as captain and also Mr. Mitchell for his time and patience helping with Tuesday practices.

The following played for the team:

Lea G., Neal R., Jackson L., Fuller S., Garratt L., Gardner M., Thorne C., Sloss P., Walmsley B., De Toney J., Fairham W., Clyde D., Creswell S.

J.M.H.B.

U16 Hockey

As is usual nowadays a few boys attended indoor training in the Autumn term. This was followed by a two day pre-season get together at the end of the Christmas holiday. These two days were very well supported by boys from the Under 15 as well as the Under 16 squads.

The season got off to a disappointing start at Trent. Coming at the end of the examination week the team were short of preparation and it showed. We had decided to experiment with Robin Swithinbank operating as a sweeper, in

front of the back three, and he quickly learnt that he had to temper his enthusiasm for going forward if he was to survive the matches.

The team worked very hard, under the captaincy of Nick Haigh, and learnt a lot from that first match. It was to be the only game where the side were outplayed by the opposition.

An experienced defence, with Mark Lawrence in goal and very sound back three of John Richardson, Daniel Haigh and Robert Daking meant that the midfield could afford to be fairly adventurous. Nick Haigh and David McDonald worked very hard in supporting the attack and closing the opposition down in midfield.

The side certainly appreciated the opportunity to play most of their matches on artificial pitches. However most matches were played in the first half of the term which meant that a lot of our tactical play was put together in theory rather than by practice. Two well-contested matches resulted in a 3-2 victory over Oundle, with goals from Swithinbank, Walmsley and D. Haigh, and 2-2 draw with The Leys (Swithinbank and Bain).

The national cup competition started, after one postponed attempt, with a straightforward but very disciplined 4-1 victory over Alford H.C. on the new Spalding pitch. The opponents contained two or three very good players but by keeping the ball wide Jake Boddington and Lee Bagshaw were able to make good use of their pace. Goals came at regular intervals for Bagshaw, both Haigh's and Mark Pickford.

The side were starting to play some very good hockey by this stage and this gave our most skilful player, James Walmsley every opportunity to display his close ball control to good effect. He has the rare ability to beat opponents at close quarters and give himself time and space to release other team members.

The team had to demonstrate real determination and teamwork in another very tight match at Uppingham; Andrew Bain scored an important goal to rescue a 1-1 draw. The County final of the national competition was rather easier. Played on a Sunday at Horncastle, the team raced to a 5-0 half-time lead with Swithinbank getting a penalty and a short corner flick as well as good goals from three of the strikers, Boddington, Bain and Pickford. The midfield trio took it in turns to rest in the second half, to see how the side could adjust if this were needed in a long tournament in the subsequent stages. It demonstrated that we were not quite ready

for this sort of upheaval at this stage; Brigg did work hard but we were unable to maintain our control of the game.

Substitutions are an integral part of modern hockey and with a squad of thirteen it is not easy to keep all members happy all of the time. It is vital that players going on to the pitch want to be there and I was grateful to the five forwards for the way in which they did keep challenging for a place and always gave their best once they got onto the pitch, even if some did moan when they were "subbed off".

The first stage of the Divisional finals were played at Norwich during half term which meant that not all members of the squad were available and we were grateful to Simon Fletcher and William Bennis for making the trip. The side played particularly well and looked quite good enough to go on to the semi-finals. A penalty goal by Swithinbank helped us to a 1-1 draw against The Perse and then another plus a Jake Boddington field goal rounded off a fine 2-0 defeat of Watford G.S. A draw in the final game against Framlingham would have clinched a place in the next stage.

It was not to be; a slight error in midfield was punished with a well-taken goal. Despite a fine display which produced some real chances to get back in the game, no goal came and David McDonald who had had such a fine season was unfortunate to get a ball in the face which resulted in him having to go to hospital. All very unfortunate especially when we learnt later that Framlingham went on to represent the East in the National Finals, so close and yet so far.

Edmund Knauer



The team were grateful to Mr. Phillips for arranging an extra game, against Spalding, despite the fact that it fell on a field day and once again we were unable to turn out a first choice side. This time Jon Peckett and Andrew Williams were persuaded to join us; very able deputies they proved to be. Walmsley and Bain scored to seal victory in a game where the players worked very hard but, not surprisingly, struggled to find their normal patterns of play.

The season ended with two fine wins, 3-1 against Oakham, with a hat-trick from skipper Haigh. Finally on yet another new artificial pitch at Worksop, goals from Swithinbank at a short corner and Boddington rounded off a very good season with a well deserved 2-0 victory.

It is always a pleasure to work with a player as skilful as James Walmsley and a great challenge to see if one can help him to blend in with the rest of a team. I certainly thank all the boys for their hard work and enthusiasm; it was a successful season and I believe we went close to achieving our full potential. I thank all the boys who played either regularly or just for one day, but also Mr. Chapman for his support and help with Under 16 hockey. I certainly wish them all every success in the future especially with their sporting endeavours.

Squad: M. Lawrence, R. Swithinbank, J. Richardson, D. Haigh, R. Daking, N. Haigh (Capt.), J. Walmsley, D. McDonald, L. Bagshaw, M. Pickford, J. Boddington, A. Bain, G. Dixon-Spain. Also played M. Quarterman, S. Fletcher, W. Bennis, J. Peckett and A. Williams.

Results:		
v. Trent College	Lost	0-4
v. Oundle	Won	3-2
v. The Leys	Drew	2-2
* v. Alford H.C.	Won	4-1
v. Uppingham	Drew	1-1
* v. Brigg H.C.	Won	5-0
** v. Perse	Drew	1-1
** v. Watford G.S.	Won	2-0
** v. Framlingham	Lost	0-1
v. Spalding	Won	2-0
v. Oakham	Won	3-1
v. Worksop	Won	2-0

* National Cup competition preliminary rounds
** National Cup competition regional finals.

M.R.B.

U16 'B' Hockey

P5 W2 L2 D1

We began the season with a game at Trent on a very cold, wet and windy afternoon. Throughout the season we were to play our best hockey on astro-turf and we should have perhaps won this opening game more convincingly than we did. At Oundle, on a good grass pitch, we

were always behind but when Charles Monson equalised (a fine individual effort) five minutes from time we felt that we had earned a draw. Unfortunately, as is often the case in such matches, the team's jubilation overshadowed its concentration and sloppy defensive work let Oundle in for the winner. Back on astro-turf at Uppingham, we played our best hockey of the season though again more goals should have come our way.

The Oakham match was memorable in that it was in doubt up until a few minutes before the start. A gale and torrential rain made playing conditions atrocious. To Oakham's credit their experience of the pitch's slope and condition allowed them to quickly take a two-goal lead. The ball unexpectedly holding up in certain places took some getting used to. Try as we might, amidst many muddy goalmouth mêlées, we couldn't pull the early deficit back.

Our final game, played on a very uneven surface at Worksop, petered out into a goalless draw, not a particularly fitting end to what had been a very good season's hockey. My thanks go to Joe Fuller for his excellent captaincy and also to Mr. Barton for his fine coaching sessions.

The following played regularly for the team:

Watt, G. J., Oliver, S. C., Dixon-Spain, G. H., Williams, P., Briggs, T. D. M., Monson, C. A., Busby, C. L., Quarterman, M., Dunleavy, R. J., Edwards, K. A., Houlden, T. M., Fuller, J. H. (capt.)

Results:		
v. Trent (a)	Won	2-1
v. Oundle (a)	Lost	2-3
v. Uppingham (a)	Won	2-0
v. Oakham (a)	Lost	0-2
v. Worksop (a)	Drew	0-0

K.J.C.

U15 'A' Hockey

P10 W3 D5 L2

The season got off to a slow start, with saddening defeats at Trent and Oundle. These were due to extremely strong opposition, and not poor performances from the team. The Leys was the first fair game, which was unfortunately played on grass, a surface which the team hadn't trained on. Despite this, they put in a good performance, which ended in a 2-2 draw. The match against Uppingham was a typically hard one, and for the third year in a row we drew.

The game against Kimbolton was the low point of the season, as the team as a whole put in a poor and lethargic performance, which resulted in a 0-0 draw in a game which should have been won.

In a term of seven away games, we were to travel away against Caistor. Despite the journey, the team put in a very entertaining performance. The ball consistently was spread wide, and the strikers met the crosses with precision, leading to a satisfying 5-2 victory, with goals from Fletcher, Hawkins, Peckett and Miles. Another very good performance was put in again against Spalding, with Fletcher, Hawkins, Peckett and Miles all finding the backboard again.

The games against Wisbech and Oakham were both drawn, to take the total games drawn up to five. However, the term was ended on a winning note, with a positive 1-0 victory over Worksop.

In a varied season, the team put in many good performances, making it difficult to single out any one person. However, congratulations must go to John Peckett, who has been picked to play for England against Germany in the October half-term of '95.

Squad: Fairbairn, Fermor-Dunman, Griffin, Mitchell, Pirie, Wickham, Paterson, J. Peckett, Hayes, Bennis (C), Hawkins, D. South, Miles and S. Fletcher.

Results:		
v. Trent	0-2	A
v. Oundle	0-4	A
v. The Leys	2-2	A
v. Uppingham	1-1	A
v. Kimbolton	0-0	H
v. Caistor G.S.	5-2	A
v. Oakham	1-1	A
v. Spalding	7-0	H
v. Wisbech	0-0	H
v. Worksop	1-0	A

Simon Fletcher
Chris Fairbairn

U15 'B' Hockey

P7 W5 D2 L0 F19 A5

In the first half of the first match against Trent we must have had at least 75% of the play, but found it very difficult to score. Just before half-time Trent hit a hard ball up the middle of the pitch finding our defence asleep. They scored from this and we went into half-time a goal down. We started the second half with a fine display of team hockey moving the ball around confidently and waiting for the correct moment to attack the goal. A. Nelson (captain) dribbled through several defenders to score a fine goal. M. Moss-Bowpitt on the left wing managed to cut in to receive a pass and hit the backboard but was unfortunately given offside. We kept up the pressure and shortly scored again and we led 2-1 until about 3 minutes to go. A very weakly-hit ball from inside our "D" dribbled painfully slowly over goal line and because of our defensive positioning we

could do nothing about it. Final score 2-2; but a promising start.

At The Leys D. Kearvell scored after only 56 seconds! There were umpteen attacking goalmouth scrambles and eventually after about 25 minutes we scored again. We clearly weren't aggressive enough in the "D" with shots at goal or when following in shots on target for the rebound. This was quickly rectified after half-time and we scored 3 further goals including a fabulous reverse flick into the roof of the net from M. P. Brown. D. Sutton and D. South played particularly well together, working their way up field and distributing good quality ball. N. Killgren's speed was very useful on the right wing and he managed to beat his man and cross the ball on several occasions. Final score 5-2 and we were quite pleased with our play on grass.

The shale surface at Uppingham clearly frustrated a few of our players and we were slow to adapt to the slightly different conditions. Poor finishing meant that we drew 1-1 despite having more scoring opportunities than our opponents. Beating Kimbolton 6-0 at home on grass was a good result for us. We clearly dominated and we passed the ball and kept possession very well. J. Butcher and P. Coates were solid in defence and the ball seldom entered our "D". C. Wilkin always looked in control and created some nice situations. J. Morgan had a particularly good second half. D. Sutton's hockey stick was subject to some interesting tackling and half of it nearly scored a goal on Upper Drift despite the fact that we were on Lower Drift!!

D. Paterson returned from injury and played a very determined game at centre forward in the match against Oakham. We were a little late in starting due to previous matches and the light faded fast at the end. This was a shame as it was a good game of end-to-end hockey with both sides producing some great skills. We were well rewarded for our efforts with a 1-0 win.

The side against Wisbech included both Rowntree brothers. Our usual goalkeeper A. Fermor-Dunman was required by the A team so Rowntree Jr. stepped in goal and managed to keep a clean sheet. We scored twice to win this match 2-0, and with this same score beat Worksop a week later in the final match of the season. C. Hampson emerged from Div. 2 and played for us in these last two games, and at right back he demonstrated good control and distribution skills.

Well done to all of the squad members, who trained and played to the best of their ability all season.

Squad: M. P. Brown, J. Bust, J. D. Butcher, P. M. Coates, A. Fermor-Dunman, C. F. Hampson, T. O. W. Griffin, F. C. Jackson, D. A. Kearvell, N. I. Killgren, J. J. Morgan, M. W. Moss-Bowpitt, A. D. Nelson, D. J. Rowntree, D. J. Sutton, D. W. South, C. Wilkin.

G.M.

Colts Div. 2 Hockey

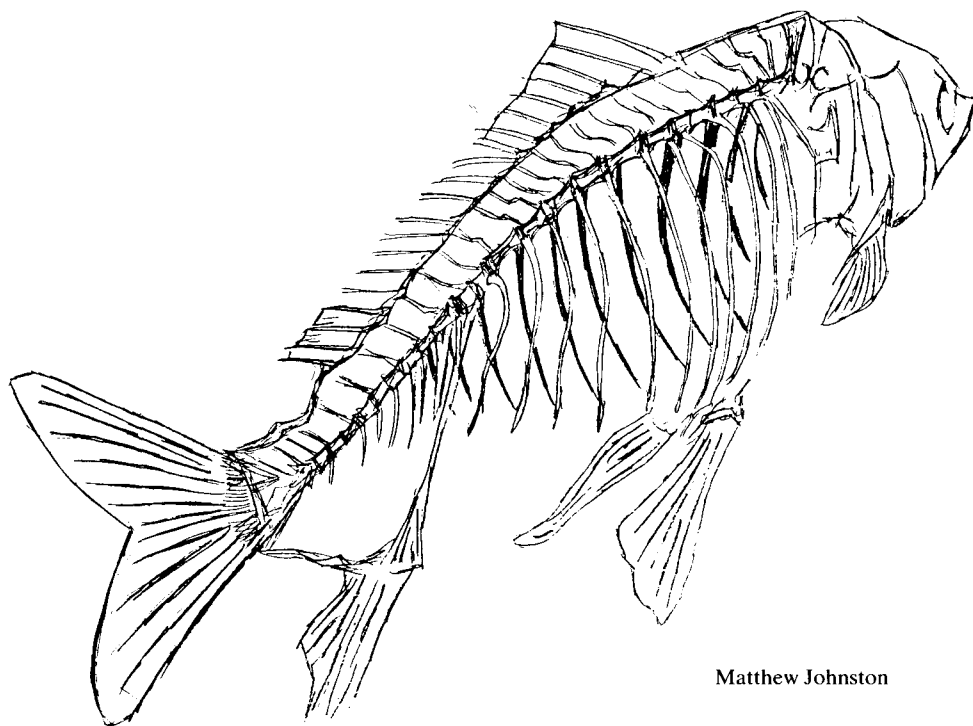
Some twenty fiercely contested and intensely competitive games were played this term on a large variety of playing surfaces from the hard unforgiving tarmac of Northfield Tennis courts to the verdant pasture of Lower Drift and even on that sacred turf – the 'Astro'.

As ever the weather played a very important part in our plans and aspirations but the players stuck very well to the unenviable task, initially, of controlling the ball on Northfields Tennis Courts.

Perhaps the weather will be kinder to us next year and we can use Lower Drift and the practice pitch by the steps more often?

I was very impressed with the vast majority of the boys in the Div who worked very hard to improve their skills. The competition was very fiercely fought as the results show and only 4 points separated the four sides at the end. Positions in the leader board changed weekly and I was very thankful that the computer programme was able to keep pace. My index fingers were quite sore after typing in the information and I hope that I didn't make too many mistakes!!

I would like to thank all the boys involved, particularly the four captains, Simon Adams, Andrew Gartside, Anthony Pengelly and Phillip Archer, for they did a splendid job of motivating and organising their sides and of course a



Matthew Johnston

Despite the lack of hockey pitch markings we managed to run two games side by side, no mean feat!! On reflection this was better than the previous year when we had to use the Dell. Until the Dell is resurfaced or made into another Astro pitch, or a new Astro pitch is built (perhaps to the North of the Dell?), the alternatives seem to be restricted to Northfields Tennis Courts. At least it is a far cry from the pre-Astro days which meant toiling away in the paddy fields which the hockey pitches across MF1 and MF2 soon became, because of the high clay content in the soil.

captain must lead by example; I am sure that they will have learnt a lot from this. Messrs. Newberry & Henderson deserve special mention for their enthusiasm and their support which I appreciated very much, as did the boys! As usual Mr. Phillips fended my various bits of paper with great skill and diplomacy and I would like to thank him for all his support.

I have included the results below, but they only tell part of the story and it certainly was a great term to remember. Many, many thanks to you all.

C.J.T.

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AUSTRALIA	ENGLAND	INDIA	PAKISTAN
Adams*	Gartside*	Pengelly*	Archer*
Alabaster W	Cunningham	(Curley)	Alabaster R
Beeby	Doyle	Emmins	Ellis
Cheung K	Hird	Hollowood	Grieve
Humphries	Knipe	Khan	(Harrison)
Norriss	Simpson	Reacher	Seery
Scott	Wright	Rhys-Davies	Taylor R
Smith M		Rycroft	

* denotes captain.

FIXTURES AND RESULTS

	Match 1			Match 2		
1 Wed Feb 1st	Australia	3 v England	5	Pakistan	6 v India	6
2 Sat Feb 4th	Pakistan	3 v Australia	3	India	3 v England	3
3 Wed Feb 8th	England	8 v Australia	3	Pakistan	5 v India	5
4 Sat Feb 11th	India	5 v Australia	2	England	3 v Pakistan	3
5 Wed Feb 15th	Australia	1 v Pakistan	5	England	8 v India	8
6 Wed Mar 1st	Australia	7 v England	7	India	2 v Pakistan	10
7 Sat Mar 4th	Australia	4 v India	4	Pakistan	1 v England	1
8 Sat Mar 11th	Pakistan	0 v Australia	0	India	2 v England	2
9 Sat Mar 18th	India	2 v Australia	3	England	4 v Pakistan	5
10 Sat Mar 18th	Australia	5 v Pakistan	1	England	1 v India	6

FINAL RESULTS TABLE

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Points per Game	Position
PAKISTAN	10	3	1	6	12	1.20	1st
ENGLAND	10	2	2	6	10	1.00	2nd=
INDIA	10	2	2	6	10	1.00	2nd=
AUSTRALIA	10	2	4	4	8	0.80	4th

Cross-Country

This year there was a week of pre-season training to prepare for the first major race of the season, the Knowle Run at Sevenoaks, Kent. The seniors were in confident mood and were hoping to improve upon last season's second place. Christian Miceli had returned from injury and we were looking to embarrass last year's Independent Schools' Champions, Shrewsbury. Unfortunately, we failed to do so, being beaten into 4th place by 2 points. We did however gain our first piece of silverware for being the best team outside Kent. Damian Roland ran in for a close second and we had good performances from two newcomers to the team; Iain Campbell and Ewan Tweedie.

Later in January we had a home match, the opposition being Worksop, Rugby and Trent. We won all three age groups comfortably. Notable were the individual wins in each age group; Neil Howlitt, Sam Bingley and Damian Roland in the Juniors, Colts and Seniors respectively.

Up next were the King Henry VIII Relays at Coventry. Unfortunately, due to injury, illness and notable absences we were forced into fielding an understrength side. Considering the weakness of the team, we came a very creditable 10th out of 40 teams.

This understrength team went through to the next match against Wellbeck, Haileybury, Uppingham and Wellingborough. Not surprisingly, we came second to a very strong Wellbeck Senior side, although the Junior and Colts kept their unbeaten records intact by winning both races convincingly. Impressive performances came from John Barker (Juniors), Sam Bingley (Colts) and Damian Roland (Seniors) who all won their respective races.

Moving into February we fielded a 2nd VIII against Uppingham's 1st VIII and we were very close to victory, being beaten by only 3 points.

Three days later we had our final home fixture of the season against the Perse where we were unfortunately struck by a bout of influenza which wiped out most of the team. However, we were still victorious by 23 points.

Into March, and we had our last major relay competition, the Quincentenary Relays at L.G.S. This relay had special conditions, those being that you had to run three Colts on certain legs; this suited us as our Colts have also competed in the 1st VIII. We performed very well, this being largely due to our promising Colts; Sam Bingley, Iain Campbell and Andrew Mitchell. We came a very close second to,

yes, you guessed it, Shrewsbury, and received our second piece of silverware (two more than last year!), Damian Roland achieving the fastest lap against a high class opposition.

Rugby, Oundle and Uppingham were the next opposition at Rugby on a very flat, fast course. Again, we won Colts and Seniors with impressive performances from Dan Haigh (2nd, Colts), Andrew Barcis (3rd, Colts), Neil Addison (2nd, Senior) and Justin Durham (3rd, Senior).

Over a new course, the Burghley Run looked to be more challenging and more likely to favour the Cross-Country team. This proved so, with no non-team member coming in the top 12 in the A-team race. Damian Roland and Andrew Mitchell won the Senior and Colts respectively, with Radcliffe winning the Senior competition (a relief to me after captaining the 2nd place team for 4 years!) and Brazenose winning the Colts competition.

Malvern, and the Middle, Northern Independent Schools' competition beckoned. The team was selected as follows:

- (1) Justin Durham (Capt.)
- (2) Damian Roland
- (3) Neil Addison
- (4) Iain Campbell
- (5) Tony Johnstone
- (6) Andrew Davie
- (7) Ewan Tweedie



Damian Roland, Neil Addison, Justin Durham

Unfortunately, due to illness Andrew Davie was unable to compete and we therefore re-selected, Dan Haigh taking his place.

We travelled up to Malvern the night before and practised for the competition

with a 5-mile hike to Pizza Parlour for dinner.

The next day we travelled down to the course early, with morale high and we hoped to do well and pull off a victory over Shrewsbury. Unfortunately, this was not to be, and despite exceptional performances from Damian Roland (beaten into a close second), Iain Campbell and Dan Haigh, we came second; therefore claiming our best season in main competitions for five years.

I would like to thank all of the best team in England (in my opinion!), especially Damian Roland for his help throughout the season, and of course, Mr. Johnstone for a simply exceptional effort.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my last season of Cross-Country, this being largely due to the great camaraderie between the team and the positive attitudes of all.

So, once again, thanks very much boys, I hope you achieve all that you deserve next year.

Justin Durham (captain)

Fenland League Cross-Country

Last year's results saw the U15's (U4 and L4) finishing Runners-up and the U13's (Rems and Thirds) winning. With many of the teams' runners still eligible for this year's competition, expectations were high.

The first race took place at Spalding Grammar School, on a very flat (apart from one slight incline) course. There were 21 teams in all and over 100 runners in each race. In the Junior race our highest finishers were John Barker 4th, Paul Scott 5th, Thomas Harvey 8th, Robert Munton 12th and Ben Harvey 13th. The team total (first 4 runners home) of 27 points put us in first place ahead of Robert Manning.

In the U15 race Jon Peckett ran well finishing 3rd, Neil Howlett 9th, Richard Williams 10th, Henry Wickham 21st and Martin Kendal 29th. The team total of 31 put us in second spot behind Spalding on 35 points.

The second round race took place on familiar ground at Burghley Park and although the courses were considerably shorter than our own school runs, the boys equipped themselves well, with excellent performances from Andrew Mitchell 2nd and Jon Peckett 3rd in the U15 race, with Jon Barker 3rd, Joseph Doherty 6th and Paul Scott 8th in the U13 race. These performances kept the U15's in second place overall on 74 points and the U13's in a commanding lead with 56 points.

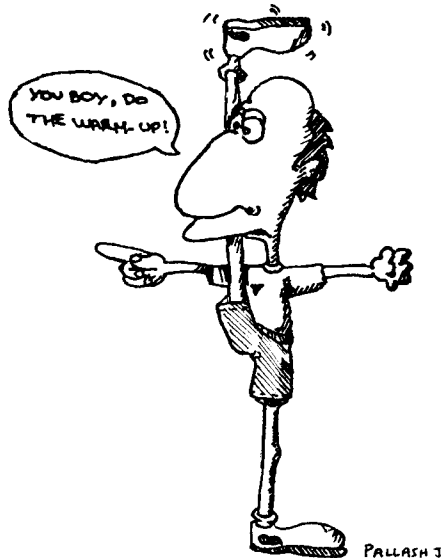
Due to the winter break the next race

was not until 7th March at Bretton Park Peterborough. Again the course was VERY flat with a wooded section which was difficult to overtake in. Best performances in the U15's came from Jon Peckett 3rd, Andrew Barcis 4th and David Fairbairn 11th. In the U13's John Barker finished 1st, Christopher Kells 3rd and Joseph Doherty 5th.

This meant that in the overall team standings the U15's were still second on 111 points behind Spalding G.S. on 95 points and the U13's were streets ahead on 71 points, some 68 points ahead of Robert Manning in second place!

In the individual competitions for each age group Jon Peckett was 2nd at U15 level as too was John Barker at U13 level.

The fourth and final round took place at Crowland and although the U13 team had an almost unassailable lead the U15's were



determined to overhaul Spalding to take first spot.

Many of the boys competing for Stamford had completed almost a full term of cross-country as a games option and were at peak fitness.

The course at Crowland was again flat and dull but meant that a fast race would evolve. In the U15's Andrew Mitchell who had been previously beaten into 2nd place by M. Chapman from Spalding, took control of the race from the start and won easily, with Jon Peckett also running extremely well to finish third. Andrew Barcis (5th), Neil Howlett (6th) and David Fairbairn (11th) ensured an excellent team total which just managed to pip Spalding by 10 points to win on 126 points.

The U13 race was another exciting affair in which John Barker ran extremely well in a fast race, to win. The remaining team finishers were Christopher Kells 5th, Thomas Harvey 6th, Richard Walker 7th,

Ben Harvey 8th and Giles Wickham 17th.

The final team total of 90 points for the four rounds was a terrific result and some 97 points ahead of second place!

My congratulations go to all competitors and their families for supporting the event.

K.G.J.

Stamford School Squash

P5 W3 L2

This season, the Squash 1st team was one of the youngest ever, with only two members of the team having had 1st team experience, and the rest having only played at U16 level before; but we were determined to make it a successful season.

Our first fixture was against Bedford School, this was a tough match and saw solid performances from Matt Abbott and James Stacey, but Stamford lost 3-2. Our next match was against Rugby School, the 1st team played well and a 3-2 victory for Jon Sugden in the final match secured a Stamford win; The U16's had a good match and won 4-1. Our final match was against Oundle – this was likely to be a tough battle but Stamford played well and won 3-2. Our only other matches were against the Staff and the Old Boys, the team played poorly against the Staff, but this was made up by a 4-1 victory over a weak Old Boys side.

The main team members were Mark Sugden, Jon Sugden (Capt.), Matt Abbott, Tom Shaw and James Stacey. The side would like to thank Mr. Williams for the time he put in on behalf of the team.

Jon Sugden

Peterborough District League Squash

This season saw a relatively new group of league players alongside the more experienced staff members, Mr. Sharpe and Mr. Mitchell. The style of play encountered in the adult league was new to many team players, and a couple of early defeats were needed to gain league experience. The scorelines soon improved dramatically, and by half-term we were winning consistently.

The first match of the Spring term found many players lacking in fitness, but after burning off the Christmas excess, we finished the remainder of the season strongly to finish fourth. Mark and Jonathan Sugden played consistently well along with our two members of staff, and frequent contributions came from Matt Abbott and Paul Jennings. The boys would like to thank Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Sharpe for all the hard work they put in and we look forward to an even more successful season this year.

M. Abbott

1st XI Cricket

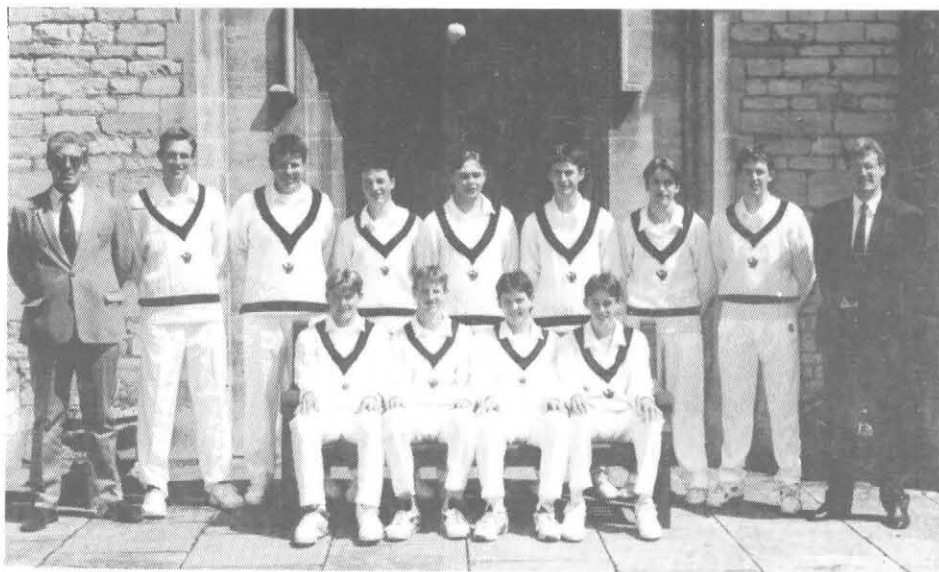
P17 W7 D6 L4

The squad for the 1995 season was one of the most experienced that I had coached at the school. Of the 15 players, 10 were in the Upper Sixth and 9 had played in the team last season. They worked extremely hard over the winter. I had been especially pleased with the improvement of the batsmen. The bowling worried me a little as I was not sure that we would be able to bowl sides out. We had two useful spinners in Luke Jackson and Richard Thorley, but our pace bowling lacked penetration. Before the season began, I felt that our best opportunity to win matches would be to chase totals.

The season began with a rather poor performance against Oundle. They were probably the strongest school side we played and it was perhaps a shame that we played them so early in the season. Our bowlers struggled to bowl accurately enough, which allowed Oundle to compile a large total. Only Sam Fuller really threatened the batsmen, taking 4-48. Our batsmen found the opening bowlers rather too quick, and we were soon struggling at 55-5. Luke batted well for 38, until he played a loose shot, and Richard played a wonderfully aggressive innings of 60. We were eventually dismissed for 133.



The team gradually began to improve over the next three matches – all of which ended in draws. Luke had stated at the start of the season that he was aiming for the school record aggregate. When he was



dismissed for nought in our next match against Nottingham High School he began to reassess his objective. Tim Smith played his first substantial innings of the season, with an entertaining knock of 68, including 13 boundaries. The middle order also looked more secure as Sam Fuller, Seamus Todd and Edward Taylor all scored 20's. We bowled much better than the first game, with Andrew Hawkins taking 4-44; however, we could only dismiss 7 batsmen. The next match against Wellingborough ended with a very similar result. Luke played his first big innings, scoring 93. He was ably supported by David Scott (44) as they posted an opening partnership of 154. We eventually declared on 213-3 after just 39 overs. Wellingborough had 43 overs in reply but made no effort to chase the total, ending up 177-6 at the close. The third draw was against Bedford Modern. After being set a total of 185 we rather lost our way ending up at 105-6.

The next game produced Luke's first century of the season. He scored exactly 100 off just 87 balls – a wonderful innings. Tim again batted well smashing 54 and we declared on 259-4 off 40 overs. Queen Elizabeth began very well and certainly made an effort to chase the total. They collapsed due to some excellent spin bowling by Richard (4-39) and Luke (3-41). We won our first game by 94 runs. Richard produced an all-round match winning performance in the next match against The Leys. We bowled first on a difficult batting track and dismissed The Leys for 80, with Richard taking 6-27 and Sam 3-24. We then struggled a little, until Richard took control with a very good 54.

After a rather poor performance against

Loughborough in the next match, we reached the half-term with the traditional fixture against the M.C.C. on speech day. As usual they brought a very powerful batting side, and on a perfect track they scored 232-7. All the bowlers stuck to their task well, with Sam taking 4 wickets. We began well with both Luke and David scoring freely. We unfortunately lost both of them with the score on 47.

Richard and Tim then put together an impressive stand with Tim in particular playing some splendid shots. He was finally out for 46 with the score now on 121-3. Richard took charge then and kept the scoreboard moving along as Edward played himself in. They both grew in confidence as they began to strike boundaries, and we ended up winning the match by 7 wickets. Richard and Edward put on 122 for the fourth wicket in a marvellous partnership. It was the first time that the School had beaten the M.C.C. for a number of years.

The boys played one match immediately after half-term before concentrating on their examinations. Unfortunately they did not really focus on the cricket. For the first time this season we fielded poorly and dropped several catches which allowed Uppingham to score 225 all out. Our batsmen didn't really get going at all and we lost the match in the last over.

With the examinations over, the boys could once again concentrate on their cricket. They had a busy schedule ahead of themselves, with 8 matches in 11 days. They began impressively with an easy victory over the Masters. Tony Johnstone and Andrew both took 3 wickets as the Masters were bowled out cheaply. Luke

and Richard then batted very solidly for the boys to win by 9 wickets. The next match was against the XL Club, a side against which the boys had done rather well in recent years. The XL Club obviously took this into account as they batted for 75 overs, scoring 194. Richard bowled well again and took 3 wickets. Stephen Banbury also bowled a good spell taking 3 wickets. The boys began positively with Luke scoring 86 from 84 balls. Richard and Tim also played some aggressive shots and they completed victory in just 32 overs. The following day the boys encountered a much stronger men's side when they played Lincolnshire Gentlemen. The Gents included 3 minor country players in their side. We lost the toss and fielded first. The pace bowlers struggled a little and it was down to the spinners again to take the wickets. Luke and Richard both bowled well, taking 4 wickets each. Luke dominated the batting again with 76 not out. Unfortunately, nobody else really got going, and the boys achieved an honourable draw.

The next game was one of the most eagerly awaited of the season. We were hosting a South African touring side – Kimberley High School. They won the toss and elected to bat on a beautiful summer's day. The bowlers found it difficult, but stuck to their task well, with Sam, the pick of them, taking 3-33. Kimberley declared on 241-5, which was a very fair declaration. We began well with both Luke and David striking the ball hard. David was first out for 38, after they had put on 126 for the first wicket. Luke continued to bat with confidence, and duly reached his second hundred of the season, off 98 balls. Unfortunately, he then played a rather tired shot, and was out next ball. We began the last twenty overs with eight wickets in hand, and 87 runs required. Richard and Tim played sensibly until Tim played a rather rash shot, but with ten overs to go, we still had 6 wickets in hand, needing only 46 to win. We then lost a couple of quick wickets and unfortunately Richard fell for 44. With 17 still needed, and only 2 wickets left, things were looking rather bleak. Stephen and Tony were at the wicket, who, between them, had not scored a single run all season. Stephen obviously decided it was time to remedy this situation, and whacked the ball over the bowler's head for six! This was followed by a lovely cover drive for four. Tony then decided to join in hitting the ball to the boundary to win the game with two overs to spare.

The boys then had a well deserved day

off before playing the last match at the school against the Old Boys. We once again lost the toss, and on a perfect batting day, the boys fielded. The Old Boys had brought a very strong batting side whom the Boys eventually bowled out for 270, a huge total. Sam once again picked up 3 wickets, as did Luke. We needed a very good start if we were to get close and fortunately Luke and David produced their biggest opening stand of the season, putting on 165 for the first wicket. David was first out for a very impressive 55. Luke continued to dominate the bowling and completed his third hundred of the season.

This time he was determined to score more runs and he eventually fell for 144. A fabulous innings including 20 fours and 1 six. We now only needed 50 to win. Richard batted well for 32 and then Edward and Sam took us to victory. It had been an incredible week. The boys had played 5 matches, won 4 and drawn 1. They had scored 1046 runs, with Luke leading from the front scoring 457 runs including 2 centuries.

The final games of the season were played at the annual cricket festival, this year held at Gresham's School. After such a tremendous previous week, we all hoped that the team could keep going. Unfortunately they couldn't. We were well beaten in our first game against Gresham's and we drew with both Bromsgrove and Bishop's Stortford. The most pleasing performances were mainly from the new players. Douglas Precey and Nick Doggett put on 63 for the eighth wicket against Bromsgrove when we were in a little trouble. Tim Smith had a good festival scoring 31, 69 and 43. Andrew Hawkins scored his highest total for the 1st XI with 30 not out and Sam Fuller took 5 wickets in his last match for the school. His brother Joe batted very stoutly to ensure we drew our last match.

Overall, the season was the most successful that I have had with the first team. Luke, as captain, led from the front. His final aggregate of 791 was the highest since 1935 and was the fourth highest recorded by a Stamford school boy. He also bowled the most overs and took a number of sharp slip catches. I was impressed with the way he captained the side, especially when the bowlers were under pressure. The players never gave up and the enthusiasm they demonstrated emanated from Luke's attitude. Other players who deserve special mention are Richard, who matured tremendously with both bat and ball. Tim who kept efficiently

all season and batted with aggression and purpose. Sam showed tremendous heart with his bowling. He never gave in and often came back to claim important wickets. All of these leave Stamford this year together with the majority of the squad. I wish them well for the future and I hope that they will continue to play cricket.

Last year we were extremely lucky to attract Derek Patience as Head Groundsman to the school. He made some difference as soon as he arrived but this year he made a huge difference. The quality of pitches, the pace and the bounce, indeed the whole look of the grounds has been transformed. There is no doubt that one of the reasons why the boys batted so well this year was due to the work Derek, together with Paul and Clive put into the cricket fields. On behalf of all the boys and the staff I would like to thank them for their efforts. I would also like to pass on the thanks of all those involved in cricket to Len Briggs and his catering staff. Once again the quality of the lunches and teas provided at the school has been wonderful. One occasion I will certainly miss next year will be sitting down to the feast provided when we played the M.C.C. On a personal note I would like to wish Len a very happy and well deserved retirement.

Finally I would like to mention the staff who have dedicated themselves to cricket during my time in charge. There is no doubt in my mind that cricket would not flourish as it does without the time and enthusiasm displayed by the staff, whom on behalf of the boys, I would like to thank personally. I would also like to wish James Beale every success as he takes on the 1st XI. Certainly, with the West Indies tour in the near future, he should be in for an exciting time.

Squad: L. Jackson (Capt.), D. Scott, R. Thorley, T. Smith (wkt), E. Taylor, S. Fuller, S. Todd, S. Banbury, J. Fuller, A. Hawkins, T. Johnstone, D. Precey, K. Paterson, N. Doggett.

Results:

- v. Oundle
 - Oundle 239-9 (S. Fuller 4-48)
 - Stamford 133 all out (R. Thorley 60)
 - Oundle won by 136 runs
- v. Notts. High
 - Stamford 177-8 dec. (T. Smith 68)
 - Notts. High 151-8 (Hawkins 4-44)
 - Match drawn
- v. Wellingborough
 - Stamford 217-3 dec. (L. Jackson 93)
 - Wellingborough 177-6
 - Match drawn
- v. Bedford Modern
 - Bedford 185-6 dec.
 - Stamford 105-6
 - Match drawn

- v. Queen Elizabeth H.S.
Stamford 259-5 dec. (L. Jackson 100,
T. Smith 54)
Queen Elizabeth 165 all out (L. Jackson 4-39)
Stamford won by 94 runs
- v. The Leys
The Leys 80 all out (R. Thorley 6-27)
Stamford 81-7 (R. Thorley 54)
Stamford won by 3 wickets
- v. Loughborough
Loughborough 239-7 dec.
Stamford 165 all out
Loughborough won by 74 runs
- v. M.C.C.
M.C.C. 239-7 dec. (S. Fuller 4-60)
Stamford 243-3 (R. Thorley 93 n.o.)
Stamford won by 7 wickets
- v. Uppingham
Uppingham 225 all out
Stamford 135 all out
Uppingham won by 90 runs
- v. The Masters
The Masters 119 all out
Stamford 120-1 (R. Thorley 55 n.o.,
L. Jackson 51 n.o.)
Stamford won by 9 wickets
- v. XL Club
XL 194-8 dec.
Stamford 196-2 (L. Jackson 86,
R. Thorley 62 n.o.)
Stamford won by 8 wickets
- v. Lincs. Gents
Lincs. Gents 214-8 (L. Jackson 4-51,
R. Thorley 4-71)
Stamford 135-5 (L. Jackson 76 n.o.)
Match drawn
- v. Kimberley H.S. from South Africa
Kimberley 241-5 dec.
Stamford 243-8 (L. Jackson 100)
Stamford won by 2 wickets
- v. Old Stamfordians
O.S. 270 all out
Stamford 273-4 (L. Jackson 144, D. Scott 55)
Stamford won by 6 wickets
- v. Gresham's
Stamford 193-9
Gresham's 194-3
Gresham's won by 7 wickets
- v. Bromsgrove
Stamford 266 all out (T. Smith 69)
Bromsgrove 231-7
Match drawn
- v. Bishop's Stortford
Stortford 301-9 (S. Fuller 5-101)
Stamford 165-9
Match drawn

P.D.M.

2nd XI Cricket**P10 W5 D3 L2**

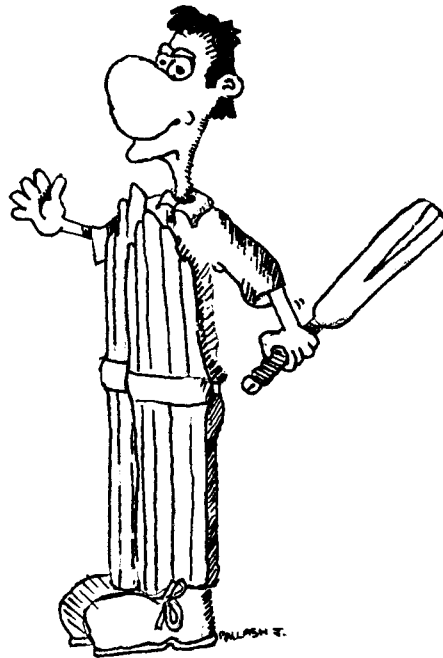
As the above results illustrate, this was a successful season for the 2nd XI. Part of the reason for this was stability of selection, and also having several very useful cricketers. The season did, however, start badly with a defeat at Nottingham High School. A generally lack-lustre performance will, however, be remembered for Kevin Terrett's contribution of 3 wickets and 74 runs.

The next fixture against Wellingborough saw a much better performance. Stamford won by 7 wickets, easily passing Wellingborough's 168-9. Doggett made 70 and Precey impressed with a classy 49.

Bedford Modern were outplayed the following week. Paterson, Cornish and Terrett all took wickets, and Paterson hit a rapid 44 not out to enable us to pass Bedford's 87 all out for the loss of only 4 wickets.

Our next game at Oundle saw the hosts bat 47 overs for 190 and despite an early loss of wickets, we held on for the inevitable draw. Precey again played well, making 52 not out and hitting a four off the last ball of the game to make his half century.

Precey made 69 at The Leys in our total



of 191-6, but the pitch was too good and The Leys batted well to finish 30 short with the loss of only 4 wickets.

Just before half-term we returned to winning ways with a convincing 7-wicket win against Loughborough. Paterson took 5 wickets, Robinson made 35 not out, Terrett 29 and Paterson hit 24 in 5 scoring shots.

Perhaps the most exciting game of the summer was against Bishop's Stortford when their 157 for 7 looked far too many for us after an early collapse. Precey (37) steadied the innings and then McDonald, Tickler and Browne all contributed useful scores. Finally, Tickler was out LBW only 7 runs short after a 29 run last wicket stand.

Our final school game was at Spalding who collapsed to 50 all out. Cornish took 5

wickets and the small total was passed for the loss of 6 wickets.

The O.S. provided our final opposition. The Old Boys made 155 for 9 in their 35 overs which proved an easy target. The runs were knocked off in 23 overs for the loss of only 5 wickets. Dean Cornish had the satisfaction of clean bowling his elder brother and made a useful 30.

With only one Upper 6th former in the side many in this team will return next year. Precey, Paterson, Cornish, Terrett and Doggett should all push for 1st XI places and others will give the side of next summer a solid core. There is considerable promise and as a team they were always positive both on and off the field.

A.W.L.

3rd XI Cricket**P5 W4 L1**

It seems strange while writing this report just before the autumn term, and following the hottest summer since '76 to recall how cold, damp and unpromising was the early part of this cricket season. Luckily, we managed to complete five of our seven fixtures, winning four of them. Our local derby matches against Uppingham and Oakham, sadly, did not take place.

The team had a good mixture of new and more experienced players, with Hetherington, Hall, Finch, Garratt and captain Ellery completing their third season in the side. Pick of our bowlers was Justin de Toney, and James Rycroft and Tom Houlden showed signs of promise for next season.

My thanks to all the squad for their good humour and dedication.

Results:

- v. Bedford Modern. Won by 6 wickets
Bedford Modern 97 all out
Stamford 99-4
- v. Oundle. Lost by 5 wickets
Stamford 108 all out
Oundle 109-4
- v. The Leys. Won by 2 wickets
The Leys 101 all out
Stamford 102-8
E. Finch 5-18, C. Thorne 47
- v. Loughborough. Won by 7 wickets
Loughborough all out 111
Stamford 112-3
W. Hetherington 3-36, J. De Toney 3-34,
M. Evans 44
- v. Bishop's Stortford. Won by 7 wickets
Bishop's Stortford 184 all out
Stamford 190-3
J. de Toney 4-64, D. Hall 60, J. Ellery 34

D.L.

U15 'A' Cricket

P13 W8 L3 D2

This squad came together with a good reputation, having been particularly successful at Under 14 and Under 13. This sadly only resulted in over-confidence at the start of the season, and the boys were given a rude awakening by Nottingham High School, who beat us by ten wickets. It was clear that our batting would have to improve if the season was to get any better – much extra practice was put in and soon it paid off with a handsome win in a cup game at King's Peterborough. An excellent and evenly-fought match at Bedford Modern saw Stamford lose in the last over, but spirits were still high as batting was becoming less fragile. Shepard scored his first half-century of the season.

A rather poor draw resulted when The Leys visited; the opposition never even looked like attempting to reach a high total, which had been bludgeoned in double quick time. Kearvell and Coates both reached the fifty mark and Graeme Hawkins was 49 not out. The Loughborough school match was also drawn; Shepard again batted well and it was pleasing to see Kearvell bowling well at his best again – if he continues to work on his action he will develop into a very useful left arm spinner. South and Shepard knocked off the Bishop's Stortford total of 134 between them to win a good game, Shepard making 78 runs.

Cricket is a 'funny old game' and I walked away from a heavy defeat at Oakham wondering quite how we had been bowled out for 12! When it rains, it pours . . . all our batsmen chose to play their one shocking shot for the season on one day – I actually feel some good lessons were learnt by all those involved. Butcher bowled well at Radcliffe (5-42) and South and Shepard again pushed us past a low total, both batsmen scoring half centuries.

During the weeks of the season the boys had also been playing in the Lincolnshire Hills cup and had progressed by the end of the term to the final. Matthew Shepard was absent and his place was ably filled by Wickham, the U14 wicket-keeper and batsman, who scored an excellent 89 not out, on a very hot day against some horrible bowling. Coates, Kearvell, Butcher and Paterson all took wickets and we beat Sir John Melthorpe Schools by 97 runs. This was a very pleasing end to the season and everyone played their part in the victory.

During the term there were highs and lows but I was very happy with the enthusiastic approach of the squad, who



were led by Daniel Kearvell. He has a good knowledge of the game and was always courteous and efficient. Shepard made a good amount of runs and must now aim to go on and score big centuries – he is also a very talented wicket-keeper. Other batsmen who contributed were Hawkins and South, the latter having the temperament to become a reliable opening bat, and Sutton who only really looked comfortable against Bedford Modern and who must use his feet! The bowling was spearheaded by Scott and Coates, with Butcher acting as a useful first choice seamer. David Fairbairn and Chris Fairbairn both would have liked to bowl more, but worked well in the field and made useful inputs with the willow.

All in all a pleasing year's development and many of the boys should aim to play for School's sides next year. I would like to thank Mr. Patience for all his work on the squares, and all parents who gave time, effort and encouragement through their support.

J.M.H.B.

U14 'B' Cricket

The U14 'B' cricket side had a fair season overall. There is a slight feeling of under-achievement however, because the side lost 3 out of 6 games, and never really reached their all-too-obvious potential. Why this should be, I really do not know. On the positive side, this was a side chosen from a large squad, all of whom wanted to represent the school – and do so in a cheerful and sporting manner.

Of the players who should have been pushing for A-team places, Ed Reacher came the closest: he proved himself to be a cultured batsman, a useful spinner and an extraordinarily gifted fielder, taking some quite breathtaking catches.

Of the matches, we were well beaten by Nottingham High School, although Patrick Stepham did show some resilience in batting. We should have beaten Loughborough, having them 22-7 at one point in reply to our meagre 80. Adrian Pask picked up 5 wickets in a devastating spinning spell. However we managed to lose. Then followed an easy win against a very poor 'Leys' side. This time the bowling honours went to Thomas Crewe, on loan from the A-team who scooped 5 wickets. However the season seemed to be slipping away somewhat when we lost heavily to a useful Bishop's Stortford side after half term. On that occasion the side lacked fight, dedication and real leadership. Much to my delight the U14 'B' finished the season strongly against Gresham's and an excellent win against Oakham, with Simon Miles bowling very cleverly from the Northfields end.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the squad for their company this season and thank Tim Beaver for proving to be a good Captain, and I wish them all the best in the future.

J.M.O'C.

Senior Div. 2 Cricket

As the programme below demonstrates we arranged a programme of matches and net sessions along similar lines to the format adopted for the Colts. We were trying to provide continuity with the already established Colts pattern and were trying to structure it more than in previous years.

With only Tuesday afternoons available and then only up to half term the programme of matches was not as extensive as for the Colts but despite this

Senior Div. 2 Cricket

DURHAM	ESSEX	HAMPS.	KENT	LANCS.	NOTTS.	SURREY	YORKS.
Hayward*	Hewitt K. *	McTeer*	Bentham*	Palmer M.*	Clifford R. *	Ferguson*	Wakerley*
Druitt	Armstrong	Bennett	Ball	Carbutt	Clifford D.	Bye	Hamill
Dutta	Barratt	Buxton	Church	Clyde	Cockerill	Dunkley	Heeley
Finnegan	Briggs	Jagger	Fraser	Cracknell	Handley	Hawkins	Hind
Hartill	Hughes P.	Jones	Handwell	Hayes	Hewitt B.	Latham	Lawrence
Lidbetter	Hughes R.	Lister D.	Juler	Karim	Kavanagh	Power	Mitchell
Parker	Owens	Perkins	Kime	Landsburgh	Laws	Reed	Moore
Richardson	Smith P.	Setterfield	Mann	Pook	Quarterman	Scott C.	Smith M.
Scott T.	South	Smith R.	Pistolas	Swinscoe	Sawyer	Spencer	Stockton
Ward S.	Turnham	Stabler	Sutterby	Wright	Wagstaffe	Ward C.	Urquart
Weight	Waring	Steele	White	Watt	Young		Yarram

* Denotes Captain

FINAL RESULTS TABLE

Team	Played	Won	Tied	Lost	Points per game	Points	Position
LANCASHIRE	3	3	0	0	6	2.0	1=
SURREY	3	3	0	0	6	2.0	1=
NOTTS.	3	1	1	1	3	1.0	3=
YORKSHIRE	3	1	1	1	3	1.0	3=
ESSEX	3	1	0	2	2	0.66	5=
HAMPSHIRE	3	1	0	2	2	0.66	5=
KENT	3	1	0	2	2	0.66	5=
DURHAM	3	0	0	3	0	0.0	8

those that took part seemed to enjoy themselves very much and I know that the staff thoroughly enjoyed taking these sessions. I would like to thank Messrs. Allcock, Chapman, Fitzpatrick, Morgan and Phillips for all their help and support with the umpiring and coaching.

Many thanks also to Mr. McKeown for all his help and his ability to absorb all the various short pitched deliveries of paper that I hurled his way this season. He should have enough pieces of paper now to paper his new house in Trent! I would like to thank him for all he has done for cricket over the years and we wish him and his family all the best for the future. Who knows there may well be Div. 2 matches against Trent in the not-too-distant future!

C.J.T.

An obsession with League Tables is very much in vogue in Education at present and as with all such tables they can be misleading! It would appear that Australia won at a canter with England dragging their heels; but of course the individual matches were very much closer than appears. In two matches after half term there were very tight finishes with Australia scraping home in the last over when the match could have gone either way. Four points at that stage would have made quite a difference to the table. However, as you know, it is not just the result that matters. Winning is important but more important is how you play the game and I was very proud of the fair-

minded approach of all boys, always seeking to support and encourage one another. Credit for this must go to the six captains who worked tirelessly to blend their teams together as an effective unit.

The ethos of Div. 2 cricket was upheld to the very end, i.e. no matter what your ability there is a part for you to play as a member of a team in a competitive situation. Hopefully both the games and net sessions were enjoyable with the opportunity to improve individual skills and to learn how to get on with others as part of a team.

The level of cricket played was extremely high and we promoted three boys to Div. 1 but several more were very close. The match between Div. 2 and the School U15B demonstrated that there was often little difference between Div. 2 and Div. 1 but the school side had the edge when it came to fielding and tactical appreciation as one would expect. Many thanks to Raj Lakhani for organising this fixture, I hope that we might be able to hold more of this type of fixture next year.

Potentially there are a number of players who could make the transition to Div. 1 next year or the year after and I hope to be able to influence this next year in the Senior Div. 2 programme which will be run on similar lines to the programme we ran this year on Tuesday afternoons.

Of course none of this would be possible without the help of my colleagues throughout the term. I would like to thank Messrs. Newbury, Phillips, Alcock and Longley for all their expert help and support. My grateful thanks go to Mr. McKeown who allowed me to bully him

Colts Div. 2 Cricket

The statistics only tell part of the story but they do at least show that only three rounds of fixtures were lost to inclement weather which was marginally better than previous years. What they do not show is the determination and commitment of 63 players trying their best to improve their skills whether in the nets or in a game situation. What more could one ask for?

The success of the Div. 2 programme depends very much upon the enthusiasm and commitment of the participants and it reflects very favourably on all those involved. There were numerous incidents that will remain etched in the memory long after stumps have been drawn for this season and it would be wrong for me to mention a few by name specifically, leaving others out.

Colts Div. 2 Crickcup 1995 Tournament

Provisional Teams

AUSTRALIA	ENGLAND	INDIA	S. AFRICA	PAKISTAN	W. INDIES
Stacey*	Brown O.*	Graham*	Wilby*	Drewnicki*	Barcis*
Alabaster R.	Alabaster W.	Bailey	Barley	Austen	Baron
Bownes	Brown A.	Brown R. W.	Cheung	Booker	Daffern
Edwards	Byrne	Clough	Dickinson	Fox	Davidson
Gant	Fitton	Cooke	Doyle	Hopgood	Flint E.
Kendall	Huckins	Hunt	Grieve	Hughes	Flint R.
Morgan	Lakhani	Knipe	Lal	Martin	Noton
Norriss	Radcliffe	McNicholas	O'Neill	Smith M. J.	Perkins
Pramanik	Simpson	Porter	Rhys Davies	Wilkin	Pirie
Vitas	Terry	Potter	Smith J.	Wood	Smith A.
		Watchorn	White		Yardley

* Denotes Captain

FINAL RESULTS TABLE

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Points	Points per game	Position
AUSTRALIA	10	8	1	1	17	1.70	1st
INDIA	8	5	3	0	10	1.25	2nd
S. AFRICA	9	4	4	0	8	0.88	3rd
W. INDIES	10	4	6	0	8	0.80	4th
PAKISTAN	10	3	5	1	7	0.70	5th
ENGLAND	9	3	5	0	6	0.66	6th

and to cajole him into getting the best possible deal for Div. 2. He will be sorely missed next year but I am sure that Mr. Beale and Mr. Sawyer will uphold the interests of Div. 2 next year. I would also like to thank Mr. Patience and his staff for all the hard work they do which is much appreciated. Of course it always helps to have the support of the Headmaster and I am very grateful for all his support and encouragement, as were the boys. Nothing quite beats the 'Royal Seal of Approval'!!

C.J.T.

Athletics

A new season, a new team and a new system of training. This year we were split up into units; sprinters, middle distance runners, jumpers and throwers, and trained for each. This seemed to have a good effect, especially for the middle distance runners.

Our first match at Peterborough was a stern test against the likes of Oundle, Rugby and Warwick, but we still managed to produce some good results with Roland (1500m), Edwards (800m), Mitchell (1500m) and Fryer (discus) all winning. Stamford finished fourth in the seniors and fifth in the Inters.

Our next event was two weeks later; a quadrangular event against Bedford Modern, Uppingham and Oakham. Then the senior middle distance team came into its own, with Addison winning the 800m followed by Roland and then a reverse of this in the 1500m. The inter team produced some very good results here with wins for Bagshaw (100m, hurdles and long jump), Tweedie (200m, triple jump), Edwards (800m and 400m) and Walmsley. The juniors also performed well with Howlett (800m and 1500m) Martin (shot), Thompson (javelin) and Lane (high jump) all winning. The intermediate team achieved a well-deserved win with third place for both the seniors and juniors.

The final event for the senior teams was at Corby in May. Again there were wins for Addison and Roland in the 800m and 1500m, steering the team to second place. Godfrey also finished strongly in second place in the 400m, and claims he would have won had he not been boxed in his shared lane.

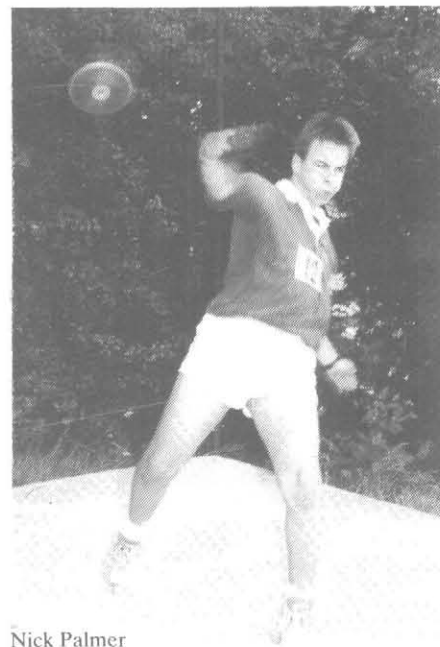
The intermediates also finished second with wins for Tweedie (200m), Edwards (400m), Mitchell (800m) and Walmsley (1500m). The juniors, with Howlett and Martin again winning their events, came third.

In the Under 15's and Under 16's match against Depton on Saturday 17th June both teams won. For the Under 15's Howlett (800m and 1500m), Williams (hurdles, triple jump and high jump) and Palmer (discus) all recorded wins, as did Twells (100m and 200m), Hayes (400m), Mitchell (800m and 1500m) and Fletcher (shot and discus). This rounded off a very good season for the teams. Congratulations must go to the team from the Removes and Thirds who made the Milk in Action regional A final.

The school also produced five country champions this year: Roland (2000 steeple-chase), Durham (3000m), Bagshaw (long jump), Edwards (400m) and Martin (discus). Boddington (javelin) and Addison (1500m) both gained second places, and Mitchell came third in his 1500m

The internal school athletics was as busy as ever with the Paarlaf being won overall by Radcliffe, as was Sportsday. The pentathlon was won by Exeter. But the 3000m was probably the best event with two new school records: one for Damien Roland in the seniors and the new junior record for Andrew Mitchell.

Congratulations must go to Damien Roland, this year's captain who came fifth in the English Schools' 2000m steeple-



Nick Palmer

chases, and who remained unbeaten in the 1500m for the school. He was also this year's Victor Ludorum at Sports Day.

A big thank you must also go to Mr. Johnstone who, as ever, put in a great deal of effort in organising everything; his new training system also produced some excellent results. Finally, congratulations go to everyone who competed; your efforts were greatly appreciated.

Andrew Fletcher

The season also resulted in the following successes:

John Martin – won the London Athletics Club championship discus event with a throw of 35m 46cm, which is an English Qualifying standard.

Keith Ruffles – won the National Schools prep championships shot event with a throw of over 10m.

Damien Roland – 5th in English Schools 2000m steeplechase.



Jonathan Edwards – qualified for the semi-finals at the English Schools in 400m event.

Junior Schools Athletics: The U14 and U13's won the Loughborough Grammar Schools' invitation event against the District championships age ranges.

Internal Athletics Event winners:

Senior Pentathlon – Richard Godfrey

Senior Triathlon – Andrew Davie

Colts Pentathlon – Tom Griffin

Colts Triathlon – Andrew Mitchell

U16 Decathlon champion – Steven Hayes

U16 Decathlon champion – Neil Howlett
K.G.J.

Tennis

The season got off to a good start with convincing wins over Oakham and Bedford. However, a foot injury struck Boddington who remained unfit for the majority of the term. Christian Cummings, his replacement, quickly adapted to 1st team terms and produced a high quality of tennis, though the new partnerships took time to get together.

The season progressed successfully with further wins over Notts. High, Kimbolton and 'The Leys'. The only fixture of the term for the second team was against a strong Uppingham side who defeated Stamford in a very competitive game.

The final match of term, against the Old Stamfordians, provided a blend of good tennis and a great deal of enjoyment, ending in a draw. The singles competition provided a grand finale to the season with Jon Sugden beating Tom Shaw in a hard fought three-set match. Sugden also helped Ancaster to win the house matches beating Exeter in the final. With an almost identical team for the 1996 Summer term, another successful year awaits.

1st Team: B. Lloyd, J. Boddington, T. Shaw, D. Gray, J. Sugden, M. Sugden.

Golf

There was a good deal of activity despite the demands of a long examination period and the fact that a number of our best golfers are good cricketers too. In the School matches we lost at Luffenham Heath to the powerful Oakham side which includes four boys with handicaps less than five. Also at Luffenham Heath we finished all square with Uppingham. Finally on the new course at Elton Furze we beat Oundle. Our last match of term was the triangular competition against the Old Stamfordians and the Staff. The Common

Room has been reinforced recently with even more good golfers and the Staff were comfortable winners. In a closer battle for second place we were pipped by the O.S.

The majority of team players were Fifth Formers and each one who was selected for the side made a good contribution: Colin Busby, Daniel Haigh, Nicholas Haigh, David McDonald, Robin Swithinbank, and James Walmsley. From the Lower Sixth James Barton played in all of the matches, and managed to fulfil his Second XI commitments too, whilst David Scott and Ben Walmsley supported us when they could. From the Upper Fourths James Bust showed excellent potential, and we were pleased to be able to give Andrew Bain, the School exchange student from America, the opportunity to play in the Oakham match.

Twenty enthusiastic Fourth Formers turned out for the Colts House Matches on a hot and sunny day. There was a wide range of standard in the golf, and in some of the arithmetic, with Brazenose eventually coming a gallant second to an impressive Radcliffe side.

The School Golf Cup provided some very good competition as usual. Ian Cunningham made excellent progress to the semi-final but an insect bite near his eye caused such a severe reaction that he was forced to withdraw. In the other semi-final James Barton narrowly beat David McDonald, but then lost the final in a close match, so that Daniel Haigh was the winner for the second successive year.

Results:

Colts House Matches:

Radcliffe

Swimming Sports

School Golf Champion:

Daniel Haigh	Lost	1-3
v. Oakham	Drew	2-2
v. Uppingham	Won	3-1
v. Oundle		

D. J. Haigh/J.H.

Swimming

Matches:

Training started as usual in January in the High School pool and the squad worked hard as this year the first match (rather than the last) was against Loughborough – our strongest opposition. We lost at U19 and U16 level and we came 9th against them plus 11 other schools later on in the season at the Loughborough Quincentenary Celebration Gala in Nottingham. Some very strong swimming schools were present and we produced some great results. U19 came 7th, U16 5th and U14 9th.

We had some home matches at the High School pool which included girls' teams. We beat Uppingham 183-113 and all age groups performed well (U19, U16 boys, Open and U14 girls).

The Senior boys did very well against Trent, winning 50-27, but in the other three age groups Trent had the edge and we lost 162-145. At Oakham (U19 and U16 boys) we won 79-76 and as usual it was a very close and exciting contest which was decided by the last relay.

Oundle and The Leys cancelled matches and, due to an unfortunate mix-up with coaches, we didn't get to swim against Worksop.



Swimming Sports:

The Senior School Swimming Sports had a very exciting climax. As we went into the final event of the day – the Senior Freestyle Relay, Byard had to produce a school record to get enough points to beat Exeter. They won the race, but not in a record time, and so after 33 events there was a tie for first place with Byard and Exeter both on 233 points.

Two Swimming Sports records were broken; R. Wallace – Individual Medley, and A. Gartside – 2 Length freestyle. The 1 Length freestyle record, which has stood since it was set by T. Galloway in 1986 was also equalled by A. Gartside. Eighteen of the twenty-four records have been broken, and re-broken in some cases, since 1992, so the standard of swimming certainly appears to be improving.

Richard Wallace unfortunately leaves us this year, he being the last of three Wallaces to captain the swimming team. All three were excellent swimmers and in 1993 the Wallaces held all but three school records between them. I would like to say a big thank you to them for their enormous contribution to swimming at Stamford School – we shall certainly miss them. Also, thanks are due to Mrs. Wallace who presented the cups at Swimming Sports.

Water Polo:

The inter-house Water Polo Competition was won by Byard who beat Exeter in the penalty shoot-out after the score remained 3-3 at full time. The final was played using all of the pool and both sides demonstrated significant improvement of Polo skills since last year.

When the Junior School Water Polo club was started, a great deal of interest was shown in this exhausting sport. 35 boys turned up initially, keen and raring to go, but after a few weeks when they realised how hard it was, and that Water Polo skills need considerable effort, numbers dwindled by the last session to a hard core of nine.

Scuba:

6 boys completed the Novice I SCUBA Diving course which was held at the school pool this Summer Term.

G.M.

Basketball

This season was one of mixed fortunes with a relatively slow start to the term, but as skills developed along with increasing knowledge about the game, the squad became a more cohesive unit and started to play as a team – thanks to the combined coaching of Mr. Johnstone and the newly arrived Mr. Effick.

Our first game, against Oakham at home, was marred by the fact that half of our players were unavailable due to hockey matches. However, thanks to volunteers Kieren Paterson and Patrick Turnham we were able to field a full squad. Twelve points down at half time we made our comeback through Australian student teacher Travis Hardman to reduce the margin to seven.

Our second match was a low scoring affair where Uppingham managed to edge us out by four points.

Our next two matches were to be our best. With new tactics we entered both games with more confidence – and it showed. The return match at Oakham was one of our better games and our highest scoring one. Down 18-12 at half time we fought back and were victorious by 39-31. This was a sign of great things to come. Our last game of the season at Uppingham brought together all concepts of the game with incredible defence led by Robert Neal and Matthew Simpson working hard in the engine room. Persistent offence paid off, enabling us to score through set moves and controlled passing. We came away from the game with a 33-21 win and with a great sense of pride. With the only two Upper Sixth players in the squad unable to play, this match shows great potential for next season.

Overall, the team improved immensely, both as individuals and as a unit. Congratulations to all who were involved in the team's end of season success.

Michael Druitt (captain)

Badminton

In both of the matches this term, the senior team was greatly depleted either through injury or other commitments. In the first match against Uppingham, the three pairs battled hard, but with the only success coming from Karim and Cockerill, who won two out of their three matches.

However, the colts fared much better with all three pairs victorious in all their matches, securing a resounding 9-0 victory.

In the second match against Oakham, both teams met stiff opposition. Once again the seniors found it particularly difficult losing 7-2. However, the colts played excellently to win a tight match 5-4. Special congratulations must go to Robinson and Edwards who again won all of their matches.

Our sincere thanks must again go to Dr. Fitzpatrick who helped organise the matches and club sessions.

Senior Squad: T. Cooke, L. Garratt, G. Cockerill, M. Abbott, K. Karim, S. Ward, G. Peckett, M. Palmer, J. Bennett, B. Lloyd.

Colts squad: A. Robinson, K. Edwards, D. Hanwell, R. Richey, C. Pook, L. Armstrong.
G. A. Cockerill

Table-Tennis

W11 D2 L3

Final Division 2 Position: 3rd

A season of fluctuating emotions: despair in semi-finals; joy in finals; pride in junior success; frustration in the league. It has been a busy season, and hugely enjoyable.

Perhaps the highlight of the season was apart from competition. In October we welcomed the England captain, Dennis Neale, and the eleven times English champion, Desmond Douglas, for a coaching and demonstration evening. The session was well supported by boys from the school, and it was good to see how the game should be played.

In the League competitions, Leigh Ware again dominated the Junior sections. For experience, he attended the Huntingdonshire county tournaments. He performed to his potential, and he now recognises the standards required to be successful at county level.

The league team improved on its position of last season in Division Two. Kevin Hewitt earned a number of fine victories, and Leigh improved his average to 70%. Promotion just eluded us, and the moments when the season turned at Thurlby will not be forgotten.

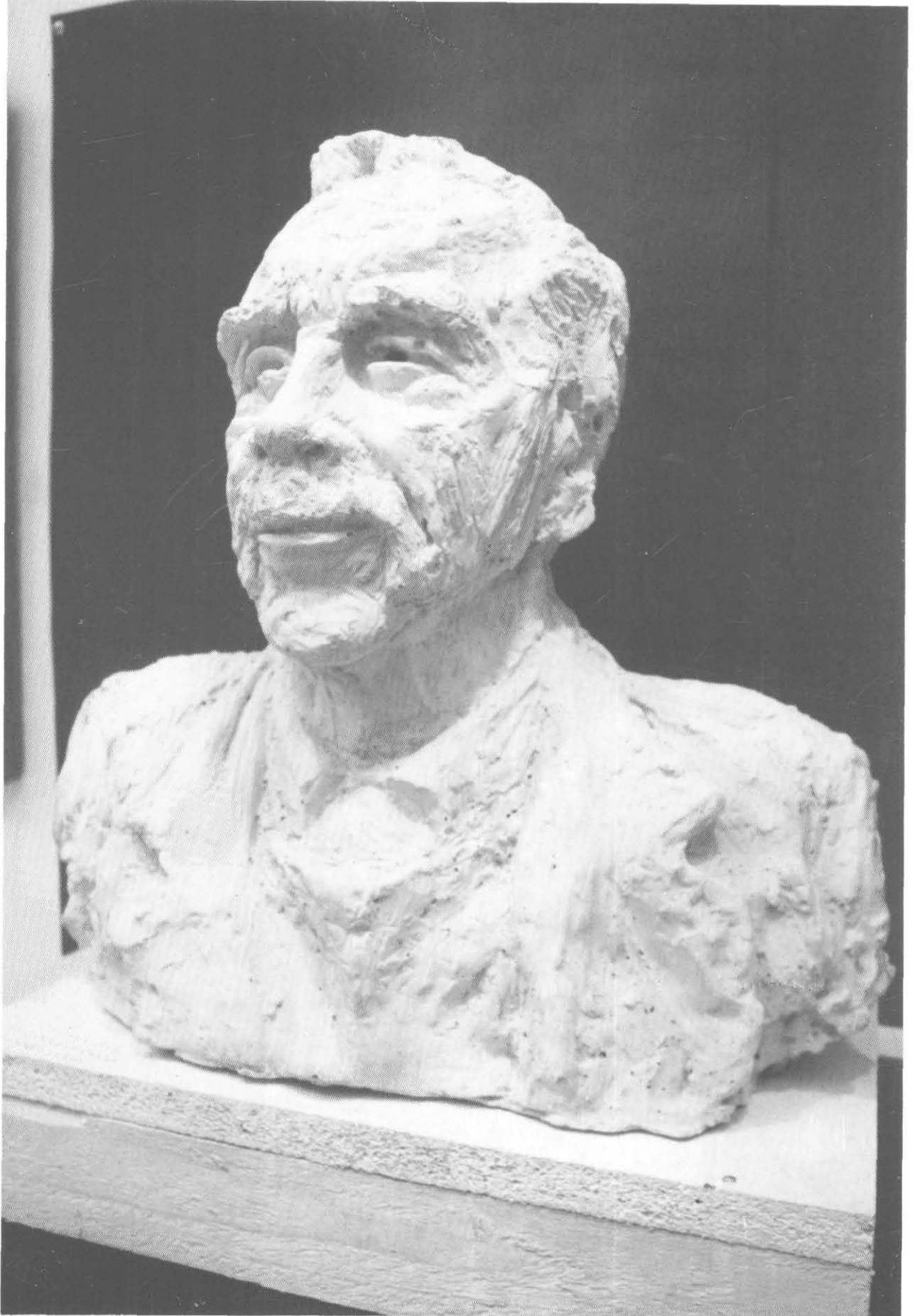
The Monday afternoon sessions were well attended, and there are one or two who display the potential required for league matches. At the junior tournaments held at Oakham School, Russell Wood was victorious in the singles competition. Leigh wasn't allowed to play in this, but won the handicap – beating Russell in the final – despite playing off minus twelve!

I must express my thanks to Steve Williams, the League's coaching secretary, for his help here.

Despite the departure of Kevin Hewitt, I am confident that the squad will again pressure the top teams in Division Two of the League: promotion next year, perhaps?

R.J.B.H.

Tim Burton



Ancaster

<i>House Master:</i>	Mr. J. P. Hodgson
<i>House Tutors:</i>	Mr. J. M. Backhouse Mr. G. P. Brown Mr. M. L. Pearman Mr. A. C. Power Mr. C. J. Thorley
<i>Head of House:</i>	Chris Pask
<i>Deputy Head of House:</i>	Sam Fuller

Ancaster started the academic year with 24 new boys, a new Sixth Form tutor and a new Housemaster. The house will always be indebted to the years of service that Mr. Appleyard has so unselfishly devoted. The music competition occupied all of the house for the first half of term. In the unison song we chose "American Pie". Edward Aston accompanied on the guitar and for this alone the performance deserved, and received, credit. Hamish Crombie and Geoff Lea arranged and led the performance of the winning Ensemble piece, an outstanding achievement. Ancaster also made excellent contributions to the pop song section (again organised by Lea and Crombie) and the part song (organised by Sam Fuller).

In the first term the seniors also had the inter house rugby competition. The first seven lost narrowly in the final and the second seven led by Adam Wolfe won their competition. In the inter-house quiz we again did well, losing in the semi-finals.

The second term was busy with inter-house competitions. A pattern started to develop with Ancaster reaching the final only to be beaten. This was the case in the senior basketball, the senior hockey and the football competitions. It was a testament to many boys' commitment that we reached so many finals. The colts basketball team, led by Simon Ward, won their competition. This was an extremely fine performance, with many non-basketball players doing well.

The Burghley run produced some gutsy performances, notably from Jonathan Edwards and Adam Wolfe. Lacking one or two runners we found it difficult to compete but those who did run deserve praise for their efforts.

For the first time the Middle School took part in the Polyathlon – all members of the Upper and Lower 4th had the chance to compete. Andrew Nelson did a good job of organising the various teams. Ancaster did well in the football, squash and hockey, and once again the shooting team led by Adam Lister won the shooting competition.

In the summer term the cricket competition produced some entertaining

play. A determined Byard side punished some slow scoring to beat the senior side in the semi-final. The colts side lost in a rain-delayed match which turned into a real nail-biter. Unfortunately opening batsman Edward Reacher had to retire with a blow on the head.

Sportsday produced some outstanding performances, particularly by Jonathan Edwards. Amongst the others who did well were Richard Godfrey, Matthew Connolly and Tom Griffin.

Mark and Jonathan Sugden led the House to victory in the senior tennis competition.

In the swimming sports Ancaster domination came to an end. Richard Wallace again won all his races, the comment "the Wallace era has come to an end," was to be overheard.

Away from the sportsfield the Upper Fourths ran a debating society on a Tuesday lunchtime which led to lively discussion. The tuck shop continues to be run efficiently by boys from most years in the house, and the profit from recent years allowed us to purchase a computer.

There was a very successful charity rock concert organised by Rupert Waring which raised in the region of £700 for charity.

We must mention the considerable academic achievements of so many in the House. All members of the Upper Sixth gained places in further education, three going on to Oxbridge. Sam Fuller scored the highest mark of all those nationally who sat the O&C geography A level (including 100% on one of the papers). Notable G.C.S.E. results were gained by a number of boys including Patrick Smith, Doug Precey, Anthony Robinson and Christian Cummins.

I must thank all the tutors in the house for their help and support. Particularly I must thank Mr. Backhouse who leaves to join Byard and Mr. Thorley who after many years with Ancaster has decided to have a rest to concentrate on the Div 2 competitions and V.C.S.

Finally, I must thank all the prefects for their help and guidance. Chris Pask was always keen and led very much by example. I wish him, and all of those who have moved on, my very best wishes.



HOUSE REPORTS

Brazenose

This year has been a successful one for Brazenose, with some very good performances from both the younger, and more senior members of the House. The end of this year, however, was tinged with a touch of sadness owing to the departure of Mr. Ward, who has given his assistance to both the House and the School in recent years.

The Autumn term began with the music competition. Despite the House's hard work, our unison song, "California, Here I Come" failed to win the competition. The part song, however, "Down by the Sally Gardens", was a great success, receiving high praise from the judges for being the only 'true' part song in the competition. Tim Brown must be congratulated on his organisation of such a technically difficult part song. Both the ensemble and pop song were very well received by the audience.

The general knowledge competition was a highlight for Brazenose. The team did very well indeed to win the final and the competition. The chess team, headed by Jonathan Lewis could not repeat its performance of last year and was unfortunately knocked out in the quarter final.

The Spring term and the cross-country competition at Burghley Park were quickly upon us. James Browne and James Walmsley ran particularly well for the 1st VIII, achieving 10th and 9th place respectively – a remarkable achievement for people who do not consider themselves long-distance runners.

The Lower Fourth Brazenose football team, managed and coached by Dean Cornish, performed extremely well and won the Inter-House competition. Matthew Perkins deserves particular praise for winning the goal-scoring competition.

The Summer term began with the Paarlauf, in which the House did well to come 3rd. In athletics, our team was very capably organised by James Browne, and a concerted effort helped us to gain 3rd place overall in the competition. In the senior category, James Browne came first in both the long-jump and triple-jump, while Bill Minards also managed a creditable 2nd in both the 100 and 200m. In the colts category, good efforts came from Christopher Greaves, Mark Keegan and David Fairbairn. The juniors, notably William Benns and Nils Killgren, also did extremely well.

An event which does not have such a high profile in the athletics competition is the Inter-House golf competition. Here the team came 2nd overall.

The last event of term was the swimming competition. Although Brazenose does not pride itself on its ability in the water, a good effort was made by the House and we managed to beat Radcliffe and win the 'Town Cup'. However, as it has frequently been said: "It is not the winning that counts, but the taking part." Certainly there was no shortage of boys willing to lend a hand and swim for the House.

The effort and support of Mr. Crombie and all the House tutors is never undervalued, and thanks are due to them, as well as to the Head of House, Bill Minards, and the Deputy Head, Tom Russell, who have worked hard over the year. Finally, our best wishes to Mr. Ward for his retirement.

Lawrence Lacey

Browne

House Master: Mr. C. J. Alcock
House Tutors: Mr. W. J. Murphy-
 O'Connor
 Mr. A. J. Young
 Mr. P. A. Effick
 Mr. J. M. H. Beale
 Mr. K. G. Johnstone
 Mrs. D. E. Watson

Head of House: Daniel Bentham

At the start of the Autumn term we welcomed fourteen new boys into Browne. Our community has become increasingly cosmopolitan in recent years receiving pupils from Hong Kong, Russia, Australia and a number of European countries including for the first time a SOROS foundation scholar from Latvia, Martins Masulis. It says much for them and the

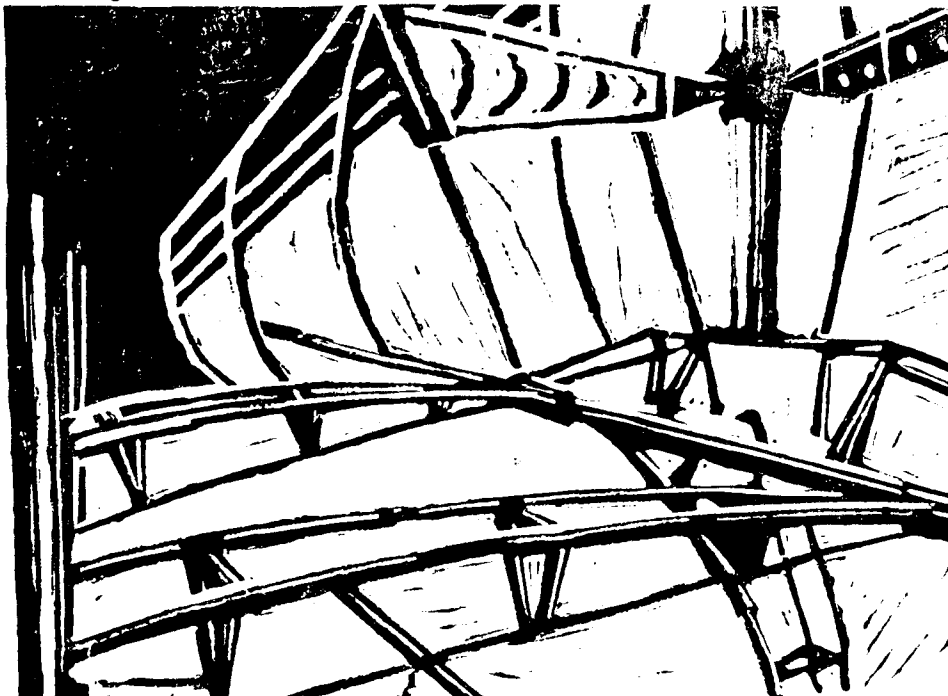
friendly atmosphere that prevails here that they all settled in quickly and over the year have contributed significantly to both the House and the School.

We also welcomed Mr. Effick, who joined us for a year from Dulwich College as Fifth Form tutor, and our new Matron Mrs. Channing.

Throughout the year the boys' reports were encouraging, reflecting hard work in the classroom and purposeful participation in extra-curricular activities. I was very pleased with the public examination results achieved by both our 'A' level and G.C.S.E. candidates. Particular congratulations to Daniel Bentham who achieved three A grades and one B at 'A' level and won a place at Brazenose College Oxford to read Modern History and German, and to Ben Lloyd who gained A grades in all his G.C.S.E. papers including four at A*.

As ever the first half of the Autumn term was dominated by the music competition. Both our unison and part songs were taken from 'Half a Sixpence' by David Heneker. The boys rehearsed very positively and the final performances were excellent. The unison song 'If the Rain's got to Fall' was highly commended and placed second and the part song 'All in the Cause of Economy' was entertaining and went down well with the audience. In the instrumental competitions our ensemble played 'Hello' by Lionel Richie and performed most creditably whilst our pop group rose magnificently to the challenge of 'Stairway to Heaven' and were

Robert Hughes



adjudicated joint winners. The time that some of the boys dedicated to the competition was enormous and I must single out Philip Sloss for special praise for organising our entries and playing a leading role in the unison and the two instrumental groups.

In testing conditions we narrowly lost the final of the senior rugby sevens but as ever our teams played with tremendous commitment. Other competitions we were involved in included Chess and General Knowledge. Occasionally it is not the winning that matters but the taking part! and my thanks go to those who took part.

Members of the House have participated in a wide range of activities through the year, including D. of E. Young Enterprise, D. T. Art, a full range of sports and a number of cultural activities. My thanks to the staff who have given up their time to provide the boys with these opportunities. Congratulations to Dominic Tooze who was runner-up in a National Design competition with his shopping trolley designed to move easily over stairs. A number of Browne boys have represented the School and County at Rugby, Hockey and Athletics in the different age groups and special mention should be made of John Martin who won the colts discus competition at the Midlands Independent Schools championship.

The highlight of the hectic Spring term was the outstanding boarders' musical 'Little Shop of Horrors' produced by Messrs. Crombie and McGarry. Months of preparation went into the production and many of our boys were involved either on stage or behind the scenes. All are to be congratulated on a most memorable show, played to a capacity audience each evening. David Clyde was excellent in the lead role and there was also an impressive performance from David Pickavance. Some boys were also involved with the powerful and emotive school production of Mr. Scarborough's play 'This Cup I Take'.

In the inter-house competitions we were fourth in both the Senior and Colts cross-country, runners-up in our group in the Senior Hockey and we won the Senior Basketball for the third consecutive year. Our colts combined with Byard for the Multi-sport Polyathlon which we won by a handsome margin.

On the first Sunday in March we welcomed the Bishop of Lincoln to the School chapel for the annual confirmation service at which three of our boys were confirmed.

Naturally the focus of the Summer term was on the examinations but it proved to be another busy term in respect of extra-curricular activities. We retained the Colts tennis cup under the captaincy of Leigh Ware who has proved to be a most capable tennis player, excelling at the table variety and dominating local tournaments. Both our cricket teams were defeated in the semi-finals and our senior tennis team lost a tense final. Although overall we were only fifth in the athletic sports there were some notable individual performances from John Martin in the Junior section and Ben Lloyd in the Colts. Our water polo team played extremely well but unfortunately lost in the semi-final. Throughout the year our colts were impressive in all the sporting competitions and the future looks bright.

Other activities during the term included orchestral, band and choral concerts played to large appreciative audiences.

Unfortunately at the end of the year we said farewell to Mr. Murphy-O'Connor, his wife Alison and daughter Emily. We wish them well as they begin their new life at Sherborne. We also said goodbye to Mr. Effick who has moved to Trinity School in Croydon and he and his fiancée Annie take with them our best wishes. Mr. Young is to be congratulated on his appointment as Director of Art at Stoneyhurst School and also on his marriage to Sophie. Our congratulations too to Mr. Beale on his marriage and we look forward to his wife Tina joining the Browne team next year. My sincere thanks to all of them for their efforts and companionship.

I would like to thank Daniel Bentham and his prefects for their hard work throughout the year and for creating such a genial atmosphere in the House. Our Matron, Mrs. Channing, has made an enormous contribution to the House. Always sensitive to the boys' needs she has worked tirelessly on their behalf and we are all extremely grateful to her. My thanks also to the Sanatorium Sisters, Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Halford, to our cleaning ladies, to Ron and Vic and to Mr. Briggs and the kitchen staff who have all made significant contributions and enhanced greatly the quality of life of our boarding community.

This is the last opportunity I will have to express in writing my thanks to the Bursar, Col. John Jones. My family and I will always remember the total support and friendship we have received from him over the past eight years. We wish him and his wife Eileen every happiness in their retirement.

Finally my thanks to my wife and family for their support and understanding.

C.J.A.

Byard

This was an outstanding year for Byard. Not only did we win several of the major competitions, but many of our 5ths and 6ths achieved excellent results in their public examinations in the summer. Perhaps the best of all, appropriately, were those gained by William Hetherington, and I'd like to express my thanks and admiration for the way he and his deputy, Luke Runciman, led the House this year. Most of this year's Upper Sixth joined the House at the same time as my wife and I did, in 1990, and hence hold a special place in our affection. We wish them all every happiness in the future.

Sadly, a number of House staff have also moved on. Mr. Friend, who had been with us for the past two years, now hopes to spend some time travelling around the world. He quickly became established in the House, and proved an efficient and popular tutor. So too did Mr. McKeown, who, with his wife, Charmain, has left Byard after 7 years' outstanding service – accompanied by the newest member of their family, Liam, and their other two sons, Neil and Kieren. Not only was Mr. McKeown an excellent Fifth Form tutor, but he taught Economics, was Head of Business Studies, ran the Young Enterprise schemes and was master in charge of cricket for most of his time here. He has left to take on an exciting new challenge at Trent College, and we wish him every success. Finally, we have also lost the services of Mr. Mailley, who acted as our non-residential tutor of the Lower 4ths throughout the past 8 years. Although he lived outside the House, he always managed to acquire a close and detailed knowledge of each of his tutees, and I particularly admired the incredible effort he put into each one of his tutor reports. Many of us have good reason to be grateful to him, and we wish him well in his new position in Junior School.

It's obviously a blow to lose such a fine team of tutors all at once, but it is also a pleasure to welcome their replacements. Mr. Backhouse with his wife Helen and their two young sons have now moved into the house vacated by Mr. McKeown, and is our new Lower Fourths tutor. Replacing Mr. Friend and tutoring our Upper Fourths is Mr. Sharpe, a newcomer to the school, and teacher of D.T. We also welcome Mr. Longley, the Head of Geography, to our fine team of Sixth Form tutors.



And so to my usual summary of major events involving boys in the House. Let me begin by apologising to those parents who feel their son's name should and doesn't appear here: limited time and space precludes my naming all the notable successes, and I know that I shall inevitably miss someone out. I can only hope that the individual reports that you receive throughout the year do properly acknowledge and applaud all of our boys' achievements.

In the Autumn term, David Hall led us to another success in the Unison competition with "Streets of London". Our part-song, "Ram-a-lang-a-ding-dong" was also highly regarded by many, and our classical and rock ensembles were, I thought, extremely worthy. Ceri Thorne won the individual singing prize, fighting off a stern challenge from Michael Bye.

More success ensued on the sports front, with Byard winning the "grand slam" of the senior rugby, hockey and cricket titles in one year – a feat certainly unique during my time at the school. The senior rugby seven of Will Hetherington, Edwin Jones, Luke Runciman, David Hall, Andrew

Hawkins, Kieren Paterson and Alex Graham saw off a tough challenge from Ancaster in the final, and our second seven reached their final against the same opponents before succumbing to injury and the elements in the final stages. We started as firm favourites in the hockey, and good performances from the whole team, and notably our skipper Andrew Hawkins, saw us through. However, perhaps the most pleasing of this year's victories came in the cricket competition, when we outplayed the two strongest sides, Ancaster and Radcliffe, to record an improbable but memorable triumph. Major contributions were made by our few "established" cricketers, such as Nick Doggett, Kieren Paterson and Kevin Terrett, and these were splendidly supported by some tremendous fielding from "irregulars" such as Richard Grimer and Nat Spencer.

Unfortunately, our cross-country and athletics teams weren't quite as successful as they have been recently. We were hampered in the Burghley by the loss through injury of key runners such as Christian Aldridge, Cristian Miceli and Cawton Wright, but the commitment of those who did run, I'm glad to say, was as impressive as ever. Iain Campbell came 4th and Andrew Davie 7th in the senior A race; David Beney won the senior B race with Alex Graham 3rd and Chris Jackson 4th; in the colts' event, Stephen Hayes came 4th in the A race, while David Middleton came first and Andrew Davison second in the B event; and we came 3rd and 4th overall. This year also saw the introduction of a new competition – the Polyathlon, involving 7 different events and involving most of our Lower and Upper Fourths. This was won by some distance by a joint Browne and Byard team.

There were several notable performances on Sports Day, with Stephen Hayes retaining his Junior Victor Ludorum title, after winning all of his five events, and the seniors triumphing in the final relay, 4 x 100, in thrilling style. David Cooke's high jump P.B. and solid contributions from Andrew Davie, David Beney and Mark Lawrence were particularly memorable on the day, helping us to a respectable and comfortable 2nd position, behind a very strong Radcliffe team.

Shortly afterwards we ended our successful sporting year by winning the water polo cup and sharing the swimming trophy after a dead heat with Exeter. Richard Grimer and Edwin Jones were particularly influential in both events.

Another major highlight of the year, without doubt, was the performance of "Little Shop of Horrors" which provided as impressive and enjoyable a Boarders' Play as I can remember. Many thanks, of course, are due to Mr. Crombie and Mr. McGarry for involving so many of our boys (and several girls from SHS) in such a polished production. Special plaudits were deservedly heaped upon Ceri Thorne, Michael Bye and Martin Belk at the time, (and upon David Clyde, from Browne, who was superb as the male lead) but this was truly a stunning team effort, appreciated as much by those who took part as by those who saw the shows. Also in March, six of our boys were confirmed by the Bishop of Lincoln, and several more earned and/or received various D. of E. awards throughout the year.

Finally, I was pleased that many Byard boys continued to excel in the cadet force, and the year ended with Chris Jackson being made the new Head of CCF, Kieren Paterson the Deputy Head, and Kevin Terrett Head of RAF. Christopher Fairbairn received the Fieldcraft prize.

I began this report by outlining the major staff changes involving the House this year, but there was one major omission from that list. Mrs. Channing was appointed as our new Senior Matron during the last summer holidays, and, as I'm sure many boys and parents realise, she has been a marvel. Roll on 95/96!

D.L.

Exeter

Exeter enjoyed a mixed year in 1994/95 with both notable successes and quickly forgotten failures. The first major competition of the year was, as ever, the music competition where Exeter performed adequately. As always, the prize for the unison song seemed beyond the talents of the boys, as was the part song with the unique interpretation of Take That's 'A Million Love Songs' receiving little praise from both the judges and audience alike. Praise must go, however, to the performance of Exeter pupils in the individual parts of the competition.

Exeter has a large crop of Rugby talent, with several senior players having been on the South Africa tour, and this was reflected in the reasonably successful results the House was able to produce both at Colt and Senior levels.

In the Spring term the House took part in such competitions as the Inter House Hockey Tournament and the Burghley Run. Exeter performed quite well at the latter, special praise going to Damien Roland, who won the 'A' race, and Andrew Gartside.

The Summer term could perhaps be said to have been Exeter's most successful term for some time, due to victories in competitions like the Colt's House Cricket and the Swimming Competition – where Exeter came joint first with Byard House – and much success in the Athletics. Praise must go to Damien and Andrew again, as well as Tom Martin, Andrew Fletcher and many others, in making the term so successful.

Exeter's achievements venture far further, of course, than the sportsfield: Damien Roland the school's Head Boy, and a number of other Exeter pupils achieved the distinction of gaining three or more 'A' grade passes at 'A' level.

A final mention must go to the tireless hard work of Mr. Tilling this year as a new House Tutor, especially in his pivotal role in establishing rowing teams both for the School and House, and a fond farewell given to Mr. Froggett, who will be leaving the House in order to concentrate on the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

Oliver Steele

Hamish Crombie



Radcliffe House

The first part of the Autumn term was, as usual, consumed with preparations for the Music Competition. The unison song selection of the negro traditional "Joshua fit de Battle of Jericho" went down well with everyone, and with Mr. Walker's arrangement and manic coaching the house produced a polished result. Once again our ensemble, under the tutelage of

Mr. McGarry, gave an excellent performance but the rendition of "Someday Sweetheart" was narrowly beaten into second place. With Lee Daffern outstanding on lead guitar, we shared the Pop Group cup with Browne. Our part song, the product of a vast amount of rehearsal, not to mention the unstinting efforts of Tim Cooke who arranged it, didn't go as well on the day as it deserved to. Nonetheless it was a fine effort.

After half term the quiz team, led by Kieran Thompson, made the final of the house competition but in the end were well beaten. As the long Autumn term drew to a close our senior rugby sevens did battle in the mud but were overpowered by some generally bigger and stronger opposition.

With the Spring term came the cross-country season and the house came into its own. Our senior team, captained in uncompromising fashion by Justin Durham, comprehensively won their competition with a total score for the twelve counting runners of only 115 – an outstanding achievement. Our junior team performed well too but were narrowly beaten into second place in their competition.

On paper our hockey team looked a strong one and on the field the team played attractively but simply could not convert sustained pressure into goals and an early exit from the competition resulted.

The Polyathlon, a new event involving all boys in the lower and upper fourth forms, was thoroughly enjoyed by all and many good sporting prospects for the future emerged during the event.

The Summer Term brought with it some high hopes and expectations. The senior cricket XI played well in reaching the final but some poor fielding and rash batting allowed Byard to beat us comfortably in the end. Our Colts XI had also promised more than just a semi-final place.

Our tennis players performed with heart and some humour – I watched an enjoyable match involving our doubles pairing of James Sutcliffe and Richard Thorley!

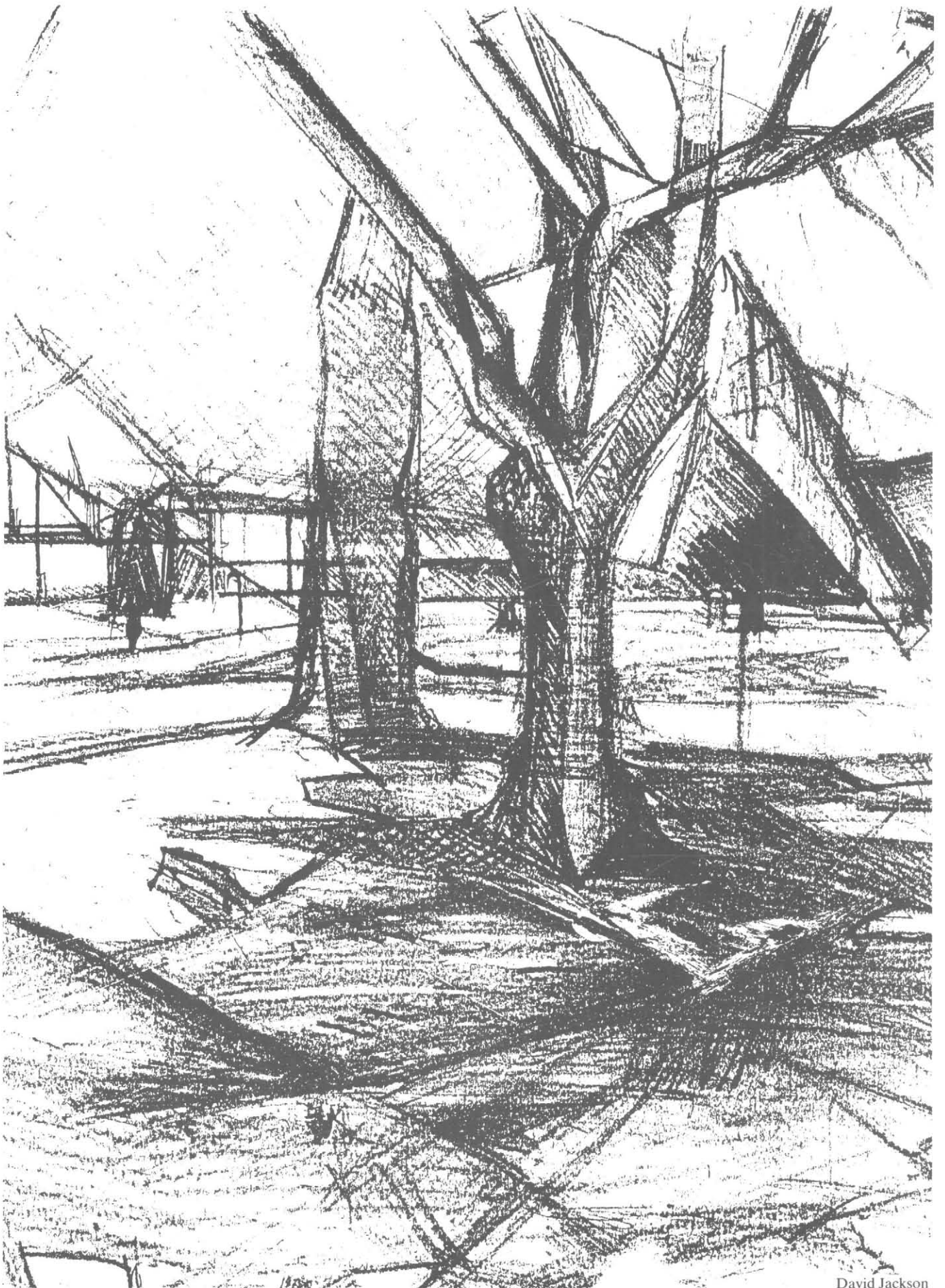
I suppose the highlight of the year came with our performances in the athletics. A comprehensive victory in the paarlauft promised much and on sports day we duly lifted both the relay cup and the inter-house trophy – just reward not only for our many and dedicated athletes but also for those who were "cajoled" into competing in events where we found ourselves short of an established competitor – their contributions were important too.

I suspect that the demands of the athletics along with the pressures of external exams counted for our "moderate" achievements in the swimming sports! Brazenose held on to the Town house shield which was just as well because Mr. Crombie couldn't find it!

Another busy, happy and by and large successful year thus came to an end. Justin Durham's infectious enthusiasm and outstanding organisational skills as Head of House did much to make the year both enjoyable and memorable. Our best wishes go with him and all of the leavers for a happy and successful future.

K.J.C.





JUNIOR SCHOOL

Junior School Reports – Opening Remarks

It is pleasing to report a very busy and fruitful two terms for the Junior School. Probably the most obvious development for us in that time has been the addition of a new roof. Any building works during term time can be disruptive but whatever minor inconvenience there may have been it has certainly been compensated for by the end result. We are all pleased with the final look of Junior School.

Throughout the rest of the section I am sure you will see the tremendous width and depth of activity that has gone on in these terms. It is always pleasing to me to read the House reports where so many boys are able to be involved productively in such a variety of activity. As you will see, they have been involved in Music, Drama, Soccer, Hockey, Cross-country, Athletics, Cricket, Swimming and many other events. If not every boy has been able to finally compete for this House, then all have contributed in the first instance to the development of those teams. These activities certainly provide a very good grounding for the development and growth of future excellence in all areas.

On the School front, there are perhaps two major achievements I would like to comment on. Firstly, the Hockey players at the Brigg Festival over the May Bank Holiday sweeping the board. They won every trophy available at the weekend from the 'Novices' up to the 'Individual Player of the Tournament'. This is indeed a tremendous achievement for an activity that takes place largely out of the school curriculum time.

It can similarly be said for the Chess. This is entirely carried out as a club activity. We have some excellent players at the moment and for the first time ever they were the IAPS Chess Congress champions.

Earlier in the magazine you will have seen tributes to those staff that have left. I would like to add my thanks to all those that assisted and helped to make the Junior School life of the boys so rich and rewarding. I would particularly like to add my thanks to Mrs. Birch for her years of service to the Junior School and wish her a very long and happy retirement.

D.R.M-B.

Junior School Speech Day

Junior School Speech Day, Open Day and Athletic Sports were held on Saturday 17th June. The Headmaster's Report contained many of the details of the activities participated in this year and particularly commented on the development of the buildings with the addition of the new roof. The guest speaker was Mr. Graham Searle, National Director of the Independent Schools' Careers Organisation. Mr. Searle had been a member of staff at the School before moving on to a headship. Extracts from his address are included later.

Major Prizewinners were as follows:

Third Form Art Prize	Paul Scholes
Removes Art Prize	David Dews
Removes Design Technology Prize	Vincent Eschaliere
Prizes for Services to the Boarding Houses:	
Northfields (Olive Morley Prize)	Peter Middleton
Southfields	Yuen Cheong
Drama Prize	Andrew Beney
Speech Prize	Henry Dawe

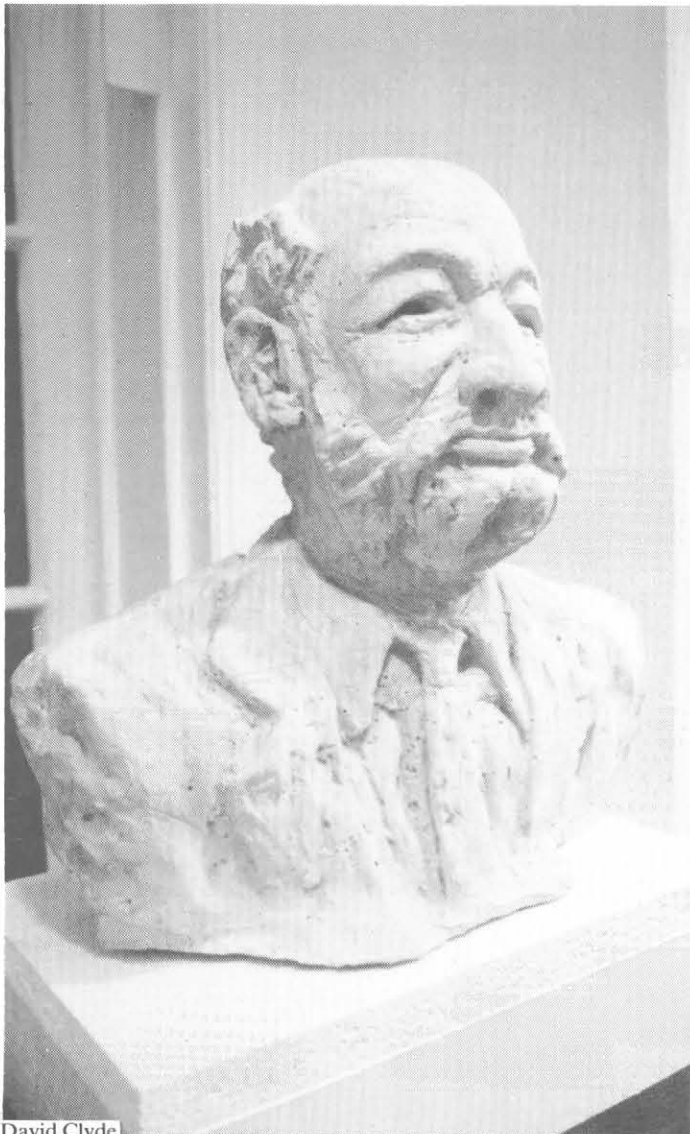
Music Prizes:

Kelham Prize for Strings	Edmund Gladstone
Hare Prize for Wind Instruments	Jonathan Peach
Tinkler Prize for Piano	Carl Brewin
Organ Prize	Harry Woolhouse
Peter Scarcliffe Award	Daniel South
Samuel Edwards Exhibition	Mark Beveridge
Marshall Exhibitions	Adam Bainbridge
	Robert Causon
	William Clavering
	Samuel Wallington
Marshall Scholarship	Thomas Sutcliffe

**Junior School Speech Day – Speech delivered by
Mr. Graham Searle, National Director of ISIS**

Headmaster, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you very much for inviting me to share with you this very special day in the school year. I am well aware of just how stressful Prizegivings can sometimes be, not least I have to tell you, for the Headmaster. I well remember in my very early days when I moved on from Stamford, we had



David Clyde

Prizegiving which we held in a marquee on the lawn at school and one of the prizegivers was a very prominent politician. On this particular occasion as we walked toward the marquee we were literally entering the marquee and he turned and said to me, "By the way, what would you like me to talk about and how long would you like me to speak?" It seemed to me that it was really somewhat late in the day to be asking these questions and I rather think I said to him, "Well, Mr. Speaker, you are responsible for Higher Education and this is a school, perhaps you would like to say a word about Education?"

Rather better than that, I think, and perhaps less stressful, a prominent businessman from Bristol was with me in my study before the Prizegiving, and he asked if he might have ten quiet minutes to get himself prepared and obviously I agreed. I then found him writing the speech on the back of an empty cigarette packet. These are stressful occasions but perhaps not as stressful sometimes as occasions which are to do with the Chapel. I think it was my first term as a Head when I was desperately feeling my way and we had Cliff Richard to speak in Chapel. I had a Chaplain who always seemed to go absent on me whenever there might be difficulties ahead. On this occasion the whole school was there. It was a situation in which the day boys had come into Sunday Chapel as well as boarders and they did not always want to come, you may be surprised to hear, but on this occasion there had been no problem – it was keeping their sisters away as well which was the problem. The due time arrived and I was in the Vestry with no Chaplain, having been in the job perhaps six weeks, and no Cliff Richard. I had with me only his manager, who knew as little about Chapel services as I did. We went into the Chapel and announced the first hymn together and to this day I do not know what we would have done if Cliff Richard, after about 5 to 10 minutes, had not walked down the aisle and taken over from us. As I went out of the Chapel that day I vowed that I would never go into Chapel again without a couple of prayers and suitable hymns written on a piece of paper and tucked in my top pocket for an emergency. So if in a few minutes time you see me reach into my pocket you will know that I have run out of ideas and I can't remember what I was going to say.

Perhaps trying to draw something serious from that, I think it taught me very early on to expect the unexpected. You never actually do know what is coming around the corner at you, and the important thing is to plan ahead. That is the first message that I would want to give to the boys here in particular. As far as you can, think ahead, think what is coming at you and plan for it. Because the age that the boys here are at now is an age when they should be laying foundations in the classroom, and on the Games field, in the Art room, Music, Drama, whatever. You can pick things up later, you can acquire a Music technique later on. You can learn how to hold a bat later on, you can learn how to spell later on, but it is a darn sight easier and you will go further and you will enjoy it more if you lay the foundations now while you have the chance.

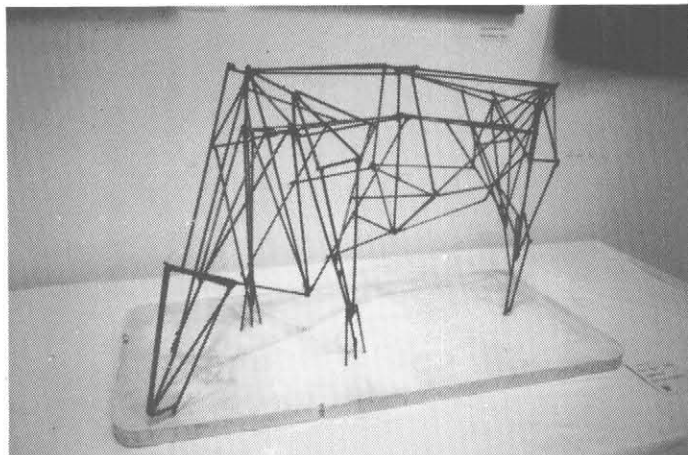
Laying foundations obviously means that you need to look ahead. What does the future hold for the boys of this generation? I am very wary about predicting. I came into my present job seven years ago and almost all the predictions that were being made then have been stood on their head. So I think one has got to be very careful. But I do think one of the main things in a general way is that we should encourage these youngsters to be positive: to think that they can

achieve: to look at whatever they are doing and to get as much from it as possible. So in a general way I think we have to encourage these boys to be positive about their own future wherever they are. To be a little more specific, I think that qualification is going to get more, rather than less, important. I think that any skill in information technology is going to be something which they should have, languages, high level scientific research, business and mathematics. These seem to me to be certain fundamentals which we can say for certain are the basis upon which these boys will be able to build, whatever the shape of the world in ten year's time.

I was at the University of York last Thursday. I heard a very interesting talk from the Professor of Bio-technology at the University, indicating what tremendously important work was being done in that field and the enormous opportunities in Bio-technology. They could find young people with the ability, but what they could not find were young people with the real enthusiasm and dedication. He asked us the question, "What can we do to add enthusiasm and dedication to these able young people so that they will carry on the research at the level that we want?" I have no answer to suggest. I pose the question to you. The other person who spoke at that meeting was running a very high-tech computer-based company in York and his problem was that he was able to find the people with the computing technique, with the IT, but so many of them he indicated had no communications ability. He indicated that they could find the people who were the computer whiz kids, whom you could not get away from a computer, but what he said the problem was, was that they knew what they were doing but they could not explain it to other people. When they had this brilliant idea, for which somebody then had to put up the money, they weren't able to produce the business plan to fund it, and then to persuade somebody else to take it on and to implement it. It comes down to a question of personal qualities.

The fact of the matter is if we are just talking in employment terms now, clearly what employers are looking for are people with the right qualities, not just the right qualifications. The ability to communicate; the ability to work with others; leadership; a commitment; creativity – and these are the very qualities in which a school like this, with a wealth of activities that are going on, is in the perfect position to help the boys develop, and the boys ought to realise now, and not later, the value of getting involved, of putting in a lot and taking out a lot, both in their own development and for their own enjoyment. I absolutely support what the Headmaster said on the importance of enjoyment, that is how they will get fulfilment and that, at the end of the day, is how they will get employment. It is the personal qualities that are important.

I would not want to end on a note which was almost materialistic and perhaps self-centred, because I feel one has to think of the boys as more than just individuals. You are an individual in a community. You have responsibility to yourself and you have responsibility to that community, to give to it and to take from it. But give to it in the first instance. There is a Hindu saying, "Don't expect things from those to whom you have given, hope that in turn they will give something to someone else." And thereby a chain of giving will be established. If it were in my power to give to the boys here now one quality, I would want to give them humility. I don't mean that in a negative way, I mean it in a



Alistair Froggett

very positive way. The positive way of not knowing that you think you know all the answers. A willingness to learn. A willingness to work with others. A willingness to show compassion. Humility always progresses forward and perhaps most of all I would wish that they would face the world always with open hands and not with clenched fist. With open hands you can give and you can also receive but with a clenched fist you can do neither.

Junior School Library Report

Librarians: J. Bassam, R. Causon, A. Ford, H. Marshall, P. Napier, J. Ng, P. Ruff, M. Squelch, D. Thompson, S. Wallington, T. Williams.

I begin this year's report by quoting part of an anecdote from a well known periodical:

'One eight-year-old Japanese girl continually demonstrated her deft abilities in paper folding, or "origami". Impressed, I asked her how she had come to learn these fascinating techniques. I imagined her in her native Japan as a toddler, sitting on her grandfather's ancient knee, learning an art-form that had been passed down from generation to generation. My bubble burst with her reply: "From a book in the library".'

I wonder how long the teller's bubble remained burst, for, as a teacher himself, he should have been pleased at how the young girl had managed to learn something so well from a book.

As each year passes, books-in-the-library have to face greater competition from both transient crazes and established activities. Happily, many books remain well-read in ours. This is to the credit of the librarians, who have spent many an hour devising ways to improve 'their' area of the school. Changing book displays – often relevant to passing anniversaries and events – kept eyes attracted to the library; and 'skeletal' book reviews, completed by the readers themselves, were two such examples.

The week-long book fair in November was well supported, and again illustrated the timeless attraction of books to young imaginations. Queues remained throughout break-times and after school, and the school was able to endow its library with over £900's worth of books as a result of the event.

The library has had another busy year, and it remains a central part of school life. There may well be a book about origami somewhere on the shelves; there are certainly books to delight and to inform, to charm and to enlighten, to beguile and to educate.

So let's not have any more burst bubbles.

R.J.B.H.

Junior School Trip to Hadrian's Wall. July 16th – 21st

It was Sunday 16th July when ASG and MJB together with an excited group of 3rd Form and Rem pupils headed up the A1 anticipating some fine summer weather and the warmth of Northern hospitality. JEC commanded the second convoy vehicle complete with some cultured selections of Elgar, Smetana and Josef Locke. What sort of holiday was it to be? Relaxing? Historical? Educational? A walking vacation? or one packed with adventure?

As we ate our sandwiches in one of ASG's favourite picnic spots – a lorry park close to Scotch Corner – one sensed an atmosphere of foreboding. Not so! For-soon, as the 'Billies' and the 'Terries' (don't ask!) fought out their first encounter – this one involving a football, much noise and a sizeable area of Blanchland Moor – the feeling of 'release' warmed us all. Blanchland and the area round it, even in the context of the Northern landscape, is a highly picturesque area and even the 'Billies' (led to victory by Carl Marotta and James Crosthwaite's "enthusiasm") appreciated the beauty of the location.

A brisk afternoon walk both cleared the cobwebs and provided a taster for the main activity of the following two days. Morale was high, and there was a definite sense of togetherness within the group, yes, they had found the local ice-cream shop.

"How can ASG possibly afford to run a trip on such a small budget?" was the question offered as we approached Acomb and the Youth Hostel that was to be our home for the next five days. Portland Bill (and his dog Meryl Streep) soon provided the answers with a speedy tour of the stable (our dormitory) and the tin shack (the washroom and toilet). Well, I thought, if we are to study Roman camps over the next few days, then why not live in one?

Although basic and seemingly limited, the Acomb Youth Hostel provided the basis for a fine community atmosphere and we were, actually, sad to leave our abode some five days later. One of the highlights (perhaps) of the expedition was the adventurous nature of our self-catering arrangements. Ian Fletcher and Co's Sweet and Sour Chicken was tasty but somewhat disproportionate, twenty five spoonfuls of rice (each) and scarcely a small yoghurt pot of sauce! Carl Marotta and James Crosthwaite's caramel crunch was not enough to worry Keith Floyd although there was a distinct possibility that Fairy Liquid supplies would soon run dry. It was in the kitchen that Messrs. Fletcher and Crofton most certainly did themselves proud, helpful and very capable. Modesty should prohibit me from talking about the meal of the week – a chicken fricassée dish – but special mentions must go to Theo Stocker, an able co-chef, and JEC. The latter's story behind his acquisition of the chickens does both himself and the North-east proud. Suffice to say that Billy Bell the local butcher slaughtered and plucked our victims on a while-u-wait arrangement.

The walking element was to be the focal point of the trip and Monday's amble from Newtown to Carvoran included some high drama and spectacular scenery. Unforgettable moments (evidently) include MJB's river crossing and Ben Hicks' altercation with a horse (!). An afternoon ice cream stop at Birdoswald Fort provided ample opportunity for Andrew Norton and Steven Butt to stock up on frozen delights. Our trek also enabled us to call in at Carvoran Roman Army Museum where an informative and illuminating talk from "our friend" Jeff entertained the crowd. Tim Cross and Theo Stocker took time out to don the Roman Army uniform. Yes, I think Tim would be well suited to the disciplined army life. . . .

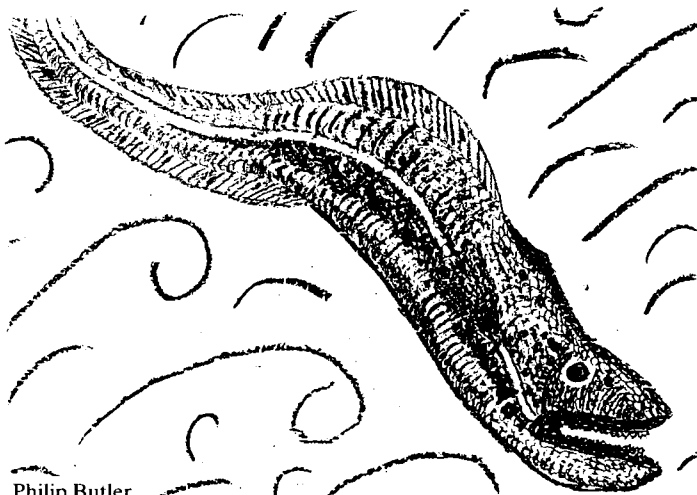
Tuesday's walk was not quite such a success. Rain, rain and more rain came down by the bucketful on our route from Greenhead to Cawfields and tribute goes to the whole party who somehow kept the spirits high even in the most depressing of circumstances. A visit from Miss Legard soon drove the clouds away; she being a local lass, had braved the weather to join us on our aborted walk and she made for a welcome distraction to the showers.

An improvised shopping trip to Hexham was successfully interjected and Hexham Abbey provided a fine backdrop to our tour. The hostelry of one James Dunlop now made famous in an alternative to the school song was also pointed out – though not frequented. One of the finest moments of the whole trip came when a small shopping party led by Matthew Wilmot won the hearts of the ladies serving tea in the Abbey refectory when the boys refined tastes ordered afternoon tea and scones!

Tradition dictates, according to ASG, that a day on a Northumberland beach and a dip in the ice-cool waves is a must for all members of the party. Indeed an enjoyable day was spent absorbing the sun, indulging in beach games and swimming in the frozen depths. I promise, I would have joined in, but someone had to film the event!

Wednesday evening witnessed the football tournament and despite a great hat-trick from Chris Dawson the 'Billies' could only equal the efforts of the younger and rather more skilful (and quieter!) 'Terries'.

Carlisle offered us both culture and shopping on Thursday. The castle included an interesting exhibition on the Jacobite rising, the Tullie House Museum a potted history of the border country from Roman times through to the nineteenth century.



Philip Butler

Our final night away was spent in the comparative luxury of Once Brewed Youth Hostel, at first visually attractive and with many facilities previously unheard of, but once the warden had read through a whole volume of rules our thoughts returned to Acomb and our humble stable. Waking on the last morning, far from being a gentle wind down after a week of quizzes, penalty shoot-outs, burying Andrew Horton in sand, a quasar-lazar trip and much, much more, we were to achieve a busy agenda of sight-seeing. An early morning visit to Housesteads Fort, possibly the most impressive location on the whole of Hadrian's Wall, set the tone for a morning of Roman History. Further educational visits to Chesters cavalry fort and the Corbridge supply station further impressed upon the party the extent of Roman occupation and influence in these exposed Northern lands.

A final fling in the fine city of York on our route home provided the venue for a 'pizza feast' and with our budget now running low ASG must be commended for his handling (!) of the Pizzaland waitress and the tremendous bargains we were treated to. Half price tuck for everyone!

Our nine o'clock return marked the end of the road and the conclusion of a thoroughly enjoyable trip. Everyone had benefited from a relaxing and yet, paradoxically, busy holiday. Certainly if anyone was to assess the value, pound for pound, of ASG's holidays, one would conclude that he offers the cheapest and yet most entertaining vacation of all.

M.J.B.

Prep Department Multi-Activity Holiday in North Yorkshire 14th – 18th August 1995

The setting for this year's Multi-Activity holiday moved to Sutherland Lodge, a family-run Centre in the middle of Cropton Forest. This superb location, combined with the gorgeous weather, meant a good week was sure to be had.

The many activities in which the boys took part included canoeing, rock-climbing, abseiling, caving, pony trekking, archery and orienteering. The large grounds of the centre contained an excellent ropes course, and the boys were encouraged to use their initiative in team exercises.

The staff at the Centre were extremely reliable and enthusiastic and contributed to a highly enjoyable and successful week. Finally I would like to thank Mrs. Dobson for her invaluable help and support on the last seven holidays.

S.M.F.

Thirds to Lincoln – History Trip 1995

Lincoln is a wonderful site for a history trip. With centuries of different influences, architectural styles and ways in which the people lived their lives, there is plenty to do and see. Mr. Gloag (Lincoln man extraordinaire) did his usual best to bring all these different strands together and hence gave the 3rd year snapshots on Roman, medieval and Victorian history.

After an easy journey to Lincoln, the 3rd year were divided into small groups of 10 and allocated to a member of staff. Mr. Gloag had obviously hand-picked my group, as they were lively, enthusiastic and, at times, most amusing!

Our first 'section' of the day was taken up with a City walk. This provided the group with a useful overview for the next three sections. The walk took us down the infamous Steep

Hill, past the Jew's House, and onwards to the Brayford Pool – the original site of settlement for Lincoln. Within 30 minutes then, the group had walked through thousands of years of history. The return leg of the tour took us up Motherby Hill towards the domineering castle.

The next stop was the archaeological centre at 'The Lawns', a local council-run educational centre. Here, the boys were given the chance to get their hands on artefacts from the past and try to date them, thus coming to terms with the chronology. Having spent plentiful time here, Mr. G. Brown showed us to our 'dining room' for lunch – the former 'madhouse' of the city: most appropriate! During lunch, Mr. M. Ward kept us amused with some anecdotes from the past – his past. Needless to say, there were plenty of stories!

In the afternoon it was on to The Cathedral. This is certainly one of the most splendid examples of its type, perched on top of the high ground at Lincoln. Here, Mr. Gloag donned his red sash as official history guide to the building and gave the boys an informative and superbly measured talk on the various elements of the cathedral. He even used a selected older member of the population to explain the meaning of 'the weak go to the wall' – or was that Mr. Ward still reminiscing?

Our final stop was the castle – the boys' favourite, and my least favourite as a result of my vertigo: that observatory tower is a long way up! (and on a windy day . . .) We finished this section in the prison chapel – a fine example of a Victorian punitive sanction of Hell and Damnation. The prisoners must have had a very good idea of where they were heading, judging from the vicar's choice sermon! We escaped back to the coach.

Thus ended a thoroughly enjoyable day. The Lincoln history trip has become a mainstay of the curriculum for the thirds thanks to the work of Mr. Gloag: Long may it continue to be so!

J.M-O'C.

Suban Nizarali and Chris Howe look out over Lincoln from the castle.



HOUSE REPORTS

Cecil House

<i>House Master:</i>	Mr. M. R. Barton
<i>House Tutors:</i>	Mrs. N. Dobson Mr. J. E. Culley
<i>House Leaders:</i>	A. Bainbridge J. M. Bartrop I. J. Fletcher A. G. Prentice M. Jepson B. Thompson J. Womack

Spring Term

Winter term or Spring term? The weather seemed as uncertain as the rest of us, we did not seem to have any real winter but spring showers certainly played havoc with the games practices; when we did have fixtures they seemed to be clashing with our play rehearsals; Mr. Chapman was tremendously patient and the boys certainly seemed to give him their full support when they did get together. The boys are to be congratulated on their excellent performance and our thanks go to Mr. Chapman, in particular, who along with Mr. Culley and Mr. Crombie produced the Cecil House play, 'There's an end of May'. Behind the scenes Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Sharp and Mr. Bentley are to be thanked for all their time and effort in the organisation of the Theatre, costumes and the set.

I am grateful to Mr. Culley for this report on the play:

"Although the title of the play comes from a gloomy poem by A. E. Houseman about a disappointing Spring and the shortness of human life, Kenneth Lillington's "There's an end of May" is an amusing piece, and it proved to be an excellent choice for our House Play. It was an ideal vehicle for the acting talents of the house – giving the young actors a chance to try their hand at comic roles, requiring skills of timing and well-controlled delivery. The cast rose to the challenge very well, with some particularly fine character-acting from Adam Bainbridge as Joe Croup, the farmer, and Jonathan Womack as Mr. Henbane, the eccentric mousecatcher.

Subtitled "An everyday story of country folk" the play is set in the kitchen of Croup's farm. But just as the "Archer's" signature tune at the start of our production was interrupted by the "Z-cars Theme", so the peaceful tableau of the kitchen is shattered by the Inspector's first line of the play:

"Mrs. May Croup, I am arresting you on a charge of murder."

"There's an end of May" is no ordinary piece of soap opera, nor is it a serious rural police drama. It is full of humour and contradictions and indeed by the end of the play we are not sure if anybody is dead after all! At one point Sid, the Croup's son, (played by Christopher Kells) has to deliver a line from "Hamlet" to Hardback's corpse.

"Thou wretched, rash, intruding fool, farewell."

Another aspect of Lillington's humour.

The four police officers led by John Bassam as the rather incompetent, but obliging Inspector, investigate the crime by asking the protagonists to act out the events leading up to the murder of Jasper Hardback, the landlord, whose contrasting dual characters were mimed by James Barrington and Michael Jepson. There was plenty of scope for humour as the police observe the family's performance, make their comments and write down the details. Ben Thompson played the over zealous P. C. Bungle with obvious relish, supported well by Alex Prentice as the sergeant, and Ross Dykes as policewoman Mogpuss.

Ross was not alone in having to take on a female role. Mrs. May Croup was ably played by Carl Marotta, and Maisie Croup, the attractive daughter, was played by Christopher Lee in a suitably outrageous costume, which gave cast and audience much to enjoy!

Rehearsals were directed with customary thoroughness and skill by Mr. Chapman. Charles Casell prompted and Patrick Dalton and Charles Lee assisted backstage. The play's success owed much to the team-spirit of the production, and the audience's laughter and warm applause each night was just recognition of the hard work done by all concerned."

The following boys performed or assisted in the play:

A. Bainbridge*, C. Marotta*, C. Kells*, C. J. Lee*, J. Womack*, J. Bassam*, A. Prentice*, B. Thompson*, R. Dykes, J. Barrington, M. Jepson and backstage C. Caswell, P. Dalton, C. R. Lee and S. Clark.

* denotes the award of house colours.

Before the play's final performances the boys were competing in the Burghley run; it was that sort of term for the boys who like to be involved. There certainly was not time for winter ailments. I am aware that a number of boys dragged themselves, unselfishly, along to run in the cross-country or perform in the play, whilst far from 100 per cent fit.

The Remove group only just had enough boys running for us to qualify as a team; not surprisingly we did not do well but those who ran all did so with a great deal of determination, and several achieved their best performances. Our two leading runners, Ben Thompson and John Bassam were obviously looking to get back in plenty of time to be on stage that evening.

The Third form group were magnificently led home by John Barker and he was well supported with another six boys finishing in the top twenty. John has a number of very worthy opponents in this age group and it was a very creditable victory.

Sam Carson led our Preps to victory with a splendid fourth place in his first 'Burghley', he was also well supported with seven boys from Form One and the Lower Twos, George Bailey showing potential as the first Form One boy home in eighth place. The following boys all finished in the top twenty in their race and were awarded house colours.

Removes: B. Thompson, J. Bassam

Thirds: J. Barker, C. Kells, C. J. Lee, A. Palmer, M. Watters, A. Jackson, J. Major.

Preps: S. Carson, T. Goodman, G. Bailey, B. Newmark, E. Clough, E. Major.

I am very grateful to Mr. Newbury for looking after our soccer 1st XI and for writing the report on their matches. Although primarily attached to the Boarding houses he did take a keen interest in the team and did an excellent job in helping to maintain their competitive spirit

The opening match against St. Paul's was very closely fought and played in the best spirit of the competition. The first half saw St. Paul's capitalize well on the slope and the prevailing wind; despite defending from Jonathan Bartrop and Scott McEwan in particular, they went ahead after fifteen minutes. The second half saw our attack brought to life by the good possession won by John Barker and Ben Thompson in midfield. Mark Watters was unlucky to be denied a couple of times late in the game, and a draw rather than a St. Paul's 1-0 victory would have been a fairer reflection of the game. Nevertheless it was an encouraging start to the house competition.

The team played with added enthusiasm against Willoughby, but were outplayed in the first half by a strong attacking side, who used their height advantage well. Barker, whose play was exemplary in all three games, brought Cecil back into the game with a delightful twenty yard shot, just before half-time. In the second half, Luke Sturgess, Patrick Dalton and Andrew Jackson all created good chances for the side, but again our finishing let us down and sealed a narrow 2-1 victory for our hooped rivals.

The last game saw us compete against a Boarders side, full of experienced school players. However the boys were not intimidated and played some entertaining football, losing out 2-4 in the end. McEwan's competent and solid defending allied with a superb striking display and a well-deserved goal from Watters meant that although the game was lost the team never lost the spirit. Indeed, it was pleasing to see so much fight and commitment from such a young and relatively inexperienced side. It certainly bodes well for next year's competition. Particular thanks go to Patrick Dalton, who helped select the team and always led well by his positive example.

The second team played all their matches on the small pitch on Northfields. It was one of those awful terms when it was difficult to get out to practise and we were thankful to be able to complete the matches. Indeed Mr. Blissett did remarkably well to remain sane through it all, and is to be thanked and congratulated for his organisation of our house competition. In the first match against St. Paul's the team struggled to threaten the opponents goal, much the same problem as the first team suffered apparently. In defence Charles Lee made some excellent saves but was unable to reach a couple of shots which were knocked into the top corners. Despite the efforts of skipper Carl

Marotta and Ian Fletcher in midfield Cecil went down 1-3.

The second match was very well contested with the defence, built around the solid and determined pair of James Palmer and James Gould, and the ever-alert Thomas Barcis sweeping up around them. Jonathan Womack and Christopher Lee created more threats in attack and probably deserved to get a draw from the match against Willoughby but it was not to be, but at 1-2 the side were improving and hopeful of better things in the final game.

Chris Dawson agreed to step down from the first team to play the final game in goal and Charles Lee joined his brother in the attack. The ploy worked.

Dawson's extra height cut out the shots which had been going over the head of his predecessor and the attack functioned well to give the side their first win of the season, 2-1 against the Boarders.

Teams were selected from the following players:

1st XI: P. Joshi, J. Byers, S. McEwan*, J. Bartrop*, C. Kells, J. Barker*, B. Thompson*, L. Sturgess, P. Dalton* (Capt.), M. Watters*, A. Jackson, C. Dawson, C. Marotta.

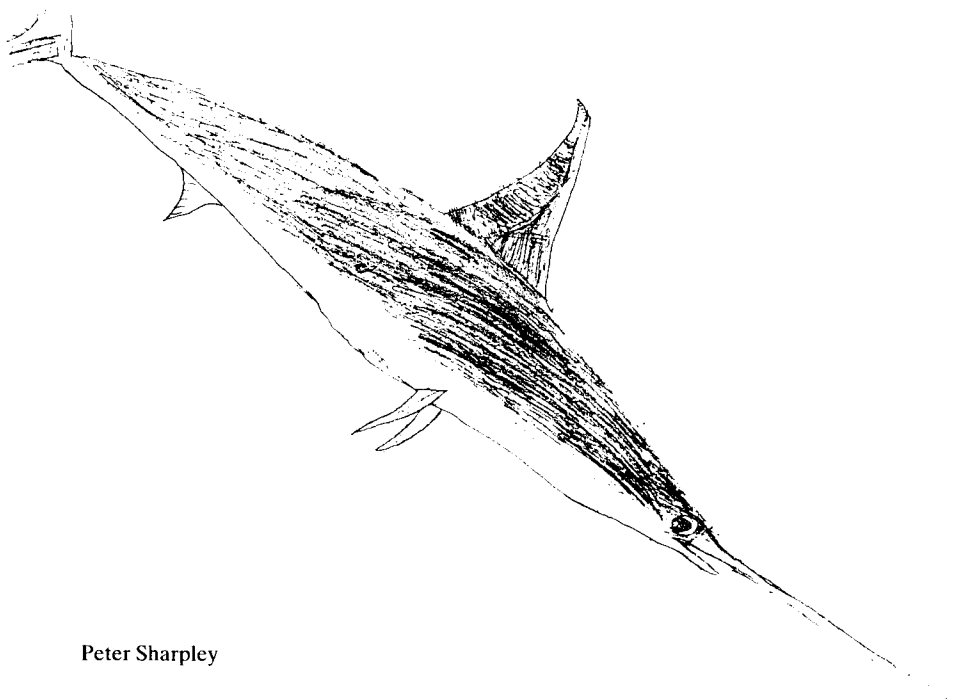
2nd XI: C. R. Lee, A. Palmer, J. Major, G. Wickham, T. Barcis, J. Gould, I. Fletcher, C. Marotta (Capt.), A. Pirie, J. Womack, J. Blackford, C. J. Lee, S. Nizarali, C. Hunt.

The Prep soccer team met a formidable Willoughby side in the first match. Played on the main Northfields pitch Cecil played down the slope and held their opponents to a single goal. The second half saw our

inexperienced but game side mercilessly put to the sword as Willoughby ran in six more goals.

The remaining games were much more even with Jonathan Murray doing a splendid job leading his side from midfield and firing in two good goals against the Boarders. With a brisk wind blowing it was questionable as to whether this would be sufficient when playing up the slope in the second half. Despite some good goalkeeping by James Palmer and some resolute defending by all, the Boarders scored with a little over ten minutes remaining. The side stuck to the game plan, to keep the ball away from the penalty area, and just managed to hang on for a 2-1 victory.

The team were rightly optimistic about their chances in the game against St. Paul's. The boys played some fine football with Richard Smith doing well supporting the attack from midfield and David Dykes making some timely interceptions in defence. Unfortunately all Cecil's team work was undone by two pieces of fine opportunism by Matthew of St. Paul's; despite getting one back in between his two strikes and producing a number of other good chances none were good enough to beat their keeper. The team were not disgraced, indeed considering the result in the first match they had shown considerable resolve and played some good football. I was particularly pleased to note how well they worked for each other.



Peter Sharpley

The second team were well captained by Robert Temple who has good vision and played some tidy football. They enjoyed two wins 1-0 against Willoughby and 5-0 against St. Paul's. The third team had mixed fortunes, losing 0-2 against Willoughby but came back well to beat St. Paul's 4-1.

The Form One team played in two triangular competitions. Captained by George Bailey they beat St. Paul's twice 2-0, 2-1 and against Willoughby they lost 0-1 but managed a creditable draw 0-0 in the second game.

Teams were selected from the following players:

1st XI: J. Palmer*, L. Bushell, C. Powell, E. Mellor, D. Dykes*, T. Arthey, J. Murray* (Capt.), C. Arthey, B. Newmark, R. Smith*, E. Clough, R. Colley, W. Roome.

2nd VII: L. Jefferson, C. Lord, S. Carson, R. Temple (Capt.), W. Roome, R. Colley, E. Major, D. Wright, D. Rowe.

3rd VII: A. Mossop, C. Gudgin, C. Armstrong, T. Goodman, G. Marshall, R. Burley, B. Arthey, W. Yea, C. Drake.

Form I VII: T. Waine, C. Breslin, C. Huffman, G. Bailey (Capt.), A. Bandi, M. Lewis, R. Martin, A. Maqsood, B. Richardson.

The chess team were very well led by Jonathan Bartrop but only managed one victory, against the Boarders 6 games to 2. However the match against Willoughby was only lost 3½-4½ with some excellently contested games. A number of boys have played regularly during the year and will undoubtedly benefit from the excellent standard of chess being played in the school at the moment.

Team: J. Bartrop*, P. Joshi, I. Fletcher, M. Willgress, J. Gould, J. Murray*, D. Dykes*, A. Bandi.

The inter-house hockey competition was well fought and much enjoyed. Our team captained by Ben Thompson won one and drew their other three games to finish equal second. For his contribution to all our teams this term Ian Fletcher was awarded a combined colours certificate.

Team: R. Gray, I. Fletcher, G. Wickham, B. Thompson (Capt.), J. Barrington, C. R. Lee, C. J. Lee, C. Caswell, C. Arthey.

As always a tremendously busy term, and I thank our tutors and house leaders in particular for their support and encouragement. But the boys deserve praise for the way they have worked and played so keenly despite limited success at times. I have no doubt that they will be stronger individuals for this commitment, and I certainly enjoy working with boys who are so willing to put themselves into the competitive situation.

M.R.B.

Cecil House

Summer Term

Despite our disappointments this year I do not believe we ever became downhearted and certainly never accepted defeat as inevitable. For one thing, boys' education is about more than sporting prowess and team success.

Summer sport, of course, is more about individual performances than the games played during the previous two terms; even cricket depends chiefly on the personal confrontation between batsman and bowler. In this, as well as in the athletics and swimming, we had a few successes.

Mostly, however, the Housemaster's pleasure came from the camaraderie within the house. The house leaders were a particularly supportive group and they were ably backed up by the remainder of the Remove year group. Whether they have been with us for two or five years I have enjoyed working with most of them most of the time and all of them at least some of the time. Of course there are times of strife between a schoolmaster and some pupils but the more lasting memories are of the times when individuals have put themselves out to be helpful. I do thank the leavers for all their efforts, I am sure that they will have benefited from the challenges they have faced together, and I certainly wish them every success in their future careers at school and beyond.

As for our cricket, the first team were well led by Ben Thompson who was better served by his bowlers than his batsmen. Nevertheless Giles Wickham did his best to keep the team from going down without a fight in the first two matches and John Barker supported him in the match against the Boarders. The bowlers, led by Barker, did extremely well to keep St. Paul's down to 72 runs but even this proved too much, especially after our openers were back in the pavilion without troubling the scorers.

In the final match, the bowling was left to our leavers Patrick Dalton, Luke Sturgess, Thompson and Wickham. They bowled well but a score of 105 was going to take some getting from a side who hadn't managed more than eighty in the previous games. Barker, stung possibly from not being asked to bowl, carried his bat for a magnificently well-judged sixty and saw Cecil home in the last over.

The second team also managed one win from their three matches when skipper Alex Ford scored 51 against St. Paul's, and Matthew Willgress followed this up with three wickets to go with his valuable twenty runs.

1st XI: B. Thompson* (Capt.), J. Barker*, G. Wickham*, L. Sturgess*, P. Dalton*, I. Fletcher, J. Bartrop, C. J. Lee, C. Kells, A. Jackson, S. Nizarali*

2nd XI: A. Ford (Capt.), J. Major, J. Womack, C. R. Lee, M. Jepson, M. Watters, J. Blackford, P. Joshi, C. Caswell, J. Smith, L. Kubicki, M. Willgress, J. Gould, R. Dykes.

* denotes award of house colours.

The prep first team also had to wait until their final match, also against Willoughby, before they registered a win. Interestingly, both teams had been on 113 runs with one over of their innings to go, but whereas Jonathon Murray and David Wright plundered thirteen runs for Cecil, our skipper succeeded in taking two wickets to reduce the Willoughby score by ten more runs, in their final over.

The second team played one match against St. Paul's which was lost. The third team beat both the Boarders and St. Paul's, and our Form One team won their game against St. Paul's.

Prep 1st VIII: J. Murray* (Capt.), C. Arthey, D. Dykes*, E. Mellor, J. Palmer, E. Clough*, D. Wright, R. Temple, T. Arthey, R. Burley.

2nd VIII: C. Powell (Capt.), C. Armstrong, C. Lord, L. Jefferson, R. Smith, T. Goodman, S. Carson, W. Yea, B. Arthey, C. Drake.

3rd VIII: L. Bushell (Capt.), E. Major, D. Rowe, A. Mossop, T. Shiels, R. Colley, W. Roome, B. Newmark, G. Marshall.

Form I VIII: C. Huffman, M. Lewis, C. Breslin (Capt.), R. Martin, A. Maqsood, A. Bandi, B. Richardson, G. Bailey, S. Alldread, D. Coolbear.

Our athletes produced some splendid performances, superbly led by the captain John Bassam who captured the 400m and long jump titles as well as picking up a second and fourth place. He was ably supported by Alex Prentice who pipped John in the 100m as well as collecting second, third and fourth places in his other events.

Ian Hardwick



However our major success story of the year has to be our Third Form athletes who followed up their win in the cross-country with a narrow win in their group of the athletics. They were led by John Barker who knocked an incredible sixteen seconds off the 1500 metre record. He was superbly well supported especially by Pejman Alizadeh who collected two second places but who also helped significantly in the two relay races where victory was vital to our cause. A five point deficit was turned into a three point victory when Cecil won and the Boarders finished fourth in the final 4 x 100m race. The Lee twins made up the four for these relays, Charles having demonstrated his tremendous spirit throughout the term, having started it with an arm in plaster.

There are a number of keen and talented boys in this age group and I am certain they will do all in their power to help us challenge for even more success next year.

In the preps Jonathan Murray again led the way with three top-five places and he was well supported by David Dykes, Chris Powell, Tom and Chris Arthey, Sam Carson and Chris Lord. Three Form One boys shone in the lower age group with Craig Huffman winning the sixty metres and George Bailey and Michael Lewis demonstrating a lot of potential for the future. Thomas Goodman, Ben Newmark, Edward Major and Chris Breslin also gained points at this level.

Athletics colours were awarded to the following boys:

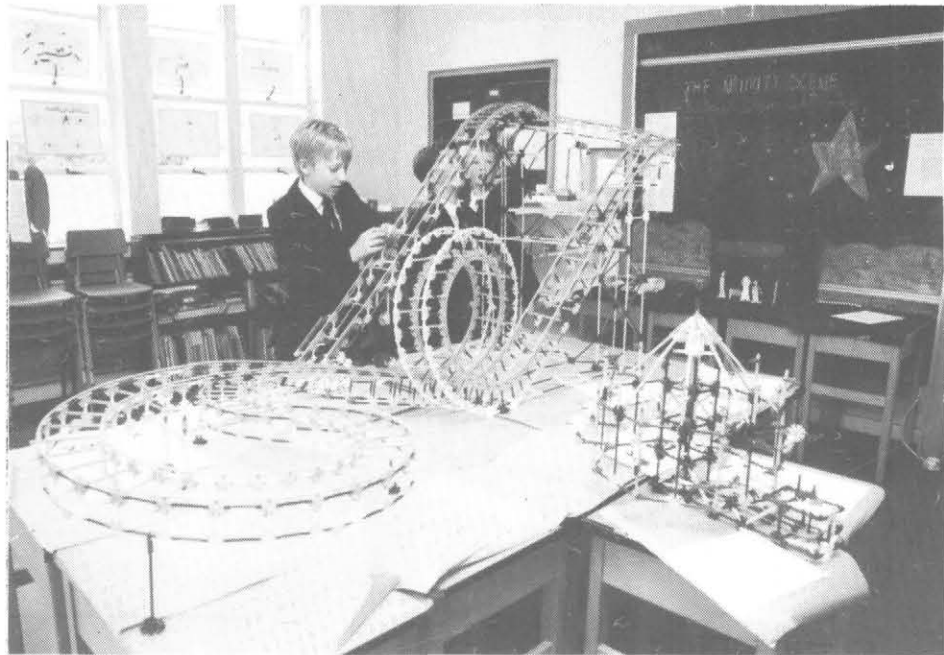
Removes: J. Bassam (Capt.), 1st in 400m and Long Jump, A. Prentice 1st in 100m, B. Thompson and J. Womack.

Thirds: J. Barker 1st in 800 and 1500m, P. Alizadeh, C. J. Lee, C. R. Lee, T. Barcis, C. Kells, A. Jackson and M. Watters.

Preps: I. Murray 1st in 60m, T. Arthey, C. Powell, D. Dykes, S. Carson.

A few boys braved the pool for our swimming and diving trials; I am very grateful to the few for their efforts. Stuart Clarke captained our team and was our best-placed senior swimmer on finals day. He was supported by Chris Dawson and Ben Thompson plus Luke Sturgess who kindly stepped in when it was discovered that one of our divers was absent. The third form team were rather more successful, Adam Palmer and Luke Kubicki collected two third places each and were supported by Andrew Pirie and Thomas Barcis.

In the preps Graham Clarke, Lee Jefferson and Ross Martin did the swimming and Robert Temple the diving to collect a few points for our cause, but not enough to collect any trophies, this year.



Junior School Speech Day

Swimming colours were awarded to the following boys:

Removes: S. Clarke (Capt.), C. Dawson, B. Thompson.

Thirds: A. Palmer, L. Kubicki, T. Barcis, A. Pirie.

Preps: C. Clarke, L. Jefferson, R. Martin.

For their efforts in two or more activities during the term combined colours were awarded to Ian Fletcher, Robert Temple and Chris Arthey. The three have been excellent throughout the year, Ian has been an excellent house leader and I will miss his all-round support. Cecil are fortunate that the other two should be with us for another two years and I look forward to their continued support and contributions in that time. These are not the only boys who give their every effort and show tremendous enthusiasm for representing the house, but they are certainly representative of what makes my job so fulfilling.

On the academic side a number of Cecil boys were rewarded for their endeavours on Speech day. In particular Adam Bainbridge is to be congratulated on the award of a Marshall Exhibition, following his performance in the examinations at the beginning of term.

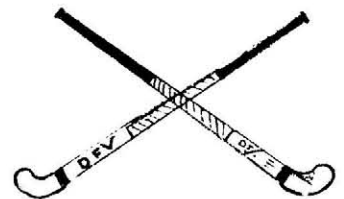
Michael Jepson and Ross Dykes led our representation at the Junior School concert, as members of the String Quartet. They were joined by over twenty other Cecil boys who took part in one or more playing or singing activities, in what was, as usual, a very enjoyable evening.

Finally I congratulate all boys for achieving what they have, both

individually and as a House. In particular I thank our tutors for their encouragement and support. I am sorry to be losing Mr. Culley after only one year, and thank him for all he did for our music and the Play. Mrs. Dobson helps out with our prep practices as well as running the board games sessions and summer term tennis. It is invaluable to have someone in the house who has known the boys outside as well as inside the classroom; I am very grateful for her continued support in these areas.

The house leaders were a great bunch, a real pleasure to work with and to have around the place; they will be missed and certainly take a lot of following. I have no doubts that their successors will take up the challenge and the standard will continue to rise because of the example they have been set. I have fond memories of many things we have done together and I hope that most of the boys will treasure the time they spent in the Junior School.

M.R.B.



Northfields

After yet another two successful terms at Northfields I find myself once again deliberating over the past and taking great satisfaction and pride in the achievements of both individuals and teams from the house. Once again I have presided over a few major changes while seeing another group of our Remove boys outgrow the House and mature into responsible and positive Senior School boys.

The past two terms have held great excitement for all of us, and we have seen a wealth of activities and outings for all of the different year groups. The Spring term started with a spectacular presentation by John Pilkington all about his adventures while tracing the 'Old Silk Road'. This presentation had the boys riveted to their seats and we all enjoyed the beautiful slide-show that accompanied his talk.

Before half-term the boys took part in the Drama Festival, which I know we all enjoyed enormously. Not only did a lot of our own boys take part in the performance and backstage, but the whole evening at the theatre was a huge success. The short plays by day-and boarding-houses covered a variety of themes and styles, while the boarders' play particularly appeared to have certain members of the houses type-cast in their roles. For their endeavour onstage we awarded House Colours to Ben Harvey and Peter Middleton.

In the Burghley Run the boarders once again excelled themselves with outstanding personal performances and a notable house effort. Unfortunately however it is the combined results of the best runners that count on the day and we were disappointed to be placed only fourth overall. Our Remove result was in fact the best where we came in joint second. House Cross-country Colours were awarded here to James Moody, Anthony Raine, Christopher Talbot, Keith Ruffles, Thomas Harvey and Ben Harvey.

Similarly, in the Hockey tournament, reduced numbers meant that we did not have the depth of players on which to call and we only came in last. This does not mean however that there was no determination or real effort from the team, far from it, we witnessed great spirit and determination through to the end. House Hockey Colours were awarded to Robert Phillips, Ben Harvey, Fraser Thorne and Joe Rowntree.

Towards the end of the Spring term we returned to the local theatre to watch a youth theatre company perform the Little Shop of Horrors. This too proved to be extremely entertaining and we all returned

to Northfields again late, but ready for a deserved Easter break.

Towards the end of the Spring term it was the inter-house Football tournament, and in this competition we took our revenge on Willoughby for our defeat in the Rugby tournament the previous term. We went on to win the overall Football Tournament, and also gain a very creditable second place in the second eleven competition. All the boys played extremely well and I was thrilled with the standard of play I saw; particularly considering that I am not a particularly ardent football fan. House Football colours were awarded to James Moody, Robert Phillips, Anthony Raine, Peter Middleton and Mark Talbot.

At the end of the Spring term the following House awards were made:

Best All-Round Soccer	
Player	Peter Middleton
Gloag Award	Andrew Thorne
Best All-Rounder	Fraser Thorne

We round off each year with a series of in-House competitions to find our best players at particular sports, and after a series of exciting matches of all descriptions, I was delighted to see the following boys win in these categories: the Tennis Trophy was won by Joe Rowntree, the Squash Trophy by Chris Talbot, the Pool Trophy was won by Mark Talbot, and the Table Tennis by Peter Middleton. A new Trophy was presented and the Middletree award for doubles Table Tennis was won by Peter Middleton and Joe Rowntree.

After such a full term's competing, the following house trophies were also presented.

Best Swimmer	Ben Harvey
Best Cricketer	Ben Harvey
Best Shot	Ben Harvey
Athletics Trophy	Keith Ruffles
The Music Trophy	James Moody
The Gloag Award	Peter Calvert
The Best All-Rounder	Eduard Kloepfer

At the end of such an eventful year it would be easy to finish by saying that so much has been achieved, but it would be unfair of me to finish without mentioning some of the many other activities that have been undertaken by the boys, but which for the most part go unnoticed. The Chapel Choristers have continued in diligent habits and are always deserving of praise. Week in week out they practise to bring their chapel singing to the creditable state we take so much for granted. The House Leaders of course have all worked very hard all year to assist in the smooth running of the house. Boys have been



Chris Jackson

active in up to a dozen different clubs and societies, which have met regularly through the weeks, and I remain confident that it is these activities which, more than anything else, are the mark of the type of boy we endeavour to produce here at Northfields House, and Stamford School.

Finally this term we had to say a fond farewell to Mr. Alistair Gloag, who has been our House Tutor in the house for the last three years, and in that time has remained committed to the very positive atmosphere that is always so evident in the house. Mr. Gloag has been my right hand man, and never failed to see the boys' side in every situation. He has been on so many trips and outings, always been involved with the boys' social, academic and leisure activities, that it would be impossible to identify his main contribution to the house. I know he will be sorely missed by the boys, and I certainly will miss his unstinting dedication to the pursuit of excellence in the house; be it in behaviour, sport, or just old-fashioned hard work. We welcome our first female House Tutor Miss Vivian Rainforth, who is to teach Science throughout the School, and I know she will be wanting to step into Mr. Gloag's shoes and take up where he left off. We wish her well in the House next term.

Finally I would like to pass on my thanks and appreciation to all my staff in the House, who continue to work so hard to make the boys' life such a pleasant one. A hearty thank-you goes to Matron, Mrs. Dale, (our relief Matron), our Cooks, Cleaning Ladies, Laundry Lady, our Gardener and our Handyman.

S.M.R.

It was at this time that we discovered that our Matron Mrs. Landshoff was to

leave us. Although she had been with us for two terms and had worked extremely hard; she had felt, I fear, rather overwhelmed by the whole set-up. So we said a reluctant farewell to Mrs. Landshoff and welcomed our new Matron Mrs. Angela Barratt who has previously worked as an assistant Matron in a Music School in Edinburgh. Mrs. Barratt settled very quickly and has become an instant success with the boys. Whatever did we do without her? I have been particularly delighted with her total commitment to the boys' welfare and we are extremely lucky to have been able to find such a capable lady to step in at such short notice and who copes so admirably with all the details and multifarious characters here at Northfields.

The Summer term started with a real bang for all of us as we went straight into the term with the Upper Two field trip to the Peak District. This I know was a distinct success and the boys always return not only exhausted, but also as happy as Larry.

As in the Spring term we had a selection of in-house entertainment days when, for instance, we had a Bouncy Castle or A Bar-Fly, or a Bungee Run on the field next to the house. These minor attractions have always proved a great success, and all the boys get quite excited and do get stuck in. Much fun was had by all, and many a giggle was seen trying to beat Mr. Gloag's twelve foot Bar-Fly jump.

As ever the Summer term was dominated by the Athletics and Swimming competitions, where the boarders competed with their usual flair and enthusiasm. In the overall Challenge cup we came a close second, but in fact we won the Removes and Thirds House trophy, but came in last in the Preps overall event. Speech Day and Sports Day though were another huge success, and I am always so pleased to see so many of our number competing to such a high standard, and giving so much of themselves in pursuit of that elusive Inter-House trophy awarded at the end of the year. I might mention here that we had in the house the United Kingdom I.A.P.S. Shot-putt champion in the guise of Keith Ruffles. This is a rare award indeed, and his gold medal merits particular praise. Athletics colours were awarded to Robert Phillips, Darren Hetherington, Keith Ruffles, Thomas Harvey, Peter Newman, and Eduard Kloepfer.

Moving towards the end of the term we arranged a football tournament against local rivals Ryhall Town Football Club. On the day we lost the tournament quite

convincingly, but what was so significant about the event was the fact that we had invited Mr. Michael Ward to referee some of the matches, as an official send-off from the House. Mr. Ward was due to retire from the school in July and he had always enjoyed a long and memorable friendship with Northfields House. In his early years as a new Master in the School, he had been in fact a house tutor, resident in what is now known as Burghley Dormitory. Mr. Ward has taken the boys out on several trips, and his own love has always been football, so we thought it only fitting that he should be invited back to the house so many years later to help with the local tournament.

Over the last weekend we once again played the inter Boarding House 'Bat' and 'Ball' Cricket competitions, but Northfields were convincingly defeated in both matches, by a very strong Southfields side this year. I could hope that next year might bode better for us, but I fear that our days of dominating the cricket scene are going to remain limited.

In the Swimming Sports on the last Monday of term, the boarders once again out-shone their rivals and walked away with the overall trophy in all three categories of Removes, Thirds and Preps Colours were duly awarded for swimming to Ben Harvey and to Robert Phillips.

Southfields

<i>House Master:</i>	Mr. R. G. Bacon
<i>House Tutors:</i>	Mr. M. J. Blissett Mr. C. E. Newbury
<i>House Matron:</i>	Mrs. C. E. Stafford
<i>Assistant:</i>	Mr. T. L. Hardman

Spring Term

The start of term was made memorable by two events. First, it was a pleasure to welcome Mr. Travis Hardman to Southfields at the start of his year in Stamford. He arrived from Melbourne, Australia to take up his post as GAP tutor replacing Mr. Marcus Scott. Second, the boarders' lecture on the first Saturday

evening of term was John Pilkington's illustrated account of his travels in Asia. John is a seasoned travel writer and BBC radio journalist, and this was a remarkable show. 'An Adventure on the Old Silk Road' was the tale of his solo journey from Karachi to Shanhighuan, north of Bijing. The beautiful illustrations, the soundtrack and the masterful narrative captivated boys and staff alike. We hoped these two events would be a sign of fruitful things to come. Now, looking back from September, I can unequivocally say that it was a successful term and that Mr. Hardman's arrival was a stroke of good fortune for us all: his interest in the boys and his generous contribution to their welfare and entertainment have been outstanding.

I am grateful to Mr. Blissett for coaching the Boarders' 1st and 2nd XI soccer teams. His 1st XI men won all three of their matches, successfully defending the trophy won last season. Some attractive and competitive football was played and house colours were awarded to Daniel South (Capt.), Jonathan Doughty, Henry Marshall, Andrew Spickett, Joseph Doherty, Tim Lloyd, Mark Taylor and Matthew Williams.

The 2nd XI lost two of their three matches, finished 2nd= and relinquished the trophy won last year.

Mr. Newbury and Mr. Hardman worked hard with the Prep footballers. Theirs was not a glorious season, but Mr. Newbury was pleased that many of the team had experienced competitive football for the first time and had learned the value of sportsmanship and enjoyment on the field.

Mr. Newbury writes: "With only fifteen boys from whom to select an eleven-man side, our prospects did not look promising this season, though the boys threw themselves into training with commendable enthusiasm. We produced some competent football in the first game against St. Paul's. Our defence proved tight and solid, but there was a lack of



Paul Scholes

Alex Norcliffe



The local derby against Northfields was a scrappy affair and though we won, it was clear that we weren't playing our best hockey. The match against Willoughby had always been billed as the unofficial final, and we had to win the match outright to take the trophy. We did so with what we like to regard as true 'Boarders' spirit' and playing some very attractive hockey." Colours were awarded to Daniel South (Capt.), Andrew Spickett, William Oliver and Matthew Williams.

Mr. Newbury, making the most of his year with us, initiated and organised an inter-house squash tournament and presented a shield for the winners. He notes: "Our team of four were enthusiastic, confident and ambitious. It is a testament to their focus and commitment that they only lost two of their sixteen matches. In defeating the strong St. Paul's side in the final encounter, they thoroughly earned the title of house squash champions." All four were awarded house colours: Oliver Burwell, Ben Johnson, Jackfrey Ng, and Daniel South. Given the time and energy Mr. Newbury has invested in Southfields during his year with us, it is particularly sweet for us to have the 'Newbury Shield' in our trophy cabinet during its first season.

Even a glimmer of success in the chess competition remains beyond our reach. Our finest men were defeated in every encounter and the Boarders came fourth again. We finished fourth too in the cross-country competition at Burghley, though this outcome was unexpected and marks a radical downturn in our fortunes compared with previous years. The Rems came 2nd=, the Thirds 3rd and the Preps 4th. The result was due in part to our small Prep turnout but also due to poor performance in the middle of the field. There were, of course, some fine individual performances. Amongst the Rems special note might be made of: Daniel South (2nd), Andrew Spickett (12th), Robert Causon (14th), Sam Gaylor (19th), Henry Marshall (22nd) and Jonathan Doughty (26th). And in the Thirds: Joseph Doherty (4th), Mark Taylor (16th), Matthew Williams (20th) and Stuart Crofton (28th). All of these boys were awarded their house colours.

In the house drama festival Mr. Blissett excelled again as a producer of plays, for not only did the cast thoroughly enjoy working under his direction, but he also got the best out of them. I was able to hop in and out of rehearsals throughout the term and found it fascinating to watch the play, 'Paper Tigers', come together.

confidence in mid-field and our attack lacked the power and instinct required to break through and score. Somehow, all our chances at goal were squandered and we lost. In the match against Cecil, played in foul conditions, the opposition played some attractive football which we never looked like emulating and we suffered a second defeat. The last match was against the strongest side, Willoughby, and at last the team really picked itself up and played some good football, though in vain. Andrew Cornthwaite was awarded house colours for his hard work as a striker and especially for his spectacular finish against Willoughby."

Mr. Newbury was also responsible for organising and coaching the Southfields hockey side in the second annual inter-house competition. Having been runners-up last year, it was a great pleasure to watch the team taking the trophy this year, winning three and drawing one of their matches. Mr. Newbury reports: "Our first match against St. Paul's was very encouraging. Daniel South and Matthew Williams seemed to mesmerise the defence and we came off comfortable winners. In the next game, against Cecil, we squandered many of our chances and we were fortunate that Jonathan Doughty was able to score an equalizer before full time.

Ultimately I found myself helpless with laughter in my seat at the Arts Centre on the opening night. There was some tremendous acting and the play was lively, exciting and hugely enjoyable. There were some outstanding performances from Andrew Beney (Bazzar), Daniel South (Big Mal), Joseph Doherty (Joe) and Tim Lloyd (Caf), while Yuen Cheong was a stalwart behind the scenes. All of these boys were awarded house colours.

Summer Term

There are certain things I always look forward to in the approach of summer at Southfields. Our position on the edge of the playing fields is a privileged one and brings us simple treats such as the scent of freshly cut grass and a marvellous view of cricket matches against the backdrop of the blossoming may behind the pavilion. The return of French cricket and 'nets' are as certain as the return of the starlings who repossess their nest in the walnut tree in the yard. Swimming after prep is the number one favourite recreation and – oh bliss – there is quiet in the house while the boys take to the grounds during the milder and longer evenings. The boys too, I know, have their special reasons for liking the summer term and the following report shows, I hope, just how much they have put into it and how much they have achieved.

Our cricketers enjoyed a remarkable season, none of our teams losing a match. It was the boys who performed so well of course, but behind their success lay the coaching skills and encouragement of Mr. Blissett, Mr. Newbury and Mr. Hardman. Of the 1st XI performance Mr. Blissett writes: "Two very competent performances against Cecil and Willoughby led to convincing victories. Special mention should be made both of Daniel South and Matthew Williams who made fine contributions with the bat, and Mark Taylor and Andrew Spickett whose all-round performances allowed easy wins. The crunch match was always going to be against St. Paul's, who offered a serious challenge to our title hopes. The highly consistent batting of Oliver Burwell and Matthew Williams helped the team to a decent if not unbeatable total. It was now up to our bowlers and Robin Woodward and Joseph Doherty performed superbly, enabling us to emerge victorious, if only in the end by a fairly narrow margin".

In the 2nd XI's first encounter, against Cecil, bowling and fielding lacked sparkle and nearly caused us to concede the match. Our performance against Willoughby was a little more assured, and thanks to a



Tristan Potter

captain's innings by Simon Hodgson, who scored 64 runs, we won again. In the final match, against St. Paul's, Stuart Cowper helped us to a more emphatic victory through his 45 runs and three wickets: a remarkable return to games, having had a leg in plaster all term.

In the annual matches against Northfields for the Bat and Ball trophies, we looked considerably stronger than Northfields both on paper and on the field. Northfields offered little effective opposition to the likes of Henry Marshall, Jonathan Doughty and Ben Johnson and both trophies remain with us for another year.

Though all of the boys are involved in athletics trials and heats, not all can reach the finals on sports day, nor indeed have the glory of winning. Even so, over half the house represented the Boarders on Sports day and nearly half of those excelled in their events, finishing first or second. Of particular note was Yuen Cheong's new school record in the discus, and a number of others also won their events: Robin Woodward (200m), Tim Lloyd (javelin), Mark Taylor (long jump). There were further notable performances from Daniel South, Matthew Williams and Joseph Doherty, and all of these boys were awarded house colours. Sam Gaylor, Jackfey Ng, Peter Leaviss and Andrew Cornthwaite also made valuable contributions in the accumulation of points. By the end of the afternoon the Thirds and Rems had won their competition, and the Preps had finished 4th, leaving us in 2nd place overall.

The inter-house swimming sports brought us spectacular success. The boys won the Rems', Thirds' and Preps' competitions. Henry Marshall was the mainstay of the Rems team, winning both the 1 length and 2 lengths breaststroke, and finishing second in the 2 lengths freestyle. Mark Taylor won his 1 length backstroke and Stuart Crofton and Matthew Williams both picked up points for finishing second. All these boys received house colours and, although they were at the forefront of our effort on the day, all our other competitors also played a key role in the accumulation of points and overall victory. Even beyond that, it was rewarding that so many boys turned out for the initial trials, an extension of our routine swims in the evening after prep.

On Speech Day four of our boys mounted the stage to receive prizes from Mr. Graham Searle. What struck me and pleased me particularly was the breadth of achievement reflected here. Yuen Cheong won the prize for service to the boarding house, in part for his quite outstanding work as a house leader; Daniel South won the Scarcliffe Award for services to school sport; Andrew Beney won the Drama Prize, and Robert Causon a Marshall Exhibition. These achievements should be seen as the tip of the iceberg of all the activities and experience which our boys find at school. In the Spring term I calculated that between them our boys had been involved in 16 school clubs, excluding school sports teams.

Many of the boys are involved in the school's music, notably in the chapel choir,

but also in second orchestra, junior string orchestra and forty choir. The chapel choir retain a strong Southfields element and these boys enjoyed the experience of singing Evensong in Westminster Abbey towards the end of the Spring term. This term they sang impressively at the Speech Day Matins service, and they sang John Ireland's 'Greater Love' magnificently on the last Sunday of the school year. In awarding the Callaghan Choir Shield, Mr. Brown singled out a number of boys for merit: Andrew Cornthwaite has made a very good start in the choir, Joseph Doherty was highly commended, but the shield was awarded to Stuart Cowper whose contribution has been outstanding this year.

Towards the end of term, when the Leicestershire countryside was looking its best, the Greatham Valley Golf Club was the scene of the first Southfields staff v boys golf match. Henry Marshall and Oliver Burwell took on Mr. Blissett and Henry's father, while Stuart Cowper and Robin Woodward challenged myself and Mr. Henry. The final result was a tactful draw and a veil might well be drawn over the part of the match I had most to do with!

Our annual Third Form overnight exercise at Wakerley and Fineshade Woods took place over the final weekend of term. The general format of the venture remains much the same, with an afternoon of orienteering at Wakerley, an evening building shelters out of brushwood at Fineshade, camp cooking, and a night exercise in the forest at Wakerley before sleeping the night in the shelters. The detail changes from year to year and it is remarkable how different the experience can be for each successive year group, and of course each group copes differently from its predecessors. This year the shelters might not have been the best (though Matron's and Mr. Newbury's was a five star affair), but the boys excelled during the night exercise. Having anticipated and mastered the 'guided walk', in which one boy at a time follows a string through the forest for a little way, each boy also undertook a solo 200m walk. If you have forgotten what it is like to be eleven years old and apparently alone in a forest in the dead of night, just remember that behind every bush lurks a new terror, and every curious shadow screams danger. Well, I speak for myself at least! For some, it is the first time they have slept out of doors in a makeshift bivouac, and for many the strangeness of the situation is an unexpected and powerful experience. Sleeping on the forest floor amongst the insects, with no instant source of

illumination, no sound of traffic or other human activity, and the silence broken from time to time by a breeze in the boughs above, a nocturnal creature passing through the forest, or perhaps the call of a distant animal. For some it is truly a culture shock, but everyone enjoys it and everyone feels a sense of achievement.

The end of the summer term is always a huge landmark for us staff too, and more so this year since a number of these Rems were new boys in Southfields the same term as me, and we had grown up together over the last five years. This particular group of Rems have contributed so much to the life of the house and its success in various inter-house competitions. Their leavers' party started with a trip to the two-floor Quazar at the Kettering Leisure Village. Having spent the first game working out an effective strategy for the use of both floors, much ferocious zapping took place in subsequent engagements. Lasered to near extinction, we returned to school for our swim and barbecue at the pool. Mrs. Bacon provided a lovely barbecue supper, Mr. Blissett rescued an ailing barbecue from less-experienced hands and worked his usual magic, and Mr. Newbury put us all through our paces with party games he had learned during his time at Camp America. Mr. Hardman beat all the boys to win Mr. Newbury's limbo dancing competition, though the latter impressed for sheer style.

We have always been fortunate in the quality of our domestic and pastoral staff, and this has been particularly true of Mr. Blissett and Mr. Newbury. Mr. Blissett leaves the house after four years of outstanding service as resident tutor and becomes a 'day boy' and Head of Classics. His wide-ranging skills as a games coach and his enthusiastic pursuit of fun and excellence in his dramatic productions have been both memorable and invaluable. Mr. Newbury comes to the end of his GAP year and leaves to start his teacher training course at Roehampton. Their goodwill, expertise and commitment have made an incalculable difference to the lives of the boys and we thank them both very much. Matron and Mr. Hardman continue to lavish time and genuine interest in the boys; Mrs. Bacon and 'the ladies' have been an invaluable support in their own spheres, and I should like to thank them too for their hard work throughout the year.

R.G.B.

St. Paul's

<i>House Master:</i>	Mr. R. J. B. Henry
<i>House Tutors:</i>	Mr. L. H. Phillips Mr. P. P. Wiggin
<i>House Leaders:</i>	Charles Barker David Dews Vincent Eschaliar John Feetham Thomas Turner

What is it that the Boarders do that first evening, to enable them to come to school the following morning with such zest? It is as if they have never been away. Witnessing the Housemaster's furrows, perhaps they haven't.

The term certainly arrived quickly, and preparations for the House Play Festival were re-started. Some lines had been learned, but, as with examinations, last minute revision was very necessary in one or two cases. It has been said that **living** is more difficult than acting because, in life, you have to invent your own lines. Some of the troupe were certainly living their parts...

As the days lightened so did the concerns, for things began to fall into place. Tom Wood and John Jarvis painted the Porsche (!), and I took my Astra – and props – to the theatre for the dress rehearsals. We were to perform second, and Mrs. Watson told us that we had three minutes to transform Cecil's cosy front room into a modern day court of law. It took nearer twenty-three.

It was a nervous greenroom as we listened to the audience respond to the Cecil performance. We needed something to relieve the tension. Thank goodness for Henry Dawe and his unfeasibly large padding!

"Nothing but the Truth" was a success. For three nights the boys played to large audiences and earned their applause. Carl Brewin* calmly played Alan, whose confusion about the difference between lies and truth prevents him from swearing the oath; he calls up scenes from his past to explain why. Paul Ruff*, Christopher Morphy-Godber and Christopher Wilkinson* became alter egos as the play unfolded.

Christopher Rhys-Davies*, as The Judge, kept admirable control as fires broke out, parties played, cars were sold and pets died. The final shrug of the jury's collective shoulders showed that Alan's dilemma remained – but at least the audience had been assuredly entertained.

My thanks to the whole cast – those already mentioned, and also David Thompson, George and Thomas Addison, David McFadyen, James Blackburn, Peter



Mr. Henry coaches St. Paul's at Burghley

Baynton*, Matthew Harrington, Paul Napier, Ben Hibbins, Stuart Bowden and Patrick Wyatt. I hope the prompt, Martin French, will not mind me saying that I was relieved that he had nothing to do at the theatre . . .

All the play's performances were particularly praiseworthy since they ran on the day of the Burghley. Unlike last year, more typical spring weather prevailed and the occasional snowflake marked the boys like Tipp-Ex. I pleaded for no broken legs or vocal chords.

One or two of our best runners were sadly unfit on the day, and they were missed. The Removes lost their trophy by just twenty-one points; the thirds were second by just fifteen points, and most galling of all, the Preps were beaten by just two points. Consolation came with the overall retention of the competition. The following boys counted towards the team competition.

Preps: Philip Matthew*, Matthew Land*, James Player*, Jonathan Tizzard*, Falko Molitor*, James Sanford*, Max Smeeth*, Nathan Wells, Gareth Owen, William

Brewster, Robert Howard, Christopher Pearce.

III Forms: Ben Hicks*, Matthew Gilman*, Ben Burgis*, James Smith*, Robin Baynton*, Nicholas Kearvell*, James Hirst*, Tom Wood**, Peter Baynton, Steven Butt, Michael Harwood, David Pistolas, Christopher Howe, Ben Jennings, William Ball.

Removes: John Feetham*, Michael Ferreira*, Thomas Turner*, Tom Sutcliffe*, Ben Killgren*, Lawrence Shenton*, Gareth Smith, Vincent Eschaliier, Ben Hibbins, Robert Headland, Thomas Addison, Michael Cheung.

The half-term break was welcomed by all. The frightening reality when we returned was that the end of term was under a month away.

By this time, almost unnoticed, the football competitions had begun. With chess, hockey and squash also to be decided, it was to be quite a juggling act of boys and teams. The squash was capably run by Mr. Newbury, and the squad of Ferreira, Eschaliier, Caplan, Thompson and Peter Baynton competed well. Michael Ferreira proved too strong for his opposition, but the remainder enjoyed closer games.

The hockey squad knew that they would face stiff competition – from Southfields in particular. The regular hockey players had moved to senior school, and with just one or two 'players' – rather more 'gentlemen' – the afternoon saw St. Paul's finish fourth out of five teams.

Squad: D. Dews, T. Caplan, V. Eschaliier, P. Ruff, M. Ferreira, J. Feetham, P. Matthew, T. Cross, B. Killgren, A. Lavery.

A plethora of fine chess players meant that one or two county players would miss out on a place in the team. A House league was established to ease this difficulty of selection – it didn't, since shortage of time meant that some games remained unplayed.

However, the chosen squad of players opened with a fine 6-2 win against Cecil, followed this with a 7½-½ demolition of the Boarders' defences, before fearlessly overcoming the fancied Willoughby armies by 6½-½. Well done all!

Squad: B. Hicks, N. Kearvell, A. Norton*, R. Baynton*, J. Tizzard, M. Land, N. Wells*.

For many, football would dominate the term. With many school matches as well as the House competition, boots needed to remain close at foot. With Eric Cantona a talking point in the professional game, ours was whether our own important French player would be fit to play. Vincent Eschaliier was not well, but miss out on captaining St. Paul's? "Mais non!"

The first match was against Cecil, and it was not pretty. A strong breeze was behind the team in the first half, and the ball was

too often lost. The midfield was sluggish, and wide open spaces became wider. The single goal was scored by Ben Hicks following a corner. The second half followed a similar pattern. Cecil had chances; St. Paul's missed a penalty; and the final whistle was a sweet sound.

Against the Boarders the team again started with the help of the wind. It was tight to begin with, but the Boarders' first attack brought a goal. Two down after fourteen minutes might have led to pointing fingers, but Hicks scored with an immaculate free-kick to re-build confidence. Over-commitment to tackles led to space for the third Boarders' success, but Eschaliere replied immediately with a 'route one' goal. It was all rather breathless. The second half lacked goals, but St. Paul's dominated, playing their best football of the competition. There were chances, but it wasn't to be.

The match against Willoughby was an anti-climax. An early goal and a late one sandwiched a match dominated by the opposition. It was a tired performance coming at the end of a concentrated term.

The 2nd XI consisted mainly of energetic third formers who, if lacking in physical stature, could certainly play football. With one or two Removes to provide strength and wisdom, confidence was high.

Against Cecil, the pattern was set. There was movement and communication, and three goals to complement the performance – Walker, Butt and James Smith were on target. Similar tactics against the Boarders led to a 3-0 victory. Walker and Smith were again on target, as was a delighted Bowden. Against Willoughby, a draw would have been enough to win the competition, but the team again scored three times to win the match comfortably. Gareth Smith (twice) and Matthew Dawson were the celebrated scorers.

A 3rd XI eventually played a game, and won it.

The Prep 1st XI enjoyed some success in their competition. Philip Matthew led the team with typical gusto, and scored the goals. Willoughby proved by far the strongest team in the competition, but victories were secured against Cecil and the Boarders. The remaining Prep boys had the chance to represent the House in friendly matches, and, although success was limited, the matches were both noisy and enjoyed.

1st XI: M. Greaves*, J. Feetham*, T. Caplan, M. Gilman, N. Kearvell, M. Dawson, D. Dews, M. Harwood, B. Hicks*, V. Eschaliere (Capt.)*, C. Howe, B. Killgren, J. Hirst.

2nd XI: A. Norton, P. Baynton, T. Sutcliffe, B. Jennings, T. Turner, J. Hirst, R. Walker, S. Butt, R. Baynton (Capt.), J. Smith, T. Wood, S. Bowden, G. Smith, D. McFadyen, B. Burgis, M. Dawson.

Prep 1st XI: M. Smeeth, F. Molitor, P. Wytton, S. Harris, J. Player, W. Brewster, N. Wells*, J. Sanford, M. Land, P. Matthew (Capt.)*, J. Tizzard, T. Brewster.

The many competitions were finally completed on the last full day of term. It was that kind of term: enjoyable, but very busy. I think I wrote my reports, although I sometimes wonder how. Another hundred individuals might be at home now, wondering at the many things they have achieved this term. Tom Caplan, however, will certainly be one – and for his efforts he was awarded the 'contributions' trophy.

Right, chaps – football boots away; let's get those pads whitened!

Summer Term

Being retrospective at the end of any term can be poignant, as one remembers the affecting moments of that term: this is particularly the case at the end of the summer term, when St. Paul's has to say 'goodbye' to boys who have been part of the House for up to five years. As I speak to them on the final morning of term, I wonder if they are already looking forward to September and senior school, or whether they, too are thinking retrospectively.

This term began with the UII Field Trip, and early stretching of limbs for the athletics trials. The heat-days seemed breezy, and with no gadget to check for wind-assisted performances, Michael Harwood casually broke the hurdles record. Performances were very satisfactory in all age-groups, although the Removes had to work particularly hard for places in finals.

As the athletes worked on improving their performances, others were preparing for the scholarship examinations. With so many outside activities catching the eye, that most important academic area cannot be forgotten. Following what must have seemed a long wait, Tom Sutcliffe was informed of his Marshall Scholarship. An outstanding achievement.

This summer term of 1995 perhaps witnessed the most virulent of plagues to sweep through the school for a number of years. It seemed that most boys succumbed, and it was costly for some. Pog-fever (and there are 134 different strains) originated in Hawaii, and proved most contagious here in Stamford. Each break-time witnessed boys falling to the floor, and ecstatic babblings echoed.

Finally, the Headmaster found an

instant cure, and apart from isolated reports of symptoms, the plague was removed from school grounds. Pasty-faced boys could return to more recognised summer activities.

Snipping scissors and overalled preps signalled the approach of Open Day and the recognition of those who have excelled in the classroom. Gareth Owen, Peter Baynton, Ben Hicks and Tom Sutcliffe won Form Prizes; William Brewster, Philip Earley, Tobi Grosse, Peter Scott, Simon Munford, David Dews and Christopher Wilkinson were awarded Merit Prizes; Christopher Pearce, James Sanford, Paul Scholes and David Dews (again) won Art Prizes; Vincent Eschaliere was awarded the Removes' Design Technology Prize; and Carl Brewin received his reward for winning the Tinkler competition in the autumn. So many names represent fine, consistent efforts from many in St. Paul's.

The weather could not be trusted to hold for the afternoon. The clouds were playing charades, and their shapes occasionally threatened. One brisk shower scattered parents, pupils and programmes, but thankfully the events were completed, and the presentations were held in bright sunshine. It had been clear from early on that we would not be challenging for the overall competition, and so we cheered individuals and relay squads in their efforts. Michael Harwood* won three events – he was one of the outstanding athletes in his year; Matthew Land*, Piers Wytton*, Ian Cowley* and David Parker enjoyed success in the promising Prep group.

The task of picking balanced cricket squads again proved difficult. St. Paul's boasted many fine cricketers, and to leave one or two out of the first team was harsh. However, June arrived and the first round of matches had to be played. Willoughby, leading the overall House competition, were first up.

The outfield was damp, and the ball occasionally slipped through fielders' fingers – this was to be a comparative problem throughout the competition. Fiery bowling by Ferreira and Jennings – although without success – restricted the early Willoughby effort, and it was left to Feetham and Dews to pick up the wickets. Tom Caplan bowled tightly in the middle of the innings.

Chasing a modest total of 67 runs for victory, the team lost its captain early. The runs followed at a comfortable rate, and once Dews was out for 20, Ferreira joined Kearvell to complete the proceedings.

Against Cecil, the team batted first. Once again, the runs came at a steady rate, but no-one was able to take the opposition bowling apart. A score of 72 on a slow pitch was always going to be difficult. A wicket with the first ball, followed by a wide that went for four, began an innings of fevered calculations. A spate of run-outs added to the dramas, but with key wickets falling early on, Cecil finished twenty runs short. For a long time it seemed that the match would be closer than that.

Then came Southfields – or rather the Boarders – for the deciding match on Northfields. Ah, yes . . . a match to be remembered. The pitch was dry, and the sun high. If the ball beats the fielder it is four runs. Early fumbles gave the opposition a flying start, but fine bowling restricted the final score to 82 – eminently gettable.

A change in the batting line up was a surprise to the umpire, and a steady yet unspectacular start to the innings followed. The Boarders bowled tightly, and it seemed that the match was drifting to dull anti-climax. Then, with few overs Sam Wakerley – Modigliani Nudes

remaining, Hirst and Dews added necessary urgency to the effort. Suddenly twenty runs were scored in three overs, and an unlikely result seemed possible. But it was not to be, and the defeat was by nine runs. On the day the better team won.

Watching the 2nd XI from a distance, it seemed that drama was never too far away. The first match was won by ten wickets, with Gilman and Hicks dominating the match. Against Cecil, Hicks again scored well, but 51 from his opposite number meant a narrow defeat. Finally, against the Boarders, an opponent back from injury dealt severely with both our bowlers and batsmen. His performance overshadowed the 36 scored by Hicks, who, with a sum total of 94 runs, can be very pleased with his performances.

The Preps enjoyed victory against Cecil, but too many crooked bats cost runs in the other two matches. If the tendency to slog at anything within reach can be tempered by some, the bowlers' efforts can be backed up with greater ultimate success. However, fine individual performances were given by Matthew and Wells particularly.

The younger members of the Preps all had the chance to represent the House, and their enthusiasm, whatever the state of the matches, tires me out.

Squads:

1st XI: J. Feetham (Capt.)*, D. Dews*, N. Kearvell*, M. Ferreira*, T. Caplan*, M. Greaves (W/K), J. Hirst*, B. Jennings, P. Scholes, T. Cross, P. Ruff, V. Eschaliere, B. Killgren.

2nd XI: B. Burgis (W/K), A. Christmas, B. Hicks, P. Scott, C. Howe, P. Baynton (Capt.), R. Baynton (Capt.), V. Eschaliere, B. Killgren, M. Gilman, C. Barker, R. Parker, R. Walker.

Prep 1st VIII: J. Tizzard, P. Wyton (W/K), J. Sanford, N. Wells*, J. Player, P. Matthew (Capt.)*, M. Land, M. Smeeth, W. Brewster.

The House tennis tournament was played in a league format this year, given the lack of time. This meant that the players who made special efforts to play their matches would have a greater chance of winning the event. Vincent Eschaliere won the school tournament, but it was Robert Headland who had won most games at count-up time.

The shooters have regular club time, of course, and it was a fine team performance which retained the trophy for the House.



Lawrence Shenton top-scored with 95.

Shooting Team: L. Shenton*, G. Smith*, T. Sutcliffe, P. Ruff.

The weather remained warm and dry for much of the term, and the swimming pool was popular at lunchtimes. Selective reading of the notice-board resulted in few boys turning up to early trials, however. Sportsday itself witnessed some very good individual performances, with Tobi Gross*, Michael Ferreira*, Tom Caplan* and Richard Walker* receiving certificates and trophies, but there were disappointments too. At the end of the afternoon, the team had finished third overall.

With the pressures beginning to ease, and reports written, it was time to 'fix' the Fathers' cricket match, and ask Mr. Ward to light up the BBQ. As the boys were padding up, noises were emanating from the Dads. One or two were suggesting that it would be all over before the BBQ was even warm. Gentlemen, staunch intent is one thing, but talent is quite another . . .

The boys built up a healthy total of 92, and the older-boys began their reply slowly. Once second-wind had been reached, the scores began to close until just one ball remained. Two to win, one to tie. Ferreira bowls: shouts from all corners; dust and pads and cocked arm. 'Hold it!' shouts the captain, and the match is tied.

Well played all – great spirit!

Back at the ranch the BBQ was burning well. The weather held, and, despite the best efforts of Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Thompson, the rolls could hardly be buttered quickly enough. 'Butter my own?' said one customer. 'I'm not coming to this restaurant again.'

And so another year finishes in a pile of embers. The House finished third in the overall competition, but the boys competed well in all areas. Paul Ruff particularly impressed with his all-round efforts throughout the year, and he was a worthy recipient of the 'contributions' trophy. The Removes, as a group, can look forward to new surroundings with confidence, and the House staff can relax for a short while. Mr. Phillips and Mr. Wiggin I thank for their support during the year; Mr. Briggs I thank for the BBQ food and drink; Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Patience, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Ward for their help on this night, also; and my wife, who continues to clear up after me, particularly towards the ends of terms.

September will soon be upon us – let us hope for a year at least as good as this one just past. If it is, we can be well satisfied.

* denotes House colours awarded.

** denotes joint cross-country/drama House colours awarded.

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Willoughby Spring Term

House Master: Mr. T. J. P. Wilk
House Tutors: Mrs. S. M. Fisher
Mr. J. P. Callaghan
Mr. H. R. J. Trump
House Leaders: Mark Beveridge
Christopher Jones
Paul Scott
Alexander Walker-Sage

Although the Spring Term is such a short one we certainly had to spring into action fairly rapidly! We welcomed a new boy into 1ND, Bradley Walker, who has settled in extremely well. Knowing that we were lying first at this stage certainly gave our boys a boost to do well. Our first major challenge was in the Burghley Run where we had some outstanding individual performances and colours were duly awarded to:

Preps:	Simon Taylor	1st
	Oliver Nutt	3rd
	Ashley Wilmot	10th
	Nicholas Jones	11th
Thirds:	Timor Tatlioglu	17th
Rems:	Paul Scott	1st
	Harry Woolhouse	5th
	William Holland	7th
	Alex Walker-Sage	8th
	Richard Jones	9th
	Richard Chadwick	13th
	Nicholas Moss	17th

The Prep section was very close indeed and we were pushed into third spot only 8 points behind the winners. Our Rems gave us a clear win there but, unfortunately, our Thirds did not score too well so we finished third overall.

Drama: The climax to our "Cagebirds" hard work came on the 15th to 17th February in Stamford Arts Theatre. With the exceptional production team behind them, the Cagebirds twittered quite delightfully – they all enjoyed themselves enormously and thoroughly deserved House Colours. A small party showing the video was held later and each production team member was presented with a mug. The Drama Cup was awarded to Sam Wallington who imparted much feeling and appropriate mannerisms. Well done to you all and a big thank you to Mr. Callaghan for his involvement and help.

Football: In the Football competition, Alex Walker-Sage was asked to captain the 1st XI and organise practices. We certainly looked very impressive showing lots of skill and good tactics. However, our first match saw us suffer at the hands, or rather feet, of the Boarders; lack of

practice and probably not the right combination of players contributed. With some changes, notably in goal with Graham Nelson, and strengthening our defence with Stuart Cameron made a significant improvement. We had a very hard match against Cecil just winning 2-1, though a draw would have been a fairer result, and it seemed a relatively easy win against St. Paul's 2-0. In particular I felt that Walker-Sage was an excellent, skilful captain. Paul Scott was tireless throughout, Massey and Craft were superb in defence, Mutton scored all four goals and Cameron was so solid and dependable, especially with his head.

Squad: R. Jones, G. Nelson, E. Bogira, S. Cameron*, W. Clavering, G. J. Craft, B. Dawson, T. Guttridge, C. Jones, J. Massey*, P. Scott*, A. Walker-Sage*, J. Graham.

* House colours awarded

Our 2nd XI had very mixed fortunes winning one of their three games but when I did see them play there were some very promising players for next year; at least we did come joint second!

Squad: M. Blythin, R. Chadwick, W. Holland, J. Simons (Capt), H. Woolhouse, P. Collins, A. Daly, G. Donnelly, J. Meadows, R. Moon, J. Robinson, M. Steed, T. Tatlioglu, M. White.

Our Prep XI were very keen and raring to go especially as the first two dates were washed off! Captain N. Jones very efficiently organised practices and it soon became evident that we were fortunate to have some very skilful players who seemed to read each other so well! The 7-0 win over Cecil saw T. Turnbull scoring four; against St. Paul's it was another convincing 5-1 win. Our final match proved pretty tough not only for a lowish score 3-1, but also for the sudden appearance of a snowstorm and a bitterly cold wind! Throughout the competition Nutt was very impressive on the right wing and Jones was a constant inspiration for the whole team.

Squad: D. Featherstone, D. Holloway, M. Beeby, O. Naylor, H. Flint, S. Taylor, N. Jones*, O. Nutt*, T. Turnbull*, J. Kilmartin, W. Ostler*, M. Parry.

* House colours awarded

Ben Cheesman conscientiously organised the Prep 2nd VI who lost one and drew one.

Squad: J. Meatyard, A. Clark, J. Haefker, C. Byrd, B. Cheesman (Capt), J. Ellis, A. Wilmot.

The third Prep VII had a most convincing win over Cecil with S. Moody scoring five!

Team: A. Hastie, C. Stephen, A. Wilmot, A. Flint, R. Nelson, S. Moody (Capt), A. Wiggins.

Two matches were played by our Form 1's who kept Cecil to 0-0 though C. Wallace had a superb shot saved; and

against St. Paul's a good 3-0 win was achieved with Kilmartin scoring 2 and Bradley Walker 1.

Squad: E. Butcher, N. Henbrey, J. Green, C. Wallace, R. Watt, C. Kilmartin, A. Booth (Capt), R. Flint, A. Strong.

Squash by Sam Robson

v. Southfields (lost 1-3)

We came into the first match with great hopes of winning the tournament. Unfortunately, Southfields played extremely well but our reserve Benedict Dawson stepped in and won his match.

v. St. Paul's (drew 2-2)

After a disappointing start we needed to regroup and played well despite only having three players! T. Wolfe and G. J. Craft both won.

v. Cecil (won 4-0)

This was an extremely convincing victory where all four of our players played superbly often against some stiff resistance.

v. Northfields (won 4-0)

The result says it all!

This year was a trial one for the Squash so it did not count to the House competition. Nevertheless, our team came second – just! Well done.

Squad: S. Robson (Capt), T. Wolfe, A. Horton, J. Craft, E. Sanders, B. Dawson.

Hockey by Tristan Guttridge

We started the tournament with a match against Northfields who were blessed with the best two goalies, so it was going to be difficult to score. After a gruelling first half we managed to shoot a goal from Benedict Dawson. Final result 1-0.

Our next match was against St. Paul's.

We managed to score one in the first half through Nick Moss. In the second Tristan Guttridge broke through their defence and put two more in goal. Final score 3-0.

After our two wins we were confident of the title but after many chances from both sides the final result was 0-0.

We then played Southfields in what was the Final. Southfields had a great first half and succeeded in putting one past Richard Jones, who was unlucky not to save it. We managed to get 3 or 4 corners but we just could not score. Final scores 0-1.

In the competition itself we secured second equal place with Cecil.

Squad: T. Guttridge (Capt)*, B. Dawson*, J. Massey, G. Nelson, J. Meadows, N. Moss, P. Scott, R. Jones.

In the final House Competition, Chess, we had some exceptionally good players who gave us a great start, beating the Boarders 7½-½ and Cecil 4½-3½, whose result depended on the top match which Mutton confidently adjudicated! Our last match against St. Paul's proved the decider and, unfortunately, we could not match their ability and were beaten 6½-1½. However, we still finished second – well done!

Squad: J. Mutton (Capt)*, M. White*, G. Nelson, M. Beveridge*, H. Dawe*, R. Flint, A. Wiggins, W. Ostler, J. Meatyard.

* House colours awarded

After my first term as Housemaster I must thank all the House Tutors who have ensured, I hope, a relatively smooth start. I should also congratulate all Willoughbies for their hard work and co-operation and to my House Leaders for their assistance

on duty and in House practices.

T.J.P.W.

Willoughby Summer Term

House Master: Mr. T. J. P. Wilk

House Tutors: Mrs. S. M. Fisher

Mr. J. P. Callaghan

Mr. H. R. J. Trump

House Leaders: Mark Beveridge

Christopher Jones

Paul Scott

Alexander Walker-Sage

Sam Wallington

Athletics

The hectic practices over lunchtime seem to have paid off because we had so many good placings and winners sprinkled throughout the competition. In the Form Is/Lower IIs Taylor did particularly well winning the cricket ball and coming second in the 600m and Booth came second and third in the 60m and cricket ball respectively. We had winners in the 600m (Nutt), High Jump (Beeby) and lots of seconds and thirds in the Upper Twos section; and brilliantly won all the relays – well done! In the Thirds Moon (200m), Tatlioglu (400m), Allchurch (Shot – a new school record!) and Donnelly (Triple Jump) all won those events. Finally, our Rems really did us proud where we won two relays and came second in the other; Scott won the 800m and 1500m, and Massey the Javelin. However, the outstanding achievement must be that of Richard Jones who, in winning four events (Hurdles, Shot, High Jump and Triple Jump) rightfully claimed the Victor Ludorum. This topped a wonderful team performance – very well done to you all for winning the Challenge Cup.

House Colours awarded to:

B. Cheesman, M. Beeby, O. Nutt, R. Moon, T. Tatlioglu, S. Allchurch, G. Donnelly, H. Woolhouse, P. Scott, R. Jones, M. Beveridge, J. Massey.

Cricket 1st XI

We put up some good performances but, unfortunately, our run build-up generally was too slow and, in the end, insufficient. Against St. Paul's Nelson scored 26 for our total of 66 for 7 and St. Paul's only lost 2 wickets to win comfortably. The Boarders proved too strong scoring too many runs for us to match. I really thought we might win against Cecil when we reached 105 for 5, Donnelly having scored 30 not out and Meadows 29. Unfortunately for us Barker was in excellent form for Cecil and steered them to victory in the final over. I did take heart from several fine efforts particularly Woolfe behind wicket and Massey in the field; we do have good players in

Multi-Activity Holiday



Donnelly, Nelson and Meadows for next year.

Squad: C. Jones (capt.), T. Woolfe, G. Nelson, J. Massey, A. Walker-Sage, G. Donnelly, J. Meadows, E. Bogira, W. Holland, O. Yiend, B. Davison, W. Clavering.
House colours: C. Jones, T. Woolfe, E. Bogira, J. Massey.

Cricket 2nd XI

v. St. Paul's

Having lost the toss we were put in to bat and, after a somewhat sticky start, we made 68 runs for 4 wickets, S. Wallington making 37 not out. When we bowled it was of poor quality, with no wickets taken so we lost by 4 wickets.

v. Boarders

Winning the toss we elected to bowl and made another sticky start allowing the Boarders to reach 129 for 1. When we batted we made 111 for 4 with Clavering getting a well-deserved 33.

v. Cecil

Having lost the toss we bowled first reducing Cecil to 55 for 6 with superb bowling from R. Jones, on his debut, Clavering and Graham. Our batting was exemplary with a score of 61 for 1 with 8 boundaries from Jones who finished the match with a six!

Sam Wallington (captain)

Cricket Prep 1st XI

v. St. Paul's

The whole team played well with

Taylor's bowling on target and so we beat them by a considerable amount.

v. Boarders

This proved a good tussle. The Boarders reached a useful total but we were unlucky to lose a wicket late on and the whole match by two runs!

v. Cecil

Cecil were made to bat first and did not score too well so our hopes were high. Unfortunately, the last over proved decisive for us as we lost two wickets and the match!

House colours: N. Jones, W. Ostler (capt.), J. Kilmartin.

Cricket Prep 2nd XI

We had matches against St. Paul's and Cecil and we won both very well. Nutt captained vigorously, as usual, and boys who did particularly well were R. Nelson, T. Turnbull and W. Wilmot. Well done.

Shooting

Our team of Walker-Sage (capt.), Horton, Nelson and Peach did very well and came only six points behind the winners.

House colours: A. Horton.

Swimming

The weather for this was not ideal; the grey clouds overhead kept threatening rain but it stayed dry. Towards the end the sun managed to shine through and on Willoughby!

Preps: N. Jones won the diving and S. Taylor came third, and we won the Freestyle relay.

Thirds: The diving was won by G. Nelson and we had winners in the 1L Freestyle (S. Allchurch), 2L Breaststroke (C. Peach) and 2L Freestyle (J. Meadows). We also won the Freestyle Relay.

Removes: There were lots of good placings and firsts in 2L Freestyle and 1L Backstroke (H. Woolhouse), and we won both the Freestyle and Medley Relays. Remarkably we gained very close seconds in all three age groups – well done!

House colours: N. Jones, C. Peach, S. Allchurch, J. Meadows, G. Nelson, H. Woolhouse, E. Bogira.

Harry Woolhouse

It was an enormous thrill to me, and I know to the House too, to know that all the efforts of the boys throughout the year were rewarded in winning the whole House competition by a considerable margin – congratulations to you all!

We said goodbye to all our Removes and wished them well, including some leavers. Our new House Leaders are:-

Jonathan Beveridge, Graham Nelson, Timor Tatlioglu and Matthew White.

We thanked Mrs. Fisher and Mr. Callaghan for all they have done in helping and for being so caring and committed.

T.J.P.W.



John Sharpe



Edmund Knaver

SPORTS

U13 'A' Soccer

This year's team was a particularly strong one and this is shown in the excellent results.

Our matches against Carre's Grammar School were hard fought with both sides playing good open soccer. There were few opportunities of scoring but all of the goals were well taken.

The only defeat of the season was against Spalding Grammar School in the dusk of late February. The match was spoiled somewhat by the gale force wind and we were pressed for the vast majority of the game. Despite hitting the cross-bar once and the post twice, we failed to score and our opponents scored a fortunate breakaway goal.

It is unusual to win against Boston Grammar School whom we regard as our greatest opposition. This year the whole team played really well and our strikers took every chance they were given.

We won the six-a-side competition on the last Saturday of the term. Starting rather feebly we improved as the games went by and beat Carre's in the final.

Squad: Doughty, Greaves, Craft, Marshall, Scott, Massey, Walker-Sage*, South (capt)*, Jones, Dews, Thompson, Eschaliel*, Bogira and Dalton.

Results:

v. Carre's G.S. (a)	Won	3-1
v. King's School Ely (h)	Won	6-1
v. Spalding G.S. (h)	Lost	0-1
v. Boston G.S. (h)	Won	6-1
v. Carre's G.S. (h)	Won	3-1

* Denotes School Colours

D. B. South

U13 'B' Soccer

The 1995 U13 squad was always going to be an exciting prospect following their success the previous year. From the first match the B's showed that the season was going to be one based on a rock-solid goal, kept by Greaves, and defence, which included Sturgess, Feetham (who also had a very successful spell in goal), Graham, and the ever-roving Peter Middleton. Teamwork was the hallmark of the defence throughout the season. Very little got past, and when it did there was always someone on hand to pick up the pieces. The midfield was also always on hand to

support the defence, and was good at taking a defensive situation and making it into a dangerous attack. Early matches, such as the away fixture at Carre's Grammar, saw this teamwork developing, and whilst the B's were unable to have their way all of the time (they won), by the time the return match came around at the end of the season, the visitors were simply outplayed. The midfield, which included Dews (latterly), Rowntree, Thompson, and Jones, fed an eager, if small, strike force. On the wings Dalton and Leaviss played some inspired football. The did not always get the results they deserved but showed a good deal of talent throughout. In the centre Talbot and Cowper shared the honours and both rattled the back of the net. There were a few scary moments, such as when St. Hugh's came to Stamford and took the lead very early on. For half the match it looked as if the B's had no response to the tall Hugh's striker who caused so much carnage in the Stamford area, but as the second half progressed the side settled down and decided to get the all-important equaliser, which it did. Even Boston Grammar, feared for their sharp passing and lightening runs, were unable to break the B's this year. The side worked hard throughout the season, and whilst they did not win every match, they played some great football, and ended the season unbeaten.

I want to thank all the members of the team for their hard work and dedication, and for a positive and exciting season.

A.S.G.

U12 'A' Football

The season began with high expectations. A determined squad of skilful players were hoping to emulate their achievements of the previous year. Certainly there was plenty of potential, particularly in attack, but defensively perhaps we lacked any physical stature.

The opening fixture did not lack for excitement, 2-0 down after five minutes, 4-2 in front after ten, and ultimately a well deserved 6-4 away win at Wellingborough. Ben Hicks immediately displayed his admirable talents on the wing and always used our possession sensibly; it is just a

shame that as the season went on he did not receive, or demand the ball as often as was necessary.

The weather then kept us off the fields for two weeks and so when we made our return the next opponents were the Wellingborough side of the previous month. Same opposition, different game. Both teams had obviously worked hard on defence and this time the result was a creditable and somewhat comfortable 3-1 victory. John Barker, as he continued to prove all season, possesses both an excellent touch and the pace and power to make all our opponents envious of his talents. He captained the side with a sense of dedication and always conducted himself in an exemplary manner. The busy Joseph Doherty provided useful support and goals up front.

A straightforward 7-0 demolition of King's Ely was made all the more easy by Mark Watter's fine display. He surely possesses as much talent as I have seen in a youngster; he destroys weaker opposition, but he must learn to make better use of the ball in tighter matches. Jonathan Mutton, too, supplied his aggression in midfield; he proved to be a very effective player. Matthew Williams, deputising in goal for the steady Mark Taylor put on a wonderful display. Both are brave 'keepers, particularly strong on crosses and in one-to-one situations.

The game against a Boston side who had not lost since the previous September potentially provided us with a stern test, and so it proved on the pitch. We played extremely well in the first half and went in trailing by only one goal and having created many decent scoring opportunities. The second period began well, we hit a post, a bar and had several corners, but being unable to make this pressure count, frustration took over and against a very confident side our weaknesses in defence were exploited. Nick Kearvell, Matthew Gilman and Ben Jennings all played their hearts out and with a fair degree of skill, but against a physically larger and pacier attacking team we had to concede defeat, finally losing, though not disgraced, by four goals to nil.

We had hoped to make quick amends at Spalding and did not lack the

determination to succeed. Sadly luck seemed to run against us and although we completely dominated possession and created many chances we went down 2-1.

In the final game of the season it was vital that pride was restored. So it was, and in a brilliant match against Carre's G.S. we deservedly clinched a late winner. Tim Lloyd played as he had all season, with bags of energy, and his headed goal was just reward for his efforts. Jason Byers, too, played his part in defence magnificently, a role he filled with increasing confidence as the season went on. Another enjoyable season therefore had provided its successes and a few disappointments, but all in all there is much to build on here for the future.

Under 12 'A' Squad: Barker, J. D. (Capt.), Byers, J. B., Doherty, J. J. A., Gilman, M. G., Hicks, B., Hirst, J. P., Jennings, B. A., Kearvell, N. P., Lloyd, T. E., Mutton, J. B., Taylor, M. N., Watters, M. J. C., Williams, M. P., Daly, A. C., Jackson, A. W., Harwood, M. A. **M.R.B.**

House Matches – Football

1st XI Results

Cecil	0-1	St. Paul's
Willoughby	0-3	Boards
Cecil	1-2	Willoughby
St. Paul's	2-3	Boards
Cecil	2-4	Boards
Willoughby	2-0	St. Paul's

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
1. Boards	3	3	0	10	4	9
2. Willoughby	3	2	1	4	4	6
3. St. Paul's	3	1	2	3	5	3
4. Cecil	3	0	3	3	7	0

2nd XI Results

Cecil	1-3	St. Paul's
Willoughby	1-2	Boards
Cecil	1-2	Willoughby
St. Paul's	3-0	Boards
Cecil	2-1	Boards
Willoughby	1-3	St. Paul's

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
1. St. Paul's	3	3	0	9	2	9
2.= Boards	3	1	2	3	6	3
2.= Willoughby	3	1	2	4	6	3
2.= Cecil	3	1	2	4	6	3

U12 'B' Football

P4 W2 D1 L1 F19 A4

Scanning the teams selected, and the diverse results achieved, the season must be described as 'interesting'. Typically, the elements had a major part to play during the term, and the opening match was cancelled. So was the second. I envisaged a very brief Stamfordian report.

But come February, come St. Hugh's. It was a pleasure to stretch limbs and blow whistle while watching a team that so much wanted to play. The early frustrations were forgotten as Hirst and Jackson (twice)

scored before half-time. The second half display was startling – the St. Hugh's team could do little against the strength and confidence of Mutton in midfield, and the skill and finishing of the aforementioned Hirst and Jackson. Each scored hat-tricks, but the finest goal was that of Howe – scored from such a narrow angle.

After one match, the mid-season break.

Thankfully, the weather was kind in March and the squad could look forward to three matches. The first, at home to Boston, saw two changes in the starting line-up. Losing Mutton to the 'A' XI meant that fewer 50/50 balls were likely to be won, and fewer chances forthcoming. Stronger opposition added to the pressure.

It was a disappointing performance. An element of selfishness had crept in following the comparative gluttony of the first match, and players were drawn out of position in their wish to get a touch of the ball. Poor communication led to the first own-goal, and, although Howe equalised soon after, Boston seemed quicker and more sure of their movement off the ball. The second goal was conceded just before half-time.

There was always a chance to escape with a draw, playing on Little Northfields, but players were still being drawn out of position. It was little surprise that a second own-goal condemned the team to defeat.

A week later there was the return match at St. Hugh's. Following a tour of Sleaford, during which I remembered the story of the native who practised his English in giving directions to a tourist: "You go straight to the end of this road, then you go right and after a few yards you go wrong..." we arrived at Woodhall Spa.

Early exchanges suggested a closer match than the first. The midfield players were slow to defend, and others were again being drawn from their positions. A Jackson goal settled nerves, but there followed twenty minutes of well-contested football. Robin Baynton hit the post before Howe scored twice in two minutes, and Walker another before half-time.

The second half was less satisfactory as a contest. Shots rained in; the post and crossbar were hit; a goal was disallowed (bad luck, Dawson); goals were scored (nice dive, McEwan); a player was sent off; the final whistle was blown . . . The final score was 8-0.

The skies glowered before the final match at home to Carre's. In many ways, although drawn, this was the most satisfactory match. There was full commitment from both sides, plenty of chances, and a result that was always in doubt until the final whistle. Carre's

scored a minute before the break – and it was deserved on the balance of play; playing with the slope in the second half, more thoughtful use of the ball stretched Carre's, and their play was less assured. With just five minutes remaining Howe scored the equaliser, following a corner. A fair result.

There is promise in this team, and with greater support from the weather next year, they should look to revenge themselves against Boston. But the lessons of this season need to be learned! I wish you well, boys.

Squad: A. Jackson, T. Tatlioglu, J. Hirst, J. Mutton, R. Baynton (Capt.), R. Walker, P. Baynton, S. McEwan, G. Nelson, A. Daly, M. Taylor, C. Howe, M. Williams, S. Butt, M. Dawson.

R.J.B.H.

Stamford School Six-a-side Tournament

With three promising squads entering in the two competitions much was expected from the school teams. The Under 13 side duly won the whole competition playing some attractive and penetrative football. The Under 12 team entered the tournament hoping to learn a great deal, but not expecting too much in the way of success. What a misconception! The squad played with enormous spirit and surprising composure gaining many plaudits and indeed even winning their qualifying group. Unfortunately we met the Under 13's in the semi-final and had to concede defeat, but a third place finish overall was very creditable.

U12 Squad: Barber, J. D. (Capt.), Byers, J. B., Doherty, J. J. A., Hicks, B., Lloyd, T. E., Taylor, M. N., Watters, M. J. C.

M.R.B.

Stamford School Six-a-side Tournament

Results

GROUP A

Boston G.S.	v	Casterton	1-0
Stamford U12	v	St. Hugh's	1-1
Boston G.S.	v	Stamford U12	1-2
Casterton	v	St. Hugh's	3-1
Boston G.S.	v	St. Hugh's	4-0
Casterton	v	Stamford U12	0-1

Final Positions

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Stamford U12	3	2	1	0	4	2	7
2. Boston G.S.	3	2	0	1	6	2	6
3. Casterton	3	1	0	2	3	3	3
4. St. Hugh's	3	0	1	2	2	8	1

GROUP B

Carre's G.S.	v	Kimbolton	1-1
Stamford U13	v	King's Ely	0-0
Carre's G.S.	v	Stamford U13	1-0
Kimbolton	v	King's Ely	1-1
Carre's G.S.	v	King's Ely	1-1
Kimbolton	v	Stamford U13	0-2

Final Positions	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Carre's G.S.	3	1	2	0	3	2	5
2. Stamford U13	3	1	1	1	2	1	4
3. King's Ely	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
4. Kimbolton	3	0	2	1	2	4	2

To decide positions 5-8

Kimbolton	v	Casterton	2-0
St. Hugh's	v	King's Ely	1-3 (after penalties)
St. Hugh's	v	Casterton	2-0
King's Ely	v	Kimbolton	1-2

To decide positions 1-4

Stamford U12	v	Stamford U13	1-2
Boston G.S.	v	Carre's G.S.	0-1
Stamford U12	v	Boston G.S.	1-0
Stamford U13	v	Carre's G.S.	2-1

Final Results

1. Stamford U13	5.	Kimbolton
2. Carre's G.S.	6.	King's Ely
3. Stamford U12	7.	St. Hugh's
4. Boston G.S.	8.	Casterton

The 2nd VI Competition

Carre's G.S.	v	Kimbolton	0-3
Stamford	v	St. Hugh's	1-1
Carre's G.S.	v	King's Ely	1-0
Kimbolton	v	Stamford	0-2
King's Ely	v	St. Hugh's	2-1
Carre's G.S.	v	Stamford	1-1
Kimbolton	v	King's Ely	0-0
Carre's G.S.	v	St. Hugh's	2-0
Stamford	v	King's Ely	0-0
St. Hugh's	v	Kimbolton	0-1

Final Positions	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Kimbolton	4	2	1	1	4	2	7
2. Carre's G.S.	4	2	1	1	4	4	7
3. Stamford	4	1	3	0	4	2	6
4. King's Ely	4	1	2	1	2	2	5
5. St. Hugh's	4	0	1	3	2	6	1

U13 Cricket

I must first thank Messrs Trump and Beale for preparing this year's Under thirteen cricketers during the winter net and coaching sessions. I was apprehensive about trying to pick up the squad without having seen their strengths but this did not prove to be a real problem. This was largely due to the support given by the captain John Feetham and the spirit of the squad during practices and matches.

Unfortunately a number of factors conspired to make this a term with only seven first eleven matches. Despite this it proved to be quite an eventful season – a draw against Bedford Lower demonstrated the character of the side and promised much for the rest of the season. However a splendid win against Brandeston Hall, in the next match, was to be the team's only success.

Bedford had set off at a great pace, almost five an over, but excellent bowling gradually brought this down and the perseverance was rewarded with wickets, especially to Oliver Burwell. A fair declaration meant that the boys would

have to bat positively to reach the target, but a dreadful start saw David Dews run out in the first over. Wickets fell at regular intervals until Michael Ferreira and Henry Marshall came together; they both attacked the bowling and gave the scoresheet a degree of respectability as well as giving the remaining batsmen a sense of purpose which they upheld well to take our score over the one hundred mark.

It was sometime before our next match, the hosting of Brandeston Hall on their annual tour. Tight bowling and fielding made it difficult for the visitors to score quickly and they made a very fair declaration at tea. After John Feetham had gone cheaply, David Dews and Daniel South settled in and batted well with some very good running between the wickets to keep the score moving towards victory.

South went on to dominate the batting in the second half of the season, including two fine fifties against Kimbolton and Oakham. The skipper also regained some form by getting himself some all-important time at the wicket. He was very unselfish at Oakham, when having set up a good score for the team he jeopardised his fifty by trying to force the pace in search of a declaration.

Good supporting knocks were provided by the season's best all-rounder Ferreira and wicket-keeper batsman Tom Caplan. Oliver Burwell was awarded 'best bowler' but his batting deserves more recognition and he produced some fine strokes. Chris Jones batted with a lot of determination as did Giles Wickham; both produced valuable late innings knocks when the side was in trouble.

The bowling was shared by no less than nine members of the squad. Ferreira, Burwell and Robin Woodward were the pace men with Alex Walker-Sage and Dews able to bowl at medium pace. The spin attack displayed a lot of variety and all who turned their arm over have the potential to become effective if they persevere with their bowling. South and Wickham are leg spinners with Feetham off-spin and Ben Thompson orthodox left arm.

Several boys fielded with distinction, and one or two had occasional lapses in concentration. Burwell and Ferreira were consistent in all aspects but Henry Marshall was awarded the fielding cup for the way he put himself in the way of anything that was hit at him. This approach can be vital in a close game as it lifts other fielders when they see the opponents best shots being prevented from reaching the boundary. I was sorry to get to the end of the season as it was to be my last in charge

of a junior school 1st XI. I do thank all the boys in the squad for their support and hard work. Despite the apparent lack of success there was some good cricket, but most important when the side was not doing well no one gave in, and indeed some players who did not get many chances demonstrated a real will to prove their worth. I wish all the boys every success with their cricket in the future, thank all our opponents for some very enjoyable afternoons' cricket over the last six years and wish Mr. Lyons as much pleasure and even more success than I have enjoyed, in the years ahead.

I thank Mr. Blissett for his patience and support, especially this season when no 'B' team matches were played. We did manage two A/B games: MRB's side had a fine win at Oundle when the tail of Caplan and Burwell waggled to produce fifty runs and set up a convincing win. MJB's side had a very good game with Wisbech G.S. which one opposing batsman threatened to win single-handedly but ended in a deserved draw. Finally I thank Mr. Briggs and the ladies who served our lunches and teas, as in the rush to look after our visitors, say hello to the parents who had come to support us and give a last minute briefing to the team, I am sure I sometimes forgot to thank them at the time. Their efforts were always appreciated, by me at least.

Squad: J. Feetham (Capt.), D. Dews, D. South, B. Thompson, G. Wickham, M. Ferreira, H. Marshall, T. Caplan, C. Jones, O. Burwell, R. Woodward, A. Walker-Sage, C. Jones, A. Spickett. Scorer: S. Webb.

Results:

- v. Bedford Lower
Bedford Lower 160-5 (O. Burwell 4-41)
Stamford 104-7 (H. Marshall 30)
Match Drawn
- v. Brandeston
Brandeston 116-8
Stamford 117-1 (D. Dews 56 n.o.)
D. South 39 n.o.)
Match Won
- v. Kimbolton
Stamford 180-7 (D. South 68, M. Ferreira 44)
Kimbolton 142-5 (O. Burwell 3-35)
Match Drawn
- v. King's Grantham
King's Grantham 122-4 (D. South 2-26)
Stamford 72-7
Match Drawn
- v. Oakham
Stamford 171-5 (D. South 54, J. Feetham 45)
- v. Oakham 141-5 (O. Burwell 2-9,
B. Thompson 2-14)
Match Drawn
- v. Trent
Stamford 116-8 (T. Caplan 21, C. Jones 20)
Trent 117-6 (M. Ferreira 5-31)
Match Lost

- v. King's Lynn
Stamford 104-9 (J. Feetham 21)
King's Lynn 106-3
Match Lost

A/B Fixtures

MRB's Squad: J. Feetham, C. Jones, M. Greaves, G. Wickham, M. Ferreira, J. Doughty, J. Massey, W. Holland, T. Caplan, A. Walker-Sage, O. Burwell, B. Johnson.

- v. Oundle
Stamford 134-9 (T. Caplan 38)
Oundle 97 (O. Burwell 3-13, M. Ferreira 3-18)
Match Won
- v. Wisbech G.S.
Match Drawn

M.R.B.

U12 Cricket

'A' Team: P7 W3 D4

'A'/'B' Team: P3 W3

'B' Team: P1 L1

It's been a strange U12 season with two of our best fixtures against Loughborough G.S. and Bedford Modern not taking place due to changes in term dates. I rate this 'A' team highly and I would like to have seen how they compared with two of our stronger opponents.

During the winter it became obvious that we had plenty of talent to choose from with some strong batting, plenty of seamers, a variety of spinners and a good 'keeper.

Against Bedford Prep School we batted first and made a generous declaration on 139 for 9. The opposition made little effort to go for the runs despite having more overs than us and they seemed quite content to come away with a draw at 91 for 4.

Wellingborough seem to specialize in draws and so it proved again this season. We batted first and Williams and Kearvell put on an opening partnership of 123 which enabled us to declare at 172 for 3. For the second game in succession the opposition made little effort to go for the runs and they finished on 75 for 5 having had more overs than us.

Our next game at Oundle showed that draws need not be boring. They batted first and reached 122 for 8. We lost wickets early through some "cavalier" shots but Hirst batted sensibly and with 2 overs remaining the result could have gone either way. Unfortunately we finished 12 runs short with 2 wickets in hand.

The Kimbolton game was dominated by some impressive batting from both sides. We batted first and once again Williams and Kearvell put on a 100 with Williams punishing any bad bowling and Kearvell working the singles and running well. Barker came in and accelerated the scoring enabling us to declare on 179 for 3. We

knew Kimbolton had a good opener and he carried his bat. Luckily there was not much batting to support him and they finished on 147 for 6 with Donnelly taking 3 for 36 from 12.

King's Grantham is a difficult game to gauge. In the last two years we have had very close games with them but this year our 'A' team was far too strong for them. We won comfortably with Taylor and Nelson doing most of the damage with the ball.

Against Oakham we were not so dominant with the bat but I was pleased with the way the lower order applied themselves and Doherty and Nizarali both scored valuable runs enabling us to declare on 110 for 7. Donnelly bowled superbly taking 5 for 26 and he was well supported by Taylor who took 3 for 12. Our fielding in this game was very poor and several straightforward chances were put down but we still managed to come away with a 33 run victory.

We played an overs game at Trent and Williams and Kearvell again batted well laying the foundations for a reasonable score. The boundary was very short and it was imperative that we fielded well. Field well we did, bowling them out with 10 overs remaining. Meadows, Jennings, Barker and Donnelly all bowled well and Kearvell took a superb slip catch to dismiss their best player.

Unfortunately the 'B' team only had one game and that was early in the term. We were bowled out cheaply despite some late resistance from Yiend and a useful score from Kells in the middle order. They had little trouble in getting the runs and finished winning by 6 wickets.

'B' Team Results:

- v. Bedford Prep School
Stamford 95 all out
Bedford 99-4
Match lost by 6 wickets

This has been an enjoyable season and I have been impressed by the quality of the batting. Our bowling has improved and become more penetrative but there is still much scope to improve the fielding. I am very grateful to Matthew Williams, John Barker and Ben Jennings for their work captaining the 'A' and 'A'/'B' teams respectively and all three have developed their understanding of the game this season.

Also I would like to thank Harvey Trump for his hard work during the winter and Mr. Patience for umpiring some games allowing me to set the field while walking the boundary!

U12 Squad: Barker, Burgis, Christmas, Doherty, Donnelly, Gilman, Hicks, Hirst, Hodgson, Jennings, Kearvell, Kells, Lee, Lloyd, Meadows, Nelson, Nizarali, Oliver, Scholes, Taylor, Yiend.

'A' Team Results:

- v. Bedford Prep.
Stamford 139-9
Bedford 91-5
Match drawn
- v. Wellingborough
Stamford 172-3 (Williams 87, Kearvell 60*)
Wellingborough 75-5 (Taylor 3-5)
Match drawn
- v. Oundle
Oundle 122-8
Stamford 110-8
Match drawn
- v. Kimbolton.
Stamford 179-3 (Williams 63)
Kimbolton 147-6 (Donnelly 3-36)
Match drawn
- v. King's Grantham
Stamford 223-4 (Barker 69, Williams 94)
King's Grantham 30 all out (Taylor 4-13)
Match won by 153 runs
- v. Oakham
Stamford 110-7 (Doherty 32*)
Oakham 77 all out (Donnelly 5-26)
Match won by 33 runs
- v. Trent
Stamford 162-4 (Williams 72)
Trent 52 all out (Barker 3-2, Jennings 3-14)
Match won by 110 runs

The 'A'/'B' team games are an excellent opportunity for me to have a look at the whole squad. Against Spalding G.S. we reached 119 for 4 with Barker scoring 54 and being well supported by Oliver. Nelson bowled a good spell of leg spin taking 3 for 9 and we won comfortably by 75 runs.

I was delighted with the performance against Wisbech G.S. with Lloyd scoring an entertaining 41 and Meadows an aggressive 39. We fielded well with Jennings doing a good job as captain as well as taking 3 for 6. Nizarali, having bowled an excellent line and length all season, took his first wicket for the school and Hodgson, bowling off-spin, showed what he was capable of.

The final match of the season against King Edward's, King's Lynn was a bit of an anti-climax with some very casual batting from our early order batsmen. Luckily Hicks and Nelson batted well and we finished our overs on 111 for 8. Barker bowled a very hostile spell on a pitch of variable bounce and he was well supported by Lee, Scholes and Gilman enabling us to win by 33 runs.

'A'/'B' Team Results:

- v. Spalding G.S. (overs game)
Stamford 119-4 (Barker 54)
Spalding 44 all out
Match won by 75 runs

v. Wisbech G.S. (overs game)
Stamford 151-5 (Lloyd 41)
Wisbech 33-6 (Jennings 3-6)
Match won by 118 runs

v. King Edward's, King's Lynn (overs game)
Stamford 111-8
King Edward's 78-8
Match won by 33 runs

L.H.P.

U11 Cricket

We opened our account again this season with another very welcome visit from Brandeston Hall in Suffolk who were starting their weekend tour with us. We were hoping to avenge our defeat last year, but having lost the toss we were put in to bat and began losing wickets early on and did not score well enough. Declaring on 88 proved quite insufficient and they finally won by 3 wickets in the last over.

Against Rutland primary schools both teams won quite comfortably scoring high totals and again gave all the squad a match.

Witham Hall appeared to be rather weak when we quickly took wickets but their captain made 50 and they declared with over a century. We had a fairly easy and small wicket to play on but, unfortunately, few players batted carefully. Only our captain, Murray, on 44 not out made an excellent effort and remained solid throughout. The draw was a fair result.

Our last match against Bedford Modern, played in absolutely appalling conditions, was memorable for several reasons. In a match limited to 25 overs they put on a good batting display – none of our regular bowlers making any real impression on a very slippery surface. Then, Moody was tried and took 5 wickets! Unfortunately, we were unable to score nearly enough runs, due largely to their captain, whose bowling was probably the best I've seen at this level.

We rounded off the season with the East Midlands 8-a-side final at King's, Grantham. The boys played very well despite the jumpy nerves this competition creates, as a wicket costs 6 runs! We got to the final which was tough and until the last over in which sadly we lost a vital wicket and were runners-up instead.

Several players caught my attention; Murray's captaincy was very confident and his batting as opener very good indeed; both Philips and Raine bowled well and Anthony's batting improved tremendously and keeper Jones played a very important part. Good luck to you all next year.

Squad: J. Murray (Capt.), A. Raine, J. Kilmartin, R. Philips, N. Jones, M. Beeby, W. Ostler, H. Flint, J. Moody, D. Featherstone, S. Taylor, C. Gough, R. Williams, E. Clough.

T.J.P.W.

Junior School Hockey

Although no Form One boys joined the hockey club this year a cross section of all other year groups have formed the basis of some keen and successful teams. Once again the Friday evening sessions in the gym proved more popular than Sunday afternoons. There were usually over twenty boys at the gym practices which was rather crowded but very good for developing close control and awareness.

A number of more experienced boys attended county trials in the Autumn term and most were successful and went on to represent Lincolnshire, these were:

at under 15: B. Harvey

at under 14: D. South

at under 13: J. Rowntree, T. Guttridge, G. Wickham, B. Thompson, G. Nelson and J. Meadows.

In preparation for the mini-hockey competitions and to give the Under 12's some match experience Market Deeping H.C. were entertained on a Sunday afternoon when we also put out a team against the county Under-13 squad. The Under 12's won 3-2 and the Under 11's 4-2.

Squads against Market Deeping:

Under 12: W. Oliver, M. Wilmot, C. Caswell, T. Lloyd (Capt.), J. Barrington, C. J. Lee, C. R. Lee, S. Crofton, J. Hirst.

Under 11: J. Tizzard, C. Arthey, W. Ostler (Capt.), P. Matthew, E. Mellor, S. Taylor, R. Phillips, A. Wilmot, R. Nelson, P. Wyton.

At the mini-hockey tournament, held at Horncastle H.C., the Under 11's got off to a slow start and were unfortunate to meet the eventual winners in their first match, going down to Lincoln 0-2. Despite an improved performance against Market Deeping the boys failed to convert any of a number of well worked chances and saw their opportunity to go further disappear when Deeping scored the only goal of the match. The young side went on to win their last two matches 2-0 against Alford with goals from Philip Matthew and Simon Taylor, and 4-0 against Brigg, Taylor (2) Matthew and captain William Ostler helping to finish the day on a cheerful note. With five of the side young enough to take part in this age group next year it is hoped that the experience will help them to do even better.

The older boys (Under 13) did very well indeed. Despite being three boys short, due to injury and illness, the 'B' team played some very good hockey and only lost by single goals to Healing and Alford. They went on to draw 0-0 with Brigg. Richard Jones did extremely well in goal and led by Ian Fletcher and Paul Scott doing sterling work in midfield the team came very close to achieving even better results. Christopher Arthey did well,

having been promoted to this side from the Under 11's, because of the absentees.

The 'A' team, led by Daniel South, played some excellent hockey, scoring fifteen goals in four matches on their way to the semi-final. All eight members of the squad played well, although it was not until the semi-final that Joe Rowntree had anything to do in goal. Scores in the preliminary matches were, against Alford 'B' 6-0, Lincoln 1-0, Grimsby 4-0, Market Deeping 4-0. The semi-final was an exciting encounter with Brigg scoring in the first minute, the boys responded well to the pressure and squeezed home by 2-1.

The final against Alford produced a splendid duel between the two captains, South and Glen Kirkham, a player with tremendous skill and potential. South managed to keep his opposite number away from the danger areas, although Rowntree did have to make two important saves in the first half. Significantly John Meadows, Ben Thompson and Benedict Dawson helped to relieve the pressure by mounting some telling attacks on the Alford goal and the boys turned round with a 2-0 advantage. The defence of Giles Wickham, Graham Nelson and Tristan Guttridge made sure the supporting Alford players had little space to play and the second half saw the boys get two more goals for an apparently straightforward 4-0 victory.

Unfortunately Nelson and Thompson were unable to play at the Divisional finals and although Michael Ferreira, Paul Scott and substitute goalkeeper Richard Jones acquitted themselves well, the team as a whole did not find their scoring touch. It has to be remembered that most of the opponents at this level play much more competitive hockey than we do. The main reason for introducing Junior school boys to hockey is to help them in their early years in the Senior school. The success the boys achieve in the various mini-hockey competitions has to be seen as a bonus; it undoubtedly helps in their enjoyment of the game. There is no doubt that a good number of boys will progress with a reasonable understanding of how to play hockey. One eleven-a-side match was played, against Kimbolton, which was won 5-0 with goals from South (4) and Christopher Lee.

Teams for mini-hockey county competition:

Under 13 'A': J. Rowntree, G. Nelson, J. Meadows, D. South (Capt.), T. Guttridge, G. Wickham, B. Dawson, B. Thompson.

Divisional finals squad: Nelson and Thompson were unavailable, R. Jones, P. Scott and M. Ferreira were included.

Under 13 'B': R. Jones, I. Fletcher (Capt.), P. Ruff, P. Scott, F. Thorne, M. Wilmot, C. J. Lee, C. Arthey.

Under 11: J. Tizzard, R. Phillips, W. Ostler (Capt.), P. Wyton, E. Mellor, S. Taylor, P. Matthew, A. Wilmot, R. Nelson.

Squad against Kimbolton: B. Harvey, F. Thorne, J. Meadows, P. Ruff, G. Wickham, T. Guttridge (Capt.), P. Scott, N. Moss, D. South, B. Dawson, B. Thompson, C. J. Lee, I. Fletcher.

The Brigg hockey festival was another highly successful weekend for our younger players, and an excellent way to end the season. Twenty-two boys made the trip which was nearly all the boys who had attended practices. It also included Matthew Williams, who had been playing county hockey for Nottinghamshire during the season but had not introduced himself to school hockey until Southfields fielded him in the house matches. Our teams on Saturday were the Stallions (1st team), Stags and Sharks (both a mixture of older and younger players).

The teams were placed in leagues where the Stags finished third with one 2-0 win from three matches. Travis Hardman believed he had got the game sorted out by this stage and his team romped to a 4-2 win over Welton Eagles with goals from Edward Mellor (2), Piers Wyton and Chris Arthey. A good draw in their final match saw them finish in a very creditable ninth position, from a total of sixteen sides.

The Sharks went one better in their league with two 1-0 wins, goals coming from Thomas Arthey and Ashley Wilmot. Two 0-0 draws against two of the host sides saw them finish the day in seventh position.

Following injury to first choice keeper William Oliver and Charles Lee the Stallions went to the competition with no experience of having played together. Philip Matthew in goal and Simon Taylor were promoted to the senior side where both did very well. Matthew Williams was put in the middle and with skipper Graham Nelson behind at sweeper the side quickly settled down to play some attractive hockey. The league was won with 6-0, 4-0 and 6-0 victories, the semi-final was a closer encounter finishing 1-1 and having to go to penalty strokes. Matthew made three saves and Williams scored to put the side through. In the final two goals for Williams, taking his tally to eleven, and one for Taylor completed a 3-0 win against Lincoln H.C. Leopards.

The Sunday saw the under 10's playing as the Strollers; the boys had gained considerably from their play with and against the older players on the previous day. They made a great start with a 5-0 win

against Brigg Prep and followed this with 1-0, 2-0 and 4-0 wins to take them to the final match only needing a draw to clinch the trophy. Piers Wyton, captaining the side, had played well on both days and it was fitting that he should set the team on their way and Oliver Taylor completed the scoring. Robert Nelson was top scorer with four, with Wyton and Edward Major getting three each. This young side have a lot of potential and I thank Mrs. Barton for making the journey to Brigg to manage them for the day.

The Stags started the Sunday with a 0-0 draw and followed up with a 2-0 win against one of the host sides. Stuart Crofton captained the side very well and Nick Jones showed a lot of potential in this his first experience of competitive hockey. Despite starting well in their final league match, they conceded two late goals to go down 1-3 to the Rotherham H.C. first side. This saw the end of Mr. Charles Newbury's hopes of taking his side to a semi-final. Nevertheless I was very grateful to him and Mr. Hardman for their help over the exeat; it was very enjoyable and the boys gained tremendously from being able to take part in so much hockey.

Despite the usual Saturday night disco and other dorm antics quite late into the night, the Stallions performed just as well on the Sunday. Undoubtedly the team's strength lay in their teamwork and willingness to play for one another in both attack and defence. This was highlighted by the youngest player, Simon Taylor, scoring nine goals in the league matches and Phillip Matthew being untroubled in goal. Nevertheless the semi-final and final were closely contested and it was significant that the senior players had to produce fine goals, Matthew Williams scoring with a fierce short corner shot in the semi and Graham Nelson with a well-taken stroke in the final. These two along with John Meadows left the team coaches with a difficult task as to whom to award the player of the tournament. On the Monday morning Meadows demonstrated an ability to play with new players which swung the award in his favour.

Squads at Brigg:

Stallions: P. Matthew, G. Nelson (Capt.), S. Taylor, M. Williams, M. Wilmot, J. Meadows, C. J. Lee.

Stags (Saturday): J. Barrington (Capt.), J. Palmer, E. Mellor, C. Arthey, E. Major, P. Wyton, R. Nelson.

Sharks: J. Tizzard, C. Caswell, W. Ostler, S. Crofton (Capt.), A. Wilmot, N. Jones, T. Arthey, O. Taylor.

Stags (Sunday): J. Barrington, C. Caswell, J. Palmer, S. Crofton (Capt.), E. Mellor, C. Arthey, W. Ostler, N. Jones.

Strollers: J. Tizzard, A. Wilmot, T. Arthey, P. Wyton (Capt.), E. Major, R. Nelson, O. Taylor.

All in all a very enjoyable and successful season. I thank all boys who have contributed and in particular Mrs. Barton, Mr. Newbury and Mr. Hardman without whom we would not have been able to field anything like as many teams.

M.R.B.

U13 Rugby Sevens

After three practice sessions at School and one at the hotel the night before the competition, we again entered the Rosslyn Park National Schools' Sevens, more in hope than expectation. Our first opponents, RGS High Wycombe, were like all our opponents: unknown quantities. What was really going to matter was how we were going to perform and put into action the things that we had planned to do.

The first game left us a little deflated. Although we played well, we failed to keep possession when it was most important and were comfortably beaten. Our morale was restored though when we heard that they had already played in four competitions and been beaten in one final and had won the other three! It was a measure of our performance that they were not going to be tested as much again until they reached the quarter finals.

In the next two games against St. Dunstan's and Dartford Grammar School the side showed their true potential and ran in some very good tries playing controlled Sevens.

The boys have worked very hard and although we did not progress beyond the first stage, they did demonstrate that they have good capabilities at the game of Sevens and could well form a very strong team in the future.

Squad: Daniel South, Tom Caplin, Vincent Eschalier, Henry Marshall, Nick Moss, Andrew Spickett, Jonathan Massey, Richard Jones, Paul Scott and David Dews.

D.R.M-B.



Junior School Chess

My Wednesday Club has been encouragingly well attended these last two terms, though the competition could be more quietly contested!

Prep: Competition Results

1st	David Dykes
2nd =	Jonathan Murray Nathan Wells Matthew Lane
5th	Piers Wyton
6th	Gareth Owen
7th	Daniel Coolbear

It's good to see so many younger members playing so well.

We have also for the first time entered an U9 team in the local league but, unfortunately, a number of schools have dropped out, so we have not played so often but won all.

U11 Squad: J. Murray (Capt), D. Dykes, J. Tizzard, M. Land, N. Wells, E. Clough.

U9 Squad: R. Flint (Capt), A. Bandi, G. Owen, D. Coolbear, E. Minnards, G. Wilson.

In the Thirds and Rems competition the results were:

1st	Jonathan Bartrop
2nd	C. Morphy-Godber
3rd	Graham Nelson

In Mr. Summer's Individual championships many Junior boys took part and did exceptionally well:

Winner	Jonathan Mutton (7½ out of 8)
2nd	Matthew White (5½/8)
3rd	Ben Hicks and Andrew Norton (3/6)

With Robin Baynton, the boys above constituted our U14 team and convincingly won the Lincolnshire U14 Trophy.

These same boys also performed well in the Individual Lincolnshire U14 Championships.

Winner	Jonathan Mutton
2nd	Ben Hicks (and U12 winner)
6th	Andrew Norton (U12 R/U)
10th	Nicholas Kearvell (U12 R/U)

The other major competition we entered, the IAPS Chess Congress at Oakham School proved most satisfying – 16 boys took part and did exceptionally well:

Champion of Championship – Jonathan Mutton
5th Ben Hicks

Hodgson Cup for the best 4 scores –

J. Mutton, B. Hicks, N. Kearvell, A. Norton.

I was particularly pleased with these boys because this is a major, national competition and this is the first time we have won this, adding our name to such prestigious schools as Colet Court (St. Paul's), Edgarley Hall (Millfield), Danes Hill (Dulwich), and Brentwood Prep. Very well done.



Jonathan Mutton
I.A.P.S. Individual Chess Champion

Other boys did well too: four managed to reach group A - they are eligible for the championship next year – Mark Beveridge who came second, David Dykes, Matthew Land and Robert Flint.

I must add that we have been very fortunate to have a clutch of talented Junior boys who, I hope, will continue to enjoy their game, win more tournaments and inspire others! I have been very impressed with Jonathan Mutton's achievements – he is an U12 England player too and I wish him every success in his progress.

T.J.P.W.

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AVAILABLE

Ancaster

- Banbury, Steve** (1985-1995). GPB. House Prefect. Exhibitioner, Foundation award. GCSE 1992-2, 1993-10, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. D. of E. Bronze award. Acted in 'Macbeth', 'Oliver', 'St. Joan', 'This Cup I Take'. Army (Sergeant) - .22 Marksman, Full-bore 1st Class. Hockey U18 2nd team, Cricket U18 1st team. Next year to University.
- Connolly, Matt** (1985-1995). MLP. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of Brazenose Society. Army (Corporal) - Marksman, Proficiency Award. Captain of U18 Rugby team (Lincolnshire team). Next year to University.
- Covell, Ben** (1989-1995). MLP. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-8, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Army (Corporal) - Marksman, Proficiency award. Rugby U18 3rd team. Wishes to work as a designer.
- Cubbon, Philip** (1987-1995). GPB. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-2. D. of E. Bronze award. Navy (Leading Seaman) - 2nd Class Marksman. Cross-country U18 1st team. Next year to University.
- Fuller, Sam** (1986-1995). GPB. School Prefect. GCSE 1992-1, 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Other external exams - Add. French (B). VI Form History study prize. Geography prize. Member of Young Enterprise, Editor of *Stamfordian*. Acted in 'St. Joan', 'Pirates of Penzance'. Hockey U18 3rd team, Cricket U18 1st team, Basketball U18 1st team, Lincolnshire U14, U15, U16, U17 County Cricket. Next year to Mansfield College, Oxford.
- Griffin, Ed** (1985-1995). MLP. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-8, GCE 'A' 1995-2. Army (Corporal) - Marksman, Proficiency award. Rugby U18 3rd team. Next year to college to study for degree in Agriculture.
- Lister, Adam** (1986-1995). GPB. House Prefect. GCSE 1992-1, 1993-8, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Other external exams - Add. French (B). Member of German Society, Brazenose Society, Film Society. Acted in 'Pirates of Penzance'. Army (Sergeant) - .22 Marksman, Full-bore Marksman. Captain of School Shooting team. Next year to University at Nottingham or UCL to study French and History.
- Mann, Richard** (1985-1995). GPB. House Prefect. GCSE 1992-2, 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. CCF - RAF, Cricket Umpiring. Next year to University.

- Pask, Chris** (1985-1995). GPB. Head of House, School Prefect. Foundation award. GCSE 1992-2, 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-4. D. of E. Gold award. Acted in 'Oliver' and 'Androcles and the Lion'. Army (Staff Sergeant) - .22 and Full-bore Marksman, Proficiency award. Rugby U18 1st team, Shooting school captain, Hockey U18 3rd team, Lincolnshire U18 Rugby. Midlands Rugby trial. Next year to Cambridge or Nottingham to study Architecture.
- Smith, Tim** (1986-1995). MLP. House Prefect. GCSE 1992-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Hockey U18 1st team, Cricket 1st team (Lincolnshire team), Rugby 2nd team. Taking year off teaching in Australia then to Bangor to study Sport and Maths.
- Todd, Seamus** (1990-1995). ACP. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-8, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Army (Lance-Corporal) - Marksman. Hockey U18 2nd team, Cricket 1st team. Year off travelling to Australia then to University.
- Wallace, Richard** (1988-1995). GPB. House Prefect. GCSE 1992-1, 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Community Sport Leadership award. Member of Young Enterprise and Brazenose Society. Acted in 'Oliver', 'Pirates of Penzance'. Navy (Chief Petty Officer) - Marksman. School colours for U18 1st team Rugby and Swimming, Shooting team, Cross-country U18 2nd team. England President and Midlands U18 team Rugby, Midlands Schools Swimming team. Taking year off teaching in Melbourne, Australia then to Portsmouth University to read Business Studies.
- Ward, Byron** (1988-1995). ACP. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-3. *Stamfordian* - Art Editor. Army (Lance-Corporal) - Marksman, Proficiency, Signals awards. Next year visiting Australia then to Bournemouth University to study Leisure Marketing.
- Waring, Rupert** (1990-1995). ACP. House Prefect. GCSE 1992-1, 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Other external exams - Add. French. D. of E. Gold award. Acted in 'St. Joan', 'This Cup I Take', 'Oliver', 'Pirates of Penzance' and 'Romeo and Juliet' (Tolethorpe). Army (Corporal). Next year to Edinburgh University to study Russian and History of Art.
- Wolfe, Adam** (1990-1995). ACP. School Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. D. of E. Gold award. Army (WO2) - Advanced Proficiency,

Commando Course Royal Marines, Best Cadet SCIC, Best Cadre Cadet - 1993. Next year to Newcastle University to study Combined Arts.

Brazenose

Brown, Tim (1988-1995). JRS. School Prefect, House Prefect. Samuel Edwards Exhibitioner. GCSE 1992-2, 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-3. D. of E. Gold award. Acted in 'Androcles and the Lion', 'Oliver', 'Macbeth', 'St. Joan', 'Pirates of Penzance', 'This Cup I Take'. School colours for acting. RAF (Corporal) - Marksman. Next year to Oxford University to study Law.

Carbutt, Tim (1988-1995). MCC. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of VCS team. Next year to Nottingham University to read Russian.

Davies, Paul (1988-1995). MJW. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-6, 1994-2, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of Brazenose Society, Film Society. Army (Lance-Corporal) - Marksman. Captain of 1st XV Rugby (School colours awarded), 1st team Hockey (School colours awarded), 1st team Golf, Member of County Rugby team. Spending next year teaching in Auckland, New Zealand, then to University.

Fairham, William (1987-1995). MJW. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-8, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Army (Lance-Corporal) - Marksman, Proficiency award. D. of E. Gold in progress. 1st team Rugby (School colours awarded), 2nd team Hockey, 2nd team Tennis, County Rugby team (U14, 16, 18). Next year off to travel round the world, then to University.

Froggett, Alistair (1988-1995). MCC. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Acted in 'Oliver'. Grade 1 Piano. D. of E. Gold award. Army (Sergeant) - 1st Class Marksman award. Captain of Canoeing team (member of GB Wild Water racing team). Next year to Nottingham Trent to read Finance and Management.

Handley, Chris (1988-1995). JRS. House Prefect. GCSE 1992-1, 1993-8, GCE 'A' 1995-3. D. of E. Bronze award. Army, Friday afternoon Photography. Next year to Sheffield University to study Electronic Engineering.

Hewitt, Kevin (1988-1995). JRS. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-8, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-2. Acted in 'Oliver'. Friday afternoon Photography group. Squash 2nd team. Spending year as teacher's

assistant at St. George's School, Vancouver, Canada then to Bournemouth University for Business Studies course.

Horgan, Andrew (1989-1995). MJW. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-1. D. of E. Silver award. Community Sports Leadership Award. Member of Science Society, Choral Society. Grade 2 (Merit) - Piano. RAF (Corporal) - Proficiency 3 award. Taking year off to do Environmental work then to University.

Hutton-Squire, Greg (1987-1995). MCC. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-8, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-2. Navy (Chief Petty Officer) - Head of Section, Marksman award. D. of E. Gold award. Taking year out working and travelling in South Africa and Asia, then to University.

Johnston, Matthew (1988-1995). JRS. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. D. of E. Bronze (undertaking Gold). Set construction for various plays. Army (Private) - Field-craft award. Friday afternoon Drama group. Going to University.

Jones, Roger (1988-1995). JRS. House Prefect. GCSE 1992-1, 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. 6th Form Woodwork prize. Production of 'Oliver', 'Pirates of Penzance'. Member of 1st Orchestra, 1st Band, CCF Band. Grade 6 (French Horn). Navy (Able Seaman) - Marksman. Friday afternoon Photography group. Next year to Cambridge or London to study Veterinary medicine.

Minards, Bill (1986-1995). MCC. Head of House, School Prefect. GCSE 1993-8, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Chairman of Croquet Society, Film Society. Army (Sergeant) - Marksman, Proficiency 3. 1st and 2nd XV Rugby, 1st Athletics. Next year to Queens College Belfast, then joining Army.

Russell, Tom (1988-1995). JRS. School Prefect, House Prefect. Scholar and Foundation award. GCSE 1992-2, 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-4. Sell's Shakespeare, Hugh Sharpe literary studies prize. Captain of Band. Production of 'Oliver' and 'Pirates of Penzance'. Member of 1st Orchestra, 2nd Orchestra, 1st Band, Jazz Band, CCF Band and Choral Society, Drama group. Next year to Oxford University.

Taylor, Sam (1988-1995). MJW. GCSE 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-1. Acted in 'Mikado', 'Highjack'. Member of 1st Orchestra, 2nd Orchestra, Choral Society. Grade 4 - Cello. Next year to Lincoln with Art Foundation.

Browne

Bentham, Daniel (1988-1995). CJA. Head of Browne House, Foundation Award. GCSE 1992-2, 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-4. Film Society Committee, Member of Brazenose Society. Acted in 'Androcles and the Lion', 'Harlequinade', 'Black Comedy'. Editor of 'Stamfordian'. Next year to Brasenose College, Oxford to read Modern History and German.

Clark, Barry (1993-1995). CJA. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of German Society, Film Society, Brazenose Society. RAF (Corporal) - 1st Class Marksman, Proficiency 3 award. Athletics U18 1st team (School colours awarded), Rugby U18 2nd team. Next year to Sheffield or Edinburgh to read Business Studies, then possibly to RAF.

Coulter, Kieron (1986-1995). DEW. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of Brazenose Society, Film Society, British Sub-Aqua Club. D. of E. Gold award. Army (Sergeant) - Marksman award (member of Bisley team). Shooting U18 1st team. Next year to University to study Mechanical Engineering.

Falinski, Nick (1989-1995). KGJ. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-5, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-2. Member of Brazenose Society, Film Society. Army (Sergeant) - Deputy head of CCF; Marksman, Advanced Proficiency awards. Rugby U18 2nd team. Next year into employment.

Gerhartz, Alexander (1990-1995). KGJ. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-6, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of Brazenose Society. RAF - Proficiency 2, Proficiency 3, Marksman awards. Shooting U18 1st team. Chess 1st team. Badminton 2nd team. Next year to University.

Hayward, Michael (1988-1995). DEW. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-8, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of Young Enterprise company, Brazenose Society, Film Society. Acted in 'Mikado'. Grade 4 Saxophone. Navy (Petty Officer) - Marksman award. Taking year off working as a sailing instructor in Summer and in a ski resort over Winter, then to University to study Naval Architecture.

Mason, Ben (1986-1995). KJG. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. RAF (Sergeant) - Marksman award. Next year to read Civil Engineering at University then to join RAF as pilot.

McTeer, Philip (1986-1995). DEW. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of Young Enterprise company, Brazenose Society, Film Society. D. of E. Silver award. RAF (Cadet) - Marksman award. Sports Editor for 'The Informer'. Cricket U18 3rd team. Next year to Plymouth University to read Business Studies.

Oliver, James (1988-1995). KGJ. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-6, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of Brazenose Committee, Film Society. Production of 'Macbeth'. Army (Cadet) - Marksman, Proficiency 1 awards. Best orienteering recruit. Rugby U18 1st team (School colours awarded), Captain of Hockey team (School colours awarded), Tennis 1st team. Spending next year travelling round the world then to University.

Richardson, Matthew (1988-1995). CJA. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-6, 1994-2, GCE 'A' 1995-1. D. of E. Bronze award. Member of Brazenose Society, Film Society. Acted in 'Androcles and the Lion', 'Harlequinade', 'Pirates of Penzance'. Piano Grade 1. Army (Corporal) - 1st class shot, Proficiency. Hockey U18 1st team secretary. Year off working with computers then to University in Lincoln.

Rogers, Jon (1988-1995). DEW. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of Brazenose Society, Film Society, German Society. Member of 2nd Orchestra, 1st Band. Grade 4 Trumpet. Army (Sergeant) - 1st class Marksman, Proficiency awards. Next year to Manchester University to read Geography.

Sloss, Philip (1987-1995). KGJ. School Prefect, Deputy Head of Browne House. GCSE 1992-1, 1993-8, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Army (Corporal) - Marksman, Proficiency awards. Rugby U18 1st team, Athletics 1st team, Hockey 2nd team. Spending six months working in an hotel in the Alps then to University.

Wong, Augustine (1993-1995). CJA. House Prefect. HKCE 1993-7 (Equivalent to GCSE), GCE 'A' 1995-3. Friday afternoon Computing. Next year to Loughborough or Birmingham to read Electronic Engineering.

Byard

Aldridge, Christian (1986-1995). DL. School Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Acted in 'Androcles and the Lion'. Member of 1st Orchestra, 2nd Orchestra, Choral Society. Grade 5 Violin. Army (Sergeant). Squash U18 2nd team. Spending next year teaching in Africa then intends to study Geography at the School of Oriental and African Studies.

Cummings, Robert (1988-1995). WCC. House Prefect. School Sacristan. GCSE 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-3. D. of E. Gold award. Army (Sergeant) - 2nd Class Marksman, Proficiency Award. Rugby U18 2nd team. Going to University.

Graham, Alex (1987-1995). DL. House Prefect. GCSE 1992-1, 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of Young Enterprise Company, Film Society and Lifesaving Group. Acted in 'Doctor and the Devils'. Grade 3 Cello. Head of RAF (Flight Sergeant) - Marksman. Rugby U18 2nd team, Hockey 2nd team. Taking year off to teach in Uffington then to Oxford.

Hall, David (1985-1995). DL. House Prefect. GCSE 1992-1, 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Old Stamfordian prize for Service to School. Manager of 1st Orchestra. Member of Film Society, Brazenose Society. House Captain of Squash, House Music and Cricket. Acted in 'Androcles and the Lion'. Member of 1st Orchestra, Chapel Choir, Choral Society. Grade 5 Piano and Cello. RAF (Cadet) - Marksman award. U18 1st team Hockey, Cricket 2nd team, Rugby 2nd team. Next year to Leeds or Birmingham to read Russian.

Hawkins, Andrew J. (1990-1995). JSS. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-7, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Friday afternoon Drama group. Rugby U18 2nd team, Hockey 1st team, Cricket 1st team. Next year to University.

Hetherington, Bill (1987-1995). JSS. Head of House. GCSE 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of Film Society. Acted in 'Doctor and the Devils', 'Androcles and the Lion'. Army (Corporal) - 2nd class Marksman, Signals, Proficiency awards. Captain U18 Rugby team (Lincolnshire team), Hockey 1st team, Cricket 3rd team. Next year to Hull University to read Law.

Houghton, Richard (1990-1995). JSS. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-8, 1994-1,

GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of Film Society. Army (Lance-Corporal). Next year to University.

Jones, Edwin (1990-1995). DL. House Prefect. GCSE 1992-1, 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of Choral Society, Film Society, Lifesaving Group, Photography Group. RAF (Flight Sergeant) - Marksman, Proficiency 3 award. Rugby U18 1st team, School Swimming Secretary. Next year to University.

Miceli, Cristian (1990-1995). JSS. House Prefect. Foundation award. GCSE 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Maths Extension paper (Merit). Member of Film Society Committee (School Projectionist). School Assistant Archivist. Navy (Seaman) - First aid award. Cross-country U18 1st team (joint captain). Next year to University to read Law.

Milton, Nic (1985-1995). WCC. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of Film Society. Acted in 'Julius Caesar' and 'Doctor and the Devils'. RAF (Corporal) - Marksman, Proficiency 3 award. Next year to Surrey on Hotel and Catering Management course.

Runciman, Luke (1987-1995). DL. School Prefect, Deputy Head of School House. GCSE 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Community Sports Leadership award. Member of Film Society, Brazenose Society. RAF (Corporal) - 2nd class Marksman, Proficiency 3 award. Rugby U18 1st team, Hockey 2nd team, Captain of Athletics team. Next year to Sheffield or Newcastle to read Geography.

Spencer, Nat (1990-1995). WCC. House Prefect. GCSE 1992-2, 1993-7, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Other external exams - 1993 Add. Maths, Add. French. Engineering Education Scheme award. Member of Film Society. Army (Sergeant). Rugby U18 3rd team. Going to University.

Upham, Jonathan (1990-1995). WCC. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of Film Society. Production of 'Pirates of Penzance'. RAF (Sergeant) - Proficiency 3, Full bore 1st class, Basic Glider Training. Rugby U18 4th team Captain. Going to University.

Weight, Nick (1985-1995). WCC. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. D. of E. Bronze award. Stamfordian committee member, School Sacristan. Production of 'Little Shop of Horrors', acted in 'Androcles

and the Lion'. Captain of CCF Band, member of 1st Band and Choral Society. Grade 5 Tuba. Next year to Leeds University.

Yarram, Jim (1984-1995). WCC. House Prefect. GCSE 1992-1, 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of Science Society, Film Society. Financial Director of Young Enterprise Company Promotions. Editor for 'Informer' newspaper. Army (Cadet). Friday afternoon Bridge club. Next year to York University to study Maths and Computer Science.

Exeter

Adams, Guy (1988-1995). GW. Head of Exeter House, School Prefect. GCSE 1992-2, 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. 6th Form Economics prize. Member of Brazenose Society, South African Rugby tour fund-raising committee. Acted in 'Androcles and the Lion'. Army (Sergeant) - Marksman. Rugby U18 1st team (School colours awarded; Captain of Lincolnshire team, member of Midlands team), Athletics 1st team, Basketball 1st team. Next year to Nottingham University to read Law.

Barber, Jonathan (1988-1995). GTE. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-1. Member of *Talking Newspaper* team. Next to Leeds or Sheffield University to read Biochemistry.

Barratt, Lee (1988-1995). ART. House Prefect. GCSE 1994-8, 1995-1, GCE 'A' 1995-2. Army (Sergeant) - Head of Signals, 1st Class Marksman award. Spending next year travelling round the world then to Plymouth University to study Electrical and Electronic Engineering.

Bonnar, Jeremiah (1986-1995). GTE. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-3. 6th Form Business Studies prize, Community Sports Leadership Award. Chairman of Social Circle. Acted in 'St. Joan', 'Macbeth', 'This Cup I Take'. Vice Captain of Rugby U18 1st team (Member of Lincolnshire and Midlands teams). Spending next year teaching in Durban, South Africa then to Wolverhampton University.

Cooper, Nicholas (1985-1995). GW. House Prefect. GCSE 1992-2, 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Production of 'Pirates of Penzance'. Leader of 1st Orchestra. Grade 5 Violin. Army (Corporal). Rugby U18 3rd team. Next year to Leeds University to read Economics.

Cresswell, Stephen (1987-1995). GW. House Prefect. Foundation award. GCSE 1993-10, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of Film Society. Acted in 'Androcles and the Lion', 'Oliver', 'Pirates of Penzance'. Grade 1 Guitar. Member of *Stamfordian* production team. Cricket U18 3rd team, Hockey 3rd team. Next year to Nottingham University to read Russian.

Fraser, Lee GW. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of Photography Society. Hockey U18 1st team, Cricket 3rd team, County Chess team. Taking year off travelling round Australia then to University.

Golby, David (1990-1995). GW. House Prefect. GCSE 1992-7, 1993-1, GCE 'A' 1995-2. Member of Brazenose Society. Army (Corporal). Taking year off working at Grange Farm, Wittering then to Royal Agricultural College.

Johnstone, Tony (1988-1995). ART. House Prefect. GCSE 1992-2, 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Editor of *Stamford Timmes*, member of VCS team. Cricket U18 1st team, Cross-country 1st team. Next year to Exeter University to study Economics.

Knauer, Edmund (1988-1995). GTE. House Prefect. GCSE 1994-7, GCE 'A' 1995-2. Army (Lance-Corporal). Taking year off working in Spain then to University to read Computer Studies and Accounts.

Palmer, Mark (1988-1995). GTE. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-3. News Editor of *The Informer*. Badminton U18 1st team, Fencing 1st team, Cricket 3rd team. Next year to University to study Ancient History/ Archaeology.

Reader, David (1987-1995). GW. House Prefect. GCSE 1991-1, 1992-9, 1993-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of Debating Society. School Librarian. Acted in 'Oliver', Production of 'West Side Story'. Member of 2nd Orchestra. Grade 6 (oboe). Editor of *Talking Newspaper*. Next year to University.

Roland, Damian (1985-1995). ART. Head Boy. Foundation award. GCSE 1992-2, 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of Young Enterprise company, Science Society Committee, Member of Film Society. Acted in 'Lord of the Flies', 'The Down-going of Orpheus Hawkins'. Member of *Talking Newspaper* production team. Captain of U18 Athletics team (member of Lincolnshire team), Cross-country 1st team (member of Lincolnshire team). Spending year off in St. Alban's,

Washington D.C. then to Nottingham University to read Medicine.

Parker, Ben (1988-1995). ART. House Prefect. Foundation award. GCSE 1992-2, 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. 6th Form Drama prize. Acted in 'Pirates of Penzance', 'Oliver', 'St. Joan', 'This Cup I Take'. Member of VCS team. Next year to University.

Sayegh, Alex (1990-1995). GTE. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Treasurer of Science Society, Member of Film Society. Member of *Talking Newspaper* production team. Next year to University.

Seymour, James (1986-1995). GTE. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-10, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of Science Society, Film Society. Production of 'Noah's Flood'. Member of 1st Orchestra, 2nd Orchestra, Choral Society. Grade 8 Recorder. RAF (Corporal) - 2nd Class Full-bore, Proficiency 3 awards. Spending next year in Europe then to University.

Taylor, Ed (1986-1995). GTE. House Prefect. GCSE 1992-1, 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of German Society. Grade 5 Piano. Member of *Stamfordian* production team. Cricket U18 1st team (Member of Hunts. team), Hockey 3rd team. Next year to University to read French.

Watters, Keith (1990-1995). GTE. School Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Army (Corporal) - Marksman award. Rugby U18 1st team (School colours awarded; Member of Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, East Midlands teams), Athletics 1st team. Next year to University.

Radcliffe

Bennett, John (1998-1995). JPS. House Prefect. Exhibitioner award, Foundation award. GCSE 1992-2, 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-4. Sixth Form Chemistry, Botany and Science prizes. Acted in 'Mikado', 'Pirates of Penzance'. Member of 1st Orchestra, Chapel choir, Choral Society, Grade 6 (violin). RAF (Sergeant) - 2nd Class Marksman, Proficiency 2 award. Badminton U18 1st team. Next year to University.

Cooke, Timothy (1991-1995). SW. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-10, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Headmaster's prize for Classics. Member of Chapel Choir, Choral Society. Grade 7 Piano (Tinkler prize

for Piano). Editor of *The Informer*. Captain of U18 Badminton. Next year to Trinity College Cambridge to study Anglo-Saxon.

Daffern, Lee (1988-1995). JPS. House Prefect. GCSE 1992-1, 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of VCS team. Cross-country U18 1st team, Athletics 1st team. Next year to Sheffield University to read Mathematics.

Dodd, James (1988-1995). SW. House Prefect. GCSE 1992-1, 1993-7, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Tom Baker Creative Writing prize. Acted in 'Macbeth', 'St. Joan', 'This Cup I Take'. Friday afternoon Drama group. Next year to University.

Durham, Justin (1985-1995). JPS. Head of Radcliffe, School Prefect, House Prefect. Foundation award. GCSE 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Chairman of Science Society, Member of Film Society, Head Librarian. Acted in 'Lord of the Flies', 'Androcles and the Lion', 'Mikado', 'Pirates of Penzance'. Member of Chapel Choir, Choral Society. Captain of Cross-country U18 team (School colours awarded, also member of Lincolnshire team), Athletics 1st team. Next year to Sheffield or Newcastle to study Dentistry.

Ellery, Jason (1984-1995). CVK. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-6, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of Film Society, Photography Society. Army (Corporal) - Marksman, Proficiency awards. Deputy head of Advanced Training. Cricket U18 3rd team. Taking year off travelling in South Africa then to University.

Finch, Ed (1990-1995). CVK. School Prefect, House Prefect. GCSE 1993-8, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Acted in 'St. Joan', 'Pirates of Penzance', production of 'Mikado', 'Cabaret', 'Oliver'. Member of 1st Orchestra, 1st Band, Jazz Band, CCF Band, Choral Society. Grade 5 Trumpet Norgate. Prize for Brass. Head of Army (Staff Sergeant). Rugby U18 1st team (School Secretary), Cricket 1st team, Golf 1st team. Taking year off in South Africa then hopefully to full employment.

Garratt, Lee (1988-1995). SW. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Secretary of Photography Society. Hockey U18 3rd team, Cricket 3rd team, Badminton 3rd team. Next year to University.

Hawkins, Andrew M. (1985-1995). SW. House Prefect. GCSE 1992-2, 1993-7,

1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Bowman Public Speaking Prize. Member of Film Society (Projectionist), Head of Stage Sound. Production of 'Mikado', 'Oliver', 'Cabaret', 'Pirates of Penzance', 'St. Joan', 'Little Shop of Horrors'. Member of 1st Orchestra, 1st Band, Jazz Band, CCF Band. Editor of *Talking Newspaper*. Taking year off working in Media then to University.

Hind, Russell (1985-1995). JPS. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-10, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Sixth Form Maths Prize. Army (Lance-Corporal). Rugby U18 3rd team. Next year to University of Birmingham to read Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence.

Hughes, Robert (1988-1995). SW. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Chairman of Photography Society. Rugby U18 3rd team. Next year to University.

Jackson, Luke (1991-1995). CVK. House Prefect. GCSE 1992-1, 1993-9, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Taken Oxford Geography entrance exam. Member of VCS team. Cricket U18 1st team (School Captain) - School Colours awarded; (Member of Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Midlands U19 teams), Basketball 1st team, Squash 2nd team, Hockey 3rd team, Rugby 3rd team. Next year to Durham University to study Geography, Economics and Maths.

Moss-Bowpitt, Paul (1988-1995). JPS. School Prefect. Foundation, Exhibitioner awards. GCSE 1992-2, 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-4. Old Stamfordian Prize for Service to School. Member of Film Society. Production of 'Oliver' and 'Pirates of Penzance'. Member of 1st Orchestra, 2nd Orchestra, 1st Band, CCF Band. Grade 5 French Horn. Army (Sergeant) - Marksman, Proficiency award. Rugby U18 3rd team, Shooting 1st team, Cross-country 1st team. Next year to King's College, London to read Law and French Law.

Sutcliffe, James (1985-1995). CVK. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-7, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Army (Sergeant) Marksman, Proficiency, Signals awards. Spending next year in employment then to University.

Thorley, Richard (1984-1995). CVK. House Prefect. GCSE 1993-8, 1994-1, GCE 'A' 1995-1. Member of VCS team. Cricket U18 1st team, Golf 1st team, Hockey 2nd team. Next year teaching in Zimbabwe then to University.

Wakerley, Samuel (1988-1995). SW. House Prefect. Foundation award. GCSE 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-3. 6th Form Biology prize. Navy (CPO) - Marksman award. Taking Gap year in America then to UCL to read Geography/Anthropology.

Wrigley, Mark (1988-1995). CVK. House Prefect. GCSE 1992-1, 1993-9, GCE 'A' 1995-3. Member of Film Society. RAF (Sergeant) - Proficiency 1, 2 and 3 awards. Tennis U18 1st team, Rugby 3rd team. Next year to York University to read Economics.

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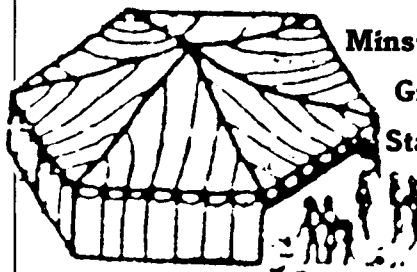
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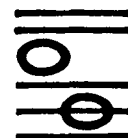
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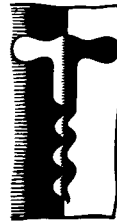
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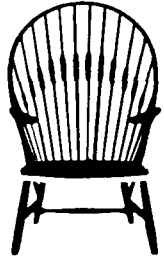
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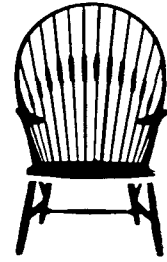
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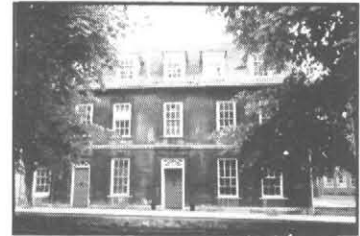
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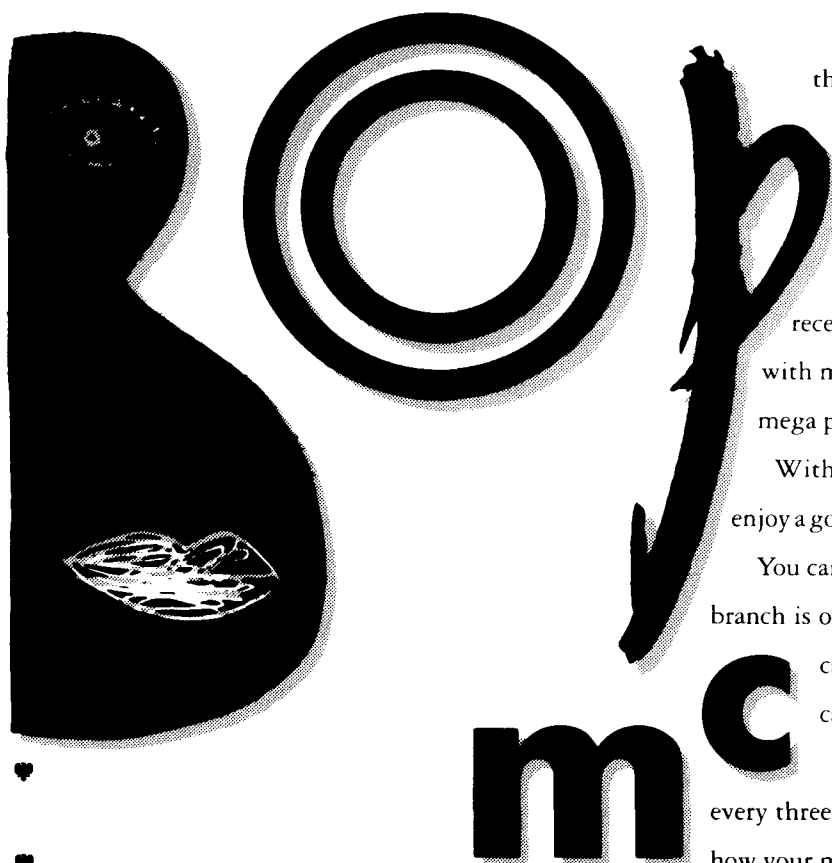
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