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GOVERNORS AND STAFF, 1976-77

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SCHOOL NOTES

In a year when the national press has been full of complaints about the poor results achieved throughout the country at O. Level it is all the more pleasing to be able to record the highest standard of O. Level attainment reached by the School, both in percentage of passes and in the number of Grade 'A' passes, a tribute to the increased sense of responsibility shown by Fifth Formers, and to the effort of the Staff. As a selective school we can justify our existence only by really good academic performance, and from this year's O. Level results we can look forward to a very successful A. Level and University entrance in 1978. We must resist any attempt to reduce academic standards and Staff, Governors and parents were united in their opposition to the School Council's proposal to introduce a Common Examination at 16 plus. That we were correct in opposing this innovation has been shown by the present Secretary of State's rejection of the idea.

Economic conditions will ensure that we shall continue in our present form for some years to come, for at a most important meeting called by the L.E.A., at which were present officials of the L.E.A., the Salisbury Diocesan Council of Education, the Chairman of Governors, the Headmaster and the Chairmen of Governors of both Shaftesbury High School and Christy's School, it was unanimously agreed not to abolish selection in Shaftesbury until extensive rebuilding had been completed.

This being so, it is essential that all the secondary schools in the town co-operate in order to provide the greatest opportunity for local pupils. We are therefore grateful to the Governors and

Headmistress of the High School for their continued readiness to accept and provide joint Sixth Form teaching, and to the Governors and Headmaster of Christy's School for the provision of O. Level Technical Drawing and A. Level Woodwork for our boys. We are very pleased to accept an increasing number of Fifth Year leavers from Christy's School who come to us for O. and A. Level academic work and also make a valuable contribution to our social and athletic life.

The most important staff change during the year was occasioned by the retirement of Mr. B. S. Bates, after twenty-five years as a resident master. His contribution to the general life of the School, the games and the well-being of the boarders as Senior Housemaster, is recorded elsewhere. He is sorely missed and we wish him a long and happy retirement. It was decided to use his resignation as the chance to amalgamate the teaching of Latin. We continue to teach the subject to all boys until the end of the Third Year, when those wishing to continue to O. and A. Level are taught at the High School. Mr. M. J. Webber succeeds Mr. Bates as Senior Housemaster and to fill the vacancy on the resident staff, and to help Mr. Brooks with the coaching of Rugby, we appointed Mr. P. Fay, who has played full back for the Cumberland and Westmorland Under 23 XV.

Mrs. S. Mitchell also joined the staff as a part-time teacher of Latin.

Miss K. Clayton, Senior Matron, left us at the end of the Easter Term to go to Welbeck and we were fortunate in that Miss N. Barnish, S.E.N., a former Matron here, was able to come back to us.

It is with regret that we announce the death during the year of Mrs. V. Minchin, widow of a former Headmaster of the School, of Rev. G. K. Horlock Jones, a former Rector of Holy Trinity and Governor of the School, and of Mr. A. F. Alington, formerly a headmaster and an H.M.I., and a Governor of the School. Each of these made a most valuable contribution to the life of the School. We are deeply grateful for all that they did for us, and extend our sympathy to their families.

The games activities have been extended by the construction of a six-hole golf course on Hawkesdene Field and the willingness of the L.E.A. to provide transport to the new Sports Centre in Gillingham, which makes swimming instruction and training available throughout the year.

We should like to offer our thanks to the following: Mr. A. Allard and the Captain and Committee of the Shaftesbury Cricket Club for allowing us to use their grounds for training in September when, because of the drought, we were unable to use our own; Mrs. Espley for organising the School used-clothing shop,

a laborious task but a much appreciated service; Mrs. Coats for giving us weight training equipment; the Parents' Association for repairing all our garden seats, providing weight training equipment, for undertaking to repaint the interior of the squash courts and provide a new pavilion; all those Old Boys and friends of the School who have made gifts or donations to the Chapel or Library.

We offer our congratulations to: J. S. Macey, on being appointed Head of School; M. S. S. Walby, on being appointed Senior Day-boy; P. H. Palmer, on being awarded an Open Exhibition in English to read Jurisprudence at New College, Oxford; R. Watts and A. Dennis, on being selected for the Dorset Schools Under 19 Association Football matches and to Dennis on his selection for the South West Counties team and the first England Trial; the School team which won the Dorset Road Safety Competition for the third successive year; the School team which won the District Public Speaking Competition for the second successive year.

THE HEADMASTER

TERM I, 1976

Prefects: P. D. Strawbridge (Head Boy); P. S. Hewison (Senior Boarder), G. Griffin, C. G. Howlett, T. D. Rideout, A. G. Stainer.
Sub-Prefects: T. Coats, H. F. McGrail, A. D. Reinecke, S. P. Trevis, N. C. Burd.
New Boys: P. Dale, J. W. B. Savage, A. M. Jackson, S. D. Jackson, M. F. Vianna, J. Vianna.

VALETE

M. F. Vianna	LVI Sc	Entered Term I 1976
M. J. Lines	IVA	Entered Term III 1972
J. Vianna	IIIA	Entered Term I 1976
P. M. Rickard	IB	Entered Term III 1974

TERM III, 1976

New Boys: R. J. Rennie, M. Miles.

VALETE

I. T. K. Clapham	U.VI Sc	Entered Term III 1970. 'O' Level 1974. 'A' Level 1976.
T. Coats	U.VI Arts	Entered Term II 1971. 'O' Level 1974. 'A' Level 1976. Cricket 1974, 1975, 1976. House Captain (Romans). House Colours. Sub-prefect.

M. P. Dyer	U.VI Sc.	Entered Term III 1969. 'O' Level 1974. 'A' Level 1976.
J. S. Flewin	U.VI Sc.	Entered Term III 1969. 'O' Level 1974. 'A' Level 1976.
G. Griffin	U.VI Sc.	Entered Term II 1970. 'O' Level 1974. 'A' Level 1976.
P. S. Hewison	U.VI Arts	Entered Term III 1969. 'O' Level 1974. 'A' Level 1976. Rugby 1975. House Colours. Head Boarder.
N. I. Hillier	U.VI Arts	Entered Term III 1969. 'O' Level 1974. 'A' Level 1976. Tennis 1976.
P. D. Houghton	U.VI Arts	Entered Term III 1969. 'O' Level 1974. 'A' Level 1976. Rugby 1975. House Colours.
C. G. Howett	U.VI Sc.	Entered Term III 1969. 'O' Level 1974. 'A' Level 1976. Prefect, Chapel Sacristan.
A. Jackson	U.VI Sc.	Entered Term I 1976. 'A' Level 1976.
H. F. McGrail	U.VI Arts	Entered Term III 1969. 'O' Level 1974. 'A' Level 1976. Sub-prefect.
N. Pike	U.VI Arts	Entered Term III 1974. 'O' Level 1975. 'A' Level 1976. Soccer 1976. House Colours.
P. G. Ransome	U.VI Arts	Entered Term III 1969. 'O' Level 1974. 'A' Level 1976.
A. D. Reinecke	U.VI Arts	Entered Term III 1969. 'O' Level 1974. 'A' Level 1976. Sub-prefect. Librarian.
T. D. Rideout	U.VI Arts	Entered Term III 1969. 'O' Level 1974. 'A' Level 1976. Soccer 1975, 1976. Colours. Cricket 1974, 1975, 1976. Cap. Captain 1976. House Colours. Prefect.
A. G. Stainer	U.VI Arts	Entered Term III 1972. 'O' Level 1974. 'A' Level 1976. Soccer 1974, 1975, 1976. Colours. Captain 1976. Rugby 1974, 1975. Colours. Captain 1975. Cricket 1974, 1975, 1976. House Captain (Corinthians). House Colours. Prefect.
D. J. Steel	U.VI Arts	Entered Term III 1969. 'O' Level 1974. 'A' Level 1976.
P. D. Strawbridge	U.VI Sc.	Entered Term III 1969. 'O' Level 1974. 'A' Level 1976. Head Boy.
S. Trevis		Entered Term III 1969. Left 1972. Re-entered Term III 1974. 'A' Level 1976. Cricket 1975, 1976. Cap. House Captain (Spartans). House Colours. Sub-prefect. Head Librarian.
J. W. Williamson	U.VI Arts	Entered Term III 1968. 'O' Level 1974. 'A' Level 1976.
R. Milton	L.VI Arts	Entered Term II 1974. 'O' Level 1975, 1976. Rugby 1975.
J. J. Luxton	L.VI Gen.	Entered Term III 1970. 'O' Level 1975, 1976. Soccer 1976. Rugby 1974, 1975. Tennis.
D. I. Phipers	L.VI Gen.	Entered Term I 1972. 'O' Level 1975, 1976. Rugby 1975.
J. Sendell	L.VI Gen.	Entered Term III 1975. 'O' Level 1976.
S. A. Bonnell	VA	Entered Term III 1971. 'O' Level 1976.
R. B. Burrows	VB	Entered Term III 1971. 'O' Level 1976.
V. R. Christopher	VA	Entered Term III 1971. 'O' Level 1976.
N. R. Collis	VB	Entered Term III 1971. 'O' Level 1976.
S. S. Dennis	VA	Entered Term I 1972. 'O' Level 1976. Soccer 1976. Rugby 1974, 1975.

P. F. Dew	VA	Entered Term III 1971.	'O' Level 1976.
K. J. Fayers	VA	Entered Term III 1971.	'O' Level 1976.
M. J. Hollingshead	VA	Entered Term III 1971.	'O' Level 1976.
		Rugby 1975.	
P. J. Hoy	VA	Entered Term III 1971.	'O' Level 1976.
P. M. Laycock	VA	Entered Term III 1971.	'O' Level 1976.
G. R. Parker	VA	Entered Term III 1971.	'O' Level 1976.
J. H. Pinnington	VB	Entered Term III 1971.	'O' Level 1976.
R. D. Symonds	VB	Entered Term III 1971.	'O' Level 1976.
D. Tompkins	VB	Entered Term III 1971.	'O' Level 1976.
D. Thomson	VB	Entered Term III 1971.	'O' Level 1976.
M. Bradley	IVA	Entered Term III 1975.	
A. J. Chase	IIA	Entered Term III 1974.	
S. Lane	IA	Entered Term III 1975.	
C. Smith	IB	Entered Term III 1974.	

TERM III, 1976

<i>Prefects:</i>	J. Macey (Head Boy), M. Walby (Head Day Boy), D. Field, C. Roberts, J. Lipscombe, C. Rogerson.
<i>Sub-prefects:</i>	M. Baldock, M. Boutelle, J. Baldwin, N. Johnstone, N. Burd, P. Palmer, N. Wilkinson.

NEW BOYS

<i>Corinthians</i>	<i>Romans</i>	<i>Spartans</i>	<i>Trojans</i>
Arthur, N.	Craig	Bidgood, N.	Dennis, A.
Cox, J.	McFeely, M.	Bingham, A.	Harris, A.
Carozzi, A.	Davison, B.	Cardy, G.	Jennings, A.
de Nett, M.	Foster, R.	Chapman, M.	Jennings, M.
Greenhall, M.	Grasby, J.	Collis, P.	Kilburn, S.
Lander, G.	Griffiths, C.	Greenland, M.	Lancaster, S.
Lane, J.	Hansford, I.	Humberstone, S.	Larcombe, R.
Luxton, D.	Harrison, D.	Le Var, R.	Oliver, J.
Martin, S.	Lawrence, L.	Locke, R.	Stevens, M.
Marks, S.	Lipscombe, J.	Moors, P.	Sutton, M.
Thrussell, D.	May, I.	Morgan, S.	Taylor, M.
Wagstaff, S. J.	Phillips, P.	Squire, A.	Whatley, S.
Wagstaff, S. P.	Rabbetts, J.	Squire, C.	Wyatt, A.
White, M.	Rudge, T.	Stone, K.	

HOUSE CAPTAINS

R. Watts	N. Kirby	M. Hall	N. Burd
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VALETE

J. A. Barry	LVI Gen. Entered Term III 1972.	'O' Level 1976.
P. R. Habberfield	LVI Gen. Entered Term III 1971.	'O' Level 1976.
C. Hillier	LVI Gen. Entered Term III 1971.	'O' Level 1976.
S. Morgan	I	Entered Term III 1976.

PRIZE AND CUP WINNERS, 1975-1976

Form Prizes

I:	R. Fressanges, D. Marshall, S. Pratley, J. Elsworth
II:	M. A. Blackham
IIIA:	C. Wyatt, D. Blake
IIIB:	D. Rabbetts, D. Foster
IVA:	M. E. Armstrong, L. R. K. Rickard
IVB:	C. Kirby-Williams, J. Edgley
VA:	J. L. Romanillos, G. Bingham, C. Baldwin, D. Hewison
VB:	R. Burrows, N. R. Collis
VI Arts:	F. McGrail
VI Science:	P. D. Strawbridge

Special Prizes

Headmaster's Prize	P. D. Strawbridge
Divinity Prize	D. Hewison
Mathematics Prize	G. Griffin
Nicolson Prize for Engineering	A. D. Reinecke
Old Shastonian Prize for Science	P. D. Strawbridge
Music Prize	D. Richards, P. Palmer
Art Prize	A. R. Leach
History Prize	N. Hillier
Macklin Prize for English	J. Williamson
Kathleen Steadman Prize for Fifth Form Science	A. Rutt, D. Manley, M. Casemore,
University Prize	P. Laycock
	G. Griffin

Cups, Etc.

Minchin Inter-House Cricket Trophy	Spartans
Johnson Batting Cup	R. Watts
Genge Fielding Cup	G. L. Davis
Windebank Bowling Cup	N. A. Wilkinson
Daniel U.14 Cricket Cup	P. A. B. Calcott
Ramshaw Rugby Cup	1975: A. G. Stainer
	1976: N. C. Burd
Overington House 7-a-side Rugby Cup	1975: Corinthians
	1976: Trojans
Roussell Football Cup	A. G. Stainer
Watmough Inter-House Soccer Cup	Corinthians and Romans
Spry Squash Cup	Not Awarded
Scalbert Junior Squash Cup	I. D. Romanillos
Hallett Swimming Cup	Trojans
Sportsman's Cup	A. G. Stainer
Drew Cross Country Cup	J. J. Luxton
Davis Mile Cup	J. J. Luxton
Senior Champion Athlete	M. S. S. Walby & A. G. Stainer
Intermediate Champion Athlete	G. R. Claudet
Junior Champion Athlete	A. M. Rutter
Cole Athletics Cup	Spartans
Veale Cup for Athletics Standards	Spartans
Rodgers House Tennis Cup	Trojans and Corinthians
Dennis Tennis Cup	J. Romanillos
Tovey House Shield	Trojans 44 5/6 points
	Spartans 42 1/2 points
	Corinthians 41 1/2 points
	Romans 18 1/2 points

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE ENTRANTS

A. R. Austin:	Cannington Farm Institute (77 entry)
I. T. K. Clapham:	Sheffield University
M. P. Dyer:	Southampton University
J. S. Flewin	Southampton Technical College
G. Griffin:	Bristol University
P. S. Hewison:	Plymouth Technical College
C. G. Howlett:	Cannington Farm Institute (77 entry)
A. Jackson:	Bournemouth Technical College
J. J. Luxton:	Poole Technical College
H. F. McGrail:	Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge
P. G. Ransome:	Reading University
A. D. Reinecke:	Salisbury Technical College
J. Sendell:	Salisbury Technical College
P. D. Strawbridge:	Trinity College, Oxford
R. D. Symonds:	Weston Technical College
S. P. Trevis:	Weston Technical College

LECTURES, VISITS AND EVENTS OF NOTE

<i>January</i>	12th	Term begins.
	16th	Civil Service Lecture. Film: "Hamlet".
	19th	Parents' Association Committee Meeting.
	21st	Public Speaking Competition: St. Mary's Convent.
	26th	G.C.E. Trial Examinations start.
<i>February</i>	4th	B.C.G. Vaccinations.
	5th	Sight testing.
	6th	Governors' Meeting.
	10th	Medical Examinations.
	11th	B.C.G. Vaccinations.
	14th	Shaftesbury Secondary Schools' Staff Conference: "Continuity".
	17th	R.A.F. Interviews.
	18th	Fifth Form Careers Interviews. Parents' Association: Mr. R. Peers, Curator, Dorset County Museum.
	19th	Visit to Wild Fowl Trust, Slimbridge.
	21st-28th	Half term.
<i>March</i>	3rd	Governors' Meeting with officers of L.E.A., Salisbury Diocesan Council of Education, Chairmen of Shaftesbury High School and Christy's School, to discuss re-organisation.
	4th	Use of English Examination.
	6th	Old Shastonian Club Dinner: Newbury.
	10th	Fifth Form C.E.M. Conference. Choir sing Evensong: Salisbury Cathedral.
	12th	Sixth Form C.E.M. Conference: Christy's School. Ski party leaves.
	13th	Rotary Club of Shaftesbury: Interviews.
	19th	Ski party returns.
	23rd	Chemical Society: Lecture at Bryanston. Careers Talk: Banking.
	24th	Brigadier Buttenshaw, Schools' Army Liaison Officer, visits.

<i>April</i>	2nd	Film: "Romeo and Juliet".
	5th	Visit to Tate Gallery, Constable Exhibition.
	7th	Twickenham: English Schools XV v. Japan.
	8th	Parents' Association: Concert.
	9th	Term ends.
	23rd	Parents' Association: Spring Dance.
	28th	Entry Selection Panel Meeting.
	29th	School starts.
		Stratford-on-Avon: "Romeo and Juliett".
<i>May</i>	3rd	O. Level Chemistry: Pre-Tests for Cambridge Trials.
	4th	Entry Selection Panel Meeting.
		Parents' Association Committee Meeting.
	7th	Governors' Meeting.
		French Oral Examination.
	8th	Red Cross Collection.
		French Oral Examination.
	9th	Royal Society of Church Music Meeting in School.
	14th	London: Palace Theatre: "Jesus Christ, Super Star".
		Old Shastonian Club: Golf Competition: Basingstoke.
	18th	Spanish Oral Examination at Sherborne School for Girls.
	19th	Fifth Form Careers Interviews.
	23rd	Confirmation: Holy Trinity Church: The Bishop of Salisbury.
	24th	German Orals.
27th-June	6th	Half term.
<i>June</i>	7th	G.C.E. begins.
	9th	Parents' Association Jumble Sale.
	14th	Fourth Form Careers Talk.
	19th	Byzante Centenary.
	21st	School Exams start.
	22nd	Dorset Boarding Heads' Meeting and lunch in school.
	26th	Poetry Society's Examination.
	28th	School Examinations finish.
<i>July</i>	1st	Third Form: Dr. Jones's Talk.
	2nd	G.C.E. finishes.
	5th-6th	School Sports.
	7th	Sixth Form to Clayesmore: "Antigone".
		Lower Sixth to Southampton University.
	8th	Swimming Sports.
	9th	Governors' Meeting.
	10th.	New Boys and Parents: Coffee Morning.
	11th	Old Boys' Day: Annual Service in Chapel.
		Cricket Match: Headmaster and Mrs. Crowther "At Home".
	14th	Sixth Form visit to Ordnance Survey.
	15th	Prize Giving.
	16th	Term ends.
<i>September</i>	7th	Term begins. Mr. P. Fay and Mrs. S. Mitchell join Staff.
	11th.	Old Shastonian Club Committee Meeting.
	15th	Boarders' Fire Practice.
	18th	Visit to Franciscan Priory, Cerne Abbas.
	27th	W.E.A. Evening Lectures begin.
	28th	Parents' Association Committee Meeting.

<i>October</i>	1st	Governors' Meeting.
	6th	Parents' Association A.G.M.
	10th	Harvest Festival in Chapel.
	14th	Royal Society of Church Music Meeting in school.
	15th	Dental Inspection.
	19th	Parents' Association Committee Meeting.
	23rd	Brionne party leaves.
<i>November</i>	24th-31st	Half term.
	3rd	Parents' Association: Jumble Sale.
	4th	Secondary School Heads' Meeting with officers of Dorset and Wiltshire L.E.A.'s to discuss entry of Wiltshire children.
	5th	Fourth Form Careers Talk: Metropolitan Police.
	10th	Autumn G.C.E. begins.
	18th	Stratford-upon-Avon: "The Winter's Tale". Sight Testing.
	23rd	Third Form visit to Bristol Zoo. School and Boarding Accounts Audit.
	25th	Careers Talk: Royal Navy.
	26th	Governors' Finance Committee Meeting.
<i>December</i>	1st	"Youth Speaks" Competition.
	7th	Twickenham: Oxford v. Cambridge.
	16th	Joint Carol Service with Shaftesbury High School: Holy Trinity.
	13th-16th	School Play: "The Government Inspector".
	17th	Term ends.

CAMBRIDGE G.C.E.

JUNE, 1976

ADVANCED LEVEL

I. T. K. Clapman: *C; B; P. T. Coats: H; gp; g. M. P. Dyer: M; C; P. J. S. Flewin: PM; AM; p; gp. G. Griffin: PM; AM; P. P. S. Hewison: H; G; gp. N. I. Hillier: E; H; gp. P. D. Houghton: gp. C. G. Howlett: B; g; gp. A. Jackson: EC; A; p; gp. H. F. McGrail: E; F; FS; GN; gp. N. D. Pike: gp. P. G. Ransome: E; H; F; gp. A. D. Reinecke: E; G; F; gp. T. D. Rideout: h; g; gp. A. G. Stainer: H; G; gp. D. J. Steel: E; H; f; gp. P. D. Strawbridge: M; C; B; P; gp. S. P. Trevis: B; c. J. W. Williamson: E; H; gp.*

KEY: *E* English; *EC* Economics; *H* History; *G* Geography; *F* French; *GN* German; *M* Mathematics; *PM* Pure Mathematics; *AM* Applied Mathematics; *P* Physics; *C* Chemistry; *B* Biology; *S* Special Paper; *gp* General Paper. Small letters denote Ordinary Level passes.

ORDINARY LEVEL (Grade A, B or C)

D. C. Andrews: *elit; rs; h; g; p; b. A. R. Austin: el; elit; g; m; b; ps. C. Baldwin: el; elit; h; f; gn; p; c; mus. J. Barry: h; sp. G. F. Bingham: el; elit; h; f; gn; p; c; mus. S. A. Bonnell: el; h; g; f; p; c; b. O. M. Brockway: el; elit; h; g; p; b. R. B. Burrows: el; elit; h; g; m; b; a. D. A. Capon: el; h; m; b. M. C. Casemore: el; elit; h; g; l; f; p; c. V. R. Christopher: el; h; g; p; c; b. P. M. Collins: el; elit; h; g. N. R. Collis: el; elit; h; m; a. G. L. Davis: el; g. S. S. Dennis: el; elit; rs; h; g; ps. P. F. Dew: el; h; g. m. K. J. Fayers: el; elit; g; f; p; b. P. R. Habberfield: h; m; ps. D. S.*

Hewison: *el; elit; rs; h; g; p; c; b.* C. Hillier: *el; a.* K. W. Hingley: *el; elit; h; g; f; gn; m; ps.* M. J. Hollingshead: *el; elit; h; g; p; c; b.* P. I. Howlett: *el; elit; rs; h; g; p; b.* P. J. Hoy: *el; h; g; f; p.* M. F. James: *el; elit; h; g; f; c; b.* N. F. Johnstone: *el; elit; h; b.* N. A. Kirby: *el; elit; h; g; p; c; b.* P. M. Laycock: *el; elit; h; g; f; p; c; b.* D. J. Manley: *el; elit; h; g; f; p; c; b.* G. P. Parker: *el; h; g; f; p; c.* J. H. J. Penny: *el; elit; h; g; F; m; p; b.* J. L. Romanillos: *el; elit; h; g; l; f; sp; p; c.* A. J. Rutt: *el; elit; h; g; f; p; c; b.* J. W. B. Savage: *b.* J. Sendell: *h; a.* G. J. Stickler: *el; elit; h; g; f; b; ps.* R. D. Symonds: *el; elit; h; m.* D. Tompkins: *elit; h; m.*

The following boys added subjects to Certificates already gained, with grades equivalent to previous O. Level Pass standard or above:

J. H. Baldwin: *am; ac; fes.* M. G. Boutelle: *am; ac; fes.* N. C. Burd: *am; ac; mus; fes.* M. S. Hall: *am.* D. R. Hiscock: *am; fes.* P. Jennings: *a.* K. J. C. Lovell: *am; gmd.* J. J. Luxton: *elit; m.* P. H. Palmer: *a.* D. I. Pypers: *m.* T. J. Ridgers: *am; ac; fes.* C. S. J. Rogerson: *adm.* R. Watts: *am.* N. A. Wilkinson: *fes.*

KEY: *ac* Additional Chemistry; *am* Additional Mathematics; *a* Art; *b* Biology; *c* Chemistry; *el* English Language; *elit* English Literature; *f* French; *fes* Further English Studies; *g* Geography; *gn* German; *gmd* Geometrical and Mechanical Drawing; *h* History; *L* Latin; *m* Mathematics; *mus* Music; *p* Physics; *ps* Physical Science; *rs* Religious Studies; *sp* Spanish.

NOVEMBER, 1976

The following boys added subjects to Certificates already gained, with grades equivalent to previous O. Level Pass or above:

D. C. Andrews: *el; J.* W. A. Barry: *elit; g; f; b.* D. A. Capon: *elit.* P. R. Habberfield: *g.* C. Hillier: *elit.* N. F. Johnstone: *g.* R. W. Le-Var: *h.* J. H. J. Penny: *c.* J. W. B. Savage: *g; N.* A. Wilkinson, *el.*

The following passed in Maths at their first attempt:

M. G. Armstrong; M. J. Brice; G. R. Claudet; M. D. Cook; M. J. Findlay-Wilson; J. W. Fletcher; S. J. Howarth; A. J. R. Johnson; J. P. Larcombe; D. J. Lawson; R. P. Lodge; P. S. N. May; G. R. Moore; L. R. K. Rickard; A. Robertson; M. D. P. Sennett; N. J. Seymour; R. P. Wyatt; J. A. Zakiewicz.

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Intermediate Certificate: S. Kelson (Credit), S. Lane (Credit), J. Cash (Credit), A. Selwood; B. Denchfield, A. Cunningham, R. Letts, C. Yeatman, H. Robinson, P. Walker, P. Lloyd.

Intermediate Bronze Medal: M. Blackman (Credit), I. Lishman (Credit), M. Locke (Credit), J. Blake (Credit), L. Vaughan (Credit, C. Streeter.

Intermediate Silver Medal: A. Burd (Honours), D. Blake (Honours), I. Cunningham (Credit).

Senior Certificate: D. Richards (Special Distinction).

SPEECH DAY, 1976

Prize Giving was held on the evening of Thursday, 15th July, in the School Hall. The Chairman of Governors, Mr. H. F. W. Holmes, T.D., M.A., presided and introduced the chief guest, Brigadier E. K. Page.

After also welcoming Brigadier Page and paying tribute to what he had done for the School during his time as one of the Governors, the Headmaster went on to describe a number of changes in teaching and boarding staff, expressing his particular regret at Mr. Bates's imminent retirement. As a result of this, senior Latin would in future be taught at the High School.

Academic achievement had again been pleasing at both 'O' and 'A' levels; one place at Cambridge and one at Oxford had been gained for October 1976 and once again an Old Boy had been awarded First Class Honours. Mr. Crowther stated that the staff were unanimous in their opposition to the proposed introduction of the common examination at sixteen plus, which in its suggested form seemed to threaten further whittling away of opportunities to display excellence.

As far as leisure time pursuits were concerned, Mr. Crowther continued, over eighty boys were learning at least one musical instrument and entrants for the Poetry Society's examinations had done very well. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme continued to flourish, with two Gold Awards gained in 1976 and two more imminent. He described School successes in the Dorset Schools Road Safety Competition, the Rotary Area Public Speaking Competition and the North Dorset Schools Grass Ski-ing Competition. One boy had won a major prize in a competition organised by the Sail Training Association. A popular innovation had been the construction of a six-hole golf course on the new Hawkesdene games field, and the Headmaster thanked all those who had given help and equipment.

Finally, the Headmaster thanked the Parents' Association for their significant help throughout the year and the Old Boys Club for their valuable Jubilee Travel Scholarship which in 1976 would enable a Sixth Former to attend the Bicentennial of American Science. The School was indeed fortunate in its loyal supporters.

After presenting the prizes, Brigadier E. K. Page gave a brief summary of the negotiation on re-organisation over the last decade or so and echoed the opening remarks of the Chairman of Governors in deploring what he described as the unnecessary destruction of schools that had proved their worth over many years. He felt that comprehensive schools, grammar and direct grant schools should be able to co-exist.

After the Head Boy had proposed a vote of thanks to Brigadier Page, Mrs. D. Blackman and Mr. O. Brockway made a presentation to Mr. Bates on behalf of the Parents' Association to mark the end of his long career at the School.

CHAPEL

The Christian life of the School has continued to flourish. The worship in the Chapel has followed its mixture of Schools Services (jointly held with the High School), Matins and Communion Services. I am grateful to the clergy and laymen who have preached in the Chapel during the year.

Schools Services, 1976

Feb. 15th:	'Christian Mission'	Mr. H. F. W. Holmes
Mar. 14th:	'Freedom within Religion'	Mr. T. P. Jones
Apr. 4th:	'Eastertide'	Canon J. V. Skinner
May 9th:	'The Challenge of Refugees'	Br. Bernard, S.S.F.
June 13th:	'Healing'	Revd. P. B. Willmot
July 11th:	Old Shastonian Service	Revd. P. Hastrop
Sept. 19th:	'Who is my neighbour?'	Revd. C. J. Godfrey
Oct. 10th:	Harvest Thanksgiving	Revd. J. Calvert
Nov. 14th:	Remembrance Service	Revd. R. J. W. Morris
Dec. 12th:	'Christmastide'	Revd. U. H. Peart

The planning of these services has been the responsibility of the Lay Chaplain and the Schools Service Committee (N. Burd, D. Richards, J. Macey, and four senior girls from the High School).

On a more informal level, there are four Christian discussion groups. These groups meet fortnightly and are designed to show the relevance of the Christian faith in the world of today. Occasionally speakers are invited to shed new light on old issues.

The Discovery Group (IV Formers) presented an experimental service for the Sunday morning service on 26th September. The service was based on the discussion shared by six characters from varying walks of life. The discussion was enhanced by readings and hymns. The theme was 'Christianity for All' and explored 'Who is God?' and 'What does Christianity mean in practice?'

Confirmation

This was held at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, 23rd May. The Bishop of Salisbury, the Rt. Revd. George Reindorp, officiated. Among those presenting themselves for confirmation were six boys from the Grammar School.

Gifts to the Chapel

The Old Shastonians presented a silver wafer box in memory of R. B. Minchin (Headmaster 1954-1958).

A set of wooden candlesticks was made by P. Howlett for the side chapel at the west end of the Chapel. In style, they are similar to the candlesticks on the main altar.

Chapel Business

A large part of the smooth running of the Chapel is due to the Chapel Committee. In July C. Howlett passed his responsibilities as sacristan on to his brother, P. Howlett. G. Bingham (Head Sidesman), A. Burd (Head Server), and P. Howlett (Sacristan) were joined on the Committee in September by M. Waterson and D. Locke. Apart from performing necessary administrative duties, the Committee has been well used as a channel for an exchange of ideas between Lay Chaplain and the boys.

The loyalty of a number of junior boys in routine Chapel work is greatly appreciated.

The Chapel has enjoyed the expertise of staff wives and parents in the arrangements of the flowers and thanks are offered to all who have helped with the Chapel decoration through the year.

Chapel Finance

A considerable sum of money will have been spent in the Chapel when a new set of choir robes arrives early in 1977. A set of Psalters and Hymn Books is also being bought for the choir.

A fund has been started to raise money for the replacement of the old peal of four bells with a peal of six bells. The collections from the 8.30 Holy Communion services are given towards this fund. The fund has recently reached £70.

The Chapel Committee has decided to give £30 a year to the work of the North Devon Holiday Home Trust for Deprived Children. This charity, run by a religious community, offers some love and care to children who, in our large cities, do not enjoy a family upbringing.

During the year £73 has been given to various charities chosen by the two committees.

The gifts from the Harvest Thanksgiving Service were taken to the Chubb's Alms House.

W.T.R.

C.E.M. CONFERENCES

The sixth form conference was held on Wednesday, 10th March, at Gillingham School. The conference title was "More Science for a Better Life?" The leader of the all-day conference was Dr. Tarassenko, a nuclear scientist of Russian parents. This conference was attended by sixth form pupils from the Grammar School, the High School and Gillingham School.

The fifth form conference was held on Friday, 12th March, at the High School. Representatives of two charities, "Help the Aged" and "Save the Children", addressed the morning-only conference. The theme of the conference was to examine the motives and values of the charities that so regularly appeal for money. The conference was attended by all the Grammar School and High School fifth formers and by fifth formers from Gillingham School and Christy's School.

W.T.R.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Membership currently stands at sixty-seven families and the Committee very much hope that this figure will rise during the year.

Last year we ran two Jumble Sales to raise funds, in June and November, which were both well-attended and very successful. In February, Mr. Peers, Curator of the Dorset County Museum in Dorchester, gave a fascinating talk and showed us some very interesting slides on the work of the Museum and its projects. Our next function was the Musical Evening held in the Chapel in April, involving the boys and various local singers; this was a most enjoyable occasion.

The Spring Dance was once more a great success and we again gave supper before the dancing began. We provided coffee for new boys and their parents in July, and the year ended with the A.G.M. in October, after which we were glad to be able to entertain parents and staff to a buffet and wine. One of our most successful and useful ventures has been the Secondhand Clothes Stall, which is being such a help to many of us whose boys seem to grow out of everything in next to no time!

We have helped the School in various ways during the year from our funds, and were very pleased to be able to provide a cupboard to house the secondhand uniform in the School, and also to help refurbish and replace the wooden seats in the grounds. We were also able to increase our contribution to "The Shastonian" this year.

This year we have two particular projects in view: to make good and re-paint the Squash Courts and to replace the Sports Pavilion, towards which major operation our fund-raising activities will be principally directed.

Apart from fund-raising activities, which are, of course, very important, the Parents' Association enables parents and staff to meet one another at its various functions and so continue the spirit of friendship and co-operation between School and parents for the benefit of the boys. The subscription is only 50p per family per year, so if you are not already a member, do please join and help to support the Association in its work.

MRS. A. J. S. BULLEN
(Hon. Secretary)

MUSIC NOTES

Although this year included no musical events to compete with the 1975 Shaftesbury Festival, nevertheless music continues to develop within the School thanks to the efforts of Mr. Ballam and a dedicated peripatetic staff.

In 1976 we again performed our by-now traditional service to the diocese by singing evensong in Salisbury Cathedral on March 10th. Encouraged by a sumptuous tea at the Bay Tree Restaurant, the choir sang simple but effective settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis with enthusiasm.

On the 8th April, a concert, under the auspices of the P.A., was held in the School Chapel. The School choir sang with gusto the rousing ballad, "Admiral Benbow", and gave a sensitive rendition of "I will give my love an apple". In addition, the Shaston Singers entertained us with an extensive programme of four-part songs ranging from Elizabethan madrigals to negro spirituals. The violin music played by Mr. and Mrs. Norman included the cerebral attraction of unaccompanied Bach and the embullience of Bartok duets. Solo items were also performed by members of the School: Chris Baldwin on the violin, Nicholas Burd on the clarinet, Patrick Palmer on the 'cello, Daniel Richards on the piano. Later in the programme, Fergus MacGrail gave an exciting performance on the piano of his own Rhapsody in B minor; Fergus was also organist for the triumphant singing of "Jerusalem" which concluded the evening.

There was little musical activity in the Summer Term, although an unusually large G.C.E. music group obtained good results in the Summer O. Levels.

The Chapel choir was well-attended this year, lending invaluable support both to the harmony lines of hymns and to the pointing of the more demanding psalms. We look forward in the years ahead to the development of our present trebles and altos into confident tenors and basses.

A junior school orchestra meets regularly, but unfortunately seniors have little opportunity for orchestral experience, though several have been members of the County Youth Orchestra and Mr. Ingram's Chamber Group. However, Mr. Ballam has hopes for a combined orchestra with the High School which should produce a group capable of tackling more demanding works.

1976 saw the following successes in the examinations of the Associated Board:

M. Locke (Piano: Grade I—Merit); M. Blackman (Piano: Grade D); D. Locke (Piano: Grade II); P. Kitching (Piano: Grade II—Merit); M. Allen ('Cello: Grade II); A. Rutter (Violin: Grade II—Merit); C. Baldwin (Violin: Grade III—Distinction); F. Hopkins (Violin: Grade III—Merit); T. Kitching (Piano: Grade III); N. Burd (Clarinet: Grades IV and V—Merit. Piano: Grade V); M. James (Clarinet: Grade IV—Merit. Grade V); D. Richards (Singing: Grade V—Merit. Theory: Grade V); I. Norman (Theory: Grade V); P. Palmer ('Cello: Grade VIII Finals—Merit).

P. H. PALMER & D. RICHARDS

"THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR"

Members of staff and boys, with the invaluable assistance of some girls from the High School, presented an outstanding production of Nikolai Gogol's comedy, *The Government Inspector*, in the Memorial Hall at the end of the Christmas term. Four performances were given: on Monday, 13th December for the Shaftesbury Silver Thread Club; and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings for parents and friends of the School.

Some Old Boys will remember the previous, most successful production of this entertaining comedy about corrupt officials in a provincial Russian town and the arrival of a supposed Government Inspector from St. Petersburg. Now, ten years later, Mr. Brooks repeated that success with a lively and memorable production, showing a great deal of inventiveness and reaching a fine climax with the sinister steps of the gendarme, who entered from the back of the hall to announce the arrival of the real Government Inspector.

Mr. G. J. Hough was admirably cast as the Mayor, a powerful character, who dominated townspeople and officials alike. Jonathan Lipscombe was outstanding as the naïve Postmaster, Nicholas Burd made an imposing Judge, Timothy Ridgers a greedy Charity Commissioner, and Raymond Le Var a timorous Schools Superintendent.

The two richly comic parts of Dobchinsky and Bobchinsky were played with extraordinary assurance and a marvellous sense of timing by Mark Johnson and Patrick Palmer, but the finest performance was undoubtedly by Daniel Richards in the leading role of Khlyestakov, the Petersburg clerk and ne'er-do-well, who is mistaken for the Government Inspector. He was complaining and ruthless, drunken and boastful all in turn, yet always gradiose in speech and gesture.

Christopher Baldwin, as Ossip, gave an excellent portrayal of the classic Russian servant, remarkably independent and full of peasant wisdom.

Janet Baker was Anna Andreyevna, the Mayor's wife, and she emphasised strikingly that character's shrewish nature. Fiona McKenzie was wholly engaging as the Major's flirtatious daughter.

The smaller parts were played as follows: the Mayor's servant, Mishka, Geoffrey Saunders; a shop-keeper, Christopher Taylor; the Locksmith's wife, Mary Dunford; the Charity Commissioner's wife, Bernice Oliver; the School Superintendent's wife, Jennifer Wyatt; the Sergeant's widow was played in alternate performances by Anna Hill and Frances Butler; George Bingham

doubled as a merchant and the Police Superintendent; Jonathan Rankin, as a Constable and a shop-keeper; Patrick Howlett as a waiter and the gendarme.

The Stage Manager was Nigel Wilkinson, assisted by the Stage Gang: Christopher Roberts, David Andrews, Neil Johnstone, Paul Collins, Nicholas Seymour and Lee Rickard. Lighting was by Neil Johnstone, Julian Macey and John Edgley under the direction of Nicholas Burd. Make-up was by David Field, Clive Rogerson, John Barry, Mark Findlay-Wilson, Andrew Walby, Simon Howarth, Andrew Johnson, Sharon Marsh and Miss Janet Leicester—all under the direction of Mr. P. J. Rolfe.

The Prompter was Adrian Burd; the Wardrobe Mistress, Mrs. D. Daltry; and the Business Manager, Mr. P. D. Jacques.

F.C.H.

ROTARY SPEAKING COMPETITION, 1976

The preliminary round of the Rotary "Youth Speaks" competition for Shaftesbury and Gillingham district took place at St. Mary's Convent on the 21st January, 1976. Only one Grammar School team was entered, consisting of Daniel Richards, chairman, Patrick Palmer, speaker and Nicholas Burd, proposer of the vote of thanks. Although the eloquence of the girls of St. Mary's Convent was, as usual, formidable, the Grammar School team won.

The area round of the competition was held at the Allendale Community Centre, Wimborne. Because we unfortunately spoke for longer than the strict timing regulations of the competition permit, our team came second. The winners were the boys of Poole Grammar School—victors of previous years.

Our Grammar School team has now formally retired but we have no doubt that future teams will bring the School even greater success in Public Speaking competitions.

P. H. PALMER

DORSET ROAD SAFETY QUIZ, 1976

With only one change to last year's team, the School foursome once again defeated the other schools in the county to win the Dorset Road Safety Cup for the third time in succession. Blandford Upper School was the venue of the first round, where we earned a place in the final, held at the Dorchester Primary School. This was a small diversion from the usual routine but the team remained unruffled and took a marginal but much celebrated victory.

The team was: G. Bingham (capt.), R. Wyatt, M. Johnson and P. Calcott, with C. Wyatt as the reserve. Our thanks go to P.C. Davey of the Dorset Police for organising the competition and especially to Mr. P. D. Jacques, for his consistent and award-winning coaching.

G. F. BINGHAM

BRIONNE, 1976

This year sixteen pupils from our school participated in the Brionne exchange. Leaving Shaftesbury at 8.30 a.m. on Saturday, 23rd October, we set off for Southampton. On our arrival, we embarked upon *H.M. Dragon*, of Normandy Ferries. We arrived in Le Havre at about 6.45 p.m. After an hour's coach journey, passing over France's largest suspension bridge, the Pont de Tancarville, we arrived at Brionne. We were soon directed to a room in the C.E.S. (Brionne School) and after a while were introduced to our pen-friends.

After having Sunday free, at home with our pen-friends and their families, some of us went into C.E.S. Brionne for Monday school. This was quite an experience—especially the English lesson!

On Tuesday morning, at 9.00 a.m., all the Shaftesbury pupils and their pen-friends left on three coaches for Versailles. After looking round the palace of the "Sun King", Louis XIV, with the benefit of an English-speaking guide, we went to the park of Vincennes, just outside Paris. There, we ate our packed lunches by the big lake in the park. Then we went on a sight-seeing drive around Paris, stopping to have a drink and to take some photographs of the cathedral of Notre-Dame.

During the week in Brionne, some of us visited the Abbey at Le Bec Hellouin, which has a car museum alongside it containing over fifty cars. Wednesday and Thursday were free days, and on Thursday evening, at the Salle des Fêtes, a disco was held, complete with drinks at the relatively cheap price of one franc fifty (about eighteen pence) each. Friday was the last whole day, and on Saturday morning, at 9.30 a.m., we left Brionne. The trip from Le Havre to Southampton was made on *H.M. Leopard*, of Normandy Ferries, and we arrived safely back at Shaftesbury Town Hall at about 8.30 p.m.

M. BLACKMAN

SKI-ING

The 1976 Dorset Ski Course took place, as usual, in Le Mont Dore. The party, led by Mr. P. D. Jacques, left school on a cold Wednesday at the unheard-of hour of four o'clock. We left Gatwick on a Boeing 727 owned by Dan-Air and after a coach journey from Clermont Ferrand we arrived at Le Mont Dore just in time for lunch. In the afternoon we were issued with our skis, and the job of checking safety bindings (which hold the boots on the skis) and ski soles began. This was important as faulty equipment can lead to injury.

The next day we were taken by bus to the foot of the mountain, where the school groups were broken up, and put into ski classes. The advanced group made straight for the ski lift, eager to see if they could recapture last year's skills, while the beginners were wondering how their thick, heavy, ski boots would fit onto those planks of wood (most skis these days are, in fact, plastic or metal). They soon found out and were then worried about something else—how to stop!

Back with the advanced group, now at the top of the ski lift, Ski Instructor Dennis began to teach the art of parallel turns, which once achieved seemed to change ski-ing into a totally new sport. Now we were up with the experts!

In the evenings when we returned from the slopes there was plenty of free time. We looked around the town, went swimming on certain nights and had crêpes and hot chocolate in local cafés. After dinner some form of evening entertainment was arranged: Beetle Drives; Fondue Evenings—at which a delicious cheese fondue was served; Disco's; and parties; and as always a Talent Contest, which was again won by a Grammar School member, who did impersonations of T.V. stars.

Thankfully, this year, we had no major injuries, and after the Tests we found that everyone had passed, with Mark Johnson, an advanced skier, obtaining the English Junior Three Star Award, the first ever in the school.

Other awards were:

English Junior Two Star: A. Hiscock, T. Johnson, M. Robinson, A. Walby.

English Junior One Star: G. Blackman, P. Calcott, M. Compton.
G. Blackman, P. Calcott, M. Compton.

M. Mansbridge and N. Bennett were unfit for the tests.

M. JOHNSON

SCIENCE VISIT TO TRINITY COLLEGE

Two of my colleagues, Martin Casemore and David Manley, and I were invited to represent the School as Lower Sixth "scientists" in a tour around Oxford's Trinity College science laboratories. We were very pleased to accept.

We arrived at Oxford at about 11.20 a.m. on Thursday the 28th October. After parking his car, Mr. Jacques set a brisk pace as we walked back to Trinity to be received along with parties from a few other schools. We were one of the last groups to arrive, which was due to parking problems rather than any lack of speed on Mr. Jacques's part. After brief introductions we were informed of our timetable for that day and were given the opportunity to ask a few questions.

Following this preliminary chat, we set out, under the guidance of a student, to explore the grounds and a part of the city. Although we had only been there an hour, and were rather awed by the fact that we were in such a distinguished establishment of learning, we found the people and the buildings pleasantly informal. There was a camaraderie between the students which we had not anticipated and we found it very encouraging.

We ate a hearty dinner, at the expense of the University, alongside a physics professor. Then we got down to the business of discovering the secrets of the science laboratories. I chose to visit the biochemistry lab. while David went to the physical chemistry lab. and Martin honoured the physics lab. with his presence. Each of these buildings was a hive of activity. Between us we saw computers for molecular analysis, a laser-spectrograph, a particle accelerator and much other intriguing apparatus for which we only wished we had more time. Work in these labs. progressed in a steady, relaxed manner with small groups of students tackling set tasks. From what we were told we gathered that work was not all-time-consuming but the rewards of idleness were hardly beneficial.

As I left the lab. our guide mentioned that once one settled in University 'A'-levels seemed easy in retrospect. Of course, I was not seeing things from quite his point of view but my discouragement was only momentary.

We left Trinity at 5.30 p.m. after a thoroughly enjoyable day, having learned a great deal of how things were run behind University walls.

We should like to thank Mr. Jaques for driving us to Oxford and the School for sponsoring the trip.

A. J. RUTT

THIRD FORM VISIT TO BRISTOL ZOO

At five past twelve on a Tuesday, all of the Third Form had an early lunch. The boarders had a meal in their dining room, and the dayboys had a packed lunch in the Physics lab. At half past twelve the coach arrived and after finishing our food we got into the coach. When Mr. Jacques had called everyone's name to make sure we were all there, the coach jerked forward and set off for Bristol Zoo.

The coach stopped near the entrance to Bristol Zoo. After we had been given instruction sheets, telling us which animals we had to study, and had picked up pens and writing paper, we got out of the coach.

The aim of our expedition was to study certain animals and to note down details about their feeding habits, feeding apparatus and food. Later we had to write projects based on the notes we took.

When we had all got out of the coach, Mr. Jacques and Mr. Fay led us into the zoo. We were organised into two groups. I went round with Mr. Jacques' group.

The first animals we saw were Brown and Polar Bears. As we approached, the bears lumbered over towards us and those who had cameras took a photograph. There was a nasty smell around this area so we moved on quickly to the Monkey House. The monkeys were very popular, especially when a small monkey blew a raspberry at us!

In the Reptile House we were lucky enough to see an enormous python being cleaned by the keeper. Most of us kept well away, but Rutter decided to have a closer look and ended up stroking it. The reptile we really came to see was the crocodile. When we went over to have a look at a small crocodile, it walked over so that its nose nearly touched the glass which we were looking through. Then it opened its mouth really wide and we got a perfect view of its sharp teeth.

We had to study twelve animals in all and by the time we had seen several animals not on the list (like some enormous carp which Lishman wanted to see) it was getting dark. At half past four we left Bristol and at half past six we arrived back in Shaftesbury.

T. KITCHING

THE RETIREMENT OF B. S. BATES

'George' Bates, as he was known to all his colleagues, his many friends in Shaftesbury and to several generations of Old Boys, retired at the end of the Summer Term after twenty-five years' devoted service to the School. He was appointed by Mr. R. B. Minchin in September 1951 to teach Classics and to be senior resident master in the Boarding House—but that is an inadequate description of the role he played in the life of Shaftesbury Grammar School.

He was an outstanding Form Master and the Third Form was "the best Form in the School". His numerous activities included the Rug Club, later re-named the Friday Club, for junior boarders in the winter; the Gardening Club in the Summer Term for all who were interested; walking to the top of Melbury, black-berrying in September, umpiring and encouraging the renowned under 15 Cricket Club; expeditions to the Bath and West Show, to Twickenham, to the Royal Horticultural Show and staff cricket matches at Ashmore. All the time, through each succeeding term, he looked after the welfare of the boarders, always available for help, advice or pocket money, from breakfast time till 'lights out'—and after that when there were crises.

His greatest achievement, however, was undoubtedly to establish Rugby at the School. It had been played before 1951, but under George's inspiring leadership and enthusiasm it became a major game, alongside Cricket and Soccer. During the 1960's a great reputation was won for the School by the Rugby XV's and large numbers of Old Boys, having learned the game here, have gone on to enjoy it, not only at club level but in representative teams as well.

Old Boys, parents, the Headmaster, staff and boys, on various occasions at the end of the summer term, all tried to express some part of their deeply felt appreciation of George's long service and lasting friendship. We miss his presence in the School. As the Head Master said at Speech Day in July: he has been able to fill the vacancy on the staff, but he has not been able to replace George. How could he?

F.C.H.

SPORT . . .

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

First XI

The side produced no consistent goalscorer, and the value of C. Edgley to the 1975 XI became only too evident. Initially it seemed that Wilkinson was to take on Edgley's mantle, but having scored in each of the opening four matches, including a well-merited hat-trick against Bishop Wordworth's, he did not score again.

The defence, in which Davis particularly developed well as a centre-defender, generally proved competent enough although too often without quite sufficient cover from the midfield players. Had the attack been able to put away the chances they created, the XI could and should have had a good record in inter-school matches and a sense of satisfaction at the end of the season. As it was, games against Blandford and Warminster were lost by a solitary late goal after long periods of fruitless Shaftesbury pressure. Even this year's strong Foster's side was chased and harried into uncharacteristic errors until it realised Shaftesbury would not score! The season ended on a sour note when a rather scratch Colfox XI snatched a 2-1 victory. Three superb headers and a fine shot on the turn by the youthful Kirby-Williams had gone inches wide. It seemed it was not to be our year. Gillingham, beaten 6-0, could therefore justifiably feel we had consumed a whole season's luck in that one match.

The regular players were: N. Burd, S. Dennis, A. G. Stainer (captain), G. Davis, N. Johnstone, J. Romanillos, M. Hall, R. Watts, N. Pike, J. Luxton, N. Wilkinson, T. Rideout, C. Kirby-Williams.

Others who played were: J. Sendell, D. Field, R. Milton, N. Kirby, D. Thomson.

RESULTS

v. Sexey's, Bruton	Away	Lost	1-2
v. Bishop Wordworth's	Home	Won	4-0
v. Frome College	Home	cancelled (frost)	
v. Bournemouth School II	Away	cancelled (frost)	
v. Foster's	Away	Lost	1-4
v. Old Boys	Home	Won	5-2
v. Blandford Upper	Home	Lost	0-1
v. Poole G.S.	Away	Lost	0-4
v. Foster's	Home	Lost	2-5
v. Wadham, Crewkerne	Home	Won	3-0
v. Gillingham	Away	Won	6-0
v. Colfox, Bridport	Home	Lost	1-2

Colours were awarded to A. G. Stainer.

Second XI

The continued success of the 2nd XI in inter-school matches indicates the considerable depth of good average soccer ability there is in the School at the moment. In spite of the inevitable disruptions caused by providing reserves and replacements for the 1st XI, the Second XI was able to settle down with a nucleus of regular players and, under the enthusiastic captaincy of R. Milton, develop a good spirit and team understanding.

Six of the games were won comfortably and a great many goals were scored, but equally we ourselves could concede them in abundance if we did not pay due attention to basic skills and procedures. We allowed Bishop Wordworth's to come back at us and snatch a last-minute victory by two clear goals; and we were all at sea against Blandford Upper, who knocked the stuffing out of our centre defenders and gave goalkeeper Laycock (more usually a winger) a difficult afternoon.

Regular members of the side were: S. Trevis and D. Field; D. Thomson, P. Houghton, J. Sendell, T. Coats, C. Rogerson; P. Laycock, D. Capon, R. Milton, N. Kirby, M. Walby, S. Bayliss. They were assisted on occasion by: N. Collis, T. Ridgers, M. Hall, J. Luxton, C. Kirby-Williams, N. Wilkinson, T. Rideout.

RESULTS

v. Sexey's, Bruton	Won	6—3
v. Bishop's Wordsworth	Lost	2—4
v. Foster's	Won	6—1
v. Old Boys	Won	7—3
v. Blandford Upper	Lost	3—8
v. Gillingham	Won	6—2
v. Wadham, Crewkerne	Won	9—0
v. Foster's	Won	3—1

Under 15 XI

The XI suffered the disadvantages of playing soccer in only one term and of a comparatively sparse fixture list. There was so much individual skill in the players that regular match experience together could have made them into a very good side indeed.

Although neither fully appreciated the mechanics of their roles as centre-forward and winger respectively, Kirby-William's aggression and agility in the penalty area and Tucker's speed and powerful shooting made them potentially outstanding as front-runners. Pinnington's intelligent play on the wing and a natural urge to score compensated for his lack of pace and really close ball control. We eventually discovered that the ideal midfield combination was Brice, Bristow and Gill, Brice especially able to combine a gritty defence with lively support for the attack. Particularly pleasing was the rapid development of Robertson as a centre-back, strong in the tackle and usually tenacious in marking his opponent out of the game. Supporting him was G. Stickler, the captain, a little short of pace as yet but an intelligent reader of the game nonetheless. S. Milton and Hind, both enthusiastic but rather impetuous, and Bingham, quick and strong in the tackle, shared the flank positions. In Lines we had a goalkeeper with natural aptitude for the position but he was always vulnerable to the high shots. Finally, L. Rickard proved a most competent defensive utility player when required.

During the season, Tucker, Pinnington, Brice, Bristow and Kirby-Williams represented N. Dorset Schools in the English Schools' Trophy competition and had the great experience of playing under lights on Reading's league ground. Kirby-Williams was our first U.15 County player for some twenty years.

RESULTS

v. Sexey's, Bruton	Drew	3—3
v. Frome College	Cancelled	
v. Dunworth School	Won	9—0
v. Blandford Upper	Lost	1—5
v. Warminster School	Won	4—2
v. Christy's School	Lost	2—4

M.J.W.

Under 14 XI

This certainly could not be described as one of our better seasons. The greatest drawback was that we lacked any real talent. However, what we lacked in ability was made up for in determination and effort. By their own example, captain Roberts and vice-captain Pike tended to lift the rest of the team and certainly helped us to win the first two matches. We never looked like winning any other matches but it is to the team's credit that they never stopped trying.

The following played regularly: A. Roberts, J. Pike, A. Johnson, M. Johnson, J. Zakiewicz, D. Clews, D. Foster, W. Knight, J. Macassey, R. Cullen, I. Romanillos. The following also played: M. Waterson, A. Burd.

RESULTS

v. Fosters's, Sherborne	Away	Won	3-0
v. Dunworth, Tisbury	Home	Won	2-0
v. Poole Grammar School	Away	Lost	0-12
v. Foster's, Sherborne	Home	Lost	0-8
v. Gillingham School	Away	Lost	1-5
v. Kingdown School, Warminster	Away	Lost	0-3
v. Christy's School	Home	Drew	2-2
v. Colfox School	Home	Lost	1-3

P.D.J.

Inter-House Competition, 1976

The senior house matches were fiercely contested and often produced soccer of a high quality. There was the usual crop of upsets and Corinthians took the Watmough Cup from Romans only on goal-average.

RESULTS

<i>Seniors</i>		<i>Juniors</i>
4-5	Corinthians v. Romans	2-0
0-2	Corinthians v. Spartans	4-1
1-1	Corinthians v. Trojans	3-1
0-1	Romans v. Spartans	1-0
0-0	Romans v. Trojans	1-0
0-6	Spartans v. Trojans	0-2

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag't	pts.
Corinthians	6	3	1	2	14	10	7
Romans	6	3	1	2	7	7	7
Trojans	6	2	2	2	10	5	6
Spartans	6	2	0	4	4	13	4

M.J.W.

SQUASH

This year, several boys entered the Dorset Junior Men's Squash Closed Championship held at Bryanston School on the 11th and 12th of December in 1976. Selwood, Griffiths and Greenland—who reached the semi-final—entered the Under 14 age-group and I. Romanillos entered the Under 16 group.

As last year, there has been a regular training programme for the first form organised by Mr. Simmonds and helped by Mr. Ridding and various senior pupils, notably G. Bingham, A. Pinnington and R. Wyatt.

It is hoped that this term we will be able to hold a Junior Under 15 and Open Squash Championships and complete the inter-house squash for points for the house shield.

N. BURD

CROSS COUNTRY

J. Luxton won the senior race, with M. Hollingshead second; C. Kirby-Williams won the intermediate race, with W. T. Knight second; and A. Rutter won the junior race, with P. Sullivan second.

RESULTS

1st Trojans: 93 points. 2nd Corinthians: 105 points. 3rd Romans: 106 points. 4th Spartans: 113 points.

B.G.B.

CRICKET, 1976

1st XI

RESULTS: Drawn 3, Lost 5

It can be clearly seen from the results that this was not a successful season. Several matches could and should have been won but talented members of the side failed to make the most of their abilities in match situations. The team was ably led by T. D. Rideout, with assistance from N. A. Wilkinson as vice-captain.

The batting was more consistent than for the last few seasons. Watts proved the most reliable run-scorer with a splendid 50 against Bishop Wordsworth's and other useful performances. Rideout started the season well with 47 against Clayesmore but failed to live up to this again. Romanillos always looked the most polished batsman and Davis the most aggressive. Trevis, Johnstone and Collins all produced innings of quality but lacked the technique for a high score. It is essential in matches that any bad ball is punished so that good deliveries can be treated on their merits with sound defence. Batsmen must be prepared to wait for the right ball and then run between the wickets correctly so that singles may be turned into two runs whenever possible.

Davis and Wilkinson spear-headed the attack and both bowled well. Davis had a good pace and action but tried to bowl too quickly too early and found great difficulty in controlling his length and direction. His tendency to bowl short and on or outside leg stump proved expensive. Wilkinson had more control and bowled particularly well against Shaftesbury to take 5-29. Johnstone provided change bowling while Collins and Romanillos gave variety to the attack with their own brand of spin but they and their captain must think about their field placing to obtain the results they are seeking.

In the field the side performed well. Rideout set a good example and all players backed him by their efforts. Burd continued to improve behind the wicket but needs more practice in standing up to the spinners.

With the majority of players still at school there is much hope for improved results in 1977.

Regular players for the 1st XI were: T. D. Rideout (capt.), N. A. Wilkinson (vice-capt.), N. Burd, T. Coats, P. M. Collins, G. L. Davis, M. S. Hall, N. F. Johnstone, J. P. Romanillos, A. G. Stainer, S. P. Trevis, R. Watts.

J. Sendell and G. A. Bingham played in one match each.

1st XI Caps were awarded to R. Watts, S. P. Trevis, G. L. Davis.

RESULTS

v. Agrarians C.C. (H)		Lost by 82 runs
Agrarians	181—7 dec.	(M. Doggrell 60, G. J. H. 3—29, Wilkinson 3—55)
School	99	(Johnstone 24)

v. Clayesmore (A)		Drawn
School	139—8 dec.	(Rideout 47, Collins 31)
Clayesmore	83—7	(Davis 4—19, Wilkinson 3—24)
v. Foster's School (H)		Lost by 5 wickets
School	71	(Watts 22)
Fosters	75—2	(Wilkinson 2—38, Davis 3—16)
v. Shaftesbury C.C. (A)		Lost by 1 wicket
School	92	(Romanillos 27, Watts 28)
Shaftesbury	93—9	(Wilkinson 5—29, Collins 2—6, Davis 2—32)
v. Milton Abbey School (A)		Lost by 101 runs
Milton Abbey	183—2	(Davis 2—66)
School	82	(Watts 33)
v. Bishop Wordsworth's School (H)		Lost by 7 wickets
School	134—8	(Watts 50, Trevis 23, Davis 21)
Bishop's	139—3	(Davis 3—39)
v. Q.E.S. Wimborne (H)		Drawn
School	118—9 dec.	Rideout 26, Wilkinson 22)
Q.E.S.	67—3	
v. Old Boys' XI		Drawn
Old Boys	130	(L. Summerson 58, B. Bleach 26)
		Wilkinson 4—26, Davis 4—34)
School	65—9	(Trevis 32, J. Goodson 4—4, I. Johnstone 4—10)

G. J. H.

Under 15 XI

Captained by Pinnington, with Gill as vice-captain, this side enjoyed some good cricket in the hot summer of 1976, winning two out of its six matches.

Although Gill and Calcott bowled one or two promising spells, the attack was dominated by Pinnington and A. Johnson, who between them took 32 wickets out of the 46 that fell. Both bowled with reasonable accuracy and considerable stamina, and were supported by what was at times impressively sharp fielding, with Gill, in particular, holding some fine catches at gully and slip. Stickler and his reserve, M. Johnson, kept wicket competently.

The batting, as usual, was less reliable. Moore and Calcott played well at Claysmore, but disappointed thereafter. Stickler, Rickard and Gill had isolated double-figure scores and Milton twice made useful, cheerful and unorthodox runs. The innings of the season, however, was undoubtedly Pinnington's hard hitting 51 against Sherborne School. Partnered first by Bigwood and then by Milton, he looked like winning a game that had seemed lost. It was an occasion to be remembered: a brilliant summer evening, good bowling and fielding, exciting batting—with as big and as involved an audience of boys as I can remember for a junior match.

Boys who played were: A. G. Pinnington (captain), A. Gill (vice-captain), P. Calcott, G. Moore, G. Bingham, A. Johnson, M. Bigwood, I. Romanillos, L. Rickard, J. Macassey, G. Stickler, M. Waterson, M. Johnson, S. Milton, T. Prideaux.

RESULTS

v. Clayesmore		Won by 9 wickets
Clayesmore	51	(Pinnington 5—19, A. Johnson
School	52—1	(Moore 24, Calcott 13 n.o.)
v. Wells Cathedral School		5—26)
School	57	Won by 14 runs
Wells	43	(Stickler 18 n.o.)

v. Milton Abbey School	60	(Pinnington 5—17, A. Johnson 5—20)
Milton Abbey	68—1	Lost by 9 wickets
v. Bishop Wordsworth's		Lost by 75 runs
P. Wordsworth's	149	(Pinnington 5—33)
School	74	(Rickard 32, Stickler 19)
v. Sherborne School U15 B		Lost by 39 runs
Sherborne	152—8 dec.	(Gill 4—44)
School	113	(Pinnington 51, Bigwood 21)
v. Sherborne School U15 B		Lost by 32 runs
Sherborne	135—6 dec.	(Gill 23 n.o., Calcott 17, Moore 16)
School	103	

P.J.R.

Under 14 XI

This could and should have been the best season for some years. There was a wealth of bowling ability that was realised in extremely good spells by Calcott, Johnson A, Cullen, Macassey and Romanillos. It was a different story, however, when it comes to the batting. It is an unfortunate fact that boys at this age seem to find it difficult to grasp the importance of defensive strokes. Only Calcott used them when it mattered and as a consequence was able to score his fifty—only the second boy to do so since 1965. It is a great pity that, yet again, this has to be the main criticism of under 14 cricket. Patience is a virtue but never more so than in cricket and future under 14 players should remember that not every ball can be 'hit for six'.

Congratulations to Calcott for his splendid captaincy and all-round performance (60 runs and 7 wickets in the three matches).

Congratulations also to Macassey, who won the single-wicket competition.

Those who played were: P. Calcott, A. Johnson, M. Johnson, R. Cullen, J. Macassey, I. Romanillos, M. Waterson, J. Rankin, M. Baker, C. Wyatt, D. Blake, A. Roberts, D. Foster.

RESULTS

v. Foster's School		Lost by 50 runs
Foster's	76	(J. Macassey 5—21, P. Calcott 4—16)
School	26	
v. Winton School		Lost by 2 wickets
Winton	118—8	(P. Calcott 55)
School	74	
v. Q.E.S., Wimborne		Won by 4 wickets
Wimborne	80	(I. Romanillos 4—13, A. Johnson 3—14, J. Macassey 19)
School	81—6	

P.D.J.

House Matches

The senior games were well contested with some high scoring matches and good individual performances. Three senior sides all won two matches but Spartans were overall winners since their junior side won all its three games.

RESULTS:

<i>Senior</i>			
Trojans	44—1	beat	Romans 71
Spartans	88	beat	Romans 38
(Wilkinson 25 n.o.)			(Romanillos 2—6, Bingham 2—8, Davis 2—13)
Trojans	126	beat	Corinthians 69
(Davis, 44			(Davis 3—17)
Bingham 37 n.o.			
Rideout 3—11)			

Corinthians	123	beat	Spartans	87
(Pinnington, A, 45 n.o.)			(Trevis 35 n.o.)	
Rogerson 22 n.o.				
Rideout 25)				
Corinthians	75-4	beat	Romans	72
(Rideout 32 n.o.)			(Ridgers 36 n.o., Watts 3-13)	
Spartans	115	beat	Trojans	70
(Trevis 84)			(Johnstone 3-16)	
Junior				
Spartans		beat	Corinthians	by 77 runs
Trojans		beat	Romans	by 8 wickets
Spartans		beat	Romans	
Corinthians		beat	Trojans	by 5 wickets
Spartans		beat	Trojans	by 100 runs
Corinthians		beat	Romans	by 69 runs
	P	W	L	Pts
Spartans	6	5	1	10
Corinthians	6	4	2	8
Trojans	6	3	3	6
Romans	6	0	6	0

G.J.H.

SWIMMING

The new Sports Centre at Gillingham with its heated and covered swimming pool was opened in the spring of 1976 and we were able to make arrangements to use the bath not only for after-school swimming but also on July 8th, when all the boys and staff were taken to Gillingham by a shuttle service of coaches for the Swimming Sports. Old Boys who have been competitors in past Swimming Sports at the Shaftesbury Bath; sometimes in the rain, always in cold water, will best appreciate the advantage obtained by this change in the arrangements.

The Hallet Swimming Cup was won by Trojans, with 45 points; Spartans were runners-up, 44½ points; Romans were third, 42½ points; Corinthians, fourth, 34 points.

Being able to use a heated, indoor pool means that swimming is now an all-the-year-round activity. Mr. Brooks and Mr. Fay take the Second Forms swimming regularly every week as part of the time-table; and with Mr. Webber and Mr. Jacques have continued their invaluable coaching and examining for A.S.A. awards on Friday evenings. In addition, Mr. Fay has begun Life Saving Classes for the Bronze Medallion of the Royal Life Saving Society.

A.S.A. awards were obtained as follows:

Summer 1976. Bronze: M. D. Allen, D. V. E. Blake, C. D. Chapman, A. Davis, M. J. Lanham, L. F. Vaughan, D. Winckle. *Gold:* G. Stickler. *Honours:* S. Bonnell.

December 1976. Bronze: J. D. Cash, D. R. Hiscock, D. J. Locke, D. J. Marsh, T. C. W. Prideaux, M. W. Robinson, A. Selwood. *Silver:* D. Blake, M. Lanham, D. J. Locke. *Gold:* M. Johnson.

F.C.H.

TENNIS

Plenty of tennis was played during the term and Mr. Renaudo did some coaching during games lessons. We had one fixture, against Foster's School. This was played at the same time as the First XI match against the same school, which meant that both sides had to consist of non-cricketers. We lost 3-10. Our three pairs were: J. Macey and S. Bayliss; M. S. Hall and N. Hillier; J. Luxton and M. Walby.

The Inter-House tennis was played at the crowded end of term and Trojans and Corinthians were joint winners. J. Romanillos won the Dennis Tennis Cup, beating S. Bayliss in the final.

B.G.B.

ATHLETICS, 1976

The Sports were held on Monday and Tuesday, 5th and 6th July, during the famous heatwave and drought. The ground was so hard that javelins broke on impact, as did our one and only 1 kg. discus, during the finals, thus forcing the intermediates throw the 1½ kg. discus. For the high jumpers, though, the landing was very soft! We used the thick foam landing mats belonging to the North Dorset Schools. This had to mean at least one high jump record being broken—and it was, by M: Walby, who also shared the coveted Senior Champion Athlete Cup with A. G. Stainer.

A. M. Rutter broke his own record of last year in the junior 1500 m and Mr. Robertson set up a new junior 70 m. hurdles record in the eliminations, only to be beaten by Rutter in the finals in a slower time.

The cups were presented by Mrs. Kirby after tea and the day finished with a "dad and son" pairs golf competition.

RESULTS

<i>Senior</i>	<i>Intermediate</i>	<i>Junior</i>
<i>100m.</i>		
1st A. Stainer (C) 11.5	G. Claudet (C) 12.5	L. R. Green (S) 14.4
2nd M. Walby (C)	C. E. Tucker (S)	S. Pratley- (C)
<i>200m.</i>		
1st A. Stainer (C) 24.4	G. Claudet (C) 25.7	L. Green (S) 29.6
2nd M. Walby (C)	C. Tucker (S)	S. Pratley
<i>400m.</i>		
1st M. Walby (C) 56.3	A. Burd (T) 63.1	C. Roberts (S) 70.1
2nd J. Luxton (C)	S. Milton (S)	L. Green (S)
<i>800m.</i>		
1st. J. Luxton (C)	G. Claudet (C) 2m. 20.9	L. Symons (S) 2m. 41.9
2 min. 23.5		
2nd M. Walby (C)	M. Cook (S)	A. Rutter (S) 5m. 38.0*
<i>1500m.</i>		
1st J. Luxton (C)	W. Knight (R) 5m. 09.6	A. Ruter (S) 5m. 38.0*
4 min. 54.9		
2nd M. Hall (S)	R. Cullen (T)	M. Armstrong (S)
<i>100m. Hurdles</i>		
1st S. Dennis (S) 15.0		
2nd M. Walby (C)		
<i>80m. Hurdles</i>	M. Cook (S) 13.8	
	S. Milton	
<i>70m. Hurdles</i>		A. Rutter (S) 12.0
		M. Robertson (T)†
<i>Shot</i>		
1st N. Burd (T) 11.14m.	G. Claudet (C) 10.35m.	A. Hiscock (T) 7.67m.
2nd D. Field (T)	M. Bristow (S)	J. Macassey (C)
<i>Discus</i>		
1st N. Burd (T) 39.03m.	G. Claudet (C) 29.12m.	J. Macassey (C) 19.31m.
2nd J. Edgley (R)	M. Bristow- (S)	A. Hiscock (T)
<i>Javelin</i>		
1st N. Burd (T) 39.03m.	A. Pinnington 35.83m.	A. Rutter. (S) 26.07m.
2nd N. Johnstone (S)	I. Romanillos (T)	D. Marsh (S)
<i>Long Jump</i>		
1st A. Stainer (C) 5.97m.	C. Tucker (S) 4.87m.	L. Symons (S) 4.10m.
2nd J. Luxton (C)	A. Burd (T)	L. Green (S)
<i>Triple Jump</i>		
1st A. Stainer (C) 12.91m.	C. Tucker (S) 11.31m.	A. Rutter (S) 9.87m.
2nd C. Kirby-Williams (R)	A. Pinnington (C)	L. Symons (S)

High Jump

1st M. Walby (C) 1.68m* S. Kelson (C) 1.41m. L. Symons (S) 1.29m.
 2nd N. Wilkinson (T) T. Prideaux (S) M. Robertson (T)

4 x 100m. Relay

1st Corinthians 47.5 Spartans 53.6 Spartans 61.2

*New School record † New record in eliminations

1st Spartans	213 points
2nd Corinthians	186½ points
3rd Trojans	134½ points
4th Romans	93 points

B.G.B.

RUGBY, 1976

Following the now famous drought of the summer, we had one of the wettest rugger terms for years. Both of these climatic conditions hampered School rugby. The drought restricted the use of our playing fields for at least the first fortnight of term (by order of Dorset County Council) and consequently affected our early season training and coaching; and the rain later spoilt many games and fixtures and practices. This was frustrating because the School had the best 1st XV for quite a few years but was unable to reach its full playing potential in a few of the fixtures. Those 'few fixtures' always turned out to be the games when we needed a dry day for our good backs to run the ball.

But for all that, the XV was a well balanced side, very ably led by Nicholas Burd. His inspiring leadership, brought about mainly by example and enthusiasm, produced some excellent play. It was a joy to see his pack rampaging in close support or setting up good second phase situations. Here in particular the combination of Burd and Field at lock and Savage at no. 8 cannot be too highly praised.

The Old Boys managed to field a 1st XV and almost a 2nd XV on November 6th. The School 1st XV beat the O.B.'s 1st XV easily by 36 to 0 but the O.B.'s 2nd XV, greatly assisted by four players from the current School XV, easily beat the School's 2nd XV, so honours were just about even.

It is interesting to note that the following Old Boys played against the School:

A. Stainer (Capt.), I. Johnstone, G. Hillier, C. Edgley, C. S. Byford, S. Dennis, S. Walworth, W. Walworth, N. Murray, S. McKie, G. Silk, M. Pypers, M. Glaze, N. Heasman, T. Noyes, R. Gray, G. Bohot, R. Milton, K. Bateman, G. Bateman, M. Pike, A. Brice, A. Hollingshead, P. Wallom, M. Hayward, L. Escott.

Those who played for the School 1st XV during the term were:

N. Burd (Capt.) (11), R. Watts (Vice-Capt. (10), J. Savage (10), D. Field (11), N. Johnstone (10), G. Davis (10), N. Kirby (11), D. Hiscock (11), M. Walby (10), N. Wilkinson (10), G. Moore (10), M. James (10), C. Rogerson (10), J. Romanillos (9), M. Craig-McFeely (8), G. Bingham (6), M. Brockway (3), C. Tucker (1), C. Kirby-Williams (1).

N. Burd, R. Watts, D. Field, N. Johnstone, J. Savage, G. Davis, N. Kirby were all awarded their Colours during the season.

RESULTS

v. Clayesmore	Away	Lost	3—31
v. Sherborne	Away	Lost	0—6
v. Bournemouth	Home	Won	18—8

v. Yeovil College	Home	Lost	21—26
v. Wadham School, Crewkerne	Away	Won	51—7
v. Old Boys	Home	Won	36—0
v. Wells Cathedral	Away	Lost	0—8
v. Foster's	Home	Won	67—3
v. Bryanston	Away	Lost	11—14
v. Bournemouth	Away	Lost	19—24
v. Milton Abbey	Home	Lost	21—51
			B.G.B.

2nd XV

The 2nd XV, captained by T. Ridgers, had a very successful season, losing only to the Old Boys 2nd XV.

RESULTS

v. Wells Cathedral School	Won	30—23
v. Wadham School, Crewkerne	Won	22—6
v. Yeovil College	Won	58—21
v. O.B.'s	Lost	6—44

The score in the game against Yeovil was interesting. The 2nd XV were losing 21—0 at half-time but won 58—21! Fitness told.

3rd XV

The 3rd XV, captained by A. Rutt, played one fixture against Clayesmore 3rd XV and lost 33—10.

It is most encouraging to record that more than fifty senior boys in the School were worthy of selection for the senior rugby XV's.

B.G.B.

Under 15 XV

The Under 15 Club generally lacked physique this year. There were plenty of small lads who developed considerable skill and enthusiasm but inevitably suffered in the hurly burly of forward- and open-play. Gaskin proved gritty and elusive as a wing three-quarter; Waterson worked hard to become a useful second-row forward but was not really bulky enough. D. Blake has good handling skills and will probably be a valued player when he 'fills out'. The same could be said of Macassey at wing-forward; immense enthusiasm and steadily improving technique but just not big enough. Clews, too, has great promise, but as fullback or outside-half was often hustled by heavy-weight opposition.

It took time to shuffle the various talents into the best-effective combination, invariably a compromise, and we were seldom quite strong enough in all departments. Calcott was the safest and most thrustful of the fullbacks but of necessity was played at centre-threequarter. Cullen, outstanding as a wiry and aggressive wing-forward, played the occasional match in the backs. Pike, too, was spared from the pack to bolster an uncertain three-quarter line on occasions, and for most of the season Roberts had to quit the backs to fill the vital tight-head position in the pack! Fortunately, young Kelson eventually developed into a sound enough prop and so released Roberts to bring his energy and drive to work again as a centre, where he was able to force openings for the strong-running Calcott to exploit.

Progress, then, was slow but it was maintained, and by the end of the season the XV was playing coherent rugby of good quality. Victories over the usually strong Milton Abbey, Wells Cathedral and Portchester indicated that we were a team at last.

Teams were drawn from: (forwards) M. Johnson, W. Knight, S. Kelson, M. Waterson, J. Rankin, J. Macassey, J. Pike (captain), R. Cullen, A. Burd; (half backs) A. Johnson, C. Griffiths; (backs) S. Gaskin or D. Blake, P. Calcott, A. Roberts, M. Baker or T. Johnson; (fullback) D. Clews.

M.J.W.

RESULTS

v. Clayesmore	Away	Lost	12—36
v. Sherborne School	Away	Lost	6—13
v. Bournemouth School	Home	Lost	3—55
v. Westfield School	Away	Lost	7—38
v. Kingdown, Warminster	Away	Won	16—0
v. Wadham, Crewkerne	Away	Lost	4—8
v. Wells Cathedral	Away	Won	14—13
v. Bryanston	Away	Lost	6—10
v. Bournemouth	Away	Drew	0—0
v. Milton Abbey	Home	Won	24—16
v. Blandford Upper	Away	Lost	6—22
v. Portchester	Home	Won	46—12
v. Frome College	Home	cancelled	

Under 13 XV

This was probably the most successful Under 13 rugby XV for some years. The opening match, against Westfield School, was played after only one real session as a result of the drought putting our playing fields out of commission for three weeks at the beginning of term. However, it was clear from the Westfield game that there was a great deal of potential, especially in the half-backs and backs. It was against Wells Cathedral that this potential was realised with a splendid victory by 70 points to 8. We comfortably beat Portchester at Bournemouth and then received Claysmore at Shaftesbury. This closely fought game was probably our best, with Claysmore winning finally 26—16. The game against Port Regis was played in driving rain and a bitterly cold wind. In such conditions the team that scores first invariably demoralises the opposition and unfortunately it was not we that scored first. We finished the season against Portchester in a return match and salvaged some pride.

Scrum-half Cash and fly-half Robertson linked well together to give the backs very good possession, particularly Pratley who scored many points. Wagstaff and Pragnell played extremely well in the pack. In conclusion mention should be made of Locke, who, three years younger than the age group he was playing with, showed great promise for the future.

The following played regularly: M. Robertson (capt.), S. Wagstaff (vice-capt.), S. Pratley, D. J. Marsh, C. Laing, N. Pragnell, L. Symons, S. Lancaster, P. Walker, R. Locke, P. Lloyd, D. Hiscock, S. Humberstone, J. Lane, J. Cash.

The following also played: A. Selwood, M. Jennings, D. Harrison.

RESULTS

v. Westfield School, Yeovil	Away	Lost	26—4
v. Warminster	Away	Lost	0—1
v. Kingsdown, Warminster	Away	Won	8—14
v. Wells Cathedral	Home	Won	70—8
v. Portchester	Away	Won	0—34
v. Claysmore	Home	Lost	16—26
v. Port Regis	Away	Lost	86—0
v. Portchester	Home	Won	48—4

P.D.J.

House Matches.

RESULTS

<i>Juniors:</i>	Corinthians	9	Romans	0
	Corinthians	6	Trojan	16
	Corinthians	10	Spartan	16
	Spartans	0	Spartans	0
	Romans	16	Spartans	0
<i>Seniors:</i>	Romans	0	Trojans	24
	Corinthians	0	Trojans	24
	Corinthians	0	Romans	6
	Spartans	6	Trojans	16
	Spartans	0	Corinthians	22
	Romans	3	Trojans	15
	Romans	20	Spartans	0

Trojans were the winners of the Overington Cup

B.G.B.

TABLE TENNIS

In the past year table tennis has remained a popular game in the school, with a pleasing number of juniors showing interest and promise.

In the Shaftesbury and District T.T. League Second Division last season the "A" and "B" teams came second and fifth respectively, whilst the "C" team—used largely to introduce new players to competition table tennis—was sixth out of eight.

Boys who played for the School in 1976 are as follows: A. Stainer, A. J. Gill, M. Bigwood, C. Wyatt, N. Wilkinson, A. Roberts, G. Moore, D. Capon, J. Edgley, L. Rickard, M. Waterson, D. Blake, C. Griffiths, S. Bayliss.

A. J. GILL

SOCIETIES . . .

FRIDAY CLUB

About half-way through the Spring Term we watched a film about the Chelsea Flower Show, which we enjoyed very much. During the year Mr. Bates read us the usual stories about Baron Munchausen and Sinbad the Sailor. We also played charades and gave lecturettes. Just occasionally we watched television.

Unfortunately for the first and second forms of the future, Mr. Bates's departure at the end of the year makes it seem unlikely the the Friday Club will continue.

M. BLACKHAM

FILM CLUB

The past year has seen a change in operation of the Film Club, enabling it to give greater satisfaction to its members.

The year started with four films during the Spring Term of 1976. These were: "Skyjacked"; "Ski-raiders"; "Kidnapped"; and "The Thief who came to Dinner". However, these films invoked little enthusiasm or interest, especially from the 6th form members.

It was decided by the manager, Mr. P. D. Jacques, to hold a referendum to decide the future of the club. The questions were as follows: 1. *Should the Film Club be abandoned?* (78%—No, 22%—Yes). 2. *Should the Film Club subscription be higher in order to obtain better films?* (75%—Yes, 15.6%—No, 9.4%—did not know). 3. *Should the subscription stay the same and have fewer, better films?* (29.6%—Yes, 61%—No, 9.4% did not know).

So it seemed that Film Club was to continue with an increased subscription: from 50p each term to £1 each term. One interesting result of the referendum was that 53% of the 6th form agreed to the proposal.

Consequently, the new School year started in the Autumn Term, 1976, with: "Gold"; "Caravan to Vacarres"; "Diamonds are Forever"; and "A Fistful of Dollars". "Cat Ballou" was the Boarders' Christmas Feast film.

The new arrangement has been most successful and promises a good choice of films from many companies. The new charges mean that the members can, at prices up to 70% less than quality cinemas, watch films currently on general release.

N. BURD

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club recommenced in mid-September of 1976. There was a flood of enthusiasm from the lower half of the School, which was most encouraging; in fact, those members from the lower half of the School far outnumber those from the upper half—so much so that only small-scale coaching was possible. The club meets each week on Friday evenings, when members play matches for the Chess Table.

Unfortunately no matches have been played since September. However, Mr. Rolfe has kindly consented to organise a match against the adroit East Knoyle School, or the equally skilful High School. We are still 2-1 down in the series, against the former, and have not played the latter for a number of years, which will no doubt soon be rectified.

I would like to thank members of the Lower Sixth for their coaching of new members and also the latter for their eager participation. The players who regularly attended the club were: G. Bingham, K. Hingley, D. Manley, J. Penny, J. Romanillos and A. Rutt, who have all been responsible for club organisation, and also May, Stacey, Wyatt, Cunningham, I. Romanillos, D. A. and J. Rabbetts, Elsworth, Kitching, Marsh, Marshall, Lander and Walker.

K. W. HINGLEY

WEIGHT-TRAINING CLUB

When the School was given the weight-training equipment by the Parents' Association a club was formed with great enthusiasm throughout the school. First-formers up to sixth formers started indulging in the sport and soon we were all given record cards to keep track of our weekly feats.

The sessions obviously had to be divided in two, junior and senior, owing to the different capabilities of the two groups. At this point it is important to emphasise that weight-training sessions are aimed at improving fitness and not necessarily building huge muscles. For this reason low weights are used, with the exercises repeated several times.

As with most clubs, after the first rush numbers began to dwindle and in some ways this was desirable, giving more time and rooms for exercises. By the end of the first three of four terms the middle school began to make up the most numbers, since which the club has kept going very well.

The club functions in the School hall on Monday nights of each week and has now been going successfully for two and half years. It has been organised and run by Mr. Jacques, Mr. Webber and recently Mr. Fay. Our grateful thanks go to the Parents' Association, without whose gift there would be no weight-training club.

D. LOCKE

THE MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

This is a club with thirteen members including two masters, aimed at providing pleasure for boarders. All thirteen members pay a regular termly subscription which this term has been reduced by half.

The club began in the Spring Term of 1975, started off by very kind loans from the School and Mr. Jacques. With this money we bought sixty-four square feet of base-board and, in the Biology Lab. attic, Mr. Jacques, C. Roberts, C. Taylor, D. Locke and P. Calcott fixed the base-board firmly to the floor. We did not really start laying the track until the summer of 1975, after we had decided on the scale of double O (four millimetres to one foot). Mr. Jacques, C. Taylor and D. Locke supplied all the track, locomotives, rolling stock and other equipment required.

We soon discovered, however, that the curves of the track we were laying were too sharp, affecting the running of the locomotives and also spoiling any effect of realism we hoped to achieve. At a meeting of all members it was decided to change to the much smaller N gauge (two millimetres to one foot). So began one of our saddest operations: the demolition of the layout we had spent two terms building up!

By this time, we had paid back all our debts to the School and Mr. Jacques and so, for the first time, we were able to buy our own track and point work. Locomotives and rolling stock were supplied by Mr. Jacques, D. Blake and G. Sage.

Meetings are held as often as possible, usually on Saturday or Sunday evenings. New plans have been devised for the running nights; one night for the junior members to enjoy the work the senior members have put in on other nights.

The club has at last got onto a sound footing. Our thanks go to Mr. Jacques for providing a large part of our material required, thus helping to bring pleasure to our members. We also thank the School for the very kind loan to the club which enabled such a good start to be made.

P. CALCOTT

BADGER-WATCHING

Third form groups continued to keep an eye on our local badgers at the "Wilderness" sett and enjoyed good conditions for watching in the wonderful 1976 summer.

More rabbits and foxes than usual frequented the area last year and on one occasion a kill took place within forty yards of the onlookers.

P.J.R.

ANGLING CLUB

Last year we were given permission by a kind local farmer, Mr. Garrett, to develop and fish a small field pond less than a mile from the School. Thus we have, for the first time, our own private fishery.

Work started one cold and windy day, when an enthusiastic group of members and non-members set to work with spades, saws and a great deal of energy. The object was to clear away the dead and decaying wood and encroaching willow bushes, so as to open the pond to the light.

After several outings and substantial help from a J.C.B., the pond was cleared, widened and deepened. It was at last ready to be stocked and thanks to a kind donation from the Parents' Association we were able to buy twenty-five fast-growing mirror carp and three tench from a local trout farm. We are now planning to increase the stock by adding further common carp and tench, which the Gillingham and District Angling Association may be able to provide for us. We hope we shall be able to reap the rewards of our own hard work and other people's generosity when the coarse fishing season opens in June this year.

On July 16th seven members of the club will accompany Mr. Rolfe and Mr. Suttle (Chairman of Gillingham and District A.A.) on a holiday at Throop fishery on the lower Stour, where we hope to catch our first barbel.

We should all like to thank the Headmaster and Parents' Association for their encouragement and financial help.

M. D. SENNETT

THE "SUBBUTEO" CLUB

In the middle of November a School club was formed for this table soccer game. An enthusiastic response has brought a membership of over fifty boys and two staff. After a series of selection matches, the Club is now ready to kick off with a full league programme (four divisions) and a knock-out competition. There are also regional leagues for newcomers to the game.

The Club has its own pitches, chipboard bases, goals, teams and soccer balls. It meets twice a week and occasionally on Saturdays.

The general standard of the selection matches was good and the league programme should be keenly fought. With promotion and relegation at stake, only the best play can do justice to the game.

W.T.R.

THE RAILWAY SOCIETY

Since my last article for this magazine, the Railway Society has enjoyed a good 1976, albeit tempered here and there with the odd problem. The Spring Term was a very enjoyable term: the new idea for a continuous-run layout, and subsequent improved operating potential, inspired us all to work hard on the new creation at the various modelling sessions throughout the term. However, the peak of the term came early in March when a lecture on the signalling systems of the G.W.R. was given by C. A. Smith, illustrated with transparencies of examples from the Bristol area. C. A. Smith unfortunately left the school in the summer; it was he who gave us most of the track for the layout and helped invaluablely with the administration side of the society's activities. I understand he has set up a railway society in his new school, which is doing quite well.

The Summer Term was another good term, with the emphasis very much on the modelling side to prepare the layout for the exhibition season. Although our layout broke down at the last minute with an electrical fault just before Dr. Tapper's Methodist Fete in June, we did appear at the Shaftesbury Railway Society's annual exhibition in the Parish Centre, but again failed to get anything working. The climax of this term was definitely the display we staged for parents on Sports Day. All went reasonably well despite some very serious setbacks during the week before, and indeed on the day itself. However, again the layout failed us, despite the hard work of our modelling adviser, G. D. Stacey, and his team of "engineers": D. Silvey battled with it right up to and even during the exhibition in an attempt to correct the by now ubiquitous electrical fault, but before long had to admit defeat. Fortunately, few people realised that something was drastically wrong and everyone was said to have enjoyed the event.

The first part of the Autumn Term also had its problems; by now as one might have guessed, the layout was a write-off and a new one had to be considered. We decided that our troubles lay in the antiquated equipment, and that modern replacements would be advisable. This meant an appeal for spare items belonging to members, but apart from a few generous donations here and there, there was little response. We now have most of our base-board, but we are left with the old track, and lack three very necessary points. Therefore our present aim is to get these three points despite a total list price of £3.60, and despite the fact that we do not charge subscriptions for various unavoidable reasons. However, after Half Term the society suddenly and entirely unexpectedly increased in vigour: attendances had been falling

severely, but at one modelling session a good proportion of the lower school turned up, and by the end of the evening our membership had almost doubled. The new members have expressed great interest in our model railway problems and work willingly when we do what work we can to the new boards. The best meeting of the term was soon after this when M. D. Sennett tried to teach us how to build point motors and train controllers. We had limited success in actually producing working specimens, but we all enjoyed ourselves immensely.

The main project for 1977 is really to surmount our layout problems and get it completed for another Shaftesbury Railway Society event in the Town Hall on September 3rd. Otherwise, planned highlights for the Spring Term are a slide show and a talk on the railways of North Devon by G. D. Stacey, a subject in which he specialises as part of his main hobby, modelling Ilfracombe Station. We hope that both this layout and our own one will be among the entries for another Sports Day exhibition this summer.

R. P. LODGE

WAR-STUDIES GROUP

In this, our second year, we have covered a great variety of subjects. Foremost has been World War Two, Western European Warfare in the diminutive 1/300 scale. Other subjects that caused interest were: galactic warfare, where players were mining minerals from the Asteroid Belt; "air assault", with dogfights between the American Air Force and the Luftwaffe; and a modelling evening, when I demonstrated some figure-painting techniques, on some seventeenth-century Samurai warrior models.

The trend in membership has been far from ideal, with middle and senior school participation tailing off to nothing. However, it is good to see some "young blood" in the group. Membership has now been put on a more informal basis, with regulations relaxed.

I intend to introduce a higher level of sophistication this coming year, by introducing more complicated and involved war-gaming and modelling, especially by weaning members from the well-worn World War Two years to, for example, the ancient period.

I should like to thank everyone who has made this club possible and successful, and to stress that new members are still welcome.

T. McLEOD

THE GARDENING CLUB

It is not surprising that 1976 proved to be a disappointing season for the Gardening Club. The extraordinarily dry weather conditions during the spring and summer made gardening impossible without incessant watering. Many of the members gave up the unequal struggle, but a few enthusiastic young gardeners continued gallantly to water their gardens twice a day, only to produce a few poor bedraggled results.

Unfortunately this was not a very colourful farewell to Mr. Bates, who has managed the Gardening Club so successfully for many years, with numerous outstanding results. On his retirement he has handed the Club over to Mr. Jacques.

Even though the beginning of this season has been a little wet, we have several keen new members and under the watchful eye of Mr. Jacques it is hoped that 1977 will be an altogether more profitable season.

P. HOWLETT

THE OLD SHASTONIAN CLUB

THE 1976 PROGRAMME

Saturday, 14th February: Soccer matches v. the School

R. Gray, M. Johnstone, D. Mullins, L. Glaze, T. Toogood, T. Burgess, J. Hunt, T. Finding, C. R. Wilkinson, M. Searle, and S. Apedaile turned out to represent the Club. Early pressure produced a two-goal lead for the Old Boys but it seemed the writing was on the wall when the half-time score was 2-2, and so it proved. The school triumphed 5-3. On the other ground, the Old Boys (aided by some School players) succumbed to the School 2nd XI by 3-7. All highly enjoyable, but our flag will once again appear at 'half-mast' at the start of the 1977 proceedings on 5th February.

After the games and tea, the Committee held its first meeting of the 1975/76 year.

6th March, 1976: Newbury Dinner

1975 having been deemed a success with the dinner at the Chequers Hotel, it was decided to repeat this year, and the confidence was not misplaced. We slightly increased our numbers, and also saw new faces, which bodes well for the future. With the President, A. J. Palmer (1936), in the Chair, supported by the Headmaster, and several past Presidents, some 40 members enjoyed an excellent meal and a most pleasant evening. With many staying the night, and with several wives staying as well, we made a most impressive party. We offer our sincere thanks to J. E. Strange (1960) for his efforts on our behalf.

21st May, 1976: Golf Society Annual Tournament

The meeting was held at Basingstoke Golf Club with reasonable weather and a slightly larger turnout than usual. With the Club Captain, B. A. T. Bleach (1950), unable to attend owing to business commitments, the President, A. J. Palmer, took over for the day. It was good to see H. Bathurst Brown (1922) in action again after his illness, and to prove his fitness he won the Thomas Cup. He has now won the trophy in 1973, 1974 and 1976. The visitors' tournament was won by P. Wolsey.

At the subsequent A.G.M., A. J. Palmer was elected Captain for the year, with J. W. Simpson (1939) as Hon. Secretary/Hon. Treasurer. To the latter many thanks are due for his efforts in keeping the Golf Society active.

11th July, 1976: Cricket v. the School

We adopted a change of plan this year and played the cricket on the Sunday afternoon, although still holding the usual service in the School Chapel, Matins, with the School. The lessons were read by the Headmaster and our President.

After the service, Mr. and Mrs. Crowther invited Old Boys to the Headmaster's House, to their 'At Home' on the lawn, for which we offer them our sincere thanks. The two cricket teams then went in to an early lunch and we were able to commence play at approximately 2 p.m. Batting first, we reached 130, thanks to a useful 58 from M. V. Summers (1971), who found support only from B. A. T. Bleach 26, I. T. Johnstone (1972), with 13 and A. J. Palmer 12. We saw some good bowling by I. T. Johnstone (4 for 10), and J. I. Goodson (1962), who in six overs, five of them maidens, took 4 for 4. S. McKie (1975), took 1 for 7, and the school were 65 for 9—a draw, but perhaps a moral victory.

For the first time for many years we were able to field a second XI, and as in days gone by, there was some robust 'stuff' going on 'down below'. We built up a score of 144, thanks to M. S. Johnstone (1974), who helped himself to 66, D. W. Drew (1950), with 29 and T. S. Finding (1974) 26, whilst R. Bennett (1950) chipped in with 13. The School managed to top this total with 145 for 6 wickets, the wickets falling to T. S. Finding, four, M. A. J. Armitage (1974) and P. A. Cole (1974) one each. One cannot help feeling we may have made a closer game of it if some of the older members of the team had been given a spell of bowling.

September 1976: Second Committee Meeting

6th November 1976: Rugby v. the School

Fielding two fifteens, we had mixed fortunes, losing to the first XV by 36-0, but winning the second XV game 44-6. Mr. Bates was a welcome visitor but must remember he is now a member of the O.S. Club, and must look suitably depressed when we lose so heavily to the School. The results were a reversal of the 1975 games.

After tea with the Headmaster and Mrs. Crowther, teams and members, we moved into the Hall for the A.G.M.

53rd Annual General Meeting

A. J. Palmer presided at this meeting with the usual complement of some 30-40 members. Silence was observed for those members who died during the past year. An alteration to Club Rule No. 8 was passed unanimously: to increase the Annual Subscription from £1 to £1.50.

The following Officers and Committee were elected:

President: E. R. Walmsley (1951-58).

Vice-President: M. J. Cole (1940-50).

Hon. Secretary/Hon. Treasurer: T. A. Cordery (1927-32), 51 High Street, Shaftesbury, Dorset, SP7 8JE. Shaftesbury (0747) 2070.

Assistant Hon. Secretaries: B. Crowther, M.A. and F. C. Hopton, B.A.

Hon. Auditor: P. G. Ross (1939-49).

Committee: (Group C, to retire in 1979): R. Bennett (1950), D. I. Ross (1947), A. J. Sharman (1942), M. J. Stead (1946) and M. V. Summers (1971).

R. Bennett takes the place of M. C. W. Johnson (1925) who has given the Club very many years of invaluable service, with a long spell as Hon. Treasurer and many years as committee member. We are, indeed, grateful for his devotion to the Club. D. W. Tait (1941) reported on the position of the Jubilee Travel Scholarship Fund, the award this year going to G. Griffin (1976) who visited the U.S.A. for the Bicentennial of American Science in August, for four weeks, when he attended courses at Universities in Washington and New York with also time allowed for sight-seeing.

The meeting ended with sincere thanks from all members for the continued hospitality shown to us all by the Headmaster and Mrs. Crowther.

48th Annual Dinner

With once again a small increase in numbers on the previous year, we sat down at the Grosvenor Hotel under the Chairmanship of our new President, E. R. Walmsley. A few weeks before, it had been announced that the Headmaster would be retiring at the end of the Summer Term, 1977, so there was an underlying tinge of sadness, at this, his last Dinner in Shaftesbury as Headmaster. As guests were welcomed the Head of School, J. C. Macey, and the Senior Day Boy Prefect, M. S. S. Walby, both sons of Old Boys.

The President gave a most witty speech in proposing the toast of "the School". As a B.B.C. man, he was asked who was his scriptwriter. As the most recent leaver to be installed as President he gave his views on the future function of the Club, in relation to itself as well as to the School.

In his reply, the Headmaster said the President had been Head of School when he took over in 1958 and he felt it was rather appropriate he should be President at the time of his departure. We heard all the current activities of the School, and academic successes. We were told what had been achieved in the nineteen years of his headship, and the many frustrations met because of the impending change in the Shaftesbury schools required by the Ministry and the L.E.A., and the subsequent delays in their implementation. At the conclusion, the Headmaster was given a standing ovation.

14th November, 1976: Remembrance Service

On Remembrance Sunday a small party of Old Boys joined the School for morning service in the School Chapel. The lessons were read by the Headmaster and the President of the Club, whilst at the end of the service wreaths were laid on the two memorials by Major A. R. Allum (1953) and the Head of School. The Silence was observed. The President of the Shaftesbury Branch of the Royal British Legion, J. N. Arkell, D.S.C., spoke the words of Laurence Binyon's 'To the Fallen'.
The Finance Sub-Committee have met twice during the past year.

B. S. BATES (1951-76)

At the tea interval on the day of the Club v. School cricket match, we paid tribute to 'George' Bates, a personality for 25 years at the School and a man who had left his mark on the boys who had come under his scrutiny on the rugby field. As a Club we have known him as an umpire and rugby referee; and those younger members who passed through his hands experienced his kindness and benevolence as a housemaster.

The President, A. J. Palmer, presented Mr. Bates with a water-colour picture of the School, a Club tie and a cheque. It was gratifying to note how many younger Old Boys had turned up for the occasion to pay their respects to Mr. Bates.

He was thus able to thank many members at the time; others he has thanked since; but to all, especially those he has not seen, he sends his sincere thanks for the kindness and tributes paid to him. He is living in his retirement at Taunton.

D. A. PARHAM (1929)

At the time of going to press we have had the resignation of D. A. Parham (1929) as one of our members on the Board of Governors. A solicitor with the local authority at Swindon for many years, he has just retired, and feels he would like to see his successor take over with the coming of a new Headmaster. He has been our representative for many years and we thank him most sincerely for the keen way he has carried out his duties for us. A successor will be appointed at the Club Committee meeting on 5th February, 1977.

IN MEMORIAM

F. J. Hitch (1917-21)	B. R. Roberts (1953-58)
J. W. W. K. Miles (1906-09)	H. W. Tovey (1919-24)
E. J. Shepard (1910-11)	S. Webster, A.R.A. (Left 1944, Ex-Staff)
K. R. Ward (1937-42)	D. Hall (1912-14)
A. J. Bealing (1907-10)	
T. R. Matthews (1913-19)	

The above-mentioned Old Boys have died in the past year and it is with regret we have to report their passing. To the families and relatives of those mentioned we extend our sincere sympathy.

Members will hear with regret the passing of Mrs. V. Minchin, on 7th July last, after a long illness. The family were joined by the Headmaster and Mrs. Crowther, members of the Staff, our President and many Old Boys, together with L. J. Cole and G. Scalbert, at the funeral service at St. Mary's Parish Church at Midhurst, Sussex, on the 13th July. To Mrs. Minchin's family we extend our deepest sympathy.

In November, just prior to our annual reunion, we heard of the death of Joe Miles, after a long illness. The Headmaster and Hon. Secretary, with several members, attended the funeral service at St. Thomas's Church, Salisbury. One cannot allow the passing of Joe to go without mentioning his great devotion to his old school and to the Shastonian Club. He was an unfailing attender at all reunions, dinners, sports fixtures, and meetings. He had been a committee member for many years, President of the Club in 1931-32, and it has only been in the last few years that ill health prevented him from coming to gatherings of Old Boys. His two sons were Old Boys, and he lived through the tragedy of seeing one lost in the Middle East at the end of the war, and the other, W. J. Miles (also a President of the Club in 1962-63), killed in a crash. He must have been one of the most devoted members the Club has had, and he will be missed.

We offer congratulations to those Old Boys who have married in 1976:

J. R. Ferguson (1963-68) to Miss Sally Eve.

B. D. J. Hansford (1964-69) to Miss Dawn Challis.

S. F. J. Judd (1965-71) to Miss Gillian Park.

We have also heard of other members marrying, but lack details: K. S. Law (1918-22), J. E. Obermaier (1968-72), B. M. Smith (1964-70), M. B. Sims (1949-54), J. Gatehouse (1964-71), N. Kerley (1968-72) and Lt. P. Smart, R.E.M.E. (1962-67).

Further congratulations to those members who have additions to their families: Mr. and Mrs. C. Coats (1962-69), Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Langley (1954-61) and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Magnay (1959-66)—all sons.

OLD SHASTONIAN NEWS

D. A. Scammell (1965) has been appointed Ambulance Liaison Officer for East Dorset Hospitals. A. H. Neale (1954) has visited New Zealand and was able to contact S. Newman (1955). He missed A. Newman (1955), as he had been admitted to hospital with a minor illness.

P. J. Wallom (1974) has joined the Royal Marine Commandos. S. D. Mawdsley (1972) has come down from Cambridge and is now at the R.M.C. Sandhurst. Lt. Col. R. A. Brennan (1932) is now with the H.Q., U.K. Land Forces at Wilton. F. H. Fletcher (1928) from Canada, and A. F. A. Watts (1943) from the U.S.A., both visited the School on the same day in July. E. W. Tuffin (1919) was also here in the same month. P. A. R. Welford (1967) is still teaching at Liberton High School, Edinburgh. K. J. Hard (1968) is now a tutor at a Sixth Form College at Leigh-on-Sea. R. C. Smith (1921) made a welcome return visit to Shaftesbury in the summer.

J. E. Strange (1960) received H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh at the Chequers Hotel, Newbury, in June on the occasion of the Duke's visit to inspect the clearance made on the Kennet and Avon Canal. J. P. Jopson (1970) has been appointed Asst. Administrator to the Sherborne Hospitals. G. A. Silk (1972) has gained his B.Sc. at Bristol in Land Valuation and Estate Management; P. M. Stainer (1973), a B.Sc. at Sheffield in Civil Engineering; N. F. Strawbridge an M.A. at Oxford; and N. J. Hopton (1972) has obtained his B.A. degree at Durham.

Our sympathy is tendered to J. G. Buckland (1903), on the death of his wife. He has now moved to North London to live with his

daughter. He is our oldest member. Sdn./Ldr. K. C. B. Field, R.A.F. (1939); has been to the U.S.A. in the Fall and sailed with the U.S.A. Navy for exercises in the Atlantic. R. J. Hall (1970) returned from Lagos, Nigeria, in October for a brief leave and went back for a further six month tour. S. H. Harding (1928) was awarded the Imperial Service Medal on his retirement last year. Capt. D. W. Brown, R.C.T. (1966) is now instructing at the R.M.A. Sandhurst. C. Coats (1969) is now with Hampshire C.C. as a Deputy Land Agent.

S. Bungay (1969-72) is with the Royal Signals at Blandford Camp, having completed his Apprentices' course at Harrogate. He is shortly to do a tour of duty in Belize. G. M. Butler (1964-70), serving with the Essex Constabulary at Chelmsford, has recently passed examinations for promotion to sergeant and now awaits a posting. A keen cross-country runner nowadays, he represents his Force, and is often at home near Salisbury competing at weekends. J. R. Ferguson (1968) graduated in July with an Upper Second Class Honours Degree in Civil Engineering and has joined Holst & Co. of Watford.

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- S. S. Dennis (1971-76), 20 Osprey Road, Lordswood, Southampton, Hants.
- A. N. B. Escott (1969-75), 37 Palmer Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire.
- G. Griffin (1970-76), 25 St. Rumbold's Road, Shaftesbury.
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- P. D. Houghton (1969-76), 10 Love Lane, Shaftesbury.
- C. G. Howlett (1969-76), "Tadpoles", Frog Lane, Shroton, Blandford Forum, Dorset.
- P. Hoy (1971-76), "Grove House", Ludwell, Shaftesbury.
- H. F. McGrail (1969-76), "Bridge Cottage", Chilmark, Salisbury, Wilts.
- G. R. Parker (1971-76), G-1 Unicorn Gardens, 11 Shouson Hill Road East, Hong Kong.
- R. A. Parker (1970-75), "Manchester House", Beulah, Llanwrtyd Wells, Builth Wells, Powis, Wales.
- J. Pope (1968-70), The Band of the Life Guards, Cumbermere Barracks, Windsor, Berks.
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